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TEXAS DEMOCRACY WINS BY 130,000

Total Vote Cast 387,599; Legislature to Canvass Governor's Vote.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—Election of the state democratic ticket by a majority of approximately 130,000 is shown in the canvass of the returns of the November general election, completed today by the state election board. The total vote cast was 387,599. Figures include all state officers except governor and lieutenant governor, returns for which offices are to be canvassed by the regular session of the legislature, which convenes Jan. 11 next.

George Terrell, democratic candidate for commissioner of agriculture, received the highest vote, 310,790. Miss Annie Webb

Blanton, superintendent of public institution, was second with 309,834, and C. M. Cureton, attorney general, third with 309,407.

Joe Kingsbury Jr., led the republican ticket with 91,375. William Blakeslee for controller, was the highest American party candidate, with 56,060. Andrew McCampbell, candidate for controller, was the black and tan republican leader with 27,041, and M. L. Matthews, also candidate for controller, was the highest socialist candidate, his vote being 7,723.

The presidential vote of various parties in Texas was: Democratic, 289,688; republican, 115,640; black and tan, 27,517; American 47,669, and socialist 8,149.

Switzerland is believed to have a greater proportion of deaf mutes than any other civilized nation, about 245 to each 100,000 residents, compared with 79 elsewhere in Europe and 68 in America.

DAIRY FARMERS FROM THE NORTH

Dairying is beginning to attract the attention of thoughtful farmers all through the South. The press is frequently publishing additional evidence of this fact and a general dairy movement is on the way, which is one of the most encouraging signs that indicates a studied determination to get away from present discouraging methods.

The evidence in favor of the movement is conclusive; the question of how to best get about it in a way that will be most effective is the part that each community must solve for itself, as the conditions are so varying that no set plan of operations will fit every case.

What the farmer most needs is to be shown how to get into the cream separator club with what he has on hand. Or at least shown how he can get a good start that will, if rightly followed up, carry him into the circle of "Pay as you go" neighbors who are steadily but surely getting away from their old unsatisfactory entanglements.

One practical dairyman in a community will do more by his example towards converting others to the practice than all other influences combined. What this country most needs is a sprinkling of dairymen from the North who rightfully understand the business to demonstrate what can be done here where the natural conditions are so much more favorable. The price of land in the northern dairy sections has become almost prohibitive, averaging not less than \$350 per acre, and when it is known that our 15 to 40 dollar an acre land will make more money devoted to scientific dairying than the high priced land that they have for several generations been so successfully handling, it should interest them.

Immigration Movement.

What we are leading up to is just this: We believe that a well developed plan to induce young dairy farmers from the North to come here to engage in dairying, something they know all about, that it can be made successful. With this belief having a strangle hold on us, it is the plan to secure six months' or a year's option on say fifty farms of 80 to 200 acres each, suitably adapted to dairying, and then send a representative up into that northern dairy country while there is two to three feet of snow on the ground and as many feet of frost in the ground, and explain the many advantages of this country over theirs and bring a car load of them down here to be shown. Some will say that many northerners have been induced to come down into this country in recent years, but nearly all have returned dissatisfied. This is easily explained. These farmers came here to engage in general farming, but principally growing cotton, something they knew nothing about and a poor crop or two discouraged and sent them back north. But now we propose bringing them down here to follow a branch of farming they know all about and in which they have made a success under conditions much less favorable. It will cost a man who wishes to start in the dairy business in any of the northern states \$35,000 to \$40,000 to buy a hundred acre farm, while here

he can get a hundred acres better suited to his purpose from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and we can get him half of this amount through the Federal Land Bank at 5½ per cent interest for thirty-five years. See what this first step would mean to him. Then he would bring a good sized dairy herd with him and within a week after he arrived he would be getting a steady cash income with about one tenth the amount invested in land, and under conditions that would enable him to see success right from the start. We would like to hear from those who have farms for sale.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Negro Preacher Stays in Well When Drawer Is Arrested.

Eagle Lake, Texas, Dec. 17.—Left down in a well with no one to pull him up where he remained many hours before he attracted attention of people on the surface, is the experience of Perry Hawkins, a negro preacher. Hawkins was cleaning out a well near here and the owner of the property on which the well is located was assisting him, being engaged in pulling up the buckets of mud and dirt as Hawkins filled them at the bottom. As the work progressed officers appeared on the scene and placed the drawer under arrest on charges that had been filed against him. In the moment of excitement, the owner left in company with the officers and forgot all about the preacher down in the well. When the next bucket was ready to be drawn Hawkins gave the signal, but there was no response. He gave another signal—still no response. He waited awhile and gave another signal, but there was nothing doing at the top. He waited still longer and still nothing doing. When the evening shadows began to fall, the preacher began to realize it was no joke, for he had already been in the cold water about as long as he could stand it. He began to yell and pray and in the course of time he attracted the attention of some negro women who were passing in that direction who pulled him up.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We have the same number of subscription renewals that we had last week and should not complain so long as we are not losing ground. While we would not get mad if we had a larger list, we are not going to get mad because the list is not larger. The Courier has just as much appreciation for every subscription renewal when there are few as when there are many. A merry Christmas to all of you.

Among the number calling to renew or subscribe or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last issue are the following:

Miss Nanolene Parrish, Crockett.

Texas University, Austin.
Mrs. H. W. Moore, Crockett.
Alvin Waller, Lovelady Rt. 2.
W. F. Grounds, Crockett Rt. 1.
H. G. Hurt, Trinity.
John A. Grant, Crockett.
Mrs. W. A. Norris for Miss Nora Goodgion, Christine.

Nationwide Census Taken Recently Cost \$23,765,000.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The annual report of the census bureau, made public tonight by Director Rogers, estimates that the recent nationwide enumeration, covering a period of three years, ending June 30 last, cost \$23,765,000. As but \$22,550,000 was appropriated by congress, the bureau will be required to ask congress for a deficiency appropriation of \$1,215,000.

Textile Unions Accept Wage Cut Under Protest.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 19.—The textile unions of this city voted on Sunday night to continue work under protest on the new wage scale to go into effect Monday in the mills here, representing 22½ per cent reduction in wages. A two-thirds vote of the 10 unions is necessary to declare a strike, and only one of the unions voted in favor of such action.

A Merry, Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year

To our friends and patrons—thanking them for the unusual volume of business we have enjoyed since our very recent opening.

We have made special efforts to get for you the best in the line of candies, nuts, fruits and lunches of all kinds. We solicit a continuance of your valued patronage.

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Christmas Greetings to You

The profound significance of Christmas impels us to set aside the all-absorbing cares of daily life and heed the promptings of that feeling of fellow-love and good will, which wells up in our beings and finds expression in a full-hearted wish for your prosperity.

May the rich blessings of Heart, Home and Country be abundantly yours; may Joy and Recompense come to you and may it be our privilege to add to your success.

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May the glorious light of Christmas morn suffuse your heart with the warmth of a joy and peace unspeakable, and the days that follow, every one, be rich in appreciation of this good light.

Millar & Berry
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Merry Christmas

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

May you be given the gift of becoming as a little child—enjoying without questioning, owning without doubting, laughing without wondering, and being glad of everything—so shall you now then that we are wishing you a provision of the Kingdom.

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That good honey for Christmas at R. L. Shivers'. 1t.

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Eugene Kennedy is at home from Texas University, Austin.

Get your oysters for Christmas at Satterwhite's restaurant. 1t.

You can save money on your cut glass at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Mrs. W. H. Denny has returned from visiting in Houston and Galveston.

Miss Anna Lipscomb of Beaumont is a visitor with relatives in Crockett.

Miss Katie King is at home from Kid-Key College for the holiday season.

Miss Grace Denny, teaching at San Angelo, is at home for the holiday vacation.

