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GENERAL CARRANZA IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Claimed to Be First Real Ballot in Mexico—There Was No Opposition to Carranza.

Mexico City, March 11.—General Venustiano Carranza was Sunday elected president of Mexico by what is believed to have been the largest vote ever cast in the republic.

Although the voters had the privilege of writing in or declaring any name they desired, General Carranza received all but a few scattering ballots. The estimated vote is from several hundred thousand to a million.

The presidential election Sunday was provided for in articles provided by the constitutional convention at Queretaro. Many old residents declare that this was the first real election ever held in the country. Reports indicate that there was no disturbance or intimidation.

Although there was no opposition for the presidency the congressional contests were bitterly fought.

Conditions at the polls through the district were orderly and there was a steady stream of voters during the day. Troops were not in evidence, the soldiers casting their votes in their barracks.

Mexico will now have a constitutional president for the first time since 1911, when Francisco Madero received more than 300,000 votes. General Victoriano Huerta called an election in 1914 and declared himself elected but later nullified the election on the grounds that an insufficient number of votes had been cast.

Election to the presidency marks the climax of efforts of General Carranza, who took the field against Huerta February 19, 1913, after Huerta had seized the executive power. The election Sunday was simplified by the fact that there is no vice president under the new constitution. It will be some time before the returns from the congressional election are definitely known.

Announcement Luncheon.

Mrs. Herman C. Rich entertained with a beautifully appointed dinner on Thursday evening in her attractive home when she had, as the inspiration of her charming hospitality, the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Reba Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rich, to Mr. Willie Hayne Collins.

The dining room was exquisite in its floral decorations. The highly polished table was overspread with a handsome cluny cloth over pink satin. A cut glass bowl, overflowed with sweet peas, occupied central position upon the mirrored surface, a tracery of fern showing on the snowy cloth, surrounded by pink tapers tied with butterfly maline bows. From the electrolier above fell a shower bouquet of sweet peas extending downward to the central floral device. Filling the handsome bon bon receptacles were pink and white mints, and the nutcases were in pink satin heart-shaped boxes, topped orange blossoms tied with pink satin ribbon.

The chair placed for the honoree was decorated elaborately in pink tulle, sweet peas and fern, and for her favor was a beautiful pink

crepe de chene lingerie.

When the guests were seated, the ribbons reaching from the shower to hand-painted place cards of small bride and orange blossoms were pulled to which were attached the favors, which were cupids bearing in their arms tiny scrolls tied with pink satin ribbon. These upon being opened were found to contain the following clever lines from the pen of the hostess which was read by Miss Otis McConnell:

Upon the shores of Patterson Lake
They met one summer's morn;
Her heart was light, the world looked bright,
And within her soul a love was born.
The happy days went fleeing by—
He thought of parting with a sigh.
So he won her heart and then her hand
And soon she'll wear a wedding band.
For when the birds in May begin to sing,
Sweet wedding chimes will start to ring,
And then two hearts will beat the same
For Reba is to wed Willie Hayne
May sixteenth, nineteen seventeen.

Covers were placed for nine, those present being hostess and honoree, Misses Alma Moore, Allynne Frazier, Otis and Maude McConnell of Crockett, Glen Young, Marie Josserrand of Groveton and Mrs. Bruner Smith of Longview.

Explanations and Cigars.

There is no more popular county official in the court house than Tax Collector Butler, who returned recently with his bride from southwest Texas. Therefore, that

proper official notice be taken of so pleasing an event as the one just celebrated, the following order was handed in to the commissioners' court by the court house friends of the good-natured tax collector Monday morning with the request that it be spread upon the minutes:

"Whereas, it having been brought to the attention of the commissioners' court of Houston county that the tax collector of said county, namely C. W. Butler Jr., has been absent from his post of duty since Wednesday afternoon; and

"Whereas, the said C. W. Butler Jr. failed to file with the clerk of this court any excuse for his absence; and

"Whereas, such actions lead this court to suspicion that the said C. W. Butler went on some clandestine mission calculated to affect the life-long peace and happiness of some good woman;

"It is therefore the order of the court that the clerk issue a warrant for the said C. W. Butler Jr. and that the sheriff hale him before this court, here to properly explain his actions; and if such cannot be made, he is here and now fined one cigar for each member of this court."

As a result, not only members of the court, but every one about the court house, were smoking good cigars—better than they were used to, Mr. Butler says—Monday morning.

AUTO PARADE AND TRADES DAY.

Rural Schools Are to Occupy Center of the Stage, It Is Decreed.

One just can't help doing things this kind of weather. The atmosphere is chock full of ozone, and when a fellow takes a few long breaths, swings his arms a few times, you can't hold him.

This sort of feeling seized a bunch of our merchants all about the same time last Friday, and they naturally dropped in at the commercial club for a conference to compare symptoms and find a remedy.

They soon agreed that the old town needed a little excitement, another shaking up, and, incidentally, that they needed a little more trade.

They were ready for spring business with the biggest and best stocks of stylish goods ever brought to Crockett—attractive displays that every citizen in the county ought to see. But how could this information be imparted to best advantage? "Seeing is believing" is a very old and truthful saying, and this is the plan adopted to induce a county-wide pilgrimage to the county seat on Saturday, March 31.

A prize automobile parade and trades day on that date is to be conducted on a scale of splendor

that should interest every person in Houston county.

The rural schools (and there are 135 of them in the county) are to occupy the center of the stage, so to speak. The rural school district that has the best decorated automobile in the parade that day in Crockett will receive a cash prize of \$25; second best, \$15, and third choice, \$10.

This aggregate amount will positively be given to the rural schools. A committee of representative farmers from districts not competing will make the awards.

An additional prize of \$25 will be given for the best decorated automobile outside of the rural school contest. Competition for this prize is open to the county.

The merchants of Crockett and other business centers of the county are at liberty to enter cars and floats descriptive of their goods and merchandise; in fact are cordially invited to do so. Societies and civic organizations are requested to prepare and enter floats of a historical nature or emblematic of their associations.

The idea is to make this one of the most instructive and interesting street pageants this section has ever witnessed, and judging from the interest that is already manifested it is sure to be a genuine success.

The business men and women of Crockett will make this the occasion of attractively displaying their stocks of spring and summer goods, and special bargains in all departments will be offered.

H. A. Fisher.

School Trustees Election.

Public notice is hereby given that an election will be held in each common school district within this county on the first Saturday in April next, being the 7th day of said month, to elect one county school trustee at large, and one county school trustee for commissioner's precinct No. 4.

Election to be held in all common school districts in the county for said purpose, and managers appointed to hold election for local school trustees are managers of this election.

E. Winfree, County Judge,
2d. Houston Co., Texas.
Crockett, Texas, March 3, 1917.

The Dallas Morning News should be given a place of prominence among the many worth-while accomplishments that have made this city famous. If the reader did not know the News was published in Dallas, he could not help assuming it was a metropolitan daily. The News carries all the news and special features of its New York and Chicago contemporaries, and the only difference between it and them is that in typography, make-up and presswork, it excels most of the big-city dailies. A recent Sunday edition consisted of sixty pages in six sections.—American Printer.

Automobile Registrations.

