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## Lend Me Your Ears.

NEXT SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 31

AT ELEVEN A. M.

The workers—officers and teachers—of the Baptist Sunday School will be publicly installed with appropriate services. This is something new, but new methods are demanded in all lines of work these days. That's why we advertise. To succeed today requires that if you have a good thing let the people know about it.

### School Notes.

At last the long-expected mid-winter vacation has arrived, and the schools have closed for the holidays. It is a matter of regret to the management of the school that the combination of bad weather and coming holidays should have reduced the attendance in such a marked degree, but it is even so. It is impossible to make the expected speed in the work with such irregular attendance, and the teachers should not be held responsible for failure in that direction. It may be that there are cases in which it becomes necessary to stop the pupils ere the close of the school, but it should never be done except in cases of absolute necessity. Of course the children will beg and plead for more holiday, but the children themselves are not competent judges of such matters. It is not so much the loss of a few days from school, though that is in itself a serious matter; it is the impression made on the pupil's mind that causes the trouble. When the pupil is allowed to quit school for any length of time, long or short, just because he wants to do so, and with reasonable excuse for so doing, he has been taught to believe that the discharge of duty is only a secondary consideration, and his personal feelings are to decide his course of action. The world is already cursed with too many people who cannot be depended on to do their duty if it does not accord with their feelings.

On the other hand, let us commend the faithful few who were

with us to the end. I am sure that they will find in the long run that they have lost nothing by their faithful adherence to their duty. Doubtless they had as great a desire to stop as those who did stop, but were not to be turned from their duty by the desire of the moment.

Miss Boyer of the Elkhart school was a welcome visitor at our literary society at its last session. Our friends are always welcome, and we should be pleased to have them come oftener.

The school will reopen on Jan. 1st. Please assist us to have a full attendance. It is our purpose to go right on with the work, and those who are absent must either make up the work outside or lose it altogether. We cannot afford to wait for absentees, and we will not. To do that would only confirm them in the belief that it is a small matter to drop out occasionally, as it will all be made up to them later. That plan of action will ruin any school, if persisted in.

In my own behalf, let me speak a word to pupil and patron alike. Many seem to have an idea that I am a sort of autocrat, and can do about as I please in the school. I can dismiss at any time I wish, without regard to authority. Such is not the case. I am simply the servant of the board, and I shall always do my level best to carry out their orders. The length of the holiday vacation was fixed by the board, and I have no authority to shorten or lengthen it to any extent whatever. I am told that "public sentiment" here must be

consulted. Very well; I am by no means indifferent to public sentiment. But public sentiment finds its way to me by means of the school board, and I shall not consider that it is public sentiment unless it comes to me through that legitimate channel. I am not here to run the school in accordance with the caprices and petitions of school children, but to run it, as far as I am able, in the way it ought to be run. My only desire is to give the very best service possible, but that can only be done by considering what the children ought to have instead of asking them what they want.

I trust I may be pardoned for writing thus at length of my own views and purposes, but it seems only fair that we should fully understand each other.

Our library has been greatly aided by the funds handed over to us by Mr. Waller. It will get us many things we need.

Wishing all the school a pleasant vacation, I am

C. E. GODBEY.

### A Certain Cure for Croup.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. M. F. Compton of Market, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by S. L. Murchison.

### Route No. 2.

Dec. 18, 1905.

EDITOR COURIER:

I write to thank you for your kindness in regard to the prize contest, but am sorry that some of the other brother farmers did not give their experience on hog raising.

The man who reads is the wisest man. Work lots, read lots and you will be happy. The man who is too selfish and stingy to read is always the hind part of everything and nothing. The man who reads keeps up with today. The man who don't, keeps up with last year. Come on, some of you behind men, and let's try to keep up with the times. Just look what some of you good corn and cattle raisers have missed—not the prize only, but there's just lots of people who want information regarding corn, cotton and cattle raising. Try to build up. Don't try to tear down.

A true friend to the COURIER and editor. GRAY RABBIT.

### Through the Telephone.

"Are you there?"  
"Yes."  
"Who are you, please?"  
"Watt."  
"What is your name, please?"  
"Watt's my name."  
"Yes; what is your name?"  
"I say my name is Watt."  
"Oh, well, I'm coming to see you."  
"All right. Are you Jones?"  
"No, I'm Knott."  
"Who are you then, please?"  
"I'm Knott."  
"Will you tell me your name, please?"  
"Will Knott."  
"Why won't you?"  
"I say my name is William Knott."  
"Oh, I beg your pardon."  
"Then you will be in if I come round, Watt?"  
"Certainly, Knott."  
Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not.

"But," objected the heiress, "I have been accustomed to every luxury."  
"That's all the more reason why you should marry me," replied the impecunious suitor. "I'm a luxury myself."—Philadelphia Record.

Two birds in the bush and one in the hand. You may gamble upon it. Are not worth as much as the modiste's demand For one on a bonnet.

### Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." These Tablets promote a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

### Came Without Calling.

A Cincinnati man was describing the dinner in London that admitted Joseph H. Choate to the society of the Old Benchers of the Inner Temple.

"Mr. Choate was in his best mood," he said. "With epigrams, witticisms and anecdotes he kept the table in a continuous roar.

"Perhaps he made his most telling impression with a story about an impoverished young Irish gentleman, the Honorable Denis Bellew.

"He said that Mr. Bellew, driven forth by poverty from his father's estate, went to London to seek his fortune. He seemed to be buried in London. Nothing was heard of him for several years.

"He had been a gay, convivial blade, and in the little home village he was missed. There was not a poacher nor a roysterer within ten miles that hadn't a soft spot for Denis in his heart.

"Word one day passed about that up at the castle news had been received of Denis. The village at once became excited, and a deputation of a half-dozen or so was soon on its way to see the old lord.

"My lord," said the spokesman, "is it true ye've gotten news o' yer son, Mr. Denis?"

"Aye, true enough. News at last, boys," said his lordship.

"Faith, then, an' phwat might the bhoy be doin' up in London?" was the next question.

"He has been called to the bar," the lord answered proudly.

"The deputation looked at one another, for the phrase was new to them. Finally, in a loud whisper, one said:

"Oi don't know what that means; but from what Oi remember of the bhoy, he didn't want no callin'."

Dumley—I never saw a man like Brixton to drift away from the subject under discussion.

Barrass—As, for instance?

Dumley—I just asked him what he was doing the night I saw him down the road, and he evaded an answer by remarking that he had known people to get rich by attending to their own business. I have no doubt he has; but why should he mention it at that time?—Boston Transcript.

### A Thousand Dollar's Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes, "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good." Smith & French Drug Co.

### Boy's Life Saved From Membranous Croup.

C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes, "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.



**HEADACHES.**

**They Are Caused by Nerves, Eye Strain and Blood Poisons.**

A physician writes: "There are three main causes of headache, and the first of these has to do with the nervous system. A headache is, everybody will acknowledge, a very natural result of nerve strain. In the hurry and bustle and strain and stress of life today our poor nervous systems have no chance, no moment of rest and inaction from the time we arise in the morning till we go to bed at night. The pursuit of pleasure, the scurrying ceaselessly from one place to another in search of amusement, the fact that a certain class of people find life a bore unless they are in a whirl of excitement will often account for the fashionable headache, the headache of the 'overworked' society woman. Work, properly so called, will never produce a headache. It is one of the best preventives of headache. Anxiety and incessant worrying over trifles will certainly cause the headache of overstrain, as any harassed, anxious and 'worrit' household head of a large family will testify to. The headache of anaemia, common enough among young girls of low vitality, is due to a nervous system ill nourished, with impoverished blood. Many obscure neuralgias have thus a very simple explanation.

"The second great cause of headache is eye strain. Many a man who is suffering from eye strain assures his doctor that his eyes are certainly not at fault, as he has 'splendid sight.' It is not his nerves of sight which are affected, but the nerve and minute muscle of accommodation which he is constantly and unconsciously fatiguing in order to make his sight as good as he believes it to be. The error is in the shape of the eye, which requires continual muscular strain to rectify, and proper glasses would immediately remove the need for this continual strain. This form of headache follows close eye work, such as reading, writing or sewing. It is worse at night and is practically absent in the morning, differing from other forms of headache. It may be taken for granted that headache present in the morning is not due entirely if at all to eye strain. All sufferers from headache should have their eyes examined by an oculist.