We have received our Christmas apples and nuts of all kinds. tf. Arnold Brothers.

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Frank Smith is at home from San Antonio Military College for the Christmas festivities.

Remember you get a gold fish free with every holiday purchase at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store.

John Cook will arrive at the end of the week from school at Cambridge, Mass., to remain for a brief vacation.

Miss Margaret Black of Palestine, the guest of Miss Alta Stokes last week, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Christmas flowers for the holidays—place your order early with W. P. Bishop, the druggist, if you want service. 1t.

Nice selection of stationery and correspondence cards at the price you want to pay at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

William and Harry Beazley and Edward and Mac McConnell are at home from A. & M. College for the holiday festivities.

Over one thousand people have saved money on their prescriptions at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. Why not you?

Misses Lucye Roy Deupree and Eliza McConnell are at home from Kid-Key College, Sherman, for the holiday festivities.

Misses Sue Powers and Bly Leediker, who are spending the winter at Ranger, are at home in Crockett for the holiday season.

Jim Dandy Berry, a student of Rice Institute, Houston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry, during the vacation season.

Smith and Frank Wootters and Lanier Edmiston will arrive this week from Texas University, Austin, to remain until after the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. J. Dewitt of Montgomery, Ala., will arrive this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hudson, and her sister, Mrs. Chesley W. Hudson.

Make It
A Hoover Electric Sweeper for the madam's Christmas present. They are useful. We are always ready to demonstrate.
Smith-Murchison
1t. Hardware Company.

Cotton Report.
There were 21,080 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920 prior to December 1 as compared with 8,173 bales ginned to December 1, 1919, according to the report of E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator.

John Wootters and Paul Stokes, students of the Texas Medical College at Galveston, will arrive this week to spend the holiday season with home-folks.

Misses Hattie Belle Arledge and Hattie Mae Baker, students of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, will spend the Christmas vacation with the home folks in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray of Lovelady are spending Christmas with Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harrison, and otherwise enjoying the social activities of the holiday season.

Estray Notice.
Strayed from place of Dr. Poston on Piney creek, a gray mare mule, between 14 and 15 hands high, left eye out. Will pay reward of \$10 on delivery to Dr. Poston at Pennington. 2t*.

Call and See Us
During the holidays and we will give you one of our handsome calendars. We always have them for our many customers and friends.

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New Year's Reception.
The Quid Nunc Club will receive New Year's afternoon with Mrs. C. N. Corry from 3 to 5 o'clock, and in the evening with Mrs. A. H. Wootters from 8 to 12. All friends of the members and visitors in the town are cordially invited.

"Open house to you.
We just shake hands at meeting
With many who come nigh;
We nod the head in greeting
To many who go by—
But welcome through the gateway
Our dear old friends and true;
Then hearts leap up, and
straightway
There Open House for you!"

Returning From France.
Mr. F. P. Hudson received a telegram Monday advising him that the remains of his son, Corporal Chesley W. Hudson, who died of influenza in France during the war, would reach New York this week and that the remains would be forwarded to Crockett for final interment. The day of the funeral cannot be determined until Mr. Hudson is advised of the time of shipment from New York. Corporal Hudson was well known at Crockett and Kennard, where he was reared. Enlisting at Crockett, he received his military training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. His parents formerly lived at Kennard, but are now residents of Crockett.

Bee-Keepers Meet.
Every one owning bees in Houston county is urged to be present at the next meeting of the Houston County Bee-keepers' Association at the Commercial Club rooms in Crockett, January 1, 1921. Those expecting to need bee-keeping fixtures should try to be on hand before noon in order to have time in which to canvass price lists and catalogs that are being received by the secretary from manufacturers all over the country. Every one having beeswax on hand should bring it as we expect to make a shipment to be exchanged for comb foundation. Come early and if you are not interested in buying equipment be on hand at the afternoon session promptly at 1 o'clock.

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Crockett, Texas.
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Blanton Offers Bill to Reduce House Membership.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A bill to fix the house apportionment at 304 members, as against 435 as now constituted, with each district containing 350,000 people was introduced by Representative Blanton of Texas. In a statement touching the legislation Mr. Blanton says that the membership is now too great, and by a reduction the business of the country would receive more careful attention.

The Blanton bill gives Texas thirteen members, in place of eighteen as at present, and reduces Oklahoma from eight to six.

A bill will be offered by Representative Black to keep the number of house members as at present, which would make the ratio of population per district something more than 242,000, as figured by the census bureau. This would give Texas an increase of one member, increase California three, Connecticut one, Michigan two, Ohio two, and New Jersey, North Carolina and Washington one each.

The losses would be Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Nebraska and Vermont one each, and Missouri two.

Janitor Who Inherits Fortune Loses His Job.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 17.—William R. Hanson, who says he is heir to a quarter of a million dollars, lost his job as janitor in a drug store today because of the sudden popularity that followed announcement of his inheritance.

He said that he had determined to get away from the maddening crowd by finding work as a steeplejack, but had been forced to compromise by getting a job as roofer's helper. There he hoped to be entirely out of reach of telephone calls, mail carriers and matrimonial adventures during working hours. He asked his new boss to assign him to the highest building in the city.

Since Hanson announced that he had received word that he was heir to one-seventh of the estate of James Moore of Chicago, an uncle, the telephone bell in the drug store has jangled much of the day, postmen have delivered bulky mail and callers claiming relationship have left him no time for his broom and shovel. He intends to seek another job.

A new wire pulling clamp for linemen can exert a strain of 5000 pounds without bending or marring a wire, either bare or insulated.

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. In Probate Court.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To all persons interested in the estate of J. G. Matlock, Mrs. Dell Crawford and James Crawford have this day made application to probate the last will of J. G. Matlock, which said proceeding will be heard by said Court on the first Monday in February, 1921, at the Court House of said County, in Crockett, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

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

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1920.
(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk,
County Court, Houston County, Texas. 2t.

For bakers operating on a large scale a machin has been invented which wraps a loaf of bread a second in waxed paper.

The Brazilian government has adopted a number of measures for the encouragement of sheep and goat raising.



Will again visit Crockett, Thursday, January 6th, 1921, and remain until Thursday, January 20th, 1921.

Office at Pickwick Hotel.

I am yours for better eyesight,

Dr. A. H. Rosenthal

Merry Christmas

With the Yuletide comes the pleasure of extending to our many friends and fellow citizens the

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May the holidays make happy the closing of 1920 and usher in a joyous New Year, brimful of opportunity for service, for happiness and for success.

WALLER & GREEN

Furniture and Undertaking

LESS COTTON USED IN NOVEMBER THAN FOR MANY MONTHS

Consumption in U. S. Shows De-
crease of 67,800 Bales
From October.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumption was further curtailed during November and holding of cotton showed an increase, the census bureau's monthly report showed Wednesday.

November consumption was about 67,800 bales less than October; 159,000 bales less than November last year, and almost 400,000 bales less for the four-month period as compared with the same period a year ago. Active cotton spindles numbered about 2,000,000 less than in October and almost 3,000,000 less than in November last year. Consumption in cotton growing States showed less curtailment than elsewhere, with 66,449 bales decrease from that of a year ago, and active spindles showing a falling off of 165,395, as compared with November last year.

Cotton on hand November 30 showed an increase of 489,408 bales. Public storages and cotton compresses in cotton-growing States held almost 1,000,000 bales more than a year ago, while consuming establishments in that section held about 5000 bales less than last year and consuming establishments elsewhere showed a similar decrease in holdings.

Cotton on hand November 30 in consuming establishments amounted to 1,124,259 bales of lint and 223,925 of linters, compared with 1,642,245 of lint and 256,425 of linters, and in public storage and at compresses 5,070,750 of lint and 340,608 of linters as compared with 4,063,176 of lint, and 246,078 of linters a year ago.