No. 347, D. F. Hill, Grapeland, a Ford touring.
No. 348, A. B. Burton, Jr., Crockett, a Ford touring.
No. 349, N. A. Wakefield, Crockett, a Ford touring.
No. 350, J. C. Millar, Crockett, a Chandler six.
No. 351, Philip Leona, Ratcliff, a Ford touring.

The Big Automobile Parade And Trades Day at Crockett, Texas

Don't miss the big auto parade which is to take place at Crockett Saturday, March 31, at 10 o'clock a. m. It will surpass anything of its kind ever pulled off in Houston county.

In addition to this enjoyable event, and for the benefit and convenience of those living out of town, March 31 has been designated as "Trades Day," and some extra attractions along this line it will be your good fortune to see. Our store will be especially arranged to entertain all who come, showing a beautiful array of the most snappy spring lines in

Men and Boys' Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear

and in fact a most complete exhibit will be ready and waiting for you. We cordially invite you to come direct to our store and spend the day.

CARLETON & BERRY

MEN'S AND BOYS' OUTFITTERS

The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

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

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

HOWL RAISED OVER POSTOFFICE RULE

Members Roundly Denounce Order Which Places Big Plums Under Civil Service Law.

Washington, March 7. — Postmaster General Burleson announced Wednesday that after April 1 the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the senate, as in the past, but in making selections the president will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists.

Whether the civil service commission, under which fourth class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations, has not been determined.

The president's forthcoming order will provide for modified civil service classification under which all vacancies will be filled by competitive examinations. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of four-year terms beginning with their last appointment, and will then, it is understood, have to undergo competitive test.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the capitol, where scores of members of congress were in their offices preparing to leave for home.

The order was roundly denounced because some of the democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to get combined democratic and republican support in a politically uncertain house. Democratic Leader Kitchin delayed his departure for North Carolina to go to the postoffice department to register protest.

The congressmen who saw Mr. Burleson were told that it was too late to protest, as the order had been determined upon and will be carried out. He intimated that he was not the author of it, but that it was a measure of efficiency and economy.

LAST WORD IS SPOKEN, SAYS ZIMMERMANN

German Foreign Minister Said Decision Rests in Wilson's Hands—Peace Proposal Still Holds.

Amsterdam, March 9 (via London).—Dutch newspapers publish the following statement made by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign secretary, to a representative of a Budapest newspaper: "As far as the United States is concerned, we have spoken our last word and the decision is in President Wilson's hands. We are determined to carry through the submarine war to an end. The results of unrestricted submarine war thus far have been very satisfactory."

"As to peace, I may say that despite the rejection of our peace offer, Germany still stands by the words of the imperial chancellor and is prepared to place herself at the head of an alliance of states for the maintenance of the world's peace."

"As to European neutrals, I believe there will be no change in their present relations with us in the course of the war. Neutral ship owners should give up their trade with England. They have made enough money and can afford to bear the loss of English trade. They will soon recognize that it is to their interest to keep their ships at home so they may use them to the best advantage after the war."

Dr. Zimmermann added that the military situation is entirely satisfactory to Germany.

HOGS ARE HIGHER THAN SINCE 1865

Tops Quoted at \$12.50 to \$13.50 in Houston—Rise in Price of Feed One Factor.

Another half cent advance in the Houston hog market Wednesday established a new record for this market since the war between the States, with tops quoted at \$12.50 to \$13.50 per hundredweight. This advance was in line with the rise in the northern markets. Houston buyers predicted last week that the \$15 hog was in sight, and it became a reality in the big northern markets Wednesday. The local market is getting about enough to supply the demand. The steady rise in the price of feed is one factor in the big advance.—Houston Post.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 7.—The highest price for hogs recorded in this country since the war between the States was quoted at the National Stock yards here Wednesday, when good heavy hogs brought \$15 a hundred pounds.

Chicago, March 7.—Hog prices advanced Wednesday until the \$15 mark was reached for choice ani-

mals, the highest price ever paid for hogs in Chicago.

Kansas City, March 7.—Hogs continued to advance at the local stock yards Wednesday, and with increases of from 15 to 25 cents reached a top price of \$14.70 a hundred pounds. The market has advanced within three days exactly \$1.

Portable Wireless Seized.

New York, March 10.—Instead of being a machine for making counterfeit paper currency, an apparatus with which Max Wex, a German, was alleged to have swindled his countrymen in various cities, was declared by the police Saturday to be a "complete portable wireless outfit capable of receiving messages all the way from Berlin."

Government wireless experts valued the apparatus at not less than \$800.

Wex had in his possession when arrested, the police assert, code papers and letters he had received through the officers of the German consul in this city. All were in duplicate. One paper showed a draft for \$12,000 on the Deutsches Imperial bank, Berlin. The prisoner said these were remittances from wealthy relatives in Germany. He asserted he was graduated from Berlin university and denied he had been in the German army.

Wex said he came to this country three and a half years ago and went out West, having returned to this city six months ago.

Poverty.

Poverty is not an exact state. One can not draw a line and say that above it is riches and below poverty. Many think themselves poor because they can not afford desired luxuries. Others, lacking much that is usually thought necessary, feel rich that they have health and family and love. They make the best of every chance good that comes. When any one's purse will not provide sufficient food or clothing or shelter, we call him poor. He may be rich in wealth of the heart. To make the best of what one can obtain is riches in spirit. One may indeed call himself poor if he has no friends, but this is poverty for which he himself is probably to blame. There is a poverty of mind also, but of this one seldom hears complaint. If an idea does come to one that he suffers such a lack, let him make haste to apply the remedy that is within his reach. There is still worse poverty, a poverty of heart. If one has no sympathy with those who suffer or are in need, he is poor indeed, lacking the riches that bring the truest joys. When one can close his eyes, or ears, or heart, to an appeal of real suffering, his is a poverty of which to be ashamed. When one's heart never swells with gratitude, when it never goes out to his friend or neighbor, or his country, or his God, he is poor indeed.—Milwaukee Journal.

EVERY WEEK!

—Every week brings to you new opportunities; opportunities to reach out for more business, Mr. Business Man.

—No man in business has ever succeeded in reaching all the customers he might reach. He has usually succeeded to the extent that he has tried.

—People do not come to your store because they like you personally—not every time. Some times they may; but as a rule the people go to those stores that make the best showing; that give the best bargains.

—And it has come, in this day and time, that people ARE SEEKING BARGAINS. They want their dollars to do full duty.

—So, what are you doing toward getting some of this business? Are you trusting to luck, or are you advertising and hustling?

—You can tell the advertising merchants of this town, because they are the leading merchants.

—And when we say advertise, we mean in this newspaper—the live newspaper that is capable of carrying your message to the people you wish to reach.

—TWELVE HUNDRED HOMES IN HOUSTON COUNTY RECEIVE THE COURIER EVERY WEEK.

