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## Soldier Train in Accident.

A number of soldier trains have been passing through Crockett lately, returning from the Mexican border to their home states in the north. Saturday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock one of these trains running in two sections passed Crockett, the second section having twenty-nine cars and being drawn by two engines. At about 3 o'clock, when a mile north of Grapeland, the second section happened to a serious accident, which is reported to the Courier as follows:

Saturday morning about 3 a. m. as a heavily loaded soldier train was rounding a curve a mile north of Grapeland, a broken rail was encountered, ditching five Pullman sleeping cars, occupied by soldiers asleep in the berths. Three of the cars turned over, smashing the ends of the cars and throwing them from their trucks. The wrecker was quickly dispatched to the wreck. The hoisting crane, in attempting to lift some of the wreckage, became overbalanced and turned over, necessitating a delay in clearing the wreckage, which was not accomplished until Saturday afternoon. Three south-bound passenger trains were tied up north of the accident, one for fifteen hours, another for six and the third, the Sun Shine Special, for two hours. They passed the wreck in a bunch and proceeded to Houston only a few minutes apart.

The soldiers were on their way to Iowa, their home state. Some of them received minor bruises, but none were hurt seriously. The fact that they were in their berths was in their favor. The conductor and a brakeman in one of the cars, who were sitting up, were seriously hurt.

As soon as the track was clear and the trains running again, a freight train wrecked between Palestine and Elkhart Sunday, tying up all trains again until Monday afternoon, when three southbound passenger trains passed Crockett again running about ten minutes apart. Two soldier trains were tied up at Grapeland Sunday night and our information is that the soldiers bought all the fireworks and soft drinks in the town.

A soldier reported missing after the wreck Saturday morning was found sound asleep in the berth of an overturned Pullman, unaware that anything unusual had happened.

## R. F. D. Number 2.

Crockett, Tex., Dec. 17, 1916.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am sick, and would be delighted to have you share some of your toys with me. I want you to bring me a tricycle, and my younger brother, Marvin, a little horse and wagon, and my baby brother, Robbie, a high chair. And, of course, we would like some apples, oranges and nuts. And please don't forget Papa and Mamma. We live on the San Antonio road, and have a big chimney. Much love for you and your little boy, from

O. B. Rhone.

## Automobile Registrations.

No. 327, George E. Darsey, Grapeland, a Chandler six.  
No. 328, V. Streeter, Crockett, a Ford roadster.  
No. 329, H. A. Anglin, Ratcliff, a Ford touring.  
No. 330, Howard Jordan, Crockett, a Dodge touring.



## Mailing the Letters



PHOTO BY FRANK TOURNIER

## Tax-Payers' Protective Association.

The Courier publishes this week the general prospectus of those who propose to organize a Taxpayers' Protective Association. R. C. Spinks, W. B. Page, W. T. Hale, Edmund Hill and others are working on the general plan and presenting it to the farmers and others for signature.

All who pay taxes, or hope to have anything in the future on which to pay taxes, are earnestly appealed to to join in this movement. It is proposed to meet at Crockett on Wednesday, January 10, 1917, when organization will be perfected:

Those who affix their names here to do so in the aim and purpose of organizing a Taxpayers' Protective Association—those whose holdings, real and personal are subject to taxation for the support and maintenance of government.

In the organization of this Association of taxpayers we distinctly and emphatically affirm that the aim and purpose of same is to protect ourselves against the abuse of the taxing power.

Of all functions of government that which comes nearest home to the humblest and the highest is the exercise of the taxing power.

No government can exist and fulfill the ends for which governments are created which do not carry with it the power under wise and judicious limitations to levy, to collect and to expend taxes. Such power is an attribute of sovereignty and those who exercise such power should do so with a keen sense of their responsibility to the people by whom it is delegated and from whom it proceeds.

It is the exercise of this power of taxation, its abuse, its perversion and its misapplication of the funds arising therefrom that appeal to the people and stir their ever vigilant watchfulness.

Do the people realize what they are doing when they delegate to five men the attributes of sovereignty—the power to levy; to collect and to disburse funds? Do they realize that such power can be abused—has been abused? Knowing such facts is it not all the more incumbent on all true, patriotic citizens to guard the power of taxation and its exercise with jealous scrutiny?

Those associating themselves in a Taxpayers' Protective Association yield to none in public spirit and have been ever ready to contribute by taxation and otherwise to the ends of government and the aspirations of highly organized society—but we are frank to admit, however, much as it may be deplored, that the taxing power has been misused and abused in Houston county. There is a remedy to the taxpayer for such misuse and abuse. We frequently see resorts to the courts to stay such perversion of the taxing power and those in Houston county who were denied the privilege of voting on certain questions, can rest assured that the Taxpayers' Protective Association will not scruple to invoke any remedy available to promote the ends for which we have organized.

Those who have been elected and charged with the responsibility of protecting the people against the abuse of the taxing power and the lavish misuse of the funds accruing

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## More Patronage for Congressmen.

The Post was alluding the other day to the congressman's love of patronage and how the burdens of government are increased because of it. Yesterday, the dispatches announced that in spite of Chairman Fitzgerald's warning that the government was heading toward a revenue deficit of \$280,000,000 the house voted to increase the salaries of the clerks of the members from \$1500 a year to \$2000.

There is some justification of this proposed increase, because the high cost of living has imposed many hardships upon the clerks. But this wasn't all. They also voted an amendment to allow each member a stenographer at \$75 a month each.

Here are two little items that increase the cost of conducting congress by the nifty little sum of \$652,500 annually. Granting that the increase of clerks was warranted, the adding of \$391,500 a year for the 435 stenographers was totally unwarranted and it shows how the love of patronage burdens the taxpayer.

When the house of representatives was famous for its great men, the congressional clerk did not exist. Each member attended to his own correspondence. When, however, the house concluded to authorize an allowance of \$100 a month for clerk hire, the opening wedge was made. At first many of the representatives drew this \$100 monthly and dispensed it for clerk hire as they saw fit, without placing the name of the beneficiary on the rolls. Much of the money went into the pockets of relatives of members, and sometimes into the member's own pocket.

Then the rule was changed—not so long ago—requiring the names of clerks to go on the pay roll. This stopped some very ugly abuses. Now in addition to the clerk that each member is allowed, the government must pay for a stenographer. Not only that, the high cost of living is going to be just as oppressive upon these \$75-a-month stenographers as it was upon the \$125-a-month clerks and ultimately the stenographers will get a raise.

