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IN ORDER THAT ALL MAY HAVE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY.

When the Courier announced about two months ago that its subscription price would be raised to \$1.50 a year on December 1, 1916, we believed that most of our subscribers would pay up back dues and a year in advance by that date. Many have done so. But there yet remains not an inconsiderable number who have not.

In order to further encourage the payment of back dues and advance subscriptions, we have decided to extend the time in which the Courier may be had at a dollar a year to January 31, 1917, after which time the Courier positively will be \$1.50 a year.

We realize that many of our subscribers live a long way from Crockett and that some of them do not come to town more than once a year. They come then to pay their taxes, to renew their newspaper subscriptions and to attend to other matters of importance. They constitute a large part of the Courier's subscribers, and we now realize that December 1 does not give them enough time to attend to these matters.

The Courier is glad to say that it has not many subscribers who are very far behind, but we have a considerable number of appreciated patrons who are due for the current year and to whom we wish to extend further the privilege of renewing at the present low price of a dollar a year. We are extending the time limit in the hope that they may do so and for no other reason. The Courier does not want to lose a single one of its subscribers by the advance in its subscription rate and we want to give all a fair opportunity to renew before the new rate becomes effective.

Our new rate is only postponed. It is bound to come. Everything that enters into the making of a newspaper is climbing skyward every day. Having bought heavily last spring, we are enabled to postpone our subscription advance until January 31. But we will have to go into the rapidly advancing markets again soon, and we will be compelled to charge more for the Courier next year.

As before stated, the time limit is only postponed, and postponed only in order that all subscribers may get in on the dollar a year rate. We hope every subscriber who has not done so will take advantage of this offer before January 31 next, as there positively will be no further postponement. The \$1.50 rate will apply after that time with certainty.

January 31 is the limit set by the state for the payment of taxes, and all subscribers who would take advantage of the present low rate by renewing and paying for a year or more in advance will do so by that time. It is our earnest desire that every subscriber get in on the dollar a year rate before the rate is advanced. No subscriber's paper need cost him over a dollar for next year if paid now.

A personal consideration that enters into the postponement of the time limit and one that may be of no interest to the subscriber is that a change in subscription price will bring about the necessity of a re-

vision of our subscription lists. December being our busiest month, we will not have the time necessary to revise our lists before January or February, hence the postponement is a physical necessity from our standpoint. This consideration presents a dilemma that was not anticipated when the time limit was set for December 1, but makes the postponement an absolute necessity as far as the work of revising our lists is involved.

Kitchen Shower.

The Young Woman's Bible Class met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Brooke, on November 23, for their monthly social meeting, complimenting Miss Augusta Adams with a kitchen shower.

The following program was carried out by the young ladies and added much to the merriment of the occasion:

Piano solo—Mrs. T. G. Morris.
Reading—Miss Otice McConnell.
Vocal solo—Miss Grace Simpson.
Reading—Miss Flora Dawes.
Viola solo—Miss Dorris Mansfield.
Reading—Miss Lena Bromberg.
Class prophecy—Miss Gladys Dawes.

Piano solo—Mrs. Ada Shupak.
Prayer—Mrs. Brooke.

At the conclusion of the program, Miss Ethel Phillips presented Miss Adams with a cook book with the remark that since the latter had been selected as a cook, the class had provided a cook book made from tested recipes from each guest. A very valuable recipe was one telling how to cook a husband, which was read for the benefit of the other girls.

Miss Adams was then invited to the dining room to view the many useful kitchen utensils, which were a complete surprise to her.

Delightful refreshments, consisting of chicken salad, olives, crackers and hot chocolate, were served, after which the guests departed, wishing many good things for the bride-to-be and exulting over the happy evening spent in the honor of our gracious hostess.

A Guest.

Mrs. Susie Carleton Berry.

In the morn of life, when all was fair and bright, beloved by those who knew her, surrounded with love, everything to make happiness and usefulness complete, our friend passed from death into eternal life. We had known and loved her from her childhood, and we can truthfully say that "None knew her, but to love her, or named her, but to praise." Knowing her and loving her as we all did, we wish to add this tribute of loving affection. Her life was full of happiness, and we would fain give a requiem of love and a garland of friendship in her memory that will speak to her loved ones and bring comfort to their sorrowing hearts.

While we cannot understand, we know that our Heavenly Father loveth His own and "doeth all things well," and while we sigh for the touch of the vanished hand, the sound of the voice that is stilled, with the eye of faith we can well imagine her, with her loved ones, joining in harmonious paeans of praise to the "great Creator," whose Kingdom is without end.

While we mourn the untimely death, we feel that all is well with her. Mrs. Corinne N. Corry.

SHOWER RECEPTION MADE IMPORTANT SOCIETY EVENT.

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather of Wednesday, November 21, cordial and eager response was made to the invitation extended by Mrs. Corinne N. Corry to meet the universally beloved bride, Miss Augusta Adams, and our valued addition to Crockett society, Mrs. Wayne Saunders, the bride of a few months.

From four to six the Nunn home, which for half a century has been noted as a place where genuine hospitality in all its sincerity is freely dispensed, was filled with friends. Mrs. Corry, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb and Mrs. W. B. Page, greeted the guests at the door, each in their own original way. Mrs. Nunn gave of her cordial warmth in the reception hall. Little Misses Elizabeth Adams, Earl and Uda Castleberg gracefully received with silver trays the cards and the ladies were passed on to the beautiful hand-painted register in charge of Mrs. Virginia Collins and Miss Mary McLean. Miss Otice McConnell and Mrs. Alfred Collins ushered the guests into the front parlors to the receiving line, composing Miss Bella Lipscomb, Miss Augusta Adams and Mrs. Wayne Saunders. Miss Katie Chamberlain kept merry music with the Victrola throughout the afternoon. Mrs. S. L. Murchison distributed telegram blanks for the friends of Miss Adams to write messages to be read by her at "their" first breakfast in the lovers' cottage. The fact that that cottage cannot be amid her hosts of friends here makes us sad. All responded with loving greetings.

This magnificent home was made more beautiful, if that be possible, by the artistic decorations. In the front parlors, placed on the white and gold mantel, was a large vase of lovely carnations, the gift of Miss Elizabeth Adams to her friend, Mrs. Corry. Brass jardinières filled with growing palms and ferns distributed throughout the home made most effective the rich coloring of the chosen flowers.

Mesdames Norris and Castleberg and Miss Lee Arrington gave the always welcome message to the dining room. This room was none the less richly adorned. The table, with its elegant battenberg centerpiece, mirror in center draped around with airy maline, and in the center of mirror—a large cut-glass vase of gorgeous yellow chrysanthemums. Daintily presiding over the chocolate and tea services were Misses Kathleen Hail and Virginia Chamberlain, while two of Augusta's dear school friends, Misses Maud McConnell and Lily Hail, passed pimiento and chicken-salad sandwiches, marshmallows and mints. Mrs. D. F. Arledge was mistress of ceremony in this department.

After leaving this interesting quarter every one was invited into the front parlors, where in the center were the elegant presents showered on the bride, Miss Adams. They were stacked and stacked on tables, chairs and the floor until it looked as if this might be Old Santa's storehouse itself. Miss Bella Lipscomb and Mrs. Wayne Saunders assisted the fair recipient in undoing her packages and displaying them before the interested guests.

The popular Mrs. Saunders also received quite a number of gifts which were all beautiful.

Mrs. D. A. Nunn, Mrs. Earle Adams Sr. and Mrs. W. B. Page had the seats of honor right near in order to see the lovely gifts.

Miss Williams, whose illness kept her in her room, was much missed by this gay circle.

This delightful reception adds another success to a long list of notable affairs Mrs. Corry has given in the past, and to her may truthfully be accorded the title of "Queen" of our social life, for to no one is Crockett so much indebted socially as to Mrs. Corry.

ADAMS-HOLIDAY NUPTIALS A QUIET, HOME AFFAIR.

One of the prettiest affairs of the season was the quiet home-wedding that was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams—Saturday evening, November 22, when Miss Emma Augusta Adams was given in marriage to Mr. F. L. Holaday of Byers, Texas. Because of the recent death in the family only very near relatives and a few close friends of the bride were invited. No attempt was made at any sort of display.

Promptly at the appointed hour the bride came in leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. The groom, coming from an adjoining room, met her at the altar where Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, in a most impressive manner, pronounced the vows that united these two loyal, loving hearts.

The romance of these young people that ended so happily began while they were students of the Texas University, and Mr. Holaday may well congratulate himself on having won for a wife and life companion such a dear, sweet, young woman. The bride is a Crockett-born girl and is as well loved as she is known. She has the confidence, esteem and affection of all, and no daintier maiden was ever led to the marriage altar. Dressed in a beautiful dark-blue travelling suit, handsomely trimmed with fur, with hat and gloves to match, she was unusually pretty and charming.

The groom, a young lawyer of promise, is located at Byers and Wichita Falls, having office at both places. His manly, determined manner inspires confidence and leads one to feel sure he will take good care of the little girl entrusted to him.

Congratulations and good wishes followed the ceremony, after which Mrs. Fisher Arledge and Mrs. Harry Castleberg invited the bridal party and others into the dining room, where a delicious salad course was served by Misses Bella Lipscomb, Kathleen and Lillie B. Hail, Virginia and Katie Chamberlain, Otice and Maude McConnell, Alice Foster, Jennie Arledge and Mary Aldrich. The bride's cake was cut, giving joy to some, disappointment to others—doomed by the "old superstition" to spend their lives "in maiden meditation."

Misses Earle and Ueda Castleberg gracefully presided at the punch table, Miss Luine McLarty at the guest book. Mr. and Mrs. Holaday left on the north-bound evening train for Dallas, after receiving showers of rice, old slippers and other forms of practical jokes from their young friends who took this method of saying good-bye or "God be with us till we meet again."

Bushels

Of toys, dolls and handsome presents will greet your eye when you see our holiday line in the Cook building, a few doors below the postoffice.

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Contributor.
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Your Best New Year's Resolution

I WILL BUY IT AT HOME AND GIVE
CROCKETT A CHANCE

Crockett Commercial Club

The Crockett Courier

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

"Buy It at Home."

