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FUTURE HOLDS ROSY PROMISE FOR FARMERS

While There Are Still Some Dark Spots, Conditions Evidence Improvement.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The new year holds out the promise of better things for agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declared today in a review of farm conditions for 1922 and a forecast for 1923.

Marked progress toward agricultural prosperity was made during 1922 and 1923 should witness still further recovery, Wallace stated.

"Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long, hard climb out of the valley of economic depression.

"They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the new year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

"A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom prices for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops Good; Prices Higher.
Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

"The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

"There are still some dark

spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market.

"Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which the farmers themselves must exercise control.

"There has been gratifying growth in farmers' co-operative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

"Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

"The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

"Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923."

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier has a larger list of subscription renewals this week than it had last week, which is pretty good for the holiday week, covering the week between Christmas and New Year's days. We are very appreciative and thankful for this constantly increasing list, and those who are responsible for it will please accept our thanks. Our subscribers and other patrons will please accept our best wishes for prosperity and happiness at the beginning of another year.

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

C. O. Murray, Lovelady.
H. F. Craddock for Miss Emma Craddock, Albuquerque, N. M.

J. F. Downes, Dallas.
Mrs. W. B. Smith, Longview.
Mrs. Henry Klein, New York.
C. L. McConnell, Daisetta.
Judge F. A. Williams, Galveston.

Mrs. John S. Prince, Athens.
J. F. Leathers Sr., Guy's Store.

T. W. Crowson, Lovelady.
O. Petersen for Fred Gardner, Fort Worth.

G. E. Lansford, El Dorado, Ark.

H. H. Griffin, Crockett Rt. 5.
Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett.

Mrs. Ora Broxson, Lovelady.
C. M. Smith, Sikeston, Mo.
Towery Motor Company, Crockett.

W. J. Peacock, Lovelady Rt. 1.
O. C. Aldrich, San Juan.
Garland Ellis, Crockett.

Dr. J. N. Dean, Lovelady Rt. 1.
W. J. Wood, Trinity.
Ralph Lundy, Crockett.

Tucker Baker, Neame, La.
J. O. Monday, Longview.
Mrs. H. W. Moore, Crockett.

B. F. Chamberlain Jr., Port Arthur.
N. Berry (col.), Fordice.

NEW RACE FOR SUPREMACY ON WATER IS SEEN

PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 30.—What was regarded as a frank warning that a new race for world supremacy is in progress, along lines not limited by the naval treaty at Washington arms conference, was given late today when congress was asked by President Harding to launch a \$30,000,000 program of "modernizing" the capital ships left to the United States by the pact.

The communication asking funds to build up the American navy to meet similar steps taken by foreign nations came from Secretary of the Navy Denby and General Lord, director of the budget, with a note of approval from President Harding.

Congress was asked to make \$6,500,000 immediately available so that work can be started on 13 vessels.

Others Strengthen Vessels.

The request was taken to constitute official cognizance of reports that other nations, while not violating the arms treaty conference by not constructing new vessels, are strengthening their present ships by covering them with thicker armor plate, by boring out and elevating guns so they will shoot further and by other means which are legitimate under the five-power agreement.

Great Britain is understood to have embarked upon a modernization program. This move may explain statements recently made by the house appropriation committee to the effect that there was danger of a new naval supremacy race unless President Harding called a new conference to limit aircraft, submarines and auxiliary vessels.

Culberson's Private Secretary to Serve New York Senator.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Chesley W. Jurney of Waco, for 20 years private secretary to Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas, will become secretary to Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York on March 4, Copeland announced Saturday.

Copeland, who was elected in November, will take office as Culberson retires. Jurney is one of the best known and most popular of senate secretaries. He has been not only secretary of Senator Culberson but his political associate.

American Squadron to Reinforce British Fleet at Dardanelles.

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—The United States became the actual leading figure in the Lausanne conference tonight when it was reported that an American battleship squadron will reinforce the British fleet now sailing

from Malta to the Bosphorus.

It was said the purpose of the American naval demonstration will be to impress upon the Turks the complete Anglo-American unity on the question of safety to the Armenians.

The report of America's naval participation came close upon the filing of a memorandum before the conference today proposing the establishment of a "national home" for Armenians, taking in part of Cilicia to a point east of the Gulf of Alexandretta. This territory would be an autonomous state, similar to Switzerland and Belgium, under a treaty of all powers.

Prisoners Publicly Stripped and Lashed in Freezing Weather.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 30.—With the temperature below freezing, five prisoners at the Newcastle County workhouse were stripped to the waist and publicly whipped this afternoon by Deputy Warden Leach.

Three of the men received five lashes each. They were found guilty of larceny. Twenty lashes each were given two negroes. They were accused of breaking and entering homes.

One is to be given 20 more lashes next Saturday as part of his sentence of 40 lashes and three and a half years imprisonment. The others received jail sentences ranging from 15 months to two years.

All of the prisoners, though visibly affected by the cold wind which swept across the jail yard, stood the lashes on their bare backs without making an outcry.

The whippings were witnessed by other prisoners and by many visitors.

Ruling Extends Time on Agricultural Credits.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Bankers' acceptances of six months maturity, drawn by growers of staple agricultural products or co-operative marketing associations, are eligible for purchase or rediscount by the federal reserve banks under a ruling promulgated today by the federal reserve board as a step in the direction of longer term credits for agriculture.

Officials declared the decision, which makes the agricultural paper eligible for rediscount for six months instead of three, "should be of material assistance to co-operative marketing associations in financing the orderly marketing of crops."

Some Postscripts.

It is true that clothes do not make the man, but few of us would care to go around without any.

The new chancellor of Syracuse university, the Rev. Charles W. Flint, is the grandson and great-grandson of Methodist local preachers.

Indo-China is covered with a complete radio telegraphic system, comprising fifteen stations equipped with the best high-powered apparatus.

India, with three times the population of the United States, experiences a chronic shortage of mine labor, due to the lack of desire for work.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Moving Around.

Pratt & Krenek's restaurant will be moved to the Patton block. Albert Thompson will again occupy his old stand on Public avenue. Lundy & Thompson have moved to the T. D. Craddock store and consolidated the two stocks. J. M. McGee has bought the Bennett Bros. stock and taken charge. J. C. Satterwhite will move to the storeroom vacated by Pratt & Krenek, and Moore & Shivers will move into the house vacated by J. C. Satterwhite. E. C. Satterwhite has moved to the building adjoining the picture show, and Chas. Fuller has moved into the building vacated by Mr. Satterwhite. Joe Younas will also move, but does not know where he will move to. Hooks Brothers have opened a grocery business in the house adjoining Bennett's meat market and have an advertisement in this week's Courier, to which your attention is invited. The storerooms vacated in the Masonic building will be torn down to make room for the new Masonic building to be erected during the spring. Deupree & Null have taken charge of the new filling station on the way to the depot. Read the ads.

Holiday Dance.

The young men of Crockett gave their annual holiday dance for the visitors and the young people home from college Friday evening of last week. One of Houston's best dance orchestras was secured for the event. Under adequate and proper chaperonage the dance was enjoyed until a late hour. Among the visitors were noted the following: Misses Grace Smith, Longview; Mary Elizabeth Wettenkamp, Palestine; Mary Louise LaBarge, Palestine; Lillie Wright, Palestine; Mary Ezell, Houston; Elizabeth O'Connell, Palestine; Mrs. Henry Wright, Palestine; Nona Queen, Kerens; Marcella Walker, Dalhart; Billie Burk, Lufkin; Jennie Lacy, Lufkin; Seawillow Johnson, Marlin; Madeline Mosely, Marshall; Willyde Freeman, Lufkin; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Nunn, Mexia; Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Yenger, Clarksdale, Miss.