Exports of lint amounted to 683,323 bales, including 2501 bales of linters, compared with 924,751, including 3121 of linters in November last year.

Imports amounted to 22,513 bales compared with 52,088 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during November numbered 31,654,126 compared with 34,499,755 in November last year.

The Bethlehem Star.

This old sobbing world of ours is one year older than it was when the last Christmas carol was chanted. It has had an-

other twelvemonth of experiments and of experience, of advancement on many lines of human research and acquisition. But it has not outgrown Jesus Christ. For Him it has discovered no substitute. The star of Bethlehem is the only star that never sets. Jesus Christ alone can satisfy all human necessities and the loftiest of human inspirations. Christianity is the only universal religion, the only one adapted to all ages of life, to all human conditions, to all races and all nationalities. Other lights have arisen, waned and vanished forever. The Greek mythology is as utterly shaken to ruin as its own splendid Parthenon. The chief religions of Asia—Brahmanical, Buddhist and Moslem—are all limited and local; they are all moribund. While they make no inroads on Christianity, the religion of Bethlehem and Cavalry makes constant inroads upon them. The systems of error which Paul and Peter fought have vanished out of sight, and the whole East is catching glimpses of the star that first dawned over Judea's sky. In spiritual dynamics blood tells, and God has trusted His gospel of salvation to the most powerful races on the globe.

Coroner Returns Verdict On Death of Laredo Girl.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—A coroner's jury investigating the death of Miss Theodora Sanders of Laredo, Texas, who recently stabbed herself to death while talking on the mezzanine floor of a hotel with H. H. Garver, foreign trade manager of Chamber of Commerce, completed its inquiry today by returning a verdict of death, due to a self-inflicted knife wound.

The inquest had been continued several weeks at the request of C. E. Walker, said to be a wealthy cattle dealer of El Paso, who said he wished to introduce as evidence a letter written by Miss Sanders shortly before her death to an uncle in Mexico City. This letter, he said, might present a motive for Miss Sanders' act.

Mr. Walker did not appear today, however, and the only witnesses heard were physicians who attended Miss Sanders and Miss Ruth Victor, who was sitting near the couple when Miss Sanders stabbed herself.

Miss Victor said she heard Garver and Miss Sanders talking, but there was no quarreling. The first intimation she had of the tragedy was when Garver called for help and she saw Miss Sanders lying on the floor, she said.

SHOP EARLY!



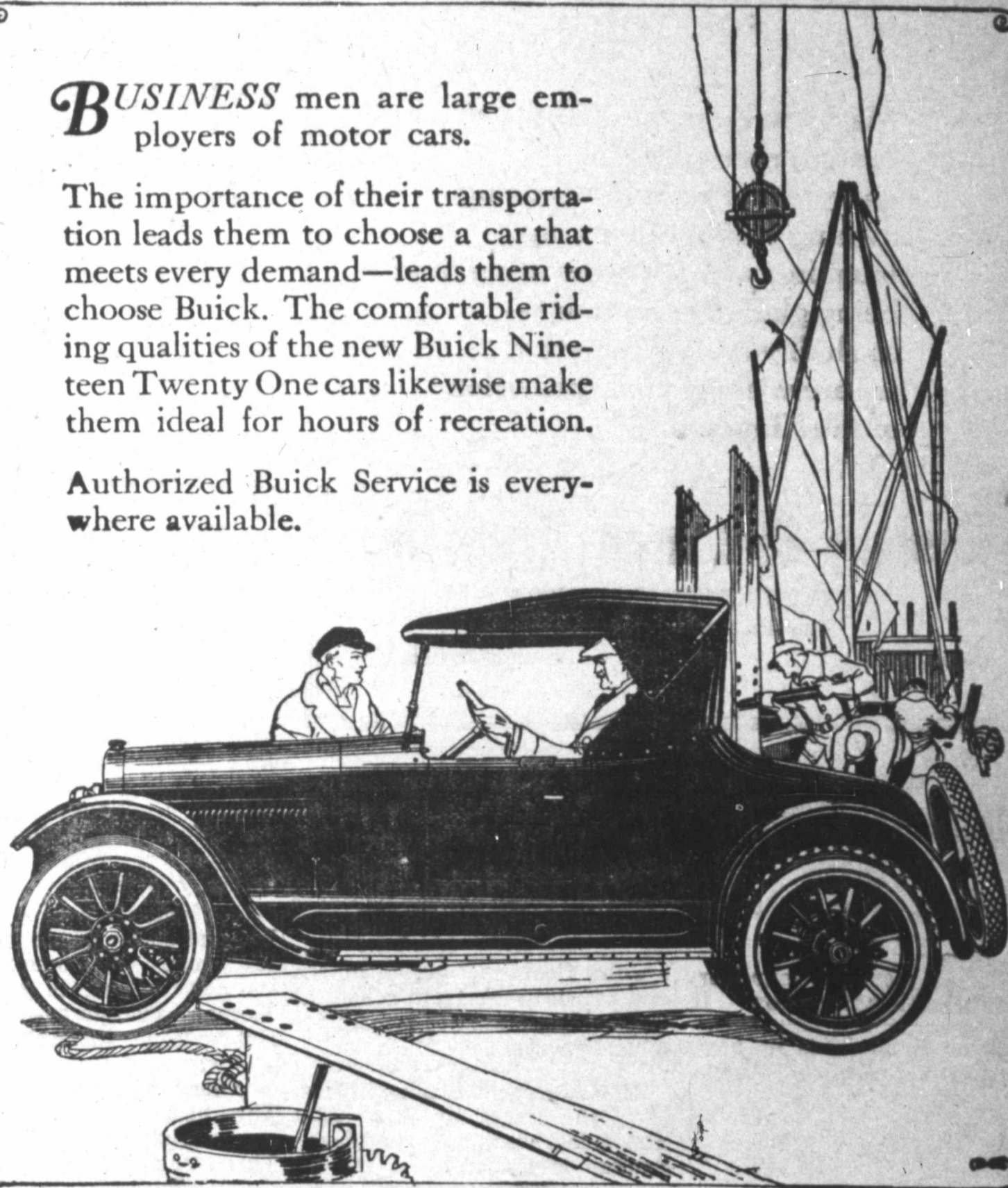
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HOMEMADE CIDER DECLARED LAWFUL

Attorney General Clarifies Section of Prohibition Act.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful and without the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act, according to the opinion submitted to the secretary of the treasury by Attorney General Palmer, made public today.

The opinion is in direct conflict with the regulations of the bureau of internal revenue which state that homemade cider must be nonintoxicating in fact, although not necessarily containing less than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol.

Secretary Houston asked for an opinion as to whether the term "nonintoxicating cider and fruit juices" means nonintoxicating in fact, or containing less than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol. The phrase occurs in section 29 of the prohibition act, which permits the manufacture of intoxicating cider for use in the home without a permit.

In answer, the attorney held that the expression means containing less than one-half of 1 per cent, but added:

"In view, however, of what I understand section 29 to mean, I am sure it would be misleading for me to content myself with this direct answer to your question."

Congress intended by section

29 to prohibit the sale, but not the manufacture, of intoxicating cider for use in the home, the opinion said.

Called the barocyclometer, an instrument has been invented to locate the centers of the most severe storms and to indicate when they will arrive and from which direction.

CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.

South Bound
No. 3, Houston Express...10:00 A. M.
No. 1, Sunshine Special...3:09 P. M.
No. 5, Houston Limited...1:35 A. M.
North Bound
No. 4, Local Passenger...11:59 A. M.
No. 2, Sunshine Special...2:40 P. M.
No. 8, St. Louis Limited...4:50 A. M.

