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JUDGE NAT PATTON ANSWERS O'KEEFE

Crockett, Texas, Oct. 13, 1919.
To the Citizenship of Houston County:

In last week's issue of the Crockett Courier there appeared in the form of a paid advertisement what purported to be an open letter addressed to me, from Jas. P. O'Keefe of Weldon, Texas. No such letter was ever received by me, the newspaper article being my only information. I take this method of informing the citizens of Houston county as to the matters contained in said article.

I take for granted that Mr. O'Keefe's motive in addressing to me this letter was actuated solely for the best interests of Houston county and its citizenship, and upon that broad plane I shall answer him.

In the outset permit me to say that, as your public servant, all official acts by me are open for inspection and criticism by any citizen of this county. I fully realize that I am human and subject to errors, and do not for a moment place the unction to my soul that I have not made mistakes, and no man is more ready and willing than I to correct them when shown.

When I came into office, we found the records in very bad shape. Discrepancies here and there, but I am glad to honestly state that there was nothing that indicated that any official of this county had willfully appropriated one cent of the funds to his private use.

Upon the present commissioners' court coming into office, certain rumors were prevalent that caused the court to investigate, upon what grounds the said rumors were predicated. Upon investigation it was found that there were certain discrepancies existing, due to the misconstruction of our INIQUITOUS FEE SYSTEM. It was found that the County Treasurer, Mr. Ney Sheridan, had drawn excess fees, which under the law he felt that he was entitled to, but upon his attention being called to the interpretation of the law by the County Attorney, which interpretation showed that he had drawn more than he was entitled to, he then and there paid back into the treasury of the county every dollar which he had drawn in excess of the legal fee which the Statute provides.

Later, rumors kept coming to the court that other officers had also drawn excess fees. The chief amongst these rumors was that Mr. John H. Ellis had drawn several thousand dollars in excess fees. So persistent were these rumors that it devolved upon the court to employ a competent auditor to go into these matters.

Mr. Lee Perry of Lovelady was employed by the court to audit the books, going back a period of four years. After Mr. Perry had looked into the matter he found that he had made his bid entirely too low to do the work.

Mr. Jas. P. O'Keefe was then employed to audit the books. He gave the Court a sealed bid, in which he offered to do the work for the sum of \$600 or \$650. After Mr. O'Keefe had looked into the work, he too saw that he would be unable to do the work for that amount, and so told the court, and asked that the court release him from the contract; this they did.

The next thing I knew, Mr.

Beathard nominated Mr. A. O. Harper to audit the books. The Court voted unanimously, all four commissioners, I having no vote, to employ Mr. Harper. At the solicitation of Mr. O'Keefe, I asked Mr. Harper to employ Mr. O'Keefe in the audit; this Mr. Harper did, and if I mistake not, Mr. O'Keefe was put to work on the County Superintendent's books. During the progress of the work on the superintendent's books, the annual accounts of the financial statements made by the county depository or copies thereof, were no where to be found, and I was called upon to ask the state superintendent for a certified copy of the report, which I did.

During the audit of Mr. Ellis's books, Mr. Harper told me that he was unable to find the yearly expense account of Mr. Ellis for the years of 1916 and 1917. These accounts amounted to about \$1700 for each year. Mr. Ellis brought to me these accounts to which he was sworn, I taking his oath for same.

In due time the audit was completed. It was finished on a Saturday morning about noon. Mr. Speer went home on the noon train, Mr. Beathard went home about the same time. Messrs. Long and Estes were in the office in the afternoon and said that the audit had shown Mr. Ellis had drawn excess fees in the sum of a little more than \$300.00, and that Mr. Ellis wanted to repay the amount that evening. In the face of the audit, I could see no harm in accepting this sum from Mr. Ellis, because the audit was the only thing that we had to be governed by.

If I know what an audit is, it

is nothing more than a copy of the records. If Mr. Harper has falsified as to the records, then it is up to him to make it straight. If any officer has drawn more than he is allowed by law, then the records are open for inspection. They are there to show for themselves.

At the next term of the court after Mr. Harper submitted his report, it was the consensus of opinion of the court that several competent business men from different sections of the county be asked to serve as a committee to go fully into the report. Messrs. Jim Cook of Kennard, Will Darsey of Grapeland, I. A. Daniel of Crockett and Sam Sharp of Lovelady were asked to serve on this committee. It seems this committee was never able to get together. The court finally decided to place the report in safe keeping till the District Court met, and then ask that the finance committee go over the same in full.

The full audit is now in a safe in the County Court House, and if a finance committee is appointed they have access to the audit, and if same is not correct, the Commissioners' Court will lend any assistance in its power to have it brought out correctly.

Again I wish to reiterate the statement that in all the arduous duties of County Judge I have perhaps made errors, but in them it has been "errors of the head and not of the heart."

I stand ready at all times to do that which will promote the material interests of this county and its citizenship, and invite every citizen to join me.

Respectfully submitted,
Nat Patton.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Last week was divorce and civil docket week in the Houston county district court. This week the criminal docket was taken up, and cases were disposed of and set for trial as follows:

Walter Spurlock, selling intoxicating liquor; dismissed.

C. A. Cunningham, forgery; dismissed.

Joe Hill, burglary; dismissed.

William Berry, selling whiskey; dismissed.

John Rich, selling intoxicating liquor; dismissed.

Asele Watson, murder; set for November 7 and venire of sixty ordered.

H. S. Smith, bribery; set for November 13.

G. T. Robinson, bribery; set for November 13.

Breaker Alexander, murder; set for November 14.

Jennie Ray, assault with intent to murder; set for October 21.

Henry Cleveland, burglary; set for October 21.

Tut Elam, burglary; set for October 20.

Tut Elam, theft; set for October 20.

Herbert Wilmore, murder; set for October 24 and venire of fifty ordered.

Charles Arrington, murder; set for November 5 and venire of sixty ordered.

T. J. Maxwell, selling intoxicating liquors; set for October 20th.

The docket shows four other similar cases against Maxwell, all set for October 20.

Amesson Harrison, cattle theft; set for October 20.

J. H. Pearson, assault with intent to murder; set for October 27th.

John Jackson, assault with intent to murder; set for October 27th.

Walter Majors, theft of cattle; set for October 28.

T. J. Wilson, burglary; set for October 28.

The grand jury was again in session the first of this week.

Emmet Fuller Killed.

Telephone communication with Crockett Tuesday at noon told of the killing of Emmet Fuller in the Lone Pine community Tuesday morning at about 11 o'clock. The information was that S. H. Higginbotham, a prominent farmer, had shot and killed Emmet Fuller, a tenant on Higginbotham's farm. Fuller was a young man and well connected. The county attorney was asked to come down and make an investigation, our information being that Mr. Higginbotham made the request. County Attorney Earle P. Adams left immediately for Lone Pine, taking Constable C. R. McPhail with him, Sheriff Spence being out of town at the time. Details were unavailable in Crockett Tuesday afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

At a special session of the commissioners' court, held October 1 and 2nd, a report of County Attorney Earle P. Adams, on taxes collected by suits by the assistant county attorney, N. H. Phillips, amounting to \$508.44, was approved and a commission of 10 per cent allowed for collection.

An order for the county school superintendent to purchase a book for school district field notes and plats of the various districts was passed.

The petition of J. S. Long and many others of the Augusta community for a road bond election in the district to be known as road district No. 11 was passed. The election was ordered for November 15, 1919, at the regular voting box at Augusta, and Jake Sheridan and Walter Newman were appointed managers. The proposed bonds are for \$25,000, bearing interest not to exceed 5 1-2 per cent.