SOME NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

The Driskell well is drilling at a depth beyond 3200 feet and the indications are said to be no less promising than heretofore.

The Porter well at Crockett has passed 3000 feet. These wells have both gone through very hard formations and progress has been slow. Indications at the Porter well are also said to be no less promising than heretofore.

The Porter Springs well has not yet resumed operations, its water supply being inadequate.

The maintenance of the light-house system, begun in 1789, was the first work of a technical character undertaken by the United States government.

As you eat, give the brain which God gave you an opportunity to think.

Reward Offered

Will pay reward to any person who can give me any information as to the identity of the parties in the car that killed my registered Collie Saturday night. It was a Ford without any lights and ran at exceedingly high speed right close to town on Public Ave. The parties in the car who killed the dog deliberately struck him from the back and did not even as much as stop to ascertain the extent of the injury. All other cars coming that way stopped to see if they could lend a helping hand to the innocent dog, but these boys thought it smart to be able to get away after committing the crime, for there are some who delight in striking down dumb animals.

The following extract, from one of the papers, expresses my sentiments exactly:

"Yes, he is only a dog, but from his loving eyes he looks a devotion that surpasses the highest human sentiment; he is only a dog, but patient under reproof, faithful in service, truer than steel, he shows me what I unto my God should be. He is only a dog, but he would give his life for me. Should I not speak for him and his fellow subhumans?"

N. L. Asher

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert R. Nunn of Mexia were Crockett visitors last week.

Leon Bromberg left last week to re-enter medical college at Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Henry Klein returned during the holidays to her home in New York City.

Clinton Cannon of Del Rio was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Carl Goolsby, last week.

Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Warfield.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Lansford have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cook at Bryan.

Mr. W. H. Duren of the Belott community, who was reported seriously ill last week, is now reported much improved, the Courier is glad to note.

Start The New Year Right

And resolve to buy all your drug store needs the coming year from the druggist who appreciates your business and who desires to give you the best value for every dollar spent with him.

Let us be your 1923 druggists.

Jno. F. Baker
THE REXALL STORE

Jim Tom Box of Indianapolis was among the holiday visitors in Crockett last week.

Miss Elizabeth O'Connell of Palestine was the guest of Miss Irma Lee Austin at the end of last week.

Mrs. V. B. Tunstall, who has been visiting her mother and sisters in Dallas for a week, has returned home.

Miss Madalene Mosely of Marshall visited Misses Katherine Hassell and Sarah Mac Crook during the holiday season.

Mrs. Armistead Aldrich and little daughter of Colbert, Okla., have arrived to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Chamberlain.

C. W. Butler Jr., after spending the week with his family in Crockett, has returned to the Tennessee medical college at Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch Murchison of Port Arthur visited relatives and friends in Crockett and Grapeland during the holiday season.

Mrs. Frankie Edmiston and Jamie Elizabeth returned Monday from Huntsville, where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Milk is the most efficient of all foods in insuring an all-round adequacy of the diet. It is important as a source of energy, protein, mineral elements and vitamins.

New Location.

Satterwhite's Restaurant moves next door to Picture Show. Welcome to all, and wish you a prosperous New Year. It.

A secretary of a national organization lost his job because he wrote to the members that he would be glad to hear of the death of any member so that he could include it in his annual report.

Eastern Star Pin Lost.

Lost Tuesday night an Eastern Star pin having across the bar the name of W. I. Pearson. Finder will please leave at Courier office or with Mrs. J. S. Wootters and receive reward. It.

Notice.

Miss Lee Arrington is collector and assessor of the school taxes and will be found in her office in the rear of the Crockett State Bank. The prompt payment of your school tax will be appreciated and of great benefit to the school. It.

Bargains in Pianos.

One Kramer, oak case, \$125.
One Chas. F. Netzow, \$125.
One Kimball, oak case, \$150.
One Conway, mahogany, \$165.
One Richmond, \$175.
One Hamilton, latest, \$395.
Benches and stools to match. Phone 320 or see V. B. Tunstall. It.*

Public Notice.

I am now in business for myself, located at the Bennett Bros. old stand on north side of Public Square. I will carry a full line of Groceries and Feed and will sell for CASH. "Small profits and quick sales" will be my motto. I will appreciate a visit from you. Thanking you in advance for any business given me, I am

Yours very truly,
J. M. McGee.

Girls' Club at Belott School.

Editor Courier:

We are moving along very nicely with our Girls' Club at Belott School. Miss Barnett met with us again for her second time December 22. She gave us our second lesson in sewing, in making dolls. We have named our club the "Best" club, and we are going to maintain the name of our club of being the best. Reporter.

Recovering from Accident.

Barclay Tunstall, who happened to a severe accident just before the holidays by being knocked down and injured by an automobile, has sufficiently recovered to be conveyed to his home east of Crockett. Since the accident the young man, who was a high school student in Crockett, has been cared for by his mother at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. LeMay. It is by careful nursing that he is able to be moved, and it is hoped that his improvement will continue.

Officials Take Office.

All county officials elected and re-elected at the November election took the oath of office on Monday and Tuesday of this week. County Commissioner Holcomb is holding over until his successor is appointed, which, the Courier is informed, will likely be done before another week expires. His successor will be appointed by County Judge Leroy Moore, who has so many applications before him that he has not yet been able to make a selection.

The Week of Prayer.

Our churches are to observe the first week of the New Year in concert with Christians throughout the world by special prayer-meetings, beginning Monday night, at 7:15, January 8, at the Presbyterian church; Tuesday night at the Methodist church; Wednesday night at the Baptist church; Thursday night at the Christian church; Friday night at the Methodist church. No meeting Saturday night.

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.

B. B. WARFIELD
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The topic for Monday night is thanksgiving and confession of sin.

S. F. Tenney,
Senior Pastor.

Christian Church.

Next Sunday at the 11 o'clock service the annual business meeting of the church will be held. Every member of the church is urged to be present.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will elect officers at the regular hour of service, 6:30 p. m. All the young people of the church should be there.

The other services at the usual hours. The public cordially invited.

E. S. Allhands,
Minister.

On the ground that actresses are notoriously careless with their jewelry, British insurance companies refuse to accept them as a risk against loss.

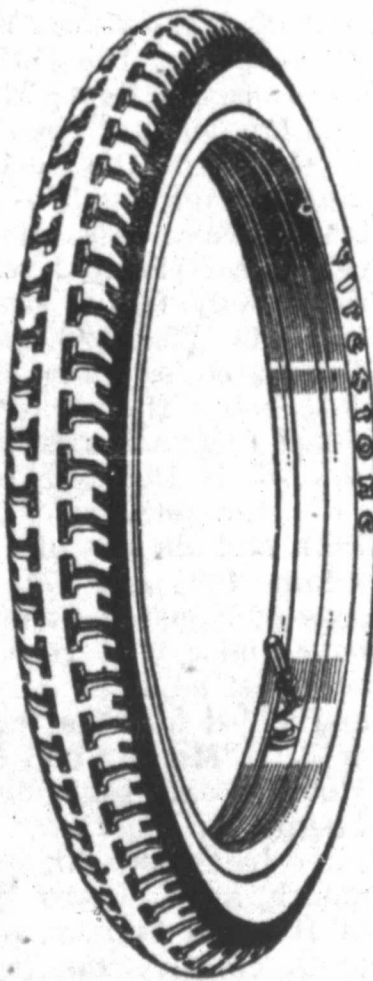
Advertise it in the Courier.

