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## CONGRESS IS SLOW IN GETTING STARTED.

### Two Houses Will Get Down to Actual Work With Promises of Speed This Week.

Washington, December 10.—Both branches of congress moved slowly during the opening week of the short session while legislation was being whipped into shape, but they will get down to actual work this week.

The program in the senate is somewhat uncertain, dependent upon a meeting of the democratic steering committee tomorrow. While the interstate commerce committee is deliberating on plans for expediting the president's railroad legislative program three measures are ready for immediate consideration. They are the District of Columbia prohibition bill, immigration bill and corrupt practices measures.

Corrupt practice legislation which now is the unfinished business probably will be displaced temporarily by the immigration bill when the senate meets tomorrow. Inasmuch as democratic leaders are considering revising the former measure before pressing it for final action. The immigration bill with its literacy test probably will pass the senate without prolonged discussion despite the probability that it may meet another presidential veto. The prohibition bill for the District of Columbia is to be urged by Senators Sheppard and Kenyon and its passage by the senate before the March adjournment is regarded as very probable.

Senate democrats will caucus Wednesday to choose a successor to the late Senator Clark as president pro tempore. Senator Saulsbury of Delaware is the most active candidate for the honor and his friends

say he has enough votes pledged to assure his election. The caucus also will consider the legislative program.

Proposed railway and high cost of living legislation having been shelved for the present by the house that branch probably will do little except routine work until after the Christmas recess.

### Would Get Higher Pay.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An organized effort directed by the American Federation of Labor to induce congress to grant wage and salary increases to all employes of the United States government from president down to the humblest laborer was planned at a meeting here today presided over by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation. Resolutions were adopted at the meeting attended by representatives of all organizations of federal employes affiliated with the federation setting forth that government salaries have not kept pace with the cost of necessities of life and declaring that congress be earnestly petitioned to grant increases ranging from 10 to 33 1/2 per cent to government employes whether in or out of the civil service.

Mr. Gompers was authorized to appoint committees to urge the cause before congress. The resolutions agreed to a scale of increases which will be embodied in the proposed plan.

Miss Willie Douglass, daughter of Albert Douglass of the Douglass community, was married on Sunday, December 3, at the home of the bride, to Montie Lowe, son of J. J. Lowe. The Courier extends congratulations and best wishes.

The Courier contains no advertising that is not clean. There is not an objectionable line of advertising in this paper.

## PRINT PAPER SITUATION IS BECOMING ACUTE IN KANSAS

### Twenty-Five Daily Newspapers Confronting Danger of Having to Quit Publication.

Kansas City, December 5.—Owners of 25 Kansas newspapers, who said they were confronted with danger of being unable to secure print paper on which to publish their newspapers, met here Tuesday and took steps to meet the crisis, if possible, by delegating George W. Marble of the Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor to present their necessity to the federal trade commission in Washington, D. C., next week and to present to the Kansas delegation in congress the facts of their extremity.

Reports submitted showed, according to Mr. Marble, that Kansas publishers are paying as high as 10 cents a pound for paper.

### A County Demonstration Agent.

Everything usually comes around about right, if one is patient and never loses sight of the objective feature of the case. You remember how we have worked for the appointment of a county demonstration agent. Now our good friend, Professor Clarence Ousley, director of extension service at A. & M. College, has held one of the government county appropriations for several months, waiting for us to get ready to join in the expense of this department of service to the farmers of Houston county. The secretary has just asked Mr. Ousley if he has the appropriation still that can be used in our case, and was promptly informed that he had and could hold it until the tenth of January. This makes it possible to get in under the wire with our meeting of the 8th.

Here is the favorable situation

created by this tick-eradicating campaign that Houston county is about to engage in. Doctor Haag will remain here long enough to instruct some man to take charge of the work of building the dipping vats and the proper operation of the same after he moves to some other locality. This man will have to be paid by the county, and a party capable of filling the position will cost from \$75 to \$100 a month. Now, if we had a county agent, one half of whose salary was paid by the government, we would have a man well qualified to do the work in connection with this campaign, besides many other helpful things for the farmers as he goes along, and our half of his salary would be considerable less than the entire cost of the other man. Don't it look as if this is the opportune time to take on the county agent? Think it over and come to the meeting on the 8th of January prepared to assist in a forward movement that means so much to the people of Houston county.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

### Goes to Plainview.

B. F. Chamberlain Jr., who has been the assistant cashier of the Crockett State Bank for several years has resigned that position to accept a place with the First National Bank of Plainview. Frank, as he is known in Crockett, where he was born and reared, has the necessary qualifications and experience to make good in his new field. Starting with the First National Bank in Crockett, he next went to a Dallas bank, then to Trinity and then to the Crockett State Bank as assistant cashier, a position he held with credit until resigning. He has many friends here who are glad of his success and who have unlimited confidence in his future.

## HIGHER RATES NECESSARY. SAYS THIS ASSOCIATION.

### Ohio Daily Publishers Resolve Newspapers Must Get Better Subscription and Advertising Prices.

Cleveland, O.—Higher subscription and advertising rates are absolutely necessary in view of the high cost of print paper, according to the members of the Select List of Ohio Dailies who met in this city. The resolutions adopted urged members to exercise the strictest economy and reduce waste to the minimum. The resolutions adopted are as follows:

Whereas, The price of print paper has advanced more than 100 per cent, and whereas, the increased cost of print paper may so seriously affect many newspapers as to prevent even their continued publication; and whereas, relief from this unprecedented burden is now absolutely imperative, be it

Resolved, That this association urge the strictest economy in the use of print paper, and that all wastage be reduced to a minimum, and be it further

Resolved, That the association endorse the attitude of the National Editorial association and the Newspaper Publishers' association in their efforts to prevent a further advance in the cost of print paper, and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that an increase in the subscription and advertising rates is absolutely necessary in order to afford relief.

Resolved, also, That this association urge a closer co-operation on the part of all publishers to prevent the suspension of many newspapers which will become necessary unless some relief from the rising prices of print paper is afforded.

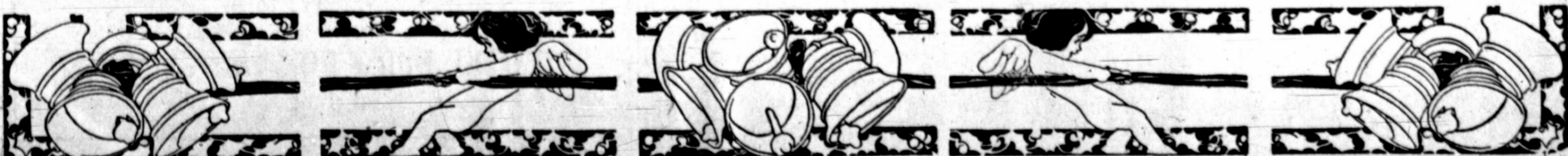


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Only a Dollar a Year Until January 31 Next, When the  
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Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line.

Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bills.

In case of errors or omissions in legal or other advertisements, the publishers do not hold themselves liable for damage further than the amount received by them for such advertisement.

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.

## UNEXPECTEDLY BIG GINNING REPORT CAUSED SUDDEN SLIP

### Futures Broke Over \$5 the Bale and Declines in New Orleans Market Widest Ever Experienced.

The biggest slump of the season struck the cotton market Friday and spots in Houston fell 75 points or \$3.75 per bale, making a decline in the past two days of \$4.75 per bale and a decline from the high price of the season of \$5 per bale.

The decline was in sympathy with the break in futures which was brought on by a larger ginning report than the trade had expected and a severe break in Liverpool attributed to the rumor of a declaration of war on England by Greece.

Active months in future broke over \$5 per bale and the declines were the widest ever seen in the New Orleans market.

The ginning report showed that Texas ginned nearly one-third of the crop up to December 1, the figures being 3,404,000 bales, against 6,955,002 bales for all the rest of the states.—Houston Post.

## UNITED STATES CAN FEED ITSELF AND HAVE BIG SURPLUS

### Report of Secretary D. F. Houston Shows the Food Supply of Country is Abundant.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Fears that the population of the United States is growing so fast that it will outstrip the production of food are set at rest by the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston, made to congress today.

The production of foods in the United States has held its own in some branches and has increased in others. The alarming decline in beef production which set in some time ago reached the lowest point in 1913, and since then has increased materially. At the same time there has been a marked increase in the production of swine. Sheep have declined slightly. More of these meat animals have been slaughtered under government supervision during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, than ever before, the report states. The heaviest slaughtering has been accompanied by an increase in the number of living animals, however.

Secretary Houston says that the situation gives reason for the brightest optimism, it being indicated that the United States cannot only supply its own needs, but can feed a large proportion of the people of the outside world.

The report states that the department has energetically worked, through the eradication of disease and the development of stock raising, to increase the food supply. He recommends the inauguration of a vigorous campaign against tuberculosis in hogs and cattle, which, he estimates, is causing annual losses in the United States of \$25,000,000. The grazing capacity of the public domain has been increased from 15

to 30 per cent during the year, the report says. The perfection of grazing regulations on an additional 250,000,000 acres of public lands would enhance the meat supply, says the secretary. Secretary Houston advocates more sheep raising.