"A very large number of headaches come under the third category—namely, headaches due to poisons in the blood. The 'throbbing headache' is often caused by what medical men call over blood pressure or too high blood pressure due to impurities or toxins circulating in the blood. They generally arise from disorders of digestion in the stomach and bowels from improper diet, the overeating of meat and rich dishes, imperfect mastication, foul teeth and lack of exercise. Relief will not be permanent so long as new toxins are being produced—that is, so long as we persist in overeating rich dishes and neglecting the rules of health."

**The Ugly Tibetans.**

The Tibetans are not beautiful. How could they be when by their own confession the national ancestry runs back to the king of the monkeys and a hobgoblin? Bonvalot says of them, "The very bears are better looking." The type is midway between the Eskimo and the Chinese. Broad, flat noses, without visible bridge; no eyebrows, wide mouths, full lips, oily skins, hair as coarse and straight as horsehair and short, square, ungainly figures—these are the elements of the unpleasing picture.

**The Abbe's Retort.**

A good story is told of Mgr. Mioland, the predecessor of Cardinal Desprez in the archbishopric of Toulouse. He was passing one day through the pig market when a man shouted at him, "There are only priests and pigs in this place." The abbe, as he then was, stopped and said to the man, "My friend, are you a priest?" "Not I," returned the other. "Then," said the abbe, "you naturally are the other thing."—London Globe.

**The Diner's Pet Joke.**

"I never do things by halves," remarked Biffkins, and the waiter at his elbow put on an expectant grin. He had only expected a 50 cent tip—maybe the gentleman would give him more. "As I was saying," said Biffkins, pushing back his chair and keeping his hat, "I never do things by halves, especially in tipping. I always use quarters. Here you are."—Detroit Tribune.

**The Sign Post.**

By W. H. Wilson.  
On yonder country crossroads stands a sign  
That points the way to travelers day by day,  
But, just like some advising friends of mine,  
It never moves a foot along the way.

"I heard him tell a story at the club last night, and he ought to make a fine cashier."

"Why so?"  
"He couldn't possibly be short in his accounts."—Grit.

She would not wed the best of men.  
'Twas what she said at first.  
She proved her strength of purpose when  
She wed about the worst.  
—Chicago Journal.

Her Husband—Now, there's Mrs. Meekler. I know that she makes all her own clothes, yet you never hear her say a word about it.

Mrs. Marter—Humph! It isn't necessary.—Judge.

A buzz—a whir—  
A cloud of dust—  
A wild blood-curdling yell—  
A ghastly object flashed by—  
Then silence—and a smell!  
—Harvard Lampoon.

"Pa, here's a piece in the paper about parasites. What is parasites, pa?"

"Parasites, my boy! Why, parasites are the people who live in Paris. Think you ought to know that, and you in the third reader!"—Woman.

The world's a stage on which we stroll  
About in various groups;  
And some few have a leading role  
But many of us supes.  
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Fair Devotee—I don't see any way to raise our church debt, except to have a lottery.

Minister (shocked)—That will never have my sanction, madam, never, unless you call it by some other name.—New York Weekly.

Through zero days the naked trees  
Have faced the winds and snows;  
But now that balmy spring has come  
They're putting on their clothes.  
—Lippincott's.

"Pa," said the farmer's boy who had been studying astronomy at college, "have you heard about Mars changing color?"

"Gosh, no!" exclaimed the old man, in startled tones. "She hadn't changed color when I saw her out in the barnyard five minutes ago."—Chicago News.

Though it's tough in this world to be left in the cold,  
Don't complain of your lot.  
'Twere worse when the gates of hereafter unfold  
To be left in the hot.  
—Catholic Standard.

This is how Johnny recited one stanza of it, to the delight of his proud mamma and amid the plaudits of the company:

"Liza Grape men ally mindus  
Weaken maka Liza Blime  
Andy Parting Lee B. Hindus  
Footbrin Johnny Sands a time."  
—Chicago Tribune.

"Well, Pa," said Phyllis Foddershocks, as her father appeared in the doorway, carpetbag in hand, "how did you enjoy your trip?"

"Fine, Phillie, fine!" said the old man.

"And did you sleep well in the sleeping car?"

"Well, I can't say's I did. I'm a purty big man, an' I did have a heap o' trouble gittin' inter that there little hammock."—Cleveland Leader.

**Coughs, Colds and Constipation.**

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Smith & French Drug Co.

**A Timely Topic.**

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**WORK WEAKENS THE KIDNEYS.**

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Many Crockett people work every day in some strained, unnatural position—bending constantly over a desk—riding on jolting wagons or cars—doing laborious housework; lifting, reaching or pulling, or trying the back in a hundred and one other ways. All these strains tend to wear, weaken and injure the kidneys until they fall behind in their work of filtering the poisons from the blood. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys, put new strength in bad backs.

J. H. West, yardman, employed by the Trinity Lumber Co., living at Groveton, Tex., says: "My back troubled me very much and I blamed the heavy work I was doing as the cause, but I soon began to realize there was something wrong with my kidneys. I tried many remedies but none had the desired effect until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. After using the first box I can say that my backache disappeared and the kidneys were restored to their normal action. I make this statement so that other sufferers from backache and kidney trouble may profit by my experience."

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The "telephone heart," of course, is the kind that always answers with the busy signal.

Health alarmists are starting a crusade against the use of tea. Beware of the green peril.

Sh-h-h! Don't tell it out loud, but nobody seems to have thought of forming a cranberry trust.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Morgan's new gold brick will turn out to be another Ascoll cope.

W. K. Vanderbilt must have literary ambitions. He now writes his name William Kissam Vanderbilt.

A Boston paper asks: "Are there any honest men in the City of New York?" Well, Mark Twain is there.

Just by way of showing its superiority to other Latin-American republics, Cuba has held a critical election peaceably.

After all, the man who exercises the most graceful self-restraint is the one who could have told us so, and didn't.—Fuck.

A good deal of near-poetry was sent to Mark Twain on his birthday. Fortunately he is a rugged man in spite of his years.

News from Russia cannot be guaranteed, but it is said that the empire's retiring minister of finance is a Tschipoff the old block.

Mark Twain says a man over seventy is an "honorary citizen." Yes, and we know a lot of men under seventy who are ornery citizens.

Mrs. Chadwick implies that she will tell everything, if she is given another chance in court, even to the disclosures of the actual age of Ann.

The emperor of Korea, having accepted the Japanese terms, is now allowed to get up and put on his hat and brush the litter off his clothes.

If Gen. Bates, the new chief of the army staff, is anywhere near as fierce as he looks in his pictures it will go hard with any foreign foe that may attack us.

That farewell dinner to Charles Dana Gibson was attended by a dozen of his friends, but they were all mere men, and the original Gibson girl was not present.

A mob hooted at the oldest daughter of King Edward in the streets of London the other day. The outlook for the royalty business is anything but promising.

Harvard will play no more football until the rules are changed. Some of the Yale partisans claim, however, that Harvard will not be likely to play football even then.

Also, now is the time to find that nice little savings bank in which you were going to put a certain sum every day this year. Have you seen it since the 10th of last January?

J. P. Morgan says he was cheated in a recent railroad deal. The other fellow might almost be justified in fixing up dates for the purpose of going out to lecture about it.

A woman in Newcastle, Pa., caused the arrest of her son for talking in his sleep. She knows that something must be done to cure him, if his married life is not to be a failure.

Mrs. Chadwick has had ample time to think it over, and she is unrepentant. She would do it over again if she had the chance, but she would improve on her methods next time.

Under a new policy of the war department, officers of the commissary department are to be taught to bake bread and to cook. This will make them especially desirable as husbands.