The first of the year is close at hand and with it comes the natural desire on the part of many of us, and we should all be inclined, to do some things better than we have been doing them heretofore, and to do other good things that we have not been doing at all.

In other words, it is the season for making good resolutions.

Every agricultural community prospers in proportion to the extent that it is able to supply its own necessities and have a surplus remaining to ship out to sections that are not producers in this line.

There is nothing that helps to bring about a more comfortable and prosperous condition of affairs in a farming community than the practice of buying at home. Not doing so as a usual or general thing, but always spending your money with the home merchants. If it is occasionally some article he does not happen to have he will promptly send for it.

What better resolution could we all adopt for the coming year than "I will buy it at home and give Crockett a chance?"

This failure to always buy at home is not confined to the country people. While merchants are inclined to complain because farmers, in many instances, send to large cities for goods, especially through mail order houses, is it not true that some of the merchants' families do the same thing? Also is it not true that merchants themselves sometimes patronize outside concerns for supplies that can be found right here in Crockett?

To make the "Buy It at Home" campaign thoroughly effective the practice must be universal, then its beneficial influence will soon be felt in the community.

How would it do for the wives of merchants to start a "Buy at Home Club," every member of the club to subscribe to the promise "I will try the home store first?"

H. A. Fisher.

Institute Program.

A Teachers' Local Institute will be held at Belott December 8 and 9th. All those who are interested in education are cordially invited to be present.

Friday night. Address of wel-

LODGE DIRECTORY

CROCKETT LODGE, NO. 901, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meets every Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock. Members urged to attend, visitors welcomed. J. N. Snell, N. G.; Tom Aiken, secretary.

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\$1 to \$5 Per Acre

J. D. FREEMAN
LOVEDADY, TEXAS

COST OF LIVING NOW HIGH BECAUSE CROPS WERE CUT THIS YEAR.

United States Produced Less Food and Feed This Year Than in Year Before.

Dallas, Texas, November 25.—"Prices of all foodstuffs must necessarily remain high and, in fact, will show marked advances for some time to come," says E. W. Kirkpatrick, president of the Texas industrial congress, "for the simple reason that the country's supply does not nearly equal the enormous demand, and our only hope for a reduction in the high cost of living lies in the production of big crops of all kinds next year.

"Our acreage yields of staple crops have been constantly decreasing and the crisis, foretold for several years by men like Henry Exall, James J. Hill and others, has been precipitated by the war in Europe. The various explanations offered for increased prices of all agricultural products, such as manipulations by middlemen and speculators, false reports by the farmers and lack of transportation facilities for marketing the crops, do not fully or correctly cover the situation. The bare truth is that we are not producing enough to meet the needs of our own people, to say nothing of the demands from foreign countries.

"According to the crop estimate of the government issued on November 1 we have produced this year less corn, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and fruits by many millions of bushels than were produced in 1915; and there was no surplus of these crops left over last year. The total grain crop of the United States for 1916 shows an enormous decrease of 1,246,000,000 bushels. The government figures show a decrease in this year's production as compared with 1915 as follows: Corn, 411,000,000 bushels; wheat, 404,000,000 bushels; oats, 310,000,000 bushels; Irish potatoes, 4,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, 70,000,000 bushels; grain sorghums, 54,000,000 bushels; apples, pears and peaches, 35,000,000 bushels."

come—Nat Patton.

Response—Arthur Milliken.

The Future Outlook of Schools of Houston County—J. N. Snell, County Superintendent.

What is the Value of Literary Societies—S. D. Webb.

Saturday, 9 A. M.

Classification of Rural Schools—R. J. Dominy.

What should be the attitude of a patron toward his school—Albert Gainey.

What would be a satisfactory use of the text book during the recitation—R. L. Eaves.

Has Latin a place in the rural school—Coleman Scarborough.

Formal examinations as a means for testing the efficiency of instruction—T. F. Richardson.

Intermission.

When should a pupil be promoted—J. H. Rosser.

Sanitation in the school—J. B. Driskell.

Noon intermission 12:00 to 1:00.

What has become of the million dollar appropriation school fund—J. N. Snell.

Value of Athletics in the School—Henry Whipple.

Mid-Term Promotions—Miss Ruth Patton.

Correlation of Studies—Claude Andler.

Affix to be accomplished by the primary teacher—Miss Bess Dickerson.

Saturday night.

In what ways can the school act as a social center—Arthur Milliken.

Lecture—J. N. Snell, County Superintendent.

What are we doing for our school—Discussion by patrons of the school.

Deupree & Waller

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And everything needed to furnish the home, whether it be for the parlor, living room, bedroom or dining room. Pay us a visit whether you buy or not. You are always welcome.

We Give Tickets in the Automobile Contest

Deupree & Waller

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKERS

GAVE OF HIS BLOOD.

Damon and Pythias in Twentieth Century Life.

From Mineral Wells Index.

Friendship of the kind that leads one man to make sacrifice for another is not altogether confined to fabled incidents of the past or the pages of modern fiction. Friendship of the kind that leads to the sacrifice of one's heart's blood, almost, is still in existence even in this phlegmatic and un sentimental age. Here's what happened yesterday:

Lee Rodgers has been an invalid for some time. He resides in Houston County, Texas, but he and Mrs. Rodgers have been here for several months. Mr. Rodgers has been under the treatment of Dr. Pyle. The ravages of the disease with which he is afflicted left him with his system impoverished for the lack of rich, red blood. In the opinion of the doctor a transfusion of blood was what he needed. Looking around for a person who was in position to furnish it he wrote to his friend, Mr. Wallace, of Madisonville, telling what was needed. Mr. Wallace came immediately. His blood was found to be in fine condition and yesterday Dr. Pyle drew from his veins probably a half gallon of the life-giving fluid, and injected same into the impoverished veins of Lee Rodgers.

This morning Mr. Rodgers is reported as much better and walked back to his hotel from Dr. Pyle's office. Mr. Wallace is suffering no ill effects whatever, so far, from the great sacrifice he made that his friend might receive a new lease upon life. A fine example of true friendship, standing out in prominent relief against a background of sordid selfishness.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF LOAN BANK IN TEXAS

HOUSTON IN LINE FOR THE NEW FEDERAL FARM LOAN BANK FOR TEXAS.

FIRST STEP FOR FARMERS

History of the Operation of Loan Bank and the Part the Farmer Has to Do With It Here Intelligently Explained.

In its effort to secure the establishment of the new Federal Farm Loan Bank Houston has in mind the fact that the section of Texas of which it is the capital is the section which greatly needs the cheap money which will be provided under the rural credits act.

Guy M. Bryan, Houston, is the chairman of a committee which is now disseminating information concerning the act, the organization of local associations and the establishment of the bank. Inquiries addressed to him will be promptly answered.

The first step in the securing of a loan is the organization of a local association, of which the members must be either land owners or prospective land owners; after organization one of the number must be elected as the chairman or president so that communications between the local association and the Federal Farm Loan Board may be facilitated. All loans must be made through this local association.

Every National Farm Loan Association shall have power:

First. To indorse, and thereby become liable for the payment of, mortgages taken from its shareholders by the Federal Land Bank of its district.

Second. To receive from the Federal Land Bank of its district funds advanced by said land bank, and to deliver said funds to its shareholders on receipt of first mortgages qualified under section twelve of this act.

Third. To acquire and dispose of such property, real or personal, as may be necessary or convenient for the transaction of its business.

Fourth. To issue certificates against deposits of current funds bearing interest for not longer than one year at not to exceed 4 per cent per annum

after six days from date, convertible into farm loan bonds when presented at the Federal Land Bank of the district in the amount of \$25 or any multiple thereof. Such deposits, when received, shall be forthwith transmitted to said land bank, and be invested by it in the purchase of farm loan bonds issued by a Federal Land Bank or in first mortgages as defined by this act.

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Every borrower who shall be granted a loan under the provisions of the act shall enter into an agreement, in form and under conditions to be prescribed by the Federal Farm Loan Board, that if the whole or any portion of his loan shall be expended for purposes other than those specified in his original application, or if the borrower shall be in default in respect to any condition or covenant of the mortgage, the whole of said loan shall, at the option of the mortgagee, become due and payable forthwith; provided, that the borrower may use part of said loan to pay for his stock in the farm loan association, and the land bank holding such mortgage may permit said loan to be used for any purpose specified in subsection fourth of this section.

If you will fill out the following blank and mail it to Guy M. Bryan, Houston, Texas, he will see that it is presented to the Federal Farm Loan Board when it meets in Houston No-

BRONZE BEST LIKED

Beautiful Plumage and Large Size Has Given This Turkey First Place.

THE bronze turkey holds the place of honor among its tribe. It is a cross between the wild and the tame turkey. Its beautiful, rich plumage and its size have come from its wild progenitors. To maintain these desirable qualities crosses are continually made. In this way the mammoth size has been gained. Their standard weight ranges from 16 to 36 pounds, according to age and sex. Probably more of this variety are grown each year than of all others.

The coloring of this variety is a ground of black, blazoned or shaded with bronze. This shading is rich and glowing, and when the sun's rays are reflected from these colors they shine like polished steel.

The Narragansett turkeys are next in size to the bronze. They are of black ground color, each feather ending with a band of steel gray, edged with black. This imparts a grayish cast to the entire surface plumage. Mixed with this is the finish of metallic black and bronze luster.

The standard weights of this variety are, for males, from 24 to 30 pounds; for females, from 12 to 18 pounds. Some old males of both this and the bronze variety weigh over 40 pounds.

The buff turkey is not generally known throughout the country. In many localities it is almost unknown. The standard calls for a pure buff color throughout, but this shade of coloring is seldom seen. As bred for market these turkeys are of a reddish buff or light chestnut color mixed with white and some dark shadings. They are highly valued in some localities for their quick growth and for their attractiveness when dressed. Their average weight is several pounds less than that of the Narragansett.

The slate turkey might be called a blue turkey. They about average in size with the buffs and blacks. They range from 10 to 26 pounds, according to age and sex. The black color ranges from small spots to larger markings, but the less of this the better for exhibition purposes. It might be surmised that the slate turkey originated from a cross of white and black turkeys.

