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SHUPAK



NOT TOO LATE

To have your clothes cleaned and pressed for Christmas. Let us make your old suit new. We are the leaders in Crockett when it comes to tailoring, and can aid your appearance considerably on Christmas if you let us fix your clothes for that day.

Shupak Tailoring Company

Crockett and Teague

SHUPAK

KILLING ON NEVIL'S PRAIRIE.

Chester Thompson Stabbed to Death and Sherd Odom Dangerously Wounded.

A serious cutting affray occurred on Nevil's Prairie, near Lovelady, on last Thursday night in which Chester Thompson was killed, having received twelve knife cuts, and in which Sherd Odom was dangerously wounded, being cut in several places. The tragedy occurred at a party at the residence of Mr. LaRue, near Reed's Store, and the particulars of the difficulty leading up to the killing could not be learned. Ned and Altus McManus surrendered to sheriff Lacy, who was summoned to the scene, and were brought to Crockett and placed in jail. Their examining trial is set for Wednesday of this week. All of the parties reside in the neighborhood of the tragedy and the affair is deeply regretted by their friends.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Missions.

The secretaries of the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission boards, Miss Daisy Davies and Miss Mabel Head, have just closed a most glo-

rious missionary rally and institute in this city. They stand for world-wide missions, and not for years has Crockett, especially the missionary societies of the Methodist church, had such a spiritual awakening. "Increased membership to both Foreign and Home missions of 32 new members, an enlarged vision of the world's needs and an individual dedication to some definite service," were a few of the results of this meeting. Quite a number of delegates and visitors from neighboring auxiliaries attended.

Mrs. J. R. Howard,
Press Supt.

Mrs. McRaney's Experience

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what it did for me."

McLean's Drug Store.

It's a Crime

to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels.

Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES

VIA I. & G. N. R. R.

Visit "The Old Folks at Home" at Xmas Time.

Excursion rates to St. Louis, Kansas City, Memphis and the old States in the Southeast; also principal points in Mexico. Tickets on sale Dec. 19-20-21, limit Jan. 17th. To all points in Texas: Tickets on sale Dec. 18-19-23-24-25-26 and Jan. 1st, limit Jan. 5th.

For rates, apply to nearest Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. R. R. or address D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., Palestine, Tex.

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. McLean's Drug Store.

Choked to Death

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

A TYPEWRITER ON EASY PAYMENT

Would make a nice Christmas present. A small cash payment and 16 2-3 Cents Per Day will buy a No. 5 Oliver Typewriter. See

C. W. MOORE
LOCAL AGENT
I Sell from the Factory Direct.

J. W. MADDEN C. M. (MARVIN) ELLIS
MADDEN & ELLIS,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Will practice in all the State and Federal Courts and in both Civil and Criminal cases. Special and prompt attention given to all business placed in our hands, including collections and probate matters. Madden & Ellis.

E. B. STOKES, M. D. J. S. WOOTTERS, M. D.
STOKES & WOOTTERS

PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Office with Murchison & Beasley.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
stops the cough and heals lungs

Notice of County Depository.

The Commissioners' Court of Houston county, Texas, in special session Dec. 18th, 1908, ordered notice to be given that sealed proposals will be received from any banking corporation, or individual banker, for the depository of the county funds, and the rate of interest agreed to pay on the daily balances to the credit of said county with such depository for a term of two years from Feb. 8th, 1909.

The said bid to be accompanied by a certified check for two hundred dollars as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

All bids are to be in the hands of the County Judge by 10 o'clock a. m. on the said 8th day of Feb. 1909.

E. Winfree, County Judge,
Houston County, Texas.

Notice, Tax Payers.

It is not long until the first of February when the 10 per cent. penalty is added to all unpaid taxes, so let everybody meet me at the following places and pay their taxes, and save the long ride to Crockett:

Grapeland, Tuesday, Jan. 5.
Lovelady, Wednesday, Jan. 6.
Ratcliff, Monday, Jan. 11, 1909.
Kennard, Tuesday, Jan. 12.
A. L. Goolsby, Tax Collector.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with other medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by Murchison & Beasley.



Holiday Goods

We have a carefully selected stock this year, in fact the best line ever carried here before.

We have Xmas presents from 1c. to \$25, to suit every one. Do your buying before the weather gets too bad, before the goods are picked over; prices are better while the stock is complete.

Below Are a Few of the Many Articles in Stock

Toys galore,	Toilet Sets,	Traveling Cases,
Work Boxes,	Dolls,	Cut Glass,
Hand Decorated China,	Xmas boxes of Gunther's	Smoking Sets,
Nut Sets,	Chocolate Candies,	Shaving Sets,
Collar Bags,	Manicure Sets,	Puff Boxes,
Jewelry Boxes,	Namara Ware,	Vases,
Pictures,	Hand Mirrors,	Manicure Sets,
Silver Novelties,	Candelabras,	Ink Wells, Etc.

Sweet's Drug Store.

Charlie Mayfield Dead.

C. C. Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mayfield of Creek, died at his boarding place in Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 18th. The remains were brought home for interment. Rev. Harris of Loyelady conducted the funeral services at Creek cemetery, Monday afternoon, Nov. 23rd.

While only 33 years of age, he had for 16 years been connected with the newspaper business in its various branches, in almost every state in the South. Deceased was a member of the Typographical Union, the K. P. lodge, also a Mason. He leaves a father, mother, a daughter and four sisters to mourn his loss.

OBITUARY.

The death angel came Nov. 18th and took from us our only cherished brother, Charlie. Though the spark of hope would occasionally brighten up to cheer the hearts of our sorrowing family, it was known that his young life was soon to cross the valley of the shadow of death several months prior. When the old and advanced in years depart this life, it is partly born of the thought that they have finished their earthly career, but it is indeed sorrowful for one so young in years to be snatched from this earthly sphere, just in the prime of usefulness and young manhood. But we rejoice in the thought that his suffering on this earth is done, he has coughed his last time, his last heart-ache is gone. What a consolation it is that he has been rewarded by a kind and loving hand above. No more letters, no more visits from you brother, but we can go to you if we only try. The fair one we cherished has been taken to him who rules the celestial city. As a man he was brave, ever ready to help his fellowman; as a son, faithful and obedient, as a brother, kind and affectionate, he never forgot a sister. "Safe at last in the arms of Jesus," with his little girl that God took from him in infancy. As we look at our precious brother's grave, we can only say, at rest with God. May we so live that when we cross the river we can meet you in the great beyond.

His loving sister, Eula.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston county, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1908, in the case of Davis & Ham Commission Company vs J. B. Massie and Will Rush, No. 5134, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I have levied upon, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1908, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1909, it being the second day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, proceed to sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all right, title and interest which the said J. B. Massie and Will Rush had on the 4th day of August, 1908, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Being 49 6-10 acres of the Daniel Harrison survey of 486 acres of land more or less, conveyed by Dr. M. A. Thomas to C. W. Kline by deed recorded in Book 35, page 200, Houston County Deed Records, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the Crockett and Hall's Bluff road, 476 varas from J. R. Bennett's east corner, stake for corner in road, from which a P. O. 20 in. marked X brs N. 5 E. 2 vrs. Thence N. 78 W. with said road 230 vrs. N. 67 W. 290 vrs. corner in said road, being corner of plank fence, a hickory 10 in. marked X brs. S. 38 W.

4 vrs. Thence N. 27 E. 700 vrs. set stake in field for corner, corner of wire fence. Thence N. 80 E. 66 vrs. set stake for corner. Thence S. 36 E. 400 vrs. set stake for corner at fence near the woods. Thence S. 18 W. 486 vrs. to place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: Being 50 acres, part of the Daniel Harrison survey sold by J. W. Hall to C. W. Kline, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of a tract of 106 58-100 acres described in deed to Kline by J. W. Hall. Thence N. 20 E. with east line of said tract, 1376 vrs. N. E. corner of same in Navarro road, a red oak 20 in. marked X brs. S. 20 W. 16 vrs. Thence with said road 86 1/2 E. 293 vrs. corner in said road; Thence S. 25 1/2 W. 1300 vrs. stake in Hall's Bluff road, a hickory 10 in. brs. N. 51 W. 18 9-10 vrs. Thence south 76 1/2 w. with the meanders of said road 160 vrs. the place of beginning.

THIRD TRACT: Being 106 58-100 acres of land consisting of 102 58-100 acres of the Daniel Harrison survey and 4 acres of the W. White league survey, described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Hall's Bluff road, S. E. corner of Thomas survey, P. O. brs. N. 5 w. 2 vrs. marked X. Thence N. 18 E. with Thomas east line 510 vrs. stake for corner; Thence N. 36 E. with Thomas N. E. line 404 1/2 vrs. stake for corner. Thence S. 80 w. 66 vrs. N. w. corner of said Thomas survey; Thence N. 15 E. 590 vrs. to Harrison and White league line. Thence east with said league line 295 vrs. to Peter Nelson's S. E. corner; Thence N. with Nelson's east line 168 vrs. stake in Navarro road; Thence with the meanders of said road S. 64 E. 140 vrs. S. 52 1/2 E. 295 2-10 vrs. corner in said road; R. O. 20 in. brs. S. 20 w. 16 vrs. marked X. Thence S. 20 w. 1376 vrs. stake in Hall's Bluff road; pine 14 in. brs. N. 34 1/2 w. 10 6-10 vrs. do. 12 in. brs. N. 65 1/2 E. 12 8-10 vrs. Thence south 84 1/2 w. with said road, 181 7-10 vrs. to place of beginning.

Said property being levied on as the property of J. B. Massie to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$575.09, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from the 13th day of October, A. D. 1908, in favor of Davis & Ham Commission Company and costs of suit.

However, such sale to be subject to the vendor's lien reserved in four notes for \$262.62 each due October 1st, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911 respectively, and three notes for \$445.00 each due October 1st, 1912, 1913 and 1914 respectively, bearing eight per cent interest per annum, and containing stipulations for ten per cent attorneys fees. All of said notes owned by the plaintiff, Davis & Ham Commission Company, and the defendant J. B. Massie is liable thereon.

Given under my hand this 15th day of December, A. D. 1908.

John C. Lacy,
Sheriff Houston County, Texas.

TEXTBOOK LAW CAN BE VITIATED

Contractors Fail to Supply the Books "At the Time Books are Required."