Japanese gendarmes fired on a mob in Seoul, Korea, the other day, and in Tokio anti-imperialists filed forty-three speeches, twenty-seven newspaper articles and a protest with the mikado.

Mark Twain says he never did a day's work in his life. This is calculated to remove the impression that piloting a Mississippi river steamboat in the old days was anything like work.

The Sultan's general uprising of Islam in a holy war for the green flag of the prophet seems to be petering out into the usual version of the prophet's case. "Don't shoot

CALEB POWERS MAY YET BE SAVED.

Chas. E. Ehler Says He Can Give Testimony That Will Save Alleged Murderer of Goebel.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 23.—Charles E. Ehler, on a cot in the county hospital, suffering from a wound presumably self-inflicted, has admitted to Superintendent Buckrens that he has information as to the killing of Governor William Goebel of Kentucky which he alleged would clear Caleb Powers, former Secretary of State for Kentucky, now under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of Goebel.

A few days ago Powers wrote from Kentucky to Ehler, saying: "I see by a press dispatch that you may be an important witness in the Goebel murder. For six years I have lain in pris-

on, and three times I have been sentenced to death for a crime of which I am as innocent as the angels around the throne. If you have any information that will throw light on the death of Governor Goebel, then for God's sake declare yourself and aid in proving my innocence."

Ehler permitted the superintendent to read the letter. He admitted that he could give testimony that might save the life of Powers, and intimated that if the ex-Secretary's execution was imminent he would give such testimony. Ehler said that he would not declare himself fully "because it would implicate others."

HIDDEN PUZZLE PICTURE.



Find Her Sister.

—Boston Globe.

INDIANS WANT PAY.

Government Bought Land in 1885 and Paid Only Part.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 23.—Before adjournment at Tishomingo the Chickasaw Legislature forced an important memorial asking that Congress reimburse the Chickasaw tribe of Indians for the land which is now occupied by white settlers in the Kiowa and Comanche reservations and which was formerly known as the Western leased district. In 1885 an area of land was leased from the Chickasaw Government. A portion of this land was paid for in 1893. The balance, it is claimed, has never been paid for. There is some contention between the Government and the Chickasaw Nation over the matter, and Congress is asked to reimburse the Indians for the leased land district.

Squabble Over Fifty Feet.

Laredo, Texas: There appears to be a serious difference between the City Council and the Government regarding the outfall of the Fort McIntosh sewer, which the city authorities claim that when now completed is fifty feet short of the distance which was agreed upon when the Government was given permission to empty this sewer in the city limits.

Delmar's Demurrer Denied.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The Supreme Court en banc yesterday denied the demurrer to the information of Attorney General Hadly for ouster of the Delmar Jockey Club of St. Louis and gave the defendant fifteen days in which to file reply to the pleadings. Failure to do so, the court announced, will mean forfeiture of the charter without further proceedings.

Holding 2,000 Bales.

Taylor, Texas: Notwithstanding the temptation of present prevailing prices and the near approach of the holidays, after which a new crop will be pitched, the farmers of this section are still holding. It is estimated, about two thousand bales of cotton, for better prices. The total local wagon receipts at Taylor up to last night were 21,957 bales.

Christmas Pardons.

Huntsville, Texas: It is the Governor's usual practice to pardon convicts on recommendation about Christmas, and in accordance with the rule thirty-two were pardoned yesterday. The prison minstrel concert will take place Christmas night. The hall is large and well adapted for the purpose. Good talent and a first-class program give prominence to these annual concerts.

Fort Worth, Texas: Governor Lanham has granted a pardon to Mildred Clifton, the woman accused of killing Ab Patterson here a year ago Christmas night. She will be released Christmas Day.

Insane an's Deed.

Ukiah, Cal.: Frank Willard, an insane man, shot and killed Sheriff Henry Smith of this county in Judge White's chambers yesterday. He then fired one shot at Judge White, but missed. Willard then rushed down the stairs leading to the Judge's chambers and out of the court, shooting at every one who attempted to stop him. As Assessor Thomas, who heard the noise, rushed to his door, Willard thrust his revolver into the officer's face, but did not shoot. Willard ran through town and headed for the Vichy Springs Canyon. An armed posse started in pursuit immediately and came upon him just as he was entering the canyon.

Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

Laredo, Texas: The Yaqui Tribe of Red Men held a meeting last night to arrange a program for the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday. This celebration has for many years been the biggest affair pulled off in Laredo during any time of the year.

Robbed the Bishop.

Laredo, Texas: Burglars entered the residence of Bishop Verdagar last night and stole a large amount of clothing. Mayor Sanchez has just received one of the finest class of automobiles now made, which makes the second one now running on the streets of the border city.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The Mosler Safe Company is arranging to open a branch house in Dallas at an early date.

Waco citizens are moving to have singing schools made a feature of the public school system.

Charlie Lu Irvin, a negro, was fatally stabbed by Johnnie Raines, another negro, at Fort Worth Saturday night.

Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, died at Topeka, Kan., Wednesday night.

Three boys incarcerated in the old Dallas calaboose Thursday night pried the bars open and escaped.

Frank Price, living at Saint Jo, had his leg cut off Thursday at Gainesville by a train. He has a wife and three children.

The contract for erecting a new high school building in Paris was awarded to a San Antonio contractor, whose bid was \$33,694.

The First State Bank of Talpa is now doing business in its new stone structure. A handsome stone hotel will soon be completed.

A Greenville capitalist is figuring on a new bank to be opened if he can secure a sufficiently strong directory back up the enterprise.

A fire in the warehouse of the Bering-Cortes Hardware company, at Houston, Friday night damaged the stock to the amount of \$25,600.

A dispatch from Denison says there has been a great falling off in holiday shipments of whiskey to this point. Express agents declare a loss of fifty per cent over last season.

F. O. Rogers, a citizen of Waco for many years, died Tuesday night. He was formerly county tax collector, was a Confederate veteran and was 75 years old.

A permit to do business in Texas has been granted the Brazoria Development Company of Wilmington, Del., having a capital stock of \$25,000, with principal Texas office at Houston.

Mrs. Maggie Smith, wife of Ben Smith, a hack driver, killed herself at San Antonio by taking strychnine. She had been ill for a long time and was despondent.

Leon Friedman, whose home is in Fort Worth, is the business manager of Bob Fitzsimmons, who was bested in his fight with O'Brien at San Francisco Wednesday night. Young Friedman has represented Fitzsimmons the past three years.

Thursday night about 12 o'clock a man by the name of W. J. Gill was run over and killed by a freight train one-half mile east of Mesquite. His legs were horribly mangled, his head mashed, and he was otherwise badly cut and bruised.

Agent White of the Wells-Fargo Express Company at Gainesville, says that the number of turkeys shipped out of Gainesville this season would reach to date 10,000 shipped out in a single day.

Congressman Smith has introduced a bill providing for the enlargement of Fort Bliss. It provides that accommodations shall be made for a headquarters staff, two battalions of infantry, two troops of cavalry and one battery of field artillery.

Rev. Bernard S. Brady, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Yonkers, was indicted by the Grand Jury for grand larceny. It is alleged that he fraudulently secured a bequest of property worth \$10,000 for the use of his church at Yonkers.

Robert Davis, a young negro about 25 years old, was shot three times at Blossom a few nights since. One bullet took effect in the arm, another in the hip and the third in the back, resulting in his death.

While picking up coal along the tracks of the International and Great Northern Monday morning, Jose Maria Landers, a Mexican, aged 70 years, was run over by a switch engine and killed. His head was completely severed from his body.

The body of a young negro infant was found Friday morning lying on the steps of the colored Baptist Church at Temple. The child had been dead only a few hours, and had evidently succumbed to the cold.

Mrs. Wilson Williams, wife of the Registrar of the State University at Austin, died at Temple Wednesday night from the effects of a long illness. Accompanied by the husband and son the remains were dispatched to Nashville, Tenn., for burial.

Bon-Bon Boxes of Vegetables.