500 Farms

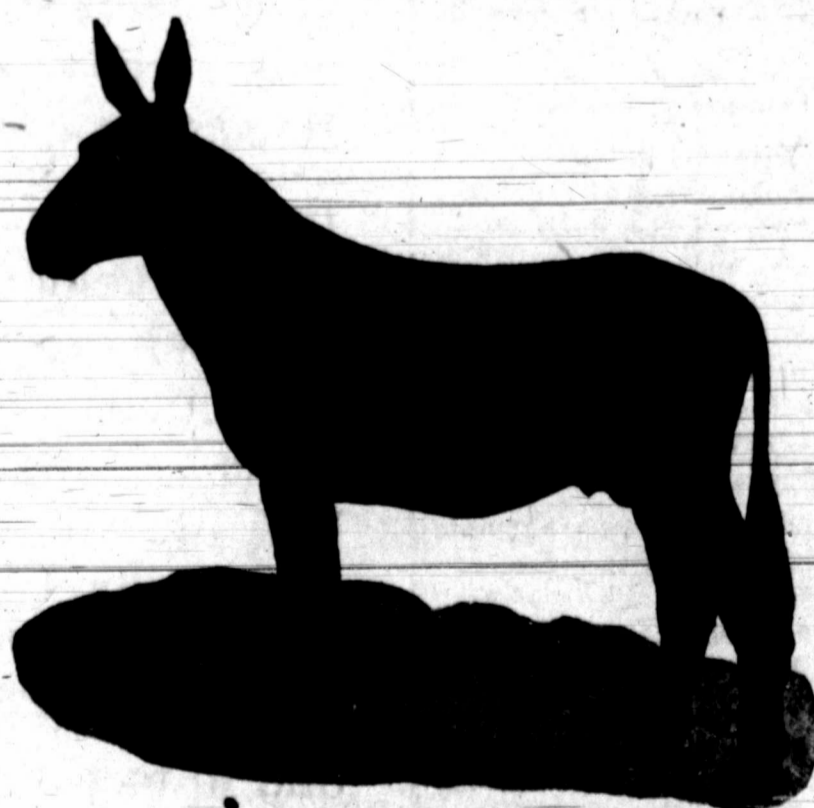
\$6 to \$10 Per Acre
Fifth Cash, Balance 10 Equal Annual Payments, 6 Per Cent.

50 Million Acres
\$1 to \$5 Per Acre

J. D. FREEMAN
LOVEDADY, TEXAS



HOUSTON, TEXAS
for CUT FLOWERS
WEDDING BOUQUETS
FUNERAL OFFERINGS
SERVICE PLUS COURTESY



"DAVE"

We have purchased the Tom Tunstall jack and he will make the season at Crockett. We believe this jack to be the best in East Texas. Call and see him.

Terms, \$12.50

Five dollars of which to be paid when service is rendered.

John D. Morgan T. R. Deupree

THOUGHTFUL STUDENTS OF ADVERTISING

are realizing more and more that the free reading notice, or "puff," only tends to cheapen and discredit the news columns of a newspaper and thus to make a newspaper a less valuable medium for display advertising, and so fundamentally free reading notices work harm all the way round and should, under all circumstances, be avoided.

—American Press.

Try Courier Advertisers

USE CUFF HEM ON NEW SKIRTS

Parisian Designers of Recent Models Have Introduced a Novel Feature.

EFFECT IS THAT OF FRAME

Designs Seen So Far Have Been Charmingly Effective—Many Ways in Which It Can Be Arranged to Get Best Results—Blouses Without Belts.

New York.—An actually new feature of fashion which the materials reflect, or possibly instigate, is the use of a turned-up hem, called a cuff hem, at the bottom of skirts, made of brilliant colors or plain fabrics, with an Egyptian or Aztec design printed on them. There are many kinds of materials for these borders, and a woman can frame herself in, as it were, by bordering her skirt, cuffs, collar and waistline.

All artists know the value of a frame. They realize that any arrangement of lines and colors needs a strong outline around it to co-operate its parts into a pleasing whole, and it is the artists who have constantly impressed upon women that their costumes need some one strong note going around the figure. At last comes the border, to do this very thing. You yourself know the difference between an unframed and a framed picture. You know what striking character is given to a small design of any kind by taking a bit of dark paper or a crayon and putting a line around it.

Now, exactly this thing is being done in fashion. A woman will be framed in with a sharp line of some dark or brilliant color. It need not be broad. A slender line does the work in an effective way. On Shantung, tussor, jersey silk and muslins, there will be a sharp, distinct frame made through a border of the same or another material in marked coloring.

Where It is Most Effective.

It is more important to put this striking frame around a gown which has designs on it, than around one made of plain fabric. Take, for instance, the new Shantung with the bold, crudely-colored Egyptian figures on it, and also that new weave of georgette crepe that the specialists are putting out, which has its white surface covered with quantities of small, flying birds in the Chinese design, all brilliantly colored; both these fabrics would make gowns appear fragmentary and unfinished—sketchy, as it were—if they did not have a frame of black, dark blue or dull red at all the edges to hold the design together.

Flying birds that have gone through all the art of China, and quivering butterflies flying in flocks, have been taken up by the designers in different ways. They are printed on the surface in a remarkable manner, in lines, in circles, and again as fragmentary bits of color, irregularly placed.

Even though the house of Callot uses materials with quivering butterflies in blue, black and yellow floating over the surface, such a material is not for every woman. One must have many



This is a very new bit of millinery from Paris, which is a different version of the high hat from the one we know. It is all white, and the feathers rise to an amazing height.

gowns in the wardrobe to take possession of one of this variety, and, before putting money into these expensive

fabrics, it is well to be quite sure that the face and figure can carry off so startling a motif as flying birds and butterflies.

Blouses Minus Sleeves.

The kind of Russian blouse which is kept in fashion for the spring has an exceedingly ornamental belt placed at the normal waistline. To begin with this lifting of the belt is a change from what we have been wearing. In the medieval styles which have influenced us greatly for the last six months, there has been an omission of the belt, or it has been placed at the hips; but the whole tendency of dress, as we get it from France this month, is toward emphasizing the normal waistline for the street and the empire waistline for the house.

Mind you, the Russian blouse, or any kind of bodice that has an outside pepum, does not carry a belt that confines the material at the waistline and into the measurements of the figure; it carries a belt that is even in outline but merely takes in a bit of the fullness at the place where the waistline is arranged on the figure itself. This is an interesting development in clothes and should not be missed by the woman who watches the small things.

No Sleeves to Blouses.

Another interesting feature is that these Russian blouses are without sleeves. This is nothing new, but its accentuation in these late styles shows that we will probably keep to the jumper effect. Even in house gowns there are sleeves of fine, tea-tinted muslin with Byzantine embroidery at



The wide headband is of violet-colored straw made of narrow strips lapping each other. The daring, stiffened crown is of violet satin, piped at the outer edge.

the cuffs, and a bit of a yoke, or rather, a line of the same material coming above the oblong flatness of the neckline. These sleeves and this piece at the neck are not detached from the blouse; they are part of it.

There are also blouses made of brilliant red Shantung which are cut well out at the armholes, and rather high at the neck in the medieval line, and show an underpiece of black satin that comes well out over the armholes. From this satin encircling the wrist, drop the full peasant sleeves with their vivid embroidery.

Revival of Smocking.