The secretary's report states that the secret of continuing to feed the world lies in the expansion by the American people of the acreage of tilled lands. Food crops should be stabilized and better regulated, he declares. Crops should be rotated scientifically, the secretary declares, and the entire business of tilling the soil should be placed on a more scientific basis.

Mr. Houston's report says much progress has been made in improving methods of marketing crops, particularly fruits and vegetables. He tells of his market news service by which news of shipments of crops is distributed to the farmers.

A marked improvement in the quality of food and drugs offered the public has been brought about through rigorous enforcement of the food and drugs act, says the report.

## NEW ORLEANS FELL HARD.

### Most Violent Fluctuations of Season—The Price Dropped Over 100 Points.

New Orleans, December 8.—The most violent fluctuations of the season and one of the widest declines ever recorded in any session of the local market carried the price of cotton downward Friday 103 to 113 points or \$5 to \$5.50 a bale below the level of Thursday's close. Heavy liquidation of long contracts and terrific hammering of short sellers caused the break, which followed the larger census bureau returns on ginning to December 1 than expected and a rumor that Greece had declared war on England.

The early market was active and business reached enormous proportions by noon, when brokers were unable to keep abreast of the selling orders wired in from all directions. This was the climax of the selling wave, for in the afternoon shorts sought liberal covers to realize their profits and this demand gave the market a steadier tone, causing a partial recovery. The close was at a net loss for the day of 76 to 92 points.—Houston Post.

## The Cost of Paper.

The News recognizes the fact that to some extent this matter of the high cost of newspaper and everything else that the printer touches is becoming stale; and yet it is a subject that is hard to keep from referring to—occasionally, for the reason that there are new features to it developing every day that tend to make the future outlook for the newspaper man less optimistic. Less than twelve months ago the News was paying \$2.85 per hundred pounds for newspaper, and today a sorrier grade of paper is costing the News \$7.00 per hundred pounds. And in the face of this enormous advance in price, some people seem to cling to the idea that all the money a newspaper takes in is profit and that they should continue doing business at the same old price. There is not a newspaper or job printing house in Texas today that can maintain the prices in effect a year ago, on either subscription, advertising or job printing, and still remain in business. To do so would be financial ruin sooner or later, and every newspaper in Texas would be wiped out of existence. And the end of these high prices is not yet in sight.—Lufkin News.

## 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.



# Useful Christmas Gifts

Those who intend that their Christmas-giving shall be in the nature of things which serve a useful purpose and bring a substantial benefit to the recipient will lend a ready ear to this Christmas call of the Deupree & Waller Store. No better place to obtain Christmas gift things of the useful, serviceable and endearing kinds can you find than this homefurnishing store, with its many appealing articles of homefurnishings most befittingly appropriate for beneficial gift-giving.

What can one give that will make a more acceptable gift than a piece of furniture? What can one give that will prove a more lasting remembrance than an article of furniture? A something which brings an actual benefit to the one receiving it, a something which adorns the home and whose comforts and pleasures can be shared among all the household. What kind of furniture could be more appreciated than that from this store? Here one finds a truly amazing variety of choicest style furniture articles, embracing a range of costs which provides for every character of purchase from the most modest to the real extravagant, and all priced consistently which make them absolutely the best values obtainable for the amounts they each represent.

As a special offering, we have just received an attractive line of cedar chests in a variety of sizes and designs—and at prices that should appeal to those in search of appropriate Christmas gifts.

**We Give Tickets in the Automobile Contest**

# - Deupree & Waller -

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKERS

## Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1916, by John D. Morgan, clerk of the District Court, of said Houston County, Texas, for the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty and 63-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of L. A. Durham and E. F. Durham in a certain cause in said Court, No. 7656, and styled L. A. Durham et al vs. W. H. Kuhlman et al, placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of December, 1916, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Situated in the City of Crockett, in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and about 300 yards North of the public square of said City on the Rusk road; beginning at the S. W. corner of a three acre lot formerly owned by the Crockett Circuit of the Methodist Church, the same being the N. W. corner of the W. H. Brunner survey; thence N. 80 feet to corner, on the said road or street; thence E. 120 feet to corner; thence S. about 75 feet to a corner on the N. edge of the street between this tract and the said Brunner tract; thence S. 70 W. 120 feet to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of W. H. Kuhlman and Katie T. Kuhlman, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1917, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell above described Real

Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Kuhlman and Katie T. Kuhlman.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a weekly newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1916.

46-3t. R. J. Spence,  
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

## Holiday Fares Via I. & G. N.

Excursion tickets to all points in Texas on sale December 15 to 26, inclusive, also December 31 and January 1; limit January 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold December 21 to 25 inclusive, also December 30 and 31; limit January 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway. 46-3t.

## Cone Johnson Defends Bodenheim.

The Courier-Times learns that Hon. Cone Johnson of this city has been employed as one of the attorneys who will defend Mr. Bodenheim, ex-mayor of Longview, who is charged with wrecking a bank in that city sometime ago. We learn that Mr. Johnson will return home within the next few days. The case will come up for trial in Gregg county within the next few weeks.—Tyler Courier-Times.

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Fifth Cash, Balance 10 Equal Annual Payments, 6 Per Cent.

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# Christmas

Luke 2, 1-14

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid, for behold—I bring you good tidings of great joy, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: 'Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'"

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace, good will toward men."

Annual Phenomenon.

"Now," said the magazine editor, "we'll have a cover design representing the old year as an aged man and the New Year as a smiling infant."

"All right," replied the artist. "But it looks like nature-faking to me. Anybody knows that a smiling infant couldn't grow all those white whiskers in one short year."

## The Long Story of Coats



Perhaps you are looking for a coat which you will enjoy wearing in the evening and expect to press into service for afternoon occasions. In this case you might turn attention to velvet with the assurance that your judgment is directed to the right quarter. Velvet stands midway between cloth and fur, having a restricted following of its own. At its best it is fur-trimmed or made so that it can be conveniently worn with a fur set.

It almost goes without saying that "velvet" includes velveteen and that most of the coats made of either material are intended for evening wear. They are sumptuous affairs, in new or familiar colors, including robin's-egg blue, moss and light greens, coffee color, chartreuse, sapphire, etc. Nearly all are trimmed with furs in the usual colors, or undyed, and white fox poses on coats in the lighter tones. For those who like eccentricities there are furs dyed in unusual colors.

A coat of velvet, trimmed with skunk fur, is pictured, and one of velveteen trimmed with silk braid, to be worn

with a separate set of furs. In the fur-trimmed coat handsome buttons of dark mother-of-pearl and silver filigree accomplish the front fastening; one of them at the collar and one at the waistline. The coat fastens a little to one side. Except for a novel management at the shoulders there is nothing unusual in the manner of constructing it. Here the back is extended, overlapping the front in rounded and corded edges. The skirt portion is set to the body with a heavy cord. The lining is of old-gold satin, but its color may be left to the discretion of the wearer.

The brief description of the velveteen coat is given in the picture. It is full and straight hanging and its owner may or may not like to add to these entirely correct details a mention of plain bands of silk braid which would not be missed if they were not there.

John B. Kennedy

## BOLD CAR THIEVES

### Tricks of the Clever Crooks That Steal Automobiles.

#### DARING IN THEIR METHODS.

One of Their Pet Schemes is to Disguise Themselves as Repairers and Openly Tow the Car Away—Ordinary Safeguards Are a Joke to Them.

The man who steals an automobile is one of the cleverest mechanics in the country. He knows every make of car from the steering wheel to the tires, and there is scarcely any precaution taken by the owner of the car to safeguard his property that the automobile thief cannot beat.

Some car owners fondly imagine that when they chain the wheel of their car with a fairly thick steel chain they have made it impossible for any crook to move the auto from its anchorage. The simplicity of this safeguard must cause hilarity among the motorcar crooks, for the ordinary steel chain can be cut in a second with the appliances that the motor thieves carry in their outfit.

But most car owners consider they have made the car immovable by merely locking the switch box. It will interest them to know that the car thieves can beat this precaution very easily. The clever mechanic who makes a business of stealing cars can cross wires so as to cause ignition and move the engine without bothering with the switch box at all. A method that is kindergarten to the car thief is to connect wires from the dry cell battery direct to the ignition coil, thus starting the motor without difficulty.

Some cars have devices by which the gasoline supply can be locked, and this is regarded by some owners as placing a hopeless barrier in the way of the thief who would run off with the standing car. For how can a car be moved when the supply of gasoline is shut off? Nothing easier. The motorcar thief carries with him his own supply of gasoline in a flask. With this gasoline the automobile thief can negotiate a good run with the car by connecting his flask of gasoline direct to the carburetor. Feeding the gasoline to the carburetor through a rubber hose, the automobile thief can send the car sufficiently far to enable him to put the gasoline tank and the car in regular commission and speed where he will to safety and a sale.

But the commonest and therefore the safest trick of the automobile thief requires no expert mechanical knowledge. It simply requires nerve, which these thieves possess to an unusual degree. This trick is the old one of driving up in an auto that looks like a garage repair wagon, hitching a rope to the car that is to be stolen and towing it away. The thieves dress for the part in oil soaked overalls. When they have selected the car to be stolen, picking one that is in a side street and not likely to be under the eye of a policeman who may have been tipped to watch the car, the thieves come up to the scene in their old car, looking like the ordinary crew sent for from the garage to repair a car that is in trouble or isn't working as well as its fastidious owner would wish.