Trade Stimulators For Saturday

15c Fancy Outings	9c
\$1.25 Ladies' Union Suits	95c
20c Fancy Gingham	10c
\$1.00 Children's Union Suits	85c
\$4.00 Ladies' Shoes	\$2.95
\$3.00 Children's Shoes	\$2.25
40-inch Brown Sheeting	12½c
20c Children's Hose	12½c

Ladies' Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts and Sweaters, on sale at less than wholesale cost.

Crockett Dry Goods Co.



Why Not Start 1923 Right

It has come the time of year for bad weather and muddy roads. Avoid that disagreeable job of having to try to patch an old worn out tire and tube out in the cold, rain and mud by fitting "Lizzie" with those good Firestone's or Oldfield's. Get them where you get

"Service With A Smile."

Crockett Filling Station

30x3 (Oldfield 999)	\$7.99
30x3½ (Oldfield 999)	\$8.99
30x3 N. S. Regular	\$8.95
30x3½ N. S. Regular	\$10.65
30x3½ Cord	\$12.45
30x3½ Oversize Cord	\$14.65

INEQUALITIES FROM TAXING CONSIDERED

Willacy Points Out Remedies In Our State and County System.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—In his annual report to the governor and the legislature, State Tax Commissioner John G. Willacy renders an accounting for the year of the activities of the state tax board of which he is chairman and enters into an analytical discussion of taxation. The report deals with inequalities prevailing in the assessment of property coming under the ad valorem tax and those applicable to privilege upon which occupation or gross receipts taxes are imposed. With reference to delinquent taxes, whether of property or privilege, the Commissioner contends that, "in its need of revenue, the state should first make demand upon those who rightfully owe it rather than upon those who regularly pay." First pointing out in detail the failure of expectant revenue from the operation of the gross receipts tax, principally from oil well companies, pipe line companies and wholesale dealers in products refined from petroleum, figures are given showing that the delinquent and unpaid state ad valorem taxes aggregate \$6,352,997, of which sum after making a liberal allowance of 25 per cent for double assessments, insolvents and duplications, a net collectable balance amounting to \$4,764,748 remains.

Gross Receipts Tax.

With reference to the criticism, often advanced, of the gross receipts tax to the effect that it operates unjustly in that it is based upon ability to pay and that two or more business concerns may have the same gross earnings, one earning profit, another losing, yet each subject to the same tax, the answer is that the same line of reasoning applies to property; that two or more farms may be of equal value, one earning money for its owner, the other losing, yet all be alike assessed and subject to the same tax. After naming the activities in Texas coming under the gross receipts tax, the report declares "there are in Texas a number of concerns earning large returns upon capital investment far in excess of their physical properties which should be included," and that it will require but little effort to discover that "in the field of taxation Texas is rich in both untaxed property and privilege."

Of pipe line companies, the report, which was prepared prior to the beginning of the litigation to test the validity of the present statute, recommends that these companies doubtless earn substantial income upon value far in excess of that of their physical assessments, and "it is altogether probable that the interests of the state and the rights of the operating companies would be better conserved by placing them under the operation of the intangible asset law." Attention is directed to provision of the statute levying a gross receipts tax on wholesale dealers in coal oil, naphtha, benzine and other articles refined from petroleum.

Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.
No. 1, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 5, Houston Limited, 1:48 AM
North Bound.
No. 2, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM
No. 4, Local Passenger, 6:53 PM

666

is a Prescription for Colds, Fever and LaGrippe. It's the most speedy remedy we know, preventing Pneumonia.

DEMANDS HEAVY FOR LICENSING OF COTTON STORAGE

FIGURES SHOW 400 WAREHOUSES WITH LARGE CAPACITY OPERATING.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Demands for licensing of cotton ware houses under the United States warehouse act are being made almost faster than they can be answered by the department of agriculture. At present there are 400 cotton warehouses licensed with a capacity to accommodate 2,000,000 bales.

There has been a large increase during the last year due to some extent to the influence of the co-operative associations. Between May 1, this year, and November 20, there were 132 ware houses licensed. During the first few years of the warehouse act the warehouses were owned by small operators, but now there are licensed a great many ranging from 4000 bales capacity up to 165,000 bales.

At present in addition to the 400 cotton warehouses there are licensed 218 grain warehouses with a capacity of 14,000,000 bushels of grain, 23 wool warehouses with a capacity of 25,000,000 pounds, and 52 tobacco warehouses with a capacity of 225,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The department feels confident there will be just as much of an increase in the licensing of cotton warehouses or in the demand to be licensed, during the next year as there has been during the past year.

The policy of a number of cotton associations to put all of their cotton in licensed warehouses, the department believes, has expedited considerably the work of the war finance corporation as far as marketing loans to these associations have been concerned. This year the war finance corporation has had applications from practically every one of the cotton growers' associations. As part of the agreements, the stipulation was made that as collateral for loans the corporation would accept, without further question, federal warehouse receipts, but that if receipts issued by any warehouse men, not operating under the federal act were presented, the corporation reserved the right to inspect and pass upon them.

The Courier office has a large stock of oil land lease forms for sale in any quantity from one up. Come to see us for your oil acreage lease forms and all other forms and styles of printing.

Three thousand automobiles were struck by trains at grade crossings in the United States last year, involving the killing of 2000 persons and the maiming of 3000 others.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Tarrant County, for Civil cases, on the 1st day of December, 1922, by Bart Mynatt, Clerk of said County Court, for the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy-seven & 50-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of George R. Liipe, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 20,846, and styled George R. Liipe vs. L. L. Murray et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the John Box league about 20 miles East from the City of Crockett and described as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the A. J. McLemore homestead tract on the South or S. W. boundary line of the John Box league stake for corner, original bearing gone; Thence N. 30 E. with division line between McLemore and DuPuy lands at 4118 varas to a stake for corner on East or N. B. line of said Box league a pine mkd. X; Thence N. 59 W. with said Box line at 535 varas to the S. E. corner of the La. and Texas Lumber Company tract, formerly Kaugman tract; Thence S. 30 W. with the line of said tract at 1188 varas the S. W. corner of same; Thence N. 59 W. with line of said 100 acres tract at 475 varas stake for corner the N. W. corner of said 100 acre tract on division line between the DuPuy tract and tract of 670 acres formerly known as McLean tract; Thence S. 30 W. with the North or N. W. line of the DuPuy tract at 2900 varas to the West or N. W. corner of the DuPuy 576 2/3 acres tract on South West line of said Box league; Thence S. 59 E. at 960 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 576 2/3 acres of land more or less, and including the homestead and residence of the DuPuy family save and except the West 200 acres herein designated as our homestead: And being the same land conveyed to Frances E. Murray by Mrs. W. B. DuPuy et al. by deed dated the 29th day of November, 1921, and shown of record in volume 103, page 171, Deed Records of Houston County, Texas. Save and except the West 200 acres set aside as a homestead; and levied upon as the property of L. L. Murray and Mrs. L. L. Murray, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. L. Murray and Mrs. L. L. Murray.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive

weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of December, 1922.

O. B. Hale,

Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Cleon Hallmark.

Editor Courier:

The death angel came into our community on December 19 and took from our midst little Cleon Hallmark, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hallmark. His age was 6 years, one month and 24 days. But our loss is Heaven's gain. Grieve not for him, dear father and mother, but be resigned to God's will, not ours, for after all our heart aches and sorrow, just remember he was only a little flower budded on earth to bloom in heaven, now to watch for our coming and make heaven sweeter.

