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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

R. L. Shivers will sell you shoes and dry goods cheaper. tf.

Real character dolls at the right price at Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Crockett Theatre

The Home of Paramount and Arcraft Pictures

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF
DECEMBER 19

Monday, December 19
George Melford's Production of
THE FAITH HEALER
A Paramount Picture

Tuesday, December 20
Dorothy Gish in
LITTLE MISS REBELLION
and Comedy
Children's Matinee at 3:30

Wednesday, December 21
Will Rogers in
AN UNWILLING HERO
Whistling Dick's Christmas
Stocking

Thursday, December 22
Constance Talmadge in
SCANDAL
Matinee at 3:30

Friday, December 23
Gloria Swanson in
THE GREAT MOMENT
One of Her Latest Paramount
Pictures
Matinee at 3:30

Saturday, December 24
June Caprice and Geo. B. Seitz
in
THE SKY RANGER
Episode No. 11
Holman Day Production
WINGS OF THE BORDER
And Harold Lloyd in Bliss
Matinee at 2:15

Watch the screen for coming attractions. Our aim is to please all.

Plenty of barbed wire at R. L. Shivers'. tf.

Roy Bennett has returned from Brownwood.

Get your shells at Arnold Brothers'. We have them. tf.

Christmas cards—a nice selection at Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Miss Nazerine Haddox returned Sunday afternoon to her home in Lovelady.

Fresh shipment of Hughes chocolate candy just received at H. J. Phillips'. 1t.

Miss Bill Beckham has gone to Conroe where she will be employed as a trained nurse.

Jewelry, the most appreciated of gifts. Make your selection from Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Posted.
No hunting on my land. 1t.* T. W. Grebb.

A solid car load of flour at Arnold Brothers'. See us before you buy and save the difference. tf.

Miss Lucia Painter will arrive Saturday from Baylor College, Belton, to spend the holiday season at home.

Misses Margaret Spence and Mary Kate Butler spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Frank Butler in Kennard.

We have everything that it takes to make a real fruit cake but the "corn juice." tf. Arnold Brothers.

I will have fresh celery, lettuce and everything else for the Christmas dinner. 1t. H. J. Phillips.

Hunters, Take Warning.
Hunting is positively prohibited on any of my land. 2t. Mrs. Geo. R. Brailsford.

Take Notice.
Draw for the free box of Mrs. Orchard's famous chocolates at the Vogue Christmas week. 1t.

Miss Grace Denny, who is teaching in the city schools of Dallas, will arrive at the end of next week to spend the holiday season at home.

Dr. Cox of Mexia, representing the Humphrey oil interests, was here this week with Leonard Schmidt, a former Crockett citizen now living at Mexia.

Miss Alice Foster, teaching at Marshall, and Miss Marian Foster, attending the Huntsville state normal, will arrive home next week for the holiday season.

Wanted—Man with car to sell low priced GRAHAM TIRES. \$130.00 per week and commissions. Graham Tire Co., 3475 Boulevard, Benton Harbor, Mich. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Howard, Mrs. E. J. Ezell, Mrs. Hugo Reich and son, Mr. C. W. Reich, all of Palestine, comprised a party of Crockett visitors Sunday afternoon.

Hunters, Take Notice.
No hunting or trespassing with traps, dogs or guns allowed under penalty on lands owned or controlled by us. 2t.* Stockton Bros.

Notice.
Any one found shooting or trespassing on any land owned by Smith Brothers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. F. A. Smith. 4t.

Next Lyceum Number.
The next Lyceum number for Crockett will be the Biltmore Society orchestra of New York, which comes to the school auditorium for Friday night, December 23. The Biltmore orchestra is said to be the best musical organization of its kind in existence. You will miss a treat if you do not hear it. 1t.

Miss Katie King will arrive Saturday from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. King.

Biltmore Orchestra Coming.

The Biltmore orchestra is the next Lyceum number for Crockett. This celebrated musical organization will play in the school auditorium Friday night, December 23. Please secure your tickets now if you have not already done so. 1t.

Holiday Rates

Will be in effect on the International and Great Northern Railway, December 21-22-23-24, tickets good for return until January 4, 1922. Ask your agent for information.

D. J. Price,
1t. General Passenger Agent.

Christian Church.

Bible school at 10 A. M.; communion and preaching, 11 A. M.; Junior Endeavor, 2:30 P. M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 P. M.

Preaching at 7:15 P. M. Morning sermon subject, "Stewardship." Evening subject, "Why the Disciples?"

All are cordially invited to these services. E. S. Allhands,
Minister.

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.

B. B. WARFIELD
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Rates Reduced.

The Crockett Light & Power Company is making the people of Crockett a Christmas present in reduced rates. See their published statement appearing in another place in this week's Courier. The reductions as announced will mean a considerable saving to the light and power consumers of this city.

Santa Claus.

The Courier has been supplied the name of "A Little Girl" and if Santa Claus will again communicate with the Courier by wireless he will be given the name. The name is not for publication and cannot be learned except by wireless communication with the Courier office. Now, Santa Claus, just as soon as you read this, get into communication with the Courier.

A central station of 600,000 kilowatts capacity is planned for London, which now obtains about 500,000 kilowatts from a number of sources.

A Real Present for a Real Boy



As Christmas day draws near the Hardware Store takes on an added attraction for every red-blooded boy.

Will any of us grown-up boys ever forget the thrill that our first target rifle, pair of skates, bicycle or even a real pocket knife gave us?