The clerk of the member ought to do such stenographic work as the member may need. But the trouble is members will employ clerks who are not stenographers, for the reason that the patronage is awarded in this instance more for political reasons than anything else. Therefore, the stenographer must be had. If the law had stated in the first instance that the clerks must be stenographers, then this little raid of \$391,500 would not have been made.

It was a contemptible and shameless breach of trust upon the part of members who voted for it.

Democratic pledges of retrenchment have been utterly neglected, and we shall see, no doubt, by 1920 some very stern manifestations of public disapproval of such extravagance. Treasury conditions are

bound to become bad before long. The country is very apt to witness a slowing down prosperity marked by the increasing cost of government and the highest taxes the country has ever known.

The people are going to have an accounting with congress some of these days and its outrageous extravagance will then receive the rebuke that it merits.—Houston Post.

## More About Rhodes Grass.

So much interest being manifested in this grass, the secretary decided to write parties who had grown it in Texas with a view of learning more about it, and is able herewith to present a reply from a farmer who has had experience with it in this state, with results that would seem to be a guarantee that it can be successfully grown in this section:

Mercedes, Texas, Dec. 11, 1916.  
H. A. Fisher, Secretary, Commercial Club, Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry in regard to Rhodes grass, I have to say: For hay it is fully equal to any except alfalfa. For pasturing it is superior to any. Horses will walk through an alfalfa pasture to reach Rhodes grass. It is superior to alfalfa for pasture because it is as nourishing and does not bloat cattle or pigs; they may eat at will without injury. For working teams the hay is superior to alfalfa as it does not heat the mules nor effect the kidneys.

In your climate you may expect a planting to average a life of three years; here it is perennial, and thousands of acres are being planted. It withstands drought better than any grass known, and here is our proof: We had an experience in this section with 7½ inches of rainfall in fourteen months, and it was pastured every day, while all other grasses, including mesquite and bermuda, died at the beginning of hot, dry weather. In two weeks after rain, Rhodes grass made a cutting of one ton per acre as soon as the stock was taken off. I am expecting stock men to sow it wild on the prairies.

Some growers find it difficult to get the seeds to germinate, mostly, I believe, through impatience, as six weeks after planting is the requisite of time for germinating the seed. I have planted three separate tracts and have always secured good crops. My method is to plant about March 1, in moist, well pulverized soil and cover with a brush harrow or roller. The seed being very light should be sown by hand broadcast on a calm day. If windy the seed will scatter so that proper distribution is impossible. A line or space five or six feet wide extending across the field should be planted at a time, so the sower can ascertain how the seed is being placed.

The first appearance of the grass looks like little green pins sticking up out of the ground. After it has grown about ten inches high it should be mowed in order to give it an even chance with the weeds; after that it will take care of itself. It can be cut once every month if it has plenty of moisture, and can be baled the third day after cutting. Sow eight or ten pounds to the acre.

This grass is easily destroyed when desired by plowing it up and harrowing. Yours very truly,  
C. E. Evans.

## Pecan Trees for Sale.

I have 200 young pecan trees, Stewart variety, which I offer cheap. They are the large paper-shell variety. 8t. H. F. Craddock.

## 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.

### Ladies, Once Again.

We are giving out a good many periodicals at the club-rooms these days, and our supply is running short once more. We are going to ask the ladies of Crockett to make an effort, right away, to replenish our stock, and especially ask them to look around a little and see if they cannot find some papers adapted to the holiday season. You will not forget that a telephone call will bring us right to your house after them. H. A. Fisher.

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# Telling Santa



## OLDEST CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

Decorating Houses, Churches and Streets With Evergreen Popular Since Dawn of History.

**P**ERHAPS the very oldest of all Christmas customs is that of decorating our houses, churches and streets with evergreens. At the very dawn of history began the worship of the trees, or forest worship, and the groves were man's first temples.

All our instincts, our passion about nature, are forest memories, for forest worship was universal.

In later times to each god some tree was dedicated: Apollo had the laurel, Jupiter the oak, and Greece for ages had its sacred groves.

The forest worshippers could not worship without giving, because to worship is to give, and these boughs and garlands were the oldest gifts of man. Before he had learned to shape offerings of his own rude skill he could bring to the sacred trees and hang up on them the first flowers and greenery of spring and the perfect fruits of autumn.

These gifts, remember, were never, as with us, decorations; they were sacrifices.

The Romans, with a fine eye for beauty, used to garland their temples and homes and gathering places and even the big Coliseum with boughs of green and ropes of flowers. This particular custom was received by the Christians with a modification of ap-

proval, recalling, as it did, the fact that our Lord entered Jerusalem amid the strewn branches of the multitude.

We must not forget the welcome and lovely mistletoe and holly. Indeed, Christmas without them would not, with us, seem quite complete.

Mistletoe was for ages regarded as sacred by the old British pagans—the Druids—and was surrounded with great mystery and sentiment, little understood by us.

It was supposed to possess healing powers and that it could ward off evil spirits. The reverence paid to this little parasite seems to have been restricted to it, only, when it was found growing on the sacred oak trees in the Druids' groves.

Once every year the Druid high priest cut it with a golden sickle, blessed it and distributed the sprays among the people, praying aloud that each one who received it might receive divine blessings, of which it was the symbol. Having received the sprays, the people hung them above the doors to propitiate the gods during the year.

The only remaining significance attached today to the mistletoe is the idea that if a maiden is not kissed under it on Christmas day she will go unwed throughout the year. This idea goes so far back into the past that one cannot trace it.

It is because the mistletoe is rare and not easy to get that we found and brought forward the holly, which, though lovely, is used only as a substitute for the mistletoe.—New York World.

## SERVICE MORE THAN GIVING

Deepest Spirit of Christmas Does Not Confine Itself to One Day, but Is Manifest Entire Year.

The deepest spirit of the Christmas outpouring that flows over the Christian world is the impulse for human service that runs through the whole year.

It is easy to give recklessly out of one's abundance or even to share carelessly one's pitance. The distribution of Christmas dinners through hundreds of self-denying families means a day's happiness for the giver and receiver. But it is greater happiness to both to follow through the year with aid to self-dependence, encouragement to hope, and support in striving for better living.

This is the giving of self, and they who know how to give of themselves wisely are the highest givers. The best feature of Christmas is its material expression of a whole year of human service that runs like a thread through human lives.

