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JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier's list of subscription renewals grows each week, for which we again thank our friends. This week's list is larger than last and last week's list was larger than the week before. The fineness of the weather is referred to by all callers.

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

Joe Rice, Crockett Rt. 7.
A. S. Higginbotham, Lovelady Rt. 2.
J. E. Monk, Crockett.
Mrs. F. G. Edmiston, Crockett.
F. A. Lively, Lovelady Rt. 2.
W. T. Dauphin, Lovelady Rt. 2.
Chas. Lancaster, Crockett.
W. A. Ponder, Crockett Rt. 2.
J. B. Ponder, Houston.
C. B. Isbell, Crockett Rt. 5.
Miss Fannie Goolsbee, Crockett Rt. 5.
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Tom M. Smith, Trinity.
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J. C. Wootters, Crockett.
G. W. Allbright, Lovelady.
H. E. Bitner, Lovelady Rt. 2.
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O. E. Hairston, Crockett Rt. 4.
Dr. W. C. Lipscomb, Crockett.
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A. W. Gossett, Crockett.
Ben West, Crockett Rt. 2.
W. G. Cartwright, Crockett.
H. J. Arledge, Crockett.
Dr. J. S. Wootters, Crockett.
Volney Streeter, Crockett.
A. W. Ellis, Crockett.
D. W. Patterson (col.), Lovelady Rt. 1.
Dr. T. J. Hackett (col.), Crockett.

Mr. William H. Duren.

Mr. William H. Duren, at the ripe age of 87 years, died at the home of his son, Mr. G. H. Duren, in the Belott community Friday night. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment followed in the Energy cemetery at Belott. The obsequies were under the direction of the Masonic lodge of Crockett and were attended by many Masons and others from this city. The deceased leaves three daughters and two sons, who are as follows: Mrs. G. H. Parker of Crockett and Mrs. R. H. Hearne and Mrs. A. P. Bolch of Belott; Messrs. T. J. Duren and G. H. Duren of the Belott community.

Mr. Duren had been a member of the Masonic lodge for more than 50 years and a member of the Methodist church for about 26 years. He was born at Jackson, Miss., coming to Texas with his parents when eight years old and settling with them on the old San Antonio trail in the eastern part of Houston county. When he came to Houston county there were only three houses

between the Neches river and Crockett, and the Gossett old place near Crockett was one of these houses. He was one of Houston county's pioneer citizens and had a record for faithful service in the Confederate army. He is survived by a brother and a sister living in other parts of the state.

Mr. Duren belonged to that type of pioneer citizenship that helped blaze the way for our present-day civilization and advancement. He belonged to that class who placed honor in man above all things and who never countenanced a sharp practice, either in politics or business. Always tolerant of the views of others, he was unwavering in his own convictions and unyielding in conflict. His was a type that is fast passing in our day of ease and comfort. As a pioneer and citizen, he was one of the county's strongest and best men.

Died at Tucumcari.

News of the death of Mr. J. W. Corn of Tucumcari, New Mexico, was received in Crockett Sunday by Mr. J. W. Hail, Mr. Corn's father-in-law. The deceased had visited Crockett on several occasions and had made many friends here who will regret to learn of his death. He leaves the wife, who was Miss Kathleen Hail before marriage and who has the sympathy of our people in her bereavement.

AN EXPLANATION OF BOARD ELECTION

To the Voters of Lovelady Independent School District:

This is an explanation of the notice for tax and bond election posted this week by the Lovelady school board.

It will be noticed that there are two separate and distinct propositions to be voted on.

The first is whether a tax of 50 cents on the \$100 shall be levied to be used for maintenance purposes.

The second is whether bonds for \$25,000 shall be issued, and tax sufficient to pay for them levied from year to year.

The tax of 50 cents for maintenance and the bond tax together cannot exceed \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation, so there is no danger of more than \$1.00 tax.

Voicing my personal views, I think the school will need what little remains after paying the interest and yearly principal on the bonds from year to year, since we can scarcely run the school on the tax we get now.

However, those opposed to proposition No. 1 and in favor of No. 2 can scratch the first and vote for the second. No one should get scared on account of No. 1 being in the petition and notice. The ballot distinctly designates the two separately.

We earnestly hope all friends

of the school will give this due consideration, and vote for the best interests of the community. Very respectfully,
T. N. Mainer.

SOME NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

The Driskell well is fishing for some lost casing which it is hoped will be gotten out this week. This well is at a depth of more than 3200 feet and at the interesting point.

The Porter well at Crockett is drilling below 3200 feet. This well is getting down close to where oil is expected to be found, and developments will be eagerly watched for from now on.

The Porter Springs well remains closed on account of water shortage.

Mr. Silas A. Cook.

Mr. Silas A. Cook, a lifetime resident of Houston county, died at his home near Crockett on Wednesday evening of last week at about 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Cook was not born in Houston county, but he came to this county with his parents when very young and had spent practically all of his life here. He was 67 years old and was born in Alabama, the state from which his parents came many years ago, settling near Porter Springs in this county. He continued to reside in the Porter Springs community until a few years ago when he moved with his family to the home near Crockett in which he died. In early life he married Mattie Lansford, who proved a worthy companion and who is left to mourn the departure of the husband and father. Besides the loving wife, four children are yet living, who are as follows: Mrs. Jack Hester, Mrs. Sawney Webb, Miss Virginia Cook and Lansford Cook. Two sons and a daughter are dead.

Mr. Cook was a member of the Baptist church for the last fifty years of his life. Interment occurred in the cemetery at Porter Springs, where he had resided in the community for many years. Religious services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Lee, pastor of the First Baptist church of Crockett and Mr. Cook's pastor at the time of his death. Services were held in the Porter Springs church Thursday afternoon and interment immediately followed.

The community loses one of its best citizens and the church and society one of its noblest members in the death of Mr. Silas A. Cook. Those bereft by his death have the sympathy of all.

Arthur Douglass Dead.

Arthur Douglass, eldest son of Mrs. Everett Douglass of this city, died at an early hour Tuesday night. He was about 45 years of age and had been in declining health for some time.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Wednesday

YOUR INCOME TAX RETURNS

It is now time for income tax returns to be gotten ready and filed for the year's business of 1923.

No doubt many taxpayers will have overlooked keeping proper data, and as a result their task of course in filing returns will be more or less difficult.

There is very little trouble in filing income tax returns if proper bookkeeping has been done during the period covered by the returns.