They alight from their own car and make a great pretense of examining the car that they intend to split away. They remove the hood and scrutinize the motor. They get out a kit of tools and tinker for awhile with some part of the machinery. If any one should happen to be watching them or looking from a neighboring window all the men do has the appearance of natural work by honest workmen from the repair shop. Presently the men hold a consultation, pointing to some part of the motor machinery, and apparently come to the conclusion that the car cannot be started with the tools at their command. Then they hitch a rope to the car and tow it away at the end of their own car. Could anything be more simple?

How can you beat such a game as this? Carrying away part of the machinery does not prevent the thieves from towing the car away. One sure way to prevent robbery is to have the car watched. The policeman on that patrol will keep an eye on it if you are only going to make a visit to some office building and coming back in a short time. But if you keep your car in the street the entire day no one can watch it. You are simply taking a chance with the car thieves.

There are other ways of making the path of the motorcar crook as steep and difficult as possible. One motorist believes he has solved the thief problem by having a slot cut in the clutch pedal shaft. Through this he passes a bar which he locks. So far his car has not been stolen. Another way is to remove the rotor. This makes it very difficult for any thief to steal the car, for he would have to carry a number of rotors to be sure of having one that would fit that particular motor. — Philadelphia North American.

Don't put off thatching till the storm is at hand.—Irish Proverb

## BOOTH AS HAMLET.

His Stage Business Was Used by Both Fechter and Mounet-Sully.

Like all men before the public, Edwin Booth was frequently the victim of malicious detraction. He was accused of imitating other actors, at first his father, then the tragedian Fechter and others.

Fechter was at that time very popular in England and in this country. He once called on the younger actor and said with brutal frankness, "I hear them say you imitate my business, and I am going to watch you like a hawk." It must have been rather trying to play to this rival glaring conspicuously from a stage box, but at the conclusion of the performance Fechter came back to say that the charge was quite unfounded.

Shortly after this experience Booth took a night off and went to see Fechter, and he was astonished to see the German actor following the ghost in "Hamlet" with the handle of his sword uplifted as a cross. Booth remarked dryly that Fechter had evidently approved that part of his business and had adopted it. Shortly after this the critic of a New York paper made the interesting discovery that Booth had purloined this bit of business from the foreign actor.

Booth smiled at the extravagant praise bestowed upon Mounet-Sully for his wonderful business in "Hamlet" in swearing by the shadow of the cross made on the stage by his sword. Booth's comment was that he had done that years before Mounet-Sully ever played the part of Hamlet. Both pieces of business were the results of accidents. On one occasion his sword stuck into the stage so that he could not pull it out, and he noticed the shadow cast by it and realized its significance as he pointed to it. On another night, as he was struggling with Marcellus and Horatio—"Unhand me, gentlemen, or, by heaven, I'll make a ghost of him that lets me"—he lost his hold on the sword; it flew up into the air, and as he caught it he noticed that the hilt made the sign of the cross, he caught the eloquence of its meaning, and it became a permanent part of his performance.—Edwin Milton Royle in Harper's Magazine

## A TALE OF TURKEY.

Queer Things That Happened in the Name of the Constitution.

The ignorance of the Turkish masses concerning political questions, says Sir Edwin Pears in "Forty Years in Constantinople," is shown by certain incidents of the revolution of 1908. The barmans, or porters, in the towns, like the peasants in the country, when they heard that his majesty had sworn to be faithful to the constitution, inquired what it was. Was it a person? Was it a new caliph? And very few could give any clear explanation. The words "liberty" and "equality" meant something good, although they could not have said what. To some they signified general license.

Two English friends of mine were motoring outside Smyrna when a number of Turkish boys set upon them and flung stones at them. The Englishmen gave chase and caught the principal offenders. The eldest was asked why he had thrown stones.

"Hurriet var," was the reply. "There's liberty. We can do what we like now."

The Englishman replied, "Hurriet var, and I am at liberty to give you a good thrashing, am I not?"

One of the boys said yes, he supposed that would be so, but he hoped the liberty would not be used. The Englishman replied that it would not be used that time, but if the offense were repeated he would use it to the fullest extent.

The workmen on a newspaper during that time asked for a large increase of wages.

"But why?" asked the owner.

"Because there is a constitution."

The tramway men struck for higher wages, and the only justification that they put forward was that there was now a constitution. Yet men of all classes cheered in the loudest manner for the constitution. Throughout the month of August smuggled tobacco was openly sold in the streets at a very cheap rate, buyers and sellers alike considering that the constitution allowed men to set aside the law that had made the sale of tobacco a government monopoly.

## Feminine Architecture.

"My wife has planned a gem of a place."

"What's her idea?"

"An eight room house with 132 closets."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Hope Springs Eternal.

Maud—Have you ever had your flower garden look as you wanted it to? Beatrix—No; you see, we've only lived here twenty-five years.—Life.

One virtue will efface many vices; one vice will efface many virtues.—Balsam.

## GLOBES IN NATURE

### Why Raindrops and the Planets and Suns Are Round.

#### THE FORCES OF ATTRACTION.

As a Crowd Gathers in a Circle Around an Object of Interest, So Molecular and Gravitational Impulses in Matter Act Toward a Center.

Falling rain forms into spherical drops for the same reason that the earth has become a globe—namely, because that is the shape in which the internal forces of attraction attain a balance. In the case of a very large and massive body like the earth it is the attraction of gravitation that controls the form, but in that of a small body like a raindrop it is the molecular attraction of the infinitesimal particles.

The intensity of molecular attraction, which is the force that holds the components of bodies together, is far greater than that of the attraction of gravitation, but it is exercised over a comparatively insignificant distance. In each case, however, the resultant of all the attractions between the individual particles is a force directed toward the center of mass.

But by the principle of inertia time is always required for any force or combination of forces to set matter in motion. The larger the volume of matter concerned the longer will be the time needed for the internal forces to group all the particles symmetrically around their common center of mass.

It is upon this principle that the old fashioned shot towers are operated. Molten lead is dropped from a great elevation after passing through a sieve to facilitate its separation into small masses, and during their downward flight these masses are rounded into little spheres by the mutual attraction of their molecules, which group themselves around a common center.

With very large bodies not broken up into small portions the gravitational force plays the principal part in shaping them, because gravitation is effective at great distances and throughout vast masses, while cohesion, or molecular attraction, is extremely limited with regard to the space over which it acts.

Each molecule attracts a little group of other molecules close around it, and these in turn attract their immediate neighbors. Within the space occupied by a raindrop the molecular attraction is the master force and quickly shapes the mass into a sphere.

And just as a spoonful of water thrown from a high tower will descend in the form of one or more round drops owing to the resultant pull of all its molecules toward a common center so the entire ocean if it were flung out into open space would become a gigantic ball of water rounded into that shape by the gravitational attraction acting throughout its whole mass.

It is by no accident that all the planets are spherical. They have taken that shape as inevitably as a loose stone rolls down a steep hill. Their forms are not perfect spheres, because they have been subjected to outside disturbing forces, such as the centrifugal effects of their rotation on their axes and the deformations produced by the attraction of other planets and of the sun. Even the heads of comets are spheroidal, although they are believed to consist of swarms of small bodies like meteors.

This tendency of masses, whose component parts or particles are free to move among one another, to assume a globular outline, is curiously illustrated even by crowds or swarms of sentient beings. Thus a swarm of bees when it gathers close becomes spherical or spheroidal, since that form is best suited to inclose the greatest number of individuals.

A human crowd certainly would take a spherical form if its members were able to choose their positions as freely in up and down as in horizontal space. Being confined to one level, they arrange themselves in a circle, which is the section of a sphere.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York Journal.

## Political Chances.

"I see when a man runs for office he has to put himself in the hands of his friends."

"Yes, my dear."

"If a woman ran would she have to put herself in the hands of her woman friends?"

"I suppose so."

"Well, I do not imagine many women will run. Think of taking such chances!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## If All the World Were Perfect.

If all the world were perfect an intolerable sameness would be stamped upon humanity from one end of the earth to the other. "For the love of heaven," some one has exclaimed, "let me retain my defects. That is the only thing I really have." Moreover, there are some really quite captivating human defects. But it is important to control them so that they may never become obnoxious.—Anatole Le Bras in Outlook.

## CURIOUS CORDOBA.

This Spanish Town is So Compact It Looks Like One Building.

Cordoba is scheduled on the European itinerary as a half day stand. Those who go from Seville to Granada and those who go from Granada to Seville take Cordoba on their way. Fifteen minutes for the cathedral, five for the alcazar, an hour for luncheon and on to further discoveries—that is the Cordoba program. The hotels of Cordoba are, in consequence, unpalatial, a circumstance in itself which endears the little town to the judicious. I do not believe there is a lift in all Cordoba, and if your wife wishes for any reason to buy a new hat she must go out of the hotel for it, and then it will be three years old.

At night all the tourists are gone to Seville or Granada, and you and the Cordobans and the stars share the amenities of Cordoba's one boulevard, of which everybody is very proud, because it is much superior to anything that Paris or even Madrid can show. It was a lucky chance which caused them to build Cordoba so handily between Seville and Granada. It has provided a still little backwater for the traveler's repose, a spot where he may forget that American bars exist, eat his meals untroubled by the squeaking of a tango band and adventure himself among the mysteries of a bill of fare jellily printed in blue and illegible Spanish.