Mrs. W. E. Mayes Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mayes, wife of the late W. E. Mayes, died at her home in Mineral Wells Monday morning. The remains were brought to Crockett for interment, arriving on the 1 o'clock train. From the train the funeral party proceeded to the First Baptist church of this city, where funeral services were conducted by the Baptist pastor, Rev. L. L. Sams, who had the assistance of Rev. S. F. Tenney of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. Mr. Alexander, the deceased's pastor at Mineral Wells. Following services at the church, interment was in Glenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Mayes is remembered by some of our oldest citizens as Elizabeth Dickinson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickinson, who lived on the Rusk road a few miles from Crockett. Her first marriage was to Mr. Clark, who died. Her second marriage was to Mr. W. E. Mayes, recently deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mayes for many years was in Crockett, but of late years, on account of declining health, their home was at Mineral Wells.

During her years of close association with our people, Mrs. Mayes accumulated an extensive friendship. She was faithful in church work and loyal in community affairs. As a member of the Baptist church, her influence was always on the side of Christianity.

Born April 22, 1830, she was approaching her 90th birthday. If she was not born near Crockett, she came with her parents early in life from Tennessee. The most of her life had been spent in and near Crockett, and many are they whose hearts are saddened at her passing.

Lost—One white puppy dog 2t.
Johnson Arledge.

SECOND MONTHLY Livestock Sales Day at Crockett Wednesday, October 22

Every farmer in Houston county having livestock to sell is invited to bring it to Crockett on that day, where it will be sold to the highest bidder without expense to him.

Other personal property and surplus farm products can be sold or exchanged on this occasion.

Everybody Come to Crockett Wednesday, October 22

GARROW, MacCLAIN & GARROW, Inc. Successors to HOGG, DICKSON & HOGG Cotton Factors—Houston, Texas

On account of new and improved facilities for handling cotton and more efficient methods devised by us for expediting deliveries, we conscientiously promise shippers real SERVICE for 1919-20, and confidently expect to mail out Account Sales this season in LESS than ten days; but, under no circumstances will we charge a shipper with either Storage or Insurance in excess of charges incurred for those items, up to ten days from date of sale.

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You have perhaps been spending energy faster than it could possibly be stored.

If so you cannot work or play with enthusiasm.

It is difficult to recover from such a weakened condition without help.

Nyal's Tonic

will make you strong by revitalizing your blood, and new blood restores energy in nature's way.

It builds tissue and strengthens the nerves. It will make your system proof against the attacks of disease.

Pleasant to take. Price—\$1.04

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Prompt Service Store—Two Phones: 47 and 140
CARL GOOLSBY LIP SHERMAN

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

W. G. Cartwright was in Houston Sunday.

Ben Hearne of Palestine was a visitor here Sunday.

Harry Fred Moore was a visitor at Houston Sunday and Monday.

Genuine Silk Manilla Lariat rope, 33 feet for \$1.75, at Jas. S. Shivers'.

Miss Dovie Moorehead of Porter Springs is teaching near Grapeland.

Ten, 15 and 25 gallon syrup kegs now in stock.
Jas. S. Shivers.

Top price paid for poultry and eggs, hides and beeswax.
Johnson Arledge.

If you want a bargain in a good 5 H. P. gasoline engine, see I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas.

Attention, Ginners.

Get your three-pound bagging and new Arrow ties from Jas. S. Shivers.

Messrs. H. F. Moore and James S. Shivers are attending the World Cotton Conference at New Orleans this week.

Go to R. L. Shivers for Leather Goods, best line in town, consisting of Saddles, Bridles, Wagon Harness, Buggy Harness, Hames, Traces, Lashes, Collars, back bands, wagon lines, 16 to 22 feet in length, all at the very lowest prices.

We have an excellent stock of staple dry goods and groceries, at prices that cannot be beat by any one. R. L. Shivers.

To Trade—I will trade my pair of mules and harness for a good Ford car. See or write E. C. Cauthen, Crockett, Texas.

We are headquarters for guns, ammunition and hunting clothing.
Jas. S. Shivers.

Moore & Shivers have a splendid second-hand wagon for sale cheap. Call on them if you want a bargain in a wagon.

We buy hides, green or dry, and pay top price. See us before you sell.
Arnold Brothers.

If you want the very best wagon, one that will stand up and roll easy, get the old reliable Winona, for sale by R. L. Shivers.

The contribution of Mrs. Hail's Millinery Parlors to the second monthly livestock sales day is a 10 per cent reduction on all millinery on that day.

Puttees, guns and shells in endless quantity and styles can be found at our store.
Smith-Murchison Hardware Co.

Let Ike Lansford show you the best line of monuments ever shown in the state, at prices that cannot be beat, when dimensions are considered.

Let us sell you your next bill of groceries and then you can buy Thrift Stamps with what you save. For instance Pure Peanut Oil in bulk only \$2.20.

Gasoline Engines

Are a farm necessity. We handle the famous Fairbanks-Morse engine, from one and a half horse power to fifteen horse power.
Smith-Murchison Hardware Co.

Our old customers do not need any special inducements to bring them back. But to show our appreciation of them and as an inducement to new customers, we are offering a 10 per cent reduction on all millinery prices on livestock sales day.

Strayed or Stolen.

Sorrel pony, roached mane, streak in face, branded G on left thigh, had saddle, bridle and halter on. Will pay \$5.00 for his recovery.

C. C. Mortimer, Crockett, Texas.

Lost.

One white-face red cow; branded HAL on left side and 7XL on right side; left Mrs. Byrde Wootters' place on Bayou, two miles west of Crockett, about January 1, 1919. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery of cow.

J. M. Hale, Route 4, Crockett, Texas.

About That Wagon.

Why not replace that old, wornout wagon with a new one? Perhaps you have some cattle and hogs that you would like to trade for one of the best wagons on the market. We sell these wagons for cash or trade them for cattle and hogs. It will pay you to see us, and if you cannot see us, write us and we will come to see you. Address the Indiana Stock Farm, Route 2, Crockett, Texas.

U. S. Minor.

Money, Land and Life Insurance

I will buy your vendor lien notes—loan you money on long time. No delay—fifteen years right here—you can talk it to me direct. Land for sale in large or small tracts, and I sell the best Life Insurance contract—The Aetna. Let me explain it to you.

The Man Who Gives Personal Service to Farmers.

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Flu! Flu!! Flu!!!

Do your part in warding off the epidemic this year. Immunize yourself with Influenza Vaccine. We have it. Ask your doctor.

BAKER & CASTLEBERG

The Rexall Store
Prescription Druggists

Lost.

One pale red-sided, white-back cow; mark crop off right and swallow fork left; branded HAL on left side. Will pay liberal reward for her recovery.

J. M. Hale, Route 4, Crockett, Texas.

A Tenth Short.