Don't cheat your boy out of this thrill. Give him a Hardware Present; something as sturdy and strong and manly as you wish him to be. We have numbers of them—presents that will last him for years and give him pleasures he will never forget.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

FOOT BALLS	AMMUNITION—	BICYCLES
BASKET BALLS	ALL KINDS	FLASH LIGHTS
ROLLER SKATES	POCKET KNIVES	HUNTING COATS
AIR RIFLES	BOYS' WAGONS	HUNTING VESTS
22-CALIBER RIFLES	VELOCIPEDES	HUNTING CAPS
SHOT GUNS		

Extra Special—30x3½ U. S. Tire for \$10.75

EDMISTON HARDWARE COMPANY

UNCLE SAM ASKS SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HELP IN RUSH

Plea Made to Aid in Properly Fixing Up Packages To Be Mailed.

Postmaster General Hays, in order to secure the co-operation of the public toward the end that much of the Christmas rush can be avoided, has addressed a plea to school children to aid in properly addressing and packing gifts going through the mails and to dispatch them as early as possible.

The statement will be read in every school room. It follows: Christmas is almost here.

Your great postoffice department has a big job ahead and needs your help.

Think what it means to be Santa Claus to our 100,000,000 people and to deliver Christmas parcels to every family in this great country within the short space of a few days and without disappointment.

It can be done, and we're going to do it if we may have your help. I want to enlist the active assistance of every boy and girl in the schools of our country in getting parcels mailed THIS WEEK to relieve the rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Will you go home today and take this message to your parents and friends:

"Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas parcels THIS WEEK, or, unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy the last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The parcels must be well wrapped and tied and addressed plainly in order that they may arrive in good condition with their Christmasy appearance unspoiled. You can put on your packages, "Do not open until Christmas."

And, there must be a number on your house and a mail receipt, too, for, if there isn't, Santa Claus's messenger, your letter carrier, may not be able to find the house where the present belongs.

There are some other things, too, in which you can all assist in improving the mail service and in saving our great government

Rub-My-Tism, antiseptic and pain killer, for infected sores, tetter, sprains, neuralgia, rheumatism.

Tired

"I was weak and run-down," relates Mrs. Eula Burnett, of Dalton, Ga. "I was thin and just felt tired, all the time. I didn't rest well. I wasn't ever hungry. I knew, by this, I needed a tonic, and as there is none better than—

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

"... I began using Cardui," continues Mrs. Burnett. "After my first bottle, I slept better and ate better. I took four bottles. Now I'm well, feel just fine, eat and sleep, my skin is clear and I have gained and sure feel that Cardui is the best tonic ever made."

Thousands of other women have found Cardui just as Mrs. Burnett did. It should help you.

At all druggists.

millions of dollars a year that is now wasted because of our carelessness—yours and mine.

Every day that you drop a letter in the mail box 40,000,000 other letters are already pushing and jamming through the postal machinery. One letter a day for each family in the United States is given to Uncle Sam to deliver.

When you send a parcel to the postoffice for mailing any day there are about 8,000,000 other parcels ahead of yours passing through the postal hopper. This is in ordinary days; at Christmas time it is multiplied many times.

One family in about every ten puts a badly addressed letter in the mail every day. This mixes up over 2,000,000 half addressed letters with the 20,000,000 fully addressed letters. That means that the fully addressed letters must wait on the slow moving, poorly addressed letters just like the larger boys and girls are delayed by a bunch of "bad kids" tagging along.

You boys and girls can help the postal service and save your father some money, because he has to help pay the cost of searching addresses on letters and parcels sent out by this one careless and thoughtless family in every ten.

First find out if your family is the careless one, then bear in mind that your letters must be handled by skilled mail distributors standing in postoffices and on swaying postal cars of a mile-a-minute mail trains, often under poor light.

The address on every letter, card or package must be correct, complete and legible, including the house number and name of street, and the "From" address should be in the upper left-hand corner so that the mail will be returned to you in case it is not delivered. Do not abbreviate names of States, because so many look alike when abbreviated.

Put the proper amount of postage on your letters and wrap the parcels carefully. Avoid fancy writing, which causes postoffice clerks and letter carriers to stop and study, and thus lose time. Make the address plain and easily read, and always use pen and ink or typewriter and light-colored envelopes, so as to save the eyes of the postoffice clerks. Do not use envelopes of unusual size. The little ones that are so frequently used for cards and notes at Christmas and other holiday times cause an untold amount of trouble and labor, as they will not fit our cancelling machines and must therefore be cancelled by hand. Because of their size and tendency to slip out of a package, these small envelopes are more likely to be overlooked or lost.

Mail your letters and packages early in the day, because this avoids overloading and delaying mail at the end of the day.

Your local postmaster and your teachers will tell you more about the Postal Service.

Do these things, and you will win the grateful appreciation of the people in your postoffice and especially of your postmaster general. Will H. Hays.

P. S.—Don't forget to mail Christmas packages THIS WEEK.

EARLY CHRISTMAS MAILING.

Realizing that a Christmas gift is more appreciated and seems more timely if it arrives before or on Christmas Day, Postmaster General Hays is trying to make it possible for all who receive Christmas mail this year to get it on time. With commendable foresight he has already begun to prepare for the Christmas rush, by sending out a set of instructions to postmasters designed to facilitate the movement of the mails this month.

In addition to asking that the employes of the service be prepared for the season, he suggests that postmasters provide places and facilities to the public for the wrapping and tying of packages. He thinks the postoffices should be kept scrupulously clean

and inviting, so that the public will find pleasure in visiting the offices.

He talks of "selling postal service" as a business man would talk of selling dry goods, groceries, or automobiles. This is something new in the postal service, and it may take some time for the idea to soak in on the people that the postoffice really desires their business, and is not merely doing them a favor to handle it for them.

There ought to be a ready response to Mr. Hays' overtures to the public, however, and co-operation should be offered by early mailing, proper wrapping and tying of packages, and legible addressing of all mail. However, hard the postal employes may try this year to move the holiday mail promptly, there is a limit to their capacity, and if it all comes at once, delay will be unavoidable. By spreading the movement out over two or three weeks, all mail can be promptly delivered by Christmas Day.