You could put your hat over Cordoba, and very little would protrude. It is the compactest little town. From the tower of the cathedral it all looks like one building. You can hardly perceive the streets, so closely do they wriggle among the houses. The roofs are yellow, brown, gray, red; the walls and their shadows every color in the world. Among the buildings the green of palms, orange trees, lemon trees, chestnuts, soothe the glare struck eye. The Guadalquivir snakes through its rich plains from the faraway flat hills (red, gray brown, yellow), and over all are the great sky of the south and the huge sun of the south, which imposes silence on the world till night shall set the guitars a-buzzing.—William Caine to Century

## CAUSE OF RHEUMATISM

Cavities Holding Pus, It is Claimed. Breed the Dread Ailment.

In the American Magazine is an article on rheumatism by Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds, who says:

"The cause of rheumatism is pus formed and imprisoned in some part of the body. It gets into the circulation and is carried by it to the region affected. These pus places may be in spots more or less closed up, so they are not easily drained. They may be located about the teeth, at the end of the roots of dead or diseased teeth, in the crypts of the tonsils, in some of the sequestered places in the nostrils, in the bony sinuses of the head. They may be in the bladder, the kidney, the gall ducts or other places. The pus producing spot may be as small or smaller than a pea or it may be larger. Its existence is frequently unknown to the patient, especially if it be hidden in soft tissue like the tonsil. It may ever exist in the bony socket of a tooth without giving pain.

"Several different organisms produce pus, and any or all may produce rheumatism when transferred to the joints or the heart.

"The physician today seeks for the pus cavity when he meets a patient with rheumatism, and he endeavors to clean it up. Rheumatic pains have been stopped with magical promptness by simply extracting the offending tooth. It is not always easy to find the pus places in the hidden parts of the body. The X ray shadowgraph is essential in locating the trouble. It shows definitely and accurately all trouble about the roots of the teeth, and its use is therefore of the first importance in ferreting out the pus in the deep structures."

### Duncan Smoked in Church.

Sir Walter Scott in his "Heart of Midlothian" refers to one Duncan of Knockunder, an important personage, who smoked during the whole of the sermon from an iron pipe tobacco borrowed from other worshippers. We are told that at the end of the discourse he knocked the ashes out of his pipe, replaced it in his sporran, returned the tobacco pouch to its owner and joined in the prayer with decency and attention.

### Domestic Strategy.

Husband—I am not ready to go out yet. Wife—But I am, and we must go immediately. Husband—But, my dear, your hat is not on straight. Wife—Dear me! Isn't it? Wait a minute till I go to my room and put it right. Exit wife for half an hour, and her shrewd husband completes his work.

### Argentina.

If the country has the same average potentiality for producing food as land similarly situated in North America or Europe, it would seem that Argentina can support 100,000,000 people easily, as only small parts of it lie outside the temperate zone.

## PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

### Acute Rheumatism.

The remedies of most avail in acute muscular rheumatism, according to Dr. William Fitch Cheney of Stanford university in an address reported in the New York Medical Journal, are:

First.—Rest. Nature usually enforces this method of management if the attack is sufficiently acute.

Second.—Heat. Heat is always grateful and gives relief. It may be applied in a variety of ways.

Third.—Purgation. It may be admitted that there is no scientific reason why purgation should aid, but the fact remains that it does.

Fourth.—Salicylates. They do mitigate the pain, and they are trustworthy agents to use after the initial purgation.

Fifth.—Opium. Ordinarily all opiates are out of place because they have in general bad effects that outweigh the good. Externally the old established lead and opium wash, applied hot, is a most valuable aid in removing pain.

Massage, vibratory treatment, hydrotherapy and counterirritation also have some value.

### No Husband is Perfect.

Don't expect all the virtues in one man. If he is good natured he may be lazy; if he is scholarly he may be cold; if he is thrifty he may be stingy; if he is generous he may be wasteful; if he is smooth he may be deceitful. The man who charms you with his immaculate appearance is likely to be something of an old maid; the man who is careful to pick threads off your skirt is prone to pick flaws in you; the man who takes an undue interest in the selection of your hats may take an undue interest in the bill which comes home; the man who before marriage jumps to open the door, lest your fingers be contaminated by the knob, may after marriage allow those same fingers to be contaminated by the washboard.—Woman's Home Companion.

### A Valuable Tooth.

There is an amusing story of the economy necessary in the early days of the Norwegian theater at Bergen. It was in 1840, when Ibsen and Bjornson were creating the national drama. A lady had been engaged for the part of "second old woman" when it was discovered that her elocutionary powers were impaired by the fact that she had lost one of her front teeth. Impoverished as she was, the management came to the rescue and bore the expense of the necessary dentistry. When she retired, however, after two seasons, she had to leave the tooth behind her, the example of the dentist's art being the property of the theater. The management was too poor to part with it.

### She Was One of Them.

Once a high school principal was having a dispute with one of his teachers, a vivacious young lady. She claimed that the word "man" meant mankind as a whole, while "men" always signified the masculine gender.

The principal maintained that there were exceptions and triumphantly quoted, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels."

But the young lady answered demurely, "That won't do, for, you see, both genders are mentioned there."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### The Art of Carpentry.

How many common figurative expressions in our language are borrowed from the art of carpentry may be seen from the following sentence: "The lawyer who filed the bill, shaved the note, cut an acquaintance, split a hair, made an entry, got up a case, framed an indictment, impeached a jury, put them into a box, nailed a witness, hammered a judge and bored a whole court, all in one day, has since bidd down law and turned carpenter."

### Wasted Labor.

Little Edna, who was watching the men working a pile driver in the lot opposite, said to her mother: "I'm so sorry for those poor men, mamma. They've been trying and trying to lift out that big weight, and every time they get it almost to the top it falls right back again."—Boston Transcript.

### The Signs.

"Miss Gladys got no fewer than six gold headed umbrellas for birthday presents."

"She must be something of a reigning belle."—Baltimore American.

### Not Much Resistance.

"Did the prisoner offer any resistance?"

"Only a shilling, your wurshup, and I wouldn't take it."—London Tit-Bits.

Princes and lords are but the breath of kings. An honest man's the noblest work of God.—Burns.

## AUCTIONING OFF A WIFE.

Last Case of a Once Rather Common Custom in England.

It was long a popular belief among the ignorant in England that if a man sold his wife at public auction such a sale had all the legality of a regular divorce. The latest case of the kind on record occurred in 1832.

John Thompson, a farmer, had been married for three years, and he and his wife agreed to separate. Thompson brought his wife into the town of Carlisle, and by the bellman announced he was about to sell her.

At midday Thompson placed his wife on a large oak chair with a rope or halter of straw about her neck. He then made this announcement: "Gentlemen, I have to offer to your notice my wife, Mary Anne Thompson, otherwise Williams, whom I mean to sell to the highest and fairest bidder. It is her wish as well as mine to part forever."

"She has been to me only a born serpent. I took her for my comfort, the good of my home. But she became my tormentor, a domestic curse, a night invasion and a daily devil."

"I speak truth from my heart when I say: 'May God deliver us from troublesome wives and frolicsome women! Avoid them as you would a mad dog, a roaring lion, a loaded pistol, cholera morbus, Mount Etna or any other pestilential thing in nature.'"

"Now, I have shown you of her dark faults and fallings. I will introduce the bright and sunny side of her and explain her qualifications and goodness. She can read novels and milk cows. She can laugh and weep with the same ease that you could take a glass of ale when thirsty. Indeed, gentlemen, she reminds me of what the poet says of women in general:

"Heaven gave to women the peculiar grace  
To laugh, to weep, to cheat the human race."

"She can make butter and scold the maid. She can sing Moore's melodies and plait her folds and caps. She can not make rum, gin or whisky, but she is a good judge of the quality of each from long experience in tasting them. I therefore offer her, with all her perfections and imperfections, for the sum of 50 shillings."

The woman was finally sold to one Henry Mears for the sum of 20 shillings and a Newfoundland dog. Man and wife parted in perfect good temper, Mears and the woman going one way, Thompson and the dog another.—Boston Transcript.

### Most Original Club in America.

There exists in one of our great western cities a unique secret club—called by the members the Get Out and Get On club. It was organized years ago by ten ambitious men who looked upon themselves as not yet having won success. Membership for twelve years has been limited to fifty. The rules are what make this club different. No member may call himself a success until the club votes him one, and when the club votes any member a success, he is expelled and his place is filled by another. But before a success is expelled a dinner is given in his honor and to welcome the new member. At this dinner the success must read a paper explaining to his fellows how and why he won. These papers are preserved.—American Magazine.

### Rare Violins.

The rarest violins in the world are those which were made by Guarnerius del Gesu, only about forty of them being known to exist. One of these instruments was purchased by Ysaye for \$30,000. Two famous Stradivarius instruments which were used by Sarasate during his great concert tours were sold. One of these, the Boissier, is in a museum at Madrid. It is valued at \$50,000. The other is in a museum in Paris. There are only twenty-nine Stradivarius cellos in the world. Of the 300 Stradivarius violins that were made more than 200 have been bought and sold by one dealer.—Argonaut.

