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TESTING DAIRY COWS.

Increased Profits as Result of Cooperative Work—Bull Associations Raise Quality of Herds.

Increases of from \$10 to \$15 and in some cases much higher in the annual profits from each dairy cow have resulted from the organization of cooperative cow-testing associations in the United States, according to statistics gathered by the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. The expense of membership in these organizations, on the other hand, has been only about \$1.50 per cow per year. The organizations therefore have been very profitable.

Because of the great and obvious economic advantages arising from the associations dairy specialists of the department believe that the organizations are one of the most important factors for the upbuilding and development of the dairy industry in this country. Such an organization consists generally of 26 farmers, living within a radius of a few miles, who cooperate to hire an expert tester to keep accurate accounts of the amounts and cost of feed consumed by each cow in the association, the quantity of milk produced by each and its richness in butter fat. These statistics usually reveal the fact that some cows are not producing enough to pay for their keep, while others are highly profitable. Acting on this information the owner of the cows disposes of the least of his animals and makes up his herd exclusively of those that produce a considerable profit.

The membership of the association is placed at 26 so that the tester can make a complete round each month, devoting one work day to each member, and that he may keep his records on a monthly basis. It has been found by careful experiments that the averages based on monthly tests do not vary more than 2 per cent from the production, as shown by daily observations. Since the tester is an expert and can make the necessary tests and computations rapidly, and since he can be depended on to make his observations independently of pressure of work on the individual farm, the owners of the dairy cows find it cheaper and more satisfactory in many cases to have their testing done through the association than to undertake to do it themselves.

Supreme Court Decision in Prohibition Cases.

The view expressed by the News that the decision of the supreme court in the West Virginia cases deprived the prohibitionists of their most persuasive argument for national prohibition by means of constitutional amendment is shared by the New York Evening Post. The Post says that so long as it appeared that the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution could be put to the uses of a pipe line through which a wet state could flood a dry state with liquor there was good ground, or at least logical ground, for demanding national prohibition as a means of enabling prohibition to have practical effect. But the supreme court's decision in the West Virginia case shows that it lies within the powers of the states, every one separately,

to forbid the importation of liquor, and that, therefore, the co-operation of all the states is not necessary to make the prohibition law of any one of them effective. The reasoning of the Post is shown in this paragraph:

When the question of the national prohibition amendment again comes up in congress, those who realize the extreme gravity of such a step should perceive that, with the upholding of the Webb-Kenyon act, one of the chief props of the argument in favor of it has been taken away. However great the uncertainties and dangers attending it, however serious the departure from the spirit of our institutions, and however difficult the undoing of the error if it should prove an error, the advocates of a national prohibition amendment have been able to urge in favor of it the consideration that the states were powerless to bring about effective prohibition, and that therefore if it was to be had at all, it must be had through federal action. This plea can no longer be made. Furthermore, it will now be possible to watch the operation of prohibition in the various states with a better chance than heretofore of getting some sort of idea of how we may expect national prohibition to work; and, surely, it would be the height of rashness to take that plunge until we have incomparably better warrant than we have at present for supposing it will work well.

It would be vain to suppose that the demand for national prohibition will be quieted by the disappearance of the chief argument in advocacy. There are not many minds which yield such perfect fealty to reason. But it is not fanciful to suppose that the cause of national prohibition has been weakened and not strengthened by the decision which the prohibitionists themselves acclaimed as their greatest victory. There is a large class of men, who, though prohibitionists, still cherish principles and theories which would be compromised, if flouted, by the use of federal power to force prohibition on states which did not want it. They could be reconciled so long as they could believe that national prohibition was necessary to make state prohibition a reality. Then they could argue that the question was between respecting the right of a state that wished to be dry and the right of a state that wished to be wet, and they could find some reason for resolving the question in favor of the state which wished to be dry. But they are now without this reason. The supreme court has shown us that there is no irreconcilable conflict between such states. The state that wishes to be dry can become so without requiring the wet state to sacrifice its wish to remain so. There is a large class who, in their zeal for prohibition, are ready to violate the principles of state sovereignty, but who are nevertheless unwilling to do so wantonly. These men must be alienated from the cause of national prohibition by the supreme court's decision.—Galveston News.

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Mr. J. E. Downes Dead.

On last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of his son, J. F. Downes, in Dallas, Mr. J. E. Downes, for more than sixty years an honored citizen of Crockett, died.

James Elbert Downes was a son of L. E. and Mary Downes and was born in Crockett on October 31, 1845. His life, therefore, embraced a period covering 71 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He came of a pioneer family, his parents being among the early east Texas settlers and among the substantial citizens of their time.

In 1870 he married Miss Elizabeth Brown, a Crockett girl, and for over forty years they lived as helpmates. The Downes home is yet standing and is pronounced as one of the best in the city.

Removing to Dallas a few years ago, Crockett was always first in the hearts and thoughts of the family and when Mrs. Downes died the remains were brought to Crockett by the husband for interment. One of their chief desires was that their remains should be tenderly laid away midst the people whom they had known and loved all the days of their lives.

Three sons were born into this family. The elder, James F. Downes, who lives in Dallas, had the care of his father during the declining years; the next, Dr. William A. Downes of New York, has attained international fame as a skilled surgeon; the youngest, Edward E. Downes, was first lieutenant in Company H, First U. S. Infantry, and fell in battle June 23, 1901, in Southern Samar, P. I.

Mr. Downes leaves a brother, John F. Downes of Atascosa county; two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Eichelberger and Mrs. S. Romain of Crockett.

He was a Confederate veteran, being among the first to join the army when the war between the states began. In 1863 or 1864 he became a member of Captain Bill Wortham's company, serving in Arkansas and Indian Territory. Later he was transferred to Company I, Fourth Texas Cavalry, Green's Brigade, where he remained until mustered out of service and honorably discharged at Hempstead in May, 1865. It is said of him that he was a brave soldier, doing his duty fearlessly and well. He loved his old comrades in arms, and the last trip that he ever made to his native town was to participate in the annual reunion of Company I.

For forty years or more he pursued the mercantile business in Crockett. In 1886 he became a member of the Methodist church, joining during a revival conducted by Rev. Tom Smith. From that time until his death he was a consecrated church member, serving as chairman of the board of stewards for years.

The remains, accompanied from Dallas by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downes, reached Crockett Friday night and were taken to the home of Mrs. Downes' father, Mr. B. B. Warfield. At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon funeral services were held at the First Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, conducting the services.

Under an escort of Confederate veterans the remains were taken from the church to Glenwood cemetery, where interment took place

and where also is the resting place of the wife and departed son.

The community has lost a good man and the editor of this paper, along with many others, a good friend.

The Automobile Contest.

The Courier is having considerable to say about the commercial club automobile gift enterprise being illegal, in conflict with the state law forbidding gambling and lotteries. Now let us look at it from that standpoint.

The Century dictionary defines gambling as follows: "To play at any game of hazard for a stake; risk money or anything of value on the issue of a game of chance, by either playing or on the play of others; hence to engage in financial transactions or speculations dependent for success chiefly upon chance or unknown contingencies; as to gamble with cards or dice; to gamble in stocks. Adventure in gambling, a reckless speculation."

We will try and analyze it a sentence at a time.

"To play at any game of hazard for a stake." The same authority defines hazard as a game of chance, a game at dice, risk, danger, an unfortunate card or throw at dice. All of this description clearly implies a game where there is something of value at stake, where the participant will suffer a monetary loss in case the chance throw of dice or the turn of a card is against him. The automobile tickets are given away, hence the recipient has nothing invested; is taking no risk and cannot by any turn of events, lose anything.

Take the next sentence of the definition of gambling: "Risk money or something of value on the issue of a game of chance, etc., etc."

Here the issue is most clearly set forth. The participant is not risking his money or anything of value from the standpoint of having cost him anything. He receives as a gift, pure and simple, a ticket that entitles him to a possibility of receiving an article of value, which if it does not secure results is no loss to him as he had nothing invested. Surely this sort of transaction cannot be rightfully called gambling.

The intent of the law is clearly to forbid the reckless waste of money or property through channels that promote dishonest practices and was not intended to prevent legitimate business advertising methods like the case under discussion.

Put the matter in another form: The merchants of Crockett decide, as an inducement to draw trade, to club together and make some one or more of their customers, during a stated period, certain specified gifts. All merchandise is to be offered at prices in effect at the time the announcement is made. Certainly no advance in prices is considered, but many cases of a reduction in prices is announced during this period, as an added inducement to trade in Crockett.

Now the campaign is over and the time for deciding who shall receive these gifts has arrived. No harm done up to this point, is there, Mr. Editor? No transgression of the gambling law so far. The patrons who have received these free tickets get together and decide to put them all in a receptacle and,

after having thoroughly mixed them, a little girl is blindfolded, and in the presence of all the ticket holders, draws out as many tickets as there are gifts presented by the merchants, and the holders of the duplicates of the tickets thus drawn are to have the gifts.

If the transaction can possibly be construed as even a technical violation of the law, no one can truthfully say that it is in any way conducive to a laxity of morals, or in any manner hurtful to the community, and these are the features that the law is looking after.

As a business getter for our merchants it proved most satisfactory. So much so that there is a universal desire on their part for a repetition.

Summary: No taint on our morals resulted. No one risked a dollar. No one hurt, no one gambled. What's the answer? Everybody pleased and anxious to try it again.

H. A. Fisher.

The Automobile Contest.

For the Courier.

