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Spread the Good News!

Owing to the fact that we are going to make some changes
In our store-house and to keep from moving this stock we
Will for the next 30 days

Sell All Goods at Cost!

So everybody that's tight run and want to invest their little
Money this will be the place to do it. Come one and all
And take advantage of this great

Clearing Out Sale.

With many thanks for all kindness and favors shown and
Given us in the past year, and trusting that the year 1897
Will be the most prosperous and happy year of your life
And trusting that you all will live such lives and be so
Prepared that should your earthly career be wound to a close
That your lives then may be like a beautiful flower unfold
And blossom in Eternity.

YOURS, VERY RESPECTFULLY,

W. V. McConnell.

FIFTEEN TEXANS PERISH.

Gallant Texas Rangers Killed in Cuba. They Die Fighting.

New York, Dec. 28.—A special to the World from Key West, Fla., says: The Lone Star company of the patriot army of West Cuba, consisting of fifteen Texas sharpshooters, perished to a man after heroically battling more than five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more.

Havana officials are jubilant, passengers arriving here say, over the news of this victory. A Cuban band was observed near Pinar del Rio Thursday morning, and General Melquizo sent two squadrons of cavalry to attack it.

After a running fight the band, which proved to be composed of fifteen Texans, was chased into a "bottle," a bit of hummock having only one opening. The Texans, seeing that they were in a hole, retreated to the further end and fortified themselves hastily behind some big boulders. The Spanish troopers dismounted and surrounded them, pouring in a fire from all sides. The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By that time six of the fifteen had been killed and four wounded, while twenty-five Spanish had bitten the dust and ten or

more were wounded. A flag of truce was sent in by the Spanish, and the Texans were called on to surrender, but the Americans refused with one accord to lay down their arms, shouting: "We remember Maceo."

This infuriated the Spaniards, and they fought with renewed fierceness. Twice they charged, but the rapid firing of the brave little band drove them back.

By getting on a high ridge behind the Texans' position the Spaniards were enabled to pour in a fire that killed all but two of those left. These two gallantly continued to fight and held off the enemy an hour longer. Then overcome by loss of blood, resulting from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spaniards, who finally dashed up as the Texans fell exhausted, feebly crying, "Viva Cuba libre!"

A Brilliant Wedding.

On last Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in the Methodist church at Palestine, Mr. Thos. D. Craddock of Crockett, and Miss Jennie V. Numsen of Palestine, were united in marriage, Rev. J. S. Mathis of Crockett, officiating. The attendants of the groom were Messrs Arch Baker, Arch Burton, S. J. Craddock of Crockett, and Mr Arthur Numsen of Palestine, and the bridesmaids were Misses Beulah Arnold and Julia Hunter of Palestine, Miss Sue Craddock of Crockett

and Miss Jennie Harris of Nacogdoches. The church was crowded with a brilliant company in which were many visitors from abroad, and after the ceremony the bride and groom and their friends repaired to the residence of Mrs. J. B. Numsen, mother of the bride, where the reception took place and refreshments were served. The bridal party took the train that night for Crockett, and Mr. and Mrs. Craddock are now at home here at the residence of Mr. Craddock's mother. The groom is one of our best known business men, highly esteemed by the entire community, and the bride is a very charming lady from one of the best families in Palestine. The Courier extends cordial congratulations.

Road Changes.

At the recent session of the commissioners' court a petition was granted for a change in the San Antonio road about seven miles west of Crockett so as to leave the old road at a point about 150 yards east of Big creek, running to right of old road, crossing Big creek on new bridge and entering old road 150 yards west of creek, T. J. Dawson, Tom Craddock and F. H. Bayne were appointed jury of view to assess damages, etc.

The petition of citizens for a change in the Augusta and Tadmor road was rejected.

A petition was granted for a change in the Crockett and Pal-

estine road to leave the old road at a point about one and a half miles north of Crockett, thence to the new bridge, thence westerly out side of J. C. Wootters plank fence until near the corner of fence nearest the railroad, thence through field east of old road in north direction with railroad, 60 feet wide until well up the hill and back to the old road. The slough on this side of Bayou bridge to be bridged with timbers of old bridge without expense to the county. Charley Turner, John Monk, J. B. Ellis, John Murchison and A. J. C. Dunnam appointed jury of view to assess damages, etc.