### Orchids.

Many plants have the power to shift their quarters. The orchid can move one step every year, and although it takes a long time to cross the meadow, if the orchid goes on long enough it would move one step forward toward finishing that long walk every year.

### Wig Wearing Very Old.

The ancient Egyptians all wore wigs, and the early Christians from A. D. 427 to A. D. 917 considered a false head covering a badge of distinction—this, too, in direct opposition to Tertullian, who in vain declared them devices and inventions of the devil.

### Little Words.

Out of the 267 words in Abraham Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg speech 196 are words of only one syllable. It isn't the big words that count.—New York Herald.

The worst of the person with nothing to say is that he is never happy till he's said it.

### Plimsoll's Mark.

Any sailor will tell you that the plimsoll is a conspicuous mark on the hull of a vessel, usually an oval or ellipse of white paint with an arrow drawn through it to indicate the extreme water line when the ship has been loaded. As long as the plimsoll mark shows above the water the burden of freight in the ship's hold is not too great for her carrying capacity. The curious word is the badge of immortality of a philanthropist, Samuel Plimsoll, who was born in Bristol, England, in 1824. When he went into the coal business he learned of the horrible conditions under which the men of the British merchant marine had to work. Owners figured that it was cheaper to lose an occasional ship with all on board than to restrict the load and make the voyage reasonably safe. In order to thwart this rapacity Plimsoll entered parliament in 1863. His persistent work resulted in the passage of the "merchant shipping act" in 1876 to prevent ships from going to sea in an unsafe condition.

### Hetty Green's Firmness.

Hetty Green nearly brought Collis P. Huntington to ruin once. She had \$1,600,000 deposited in one of his banks and found that he was using the bank's money in investments that she regarded as ticklish. Besides, there had been deals in which she thought she had cause to make Huntington siff up and take particular notice of her. She appeared before an officer of the bank, a Mr. Stewart, and said: "I'd like my money right away—not in checks; in cash, please."

"Is there no other way, Mrs. Green?" he asked, beginning to perspire.

"None," said she. "Cash, please."

She got it—after a scurrying of many bank messengers—in all kinds of money and in such bulk that four messengers had to carry it for her, the while the rumor got out that Huntington was going to smash. As a matter of fact he did have a narrow escape.—New York World.

### Silly Fellow.

"You are the only girl that can make me happy."

"Are you sure?"

"Yes; I have tried all the others."—Philadelphia Record.

### Not a Bad Error.

She (with newspaper)—Here's a funny mistake in the report of that affair last night. It says that Mrs. Swellman appeared in a handsome "ampere" gown, instead of "empire." He—Well, "ampere" isn't very far off; her gown was a bit shocking.—Boston Transcript.

### A Pleasure.

"I put through a big financial deal last week," remarked Mr. Dustin Stax.

"I thought you said you were going on a pleasure trip."

"Could there be any pleasure greater than putting through a big financial deal?"—Washington Star.

### Obliging.

"Waiter, the steak is so tough I can't cut it with this knife."

"Very good, sir—I'll bring you another knife, sir."—Columbia Jester.

To encourage talent is to create it.—Lessing.

## HOSPITALITY IN SYRIA.

A Custom That May Have a Bearing on a Passage in Scripture.

Approaching his hoped for guest, a Syrian engages him in something like the following dialogue, characterized by a glow of feeling which the translation can only faintly reveal:

"Ennoble us by your presence."

"I would be ennobled, but I cannot accept."

"That cannot be."

"Yes, yea, it must be."

"No, I swear against you by our friendship and by the life of God. I love just to acquaint you with my bread and salt."

"I swear also that I find it impossible to accept. Your bread and salt are known to all."

"Yes, do it just for our own good. By coming to us you come to your own home. Let us repay your bounty to us."

"Astaghfero Allah (by the mercy of God) I have not bestowed any bounty upon you worth mentioning."

Here the host seizes his guest by the arm and with an emphatic, "I will not let you go," pulls at him and would drag him bodily into his house. Then the guest, happy in being vanquished "with honor," consents to the invitation.

Do you now understand fully the meaning of the passage in the fourteenth chapter of Luke's gospel? "A certain man made a great supper, and bade many, . . . and they all with one consent began to make excuse. . . . And the Lord said unto the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'"—Abraham Mitre Ribbany in Atlantic Monthly.

### Military Masters.

Alexander the Great's active military career began when he was only eighteen years old and ended at thirty-three; Hannibal's lasted from thirteen to forty-seven; Caesar's from thirty to fifty-five; Gustavus' from sixteen to thirty-eight; Frederick's from twenty-eight to fifty-one, and Napoleon's from twenty-seven to forty-six. When thirty-five years old Napoleon said of himself: "One has only a certain time for war. I shall be good for it but six years more; then ever I shall stop." His downward career began when he was forty.—New York Sun.

### Havana.

Havana, or San Cristobal de la Habana, as it was originally named, was the last of seven cities founded in Cuba by the island's conqueror, the Adelantado Diego Velasquez, the date being July 25, 1515. Since that was twenty-three years after the well known Columbus date there can't be many new world cities older than Havana, assuming that most of the other six in Cuba have since disappeared.

### Dry and Moist Air.

A cubic foot of dry air weighs more than a cubic foot of moist air at the same temperature and pressure. The addition of vapor to a cubic foot of dry air enlarges the volume of the mixture if the air is free to expand, as in the atmosphere, and as the vapor has only about two-thirds the density of dry air at the same temperature and pressure the density of the mixture is less than that of dry air.

## To Be of No Church Is Dangerous, Says Celebrated Writer. Go to Church

ONE of the most powerful arguments for the GO TO CHURCH movement is found in the words of Dr. Johnson, the celebrated writer, when he says: "To be of no church is dangerous. Religion, of which the rewards are distant and which is animated only by faith and hope, will glide by degrees out of the mind unless it be invigorated and reimpresed by external ordinances, by stated calls to worship and the salutary influence of example."

"Stated calls to worship."

IS THERE ANY MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD WHO CANNOT DEVOTE A PART OF THE SABBATH DAY TO DIVINE WORSHIP? A MAN ALWAYS WILL DO HIS BEST TO KEEP A BUSINESS OR A SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT. HOW ABOUT THAT ENGAGEMENT WITH GOD? DOES IT DEMAND TOO MUCH? ALL THAT HE ASKS IS A BRIEF PERIOD OF THE DAY THAT HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AS HIS DAY. THIS COUNTRY NEEDS RELIGION TODAY MORE THAN IT EVER DID. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A GENUINE RELIGIOUS REVIVAL, A LOT REMAINS TO BE DONE.

Don't let this magnificent GO TO CHURCH movement lag. It got away to a splendid start. DON'T LET IT LOSE ANY OF ITS IMPETUS. In every hamlet, village, town and city in these United States the GO TO CHURCH movement caught on. It was plain from the start that, despite what scoffers might say, RELIGION NEVER WAS DEAD. All that the people wanted was a reminder. When they realized that God and the churches needed them they responded nobly, and they soon realized that God and the churches did not need them nearly so badly as they needed the help of God and the churches.

A man without religion, a man who does not GO TO CHURCH, is in an unfortunate state. If you have been lax, now is the time to take a brace.

GO TO CHURCH next Sunday.

# SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS

Crockett's Big Store Is a Beautiful Christmas Store filled with gifts. The very spirit of Christmas-giving begins with thoughts of those with whom we are most firmly linked by ties of home and love. Naturally those things which help to make more pleasant the surroundings and the happiness which we share with each other always make acceptable presents. Here is a store full of wonderful home offerings and practical gifts. Those who come to the Big Store during this Christmas Sale will see it transformed into a vast and beautiful Christmas store, overflowing with beautiful holiday merchandise.

## A Christmas Sale of Women's Winter Suits and Dresses

Ladies', misses' and children's cloaks, all new fall and winter styles. These are all excellent values and will go in this Christmas sale at extra special prices.

Suits up to .....	\$30.00
Dresses from \$7.50 up to .....	\$15.00
Ladies' cloaks from \$5.00 up to .....	\$19.50
Misses and children's cloaks from \$3.50 up to .....	\$10.00

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## Dress Goods

Our stock has just been replenished with all the new mid-winter fabrics in fancy checked, striped and plaid woolens. If you want the latest, we have it. Also all the new fancy silks. These are absolutely new and will go fast, so come early and get your choice. No two patterns alike. A handsome present for your wife, mother, daughter or sister. Our stock is complete. See it.

## Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

For ladies we have the well-known line of Queen Quality from \$3.50 the pair up to .....

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In children's we have the celebrated line of Billikens, the kind that outwear all others. In these beware of imitations. None genuine without being stamped "Billiken" on the sole. See our line of men's dress and work shoes—nothing over \$5.00. Glazed kangaroo, calf, vici, gun metal with neolin soles, and the "Work Shoe That Jack Built." Also a complete line of felt slippers for the holidays at \$1.25 and \$1.50

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Men's suits from \$10.00 up to .....

Remember we make them fit. These are excellent gifts.

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All our staple lines of dry goods remain at the old prices—no high prices here.