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CHANGE OF PROGRAM
EVERY DAY

MATINEE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
THIS WEEK

NEFF ASKS DATA ON AGE PUT IN RECORD

Governor-Elect Takes Witness Stand in Libel Suit at Waco.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 5.—Governor-elect Pat M. Neff of Waco, while the trial of Fisher Alsup, charged with libeling Mr. Neff, was in progress in the county court this morning, requested Judge Giles P. Lester not to exclude any of the evidence in the case from the jury referring to his age.

This action on the part of Mr. Neff followed an interrogation propounded by Alsup's counsel to Mrs. Pattie Neff of Waco, sister-in-law of Mr. Neff, who was asked if Mr. Neff did not tell her that he was born in 1872. This question brought a prompt objection from County Attorney Frank B. Tirey, when the governor-elect, who has been in the court-room practically ever since the actual trial of the case began, arose and requested, as a friend of the court, that he be permitted to make a statement.

Objection Overruled.

It was then that Mr. Neff asked the court to permit the introduction of all evidence bearing on the question of his age, stating that he expected to testify himself during the trial of the case.

Mr. Neff asked the court to overrule the objection, which Judge Lester did, and Mrs. Neff was instructed to answer the question. She replied that Mr. Neff never told her that he was born in 1872.

County Attorney Tirey testified today that he had visited the Post Oak Cemetery in Coryell County, where the Neff family burying ground is located; that he had removed therefrom a stone which was exhibited in the courtroom. It was 12 by 8 inches and was found, Mr. Tirey said, between the graves of Charlie Neff and Noah Neff, the latter being Pat Neff's father; it contained a groove about two inches wide. There was nothing to indicate that a slab or headstone had been removed from the stone; at least recently. It was the belief of Mr. Tirey that the stone might originally have been intended to be placed at the foot of a grave, but not as a headstone.

Mrs. Pattie W. Neff swore that she had examined the stone and said it was one that she and "Grandma" Neff, the latter the mother of Pat M. Neff, had

found near the Neff burial plot twenty-five or thirty years ago. She and "Grandma" Neff had placed the stone near the grave of Noah Neff. It was stated by Mrs. Pattie Neff that "Grandma" Neff, who is now nearly 90 years old, and who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Calvert, at Brownwood, had told her that the vacant place in the burial plot between the graves of Noah Neff and Charlie Neff, was intended for her, "Grandma" Neff.

Mrs. Neff and many of the other witnesses on the stand today swore that there never had been a girl in the Neff family named Pattie Morris Neff. When Governor-elect Neff took the stand late this afternoon the courtroom was crowded almost to the point of suffocation.

Governor-Elect on Stand.

Mr. Neff said he had been a resident of Waco since 1889. He testified that he was born Nov. 26, 1871, at the Neff home near McGregor. It was declared by Mr. Neff that he had never had a sister named Pattie. He gave the names of the members of the family buried in the Post Oak Cemetery, saying that the vacant space near his father's grave was left for his mother. Mr. Neff said he had viewed the stone shown in the courtroom today. It had lain in the Neff burial plot for years, he said, and was utilized by his mother to sit upon when visiting the graves of her husband and children. Mr. Neff said he had read the article in Ferguson's Forum, alleged to have been written by Fisher Alsup.

Asked whether or not the statements contained therein were true, Mr. Neff said: "I never read an article with so little truth in it." He denounced difference statements in the article as false. It was declared by Mr. Neff that the parties who published the report in question about the Neff burial plot found the truth when they went there, but did not have the courage to tell it after they got it. All of the entries in the Neff family Bible, which was exhibited in the courtroom today, were made in his mother's handwriting, the witness said.

Neff Cross-Examined.

On cross-examination Mr. Neff said he did not recall when he began recording his birthday as being in 1872. The earliest date he could remember having been seventeen years age, when he secured a life insurance policy. He then gave the date of his birth in 1872. Mr. Neff said he did not know whether he had given the same date when applying for other life insurance. He supposed, he said, that for



OUR SINCEREST THANKS for your generous patronage during this busy Christmas season and we will endeavor to merit your good will in the years to come as in the past.

TO OUR OWN STORE FOLKS who have done so nobly and labored so cheerfully and earnestly in the strain of the Christmas rush, the holiday will bring a sense of something well done that was well worth the doing. To them we extend our heartiest thanks for the co-operation that made it possible under unusual stress to give a service that won many words of appreciation.

Our employes join us in hoping this Christmas will be the best Christmas you and yours ever spent.

Smith-Murchison Hardware Company

To Live at Home.

Sixty farmers of Rusk County met at Henderson the other day and resolved that next year they would "live at home," meaning, of course, that they will fill their bins and larders with the products of their own labor instead of with goods bought in town. If any evidence were needed to show that they have not been doing this in the past it would be supplied by what they have resolved to do in the future. Of course, no one will be surprised to hear this. But the lack of surprise is due to our having accustomed ourselves to a practice which is without the justification of reason or necessity. In East Texas, if anywhere, the policy of diversification ought to be the unexceptional practice. The black land farmer, and particularly in the western part

of the state, has some excuse, whether a sufficient one or not, for relying on one or two crops both to pay his subsistence expense and to supply him with a cash surplus. But the sandy land farmer of East Texas is without even the poor excuse of the black land farmer. He can grow, at low estimate, 75 per cent of his food and feed needs, and when, to produce one or two crops in larger quantity, he neglects to do so, he is gambling and has no better than a gambler's complaint when he loses. There is independence for the farmer who lives at home, whether in East Texas or West Texas, and he will not need to avail himself of any of the highly artificial schemes that are being contrived to enable him to command the markets.—Galveston News.

many years he had been giving the wrong date of his birth. Mr. Neff said he had believed that he was born in 1872 until the army draft law became effective. It was asserted by the witness that he did not denounce those who said he was not born in 1871 until after he had introduced the Bible record and his mother's affidavit to prove that he was born in 1871.

"Gets Rich Quick," Then Pays All the Money Out Again.

New York, Dec. 15.—Uncle Sam "got rich quick" today. Then he turned around and paid all the money out. It was the last day for his nephews and nieces to pay their 1919 income tax installments of about \$800,000,000. But it also was the day on which certificates of indebtedness worth \$700,000,000 and interest on liberty and victory bonds, amounting to \$140,000,000, fell due.

All day long butchers, bakers and candlestick makers thronged the custom house here to pay income taxes.

Carriers unloaded pouch after pouch filled with checks, money orders, and cash of others who settled with the government for the last time this year.

It was estimated that nearly \$100,000,000 was paid in New York.

But about \$400,000,000 due in income taxes failed to appear. Big corporations and unemployed laborers alike sent their regrets. The swelling tide of money which swept into their pockets last spring was gone, they said. Rendering unto Uncle Sam the things that are Uncle Sam's, was made impossible this December by "tight money" and "business depression," Collector Edwards learned from many sources. He was asked to grant excuses in innumerable instances, but was powerless to do so.

The government will bide its time, the collector said, but, while doing so, a 5 per cent penalty, plus 1 per cent interest monthly, will be imposed on those who failed to square their debt today.

SHOP EARLY!



Greeting

We extend to all our friends and patrons this Christmas a message of thanks and good will.

May Health, Happiness
And Prosperity Be Yours
Wishing each and everyone a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DAN J. KENNEDY

Yuletide Greetings



With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown us during the past year.

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of Happiness at this Christmas time.

Joe L. Arledge
Tailor

OUR BEST WISHES
ARE EXTENDED
TO YOU FOR A



AND MAY THE YULETIDE
BRING TO YOU AND YOURS
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PROSPERITY.



C. L. Manning & Company
Groceries and Feed

Letter From Olen T. Lively to
His Grandmother.

Corozal, Canal Zone,
November 16, 1920.

Mrs. J. N. Tyer,
Crockett, Texas.