A petition was granted for a change of about a mile in the Naverro public road beginning on a hill at a point opposite Pete Nelson's north string of fence.

Christmas in Crockett.

It was quiet this Christmas, remarkably so as compared with the same holiday a year before. Then the kids with their fireworks and their yelling and sham battles took the town and made night hideous. This Christmas eve the kids and fireworks were both in evidence but there was comparative quiet and no one complained of a lunatic asylum let loose. At the Baptist church the union Christmas tree was a grand success. The church was crowded; the tree was beautiful and from it hundreds of presents were distributed and as

many hearts made happy. Christmas day, clear and pleasant, was almost as quiet as the Sabbath and many a turkey "done to a turn" graced many a board in Crockett around which a happy family was gathered. If there were any poor, deserving or otherwise, who went hungry in this town that day, the Courier hasn't heard of them. Take it all in all, it was not a brilliant Christmas—only fair to middling, as the cotton man would say, but one most commendable feature was the absence of brawls or serious disturbances of any kind, and when we consider the plight of some of our sister cities on this subject we may well be thankful for such a happy result. Christmas isn't what it was before steam, electricity and daily newspapers had disillusionized the world, but there is abundant good in it yet if only for the noble and wide spread charity it inspires in human hearts and the practical benevolence it sends to brighten so many cheerless homes; and even the cynic and the misanthrope must admit that the world is all the better for the grand old holiday, though Santa Claus be now derided as a myth by the fin de siecle, knickerbockered kids whose simple fathers once worshipped at his shrine.

I will give a 3 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate for Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Cassius Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

There is No Death!
 There is no death! The stars go down
 To rise upon some fairer shore
 And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
 They shine for ever more.
 There is no death! The leaves may fall
 And flowers may fade and pass away;
 They only wait through wintry hours
 The coming of the May.
 There is no death! An angel form
 Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
 He bears our best loved things away,
 And then we call them "dead."
 He leaves our hearts all desolate,
 He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers,
 Transplanted into bliss, they now
 Adorn immortal bowers.
 Born unto that undying life,
 They leave us but to come again;
 With joy we welcome them the same,
 Except their sin and pain.
 And ever near us, though unseen,
 The dear immortal spirits tread;
 For all the boundless universe
 Is life—there are no dead.
 [The above piece of poetry is re-
 published at the request of Mr. J.
 F. Downes.—Editor.]

Married Last Sunday.
 Last Sunday morning at 11
 o'clock at the residence of the
 bride's father Mr. Joe Rice, five
 miles east of Crockett, Mr. J. F.
 Saxoa, a well known young busi-
 ness man of this city and Miss
 Ruth E. Rice were united in mar-
 riage, Rev. W. H. Moore officiating.
 Only the family and a few friends
 from the neighborhood and this
 city were present. After the cere-
 mony the young married couple
 and assembled guests, on the in-
 vitation of Mr. J. T. Dawson, ad-
 journed to his residence near by
 where a most excellent dinner had
 been prepared and to which the
 guests did full justice. Mr. J. F.
 Saxoa is a young man of sterling
 character, who has already achieved
 a fair measure of success in life
 and his bride is a lovely young
 lady in whose companionship the
 COURIER feels sure that he will
 find a life time of happiness.

What the Bridge Would Do.
 Dr. J. G. Powell of Russell, Leon
 county, was in town Monday to
 meet his children who were ex-
 pected on the train. Dr. Powell
 said Crockett would get more trade
 from his section than formerly.
 Farmers over there complain
 that when they take their cotton
 to the little towns north of them
 they are offered trade for it; while
 at Crockett they always find it
 convertible into cash. Here, they
 find any article they want in some
 of the stores, whereas there, they
 must take what they can get.