I write to commend the editor of the Courier for his editorial last week in pointing out the wrong of the automobile contest. The Courier has correctly stated the case both as to the civil and moral law. The tickets in the said contest warned against these tickets being sent through the mail, which admits that such tickets are liable to be construed as lottery tickets. According to my knowledge of moral questions, the said contest was in its essential features a lottery. The very fact that the said contest drew such a large crowd is an illustration of the fact that such games of chance are fascinating—the idea of getting a valuable prize for a small investment. That is why the Louisiana lottery existed so long and demoralized men, women and children throughout the country with their huge gambling schemes. For that reason, although that lottery paid large sums to the city of New Orleans for charity, yet the people said it must go, and it was banished from the United States, and the federal government made laws against sending lottery tickets through the mails, against even sending through the mails newspapers containing lottery advertisements. I believe a large number of our citizens who participated in the late contest did so without stopping to think of the moral features of the case. A representative of one of the large commercial firms of the state tells me the proprietors of that business do not permit their stores to participate in games of chance—that they do not consider it a good business method. I am sure the commercial men of Crockett will stand higher as to their reputation with the great financial men of the country if they steadfastly refuse to participate in such "get-rich-quick" methods, and keep their skirts clear of offering temptations to encourage gambling.

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Carnival Contaminations.

We feel that it is our duty, as pastors, to call the attention of our citizens to the contaminating influence of carnivals. We are sure that they are the source of unmix-ed evil. Holding this view, we feel that we would be unworthy of the high position that we occupy and embezzlers of the trust reposed in us should we fail to point out their demoralizing influence. We have not failed to speak from our pulpits and now seek to discharge our duty to a larger constituency.

It is admitted on all hands that carnivals are neither moral nor elevating in their tendency. The many vices that are fostered by them and the deluge of evils that follow in their train wherever they go is causing the towns and cities that look to the highest and best interest of their citizens to outlaw the carnival. Shall Crockett loose step with her progressive sisters of East Texas—Timpson, Nacogdoches, Jacksonville—and stand sponsor for the carnival? Shall Crockett, whose very name is a synonym for culture and refinement, become a wet nurse for this degrading thing? Shall Crockett throw wide open her doors, out Herod Herod, and cause "the days of forty nine" to pale into utter insignificance? We are sure that Crockett is not yet ready to take the filthy garments discarded by others.

Are we moss-backs enough to argue the necessity of evil? Shall we admit all of the evils attending a carnival—and there is not a man in Crockett but that knows of these evils—and then apologize for, and become a partisan of, these evil things? Shall we resort to a jocose style, and with rounded periods, epigrammatic sentences, picture these dens of vice in such colors as shall hide their hideousness and make them attractive? God forbid that we should thus prostitute our God-given talents to such ignoble things. Rather let us show up these contaminating things in their true light and take such steps as will forever keep these contaminating carnivals away from our fair city. We will never use voice or pen in defending a thing that saps the moral and physical life of our community. Like the christian mayor of Timpson, Mr. Hawthorne, we will say to these institutions, do not place your pests here, and if they do "make them take to tall timber." Like the lionhearted editor of Jacksonville Progress we will speak our minds in regard to these evils.

We affirm that no one can go into those dance halls as run by those carnivals, supposedly representing "the days of forty nine," "shake the light and fantastic toe" to the sound of music, while at the same time pressing to his bosom a woman of whose character he is as ignorant (?) as the swine that wallows in the mire is of the highest branches of mathematica, and remain uncontaminated. When the Ethiopian can change his skin, or the leopard his spots that will be possible. We af-

firm that no man has a right to do anything that is not permissible for the woman. Are we willing for our wives and daughters, mothers and sweethearts, to go to those public dance halls, mix with those highly painted nondescript women, dance with every man that comes along, then march up to the bar and drink those carnival concocted drinks? If it is a good place for the men and the boys, then it must be a good place for the women and the girls. Or do we advocate a double standard? Shame upon the man or the boy who would indulge in anything that he would withhold from his mother or sister. Shame upon any one that would do that very thing and then boast of his achievements along those lines.

There are many other things connected with the carnival to which we do most seriously object. But we mention the dance hall especially because just at this time they are being made the chief drawing card in all carnival companies. And these places are most debasing perhaps in their nature. We highly question the character of any woman, regardless of whom her parents may be, who can so far forget her modesty as to become connected with one of these institutions. By every token those connected with the carnivals that have visited Crockett within the past year were not even above suspicion. The editor of the Jacksonville Progress said of those who last appeared in Crockett that on the last two nights of the carnival there many were drunk, and instanced the case where three women and two men were in one room drinking. He dared not say these things if they were not true. We have yet to learn that a suit for defamation of character has been filed against that editor. The public prints of the past week tell us that a carnival manager was arrested in Beaumont for being a white slaver—two of his dancing girls were imported by him from another state for immoral purposes. With these facts—and rumors fill the streets of Crockett to the same effect—we do lift our voices in warning against these dens of vice.

These carnival companies coming with their many evil attractions certainly have a demoralizing effect upon our schools. The best teachers that ever walked on the earth, and we have none but the best, can do nothing when the minds of the children are filled with such rubbish as comes with the carnival. Our scholarship is in danger of being lowered. Our standing with the higher institutions of learning is in danger of being lost. And, too, there are some here from the country attending our schools. We are glad they are here. We want them to come in increasing numbers. But are they going to continue to come? Parents are not going to send their children into a contaminated atmosphere. Already they are asking, what is the matter with Crockett? For our part we had rather have one clean-limbed country boy than to have ten thousand carnivals. We must see to it that the atmosphere and environment of our little city is conducive to the

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growth and development of the highest type of character.

We must not take one backward step. Our watchword must ever be onward and upward. We cannot afford to stand sponsor for, or become a wet nurse to, anything even a carnival that all men must know and acknowledge to be inimical to the very highest morals. We cannot afford to harbor for even one night a tiger that shall gnaw the heart and vitals of our offspring. We dare not pray, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," and then place the greatest temptation of all right under our very nose. Such a prayer wedded to such conduct is an insult to Almighty God. We appeal to every parent to help keep far from our city all such institutions in the future. We appeal to every organization in the city to refuse to let any such institutions make a cat-paw out of it. We appeal to all to join hands with us in helping make conditions such as shall bring the highest type of citizenry to our fair city.

We desire to express our high appreciation of the efforts of Sheriff Spence and his coworkers in enforcing the laws. We pledge to these faithful officers our earnest support and cooperation. Evil doers must know that they cannot trample the laws of our state and city under foot with impunity.

In conclusion we assure the citizens of Crockett that we have nothing but the highest interest of Crockett at heart. We are laboring night and day for the best interest of the city from a moral and religious standpoint. For this we constantly study and pray. And shall constantly warn, rebuke or encourage. Faithfully your pastors,

Chas. U. McLarty,
Pastor Methodist Church.
S. F. Tenney,
Pastor Presbyterian Church.
M. L. Sheppard,
Pastor Baptist Church.
A. O. Riail,
Pastor Christian Church.

The Farm Loan Association.

In answer to repeated letters of inquiry, the secretary has finally heard from the Federal Farm Loan Board at Washington to the effect that the necessary blanks to enable a complete organization of the local association will be forthcoming about the first of March. That is the date that the Farm Loan Bank at Houston expects to be in running order, and the blanks will be sent from that institution.

It will therefore be seen that no further progress can be made by the Crockett association until that date, consequently no further meetings will be called, although the secretary will be glad to see any one interested whenever information is desired.
H. A. Fisher.

DARING BANK ROBBER BAND EXTERMINATED

Three Oklahoma Outlaws Killed in Battle
With Posse Friday.

Okmulgee, Ok., January 19.—Extermination of one of the most daring band of Oklahoma outlaws was completed near here today with the killing by a posse of Oscar Poe, Will Hart and Harry Hart. Since the first of the year four outlaws have been killed by possemen, while three members of various posses were killed by the bandits. One outlaw and three possemen have been wounded. More than \$5,000 of the loot obtained by the bandits in raids on Oklahoma banks has been recovered since the drive to exterminate the robbers began.

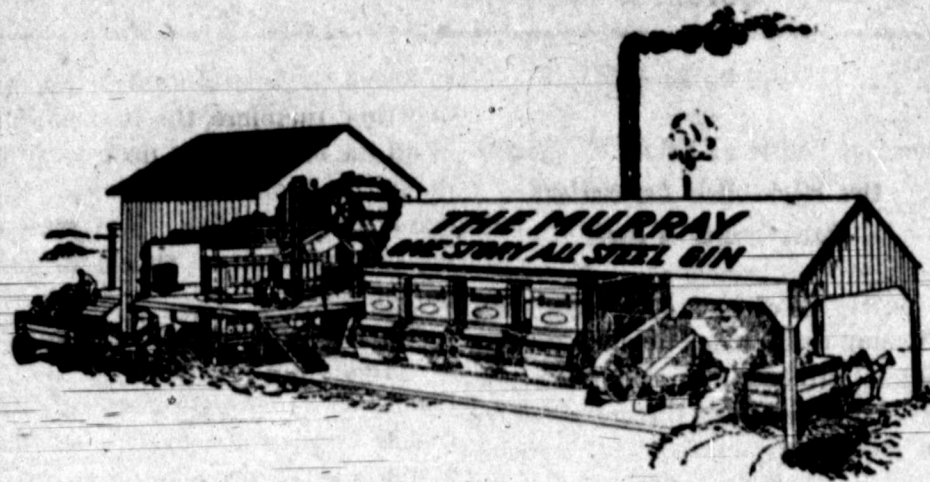
Oscar Poe, the Hart brothers and Russell Tucker make up the four bandits killed by possemen, while M. L. Boulware, a deputy sheriff of Castle; Chas. Bullock, city marshal of Delaware, and John Garretson, a

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merchant of Delaware, were killed by the outlaws. Those wounded are: Joseph Layton, deputy sheriff of Oklahoma county, shot in leg in a battle near Harrah Wednesday; Melville Bowman, chief of police of Okmulgee, wounded in the hand in today's skirmish near here; Edward Garretson, brother of John, wounded several times in a clash near Nowata several weeks ago, and Joe Littrell, bandit, shot through chest and arm in a battle with a posse near Boley yesterday.