Since the advent of high priced and artistic evening coats, which are fitted in at the shoulders through elaborate smocking done with silk threads in the same color as the velvet or satin material, there has come about a revival of this primitive style of handwork. It has been used for three or four years on that wide assortment of so-called garden costumery that took women's fancy, but, as a means of ornamentation, it was not used on high priced, elaborate garments until Lanvin and Cheruit took it up for velvet evening capes. Lanvin went from smocking to quilting, and it is rather strange that America has not caught up with this trick of fashion, for we were once known as a nation of quilters and our quilting bees, as a method of social diversion, were incorporated into our history.

The French are still using quilting as a method of ornamenting coats and one-piece frocks. A satin street suit, made with severity, has its hem, its belt, and the wrist part of its long, tight sleeve finished in machine quilting done in coarse, black silk thread.

Sports skirts of white jersey have quilted hems of scarlet, and quilted kangaroo pockets hanging from the sides of the three-quarter coats. This stitchery rivals smocking on the French gowns, and both of these methods of ornamenting a plain garment should suggest to the woman who sews at home, an excellent way out of an ever present difficulty.

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Ironing "Hankies."

Handkerchiefs should be ironed when very damp and dried under the iron. This will give a little stiffness, and they will keep clean considerably longer.

FANCIES OF PARIS

FROCKS AND MILLINERY THAT ARE STYLE JUST NOW.

Simple Costume of White Crepe de Chine Much Liked by Correspondent—Nearly All Hats Have a Military Touch.

A simple frock I saw recently was made of white crepe de chine, cut in one-piece style, with a wide band of white silk embroidery on the hem and thick cords made of white silk and gold threads to act as ceinture. There was a square yoke of white silk embroidery, and the sleeves were long and of "bishop" order, writes a Paris correspondent. This model would look well in any bright color, and soft satin might be used for it instead of crepe de chine. The outline was simple almost to the point of exaggeration, but the general effect was delightful.

Pure white hare, in a really good quality, is a favorite fur with our best dressmakers. The too-popular rabbit has been done to death. We are getting rather tired of it, though it must be admitted that in "chinchilla" guise it is very decorative. On the other hand, white hare is eminently becoming. In the best quality it is difficult to distinguish it from white fox.

The millinery models represent everything that is new in the Parisian world. We are nothing if not "military" nowadays. But we have grown tired of forage caps and even of Scotch "bonnets." The smart 1812 grenadier hat is a new model and it is one which has been specially created for the Monte Carlo season.

The crown of this hat is very high and straight, and in front there is an immense brush mount made of red clipped feathers. This is a hat which adds high to a figure. It looks its best when worn in conjunction with a long straight wrap coat which reaches the ankles. The model illustrated—a Carlier creation—was made of black hatter's plush, but the same



Toque of Beige "Melusine" With Motif of Dull Silver Braid.

hat might be made of velvet in any dark color; or in supple felt.

The head sketched shows a dainty hussar toque made of beige "melusine," with a conventional butterfly ornament made of dull silver braid directly in front. I have seen a similar model made of white "melusine," with a red and silver ornament, and yet another in black hatter's plush.

These all-round toque shapes are very fashionable at present and they are almost universally becoming. The correct way to wear them is pressed well down on the hair and as straight as possible on the head. A hussar toque tilted on one side gives an unpleasantly rakish impression.

At the present moment one of the most popular toques in the millinery showrooms of Paris is the tricorne, made of very dark crimson velvet and trimmed with a little "aviation" badge made of gold or silver braid. The tricorne remains first favorite with the exclusive Parisiennes and it is considered specially chic to have these hats made with exaggeratedly long points and practically untrimmed.

An "aviation" badge placed directly in front is considered ample trimming; or if handsome hatpins are to be used, no other trimming of any kind is introduced.

Belts and Neckwear.

Among the neckwear novelties is a very fine handkerchief linen collar. Across the back is a high rolling collar which is wired. In the front is a low rolling turnover with points projecting on either side. This rolls over an oval bib effect which is finished with a scalloped ruffle.

An unusual model has a rolling collar of pink net with a ruffle of white lace finished around the edge with small French roses. The collar rolls over a two-inch band of raspberry ribbon which extends down the front in streamers also finished with roses.

Beads of all colors are used to trim neckwear, and wool and chenille embroidery still hold good.

Attention

Mr. Business Man

Are you out after your share of the Spring and Summer business, or are you wallowing in the mire of mental despondency over the high cost of living?

Did it ever occur to you that there are over 40,000 people in Houston county who must be clothed and fed every day?

They are going to be supplied from some source by somebody. Do you want to get in on this big job, or are you going to indulge in mental anguish over what might have been had there been no high prices?

Now Is the Time for Action!
Now Is the Time to Advertise!

WATCH HOSPITAL

Cleanliness is true economy in a time piece.

Accumulating dirt and rancid oil are ruinous.

I take pride in the accuracy and quality of my work. It will cost you nothing, to have your watch examined.

**SPECTACLE REPAIRING
A SPECIALTY**

C. T. Jones

At McLean Drug Co's., Crockett

**Attention
Automobile Owners**

We have decided to put a Vulcanizing Plant in Crockett, under the management of Mr. Kelly Willis. All work strictly cash, but guaranteed.

Tubes Vulcanized from 10c Up

Casings from 50c Up

U. S. Vulcanizing Co.

At Crockett Motor Co's. Garage

Don't Put Off

Getting that hair-cut any longer. Maybe you have put it off too long now. If it isn't a hair-cut, perhaps it is a good, clean, smooth shave that would make you feel better. Let us fix you up.

THE MAGNOLIA BARBER SHOP

G. D. McClain, Proprietor

Wants an Investigation.

In this day and time, when we are devoting so much energy to investigations, when most everything is being investigated, it is quite natural that the Texas legislature should be called upon to look into the following matter. It is a telegram sent from Denison, Texas, to Mr. Charles M. Spradley at Austin, who is a member of the house of representatives, and is as follows:

"Have reliable information that department of agriculture at Washington sent Farmer Brown, this county, package of bird seed from which he has so far been unable to raise even one bird. Such reprehensible conduct might be permitted in some states, but not in Texas. Your constituency demands a rigid investigation.

Emery Wiley."

Dr. Sam'l A. Miller

Practice Limited to Diseases of

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision.

Gunter Hotel

San Antonio, Texas

Absolutely Fireproof, Modern, European—Rates \$1 to \$3 per day.

A HOTEL BUILT FOR THE CLIMATE

Official Headquarters T. P. A. and A. A. Ass'n. Percy Tyrrell, Manager

OVER 10,000,000 MEN
ARE VICTIMS OF WAR.

Washington, March 11.—More than ten million men are recorded as killed, wounded, captured or missing in the European war in the first complete tabulation of official and authenticated semi-official reports of the various belligerents received here.

Among the military proper 4,441,200 are reported dead, 2,598,500 wounded and 2,564,500 captured and missing. Among civilians, especially on the Russian and Balkan fronts and in Armenia, another 400,000 are figured as either dead or wounded through the war.

These figures are admittedly only approximate and in some instances necessarily several weeks old.

The entente's losses are given as 6,318,400 as against 3,384,800 for the central empires. One reason for the great discrepancy between the two is believed to be the relative unpreparedness of the entente, the disastrous retreats in France at the beginning of the war, in Russia from the Mazurian Lakes and the Carpathians, and in Roumania.