Only these holiday glimpses reveal to the careless how many are dedicated to a share in this unobtrusive service to the humbly striving and to the uncomplaining needy; how many families are under constant stimulus to the best sort of self-help; how many children are being quietly led to a higher level of living and striving for themselves between Christmas and Christmas.

## One View of the Study of Latin.

If one does not study things because they "train the mind," why, then, should one study them? The answer is extraordinarily simple. One studies things because they serve a purpose. I do not say, mark you, a useful purpose, but a purpose—a valid purpose, a genuine purpose, not a make believe purpose.

Mental discipline is not a valid or genuine purpose—it's a make believe. Meanwhile the number of purposes, of genuine, valid purposes, is simply infinite. Learning to read Vergil is, of course, just as valid a purpose as learning to play a symphony or learning to bake a pumpkin pie. The test is, however, not, Did the student get mental discipline? but Can he read and enjoy Vergil? Can he play the symphony? Will some one eat the pie?

And because people rarely care to read Vergil, because almost none of the thousands who study Latin ever can or do read Vergil, therefore, in so far as they are concerned, studying Latin has no purpose and cannot be defended as mental discipline.—Abraham Flexner in Atlantic Monthly.

## How Leaves Purify Air.

It has been calculated that a single tree is able through its leaves to purify the air from the carbonic acid arising from the respiration of a considerable number of men, perhaps a dozen or even more. The volume of carbonic acid exhaled by a human being in the course of twenty-four hours is put at about 100 gallons, but by Bousin gault's estimate a single yard of leaf surface, counting both the upper and the under side of the leaves, can, in favorable circumstances, decompose at least a gallon of carbonic acid a day. One hundred square yards of leaf surface then would suffice to keep the air pure for one man, but the leaves of a tree of moderate size present a surface of many hundred square yards. All other forms of vegetable life act similarly—in abstracting the noxious carbonic acid from the atmosphere.

## The Art of Optimism.

Live in the active voice. Intent on what you can do rather than on what happens to you; in the indicative mood, concerned with facts as they are rather than as they might be; in the present tense, concentrated on the duty in hand without regard for the past or worry about the future; in the first person, criticizing yourself rather than condemning others; in the singular number, seeking the approval of your own conscience rather than popularity with the many. Whoever lives the life of such unselfish devotion to the good of others and of all and lives it in the active voice, indicative mood, present tense, first person, singular number, is bound to find his life full and rich and glad and free—bound, in other words, to be an optimist.—William De Witt Hyde.

## Feat of a Baseball Pitcher.

Just one pitcher in the history of baseball—that is, a hurler who was working in a league of recognized standing and class—is credited with pitching two complete games in succession wherein the opposing batsmen failed to register a base hit. A big pitcher sailing under the name of Gene Wright, who hurled for the Dayton club of the Western association back in 1901, on Sept. 1 of that season pitched a no hit, no run game against Columbus. He followed up this feat by turning the same trick against the Grand Rapids team on Sept. 4.—New York Sun.

## Tibet.

Tibet is all mountains and valleys. There is scarcely a plain worthy of the name. The mountain passes are at a high altitude and crossed only with great difficulty. The valleys are well populated, but the cities are small and the houses crude buildings of mud walls. The streets are narrow and dirty. Northern Tibet is peopled largely by nomad tribes, while in the south there is a more settled population.

## Bright Child.

"How long has your daughter been studying art?"  
"Five years, and she has made great progress. She can talk about motifs and atmosphere and such things in such a way as to make you think she knows perfectly what she means."—Chicago Tribune.

## The Kitchen Closet.

Glass is an ideal shelving for a kitchen closet, as it can be kept clean so easily. If this is too costly paint the shelves white and give a coat of enamel. This is easily scrubbed and does away with the necessity of germ catching papers.

## "Yarbs" We Have Known.

What has become of the elderly lady who in the seventies and earlier always referred to an "herb" as a "yarb"? The word has gone out of use. About the meanest "yarb" was a bitter weed named "thoroughwort." Then there were cammermille, dockroot and dandelion, in their miserable partnership, lobelia and catnip. These things were "steeped," and you took them or had them thrust upon you "for your blood."—Exchange.

## PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

**Milk in the Home.**  
Good milk is a health producer. Bad milk makes stomach trouble and breeds disease.  
The three "C's" for the proper care of milk in the home, according to the dairy specialists of the United States department of agriculture, are:  
Keep milk clean, cold, covered!  
Milk is a highly perishable food, and the length of time it will remain sweet and safe, especially for children, depends, the specialists say, almost entirely upon the constant care it receives from cow to consumer.  
Milk passes through three agencies—the producer, the dealer and the consumer. If the first two have done their part, clean, safe milk will be delivered, thoroughly chilled, to the consumer. The consumer's responsibility begins the moment the milk is delivered at his door step.

## The Old General Muster.

Under the old militia system that prevailed about seventy years ago the states were divided into districts, each one having a company to which all men of soldier age were required to belong and give a few days each year to military drill.

Every year there would be a "general muster," at which the various companies would gather and under the command of a plumed and bespangled officer would perform the various evolutions and go through the manual of arms that would strike with awe the surrounding crowd of women and children gathered to witness the heroic displays of fathers and brothers.

These general musters were great events in the times of our grandfathers. They were social as well as military and often adorned with feasts of warlike provender. In one of his speeches Tom Corwin told of a general muster in which the brave militiamen, with bayonet and sword, charged on a pile of watermelons and cut the red hearts out of the enemy.—Columbus Journal.

## Quite Different.

A tenant of Lord Halkerton, a judge of the Scotch court of sessions, once waited on him with a woeful countenance and said: "My lord, I am come to inform your lordship of a sad misfortune. My cow has gored one of your lordship's cows, and I fear it cannot live." "Well, then, of course you must pay for it." "Indeed, my lord, it was not my fault, and you know I am but a very poor man." "I can't help that. The law says you must pay for it. I am not to lose my cow, am I?" "Well, my lord, if it must be so I cannot say more. But I forgot what I was saying. It was my mistake entirely. I should have said it was your lordship's cow that gored mine." "Oh, is that it? That's quite a different affair. Go along and don't trouble me just now. I am very busy. Be off, I say!"—American Law Review.