Pone Poe, an uncle of Oscar Poe, is in jail in Nowata county, charged with being a member of the gang that for months has terrorized banking industries in Oklahoma. Between January 6 and ending this afternoon at least six battles were fought between the outlaws and

possemen.

Officers are of the opinion that the three men killed today were members of the band that engaged a posse in battle near Nowata January 6. Harry and Will Hart were twin brothers.

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PRISONERS ARE TAKEN.

FRENCH TAKE TRENCH WORKS

In France North of Somme the French
Captured German Trench Works.
British Drive Turks From Their
Trenches at Kut-el-Amara.

Latest From War Fronts.

On the Bukowina-Roumania front, between the towns of Jacobeni and Kimpolung, the Russians have delivered a vicious attack which resulted in the piercing of the line of the Teutonic allies over a front of nearly two miles. Numerous prisoners and a considerable amount of booty fell into the hands of the Russians. Berlin admits the withdrawal of the Teutonic forces along the Golden Bystritsa River in this region, saying that it was necessitated in the face of superior Russian forces.

Between Les Esparges and the Calonne trench, north of Verdun, the French have carried out a successful attack against the Germans, taking elements of trenches from the troops of the German crown prince. North of the River Somme, near Le Transloy, the British in attacks, have captured trenches from the Germans and carried out successful raids near Neuville St. Vaaste and northeast of Festubert. Considerable aerial activity has again taken place on the western front, London reporting the destruction of four German airplanes and the driving down, damaged, of another.

In Northwest Russia, on the Riga sector, considerable fighting continues. Here both Berlin and Petrograd record the repulse of attacks.

Artillery activity prevails in the Austro-Italian theater and duels with the big guns and operations by small raiding parties are in progress on the front in Macedonia.

The British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic, formerly in the White Star line Canadian service, has been sunk off the Irish coast by either a mine or torpedo. Twelve officers and 109 men on board the vessel were saved.

In Mesopotamia the British and Ottoman troops continue their fight for the possession of Kut-el-Amara. The London war office reports the recapture by the British of trenches which the Turks took from them recently near Kut-el-Amara.

In an engagement between British light naval forces and German torpedo boat destroyers in the North Sea Tuesday night a German destroyer was sunk and the other torpedo craft scattered, it was officially announced Wednesday.

The sinking of a British torpedo boat destroyer in another engagement with German torpedo boat destroyers in the vicinity of Schouwen Bank, with the loss of three officers and forty-four of the crew, also was announced.

According to a dispatch to London from Ymuiden, it was officially stated that four were killed aboard the V-69, including the commander, Lieutenant Boehm, and the commander of the flotilla, Captain Schulz.

German officers refused information about an engagement, the scene of action or the strength of the flotilla.

According to a Hague report, two German ships were sunk and three others badly damaged in the North Sea fight.

Reports from Ymuiden, received via Amsterdam, say that German torpedo boats Tuesday night attempted to leave Zebrugge to avoid the ice, which was very thick. They were immediately attacked by a large British squadron. The action opened at short range and early in the fight the bridge of the German destroyer V-69 was swept away by a direct hit, the commander and two other officers being killed.

The V-69 fired one torpedo and was then hit by British shells, which knocked the funnel flat on the deck and put a hole in the forepart of the vessel. Her guns appear not to have been damaged.

The crew of the V-69 numbered about sixty. It would appear from the statements of the men that seven other German vessels were sunk. The V-69 belonged to the home fleet.

Ymuiden, Holland, via The Hague to London.—An encounter occurred Tuesday morning in the North Sea between fourteen German torpedo boat destroyers and a British flotilla. Sixteen severely wounded Germans have been landed here by a Dutch steam trawler, which took them off the badly damaged German torpedo boat V-69. The torpedo boat was afterward towed here with twenty dead aboard. The commander died before reaching port, both his legs being shot off in the engagement.

The most important announcement

concerning the fighting in any of the war zones is that issued by the Berlin war office, which says the Bulgarians in Northern Dobrudja have crossed the southern estuary of the Danube near Tulcha and have maintained themselves on the north bank against a Russian attack. This brings the invaders closer to the Bessarabian frontier.

Victories of considerable proportions have been achieved by the Germans over the Russians, and by the Russians over the Bulgarians.

CARNEGIE MEDALS FOR TEXAS HEROES

Pittsburg, Pa.—Twenty-three acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie hero fund commission at its thirteenth annual meeting Thursday. In eight cases silver medals were awarded; in fifteen cases bronze medals. Eleven of the heroes lost their lives, and to the dependents of seven of these pensions aggregating \$4,680 a year were granted; to the dependents of one of these and of three others who lost their lives sums totaling \$3,060, to be applied subject to the direction of the commission, in various ways, were granted. In addition to these money grants, in one case \$1,000 was appropriated for educational purposes, payments to be made as needed and approved; and in ten cases awards aggregating \$5,250 were made for other worthy purposes. Payments in these cases will not be made until the beneficiaries' plans for the use of the awards have been approved by the commission.

Four of the bronze medal awards were for acts of heroism in Texas, as follows:

E. Earl Brounger, deceased, died attempting to save Beulah Braden from drowning at Jefferson, July 3, 1916; medal and pension to widow at Jefferson.

B. Carlton Flowers, deceased, died attempting to save Katie D. Adams from drowning at Juna, July 16, 1916; medal to widow at Ozona.

Neille M. Jenkins (now Mrs. J. R. Yarborough), Waxahachie, for saving Alma Marshall from an enraged bull at Nash, May 18, 1915.

Roger M. Powell, Austin, for saving Ethel Williams and Martha Lee from drowning, April 22, 1915.

Armor Plate Plans Formed.

Texarkana, Tex.—A conference between business men at Atlanta, Texas, and officials of the Texarkana board of trade was held Saturday, at which the proposed effort to locate the government armor plate plant in that territory was fully discussed. It was agreed to have all available data ready for submission to the naval board when it visits that section. The iron ore fields of Cass county are only fifteen miles from Texarkana. Texarkana and Atlanta both want the plant.

Mexicans Driven Across Line.

Arivaca, Ariz.—The Mexicans who have been keeping up a running fight with American troopers and cowboys at Ruby, Ariz., were driven across the international boundary Sunday by Americans. The Mexicans took refuge in adobe houses, but were routed out by troopers and the houses burned. The Mexicans have fled to the hills. The fight started Friday morning when American cowboys saw Mexicans rounding up cattle on the American side of the boundary line.

Big Oil Deal in Ederly Field.

Lake Charles, La.—An oil deal of more than ordinary proportions was closed Wednesday in Lake Charles when the Victory Company, operating in the Ederly field, formally transferred a half interest in all of its holdings, fee and lease, to E. J. Gardner and associates of Philadelphia for a consideration of \$157,000.

Men Sadly Sing "How Dry I Am."

Little Rock, Ark.—While the men arose and sang the old plaintive refrain, "How Dry I Am," Governor Brough signed the Arkansas "bone dry" bill at the annual dinner of the Little Rock board of commerce Thursday night.

German Ship Raids England.

London.—An unidentified German ressel shelled the Suffolk coast of England Friday night. There were no casualties.

Belgian Gifts Acknowledged.

New York.—The commission for relief in Belgium announces it has received during the last three days two gifts of \$100,000 each and one of \$200,000 for its fund for an extra meal daily for Belgian school children.

27th Plans for Frenchman.

Paris.—Lieutenant Georges Guyard was shot down his twenty-seventh day in the war office announced.

THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Executive Committee Calls on Governor
or to Discuss Legislation—Next
Meeting in Waco.

Austin, Tex.—The executive committee of the State Teachers' Association Friday selected Waco as the place of next annual meeting of the association which is to be held during Thanksgiving week, opening November 29 and continuing three days.

The members of the executive committee in a body called on Governor Ferguson and discussed with him the educational program adopted by the association. Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, Waco, acted as spokesman for the members of the committee and stated that while there are numerous matters included in the program, the committee was aggressively rushing only one at this time, that being the bill providing that county superintendents should be elected by the county boards of trustees.

Governor Ferguson gave his hearty endorsement to the county superintendents bill, saying that if it was passed by the legislature it would be approved and signed by him. Governor Ferguson said that no government can succeed unless it has good school facilities. He referred to Mexico.

"General Carranza some time ago told me that the foundation for all of Mexico's troubles was illiteracy," said the governor, "not until Mexico properly educates her people will she be able to enjoy good government."

The educational program of the State Teachers' Association contains ten subjects which have been printed.

All members of the committee were present as follows: Walter King of Austin, chairman; W. H. Snow, Paris; H. F. Triplett, Beaumont; T. H. Shelby, Tyler; C. J. Denton, White Wright; G. B. Winn, Waxahachie; J. E. Watts, Cameron; J. B. Bright, Trinity; S. C. Wilson, Huntsville; J. H. Morgan,

Eagle Lake; Dr. S. P. Brooks, Waco; W. M. Green, Fort Worth; Lee Clark, Wichita Falls; P. F. Stewart, San Antonio; A. W. Evans, Uvalde; L. W. Lackey, Midland; F. M. Bralley, Denton; J. W. Lyle, Houston.

Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco and S. C. Wilson of Huntsville went before the senate and house committees on education in the interest of the program.

Marine Tonnage Decreased.

Washington.—Loss to the world's merchant shipping in 1916 through war causes exceeded the total tonnage constructed, according to estimates prepared Friday by the federal bureau of navigation. Vessels sunk were put at 1,149, of 2,082,683 tonnage, and those built at 2,506, of 1,899,943 tons. The net reduction was about 200,000 tons, or 1 1/2 per cent of the world total. Great Britain led in shipbuilding with 510 vessels of 619,000 tons. The United States was second with 1,213 vessels of 560,000 tons. The entire world's merchant vessel tonnage at present, according to an estimate by Lloyds, is 48,683,000.

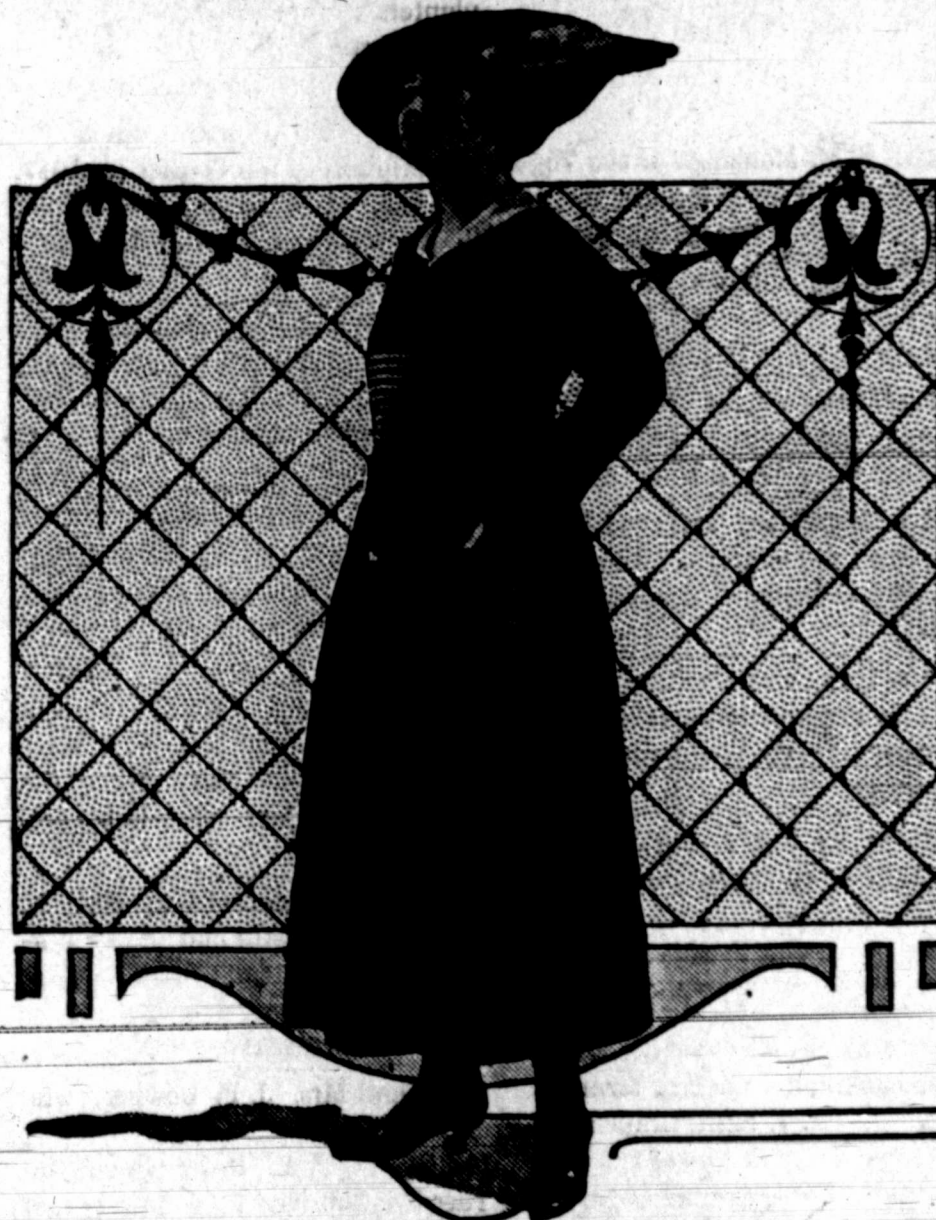
Paper Mill Owners Meet Publishers.

Chicago, Ill.—An informal conference at Chicago of representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the Print Paper Manufacturers' Association voted to appoint a committee to meet immediately after delivery this week of the report on the print paper situation by the federal trade commission to see if knowledge gained from the report does not point the way to an adjustment of existing problems.

Admiral Dewey's Will Probated.

Washington.—Admiral Dewey's will, dated December 17, 1915, was filed Friday for probate. It bequeaths a life annuity of \$500 to his sister, Mrs. Mary P. Greeley, and directs that a suitable stone be placed over his grave in Arlington National cemetery. The remaining estate, of which no estimate is made, is left to the widow and his son, George Dewey, Jr., who are named as executors without bond.

Well-Tailored One-Piece Dress



The success of the one-piece dress goes without saying—it is already a thing of history. And now begins the exercise of ingenuity in ring changes on this one predominant theme, so that the one-piece dress may run no risk of becoming monotonous. This has already been done with so much cleverness that the one-piece dress is farther away from simplicity than any other and we are looking for further surprises.

Here is a frock of serge, trimmed with silk braid, that scorns all intricacies in construction or decoration. It presents its straight lines, almost unbroken from shoulder to hem, and its even rows of braid, sure of compelling admiration. The devotee of the tailored suit will be easily reconciled to this aspirant for favors, in place of the skirt and coat that have held first place so long.

The usual order of things is reversed in this skirt, for it is filled into the waist at the front and back, while the panels at the sides are plain. The short bodice follows the lines of the natural figure, and a belt is simulated by parallel rows of braid stitched at the waistline. It

fastens at the left side with snap fasteners and has an open throat that accommodates a plain white collar which may be of organdie or crepe. The sleeves are plain and are not narrowed or widened at the wrist. This is in keeping with their finish of clean-cut rows of braid. Large, flat pockets at each side of the skirt are covered with braid and bound with it, in the best manner of the tailor. "Well-tailored" is written on this straightforward, businesslike dress, in its fine adjustment to the figure, and in the precision and faultlessness of workmanship which commend it.

Judith B. Brown

Finely Tucked Organdie Collars.

On the simpler frocks seen at Yvette Guilbert's recital there was an indication of a vogue for crisp collars of finely tucked organdie of dainty hand-worked design, either plain or combined with the finer laces, some high and doubled suggesting the coat collar, others quite wide, reaching the edges of the shoulders. It

NEWSPAPER EDITORS HOLD CONVENTION

Resolutions Favoring County Superintendent Bill and Move to Make Paper of Cotton Stalks Adopted.

Beaumont, Tex.—Resolutions favoring the proposed county superintendent bill and the movement started in Texas to manufacture print paper from cotton stalks and other Texas materials were unanimously adopted by the Gulf Coast Press club at a special meeting Saturday.

J. B. Power, president of the club and editor of the Silsbee Signal, was appointed to represent the club at the cutover pine land conference at New Orleans next March and Port Arthur was selected for the next meeting, to be held Saturday, April 7. At that meeting President Power will report on his trip to the New Orleans conference and steps will be taken by the Gulf Coast Press club looking to the enactment of legislation which will result in a more rapid settlement of the vast areas of cutover lands in the gulf coast section of Texas.

About thirty editors, representing as many newspapers in East Texas, attended the meeting, and it was the most important of its kind ever held. The manufacture of print paper from cotton stalks, rice straw, sawdust and other waste materials produced in Texas, and the development of the cutover lands in East Texas were subjects discussed at great length by many of the editors.

In an interesting address W. C. Blake of the Jasper Newsboy pointed out the deficiencies in the method of taxation in Texas. He believed the Houston plan of taxation should apply to farm lands as well as to city property, and many others shared in the opinion. He also called attention to the fact that settlers are prevented from coming to that section because of the policies employed by the large land owners, in that they reserved the mineral rights on lands placed on the market for colonization.

While no resolution to this effect was adopted, the club members made it clear that they favored an amendment to the state homestead law which would enable the farmers of Texas to derive the benefits from the federal farm loan bank law through the organization of farm loan associations. The members individually pledged themselves to assist in the organization of farm loan associations throughout that section.

The purpose of and the benefits to be derived from the federal farm loan bank law were explained by George A. Smith, government demonstration agent in Jefferson county.

In addition to President Power of Silsbee and Secretary C. F. Roberts, editor of the Kirbyville Banner, those present at the meeting were: J. W. Brown, Hemphill Reporter; W. S. Neel, Dayton Daytonite; W. S. Davis, Redland Herald, Nacogdoches; S. W. Baker, Tyler County Messenger, Woodville; C. E. Watford, Lufkin News; W. C. Blake, Jasper Newsboy; George A. Smith, editor Beaumont Country, a monthly publication issued by the Beaumont chamber of commerce; R. B. Kinard, Joe Webb and Carl White, Beaumont Enterprise; A. R. Kriebbaum, Beaumont Journal and Houston Post; C. R. Bone, C. A. Bland and S. Raymond Brooks, chamber of commerce; J. M. Conley, T. H. Nees and M. T. Walker, chamber of commerce committee; W. B. Dunlap, president of the Southern Rice Growers' Association, and others.