Another advantage he mentioned,
 was, that during the next year
 many deserving farmers, abundantly
 able to secure their accounts,
 will need some advances upon the
 next crop, owing to the corn and
 bacon famine almost universal in
 Texas this year. Crockett is the
 only accessible point where mer-
 chants are able to extend such fa-
 vors. He says the people across
 the Trinity are beginning to real-
 ize, in fine, that Crockett is the
 only point where they can sell all of
 their produce for cash, buy any
 thing they want at the lowest fig-
 ures, and obtain a reasonable line
 of credit upon good securities. He
 says the greatest draw-back to this
 grand extension of the business of
 Crockett is the river.

There is no doubt in the Doctor's
 mind, that with a bridge across the
 Trinity, Crockett would absorb the
 greater part, and the best of the
 trade of Leon county.

Old People.
 Old people who require medicine
 to regulate the bowels and kidneys
 will find the true remedy in Elec-
 tric Bitters. This medicine does
 not stimulate and contains no
 whiskey nor other intoxicant, but
 acts as a tonic and alterative. It
 acts mildly on the stomach and
 bowels' adding strength and giving
 tone to the organs, thereby aiding
 nature in the performance of the
 functions. Electric Bitters is an
 excellent appetizer and aids diges-
 tion. Old people find it just ex-
 actly what they need. Price fifty
 cents and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F.
 Chamberlain's Drug Store.

Death of George W. Smith.
 Last Saturday afternoon at his
 residence, ten miles east of this
 city; Mr. Geo. W. Smith, an old
 and highly esteemed citizen of this
 county, died of pneumonia after an
 illness of only a few days, in the
 sixty-third year of his age, and on
 Sunday afternoon his remains were
 interred in the old English cemetery
 under Masonic auspices. The at-
 tendance at the funeral was very
 large, quite a number going out
 from this city, including about a
 dozen members of the Masonic frater-
 nity.
 Mr. Smith was a farmer of many
 years residence in this county and
 he had the respect and confidence
 of an unusual degree of all who
 knew him. He was a Confederate
 veteran and Mason of many years
 standing. He leaves a wife and
 eight children to mourn his loss.
 Mr. I. W. Smith of this city is a
 brother of the deceased.
 The latter was insured for \$2000
 with the Knights of Honor.

COLTHARP.
ED. COURIER:
 Supposing that some of the
 sportsman readers of your paper
 would like to hear something about
 the recent Coltharp game hunt, I
 thought I would drop you a line
 on the subject. On Thursday, as
 per agreement, the neighborhood
 gathered at Coltharp for orders.
 On the command to charge, they
 made the charge, every one for
 himself. Along in the evening
 they commenced coming in with
 the game—deer, squirrels, opos-
 sums, coon and birds by the score,
 which was turned over to the
 receiver, dressed and salted down.
 Friday morning the hunters re-
 turned to the charge and about
 12 o'clock returned with the tro-
 phies of the day's work. Prepara-
 tion for the supper was then in
 order.—pits dug and meats turned
 over to be barbecued. The ladies
 sat in the bread. Miss King, the
 school teacher had the school house
 decorated and the yard swept off,
 and in the bright moonlight the
 latter looked more like a waxed
 than a dirt floor. Tables were put
 up in the school house and about
 7 o'clock supper was announced.
 The ladies were served first.
 While there were a great many
 present, there was a bountiful sup-
 ply for all and lots left over.
 Nothing was lacking to the enjoy-
 ment of the evening. After supper
 everybody repaired to the resi-
 dence of S. W. John and put in
 the time with music and dancing
 until about midnight. Everything
 passed off pleasantly.