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—The most powerful influence that has yet been directed against the adoption of the State Text Book Board is on the eve of eruption into a widespread condition of confusion that may suspend the text book law and adoptions thereunder and permit school patrons to purchase school books for their children from whatever source they may feel disposed to patronize. If this condition is precipitated it will have been caused by the dereliction of the book contractors and an invocation of that section of the text book law that was inserted for defense against imposition and negligence on the part of the book men. Developments of the last few days warrant the prediction that if the scores of complaints that have been received by state officers from numerous counties are not hushed by a removal of the cause, that section of the law designed to remedy such a condition will be invoked and the people permitted, under the text book law itself, to purchase books wherever they choose. The cause of the confusion is the inability of the patrons of the schools to procure books. Throughout the state the condition prevails. There are no books. The letters filed with state officers conveying the strongest and most biting of protests against the continuation of this status of affairs are numberless.

Many mandatory communications have been sent to the book contractors, threatening suit for cancellation of contracts if the books are not supplied at once. These letters have availed nothing. There is no provision of the law for bringing suit to cancel contracts except for collusion or for fraud in securing the adoption. Evidently the book contractors are aware of this, as the complaints from the counties affected have not diminished, but on the contrary have been increased as the school term progresses. Superintendents have written state departments that their school

terms are one-fourth finished and the books can not yet be procured. One or two books in many instances comprise the equipment of schools whose enrollment runs from twenty-five to fifty pupils.

The section of the law by which it is thought the adoption can be legally and instantly be vitiated is Section 10. It expressly and emphatically authorizes the patrons of the schools to procure books wherever they can in the event the contractor fails to furnish the books adopted "at the time said books are required for use in the schools." Lawyers here construe this section to authorize a repudiation on the part of the people of the restrictions of the text book law, confining the books used to those adopted last winter. Dealers throughout the state still have supplies of the old books on hand, those that were used under the previous adoption. The contractors have manifested a disinclination to take up these text books until forced to do so, and it is reported that there are sufficient supplies to relieve the present condition. A lawyer here to-day declared that the attorney general had already held in one instance that the people should provide their children with books from whatever source they could when the adopted books are not obtainable. This could not be authenticated at the Attorney General's Department today. A disposition not to discuss the matter was pronounced, but neither was a denial made as to the accuracy of the report. The situation is growing acute and it is believed here that this section will be authoritatively construed to mean the nullification of the text book adoption because of dereliction on the part of the contractors. In such event the contracts recently made, about which there has been current so much uncomplimentary comment, will be absolutely worthless.

Wounds of Both Serious.

Lufkin, Texas, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Joe Ferguson and her 17-year-old daughter Bertha are both seriously wounded with but small chance of recovery as a result of the battle with officers at their home in Burke yesterday.

The mother is shot in the back

with a load of large-size buckshot, the majority of which entered the lungs. There is also a flesh wound in the thigh.

The girl is shot in the right lung, about the center of the breast, the ball going through the lung. She also has a flesh wound in the thigh.

The girl, Effie Furrow of Shreveport, about 20 years old, was arrested and placed in jail this morning.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than Any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Don't be Hopeless

about yourself when you are crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Only a Misunderstanding.

Several years ago in a well known wholesale house in a big manufacturing town an old bachelor bookkeeper, who had been many years with the firm, suddenly announced that he was to be married.

The partners gave him a week's holiday, and his fellow clerks raised a little purse and presented it to pay the expenses of his wedding trip.

A couple of days after the wedding one of the members of the firm went down to a seaside resort, and there, lounging about the parade and apparently enjoying himself immensely, he saw his recently married old bookkeeper, but alone.

"Where's your wife?" asked the principal.

"She's at home," was the reply.

"But I thought you had money given you for a wedding trip?"

"So I had," was the reply, "but I didn't understand that it was intended to include her."—Pearson's Weekly.

Christmas Is Coming Soon

So don't forget the house that always supplied you with ideal

Christmas Gifts

Our Stock This Year is Larger and Better Than Ever Before

Compare Our Prices With Anybody's and See if We Haven't Got Them Bested Before They Make Their Prices.

Look!

Three-piece suit, all solid oak, bed 6 feet 3 inches high, dresser 45x20, mirror 24x20, worth and sold for \$25.00, in this sale for only **\$19.90**

Suit No. 77 1/2, solid oak, golden finish, large mirror 36x18, worth \$30.00, in this sale for **\$23.90** only

Every suit reduced in price until January 1st.

A large assortment of Dining Tables, Sideboards, Buffets and China Closets. Everything is marked down to the bottom. Get my prices before you buy.

Rockers

Well, you will have to see them to appreciate the price. All the latest styles and shapes from \$12.50 to **\$1.00**

Iron Beds

Get one of the guaranteed beds. Don't cost you any more than any other kind. Ten year guarantee with each one. If it breaks in ten years it will be made good.

Rugs

In all sizes at from \$25.00 to **50c**

A Merry Xmas to You All.

UNDERTAKER
AND
EMBALMER

J. D. SIMS

THE
FURNITURE
MAN

Holiday Goods...

WE CAN SUIT YOU

J. A. BRICKER THE JEWELER.

Young Mules FOR SALE

Smith Bros. have 35 head of young mules for sale cheap. See them if you want a bargain. Terms to suit purchaser. At the

BRICK LIVERY BARN IN CROCKETT.

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION



SPOSE

Spose our deeds were written
in books,
And stood in a row on a shelf,
And one sweet lady stole them all
Wrote them all by herself.

And spose she was sad
When they were bad,
But smiled with delight
When they were all right:

What good deeds we'd do
Every hour of the day!
Let's pretend it's true
And be good anyway.

Entering the New Year

Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over.—Joshua, 3:3.

The long journey in the wilderness is over. The endless stretches of sand will haunt the tired eyes of the pilgrims no longer. Beyond the swiftly-gliding river lies Canaan, the Land of Promise.

Joshua is a born leader, of men and as such knows what they will do, if appealed to in the right way. The River Jordan flows between the Promised Land and his followers. It must be crossed. With the same feeling that afterward animated Douglas to take from his breast the jeweled heart of the dead Bruce and fling it over the heads of the advancing foe, shouting: "Fight, my men, for the heart of Bruce!" so Joshua, with the deep religious consciousness of a Jew, gives the order to carry forward the Ark of the Covenant. No one of his followers will dream of lagging behind when he sees that sacred symbol in front. And so, following in the footsteps of the priests, the people, old and young, cross the Jordan and enter upon a new phase of their national life.

The parallel between our case, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, and the Jews on the eve of their entering Canaan is so apparent that it can be seen at once. As the tired wanderers from Egypt stood facing the Promised Land, so do you and I stand facing 1909.

How are we going to commence our journey in the new year? Joshua,

though he lived long, long ago, and though he was but a leader of a mob of liberated slaves, can show us the way. The captain of the Jewish host sent forward the Ark of the Covenant. We, who are the children of the larger hope, can do nothing better than to send forward into the new year the Cross of Christ. Why? Because only by the power of the Cross can we hope to pass successfully through the trials and temptations and to overcome the kings of passion and selfishness which so surely lie waiting for us in the next 12 months.

It must appeal to nearly every one, this ending of an old year and the beginning of a new one. A man must be dull indeed if it awakens no thoughts of a larger life, a more consecrated manhood, a more devoted discipleship. The past, let us remember, is dead; the future is always alive. It holds aloft in its strong right hand the morning star of hope and whispers to each child of man: "It is never too late to mend."

Let us face the new year with brave hearts and better determinations, placing before us as we advance the Cross of Christ, believing that in proportion as we are loyal to this symbol shall we have strength given us to endure hardness as good soldiers of the Master, patience to suffer without giving way to despair, sorrow and misfortune, and spiritual courage, so that we can come through every temptation triumphant and unafraid.

Real Purpose of Life

St. James asks: "What is thy life?" and his own answer to the question is: "For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The brevity of life has been the subject of deep thought and of anxious solicitude in all ages of the world. The poet tells us: "Our birth is nothing but our death begun." It is likened to a dream, a shadow, a vapor, a swift flying cloud, or the autumn leaf. Such is life! this life we are living away; this life that will so soon be over; this life on whose transient breath hangs everlasting destiny.

But we fail to appreciate life's meaning if we spend our time in sighing over its brevity. Life is not merely a vapor that presently vanisheth, it is a journey to a fixed destination. We are not only going, but we are going somewhere; not into the depths of a mystic solitude to be extinguished and forgotten. Our destiny is not annihilation and nothingness. To go for-

ward aimlessly is the most inexcusable folly. To have around him all the evidences of God—and never to see them—to look upon a thousand church spires that point to an eternal life, and miss all their meanings, to be in a land of Bibles that reveals God's purposes for man's eternal destiny and be ignorant of his own end is indeed a negligence which it is difficult to comprehend. It is not death but life that is before us, not earthly life alone, but life a thread running interminably through the warp of eternity. Life is given us to be used with a view to its eternal destiny. To use it so as to give the soul room for its unfolding capacities, to use it to promote the highest good, to use it so as to make the most of it, that is to have before us a high and true ideal and the greatest hope for any event that can possibly follow. If we but work out our destiny according to the divine purpose it cannot fail to be eternal glory.

Chicago Hotel Rates.
Drummer—See here. I had a room way up on the top floor, and you charged me more than your rates for down-stairs rooms.

Chicago Hotel-keeper—Certainly. The top-floor rooms are above the smoke, and the extra charge is for sunshine.—N. Y. Weekly.

Rise in Prices.
Mrs. Sharpey—What makes sugar so high?

Storekeeper—The—the floods, madam.

Mrs. Sharpey—H'm! Floods don't carry away much except sand.—N. Y. Weekly.

Settled.
Housekeeper (suspiciously)—Is this roll butter?

New Boy—Yes'm; I rolled the keg in myself.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Feline Feminine.
Mrs. Gadsby—So Mr. Bagsby has got a new wife, has he?
Mrs. Pry—Mercy, no! She's as old as the hills.—Baltimore American.

Had Been There Before.
Mr. Clitman—My dear, let's take a cottage in the country.

Mrs. Clitman—Why didn't you propose that earlier? It is too late now to make a garden.

Mr. Clitman—Yes, that's why I didn't propose it earlier.—N. Y. Weekly.

Of No Consequence.
Young Husband—Who is that fellow you have been chatting with all the evening?

Pretty Wife—Oh, he isn't anybody—merely one of my old lovers.—N. Y. Weekly.

Would Be Needed.
"What are they putting up an awning in front of the house across the way for?"

"There's going to be a wedding, followed by a storm."—Life.

The Reason of It.
"I wonder why the writers speak of the sea as vexed?"
"Because people are always crossing it."—Baltimore American.

NOT ALWAYS EASY TO SMILE.

Did You Ever Practice Cheerfulness in Narrowing Circumstances?