When we see a precious blossom that we tended with such care rudely taken from our bosoms, how our aching hearts despair! Around its little grave we linger till the setting sun is low, feeling all our hopes have perished in the flower we cherished so.

We shall sleep, but not forever, in the cold and silent grave. Blessed be the Lord that taketh, blessed be the Lord that gave—he shall sleep, but not forever. There will be a glorious dawn; we shall meet to part no more on the resurrection morn.
Neighbor.

Slumber Party.

A happy night was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cook during the Christmas holidays. The home was beautifully decorated with the Christmas colors of green and red.

The guests assembled in the home about four o'clock around the merry fireside. The afternoon was passed with much enjoyment and an interesting program.

The guests were invited into the dining room where a six o'clock dinner was served.

We were invited to attend the picture show later, which we enjoyed very much; after the show we returned home. The host and hostess were entertained by readings and songs.

At twelve o'clock we enjoyed a refreshing ice course very much. We were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Maness who spent the early part of the evening.

Those who attended the party were as follows: Misses Elizabeth Shivers, Bessie L. Patton, Cornelia Maness, Fay Daniel, Dorothy Lee and Ruth Maness.
A Guest.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
Makes the Body Strong.
Makes the Blood Rich. etc

ARMY GOODS AT AUCTION

We Have Recently Purchased 31,000 Sets of New and Used Army Harness With and Without Breaching.

Other Government Goods we have to sell consists of: Stock Saddles, Riding Bridles, Lariats, Cavalry Bridles, Extra Team Bridles, Whips, Collars, Extra Lines, Halters, Halter Leads, Rain Coats, Slickers, Blankets, Shoes, Shirts, Breeches, Coats, Socks. In fact everything man or horse can wear.

Just a word about blankets: We have 25,000 O. D. Government Blankets and we can furnish you the best blanket you have ever had a chance to buy for the money. Just the thing for a lap robe, camping parties, cots on sleeping porches, in fact, there are a thousand ways to use this blanket, and the handiest thing a man ever owned who owns an automobile.

WE WILL SELL AT 1:30 P. M.

Tuesday, January 9, 1923, at Crockett, Texas.
Wednesday, January 10, 1923, at Lovelady, Texas.

If you are in need of anything in our line, don't miss this sale. No matter what the price is, we sell our goods. The United States Quarter Master Department has recently issued an order that all surplus Army Goods must be sold by June 22 and our Government sold millions of dollars worth of goods the last 30 days, just forced them on the market and we own our goods so that you can buy them cheaper than you have ever bought merchandise of the same quality.

YOU PAID THE COST—NOW SHARE THE PROFITS

REMEMBER THE DATE AND THAT WE SELL OUR GOODS!

U. S. FARM SALES CO.
SALINA, KANSAS
Col. W. J. Harry, Auct.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK IS A RECORD ONE

"BACK HOME" TRAVEL TAXES CAPACITY OF RAILROADS.

New York, Dec. 30.—New York had the biggest Christmas on record. That means something. Money is expended plentifully at Christmas only when there is money in plenty and a comfortable assurance of plenty more. And if New York feels that way about it, it's a pretty good guess, because New York is New York, and knows a thing or two as to what may be expected in finance and industry, that the country is headed for general and substantial business revival during the coming year.

The Christmas travel "back home" was larger than for many years and Grand Central and Pennsylvania stations were jammed for days before the holiday.

The postoffice also registered big business. Postal receipts in the New York office for the Christmas rush went ahead of last year by \$275,000. This gigantic amount of mail was distributed not alone throughout the United States, but went heavily to Europe.

And, though New York has heretofore pretty generally adopted the shop early slogan, this year found streets and shops a writhing jam of congested humanity from opening to closing time on Saturday. And for these there was little left to buy. The stocks of Christmas goods were literally cleaned out.

Giving Is Done Lavishly.

Nor was New York careless or ungenerous. The Salvation Army from their street corner pots and bells ringing gathered for the poor the handsomest sum for many years, and for which 125,000 were fed, not to mention the distribution of 10,000 Christmas bundles containing toys and various gifts. The same story may be told of the Volunteers of America, who distributed from Madison Square Garden 1300 Christmas baskets. Colonel E. M. House and Mrs. House of Texas, by the

way, were among those assisting in the distribution along with Prince Christopher of Greece, Princess Anastasia, Mayor Hylan and other notables. As a concrete instance of how generously New York remembered the less fortunate, the New York Times selected 100 of the neediest from the cases passed on by various organized charities of New York, and for these asked assistance. The total collected was \$148,000—enough for 300 destitute cases. And from every charity and philanthropic organization and undertaking came the same sort of report—that the fortunate of New York had responded most generously to the need of the less fortunate.

It was a wonderful Christmas and if New York knows what it's about, there's a happy prosperous New Year ahead.

And if there need be additional assurance of that fact one has only to take the case of the theaters. There is no better barometer of the business atmosphere than the amusement world, and this season is a record breaker in the number of successful offerings and the amazing extent to which that success runs.

Somebody who has reason to know, estimated the other day that there are 8000 players out of work in New York. That may be true—again it may not be. No matter how prosperous the season, there always are and always will be a great number of player folk who are not employed.

Announce Improved Dallas- Beaumont Passenger Service.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 30.—Double daily passenger service on the Texas and New Orleans Railroad between Dallas and Beaumont and through service of both classes to New Orleans by this route are included in the prospects of the Southern Pacific lines for the coming year, according to announcement made here Saturday.

The augmented service through East Texas already is maintained as far as Jacksonville and Palestine and when completed will give Dallas ready access to some of the richest communities in the state.

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See the Goods Before You Buy

The one sure way of knowing just what you will get for your money is to go right into a local store and pick it out. When you buy from pictures and descriptions you cannot see the actual value until it is too late to decide you do not want it.

Our local dealers would not think of demanding the full price before showing goods. Yet that is what is required when you buy by mail.

Why don't you deal in known values and get real bargains? Why don't you see what you're getting before you pay for it?

TRADE AT HOME SUPPORT THE TOWN THAT SUPPORTS YOU

LUMBER TRADE PROSPEROUS IN LAST 12 MONTHS

Average Volume of Orders Per
Mill Especially Large
in 1922.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—The year 1922 has proved an unusually favorable one for the Southern pine industry, as is shown by statistics and information gathered and compiled by the Southern Pine Association, and manufacturers of Southern pine generally view the business outlook for the coming year with optimism, says a statement issued here today by the association.

The average volume of orders per mill has been especially large for 1922, production per mill has averaged considerably higher than for either 1921 or 1920, and notwithstanding the hindrance of transportation difficulties and the severe car shortage of 1922, the average shipments per mill have been greater than during either of the two preceding years. Also the manufacturers succeeded in reducing production costs to some extent in 1922. Reports of Southern pine sales prices on December 1 showed little change from the previous month, but they represented an advance of 29.5 per cent over January 1, 1922, and 25.2 per cent over January 1, 1921; however, they still were 32.1 per cent below the January, 1920, level.

There was an unprecedented demand for Southern pine during 1922 from the construction industry, largely for home build-

ing. Permits for buildings throughout the land were more than 50 per cent greater in valuation than in 1921, hitherto the record building year.

Heavy Orders on Hand.

Opening of the year 1923 finds the Southern pine manufacturers generally with unusually large files of orders on hand, which reflects both the difficulties experienced in obtaining needed transportation facilities since the middle of 1922 and also the heavy demand that has been in evidence throughout the last 12 months for Southern pine lumber and timber. There is every indication at present that the remarkable demand for lumber noted during 1922 will continue with but little, if any, abatement through this coming year.