Big turnips, sweet potatoes, beets and small squash answer this purpose capably. Cut off the tops, leaving a slanting edge for a fair sized paper of candy wrapped in oil paper. Place this in the hollow vegetable and fit the lid on the top by using wooden toothpicks as tacks. No one would suspect that your bonboniere is not just a common vegetable.

Might Have Been.

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Purée of Tomatoes.

As soon as the can of tomatoes is opened, turn them out into a porcelain lined stew pot. Never allow tomatoes to stand in tin. The acid coming in contact with the air acts on the tin and renders them dangerous. Place them over the fire. When smoking throw in two bay leaves, two sprigs of parsley tied in a piece of cheesecloth. Boil slowly for 20 minutes; then take them off the fire and strain out the seeds, bay leaves and parsley. Return to the stew pot and add when boiling one large tablespoonful of flour and the same of butter rubbed to a smooth paste, one and a half pints of rich milk. Season with two teaspoonfuls of sugar. Salt and pepper to taste.

Remove Ink from a Carpet.

As soon as the ink has been spilled take up as much as you can with a sponge, then pour on cold water repeatedly, still taking up the liquid. Next rub the place with a little wet oxalic acid or salt of sorrel and wash it off immediately with cold water, then rub on ammonia water. This will not be safe to try on carpets of delicate fabric or color. It should be tested first on a corner or any small cutting left over.

Ambulance Trains.

In America and in Germany railway ambulance trains are now in use, which are kept ready to be sent out for the purpose of affording speedy relief to the maimed. The train, so far as its narrow limits permit, is as admirably equipped as any modern hospital; its operating room is fitted up with an operating table, with all the necessary appliances of antiseptic surgery.

Bell-Ringing Record.

A party of bell-ringers, making a holiday tour in Manchester and district, have recently rung at Ashton parish church a peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 5,907 changes, in three hours and forty-one minutes, says an English exchange. This is a record, and is the only true peal ever rung in Lancashire, though an attempt was made in Liverpool in 1863.

He Doesn't Curse Now.

Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special)—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now:—

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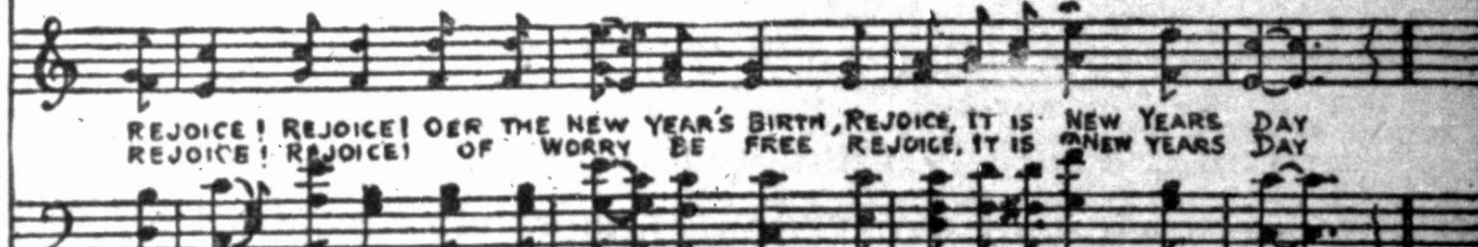
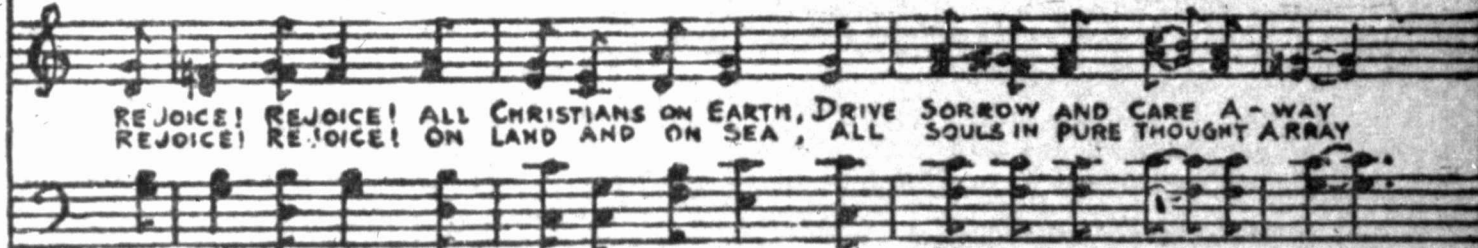
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—New York Press.

# Thousands of Centuries Re-Echo in the Blowing of Horns To-Day

Blowing of horns on occasions of joy and festivity has grown to be an established institution in the United States. Whether the custom as practiced is strictly in musical accord with the harmonious feelings of a people who in one voice indulge a celebration which affects all alike is another matter.

While the custom of horn blowing is growing, few of the old heads stop to think of its origin, and the youthful celebrant little dreams that it is all tradition; that in those reveling sounds which escape neither nook nor corner, loft nor cellar, are the echoes re-echoed from thousands of centuries ago—that momentous period in the world's spiritual and material history when the blast from the ram's horn (shophar) proclaimed from Mount Sinai the giving of the Ten Commandments to the end of time.

The first mention of it is in the Old Testament at the giving of the law: "And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings; and the noise of the trumpet.—Exodus, xx:18.

How well one can picture the scene at Mount Sinai when the people trembled and stood afar off when Moses bade them to fear not; that God had come to prove them and that his fear might be before their faces that they sin not.

The sounding of the horn on an occasion so prolific with divinely potential incidents naturally brought the instrument into use and prominence during special spiritual exercises and celebrations, but later its brazen notes were heard in time of war.

They were also heard in times of extreme jubilation and in the temples of the Jews on their days of rejoicing and on the day of atonement.

In Leviticus, xxv: 9, is found the following: "Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land."

And even in this age of "advanced thought," the Jew, following commandment and the voice of tradition assembles in his temple to hear the sound from the shophar.

What effect must such tones issuing from a holy place have upon the hearer? They are not musical sounds, for their loud, piercing notes, with no range or compass, have never been found adaptable to concerted music.

In Numbers, chapter xxxix: 1, we find an injunction as to the use of the trumpet.

Therein the people are commanded on the first day of the seventh month to hold "an holy convocation," to do no servile work, it being "a day of

blowing of trumpets unto you"—a feast of the trumpets.

Here is demonstrated the giving up of all labor and indulging the tones of the shophar as heard in the synagogues to this day on a like festival.

The skeptic may say that to-day's outpourings of joy lack thought, are adjudged without the slightest religious sentiment, have no relationship with the very same movements and same trumpetings that characterized the day when the law was given from Mount Sinai, those periods when joy and victory and holy festival influenced the early peoples of the earth.

Who will say that there is no feeling of thankfulness in the hearts of the nation when, with horn blowing and flags waving, it gives vent to its joy over victory or any great national event?

The ancient New Year's service, observed in the synagogues even at this period, is considered one of the most impressive in the Jewish liturgy. It is composed of three parts, which refer, respectively, to the sovereignty, justice and mercy of God, and as each part is concluded the shophar is sounded from the pulpit.

The first part, "Malchioth," proclaims God the universal king.

The second part, "Zichronoth," emphasizes that God remembers the work of the world and visits all creatures and that "nothing remains concealed from his eyes."

The last part, "Shopheroth," speaks of the scriptural shophar, and especially as it is connected with the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, when its tones were first heard, and also with reference to the time when the "great trumpet" will be sounded "to declare the universal triumph of liberty and religion."

In a poem sermon founded on passages from the Talmud, by the Rev. Isidore Myers, B. A., in Montreal in 1897 (5657 Jewish year), the following occurs:

What solemn thoughts each blast compels:  
At every sound our bosom swells;  
Our soul is stirred by every note  
That issues from the shophar's throat.

The first, which "Malchioth" is named, in which God's sovereignty is proclaimed, commemorates a fact sublime—Recalls to mind creation's prime, When God, creating out of naught, This world into existence brought—This universe by wisdom planned, And framed by His Almighty hand—Whose order, beauty, harmony, We everywhere can plainly see; Whose every part, below, above, The impress bears of gracious love, The shophar's voice does first record The coronation of the Lord.