UNITED STATES TROOPS ON MARCH OUT OF MEXICO

Arrivals at El Paso From Columbus
Say Expeditionary Units Will Concentrate at Palomas for Review.

Washington.—Withdrawal of the American military expedition in Mexico was ordered by the war department Saturday and by the end of this week the entire command, after ten months on Mexican soil, probably will have recrossed into the United States.

American expeditionary troops in Mexico are pushing rapidly northward toward the border, passengers say who arrived at El Paso, Texas, Monday from Columbus, N. M. Information was at hand, they added, that the Sixth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry regiments and the Fifth, Eleventh and the Thirtieth United States Cavalry were expected to reach the Palomas lakes, seven miles south of the border, this week. It is further reported that all of the expeditionary units will concentrate at Palomas and, when united, will undergo a final inspection and review before their formal entry on American soil.

Motor truck trains are in operation night and day bringing stores and equipment to the border. Over 500 trucks are engaged in this service, while twenty motor ambulances are conveying the sick and disabled.

THE WORLD OVER

INTERESTING ITEMS OF PRESENT
IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

EVERY ITEM A NEWS ITEM

Relating to the Latest Happenings of
Interest Just now Throughout
the World.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Democratic leaders in the senate made it clear Saturday that they would not oppose Senator Borah's resolution to reaffirm the Monroe doctrine and the principles of Washington and Jefferson advising against embarrassing foreign alliances, but that before voting for it they would explain their belief that there is nothing in it inconsistent with the world peace proposals announced in President Wilson's address.

Carlos Cuadra Pasos has been named minister to Washington by the Nicaraguan government, succeeding General Emiliano Chamorro, now president of the country.

A bill appropriating \$350,000 for a national sanitarium for lepers, already passed by the house, was passed Friday by the senate.

President Wilson Friday signed the bill recently passed by congress opening to settlement and sale 40,000 acres in Arizona comprising an auxiliary reclamation project in connection with the Yuma project.

Incorporation of the World's Sunday School Association for the promotion of Sunday school work and to encourage study of the Bible is proposed in a bill by Senator Oliver passed by the senate Friday.

Senator Myers' bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to sell lands withdrawn under reclamation acts, but no longer needed for government purposes, was passed Thursday by the senate.

Ljubomir Mihailovitch, the first minister from Serbia to the United States, Friday presented his credentials to President Wilson.

"Bona dry" prohibition for both Alaska and Hawaii virtually was decided upon Tuesday by the house territorial committee. The reintroduced Wickersham bill to prohibit manufacture, sale, gift, possession or transportation of liquor in Alaska was ordered favorably reported to the house.

The nomination of John A. Donald of New York as a member of the new federal shipping board was confirmed Tuesday by the senate.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

An apportionment of \$10,000,000 to aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, the second annual distribution in accordance with the federal aid road law, was announced Friday by Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture. The funds are the apportionment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. Texas' share amounts to \$583,855.

Food exports generally from the United States fell off \$43,000,000 last year. Department of commerce statistics announced Friday show their value to have been \$745,000,000, compared with \$788,000,000 in 1915.

An ocean freight of \$4 per 100 pounds was paid on 1,000 bales of cotton, which were booked for export Wednesday from Galveston, Texas, to Havre. This is believed the highest rate ever paid for transportation of cotton from the port of Galveston.

American exports for 1916 reached the unprecedented total of \$5,481,000,000. According to a statement just issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce at Washington, this exceeds the total for 1915 by \$1,926,000,000 and the total for 1913 by \$2,997,000,000. The exports for December are announced as \$521,000,000, which exceeds the previous high monthly total by \$5,000,000. The December average for the five years previous was \$263,000,000.

Four hundred farmers from territory surrounding Houston, Texas, Saturday learned how much good the farm loan bank to be established at Houston can do and how much harm the cattle tick, now being eradicated, can do. Also, they learned how good

several thousand oysters taste when properly baked. All came in the course of the Young Men's Business League celebration of Houston's success in landing the federal farm loan bank and the organization of twenty-six auxiliaries to the league.

So-called "blue sky" laws in Michigan, Ohio and South Dakota, regulating the sale of securities and designed to bar get-rich-quick schemes, were upheld as constitutional by the supreme court Monday in far-reaching decisions affecting similar laws in twenty-six states. Justice McKenna handed down the opinions of the court, to which Justice McReynolds alone dissented.

Fire destroyed recently the Gatesville power and light plant. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

During 1916 a wool growers' storage association at San Angelo handled 2,949,392 pounds of wool and mohair, which brought the best prices in history. The price of mohair for 1916 hovered around 60 cents a pound, just twice the price before the European war. The entire Texas clip of mohair was between 4,250,000 and 4,500,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The attack on the English coast, near Lowestoft, reported by London Friday, was carried out by German light sea forces. The German ships, Berlin says, were able to approach the English coast and to return to their base without sighting a hostile vessel.

Turkish first line trenches on a front of 1,100 yards were gained by the British in their attack southwest of Kut-el-Amara Friday. In addition, London says, some second line positions on the right bank of the Tigris were taken. West of the Hal River four counter-attacks by Turkish troops were repulsed, with heavy losses.

Attacking in force on a front of 1,600 meters against Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, Teuton soldiers stormed French trenches and took 500 prisoners. French troops, the latest French communication says, have recaptured most of the trench positions gained by the Germans.

The Dutch minister of foreign affairs announced in the chamber of deputies at The Hague Saturday that armed merchantmen in the Dutch colonies would be treated as war vessels, except in the case of ships carrying provisions.

Russian positions on a front of about six miles on the northern end of the Russo-Galician line have been captured by the Germans, the war office at Berlin reports. The Russians brought up reserves, but they were unable to check the Germans, who took more than 1700 prisoners and 13 machine guns.

Within the last two months 12 new monster air cruisers have been completed in the Zeppelin works in Friedrichshafen and 12 more are building.

In compliance with one of the demands of the entente powers recently agreed to by Greece, the Greek government has handed the entente ministers a note formally expressing regret for the events of early last December when entente forces at Athens were fired on by Greeks.

Five hundred natives were killed and many others were injured in an earthquake on the island of Bali, in the Malay archipelago, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to London Saturday. More than a thousand houses and factories and the native temples were destroyed. The governor's palace was seriously damaged.

Russia is building a large fleet of submarines with which to combat the German U boats.

Two thousand de facto troops reached Jimenez, Chihuahua, Mexico, Thursday from Torreon en route to Chihuahua City to police Western Chihuahua after the evacuation of the American punitive expedition. These troops were sent north by General Manuel Dieguez.

Alderman Lawrence O'Neill was unanimously elected Tuesday lord mayor of Dublin, Ireland.

An encounter occurred Tuesday in the North Sea between fourteen German torpedo boat destroyers and a British flotilla. Sixteen severely wounded Germans have been landed by a Dutch steam trawler, which took them off the badly damaged German torpedo boat V-69.

The Duke of Atholl died Saturday at Blair Castle, Scotland. Born in 1840, he succeeded to the title in 1864. He was one of the principal titled Scottish land owners, owning more than 200,000 acres.

Villa and Zapata, the two most conspicuous revolutionary leaders in Mexico, have allied themselves for operations against the de facto armies and 8,000 men are concentrated near Chihuahua for a Villa campaign in the north.

The ministry of munitions Saturday

at London issued an appeal for 8,000 more women to work in munition factories. The need of them is declared to be urgent, "for the output of munitions must not be delayed for a day by any lack of labor."

The capture of the town of Naneati, on the Sereth River, by German troops is the latest important development on the war fronts. The Russian forces are continuing their counter-attacks in the Eastern Carpathians and north of the Suchitza Valley, on the Moldavian frontier.

The war office at London announces that all youths from 18 years old up have been called to train for home defense until they reach the age of 19 years. Hitherto youths have not been called until they reach the age of 18 years and 7 months.

Strike Provision is Again Refused. Washington.—For the second time since it began consideration of railroad legislation to supplement the Adamson law, the senate interstate commerce committee Wednesday declined to approve a provision suggested by President Wilson forbidding a strike or lockout pending investigation of a labor controversy. The vote was 10 to 5, with three democratic senators—Underwood, Smith of South Carolina and Thompson—voting with the republicans in the negative.

Make Report on Onion Crop. Washington.—The condition of the Bermuda onion crop in Southwest Texas counties as of January 15 is from 78 to 96 per cent, which is a material increase over the condition of January 1. Atascosa county makes the best showing. Freezes in December tended to hold back the planting and as a whole the crop is later than this time last year, with rain needed badly, according to a statement from the United States department of agriculture. Shipping probably will begin early in April.

Revenue Bill Given Approval. Washington.—Democratic members of the house in caucus Friday approved by a vote of 113 to 13 the administration revenue bill framed to meet the prospective treasury deficit for the year.

Oldest Medal Holder Died. Eastbourne.—Captain H. M. Jones,

oldest holder of the Victoria Cross, died Friday. He was granted the decoration for gallantry in action in the battle of "The Quarries" during the Crimean war, in 1855.

Joseph Netzer Elected.

Dallas, Tex.—Joseph Netzer of Laredo was elected president of the Texas Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association at their meeting Friday.

Sitting Bull's Widow Dead.

Fargo, N. D.—Small Woman, former wife of Sitting Bull, is dead at the Fort Berthold Indian reservation in Western North Dakota from burns suffered when fire destroyed her shack at Lucky Mound Saturday.

Million Francs Sent to France.

New York.—A draft for one million francs was sent this week to President Poincare for the Relief War Orphans, to provide for children of members of the Legion of Honor who have been killed in the war.