Construction of homes, office buildings and industrial plants in 1923 promises to continue in immense volume, while there also undoubtedly will be a heavy demand for lumber and timber from the railroads for car construction, bridges and maintenance of way materials. During 1922 the railroads contracted for approximately 150,000 freight cars. It is estimated they will need at least 150,000 more and that a large part of this number probably will be built during the coming year.

During 1922 in the seven principal Southern pine producing states there were approximately 175,000 persons employed in the industry and their pay roll aggregated about \$175,000,000. The number employed is estimated to be slightly in excess of 1921 and the pay roll was somewhat larger this past year, there having been an advance

over 1921 of about 15 per cent in the wages of common labor, while skilled labor was virtually unchanged.

TEXAS CONGRESSMEN DENY MEMBERSHIP IN THE KU KLUX KLAN

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Ku Klux Klan issue broke sharply on the floor of congress Saturday when Representatives Blanton and Mansfield, democrats, of Texas, took formal occasion to say that they were not members of the "invisible empire."

They spoke in reply to a statement by Representative Gallivan, democrat, of Massachusetts, implying that some members of the Texas delegation were members of the klan, and warning that Northern democrats would demand a showdown with Southern democrats on the klan issue, when the democratic party in the house reorganizes for the new congress.

"I do not believe there is a single member of the Texas delegation who belongs to the klan," declared Blanton.

"This talk about Texas being dominated by the klan is bunk, and it should stop. I presume that some of the best people in Texas are members, but they do not vote for a man because he is a klansman. Many candidates running as klansmen were defeated in Texas last fall."

In the picturesque days of '49 the Chinese gold diggers in California ate, as an especial delicacy, a dish of rat brains, with garlic and aromatic weeds.

DO YOU REALLY MAKE A WORTH-WHILE SAVING?

Long distance buying is not always as profitable as it may appear. Your express charges, money order and fee, postage and stationery may come to almost as much as you would pay right here in town for the same merchandise.

And the time you spend getting your money order, writing your letter and then waiting for your goods to come often makes the "sight unseen" method of buying the most expensive.

Compare that last lot of goods with the kind your local dealer could have sold you and see if you saved anything worth while.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Wootters-Craddock Wedding.

A wedding of unusual interest took place in Crockett at eighty-thirty on the evening of December the twenty-eighth when Miss Delha Mildred Wootters, only daughter of Mrs. Byrde Eastham Wootters, became the bride of Mr. Samuel Craddock, son of Mr. Frank Craddock, a lifetime resident of Houston county.

The bride, a beautiful and charming young lady, is a graduate of the city schools and later of Ward-Belmont. The groom, a young man of sterling merits, was born and reared in Crockett, attending first the home school and later Baylor College. He was afterward with the Texas Company of Houston, but is now connected with the Houston Leon-County Coal Company.

The attractive home, which was the scene of the wedding festivities, was a veritable bower of smilax and evergreen, forming the background for the rarer and more striking floral combinations. The life-size portrait of the bride's mother in her wedding gown, a pastel, formed the center for an improvised altar, massed with calla lilies and roses. Cathedral candles were at the sides, while the top was surmounted by a miniature "W" in frosted lights, which during the ceremony softly melted into a "C."

Mrs. A. M. Decuir, who presided at the piano, rendered very feelingly the prelude to the ceremony, and she was followed by Miss Seawillow Johnson of Marlin, who sang the beautiful solo, "God Made You Mine." Strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March were followed by the appearance of the ribbon-bearers, young cousins of the bride, Corrie Lee Eastham of Huntsville, in flesh-colored chiffon, and Jack Byrde Eastham of Waxahachie.

After the matron of honor, Mrs. Arthur Pace of Houston, handsomely gowned in white satin, lace and pearls, came the maid of honor, Miss Hattie Stokes of Crockett, in pastel shades of orchid and silver.

The bridesmaid, Miss Billie Burke of Lufkin, in flesh chiffon and silver, followed, carrying, as did all the bridal party, rose bouquets, colonial style.

The ring bearer, in white satin, carrying the ring resting in a lily on a white satin pillow, was Master Dan Kennedy of Crockett.

The flower girls, Jean Craddock and Sara Ella Wilburn of Houston, in flesh chiffon, coifed with rosebud bands, strewed rose petals before the bride, who was radiant in a white brocaded satin, pearl embroidered, with a rose point lace train, and a bridal veil held in place with three bands of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of bride roses and lilies of the valley. A sweet sentiment was that it was made in two parts. One was thrown to the bridesmaids, while the other was to be placed on the grave of her father. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Luther Eastham Jr. of Huntsville.

The best man was the groom's brother, Mr. Dan Craddock of this city, and the groomsman Dr. John Wootters of Galveston. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend S. F. Tenney of the Presbyterian church.

The bride's mother was gowned in black satin, wearing corsage of Russell roses. In the dining room the bridal motif was carried out. The table center piece was the bride's cake in heart shape, decorated in lilies of the valley and roses, on cluny and filet lace. The refreshments were cake and ice cream, moulded rose shape.

Guests were welcomed in the hall by Mrs. John LeGory and Mrs. G. Q. King. They were conducted to the guest book by Misses Jeannette Craddock, Ruth Warfield, Beth Lundy and Sarah Mac Crook. Following the wedding they were invited into the dining room by Mrs. T. D. Craddock, Mrs. E. B. Stokes and Mrs. Clifford Kennedy. In the dining room they were most graciously served by Misses Alta Stokes, Florence Arledge, Josephine Edmiston and Bess Jordan.

About two hundred guests were present, including a number from out of town, among whom were: Misses Billie Burke, Lufkin, and Seawillow Johnson,

Marlin; Miss Marcella Walker, Dalhart; Miss Nona Queen, Kerens; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Eastham, Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Alto; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eastham Jr., Huntsville; Mr. W. C. Munn, Houston, and Mr. Luther Eastham Sr., Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Craddock, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nunn, Mexia; Mrs. McDade Wilburn and Sarah Ella Wilburn and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pace of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eastham of Waxahachie; Mrs. J. F. Downes, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas of Dallas; Leon Bromberg of Galveston and Clinton Cannon of Del Rio; Corrie Lee Eastham of Huntsville and Jack Byrde Eastham of Waxahachie; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yerger of Clarksdale, Miss.

The presents, which were numerous and of unusual beauty, included a gift of a pearl necklace from the groom and five thousand dollars in Liberty bonds from the mother of the bride.

The bride and groom left on the southbound train Friday afternoon for a brief visit to Houston and Galveston, but announced that they would be at home in this city after January 1, 1923.

Oney-Moore Wedding.

Orange blossoms and wedding bells gladdened hearts as an aftermath to Christmas, Tuesday, at eleven o'clock, in the home of E. E. Moore of this city—the contracting parties being Mr. Clarence Oney and Miss Elizabeth Lee Moore. Rev. E. A. Maness officiated, using the ring ceremony which was made doubly impressive accompanied with low, sweet strains from the violin and piano, executed by Barker Tunstall and Miss Pearl Livsey. Just before the bridal couple entered the room Misses Erin and Vicory Tunstall sang "I Love You Truly." After the couple were married all of the guests sat down to a sumptuous feast.

The bride is the beautiful and eldest daughter of Edward Moore. For a number of years she has made her home at Longview, and she comes from one of Crockett's best families. She is well-known here for her wholesome character and gracious, sunny ways.