In America the white turkey is called the white Holland turkey. The reason for this is not apparent, though some think it is so called because it originally came from Holland. White turkeys were formerly quite delicate and rather small, but now are more generally developed. The standard of weight is less for the whites than for other varieties. They range from 10 pounds for young hens to 26 pounds for old toms. In color of plumage they should be white throughout (except that each has a black beard on the breast), with shanks and toes pinkish white.

The first step being the organization of the local association; it requires ten (though there may be more than that number) persons who are the owners, or are about to become the owners, of farm land qualified as security for a mortgage loan (that is, without other incumbrance save such loans as may be paid with the money borrowed). After ten or more persons meet, they must select one of their number to represent them and to this person the Federal Board will send all forms and instructions as to securing a charter; and five of their number as a loan committee.

When the articles of association are forwarded to the Federal Land Bank of the district they shall be accompanied by the written report of the loan committee as required in section ten of this act, and by an affidavit stating that each of the subscribers is the owner, or is about to become the owner, of farm land qualified under section twelve of this act as the basis of a mortgage loan; that the loan desired by each person is not more than \$10,000, nor less than \$100, and that the aggregate of the desired loans is not less than \$20,000; that said affidavit is accompanied by a subscription to stock in the Federal Land Bank equal to 5 per cent of the aggregate sum desired on mortgage loans; and that a temporary organization of said association has been formed by the election of a board of directors, a loan committee, and a secretary-treasurer who subscribes to said affidavit, giving his residence and postoffice address.

No loan on mortgage shall be made under this act at a rate of interest exceeding 6 per cent per annum, exclusive of amortization payments.

Such loans may be made for the following purposes and for no other:

(a) To provide for the purchase of land for agricultural uses.

(b) To provide for the purchase of equipment, fertilizers and live stock

necessary for the proper and reasonable operation of the mortgaged farm; the term "equipment" to be defined by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

(c) To provide buildings and for the improvement of farm lands; the term "improvement" to be defined by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

(d) To liquidate indebtedness of the owner of the land mortgaged, existing at the time of the organization of the first National Farm Loan Association established in or for the county in which the land mortgaged is situated, or indebtedness subsequently incurred for purposes mentioned in this section.

No such loan shall exceed 50 per cent of the value of the land mortgaged and 20 per cent of the value of the permanent, insured improvements thereon, said value to be ascertained by appraisal, as provided in section ten of this act. In making said appraisal the value of the land for agricultural purposes shall be the basis of appraisal and the earning power of said land shall be a principal factor.

If you will fill out the following blank and mail it to Guy M. Bryan, Houston, Texas, he will see that it is presented to the Federal Farm Loan Board when it meets in Houston November 16:

Federal Farm Loan Board:

I desire to borrow \$..... secured by acres of land, valued at \$..... and improvements valued at \$..... for years. The money to be used for Amount of present indebtedness on above property \$..... Am paying per cent interest. Name Postoffice County State

In View of the Holidays



The ingenuity of those who create new caps and negligees and other dainty belongings for womankind has been put to its annual test. Before the holidays these luxuries that women love blossom out at their best, and they must be like and unlike those that have helped make other holiday times radiant. Whether they were ever more beautiful or not cannot be determined. It is certain they were never more beautifully made or more alluringly dainty.

Soft silks or satins, silk crepe, chiffon-lace and ribbon, as in times past, are the mediums in which designers work out their inspirations. Silver tissue and silver laces and other things that possess shimmer and gleam extend their field of usefulness beyond the dinner and dance costume to do a little twinkling in the boudoir cap. And even negligee assumes the splendor of gold or silver cloth, veiled with the sheerest fabrics or laces.

There is nothing prettier for the short boudoir or breakfast coat than either plain or printed crepe or soft silk, with the limpest of silk lace draped over it. Tassels or pendant ornaments made of silver or gold cloth, and ribbon, as always, are found in company with these materials.

Two pretty caps are shown in the picture given here. At the right an open-meshed silk lace with crepe de chine make the cap a small, dainty

fon roses add touches of color to it. The lace is caught back at each side of the face by them. Small flower-like pendants on a silver cord are made of silver tissue, and they furnish and weight the hanging ends of lace. This cap is very easy to make, for the lace and crepe are basted together and given to the hemstitcher to be set together by machine stitching.

The cap at the right is made of a net-top lace, with the plain edge frilled about the face and the scalloped edge overlapping the plain edge of a second strip-of lace. At the crown of the head the lace is gathered into a rosette. The cap is as simple as can be. A border of narrow satin ribbon is stitched to the net top of the lace, about two inches in from the edge, to form a casing for a small flat elastic. This is inserted and the lace frilled on it. At the back a rosette and two ends of ribbon shelter a little spray of tiny flowers. Three little wheel bows of narrow ribbon are set about the face, one in front and one at each side of the cap, just above the frill.

Julia Bonnelly

In Excellent Taste. Silver trimmings are in excellent taste for this season's black and white hats.

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HOUSTON THE PLACE FOR FARM LOAN BANK

BOARD TO LOCATE BANK FOR TEXAS MEETS AT HOUSTON ON NOVEMBER 16.

IMPORTANCE OF THE BANK

What It Will Do for the Farmer in the Way of Enabling Him to Farm Independently is Here Explained.

In order to show that there is a real demand for a farm loan bank in this district, there must be some interest in the matter on the part of those it is sought to benefit.

It takes actual farmers located on their own farms to start these banks, for the local associations are the first step.

The members of the board which will locate the bank for Texas are due in Houston November 16, so there must be early action on the part of the farmers.

Successful Styles in Children's Coats



The last word in coats for little girls, so far as this season is concerned, has been spoken. And nothing better for them than the simple styles now in vogue could be wished for. These are divided between those patterns that have a body with skirt attached, and those that are in one, hanging straight from the shoulder. Little distinctive touches in the fashioning of the collar and cuffs, in the introduction of a yoke, in the manner of fastening, or the addition of a cape, are relied upon to supply any demand for the unusual in design.

The materials used are cloths, velvets, and plushes. Narrow bandings of light-colored fur, on the more dressy models, play an important part in their decoration. Light colors in velvets, for very little girls, are made with caps or bonnets and muffs to match, and this same idea has been carried out in coats of new soft and thick cloths.

The coat shown in the picture is of plush and is one of few models having a wide belt. Collar and cuffs are bordered with fur. It looks warm and it is warm; furthermore, of all fabrics, plush appears to be most durable. Coats for little girls and misses, made

of Bolivia cloth, are among the smartest showings of the season, with much the same qualities as those of specially manufactured plushes. But whatever the cloth a style like that shown here has already proven its success, and the anxious mother will not need to debate as to whether it is good or not. All the heavy and staunch materials may be made up by the same model for any little miss who is about to come into a new wrap.

Julia Bonnelly

Renewing Chintz.

The sun plays havoc with curtains, draperies, pillow covers and household decorations and makes them look dingy long before the materials are much worn. A visit to the dye-bath simply transforms them into new goods. The slight stiffening which cretonne, art ticking and chintzes have when first bought can be renewed by using bran water instead of starch. Cook two cupsful of the bran in a half-gallon of water 20 minutes and put it in the final rinsing water; this gives just the proper dressing.

RURAL CREDITS LAW AN AID TO FARMERS

WILL ENABLE AMBITIOUS MEN
AND WOMEN TO SECURE HOME
USED AS A FARM.

BOARD MEETS AT HOUSTON

On November 16 to Consider the Establishment of a Farm Bank in That City, as the Advantages Are Many.

The federal farm loan act—otherwise known as the rural credits law—is intended primarily to enable the ambitious man or woman to secure a home, that home to be used as a farm.

The law will also enable the man who already owns a farm to enlarge it or to make it more productive by providing machinery by enabling him to secure money at a low rate of interest and for a long time.

The act further provides that the farmer who borrows the money must become a stockholder in the enterprise, and that will force him to share in the responsibility of seeing that the purposes of the act are carried out.

In the thickly settled communities there is already cheap money, the farms are well developed and the demand for the utilities afforded by the bank will not be so great as in a section of country where the possibilities are great but where the development has not been in keeping, for one reason or another, with the possibilities.

The federal board will meet in Houston on November 16 to listen to arguments in favor of the establishment of a farm loan bank in Houston and it is to the very decided interest of all Texas that the institution be located in Houston.

There are many reasons, the chief one of which is that Houston is the greatest cotton market in the district and during the months of September and October sent out over the State approximately \$1,000,000 a day for cotton.

Houston is also the banking center

for a great territory in which cattle raising is the chief resource of the borrowers.

In other words, the cotton grower and the cattle raiser already have banking connections in Houston and have in this city men of financial standing who know them.

But Houston will reap the least benefit, proportionately. It is only the indirect benefit. The benefit which is direct goes to the community where the farmer who is borrowing either acquires or improves his home.

It is to the interest of every community to organize the associations which must be formed in order to secure the loans. The business men of the smaller cities and communities must attend to this and see that every enterprising, industrious and thrifty farmer in their vicinity has an opportunity to take advantage of the act.

Suppose that one man who has saved some of his money and owns no land wishes to acquire a farm; another already owns a farm, but wants more land; another owns all the land he can handle but wishes to buy modern equipment; another wishes to devote his attention to the dairy or hog business, and all of them need money. There are ten such men in a community. They get together and organize an association. Take the case of the man who wishes to buy modern machinery. He has a farm worth \$2,000 and needs \$1,000. He can get the money at not more than 6 per cent from the farm loan bank. He can have twenty years in which to repay.

In Texas he must first specify the certain portion of his land which is the homestead, then give a mortgage on the remainder. He must then subscribe to stock in the Farm Loan Association which has been organized to the amount of 5 per cent, so he really gets only \$950 in cash, but his stock is always worth \$50 under the plan of organization and may also share in any profits, if there be such.

In repaying the loan he pays principal as well as interest annually so that at the end of twenty years he has paid out. On the loan of \$1,000 he will pay \$80.24 annually, of which \$50 will represent interest and \$30.24 the portion of the principal the first year, but each year the portion devoted to payment of the principal is greater and that apportioned to interest is smaller. At the end of the twenty years he will have expended \$1,604.89 on principal and interest. Under the prevailing system he would

MY THANKSGIVING

For all the good my days afford,
For all the blessings on me poured,
For every kindly act and word,
I thank Thee, Lord.