Thus, from its first mention up to the present period, has the shophar

been given the most profound and grave consideration.

Besides the sounding of the horn in the hour of religious and joyous festival it was brought into use in time of war to summon and assemble the army, and in this respect it is first mentioned in Judges, iii:27:

And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain as he went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

Subsequent verses relate the defeat of 10,000 lusty men and the downfall of Moab, much resembling the bloody conflicts of later centuries, sans machinery of modern warfare.

And here we find the horn brought into military use, which is a long step from its initial requirements, when it served to bring the people together to hear the law read amid the thundering and lightning and darkness which after prevailed and filled the assembled multitude with awe and fear.

After all, in comparing the past with the present there seems but the difference in the manufacture, design and manipulation of material and the advantages in these times of having more powerful and more scientific implements with which to annihilate a foe. Indeed, it is doubtful whether anything could be more effective on a modern battlefield than the slaying of 10,000 valiant men, as was done by the Israelites who answered the shophar's call to arms.

The shophar has been utilized in other than times of law-giving and war, for it is told in Isaiah xxvii:13:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Its sounds were welcomed by those to whom the law was handed down, its notes were and are maintained by one denomination to voice the anniversary of God's coronation.

By that same people its sound is reported to as an alarm or warning of the approach of the day of atonement and that they should review the actions of the past year and prepare to become reconciled to God by means of confession to him of their sins and remorse of amendment.

One other reason for the blowing of the shophar, even at this period, is to emphasize to the Jewish community the conviction that the time will come when the shophar will announce, according to the word of the prophet, a universal freedom from all oppression and tyranny shall vanish and the reign of absolute liberty will be manifested throughout the world.





**RESOLUTIONS for the New Year and sentiments for the holiday season, arranged in acrostic form by F. G. Moorhead from the works of Robert Louis Stevenson**

**A**N aim in life is the only fortune worth the having; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.

**M**ONEY, being a means of happiness, should make both parties happy when it changes hands. Rightly disposed, it should be twice blessed in its employment.

**E**VERY piece of work which is not so good as you can make it should rise up against you in the court of your own heart, and condemn you for a thief.

**R**IGHT is that for which a man's central self is ever ready to sacrifice immediate or distant interests.

**R**IGHT is intimately dictated to each man by himself, but can never be rigorously set forth in language, and above all never imposed up on another.

**Y**OU cannot run away from a weakness; you must fight it out or perish. And if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

**C**ULTURE is not measured by the greatness of the field which is covered by our knowledge, but by the nicety with which we can perceive relations in that field, whether great or small.

**H**E who can sit squarest on a three-legged stool, he it is who has the wealth and glory.

**R**IGHTOUSNESS is to fuse together our divisive impulses and march with one mind through life.

**I**F you wish the pick of men and women, take a good bachelor and a good wife.

**S**OCIETY was scarce put together and defended with so much eloquence and blood for the convenience of two or three millionaires and a few hundred other persons of wealth and position.

**T**O be a gentleman is to be one all the world over, and in every relation and grade of society. It is a high calling, to which a man must first be born and then devote himself for life.

**M**ANNERS, like art, should be human and central.

**A**S the sun returns in the east, so let our patience be renewed with dawn.

**S**O long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable.

**A**FTER all, there is no house like God's out-of-doors.

**N**O man is useless while he has a friend.

**D**O what we will, there is always something made to our hand, if it were only our fingers.

**A** man cannot go very far astray who neither dishonors his parents, nor kills, nor commits adultery, nor steals, nor bears false witness; for these things, rightly thought out, cover a vast field of duty.

**H**OME is the woman's kingdom.

**A**FTER a good woman and a good book and tobacco, there is nothing so agreeable on earth as a river.

**P**ENURY is the worst slavery, and will soon lead to death.

**P**RACTICE is a more intricate and desperate business than the toughest theorizing; life is an affair of cavalry, where rapid judgment and prompt action are alone possible and right.

**Y**ET the dearest and readiest, if not the most just, criterion of a man's services is the wage that mankind pays him, or briefly, what he earns.

**N**ATURE is a good guide through life, and the love of simple pleasures next, if not superior, to virtue.

**E**TRE et pas avoir—to be, not to possess—that is the problem of life.

**W**E must all set our pocket watches by the clock of fate.

**Y**ET, when all has been said, the man who would hold back from marriage is in the same case with him who runs away from battle.

**E**VERY man is his own doctor of divinity in the last resort.

**A** BRAVE woman far more readily accepts a change of circumstances than the bravest man.

**R**IGHT or wrong, this have I done, in unfeigned honor of intention, as to myself and God.

—From The Sunday Magazine.

**WORKINGMAN IN NEW CABINET.**

**John Burns, Labor Leader, Now one of Britain's Rulers.**

For the first time in English history a workingman, a man who labors with his hands, who all his life has been dependent upon his own exertions for his daily bread, has been named as a member of the British ministry and assigned to a place therein which confers the highest of honors, that of an officer of the cabinet. John Burns, a



**JOHN BURNS**

leader of strikes, once on trial for his life, having served a term in prison because of his defiance of laws which curtailed freedom of speech, has after years of conscientious striving, reached one of the most distinguished positions in the world. He is the leading type of the new democracy which advocates reform along social and municipal lines without disturbing the system of political institutions, adopting it to the social needs of the time.

**SILKS PRODUCED FROM COTTON.**

**Brilliant and Durable Material Much in Demand.**

If thistles cannot grow figs, cotton evidently can grow silk. It has been found that brilliant threads of silk-like appearance can be produced from cellulose. The best material for the purpose is said to be carded cotton. The artificial product is of an even white color, of silky touch, and when pressed together has some of the characteristic crackle of genuine silk, which in brilliancy it much excels. For trimmings it is said to be preferred to the natural silk, while for embroidery it is ideal, the luster adding much to the appearance. In hats it may be made to take the place of straw with good results. It forms an excellent imitation of human hair, as soft as the natural growth and not to be distinguished therefrom. It is also cleaner and cheaper. There appears to be an increasing demand for the artificial silks even in silk-producing countries. Germany and France lead in its manufacture.

**IMPRESARIO WAITS FINAL CALL.**

**Hope for Recovery of Maurice Grau is Practically Abandoned.**

Maurice Grau, the impresario, is seriously ill at his home in Paris. When Mr. Grau gave up his management of opera two years ago, to be



**MAURICE GRAU**

succeeded by Heinrich Conried, he was completely broken in health and went abroad to recuperate.

He has never returned. After a year of complete rest, for the greater part of the time in the south of France, his health was greatly improved. Then, with his wife and daughter, he took up his residence in Paris.

Nearly two months ago his health began to fail again, and since the last of October he has been steadily losing ground. His trouble is an affection of the heart.

**Giant Financially and Physically.**

When Thomas F. Ryan, the railroad and insurance magnate appeared before the insurance investigation committee the onlookers were amazed at the physical proportions of the man. He is a giant. The man who bought up the Equitable over night and who makes a daily practice of making \$1,000,000 deals had not appeared in public up to this time. The city hall was crowded with curious New Yorkers who were anxious to see the man who was big enough to hire Anthony Brady and Chauncey Depew as clerks. Ryan is about 54 years old. He is in perfect physical condition.

**NEW YORK LETTER**  
Bits of Information Gathered in Ramble Through the Metropolis

It is the marvel of foreigners that Americans visit the old country who have never seen the wonders of their own—the Mammoth Cave, the Natural Bridge, the Yosemite Valley and other places—but how many New Yorkers really know New York? The little trip of forty miles around Manhattan in a "seeing New York" yacht is a liberal education. The man who makes the talk through the megaphone can tell the natives a lot about his own city that he never dreamed of as the truth. For example, New York was bought by the Dutch from the Indians for the sum of \$24, paid in beads and blankets. That was some time ago. It has grown since. According to the megaphone man, it is at the present time worth about \$3,900,000,000, all told. A square foot herefore the size of a pocket handkerchief is worth \$1,000, if not more. Full and sufficient reason this for erecting buildings in the atmosphere, which costs nothing. And as for the bigness and richness of New York! Who would have known that one of her steamships—the Baltic—is the length of two gigantic skyscrapers torn up by the roots, laid flat and pasted together lengthwise, if it had not been for the megaphone?