The entente's dead total 2,890,400 against 1,550,800 for the central empires; the entente's wounded total 1,676,500 against 922,000 for their enemies, and their captured and missing 1,652,500 against 912,000 for the central empires.

Russia is infinitely the heaviest loser so far with a grand total of 3,084,200 men. The bulk of these losses occurred in the Mazurian Lake disaster and the two retreats from the Carpathians. Their dead total 1,500,000.

France has suffered the second highest casualties with a total of 1,810,000, largely because of the early retreat to the Marne and the terrific losses in the defense of Verdun. Her dead total 870,000. England's total falls far below, being about one-third France's and one-sixth Russia's, owing, of course, to her late sending of a continental army. From now on, however, her losses are expected to keep fairly close to those of the French. England's total comes to 515,400, with 205,400 dead.

Roumania's losses are half a million, of which the dead are given as 100,000.

Italy has been saved from extreme casualties through the impossibility of open operations on her mountainous frontiers. Her total reaches 209,000, including 105,000 dead.

Belgium and Serbia have both lost very heavily in proportion to population. Belgium's casualties come to 112,000 with 50,000 dead. Serbia's dead come to 60,000, her wounded to 28,000, making a total of 88,000, with the number of missing and captured large but unknown.

Germany, among the central empires, is given as by far the largest

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I made 110 bales of cotton on my place with seven mules this year. I used 200 pounds of Meridian Home Mixture per acre." S. A. Lowe, In Meridian Star.

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"I made 2,700 pounds of seed cotton per acre the last season by the use of Meridian Home Mixture. The last time the land had been previously cultivated it made 700 pounds per acre with a fertilizer made by another company." Floyd Loper, Lake, Miss.

These are only a few of the many thousands of endorsements of Meridian Fertilizers. The best testimonial is the fact that more than one-fourth of the fertilizer used in the territory in which we operate is the Red Bag kind. Look for the Red Bag on the back of every sack.

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Meridian Home Mixture: This is the most popular cotton and corn fertilizer on the market today. It is the best suited as a general fertilizer for all ordinary farm crops.

Meridian Union Special Phosphate: It is the best Acid Phosphate of similar grade.

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loser. Her total casualties are 1,585,200. Her dead come to 893,200.

Austria suffers slightly less heavy losses than Germany with a total of 1,465,100. Her dead, however, only number 523,100.

Turkey also has been a heavy loser, having a wide sweep of front. Her total is given as 307,000 with 127,000 dead.

Bulgaria is the smallest loser with the meager total of 20,500. Her dead total 7,500.

Leniency to Father of 28.

Mobile, Ala., March 8.—Judge R. T. Ervin of the United States Court, southern district of Alabama, showed leniency for Elisha Aaron, father of 28 children. Aaron resides in Conecuh County, Alabama, and was on trial for illicit distilling. His attorney asked that his case be continued, saying, "Your honor, my client is the father of twenty-eight children, twenty by his second wife. I think he should be given some leniency."

The prosecuting attorney concurred, and Judge Ervin granted the continuance.

Astonishes Crockett.

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

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War Continues

At the Big Store

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Owing to the fact that our sales have far surpassed our expectations and that we are receiving new goods daily, we have decided to continue this great event one more week, taking in the great trades day and automobile parade, and giving our patrons full benefit of these prices on this great trades day, March 31, 1917.

NOTE PRICES BELOW

WAR on everything in Dry Goods, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shoes, and in fact everything in our house. We have prepared for the occasion by laying in the largest stock of Spring and Summer Merchandise ever shown in Houston county, and will share with our friends this enormous saving.

REMEMBER the date—war starts Saturday morning, March 10, and continues until the close of business Saturday night, March 31, 1917. Fall in the ranks and let us make this a clean-up in short order by beating down high prices. Below is a partial list of the many articles to be sold at less than today's cost on them.

Bleached and Unbleached Domestics

36-inch Berkshire L. L. Unbleached Domestic, per yard	10c
38-inch Savoy R. Sea Island Domestic, per yard	9c
36-inch Savoy R. Domestic, per yard	8½c
36-inch American Home Bleached Domestic, per yard	8½c
36-inch Springtime Bleached Domestic, per yard	9c
36-inch Advertiser A. A. Bleached Domestic, per yard	11½c

Ginghams, Cheviots and Plaids

27-inch Standard Apron Checks, going at per yard	8½c
27-inch Traymore Dress Ginghams, going at per yard	9c
28-inch Bonnie Brand Dress Ginghams, going at per yard	10c
Ferguson McKinney Special Plaids, going at per yard	8½c
Tupelo Cheviots, best for Shirts, going at per yard	11c
Yorktown Cheviots, the best, going at per yard	11½c
Chambrays in solid Blue, Pink, Tan and Gray, going at per yard	10c

Silks---All the Newest Creations

40-inch all Silk Crepe de Chene in Rose, Pink, Silver Gray, Turquoise, Copenhagen, Maise, Navy, Sand, light Blue, Peach, Lavender, dark Green, White and Black, per yard	\$1.25 to \$1.75
33-inch all Silk Crepe de Chene, in fancy stripes, in this sale, per yard	\$1.55
40-inch all Silk Faille in combinations of Rose and Copenhagen, Black and Green, Chartruse and Old Rose, all go at per yard	\$1.60
40-inch all Silk Faille in Blue and Green, per yd.	89c
36-inch all Silk Taffeta in Stripes and Plaids, in this sale at per yard	\$1.65
36-inch all Silk Taffeta in Black, Brown, Red, light Blue, Maise, Navy, Green, Silver Gray and Pink, in this sale at per yard	\$1.25
33-inch Fancy Stripe Wash Silk, per yard	98c

Sheetings

9-4 Sterling Unbleached Sheeting, per yard	25c
10-4 Sterling Unbleached Sheeting, per yard	31c
9-4 Sterling Bleached Sheeting, per yard	30c
10-4 Sterling Bleached Sheeting, per yard	33c
42-inch Pillow Tubing, per yard	21c

Spring and Summer Novelties

36-inch Solid Color Voiles in Apricot, Pink, dark Blue, light Blue, Navy, Nile, Black and White, at per yard	23c
36-inch Striped Voiles, all colors, per yard	25c
36-inch Satine Striped Voiles in Blue, Green, Rose and Apricot, in this sale, at per yard	50c
36-inch Sport Striped Corduroy in Blue, dark Green, Black and Rose, per yard	50c
WHITE SKIRT GOODS IN CORDUROY	
Beach Cloth, Waffle Cloth, Gaberdeens, per yd.	50c
27-inch Extra Quality Galata, this is the best in solid and stripes, per yard	20c

Khaki Coats and Pants

This is a buy we have made at the old price and just received them, and offer them to you at the old time price of Pants per pair **\$1.25**

Coats, each	\$1.50
A good supply, 200 pairs of the Pants and 100 Coats. All sizes.	