Jasper County to Eradicate Ticks.

Jasper, Tex.—The commissioners court of Jasper county has appropriated \$500 for the purpose of helping install dipping vats over the county for the purpose of eradicating the tick.

Dr. John W. Chambers, a prominent surgeon of Baltimore and believed to be the first surgeon in the South to perform an operation for appendicitis, died Sunday when on a visit to Dubois, Pa. Dr. Chambers was 64 years old.

John G. McKay, secretary of state of Texas under Governor James E. Ferguson until he resigned a few months ago, was married in Houston, Texas, Monday to Miss Bonnie Boyd of Austin and formerly of Temple.

Bills Introduced in Senate.

Austin, Tex.—New bills introduced in the senate Wednesday were as follows:

By Senator Johnson of Hall: Requiring publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law.

By Senators Alderdice and Bee: Providing that independent school districts of less than 500 scholastic population may participate in the election of county school trustees and requiring filing of petitions by candidates for trusteeship.

Always Good Styles in Furs



It is rather late in the season to consider buying furs, but for that very reason it is a good time to buy. Merchants sometimes find themselves with a few sets of really good furs left over after the holidays and are willing to sacrifice a little on them rather than carry them over to another year. Changes in styles may hurt their sale for the merchant, no matter how valuable the skins. But changes in styles need not worry the woman who owns good furs, for they are among the things that need not bow to fashion's whims.

A neckpiece and muff like those shown in the picture are not likely to be ever out of style. If tails and heads and paws disappear in the sets for the new season, it is no trouble to take them off and put them away until fashion calls for them again. A plain muff of moderate size is always good style, and in scarfs style is as much a matter of adjustment as shape. A plain

scarf can be adjusted and worn in accordance with the mode. The set shown in the picture is of fox-fur dyed black and tipped with white.

Fox is a very popular fur and the rarest pelts are extravagantly high priced, some of them bringing upwards of a thousand dollars. But the inexpensive pelts are beautiful, the fur long and silky. It is called a "soft" fur by furriers because it does not wear as long as the fur from some other animals, as mink or skunk—both of them beautiful furs. Squirrel, in the natural and dyed colors, is a satisfactory fur, so far as wear is concerned, and what is known as martin will give most excellent service. It takes an expert to pass judgment on furs and from the present outlook, good furs may be regarded as a paying investment.

Julia Bottomley

Sports Suits in Special Weaves



Sports clothes are a new dispensation and they have brought about a new order of things. Special goods are woven for them, special designs in these goods and in other goods are made up in special ways. Sports clothes are spirited, ultra modern, expressive of the woman of today, and more or less elegant. They are becoming—like everything else—more and more luxurious. But their elegance is not measured by the richness of material used; it is measured by good style.

It seems that the term "sports clothes" is destined to cover attire for all outdoor life—or at least that sports clothes will hardly be considered out of place anywhere out of doors. They appear to have made for themselves a permanent place.

One of the new fashions for sports suits is shown in the picture. It is a silky crepe like surfs weight and durability. Several new fabrics, each of its own, that have made a place for themselves which promises to be enduring.

In the suit pictured, the skirt is made of a cross-barred pattern in the material in which bright colors are defined against a plain ground. The sweater coat has a wide shawl collar of the cross-bar. Very large pearl buttons fasten the overlapping ends of the belt. Just now suits of this kind are worn with plain blouses of crepe de chine or of linen or fine cotton. The vogue of sports clothes have given colors a wonderful impetus. On plain grounds, broad stripes, cross-bars, disks and checks appear in bold but enchanting colors. This season stripes are broken with figures in contrasting colors and the introduction of Chinese and Japanese motifs has proved a valuable acquisition in working out color schemes.

Julia Bottomley

The Courier for 1917

The editor of the Courier is putting forth his best efforts to make the Courier a better paper each year, and asks that the people of the county co-operate in an effort to put the Courier in every home in Houston county.

It is a regrettable fact that there are hundreds of homes in this county where no newspaper or magazine is subscribed for or read. In order to bring about better conditions in the county, the non-readers should be interested in what is happening in the outside world.

If your neighbor does not take a county paper, suggest that he subscribe for the Crockett Courier. * Besides state and general news, each issue contains a specially prepared local news department. If you want to do your neighbor a favor, and one that will be appreciated by the Courier, ask your neighbor to subscribe.

The Crockett Courier

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

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JUST TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

The Courier gives considerable space this week to an article by the pastors of Crockett, which will be found in another place under the heading of "Carnival Contaminations." Considering the fact that a carnival company was in Crockett the first half of last week and all of the week before and that nothing appeared in the local press about the carnival except what was written by the Courier editor, it will be generally accepted that the article by the Crockett ministers was inspired by what appeared in the Courier.

Now, once and for all, let the Courier make itself plain about carnivals. We have never cared for the entertainment the average carnival affords and have given them very little serious consideration. We have never gotten excited over them, one way or the other. We have never been a carnival advocate, and in fact have known very little about carnivals. In its issue of January 18, after the carnival had arrived in Crockett, the Courier had the following to say: "Nobody has ever gone to a carnival expecting to attend a Sunday school or a religious revival. The carnival has never furnished a high order of amusement or entertainment. All that can be said for the carnival—and we are speaking of all carnivals—is that they add to the frivolity of the world and invite the casting aside of serious thought" and that "all tented theatrical shows are little better than carnivals, so far as a high order of amusement or entertainment is concerned." That is what the Courier thought of carnivals two weeks ago and that is what it thinks of them to-day.

But there was another side to the question, as there is to all questions. The Crockett fire company had contracted with a reputable carnival company for a week's stand in this city. The carnival had arrived and would have had open its shows except for the bad weather. On Tuesday the Jacksonville Progress, denouncing this carnival, was received, and the Courier decided to make some investigation. We found that the Crockett fire chief had a contract permitting the local firemen to enter the shows at all times and to close them if found indecent, immoral or offensive. We found the carnival people to be above the average engaged in their business and to compare favorably with people in other walks of life, in manner, dress and speech. The Courier could find no reason why this particular carnival company, which had entered into an agreement with the local fire company in good faith and was on the ground ready to put up its shows, should have its contract with the local fire company repudiated. A thing we found held against them was that a carnival manager at Beaumont had been arrested on a "white-slave" charge. In the absence of specific

testimony the Beaumont man was cleared, but it did not clear the carnival people in Crockett. They had received fifty quarts of whisky, it was said. Investigation revealed that the whole company of 75 people received by express about two gallons of whisky during their stay of ten days in Crockett. The Courier believes in a square deal, and in fairness to the Crockett fire boys and the carnival company we give these facts.

The carnival opened its shows. One man was arrested for violating the gaming laws and the Courier's comment was: "Mr. Milburn violated the law and was very properly arrested and fined." The Courier has always been and is now a stickler for law enforcement, and it believes that the law should operate alike over all, including the home man as well as the stranger. The Courier yields to no man in its advocacy of law enforcement. If a law is oppressive the best way to get it repealed is to enforce it. Laws being for the protection of society in general, and having faith in their strict enforcement by the local peace officers, the Courier saw no reason why the carnival should not open and at the same time the laws upheld and society protected. We hope this makes our position plain.

COURIER'S POSITION WELL TAKEN.

Many of our subscribers have called at this office since last Thursday to tell us that our position in regard to the commercial club drawing is well taken. Without a single exception those whom we have talked with have endorsed the Courier's editorial. Some of them, while denying that the chances were given away by the tradesmen without expectation of gain, made the point that the chances of tickets were bought by the tradesmen from the commercial club at a stipulated price and that this act, therefore, constituted a lottery, pure and simple; that even if the tradesmen had expected to receive no gain in the way of increased patronage by reason of giving away these tickets, a matter as improbable as water running up hill, the chances or tickets were bought by the tradesmen and the sale constituted a lottery. They asked that if the thing is right and legal, why can't it be called what it is—a drawing? Why dodge around the bush and call it a business men's contest or some other such name when everybody knows it is a drawing—a lottery? If it is right and legal, why can it not be advertised in the newspapers under its true name and why cannot announcements of it be sent through the United States mails. Why can not the result of the drawing be announced through the mails? Because the promoters know that it comes under the head of a drawing or lottery and they do not want to risk going to the penitentiary by doing so. People are not only coming to the Courier and telling us that our position is the correct one, but the editorial was embodied in a well-delivered sermon by Rev. S. F. Tenney, the Presbyterian pastor, in his Sunday morning sermon, and he will please accept our thanks for his favorable comment. If the Courier needed any further proof of the correctness of its position, that proof could be found in the report of the Cherokee county grand jury published in the last issue of the Jacksonville Banner. The fifth section of the report reads as follows: "Fifth. We (the grand jury) beg to further say that from our investigations we find that as a matter of custom various persons and firms in our county are violating the law relating to lotteries and raffles in that they are, as a matter of drawing custom and patronage to themselves and their businesses as well

as to advertise same, giving automobiles, buggies and other articles of value to persons who may be lucky holders of numbered tickets; * * * by reason of which we hereby call attention to the same and request that in the future all the officers of our county give their best efforts to this form of law violation, the same as they do to any other violation, to the end that no one of our criminal laws shall be common consent or otherwise be ignored and unenforced."

KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

Hon. J. D. Sallas complains to the Courier about a statement appearing in this paper last week. The statement of which he complains reads as follows: "State Senator J. J. Strickland has introduced a bill in the senate which provides that all railroads chartered for a given point in Texas must carry out that provision of their charters and build at least twenty miles of road a year. The purpose of this measure is to compel the Cotton Belt to complete its road from Lufkin to Crockett and the B. & G. N. from Weldon to Waco. Representative Sallas has introduced the same bill in the house of representatives."