I thank Thee, Lord, for thoughts that roam
Beyond the narrow walls of home
To gather good from days to come,
And from the past.

I thank Thee, Lord, for length of days,
For guidance through life's devious ways,
And in the darkness for the rays
Of light and love.

I thank Thee 'ere for hours of gloom,
For crushing grief, and darkened room
For in the shadow Thou didst come
To heal and bless.

I thank Thee that the weight of things
No longer binds my soul's free wings,
Than she can soar, and soaring sings
Thy praise, O Lord!

That sea and mountain, flower and tree,
Their message bring to me of Thee,
And fill my soul with ecstasy,
I thank Thee, Lord.

And so not only on this day,
When many hearts thanksgiving say,
But now forever and always,
I thank Thee, Lord!

have paid \$1,000 in interest and still have owed \$1,000 principal.

The bank established and the local associations organized, the bank secures part of its capital from the federal government, which also pays all of the salaries. Then the bank issues bonds, which are sold in the open market to draw 3 or 4 per cent. As they are exempt from all forms of taxation, there will never be any trouble in selling the bonds.

Any inquiries regarding the new act addressed to Guy M. Bryan, Houston, Texas, will be promptly answered.

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Federal Farm Loan Board:
I desire to borrow \$....., secured by acres of land, valued at \$....., and improvements valued at \$..... for years. The money to be used for
Amount of present indebtedness on above property \$..... Am paying per cent interest.
Name
Postoffice
County State.....

Trevino Replaces Murguia.

El Paso, Tex.—General Francisco Murguia is to succeed General Jacinto B. Trevino as commander of the northeastern military zone as soon as he arrives in Chihuahua City from the south with his reorganized division. General Murguia is of equal rank with General Trevino, who, it is understood, has asked to be relieved of his command of Chihuahua for personal reasons.

WHAT FARM LOAN BANK WOULD BE TO TEXAS

FARMERS TO ORGANIZE LOCAL UNITS, NEGOTIATE LOANS, ETC.

BANK LOCATED AT HOUSTON

With the Bank for Texas Located at Houston Would Be Incentive for Farmers to Organize, Etc.

One of the chief features about the new farm loan bank plan—otherwise the rural credits law—is that the farmers themselves may control the system in their own interest.

The act authorizes ten or more farmers to organize a local unit; to control its affairs, and to negotiate loans at not more than 6 per cent, and with from five to forty years in which to repay the loan, paying a part of the principal as well as the interest each year. The security is always a first mortgage upon the land owned by those who borrow the money. Membership in these local associations is restricted by the act to borrowers on farm land mortgages, thus assuring that the farmers directly interested shall be wholly in control of all the affairs of the organization.

In making application for a loan under this section of the act, the members of the "local"

must subscribe for the stock thereof in an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount they desire to borrow. The application made, the Federal Land Bank investigates the solvency and character of the applicants, the value of the land offered as security, and if these be satisfactory, a charter is granted; but if it be unsatisfactory then the charter is refused. In event that it is granted, the federal board will designate the territory in which that association may make loans.

Upon receipt of its charter such local association "shall be authorized and empowered to receive from the Federal Land Bank of the district sums to be loaned to its members under the terms and conditions of this act."

In the election of officers of the local association each member shall have a vote for each \$5 share he may hold in the association; but this is restricted by a provision that no member may have more than twenty votes, no matter what his loan may be; that is, if a man borrows \$1,000 he has twenty votes and no more, even if he borrowed \$10,000. Those who borrow less than \$1,000 have one vote for each \$100 of their loan.

Speculators in land, nonresident landholders, landlords and every one may be excluded from the local association if it is desired by a two-thirds majority of the members after the charter has been granted, because the provisions are that the election of new members is to be left to the local associations altogether and it requires more than one-third of the total number of

votes to elect.

With the farm loan bank for the Texas district located in Houston, there would be an immediate incentive for the farmers of South, East-Central Texas to organize; and as those sections of the State are the ones where the act would apply most directly—because those are the sections which are in greatest need of the cheap money obtainable under this act—the organization of local associations and the investigations to be made could be carried on more promptly and the money secured with least delay.

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New Orleans, La.—The first of a shipment of about 27,000 tons of Louisiana raw sugar to Northern refineries left Saturday on the steamship Marianna for Boston.

Something New in Matched Sets



Faille silk and no end of work, with yarn flowers and kolinsky fur combined to make a hat and muff. With a narrow scarf, or high collar, of kolinsky about the neck, the wearer may achieve a very original and elegant set that no amount of money can exceed for smartness.

There are many such sets, usually of two pieces (a neckpiece and muff) made by putting together fur and cloth, fur and velvet, or fur and silk. A hat is brought into the scheme of things by a collar of fur, or, as in the set pictured, the hat is made to match the muff and the neckpiece is adapted to these two pieces. Collars are of many varieties, and muffs are fashionable in the pillow and the melon shapes. None of the latter are very large, although they may be draped with extra pieces of fur by way of added enrichment.

The cloths used include broadcloth, velours, Bolivia, and other weaves, and color is an important consideration when one contemplates a matched set. Linings are in contrasting colors, and soft, plain satin is used for them. Having disposed of the matter of cloth and lining, that of color must be considered. It will be determined partly by the kind of fur to be used.

These small sets offer a promising

way to make the best of old style furs that show signs of wear or are too antiquated to be worn and too good to be discarded. And they hold out enticing possibilities to the clever woman who would add a smart asset to her winter wardrobe.

In the set shown here faille silk is closely shirred to make a covering for the hat crown and the muff. It is in a saffron shade and the decorative flowers and foliage are made of yarn in the same color. The hat is faced with fur and the ends of the muff finished with bands of it. The collar is the simplest imaginable—merely a straight, wide band fastened near the back of the neck, where two short tails finish this particular bit of fashion's history.

Julie Bottomley

To Pack Dresses of Silk.

When packing dresses and waists of silk, satin or crepe, roll instead of folding. By this method articles can be packed in a smaller space and with better results. Actresses use this method, and their clothes are put to the severest test.

Formal Suit of Fur-Fabric



A formal suit may arrive at distinction through novelty in material or unusual and original design, or by means of beauty in style and finish. Here is one that has drawn upon all these sources, and it presents a stunning conception carefully worked out. The formal suit, like the one-piece frock worn with furs, affords a distinguished costume for afternoon and for anything the afternoon may bring. It is worn with a costume blouse and is equal to all the demands of semi-dress. Velvet offers advantages for this kind of suit, and other pile fabrics, including that shown in the picture, are equally rich and more novel.

The suit is made with a plain skirt finished with a hem five inches wide. A material of this kind does not need decoration, but since needlework is the order of the day, an embroidered motif is allowed in two places at each side of the skirt at the hem. Very heavy silk is used for this work. The skirt sets smoothly about the hips and falls in folds below.

The coat is unusual in many ways. Its skirt is sloped upward across the front and right side, where it falls with a slight ripple from the waistline. It is much longer and fuller at the back. The body is plain, with easy adjustment to the figure. The sleeves are large and finished with deep, expansive cuffs, and there is a collar of most

generous proportions which swatches the neck in the becoming fashion most approved. The front of the coat does not open straight down the center, but the left side is curved to extend across the figure at the waistline and button at the right side. There is no girdle, but a rectangular piece of the fabric takes the place of one at the back. It is ornamented with three buttons at each side.

It will be noticed that the skirt extends below the shoe tops, but lacks much of reaching the instep. This length is approved by style makers, but many women cling to the shorter skirts, and, since feet are so daintily clad, there is every reason for allowing them this privilege.

Julie Bottomley

Well-Dressed Woman.

A well-put-together woman seen in Fifth avenue the other day in the morning hour wore a covert cloth suit plaited and belted but on today's lines; a cross fox flat animal neck boa, which harmonized with the tan of the covert exactly, and a balloon tam of velvet, with one of the new veils which have the plain blue mesh over the face and the tan embroidery in spiral leaf design over the hat crown only.—New York Herald.

Go to Church. Going to Church Will Convert Even the Hypocrite

ONE of the reasons given by some people for refusing to GO TO CHURCH is that there are "too many hypocrites" going to church today.

Perhaps it is true that there are some hypocrites in church on Sunday. But these people cannot deceive the Almighty. They can only deceive men. Besides, there always is a chance that even a hypocrite will see a light. If he is constant in his attendance at church the hypocrisy is bound to disappear. Sincerity surely will follow.

Many a man has started to GO TO CHURCH just for the sake of making a good impression, and eventually he has become a God-fearing, upright citizen. No man can listen to a sermon every Sunday and be deaf to the word of God as expressed by the clergyman. He is bound to be a Christian in time.

IT IS TRUE THAT MANY SINNERS GO TO CHURCH. THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE FOR SINNERS. IT IS THERE THAT THEY WILL BE CLEANSED OF THEIR SINS. THE CHURCH ALSO IS A PLACE FOR THE GODLY. IT GIVES THEM THE STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE IN THEIR GODLINESS. IT GIVES THEM THE SOLACE OF RELIGION. SOME PEOPLE NEVER GO TO CHURCH UNTIL THEY ARE STRICKEN WITH SOME GREAT SORROW. THEN THEY ASK GOD TO HELP THEM BEAR THEIR SUFFERING. THEY FIND THE CONSOLATION IN CHURCH THAT THEY CANNOT FIND ANYWHERE ELSE. IT IS NOT FAIR TO GOD TO NEGLECT HIM AND HIS CHURCH UNTIL THE HOUR OF SORROW AND MISFORTUNE.

The GO TO CHURCH movement is one that cannot be denied. It is the most splendid thing that was ever undertaken in this country. The cities are the better for it. The country is the better for it.

Is there the slightest reason why you should not GO TO CHURCH next Sunday?

GO.
GO EVERY SUNDAY.

FREAKS OF NATURE

We Know There Are Giants, but We Do Not Know Why.

THEY ARE A SORT OF PUZZLE.

Sometimes These Titans Are the Result of a Somewhat Mysterious Disease Called Gigantism—Og and Goliath and the Giant Races of Gath.