Those business concerns, be they small or large, should realize just the importance of maintaining correctly such a system of books that proper data is readily assembled. It is unfortunate for any persons or business that proper bookkeeping is left undone. Bookkeeping system in business and other business principles are too much ignored by everybody, and as a consequence not only the business suffers, but directly and indirectly the people have to stand the sacrifices as well as the United States government.

The government is rendering a service to the people in assisting free of charge taxpayers in filing their income tax returns. Just think a moment. The people of every community of any importance will have the opportunity of getting free of charge assistance of deputy collectors of internal revenue service during the current income tax drive.

afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment followed in Glenwood cemetery. Religious services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Lee, the Baptist pastor, the deceased being affiliated with the Baptist church.

Arthur Douglass had never married, but had continued to live at the home of his mother following his father's death. He was born near Crockett and had spent the most of his life in this city, devoting the last few years of his life to the farm east of town. He was noted for his fair dealings in business and his honesty in all things. He leaves the mother, Mrs. Everett Douglass, and a brother, Harold Douglass, both of this city, and numerous friends and relatives to mourn his death. The Courier joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Farmers and Cattle Owners.

A meeting of all cattle owners of Houston county is called for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the court house at Crockett. This meeting is called for the purpose of considering tick eradication in Houston county. Mr. Boog-Scott, chairman Live Stock Sanitary Commission, will be present. An invitation to all county judges of counties adjacent to Houston county has been extended to be present.

Leroy L. Moore, County Judge.

Big 10-Day Grocery Sale

Take your choice of the choicest bargains of the year. Stock up with everything you need at a time when you can do so to best advantage. It isn't often that you have an opportunity like this—BUT YOU HAVE IT NOW.

California Apples, per pound	16c
California Peaches, per pound	16c
California Prunes, per pound	16c
2 cans No. 2 Corn for	25c
9 cans Tomatoes for	\$1.00
3-pound can Helen Lawton Coffee	\$1.00
3-pound can Wamba Coffee	\$1.00
No. 2 can Grated Hawaiian Pineapple	25c
20 bars Crystal White Soap for	\$1.00

If in need of flour, feed, leather goods, hardware, or anything else in the general merchandise line we have it and at the right price.

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What is more beautiful than a lovely home surrounded by many gay and vari-colored flowers? Isn't it grand and glorious? YOU have the home—WE have a complete assortment of

FRESH FLOWER SEED

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

See R. L. Shivers for prices on fertilizer. tf.

Ladies, see the new spring hats on sale at Mrs. Bricker's. It.

Mrs. Joe Arledge has returned from a visit to relatives in Waxahachie.

A full line of collars, bridles, check lines and strap goods at R. L. Shivers'. tf.

Phone 234, Hooks Brothers, for your groceries and feed. Free delivery service. It.

For sale at a bargain—two registered Jersey bull calves. 2t. A. W. Ellis.

J. C. Satterwhite moved his stock this week from the west to the east side of the public square.

Miss Hattie Belle Arledge is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Dan P. Craddock, at Kennard.

Call at Satterwhite's scale office for all kinds of feed, both bulk and sack. R. L. Shivers Feed Co. tf.

The small son of Vernon Garner, who was dangerously kicked by a mule recently, we are glad to learn is recovering.

Kodaks for rent, 10 cents per day. Studio open on Sundays from 1 till 2 p. m. 8t. The Warren Studio.

Mrs. C. P. O'Bannon has sold her stock of goods to Mr. Cooper of Madisonville, and stock was being taken the first of this week.

Tailoring agents: All wool suits tailored to order \$29.50. All wool tropical worsteds two-piece suits \$19.50. Write J. B. Simpson, Inc., Dept 483- 831 W. Adams St., Chicago. It.*

Farm for Rent.

Hundred acres of tillable land, good pasture, good house, good water, and close to good school; place three miles from Crockett. Will rent or have worked on halves. Mac Hale, tf.

R. L. Shivers will sell you your groceries for less. tf.

Go to R. L. Shivers for Kelly cultivators and plows. tf.

Light house-keeping rooms for rent. Apply to Mrs. J. L. Burton. tf.

J. D. Woodward and family have moved into their new home in south Crockett.

Lost—Writing part of fountain pen. If found, please return to Allyne Driskell. It.

Mrs. Calvin Reitch of Palestine was the guest of Mrs. R. H. Lacy at the end of last week.

Hooks Brothers want to sell you your groceries and feed. Next door to Bennett's meat market. It.

Phone 234, Hooks Brothers, and have your groceries and feed delivered. Satisfaction or your money back. It.

Frost-proof Cabbage Plants—One hundred 35c, over 200 25c hundred, post paid.

Jesse Barnes, Trinity, Texas.

Cabbage and Onion Plants

For sale at W. N. Blair's store in Crockett and at Montgomery Bros.' in Lovelady. St.* F. J. Krenck.

Dr. Sims Moore of Houston, a son of Mr. C. B. Moore of Lovelady, has been appointed assistant United States surgeon at Port Houston, which comes as a distinct honor to another Houston county boy.

New Barber Shop.

Have opened a barber shop in the Patton block in Crockett, where I will appreciate the patronage of my friends. Give me a call whenever I can be of service to you. C. J. Fuller. It.*

New Brick Building.

A new brick building is being erected by Mrs. Maude McConnell on the vacant lot between her residence and the R. L. Shivers business house. The Courier has no knowledge of who will occupy the building, but our understanding is that it is already rented.

Special Judge Supreme Court.

Hon. J. W. Madden returned Sunday from Austin where he had spent a part of last week as special judge of the Supreme Court of Texas in three cases pending in that court in which the regular judges were disqualified. Judges G. C. Clegg of Trinity and George S. King of Houston were the other two members of the special court. All three of the cases were pending in that court on petitions for writs of error. Two of the petitions were refused for want of jurisdiction and the writ was granted in the other. All of the cases were in suits against the Woodmen of the World, and the special judges will go back to Austin on the 10th of February to hear the case in which the writ was granted. Mr. Madden reports things pretty lively in Austin now that the legislature is in session. The special judges were appointed by Governor Neff.

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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 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.,

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES. AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.

B. B. WARFIELD
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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.

O. B. Hale,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

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Our New Filling Station

FOR GASOLENE
AIR SERVICE
AND OILS

On Way to Depot

Magnolia Filling Station

E. W. Null, Manager.

Work Days Are Ahead

The farmer is already planning his work for the coming spring—what he will plant, what new methods of cultivation he will employ, and how he will increase production without a corresponding increase in expense.