## Difference in Complexions.

The difference in the complexions of people is due to the varying amounts of pigment or coloring materials in the cells of the skin. Very light people have very little pigment; very dark people, those with dark eyes and black hair, have a great deal of this coloring material in their cells. A great many people are neither light nor very dark. They have less than the dark complexioned people and more than the light complexioned people. When the hair turns gray it is because the pigment has disappeared. As this is due to the loss of this coloring material, dark complexioned people turn gray sooner than light complexioned people. The structure of the skin showing how these cells are made in layers can be seen by examining the skin with a microscope.

## Water Birds.

Water birds, singular as it seems, are the only ones whose skins never by any chance get touched by water. So long as they are alive and long after they are dead they float with an air chamber all round their bodies, cunningly contrived of waterproof feathers closely overlapping each other. Thus, in a sense, water birds may be distinguished from all others by the fact that they never wash, though we can hardly blame them for that, because if water could penetrate between their feathers the poor things would never be dry.

## Melissier Told Them.

Melissier once at the opening of his pictures had no of women. A friendly critic was curious to know the reason. Melissier replied, "They can paint themselves better than I can."

## The Amateur Farmer.

Farmer—Now let me see if you can milk that cow. Girl (by vocation bar maid, regarding the horns)—Which handle's for the milk and which for the cream?—London Punch.



## The Boys of the Old Town

A Christmas Story

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

(Copyright.)



CHRISTMAS wedding is always a very charming thing. The holly lends such gayety to the decorations, and the mistletoe seems so appropriate. Then it makes one present do where otherwise two would have been required. And anyone who brings that to pass is a public benefactor.

This reference to the wedding, of course, right here at the very opening of the story, really makes the story superfluous, which is Bostonese for "no use." In a story, the wedding is supposed to be the very last thing.

Harry was a young architect and engineer who had only just opened an office in the town. When he came out of college he reached the conclusion that he would do better to set up a business in some small town and grow up with it than to grow old unnoticed in some older town. That is how he came to be here. He met Harriet soon after his arrival and it wasn't long before he was desperately in love with her.

There really wasn't very much the matter with Harry—except Harriet. And there wasn't anything at all the matter with Harriet—in Harry's opinion. So, after he had got down to business—both at his office and with Harriet—she said "Yes." Their marriage brought them a great deal of happiness, and, what was more peculiar, a great deal of happiness to someone who wasn't related to them in any way. Which is what the story is about. This other person not only was not related to them, but was scarcely known to them. She lived in the other end of town. Elm avenue runs right through the town from east to west. At one end, the west end, it is well named, for it is bordered by stately elms that shade fine residences, and cozy bungalows, like that which Harry had provided for Harriet, planned with the architect's best thought.

It had been arranged that they were to be married at high noon on Christmas day at Harriet's old home. Then there was to be a quiet family dinner there, followed by a reception to their friends at Harriet's new home, where open house was to be kept in honor of the day and the event. There their friends gathered in the afternoon, and there the presentation was to occur. For Harry's young men friends, of whom there were a few despite his short residence in the town, and Harriet's, of whom there were more, had decided to give them, in addition to all the "little stuff," one practical gift of larger proportions. So they had "chipped in" and bought them a magnificent leather rocker, one of the big, comfortable kind; and that was to be

"I Can't See What Has Happened—"

duly presented at the hour of its arrival that afternoon. It had been arranged that it was to be delivered while all the young folks were there, as a sort of surprise extra offering.

But, as the afternoon wore on, the face of the chairman of the delegation, who was to make the presentation speech, grew longer and longer.

"I can't see what has happened," he said in confidence to a group of the fellows, when an opportunity for confidences arrived, "and why that darned chair doesn't come."

"Are you sure you gave them the right number, and everything?" some-

one asked.

"Sure—87 Elm street West. That's simple enough."

It must have been five o'clock when one of the boys had an inspiration. "Do you suppose by any chance that chair was delivered to 872 Elm street East?" he asked.

At last here was a clue; and the chairman, a chairman without a chair, and a self-appointed research committee of three, loaded themselves into a car, after making unbelievable excuses to the bride and groom, and speeded away across town in pursuit

of the missing gift, although not very certain where 872 Elm street East was, or if there were an 872 East, or possessed of any knowledge concerning who lived there.

Now, 872 East is a little tumble-down house, or was, well out Elm street, and somewhat back from the thoroughfare.

"I remember—there's some old woman lives here," said one of the party. They all piled out and followed the broken sidewalk up to the dwelling.

"Come in," answered a cheery but quavering voice when they knocked. So they entered in the dusk. It was a bare room, with a few old-fashioned pictures in walnut frames on the walls, some archaic furniture of the same period, and a rag carpet itself reduced to its original material.

Not far from the window stood the celebrated leather rocker, with a cane close at hand. In the chair sat a little old woman, with her face smiling happily under unkempt gray hair. Her face was white, her wrinkles were many, but her eyes shone with the real Christmas light.

"I can't ask you boys to set down," she said, trying to turn toward them, "because there isn't much to set down in except this, and the sofa over there. But I knew you'd come, and I want to



Her Eyes Shone With the Real Christmas Light.

thank you, I want to thank you all, and every one of you, for the lovely present you sent me, and for remembering an old woman like me. When it came, and I read the card, 'From the boys of the old town,' the boys of the boys I used to know, for I guess I knew all your fathers, I told them to put it here, and I would set in it and wait until you come. Ain't you Will Stearns?"

"Yes," stammered the chairman, quite undecided what to say or do.

"I thought so. My, how you favor your father! And I was at your christening. I guess that was about the last time I was anywhere when my rheumatiz got so bad. And your father would 'a' been proud of you this day. If he could know what you was goin' to do for an old friend of his, God rest him!"

At the mention of his father, the chairman was astonished to find his hat still on his head. He pulled it off, hurriedly, ashamed. Then through that head went flitting first a quick memory of his father and then the most astonishing thing in the world—his carefully-prepared speech to the bride. He had said it over so many times to himself in secret that afternoon, to make sure he would not break down when the moment came, that now everything else seemed to have vanished. Then an even more astonishing thing happened. It astonished him, and it quite paralyzed the other young men.

That presentation speech, altered by but a word here and there as he stumbled and steered away from the inappropriate phrase, came falling from his lips.

"And for many a year," he finished, "may you sit by your own fireside as the shadows of life lengthen, with this chair to give you comfort and to remind you of the boys of the old town."

There was nothing for the rest to do but applaud that speech, to wish "Merry Christmas!" over and over, to bend the head for that venerable "God bless you!" and to go quietly away.

The car was turned westward again before any man spoke a word. Then it was Will Stearns:

"Well, what do you know about that?"