Giants and dwarfs abound in the region of the Caucasus mountains. Now, why are some people big and some little? In families heredity seems to govern the matter. Where races are concerned it is not so easily explained. We are accustomed, by the way, to think of the Chinese as of inferior height; but that is because our Chinese immigrants nearly all come from the south of China. The people of north China are tall and occasionally approach the gigantic.

Circus giants are not uncommonly sufferers from a disease called gigantism, which in the long run is inevitably fatal. It appears to be due to something wrong with a small gland at the base of the brain, which, in a mysterious way, governs growth. A strange thing about this affliction is that the victim may be attacked long after he has become adult and has ceased to grow in a normal way. A man over thirty years of age may suddenly become a giant, the first warning he gets of the fact being the discovery that he needs a larger hat and bigger boots and gloves.

There are, however, occasional giants who are simply people of extraordinary size, in other respects normal. How to account for them nobody knows unless by calling them freaks of nature. Much more remarkable are the giant families which are found in the Caucasus region, though most individuals of such families are not big enough to be worth while for show purposes. For circus exhibition a giant ought not to be less than seven feet six inches tall. With that stature, plus boots with thick soles and a high hat, a man may be safely advertised as touching the eight foot mark.

Such giant families are not unknown in history. Josephus and other profane historians indorse the statements found in many places in the Bible in regard to the giants of Gath, from which locality, it will be remembered, Goliath hailed. The Bible puts the stature of that redoubtable champion at "six cubits and a span"—in other words, about three inches short of ten feet. This would seem to be the altitude record for a human being, even allowing that the measurement was from the ground to the crest of Goliath's helmet.

The most celebrated of all the giant breed, not excepting Goliath, was Og, king of Bashan. At the time when the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness were brought to a close he was ruler over no fewer than sixty cities "fenced with high walls, gates and bars." His indeed was a powerful monarchy, and the conquest of his realm by Moses is looked upon to this day as one of the greatest events in Jewish history.

Og, by the way, was accustomed to sleep in a remarkable bedstead—not of

wood or metal, but of basalt.

Whatever the circumstances under which the giant breed existed in Palestine at the time of the first arrival of the Israelites, it is certain that in later years they were scattered about among other peoples. In a political sense some were Hittites and yet others Amorites.

Coming into contact with other races they became, it would seem, either extinct or subordinate. From what little is said of them in history it is to be inferred that they were mentally inferior, though formidable fighters by reason of their great size and strength in an age when mere bodily prowess counted for much.

If Goliath be supposed to have been eight and one-half feet high (allowing for helmet and crest) his stature did not exceed that of the celebrated Winckelmeyer, the tallest man of modern times, who, born in Bavaria, died not so many years ago. The height of many giants has been exaggerated, but Winckelmeyer was carefully measured by the anthropologist Doubes.

A man of less than eight and one-half feet could hardly have worn the enormously heavy armor and accouterments described in the first book of Samuel as composing Goliath's outfit. The staff of his spear, we are told, was "like a weaver's beam," the iron spearhead alone weighing 600 shekels, about twenty pounds.

The giant breed in Palestine apparently died out not very long before the birth of Christ.

There have been lesser giant breeds in modern times, but in some instances they have been the result of artificial selection, as, for example, in the case of the wrestlers of Nippon, who, seen in a crowd, stand head and shoulders above the ordinary Japanese.

In the neighborhood of Potsdam there are today many very tall people owing to the fact that King Frederick William's famous regiment of giants was long stationed there. The regiment numbered 2,400 soldiers, and all Europe was searched by the monarch for big men to serve in it.—Philadelphia Record.

A Remarkable Shawl.

The empress of Russia was once presented with a shawl of a remarkable kind. It is contained in a box only a few inches square, in which it fits easily, yet when it is shaken out it is ten yards square. This notable gift was the work of some women weavers in Orenberg, southern Russia, by whom it was presented. The box containing it is of wood, with hinges, hoops and fastenings of beaten silver.

A War Horse.

A professor who had bought a shabby looking horse asked his coachman to try it. After the animal had been driven around the road a few times the professor asked Pat:

"What do you think of him?"

"Bedad, he'd make a fine war horse," said Pat.

"Why, how is that?" asked the professor.

"Because," said Pat, "he'd sooner die than run."—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

She Explains.

"It is impossible, Ferdy. I can't marry you."

"Then why did you let me make love to you?"

"Out of pure kindness of heart. I thought you needed practice badly."—Kansas City Journal.

Wilson and Culberson Reply.

President Wilson and Senator Culberson have both made reply to the message of congratulation sent by J. W. Madden to the president on the 10th inst. and which was published in this paper in a recent issue, a copy of which was mailed to Senator Culberson by J. W. Madden. The following is the reply of the president:

"The White House, Nov. 20, 1916.

"My dear Mr. Madden:

"Your kind message of congratulation gave me peculiar pleasure, because it came from one who has served at my side in the effort to keep the government in the hands of the people.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"Woodrow Wilson."

Senator Culberson answered as follows:

"Washington, Nov. 13, 1916.

Hon. J. W. Madden, Crockett, Texas.

"Dear Madden: I write to acknowledge receipt of carbon copy of telegram sent by you to President Wilson on the 10th instant, to thank you for the courtesy and to assure you of my sincere appreciation. Truly your friend,

"C. A. Culberson."

More About Selling Cream.

Our friends remember how hard we tried to get the farmers interested in milking cows and using separators, and that with the help of our friend Hollis we succeeded in getting quite a number started last spring, and we followed the development until the last information published was to the effect that twenty-five or more separators were in operation and that those engaged were well pleased with the outcome, etc. We felt that, once under way, it would grow without more urging, and we were right. In other words we are in a position to say "we told you so."

The number of farmers bringing

cream to town has steadily increased and the herds have been enlarged as fast as the farmers could buy more good cows, and not one of them has dropped out, but all are enthusiastic and in the business to stay. And why not? They are getting 34 cents per pound for the butter fat and have the skim milk to feed the stock and chickens. Over \$300 per week is paid to these farmers. Getting the cash for the cream twice of three times a week and paying as they go, saving a large percentage over the old-style, long-time credit system. A stranger

could almost pick out these dairymen on our streets, for they look different. They walk with their heads up and walk faster, appearing to be anxious to get through with their purchases so they can get home to see that those dividend paying cows have the best of care.

H. A. Fisher.

War on Mosquitoes.

No matter what you are using, get a can of Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray. If you do not find it the quickest relief from the pests, go back and get your money. It kills and drives mosquitoes from your home. Sold in Crockett by McLean Drug Co.—Adv.

Mebane Cotton Seed

Shipped in from Lockhart, Texas, the home of the Mebane seed, can be bought now for

\$1.50

Per Bushel, of

Jas. S. Shivers & Company

Send in Your Orders
Will Deliver Now or Later

Do You Want a Farm of Your Own?

Our lands have been going very fast to foreign purchasers, but we still have a few tracts of cut-over land in Houston and Trinity counties which we are offering for sale and we would like to see our local people provide homes of their own while there is an opportunity to buy the land at a price within reach. We know of no other sawmill company or large land holder in these counties offering to sell their lands in such tracts as will enable farmers to buy them and at prices which they will be able to pay from the products of the land. Farm products of every kind are bringing such high prices that farmers can no longer justify themselves in renting land. Our lands will produce excellent crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane, potatoes, peas, peanuts, fruits and vegetables, and they can be bought at a reasonable price and on favorable terms. For land with no improvements we will give terms of one-tenth cash, balance in nine equal annual installments at 6% interest. We will furnish lumber at market price to build residences on our land, but when we furnish lumber for improvements we will want one-seventh cash and the balance in six equal annual installments at 6% interest.

Never before during the lives of the present generation has there been a more favorable time for farmers to buy homes, and perhaps never before have you been offered such favorable terms of payment. The thrifty renter will certainly take advantage of this opportunity to provide a home for his family and to be independent of landlords. We will sell any quantity from forty acres up, but we advise against buying more land than you can work with your own family. Buy now—build your house—and if necessary rent some land from your neighbor for next year's corn and cotton crop, but during this winter put in your time fencing and clearing land for your orchard, garden, truck patches, and a small pasture for the calves and pigs. The large timber has been cut and it is a small job in many instances to deaden such timber as is left standing. An industrious man will not be very long in cleaning up as much land as he can cultivate.

Our lands are well known to people living in the neighborhoods in which they are located. Write us the location of the land you prefer and state quantity you want, and if not sold we will tell you the price at which it can be bought.

West Lumber Comp'y

Houston, Texas

HELD BY A MANIAC

Plight of a Steeplejack Atop a Towering Church Spire.

WHEN HIS HELPER WENT MAD.

The Struggle For Life in Midair and the Lucky Incident That Enabled Merrill to Overcome the Cunning Lunatic in His Death Grapple.

In Cleveland Moffett's "Careers of Danger and Daring" is this incident of real life that was told to Mr. Moffett by Merrill, the famous steeplejack, to whom it occurred:

"Did you ever have an impulse to jump off a steeple?" I questioned, recalling the sensations of many people in looking down even from a housetop.

"I've kept pretty free from that," said he, "but there's no doubt climbing steeples does tell on a man's nerves. Now, there was Dan O'Brien. He had an impulse to jump off a steeple one day and a strong impulse too. He went mad on one of the tallest spires in Cincinnati, right at the top of it."

"Went mad?"
"Yes, sir, raving mad, and I was by him when it happened. I forget whether the church was Baptist or Presbyterian, but I know it stood on Sixth street, near Vine, and there was a big hand on top of the steeple with the forefinger pointing to heaven.

"We were putting fresh gliding on this hand. I was working on the thumb side and O'Brien on the little finger side, both of us standing on tiny stagings about the size of a chair seat and both of us made fast to the steeple by life lines under our arms. That's an absolute rule in climbing steeples—never to do the smallest thing unless you're secured by a life line.

"It was coming on dark, and I was hurrying to get the gold leaf on, because we'd given the hand a fresh coat of sizing that would be dry before morning. We hadn't spoken for some time, when suddenly I heard a laugh from O'Brien's side that sent a shiver down my spine. Did you ever hear a crazy man laugh? Well, if ever you do you'll remember it. I looked at him and saw by his face that something was wrong.