The idea of early Christmas shopping is pretty well established. The public is acquainted with the advantages of buying Christmas goods before the final rush begins. The idea is equally good when applied to mailing of Christmas presents. The packages mailed in advance can be marked "Not To Be Opened Until Christmas."

Let everybody help the kind-hearted and thoughtful Mr. Hays in his efforts to make the postal service 100 per cent efficient during the annual Christmas rush. By early mailing, the mails will not be overcrowded and employes overworked; the packages will have a better chance of arriving in good condition, and what is of much sentimental value, they will arrive in time to be opened right on the day in whose honor they are given.—Houston Post.

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A Glorious Meeting, and Souls Made Happy.

Editor Courier:

As was anticipated, St. Luke colored church was filled with some of Crockett's best white and colored citizens last Sunday promptly at 3 P. M., where the great, logical, convincing, illustrative, and exceedingly devout and God-sent Rev. E. A. Maness, pastor Methodist church (white) preached, in his own interesting and profitable way, one of the greatest sermons the hearers ever had privilege of enjoying.

Many visible signs of being deeply touched, agreeably moved, were in evidence, while this fascinating preacher delved into the mysteries of the Bible and laid bare facts, ancient and modern, that show the importance of keeping daily in close touch with God; of having that

indispensable faith so necessary to insure our prosperity, peace, happiness and right living on this earth, finally, a home in Heaven. Much good did and will result in the future by reason of his timely sermon.

Financially, sixty-six dollars and 25 cents were raised, principally given by our indispensable good and true white friends, who always come to our rescue in any laudable undertaking.

Too many thanks cannot be given to our good pastor, Rev. Maness, and our white friends for being present and taking the interest they did to help us make our colored Methodist church comfortable to enter.

Chairman Trustee Board.

The fly's wing is one of the most perfect and delicate pieces of mechanism nature has ever produced.

666 is a prescription for Colds, Fever and LaGrippe. It's the most speedy remedy we know.



Kellogg's Jungleland is here! Greatest Animal Movies FREE to every family!

Jungleland Moving Pictures right in your home today, tomorrow, for weeks to come—FREE to Every Family! Jungleland Jass Boys will tickle little folks and big folks most to pieces! And—all FREE!

Kellogg's Jungleland Moving Pictures are HERE TODAY—ready to give you and the kiddies the heartiest of fun! And all free—ALL FREE!—this Jungleland joy-book of Kellogg's—the cleverest, happiest, most entertaining animal aggregation you ever heard of! It would cost 50 cents to buy it in a store!

Kellogg's Jungleland Moving Pictures tell you the joys of eating Kellogg's Corn Flakes! A band of happy, light-hearted jungle-folk who come directly into your home with a big and

glad package of KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes! Get KELLOGG'S from the nearest grocery store and you get KELLOGG'S Jungleland Movies—FREE. Jungleland is inside the Waxtite wrapper on the package!

QUICK to your grocer's at the break of day! QUICK as the doors open say "KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes with the Jungleland Moving Pictures!" And, you'll get the big RED and GREEN Waxtite package that holds the most delicious Corn Flakes any boy or girl or big folks ever ate! KELLOGG'S ARE NEVER LEATHERY! Never hard to eat!

BE Quick! Get your package bright and EARLY, for today is JUNGLELAND DAY!

Kellogg's CORN FLAKES

Also makers of KELLOGG'S KRUMBLES and KELLOGG'S BRAN, cooked and krumbled

Kellogg's in the RED and GREEN package



LOANS ON FARMS

LANDS BOUGHT AND SOLD

J. S. FRENCH

Crockett, Texas

THAT FINE AUGUSTA COMMUNITY FAIR

The Federal Government offers aid to schools doing vocational work under the Smith-Hughes Law. The state contributes a small amount to that end. Any school sufficiently interested to equip for this work and to hire teachers who are qualified to teach the vocational subjects may receive reimbursements from the state and national funds to aid in making it go. The instructors are men who demand salaries in proportion to their high qualifications and training, and therefore place this course beyond the reach of the poorer rural schools where it is really needed.

The law did not contemplate the scheme which is being carried out in this county, but it is meeting with the hearty approval of the state and federal authorities. Since any one school was not financially able to bring this sort of training to its pupils the plan of grouping schools for the purpose was conceived, and the experiment is succeeding in a measure far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

A group of five schools did the work last year with as much success as could reasonably be expected but there were so many new details to be worked out and, in some instances, the people were so averse to expert instruction on vocational lines that the process was slow and difficult, as is always the case in any kind of pioneering.

This year we entered the work with a better outlook and with a good fund of experience, observation and information. We hoped to have put on three or more groups of four schools in each group, but have been able to secure the services of only two instructors whose qualifications meet the requirements of the state and federal governments.

Doubtless those persons who are interested in the country people and in better rural schools and rural conditions would be interested in information as to the details of the work and as to what it is coming to. We will not consume space for that purpose now, but should be glad to have you discuss it with Mr. A. C. Casey at Augusta, Mr. W. E. Worsham at Weldon or with your county superintendent, either of whom would be glad to answer your questions and tell you all about it.

But the purpose of this paper is to tell you of a community fair held at the Augusta school

house a few days ago under the auspices of the schools at Liberty Hill, Waneta, Percilla and Augusta, which schools constitute the vocational group under the supervision of Mr. Casey.

At early morning the people began to gather and arrange the exhibits. Corn, sugar cane and the various East Texas products, the finest to be found anywhere, were in prominent evidence. Poland Chinas, Duroces, Holsteins, Jerseys, chickens, good horses and mules, were there galore to produce sensations strongly reminiscent of good country eats and rural prosperity and progress.