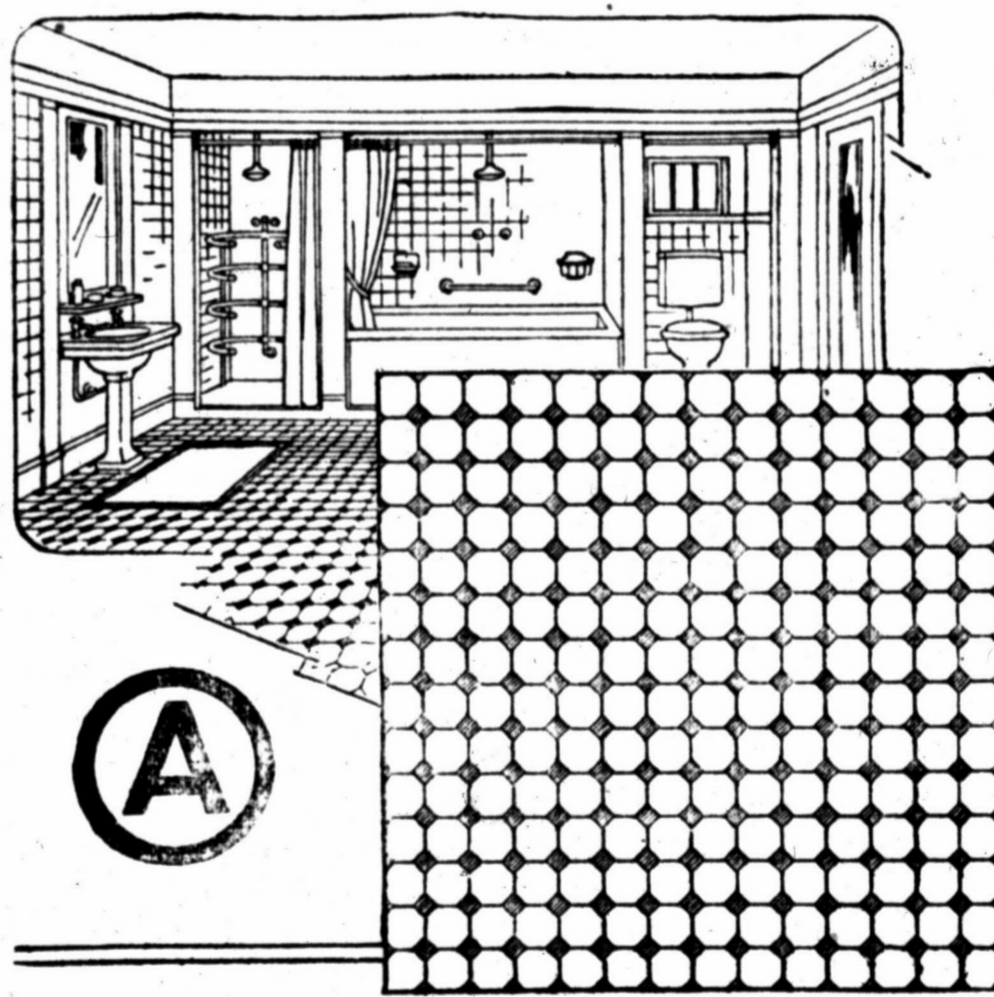
There were 1,804 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1919 prior to September 25, 1919, as compared with 18,470 bales ginned to September 25, 1918, from the

crop of 1918, according to statistics supplied the Courier by E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator for Houston county. The crop was about a tenth short on the date given.

Notice.

I have cattle lost in Houston county, with this mark and brand: Crop off right and under crop left; branded 7H on left shoulder. Will pay liberal reward for any information furnished me as to their whereabouts. J. M. Hale, Route 4, Crockett, Texas.

Why Not Decide This Today---Once for All?



Let our man call and cover that kitchen or bath-room floor with genuine Armstrong Linoleum—the kind that lasts and patterns that are pleasing to the eye. We have in stock a good assortment of different patterns, one of which will be sure to please you.

We have also received this week a large shipment of art squares and small rugs to match and they are priced so as to make quick sales. Come in and let us figure with you.

DEUPREE & WALLER, INC.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING

Wanted

White man, with large force, to work 175 acres, third and fourth.

A. E. OWENS

NOTICE TO THE TAX PAYERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to the tax payers of Houston County that I shall be at the following places on the dates respectively named for the purpose of collecting your 1919 taxes and I earnestly request that each of you avail yourself of this opportunity, as it will save you the unnecessary trouble of coming to Crockett in order to pay your tax.

- Weches, Tuesday, November 4th.
- Augusta, Wednesday, November 5th.
- Percilla, Thursday, November 6th.
- Grapeland, Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th.
- Ash, Tuesday morning, November 11th.
- Creek, Tuesday evening, November 11th.
- Volga, Wednesday evening, November 12th.
- Weldon, Thursday, November 13th.
- Lovelady, Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th.
- Kennard, Thursday, November 20th, and Friday morning, November 21st.
- Ratliff, Friday evening and Saturday, November 21st and 22nd.

Respectfully,
C. W. Butler, Jr.,
Tax Collector.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly

published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application for Probate of Will, The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the estate of Arthur Milton Carleton, Deceased.

Henry Jackson Berry has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of Arthur Milton Carleton, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the first Monday in November, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1919.

(Seal) A. E. Owens,
Clerk County Court,
Houston County, Texas.

Notice of Election.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

On this the 18th day of September, A. D. 1919, the commissioners' court of Houston County, Texas, being in special session, came on to be considered the petition of G. B. Conoway and more than fifty other persons praying that bonds be issued by the territory hereinafter described and designated as Road District Number Fourteen of Houston County, Texas, in the sum of Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding five and one-half per cent. per annum, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date for the purpose

of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax paying voters of said Road District Number Fourteen, and that the amount of said bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District Number Fourteen of Houston County, Texas, which is hereby designated and created as such Road District Number Fourteen of Houston County, Texas, and which is described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the North East corner of the M. Morris survey. Thence North 300 varas to the North West corner of Letts & Jordan Survey. Thence West 150 varas to South West corner of A. B. Folletts Survey. Thence North 300 varas stake on Folletts West Boundary line. Thence West passing South East corner of G. W. Prewitt Survey and with South Boundary line of said G. W. Prewitt Survey and J. T. Prewitt Survey. Thence 2100 varas to J. T. Prewitt's South West corner on L. Speer's East Boundary line. Thence North 25 West 500 varas to Speer's North corner. Thence South 65 West 1344 varas to Speer's West corner. Thence North 25 West 150 varas to John McKee's North corner. Thence North 300 varas to North East corner of T. Smith Survey. Thence West 1100 varas to Smith's North West corner. Thence South 450 varas to Levi Speer's North East corner. Thence West 1500 varas to Speer's North West corner, Wheeler's East Boundary line. Thence South 350 varas to G. W. Hallmark's North East corner. Thence South 65 West 400 varas another of his corner. Thence North 25 West 400 varas another of his corner. Thence South 65 West 3750 varas his North West corner, set stake in the East Boundary line of Road District No. Three. Thence South 25 East 6666 varas with the East Boundary line of the Joel Banks, J. A. Thompson surveys to the South East corner of the D. Alston survey. Thence South 65 West with said Alston line 1330 varas to one of the corners of the J. A. Thompson survey on R. L. Breeding E B line. Thence South with the E B line of said Breeding, C. W. Hallmark, W. W. Craddock and John Satterwhite Surveys to the S E corner of said Satterwhite Survey. Thence South 55 West with the line of said Satterwhite 740 varas to the corner of said Satterwhite Survey in the North line of the Procilla League, being the South East corner of said Road District No. Three. Thence East 1000 varas Procilla North East corner. Thence South 1950 varas to Coy's North East corner. Thence West with Coy's North Boundary line 3750 varas to his North West corner. Thence South with Coy's West Boundary line and Raguet's East Boundary line 7000 varas to Coy's South West corner. Thence East 4650 varas to Owens West Boundary line. Thence South 1050 varas to Owens South West corner. Thence East 1500 varas to County line. Thence with County line 12,700 varas to where N B

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to vote and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor." The manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections, and copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notices to be published in a newspaper published in said Houston County or in said Road District Number Fourteen of Houston County, Texas, if there be a newspaper published therein, for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District Number Fourteen of Houston County, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

Nat Patton,
County Judge, Houston County,
Texas.