In all of his schemes **HARDWARE** plays a prominent part. But it should be hardware of quality, of convenience and of economy.

Our enormous stock of hardware includes everything you will need in that line. Why not make the best of 1923 by using the best of hardware.

If you want to build a new barn, or dress up the old house, you have only to ask and we will hand over the particular article of hardware that you want. It requires "some stock" to do that.

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EDITORIALS BY COL. R. T. MILNER

What the Former A. & M. President Writes in the Rusk County News.

WHAT THE FARMER WANTS.

Mr. Bernard M. Baruch says, "that the purchasing power of farm products—their exchange value in other commodities—is only 64 cents on the dollar compared with what it was in 1913—and even then it was not equitable." And yet the government is constantly creating new agencies for the relief of the farmer. What the farmer really wants is a fair, square chance with other business. He wants a simple, plain, economical administration of public affairs, a tax rate as low as a sensible, wise operation of the machinery of government business will allow, markets all open on a basis of world competition—that is open doors through which his products may go and sell for what they will bring, governed only by the law of supply and demand—reasonable freight rates, no subsidies to ships or any other nabobs supported by special privilege, and as little interference with his private concerns as is compatible with order in the community.

It is pretty generally conceded by all students of history that in order that a government shall exist it must be just, and that its burdens must fall upon all alike. It is not just for a government to favor certain large aggregations of wealth because they may be employed in transportation for the public good, because they cease to render public service when exempt from bearing their share of public burdens. Our fathers had the correct idea of government when they said that it should take nothing from the great mass of the people except enough to pay the expenses of a just, wise, and economically managed commonwealth. In lieu of that expense the people were to expect protection in their pursuit of happiness, law and order maintained, and the most amicable relations preserved with all other

nations.

It was never contemplated that Congress should establish prices for farm products or any other kind of products.

Our affairs are drifting into a government of bureaus. We have so many bureaus that only government statisticians can tell us the number and give the names. And Congress is grinding them out almost day by day and every way. Altogether it takes many thousands of employees to carry on these bureaus. When the road to Congress is open and candidates are in order these bureau advocates come tearing out of the wilderness, each one shouting at the top of his voice for some delightful bureau that will bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the farmers.

They have shouted about rural welfare and passed rural legislation until it takes one hundred dollars of the farmers' money to buy as many of the things that he is compelled to buy as sixty-four dollars would buy in 1913.

THERE IS NO ROYAL ROAD TO LEARNING.

We say that we send our children to school that they may receive an education. To receive what? An education, an education. What in the world is an education? A few rules of grammar memorized, and a sort of mumbling over words, called by some reading? Is that education? The ancients knew pretty well what education is. It is to know. In other words, one in possession of accurate knowledge covering a wide field of learning is educated. The colleges prescribe a course requiring one of average mind four years to finish, provided the high school course has been completed as a prerequisite to entering college.

But a diploma from a college is not of itself prima facie evidence of an education. The diploma should represent the completion of a foundation upon which to build an education. And the building of an education depends upon the application and ambition of the student who has won his college diploma.

A distinguished president of a Texas denominational college was once asked where he received his college training. His reply was that in his youth he was deprived of an opportunity to attend school, and that during his early manhood he was too busy getting an education to attend college. He is still living at a ripe, old age, and is one of the most learned men in the State. That case, however, is not an argument against college training. There are many notable instances where persons have gotten an education in spite of adversity, but they are exceptions to a rule as old as civilization.

But the great truth which we are trying to emphasize here is that there is no royal road to learning. Without diligent application, patient research and a well-regulated purpose there can be no such accomplishment as a well-rounded education.

It is too often the case that a young man is satisfied with his license to practice a chosen profession. If we will examine the record of successful men in any profession we will be convinced that they were students. The exceptions to this rule are not worth mentioning.

Again let us warn those who would succeed in any respectable calling of life against the

notion that a little learning is enough; and may we be able to impress upon the minds of the boys and girls who may read this article that there is no royal road to learning.

OUR GREAT STATE SCHOOLS.

What are schools for?

Are they to teach the young men and women that unequal laws are justified when made to maintain themselves?

Are they by the teachings of their instructors to become the chief beneficiaries of public taxation?

Are they, like the "infant industries" of New England, to ride the tax payers to death?

We cannot expect the Normal Schools, or the Technical schools to take the lead in upholding the great doctrines upon which this government was established.

But at the Capital of this State is an institution, whose foundation was provided for by the fathers of the Republic of Texas—for what purpose?

It was to be a university of the first-class, an institution in which law, equity, justice and the sound principles of republican government should be taught.

It was to be an institution disseminating knowledge, light and patriotism that would permeate down to the humblest citizen and inspire him with love and affection for his State and its institutions.

It was intended that it should grow with the growth of the masses. Little did any one who had any thing to do with its establishment dream that it should develop into a school of greed and lust for political supremacy.

Little did the fathers believe

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

Inactive Liver

"I have had trouble with an inactive liver," wrote Mrs. S. Nichols, of 4412 Spencer St., Houston, Texas. "When I would get constipated, I would feel a light, dizzy feeling in my head. To get up in the morning with a lightness in the head and a tremble feeling is often a sign that the stomach is out of order. For this I took Thedford's Black-Draught, and without a doubt can say I have never found its equal in any liver medicine. It not only cleans the liver, but leaves you in such a good condition. I have used it a long time, when food does not seem to set well, or the stomach is a little sour."

If it isn't

Thedford's

it isn't

BLACK-DRAUGHT
Liver Medicine.

WHERE AND WHEN TO BUY.

A glance through the advertising columns of this paper should tell you just where to buy that much needed article. It may be offered at a saving in this very issue. Or, if not, the next issue may bring you the bargain you seek.

The question of where to buy is answered by three words: Read the advertisements. They are messages of responsible, dependable merchants whose merchandise must be worthy of their backing.

And the best time to buy is when the best bargains are offered, but we recommend the advertisers in these columns at any time for quality, price and full value.

Over an area of 1,165,000 acres the loss due to the Western pine beetle has amounted to 10 per cent of the pine stand in the last ten years, or a total of 1,200,000,000 board feet valued at more than \$3,600,000.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks is erecting a bank and office building in Cincinnati, at a cost of \$400,000.

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PAZO OINTMENT instantly Relieves ITCHING PILES and you can get restful sleep after the first application.

All druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to Cure any case of ITCHING, BLIND, BLEEDING or PROTRUDING PILES. Cures ordinary cases in 4 days, the worst cases in 14 days. 50c.