It is comparatively easy to be pleasant and cheerful when our bread-and-butter problem is solved, when we are strong and healthy, when we have harmonious, comfortable homes and money in the bank; but the test of character comes when there is a family to support, when a wife and little ones are looking to us for bread and clothing, and the wolf is pretty near the door; when we are struggling against poor health, a discordant home, a dishonest partner. It is a very difficult thing to be cheerful and hopeful when a man is out of a job, with no money in the bank, and an invalid wife and children depending upon him.

It is comparatively easy to be optimistic when the granary is full, when there are no clouds on the horizon, but a very difficult thing to be hopeful and cheerful when the capital is small and business poor. It is hard to be optimistic when notes and bills are coming due and there is no money to pay for goods which lie unsold on the shelves.

It is easy to smile when we are well and everything is coming our way, but when everything goes wrong with us, when undergoing misfortunes or hardships, when those near to us are sick and in distress, when poverty pinches, when the flour is getting low in the barrel, and hungry children look longingly into one's face, then it is not so easy to smile, to give the cordial handshake, to be serene, balanced and poised. But this is just the time that real character, that fine training, will stand one in good stead.—Orison Swett Marden, in Success Magazine.

Champion Carrier Pigeons.

B. A. Fogg of Hunts Mills, Garland, is the possessor of some rare carrier pigeons. He has one pair of which the father and mother have a record of flying from Minneapolis, Minn., to Boston in 50 hours. For the last thousand miles of their flight they flew against a northeast storm, arriving with ice and snow frozen to their plumage. This pair had never flown west of Buffalo before. They partook of no food on their trip. Mr. Fogg also has a pair of English carriers, the father and mother having a record of flying over 5,000 miles. These birds are the same breed as those that flew from the balloon of Andre, the Norwegian explorer, who perished in his attempt to reach the north pole. He has also 12 homers that he has been flying from points in Maine. One pair has a record of flying from the Bangor fair grounds to Garland, 25 miles, in 28 minutes, and from Skowhegan, 50 miles, in 60 minutes.—Kennebec Journal.

Gesturing Over the Wire.

"It was the constant gesturing of that fellow at the other end of the wire that made it so infernally hard to catch what he said," growled the man who had been wrestling with the telephone.

"How in the world could you tell he was making gestures?" asked the incredulous listener.

"By the jerky way the words came over the wire." Many people get so excited when telephoning that they gesture as frantically as if they were talking to a man face to face. Their bouncing around and sawing the air breaks the voice and the sentences come over the wire in fragments. I have talked with so many people who, I learned later, were dancing a jig at the other end of the wire that I always can tell when that gesticulating is going on."

Not Very Useful.

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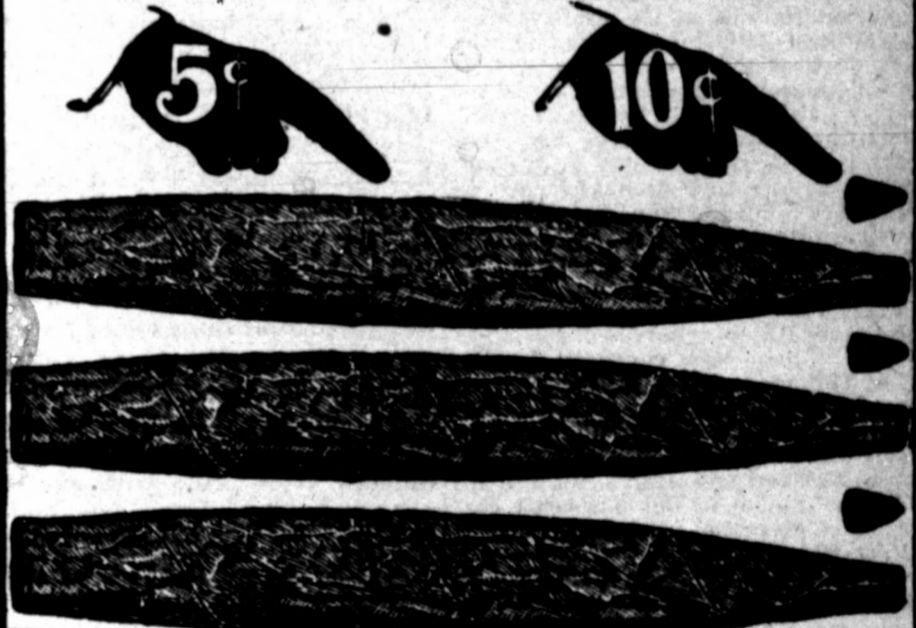
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At the present rate of growth Manhattan island will have a population of 2,500,000 in 1932.

The wages of women in Asiatic Turkey vary from ten to fifteen cents a day of ten hours.

England reports an enormous demand for second-hand Bibles. Got any you've outgrown?

In the population of New York city there are 187,000 persons who are stockholders in corporations.

Pu Yi, the emperor, has 30 nurses, and is hollering for his old one. What's the use of being an emperor?

The Pittsburg Press says that wealth kills. Well, we'd far rather be hit with it than with a stick of dynamite.

English newspapers say they are sorry for the kaiser. That is an artistic way of piling on the punishment.

Canadian physician says our high school boys are being "effeminized" by women teachers. Noticed it, this fall?

Philadelphia has established an all-night bank, and its citizens no longer need be afraid to go home in the dark.

Mrs. Girard Bancker told a woman's forum in New York that all wives grovel to their husbands. Say—but her sex protects her.

We are still waiting for some scary German general to rise up and explain to an awe-struck public how easy it would be for a British army to devastate the German empire.

The man who lent Mr. Rockefeller that \$2,000 to go into business with would have made a good bargain if he had stipulated that instead of interest he should have half the profits.

A young woman in New Jersey was accused to death at the sight of a mouse. This will reassure those pessimistic persons who fear that the woman of to-day is losing all her essentially womanly qualities.

The Vermont papers are busily discussing the question who shall be elected governor in 1910. Already there are several candidates in the field. Politicians in Vermont are prompt.

Dr. Parkhurst says the wearing of big hats is un-Christian. But that will have little effect upon the devout female sex as long as big hats are stylish. The reverend critic is singularly ignorant of the depths of human feminine nature if he does not know that.

People are talking of undertaking to teach women how to get off a street car without imperiling their necks. Which suggests an alteration of an old proverb: You can take a woman to a street car, but can you make her get off in any other than the woman's way?

According to Dr. Mary Patrick, president of the girls' college at Constantinople, the Turkish women have thrown off their veils, and are lecturing in different prominent cities like Constantinople and Salonica, and are also forming woman's clubs. Now watch Turkey boom!

To avoid misleading ambitious rhyesters, perhaps we ought to say that the late Bloodgood H. Cuttler, the poet of Little Neck, L. I., who left an estate of \$665,000, of which more than \$400,000 was bequeathed to the American Bible society, did not make his money writing poetry.

The shah of Persia declares he will protect the rights of his subjects against the wicked designs of the evildoers who want a constitution. But even in the far orient phrases do not mean as much as they used to signify, and the shah's anxiety to protect his subjects from the evils of a constitution will be fully understood.

They ought to get some policemen in New York who in emergencies can show signs of almost human intelligence, says the Baltimore American. A man was arrested there lately for violently resisting an officer in trying to break through the fire lines. His entirely inadequate excuse—in the eyes of the policeman—was that the burning house was his own, his wife and baby were inside and he rated their safety above official red tape.

A test of the soot-laden air in Chicago shows that 7,000 pounds of organic and mineral substances are deposited on an acre of ground in that city from the atmosphere. Now let anyone dare to say that this condition of the air is not injurious to health. An Indianapolis is hardly less afflicted with smoke than Chicago, the deposits are probably as heavy there. No wonder every one complains of the difficulty of breathing and of keeping clean.

PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTATION.

IN TEN YEARS ONE LINE COULD NOT HANDLE THE PRODUCE.

Every Rich Acre Would Produce Three-Quarters of a Carload—Other Lines Heading That Way.

Austin, Tex.—R. A. Thompson, engineer to the Railroad Commission, returned from an inspection or valuation for bonding purposes of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad having gone over every foot of it and the Point Isabel line. Mr. Thompson says the half has not been told of the possibilities and development of the Southwest country. The extent of the great canals and irrigation projects have been detailed, but Mr. Thompson spoke of transportation possibilities. He said that with the canals completed and under way a total of between 700,000 and 800,000 acres would be brought under cultivation, with the country just reaching that point where the wonderful possibilities are only in sight; that the rich panorama is just coming into the vision of those who have seen the territory. He said that more railroads will be necessary and will come; that those in operation must be ballasted and kept in first-class condition with plenty of equipment because the salvation of that section is quick service to the markets. He said the Brownsville line will not be able to do the business ten years from now even if it was double-tracked. In proof of that he said that a conservative estimate is that of the 750,000 acres to be irrigated will, in the numerous crops of a mild twelve months, produce at least three-fourths of a carload of freight out-bound. He said that would be an annual movement of six hundred thousand loaded cars. It is a transportation problem of no small proportion and will require more railroads.

ATTACKED BY MEXICANS.

Plantation Foreman on His Way to Brownsville Was Cut.

Brownsville, Tex.—Monday night as Victor Schreiber, foreman of the Piper plantation, was on his way to town, he was attacked by a band of ruffians and very seriously cut, receiving three wounds, two in the left arm and one in the groin. Mr. Schreiber fired one shot at his assailants, but without effect. He was accompanied at the time by one Juan Amada, who has since been arrested upon suspicion of being implicated in the attack upon Mr. Schreiber. The wounded man was left lying beside the road and was found there later by a lady who happened to drive by and heard him groaning. Going to his assistance, the lady took him to the plantation and a doctor was at once phoned for, Dr. J. K. Combe going to attend him. The trouble is said to have grown out of some previous difficulty which Mr. Schreiber had with one of these men. Only one of the accused has been arrested so far.

Roaring, Hissing, Fiery Meteor.

Dallas, Tex.—Reports received from Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Wichita Falls tell of an immense meteor passing over those towns about 6:30 o'clock Monday morning. Weatherford is said to have been well lighted up by the trail of fire, and the roaring and hissing that accompanied frightened many people. Dishes rattled and windows were shaken. A farmer residing near Mineral Wells watched the meteor several minutes. Cows and horses appeared badly frightened. Wichita Falls reports the apparent bursting into thousands of pieces of the meteor near there. A search has been made, but no spot has been found where it struck.

Farmers' Union for Education.