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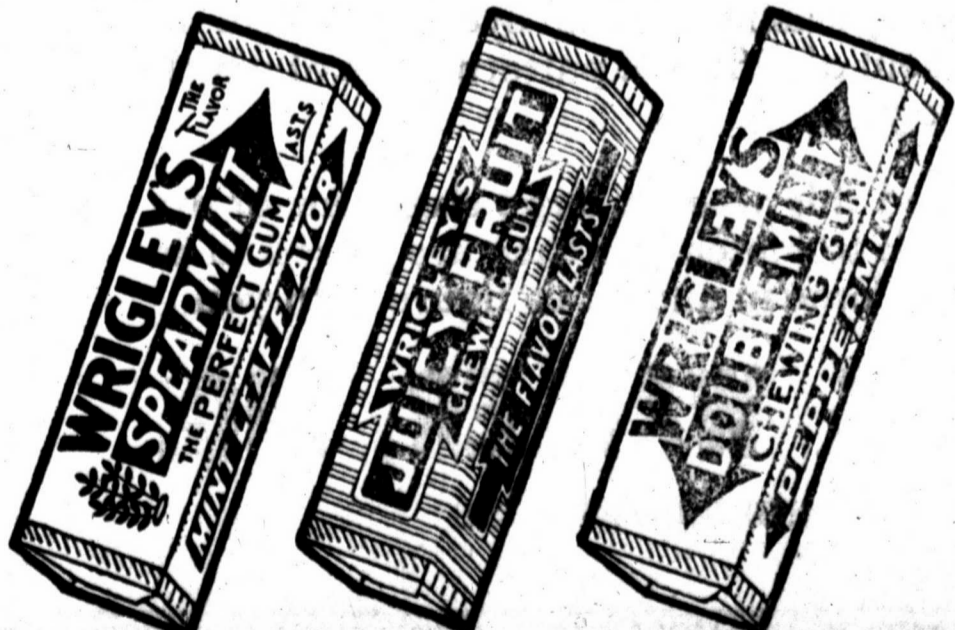
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TO ALL TRUSTEES AND TEACHERS

I take this means of addressing a general letter to the trustees and teachers of the county, and I trust that it may be of such general interest as will recommend it to your careful reading. It seems to be the most expedient method of reaching you all at the same time with the same information.

Some time ago the State Superintendent requested us to open our schools late in the season in order to permit the children to assist in harvesting the enormous cotton crop. Since the cotton crop in this county is very short this request could not consistently apply to us. As the boys will be needed worse next spring than now to work in the fields, I would recommend that all the schools open right away.

A great many of the schools have not received the new books. Where this is true it seems to me that we might be permitted to use the old books until the new ones arrive. There are possibly enough of the old books to be found in each neighborhood to supply the needs for the present. As the new books arrive they can be put immediately into the work with but little loss of time or energy on the part of the teacher who will exert himself to keep the thing going. We all deplore the delays and lost motion, but when it is impossible to get the desired system for a time we can only accept the conditions and take the best alternative available. The results obtained will depend largely upon the vigor and resourcefulness of us teachers, and we are expected to fit ourselves in good faith into the work and be on the alert for whatever we may do to promote the scholastic welfare during this confusion and uncertainty incident to the installation of the new book business. We are rather inclined to regard the free text book law with a degree of disfavor, but I believe that when our supply of books has been acquired, when we become sufficiently acquainted with the proper routine of the business, when we have fully adjusted ourselves to the new order of business and when a part of the red tape is done away with, it will meet with our approval and we shall be grateful for the passage of the law.

When your requisition for books has been filled and you find that you have not enough to supply the needs of the pupils you should make an emergency

order. An emergency order is sent to the depository of the text which you are ordering. For instance, if you desire five geographies you will find in the back of your register that the Southern School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, is the house from which you would order this particular text. When you have written the order, showing your post office, the name of the school and county and the name of the rail road station to which the books are to be shipped, you should have the chairman of the board to sign his official approval of the order and mail it out. At the same time you should mail an exact copy of the order, in all its details, to the State Department of Education, (Free Text Book Division) Austin, Texas.

The law provides for the sale and exchange of books. This is largely in the hands of the teacher and should be handled in the manner which was explained in the institute; but I would recommend to each parent that the child keep his old books as his own and let the State supply his needs. Then the child can use his own books at home and the free ones at school, thus avoiding the wear and tear and trouble incident to carrying books to and from school.

Permit me to correct the impression that pupils are not permitted to carry the books home with them and that if a book is soiled or torn in any way there is a penalty attached to it. This is not so. The pupil is free to use the book as his own so long as he does not abuse that privilege. A certain amount of wear and tear is to be reasonably expected. When a child, through carelessness or negligence, loses or abuses his book justice to the State would expect that he be required to make good the damage.

The State Department has failed to supply us with courses of study. I do not know why. As soon as I can secure them I will send them out to the teachers. The same thing is true with reference to book cards and book labels. The covers for the books have been ordered and will be paid for out of the school funds. As soon as they come I will supply them to the schools through the teachers. In the meantime I would advise that you use whatever cover may be available until the better kind may be obtained. We shall be obliged to exercise our own judgment as to the course of study until the State sends us its course. Until we get the book cards for keeping a record of the texts handed out and taken in, let us use such means as will guarantee certain information as to who has each and every book. The volumes should be numbered and each pupil charged in your record with the volume number of each text which he receives. Then when we finally get the cards we shall meet with no complication in correctly filing and filing them.

The compulsory attendance law will become operative in this county this year on Monday, October 27. It will cover a period of twenty consecutive weeks. It is expected that every pupil in the county will respond to the requirements of this law. For the convenience of teachers and patrons, cards were struck asking and answering the most commonly recurrent question in regard to this law and were handed to the teachers at the institute. It is our intention to be reasonable, but we hope to not be called upon to entertain equivocations and evasions on the part of any who might think that their political or social positions would exempt them from a proper application of the law. The law was evidently passed with the intention of protecting childhood against careless or vicious parents and to guarantee to each child full protection in its course of acquiring the fundamentals of an education and the preparation for citizenship. The State has come to the conclusion that ignorance in the future shall be



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Why Suffer?

Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Alderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere. We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. E-77"

a crime instead of a misfortune.

The State Supervisor of Rural Schools advises me that a number of our schools have been conditionally granted state aid. This means that if we meet the requirements the aid will be forthcoming. I would recommend that teachers and others interested get together and clean up the premises preparatory to making the proper impression when the State Visitor appears. Clean up also for the sake of cleanliness and health. It is a part of our duty to do this and to teach it.

Each school is required now by the State to give a regular course in thrift. You will receive literature and direction as to how to conduct the course. The purpose of it is to assist the government incidentally, and especially to change our country from a nation of spenders to a nation of makers and savers. Each school should at once organize itself into a Thrift Society and get down to business on that score. The government will call on us from time to time to report our efforts and our progress.

Pay-day for white teachers will be October 18, and each fourth week thereafter. For colored teachers it will come on October 25 and each fourth week following. Schools will generally suspend for Christmas on Friday, December 19. Teachers may be able to meet the joys of the season by meeting a pay-day on that date.

The law expects that the county superintendent will visit among the schools during four days in the week when practicable to do so. It is my intention to see all the schools in the county as often as in practicable and necessary, but it is not

my purpose to visit any school unless I have some practical and definite purpose and mission. People who wish to see the county superintendent personally should try to make it convenient to come to the office on Saturdays or Mondays, as I shall be in the office on those days but might be out at other times.

Permit me to say that we are to be congratulated upon the prospects in this county along educational lines when we are compared to other counties. All our schools have teachers, and our teachers are far above the average in scholarship. My experience with them in our county institute was extremely pleasant and inspired me with a hope and a confidence which I did not have until that time. If we give them our support, and if we assist them as we should in our relation as patrons, there is good reason for scholastic optimism.

Teachers, this is a time for seriousness in our endeavor. As

we enter into our year's work let us be constantly reminded of the great opportunity laid at our doors—opportunities never experienced by any person outside our profession. Our country is calling upon us to work, work, work and inculcate true Americanism. We should feel complimented indeed to hear such a nation constantly showing us this favor and paying us this tribute. The spirit of bolshevism, anarchy and mob violence pervades the atmosphere. You teachers possess the antidote for those poisonous doctrines, and you can administer it through the child of today, the man of tomorrow.

With every good wish for a pleasant year's work,
Yours sincerely,
J. H. Rosser.