Some Postscripts.

Five thousand stars are visible with the naked eye. Through a powerful telescope fifty million more can be seen. It is said that there are many more stars which even our most powerful telescopes can not see.

666 Cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Billious Fever.

MUSSOLINI OPPOSED INVASION OF RUHR

ITALIAN PREMIER SAID TO
BE FORMING BLOC
AGAINST BRITAIN.

Rome, Jan. 11. — Premier Benito Mussolini did his best to stop the Franco-Belgian invasion of the Ruhr Valley.

According to information that leaked out today, Mussolini wired the governments of Belgium and France Tuesday night advising temporary suspension of further occupation of Germany. In the interim Mussolini suggested some means of compromise could be found.

The premier further recommended the calling of a conference of France, Italian, Belgian and German representatives in an effort to fix a sum that Germany would be able to pay Monday, when the next reparations payment is due.

Belgium and France, as far as could be learned, ignored Mussolini's suggestion.

It also is learned that Mussolini is planning to drive Great Britain out of Continental European affairs.

Mussolini, after putting the internal affairs of his own country in order, has embarked on a policy of changing the destiny of Europe. He is determined, according to authoritative information, to bring the dawn of a new era of history to the old world.

Confirmation that Mussolini has already proposed the formation of a continental bloc—to the exclusion of Britain—was carried by the Italian agency today.

According to this source, the premier decided to form the bloc after the breakdown of the allied premiers' conference in Paris, when Bonar Law demonstrated that the policy of his country toward Germany was hopelessly at odds with the program of France, Italy and Belgium.

Mussolini, in addition to promoting the continental bloc, is continuing to attempt to settle the difference between Germany and France by acting as an intermediary between the two nations.

It is understood that Mussolini has made certain compromising proposals to Germany and is now awaiting the answer to feelers he sent out.

In financial circles some fear that England, to combat the formation of a bloc against her, will retaliate in an economic way but these fears are not shared by many influential persons.

Broadway Said to Be Kin to
Main Street.

New York, Jan. 9.—Scratch the surface of sophisticated Broadway and you find Main Street. It is needless to travel to Painted Post or Big Pump to find a "hick." There are as many rubes in Times Square as may be found on the cracker barrels in front of the village stores.

Remove the spats and monocles and you will find the country bumpkin—as simple and naive as old Hi Holler himself. More people will follow a band in New York than in Cincinnati and there are as many celluloid collars on the Great White Way as on any other given area.

I saw a clubman in the swankest club in town with a toothbrush in his vest pocket. And a moth-eaten camel led through the streets to advertise a cigarette resulted in a riot call recently at Forty Second Street and Broadway.

"Hot dog!" was a slang saying in every so-called rube town before it was popularized in the metropolis. More vaudeville wit comes from the boys in front of the drug store than from all the Longacre Square wise-acres.

New York owes a big debt to Main Street. Without the five and ten cent stores in Kankakee and Keokuk there would be no Woolworth Tower. The Modern Bagdad is the theatrical capital because Main streeters have made it so.

Theatrical producers used to believe that "hokum" was only for the provinces. "Lightnin," the purest "hokum," had its longest run on Broadway.—O. O. McIntyre, Chronicle Special Correspondent.

Murders are eight times more frequent in the United States than in Canada, a Chicago judge asserts.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

This car has been an important factor in establishing the present day tendency to drive all winter.

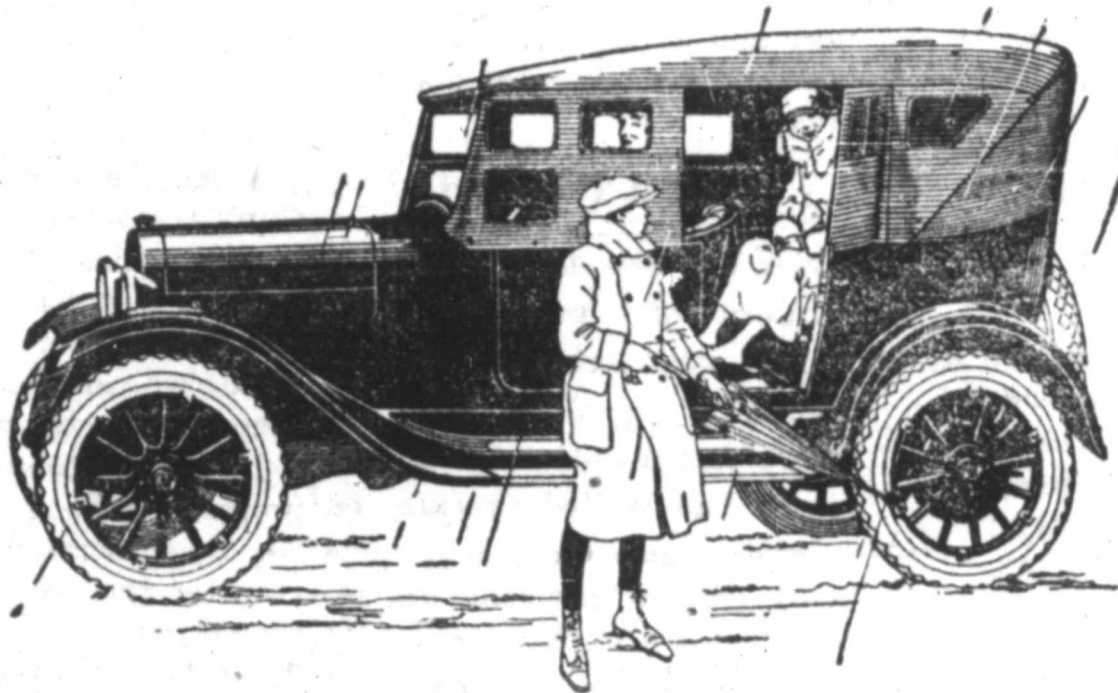
The close fitting curtains provide ample protection against wind and cold. The safety-tread cord tires minimize skidding and reduce tire trouble to its simplest terms.

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SOLDIERS WITH FIXED BAYONETS RULE IN ESSEN

BRITAIN FEARS MOVE WILL
STOP ALL REPARATION
PAYMENTS.

Essen, Jan. 11.—Germany's richest industrial section of the Ruhr district is in the hands of the French troops tonight owing to the failure of the Germans to live up to the stipulations of the treaty of Versailles. While the occupation is not actually spread over the entire district, its leading city, Essen, is occupied, and the 600,000 inhabitants of the municipality are now subject to the supervision of soldiers with fixed bayonets and full field equipment.