Incidentally I wish to observe that if you are in the market for good live-stock you can find them in that section of the county. The housewives not only provided the best dinner on earth for the good cheer of the crowd, but also entered the contest with specimens of their art. No one but the official taster dared sniff at those cookies. And, O, how we coveted that exalted function while it was being conferred upon one of more refined but no more epicurean tastes and inclinations. Those same ladies exhibited their products of hand and needle, dainty work with cloth and thread. They would have put to shame the contestants which we read of in Grecian mythology where the hand of a princess was bestowed instead of a blue ribbon. The names, much less the descriptions, of those dainty items are far beyond our poor ability as a connoisseur of the finer arts. We are a mere man. There were canned fruits and vegetables the sight of which were reminiscent of the time when Moses' spies returned from the Valley of Eschol in Canaan with a bunch of fruit so big and so luscious that the strength of two men and a pole was required to carry it. The work of pupils from the schools was neatly arranged in the respective community exhibits so that any person scholastically observant must have read the story of skillful teaching and such efficient and thorough instructions as always produce accurate and satisfactory results.

We can not indulge the pleasure of a more lengthy description of the affair, but we do want to make this further observation: When we were in the midst of those attractions, surrounded also by the stalwart manhood, glorious womanhood and sunny childhood of that meeting we were very near indeed to the very back-bone of our civilization. We were amidst the element which makes our country a fact and which will hold it, if it shall be held, upon a high and useful pedestal before the



The Best Toys for Children

Bring the children to our toy counter. It will be a great treat to them. There is no end to the little inexpensive things that will be a continuous source of delight to them.

They are too numerous for us to attempt to list them here, but they may readily be seen at our store—every one of them.

But don't stop at toys. Our store is loaded with useful gifts for people of all ages and conditions—gifts that furnish great joy and yet are moderate in price.

Candidly, we are proud of this stock. So will you be. So will those who receive them be.

Come early. Selections are easier made now than in the last rush hours.

Harris' Racket Store

nations of the earth. A set of teachers who can put over an occasion of this kind as those teachers have; a set of trustees who can support them as those trustees have done; and a set of people who can co-operate as those people have done are just such teachers, such trustees and such people as were possibly in the mind of David of old when his inspired pen wrote Psalms 37:25.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas.

In the matter of Crockett Drug Co., Bankrupt, in Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of the said bankrupt of Crockett, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of Nov., A. D. 1921, the said Crockett Drug Co. was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at Crockett, Texas, at the Court House on Thursday, Dec. 15th, A. D. 1921, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Texarkana, Texas, Dec. 3rd, A. D. 1921.

Sam H. Smelser,
It. Referee in Bankruptcy.

Hundreds Auditors Needed For Income Tax.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The United States Civil Service Commission stated today that the Income Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue will appoint several hundred additional auditors and revenue agents or inspectors as soon as the commission can supply the eligibles, for auditing work in the central office at Washington and inspec-

tion work throughout the country. It is stated that the Bureau of Internal Revenue finds it necessary to greatly augment its present force in order to bring its inspection and auditing work up to date and keep it current. The bureau recognizes the importance to business interests of clearing away work in arrears.

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held throughout the United States on December 14 to fill these positions. The entrance salaries offered range from \$1800 to \$3000 a year. Ad-

vancement will depend upon the record of the employee.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or from the Civil Service Board at the post office in Crockett.

A Hopeless Case.

There are piles of text books and opportunities galore but unless there are brains in your head and energy and ambition in your body you will never be a real success.

What's Christmas Without Good "Eats"?

Santa Claus would get a poor reception at your house without a big Christmas dinner, made up of all the goodies of the season.

We are showing a fine assortment of all the necessary ingredients for the Christmas cooking.

Fruits and Nuts of All Kinds
Christmas Candies in Bulk

Place your order today for the groceries you'll need during the holidays.

ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware

Get Your Christmas Bread and Pastries Here

All our products are noted for their fine flavor, uniform texture and appetizing goodness.

Bakery "Goodies" of All Kinds for Christmas

Date Loaf.....\$2.00	Mince Pies.....5c to 25c
Fudge Cake.....65c	Apple Pies.....5c to 25c
Angel Food.....40c to 60c	Peach Pies.....5c to 25c
Fruit Cake, pound...40c to 65c	Apricot Pies.....5c to 25c
Banana Cake.....65c	Chocolate Eclairs, each.....1c
Orange Layer Cake.....65c	Cinnamon Rolls, dozen.....20c
	Jelly Rolls, each.....5c

Our Prices Are Prices That Save You Money.

A Nice Assortment of Candies, Fruits and Fireworks.

CROCKETT BAKERY

Home of Santa Claus



Christmas Shopping Is Economical and Easy Here

There will be no wild splurges in Christmas shopping this year, as occurred during the past few years when everybody all over the country was "on the spend." We realized this when we placed our orders for our Christmas stock of goods. We bought to fit the times and the minds of the people. The result is that we are prepared to meet the spirit of economy which prevails without sacrificing either economy or the variety of our goods. Shopping will not be especially curtailed this Christmas, but it will be done with great care and a keen eye to values. We are ready to meet you on these terms. Shop early and you will shop to better advantage.

JAMES S. SHIVERS

Crockett's Greatest Store.

BIRTH OF NEW LIFE WHICH WAS TO SHINE

Conference of the Beasts of the Nativity as Portrayed by Imaginative Writer.

"Careful, Brother, thy horns! Keep thy head straight. Remember, tonight we share but the one stall between us. The man and his mate, there, have thine." The little tawny-hided ox of Palestine on the farther side leaned hard against the stable wall.

"Tis a strange star that shines tonight," his yoke-fellow answered, sighing restlessly as he turned back his gaze from the open door. Even with care their horns clicked in the narrow space. "If men must take my bed, why did they not turn us out into the free air? The grass would have dew on it tonight—and I could watch the star."