Our stock of Groceries are always fresh. We never let them lie on the shelf to get stale, but keep them moving. If you want the best, come and see us.
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Those who purchase shares in the Caddo-Cotton Plant Oil & Gas Association have an interest in all the leases and in all wells drilled upon the leases. We have sufficient area to keep us busy drilling for several years. Just as certain as we drill we are going to get the pay—no wild cat to this—ask oil men about Stephens county, and if they know anything they can tell you.

We are selling sufficient to drill two wells. We are capitalized for sufficient to drill three and to pay for expenses of floating the issue. No big promotion fees—no big salaries to anyone to eat up the stockholder's interest. After selling sufficient to drill the two wells, stock is off the market until first well is brought in—then the remainder of the stock will be offered at par to the original stockholder in proportion to his original holdings—this is to be done whether the stock is worth many times above par or not—but when first well comes in, stock will be considerably above par.

Don't forget the fact that we are going to get that first well and then others.

Fill out the application blank and mail to the Caddo-Cotton Plant Oil & Gas Company at Breckenridge, Texas, or see me while I am in Houston county. I am not here for the purpose of selling stock, but I simply offer this opportunity to my friends and acquaintances in Houston county while here on other business. Get in or stay out as you like—we would rather have you with us for we are as certain as one can be that we shall have producing oil wells within a short time.

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Capital Stock \$250,000.00 Shares \$1.00 Par Value
CADDO-COTTON PLANT OIL & GAS COMPANY,
Breckenridge, Texas.

I herewith make application for _____ shares of stock at \$1.00 par value each, in the CADDO-COTTON PLANT OIL & GAS COMPANY, of Breckenridge, Texas. I understand that the issuing of these shares of beneficial interest is subject to the acceptance of the company, who reserve the right to return my subscription in full should this stock be over-subscribed at the time this application is received.

Name _____

Address _____

Make all checks payable to
CADDO-COTTON PLANT OIL & GAS COMPANY.

J. N. SNELL, President and Field Manager

THE MONTHLY LIVE STOCK SALES DAY

Wednesday, October 23— Many Inquiries and Much Interest.

Nothing the Commercial Club has ever undertaken has aroused an interest equal to the plan of establishing a regular monthly sales day in Crockett, not only for live stock but for all kinds of personal property.

The success of the first of these sales days, which occurred on the 17th of last month, demonstrated conclusively that the plan is popular and is going to receive the support of the people. Letters have been received by the secretary asking when the next sale is to take place and if they are to be a regular event, etc. The mail carriers are asked the same questions all over the county and the farmers who call at our office and those we meet on the street stop and make these inquiries. There is no possible doubt about having struck a sentiment among our people that is practically unanimous, and all that we have to do to make these events as profitable as they are in other localities is for everyone in Crockett to realize what they will mean to our city and county and lend every assistance possible.

Better Housing Needed.

The one serious defect demonstrated at our first sales day was the lack of stabling facilities for the stock that was brought here. Only open fields had been provided and it was a bright day and some of the stock needed shaded stables in which to wait for the hour of the sale, and a good deal of hustling around had to be made before such accommodations were found, and some stock was taken away and did

not return for the lack of this feature of the arrangements. It is now proposed that every citizen of Crockett who has a barn or shed with a vacant stall or pen report to the Commercial Club at once so that in case not enough places can be found that provision may be made to build what may be thought necessary.

Don't Let Us Undervalue.

It will be a serious mistake if our citizens should underestimate the importance of this matter of creating a regular sales day that will bring together not only interested people from all over the county literally by the thousand, but buyers from adjoining counties and when we get an established reputation for offering high grade stock under conditions that will enable all who wish to improve the character of their herds it will surprise the most optimistic of our enterprising citizens in regard to the large number of outside people these events regularly attract to our city. More details of our next sales day, the 23rd of this month, will appear in following issues of this paper.

Industrial Opportunities.

Important eastern financial interests propose to establish industrial plants in Texas for the purpose of manufacturing automobiles, tractors, motor trucks, engines, agricultural implements, etc., and before making any definite moves as to location must ascertain the facts as to the available skilled labor required.

Texas furnished 181,863 men, all of them having seen service in army, navy and marines. Eighty per cent of these men are now home, and many of them learned while in the service industrial trades and are efficient mechanics, or at least have the rudiments of some special mechanical department that would make them serviceable in any manufactory such as

those contemplated by the eastern capitalists. As said before, the very first matter to be clearly established is that of available labor, and this can only be done by a systematized labor canvas.

Our Labor Strength.

A canvas of all the counties of the state is now being made and a request has reached Crockett to have one made here, and it is proposed that every returned soldier, sailor or marine who has any practical knowledge of mechanics shall call at the Commercial Club and register the name and address and state in what particular branch he is trained. To those who live at a distance and do not frequently visit our city, a letter or postal card can be addressed to the secretary. Now, this canvas is not to be confined to those who have seen government service, but any and all other mechanics who would like to encourage the location of a manufacturing plant in this section, should also register.

Importance of This.

The information goes on to say that these proposed developments are of gigantic magnitude. One of the developments at least would cost twelve million dollars. The financial, executive, operating, engineering and mechanical heads know their respective lines from A to Z. They take nothing for granted, but these labor surveys must be made to know before hand every factor that is essential to the successful manufacturing and distribution of its products.

Our Opportunity.

Among the industries offered are those requiring in the shape of raw material large supplies of hard wood lumber. Knowing that Houston county is probably better supplied in this respect than any county in the state, you can see how important it is that we should make this

labor survey complete and do it promptly, so that we can be first among the localities bidding for preferment.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship

No. 1523. The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Houston County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the welfare of Frank Dominy, a minor: Mrs. Clara Dominy has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estate of said minor, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in November, A. D. 1919, the same being the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but you have before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 3rd day of October, A. D. 1919.

A. E. Owens, Clerk,
County Court, Houston
(Seal) County, Texas.
2t. By W. D. Collins, Deputy.

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

DANGER EITHER WAY.

Trades unionism is an excellent thing; it is a weapon against the tyranny of capital.

Capital is a necessary thing; without it no industry can develop.

But the overdevelopment of either is dangerous to democracy—and democracy must survive and must rule. When either of them attempts to be master rather than servant of the body politic, our freedom and our national existence is menaced by a disaster as grave as invasion by a foreign foe.

Radicalism either way will accomplish no good results.

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GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purified and Free From Colds by Taking Calotabs, the Nauseless Calomel Tablets, that are Delightful, Safe and Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purified and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Every druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not perfectly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.)

HOPE THAT WILSON MAY SOON BE WELL NOW SWEEP ASIDE

Impossible to Leave Bed "for
Extended Period" Physicians
Now Say.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Hope that President Wilson soon might regain his normal health and resume fully the duties of his office was swept away Saturday by his physicians, who announced that it would be impossible for him to leave his bed "for an extended period."

The announcement, made after a consultation between Rear Admiral Grayson and the three assisting physicians, said there had been no interruption of the president's slow improvement, but emphasized that he still had a long road to travel before complete recovery.

The physicians announcement brought home to officials the possible effect of the president's illness on public affairs and renewed discussion as to what expedient might be adopted, should the press of executive business reach a point demanding more attention than he could give it.

The constitution provides that in case of the president's disability, the vice president shall act as chief executive, but there is no precedent for such a transfer of authority.

The physicians' announcement was not taken to mean that Mr. Wilson would be prohibited from sitting up in bed and it was considered entirely possible that he might be permitted to sign a few important bills and orders each day as his progress continues. That will be a matter to be decided later. And the disposition of officials seems to be to let any question of his disability solve itself as specific cases arise.

Besides Mr. Grayson, the physicians who took part in the consultation were: Dr. F. X. Dercum of Philadelphia, an expert on nervous disorders; Rear Admiral E. R. Stitt, head of the naval hospital, and Dr. Sterling Ruffin of Washington.