San Antonio, Tex.—"Compulsory Education" is to be pushed by the Farmers' Union of Texas, and the coming session of the Texas Legislature will be urged to pass an adequate law. This is the statement of J. L. Armstrong of Fort Worth, assistant organizer of the union, who is in Southwest Texas in the interest of the movement. He will interview the various men in Southwest Texas who have been elected to the legislature. He says that the Farmers' Union now has a membership of 200,000, and unions in 156 counties, and he feels that when they ask for legislation the members of the legislature are pretty apt to sit up and take notice.

Funeral of Mrs. Gates.

Port Arthur, Tex.—After a short funeral service held at the Gates home Monday the remains of Mrs. A. A. Gates were shipped by special train to West Chicago for interment. The business houses, refineries and practically every industry of the city suspended operation between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. Even the work on the docks was suspended.

THEY ARE NOT LIABLE.

FEDERAL COURT FINDS FOR DALLAS BANK STOCKHOLDERS.

A MILLION WAS INVOLVED.

Mrs. Finks and the San Jacinto Oil and Tank Co. Sued Western Bank and Trust Company Shareholders.

New Orleans.—United States Circuit Court of Appeals decided the Texas case Tuesday:

In the case of Mrs. Fannie Finks and others against Fred Fleming and others, appealed from the district court for the Northern district of Texas, the judgment of the lower court is affirmed. Mrs. Finks and the San Jacinto Oil and Tank Company, and many other persons residing in Texas and principally in Dallas, sued, in the district court for the Northern district of Texas, the Western Bank and Trust Company of Dallas to recover against Fleming and others said to have been members of a co-partnership that operated the Western bank, of the amounts of their deposits. Mrs. Finks had \$1500 in the bank, and the San Jacinto Oil and Tank company had \$6850 cash deposit. In their petition in the lower court the complainants averred that the Western bank committed acts of bankruptcy by giving preference to some creditors over others.

However, the pith of the suit is that the petitioners claim that Fleming and others were co-partners in the bank which failed, owing at least \$1,000,000 to depositors and creditors. The petitioners wanted the court to decree that the defendants, being co-partners in the bank, are liable for the amounts they (the plaintiffs) had deposited.

The case was argued before Judge Meek of the United States Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the contention that the defendants were co-partners was presented at length. The lower court decreed against the plaintiffs, dismissing the petition on the ground that there was no co-partnership as to the Western Bank and Trust Company and the several defendants herein. This appellate court affirms the decree of the Texas court.

DAISY CLAYTON'S DIAMOND.

Weapon With Which Murder Was Committed Has Been Found.

Houston, Tex.—Constable Frank Smith, who has been active in ferretting out the mystery surrounding the murder of Daisy Clayton, which occurred on the evening of Dec. 7, stated that the diamond which was recovered at Dallas had been identified as being the jewel Daisy Clayton possessed not over two weeks ago. Mr. Joe Gardner, the Dallas baseball man, who purchased the diamond, arrived in Houston Tuesday morning and it was immediately taken to two different jewelers to whom Miss Clayton tried recently to sell it. Constable Smith says the identification of the stone is complete. Not only has the diamond been identified, but Constable Smith is also authority for the statement that William Emerson, who is in jail charged with the murder of Daisy Clayton, has also been identified as the one who left the residence of the dead woman on the night of the murder. Smith says that Emerson was taken to the house where the murder was committed and was identified. He declined to furnish the name of the person who made the identification. The weapon with which the crime was committed has also been found, it is believed. A hammer was found in the house shortly after the murder, but attention was not attracted to it, but some of the workmen noticed that there were stains resembling blood on the handle and steel part. The stains have since been pronounced to be blood.

Secretary Wilson's Order.

Washington.—Amending the rules to prevent the spread of splenic fever in cattle, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Tuesday issued an order effective immediately covering changes in feeding stations for noninfected cattle in transit. Cattle from outside the quarantined interstate limits for feed and water into certain property equipped with non-infectious pens set apart for them at Fort Worth, Laredo, Hodge and Denison, Texas, Muskogee and Sapulpa, Ok., Los Angeles and Colton, Cal., and other points as from time to time may be authorized.

To Colonize 86,000 Acres.

San Antonio, Tex.—Abner H. Cook, formerly of Austin but now one of the leading business men of New York City, is in the city. He has purchased 86,000 acres of land in Nueces county and will open it up for colonization. He has been in the insurance business, but he says so many people were talking about Texas and wanting to come here that he decided to purchase a big tract of land for colonization.

PEOPLE RISE AGAINST CASTRO.

VENEZUELAN BURN STATUES AND PICTURES OF CASTRO.

Dictator's Rule in Venezuela Probably at Its End—Supporters Are Pillaged—Newspaper Wrecked.

Caracas.—Via Willemstad, Curacao.—The people of Caracas arose Wednesday against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends.

People rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on the Plaza Bolivar. Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended.

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast there has been no demonstration against the Netherlands. They have all been directed against President Castro and acting President Gomez.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. The official act of deposing Castro from the presidency of Venezuela Sunday had not been taken, but such a step is expected at any moment.

An enormous crowd of inhabitants of the capital swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak. People began marching up and down the main thoroughfares and it was easy to see their ill temper would soon result in much violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.

The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly offices, a state enterprise that enriched itself at the expense of the people. It was ransacked and pillaged. Furniture was broken and thrown into the streets and thousands of lottery tickets were destroyed. The crowd then moved to the printing office of the El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, of which Gumersindo Rivas is editor, and pillaged it completely.

DOG BRINGS IN HUMAN HEAD.

Search Later Results in Discovery of Decomposed Body.

Richmond, Tex.—A negro tenant on Joel McCreary's place was horrified to see his dog come in the yard from the woods nearby with a human head in his mouth. He notified Mr. McCreary, who at once accompanied him to hunt the body, which after a diligent search they found underneath some bushes. It was so badly decomposed that identification was impossible, but it is thought to be the body of Gilbert Miles, a negro boy, who was subject to spells of insanity, and while in one of them would wander in the woods for days without food. He has been gone for two weeks, and it is thought he died of hunger and exposure, as there was no evidence of foul play.

Wants Duty on Skins.

Washington.—Capt. B. L. Crouch of Corpus Christi appeared before the Ways and Means committee Wednesday and briefly urged that a duty of 10c a pound be imposed on skins, and that the duty on mohair be raised from 11c to 18c. Skins are now on the free list. Capt. Crouch said that these changes in the law would result in bringing into use millions of acres of semi-arid land. The proposed duty on skins, he said, would yield a revenue of \$10,000,000 annually. Capt. Crouch will file a brief with the committee in a few days.

Theft of Orange Trees.

Houston, Tex.—Theft of 2,000 orange trees occurred Tuesday night at the nursery of Mr. Holbert, between Arcadia and Dickinson, in Galveston county. The trees were 1-year-olds and had been packed for removal from the nursery. As orange trees are very scarce now and as these would have brought 50c to \$1 each, the total loss to Mr. Holbert will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Wilbur Wright's Remarkable Flight.

Le Mans.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane Wednesday. Instead of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet, the aeronaut then permitting it to drop about fifty feet, at which altitude he stopped the engine.

Shot in the Stomach.

Taylor, Tex.—On the Henry Dillard farm, south of Taylor, Tuesday morning, James White, a 15-year-old negro boy, was riding and driving a cane cutting machine and carrying a shotgun in his lap with which to wing quail as they were scared up by the moving team. Inadvertently the gun was prematurely discharged, a load of birdshot finding lodgment in the boy's stomach, from the effects of which he died almost instantly.

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AMERICAN WOMEN NEAR TO THRONES

There Is Not a Nobility in the World, Excepting China's, That Has Not Had a Fair Daughter of United States in It.

WRITING in the Philadelphia Public Ledger "A Veteran Diplomat" has this to say of American-born women who have shared royal thrones:

The American woman has gone everywhere and become everything by marriage. There is not a nobility in the world, excepting China's, but that has its American woman in it. But royal families have been of necessity more exclusive when wives are to be chosen for their thrones and royalty has generally evinced little predilection for those outside of equally exalted families, even in Europe. On the continent, in fact, it is practically true that only those sheep blackened, or at least sunburned, by the fierce light that beats upon a throne have married non-royal persons. Those who have made morganatic but perfectly honorable marriages, like Grand Duke Michael of Russia, are very rare.

Yet there are now living a countess, widow of a king whose love for the Boston girl changed the course of nineteenth century history; an American princess who actually shared a throne—or at least a palace—is still alive; and another, a New Yorker born, is aunt by marriage of the German empress. Prince Leopold of Lippe-Biesterfeld, who died a few months ago, nearly lost his principality of Lippe-Detmold because his grandmother was a Philadelphian. Feminine citizens of the United States have reached the dubious positions of unofficial consort of a king of Holland, wife of a throneless Bonaparte who had to give up his American spouse to enter royal ranks; and it was a daughter of John H. Flagler of New York who was wife of the first and only "king" of Trinidad, the self-styled James I. of the island.

A New Orleans Girl.
It required no judicial decision at all to make a New Orleans girl a ruling princess in Monaco. Only she could not endure the dignity long on account of the prince she had to take

mande Duc de Richelieu, who died Prince Albert of Monaco, the present prince, who is best known for his work as a hydrographer, had been married to Lady Mary Hamilton, but she had secured a divorce. On October 31, 1889, at Paris, he married the widowed Duchess de Richelieu and the famous old Grimaldi palace at Monte Carlo was the scene of great festivities when he brought his bride home. The whole four square miles and a half of the principality were bedecked with Venetian masts and triumphal arches and a cantata was performed in the cathedral in her honor. Such was the reception of the bride. In 1902 she secured a judicial separation from the prince and still enjoys her freedom. The son of Prince Albert, who is his heir, is not her son, but the offspring of Lady Mary Hamilton, now the wife of Count Tassilo Festetics of Hungary.

A King in Thrall.

A plebeian Ohio woman for years held a king in thrall and Mme. Musard is, I believe, the one case of the kind in the annals of the New World. On the other hand, shameless European adventuresses who have fascinated monarchs have been many. The story is now forty or fifty years old. Mario Musard, a Frenchman of Belgium, was the leader of an orchestra in Paris in the heyday of his career. He made a flying trip to this country and took back with him a wife, who was a native of a small Ohio town and was named Eliza Parker. He himself was at best an adventurer and she his willing assistant. While he was engaged in a professional capacity at Baden-Baden he succeeded in throwing his wide-awake, ambitious and pretty wife in the way of the austere William III. of Holland in such a manner as completely to capture him.