"Ho!" snorted the little gray ass which had carried hither the woman who lay stretched on the straw between them. "What grass wouldst thou pluck from the cobblestones of the city?"

"Aye," lowed the first ox. "There is hay here; eat and be still. The star is no concern of thine."

"The star shineth on the whole broad earth, Brother. He hath the peaked hills to wander in, and the dark valleys, the fields and the towns alike. I wish I were free like the star."

"Then, like him, thou wouldst come slipping in at our stable door again. Hey, come off thy knees! We must sleep standing," his mate grunted warningly.

"Hush, Brother. There is something wondrous in my old stall! Something very small and white! It gleameth as with hoarfrost in the star's light. It hath the smell of lillies. It moveth. The star can stroke it with its long, pale tongues." He

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will break a Cold, Fever and Grippe quicker than anything we know, preventing pneumonia.

leaned longingly against the barrier which shut him away, until it creaked.

The little ass slipped his soft ears between his own bars and sniffed inquiringly. "Why, 'tis a child!" he whined with delight. "Children are lovely things. His small fingers will play with my mane and he will sing little songs to me as I bear him along. Look up, little Master. We will see great days together."

"There, that serveth thee right!" reproved the far ox as the woman made a quick motion toward the inquisitive nose. "Thy black muzzle belongeth in thine own manger, Brother Ass." "She did but brush it aside," the little gray beast breathed contentedly. "She is pleased that we know her son. No fear, Brother Ox. Her husband will not take his staff to us. She is gentle, this woman of mine. Her child, too, will love us."

But the ox had not drawn back. He knelt there, his broad forehead pressed against the bars, his wondering eyes fixed on the new life which was to shine over the whole broad earth with a brighter glory than that wondering star's.—John Breck, in the Detroit News.

GROWTH OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Abandoned Farms in Foothills of Green Mountains in Vermont Provide Yuletide Sprouts.

Since five million Christmas trees are annually shipped out of Vermont, it is only natural to wonder where they all come from. They must come from farms—not farms operated to produce the Christmas tree crop, but abandoned farms where the trees have planted and reared themselves.

These abandoned farms lie in high valleys in the foothills of the Green mountains. One may see sections covered by thirty-odd farms, once thriving settlements, but now all but two or three may be unoccupied. Such land, once under the plow, is gradually coming back to forest. Along the fern-choked, faintly-traced furrows, young spruces come up and in the open sunshine take on a vivid green. And more than that—the symmetrical branches are a lively green clear to the ground.

Christmas trees cannot be cut in areas of spruce forest, because when they grow in dense clusters the under branches die for want of light, and hence the trees have no value as decorat-

ive Christmas trees.

Few, indeed, see the harvest. One or two lonely partridge hunters, perhaps, will see it as it lies covered with the first early snow squalls in the mountains. But back in October, when the days have not lost all of the mellowness of autumn, a gang of twenty choppers will have been busily at work cutting the scattering young spruces and tying them with twine.

The cutting and bundling is the easiest part of the harvest, for the trees must be hauled for miles to the railroad, and at this

time of the year the mountain roads are nothing more than frozen ruts and waterholes. Despite this fact, however, heavy motor trucks, bristling with two-horse wagons and even great criblike bodies, struggle slowly out, loaded high with the trees. Two horses are able to draw out a load about seventy trees of average size.

At the chosen town on the railroad every disused spot is hired and a mountain of trees begins to grow, till eight thousand of them may be packed in a solid mass.—St. Nicholas.

Odd and Interesting.

Bachelors were taxed in England in the early years of the eighteenth century.

In food value a pound of baked potatoes is equal to eight eggs, to a pound of chicken, or to seven ounces of the best bread.

An inventor has designed a shell for bass drums with a door in one side to permit smaller drums and other articles to be carried inside it.

Shopping Ideas

Christmas In the Home

Put beauty in the home as well as joy in the heart at Christmas time. Make it a new set or a needed piece of furniture this time. Make it a practical as well as a joyful Christmas.

Our stock is well adapted for this purpose, and the close prices we are making afford you an opportunity to give something of real value without jolting your bank account.

Furniture always gives eminent satisfaction and lasting results, the most practical gift of all.

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EMPTY PULPITS.

The Herald directed attention the other day to the fact that, in one of the leading New England colleges, with over 500 students, only one member of the graduating class was headed toward the ministry; and suggested that, while other causes contributed to bring about this drift away from the ministry, the main cause was the failure of the churches to awaken to the duty of making adequate provisions for their pastors. In support of this view of the Herald cited the figures of the Interchurch Movement, which showed that, in spite of the increased cost of living the average Protestant minister's salary last year, was only \$937.

The situation is too serious to be ignored. According to Dr. Robert L. Kelley, secretary of the council of church boards of education in the United States, as quoted by the New York Evening Post, there are now fully 5000 Protestant pulpits vacant in this country, and another 5000 will need ministers next year and thereafter. Yet the most liberal estimates for all the theological seminaries count on only 1600 graduates this year, as compared with 1800 a year ago. The attendance at Episcopal seminaries has dropped from 463 in 1916 to 193 in 1920; in the Presbyterian seminaries, from 1188 in 1916 to 695; in the Methodist seminaries, from 1226 in 1916 to 976, and in the Congregational seminaries, from 499 in 1910 to 255 last year.

The Jung faculty letter of the Harvard divinity school summarizes as follows the causes of this shortage and the lessons of it:

The decline in the economic status of the minister and the corresponding decline in his social status are most important contributory causes; as are the changes of religious emphasis during the last half century, the decline of the religious life in the home, and the greatly increased attractions of many other professional opportunities which offer invitations to young men of the type who formerly went into the ministry. It is essential that ministers today who are concerned for the future of their profession should set the facts squarely before their parishioners, and should point out to them that unless fathers and mothers think it worth while to encourage their ablest sons to enter the ministry the Christian church is certain to suffer a grave decline in influence through the lack of fervent and well-trained ministers. —Boston Herald.