The groom is connected with a large mercantile house at Longview, and is a clean-cut and straight-forward young man of sterling worth. He and his bride left for Longview on the afternoon train, where they will make their home. These young people have the heartfelt good wishes of everybody in their future journey through life.

Those present were: Mrs. Oliver Daniels and Miss Pearl Livsey of Longview; Miss Grace Moore, of Dallas; Mrs. John L. Dean; John I. Moore, wife and son, Deyton; Mr. Barker Tunstall and daughters, Erin and Vicory; Mrs. C. R. Stephenson and nephew, Mr. Chester P. Bissell; Rev. E. A. Maness; Edward Moore, wife and Thomas, John, Jack and Reba. A Guest.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends of this community for their love during the illness and death of our dear, loved one. May God's blessings rest upon them. 1t. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hallmark and Family.

Read This

"A. Mutt" says "Use discretion." We look upon his "sayings" as being a "joke"—but, seriously speaking, you should use discretion in the selection of your druggist. If he did not "prepare" to serve you he is unworthy of your confidence and the science of pharmacy is a concrete conglomeration to him.

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GRAND JURY SAYS PUBLIC TO BLAME FOR VIOLATIONS

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 30.—Blame for the frequent miscarriage of justice in criminal courts was placed squarely on the shoulders of the "good citizen" by the retiring Dallas County grand jury in its final report to District Judges Seay and Pippen Saturday. Nine "no bills" and 19 indictments were returned.

"We especially emphasize the growing laxity of the public conscience, the increasing indifference toward law enforcement on the part of our people who pride themselves on being good citizens, and assert that unless the public can be roused from this lethargy, the value of the won-

derful institution of liberty is bound to shrink," the report concludes.

The report was a sweeping indictment of the average citizen's attitude toward law enforcement and of technicalities of the law that let "criminals escape, not because they are innocent, but because their guilt can not be proved." The probers said it was almost impossible to convict bootleggers. They declare means ought to be found to lessen the law's delay and expedite trial of criminal cases.

The hardened gluelike nest of the edible swift of Borneo is made of that bird's saliva, and from it is produced the "bird's nest soup," regarded as a delicacy in China.

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We want to impress upon your mind the fact that we sell foodstuffs that are rich in nutriment and pure in quality. Bear in mind, though, that we are keeping prices down. None are lower than ours.

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ADVERTISING A HEALTH PRESERVATIVE.

Milk contests conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture have been highly beneficial in a number of western states, sufficiently so to give the cue to local authorities where communities are interested in the character of their milk supply.

The movement is so simple it can be put into operation by the local health boards or the authorized health doctor of any village.

Samples of milk supplied by different dealers are taken occasionally without warning, bacterial counts are taken, and the milk scores are then made public in the columns of the home town newspaper.

It is found milk dealers do not like to be surprised and dirty milk found on their wagons, particularly when the know the results are to be published.

We learn that in Long Beach, Calif., the average bacterial count in the first contest was 118,238. In the last contest it was down to 11,823. The milk sold figured 71.56 and after the last contest the scale was raised to 90.67. It was the same in Los Angeles and Riverside.

It is quite evident that as soon as the surprise milk contests become a recognized factor milk dealers invariably improve their milk supply.

This means much to the child life of the nation.

The country generally would be better off if more government money were spent in work of this character and less in political log rolling.

The Courier has persistently stood for the expenditure of government monies both locally and in the state and nation aimed at lowering the death rate.

The people's monies should be spent for their good. Advertising is the answer.

HE'S FOR STIMULANTS.

A gentleman, who taught for forty years and now makes his living by writing textbooks for other gentlemen and for the ladies to teach out of, made an address the other day in Beaumont to the teachers of Jefferson, Tyler, Orange and Hardin counties. Among the things which this gentleman said appeared these remarks: "Most textbooks at present are about the driest books ever written. They are enormously tiresome. Instead they should be the most stimulating, lively books ever produced; they should be so interesting that boys and girls would clamor for them."

For all his forty years of experience, the gentleman who spoke at Beaumont put into those few sentences the sum, almost, of the ultra-modern spirit toward the modern youngster. We want to stimulate him into education, ease him into religion, toll him into industry and dandle him into citizenship. All the great men who have gone before him—measuring his predecessors by the noblest standards of greatness—have been men who

learned early in life to wrestle with difficulties and conquer hard things. Ages ago the soft youth of blue blood was told that there is no royal road to learning. But we've taken to building escalators to the B. A. degree with free lunch, free textbooks and free movies by way of entertainment and diversion. —Galveston News.

PRETTY TEACHERS.

Where is the Crockett man or woman who cannot remember the time when school teachers of the fair sex were seldom considered good-looking, and who were always looked upon as old maidish and bookish? It used to be the case in a vast majority of cases that this held good. For now the modern school teacher has developed into a young person whose charms considerably aggrate the male heart. Proof of this is found in the rapid change that takes place in school teaching forces. Constantly the superintendents are having to find new ones, since these girls disappear so fast into the state of matrimony. These girls do not commonly marry the fashion plates of the smart set, but they know enough to pick solid and substantial men. Many school teachers may say this is an overdrawn picture, as they lead quiet, hardworking lives in places where they are not known and have few friends. There are many of this type also. But whatever their temperament they are doing some of the finest work of the community in which they live, and they are entitled to every honor and social recognition that can be bestowed upon them.

WATCH THESE SHARKS.

We note in our exchanges complaints from several sections of the state that smooth-tongued house-to-house canvassers are new engaged in separating the public from its coin by schemes apparently new to this part of the country. Special complaint is made of "silk stocking salesmen," many of whom are said to insist upon a payment in advance and then let the victim get the stockings if she can. Another is the fellow who rushes into the house when the door is opened, cleans a spot on the carpet or rug and prepares to leave while you are beginning to realize that to get the remainder of the rug or carpet clean you must buy a bottle of his "magic preparation" of whatever he chooses to call it. We haven't heard of any such cases as these around Crockett, but there is no telling when this territory may be invaded. There is but one safe, sure certain way to escape being fleeced and that is to buy what you want or need from your home merchant. He's here to make good if the article isn't up to specifications.

TIME TO SIT TIGHT.

With the old world in an uproar, Turks butchering Christians; Greece threatening her ruler until he was forced to abdicate to prevent war; Germany still contending she'll never pay and England facing trouble from several sides, now is a pretty good time for Americans to sit steady in the boat. From the humblest citizens of Crockett to the president of the United States, we have each and every one work to do that demands our whole attention, and the time we devote to worrying or fretting about Europe's affairs is that much time taken from our own best interests. Conditions are not so bad with us but they could be a million times worse. We have only to pick up a daily paper and read of the upheavals overseas to realize this. And conditions are going to improve here just as we individually attend to our own work, and keep on the job. We don't want to become involved in any thing over there—and the best way to keep out is to stick on our job, refuse to agitate, and sit steady in the boat.

Complimenting Bride-to-Be, Miss Moore.

Mrs. C. E. McClelland and Miss Fannie Mae McClelland delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon in recognition of the approaching marriage of Miss Lizzie Lee Moore to Clarence Oney and in compliment to the popular bride-to-be a miscellaneous shower was given.

The guests found the interior of the home in lovely Christmas decorations. The colors, green and red, developed many beautiful fancies. Bamboo and holly draped the walls and over windows and doorways of the rooms and a pretty red glow was made by the lights.

The dining room was especially pretty. The table was spread with a lace cloth over red and was centered with a miniature Christmas tree. The buffet held lighted red candles, with holly shades.