**Husters Flocking In.**

The big hotels of this city are crowded these days with men from the west, the south and neighboring countries on the continent. They are here mostly to float stock in new enterprises and most of them seem to know how to do it. They are all provided with the proper credentials and they talk of millions as though money in that bulk was the only thing they handled. Many of their scheme will fall through, but many more will be launched. It is always important for a western promoter to look his part, and therefore, the wide, soft hat and untrimmed mustache is part of the regular makeup.

**Getting to Morgan.**

To get into the banking house of J. P. Morgan is a great deal more difficult than it looks. The two richest thoroughfares in the world, Wall and Broad streets, cross before the door. The corner has been nipped off the building so as to form a narrow facade facing northwesterly, and here a flight of steps leads invitingly up to the open door. Nothing could seem simpler than to enter, yet nothing is harder than for a stranger to get past that open door. For just beyond the threshold a big man is lounging in great comfort, his thick right arm lying loosely along the counter, everything about him a picture of indolent ease except his keen, good-natured blue eyes. They begin to measure you before your foot has neared the top step. If you have no legitimate business in the office you cannot pass this man. He is James McDermott, late a policeman of the Broadway squad. He was a tremendous fellow even among that army of giants. "Big Jim" they called him. He could throw the 16-pound hammer and lifted the 50-pound weight farther than any other man on the force up to the time John Flanagan came over from Ireland to break world's records. For twenty-six years McDermott wore the uniform of the police.

**Clothes Make the Woman.**

There are a number of only fairly bright young women doing well in vaudeville these days because they have fine costumes. The method of gaining favor among managers is to display a wardrobe and then make a bluff at singing or giving a monologue. No matter what the genius of a young woman she has no chance unless she has a wardrobe. The cue is taken from the success made by Lillian Russell with her \$20,000 wardrobe.

**Have No Use For Farm Work.**

In three years the removal committee of the United Hebrew Charities has succeeded in removing from the city to the country an average of 4,250 persons per year, while as many new immigrants have arrived in the city in one week. The difficulty has not been a matter of funds or places for families, but unwillingness on the part of the families to go. If struggling, sometimes starving Jews of New York refuse to go to the country under the persuasion of their own leaders, what good will it do to endeavor to effect inducements by railroad land settling advertisements? On the other hand, the Italian repre-

sents the farmer ready-made, but although nine-tenths of the Italians who have come to the United States have followed agricultural pursuits they are ready to do anything else for any rate of pay rather than continue farming. In Southern Italy, from which the mass of immigrants come, there is no considerable industry except farming, and men who are naturally gifted for other pursuits must work in the soil to live; therefore, each overburdened peasant has come to look on the soil as his master and he as its slave.

**Iron Workers Show Skill.**

It speaks well for the sobriety and skill of the 8,000 structural iron workers at present engaged on New York skyscrapers and bridges that during the past two months they have neither killed any one through carelessness nor has one of their own number lost his own life. When it is considered that these men work at dizzy heights and are constantly taking chances of slipping or stumbling the fatalities among them are remarkably few.

**Millionaires in Overalls.**

New York society experienced a sensation when the announcement came out of California that young Charles Chauncey Stillman, son and heir of President James Stillman, of the National City Bank, who is one of the leading ministers in the Standard Oil Cabinet, was earning a net \$75 a month in Oakland as an ordinary—or extraordinary—baggage smasher. Simultaneously with this bit of news came a paragraph from London saying that John Cecil Rhodes, a nephew and heir of the late South African nabob, had donned overalls and gone to work in the Kimberley diamond mines. Other instances of millionaires wearing the habiliments of toil have come to light in such numbers recently as to resemble an epidemic of labor—a plague of overalls which is smiting actors of wealth throughout the social and financial world.

**Foul Deed of Reformers.**

The New Jersey State Home for Girls has decided to try the far famed soothing effects of music in correcting the girl inmates and thus encourage discipline. Although cruel and unusual punishment is prohibited New Jersey calmly anticipates the horrible spectacle of a wayward girl being sentenced for an hour to hear "Hiawatha," "Tammany" or "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree" on a phonograph. Persons living near the home fear that the shrieks of the victims will disturb them. A neighbor suggests a change of name to the New Jersey State Musical College.

**Schools and Expense.**

Some idea of the magnitude of the work that the School Board has been doing for New York may be gathered from the casual announcement made by an official of the Board of Education that during the past year \$12,390,237 has been appropriated for school sites and buildings. This, of course, is but a fraction of what the city of New York spends every year upon public education. On the East and West Sides, with their teeming population, school houses dot nearly every other block. Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond and the Bronx have not been overlooked. When we consider that about 90 per cent of the children leave school at the age of 14 years, the importance of implanting in each child the groundwork of a good education cannot be overestimated. This is spending the taxpayers' money in a good cause.

**A Caterpillar.**

A mayoral fancy-dress ball in a provincial town was held in the drill hall, and a veto was put on the admission of chaperons.

A fond mother presented herself at the entrance to the building and clamoured for admittance, but a man in blue was obdurate.

"You can't come in here, miss, on any account!" he grunted.

Then came the plaintive appeal, "But I must go in! My child represents a butterfly and she has forgotten her wings!"

To which retorted the custodian of the law, "Well it can't be helped, she'll have to go as a caterpillar."—Liverpool (Eng.) Mercury.





# We Wish

YOU

A Happy,  
Prosperous  
New Year.

Smith & French

Drug company

## Local Items.

Tod Robinson spent his vacation at Crockett.

Open that Red Box, January 13.  
NOVELTY STORE.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. May are spending the week at Beaumont.

Miss Evie Hall was at home from Lufkin during the holidays.

Miss Ethel Wootters is the guest of Miss Mary Young at Bastrop.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen are visiting Mrs. Jensen's sister at Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins of Groveton spent the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Lena Bromberg spent Christmas week with her brother's family at Galveston.

Miss Bettie Smith, attending the state university at Austin, was at home Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Craddock of Chickasha, I. T., are spending the week with relatives here.

Bring your keys and open that Red Box, January 13th.  
NOVELTY STORE.

Miss Anne Stokes, a student of the state normal at Huntsville, spent her vacation at home here.

Mrs. D. H. Barnett and child of Nacogdoches were home visitors to Crockett during the holidays.

Clifford Kennedy and Blum Wootters were at home from school at Waco during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham S. Roberts and children returned to their home at Houston Thursday afternoon.

F. G. Edmiston of Texarkana was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston during the Christmas holidays.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Sam Harrison which occurred at his home near Lovelady Friday night.

The COURIER's scholarship offer is not withdrawn. We will give that scholarship away if there is only one contestant.

Leroy Moore, a student of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, is spending the week with his parents.

Miss Hortense LeGory, who is attending Ward Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., spent her vacation with family and relatives here.

A. E. Kocher, who was last winter engaged in a soil survey of Houston county for the U. S. government, was here this week shaking hands with friends and renewing acquaintances.

L. M. Matthews of Houston is here.

Billie and Bunk Barbee were at home for Christmas.

J. M. Pelham of Grapeland was in Crockett Thursday.

J. W. Brewer of Vernon is visiting his brothers in this county.

J. W. Young is spending Christmas week with his parents at Bastrop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood were here this week from Palestine.

Mrs. Hattie Raguét of Tyler arrived Tuesday and is the guest of Mrs. Corry.

Miss Hortense Lacy from Groveton is spending the week at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Crawford and little son of Kennard were here during the holidays.

F. P. Parker thanks all of his trade for this year's trade, and wishes all a happy New Year.

Miss Alwilda Baker, attending Trinity University at Waxahachie, was at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison and child of Kennard took Christmas with Mrs. Morrison's parents here.