WHAT A DOLLAR WILL DO.

Here's a practical illustration of what can be done along the line of paying bills if someone will start the ball rolling. J. B. Early had \$1 in the Lamar State Bank and Trust Company. Maybe he had more than that, but he had one, anyhow. He is strictly in favor of payup campaign, so he drew a check for \$1 and started it on its round of paying debts and before it was finally deposited in the Lamar State Bank it had paid \$58—and that \$1 never

left the bank. It is still in the deposit vault, though it has been transferred from one account to another. —Paris News.

Continuing its article, the Paris contemporary traces the \$1 check all over town, until it had liquidated fifty-eight \$1 debts. It may very well be that the check could have continued on its rounds before it quit work, or before it found rest in the bank on which it was drawn. We do not need a great deal of money with which to transact business. That bank check went a long round, settling a \$1 debt at every stop, without a single dollar in coin or currency having been touched. The dollar which backed the active check was lying in the bank vault, soulfully unaware of its important office. Those among us who insist that inflation is the proper answer to hard times seem never to turn the other side of the picture to their view. What good would it do business for the banks to be stuffed full of inflated \$10 bills which were lying torpid in iron boxes? It isn't the quantity of money that makes for good or bad times, but the activity of money. The simple sixpence was said by our forefathers to beat the slow shilling, and never was there a sounder axiom in our national finance. In Russia you can't buy a decent breakfast at any price, but you can buy a cup of imitation coffee for 10,000 rubles which would have equaled \$5,000 before the war. In Switzerland, a country which could be hidden in one corner of Russia, you can buy as good a breakfast as the world affords and pay for it with four or five Swiss francs, equal to \$1 or so in our money. Russia has quantity money, Switzerland quality money. The difference in the world. —Galveston News.

THE MOST GENERALLY OBSERVED OF FESTIVALS.

Christmas is of all the festivals the most generally observed in the western world. It is the universal holiday of Christendom, and the general phases of its observance are in their essentials similar in all countries. It is a sort of common ground on which we all meet for, at least, one day in the year.

In its religious aspect the festival is a remembrance of the Christian faith—the gift of God to the world of divine Savior. Out of that central and dominant idea, no doubt, grew up the practice of selecting Christmas, above all other seasons, as the time for friends to bestow gifts upon one another, and, for all who can, to extend charity to those in need.

Although not so old as the religious feature, the domestic and social features of the festival date back to very early times, at any rate, to times that are early in our history.

For centuries Christmas has been pre-eminently a season of home-gathering, when absent ones return and the family circle is once more completed, or as nearly completed as the changes and chances of life make possible. With home-coming was associated good cheer, and so Christmas came to be a season of feasting and merrymaking.

In England during the Middle Ages, and for many generations after the Middle Ages had closed, the Christmas season, which included at least a whole week, and liturgically 40 days, was given over to merrymaking of various kinds, some of which have gone the way of many of the customs of our forefathers. For instance, there was the bringing of the Yule-log to be lighted on the fireplace on Christmas eve with much ceremony and rejoicing. We have no Yule-log for there are but few fireplaces now. The name of the log recalls another name for Christmas, which was anciently called and is still known as Yule-tide or Yule-time.

THE JOY OF THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people

have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life; to close your book of complaints against the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking whether your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone. —Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.
No. 1, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 5, Houston Limited, 1:40 AM
North Bound.
No. 2, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 4, Local Passenger, 6:45 PM

Let the Courier print your sale bills.

To the Sheriff or Any Peace Officer of Houston County

This is to notify you that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan No. 22, of Crockett, Texas, offer the following rewards for the arrest and conviction of any bootlegger or moonshiner found guilty of violating the State or Federal laws in Houston county, after the 20th of December, 1921.

For the conviction of each white person we will pay a reward of \$50.00.

For the conviction of each negro we will pay a reward of \$25.00.

This offer is to hold good until further notice.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,
Crockett Klan No. 22.

December 7, 1921.

ART OF ADVERTISING SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Ad Club Invites Houstonians to Be Guests On December 13.

Sensationalism in advertising is a thing of the past among leading advertisers of today, and the only proper way in which one is to bring to the mind of the public the true value of his goods in an advertisement is by stating the truth always. James P. Slade, advertising manager of Fellmans Dry Goods Company, told members of the Galveston Advertising Club at their bi-weekly meeting held yesterday noon at Hotel Galvez. By unanimous vote it was decided to invite members of the Houston Advertising Club to attend a joint celebration to be held here on the evening of December 13. Bud A. Randolph presided.

"The location of the 'ad' is an important factor in its value," Mr. Slade said. "A back-page location is an exceptionally good place from which to gain the eye

of the reader. The second page of a publication also is good, and in all cases an upper location is desirable," he said.

A general review of the technicalities of "ad" writing and the problem of impressing upon the mind of the reader that which is meant to be impressed was given by Mr. Slade.

The invitation of the Galveston Advertising Club to the Houston Advertising Club had been awaiting final presentation for the past several weeks, but due to other matters the entertainment was postponed. Arrangements are being made to accommodate at least fifty Houston Ad Club members, who will journey here by special interurban. —Galveston News.

J-B Anti-Rheumatic

Will relieve your pains.

Recommended for
Rheumatism Neuralgia
Headaches Sciatica

If it isn't better than any remedy you ever tried, take it right back and get your money.

Sold by John F. Baker

Ferrasal Contains the Same Elements As the World's Finest Mineral Waters

The minerals of which Ferrasal is made neutralize the acids in the digestive system which cause acid stomach and all its kindred ills—indigestion, heartburn, biliousness, constipation, kidney troubles and much rheumatism.