The relations of king and beauty were for many years a scandal, but they had made her of independent means. For one day William III. drew from his writing table a package of old mortgages on some lands in Pennsylv-

ania and entertained with sybaritic lavishness. Her palace was the Mecca of high society during the Third Empire. Her splendor equaled her profligacy. At a dinner in honor of the Prince de Chimay she wore a dress embroidered with more than 1,000 pearls. Her stables were marvels of equine luxury, and tickets of admission were issued to them as to great art collections. She was accustomed to giving elaborate breakfasts in them, at which such notables as Arsene Houssaye, Theophile Gautier and the painters Chaplin and Zeim were guests. The table service at these repasts was performed alternately by three coal-black negroes and three white men, all in her own special livery. Her equipages were more magnificent even than the Empress Eugenie's. Her entertainments in the Avenue de Iena and at her country seat, the Chateau de Villequiers,

Harden-Hickey, daughter of John H. Flagler and cousin of Henry M. Flagler of the Standard Oil Company, was queen of Trinidad for a space of time after this fashion. Her husband was an eccentric of American origin, French citizenship, and strong royalist leanings. His title was a papal one, and after being educated at French military schools he began to publish a royalist newspaper in Paris, which caused his speedy expulsion from the republic.

He had a fortune of his own, and imagined that he was destined to conquer worlds and rule all the conquered. Leaving France by governmental invitation he was shipwrecked on Trinidad and conceived the kingdom he was afterward to establish for a minute or two. The next year he married Anna Flagler in the United States, but marriage, instead of quieting his restless spirit, seemed only to



were on a superb scale, and enthusiastically do bon vivants of that time recall them, and declare that never since have their like been seen.

End Comes Suddenly.
When Mme. Musard's edifice collapsed it was with a startling suddenness. First the favor of the Dutch sovereign was lost to her and Europe was nearly plunged into war thereby. In 1867 she betrayed her royal lover's negotiations with Napoleon III. for the sale of Luxemburg to France. The king was in need of money, while the woman was enjoying the height of luxury as a result of his gift. Luxemburg was his and he sought to sell, thus violating the treaty guaranteeing its neutrality. In March the treaty of cession to Napoleon was drawn up. William confided the contemplated act to his Egeria. Mme. Musard betrayed the fact, some say to the German ambassador, others to the Marquise de Palva. The disposition of the sovereignty of the duchy had been settled 30 years before by a concert of the powers. Germany was furious over the plotted scheme and was only averted by the calling of a conference in London which settled Luxemburg's neutrality and decreed that it should remain in the possession of the house of Orange-Nassau. Egeria had lost her Numa.

Dies in Asylum.
Nemesis followed hard after. The indiscreet talk of madam lost her royal friend, but she was wealthy, and one report had it that she had divulged the secret negotiations for hard cash, was, in fact, a gilded spy in the pay of Germany. Her joyful life as the adulated of all adulators bade fair to last long. But one night in her box at the opera she was suddenly seized with a paralytic attack. Her left eye was so affected she was never able to open it again. She soon lost her mind; a few months later she became a raving maniac and tried to kill Chaplin, the painter. She was shut up in the asylum of Dr. Blanche, the famous specialist, and died shortly, leaving what remained of her fortune to her American relatives. The parasites who had hovered about her made off with a good portion of her money, and it is needless to say that the heirs of the obliging Musard put in a claim that had to be fought in the courts. So ended in oblivion the glittering course of the fair American who became queen of society and mistress of royalty.

Queen of Trinidad.
There is opera bouffe equal to any on the comic stage, as well as love and trouble and infamy, in the history of American women who have become queens. One, for instance, ruled a kingdom that existed only in the mind of her husband. The Baroness James

incite his romantic disposition. The Odysseys he performed were as startling as that of Maximilian to Mexico, which was then fresh in the minds of the world, and without any manner of excuse excepting his own perverse desire. He roved over the world, and always encountered adventures that had no place in the life of a nineteenth century citizen. He should have lived in the days of the three musketeers or earlier in the crusading times to have been entirely at home with his period.

Harden-Hickey's End.
It was in 1894 that he set out in a yacht with his wife. They were wrecked off Trinidad, and the baron set up the government he had planned six years before. At least he began along those lines, and got as far as taking the title of James I. for himself and awarding that of Queen Anna to his wife. His rule was so short-lived that he did not even have opportunity to get his extravagant plans out of his head even onto paper. The big island off the Venezuelan coast was discovered by Columbus on his third voyage, and for a century before King James proclaimed himself had belonged to England. At the time it had a British governor and 200,000 inhabitants. King James, therefore, speedily encountered John Bull, and as quickly as the exchanges of the information regarding his usurpation could be made the London government dispatched a cruiser to deal with this brand-new problem of colonial control.

King James and Queen Anna, at the time constituting all the royal government, were exported to Key West, and the king died as king for want of a place to rule.

Harden-Hickey finally shot himself, and the baroness brooded over his death until she became insane and last summer was committed to a Connecticut asylum.

The present widowed Countess Albert von Walderssee, whose husband was the famous German field marshal, is an aunt by marriage to the German empress. She acquired the relationship by her previous marriage to Prince zu Noer.

Bishop Resigned Office.
After an active service of more than twenty years, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss has resigned the presidency of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, resigning as the reason his ill health of the last year. Bishop Luther B. Wilson has been chosen to succeed him.

Rubber Displacing Tea.
In a once famous tea district of India the cultivation of rubber has driven the production of the former to second place, nearly 17,000 acres being devoted to rubber plantations.



along with it. She who was known in the Louisiana metropolis as Miss Marguerite Alice Heine not only possesses the distinction of being the only person of New World birth who has shared a genuine realm with a ruler, but also is the only Jewess ever legitimately married to a reigning Christian prince. Her marriage to Prince Albert of Monaco was not morganatic. For 13 years she was a real, not a titular, princess.

Her father was a cousin of Heinrich Heine, the great German lyric poet, and her own cousin married a nephew of Napoleon III.'s finance minister. She herself, as most of her family, is not of the Jewish faith. As Miss Heine, daughter of the New Orleans banker, who, after making his money there, retired to Paris to live, she married Ar-

vania and gave them as a souvenir to the fair Eliza, who, with all her flaunting of propriety, had a good head for business. She promptly foreclosed the mortgages and became possessed of some of the richest petroleum lands in the world in the days when kerosene was just beginning to be recognized as an extremely valuable natural product. She thus became one of the richest women in Europe. All of this happened about 1860, and Mme. Musard promptly set up an establishment in Paris without bothering to separate herself from her legal husband, who forthwith dropped from sight in an exceedingly obliging manner.

In Profligate Splendor.
She purchased a sumptuous hotel, built palatial stables for her 80 magni-

Measures Pan with Baby.
Although Thanksgiving is past, it is perhaps in order to mention that a Peru woman used her baby to measure a turkey pan, says the Indianapolis Star. She went into a hardware store and inquired for a receptacle big enough to cook a fat turkey in. "My baby, here, is about the size of the turkey, and I'll just try him in your pans until I get the right one." People in the store heard the infant's howl of protestation, and were in time to see the son and heir yanked out of a tight fit. "I'll take that one," said the mother, with a sigh of relief.

Catarrh and Headache.
Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it." She is right.

Good Eye.
Mitchell's Eye Salve was first compounded in 1848 by Dr. Mitchell, a noted eye specialist of Missouri. It is a clean, white, odorless salve with wonderful curative properties. Simply apply to the eye lids, that's all. Sold everywhere. Price 25 cents.

Rather Dubious.
"I hear Goldrox bought a doubtful piece of property lately that he paid several millions for. Did he get a good title?"
"I don't know, I am sure. He bought a duke for his daughter."

Don't It Jar You?
To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

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For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.
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Mrs. T. C. Willadsen, of Manning, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I can truly say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life, and I cannot express my gratitude to you in words. For years I suffered with the worst forms of female complaints, continually doctoring and spending lots of money for medicine without help. I wrote you for advice, followed it as directed, and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has restored me to perfect health. Had it not been for you I should have been in my grave to-day. I wish every suffering woman would try it."

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Four Celebrations of New Year's Day

NEW YEAR is celebrated in this country at least on four different dates in addition to the regular national New Year's celebration on January 1. The first of these foreign celebrations will be that of the Greeks and Russians and a few other nationalities which adhere to old style dates. They will have New Year on January 14, 13 days later than the New Year of the new style. Next in order comes the Chinese New Year, on February 13, and, but a day later, February 14, comes the Mohammedan first day of the year. The Jewish New Year falls nearly nine months later, about the middle of September, on the first day of the month of "Tishri."

The celebrations vary both in accordance with the religions of the various peoples and their climatic, racial and national characteristics. With the Greeks, Russians, Servians, Bulgarians and Macedonians, all of whom adhere to the Greek Catholic church, New Year's is one of the most pleasant if not the pleasantest festival of the year. With the Jews, on the contrary, the New Year, Rosh Hashana, as it is called, is far from being a pleasant affair. It is a day of retribution, of judgment. It is preceded by weeks of prayer, fasting and penitence and is followed by ten days known as the days of repentance, which wind up with Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, a most gruesome and weird day, dreaded by every orthodox Jew.

Greeks Celebrate Two Days.

The most interesting and joyous celebration of the New Year is that of the Greeks. The Greek New Year lasts two days. In these two days the Greek nature with its unbounded joy of life comes into its own. The heart of every Greek thrills on that day with unbounded joy. Passionately he awaits the evening, when in his little Greece, in a genuine Greek restaurant, with male cooks and attendants, he can get his genuine Greek food, Hellenic dishes, and wash them away with Greek wine which was purposely imported into this country for the holidays.

"Christmas is a great holiday with us," said a prominent Greek, "but it is after all a solemn day. It is a religious holiday. No gifts are exchanged on Christmas and the three days which the holiday last are given over to religious meditation. How different it is with the New Year! Next to our national holiday on March 25, which commemorates the date of our independence, just as July 4 commemorates the birth of the American nation, New Year's days, for we have two of them, are our greatest holidays. In Greece New Year is essentially a family holiday. There we have a children's afternoon which is devoted entirely to the young ones; who are given the utmost opportunities to enjoy

themselves. In this country, however, it is slightly different. Out of the 13,000 Greeks living in Chicago only 200 have their families here. There are only between sixty and eighty children, and as we are only just planning to build a school of our own, we have not yet the means nor the call for a children's afternoon on New Year's day."

Still, many of the Greek families will observe this ancient custom in this country. They will have their children's afternoon. They will have their delicious New Year's pudding known as "king's pudding." In fact, in many cases the pudding will be even more delicious than it would have been in old Athens. For one of the ancient customs among the Greeks is to hide some gold coin in one portion of the pudding and he who gets the share of the pudding with the gold coin in it becomes the favorite as well as the leader of the two days' joy and sport. In this country, where gold is more plentiful than in Greece and where it is more easily earned by the Greek father, the pudding promises to contain more gold and be much more delightful to the finder of the same.