### Ear Corn for Sale.

I have ear corn and hay for sale. Office at depot.  
B. L. SATTERWHITE.

Miss Anne Storey of Austin arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the holidays with Mrs. Corry.

Drunken rowdyism on passenger trains has come to be the thing expected when excursion rates are in effect.

### For Rent.

Small farm, well improved, two miles from Crockett.  
ARCH BAKER.

I am going to make an extra effort to please my trade in groceries this New Year.  
F. P. PARKER.

Misses Rebecca and Frankie Smith arrived Wednesday afternoon from Huntsville and are again the guests of their sister, Mrs. R. H. Wootters.

Mrs. C. N. Corry and Mrs. R. H. Wootters will receive New Year's day, from three to six, at the home of Mrs. Corry, complimentary to the city's visitors.

Services at the Methodist church begin promptly at 11 A. M. and at 7:15 P. M. The public cordially invited.

IRVIN B. MANLY, PASTOR.

N. J. Salmon of Lovelady, Lee Goolsby of Houston and A. J. Butler of Lovelady are among those who have renewed subscriptions to the COURIER since last issue.

Taking advantage of the absence of officers on passenger trains to insult women and children is about as cowardly a thing as we know of. Drunken rowdyism should go.

A prosperous New Year to all our customers. May your sorrows be few and your joys many during 1906. Let us add to your joys by supplying your wants and thus lessen your sorrows.

ARLEDGE & DEUPREE.

### Xmas Tree.

Monday morning there was a Xmas tree at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Page for the Sunday school classes of Mrs. Florence Arledge, Mrs. Hattie Belle Edmiston, Miss Bessie Bayne, Mrs. Clara Smith and Mrs. Page. Nearly all the children of these classes were present and, quite a number, of their parents.

Miss Mary Jennie Davis, teaching at Dodge, took Christmas at home.

There is a chance for some young man in that free scholarship offer.

I. W. Sweet of Fort Smith, Ark., was here for a few days this week.

Rev. Henry Baker of Ovilla, Central Texas, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge of Groveton took Christmas with their parents in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Self are spending the holidays with Mrs. Self's parents at Whitewright.

Lee Goolsby of Houston was a visitor to Crockett last week and was accompanied home by Gus Goolsby.

I will be in the J. E. Downes old stand in 1906 with more room. Don't forget me in my new quarters.  
F. P. PARKER.

### To Our Customers.

We wish you a large measure of prosperity during the new year 1906, and may time deal gently with you.  
T. D. CRADDOCK.

The marriage of Miss Mattie Collins to Mr. W. I. Kennedy at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening was very pretty in every detail. A suitable notice will appear in these columns next week.

### Hog Wire! Hog Wire! Hog Wire!

T. D. Craddock is in receipt of car Kokomo hog wire on which he makes special prices for the next sixty days as follows: 20 inch, 19 cents; 24 inch, 22 cents, and 30 inch, 25 cents per rod. Also poultry netting and barb wire.

### To Our Friends and Patrons.

We wish you each and every one a happy and prosperous year during 1906. We thank you most heartily for your patronage during the past year and wish to assure you that we appreciate your business.  
MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE

### Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my sincerest thanks to those of my friends who assisted so nobly in the work of extinguishing the fire and saving my residence at the time of the burning of my barn Monday night. Your kindness will long be remembered by myself and family.  
A. B. BURTON.

Read the ad. of the Baptist church on first page. This is an innovation in advertising and shows the trend toward publicity in all matters, whether in church, politics or business affairs. Rev. O. C. Payne is one of the ablest young ministers of the state and those who are not availing themselves of hearing him are missing something.

Moore & Harrison desire to extend to their customers their thanks for the liberal patronage they have received since beginning their drug business in Crockett. Their business has surpassed expectations, for which they are grateful and take this method of expressing appreciation of same. They wish one and all of their customers much prosperity for the year 1906, and hope to see every man, woman and child in Houston county in their store during the coming year.

### Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all-round hardship on all concerned.

# Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.

List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square,  
Crockett, Texas.

### AN ILLICIT DISTILLERY.

Found in Houston County—Three Arrests Made and Men Taken to Tyler.

Deputy United States Marshal Kuykendall of Tyler was in Crockett Monday and went out to the old George Zimmerman place, fifteen miles northeast of town, accompanied by Sheriff Phillips, where these two officers located an illicit distillery in a sandy creek branch bottom. On Wednesday the officers again went out and this time arrested W. W. Mixon, Old Man Mahair and Edgar Hughes, the latter a son-in-law of Mixon. These three men are charged with running the distillery. The place was near Jack Jones' saw mill. The outfit was confiscated by the officers and is now in the county jail. It consists of six barrels, a copper vessel and a worm. The men had been operating for about three weeks. They had some stuff on hand and it is not known how much had been sold. The men were kept in the Crockett jail Wednesday night and Thursday morning, and on Thursday afternoon United States Marshal Kuykendall left with them for the federal jail at Tyler.

### Hand Lacerated With Fire Cracker.

H. E. Jones, an employe of the Western Union Telegraph company and boarding at the LaRue hotel, had his right hand badly lacerated by the explosion of a cannon fire cracker Monday evening. The index finger was entirely destroyed. Mr. Jones left for his home at Tyler Tuesday.

### Will Move to Wootters Building.

We desire to state to our friends and customers that on the first of January we will move to the south half of the Wootters building. Thanking our customers and friends for their liberal patronage in the past, we solicit a continuance of same.  
LUNDY & THOMPSON.

### A Prosperous New Year.

The COURIER wishes all of its subscribers and other patrons a prosperous and happy New Year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and that you are enjoying the holidays. The COURIER appreciates the fact that its friends are numerous and that they are among the best people of the county. While business may not have been all that could be desired during the past year, it could have been worse and the COURIER has no complaint to make.

### Entertainment.

There was a nice musical entertainment at Mr. Jas. Christian's, four miles northwest of Crockett, Monday night, Dec. 25th. Miss Matilda performed beautifully on the organ and every one had a delightful time and enjoyed the evening. Several who were there for dinner remained over. Their dinner was the best the county could afford, and all friends who were present feel very grateful to them for such a pleasant time, and wish them a happy new year.  
A GUEST.

### Farmers, Notice.

After Xmas we will gin only two days per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at Crockett, and only one day, Saturday, at Lovelady. Remember we pay highest price at all times for seed-cotton at Crockett. Thanking you for past liberal patronage and soliciting a continuance of same, we are  
Yours truly,  
East Tex. Ginning & Milling Co.

### GOOD MONEY FOR YOU

And an Education Besides—An Extraordinary Opportunity.

An extraordinary opportunity is presented by the COURIER to the intelligent boys and girls of Houston county who have a little spare time and who are ambitious and desire to earn some money. This offer should be investigated at once or it will soon be too late. We want some one in each community to secure subscribers to the COURIER. It is easy to secure subscribers to the COURIER, because it is just the paper the people want to read. You will receive liberal commissions on all the work you do, and in addition you may get a lifetime scholarship in a business college. Remember that you will be rewarded for your work under any circumstances. Write us at once. Address THE COURIER, Crockett, Texas.

### A Christmas Fire.

Monday night about eleven o'clock the barn belonging to A. B. Burton and located at the rear of his magnificent new residence in East Crockett was consumed by fire. Together with the barn a horse, a hog, two buggies with harness and 200 bushels of corn were consumed. The horse was a very valuable one.

The fire is supposed to have been started by a wad from a roman candle, as there was a great deal of shooting in that vicinity earlier in the evening.

For a while the elegant and costly new homes of Mr. Burton and Mr. C. L. Edmiston were threatened, but there being very little breeze the sparks were not carried to any considerable distance.

### Alabama Ration.

Will you please write me the proper proportion for mixing a balanced ration of the following ingredients: Cotton seed hulls, cotton seed meal and pure wheat bran? Will 15 pounds per day of this feed be sufficient for a milk cow?—C. F. P., Coosada, Ala.