The health for which the wealthy seek in all the famous European watering places comes to you in one small box—price fifty cents.

We absolutely guarantee Ferrasal as a remedy for the above disorders. Anyone failing to benefit by the first box will receive his money back without a word.

V. L. WORD & CO., Druggists
Lovelady, Texas.

DON'T MISS THE FERRASAL FLIGHT.

Pilot T. N. Kincanon, former U. S. Army flying officer, will give his daredevil

FLYING EXHIBITION

in Lovelady on Friday, Dec. 30, 10 A. M., weather permitting.

It'll be good! Don't miss it! Ask us—we'll tell you all about it.

Ferrasal

The Acid Neutralizer

Give Something Worth While

Gifts that will be a reminder of your good will in the years to come.

- DIAMONDS.
- WATCHES.
- LA TAUSCA PEARLS.
- RINGS, BAR PINS.
- SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS.
- BELT BUCKLES AND OTHER JEWELRY.
- GILLETTE RAZORS.
- KODAKS.
- CUT GLASS.
- BEAUTIFUL PICKARD CHINA

and many other practical gifts that you will feel a pride in giving, knowing that they will please.

These you will find at

Jno. F. Baker

THE REXALL STORE

* LOCAL NEWS ITEMS *

Shells, any size, at Arnold Brothers' tf.

R. L. Shivers for all kinds of feed and groceries. tf.

All kinds of fruits, nuts and fireworks at H. J. Phillips' 1t.

Stalk cutters and both chilled and turning plows at R. L. Shivers' tf.

Fountain pens make useful gifts. Bishop' Drug Store has the right kind. 1t.

What you are looking for in holiday stationery at Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Mrs. W. T. Blakeway of Greenville was the guest of Mrs. F. A. Smith last week.

We have the apples. Buy them by the box and save money. tf. Arnold Brothers.

After all, the best gift is a photograph. 4t. The Warren Studio.

Mrs. Harvery Bayne of West Columbia is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ellis, in this city.

The friends of Mr. James Asa Smith will be glad to note that he is recovering from his recent appendicitis operation.

For Trade.

Five passenger touring car to trade for syrup and a good milk cow. E. C. Satterwhite. 1t.

The quail season is here and we have shells to get them with. Get our prices before you buy. tf. Arnold Brothers.

I have all the necessary ingredients for your fruit cake. Phone me your order. 1t. H. J. Phillips.

Hunters, Attention.

The Mary Allen Seminary land is posted. No hunting. 1t.* A. E. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb LeGory, who have been in Houston for some time, are spending a vacation with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Miss Elizabeth Adams will arrive Wednesday from college at Denton to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Adams Jr.

For Sale.

A complete sawmill plant in good condition. Bargain price. W. E. Denson, Percilla, Texas. 1t.*

Only Eight More Days of Our Clean-Up Sale

Although our sale has been quite a success we find that we still have on hand more goods than we wish to carry. Our sale prices are proving a reckless disregard of profits in our determination to reduce our stocks. We got results, but in order to close out all winter goods we are making extraordinary low prices on our entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, overcoats, shoes, hats, shirts, underwear and hosiery, sweaters, at greatly reduced prices, and on all made-to-order suits you get an extra pair of trousers free.

Appropriate Gifts for Men and Boys

It is often a puzzling question to know just what to give your male relatives or friends at Christmas time, but when you give something in wearing apparel you know it will be appreciated above all others. Our stock affords you ample opportunity and our reduced prices make economical and practical gifts possible.

Sale Closes Saturday, December 24

Make Your Selections Now.

MILLAR & BERRY

Clothes for Men and Boys

Specially Priced Christmas Presents

Can Be Found at the Bromberg Store

- Ladies' Wardrobe Trunks at \$27.50
- Children's Wardrobe Trunks at \$12.50
- Suit Cases, genuine leather \$12.50
- High Grade Trunks, 15 styles, from \$7.50 to \$15.00
- Men's Overcoats, great values \$15.00
- Men's Overcoats, to close out, at \$10.00
- Men's Rain Coats at \$7.50
- Men's Silk Shirts from \$4.50 to \$5.75
- Ladies' Sweater Shawls at \$3.75
- Boys' Sweater Suits, sweater hood and pants, complete set, worth \$5.00, now \$3.00
- Ladies' Silk Petticoats \$3.50
- Ladies' Silk Hose at \$1.50
- Men's Neckwear at 75c
- Men's Garters and Belt, packed in Xmas boxes \$1.50

We do not handle toys, but you will find hundreds of useful presents, the kind you desire at the price you want to pay, at

THE BROMBERG STORE

WHERE BUSINESS IS ALWAYS GOOD

Box Supper at Porter Springs.

There will be a box supper at Porter Springs Thursday night, December 22, for the benefit of the school library. You are cordially invited. 2t.

Posted.

Please take notice that my place known as the Matlock property is posted and no hunting is allowed. 2t.* James Crawford.

What shall I give this Christmas? Your photographs will solve the problem. No gift is so lasting or so personal as one's photograph. 4t. The Warren Studio.

Misses Kathleen and Lillie Hall, teaching at Port Arthur, Miss Bella Lipscomb, teaching at Orange, and Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb, visiting in Beaumont, will arrive next week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

The friends of Mrs. Lucy Collins will be glad to know that she has about recovered her eyesight, following a most successful operation in a Houston sanitarium, and that she will soon return to relatives and friends at Trinity and Crockett.

All Crockett will regret losing Mr. U. S. Minor and his most estimable family. The Courier's understanding is that they will move either to the Rio Grande valley or to southern California, Mr. Minor having attractive offers from both localities.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 10, 1921.