My dear Mammie:

I just received your most welcome letter today, and was ever so proud to hear from you. We heard "Mail Call" go, and the Room Orderly went down after the mail. When he got back, he brought the mail up in the Barracks and called off the names that got mail. When I opened my letter and found out it was from you, I told all the boys that I had them beat, that I got a letter from my grandmother. And so I am writing you.

Well Mammie, I am going to tell you something about the Magic Land where the Tropical Breezes grow. You see I am stationed at Corozal, about two miles from Panama City, a city that has got representatives from all parts of the Globe. I can get a pass and go to town, of which I generally do. It is the only pass time I have. And it is very interesting too. The streets are very narrow, and very dirty too. Nearly all the people live in houses at all. It is a common site to see men going down

the streets, barefooted, pushing a wheelbarrow full of bananas or charcoal. Old women, as old or older than you, go down the streets, just as near the middle as they can get, barefooted. You can imagine how much we laughed when we first saw such a thing. You can ask, the world over, if there is a City that will compare with Panama and the answer will be "not another like it." The regular Panamanian is similar to the Mexican, altho' the women are more beautiful than the Mexican women. They are a little dark, but their skin is clear, black hair, about medium size, just enough to make a good looking woman. And of course there are men that have been to Yale and some of the most important Universities of the United States. But still there is none of them that looks like the girls in dear old East Texas.

So much for the city folks—now for the Jungleists, that is, the people that live in the interior. We went on a thirty days hike about three or four months ago and it led us down in the Equator region. Imagine, Mammie, of being thousands of miles from civilized people, people that don't wear any clothes. Poor things, I don't guess they have any money. I thought the

Cabaret girls were bad enough, but these "Signorita Espana" have got them all beat. On the hike, we stopped at a place called "Juan Diaz" (pronounced "Wan Dea") in the southern part of the Republic of Panama. It happened that we stayed there about three days. So one night a bunch of us soldiers went down into the Village to see the sights. About sun down, all the people began gathering around the "Plaza" for their evening dance. Some of the soldiers got drunk and they began mixing with the natives. Then the dance came off. If I hadn't been sober, for you know that I don't "Savy" this rum, I wouldn't have enjoyed myself like I did. The fool soldiers made it more funny than it would have been. I liked to have "Croaked" laughing. The natives thought we liked their dance so they began putting on. And believe me, if you ever have a chance to see a Panamanian dance, be sure to go, for it will be worth while, especially if they have any drunken American soldiers to help tip it off. Then we went on to South America. To a place called "Poccurri" or something like that. It was like the other place a whole lots. We stayed there about fifteen days, decorating the jungles with "Buzzer Wire," until the great command came to "Strike tents." You see it was a great sensation to think we were going back to the civilized parts of the world. Then the greatest of all great commands came. One that we all like on a hike, that is the one that went "Squads left—Company." You ask Clyde how I felt when I heard that command. But there is no more hikes for me now. Tell Clyde that I am a "Gold Brick." In other words, I am a clerk at Post Headquarters. Tell Clyde that there is a new rating in the army now. Used to be that a clerk rated a Corporal or Sergeant. Now it is called Specialist. It is like this: A special duty job that rates a Corporal gets what is called "Fifth Grade Specialist" or "Specialist Fifth Grade," a job that rates a Sergeant is called "Specialist Fourth Class," etc. So you see I am a Specialist Fourth Grade. I draw only \$42.00, for I got cheated out of my Private First Class pay. That is \$9.60. So you see I would be drawing \$51.60 now if I hadn't got cheated. I am sure you don't think that I can't write on a Typewriter by the way I am writing this, but I'll have to blame the old machine.

And Lora's letter, she is the dearest and best cousin that I have got. She is the only one of my cousins that has ever wrote to me. I sure would like to see her. And dear aunt Della, you know I used to write to her when I was a little kid. I can remember that so well. Now I have grown up and she don't write to me at all. But I am going to write to Lora, and I'll just bet she answers it. Mammie tell all the folks hello. You didn't say much about Paw. I sure would like to see all of my kinfolks just once more. I think that will be in about two years. Seems rather long doesn't it? And Ben Keene is your teacher. Well, Ben is a good teacher I think. Tell him I would like to see him. How about Uncle Sampson's folks? When you write, tell me about all of them. And aunt Dora's folks. I don't remember the others but be sure and tell me about them anyway. Just think the largest grandson you have is about the farthest away. I write to mother ever chance I get. She seems to be getting along very well. I sure would like to see her.

Well, Mammie, give by best regards and love to all the folks. Your grandson,
Olen T. Lively,
Co. "D" 54th Tel. Bn., Signal Corps, Corozal, Canal Zone.

When the census bureau discovered that there were almost 1,000,000 persons on the list of civilian employes of the government during the war, it discovered another reason why taxes are high.—Houston Post.



As we draw toward the close of a year of peace and prosperity, there's a special pleasure in sending Christmas and New Year greetings.

We wish to thank you for the many courtesies extended us in the past and to wish for you and yours a **Happy Christmas and Bright New Year.**

N. L. Asher

Gave Bride His Right Name, But Minister Bogus Check.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—The transition from a naval officer in a natty uniform to that of a prisoner at headquarters brought a new story today from Patrick J. Kelley, who told of conditions in Ireland which caused him to come to this country, adopt the naval uniform, marry a Kansas City girl after a brief courtship, pass bogus checks and forget to pay his hotel bills.

Kelley was arrested yesterday, charged with impersonating a naval officer. He had told thrilling tales of naval life, which captivated Miss Opal Parker, 20 years old, and led to their marriage last Saturday.

"By right I am a barrister of the crown," Kelley told officers at police headquarters today with great dignity.

"Incidentally I am a graduate of Oxford, a learned man," he said. "A few years ago I was living in Ireland, where I was born twenty-six years ago. My brother was arrested for partici-

pation in Sinn Fein activities. He was placed in Brixton prison. "The British government wanted me to prosecute my own brother. That I would not do. The government brought pressure to bear upon me. I fled to Australia, then to San Francisco. I adopted the naval uniform to hide my identity.

"After coming to Kansas City I met Miss Parker. It was love at first sight. I gave her my right name when we were married, but I gave a bogus check to the minister.

"I want to keep my wife. I lied to her about all those thrilling experiences, but I'm sorry."

Kelley posed as one of the men who made the trans-Atlantic trip in the seaplane NC-4. He wore the uniform of a lieutenant. He met his wife at a party and, after a brief courtship, married her.

"It's all a mistake; I don't want to see him again," his bride said today.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.



Merry Christmas

Just a little greeting to express our wishes for your happiness this merriest of seasons.

Towery Motor Company
FORD SALES AND SERVICE



Merry Christmas

We take this opportunity to wish for all our many friends and patrons whom it will be impossible to see personally the season's best greetings. May your Christmas be a most happy one.

Crockett Grocery & Baking Co.

The Crockett Courier

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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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.

A CHRISTMAS WISH.

Wherever there is sickness,
 May Santa Claus bring health;
 Wherever there is poverty,
 May Santa Claus bring wealth;
 Wherever one is weeping,
 May tears to smiles give way;
 Wherever sadness hovers,
 May joy come Christmas day.
 To every heart that's aching,
 May peace and comfort come,
 And may an outlook rosy
 Supplant each outlook glum;
 May friends now separated
 Soon reunited be,
 And everyone find gladness
 Upon this Christmas tree.
 —Edgar Guest.

TO YOU AND YOURS—OUR CHRISTMAS WISH.

It requires not the occasion of Christmas with its joys, cheer and prevalent good will, to arouse in us a sense of the appreciation due patrons of this paper.

In our hearts and minds are gratitude and good thoughts for you during every day of the year; but Christmas hallows our sentiments and makes their expression fitting and timely.