Percalés

28-inch Glenora Percalés, sale price per yard	9c
36-inch Forrest Percalés, sale price per yard	11c

Towels

1 Lot Fancy Striped Bath Towels, going at	47c
1 Lot 26x48 Plain Bath Towels, going at, each	23c
1 Lot 18x33 Plain Bath Towels, each	12½c
1 Lot 22x42 Plain Huck Towels, each	21c
1 Lot 17x36 Plain Huck Towels, each	12½c
1 Lot 16x32 Plain Huck Towels, each	9c

Hosiery

1 Lot Ladies' Black Hose, sale price	8½c
1 Lot Ladies' White Hose, sale price	12½c
1 Lot Ladies' Silk Lisle Hose, 3 pair for	\$1.00
1 Lot Ladies' Silk Lisle Hose, per pair	48c
1 Lot Ladies' Silk Hose, assorted colors, per pair	89c
1 Lot Ladies' Silk Hose, assorted colors, a pair	\$1.48
1 Lot Misses' Ribbed black Hose, per pair	12½c
1 Lot Misses' Ribbed black Hose, per pair	25c
1 Lot Misses' Ribbed-White Hose, per pair	25c

W. B. Corsets

The Celebrated line of W. B. Corsets, the best line made, the kind that is made to Fit and Fit to wear. We have a full line of these in the **\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50**. No advance; the same old prices, but all new Corsets. Also one clean 'em up lot at **50c**. One lot at **75c**. One lot at **98c**.

Hats for Ladies

A complete assortment of the latest Sport Hats and Straws in prices from 50c each to **\$1.50**. A complete line of Ladies' Collars, and Collar and Cuff Sets from 25c to **\$1.75**. Novelties in Beads, Combs, Vanity Boxes, Purses, etc., all at sale prices.

Shirts for Men

1 Lot of Negligee Shirts in lot Nos. 1075, 1063, 51246, 51070, 51069, 41073, all go in this sale at	\$1.35
Lot Nos. 3950, 4812, 4700, 4811, 4813, 5703, 4706, 827, 5705, 1828, these go at, each	98c
Lot Nos. 5451, 4414, 2450, 1412, 4404 and 516, each	60c
1 Lot assorted Shirts with collars attached, choice	98c
1 Lot with collars at	65c

Men's Underwear

1 Lot Elastic Seam Drawers, per pair	50c
1 Lot B. V. D. Union Suits, per suit	\$1.00
1 " B. V. D. Shirts and Drawers, per garment	50c
1 " Athletic Union Suits, per suit	50c
1 " Men's Balbriggan Shirts, each	25c
1 " Men's Balbriggan Drawers, each	25c
1 " Men's Poros Knit Shirts, each	25c
1 " Men's Poros Knit Drawers, each	25c
1 " Boys' Poros Knit Union Suits, each	50c

Shoe Specials

1 Lot of Misses' and Children's White Canvas Pumps and Oxfords, per pair	98c
1 Lot Misses and Children's Tan, Patent, Vici, Gun Metal Pumps and Oxfords, per pair	\$1.00
1 Lot Misses' Pumps and Oxfords, per pair	\$1.50

Shoes

In our Shoe Department you will find a complete line of Queen Quality low cut Shoes in all the new styles for Spring and Summer; also Boots for Spring. A complete line of Canvas Sport Shoes in both low and high heels. These are all marked in plain figures and defy competition.

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DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE PARADE—then make our store your headquarters.

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Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the White Man's Primary to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 1917:

For City Attorney
Earle Porter Adams
For City Secretary
J. Valentine (re-election)
For City Marshal
T. R. Deupree

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

Next Tuesday is the white man's primary election day for the election of city officials in Crockett.

It is unnecessary to tell Crockett voters that they should vote only for the best men to fill places of public trust. It may be necessary, however, to remind them that if they do not vote in the primary election Tuesday they will have no reason to complain if the best men are not elected.

But if all good citizens do their duty at the ballot box, none but the best men can be elected. And taking it for granted that all good citizens are going to vote next Tuesday, the election of only the best men is assured.

Therefore, in order to effect a newspaper scoop, we will take it for granted that only the best men are nominated in Tuesday's primary, or will be. And only the best men being nominated and elected, they should have the co-operation of the entire citizenship in shaping the city's destinies. Their hands should be upheld, etc. Of course, we might have waited until after the election to say this, but the scoop would not have been as complete. And then, what difference does it make, only the best men being elected?

In all seriousness, the white man's primary of next Tuesday is an important election and the necessity for a large vote cannot be urged too strongly. It is not enough that you remember to vote yourself, but you should also remind your neighbor that it is election day.

COUNTRY BOY COPS.

East Texas Register: A Dallas police commissioner says country

boys make the best policemen. He might have added that they make the best lawyers, doctors, merchants, preachers and everything else. Ninety-five per cent of the successful men in all lines were country-reared.

One reason why a country boy makes a good policeman is because country boys grow up with the idea that all citizens are subject to the law and none are superior to it. The town boy, at least some boys in some towns, early acquire an impression that there is one law for one class and other laws for other classes—that some are immune from arrest and some made mostly to be arrested.

In other words, the healthy country boy has but a vague idea of class distinction, of "pull," of self-conceited pretentiousness which is common to not a few persons in not a few cities. In consequence of the country boy's sturdy inheritances he is not disposed to excuse the well-dressed or the well-to-do from the penalties made and provided for transgressors of the laws. Ergo, when the country boy becomes a policeman he doesn't wait to find out whether the violator has a pull before he pinches him.—Galveston News.

A subscriber who dislikes newspaper publicity, and whose name is therefore withheld, brought the Courier \$1.50 Monday with the request that his subscription be kept going. He gave his confidential opinion (provided his name be not used) that a county newspaper at \$1.50 a year, less than 3 cents a week, is the cheapest commodity, considering the cost of production, on the American market to-day.

The belief that "thrift follows fawning" is more or less in evidence every season. "Bending the truculent knee to Mammon" has become a part of our political civilization. To the honest victors may belong the spoils, but to those who stay under cover and then "whoop 'em up on the victorious side for the sake of the spoils, only the contempt of honest people is their merit.

The boy whose first question is, when offered employment, "What'll you pay me?" will have just about as much chance for promotion as the boy who puts in most of his time watching the clock. Both value their own time more than their employer's.

No. 8742

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

AT LOVELADY, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 5, 1917.

RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$ 50,285 37	
Total loans		\$ 50,285 37
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$	unsecured, \$116.58	116 58
5. U. S. BONDS:		
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250 00	
Total U. S. bonds		6,250 00
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		800 00
10. Furniture and fixtures		1,858 00
12. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	1,282 42	
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	63,678 40	64,960 82
13. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)		8,018 69
16. a Outside checks and other cash items	441 16	
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	300 30	741 46
17. Notes of other national banks		2,329 00
18. Federal Reserve bank notes		70 00
20. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		13,094 39
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		312 50
Total		\$148,957 81

LIABILITIES

23. Capital stock paid in		\$ 25,000 00
24. Surplus fund		5,500 00
25. a Undivided profits	3,286 49	
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	807 83	2,478 66
26. Amount reserved for taxes accrued		35 00
28. Circulating notes outstanding		5,950 00
Demand deposits:		
33. Individual deposits subject to check		91,992 04
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40	91,992 04	
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)		18,022 11
41. Certificates of deposit		18,022 11
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42 and 43	18,022 11	
Total		\$148,957 81

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:
I, W. H. Collins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. COLLINS, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

GEO. C. EMBRY,
JACOB EMBRY,
J. L. ALLBRIGHT,
Directors.