The proclamation of General Degoutte, in command of the French army, which is addressed to the residents of the city, says that the Franco-Belgian troops are being sent into the Ruhr to assist the allied commission in obtaining the coal required from Germany on the reparations account. It announces that German social and all other laws, including that of providing for an eight-hour day, will remain in force. The German officials are requested to continue at their accustomed duties, and the press is advised that it will not be interfered with so long as it does not pub-

lish articles libeling the occupying armies.

Posts and telegraphs will continue "fundamentally" the same.

Denver has just about the same number of telephones as Greece, Rumania, Central America, Luxemburg and Egypt combined.

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.

Crap-shooting was a favorite sport of the cliff dwellers before Columbus discovered America.

Read and Remember

That we bake fresh every day
White bread, Rye bread and
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rolls.

Don't forget we will have a new
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Crockett Bakery

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

When you want a thing in a hurry you rush to a local store and get it. But do you realize that the existence of our stores depends upon continued business.

If every person in this community were to use the stores only for emergencies there would soon be no more places to satisfy those urgent needs.

You should do your part towards keeping local business alive and in a constant state of betterment by doing all your trading at home. It will be profitable to you as well as to the entire community.

Trade At Home
Support the Town That Supports You

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

All kinds of feed at R. L. Shivers Feed Co's. tf.

Sam Smith is on a business trip to south Texas.

A full line of dry goods and shoes at R. L. Shivers'. tf.

Now is the time to buy your stalk cutters. R. L. Shivers has them. tf.

All kinds of feed at R. L. Shivers Feed Co's. tf.

Lawson Keene was a business visitor at Houston the first of this week.

See Hooks Brothers for groceries and feed. Free delivery service. Phone 234. It.

Misses Maxine and Maurine Smith were guests of Mrs. R. B. Ashe for the week-end.

Hon. and Mrs. W. B. Page have returned in improved health from the mountains of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson leave this week for St. Louis and other northern and eastern markets.

Call at Satterwhite's scale office for all kinds of feed, both bulk and sack. R. L. Shivers Feed Co. tf.

Call on Mrs. Bricker for a new spring hat. You will be delighted with the styles and prices. Sale begins Thursday, 18th. It.

Lost Dog.

A red fice, female. Finder return to Dick Rains at Crockett and receive reward of \$5.00. It.*

The flying exhibition brought a large crowd to town Saturday and the crowd was pleased with the entertainment afforded. The aviators did all that they had advertised to do.

For Sale or Trade.

One pair of mules and some farm implements. It.*
Heath Bros.,
Rt. 3, Crockett, Texas.

The Boston Store has been bought by Mr. S. E. Traylor, who has moved from Grapeland to Crockett. The store will be known as Traylor's Cash Store, and a new stock of goods will be added to that now carried.

Bottom Land Farm.

I have a good bottom land farm to rent or sell—6 miles from Crockett—good houses, good water, good school. See me at once. It.*
A. W. Phillips.

Miss Belle Brooks and Mr. G. R. Minter were married in Crockett Monday evening. The bride is a daughter of Mr. John Brooks of this city, while the groom lives east of town. The Courier desires to join their friends in extending the accustomed felicitations.

Luncheon for Mrs. Berry.

Spring blossoms and the suggestion of spring's approach featured the charming bridge luncheon of Monday with which Miss Virginia Foster complimented Mrs. H. J. Berry, a recent bride. Apple blossoms and butterflies, wedding bells, hearts and cupids lent their charm as adornment. All appointments for the luncheon conformed to the pink and white tones.

Miss Foster in costume of pink cordially greeted the guests at the door and ushered them upstairs to remove hats and wraps. Here a heart shaped register decorated with orange blossoms was gracefully presided over by Miss Clarite Elliott.

Flowers were clustered in pink baskets with pink butterflies and cupids perched on the handles. These served as centerpieces for the tables. Smaller baskets held mints and nuts. Pink tapers and the dainty blossoms adorned the living room where six tables were arranged.

A four-course luncheon was served after which little Miss Una Aldrich of Oklahoma, in a dainty pink butterfly costume, and Master Jack Beasley rolled an immense white wheel of fortune into the room and up to the decorated chair where Mrs. Berry sat. This wheel was laden with beautiful gifts for the young bride and little Jack, in a very manly way, presented them with the following lines:

"We have guided this wheel of fortune
Along the way today.
Love is the power that turns it;
It cannot go astray,
For our hearts are filled with love, dear,
And yours is overflowing, too.
So this wheel of fortune moves with ease
Right down the path to you."

After the shower several games of bridge were enjoyed, Miss Bitsy Arledge winning the high score prize, a boudoir water set, and Miss Jaenette Craddock the "booby," a miniature deck of cards with a request to practice up on the game. The guest of honor prize was a dainty oriental boudoir lamp shade. Miss Foster was assisted in entertaining by Miss Katie Barbee, Mrs. Dan Julian, Mrs. J. D. Woodson and Miss Clara Margaret Foster.
A Guest.

Cattle-Dip Meeting.

Attention is called to the notice from County Judge Moore of a cattle-dip meeting to be held in the Crockett court house at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon of next week. J. Boog Scott, chairman of the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, will address the meeting. All interested in cattle-dipping are expected to attend.

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 Coun-

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
"THE POWER OF A LIE"
Presented by Carl Laemmle, with an extraordinary cast, including David Torrance, Maude George, Mabel Julienne Scott, Earl Metcalf and June Elvidge.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Second chapter of
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ty, 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.
O. B. Hale,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

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

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

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

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Card of Thanks.

We want to thank each and every one for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our dearly beloved husband and father, S. A. Cook. We thank them for each kind word spoken to him or about him; for every little parcel, package, tray of any kind. Whether he was able to eat it or not, it was appreciated just the same. By such, rays of sunshine was sent to him and to his home by oh, so many, of our dear friends and loved ones. God bless them all.

We want to thank the kind doctors for their tender love, patience and attention to him. God bless them and their loved ones. And oh, how we do thank the dear pastors of our town that came to his bedside time and again—Bro. Lee and Bro. Mammess. Oh, those good prayers and kind words so much enjoyed by him and his loved ones at home. May God continue his blessings on them and their loved ones. May their last days be their happiest days, and their troubles be few. God bless them all. We do thank each and every one for the beautiful flowers and for the decorations at the grave. May God's richest blessings rest upon them all is our prayer.