As an initiative feature, Miss Fannie Mae McClelland rendered several piano numbers until the arrival of the honoree, invited to come later. Mrs. J. J. Boyd received the honoree and as she came in the room, Lohengrin's wedding music was played. It was a surprise to her, for she expected to see a party playing bridge, and the secret of the surprise was when she was invited to the reception hall and curtains were drawn that revealed a beautiful Christmas tree. Miss McClelland read a verse to "The Bride-to-Be":

"Long may she reign queen of his heart,

May all her life with sweet memories be fraught.

This is our wish for our dear little bride,

Our friend and co-worker and our pride."

Santa Claus appeared and when Miss Moore found it was all for her, she was overcome with joy. The tree was laden with an array of beautiful shower gifts, that hung amid beautiful decorations of tinsel, and colored ornaments, and red lights. At the base of the tree was a ground of artificial snow and a snow man. It is impossible to truly describe the beauty of it all.

The pretty things were so numerous and so varied that the rest of the evening was required to see and admire them.

A buffet luncheon was served. For this evidence of affection from those with whom the honoree had been in association and who knew well her sweetness of nature and truthfulness of friendship, she was indeed most grateful and very graciously thanked them, as she opened the gifts with exclamations of delight.—Longview Leader.

Announce Approaching Marriage.

With Mrs. J. S. Paden hostess, a dinner of much interest and marked beauty and elegance was that of Wednesday evening, which had as its theme and inspiration the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Lizzie Lee Moore to Clarence Oney.

The marriage so happily heralded will occur at the home of Miss Moore at Crockett, December 26th, and for the lovely hospitality announcing the event, covers for seven were placed, the guests being drawn from the intimate friends of the honoree. The dinner table was exquis-

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ity in its adornment. In happiest selection the choice of floral effects fell upon the red salvia and lace ferns, which carried out the Christmas colors of red and green. Centering the table was a bowl of the chosen flowers and dishes of green and red mints and salted nuts.

The lights above were shaded in red and the surrounding of lovely Christmas decorations in evergreens and glittering artificial snow, tiny Christmas trees for mantle decorations, and Christmas bells that hung from chandeliers, the doorways and windows, further accentuated the chosen color tints, and the effect was beautiful.

The dinner was served at 5:30 o'clock. The honoree's place was marked with a miniature bride and the guests' places were marked with appropriately hand-painted cards that bore the announcement.

Bidden to enjoy the hospitality were: Misses Elizabeth Chilcoat, Opal Owings, Pearl Livsey, Fannie Mae McClelland, Mrs. Annie Lee Bouie and Mrs. W. C. Jones.

During the service of the dinner, merriment reigned to the accompaniment of Victrola music.

Mrs. Paden was assisted in serving the five-course dinner by Mrs. O. W. Moerner. The dinner consisted of bouillon and crackers, turkey, gravy and creamed potatoes, creamed peas in tumblers, hot rolls, cranberry

jelly, celery, olives, Christmas cauble salad, marshmallow cream whip, angel food cake.

At the close of the dinner, Miss Pearl Livsey gave an appropriate reading to the bride-elect, "Go Where Love Awaits Thee."

Miss Moore claims many friends in this city, possessing a vivid personality which wins her a wide popularity, and besides she is a beautiful young woman, and Clarence Oney is one of Longview's finest young men.—Longview Leader.

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Grocers

Mr. Chamberlin of Stephenville was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory Sunday.

Mrs. S. B. Box and Mrs. T. R. Deupree have opened The Variety Shop over Millar & Berry's.

Mr. W. C. Munn, the Houston merchant, was here last week for the Wootters-Craddock wedding.

Misses Hula Mae English and Loraine Blakeway have returned from Kennard to re-enter school.

Mrs. T. T. Brewer of Palestine has returned after a few days' visit with Mrs. J. L. Heard.

Mrs. W. A. Collins and child of Groveton are visiting their parents, Judge and Mrs. John Spence.

Lang Smith returned to Houston Thursday after spending the holidays with his family in Lovelady.

Misses Lucile Millar and Totsy Foster and Henry J. Berry were Houston visitors the first of this week.

Mrs. Frances Dike of Jacksonville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Heard, during the holidays.

Mrs. Austin Woodall and daughter of Sour Lake visited parents and other relatives in Crockett last week.

Misses Lucy Mae, Lois and Pearl Murchison of Grapeland visited friends at Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

N. H. Moore has returned from Bound Brook, N. J., and is spending a brief period at the old home in Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. B. Ashe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lang Smith Wednesday and Thursday in Lovelady.

Miss Alice Foster, after spending the holidays with her parents in this city, left Sunday afternoon for Marshall.

Miss Catherine Spence, after spending the holidays with her parents in this city, has returned to school in Huntsville.

Messrs. Clark W. Thompson and McKay of Galveston spent last week bird-hunting with friends in Houston county.

Mrs. Walter Driskell will appreciate your patronage for sewing of all kinds. See me at the Crockett Dry Goods Co.'s. tf.

Mrs. Harvin Moore and Harvin Jr. have returned to their home in Houston, following a visit to relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sal Cherry, who were married in Houston December 21, visited Mr. Cherry's mother, Mrs. W. G. Creath, at Creath last week.

Misses Katherine Hill and Sallie Brook Rhoden, after spending the holidays with their parents near Crockett, left Monday afternoon for Houston to re-enter school.

Leonard Arnold and son, Douglas Harold, and sister, Miss Pearl Arnold, have returned from Ballinger and Winters, Runnels county, where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Cotton Report.

There were 23,828 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county on December 13, 1922, against 12,618 ginned on the same date in 1921, according to the government's cotton report.

The largest robber crab, found in certain of the Pacific islands, starts life in the water like other crabs, but later takes to climbing cocoa palms and picking the cocoanuts for food.

New Filling Station

Have opened up a new filling station on the street leading to the depot, where we will be glad to supply you wants in Magnolia gasolene and oils. Our place will be known as the

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Proprietors.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Ben Hearne of Palestine was a Crockett visitor Sunday.

Miss Bitsy Arledge is visiting in Houston and Beaumont.

T. B. Satterwhite of Nacogoches was here this week.

Winona Mills hosiery and sweaters at the Variety Shop.

Newest line of underwear and curtain materials at the Variety Shop.

Miss Johnnie Patton has entered Baylor University at Waco.

R. B. Ashe was in Houston the latter part of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lacy were visitors at Dallas the first of this week.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Lufkin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robertson.

Miss Dean Russel, teaching at Texarkana, was among the home visitors last week.

Ernest McLemore of Dallas spent last week with Mrs. McLemore in this city.

J. H. Rosser will become a student in the Sam Houston State Normal at Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderwerth returned this week from Bryan and Lexington.

The Courier regrets to learn of the continued illness of its friend, Mr. S. A. Cook.

Miss Julia Mae Deaton was the guest of Miss Loraine Blakeway at Kennard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Craddock returned Monday evening from Houston and Galveston.

Leslie Lowery and Howard Wilson of Ferris were guests of Miss Omogene Heard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Craddock of Dallas were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cartwright.

W. C. Wall of Lake Charles, La., visited his parents, Judge and Mrs. W. B. Wall, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Worthington, making an automobile tour from Houston to Dallas, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Popular Company Closes Week's Engagement at Athens.

Athens, Texas, Dec. 30, 1922.—The Darr-Gray Stock Company closed a week's engagement in this city Saturday night with a very pleasing after-show or concert.

The Darr-Gray Company is one of the best show troupes now playing this section and their week in Athens has been a week of real enjoyment to our show-going people.