At 9:45 p. m. the following bulletin was issued at the White House:

"The president has had a comfortable day.

"Grayson."

Every day brings its payroll robbery and bank robbery in our large cities. The public has become so familiarized with the features which are standard in all the exploits that it hardly gives any recognition to the news. It merely compares the amount of the loot with that obtained yesterday, and forgets about it. Why get excited? There'll be another tomorrow.

FAMOUS OLD TONIC BREAKS UP MALARIA CHILLS IN 3 DAYS

SO GOOD THAT PROMINENT
PHYSICIANS EVERYWHERE
ARE PRESCRIBING IT.

The next time you get an attack of malaria, ague, etc., go to your dealer and get a bottle of Swamp Chill and Fever Tonic. It will break up the chills in three or four days, and give you relief as you've never had before.

Swamp Chill Tonic does its work quickly and surely, without any unpleasant effects. It contains no calomel, and is tasteless. It is made of purely vegetable ingredients and iron—exactly the combination for the effective relief of malaria, ague, chills, fever, colds, grippe, etc.

Hundreds of people write letters about Swamp Chill Tonic like J. T. Nelson of Bivens, Texas, who says, "Swamp Chill and Fever Tonic has always cured the chills for me and I know it is the best chill tonic on the market."

You, too, will say the same, once you have tried this famous old remedy. At your dealer's—60c a bottle. Get one today.

NOT CONFINED TO LIVE STOCK

The Next Monthly Livestock
Sales Day is Wednesday,
October 22.

Interest in these events is rapidly developing throughout the county and farmers are beginning to realize that the permanent establishment of a day in each month that will bring together those who have stock to sell and those who wish to purchase live stock means the beginning of a new order of things that will become a valuable factor in their operations.

There is nothing that farmers in Houston county can engage in that will bring better returns than raising live stock provided he can find a reliable market whenever he wants to sell. This monthly sales day is the one factor that guarantees his success, and he can now proceed to work this feature of his activities to the limit of his resources.

As stated in previous announcements, these sales days are not confined to the handling of live stock, but all kinds of personal property is included. Farm implements, and household goods and farm products that cannot be readily disposed of in the usual way can here find an outlet that should prove convenient and profitable. The merchants of Crockett will all have something of especial interest to offer on these days, making it a general bargain day for certain lines of goods, so that the farmer folks can depend upon finding many interesting articles displayed at attractive prices.

While the management would like to get as much advance information as possible in regard to the stock that is to be offered, no one need hesitate about bringing in animals because they have neglected to notify the secretary of their intention of doing so. You may not have decided to bring an animal or more until too late to notify, but it will make no difference, just bring them along, the more the better. There is no expense on the part of the owner covering the sale, as that is borne by the merchants of Crockett through the Commercial Club. There has been some unusual delays in regard to getting a car load of registered Holstein cattle here in time for this sale, but it is highly probable they will reach here for the November sale.

Every Farmer a Home Owner.

The reader will remember that several months ago the Commercial Club adopted this as a slogan in reference to its support of the Federal Farm Loan Association that comprises one of the most important of its activities covering the work the Club is doing for the benefit of the farmers of Houston county. It will be interesting to hear that this effort has met with signal success in enabling the tenant farmer to become the owner of the land he is cultivating. There were thirty-two new applicants for the month of September and nearly one half of these were tenants who had decided to buy the land they had been tilling, or other farms that would hereafter be their permanent homes, and the month of October promises to make an even better record in this respect.

Mr. George M. Reynolds, President of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, and personally known by the writer, said some very pertinent things in a speech he made last week at the American Bankers Association convention in St. Louis: For instance: "The American home has been the great institution of this country which has meant the most for democracy, good government and the preservation of individual rights. It is the foundation of our institutions. The home owner is the most patriotic and thoughtful citizen.

He is the man and she is the woman who takes an interest in good government, in preserving the peace in an orderly condition of society. The man who has anchored himself by establishing a home of his own, instinctively opposes anything which causes his anchor to drag or cuts the cable. Orderliness, stability, responsibility and reliability go with the home owning condition."

The financial aid necessary to enable every tenant farmer in the county to become a home owner is available through the Government Farm Loan Association that is supported by the Commercial Club. Over two hundred thousand dollars of this five and one-half per cent money on thirty-years time, has already been distributed in the county, and there is as much more available as may be necessary to lift every eight and ten per cent mortgage and provide every farmer a home of his own. Call on the Secretary and get a leaflet giving full information, or drop him a postal asking that one be mailed you.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

It Was Rare Old Whiskey, But Costly.

Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 11.—Four saloon keepers were fleeced out of a cool \$2600 by four bold and clever swindlers Friday, when a smooth, dapper looking "salesman" went to a Kenosha saloon keeper and said he had four barrels of whiskey to sell and that he had the liquor saved from the wreckage of a big company on July 1, safely stored away in a barn in Kenosha, he offered it for \$790 a barrel. The saloon keeper got three companions and all four went to the barn to sample the product. The salesman had three companions there and they tapped each barrel for their prospective customers. The saloon keepers smacked their lips at the sample, had the whiskey hauled over to their saloons and paid down the \$2800. That was the last they ever saw of the four Milwaukeeans.

Late Friday one of the saloon keepers went to his barrel of the rare old juice to get another sample. He turned on the spigot but no whiskey was forthcoming. Then he got worried. He broke in the top of the barrel and found gallons of Lake Michigan water and around the spigot a tin can which had been filled with the luscious liquor which had disappeared down his throat in two drinks. He called the other saloon keepers and each of them, after an investigation found that he, too, had paid \$790 for two drinks of rare old whiskey.

Notice of Filing Account— Estates.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Filing Account—Estates of Decedents. The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the estate of M. M. Baker, deceased.

Arch Baker, administrator, has filed in the County Court of Houston County, Texas, his final account showing the conditions of said estate, and has made application to this Court for discharge as administrator of said estate, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the first Monday, in November, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett,



—“and from there we went to Japan”

Talk about adventures!

Men in the Navy come home with the kind of experiences that most chaps read of only in the books.

Here's your chance!

Uncle Sam has, as you know, a big Navy and gives red-blooded young fellows like you an opportunity to step aboard and "shove off".

What will you get out of it?

Just this:

A chance to rub elbows with foreign folks in strange parts of the world.

The chance for good honest work on shipboard—the kind of work that teaches you something real; the kind of work that puts

beef on your shoulders and hair on your chest.

You will get 30 care-free vacation days a year, not counting shore leave in home or foreign ports.

You will have the kind of comradeship in travel that sailors know.

You will have regular pay, over and above your meals, lodging and your first uniform outfit—good stuff all of it.

You can join for two years. When you get through you'll be physically and mentally "tuned up" for the rest of your life. You'll be ready through and through for SUCCESS.

There's a Recruiting Station right near you. If you don't know where it is, your Postmaster will be glad to tell you.

To any Father and Mother:—

In the Navy your boy's food, health, work and play, and moral welfare are looked after by responsible experts.

Shove off! - Join the U. S. Navy

Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said account, should they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this October 8th, A. D. 1919.

(Seal) A. E. Owens,
Clerk County Court,
Houston County, Texas.
3t. By W. D. Collins, Deputy.

MORAL—DON'T BORROW.

A man who was too stingy to subscribe for his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes

looked like a warty summer squash. His father ran to his assistance, and failing to notice the barb wire fence, he ran into that, cutting a hole in his anatomy and ruining a \$5 pair of trousers. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing a racket, the wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn full of cream into a basket of little chickens, drowning the entire hatch. In her haste she dropped a \$35 set of false teeth. The baby, having been left alone, crawled through the milk into the parlor, ruining a brand-new \$25 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails of four fine shirts on the clothes line.—Sebree (Ky.) Banner.