Ginghams, a yard .....	10c and 12½c
Plaids, a yard .....	10c
Cheviots, a yard .....	12½c
Domestics, bleached and unbleached, a yard .....	10c
Domestic, bleached, the best, a yard .....	12½c
Calico, the yard .....	7½c
Standard C. Sheeting, the yard .....	6c



## Handkerchiefs

In men's and ladies', silk and linen, with initials and plain—these make a gift that is highly appreciated by all. We have them from—

**25c to 75c**



## Kid Gloves

We have a full and complete line in all shades and our prices are the same as the old prices—a pair

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We also have a complete line of men's dress and work gloves priced from—

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We have a complete line of French Lingerie that will please the most fastidious, as they are made of the finest fabric. Also corset covers in holiday boxes. These make handsome gifts.

## Comforts and Blankets

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The Ferguson-McKinney shirts are without a doubt the best \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 shirts on the market, as the colors are absolutely fast. Our line is complete.

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The best \$3.00 hat made. They wear longer and look better. Also a full line of hats from \$1.50 up to \$2.50. A full assortment of nobby caps for men and boys.

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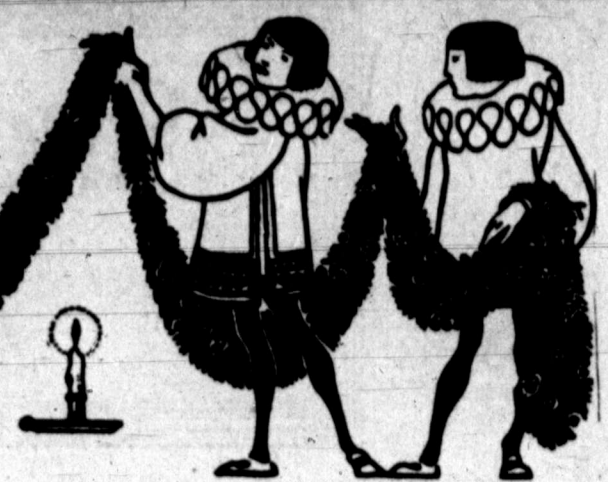
EVERYTHING will go this month at special prices, as we have the same feeling that everyone should have at Christmas time—to give something; thus this sale at a time it is most needed. We invite you to make this your Christmas headquarters, as we will save you money—and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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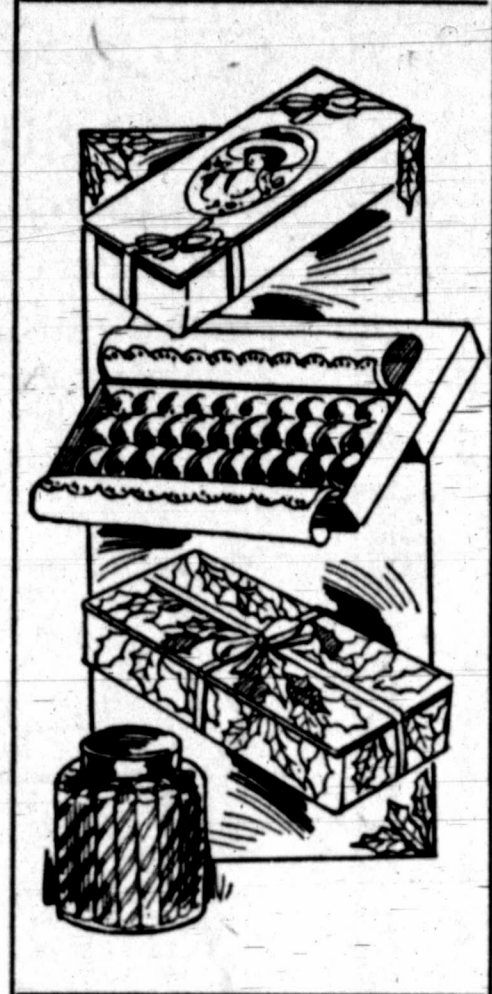


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#### WHEN FARMERS ARE BLESSED.

The circular letter issued by John H. Page, commissioner of agriculture for Arkansas, contains sound suggestions. It would pay farmers all over the Southwest to reason with Mr. Page over the future in farming. Here is the way he reasons:

"Corn is now above a dollar a bushel by the car load; oats about 75 cents; hay \$20 a ton; cottonseed meal \$40 a ton; hulls \$15, and other feed accordingly. Flour is \$10 a barrel; meal \$5; meat 20 cents a pound; sugar 8 cents; coffee 20 to 25 cents; butter 40 cents and eggs 30 to 40 cents a dozen. Every other food product is high accordingly. The prices of shoes, clothing, hardware, plow tools and farm implements have advanced too. In fact, there is an advance in practically everything but postage stamps, chewing gum, doctor's bills, and undertaker's charges. How is the poor farmer going to live? How is any farmer going to live under such

conditions? Many will say, 'Why, look at the price of cotton—that will take care of us.' All right, let's look. The price of cotton today is 20 cents and of seed \$57 to \$60. Pretty good, but that is for the 1916 crop. How about the prices for 1917? Who will fix the prices for 1917? Will the farmer? No. Then how can he depend upon the 1917 prices for his cotton to pay for his living at the prevailing prices of feed, food and clothing? He can't, unless he takes chances. To take chances is to speculate, to gamble. The farmer can't afford that. He can't afford to lose. There is only one sensible business-like course for the farmer to take to save himself. That is to raise his feed and food at home next year. Play safe."

#### THE WHITE PAPER CRISIS.

White paper is the newspaper's raw material. It is like the leather of the shoe manufacturer, or the lumber of the furniture factory. The newspaper takes the white paper, stamps it with ink, divides the product into packages and sells them. This blank paper is by far the biggest single item in the cost of producing a newspaper of large circulation. Consequently the unprecedented and enormous advance in the price of white paper has made an acute crisis in the publishing business.

A newspaper like the Star, for instance, that uses twenty-five thousand tons of white paper a year, is now confronted with a white paper cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in excess of that of last year.

This increased expense would put virtually every newspaper in the United States out of business if it were unable to find some extraordinary means of increasing its

revenue. All newspapers have been forced to advance their advertising rates. Some in addition have increased their subscription price. Those that have not done this have figured that advertising, in relation to service rendered by the newspaper, is cheaper now than ever before. For with the growth of newspaper circulation the advertiser in the Star, for instance, is getting more readers for every dollar he spends than ever in his whole business history. A general increase in advertising rates throughout the country was therefore normally due. It has only been somewhat hastened by the crisis in white paper.

Ordinarily newspapers do not consider their business arrangements of any particular interest to the public, which is concerned solely with service. But the widespread acuteness of the present situation, which, according to the American Publishers' Association, is likely to put perhaps two thousand newspapers out of business, gives the matter a public aspect, and is sufficient warrant for its discussion.—Kansas City Star.

#### Printing Costs Third More.

Chicago.—Beginning on December 1, an increase of 30 per cent on all schedules and estimates on printing and binding will be put into force by book, job and periodical printers of Chicago and northern Illinois. The advance was necessitated, according to W. T. Leyden, secretary of the Franklin Typothetae, by increases in the price of papers, rollers, type material, engravings, electrotypes, binding material, leather, glue and wages.

#### Marriage Licenses.

William Hollingsworth and Mrs. Janie Jores.  
Ambers Foster and Mamie Burks.  
Willie Quigley and Jennie Brown.

#### Haslem Postmaster Gets Two Years.

John H. Thorn, former postmaster at Haslem, Shelby county, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Gordon Russell of the Federal Court to serve two years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Thorn pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of \$3,061.48 of the postal funds while he served as postmaster at

Haslem. He admitted that his accounts were short, but declared that he did not know what had gone with the money.

Charles Smith, an attorney friend of Thorn's, made a talk in his defense before Judge Russell. He told the court that Mr. Thorn had at one time been a Baptist minister.—Jacksonville Banner.



The problem of what to give the children can be easily and quickly solved at this store. Our showing of gifts for children, embracing foreign and domestic toys, dolls, games and Christmas novelties of all kinds, all moderately priced, furnish ample opportunities for the economical buyer. These goods are all attractively displayed, giving our store the appearance of a veritable

### "Toyland"

Make the children's Christmas really worth while by giving them gold fish. We have them—also the aquarium and the proper food—at amazingly low prices.

### HARRIS' RACKET STORE

In the Patton Block



## The GIFT SHOP

### A Superb Showing Of Holiday Goods

During the summer months, while others were enjoying a vacation, we were busy planning how we could save you worry in the selection of gifts for the holidays. The result of our efforts may be found in the complete stock of Christmas goods which we have assembled. The assortment is endless. There is something in our stock for every stocking.

While the stock is large, the most distinctive thing about it is that everything is of worthy quality—is worth giving.

### Helpful Suggestions

Toilet Sets	Character Dolls
Stationery	Christmas Cards
Fountain Pens	Smokers' Supplies
Desk Sets	Candies
Books	Manicure Sets
Ivory Goods	Cutlery
Cut Glass	Hand Painted China
Ravenware	
Sterling Silver	



**C**OME EARLY while the assortment is complete and avoid the usual worry and disappointment which always is experienced by eleventh hour shoppers.

You resolved last year to do your shopping early this Christmas. Live up to this good resolution and induce your friends and neighbors to shop early, too.

**The Bishop Drug Company**

Telephone 47 or 140

The Prompt Service Store

### Local News Items

#### A Word of Caution.

It is necessary that the people of Crockett fully understand one of the essential conditions of the automobile contest. In the circulars issued by the commercial club this paragraph appears:

"Merchants represented in this trade campaign and their families and employees are not eligible to participate in the contest."