Such as we have accomplished and such good as may be traceable to our efforts would not have been possible without your sustaining power and co-operation. If in any sense we have upheld a beacon, you have supplied oil for the lamp. If ours has been a chariot, yours has been the motive element which has kept it on its way.

All characters appealing to or endeavoring to entertain the public, must be given a certain meed of applause or they cannot exist. With those engaged in publishing a newspaper, the applause comes in the interest which readers manifest in its columns and in an occasional word of approval. The practical help of subscribers and advertisers has enabled us to maintain a publication standard; their encouragement has furnished the degree of pleasure necessary as an incentive to our weekly tasks.

May the spirit of Christmas work for you the full degree of its bountifulness. May you be enabled to get the same amount of pleasure and benefit from these columns that we have derived from making them.

The Publishers.

THE SOCIAL MESSAGE OF JESUS

Never did the world need more than now to hear the authoritative voice of Jesus.

If we are to bring order out of chaos, peace out of conflict, brotherhood out of clash of class and group, we must return in humble spirit to the Bethlehem manger, to the Nazareth shop, to the market place, the seashore or the mountainside, where the message of Jesus was spoken to the hearts of men.

Jesus believed in man. It is well to emphasize this fact in an age of cynicism. There was no room for despair in His philosophy. He came into a world where force and fraud and op-

pression prevailed, and to the hour of His triumphant death He never doubted that love and justice and freedom were possible in human relations.

Jesus believed in man as a potential Son of God. His ideal for society contemplated the emancipation of man from the control of material things. Mammon should not rule; there should be no occasion for anxious thought concerning any need of the body; the spiritual nature of man should be free to realize its highest destiny.

In the program that He worked out as He toiled at the bench He planned that service should be the motive and co-operation the method in human industry. We have substituted self-advantage for service, and mutual exploitation for co-operation. While these rule in motive and method we shall never realize the happiness He desired for us—the happiness we seek.

Jesus set small store by charity. The philanthropy of almsgiving was to Him a mere cloak for the imperfections and inequities of human relations. He put all the emphasis of His teaching and example upon justice and love. In a world where these prevailed charity would be unnecessary.

We have traveled so far from the ideals of Jesus it is not easy to restore them. But there is no other way to find a permanent solution for the troubles that disturb us. His road is the only road. It involves sacrifice. We cannot avoid the cross. But beyond our Cavalry lies the realization of our hopes.

It is not enough that the spirit of Jesus should be worshiped in our temples or revered in our homes. It is not enough that His sympathy and help should be expressed in our hospitals, our orphanages, our institutions for the poor and the afflicted. To be satisfied with this is to evade the real challenge of His message and to lose the real meaning of His promise.

The spirit of Jesus must be brought into factory and mine and bank and railroad system; into store and office.

It must reveal to us that man is more than the machine with which he works; that material wealth was meant to be the servant, not the master, of the human soul; that the making of a life is the supreme thing, for which the making of a livelihood is merely incidental.

Until we get this vision, we will approach the solution of our problems without true understanding.

It is time that men who believe in Jesus should make their faith count—not merely in religious observance, but in human rela-

tions; in civic duty; in business; in industrial management; in the tasks of office and workshop.

The hope of the world rests upon the leadership of Jesus.—S. J. Duncan-Clark in Chicago Evening Post.

A GOOD TIME TO BUY.

There is no reasonable doubt that, generally speaking, the shrewd Grapeland buyer will do well to take advantage of present prices. Newspapers everywhere are crowded with offers of real bargains, and the dollar goes further today in purchasing necessities, and many luxuries, than at any time since the world-war started. How long this condition of things can continue is a problem and, therefore, it is advisable for people intending to make purchases to make them before the tide turns and prices take another upward swing, as it is quite possible they may do with the conditions of production as they are.

To unduly delay purchasing, to hold back in expectation of a still greater decline, tends to render more serious the present situation and to lessen the production in many lines. While in some instances there may be a surplus of goods on the shelves of retailers, generally speaking production has a long way to go before it makes up for the losses we sustained in production during the war.

We are all in the same boat and in order to keep the wheels of industry turning and labor well employed at good wages, it is necessary that goods should move in a normal way and the movement not to be retarded by the unjustified refusal on the part of consumers to buy. We have really been through something like a panic without realizing it. The best judges of business affairs take the view that the worst is over, and that, if the public generally will act in a normal way and satisfy their normal wants, the situation will brighten, and we will again enter a period of general prosperity.—Grapeland Messenger.

SHOP EARLY!



At this joyous holiday season we turn in gratitude to you, our friends and patrons, and heartily thank you for the good will you have shown us.

Our friendships are our greatest asset, and the spirit of the holidays, with its time-honored customs, provides opportunity for us to greet you.

We extend our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your peace, prosperity and happiness and for those whose happiness depends upon you.

Crockett State Bank

Letter to Santa Claus.

Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Old Santa:

How are you by now? Christmas is near and I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a doll with blue eyes and two pair of beads, one story book and a nice present for my teacher. "Don't forget" to bring me some nuts and some candies; and I want a manicure set. And don't forget the little orphan children and go to the orphan's home and give every one of them a present and if

you don't have enough I'll divide mine with them. Don't forget mamma and papa and my schoolmates. In fact, don't forget any one, especially those who are lonely.

I thank you for all the things you have brought me all during my life. Your little

Bernice Gentry.

A new Mexico inventor has patented a piece of cloth, cut lengthwise through the center into a number of strips, cleaning all the keys of a typewriter or adding machine at one operation.

Indigestion

Many persons, otherwise vigorous and healthy, are bothered occasionally with indigestion. The effects of a disordered stomach on the system are dangerous, and prompt treatment of indigestion is important. "The only medicine I have needed has been something to aid digestion and clean the liver," writes Mr. Fred Ashby, a McKinney, Texas, farmer. "My medicine is

Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

for indigestion and stomach trouble of any kind. I have never found anything that touches the spot, like Black-Draught. I take it in broken doses after meals. For a long time I tried pills, which griped and didn't give the good results. Black-Draught liver medicine is easy to take, easy to keep, inexpensive."

Get a package from your druggist today—Ask for and insist upon Theford's—the only genuine.

Get it today.

Let's settle this right now!

No man ever smoked a better cigarette than Camel!

You'll find Camels unequalled by any cigarette in the world at any price because Camels combine every feature that can make a cigarette supreme!

Camels expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos puts Camels in a class by themselves. Their smoothness will appeal to you, and permit you to smoke liberally without tiring your taste!

Camels leave no unpleasant cigarettey aftertaste nor unpleasant cigarettey odor!

You'll prefer Camels blend to either kind of tobacco smoked straight!

Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes for 20 cents, or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine-paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply for when you travel.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.
 Winston-Salem, N. C.

Camel CIGARETTES

To Wish You Christmas Cheer



Christmas isn't just a day
Placed somewhere in December;
It's when all sadness we forget,
And gladness we remember.
Besides, it gives a chance to send
A wish sincere to one's good friend.

May This Be the Happiest of Seasons
for All of Our Good Friends

Crockett Drug Company
THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Jones of Houston are here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Armistead Aldrich of Colbert, Okla., is here to spend the Christmas season with the old folks at home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine of Ranger are spending the holiday vacation with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Miss Beth Lundy, a student of Texas University, will enjoy the holiday season with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Real Estate and Loans.
See C. W. Jones, Crockett, Texas, office over Smith-Murchison Hardware Company. tf.

W. D. Hail, John Langston, Brightman Sharp and Murdoch Denny are at home from A. & M. College for the holiday vacation.

Misses Sue and Bee Denny, who are teaching in Ball High School, Galveston, are here to enjoy the vacation season at home.

Misses Kathleen and Lilly Hail have arrived from Dallas and Plainview to spend the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hail.