Russians Like Our Food.

Russians in this country celebrate but one day, and they, too, attempt to produce a home atmosphere. However, home food is not thought of. The bread, the meat, and the wine of the United States are considered as good as and even far better than the products of their own land.

The Macedonians, Servians and Bulgarians celebrate the New Year, perhaps less elaborately, also on the same day as their Greek and Russian co-religionists.

The Chinese celebrate their first of the year with the modest characteristic of people who have not yet any bold on a place.

The Chinese will have their customary celebration of the Chinese New Year on February 13 with feasting and enjoyments with which the holiday is observed in the Celestial empire.

In striking opposition to the spirit of joy and happiness which pervades the New Year of the Greeks and Christendom generally is the New Year of the Jews. With the Jews, who also observe the New Year for two days, the days are not days of feasting and enjoyment but days of judgment. According to the belief of every orthodox Jew, every member of the Jewish race is tried on the New Year. The books kept in heaven are opened on that day, the record of each man for the year just ending is looked through, and taken under advisement for ten days. On the tenth day, the day of atonement, the fate of each man for the coming year is drawn up, whether he should live or die, prosper or be poor. On the day of atonement the fate is sealed and nothing can change it any more.

Gentle Hints.

"Darling, you're sleepy."
"No, I'm not, mamma," responded Daisy, who wanted to sit up longer and get some sweeties: "It's only my eyes are tired because they have been looking so long for some candy."—Baltimore American.

The Servant's Excuse.

Employment Agent—Come, now, how is this? You stayed two weeks in your last place. How did that happen?
Domestic—Sure, O! dunno. O! must av evershiept meself.—N. Y. Weekly.

Putting Another Face on It.

"Do you like that manager?"
"No; I don't like the east of his countenance."
"Well, I don't like the countenances of his east."—Baltimore American.

Not a Matrimonial Campaign.

Papa (reading his paper)—I see the ants have won this time.
Little Freddy—What did the aunties win, papa? The uncles?—Baltimore American.

A Cheering Motto.

Pedler—Wouldn't you like some mottoes for your house, mum? It's very cheering to a husband to see a nice motto on the wall when he comes home.

Mrs. De Jagg—You might sell me one if you've got one that says "Better Late Than Never."—N. Y. Weekly.

A Sure Thing.

"I bet you don't know the name of the place where the aviator keeps his machine."

"I bet I do."
"What is it, then?"
"An aviary, of course."—Baltimore American.

Just It.

First Itinerant Novelist—What do you think of this tramp existence?
Second Ditto—I think it is a burly life.—Baltimore American.

A Far-Sighted Friend.

"What kind of a chap is he?"
"Oh, the kind that gives Christmas presents far enough ahead to allow time for return gifts!"

FACT VERIFIED.



Kid—Say, mister, got change for five dollars?
Kind Gentleman—Yes, my boy; here it is.
Kid—Thanks, boss; I just wanted to see it. I'd kinder got to thinkin' dere wasn't dat much money in circulation!

ECZEMA ALL OVER HIM.

No Night's Rest for a Year and Limit of his Endurance Seemed Near—Owes Recovery to Cuticura.

"My son Clyde was almost completely covered with eczema. Physicians treated him for nearly a year without helping him any. His head, face, and neck were covered with large scabs which he would rub until they fell off. Then blood and matter would run out and that would be worse. Friends coming to see him said that if he got well he would be disfigured for life. When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I used some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. That was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. In the morning there was a great change for the better. In about six weeks he was perfectly well. Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema. Mrs. Aigy Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."

Quaint.

Prof. Brander Matthews, the brilliant writer and teacher, was discussing literary quaintness at Columbia. In illustration of the quaint he said:

"A little girl I know was very bad one day. She was so bad that, other corrections failing, her mother took her up to her room to whip her.

"During this proceeding, the little girl's older brother opened the door and was about to enter. But in her prone position across her mother's knee the little girl twisted 'round her head and said severely:

"Eddie, go out! Can't you see we are busy?"

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All Conventions Observed.

Wife (suspiciously)—Who is this Kitty you and your friends talk about at your club? Is it proper for a young woman to call there?

Husband (innocently)—Perfectly proper, my dear. There is an "ante" there to chaperone this Kitty.

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There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for those cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

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Carrie—Between kisses.—Smart Set.

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It's a bad thing to be known as a "good thing."

As the Years Mark Time for Mankind



The old-fashioned sun dial, after all, was the true time piece. That little pocket sun dial that we are told counted all the hours "when the sun shone" made the perfect record of human days. The noisy clocks and remorseless calendars that told off the worst and weariest of time's movements literally spoiled the reckoning. History began to build itself upon wretchedness of a people, and all creation to take note of time by its loss instead of its golden gain in the hours of perfect sunlight.

But the reaction has set in. It is the glad hours and not the sad ones that are to be made to count.

Let us tarry awhile
At the sign of the smile

is the watchword which even pious pilgrims are sending out to upset the ancient reckoning. "Let the smile become the Christian's rather than the devil's sign" they cry in chorus, and the joy of the spirit become the measure of its days. Good Isaac Barrow's picture of the child of heaven "smiling always with a never-ending serenity of countenance and flourishing in an immortal youth" has at last taken hold of the Christian world and, spurred on by the new thought rhapsodies, promises to turn back the calendar of all our days. Counting time by heart throbs is no new method, to be sure, but the kind of heart throbs that "always find man young and always keep him so" were rather lost with the sun and nature worship of the early world.

When men went to nature for their reckoning it was as Wordsworth tells us:

They felt
As if the moving time had been
A thing as steadfast as the scene
On which they gazed themselves away.

Centuries young were those children of the morning, before even the sun dial had begun to tell them of the flight of time. It remains true still that whether nature or the soul strikes the joy-note in the human breast, the poet's question rises instinctively to the lips:

O what have I to do with time,
For this has his way made.

Man Has His Choice.

Good or bad, the years come out of the bosom of the infinite bearing some boon from the eternal for man to hold of if he will. To choose the permanent from out the mutable and fleeting is the life secret they carry, and how much hangs upon the choice eternity alone can tell. There are watchmen at the gates who assure us that each year brings gifts peculiar to itself, and one year or one world does not restore the lost offerings of the other. "Long after we have passed away out of men's sight and out of men's memory the world with something that we have left within it, will be going on still," says Phillips Brooks, "and long after the world has passed away we shall go on somewhere, somehow, the same beings still, carrying into the depths of eternity something that the world has done for us that no other world could do.

Alexander Mocked.

New worlds, with each new year, to conquer, mock the cry of Alexander and declare indeed a new kingdom wherein to reign. Closer and closer comes the promise of that awakening hour when man shall in truth become "a living soul," and "with an eye made quiet by the power of harmony,

and the deep power of joy," shall "see into the life of things." How many a rose of morning and ripe fruit of the golden noon shall then return to him the science of life, which permits no lost good, nor wasted atom even, in all creation's bounds, may gloriously declare. "Where are the snows of yesterday?" whispers the tender poet, but the green of spring and the bloom of summer are nature's answer to his yearning cry.

And shall man be less blessed than nature in garnering the treasures of the year? Is that evil genius, that the ancients beheld standing at the door of the new year, forever to give lethe to drink that he may wander blindly into the unknown way, shorn of the best boons and talismans of the past? Ah, the poets who try life and love know better.

Each new year is a leaf of our love's rose;
It falls, but quick another rose leaf grows;
So is the flower from year to year the same,
But riches, for the dead leaves feed the flame.

Thus they read the riddle and the "million-centuried" sweetness that goes with it to-day. Neither is man drugged by any god or genius but the one within him, that he may "tell no tales" and carry no tokens from the departing year. What he tells to cheer or depress his comrades, what he carries to help or hinder both them and himself, is in the power of his own open-eyed choice. Perhaps the best hint that was ever offered to guide him is the brief and pointed one given by the sage, when he writes: "A man should make life and nature happier to us, or he had better never been born." It is the one pre-eminently in the air at the present moment. It would fill all the newspapers in the land and drive the quotation-abhorring editors mad if one-quarter of the stout maxims of this nature which the times offer should demand place in their columns. Already their humorous writers are trying to demoralize them and send some of the cheerful and cheering-up people over to his Satanic majesty, where no doubt they are needed since the dry season set in.

If there be such a Satanic monarch, probably he loves the cheerful sinner just as heaven must love the cheerful saint. Yet the logic of life is against him. The smile is not legitimately the devil's sign. It is the pessimist who is playing into his hands, treating his sovereignty as if it could overthrow heaven's and all the power of the Eternal Goodness. To act as if they had a faith worth smiling over would seem to be the attitude of men who believed in a sovereign of love and omnipotence rather than one of malice and black arts, and it may be that the Christian world is at last finding it out. Certainly the Gospel evangel "Rejoice, rejoice!" is sounding anew through all the realms of Christendom and becoming a part of culture and philosophy everywhere. Fuller's counsel: "Be happy in the present moment and put not off being so to a time to come, as though that time should be of a nother make from this," prevails in the intellectual as religious world, and promises to show "life whole" to more than a handful of seers and sages.



Shelter and Friends.

Whatever may be the indistinctness of the future, the groups of friendships are there; and wherever they are is a shelter and a home. However strange to us the colony may be in which they dwell, if, as we cross the deeps of death, their visionary forms shall crowd the shore, and people the hills of that unvisited abode, it will be to us a better country, even a heavenly.—Martineau.

Declined.

Foreign Suitor—I would give up 10,000 milre to win your love.
Miss Pittsburg—How much is that in United States money?
Suitor—Almost five dollars!—Puck.

Ever notice how much easier it is to get up early in the morning when you do not have to go to work?

The Higher Education.

"Is your son going to continue his college course this year, Mr. Binks?"
"I guess not. Since he broke his arm, and was laid up so long, and can't play football or row, he doesn't seem to think it is worth while to waste the money."—Baltimore American.

He'd Have His Pick.

Miss De Pride—I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man on earth.
Rival Belle—Indeed, you wouldn't I'd take him myself then.—N. Y. Weekly.

At the Bungalow.

Mr. Parvenne—Rachel, dell Rebecca to sing somethings less doleful.
Mrs. Parvenne—Dot isn't Rebecca; dot's de foghorn.—Judge.

Personal Items.

Guy Gilder is at home from Bryan for the holidays.

Miss Jo Bayne is at home from Trinity for the holidays.