This rule will be strictly enforced regardless of who it hits.

H. A. Fisher.

#### Conflagration at Lovelady.

A disastrous fire occurred at Lovelady on Thursday night of last week. The fire started between 10 and 11 o'clock and originated from some unknown cause. Our report is that the Montgomery & Lawrence bank building was destroyed, together with the bank fixtures and stock of drugs in the building. We have not learned what damage if any was done to the vault and books. The adjoining building, occupied by J. D. Baker with a stock of general merchandise, was destroyed, but we have been unable to learn the loss. The office of Dr. W. B. Skipper was destroyed, as were also the buildings from there to the corner occupied by Mitchell Satterwhite with a stock of groceries. Some of the stock of Mitchell Satterwhite was carried out, but damaged. The fire was checked after consuming the block, which was the northeast business district of the town, the railroad station occupying the center. We have heard various estimates as to the loss, some estimates being placed as high as \$50,000.

#### Lee Rogers is Dead.

The remains of Mr. L. D. Rogers were laid to rest in the Rogers cemetery at Leon on Monday of last week. Mr. Rogers died at Mineral Wells, where he had been for some time in the interest of his health. As a final effort by the physicians to save his life, the blood from the veins of another man had been infused into the veins of Mr. Rogers, who seemed to be improved for a time, but pneumonia developed and resulted in his demise. The remains were shipped to the old home at Leona for interment.

Mr. Rogers had spent the most of his life in Leon and Houston counties, Leon being the county of his birth. He was a most estimable citizen and a successful man in the every-day affairs of life. He married, several years ago, one of Leon's fairest daughters, a Miss Hays, who is left to mourn the departure of a kind and thoughtful husband. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, while not away at the summer watering places or winter health resorts, made their home at Patterson Lake, a beautiful retreat close to the river between Houston and Leon counties and a part of the Rogers estate in Houston county.

The health of the husband had gradually failed for the last several years, and for this reason much of the time of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers has been spent in other places. In the death of Mr. Rogers Houston and Leon counties have sustained a loss, the heart of a loving wife is saddened and the heads of relatives and friends are bowed with grief.

#### Tick Eradication Meeting Postponed.

In our article on the subject of the tick eradication campaign that is to be inaugurated under the direction of Doctor Haag, the government representative who has located in Crockett for this purpose, we stated the matter would be presented to the commissioners' court at its regular monthly session, the 12th of December, and we urged a large attendance of farmers who

feel an interest in the work, to be present and assist in getting the subject fully before the court.

Since the newspapers bearing this announcement appeared it has been learned that the court will not meet this month, and that the next regular meeting will be Monday, January 8, and it has been arranged to have the hearing at two o'clock that afternoon.

This postponement will give more time to thoroughly advertise the meeting, and it is to be hoped that farmers from all over the county will make it a point to be present.

Here is a suggestion that will help materially at this conference with the commissioners' court. As stated in the article last week, it is proposed to ask the county to pay one half the expense of these community dipping vats, and that the farmers in each locality where one of these vats is located will be expected to stand the other half of the cost. The part that the farmers do is mostly labor and team hauling of materials. If several prominent communities in the county could be represented at this meeting of the 8th of January by parties who could vouch for the farmer's part of the vat building in each locality it would be conclusive evidence to the members of the court that the movement to eradicate the cattle tick in Houston county is popular and one that deserves prompt and favorable action on their part.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

#### Crockett Oil Field Again.

Mr. H. A. Cox, member of a company of crude oil producers with offices in Houston, was in Crockett Saturday to look into the oil situation here. Mr. Cox, when seen by the Courier editor, said:

"Reports having been frequently circulated in Houston about the splendid oil indications near Crockett, I have spent two days of this week in this field. I must say that the reports are well founded and that in my judgment, as far as the human mind can predetermine, there is one or more oil-bearing stratus underlying this territory.

"The surface indications are all that could be desired. The gas mounds, salt domes and rock formations are the same that are to be found in Humble, Goose Creek, Sour Lake, Batson and other well-known fields. In my judgment I believe that the well drilled by the Crockett Oil and Fuel Company, which is at a depth of 1600 feet, was not a fair test. If this well is drilled to a depth of about 2400 feet, I believe a nice production of high gravity oil will be encountered.

"The specimen of sand which I took from this well has been submitted to experts and pronounced oil bearing. The sand has a good deal of shale in it, which is conclusive evidence that the well was not drilled deep enough. Shale is always found in the neighborhood of oil-bearing sand. I am going to make some further investigations with the cooperation of Mr. J. N. Groesbeck of Houston.

"Mr. Groesbeck and associates are responsible for the present activity at Goose Creek. These gentlemen, as the public is aware, purchased a lease with an abandoned well on it at Goose Creek several months ago. They were confident that Goose Creek was a gusher field and what they did is now history. They deepened the well on their lease and brought in the first gusher, which produced 10,000 barrels a day.

"Mr. Groesbeck has promised to accompany me the latter part of the coming week to Crockett, and should he, after investigation, pronounce the Crockett field a good possibility, further development will begin at once."

#### Keen Sight of the Gull.

There is perhaps no other bird of land or sea so keen of sight as the common gull. To convince a skeptical friend of this an American naturalist once made some interesting experiments. Two men were passengers on a steamer making twenty miles an hour. A dozen gulls followed them in the steamer's wake without apparent effort and circled in graceful curves over the water. Breaking a cracker biscuit into four parts, less than an inch square each, the naturalist handed one piece to his friend and told him to drop it into the seething waters on the starboard.

Immediately the bit of biscuit became invisible to human eyes, and yet before it had gone thirty yards astern a gull detected it and, dipping into the foam, secured it. One by one it picked up the other bits of biscuit, though neither of the two men could see them. Tearing off a postage stamp from an old envelope the naturalist dropped it overboard. The gull detected the waif and made us if to pick it up. But when within a yard or so of it the bird saw that it was nothing in his line and glided upward again to his favorite station on a line with the topmast truck.

#### A Moneyless Man.

A man without money is a body without a soul, a walking death, a specter that frightens every one. His countenance is sorrowful and his conversation languishing and tedious. If he calls upon an acquaintance he never finds him at home, and if he opens his mouth to speak he is interrupted every moment so that he may not have a chance to finish his discourse, which it is feared may end with his asking for money. He is avoided like a person infected with disease and is regarded as an incumbrance to the earth. Want wakes him up in the morning, and misery accompanies him to bed at night. The ladies discover that he is an awkward booby, landlords believe that he lives upon air, and if he wants anything from a tradesman he is asked for cash before delivery.—Bruno's Weekly.

#### Genius and Mediocrity.

Cornelle did not speak correctly the language of which he was such a master. Descartes was silent in mixed society. Themistocles, when asked to play on a lute, said, "I cannot fiddle, but I can make a little village into a great city." Addison was unable to converse in company. Vergil was heavy colloquially. La Fontaine was coarse and stupid when surrounded by men. The Countess of Pembroke had been often heard to say of Chaucer that his silence was more agreeable to her than his conversation. Socrates, celebrated for his written orations, was so timid that he never ventured to speak in public. Hence it has been remarked, "Mediocrity can talk; it is for genius to observe."

#### The Louis Styles.

It was the French King Louis XI. who invented gold lace, and it was Louis XIV. who ordered all the silk upholsteries of the palace done in white with figures of gold and blue and a touch of red. The louisine silks are named after him, and all the French kings of the name of Louis have had their names brought down to posterity through the invention of some article of dress, whether it be a Louis Quinze heel or a Louis Seize coat, while to Louis Quatorze belongs the honor of a cuff and a hat.—London Telegraph.

#### High Tribute.

"Don't you think Miss Sweetthing's complexion is perfectly lovely?" inquired the infatuated youth.  
"I do, indeed," replied the cynical young woman. "In fact, I have told her several times that that shade harmonizes best with the present color of her hair."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

#### Falling Leaves.

When leaves fall they are actually cut off from the stems by a layer of cork that forms across the base of their stalks. No nourishment is left in the dead leaf, but only the waste products of vitality, of which the tree is well rid.

#### Wycliffe's Bible.

John Wycliffe completed the translation of the whole Bible for the first time into the language of the English people. He was born near Richmond, in Yorkshire, England, about 1324.

#### His Advantage.

"How many miles can you go on a gallon?"  
"How many can you?"  
"I asked you first."—Life.

#### Making it Easy.

Doctor—Take this medicine after each meal. Patient—But my meals come unregular, doc. Doctor—Well, take it before each meal.

#### Harsh.

Gerald—Coffee keeps me awake. Geraldine—Me too. I always drink an extra cup when I know you are coming to call.

There are 4,000,000 tons of stone in the pyramid of Cheops.

## Just Arrived

### Diamond La Valieres

Biggest, best line ever shown in Crockett.  
We can supply that eleventh hour  
Christmas present.