Now Is the Time To Buy a Home

Can sell you improved farms from \$20.00 to \$40.00 an acre on easy terms, with about one-third cash. Some of these have improvements that would cost the money.

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to buy the better drugs and toilet articles is always the place which endeavors to please in treatment and quality.

Price is a duller matter.

Yet price is important enough for us to give it the consideration which belongs to our patrons and their belief in us.

Our prescription counter is always on the job for quick service and accurate work.

Crockett Drug Company
The House of Service.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Walter Bennett and D. O. Kiessling have started work on their new residences on North street.

Go tell R. L. Shivers your wagon trouble; let him prescribe the Winona, and your troubles will vanish. 2t.

Prepare for the cold weather before it gets here. Lots of heaters, pipe and elbows at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Mrs. Hume Johnston of New York was called to Crockett by the critical illness of her father, Mr. J. R. Howard.

Kelly's Flint Edge, black double bit axe, the best made, special price, this week only, \$2.50 at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Herman Howard was called home from Lake Charles, La., by the serious illness of his father, Mr. J. R. Howard.

Wanted to Buy—Twenty or twenty-five thousand heart pine shingles at once. Address lock box 247, Crockett, Texas. tf

For first class monuments at best price see John Rosamond of Elkhart, Texas. Material and workmanship guaranteed. Well known, having ten years experience. 4t.*

Genuine Simonds six-foot crosscut saws for \$7.50 at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Lost—A pink cameo lavalier. \$5.00 reward for return to me. 2t* Mrs. H. R. Saye.

We are still selling the best flour made for \$3.20. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

Mrs. Hail's Millinery Parlors is going to show its appreciation of old and new customers by giving a 10 per cent reduction on all millinery on livestock sales day. If you are not an old customer, you can be a new customer. 1t.

It will mean money to us both if you will get our price on syrup cans before you buy. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Wood saws, shingles mills, cane mills. See us for figures. Smith-Murchison Hardware Co. tf.

Evans Swan of Tyler was here Sunday and Monday to return home with Mrs. Swan, who has been visiting Miss Clarite Elliott.

It's no joke—those Winona Wagons are better than the others. If you will only try one, you will say the same. R. L. Shivers sells them.

For Sale.
Desirable building lot south of my residence. 1t. Dr. W. C. Lipscomb.

Grist mills and syrup pans are some of the things we handle; in fact, when you can not find it elsewhere, come to the Smith-Murchison Hardware Company. tf.

Bond Election Carried.
The road bond election held at Kennard Saturday, to determine whether the Kennard district should issue bonds for road improvement, carried by a vote of 132 against 7.

License for the marriage of Roland Shaw and Miss Gertrude Nelms was issued Tuesday afternoon. Both are prominent young people of Lovelady. They have the best wishes of many friends in Crockett and elsewhere.

The second monthly livestock sales day in Crockett is Wednesday, October 22. The day Mrs. Hail's Millinery Parlors will make a 10 per cent reduction in the price of all millinery is Wednesday, October 22. These are two important events in the town's history and are worth remembering. 1t.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! More shoes and better shoes. That is what we have. We have them, too, that are made out of Cow Leather, the kind that will stay with you. Now, we would hate to tell that shoes were cheap, but our prices are the lowest that can be had for the kind. 2t. R. L. Shivers.

Announcement.
Dr. G. O. Dickson has moved across from court house on west side of square where he will have his optical parlor and first-class jewelry store. Mr. G. B. Hill will be in charge of watch making and repair department. We guarantee and our motto is satisfaction. The store will be known as the Dickson Jewelry and Optical Store. 1t. Dr. G. O. Dickson.

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WILSON'S CONDITION IS OFFICIAL TOPIC

WHITE HOUSE WOULD DIS- ABUSE PUBLIC MIND OF ANY ANXIETY.

Washington, Oct. 13.—While the actual condition of President Wilson and the question that has arisen of his constitutional inability to discharge the duties of his office were being discussed officially in the senate committee on foreign relations, the White House Monday took steps to disabuse the public mind of any cause for anxiety.

To counteract the effect of the published letter of Senator Moses, who informed a constituent that the president is suffering from "some kind of a cerebral lesion" the physicians in attendance prepared and issued a more elaborate bulletin than usual at 12:15 p. m. The bulletin follows:

Physicians' Bulletin.

"The president's condition remains much the same as for the past several days. His temperature, with the exception of one day, pulse and respiration rate,

heart action and blood pressure are normal and have been so since the onset of his illness. His kidneys are functioning normally. — Grayson, Ruffin, Stitt."

It was noted that this bulletin, although frankly intended to set at rest the sensational rumors current concerning the illness of the president, carefully avoided any reference to the character of his ailment. In none of the official statements issued from the White House since his return to Washington has there been any statement of the diagnosis made by the specialists called to the bedside of Mr. Wilson. It is this suppression of the facts that accounts for the rumors concerning the president's physical and mental condition that have been flying thick and fast for the last ten days.

Rumors Are Ignored.

Dr. Grayson again declined either to affirm or deny the authenticity of Senator Moses' statement, explaining that he and the consulting physicians had agreed not to comment one way or the other upon current rumors and to confine themselves to the information vouchsafed in the daily official bulletins.

Dr. Grayson says that while

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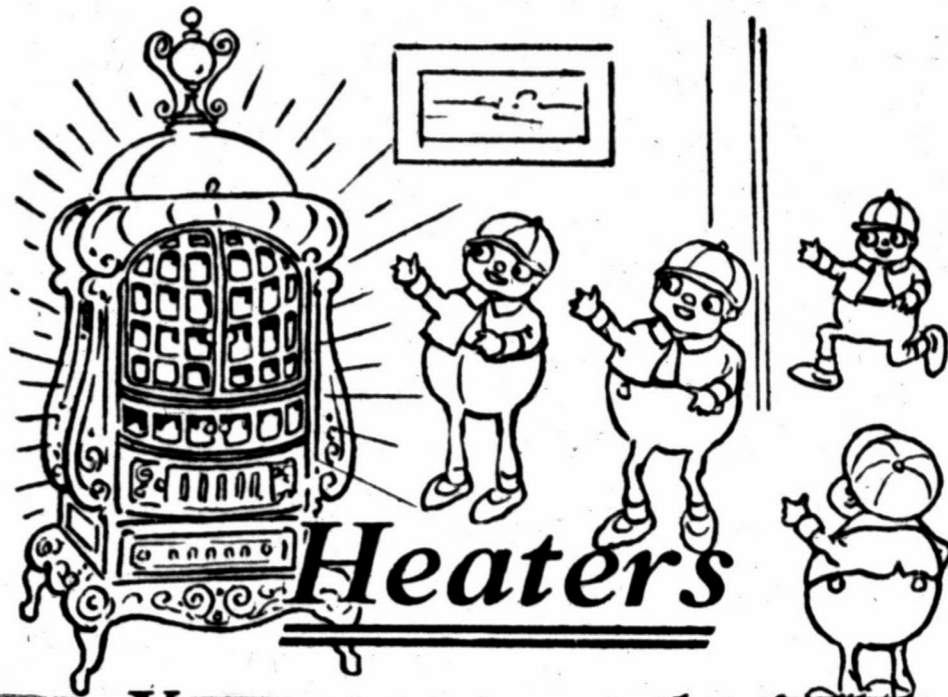
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he deems it necessary for the president to rest, both physically and mentally, some occasion might arise that would cause him to grant permission for the transaction of public business by Mr. Wilson. He added that the mind of the president is perfectly clear and that he is capable of forming instant judgment on any matter that might require his attention.

The physician expresses the utmost confidence in the ultimate recovery of the president, explaining the present precautions are for the purpose of preventing any relapse. While refusing to discuss the actual ailment of the executive, Dr. Grayson said that no information concerning his condition would be withheld from the public at any time.