"There's nothing for them now, but we can scare up something tomorrow

## Here's a Real Santa Claus



Nature has a law of compensation by which she gives to each one of us some particular talents or aptitudes. John Doe, who was born 57 years ago, was favored by nature with an extra robust face and a luxuriant growth of hair, so much so that, about Christmas time of each year, his services as a model for Santa Claus posters, or as a pseudo Santa Claus, in the department stores, are very much at a premium. He need not look for a job, the jobs are looking for him.

and say nothing about this," said another.

But someone told one of the girls who knew all about the chair, and at the collation the whole story came out. Will Stearns was even made to stand up and give that speech. And the bride declared, and bless her dear heart! everybody believed her, that she was glad it had turned out just the way it did.

Somebody remembered the old lady's name, and then somebody else remembered that it was said that her father was the man who planted those elms on Elm street in the early days of the town. The bride announced that she was going over to see the dear old soul.

She did go, and often, and her nursing did much to ease that rheumatiz. When Harry and Harriet moved into the big house they now occupy, a paper circulated among the old residents bought the bungalow at a bargain price. There the pioneer was moved by "the boys of the old town," where she could be under the shade of the elms her father planted. There, for she was a wonderfully spry old lady, she may be living to this day.

### JUST THE THING.



Wife—I wish I had a flying machine; then perhaps I could get through with my Christmas shopping. Hubby—Yes. Basing my judgment on the way the bills are coming in, what you need is a buyplane.

### Her Habit.

"Isn't it too bad?" asks the lady with the Russian boots. "Mrs. Gonso has sued her husband for divorce and is going to marry that musician as soon as it is granted. And she and Mr. Gonso were married last Christmas day."

"I expected it," said the lady with the new hair. "Lucy Gonso never got a present that she didn't try to exchange."—Life.

### Christmas Literature.

The kiddies write to Santa Claus, They forward mail in pecks, But father hasn't time, because He's busy writing checks.

## Is it Santa Claus?

By Nancy M. Hayes

At a quarter to twelve on Christmas eve Teddiums woke with a start:

There was somebody tugging him by the sleeve.

And he turned with a thumping heart.

"Now, don't make a sound!" said brother Jim.

"As sure as ever I'm here—it's him!"

"Is it true?" whispered Teddiums.

"Santa Claus! Oh, isn't this simply great!"

Can't you light up a match, Jimmy—quick—because if you don't it will be too late!

I'm longing to know just what he's like. And if he's brought me a motor bike!

"Well, I'm puzzled," said Jim. "F'raps, if we look at the sleeve."

He won't leave the ball and the picture-book.

But jolly well pass us by."

And while they wondered—if they should peep.

Somehow, the bears fell off to sleep!

But the curious noise went on all night—

Scampering, rush and run—

Fill the darkness flew and the day dawned bright.

And the rats had had their fun.

And the rascals chuckled, "Well, what a fuss!"

If they'd only known that it was us!"

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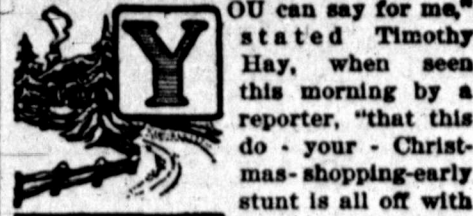
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## TIMOTHY HAY ON EARLY SHOPPING

By JOHN STOCKBRIDGE.



YOU can say for me," stated Timothy Hay, when seen this morning by a reporter, "that this do-your-Christmas-shopping-early stunt is all off with me now and forever, one and indivisible, world without end, amen.

"I started to do my Christmas shopping early," continued Timothy, giving his flogger a disciplinary kick as it growled at a passing terrier, "but it was right on the start that I overtook, discovered and otherwise apprehended the Senegambian in the woodpile.

"Christmas shopping, you are at liberty to quote me as saying in your valuable medium, is bunk if you add an 'early' to it.

"It was about Thanksgiving time, if I recollect rightly, that we were first admonished to do our Christmas shopping early. It struck me as the proper thing to do. I decided I'd do it.

"Naturally, the thought first came to me what to give myself for Christmas. I always hand myself some slight token of my esteem at the happy yuletide. It compensates for what other folks hand me. A little gift doesn't



"I Decided on a Haircut for My Christmas Gift to Myself."

have to cost very much to make a hit with me if I give it to myself with the proper spirit.

"It's the giving, rather than the receiving, of this gift that brings me the more pleasure, anyway.

"Well, gasoline has been going up pretty steadily lately—you notice I do not talk in dialect in spite of my rural name and predilections; if I talked in dialect I would say gas was goin' up purty stiddy—and, due to the increased cost of living expenses, I decided that it behooved me to economize.

"So I decided on a haircut for my Christmas gift to myself, and I decided to get it early on account of the poor, tired shopgirls who are wishing the store would close so they can crowd in a few more dances with the dashing young ribbon clerks three aisles over. "Whereupon I got a haircut, a good, short one.

"The rest of the story is soon told. I got it cut again last night, and I had to wait for six customers ahead of me who were telling the barbers to shave 'em extra close so it would last over to Monday.

"That much for early Christmas shopping. I bought the junk for the folks after they'd locked the street doors last night and have just been making the rounds of the drug stores to pick up the odds and ends I've forgotten. No more Christmas shopping in mine. Giddap, Dobbin."

And with a peremptory cluck to his steed, Timothy Hay motored away in high dudgeon.—Denver Times.

## CHRISTMAS

C for the Christ Child, so helpless, so sweet,  
H for the Holly we lay at His feet.  
R for the Riders three, seeking their lord,  
I for the Incense with which they adored.  
S for the Shepherd, who heard angels sing,  
T for their Triumph in finding the King.  
M for all men of peace and good will.  
A for the Angels, whose songs the cave fill.  
S for the Star which shone out on that night,  
So radiant so hopeful, so glorious so bright.

The model husband is he who smokes his wife's bargain cigars without a murmur.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

All Happiness be yours to-day.  
May Yuletide peace attend you:  
May friendly fortune on you smile,  
And many blessings send you.





# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Crockett merchants and business men extend to their customers the greetings of the season and wish them a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year

## Crockett's Big Store

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

## N. L. ASHER

Shoes and Clothing

We Give Away Tickets in the Automobile Contest

## Daniel & Burton

General Merchants

WE BUY YOUR COTTON

## Bennett Bros.

Staple and Fancy Groceries

Feedstuff and Country Produce



## Moore & Shivers

General Merchants

No change in firm name or business policy after January 1, 1917

## Cash Grocery Store

J. D. SIMS, JR.  
MANAGER

The Place Where Service Is a Pleasure

## Callaway & Moore

Furniture and Undertaking

## Carleton & Berry

LEADERS  
—IN—

Men and Boys' Furnishings

## C. W. MOORE

SEE YOU AFTER JANUARY 1, 1917 IN HOUSE NOW OCCUPIED BY F. H. HILL

## HARRIS' RACKET STORE

## McCONNELL HARDWARE COMPANY

## "Dinty's Place"

Hot and Cold Drinks

ALSO CONFECTIONS

## Smith-Murchison Hardware Company

SHELF AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE

## E. DOUGLASS

Groceries and Feed

Telephone 134

## T. D. Craddock

THANKS YOU FOR THE TRADE IN THE PAST AND SOLICITS YOUR TRADE FOR THE FUTURE

## J. A. McConnell

The Store of Good Values

More goods for the same money—The same goods for less money. We thank you for your trade, and hope you may live long and be prosperous and happy.

## City Market and Grocery

—FOR—

FRESH MEATS AND FANCY GROCERIES

## Crockett Dry Goods Company

The Place Where Style, Quality, Women and Children Meet

## Brooke-Morris Lumber Company

Cement  
Lime  
Shingles





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## H. J. PHILLIPS

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

Everything for the Xmas Dinner

Crockett Grocery and Baking Company

"Pure Food Products"

## THE VOGUE MILLINERY

MRS. S. M. MONZINGO

The Crockett Drug Company

UNDER THE PICKWICK HOTEL



TO ONE AND ALL I extend the heartiest Christmas greetings and the sincere wish that the New Year may be a happy and prosperous one.

C. P. O'BANNON.

The First National BANK OF CROCKETT

Capital and Surplus, \$200,000.00

CROCKETT STEAM LAUNDRY

W. H. HENRY GENERAL MERCHANDISE

IN THE PATTON BLOCK

The Crockett State BANK

Guaranty Fund Bank

**Dan J. Kennedy**

"The Quality Place"

PUBLIC AVENUE

Miss Grace Simpson Millinery

Next to the Queen Theatre

Johnson Arledge

Groceries and Feed

QUALITY and SERVICE

East Texas Motor Co.

DODGE BROTHERS' AND CHEVROLET

CARS

Accessories

Edmiston Bros.

—WHOLESALE—

Grain and Heavy Groceries

QUEEN THEATRE

ALWAYS GOOD SOMETIMES BETTER

Crystal Barber Shop

J. D. FRIEND, PROPRIETOR

HOT AND COLD BATHS

**Petty's**

We Will Dye for You or Save Your Sole

We Repair 'Em While You Wait

H. G. PATTON

Groceries

BROMBERG CORNER

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas time is a time of happy remembrances of our good friends—a time to remind them that our good wishes are with them, not only at Christmas, but at all times—so here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. C. Millar.



## McConnell

Having traded so wisely with me,  
I hope we can again agree;  
Anyhow, just come and see  
Is a special request from

W. V.

### Local News Items

#### First Baptist Church.

On Sunday morning, at the First Baptist church, will be given a program of Christmas music. There being no evening service at this church, the public is most cordially invited to attend this service of worship in song and sermon.

#### Will Be Sold for Charges.

There are a number of watches and some jewelry at the "Watch Hospital" which were left for repairing, and have been here for quite awhile. If not called for at once they will be sold for repair charges. It. C. T. Jones.

#### Lost Mule.

Brown horse mule, about 10 hands, heavy built, two white spots on left shoulder, one on right. Reward of \$5.00 by delivery at Deupree & Waller's furniture store.

Sam Green,  
Crockett, Texas.

#### No Courier Next Week.

This is the last issue of the Courier until January 4, 1917. As is customary, no paper will be issued next week. To all its subscribers and other patrons the Courier extends the season's greetings, wishing all an enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

#### Houston County Farmers.

Don't forget that Monday, January 8, is the day that you are to appear before the commissioners' court in Crockett to tell the members how much you favor the tick eradication movement and that in addition to being in favor of it you are willing to meet the county halfway in sharing the cost of the campaign. H. A. Fisher.

#### A Christmas Treat.

On Friday night, December 22, there will be a splendid concert at Shiloh.

The program will consist of fine music, dialogues, recitations, readings, negro minstrels, etc.

No admission will be charged, and your presence will be a treat to yourself and a pleasure to us.

A cordial invitation to all.

Graton Streetman.

#### Christmas Eve Service.

For the morning service at the Methodist church Christmas eve Mrs. Erls Madden of Denver, Colorado, will sing "The Virgin's Lullaby" from "The Coming of the King."

At the evening hour the following program will be rendered:

#### Part one—

Organ, (a) March in E, by Reginald Barrett; (b) Pa Paloma, by Zradier.

#### Intermezzo—James H. Rogers.

Vocal duet, "In His Hands Are All the Corners of the Earth," Schnecker—Mrs. Erls Madden and Miss Evelyn Wall.

Organ, Fantasia ("My Old Kentucky Home"), J. E. W. Lord.

#### Intermission.

#### Part two—

Cantata, "The Greatest Gift," H. W. Petrie.

Duet, "Christmas Chimes," E. L. Ashford—Misses McLean and Elliott.

Mrs. J. P. Hail, choir leader.

Mrs. A. M. Decuir, organist.

#### Tax-Payers' Protective Association.

(Continued from 1st page.)

from same are the ones to whom the people at times look in vain for protection. But they are bonded officials and are responsible to the people for any misuse of the taxing power or any misapplication of funds derived from taxation.

For the purposes and the ends set forth above we associate ourselves together, agreeing to use all legitimate means at our command to protect the taxpayers of Houston county from wasteful extravagance.

A further purpose of the Tax-payers' Protective Association shall be to advise the people fully and at all times of the proceedings of those who are vested with power to expend public moneys that the people may know how much of their property is taken for public purposes, what those purposes are and whether the funds thus expended are warranted by law and public exigencies.

We all know that the resources of Houston county available for promoting public ends are limited however much we may deplore it, yet recognizing such fact our highest aim and most patriotic endeavor shall be to avail ourselves of all legitimate means to prevent recurrence of certain official acts that have stirred public indignation throughout the county.