From reports which are received from the South we are led to believe that more cotton seed by-products can be fed to Southern animals than to Northern, without showing any injurious effects. In view of this we suggest the following ration for an animal weighing 1000 pounds, and producing a medium flow of milk: Three pounds of cotton seed meal, 5 pounds of bran, 2 pounds corn chops and 15 pounds of cotton seed hulls. If 5 to 10 pounds of good hay could be added to the ration the grain portion and cotton seed hulls could be somewhat reduced and it would make a better ration.

The above, taken from Hoard's Dairyman, is an indication of a lasting prejudice, without foundation, against cotton seed meal that will not down at the bidding of science or practice. Can anyone offer any reasonable explanation for the alleged difference in the digestion of cotton seed meal by Southern cows as compared with cows in the North?—Texas Farm and Ranch.



# A Business Proposition.

Every person should be a conservative buyer. In buying conservatively you should select a place where you can find everything that man, woman or child eat, wear or use. The only place in Houston county is

## THE BIG STORE

Here you find any and all kinds of high-class merchandise. Each article is a value, every purchase not satisfactory (except cut goods) can be returned. Here we will quote you a few prices on the best selected and highest class line of dress goods [for the least money] in Houston county.

Best Standard Prints, in all colors, including the oiled solids. Best that money can buy. At, per yard.....	5	The prettiest line of Outing Flannels, in all the newest patterns and colors. The cloth that you need for winter. At from 10c down to ...	5	F. & F. Cashmeres in all the newest shades. A fabric that the people want and can use to best advantage, at per yd., from 25c to...	15
The very best Vicuna Cloth, Downettes and Flannelets, the correct things for house dresses and kimono, at per yd., from 10c to.....	7½	A pretty line of fancy and plain mixed Worsteds. Something you need for various purposes, at per yard.....	10	A nice line of pretty Henriettas, colors in blue, black, red, green and brown. You know the fabric. At from 30c to.....	22½
Line of pretty Calumet Gingham in 4 x 4 and 6 x 4 checks—the very things you need, at per yard.....	5	Beautiful Brocades, in cardinal, scarlet, brown, blue, green and castor. Patterns of the latest, at per yd., from 17½ down to.....	12½	The only perfect line of Sicilians, Panamas, Aeolians, Poptins, Chiffons, Mohairs, Shark Skins and Mercerised Broadcloths in Houston county.	

You are sure to want something for holiday wear, so we especially invite you to call on us, where you can have your every want in merchandise of all kinds gratified. The holidays are very near and we wish every man, woman and child in Houston and adjoining counties a very merry Christmas.

Yours truly,

**JAMES S. SHIVERS & CO.**

### The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

#### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

The COURIER does not believe in letting a lot of unrestrained youngsters take charge of the public square any more on Christmas day than it does on any other day.

Celebrating the birth of the Savior with rowdyism is one of the most inconsistent things of the age. If to drink mean whisky and raise Cain generally is good for Christmas time it ought to be good for any other time, and why wait for Christmas as a time for such?

On the day following Christmas the newspapers are always filled with accounts of people being killed or crippled for life with explosives. Such things are a menace to life and property, and their use should be prohibited by law. There are usually city ordinances against these things, but on Christmas day a lot of youngsters are turned loose to take the town and the result is that there are many casualties to fill the newspapers the following day.

The editor of this paper, and he believes the majority of right-thinking people will be with him, would like to see the use of fireworks entirely eliminated within the city limits next Christmas. These property and life destroyers do no good, and are a great men-

ace to a town with no better fire protection than Crockett has. The kind that do not burn houses frighten teams, and one runaway team is likely to run into a dozen others and kill as many people.

The whole of the most populous residence district of the city was threatened Monday night by the burning of a barn supposed to have been set on fire by a roman candle. The owner is to congratulate that nothing more than his barn and stock was lost and the community is to be congratulated that there was no breeze to spread the flames. Let's have one Christmas without the popping of a single candle or other explosive.

A relic of former-day rowdyism that Crockett still clings to is that of making Christmas day intolerable by the use of explosives. Monday was a beautiful day for an outing by those who can not find time to get out on any other day, but a spirited team could not be driven across the public square in the afternoon. Whites and negroes alike carried sticks with explosives in the ends and pounded them on the sidewalks to the utter disgust of peaceable citizens.

There never was a greater nuisance than the noisy fireworks and explosives invented for Christmas use. There can be no real enjoyment in their use and there is always much harm. Horses are frightened and made to run away, lives endangered, property destroyed and nobody nor anything benefitted. Monday afternoon men, both white and black, sought pleasure in these things, but we seriously doubt if there was any really found.

#### The Woolen Anniversary.

There have been many receptions and anniversaries in Crockett during the past few years and the town has become noted for the way in which these things are done here. The ladies of Crockett have become noted for their proficiency in the art of planning something elegant. Such a reputation for the social life of the town has hitherto been established and is one for which any town can well be envied by its neighbors. But the woolen anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, celebrated December 21, eclipsed anything previously given, in point of elegance and beauty. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston have one of the prettiest homes in Crockett—colonial style, with large white columns towering in front. Thursday evening this pretty home was all aglow with electric lights and radiant with the beauty, culture and gallantry of the town. The reception had begun in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Sweet strains of music were floating from the inner recesses and merry voices told of the enjoyment. Mrs. Edmiston had in her receiving party prominent society leaders of this and other cities, noted for their repartee and delightful ease of manner. The parlor, the library, the hall, the stairway and the dining room were resplendent with beauty. This writer is inadequate to a proper description of such a brilliant reception. An orchestra discoursed music that found its way to the reception rooms, permeating every nook and corner. Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston stood under an immense wedding bell, encircled with a large host, to receive the congratulations of

their friends. Miss Ethel Wooters, the maid of honor, stood on the left. Never did a bride carry a more beautiful bouquet than did Mrs. Edmiston. Her maid of honor and members of reception party each carried handsome carnations. The floral decorations of the rooms and hall were elegant in their profusion—bouquets and simple wreaths here and there, arranged with the taste of an adept. In the dining room ice cream roses were served on the natural leaf with lady fingers, preceded by a salad course. In the hall the punch bowl was presided over by some of the town's most charming women. The register, which consisted of an immense spider web woven between the front and back halls on which the names written on a small fly-shaped card were fastened, was in charge of Mrs. S. L. Murchison. In the library many useful gifts in wool and leather were on display, an evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston are held. The affair was a delightful success in every particular, and as each guest departed, he or she wished the congenial host and hostess many more such anniversaries.

#### The Remembrance Shower.

Miss Margaret Foster entertained Dec. 20th in honor of the bride elect, Miss Mattie Denny Collins. The guests who were fortunate enough to be bidden to the pretty affair found the parlors cozy and bright with burning tapers and artistic decoration. Piled high around the tree were gifts of remembrance that had been sent in by those who were glad to give this slight testimonial of their friendship and affection for Mattie. The coming

bride, gowned in white, with a large picture hat, was very lovely. Watching her expression as she untied the parcels that were showered upon her, we could see her appreciation of the gifts was genuine. She was recipient of many beautiful remembrances.

Mrs. Jno LeGory presided at the piano. Her music gave additional pleasure to the entertainment. Heart-shaped, gilt-edged leaves were distributed and on them all were requested to write an original toast.

The toasts were gracefully read by Miss Lena Bromberg for entertainment of the guests. After this refreshments were daintily served. Miss Foster's reputation as hostess has hitherto been established, and the compliment to Miss Collins was heartily enjoyed by all present. She was ably assisted by the charming little Misses Brownie Collins, Alice and Virginia Mae Foster.

As a close, peanuts tied with white ribbon and filled with rice were passed around. The "rice shower" was our parting gift. At given signal the bride-to-be was pelted until, like McDuff, she was ready to exclaim, "Hold! enough!" C. N. C.

#### The Key that Unlocks the Door to Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund well fed, but thin, spare men who live on slender diet. Be as careful as be will, however, a man past middle age, will occasionally eat too much or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his stomach and regulate his liver and bowels. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to old age. For sale by S. L. Murchison.