## The Rexall Store

We Are Specializing on Quality This Year

### Local News.

The greetings of the season.  
See J. R. Howard for maize heads and ear corn. 2t.  
Big sale on hats at Miss Grace Simpson's. 2t.  
Maize heads and ear corn for sale by J. R. Howard. 2t.  
Celery, lettuce and cranberries at Johnson Arledge's. tf.  
For maize heads and ear corn see J. R. Howard. 2t.  
Mrs. J. J. Dickson of Marshall is visiting relatives here.  
Ask to see our misfit suits and overcoats. tf. John Millar.  
Miss Mary Aldrich has returned from a visit to Austin.  
Let "Dinty's Place" make your punch for the holiday parties.  
I want to buy some geese. tf. Johnson Arledge.  
A complete, up-to-date abstract. tf-adv Aldrich & Crook.  
J. H. Smith left Sunday night on a business trip to Monroe, La.  
John Wootters reached home Saturday from Baylor University, Waco.  
Mrs. George W. Crook visited friends in Houston Saturday and Sunday.  
Miss Marie Jenkins of Palestine will be a guest of Miss Sue Smith next week.  
Buy your Christmas apples and oranges, nuts and candies from Johnson Arledge. tf.  
Mrs. J. E. Towery and little daughter left Monday afternoon for a visit to Houston.  
William Henry Denny will return Friday from Texas University for the holiday vacation.  
**Mules for Sale.**  
One pair of mules for sale cheap. Apply to T. B. Satterwhite. tf.  
Mrs. W. B. Smith of Longview is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Monday, in Lovelady.  
Mrs. John C. Millar and Miss Nell Beasley returned Sunday from a visit to friends in Houston.  
Miss Nodelle Jordan will arrive Saturday from the Southwestern University at Georgetown.  
I am well supplied with Christmas goodies and want your orders. tf. Johnson Arledge.

Miss Violet Phillips is at home from school in Huntsville.  
Buy him a box of good cigars at "Dinty's Place" for a Christmas present—from a dollar up.  
Miss Sarah Mac Crook arrived Sunday from Belton, where she is a student of Baylor College.  
Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Longview will be guests of Mrs. Johnson Arledge next week.  
Oscar Hooks, a student of the A. & M. College, will spend next week with his parents at Pennington.  
**For Rent.**  
Nice, clean rooms, with or without board. Mrs. E. L. Simpson.  
Miss Clarite Elliott will sing the offertory at the First Baptist church Sunday at the 11 o'clock service.  
Fireworks, apples, oranges, nuts and candies at "Dinty's Place". Buy early while the stock is complete.  
J. H. McCelvey, a colored subscriber on Kennard Rt. 2, called Saturday to renew his subscription.  
Misses Jennie McLean and Clarite Elliott reached home Saturday from Ward Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.  
The Courier acknowledges with pleasure the subscription renewal of Mrs. Madie E. Stokes of Mineral Wells.  
S. J. Mathews of Route 1 and J. W. Ashmore of Route 6 were among those remembering the Courier Saturday.  
James Crawford of the Gulf Lumber Company, Fullerton, La., is spending the week with friends in this county.  
Misses Ruth Warfield and Beth Lundy will arrive Saturday from Dallas. They are students of north Texas colleges.  
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.  
Paul Stokes will arrive the last of this week from Georgetown, where he is a student of Southwestern University.  
Buy useful presents, such as bathrobes, gloves, shirts, ties, belts, silk half-hose and handkerchiefs in holiday boxes. John Millar.  
For Sale—Small farm of 20 acres, with excellent dwelling, orchard, well and other improvements, located about one mile from Public Square. First National Bank.

T. G. Adams of Volga, N. B. May of Weches and J. T. Knox of Lovelady Rt. 2 were among subscribers calling at this office Monday.

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

tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Henry Arledge, Hunter Warfield, Milton Thomas and Tom Brailsford, students of the A. & M. College, will spend next week at home.

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

#### Attention, Teachers.

Something new in photography! Come in and see them.

It. Crockett Studio.

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.

Misses Margaret and Jeannette Scott of Houston will visit Miss Delha Mildred Wootters during the holiday season or early in January.

In order to accommodate those who will receive packages by mail on Christmas Eve, the Crockett postoffice will remain open all day Sunday.

Miss Sue Smith, teaching in the Elkhart public schools, and Miss Alline Foster, teaching music at Lufkin, will return home for the holiday season.

T. J. Ashby of Ratcliff, who was in Crockett Friday for the first time in a number of years, remembered the Courier with a visit to "renew his subscription."

If you were late in buying your Christmas suit, call and look at our misfit suits and overcoats at from \$5.00 to \$7.50 reductions.

tf. John Millar.

J. H. Rhoden of Kennard, E. L. Jordan of Cut and W. J. McNair are among those who remembered the Courier with their subscription renewals Friday.

B. F. Chamberlain's barn was damaged by fire from some unknown cause Monday. Quick action of the fire company prevented total destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. O'Neal will leave Thursday for Lancaster, where Mrs. O'Neal will spend the holiday season with relatives and friends in the old home town.

For Rent—Forty acres of land, close to a good school—eight miles out, on the Huntsville road. 47-2t. W. E. Hail, Crockett, Texas.

J. S. Kennedy of Center and L. D. Shuptrine of Medina, Bandera county, send their subscription renewals to the Courier, along with the season's greetings.

Just-arrived at the Big Store—a car load of young mules, 3 to 7 years old, well broken. For sale, cash or credit.

tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mr. A. LeGory sold last week four Poland China hogs, 16 months old and weighing 1790 pounds, for \$150. The hogs were sold to the Houston Packing Company.

R. G. Dunn & Company of Houston, commercial agency, finds the Courier of value in keeping up with Crockett business affairs, and so sends renewal of subscription.

#### 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.

#### Remember the Poor.

While we are rejoicing in many good things, and planning to give and receive Christmas presents, I hope our people will not forget the poor.

S. F. Tenney.

## 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

The Crockett Studio is open and making pictures every day. Anything in the cabinet work, post cards, out door views and kokak work. It. Mrs. J. L. Thomas.

Why of course "Dinty's Place" is going to have plenty of pighip, ham, pimiento, cheese and tongue sandwiches for the holiday trade. They all sell for five cents each. Try one. It.

The children of the Methodist church will render a cantata Christmas night, and a freewill offering will be taken for the Methodist orphanage. Everybody is cordially invited.

Miss Grace Denny, a faculty member of the Texas University, and Miss Bee Denny, a member of the Eagle Lake high school faculty, will spend next week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Denny, in this city.

#### Astonishes Crockett.

The quick action of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Ad-ler-i-ka, the appendicitis preventative, astonishes Crockett people. One spoonful of this remedy relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation at once. The Bishop Drug Company.—Adv.

Taking advantage of the presence in the city of a travelling orchestra, the young people of Crockett enjoyed two dances in Bromberg Hall last week. Invitations will be issued this week for the Christmas and New Year dances.

#### \$10.00 Reward.

Strayed or stolen from Lovelady, December 12, one gray horse about 11 years old, weight about 1000 pounds, has short tail, in good condition. Also one brown pony horse about same age, weight about 800 pounds, shod on front feet. Will pay above reward for their delivery to me at Lovelady.

It. Mitchell Satterwhite.

#### Notice to Bridge Contractors.

Sealed bids for furnishing material and the construction of all bridges and culverts in connection with the road work of Houston county will be received, and are invited by the commissioners' court of Houston county, at the office of the county judge, up to one o'clock P. M., January 10, 1917.

Plans and specifications are now on file at the office of the county engineer of said county in the court house.

E. Winfree, County Judge, 2t. Houston County, Texas.

# COMING TO CROCKETT

## Doctors Rea Bros., Specialists in the Treatment of Disease Without Surgical Operation.

At Hotel Pickwick Saturday, January 6, One Day Only.  
Will Give Free Medical Services to All Who Are Treated on This Visit.

Tuberculosis, Consumption, Asthma, Pleurisy, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness and Lung Diseases treated with a combination of medicines, serums, vaccines, diet, hygiene, and exercise.

Liver, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Sick Headache, Dizziness, Enlargement of the Abdomen, Bad Breath; those cases in particular which have been improperly treated.

According to their system, they do not operate for appendicitis, gall stones, bowel ulcerations and impactions, doing away with the knife and much expense in the treatment of these dangerous diseases.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles, pains in the back, weak back, swelling of the limbs, stiffness of the joints, rheumatism, bed wetting in children, and all weakness of the kidneys and bladder.

Nervous Diseases, epilepsy, neuritis, neuralgia, sciatica, paralysis, mental weakness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, weariness, diseases of women, slow growth in

children, club feet and curvature of the spine.

Blood and Heart Disease, swelling of the limbs, pellagra, old sores, varicose veins, heart palpitation, bad circulation, cold limbs, numbness, enlarged glands, goitre and deep-seated chronic diseases and skin diseases.

Eye Diseases, granulated lids, inflamed eyes, trachoma, bad eyesight, headache from eye strain, and the proper fitting of glasses; those cases that need treatment as practiced by specialists.

Piles, fistula, moles, warts, small tumors, and growths of a suspicious nature treated with the hypodermic injection method, an effective plan of treatment without surgical operation.

Those who have been told that an operation is necessary or that their case is incurable, are especially invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents.

Medicines and appliances at reasonable cost. Head Office and Laboratory, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hours, 10 A. M. to 8 P. M.

## Save Money

By purchasing your Fruits, Candies and Fireworks from us.

We carry a full line of Brown's fine chocolates in handsome gift boxes.

## Silent Soda Fountain

IN THE PATTON BLOCK