Now the Courier's information was that Strickland had introduced the bill in the senate and Sallas a like bill in the house, which seems to be a fact. It was immaterial to the Courier and the people of Houston county, and all of Texas for that matter, who drew the bill or who introduced it first. If it is a good bill, whoever drew and first introduced it, instead of seeking a contention over its authorship, should be seeking the cooperation of the other in an effort to get it passed, and a contention as to authorship will not invite cooperation. Now there was nothing in the Courier for the Hon. Joe to get excited over. The Courier regrets that he has exposed to the people of Houston county his undue excitement over this matter, for in his calmer deliberations he is bound to admit that the bill itself is the main thing and its authorship secondary. With as many railroads in federal receivership and bordering on federal receivership as there are now, many thinking men are of the opinion that such a law as proposed by this bill would be a hindrance in getting any more capital invested in Texas railroad enterprises, and that therefore it would serve more as a detriment to the industrial development of the state than as a help.

A reply to an article that has been published in a newspaper should be submitted to the newspaper in which the article being replied to was published for publication, thus reaching, if accepted for publication, the same readers as reached by the article being replied to. To submit the article to another newspaper for publication not only imposes an unjust burden on the other newspaper, but is a violation of the ethics of journalism.

The Courier gives space this week to an article from Mr. H. A. Fisher in regard to the commercial club drawing—but he doesn't call it that; he calls it some sort of an "automobile gift enterprise"—which we haven't time to answer this week, but will do so next week if our friends think the article needs answering. But if they do not, then we will let it go for whatever it is worth.

At the railroad meeting Saturday afternoon, a committee was appointed to confer with citizens of Lufkin and ascertain what is necessary to be done to secure an early extension of the Cotton Belt railroad from Kennard to Crockett.

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To keep your skin in perfect condition. Our Cocoa Butter Cold Cream is an excellent massage and skin food. It's just a bit different from any you ever used.

50 Cents

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FARM LOAN BANK.

Pittsburg Gazette: The farm loan bank is just like any other bank—if you want a loan you will have to put up or shut up.

Certainly. There never was a bank which could stay in business without a careful regard to its credits. For a bank to lend money to an applicant on the basis of philanthropy is to invite an early closing of the doors. No bank can advance money without the expectation of getting it back again, with interest, and that rule will apply as strictly to the farm loan bank as to any other. The oft-heard complaint that the new banks "will do nothing for the poor farmer without means" is entirely foolish. Who can do anything for the poor farmer without means—or the poor blacksmith or the poor hostler or the poor editor without means? Those of us who can do nothing for ourselves, who have nothing to show that we could do something for ourselves if given a chance, will find it as difficult to do business at the government banks as at the commercial banks. There has not yet been invented any way whereby the man with neither money nor credit can reasonably expect to be made a property owner until he does something to justify such ownership.

What the government proposes to do is to lend money on mortgage. Naturally, therefore, if an applicant has nothing to mortgage he needn't come round. But it remains true, and is abundantly hopeful, that any man who shall hereafter be able to give acceptable security for a land loan will have an opportunity to procure such a loan at a low rate of interest and on terms of repayment which will be greatly to his advantage.—Galveston News.

Eye of the Gun.

This is called the telemeter and is used by all artillerists in some shape or other. The telemeter is really a tube with two telescopic lenses, one on each end. The "objectives" of the two lenses are placed inside the instrument and toward the end of the tube. Prisms with five faces act as reflectors, so that the person looking in has mechanically spread his eyes to the two ends of the tube, with a tremendous range of vision.

Of course the ends are so arranged that they may be directed at a single object at the same time, thus making it possible for the observer to see what would otherwise be beyond the power of the human eye and to know by the angle at which it is viewed the distance away.

It requires a little practice to use this wonderful instrument, but in a few days the operator ascertains how easily he can determine the precise distance he is from the object he is looking at, and by a quick calculation he directs the pointing of the gun so that it cannot fail to strike at the desired spot.—Pearson's Weekly.

Tennyson's Tactlessness.

Several stories are told of Tennyson's thoughtless speeches. "What fish is this?" he once asked his hostess where he was dining. "Whiting," she replied. "The meanest fish there is," he remarked, quite unconscious that he could have wounded any one's feelings.

Yet his kindness of heart was such that when his partridge was afterward given him almost raw he ate steadily through it for fear his hostess might be vexed.

On one occasion Tennyson was very rude to Mrs. Brotherton, a neighbor at Freshwater. The next day he came to her house with a great cabbage under each arm.

"I heard you like these, so I brought them," he said genially. It was his idea of a peace offering.

Moving Pictures and Silver.

The moving picture industry is using a large amount of silver. There are about 20,000 picture houses in the United States, using approximately 120,000,000 feet of film regularly. The average life of a film is three weeks. Silver salts, used for sensitizing, are lost forever on being exposed to the light. It is estimated that 15,000,000 ounces of silver a year—a figure equal to Utah's total production—are used for this purpose.—Metal Mining Journal.

Buy Now

We Have Just Unloaded a Car of

Maxwell Automobiles

Those interested should take advantage of the present price, as the cost of material is advancing every day and prices are going up.

Crockett Motor Co.

Main Street

The Vogue Millinery
is now showing all the
New Spring Hats
featuring the new
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Call and inspect them
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Local News Items

A. J. Dauphin of Lovelady, W. H. Threadgill of Kennard Rt. 2, J. D. Bynum of Grapeland Rt. 2 and J. R. Richards of Grapeland are among the number whose subscription renewals were received at this office Tuesday.

J. C. Hearon of Rt. 5, J. R. Mainer and G. W. Ritter of Lovelady, George Hammond and A. W. Driskell of Lovelady Rt. 3 and E. O. Allee of Elmendorff are among our good friends whose subscriptions were renewed Saturday.

Henry Harris, a colored subscriber at Pennington, called Tuesday to renew his subscription and to tell us about losing his cattle. He said that ten head of his cattle had been driven from the range and that he could not find no trace of them.

Misses Jeannette Scott and Fannie McAshan of Houston will be week-end guests of Mrs. A. H. Wooters and Miss Delha Mildred Wooters. They will arrive Friday at noon and a number of social events are being arranged in their honor.

The next Houston County Summer Normal will be held at Grapeland. The matter was decided Saturday by the summer normal executive committee and the decision was by ballot. Each town in the county wanting the normal had up \$400 as a guarantee.

Shingle your house just once during your lifetime. Washington Red Cedar shingles are the kind. We have a new car of extra fine quality and invite you to inspect them. Also have a large supply of Cypress Clippers. Prices lowest obtainable.

t. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co.

In behalf of my brother, my aunts and myself, I wish to thank all of the friends of my father for their many expressions of kind remembrance of him, and their generous help and sympathy at a time we so much needed them.

James F. Downes.

Courier Press Club.

Payment of past dues at the rate of a dollar a year will entitle the subscriber to membership in the Courier Press Club the same as the payment of \$1.50 after January 31. Beginning February 1 the subscription price of the Courier is \$1.50 a



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year. All dues previous to that date will be collected at the rate of a dollar a year. The Courier Press Club begins formation February 1, and all paying subscriptions, whether back dues or in advance, will be entitled to membership.

Gene to Market.

Mrs. J. P. Hail of Hail & Wakefield left Monday night for the millinery markets to study the coming season's styles and to provide for supplying the wants of Houston county customers in their line. Mesdames Hail & Wakefield ask the public to give their stock an inspection when it is complete. They have already received a shipment of mid-season hats.

Two New Cases.

The Courier called on Dr. L. Meriwether, county health officer, for a statement Wednesday in regard to the smallpox situation. The doctor said that two new cases had been reported, one of these being Fayette Larue, a negro, three and a half miles southeast of Crockett, and the other a case at the lock and dam, 14 miles west of Crockett. These make a total of thirteen reported cases in the county.

Bought Millinery Stock.

Mrs. J. P. Hail and Mrs. O. C. Wakefield have bought the stock of millinery formerly owned by Miss Grace Simpson. Under the firm name of Hail & Wakefield they will continue the business at the present location. They have already received a shipment of mid-season hats which they are offering at the most reasonable prices and to which they invite the inspection and patronage of our people.

Courier Press Club.

Beginning February 1 the Courier will start what it will designate as the Courier Press Club. All subscription money collected on and after that date will be applied on a fund for the purchase of a new printing press and all paying subscriptions on and after that date will be designated as members of the Courier Press Club by reason of their subscriptions to that fund. Who will be the first member?

Dr. Griffith Getting Busy.

Preparations for drilling for oil are being made on the Dr. P. S. Griffith farm, formerly the Chas. Clinton place, about a mile and a half southwest of the court house. Material for the derrick is now being unloaded on the hill west of the San Antonio road and southeast of the H. A. Fisher residence. Dr. Griffith is a big operator in the Humble oil district and his proposed operations near Crockett are assuming definite shape.

We also learn that the Sager Oil & Gas Company is getting ready to begin drilling. The directors of this company are F. M. Sager and H. V. Scott of Houston and M. P. Jensen, O. Music was and L. B. House of Grapeland, of the company's late. The president is said to be Dr. P. S. Griffith.

Wants to Straighten the Record.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27, 1917.
Editor Crockett Courier,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I notice in your paper dated January 25 you state that "Senator J. J. Strickland has introduced a bill in the senate which provides that all railroads chartered for a given point, etc." Now, in justice to myself, I want to say through the columns of your paper that I drew and introduced this bill in the house three days before it was introduced in the senate. Then I gave J. J. Strickland a copy of this bill and asked him to introduce same in the senate, which he did under his name.