"What are you doing?" said I.
"He answered very polite and steady like, but his tone was queer. I'm trying to figure out how long it would take a man to get down if he went the fastest way."

"I thought I had better keep him in a good humor, so I said, 'I'll tell you what, Dan, you brace up and get this gold on, and then we'll race to the ground in our saddles.'"

"That's a fair idea," said he in a shrill voice, "but I've got a better one. We'll race down without any saddles; yes, sir, without any lines, without a blamed thing."

"Don't be a fool, Dan. What you want to do is to get that gold on quick." I tried to speak sharp.

"No, sir; I'm going to jump, and so are you."

"I caught his eye just then and saw it wasn't any time to bother about gold leaf. I reached up and eased the hitch of my line around the hand so I

could swing toward him. I knew if I once got my grip on him he wouldn't make any more trouble. But I'd never had a crazy man to deal with, and I didn't realize how tricky and quick they are. While I was working around to his side and thinking he didn't notice it he was laying for me out of the corner of his eye, and the first thing I knew he had me by the throat and everything was turning black. I let go of the line and dropped back on my saddle board helpless, and if it hadn't been for blind luck I guess the people down below would have got their money's worth in about a minute. But my hand struck the tool box as he pressed me back, and I had just strength enough left to shut my fingers on the first tool I touched and strike at him with it. The tool happened to be a monkey wrench, and when a man gets a clip on the head with a thing like that he's pretty apt to keep still for awhile. And that's what O'Brien did. He keeled over and lay there, and I did, too, until my head got steady. Even then I guess we'd both have fallen if it hadn't been for the life lines.

"The rest was simple enough after I got my senses back. Dan was unconscious, and all I had to do was fasten a rope to him and lower away. They took care of him down below until the ambulance came, and he spent that night in a hospital. And he's spent most of his years since then in an asylum, his mind all gone except for short periods, when he comes to himself again, and then he always starts out to put an end to me. That last impulse to destroy me has never left him."

Not in His Line.

A society for disseminating religious literature once sent a bundle of tracts to a railway manager for placing in the waiting room with the title, "A Route to New Jerusalem." He returned them with the message, "We cannot place the tracts, as New Jerusalem is not on our system."—London Tit-Bits.

They All Do Then.

"Tell me, is there ever a time when you feel that you really hate your bus band?"

"Yes. The times when he telephone me at the last minute that he won't be home for supper."—Detroit Free Press.

Gladstone's One Pun.

It is not generally known that Gladstone once in his life made a pun. When Blondin appeared at the Crystal palace he went to see the acrobat and remarked that the performance was very interesting to a chancellor of the exchequer as an example of balancing.—London Standard.

To give awkwardly is to be churlishness. The most difficult part is to give. Then why not add a smile?—La Bruyere.

Real Artists.

"Is Brushpen a good artist?"
"Is he good? Why, he not only can draw pictures that are good, but he can draw checks that are good."—Pittsburgh Post.

They Had Them.

Yeast—Have you any women's clubs in your town? Crimsonbeak—Have we? Say, don't you see that bump on the top of my head?—Yonkers Statesman.

Something for a Warm Christmas Gift

Nothing is more appreciated than a good pair of all-wool blankets. The Big Store is showing the warmest numbers of these at

\$6.00 A PAIR

that have ever been on display in the city at the price. We also have a full and complete line of comforts—prices ranging from

\$1.75 UP TO \$4.50

These are all in assorted patterns. We are also showing a full line of cotton and wool nap blankets. The prices on these run from

\$1.25 TO \$3.50 A PAIR

Don't fail to see this line before buying. They are all excellent values and will not last long at the prices.

Next week's ad. will call your attention to a full line of holiday gifts for all the family. Yours to please,

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

CROCKETT'S BIG STORE

About Home Patronage.

To "buy it at home" is a good slogan. But that is not enough. Buy it of those merchants who think enough of your business to advertise for it through the home newspapers. Without the newspapers the work of the commercial club or of any other commercial organization could amount to but very little. The non-advertising merchant is largely responsible for the trade that goes away from home. Merchants in big cities are big advertisers and therefore pull trade from small towns where there is a lack of advertising. Let the local merchants take advantage of the opportunities offered through the home newspapers and there will be less complaint about a lack of home patronage. "Buy it at home," and buy it of those merchants who think enough of your trade and home patronage to advertise for your trade through the home newspapers. The merchant who patronizes the home newspaper deserves and ought to have the patronage of his home people.

Reception for Debutante.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters has returned from visiting friends and relatives in Houston. The object of her visit was to attend a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott for their daughter, Miss Jeannette, who is one of Houston's debutantes this season. Miss Scott is very pleasantly remembered in Crockett as a visitor here summer before last, and she has promised Mrs. Wootters to make another visit, perhaps during the holiday season. Mrs. Wootter's visit in Houston was as enjoyable as on former occasions, a number of hospitalities being extended her this time as always on former visits.

A Family Reunion.

Mrs. W. E. Madden and little daughter, Sage, of Denver, are visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Madden. They will remain until Christmas, when the husband and father, Lieut. W. E. Madden of the United States Navy, will join them for the re-

union of the Madden family at that time. Charles Madden, the eldest of the boys, and his family, who reside at Jourdanton, Texas, will also be here, thus completing the family. They have never been together at any one time and all contemplate a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion. The family embraces Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Madden; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Boone and sons, Madden and Paul; Lieut. and Mrs. W. E. Madden and daughter, Sage, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madden and children, James, Elizabeth and Charles Russell.

Contest Talk Subsidizing.

The talk of contesting the commissioners' court's order in regard to working the county roads, contract for which was awarded to Smith Brothers of this city, has about subsided. The advisory board of the Crockett road district, while opposing the order at the time it was passed, also went on record as saying that they did not want to appear in the light of obstructionists and would not further oppose the plan if favored by the people of the outlying precincts. Mr. C. C. Warfield is a board member who holds to that view and it is our understanding that the other members so hold. Work on the roads has already begun under the supervision of efficient road engineers and better roads for the future are now looked for.

A Lass of the Lumberlands.

Manager J. W. Saunders of the Queen theater has booked for Crockett theater-goers the moving picture serial, "A Lass of the Lumberlands." For real thrills this picture is said to be unexcelled. Its popularity with Crockett people is fast becoming established, those having seen the first episode returning for the second and bringing their friends with them. If you enjoy a good serial picture, you should not miss the next episode of "A Lass of the Lumberlands." Manager Saunders is exerting special effort to give Crockett a first-class picture house. His three, four and five-part pictures are as good as shown in towns much larger than Crockett.

REGAINED HIS CASTE.

A Rich American's Bluff in a Land Where Horses Represent Wealth.

"The bai is so rich," said my host of the Siberian steppes (bai is the Kirghiz word for lord and master), "that what we have must seem very small to him. But he has seen our herds; does he think our horses beautiful?"

I replied that we admired his horses very much and that, although they were not so large as ours, their conformation was very fine.

"I have a thousand horses," continued Koorman. "How many has the bai?" I stammered that I owned five. This information produced a most depressing effect.

"The bai is so rich," he said, "and yet he only owns five horses. I do not understand it. Sultan Djingir has 4,000 horses, Sultan Djumabek has 2,000 and Adam Bai is said to have 3,000, and you say that you have only five! How many sheep does the bai own?" "I regret to say that I own no sheep," I replied.

"Ah! Probably the bai owns large herds of cattle?"

"I have two cows," I said. The conversation was assuming a most unfortunate turn, and I felt that I was losing ground every minute; something desperate had to be done. I remembered that I had in my pocket a colored photograph of a gorgeous hotel at Palm Beach, which I had lately received from a friend in Florida.

"It is true, my friend," I said, "that I do not own any cattle or sheep or horses, but see the house in which I live when I am in my own country," and I showed them the brightly colored print. The effect was magical; the card was passed from hand to hand with every expression of amazement and delight; my stock bounded upward and never after that fell below par. May I be forgiven for my deception!—E. Nelson Fell in Outlook.

Held Bible and Rudder.

Some years ago Japan was neither so free nor so friendly with other nations as she is today. In those old days when a foreign ship entered the Japanese ports the captain was obliged to place his Bible and rudder in charge of the chief officer of the port and leave them there until he was ready to sail. Of course he wouldn't sail without either, and the Japs could easily keep tabs on the movements of all ships in their harbors.

Useless Speeches.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be passed on you?" asked the judge.

"Not a word. I made speeches the last three times I was convicted and they didn't seem to do me any good," replied the prisoner.—Detroit Free Press.

Be an Enthusiast Talking Up the Go to Church Movement

Be an enthusiast in the GO TO CHURCH movement. Enthusiasm always is a splendid thing. It is doubly and trebly so when it is exercised to get people to GO TO CHURCH. Billy Sunday enthuses over religion. He carries his hearers off their feet.

There's one thing about talking up GO TO CHURCH. It is godly. It is unselfish. Your neighbor, in the wildest stretch of his imagination, cannot accuse you of an ulterior motive when you ask him to GO TO CHURCH.

A parent will insure himself in order that his wife and children may not suffer in the event of his death. That is a praiseworthy act. How about the insurance of their souls? No Christian parent will ask his children to remain away from church. On the contrary, he will urge them to go. The surest way to get them to GO TO CHURCH is to GO TO CHURCH himself.

IT IS SO EASY TO BECOME ENTHUSIASTIC OVER RELIGION AND THE GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT. THE SUBJECT INSPIRES ENTHUSIASM. IT INSPIRES ELOQUENCE. IF A MAN HAS ANY CHRISTIANITY LEFT HE'LL LISTEN TO A PLEA TO GO TO CHURCH. WE ASK THE MAN WHO DOES NOT GO TO CHURCH TO GO BACK TO HIS BOYHOOD DAYS. AS A BOY HE WENT TO CHURCH. HE WAS GODLY THEN. IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY, WHEN A YOUTH REACHES HIS MAJORITY, HE FALLS AWAY FROM CHURCH. SOME OF THE FLIPPANT YOUTHS ARE INCLINED TO SNEER AT THE YOUNG MAN WHO GOES TO CHURCH. IN THEIR BLINDNESS THEY ARE LIKELY TO CALL HIM A WEAKLING. ON THE CONTRARY; HE IS STRONG AND THEY ARE THE WEAKLINGS.