SPECTATOR.
 The voting statistics show that
 since 1892 the voting population
 of this precinct has increased at the
 rate of nearly 100 per year. At
 the election in that year the vote
 was 872. In 1894 it was 1016 and
 in 1896 it was 1235. If the in-
 crease between '90 and '92 was in
 the same proportion, the county
 has nearly doubled its voting pop-
 ulation since the former year.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.
 This liniment is different in com-
 position from any other liniment
 and the market. It is a scientific
 discovery which results in it being
 the most penetrating liniment ever
 known. There are numerous white
 imitations, which may be recom-
 mended because they pay the seller
 a fat profit. Beware of these and
 demand Ballard's Snow Liniment.
 It positively cures rheumatism,
 neuralgia, sprains, bruises, wounds,
 cuts, eczema and inflammatory
 rheumatism, burns, scalds, sore
 feet, contracted muscles, stiff joints,
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 eral stock of merchan-
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 Hats, Dress-Goods,
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 Come and try me.
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 the need of a tonic and alterative
 is felt. A prompt use of this medi-
 cine has often averted long and
 perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No
 medicine will act more surely in
 counteracting and freeing the
 system from the malarial
 poison. Headache, Indigestion,
 Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters.
 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F.
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**What a Prominent Insurance
 Man Says.**
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 left with a very distressing cough,
 the result of influenza, which noth-
 ing seemed to relieve, until I took
 Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One
 bottle completely cured me. I
 sent one bottle to my sister, who
 had a severe cough, and she expe-
 rienced immediate relief. I always
 recommended this syrup to my
 friends. Jno. Cranston, 608 Hamp-
 shire street, Quincy, Ill., writes:
 I have found Ballard's Horehound
 Syrup superior to any other cough
 medicine I have ever known. It
 never disappoints. Price 25c and
 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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 well as ornamental. Aldrich &
 Newton have a beautiful assort-
 ment of Christmas goods. If you
 wait till Christmas eve these goods
 will all be gone as they are being
 sold very fast, so be wise and call
 early before you are too late. Our
 line of ladies dressing tables,
 French plate mirrors, hat racks,
 upholstered chairs and numerous
 other holiday goods, is the pret-
 tiest we have ever had. Every-
 thing at the very lowest prices.
ALDRICH & NEWTON.

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 to persons in enfeebled health and invalids. It
 assists digestion, and is a perfect strengthener
 and appetizer. Satisfaction or money refunded.
 Put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styles.
 The Tasteless in 50 cent size.

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 ing or Lost Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors,
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 antee to cure or refund the money. Sold every where. 50c per box, 6 boxes
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 For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

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 The only safe, sure and
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 ever offered to Ladies,
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 ed to married Ladies.
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CROOK & CROOK,
Attorneys-at-Law.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
The public schools will reopen Monday.
Rev. S. M. Tenney of Longview is on a visit to his father.
Rev. W. M. Gaddy of Beeville is expected in Crockett soon.
Lovelady has shipped to date 3000 bales of cotton. Last year the place shipped 3600.
Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co. grocery store.
Wyatt Lane says his section is settling up so rapidly that they can't find accommodations for the new comers.
Judge S. A. Denny of Archer City has been on a visit for several days to his sick father who is considered no better.
The Oil Mill resumed operations last Wednesday and superintendent Self expects that it will continue running until February.
Rev. J. S. Mathis accompanied by his wife and aunt left Wednesday for Mount Pleasant, Titus county, his new station for the coming year.
Charley Story, the county jailer, celebrated his Christmas by catching the measles with which disease he is now battling at his father's residence in the country.
Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, late of Nacogdoches, who will occupy the Methodist pulpit in this city during the coming year, arrived this week accompanied by his family and will preach Sunday.

Do you ever travel? If you do you should take out an accident policy first. D. M. Craddock represents the old Aetna Life and Accident company of Hartford and sells 'em cheap. See him before you start.

In speaking of the bequests of E. Broxson in our issue of last week we mentioned the gifts to the children of C. W. Ellis. We were misinformed in part about this as Marvin Ellis was the only one who received anything.

There never have been such evidences of enterprise and activity on the part of the farmers as are to be seen on all hands now. They are at work in earnest, clearing new land, cleaning old, repairing and building fences.

Hon. B. J. Fletcher of Lee county, who came here two weeks ago expecting to remain during the winter buying cotton, left Thursday night by instructions from his house for Victoria where he will engage in cotton buying. His friends here were sincerely sorry to see him leave.

Take care of the horses and other work stock. They have been your dependence and staff in the past in the making of many a crop. Don't sit down and let them starve to death. Rustle and get something for them to eat. There is no truer test of a christian character than the way in which a man feeds and cares for his stock.