From his loved ones.

Mrs. S. A. Cook,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hester and Family,
Mr. and Mrs. Sawney Webb,
Miss Virginia Cook,
Mr. Lansford Cook. It.

Hammond Dots.

Dear Editor:

Our school is progressing finely under the management of Mrs. R. B. Ashe. We have about twenty-five enrolled and good attendance.

We farmers are getting ready to farm again. There is some sickness in our midst.

Mrs. Frank Graham and two children, Alma and Albert, are on the sick list.

Claude Rawls has returned home from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Centerville, Texas.

Willis Hearn and John Elbert Fowler were in our community Sunday. Wonder who they were visiting?

Wyatt Christian of Jones' School community was home Sunday morning.

Henry Christian attended the show at Crockett Saturday afternoon and Saturday night.

Miss Lena Patton visited in Ephesus community Sunday.

Mrs. P. B. Beard and son and



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A GAIN the three-piece suit holds a prominent place in Spring fashions. And twillcord, piquetwill and traversine, a new double-faced suiting dominate in materials. In colors, several lovely new shades of tan share honors with the always popular navy. There is, too, a strong feeling for almond green tones particularly in the camel's hair cloths which are smart for sports and trotteur suits. On the dressy tulleur embroidery, ribbon and braid trimming is exploited. For instance, bronze and silver metal soutache appears on a rope-colored twill tailored suit with great success. Silver metallic thread is used on other costumes in French knots arranged in Greek Key design divided by an insertion of grosgrain ribbon. These knots are also used to form all-over designs for sleeves, and as a border at each edge.



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daughter, Tom and Beadie, were visitors in Belott Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Shanks and son, Talmadge, were in Crockett Saturday.

Misses Lillian and Wilma Grounds and Alma Graham were guests of Mrs. R. B. Ashe in Crockett Saturday and Saturday evening. Jack.

Center Notes.

Very much interest and benefit are being derived from the Home Demonstration work taught by our demonstrator, Miss Ney Barnett.

Our club was organized in November, and the following officials were elected:

Thelma Howell, president; Mary Bell Davis, vice-president; Belle Allen, secretary and treasurer, and Leona Sanders, reporter. We named our club, "The Busy Bee Workers," and hold our meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and we are progressing very nicely.

Twenty-eight members were enrolled in this club at our first meeting and had very good success with our work.

Last Monday another meeting was held and we began work on our second lesson in sewing, which was the making of the hand bags, and had good luck with this, also.

But, my! They are thinking of discontinuing the home demonstration work in this county. We, the girls of this club, are much in favor of the work being continued, as we think that it will be of very much benefit to us, and all the other girls that are taking this work in the future home making.

Reporter.

Card of Thanks.

We desire in this way to express our thanks, as far as it is possible for language to do so, to our kind neighbors and thought-

ful friends for their many acts of kindness and consideration during the recent illness and at the death of our father and loved one, W. H. Duren. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon each and every one of you.

Mrs. G. H. Parker,
Mrs. R. H. Hearne,
Mrs. A. P. Bolch,
T. J. Duren,
G. H. Duren.

It.

An international competition with an annual prize for the best paper on some subject of a technical nature in the science of aeronautics is being conducted by the Royal Aeronautical society of London.

"O. Henry," the pen name of William Sidney Porter, was suggested to him by a French pharmacist.

Notice of Application for Letters of Guardianship.

No. 1649. The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

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

Notice of Application for Letters—Guardianship. The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the welfare of Grover Cook and Wilson Cook, minors.

W. W. Latham has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minors, which said applica-

tion will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1923, the same being the 5th day of February, A. D. 1923, at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so. Herein fail not, but have you

before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 6th day of January, A. D. 1923.

W. D. Collins, Clerk,
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DOES TEXAS NEED NEW CONSTITUTION?

Judge Perkins Says State Needs
It No More Than New
Decalogue.

(Judge E. B. Perkins in Galveston News.)

In considering regulations and limitations placed on the governmental power of the state and its subdivisions, the subject next to taxation in importance is the question of the issuance of bonds by the state and its various political subdivisions, counties, cities and districts.

The most insidious method of taxation known to man is the issuance of bonds. Every bond issued is secured by the property of the citizens of the state, and in practically all instances is a special lien on all the real estate. There is no method of paying bonds, or the interest thereon, except by taxation, and as heretofore indicated, taxes, no matter what the form or method adopted may be, always in the final result become a burden on the entire people.

It is the practice of all large business concerns to treat taxes as a part of the expense of doing business, which means that the taxes are paid by the customers and patrons of such business concern. It is nonsense, therefore, to talk about devising any scheme of taxation that shifts the burden from the mass of the people. When a citizen buys a hat, a pair of stockings, a pocketknife, or an automobile, or a ride on a railroad, street car or jitney, he is paying a part of the tax of the concern he patronizes, whether such a tax is a license, ad valorem, occupation, gross receipts, or whatever its character. When the people vote for the issuance of bonds, they are voting additional taxes upon themselves and their posterity.

For instance, a 40-year bond, bearing 5 per cent interest, running to maturity for \$1,000,000, will require \$2,000,000 to pay the interest, and then the principal of the bond will have to be paid in addition, which in practical operation will amount to another \$1,000,000. This principle runs through the issuance of all bonds.

The present constitution requires careful consideration of the people on the subject of limitation on the issuance of bonds. Such limitations are very meager in the constitution; so that under the governmental power possessed by the legislature, they can authorize the issuance of bonds in so many different ways, and for so many different subjects, that such limitations as are contained in the constitution may be in effect avoided.

It is strange, but it is true, that a great many people will create individual debts without prospective ability to pay them. Citizens in voting bonds seem to have very much the same weakness. It is very seldom that the tax burden which they are voting upon themselves is ever seriously considered.

Bond Brokers Boosters.

There always is in every community a very attractive, pleasant, hail-fellow-well-met crowd in favor of all bond issues. Usually they mean well, and among a thoughtful people would be harmless, but our people are not thoughtful about bonded indebtedness. In addition to the crowd referred to, the bond broker always is active, the booster for public improvements, the civic pride man and woman, many of the officials who handle funds, some of the bankers who will receive the deposits, and others, all of whom are well known, favor practically all bond issues. The man who opposes them is called a "back number," a "mossback," a "tightwad," a "drag on progress" and any other affectionate epithet that can be coined by the "prominent progressive leaders" of the community.