Now, I don't want to appear ambiguous to the public, but I do want to correct this error in justice to myself and to let the people of Houston county know that this bill is not now nor ever was Jeff Strickland's bill. So please keep the record straight. Yours truly,

J. D. Sallas,
Representative, 24th Dist.

Peanuts for 1917.

The acreage that will be planted to peanuts in this county the coming season promises to be much larger than last, and that crop was probably many times greater than any year previous. So far as heard from, the farmers were well pleased with the results, especially where they were able to get them threshed and the hay baled.

The only draw back to many farmers making it their principal money crop is the scarcity of threshing outfits. From present experience a travelling threshing outfit is not a money-making institution and there are not enough of them in the county to take care of the business; especially will this be true with a much larger acreage grown as is sure to be the case this year.

The way the matter has been solved in other localities is for each community to provide its own thresher. There are several makes that only cost about \$200, and a half dozen or more farmers in each school district could easily be induced to club together and buy such an outfit, if someone in each district would make it his business to give the matter one or two days time. That sort of an effort is really all that it needs.

H. A. Fisher.

A Chinese Hero.

At Loping Hsien is a statue draped in full dress of a mandarin (the pu ting or police master) named Chin, who gave his life for the people. An exile who was in the camp at Jaichow and who owed the hsien (district magistrate) a grudge, rode a black horse to Loping and, having killed the hsien, got back for the Jaichow roll call next morning. As the murderer could not be found orders came from the capital that a large number of the people should be killed. To prevent this slaughter of innocent folk the pu ting, a good old man, said he stabbed the hsien after a few words over the wine cups, and he was consequently beheaded. No resident of the district would deal the fatal blow, but an itinerant cobbler or bamboo worker did it for a reward of 40 taels. Tradition adds that he was struck dead by lightning after leaving the execution ground.

Insurance a Luxury.

To an old darkey baled before him a southern judge put this question: "Why did you burn your house down just after getting it insured?" Whereupon the darkey replied: "Yo' honah, a pore man like me can't afford to have a house and insurance too."—Case and Comment.

Alligators' Eggs.

Alligators often lay from thirty to sixty eggs in a single nest. The eggs are similar in shape to those of a duck and about three inches in length. When they first appear the young alligators are about the same size as lizards and almost as lively.

Ambiguous.

When Bilkins was away from home on a long business trip he got a letter from his wife that still puzzled him. It ended thus:

"Baby is well and lots brighter than she used to be. Hoping that you are the same, I remain, your loving wife."

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Thus no opportunity to advertise wisely should be overlooked.

An economical means of placing your business in the columns with others that advertise and expand is offered through the Courier.

Possibilities for business growth through this channel are practically unlimited—so it would be wise for you to take advantage of the enormous buying power offered by the Courier's high class circulation.

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Local News.

Get your plow tools from Jas. S. Shivers & Co. tf.

Symphony Lawn pound paper at the Rexall Store. It.

Miss Ed Dawes visited friends in Huntsville last week.

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

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

The best candy in town—Guth's and Liggett's—at the Rexall Store.

Miss Sue Smith was at home Saturday and Sunday from Elkhart.

Mentholine Balm for chapped hands and face—at the Rexall Store.

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

Let J. L. Arledge clean and press your clothes. Satisfaction guaranteed. tf.

Mrs. H. A. Fisher was called last week to Napoleon, O., by the illness of her mother.

Jas. S. Shivers & Company want, in addition to their regular customers, 300 to 500 more. tf.

J. C. Allee and family have moved from Ash to Crockett and will make their home here.

We have a complete line of the Oliver chilled plow tools now on hand. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Miss Violet Phillips was at home from the Huntsville State Normal Sunday and Monday.

W. G. Cartwright left for Chicago Saturday afternoon to buy his spring stock of goods.

For Rent.

All or part of a nine-room house. tf. J. G. Beasley.

If you buy a mule, buy a good one that's broke. We have what you want. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Tucker Baker of Neame, La., is the third member of the Courier Press Club. His check reached this office last Friday.

Oliver chilled plows, middle bursters, stalk cutters, planters, in fact everything in farming implements, at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. tf.

We have the Empress walking planters in stock, and also carry extra parts for same. tf. Daniel & Burton.

Young Cow for Sale.

Holstein cow about six years old, will be fresh in milk in about two weeks. It. P. E. Tunstall.

J. R. Bartee of Lovelady Rt. 2 is the fourth member of the Courier Press Club. Mr. Bartee was among Saturday's callers at this office.

Mules, all broke and ready for work, three to seven years old, for cash or on credit. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

We have the Empress walking planters in stock, and also carry extra parts for same. tf. Daniel & Burton.

Money to Loan.

The First National Bank of Crockett has money to loan to good farmers on well secured chattel mortgages. 52-4t.

Ney Sheridan, county treasurer, is the sixth member of the Courier Press Club, being among the number paying up Saturday.

For Sale.

Thirty head well-broke horses and mules—cash or credit. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Buy what you need in farming implements now before the enormous advance in price goes into effect. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

For Sale—A wagon, hack, buggy, harness and Jersey cow; also second-hand beds and springs. Apply to Mrs. W. M. Patton, Crockett, Texas. It.

Dr. J. N. Dean of Lovelady Rt. 1 holds second membership in the Courier Press Club. Dr. Dean's remittance was received last Thursday.

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John Ellis has added his name and that of J. H. Ellis of Lancaster to the Courier Press Club membership, making a total membership of nine.

J. L. Arledge has reopened his cleaning and pressing establishment on the east side of the square and respectfully solicits a share of your business. tf.

Foster & Monzingo have sold the business known as "Diary's Place" to Mr. A. Boaz, a brother-in-law of M. Younas. See Mr. Boaz's announcement in this paper.

For Sale—Have about seventy-five bushels of Spanish peanuts for seed. Price, \$1.25 a bushel. First come, first served. 2-2t. Edmiston Bros.

Mr. H. J. Arledge returned Tuesday afternoon from Houston, where he has been under special treatment in a sanitarium. His health shows marked improvement.

For Sale—Four pairs of big mules, harness and a 10-ounce wall tent, 12x14, at a bargain; also Jersey cattle, high grade, fresh in milk and springers. 2t. A. W. Ellis.

There were 19,099 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1916 prior to January 16, 1917, as compared with 21,341 bales ginned in January 16, 1916.

A bargain if taken at once—one 7-passenger Studebaker car, in first-class condition. Cash or terms. tf. R. T. Kent, Grapeland.

Farmers' Union Phone No. 5.

Edgar Bennett shipped another car of sweet potatoes to San Antonio Wednesday. Several cars of hogs and cattle have been shipped from Crockett during the last week.

Jas. S. Shivers & Company want to let out \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to assist the farmers in making crops this year. To do this they will need 300 to 500 more customers. tf.

For Rent—Farm one mile from Crockett, sixty acres in cultivation, good 6-room house; only first-class tenant will be considered. Apply to Mrs. Sue Smith or Smith Bros., Crockett, Texas. It.

The Courier asks that its subscribers patronize Courier advertisers whenever possible. Cooperation of the subscriber and the advertiser is desirable, as the patronage of both is necessary for the existence of the modern newspaper.

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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

A man who does not want his name mentioned paid the Courier \$1.50 on subscription this week. His membership in the Courier Press Club, however, is number seven.

Misses Fannie McAshan and Jeanette Scott of Houston, who were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. A. H. Wootters, returned to Houston on Monday afternoon's "Sunshine Special."

A silver tea will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at the residence of Mrs. Hal Lacy on February 14 from 3 till 6 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited. It.

S. M. Monzingo has bought the interest of T. R. Deupree in the furniture and undertaking business of Deupree & Waller, Inc. The firm name will continue as heretofore for the present.

Mrs. Joe Adams, Mrs. W. A. Norris, Mrs. M. A. Thomas and Mrs. C. U. McLarty are attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Texas Conference at Palestine.

There are no new cases of smallpox reported in Houston county and no deaths have resulted from the thirteen cases heretofore reported. Some of the first cases have been dismissed as cured.

We have just received a car of the famous John Deere implements, consisting of section harrows, riding planters, walking planters, etc. See us before you buy. tf. Daniel & Burton.

J. H. Burton of Crockett Rt. 2 is the fifth member of the Courier Press Club. Mr. Burton was in Crockett Saturday, accompanied by his little son, whom he expects to become president some day.

Payment of back dues entitles the subscriber to membership in the Courier Press Club the same as does an advance payment. Any money collected on subscription account is placed in the new press fund.

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"Pay as You Go" Plan

Is a mighty good idea. In that way you can get the rebate checks. They represent a ten per cent saving. If you are thrifty you are bound to count that. If you don't care about expenses that little saving won't appeal to you. Call for rebate checks with all cash purchases. It pays to do it. tf. Crockett Drug Company.

LODGE DIRECTORY

CROCKETT LODGE, NO. 901, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meets every Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Members urged to attend, visitors welcomed. L. S. Harris, N. G.; Tom Aiken, secretary.

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New Millinery Department

Having decided some time ago to put in Millinery, and knowing the ladies of Houston county demand the NEWEST and BEST in WEARING APPAREL, we realized the most important part was to secure a competent woman as designer and trimmer. So we got busy and have secured through some friends in the east a milliner who comes to us from one of the larger cities, very highly recommended, and is now in the eastern markets studying styles and selecting stocks and all accessories with which we expect to make this one of the most complete millinery departments in East Texas.

Complete showing of the new in Millinery, Coats, Coat Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Waists and other wearing apparel for women and children about February 15.

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