We have the ammunition you need for birds, squirrels, ducks and deer. Get our prices and save money. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonley LeMay and Miss Flora Dawes, teaching at Coolidge, Limestone county, are spending the vacation season with their parents in Crockett.

Mrs. Hortense Sweet visited in Houston this week.

George Kelley of Longview is the guest of Miss Leita Cunyus.

Get your oysters for Christmas at Satterwhite's restaurant. It.

Mr. Arlie Berry of Vernon is visiting his brother, W. V. Berry.

Miss Stella Sheridan has returned from her recent visit to Houston.

Marion Brooks has returned from Oklahoma until after Christmas.

Just what you are looking for in jewelry at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. It.

Miss Cora Phillips is at home from the Denton Normal for the holiday vacation.

Miss Queenie V. Sams returned Saturday from Baylor University, Waco.

Boys, boys! Come here and get your fireworks. We have them. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Sterling silver at the right price. It. W. P. Bishop's Drug Store.

Miss Bella Lipscomb, teaching at Sour Lake, is at home with her parents for the holiday vacation.

Miss Alice Foster, teaching at Marshall, is spending the vacation season with her parents in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castleberg and daughters, Misses Earle and Euda, of Dallas will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Newton, former residents of Crockett who have been living in Galveston for the last twelve years, are here to spend the Christmas season with relatives and friends.

For Rent.

My two-story residence in front of depot. Any one interested apply to
Mrs. Flora Patton,
173 E. Austin St.,
Paris, Texas.

Just Received.

One car of wire and nails, doors and windows—in fact all kinds of building material. Call and see us.

Smith-Murchison
Hardware Company.

Plants for Sale.

Choice frost-proof cabbage plants—Early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid, prompt shipment. One hundred, 35 cents; three hundred, \$1.00.

Jesse Barnes,
Trinity, Texas.

Banquetted.

The Crockett High School football team banquetted their classmates in the rooms of the Crockett Commercial Club Friday evening. The football players were assisted in the arrangements of the banquet by Mrs. E. B. Stokes, Mrs. T. R. Deupree and others of this city. The affair, which as the boys say was only the beginning of what is to follow, was a pronounced success.

Christmas Greetings.

Many of Crockett's live business institutions have cards of Christmas greetings in the Courier this week. This is appropriate and in keeping with the spirit of the season. These institutions are really appreciative of the patronage that has been extended them during the year 1920 and they are going to likely have something to say next week about the new year 1921. Watch the Courier for messages in season from Crockett's live business institutions.

Some Potatoes.

Mr. W. F. Grounds, who was among callers at the Courier office this week, says that 8½ pound potatoes are not uncommon this year on his farm a few miles north of Crockett. Curiosity led him to weigh one of his largest sweet potatoes and that was its weight. Come to Houston county, where yellow yams and sugar cane syrup take some of the sting out of the low price of cotton! Mr. Grounds believes that the man who has raised the most of his living at home is the least worried over the cotton price.

Man Loses Life.

Mr. Jerome Crull, 65 years old, lost his life Saturday as the result of an accident at the plant of the Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company. Mr. Crull, who was an employe at the mill, was engaged in his usual duties near a stack of cotton seed oil cake. The stack reached to a considerable height, but was not thought to be in any danger of toppling over. Without warning, however, the stack of oil seed cake creened and tumbled in the direction of Mr. Crull, catching him under its crushing weight as it fell. Seeing the tumbling oil cake and Mr. Crull crumpling under it, other employes rushed to his assistance and soon dug him out from under the wreckage. Medical aid was hurriedly summoned and it was found that the victim of the accident was dangerously if not fatally injured. Conveyed to his rooming house, Mr. Crull lived until 11:45 Saturday night, when he expired. The accident was at 10 o'clock Saturday morn-

AGAIN WE SAY, BUY GIFTS
THAT ENDURE—

Jewelry

John F. Baker

Prescription Druggist.

The Rexall Store.

ing. The remains were forwarded on Sunday afternoon's Sunshine Special to Dublin, Indiana, for interment. The deceased was an uncle of Mr. D. R. Crull, superintendent at the oil mill, and the remains were accompanied to Indiana by the nephew, who will return to Crockett following the funeral. The elder Mr. Crull was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, but it is not known if he was a member of any church. He leaves no relatives except his nephew in Crockett.

Christmas Dance.

Some of the young men of Crockett, taking advantage of the opportunity to secure an orchestra of national reputation, complimented the home girls and visitors with a dance Saturday evening. On account of Sunday following, the program began promptly at 8 o'clock and closed at 12. The music was by the "Louisiana Five"—banjo, clarinet, trombone, piano and traps, with Al Nunoz, banjo, leading—the musicians who have made famous the "Louisiana Five" dance records for the talking machines. Every number on the program was encored so many times that only twelve numbers were danced during the four hours ending at midnight. Besides about twenty couples of Crockett young people, chaperoned, there was a party of Palestine young folks present, who came under the chaperonage of Judge and Mrs. Mills Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Monnig of Palestine. As Misses Marie Price and Fannie Maude Dupuy, the chaperones were well remembered in Crockett, having visited here on several occasions, and their visit served to renew old friendships. Other visitors included several couples from Lovelady, Latexo and Elkhart, all properly chaperoned. This dance, which was no doubt the social event of the holiday season, was noted for its enjoyments of music, happy faces and good-time sociability.

ADVERTISERS.

The after-Christmas advertising season will soon be here. Merchants must clear out their stocks in preparation for the spring trade. January Clearing Sales, January White Sales and similar selling events will be in order. The Courier reaches the people.

Senator Harding Appeals to American Mothers.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15.—American mothers were asked by President-elect Harding tonight to give to school officials and other public servants a full measure of co-operation in the educational, religious and proper physical training of children.

Speaking here before a state meeting of the Child Conservation League, Mr. Harding declared it the duty of motherhood to keep the oldtime home spirit alive, in spite of the growing tendency to intrust the instruction of the child almost wholly to public institutions. He made a particular plea that religious training be kept within the province of the hearth, and voiced a hope for a revival of religious reverence in the trying times ahead.

The president-elect also asked that the public welfare agencies of the nation be kept democratic, and expressed disapproval of the practice of the rich in withdrawing their children from the public schools and entering them in private institutions. He reaffirmed his hope that great good would be accomplished by the new public welfare department to be proposed by his administration, and said he had found sentiment in and out of congress strongly supporting the plan.

The address was delivered at the end of one of Mr. Harding's busiest days since he began his consultations on an association of nations and other public problems.

Trotsky Plans Overthrow Of German Rule Is Charge.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Victor Kopp, the Russian soviet representative in Berlin, has been working under written instructions from Minister of War Trotsky, "to do everything in his power to bring about a revolution in Germany and overthrow the present government," it is charged by the Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung in Sunday night's issue. A photograph copy of Trotsky's letter with instructions to this effect is now in possession of Foreign Minister Simons, the newspaper says, and it makes a demand for the immediate expulsion or arrest of the soviet representative.

Folding down the back of a new automobile seat converts it into a couch.



May the day of holly and mistletoe;
of gladness and reverence, bring you
a deep joy which will abide with you
throughout the year.

PURCELL & LIVELY
Your Tailors

A Sincere Wish

May all our friends enjoy a
happier Christmas, this year,
than they've ever known, and
may this old year close with
nothing but supreme happiness
and prosperity in store
for nineteen-twenty-one.

Kent & Trube

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DECLARE MORTGAGE FARMER'S DOWNFALL

Colonel Milner Would Have Cotton As Surplus Crop.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 15.—That the chattel mortgages, especially the crop mortgages, is the root of the cotton farmer's difficulty, is an opinion spiritedly expressed in an article written by Colonel Robert T. Milner, editorial writer of the Rusk County News, and formerly president of the A. and M. College of Texas. In this article Colonel Milner discusses the present cotton problem in a very comprehensive way, declaring it to be absurd that the homestead should be exempt from forced sale while all of the products are subject to mortgage and forced sale. He advocates an amendment of the homestead law so as to exempt the products as well as the homestead. This branch of the subject is approached in a discussion of related features.