So, it is well for the average citizen who works, who is a "hewer of wood and a drawer of water," to consider seriously the question of limiting bond issues. Most of the public buildings that were built with bonds are out of date; roads built with bonds in many cases will disappear long before the bonds are matured; some of the levees and bridges built with bonds will wash away, but the bonds, and the interest thereon, "stick" closer than a brother.

No one knows the aggregate amount of the bonded indebted-

ness now resting upon the people of the United States, unless it is the census office, and they are always slow about telling it. It is probably greater than the value of the property owned by the United States. There is a limit to such conditions. Russia has handled the condition by repudiating the bonds and all other indebtedness, and destroying all ownership of private property; Germany created "money" liabilities and bonded indebtedness until now it is admitted insolvent; France and Italy are almost so, and England is strained to the limit. We can do the same thing.

The communist, socialist, bolshevik, extreme radicalist all favor high taxes and large bond issues, because it is one of the best methods of destroying private ownership of property, and that crowd have a very strong organization and foothold in the United States—their propaganda is almost perpetual.

Exemptions.

After bond issues the question of exemption should be considered. The present constitution protects the homestead and necessary personal property of a family from a forced sale, and the homestead from mortgage, except for improvements. There has always been a respectable number of our citizens who have opposed these exemptions in part, and very strong arguments have been made from time to time in favor of abolishing or reducing the value of the exemptions. On the other hand, the majority of the people have been in favor of the exemption laws, one of their principal arguments being that it prevented unfortunate families from becoming a public charge. If all the property of a family is taken for debt, then there is danger of such family, or members thereof, becoming a charge on the public for support and maintenance.

This question of exemption is as old as the Bible, for it contains a prohibition against the seizure and sale of the rocks on which the grain was ground for bread and the Jewish authorities built up a system of exemptions probably superior to those of any modern country. I mention this because I have read a number of obituaries of men in the United States who originated the idea of exemption laws.

Seriously, however, the question is one to be considered in connection with the holding of a constitutional convention, and is one to be especially considered in case of any constitutional amendment changing present provisions.

Amendments or a Convention.

The most important subject for consideration in passing on the existing constitution is whether or not any changes should be made by amendment to the present constitution, or by the calling of a convention with full power and authority to prepare and submit to the people an entire new constitution. Some of the able and patriotic men of the state favor the convention method, for the reason that this would produce a harmonious instrument, which they do not believe can be accomplished by amendments.

This contention would be unanswerable if it were not true that the first five articles of the present constitution establish a state government in practically the same form that any new constitution could establish the same, and with the addition of

a few of the other existing articles it would be found that the whole fabric is complete barring the one subject of limitation on the power of government.

Persons who favor amendments as against a convention take this position: that any limitation on the governmental power can be submitted to the people as one proposition, in the form of an amendment, and the people will have time and opportunity to discuss and thoroughly understand the subject upon which they are voting; that, proceeding at such times as may be required, with this method, any changes desired can be understandingly effected by the vote of the people. These propositions are correct, providing the people will study the amendments submitted to them. It has occurred at times that amendments have been submitted and no proper presentation of their provisions was made to anyone preceding election day, so that the people would have gone to the polls and voted without real consideration or knowledge of what such amendments contain.

One That Got By.

This is notably true of the amendment adopted Aug. 21, 1917, which is now Sec. 59, Art. 16, of the present constitution. The subjects of that amendment were reclamation and irrigation of lands, drainage and protection against floods, conservation and development of forests, water and hydroelectric power, navigation of its inland and coastal waters and preservation of natural resources. There is practically no limitation to the governmental powers that the legislature may confer upon the districts or subdivisions of the state, the organization of which is authorized, and all such indebtedness as may be necessary which would provide the improvements and maintenance thereof requisite to the achievement of the purposes of the amendment is authorized; the issuance of bonds to secure such indebtedness and the levy of taxes to pay the same is authorized whenever and wherever the taxpaying voters approve.

The districts and subdivisions referred to may be laid off in any form, with any boundaries the legislature may adopt, so that interested parties, whether such interest be in commissions to be derived from the sale of bonds, or in the increase of the value of their own property or otherwise, can procure the organization of a district where the vote is controllable, and the limit of the indebtedness that may thus be incurred is beyond the conception of the human mind, provided the bonds can be sold.

Faults Not in Constitution.

On the other hand, some of the amendments have been carefully considered by the people, and show a very wise change in the organic law. However, it is astonishing that so much complaint has been made about the constitution, when in reality the things complained of are not to be found in the constitution. There is, in fact, no cause of complaint as to our state government, or the government of any subdivision of the state, that is serious, except that the cause thereof can be found in the statutes rather than the constitution, or in the character of the officers elected by the people from time to time.

It is natural that mistakes will be made in statutes. Many men, inexperienced in the enact-

ment of legislation, go to the legislature and vote for the things that seem to them to be good, which are afterward found to be bad. The result is that each legislature repeals many laws passed by former legislatures, and enacts many laws that will be repealed by subsequent legislatures. This is not such an evil as may be thought, because the experience of the men who go to the legislature, and the experience of the people in considering the laws they pass, is a very high type of education and development of the human mind. Errors so committed are easily corrected and wise provisions so enacted become a part of the permanent law of the land. Therefore, the legislative branch of the government should be held in very much higher regard than it is now held by many citizens of the state, and the work of the legislature should be much more carefully considered by the people than they are in the habit of doing.

Then, if the people will exercise proper care in the selection of their officers, always remembering that a man must be qualified, honest and diligent to properly fill a public office, the complaints and criticisms of all of the various governmental agencies of the state will be largely decreased.

It would also be discovered, if these things were done, that the fundamental provisions of the present constitution are not responsible for the things of which complaint is made in regard to the law and the administration of government. In other words, it will be found that there is no greater necessity for a change of the constitution than there is for a change in the decalogue or the announcements made in the sermon on the mount. Of course, there are persons who believe that the decalogue should be revised, and the sermon on the mount should be rewritten, but the majority of our people, I conclude, are satisfied with the time-honored wisdom announced in those declarations, and I bespeak for the principles announced in the present constitution a similar consideration.

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MORE WITNESSES TELL OF KILLINGS IN PARISH SWAMPS

Questions Bring Out Tales of Seeing "Woods Full of Klansmen."

Bastrop, La., Jan. 11.—Stories of a meeting of the K. K. K. in the Morehouse parish court house, of a meeting of a "select" committee to pass on the question of a Mer Rouge citizen charged with "anti-klan" activities, and of instructions given three Mer Rouge citizens to "leave town" contributed to the record today in the open investigation now under way into hooded band activities in Morehouse and the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richards.