Dearest Santa Claus:

I am writing you so you will be sure and not overlook me. Santa, I at one time had a good Daddy that never forgot the "baby." But now I have not,

and I miss him so much. Now I am going to ask you to please bring me—first of all and most important is a rubber tired tricycle, a real nice sweater, an air gun, some shot, fire crackers, sparklers, and of course I want some fruit, candy and nuts. Santa, I have been good, studied my Primer, and now I am ready for the First Grade. Mother teaches me at home. Please bring mother a black fur set, pair black kid gloves. I must bid you good night and hope you a merry Xmas. Your little friend, R. D. Calhoun Jr., Augusta, Texas.

The pilot is seated at one side of the motor for better vision and greater safety in a new European monoplane that carries five passengers.

LET US DRAIN YOUR CRANK CASE

AND FILL WITH THE CORRECT GRADE OF

MOBIL OIL

We will drain your crank case and fill with the correct grade just for the price of the oil.

We also handle the right Exide Battery for your car.

Exide BATTERIES

CROCKETT MOTOR COMPANY

Telephone 303

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Vice President Coolidge Places Construction on the Greatest Event in Human History.

Christmas has but one meaning—the Nativity, writes Vice President Calvin Coolidge, in the New York Evening Post. The goodness, the justice, but also the mercy, the helping hand of God. This, the greatest event in human history, has a spiritual meaning. The Savior came to minister to the spiritual nature of man. He showed the true glory and importance of man—and helping him showed the duty of helping one another. Endowed with the power, yet He did not bestow material blessings or set up an earthly kingdom. But to follow Him gave the power to command all those.

To get the world to see the true meaning of things, that is the redemption. The creation was all declared good. It can be perverted. The enemy forever strives "out of good still to find means of evil." The material welfare of men does not come first—to make it first makes it to be destroying and destroyed. Christmas is not instituted for the purpose of earning the reward of gifts, but for giving them in their true significance. "The wages of sin is death, eternal life is the gift of God."

HANGING UP THE XMAS STOCKING

Time-Honored Christmas Custom Dates Back to the Days of St. Nicholas at Padua.

From Italy comes the legend from which we are supposed to get the time-honored custom of hanging up the Christmas stocking.

Good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw long knitted purses, tied at both ends, into the open windows of the very poor people. These purses were made of yarn not unlike a footless stocking. Finally it became the custom of the people to hang them outside their window on the night before Christmas, so that St. Nicholas could put a gift into them as he passed by. By and by, when coin became scarce, toys were put in for the children, and useful presents for grown people. In the North country where it was rather chilly at Christmas time, the purses were hung on the mantelpiece, and it was believed that the good old saint would come down the chimney and fill them. When these purses were out of use, stockings were substituted and have been used ever since.

THE BIG COMMUNITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Christmas Should Not Be Confined to Family Celebrations; Make It General Joy Feast.

Christmas should not be confined to our own family. Christmas is of all days Community Holiday and the entire community should be taken in for celebrating the occasion. Every community should have in the local church, or schoolhouse Christmas exercises of some sort or other. The giving of recitations is one of the very best trainings for children and



Make It a Hardware Christmas

In these busy, hard-working, sensible, money-saving days, folks' thoughts just naturally turn to things efficient, useful, lasting and "commonsensible." That's why we say this Christmas will be a Hardware Christmas.

We have Christmas gifts that are useful, we have them that are ornamental, and we have those that are both useful and ornamental.

Make Your Selections Now While the Stock Is Complete

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| HOOVER ELECTRIC SWEEPERS | HATCHETS | AIR GUNS |
| POCKET KNIVES | AXES | RIFLES |
| BUTCHER KNIVES | FOOD GRINDERS | SHOTGUNS |
| KNIVES AND FORKS | FLASHLIGHTS | TRICYCLES |
| BREAD KNIVES | ALUMINUM WARE | GLASS WARE |
| SCISSORS | PERCOLATORS | QUEENS WARE |
| OLD STYLE RAZORS | FIRE FENDERS | DAISY CHURNS |
| SAFETY RAZORS | DOOR MATS | OIL HEATERS |
| SAWS | ALARM CLOCKS | COOKING UTENSILS |
| HAMMERS | LARGE CLOCKS | AND MANY OTHER USEFUL GIFT THINGS |
| | BOYS' WAGONS | |

The day of the Jim-crack, the useless, the merely ornamental, the "Made-in-Germany" stuff has past, and to the modern housewife of today, who is grateful for our present peace and prosperity, there is more REAL BEAUTY in a light, lasting Aluminum Saucepan—for the kitchen—than in a piece of useless IMITATION ART for her MANTEL.

Nor do we stop at the kitchen, but for every room in the house and for every member of the family, we have a present that will not only carry your GIFT SPIRIT, but will be treasured for years for its beauty, usefulness and efficiency.

Smith-Murchison Hardware Company

cannot be started too soon. As soon as they are able to lisp they should be given a part in Christmas entertainments. It is a means of much pleasure to them and something they will remember as long as they live.

Christmas, in the country of all places, should be a community holiday. It's too big a thing to be kept all within your family.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be

necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look on such an enterprise to be successful. There is indeed one element in human destiny that not blindness itself can controvert; whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed; failure is the fate allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all

the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despairer.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Truer Things of Life.

We stand together at another fullness of time; perhaps it is a fullness in which material things, the manmade things, bulk largest. Perhaps it is a time in which confidence in the human seems to excel confidence in the divine. It is becoming

increasingly evident that there must speedily come to men the visions of life and real values as they find their finer and larger interpretation of him whose birth the world celebrates at Christmas. There is a tragic, if inarticulate, appeal being made today for a return to the homelier, stronger and truer things of life; we are looking for a new Birth of goodness that shall restore our lost peace and bring back again to earth the deeper satisfaction of the human heart.—James E. Freeman.