If on your way to church you meet a friend who does not GO TO CHURCH plead with him. Ask him to be a good fellow and grant you a favor. You are not asking a loan. You are asking him to better his body, his mind and his soul. He'll see the light.

Get others to GO TO CHURCH.

HOLIDAY HINTS

Resolve to Make This A Practical Christmas

That's a good resolution. Instead of giving a lot of useless gim-cracks, give sensible, practical, useful things as gifts.

Our store offers the widest range of choice for the practical giver. Almost everything in our store is a needful article.

We mention the following, which are a few of the many practical gifts we have to offer:



Cut Glass
Hand-Painted China
Parisian Ivory
Odd Pieces
and Sets
Military Sets
Comb and
Brush Sets
Ravenware
Thermos Bottles
Stationery
Christmas Cards
and Booklets
Leather Goods
such as
Bill Books

Ladies' Purses
Sewing Sets
Knives
Fountain Pens
Flashlights
Safety Razors
Playerphones
Pipes
Cigars
Nunnally and
Jacob's
Christmas
Candies



Here's a Suggestion

Come in and tell us what you want to pay and to whom you want to give and we will name you a host of practical articles that fill the bill. Remember we will pack any item for shipment.

Shop Early While the Assortment Is Complete

The Bishop Drug Company

Telephone 47 or 140

The Prompt Service Store

Local News Items

The high cost of living is the result of too many consumers and not enough producers—too many people sitting around and consuming, but producing nothing.

Thanksgiving Service.

By agreement of the pastors of Crockett, a Thanksgiving service was held at the Baptist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

To My Customers.

Owing to bad collections, am forced to adopt the plan of collecting when service is rendered.

45-4t. Dr. L. S. Harris, V. S.

J. A. Richardson of Ratcliff, renewing for the Courier, writes us: "I consider the Courier one of the best papers in the country and it affords me a great pleasure to read it."

Show Case for Sale.

May be seen at Daniel & Burton's store—plate glass, about 5 feet high. Bargain if taken at once.

45-2t. Hortense Sweet.

Houston county ginned 17,980 bales of cotton from the crop of 1916 prior to November 14 as compared with 19,894 bales ginned from the crop of 1915 prior to November 14.

Mrs. J. W. Spalding of Hillsboro and daughter, Mrs. Catherine Creekmore of Houston, are visiting the families of Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Madden. Mrs. Spalding is a sister of S. M. Boone.

Downes ran into a cargo of tongue and will add to the Pig Hip, Pimiento and other sandwiches the Cow Talker, between two very thin slices of high-priced bread, for 5 cents—at Dinty's Place. 1t.

Dr. T. M. Sherman's automobile was stolen from his home Tuesday night. A negro, who is suspicioned, has been trailed through Palestine and Frankston. Later, the negro was overtaken at Tyler.

The attention of our readers is called to the financial statements of the Lovelady and Weldon banks appearing in this issue of the Courier, in which the prosperous condition of the country is reflected.

H. D. Whitehead of Pennington called Monday to renew his own subscription and that of J. A. Hensarling, also of Pennington. Mr. Whitehead had just sold two bales of cotton, the lint of which brought him \$222.55.

Mrs. Willis Higginbotham of Dallas, Mrs. W. V. Clark of Mineral Wells, Mrs. Willie Holcomb of Augusta and Jonathan Harrison of Kennard are among the large number who have our thanks for their subscription renewals.

Mrs. J. S. Chesser of Metcalf, Ariz., who will be remembered in Houston county as Miss Ada Hogue, and Mrs. R. J. Dominy are among those renewing for this paper. Mrs. Chesser says the Courier is always the first paper she reads.

W. E. Cannon of Bishop, M. D. Driskell of Palacios, John H. Wooters of Waco, J. F. Leathers of Guy's Store and Dr. J. P. Westmoreland of Milvid are among those who say they must have the Courier and they, therefore, shall have it.

R. E. Morris of Crockett, W. C. Minter of Route 6, Stell Sharp of Route 1, C. L. Monk of Route 6, J. Valentine, J. C. Rains, R. S. Willis, W. M. Eardley and M. McCarty were among those remembering the Courier Friday and Saturday.

Annual Fall Sale.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold their annual fall sale of fancy work, ready-to-wear, candy and cake on Saturday, December 2, in the Cook building. An unusually tempting dinner will be served.

Earle Larue, a colored subscriber on Route 5, called Saturday to renew his subscription and to say that he could not get along without his county paper. D. H. Jones, principal of the Crockett colored schools, is also a colored subscriber renewing.

J. B. West of Route 2, R. C. Hill of Route 6, M. M. Brashears of Route 3, H. A. Bitner of Lovelady, J. T. Dorman of Route 4, J. R. Stewart of Route 4, C. B. Isbell of Route 5, W. C. Dupuy, G. D. McClain and Col. W. W. Lively were among our friends remembering us Tuesday.

J. R. Tittle of Malvern, D. W. Peterson of Route 2, Bud Rice of Route 1, W. B. Hearon of Route 1, J. A. Wedemeyer of Ash, J. O. Kelley of Route 6, J. F. Murray of Route 2, J. W. Rich of Route 4 and W. M. Saxon were among Saturday's appreciated callers at this office.

Mr. H. N. Bradley, one of Pennington's prominent citizens, died at his home Thursday night at 9 o'clock. Under the auspices of the Masonic lodge the remains were laid to rest Saturday at noon. Mr. Bradley was one of Pennington's oldest and most useful citizens. He leaves wife and five children.

Seeing All.

That is what we want you to do before buying. Our stock will be worth seeing. Of course we mean our holiday goods, which will be on display in the Cook store house, just below the Crockett Baking Company. Wait—you won't be disappointed. 1t. Crockett Drug Company.

T. J. Patton of Kennard, J. L. Corder of Rogers, W. F. West of Grapeland, G. E. Lansford of Ash, T. T. Bitner of Lovelady, A. E. Hartt of Lovelady, John W. Norton of Creek, D. S. Williams of Lovelady and Miss Lola Janes were some of those remembering the Courier with their subscription renewals Monday.

We Won't Ask

You to buy everything when you come to our holiday store in the Cook building, but it will be hard to keep from buying, so extensive and elaborate will be our line of presents for the grown-ups and the little folks. We will tell you when our opening will be some time later. Look for it. 1t. Crockett Drug Company.

Co-operation Is Necessary.

Dr. W. M. Hague from the Houston office, working under Dr. J. B. Reidy for the eradication of the cattle tick, arrived in Crockett Wednesday. Dr. Hague will be located in Crockett by the department if sufficient co-operation is met with. The cattle tick costs the farmers of Houston county thousands of dollars every year and its eradication is a work of the greatest importance.

Approaching

Very fast is the holiday season. Every day some one inquires about the time of our opening. Well, friends, we can't say just when it will be, but we do say it will be worth waiting for, and that our goods will be on display in the Cook building, next to the Crockett Dry Goods Company's store. Wait for us. Crockett Drug Company.

A Card of Thanks.

I desire to thank my friends who so nobly assisted me in saving my home during the night of the late fire. They may rest assured that if placed in a similar situation I will endeavor to testify my gratitude by doing all in my power to protect them from loss by fire, water or storm. The nights will never be too dark or the elements too severe for me to assist them in this situation. Respectfully, 1t. M. Younas.

SEE AMERICA FIRST.

Attractions These Who Do Not Know Their Country Would Find.

I have crossed the equator thirty-six times and been around the world four times, and, on the side, I have been in every state of the United States. In all I am certain that I have traveled much over 200,000 miles.

I am frequently asked by friends where to travel on pleasure, and I always say, "See America first."

If I had a month's leisure and a few hundred dollars to spend in traveling for pleasure I would turn to the great west. Starting from New York, I would pass through Buffalo and stop off long enough to see Niagara falls and thence to Chicago and through Milwaukee and on to the Twin Cities, spending a few days in the lake region of Wisconsin and Minnesota, where I would find fishing, canoeing and sailing on some of the most beautiful inland waters of the world.

Continuing westward, the attractions of Glacier National park in the north-west corner of Montana would surely lure me to stop for a few days.

From this paradise I'd journey westward and see Mount Rainier National park, which covers more than 200,000 acres. World travelers have called Mount Rainier the "king of all mountains."

I would be sure to go to Tacoma and Seattle and Puget sound. If I had the time I certainly would take a ship at Seattle and go to see the wonders of Alaska, with its icefields that out rival the Norwegian fords.

I would not miss Portland—the Rose City—where the queen of flowers blooms in profusion most of the year. From Portland I could go via boat or train to San Francisco, with its famous Golden Gate, and on southward to Los Angeles or turn my face toward the rising sun and visit Salt Lake City in the shadow of the Wasatch mountains.

From Salt Lake City to the Yellowstone National park is an overnight run by train, and I'd not miss this reservation for anything.

If my thirst for mountain scenery was still unsatisfied I should come east by way of Denver, situated one mile above sea level and surrounded by snow mountains that show their rugged outlines against the sky for more than 200 miles, of which Pikes peak is the dominating feature.

From here on I would journey home as time and fancy dictated. On all sides and by whatever route I might select I would find an attractive country with ripening orchards, waving fields and smiling farms through which to pass.

Throughout this entire holiday I would have no troubles from wrestling with foreign languages nor with unfamiliar coinage. There would be no vexatious customs to pass, no irritating police regulations to observe.—Dr. W. E. Aughinbaugh in Leslie's.

Interpreting a Problem.

Apropos of the problem of the greatest number that can be expressed by three figures, L. Capitaine writes that the figures 99 may be interpreted in two different ways. They may mean the ninth power of the ninth power of 9, or they may mean 9 raised to the ninth power of 9.

The ninth power of 9 is 387,420,489. This number raised to the ninth power is nothing so tremendous; any one could do the necessary calculation with a little time, as the result has only about seventy-five figures. But if we accept the second interpretation—9 raised to the ninth power of 9—9 raised to itself 387,420,489 times, which is a very different thing.