All their plays have been of the very highest in class ever shown in this city, the entire cast of every play being presented by high-class performers, and together with the splendid vaudeville skits presented nightly by real artists, made their week here one of real enjoyment not only to the company, but to

our people as well, and their return engagement here in March next will be awaited with much interest.

This company has one of the best bands and orchestras ever assembled under canvass, and their overtures and "request" selections met with hearty encores.

The entire company is composed of ladies and gentlemen and during their stay in our city made many friends, who will welcome their return in the spring.

Ledgers and Day Books.

The Beasley Drug Company has received a large supply of ledgers and day books, just the kind their customers have been asking for. If you are needing anything of this kind, it will pay you to see them.

Family Remedies

See that your medicine chest is equipped for the unexpected. Saves you time and trouble.

Bandages, Gauze, Adhesive Tape, Cotton, and antidotes for the commoner poisons.

STOCK AND POULTRY REMEDIES

Condition Powders, Healing Powders, Boil Cure, Spavin Cure, Distemper Remedy, Poultry Prescription, Lice Powders, Roup Remedy, Chicken Diarrhoea Tablets.

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Valspar Varnishes and Stains

New Shipment Just Received

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DRUGGIST

Coming to Crockett. All Next Week.

Beginning Monday, January 8

THE DARR-GRAY STOCK CO.

12-PIECE BAND

BIG TENT THEATRE

25 - PEOPLE - 25

Special Scenery and Electrical Effects.

8-PIECE ORCHESTRA

Presenting High-Class Comedies and Comedy-Dramas.

With Clean Vaudeville Between Acts.

OPENING PLAY MONDAY NIGHT.

"THE AWAKENING"

A FOUR ACT COMEDY-DRAMA.

Tent Heated by Four Large Wood Stoves.

Ladies Free Monday Night With Each Paid Adult Ticket.

PRE-WAR PRICES.

Children, 6 to 12 years old, 15c.

ADULTS 25c, Including War Tax.

Hear Our Band Concert at 4 O'clock P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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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.

PNEUMONIA DANGERS.

The Chicago health department issues the following instructions to those who would avoid pneumonia:

Be regular in your habits of living, as to diet and proper rest. Avoid undue and prolonged exposure to wet and cold.

Get as much exercise in the open air as you can.

Dress so that you will feel comfortable in the house and equally as comfortable when out of doors in a lower temperature.

Keep your living rooms at a temperature not exceeding 70 degrees. For people in normal health and properly clad 68 degrees is better.

Keep your feet dry and warm. Do not cough or sneeze in any one's face or allow others to cough or sneeze in your immediate presence.

Remember that pneumonia is highly contagious and that there are persons who are carriers and that when they sneeze or cough openly in the air close to you you are in danger of becoming infected.

WATCH YOUR MAIL.

We learn from a government report reaching this office that more mail is reaching the dead letter office at Washington now than at any previous time in the history of the postoffice department. Maybe it is because more mail is dispatched today than ever before, but we believe if you'd ask the postmaster of Crockett for the cause he would tell you that people are more careless now than they used to be. They are in more of a hurry, address their letters more rapidly, and naturally are more apt to get the addresses wrong. Rushing to the postoffice and dropping them in the letter box without taking a second to see if a stamp has been affixed is also another form of sending mail astray.

There are still some people

who try to get along without return cards printed on their envelopes. And letters misaddressed or posted without stamps go direct to the dead letter office unless there is a return card on the envelope.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 20th day of December, 1922, by V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of The F. B. Collins Investment Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6007, and styled The F. B. Collins Investment Company vs. Franklin F. Marler et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 20th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

One hundred and forty-seven acres of land, out of the J. W. Bartee 160 acres survey, and nine and one-half acres of land, out of the J. W. Bartee 122 8-10 acres survey, both tracts situated in Houston County, Texas, about fifteen miles S. W. of Crockett, known as the Franklin F. Marler place, and fully described in deed of trust from Franklin E. Marler and wife to The F. B. Collins Investment Company, recorded in Book 18, page 389 of the deed of trust records for Houston County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Franklin E. Marler, Hallie Marler and R. W. Miller and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Franklin E. Marler, Hallie Marler and R. W. Miller.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of December, 1922.
3t. O. B. Hale,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

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1922, by V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred, Thirty-two and 18-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment of foreclosure, in favor of The F. B. Collins Investment Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5962, and styled The F. B. Collins Investment Company vs. Joe L. Wall, placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 20th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Two tracts of land, situated in Houston County, Texas, out of the Daniel McLean league, about eighteen miles N. E. of Crockett, containing respectively 54 acres, more or less, and 63 3-10 acres, more or less, as described in deed of trust from Joe L. Wall to The F. B. Collins Investment Company, recorded in Book 18, page 488 of the records of Houston County, Texas, for deeds of trust; and levied upon as the property of Joe L. Wall, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe L. Wall.

And in compliance with law,

I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of January, 1923.
3t. O. B. Hale,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Some Postscripts.

The main ingredient in the shoe polishes used on brown and tan shoes is candelilla wax, which is obtained from a Mexican weed.

On account of the standstill of the flax industry in Ireland, an investigation is being made with a view to growing flax in Canada.

Enterprising Americans have recently established farms to tame the tomatoes which grow wild in districts of Manuel and Columbus Mexico.

The United States, which produces more radium than all the rest of the world, has in eight years produced less than one-fourth of a pound.

Were it possible for an airplane to fly from the earth to the moon at the rate of 200 miles an hour, it would take seven weeks to make the trip.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

CROCKETT THEATRE

THE HOME OF PARAMOUNT AND ARTCRAFT PICTURES

First Night Show Starts at 7:15 p. m. Promptly.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8 TO 13

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Franklin Farnum in
"SMILING JIM"

"A photoplay crammed with exciting action, romance and strong suspense! A real thrill in every situation! You will be mystified with the final scene."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

William Duncan and Edith Johnson in

"THE FIGHTING GUIDE"

The story of a man who did things. A Napoleon of the woods who saved others by daring to go where many feared to tread. Also good comedy. Matinee 3:30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Mary Miles Minter in

"THE LITTLE CLOWN"

Take your family to the Crockett Theatre, to see "The Little Clown," a beautiful story of the circus, with Mary Miles Minter, as the heroine.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Wesley Barry in

"DON'T EVER MARRY"

Producer Marshall Meilan—story of Edgar Fairbanks. Adopted by Marion Fairfax.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

"WOLF LAW"

It's a Universal picture. Watch the bill boards.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

SPECIAL—One Day Only

Ethel Clayton in

"IF I WERE QUEEN"

The greatest picture of her entire career. They pledged undying love. Most gorgeous and magnificent of all screen romances—a dashing American beauty imprisoned in a great castle by a Prince who loved her! See how royalty makes love amid the regal grandeur of old world courts and castles. Matinee 2:30.

Admission 15c and 30c

The Maker and the Giver of all things extends the protecting hand of Christian fellowship to us.

Keeping your wife in ignorance is poor policy. It sounds twice as bad when told to her by others.

DO YOU REALLY MAKE A WORTH-WHILE SAVING?

Long distance buying is not always as profitable as it may appear. Your express charges, money order and fee, postage and stationery may come to almost as much as you would pay right here in town for the same merchandise.

And the time you spend getting your money order, writing your letter and then waiting for your goods to come often makes the "sight unseen" method of buying the most expensive.

Compare that last lot of goods with the kind your local dealer could have sold you and see if you saved anything worth while.

TRADE AT HOME SUPPORT THE TOWN THAT SUPPORTS YOU