**CASH! CASH!!
CASH!!!**

Just received at the CASH STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS SACKED CORN, 2 CARS Hay Forney and alfalfa, 1 CAR RICH WHEAT BRAN, 1 CAR BOLTED MEAL, 2 cars salt one coarse and one fine, 200 lb. COARSE AT 85c 200 lb FINE AT 90c. Will keep on hand cotton seed meal. You will find the CASH STORE headquarters for all kinds of feed.
R. M. ATKINSON.

Dawes' harness is the best. Robert Nunn and wife spent Christmas in Corsicana.

A. J. McLeMore and Tom Craddock from Coltharp, were up Tuesday.

There is some excitement at Creek over a belled buzzard which has been seen there several days of late.

Preparations for the coming crop are already in progress among the farmers of the county and very few of them are in town nowadays.

We regret to hear of the death of the wife of Dr. B. Lynn. She died on Sunday last at Weldon from pneumonia. Her remains were taken across the country to Mexia.

Now come to time with your good resolutions for 1897 and recollect, even though you break them, that it is better to resolve and fail to stick than never to resolve at all.

There were nearly forty marriage licenses issued from the county clerk's office in this city for the month of December, which is a very good showing for an ancient and honorable industry, considering the drouth, the price of cotton and the state of trade.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had la grippe which left me in low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Van. Goodrum of Weldon, gave this office a call this week.

Mrs. John R. Sheridan has been quite ill for some days past.

We talk facts and mean business when we say that all goods will be sold at cost at W. V. McConnell's.

Crockett escaped without one unpleasant incident of any character during the Christmas holidays, which is more than many other towns in Texas can say.

We understand that Sol. Maier will in the near future redeem the promise made before the election and put up a brick house on the corner opposite McConnell's hardware store.

The COURIER calls attention to the law card of Aldrich & Lipscomb in this issue. These gentlemen who are well known all over the county, have just formed a partnership and the new firm will take rank as one of the best in this section of Texas.

Sheriff Waller returned from Austin Sunday night, where he went to convey Mary Cloud, (col.) to the lunatic asylum. The asylum authorities were dismayed to discover that Mary was colored, as the wards for her race are already crowded. They accepted her, however, and said they would do the best possible for her.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers' as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Miss Bertha Mangum and her little sister are both ill.

Take advantage of the great Coat Clearing Sale at W. V. McConnell's.

Hon. F. W. Freeman and family of Corsicana, are visiting friends in this city.

On December 23rd at the residence of Mr. J. N. McNeal near this city, Mr. M. S. Brewton was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Farmer, Rev. James DeDaines officiating.

Up near Grapeland last Saturday afternoon, the three years old boy child of Mr. W. D. Mullens fell in the fire while alone in the house and was burned so badly that he died two hours later.

To give some idea of the two crops of cotton, that of '95 and '96, we have but to turn to the books of ginners. For instance Ab Thomasson of Antioch says he ginned last year 425 bales and this year to date 400 at his prairie gin and 116 at his river gin.

On Friday night last, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Self, who were married on the day previous at White-wright, Grayson county, as published in the COURIER of last week, arrived in the city and are now stopping at the residence of Mr. Charles Long. Mrs. Self is a lady of superior character and will be an acquisition to the best society of Crockett.

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

No Trick! No Fake! No Schemer! All goods will be sold at actual cost for the next thirty days at W. V. McConnell's.

J. W. Howell in jail here charged with the murder of Pink Kilpatrick, and whose case was last week decided to be bailable by Judge Gill, will try to make the bond of \$2500 in Limestone county where he lived before coming to this county.

The air is full of changes in business and other circles. We are informed that one Crockett firm will retire from business; that Ell Fattor now in business at Tadmor will open up at Crockett; that Lundy & Thompson will change houses; that Block & Romaraky will dissolve and that likely one of the two brick hotels will close up and so on.

Mr. James H. King, of Navasota, father of Mrs. Judge Winfree and brother of Mrs. Mary Leaverton, both of this city, is here as a guest at the home of Judge Winfree. Mr. King is one of the old settlers of Grimes county and fifty years ago he passed through Crockett on his way to that section of the state. This is his first visit here in thirty years and the vast changes shown on every side here greatly surprised and pleased him.