To Mend a Tablecloth.

When a tablecloth begins to break or a small hole appears, cut a piece of white paper some larger than the place to be mended, baste securely over the hole and stitch on sewing machine, lengthwise and crosswise, very closely and evenly. It will look much neater and is easier than darning or patching by hand. I also mend sheets and bedspreads the same way. The paper will disappear when washed.—Farm and Fireside.

Belated Wisdom.

"What I want to know, Johnny," demanded the stern parent, "is why you picked a quarrel with that bad boy next door?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the injured culprit, "but I s'pose it must have been 'cause I didn't know what a bad boy he was."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Could Use Them.

Old Lady—My poor man, here is a cent for you. Polite Beggar—Can't you make it two, madam? Old Lady—What would you do with 2 cents? Polite Beggar—I'd buy a stamp and mail you an acknowledgment, madam. Etiquette forbids me using a postcard.—Judge.

Perkins' Paradox.

Can't Perkins support his wife? "Why, he can support her all right, but he claims that she is insupportable."—Boston Transcript.

No indulgence of passion destroys the spiritual nature so much as respectable selfishness.

We Have the Merchandise

The best line ever shown in Crockett—
Jewelry, Cut Glass, China, Sterling Sil-
ver and Sundries. See our display be-
fore you buy.

The Rexall Store

We Are Specializing on Quality This Year

Local News.

The best in town—the Rexall
Store. tf.

Mrs. C. L. Edmiston is visiting in
Houston.

Pickard China at the Rexall
Store. tf.

One lot of boys' suits at cost at
T. D. Craddock's. 46-2t.

Jack Smith of Longview was
here Wednesday.

T. D. Craddock has a lot of ladies'
coats at cut prices. 46-2t.

Miss Corrie Mildred Wootters is
visiting in Huntsville.

Men's pants and suits are cheap-
er at T. D. Craddock's. 46-2t.

Mrs. Robert Wootters was a vis-
itor to Houston this week.

Trade at T. D. Craddock's. You
might get that automobile. 2t.

Miss Alline Foster was at home
from Lufkin Thanksgiving day.

Let us bid on your furs. We pay
the highest prices. E. Douglass.

A complete, up-to-date abstract.
tf-adv Aldrich & Crook.

No. 666 will cure Malaria or Bil-
ious Fever. It kills germs. 42-4t.

Mrs. C. C. O'Neil and Miss Bess
Long visited in Palestine Sunday.

666 will cure Chills and Fever.
The most speedy remedy we know.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Ano-
dyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction.

Buy Chase & Sanborn coffee from
T. D. Craddock. It costs you less
in the end. 46-2t.

For Rent—Apartments in a house
near my residence—a good bed-
room and kitchen. Price cheap.
45-tf. S. F. Tenney.

If you want suits for the boys,
it's worth your while to buy from T.
D. Craddock. 46-2t.

Rev. S. F. Tenney will preach at
Oakland church Sunday afternoon
at 3 o'clock.

Buy your Christmas toys at Duke
& Ayres' Nickel Store. We sell
them for less. 1t.

Dr. G. W. Worthington of Marath-
on sends his subscription renewal
to this paper.

Mrs. E. L. Simpson can accommo-
date a few more people desiring
first-class board. 45-3t.

J. T. Salisbury and W. C. Shivers
were among those remembering the
Courier Friday.

Santa Claus at Duke & Ayres'
Nickel Store—toys all on display
now, buy early. 1t.

Miss Hazel Parker of Lovelady
was a guest of Mrs. W. A. Norris
Thursday and Friday.

We are still paying highest mar-
ket prices for chickens, turkeys,
eggs and furs. 2t. E. Douglass.

To "Dinty's Place" for a good cup
of coffee or hot chocolate and cake
served with pure, whipped cream.

M. S. Owens is a colored subscrib-
er on Route 3 who has extended
his Courier subscription into 1918.

When you spend a dollar at T. D.
Craddock's, call for the automobile
tickets. You might be the lucky
one. 46-2t.

Mrs. B. W. Hatcher of Route 3 is
among those remembering the Cou-
rier with subscriptions since last is-
sue.

Mrs. Harris Eastham and daugh-
ter, Winfred, and Mrs. Luther East-
ham and daughter, Corry Lee, came
over from Huntsville to spend
Thanksgiving with Mrs. R. H. Woot-
ters and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston.

Candy, candy, candy, candy! Duke
& Ayres' Nickel Store—Santa Claus
and cheap prices! Nothing over 25
cents. 1t.

Miss Pearl Lewis of Lovelady
was a visitor in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. John I. Moore during the last
week.

Ring "Dinty's Place" to send you
the cream for lunch or dinner. We
expect to have it every day in the
year. 1t.

A beautiful line of new skirts
just arrived at T. D. Craddock's at
popular prices. We will save you
money. 46-2t.

Christmas will soon be here, so
do not put off your buying until the
last day. T. D. Craddock wants
your trade. 46-2t.

Many farmers tell the Courier
that they will have corn to sell
when they are through with their
winter feeding.

Buy the Mitchell wagon from T.
D. Craddock if you want the best.
Part in cash, balance in note pay-
able next fall. 46-2t.

Duke & Ayres' Nickel Store can't
be underbought and won't be un-
dersold. Our holiday stock is com-
plete. Buy now. 1t.

George Vaughan is a colored subscrib-
er on Kennard Rt. 1 who has
extended his subscription for the
Courier into 1918.

See those fine young mules at
the Big Store. We will sell them
for cash or on credit.

tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore will
move to Augusta, where Mr. Moore
will engage in the mercantile busi-
ness with his brother.

Wanted.

A few good work mules, ages 5
to 8 years, weight 1000 pounds or
more. 2t. A. W. Ellis.

T. H. Leaverton of Grapeland and
J. A. Allee of Ash were among subscrib-
ers who called Tuesday to re-
new for the Courier.

If you are in need of a fine, young
mule from 3 to 7 years old, see us.
We will sell for cash or on credit.

tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. W. E. Mayes of Mineral
Wells and Mrs. Silas Douglass of
Arbor have the Courier's thanks for
their subscription renewals.

Put off nothing that can be done
to-day. Do your Christmas shop-
ping now and avoid the rush and
confusion of the last few days.

Our mules are all broken, and
from 3 to 7 years old. We will sell
them for cash or on credit.

tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

T. D. Craddock will sell the best
fancy flour at \$2.50 a sack, the high
patent for \$2.35 per sack and the
split patent for \$2.25, all guaranteed.

Harry Fred Moore left to-day for
Galveston, where he will be a guest
in the Moody home for a dance
given for Miss Moody Friday even-
ing.

Duke & Ayres' Nickel Store has
nothing over 25 cents, but we have
a big stock of toys, and it will pay
you to buy now while the stock is
complete. 1t.

Jeff Payne of Route 1, A. S. Dan-
iels of Route 6 and A. E. Davis of
Route 4 are among Courier subscrib-
ers who called Saturday to re-
new.

For Sale or Trade.

The Stokes old home place, con-
sisting of a two-story residence and
25 acres of land. Address Mrs. J.
W. Young. 45-tf.

Why wait till the last day before
Christmas and be in the jam? Buy
it now and you get the same price,
but you get better service and have
more to select from. All our holi-
day goods are now on display.

Duke & Ayres' Nickel Store.

Real Estate and Loans.

We have real estate for sale and we
would like to examine any vendor lien
notes you may have for sale.

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

CANINE SWIFTNES.

**Eskimo and Siberian Dogs Are Fast,
but the Greyhound Excels.**

Few people realize of what remark-
able speed dogs are capable. Some sta-
tistics in regard to this have been gath-
ered by M. Dusolier, a French scientist.
After pointing out the marvelous en-
durance shown by little fox terriers
who followed their masters patiently
for hours while they were riding on bi-
cycles or in carriages he says that even
greater endurance is shown by certain
wild animals that are akin to dogs.
Thus the wolf can run between fifty
and sixty miles in one night, and an
arctic fox can do quite as well, if not
better.

Eskimo and Siberian dogs can travel
forty-five miles on the ice in five hours,
and there is a case on record in which
a team of Eskimo dogs traveled six
and one-half miles in twenty-eight min-
utes.

According to M. Dusolier, the speed
of the shepherd dogs and those used on
hunting ranges is from ten to fifteen
yards a second. English setters and
pointers run at the rate of eighteen to
nineteen miles an hour, and they can
maintain this speed for at least two
hours. Fox hounds are extraordinarily
swift, as is proved by the fact that a
dog of this breed once beat a thorough-
bred horse, covering four miles in six
and a half minutes, which was at the
rate of nearly eighteen yards a second.
Greyhounds are the swiftest of all
four footed creatures, and their speed
is equal to that of carrier pigeons.
English greyhounds, which are used
for coursing, are able to cover at full
gallop a space between eighteen and
twenty yards every second.—Our Dumb
Animals.

Hastening the Evil Day.

Willie—Pa says he wishes that you'd
make haste and propose to sister.
Young Man (delighted)—Then he is
willing to let her marry me? Willie—
Taint that. He says you're not likely
to keep comin' here after sis hands
you the mitten.—Boston Transcript.

What Counts.

Grubbs—I met a man today who can
draw his check for a million. Stubbs—
That's nothing. I met a man who can
draw his check for ten and actually get
it cashed.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

He Works.

"He never works, does he?"
"Oh, yes; he works any one he can
for anything he can!"

Christmas

Christmas will soon be here.
Be prepared. You are better
able to reflect the Spirit of
the Season if you are becom-
ingly dressed.

A hand-tailored suit, made out of all-wool
fabrics, cut and fitted to your individual
measure, will enhance your appearance
and add force to your Christmas Greeting.

There's something behind it when the
well-dressed man says,

"Merry Christmas"

John C. Millar

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Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing



Christmas suggests Santa Claus—
Santa Claus suggests toys—and
toys should suggest Harris' Racket
Store, for here you will find a
large and varied assortment of
all kinds of toys, dolls, games and
a thousand other things calculated
to make the children happy on
Christmas morn. Don't buy un-
til you have seen our display.

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