D. H. Rhoden was a visitor at the Courier office Friday afternoon.

D. C. Appleton of Weldon paid the Courier a visit Friday morning.

Miss Ethel Wootters is at home from Stephenville for the holidays.

D. A. Nunn, Jr., was in Palestine Monday on professional business.

Robert Tittle writes us to send the Courier to him at Wichita Falls.

J. C. Starling of Pennington was a visitor to the Courier office Monday.

M. D. Driskill of Palacios orders the Courier sent to him another year.

Grady McConnell is at home from school at Jacksonville for the holidays.

Mr. W. H. Driskill of Holly is among those remembering the Courier this week.

S. W. Satterwhite was among those in town Saturday who called at the Courier office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas will spend Christmas week with their parents in this city.

Harvey Bayne, Jr., a student of the A. & M. college at Bryan, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Allen Newton reached home Sunday night from South Texas and will spend the holiday season with his family here.

M. N. Brown and son of Creek were in Crockett Monday on their way to visit Mr. Brown's old home at Fannin, Mississippi.

Mr. J. J. Hammond, one of the Courier's good friends at Holly, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday of last week.

Col. and Mrs. D. A. Nunn returned home Friday night from Hot Springs. The Colonel's health was greatly improved by the trip.

Rev. Jas. A. Arnold is spending the week at Timpson. He will return about the first of January with his wife and make this city his home, having accepted the call as pastor of the Christian church.

I have the exclusive agency for Magale, Paul Jones, Parker Rye, Sugar Valley, Hill & Hill and Hyman's Private Stock. You can't get them elsewhere. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

See our goods and get our prices before buying a buggy or harness. You will see our stock contains the latest styles in vehicles and harness and our prices can't be beaten. Call and see our stock whether you buy or not.

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\$65 per month straight salary and expenses, to men with rig, to introduce our Poultry Remedies. We furnish bank references. Don't answer unless you mean business. Eureka Poultry Food Mfg. Co., East St. Louis, Ill.

For Sale at a Bargain.

Six mules and one horse, mowing machine, disc plow, disc harrows, disc cultivators, section harrow, Acme harrow, turning and shovel plows and other farming tools. Apply to Aldrich & Crook.

You get standard brands and better goods for your money; you get prompt shipment and I guarantee everything I sell. Order your Xmas whiskey now. Don't wait for the rush. Just tell me when you want it shipped. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

Mrs. Berta Wootters has issued invitations to a reception for Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wootters to be held Monday evening, December 28, at her home in this city. The hours are from four to five in the afternoon and from eight-thirty to eleven in the evening. Mr. Wootters will be married December 23 in Oklahoma City.

Local News.

Swell line of belts at John Millar's.

A nice assortment of lap robes at Lundy Brothers'.

Gentlemen's kid gloves at John Millar's.

Souvenir post cards—local views—at Sweet's Drug Store.

Everything in men's underwear at John Millar's.

For fireworks, candy, apples, oranges and nuts see "Tad" Burton.

Lots of valuable and useful presents left at McLean's Drug Store.

Nice suits for boys, with Knickerbocker pants, at Moore & Smith's.

Take a look at the beautiful \$8.00 boxes of Jacobs candy at McLean's Drug Store.

Buy your buggies, hacks, carriages and harness from Jno. R. Foster, the buggy man.

If you need a hat see our fine line before purchasing.

Daniel & Burton.

Have your clothes cleaned and pressed by us for Christmas.

Shupak Tailoring Co.

See me before buying your fireworks. I will save you money.

"Tad" Burton.

Shoes, Shoes, we can shoe the whole family and save you money.

Daniel & Burton.

Your overcoat needs a new collar. Let us put it on for you.

Shupak Tailoring Co.

The swellest line of silk mufflers and ties that are to be seen in Texas are now on display at John Millar's.

Packages delivered to any part of the city or carefully packed ready for shipment at McLean's Drug Store.

Lone Star Orchard peaches far exceed those canned in California or anywhere else. Ask your grocer for them.

Honest goods, honest measure, prompt shipment, when you buy your whiskey from Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

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When in the city make our store your stopping place you are always welcome.

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New elastic belts, hand bags, barrettes and waist pins are excellent Xmas gifts. We have the latest.

Big Store.

We handle a full line of groceries and everything is fresh. Prices lower than the lowest.

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See our line of ladies' cloaks before it's too late, as they are selling fast at our reduced prices.

Big Store.

Don't buy California peaches when you can get Crockett peaches. Ask your grocer for the peaches put up by the Lone Star Orchard Co.

While the price of cotton has declined that of cotton seed has advanced. The advance in cotton seed has been more marked than the decline in cotton.

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Make up club orders for Xmas whiskey and let me make you a special price. You'll get better goods for less money. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

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The home of nice things—McLean's Drug Store.

New line of neckwear at John Millar's.

McLean's holiday goods are all new—nothing "carried over."

Boys' Knickerbockers—something nice—at Moore & Smith's.

Everything you need in ammunition and guns at Daniel & Burton's.

See "Tad" Burton for everything in fireworks, candies, fruits and nuts.

Will McLean's Christmas goods were bought right and are being sold likewise.

Beautiful hand-painted cup and saucer free with each bucket of coffee at Moore & Smith's.

Cravanet overcoats, raincoats and rubber boots at rock-bottom prices at Daniel & Burton's.

Nothing but drugs of the highest standard used in filling prescriptions at McLean's Drug Store.

We have the largest and best selected stock of boys clothing in the city.

Daniel & Burton.

Let us do it, we know how. Cleaning and pressing a specialty.

Shupak Tailoring Co.

Give us your cleaning and pressing. We will send for it.

John Millar.

Buy a New Home and be happy—the lightest running machine on the market.

Daniel & Burton.

FOR RENT—Two-story brick storehouse on east side of square. See Thos. Collins or phone 77. tf.

Lundy Brothers' stock of saddlery and harness is complete in every detail and their prices are the lowest.

Kennedy Bros. are closing out their business at Augusta and will open up a business at Grapeland on January 1.

There is nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a silk muffler. John Millar has a swell line to select from.

For Rent.

A good six-room house in the Bruner addition in Crockett. Apply to S. F. Tenney. tf.

Don't order your Xmas whiskey from other places when you can get exactly what you want from Hyman Harrison, Palestine.

For Sale.

One span good mules, sound and in first class condition. One black mare.

Edmiston Bros.

Our stock is complete and we guarantee to save you money on each article purchased from us.

Daniel & Burton.

Ask your grocer if he handles the Lone Star Orchard Co's peaches. If he does not, ask him to get them, for they are the best.

We have a few sewing machines left which we are closing out at extremely low prices.

Daniel & Burton.

Let me figure with you on club orders for Christmas whiskey. I can save you money. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

See John R. Foster, the buggy man, for harness, buggies, hacks and carriages. He has a complete stock on hand, and prices that defy competition.

Holeproof hosiery, guaranteed to wear six months without darning. If they don't we agree to replace every pair free of charge.

Big Store.

Why not three or four club together and buy your Xmas whiskey? Let me make you a special price by the case. I can save you money. Write Hyman Harrison, Palestine.

J. A. McConnell's Novelty Store extends thanks to the people for their liberal patronage through the year 1908. We now wish you and yours a Merry Xmas, a happy and prosperous New Year, together with a speedy realization of your heart's best desires. Come to see us and we want you to feel welcome when you come.

Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square, Crockett, Texas

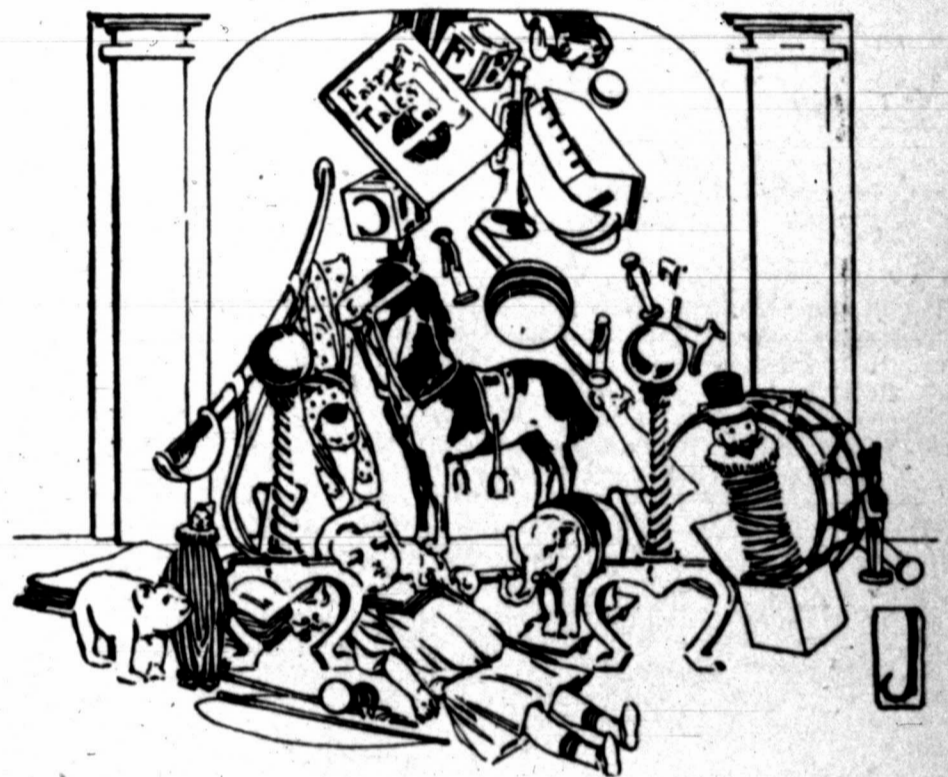
Don't wait until the last day. Send me your order for your Christmas whiskey right now and write me when you want it shipped out. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

Sheriff Lacy arrested two negroes at Lovelady Saturday charged with "boot-legging." One, whose name the Courier did not learn, made bond and the other, Sam Tillis, was brought here and placed in jail.

I can't send whiskey C. O. D. by express, but I can ship it C. O. D. by freight with sight draft attached to bill of lading and sent to the bank for collection. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

The Houston County Teachers' Institute is in session in this city and will so remain for a week. The session opened Thursday and will close Wednesday. Many teachers from over the county are in attendance and they have been given the keys to the town. Crockett bids them welcome.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder trouble that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. McLean's Drug Store.