At the recent meeting of the East Texas Methodist conference in Marshall the following proceedings were had affecting Houston county: Rev. A. S. Whitehurst was sent to Crockett station, vice Rev. J. S. Mathis sent to Mount Pleasant; Rev. J. F. Kirkpatrick of the Crockett circuit was retained; Rev. L. M. Fowler remains as presiding elder; Rev. C. B. Smith of Holcomb circuit was retained; Rev. W. F. Hardy of Grapeland was changed to Saron Mission; Rev. J. M. Perry was assigned to the Grapeland station. Lovelady was attached to Trinity and Rev. J. L. Dawson of the latter place will fill the Lovelady pulpit.



A Word to the WISE.

We are proud to say that we have conducted our business through the year 1896 agreeably and successfully. Our doors are still open and we now stand behind the counters where right has always ruled, ready to greet our friends in this new year and offer them new prices.

We Are Sorry

We can't talk so liberal as to promise to sell all goods at cost. Those who are selling at cost must try to not pay so much for their goods or it will take them a long time to get rich in the mercantile business selling everything at cost. We have a few

Novelty Dress Goods

To sell at a price - Call and see them.

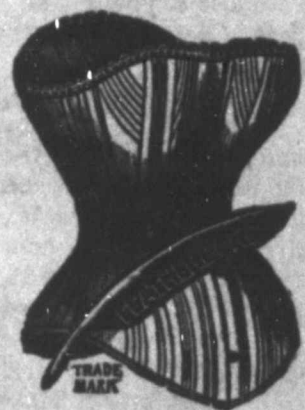
Children, we will now sell two pencil tablets for 5c. These tablets are same as we sold one for 5c. We also sell ink tablets at two for 5c.

We will sell two 2oz. bottles of Daniels' Best Black Writing Ink for 5c.

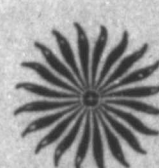


Don't Forget

The Featherbone Corset. Sold strictly on four week's trial. If not satisfactory return it and get your money. This corset is worth \$1.25 -our price is 80c.



Our new line of shoes will soon be complete. Gentlemen, we have a full line of wool & hose from 20 to 75c per pair.



VERY RESPECTFULLY,

McLEAN & WILSON.

Jan 1

THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

THE COURIER greets its readers to day, the first of the new year, with hearty good wishes and bids them brace up, drop politics, work hard, trust in the Lord and do good. The true gospel to live and die by!

THE manager of Mr. Bryan's approaching lecture tour through the South wants \$1000 per night for the lecture clear of expenses. The late presidential nominee might as well skip Texas unless he can jack up the price of cotton before he gets here. Only plutocratic communities can afford to hear Mr. Bryan at such figures and they don't love him well enough to pay the scale.

MR. JEROME KEARBY, the late populist candidate for governor of Texas, has addressed an open letter to his constituents concerning the defeat he suffered last month, which does no credit to either his head or his heart and is almost as weak as the personal campaign he made. He charges his defeat to fraud and intimidation—a wanton slander on his fellow citizens—and ends his effusion with sophomoric heroics and vealy platitudes about "kindling anew the fires of devotion etc.," and such like tommyrot addressed to the late populist party of Texas. Mr. Kearby was such a conspicuous failure as a party leader during the campaign that he announces himself as out of the game for good, and if he had confined his letter to the simple statement of this sensible conclusion, he would have lapsed into his proper obscurity with some degree of grace and credit. As it is, he has given the democracy cause for fresh self-gratulation that it saved Texas from a man whose envenomed pen is eager to defame the great majority of his fellow-citizens merely to save his own sours and shield himself from the just discredit of deserved defeat.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