The question of the inability of the president to perform his constitutional functions was raised unexpectedly in the senate committee on foreign relations by Senator Williams of Mississippi, one of the democratic leaders and probably the president's most intimate friend in the senate.

The committee had taken up the resolution of Senator Poin-dexter of Washington calling upon President Wilson for certain information about the Shantung settlement. Senator Williams contended it would not be good taste to adopt such a resolution in view of the president's condition, and reminded the committee that congress refrained from taking any action requiring the chief executive's attention during the brief period between the shooting and the death of President McKinley.

Resolution Postponed.

The question was finally disposed of by the committee's decision to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

The action of the foreign relations committee, coupled with the publication of the letter from

Senator Moses of New Hampshire, describing the president's ailment as a brain lesion, was the all absorbing topic of conversation about the senate. Some senators were of the opinion that Senator Williams' objection had created a situation in which the only course for the senate to follow would be to request an official statement of the president's condition. If it were a fact that he is unable to discharge his duties, the senate should know of this to guide it in its future proceedings, they contended.

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Crockett Motor Co.**Some Points Offered on Road Building.**

Crockett, Texas, Oct. 13, 1919.
Editor Courier:

As the county has voted quite a sum in bond issues for road building, and will probably vote quite a lot more, I deem it appropriate to discuss briefly some of the chief factors of road construction.

The average citizen and the average voter has a very limited knowledge of road construction, even in its most crude and simple form, and as a result the amount usually voted for that purpose is inadequate to meet

the requirements and much dissatisfaction results therefrom. The tax payer feels that he has been skinned and robbed of his share of the funds and that the other fellow got the pie, etc. This condition is largely due to the lack of information as to the cost per mile to build even a permanent bases for good road construction.

Permanent road construction is today the most thoroughly sought science of the time, and we cannot expect to even approach this phase of the science, yet we can look to the building of the proper foundation, which in itself is very much overlooked by many counties and districts that are building roads throughout the State.

In this article I shall attempt to discuss what should be termed foundation work for road construction, and shall only touch upon the finishing touch. Building a foundation for a good road is like building a railroad bed. The road should be located as near as practical upon the best ground. A maximum curve and a maximum grade should be established as with railroads, for it is of no avail to have one station of road so steep that you can't get over it, for this one hill will control your load the entire distance of the road. You have to load for the worst portion of the road and the good is of no service except to save time. Drainage should be looked into very carefully. Serious mistakes are made by carrying water too far, or by diverting it from its natural course, besides the county is liable to get a damage suit should they divert water from its natural course and injure the individual. Grade line in a broken country should be laid so as to give advantage of the two way haul. The cuts should be made to construct the fills; thus do away with waste dirt to a very great extent. In fills a well defined birm should be allowed not less than three feet and more in pro-

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portion to the depth of the fill. Well defined ditches should be given in the cuts and the proper slope should be given to prevent caving in. Substantial bridges and culverts should be constructed at the proper places and not constructed haphazardly without any reference to drainage as is so frequent, and especially in laying drain pipes or pipe culverts.

With the proper foundation to begin with it becomes a very simple matter to surface your road, either with clay or gravel. In constructing the foundation of such road as outlined above, the cost of course depends upon the topography of the locality, and I shall base my estimate of cost upon a basis of 20 feet crown and an average of one foot fill or cut, allowing the same ratio for any given depth of cut or fill. Upon this basis, the yardage will run about 8000 per mile, and at a cost of 25 cents per yard would cost \$1000 per mile for grading alone; to this about \$200 per mile can be added for bridges, culverts, etc. I take it that this county will average something like 2 to 3 feet cut or fill per station or in the neighborhood of \$2500 per mile, and possibly \$3000 per mile, taking into account bridging, etc. It will probably cost \$2000 to surface this road, with about 9 inches of clay, and to my mind an all clay road is little better than an all sand road, and to gravel this road it would run the total cost to \$6000 or \$7000 per mile.

These observations are submitted in good faith, and if further discussion is desired I shall take pleasure in submitting a more detailed plan of work. I had an occasion several years ago to build a combination road of sand and clay, and the road is standing yet in fair condition, and it has had very little care and attention. This road I was able to build very cheaply, for I only had to excavate the soil

about 12 inches to 2 feet to reach clay. When I got to the clay I removed enough to give the road about 8 inches clay foundation, first filling back with soil, then clay and top dressing with 2 or 3 inches of sand. This clay foundation gives enough firmness to prevent the wagons sinking into the sand, and the sand prevented the clay from sticking in wet weather. The sand gradually worked into the clay and it made a very firm and serviceable road. This type of road, I think, can be built more cheaply in this county than any other

type of its merit and I think it well to look into this character of road thoroughly before deciding upon an all clay road. Trusting that some one may find something from these observations worth while and that what is done shall be done in the interest of county or district doing the work, I am very truly,
/ H. G. Guinn,
Civil Engineer and Surveyor.

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Mrs. W. V. Clark, Miss Edyth Clark, Mrs. Madie Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Croft and children, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hobson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clark and children and Rev. Mr. Alexander were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. E. Mayes Tuesday afternoon. All were from Mineral Wells except Mr. and Mrs. Hobson and son, who were from Fort Worth.

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Birthday Celebration.

A pleasing social affair of the week was the barbecue dinner given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bishop at their pretty home in North Crockett, being the 79th birthday anniversary of their father, Mr. A. LeGory. Mr. Bishop had invited two of Mr. LeGory's friends and associates, Col. N. B. Barbee and Judge E. Winfree, in honor of the day. Those of the family, children and grand-children, present were: Mrs. Lucina Long, Mrs. Hortense Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory, Mr. and Mrs. Wortham LeGory and Mr. Lipscomb LeGory, with his young lady friend, Miss Ella Temple; LeGory and Vaughn Bishop and Joe and Elizabeth LeGory.

Covers were laid for eighteen guests and four courses were

served—soup, barbecued mutton and pork and many delightful refreshments, including ice cream and cake. Dainty place cards bore the following poetic inscription: "May good luck and happiness call and leave for you their best on this day; may the joy they bring to you keep your sky a cloudless blue all life's way."

The home was especially attractive in its floral decorations. Following the dinner a pleasant social afternoon was enjoyed, the guests parting only with the wish that Mr. LeGory may live to celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary. A Guest.

PLAN FOR 576,000 ARMY CONDEMNED

Washington, Oct. 11.—Condemning the basic system of the war department army reorganization plan as costly and inefficient, Major Thompkins McIlvaine, of the military training camps association, urged on the house military affairs committee adoption of a six months plan for universal military training and advanced training for officers, and a reduction in the size of the proposed standing army far below the 576,000 proposed by the department.

The association originated and fathered the scheme of officers' training camps held throughout the country prior to the war. Major McIlvaine explained and had presented to congress the national service act which was introduced by Senator Chamberlain and Representative Kahn.

"We do not want and we do not need in time of peace any such professional force as a standing army of over half a million men, while in time of war even so large a professional army would be wholly inadequate for national defense," said Major McIlvaine.

"A large standing army is not only the most expensive system but it is uneconomic, undemocratic and un-American. It is opposed to the idea of a reduction of armaments and so is the anti-thesis of any league of nations. And, finally, it is impracticable because of the impossibility of obtaining recruits in sufficient numbers.

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"From the military standpoint the universal training provisions are valueless, because (1) the period of training is too short as already stated; because (2) the young men trained are not organized territorially, according to the places of residences in a reserve; (3) because no adequate provision is made

for the training of citizens as officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted specialists to act as the leaders of the citizen army; and (4) because no citizens, not even the half trained young men, can be summoned to the colors or organized into units until after a formal declaration of war, and even then we shall have to wait until, through the slow machinery of the draft law, they can be registered, examined, selected, called to the colors, given additional training and knit into some organization."

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