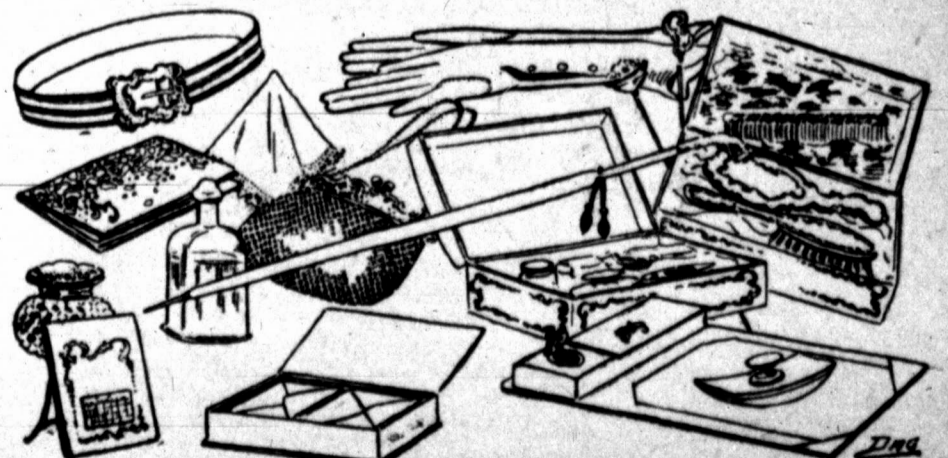


To Holiday Shoppers

WE extend to each and every one a cordial invitation to inspect our line. A thousand things are here to amuse and interest you. We are here to tell you about them and we will not insist too strongly on your buying. Wise buyers however will confine the bulk of their purchases to our store

Our Line Will be Found on East Side of Square Next Door to Asher's.

Murchison & Beasley



The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building
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 postoffice at Porter Springs has been abolished by the department. Porter Springs is served by rural delivery from Crockett, and an effort is being made to have another route established in that section. It seems to the Courier that another route is needed and the Courier hopes that its friends in that section will be successful in getting what they want.

Article 336 of the Penal Code provides: If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol or firearms of any description, or shall discharge any cannon cracker or torpedo on or across any public square, street or alley in any city, town or village, or in any street, or within one hundred yards of any business house, in this state, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Courier extends to all its readers and patrons the compliments of the season and wishes them a Merry Christmas. The Courier is not unmindful of the liberal patronage that has been accorded it during the past year and it is not unappreciative of the nice things that are being said of it by its friends. While there may be some who have formed a dislike for the Courier, the Courier will cherish no ill-will toward any person on earth, and at this merry Christmas time we wish all unbounded joy and happiness.

Settle Up.

The season of the year for annual settlements is now at hand, and it applies to the printing and publishing business, as well as to other lines of trade. Get in touch with the spirit of the times, and don't let the sun go down on what has been a most prosperous and goodly year with any account uncancelled. And above and beyond all, don't forget the newspaper man whose demands are scattered here and there, and although individually are comprehensively small, in the aggregate make up a sum of considerable importance and embody power for the accomplishment of many things that the publisher hopes to do in coming days. The paper has come forward with regularity of the weeks, it has chronicled everything in the local firmament worthy of acceptance; it has, in short, given not 30 and 60, but 100 fold for the outlay. Now get busy this month in recompensing the publisher for his efforts in your behalf in the past 365 days.

Not Used to City Ways.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 13.—A deputy sheriff from Crockett, Houston county, passing through Houston with prisoners and stopping here last night, met with misfortune in large and variegated bunches early this morning, while out seeing the town by electric lights. Early in the evening he left his prisoners at the jail and started out with some cash and but little experience in the ways of a great city. Sometime after midnight he showed up at the police station without any cash whatever, but exceedingly long on experience. Besides losing his roll, he lost considerable cuticle from his face, he had acquired a badly discolored eye. Sheriff Anderson advanced sufficient funds to pay the transportation of the party to Crockett. The deputy told the sheriff that there was "so much prohibition up in his neck of the woods that folks don't know how to behave when they go anywhere else."

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. McLean's Drug Store.

News from Lovelady.

Mrs. Frank Hancock and children have returned to their home in Austin, Ark., after a pleasant visit to her father, Mr. W. E. King.

Rev. H. E. Harris, pastor of the Baptist church, resigned to accept a call to Greenville.

Mrs. Ed Jarvey and little daughter of Cleveland have been the guests of Mrs. W. E. King.

Miss Fannie Wills has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Waco and Whitney.

Supt. J. F. Mangum was in Lovelady last week.

Miss Reppe Freeman returned last week from Baylor University at Waco.

Dick Hale, Robert and Frank McMurray are spending the holidays with homefolks in Camilla.

J. W. Keeting was called to Victoria to the bedside of his sister, whose death occurred last week.

Mrs. M. S. Dean and children spent a few days last week in Midway and Madisonville.

Little "Miss Frazier" arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Frazier last week and will make it her permanent home.

School adjourned Thursday for the holidays. The teachers are all attending the county institute at Crockett.

Mrs. McLaughlin of Crockett was the guest of Mrs. W. B. Cochran one day last week.

Miss Jessie Hill was a visitor to Crockett Sunday.

Miss Pauline Perry arrived from Brookshire to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mrs. J. O. Smith is the guest of Mrs. C. R. Fields at Spring.

Miss Ethel Thompson was called home from Denton last Friday by the death of her brother who was killed last week.

Misses Minnie Hutchings and Allie Kennedy of Bay City and Palacios are spending the holidays with homefolks.

Charlie Niissle and sister, Miss Lillian, are spending the holidays at home.

Norman H. Moore, Jewell and Talmage Alexander are at home for a few days.

Mr. W. T. Bruton spent a few days in Galveston last week.

Rev. A. L. Carnes, the new Methodist minister, filled his first appointment Sunday.

Miss Irene Harris, who is teaching at Grapeland, is at home this week.

Misses Jimmie Hartt and Myra Hemphill are at home for the holidays.

Merry Xmas and happy New Year to the Courier.

"Correspondent."

Notice of Director's Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the directors of the Texas South-eastern Railway Company, and each of them, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of said company is hereby called to be held at the principal office of said company in the town of Diboll, Angelina County, Texas, at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, being the 27th day of Feb., A. D. 1909, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. In pursuance of authority from the stockholders of said company, to authorize the issuance, execution and registration of the bonds or obligations of said company in such denominations, to such amount, and upon and for such time, terms and conditions as said Board, in pursuance of authority, to be granted by the stockholders, may, in their discretion, under the law, authorize, and to authorize the execution of a mortgage upon all or any part of the property, rights and franchises of said company to secure such bonds, same to be upon such terms and conditions as said Board may authorize under the directions of the stockholders.

2. To authorize the president of this company, or other proper officer, to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue and register said bonds and mortgages and to take all steps and incur all expenses necessary to that end.


3. And generally to do all things necessary to carry out the above purposes, and likewise to secure the issuance, approval and certification of the stock of said company, in the manner required by law.

T. L. L. Temple,
Pres. of Said Co.
E. C. Durham, Sec'y.

MOORE & SMITH

Cushion Sole Shoes

In Both Work and Dress Styles.



Shoes for Gentlemen
In all styles
From \$4.00
Down.

Big Reduction
In all Lines.

This beautiful ladies' shoe for only \$3.50

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U. D. C. Reception.

As a compliment to the ladies of the Methodist church, their visitors, Misses Head and Davies of Nashville, Tenn., and other State delegates, who were here attending Missionary Conference, were tendered a beautiful reception last Tuesday afternoon, December 8th.

The lovely McLean home in East Crockett was thrown open for the occasion and to Mrs. McLean we are indebted for the success of the entertainment. She graciously assumed the responsibility, selected her committees from the chapter, and so planned the work that it seemed to fall lightly on all. Confederate flags artistically draped over doors, mantels and arches, gave a touch of color to the already beautiful home. Our charming ex-President, Mrs. Sheridan, with her coterie of ladies, Mesdames Self, Millar, King and LeGory, stood in the hall and gave cordial greeting as the guests arrived. Miss Hortense LeGory then took charge of them, and in her own queenly manner ushered them into the parlor and introduced them to the receiving party. Misses Head and Davies stood at the head of the line, next our beloved Chapter-President, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. McLean and other officers of the Chapter. In the library Mrs. Fisher Arledge, chairman of the music, presided. The good old songs of "ye olden times" were sung and so heartily enjoyed that guests lingered in this room as long as possible. The dining room, with its array of cut glass and silver, was especially attractive and inviting. Mrs. Craddock, Smith, Wootters and Langston served chocolate and cake. The visitors expressed themselves as being pleased and were glad they were given opportunity of meeting so many of the Crockett ladies.

Notice of Stockholder's Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Texas South-eastern Railway Company, and to each of them, that a meeting of the stockholders of said company

is hereby to be held at the principal office of said company in the town of Diboll, Angelina County, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, being the 27th day of Feb., A. D. 1909, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. Of authorizing the issuance and execution and registration of the bonds on obligations of said company, in such denominations, to such amount, and upon and for such time, terms and conditions as the stockholders of said company may, in their discretion, under the law, authorize, and to authorize the execution of a mortgage upon all or any part of the property, rights and franchises of said company to secure such bonds, same to be upon such terms and conditions as said stockholders may authorize, and to authorize the Board of Directors of said company to issue, execute and register such bonds and mortgage, and to take all steps necessary to that end.

2. To authorize the president of this company, or other proper officer, to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue and register said bonds and mortgage, and to take all steps and incur all expenses necessary to that end.

3. And generally to do all things necessary to carry out the above purposes, and likewise to secure the issuance, approval and certification of the stock of the company in the manner required by law.

T. L. L. Temple, Pres.
E. C. Durham, Sec'y.
T. L. L. Temple,
Watson Walker,
E. C. Durham,
J. E. Mitchell,
C. Y. Gribble,
J. A. Massengill,
Jno. O'Hara,
Board of Directors.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

THROW OUT THE LINE

Give Them Help and Many Crockett People Will be Happier.

"Throw Out the Life Line"—The kidneys need help. They're overworked—can't get the poison filtered out of the blood. They're getting worse every minute.

Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought thousands of kidney sufferers back from the verge of despair.

Will cure any form of kidney trouble. Mrs. G. S. Rose, living at 807 Mallard St., Palestine, Tex., says: "For several years I had kidney complaint and was treated by physicians without finding relief. My back and left side pained me a great deal and kidney secretions were rather unnatural in appearance. Doan's Kidney Pills have given me great relief and I take pleasure in recommending them to other persons suffering a similar manner."

Plenty more proof like this from Crockett people. Call at I. W. Sweet's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Guilty of Counterfeiting.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate cough and heals the lungs. McLean's Drug Store.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. McLean's Drug Store.