Last week Governor Culberson appointed to the office of secretary of state, Hon. J. W. Madden of Crockett, and the appointment was most gratifying to the many friends of Mr. Madden in this, his home city where he is so well known and so highly respected. The honor was worthily bestowed and will be worthily worn. Quite a number of democrats prominent in the councils of the party and of high repute as citizens were applicants for the place, and it is a distinguished tribute to the character and merits of Mr. Madden that he should have been successful in such a competition. Less than a year ago he was appointed private secretary to the governor, and if he had been a man of weak or ordinary parts he would have failed under the responsibilities of a position made doubly arduous by the exigencies of an unprecedented campaign and the protracted absence of the governor at the bed-side of his sick wife in a distant state. But he was equal to the place, and his native tact, firmness and sound judgment re-enforced by a good legal education and conscientious industry, soon developed the private secretary into a clear-headed and capable man of affairs of state who has won by sheer merit a prize for which there was formidable competition. Governor Culberson knew his man and knew him well after months of intimate association, and both he and Mr. Madden deserve congratulation on an arrangement so thoroughly recommended from every point of

A Happy Event.

That was a beautiful ceremony, a beautiful spectacle and a fine-looking, beautiful couple at Lovelady on Thursday evening last—the occasion being the marriage of Will Rayburn to Miss Lula Hogg, both of Lovelady, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Mathis. We can't recall any pair united within our memory around whom clustered the happy auguries of consummate happiness in such a degree as in this case. The groom is a young man of high character, of excellent business qualifications and of solid, substantial worth; the bride, a young lady, beautiful in appearance, gracious and lovable in disposition and accomplished in all the arts and graces that combine to make life a success. What more could one desire or wish to add to such a conjunction of felicitous auspices! Success and happiness in overflowing measure be theirs is the felicitation of the COURIER.

Hog Law Election.

We give below results of election on hog-law in the several precincts on the 22nd. inst.

AUGUSTA JUSTICE PRECINCT.	
For the law.....	67
Against the law.....	57
GRAPELAND JUSTICE PRECINCT.	
For the law.....	86
Against the law.....	151
ENON NEIGHBORHOOD.	
For the law.....	20
Against the law.....	1
PORTER SPRINGS JUSTICE PRECINCT.	
For the law.....	24
Against the law.....	13

GUICELAND.

Though some of our people cry hard times we are having a lively Christmas, and our community was made more lively by coming together at the house of Mr. Guice to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Sue, to Prof. Sam Duitch on the night of the 23rd. There was quite a crowd present, and after the ceremony by Elder N. S. Herod, plenty of cake was passed round to the guests by two charming young ladies, viz: Miss Nannie Herod and Miss Dollie Guice. We then had some fine music both vocal and instrumental.

As to the bride and groom, we can't speak too highly of them. Miss Sue is one of Guiceland's most amiable young ladies and fit to be mistress of any man's house; and Sam—well, most of us know Sam. He is a self made boy, and that is saying a good deal, and we wish the happy pair all the happiness and sunshine that can be gotten out of life.

The school at this place is doing splendidly under the management of Miss Roxie Powers.

Farmers are busy preparing for another crop. Though the lands are getting pretty dry, some of us are starting our plows.

Long live the COURIER is the wish of

THE COLONEL.

A Failure.

On Christmas night about 9 o'clock W. H. Edwards, general merchant of this city, doing business in the Collins block on the east side of the square, made a deed of trust to his property for the benefit of his creditors, naming W. M. Edwards as trustee. His stock of goods is estimated to be worth about \$1800 and the list of preferred creditors and their claims is as follows: John I. Moore, \$300; Mrs. Hathe Collins, \$60; J. J. Edwards, \$750; Gust. Heye & Co. Galveston, \$48.95; L. Lewenthal, Palestine, \$33.25; C. E. Mescham Arms Co. St. Louis \$33.00; Moore, McKinnon & Co. Galveston, \$30.

Selling Out At Cost.

Owing to a change that will occur in our business within the next 60 days, we will from now until our entire stock is disposed of, sell at actual cost.

Now is your opportunity to put in a supply of winter goods at half the price that you would have to pay regular elsewhere.

Do not forget that our stock is complete and it consists of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, trunks, mattings, window shades, lace curtains and everything else carried in a first class Dry Goods Store.

Remember that you can buy these goods at actual cost. We mean business.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

The New York Store, Bloch & Romansky.