Notice of time of organization will be given as soon as all who wish to sign have been given an opportunity of doing so.

#### Thinks Well of Prospects.

Mr. H. A. Cox, the Houston oil operator, was again in Crockett Friday. With Mr. Cox was Mr. J. N. Groesbeck of Houston, vice president of the American Production Company and an extensive operator in the Goose Creek field. Mr. Groesbeck filed in the county clerk's office Friday a lease on a thousand acres in the Crockett oil territory. He thinks well of the prospects and will take some stock in the first company organized.

With Mr. Cox was also Mr. F. M. Blair, an experienced oil developer and driller, who thinks enough of the Crockett oil field proposition to take some stock on drilling account and who will return to make further investigations.

The party left Friday for Houston. Before leaving Mr. Cox said that he would return this week with Mr. Mat F. Allison, vice president of the Goose Creek Petroleum Corporation, who wants to make some investigations for himself and associates.

Of the Crockett oil field Mr. Groesbeck said: "We made an investigation of the cuttings and sand, and particularly those in the hands of Mr. D. A. Nunn. These cuttings and sand are similar in every respect to those taken from wells that have made large oil producers. From what we could further learn of the log of the well, coupled with the showings we have seen, I do not hesitate to say that in my belief that, with the drilling of a new well and with a competent driller and formation man, you will open up an oil field that will cover a very considerable area."

#### Returns From Toledo.

J. E. Towery returned Saturday from the automobile dealers' excursion to Toledo, Ohio. The trip was made by dealers as guests of the Overland automobile company. Mr. Towery reports a wonderful trip and a wonderful factory. Thousands of people are employed in the factory, and the system and care employed by factory workers was a revelation to him. Nothing is overlooked, the smallest part of a car receiving the same attention as the larger and seemingly more important parts. Mr. Towery will be ready for another such trip just as soon as he gets another invitation to make it as a guest of the company.

## What to Buy

# Parisian Ivory

### The Ideal Christmas Present

Parisian Ivory for Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Desk Sets, Etc., has been the vogue for several seasons. There is every reason why it should remain so—beauty, daintiness, ease of cleaning, susceptibility to engraving and embellishing.

We sell the "Ivorine" line because it represents the best in Parisian Ivory. The brushes are of best Russian bristles, the mirrors are flawless and the mountings are heavy. Sold in sets or single pieces.

## China and Cut Glass

Make China gifts, because they represent excellent judgment, beauty and utility. A dainty bit of china is sure to please. Our stock of china contains scores of fancy pieces, sets, etc., and it is all of worthy quality.

Cut glass is a form of art that appeals especially to the ladies. The dazzling brilliance and beauty of design of our cut glass make it an always acceptable gift.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are invited to call and inspect our line. It is full of gift suggestions.

## The Bishop Drug Company

Telephone 47 or 140

The Prompt Service Store

## Christmas Millinery

All Hats at the Vogue Millinery to be sacrificed.

Hats up to \$3.50 for \$1.00, and all others at \$2.00.

Your choice of the house that cost me from \$2.00 to \$10.00, on sale at from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

MRS. S. M. MONZINGO



# We Thank You

As we cross the threshold of a new year we wish to thank those who have honored us with their confidence and trade during the year that is gone.

We strive always to protect and promote the interests of our friends and customers in every way and we are gratified to note the generous response which this policy brings.

During the coming year we shall make every effort to serve you even better than we have in the past.

We extend to all sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

PHONE 47 OR 140

## Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

### Local News.

B. F. Thomas spent the holidays at Troup.

Lotice Scarborough is visiting in Palestine.

Miss Ola Mae Hatchell visited in Rusk last week.

Ottis Davis was at home Christmas from Jewett.

Break your cold or la grippe with a few doses of 666. 50-13t.

Willie Phillips of Coleman was here Christmas week.

Miss Beth Lundy will leave Friday for Milford College.

Armistead Aldrich was here from Bay City Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Moore of Augusta were here Wednesday.

Sonley Lemay and Jehu Goolsby of Austin were here last week.

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

Miss Tommie Holcomb of Alto visited Miss Bess Quarles last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ellis have returned from a visit to Shreveport.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl DuPuy of Atlanta, Ga., visited relatives here last week.

Miss Pauline Durst of Guy's Store was the guest of Mrs. J. P. Hall last week.

Dr. Lawrence Corley and family of Midway were visitors here last week.

Rub-My-Tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc. 50-13t.

Miss Dewey Kennedy was at home last week from Baylor University.

Mrs. Lee Moore and children of Port Arthur visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. George Barnes of Trinity was noted among the visitors here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Harvin Moore of Houston were here for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Daugherty of Jefferson are guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller.

W. H. Satterwhite of Route 5 and Henry Powers are among the number who have extended their subscriptions to the Courier since last issue.

Mrs. C. A. McDowell of Palestine visited Mrs. Martin Scarborough this week.

Misses Bess and Miriam Partlow of Liberty are visiting Mrs. James S. Shivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Madden left Sunday night for their home at Jourdanon.

Forty-two marriage licenses were issued for the week ending December 25, 1916.

Miss Mary Fifer, teaching at Wharton, was at home for the holiday vacation.

Otis King has accepted a position in Alto and will be located there for some time.

Miss Bernice Cook of Granger was the New Year guest of Miss Nodelle Jordan.

Miss Muri Zachary of Temple is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Temple.

Miss Lois Millar was at home from the school of Industrial Arts at Denton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris have returned from a visit to the old home town of Lufkin.

Johnson Terry, a colored subscriber on Route 4, has extended his subscription through 1917.

Miss Berta Phillips returned Monday to Weatherford, where she is teaching in the city schools.

Grady McConnell of San Antonio spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McConnell.

Mrs. Lizzie C. Sartor of Route 6 is sending the Courier to her son, J. G. Sartor, of Goldsboro, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Chandler of Houston visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry last week.

Mrs. Hyman Harrison and Miss Fay Harrison of Houston were visitors here during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard and children of Grapeland visited relatives here during the holiday season.

Mrs. Evans Swan of Tyler was the guest of Misses Mary and Jennie McLean for a few days last week.

T. J. Sartor of Route 6 is among our friends who have called to renew their subscriptions since last issue.

A. M. Decuir has returned from New Iberia, La., where he was called by the illness and death of a sister.

Sol Bromberg of Galveston was among visitors here this week.

Mose Bromberg of Brownsville was with homefolks Christmas week.