First asserting that cotton is not prepared for market until it is stored in a first-class warehouse, Colonel Milner says that in the irrepressible conflict between producers and manufacturers of cotton there is on the one side money and brains, and on the other confusion, destitution and ignorance; that the business men of the South have never grasped the real value of cotton and the vast number of producers have no conception of its value. He suggests that the law of supply and demand is interfered with because there is abroad in this land the law of ignorance and stupidity. In this connection he refers to the stupid belief that spinners will purchase a year's supply of cotton at one time, and this brings him to a strong plea for the institution of a warehouse system. Here is what he has to say in regard to the crop mortgages:

"But how can the farmer store mortgaged cotton in a warehouse and sell it gradually as the world needs it? The answer to that question is, he can not do it.

Mortgages Declared Fatal.

"The farmer who mortgages his cotton before he makes it for supplies with which to make it is driving as straight to a condition of peonage as the needle points to the north pole. And right here is the seat of the whole trouble. Here is found the disease, the cankering, blighting, economic disease that is permeating and destroying the financial health of the cotton farmers throughout the South.

"The crop mortgage system of farming is the most baleful financial curse that ever brought evil and distress to a fair land.

"From the earliest days of human transactions there have been legal methods of binding the debtor to the creditor, until the obligation was discharged, and the principle is a good one as long as it is not abused.

"But a system that forces the debtor to a state of peonage, a condition, if you please, which death alone will discharge, and which in the end is disastrous to the creditor, is wrong and should be abolished.

"Our Texas patriots and statesmen provide in the constitution that 200 acres of land and other things are exempt from forced sale. Subsequently it was provided by law that every item produced on the homestead is subject to mortgage and can be sold for debt. There were never two acts, confessedly created in the interest of the farmers, more outrageously antagonistic to each other. The 200 acres of land can not be touched, but everything produced on that homestead down to the last ear of corn and the last pig is subject to foreclosure.

Elimination Urged.

"I can see only perpetual slavery in the giving of a mort-

gage at the beginning of the year for supplies to make cotton and the selling of the last pound of meat at the end of the year to satisfy that mortgage.

"No greater premium could be placed on thrift, frugality, honesty and pride than the complete elimination of the crop mortgage system, root, stem and branch.

"The struggle from poverty to a state of financial freedom and independence would be a hard one, but the future state would be worth it.

"A complete invalidation of any kind of a lien on the farm homestead and its products, except for the purchase money, will go further in establishing sound and equitable business relations between the farmers and all other business men than all the great schemes ever dreamed of by congressmen to extend credits.

"But what will become of the tenant? The landlord, the tenant's best friend, will take care of him and the first step in the care business will be to require the tenant to completely reverse his plans, by producing his own meat and bread.

Cotton Surplus Crop.

"No one need to fear but that the homesteader and tenant would soon establish the soundest relations and, together, they would lift agriculture to the highest possible level, and the per cent of tenants would decrease at a ratio never before known. I know what I am talking about, for I have observed the iniquity of the system over a period sufficiently long to test any system. Before we can have a living at home, maintain cotton as a surplus crop and place it in the warehouse as a debtless commodity, we must throw off the crop mortgage.

"But if the chattel mortgage is to remain with its long train of evils, it should be made as harmless as possible by restricting its uses to the gathering and marketing of crops, instead of producing them.

"If the chattel mortgage can be made to play the last act in the tragedy, it will be better than to have it play the first.

"The farmers should forever rid themselves of the illusion that the merchants and bankers will furnish supplies and money to make cotton and then furnish money to hold it.

"First, because they are not able to do it; second, because it is not their business, and all the refined and demagogical eloquence about a great holding

movement financed by the farmers, merchants and bankers, as long as the crop mortgage covers the cotton is worse than folly.

"Neither would I ask the government to become a partner in any holding movement. The government wants too much for its services and every dollar we borrow from it must be refunded with a high rate of interest. That is one of our greatest troubles today. Every \$1 outstanding, principal and interest, is being demanded by the lender."

Continuing, Colonel Milner expresses the belief that a colossal blunder was made in deferring the making of a peace in the effort to organize a league of nations. He says that what cotton the Germans are getting is sold to them by Finland, whereas if peace had been concluded, Germany would be a live competitor with England for cotton, whereas under existing conditions England has a monopoly of the cotton trade of Europe.

Colonel Milner advocates a reduction in cotton acreage and intensive cultivation. His main reason for so doing is that he entertains no hope that the present chaotic conditions of Europe will end within a dozen years, citing the difficulties which the South experienced after the civil war. He declares that the cotton acreage ought to be reduced by one-half, even if the other half of the land should lie fallow, and asserts that it would be better to "let it grow Russian thistles rather than sow the seeds of another Russian crop of which the world has heard much these few years." Colonel Milner takes a whack at the "back to the farm" cry and also at the plea for boys to remain on the farms. He says that the first is the dream of the college professor who doubtless has lost his job because of his inability to combine knowledge with wisdom, and that the latter is the product of another school of philosophers who do not seem to understand that boys can not be tied to the farm except by rewarding them for their labor.

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Luxury Taxes Abolished by Canadian Council.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—All taxes on luxuries in Canada, excepting alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the Dominion government through an order in council, it was announced Sunday.

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REVIVAL OF WAR FINANCE BODY

High Tariff Bill Takes Form, As Congress Hastens to Aid Farmers.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate resolution to revive the war finance corporation as a measure of relief for farmers was adopted by the house late Saturday in amended form, by a vote of 212 to 61. It now goes to conference for adjustment with the senate measure.

The house struck out section 2 of the senate resolution, stating the opinion of congress that federal reserve banks should allow liberal credits to farmers. The vote was 132 in favor, to 20 against on the motion to strike out.

The final vote came after five hours of debate, Chairman McFadden of the banking committee leading the opposition. He characterized it as class legisla-

tion which would lead to inflation, and charged that its proponents had deluded the farmers into believing it would help them.

"The farmers have been deceived," Mr. McFadden said. "They have been told this resolution will help them. No advance to farmers has been made by the corporation for more than a year and could not be authorized under this measure. Instead the corporation, has made loans to such institutions as the International Harvester company, the Bethlehem Steel and the Baldwin Locomotive Works."

Representative Mann, republican, Illinois, supporting the bill, said he did not see how it could do harm, and probably would do some good.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, majority leader, said the bottom had fallen out of business because private institutions had not been able to extend the required relief. Revival of the finance corporation would help the situation, and could not, under any circumstances, have a harmful effect, he said.

Representative Stevenson, democrat, South Carolina, denied that the measure was class legislation.

"The banks have gone the limit," he said, "and they can not extend credits further. We must do it by selling stock of the corporation to the investing public."

Representative Madden, republican, Illinois, said the measure would add another billion-dollar burden to the backs of the people."

Washington, Dec. 18.—With rates of duty higher than those of the Payne-Aldrich law, an emergency tariff bill, applying to agricultural products, was whipped into shape Saturday by the house ways and means committee, designed to relieve financial difficulties of the farmers.

The bill will be introduced by Representative Fordney of Michigan, the chairman, on Monday, and Mr. Fordney said it would be taken up on the floor of the house on Wednesday. Its passage is assured. Action by the senate is in prospect within a few days.

Representative Garner of Texas, one of the leading democratic members of the ways and means committee, said a considerable number of democrats would support the bill as a means of bringing relief to the farmers.

"The conditions of the country are such that people are grasping at straws," Mr. Garner said.

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