We learn that Mr. W. C. Teter representing the Crockett Tram and Lumber Co., is negotiating for an early sale to a northern syndicate.

Dabney White is riding through the State claiming to be getting up matter for a history of Texas. He was in this county a few days looking for a lost mission, by name La Trinidad, as he puts it. He says it stood between the Trinity and Neches rivers and thinks the bell found in Wilson Lake near Crockett a few years since was the bell from this old Catholic Mission.

There were two delightful social events during the holidays to which the COURIER can only refer to briefly for want of space. At the Capitol hotel last Saturday night, the young men gave an entertainment to the ladies of the S. S. H. Club and on Wednesday night Miss Bob Bowers, daughter of Col. Tom Bowers, entertained the ladies of the S. S. H. Club and their escorts at her father's residence. Both affairs were largely attended and entirely successful.

At the funeral of the late Enoch Broxson in this city recently there was a touching and significant incident. Mr. Broxson was a Confederate veteran, and Crockett camp, U. C. V. attended his funeral in a body. The old soldiers dropped sprigs of evergreens in the grave and when it had been filled with earth, Rev. James DeDane, an ex-Union soldier, stepped forward and placed a wreath of evergreens on the mound, after which he made an eloquent little talk in the most fraternal spirit to the men around him who had once been his enemies. His words were the touch of nature that makes all men kin, and the comrades of Enoch Broxson grasped their former foe by the hand and thanked him for his manly words.

To the People of Houston and Adjoining Counties:

When you need anything in the way of corn, oats, bran, corn chops, wheat, rye, barley or anything in the feed and grain line it will pay you to see me before you buy. I carry a large stock and am prepared to meet all legitimate competition. My motto is spot cash and honest weight and measure. Store under Opera House Crockett, Tex. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM.

Watchmaker & Jeweler

R. C. Stokes On or about December the first will have a complete line of **Up to Date Watches, Jewelry, Novelties, Clocks,** together with the the best, prettiest, latest and most complete silver ware that has ever been in Crockett. **We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way.** "The Spirit of Times shall Ever Teach us Progress." Complicated watch repairing a specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 positions. **Our Motto:** Reliable goods, Fair Dealing and Bottom Prices.

To the Lovers of Fine Flour:

I have the agency of three of the best flouring mills in the South West and solicit your trade. My leading brands are, White Swan, Bell of Mexico and Peerless. There is nothing better made of wheat than the above and to purchasers, I guarantee the fullest satisfaction or will cheerfully refund money. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM.

"Time and tide waits for no man." An occasional dose of Chestnut's Chill Tonic often saves you from a long spell of sickness. "No cure no pay." Put up in both Tonic and bitter styles. Tonic 50c. Bitter 75c.

Lumber! Lumber!

I am now ready to furnish **Any and All Kinds of Lumber,** of any **Grade** and of any **Dimension.** Will supply in any quantities at mill or delivered, the very

Best Heart Lumber

or mixed as the log runs. Any one wanting lumber for any purpose **Will Find it To His Interest to Call and See** me before buying. I can make it to his interest to buy from me.

Mill two and a half miles South of Crockett right on Lovelady road. All bills **Filled Promptly** and at **Prices that Defy Competition.** Try me. **A. M. Langston.**

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Chestnut's Tonic. Making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

Bargains, Bargains.

J. E. Downes is selling some wonderful bargains in all wool clothing. Mens' suits for \$3.25. Boys suits from 75c. up to \$4.00, all WOOL goods.

Boys and young men, remember: he keeps the "Manhattan" shirts and the genuine "Cluet" collars, no imitations.

Downes says he is determined to give some of the best bargains in the next 30 days ever offered in Crockett or any where else in Houston county.

Remember we have all of the latest styles in hats, the genuine "Laufer" hat, one of the best makes in the world, and the most nobby shapes. Be sure and call for bargains. Respectfully, **J. E. DOWNES.**

The last rose of summer is in bloom on the Hill. And nows time to the whip-poor-will. "Chestnut's Chill Tonic has cured the last chill." You can shatter the bottle now if you will.