Roy Baker and Mark King Winfree, students of Rice Institute, were at home for the holiday vacation.

Misses Emily and Mary Bird Morris were at home from Baylor University during the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McConnell and little daughter of Humble were among the holiday visitors here last week.

Misses Sue Denny and Nell Beasley left Sunday at noon for their schools at El Paso and Nome respectively.

R. R. Nunn, a student of Texas University, spent the holiday vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. D. A. Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Grant and little son of Beaumont visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry last week.

Lieut. and Mrs. Earls Madden and little daughter left Sunday afternoon via St. Louis for their home in Denyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain of Kennard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mauthe of Marshall visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. W. B. Smith has returned to her home in Longview after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Monday, in Lovelady.

Miss Norma Frels and Miss Leith Lawrence spent the holidays in their home, towns, New Ulm and Arp, respectively.

Miss Jennie McLean joined a special-car party of girls Monday for the return trip to Ward-Belmont school, Nashville.

C. N. Beasley left Wednesday for Port Sullivan, where he has a position with the United States engineering department.

Sinks McLarty, a student of Texas University, spent the holiday vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. U. McLarty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Goodwin and child of Peacock, Texas, were in Crockett Sunday, returning from a visit to relatives at Holly.

W. M. Steed of Kennard Rt. 2 is among those who have remembered the Courier with their subscription renewals for the new year.

Miss Clarite Elliott, who was to return to Ward-Belmont school at Nashville Monday, was detained at home on account of illness.

J. Q. Snell of Lovelady and George Shaver of Grapeland were among our friends calling to renew their subscriptions last week.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Madden of Jourdanon and Lieut. and Mrs. Earls Madden of Denver were among the visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitten and daughter, Grace, of Houston spent the holidays with Mrs. Whitten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leediker.

See those fine young mules at the Big Store. We will sell them for cash or on credit. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Miss Lizzie Howard came up from Houston to spend Christmas eve and Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howard.

There were 18,639 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1916, prior to December 1, 1916, as compared with 20,760 bales ginned to December 1, 1915.

## 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

John D. Morgan, who has been ill for six weeks, went to Galveston Tuesday to be examined by a specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Daugherty of Jefferson and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller spent the week in Galveston and Houston.

J. R. Cupp of Holly and Lee Wagner were among the number remembering the Courier with their subscriptions Tuesday.

Dr. R. E. Dillard of Weches has gone to New Orleans to enter the New Orleans Polyclinic. The Courier follows to his address.

Eugene Walling of Grapeland and W. B. Smith of Weches were among those who called Wednesday to renew Courier subscriptions.

J. H. Breazeale of Route 2 visited his family at Cleburne Christmas week. He was among those remembering the Courier Saturday.

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. Lucy Collins and daughter, Mrs. Amelia Collins, and brother, R. M. Atkinson, visited Mr. and Mrs. John B. Peyton in Trinity last week.

Mrs. Legett Thompson of Vancouver, British Columbia, is visiting Mrs. John D. Morgan of Crockett and Mrs. Claib Latimer of Kennard.

Mrs. Bessie R. Adams, the First National Bank and W. V. Berry are some of those who have renewed Courier subscriptions since last issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Daniel of Longview visited relatives in this city last week. While here Mrs. Daniel remembered the Courier with her subscription.

D. R. Baker Jr. and W. H. Denny Jr. have returned to Rice Institute and Texas University respectively. They have arranged to keep posted through the Courier.

### Chevrolet Tickets Free.

At the Crockett Drug Company's if you pay your account before January 10, 1917.

tf. Crockett Drug Company.

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.

### Notice, People.

All persons paying their accounts with us before January 10, 1917, will be given automobile tickets.

tf. Crockett Drug Company.

Mr. W. H. Allbright and Miss Ada Brewton were married December 26 at the residence of Sidney Bennett in this city, Rev. Chas. U. McLarty officiating. These two young people have been raised in Houston county and have a large circle of friends who wish them bon voyage on the sea of matrimony.

L. Cauthen of Route 2, J. H. Smith of Route 5, C. E. Hester of Route 6 and Bud Tunstall of Route 2 are among our friends who called last week to renew their subscriptions.

R. M. Atkinson of Bentonville, Ark., was visiting here and in Trinity this and last week. Having lived here for many years, he is always glad to get back and shake hands with his friends.

### Don't Be Bashful.

But come in, pay up your account at the Crockett Drug Company's and get your automobile tickets. Come before January 10, 1917. tf. Crockett Drug Co.

A. W. Phillips of Weatherford, J. M. Pelham of Grapeland, C. E. Hester of Route 6 and Willard Goodwin of Holly are some of those who have remembered the Courier with their subscription renewals this week.

Holiday social affairs were given last week by Mrs. H. Brooke and Miss Nodelle Jordan—on Thursday evening by Mrs. Brooke and on Saturday evening by Miss Jordan. Both affairs are reported as being very enjoyable.

After spending the holidays with his parents in Crockett, Sinks McLarty left for Georgetown Tuesday where he will resume his studies in Southwestern University, from which institution he will take his degree in June.

The churches of Crockett will observe the week of prayer next week, beginning at the Presbyterian church Monday night, the Methodist church Tuesday night and the Baptist church Wednesday night. Services are to begin at 7:15 o'clock.

### Notice, Taxpayers.

I shall be at Grapeland Friday, January 5; Lovelady, January 6, and Ratcliff, January 8, for the purpose of collecting your taxes.

C. W. Butler Jr.,  
Tax Collector.

Crockett Russell, the 16 years old son of Mr. G. W. Russell, living east of Crockett, died Wednesday, December 20, of pneumonia. The remains were laid to rest on the day following. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

### January White Sale.

Watch Levy's ad. in the daily papers—clearance sales on all coats, suits and dresses, piece goods, etc. Also look out for the January White Sale and phone us your orders.

tf. Mrs. S. J. Moody,  
Mrs. John Spence.

### For Sale Cheap.

A splendid second-hand hack and also a good second-hand buggy. Can be seen under my shed next to Methodist church. If you care to trade, call and see me.

A. M. Decuir, Druggist,  
tf. Under Pickwick Hotel.

## Watch Hospital!

WHILE making New Year resolutions, try this one: "During the year 1917 I will take all my watch, clock and jewelry repair work to the WATCH HOSPITAL, where I can get the best work for the money, and all my troubles will end"—and you will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

At McLean Drug Company's Crockett, Texas

C. T. JONES