Crockett's Greatest SPRING EXHIBIT

1917

The Crockett Courier, the retail merchants and the automobile dealers of Crockett take this opportunity to invite You, and You, and You, to the

Spring Opening of 1917 Saturday, March 31st

Authentic fashion displays of men's and women's apparel from foreign and domestic authorities of dress. This carnival of fashion will set a pace for style and beauty for Crockett and all of East Texas.

Decorated Automobile Parade

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Prizes for the best exhibits of school communities--prizes aggregating \$50 in cash. Enter this contest and win a prize for your school.

Watch for the advertisements of Crockett's live business people in every issue of the Courier until Saturday, March 31.

Want to Trade

160 ACRES unimproved, rich, black sandy land, lying 8 miles west of Lovelady, Houston county, near school, church, store, mill and gin; on good public road, in excellent white community, for something near Elkhart, Palestine or in west Texas. See or write

J. D. DuPuy, Owner
PALESTINE, TEXAS

Local News Items

Horse for Sale.

My roan horse, Emma E., known to most of the people in Houston county for her splendid qualities and breeding, is offered for sale cheap, if taken soon. This fine buggy mare is eleven years old and a bargain at the price.

W. W. Aiken.

New Road Law.

The executive committee of the Taxpayers' Protective Association has furnished the Courier with the outline of a new road law which it has succeeded in having passed by the state legislature. The synopsis was received too late for publication this week, but will appear in the Courier next week.

Trustees of Common School Districts.

The white trustees of the various districts of the county are requested to meet in trustees' convention on Saturday, the 17th of this month, for the purpose of attending to certain school affairs. Each board is asked to attend, but if it be impossible for all to attend we especially ask that each board send a representative to this meeting.

J. N. Snell,
County Superintendent.

Hogs and Cattle Shipped.

At the request of the Courier, Mr. J. O. Edington, the railroad agent at Grapeland, has supplied the Courier with the following information in regard to livestock shipments from his station: From November 15, 1916, to March 10, 1917, inclusive, Grapeland shipped thirty cars of hogs and five cars of cattle, a total of thirty-five cars in carload lots. This does not include shipments of less than carload lots.

Mr. G. H. Henderson, the railroad

agent at Crockett, has supplied the Courier with the following information in regard to livestock shipments: From November 15, 1916, to March 10, 1917, inclusive, Crockett shipped twenty-three cars of hogs and eighteen cars of cattle, a total of forty-one cars in carload lots, not including smaller shipments.

Besides these shipments, Lovelady, Weldon, Kennard and Ratcliff have been shipping hogs and cattle in proportionate numbers. These livestock shipments are bringing lots of money into Houston county and, as usual, at a time when it is needed. More livestock, food and feed, and less cotton are going to make Houston county prosperous before we know it.

No. 1006

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

Lovelady State Bank

AT LOVELADY.

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1917.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 2,497 45
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	31,741 63
Cash Items	118 65
Currency	864 00
Specie	623 06
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	750 00
Other resources as follows:	123 80
Total	\$38,718 59

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Undivided Profits, net	69 71
Individual Deposits, subject to check	11,648 88
Total	\$38,718 59

State of Texas, County of Houston. We, K. D. Lawrence, as president, and W. V. Henson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

K. D. LAWRENCE, President.
W. V. HENSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1917.
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: H. H. LARUE,
A. A. WALLER,
W. E. ELKINS,
Directors.

County Contests and Meet.

The county executive committee of the County Interscholastic League met in the county superintendent's office Saturday, March 10, for the purpose of setting time and place for the annual county contests and meet.

It was decided to hold the meeting at Crockett on the 14th of April, and a request is made by the committee that each school get in line with this work. Secure membership by sending in the fee to Mr. Shurter of the University extension department.

Several features of this meet should interest every teacher and school in the county. The field contests should interest numbers of the students from all parts of the county. The races, the jumps, etc., ought to appeal to many of the boys. The declamations, both junior and senior, spelling match, debating, etc., will be interesting to all and will be well attended. These will be held in the court house Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The contests in the field will take place in the afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Two thousand schools of this state are members of this league. Houston county so far has about ten that have joined. We can have as successful a county meet as any if we will get together. Our boys and girls are as willing to take part as any and are as capable of doing great things as those of any other section of the state.

Write to the members of the committee for any information that you may want concerning the meet.

Directors.

Reading Room and Rhodes Grass.

Yes, it is a living reality, and, as usual, the ladies did it. The suggestion made in this department a couple of weeks or so ago to the effect that such an addition to the commercial club rooms would be desirable met with a prompt response from the members of the Crockett Shakespeare Club. A delegation of its members held a meeting a few days later at the club and, after looking the situation over and learning the requirements, repaired to the ladies' rest room and held a conference that resulted in providing the equipment needed to start this most valuable addition to our civic improvements.

When this paper appears it is hoped to have the reading room in working order, and the public is cordially invited to call. Will just make this one more suggestion in passing: a good supply of literature of recent date will be very helpful in starting things off properly.

A few of the members of the Rhodes Seed Club who had their names entered for this seed have not yet responded, and we will wait until next Saturday before sending the order away.

H. A. Fisher.

Married in Floresville.

Mr. C. W. Butler Jr. and Miss Allie Maude Sells were married Friday at Floresville, Rev. C. A. Buchanan, a Christian minister, performing the ceremony. The home of the bride was at Stockdale, also in Wilson county, of which Floresville is the county site. Mr. and Mrs. Butler reached Crockett Sunday night and will make this city their home. Mr. Butler was reared in the north end of the county, a son of C. W. Butler of Percilla. He was elevated to the office of tax collector at the last election and is in the enjoyment of an extensive friendship. He and his bride were students of the Sam Houston Normal Institute a few years ago, when an acquaintance began that culminated in the recent happy event. The bride comes of one of southwest Texas' most estimable families and is welcomed to the social circles of Houston county.

We are Now Open for Business

And will appreciate your patronage, extend to you courteous treatment, and all accommodations consistent with good banking.

Lovelady State Bank

Lovelady, Texas

"A Guaranty Fund Bank"

Cadman Club.

The Cadman Club held an enjoyable meeting Wednesday afternoon, March 7, with Mrs. A. H. Wootters. In the absence of the president, Mrs. D. O. Keisling presided. The minutes of last meeting were read, and the treasurer's report made. The Cadman Club decided to join with the D. A. Nunn Chapter in extending an invitation to the State Division U. D. C. to meet here in October, 1917. Mrs. J. P. Hail, vice president, having resigned active membership, Mrs. DeCuir was elected to fill the unexpired term of office. Mrs. Dent was made second vice president. Mrs. Dan Craddock gave Act III from Tosca. Mrs. Dent read an interesting paper on "Singing in the Seventeenth Century."

After Miss Lily Bell Hail played delightful Victrola music relating to the opera and other selections, the club adjourned to meet two weeks hence with Mrs. Wootters again.

Bella Lipscomb, Secretary.

To Visit the Old Home.

Dr. W. N. Lipscomb is expected to arrive Friday to spend a brief visit with his parents and friends in this city. Dr. Lipscomb is achieving success in the world of medical science, a matter of deep gratification to his friends here and elsewhere. As Red Cross lecturer in the railroad, lumber and mining districts of the northwest, his private railway car is his office and his home. Travelling from one industrial center to another, he gives practical demonstrations and lectures on how to render first aid to the injured and prevent life loss. His friends are always glad to welcome him to the old home town.

Bone Dry Law.

Charleston, W. V., March 10.—Although the West Virginia legisla-

No. 774

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

First Guaranty State Bank

At Weldon, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1917:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 19,640 24
Loans, real estate	2,835 00
Overdrafts	64 28
Certificate of Deposits with Banks	5,925 00
Real Estate (banking house)	2,700 00
Other Real Estate	350 00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,800 00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	28,251 13
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	8,308 36
Cash Items	336 66
Currency	2,424 00
Specie	1,047 50
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	372 35
Other Resources as follows:	
Assessed to Guaranty Fund	65 74
Total	\$ 73,040 20

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus Fund	38 85
Undivided Profits, net	2,800 06
Individual Deposits, subject to check	53,903 46
Time Certificates of Deposit	5,886 00
Cashier's Checks	411 22
Total	\$ 73,040 20

State of Texas, County of Houston. We, Jacob Embry, as president, and J. P. Mann as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JACOB EMBRY, President.
J. P. MANN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, A. D. 1917.
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: GEO. C. EMBRY,
J. T. ETHEREDGE,
J. P. MANN,
Directors.

At its recent session passed a bill which will permit each adult male to bring into the state one quart of liquor a month. William G. Barnhardt, United States district attorney, has announced that the "bone dry" bill recently passed by congress renders the West Virginia law invalid and that he will arrest all violators of the federal law.

Call On Us

When in need of anything in the racket store line. We have a complete line of dishes, enamel ware, laces, etc., and the price is right.

Harris' Racket Store

The Crockett Bottling Company

Has begun operation and is now prepared to handle your orders for all high grade bottled soft drinks.

We are using nothing but the very best of all ingredients, properly compounded under the most sanitary conditions.

E. D. FOSTER, Manager

Auto Delivery

Telephone 108

Quick Service

Equip Your Mind and Body for More Efficient Work

If your vocation calls for either mental or physical work, you cannot accomplish best results unless your blood is rich and pure. Strength and endurance can come only from the blood.

Signs of bad blood are usually shown in forms of languor, poor appetite, headaches, constipation, skin eruptions, etc.

Nyal's Hot Springs Blood Remedy

will put your blood in good condition, stimulate the vital organs and equip your mind and body for more efficient work. This remedy should be taken at this season, especially if you experience that tired-out feeling.

Price, \$1.00

Two Phones—Either 47 or 140

Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

An Invitation

You are cordially invited to visit my store on Trades Day—and every day.

My stock is fresh, of good quality and the prices are consistent with the market. Your patronage is always appreciated.

TRY A POUND OF OUR HOME ROASTED COFFEE

M. Younas

Staple and Fancy Groceries

Local News.

For plumbing see Ike Lansford. Phone 223. 2t.

Wanted at once—100 geese—by Johnson Arledge. tf.

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

Mrs. C. C. O'Neal is visiting in Dallas and Lancaster.

Let Ike Lansford figure on your next plumbing job. Phone 223.

Dr. J. S. Wootters has returned from New Orleans.

Roger Wheelless of Shreveport was with friends here last week.

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

Rape, Sudan—Mangel Wurzel beet seed—for sale by Johnson Arledge. tf.

Miss Violet Phillips was at home Sunday and Monday from school in Huntsville.

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

John Cook, a student of Texas University, is at home for a mid-term vacation.

Don't forget to load that Kodak and bring it with you on trades day—films at the Rexall store.

I can save you money on men's shirts and pants. See me before you buy. tf. N. L. Asher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor were visitors to Lufkin Sunday.

I Want Your Hide.

Will pay top prices for green or dry hides. Johnson Arledge. tf.

Are you patronizing a news stand? Big lot of periodicals every day. 1t. The Rexall Store.

You can still buy shoes and clothing at the same old price. Try me. tf. N. L. Asher.

Money to Loan.

We have clients who have money to loan on real estate security. Call on us for details. 4t. Madden & Denny.

All Kinds of Carbonated Beverages

The Home of Sanitary Soda Water

We Live in a Great Age

But no one has yet been able to invent a printing press that will PRINT into an advertisement the QUALITY that puts POPULARITY into a product. Keep bottled soda water and Coca-Cola in your refrigerator. No drinks can be purer or cleaner than ours. Order a case delivered to your home and be convinced we have the best bottled soft drinks that can be bottled.

The Crockett Bottling Company

Auto Delivery E. D. FOSTER, Manager Quick Service

J. N. Snell is attending the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Dallas.

For Rent.

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

New fishing tackle, baseball goods and Packard Mazda lamps. 1t. The Rexall Store.

A complete line of ladies', men's and children's tennis shoes at the same old price. tf. N. L. Asher.

Have just received one car of nice, bright maize. 2t. C. G. Lansford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Morris have moved to Tyler. They take the best wishes of our people with them.

For Sale—One second-hand Ford touring car. Apply to Crockett Motor Company or John B. Satterwhite. tf.

Mrs. S. L. Murchison and sister, Miss Bess Long, returned Saturday from a visit to Houston and Galveston.

Lawson Keene has joined the army recruits and gone to San Antonio, where he expects to study aviation.

Mrs. R. A. Motley of Overton was visiting Mrs. J. W. Shivers last week instead of Mrs. J. W. Motley as announced.

For Rent—Furnished rooms in Page flat. Electric lights and lavatory in each room. Also two office rooms. Phone 343. tf.

Mrs. Herman Howard left Saturday afternoon for Lake Charles, where she will join Mr. Howard and make her home.

Bring me your chickens and eggs. Will pay you top prices, and sell you groceries as cheap as anybody. tf. Johnson Arledge.

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

Our 1917 Stock of

Baseball Goods

Has arrived and is on display now—Balls, Bats, Mitts, Gloves, Shoes, Masks, Heel and Toe Plates, Score Cards and Jockey Straps. Yes—Spalding's.

The Rexall Store

PHONE TWO-FOUR

A negro was killed on the Trinity river farm of W. B. Cochran Saturday night. Sheriff Spence has several negroes in jail for the crime.

For Sale.

Two fine boars, one Duroc Jersey and one Poland China, subject to registration and will weigh 300 pounds. Price, \$25.00 each. 4t. J. G. Matlock.

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. tf. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co.

For Sale—Big Boll Rouden, Mebane and Half-and-Half planting seed. Also carry in stock best grade of cotton seed meal. 2t. C. G. Lansford.

Notice.

Beginning April 1st the undersigned banks will close at 4:00 p. m. except on Saturdays.

First National Bank,

Crockett State Bank.

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 display of Cypress Clippers. Prices lowest obtainable. tf. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co.

Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

More than one and three quarter millions of these cars have been sold. The factory is producing over two thousand a day, but dealers everywhere are behind on deliveries. Better place your order now, as we are not going to be able to supply the demand. ¶ No advance in prices so far, but the company makes no guarantee against advance.

Crockett Lumber Company

Dealer in Houston County