For the first time during the investigation the name of Governor John M. Parker was brought to the fore by a witness.

"Isn't it true that Captain Skipwith always became indignant when Governor Parker's name was mentioned?" was asked R. L. Dade, mayor of Mer Rouge who described himself as a former klansman.

Captain Skipwith is exalted cyclops of the Morehouse Klan organization.

Dade was testifying as to the meetings being held to "restore peace in Mer Rouge."

"Under the regalia of the Klan had there not arisen a condition in the parish that is intolerable?" Dade was asked. "Isn't it a fact that the Klan had superseded the constituted authorities?"

"Yes, in a great measure," said Dade.

Hugh Clark, Mer Rouge merchant, who admitted that he is a Klansman, brought forward the case of Addie May Hamilton, who testified that she was deported from Louisiana by members of the Klan, with a declaration that at the request of the young woman she be permitted to return to her home near Mer Rouge, he circulated a petition and obtained the approval of Captain Skipwith for her return.

Throughout the testimony today, as on previous days, the name of Captain Skipwith had a prominent place.

One witness, Fred Higginbotham, who testified that he was a member of the Klan, declared the only officer of the organization he could name was Skipwith and another asserted that directions that three Mer Rouge citizens quit the community was given by Skipwith.

Membership of the Klan was given by Clark as between 300 and 400.

"The woods are full of them," Clark said in describing the attendance at an initiation ceremony in a field some distance from the highway between Bastrop and Mer Rouge.

Clark was on the witness stand a large part of the afternoon.

Clark told of circulating the petition seeking permission for the return of Addie May Hamilton, but could not recall all those who signed it. He could name only five men whom he could name as members of the Klan. One there, he said, was Captain Skipwith, another Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge; "Pink" Kirkpatrick, George Sims and L. T. Snyder,

GERMANY SENDS STRONG PROTEST IN NOTE TO U. S.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Dr. Otto Weidfeldt, the German ambassador, called at the state department late today and left there a formal protest against occupation of the Ruhr by France.

After reciting that the German government protested against "oppression applied toward Germany in contradiction with the treaty (of Versailles) and international law," the commission said the Berlin government did not intend to "meet violence with violence, nor to reply to the breach of the treaty with a withdrawal from the treaty."

"As long as the state of affairs contrary to the treaty exists," the protest continued, "Germany is not in a position to make actual reparations to those powers who have brought about this state of affairs."

The German communication was laid before Secretary Hughes after Dr. Weidfeldt had called at the department earlier in the day. Unable at the time to see the secretary, who was engaged at a session of the British and American debt commissions, the ambassador left, intending to return tomorrow. Late in the afternoon, however, he returned to the state department and laid the protest of his government before Mr. Hughes.

The German embassy was of the opinion that the text of the communication was similar, if not identical, to that presented to the British foreign office by Dr. St. Hamer, German ambassador at London.

The action of France, it was declared in the protest presented the state department was "directed against a defenseless and peaceful nation" four years after the signing of the peace treaty. Commenting on Germany's default in deliveries of wood and coal during 1922, the communication stated that the default in the case of coal represented "a deficit amounting to less than 4 per cent of the deliveries of coal to the entente powers since the signing of the armistice."

Declaring that "such a default on the part of Germany is not denied by Germany alone," the protest contended that entirely apart from that the action of the French and Belgians represented a three-fold breach of the Versailles treaty.

The treaty, it was asserted, does not admit of any territorial sanctions and the measures allowed by it against Germany "can only be applied by the allied powers as a whole and not by single powers of their own accord." According to the note of the reparations commission of last March 21, it was stated Germany's defaults in wood and coal deliveries "would always only justify demands for subsequent payments."

Referring to the plans of the French for occupation of the Ruhr region, the communication said that "any local disturbances will be punished with the most coercive measures and penalties."

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A BILL

To create a department of education to establish a county unit system to adopt a centralization plan and to create a more efficient system of taxation.

Section I.

Article 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Texas that there is hereby created a state department of education, which shall be composed of the governor, comptroller and secretary of state who shall have the power to appoint and dismiss a state superintendent.

Article 2. This said superintendent shall be a resident of the state in which he is superintendent with special training along this line of work, shall be not less than twenty five years of age, shall have at least an M. A. degree from a recognized institution.

Article 3. State superintendent shall be charged with the administration of the school laws and a general superintendency of the business relating to the public schools of the state; shall note educational progress; shall have school laws printed; shall furnish plans for school buildings; shall make reports to board of education which shall be laid before the legislature by the governor.

Article 4. He shall be allowed to have any assistance which he may need to carry out these plans, their salaries being determined according to positions they hold by state board of education.

Article 5. The salary of said superintendent shall be a minimum of eight thousand dollars per year, and a maximum of twelve thousand and a tenure of office shall not be limited as long as he proves efficient.

Section II.

Article 1. That there shall be a county board of education composed of five members, one of these to be elected from the county at large by the qualified voters of the county, and one from each commissioner's precinct by the qualified voters of each commissioner's precinct, who shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. That they shall be elected on the first Saturday in April of each year. It shall be the duty of this county board to classify the schools of the county. To prescribe a course of study.

Article 2. That there shall be a county board of electors composed of the county board of trustees, the president of each board of trustees of each independent school district under the jurisdiction of the presidents of each board of common school districts and county superintendent. The duty of this board of electors shall be to appoint and dismiss the county superintendent.

Article 3. That there shall be a county superintendent appointed by said board of electors, who may be chosen without any restriction as to his residence provided he has the necessary qualifications. These are that he must possess at least a B. A. degree from a standard university or college and must have had at least five years' experience in supervisions of schools. His duty shall be to appoint teachers for each school, to appoint supervisors for each five schools; shall receive reports from each supervisor; shall approve teacher's and supervisor's vouchers. The minimum of his salary shall

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Section III.

Article 1. That the county board of electors may and on petition of twenty-five per cent of the residents appoint a rural school commission of seven, one of whom is the county superintendent whose duty shall be to study the geographical, educational and social conditions and to redistrict the county; to consolidate school districts four to six miles square; to provide transportation for such children who live more than two miles from school.

Section IV.

Article 1. That a minimum of eight months school shall be required of all districts and six hundred dollars shall be set aside by the county superintendent for each teacher, the remainder which should not be less than fifty dollars per scholastic per year shall be apportioned to the

districts on the basis of their average attendance the preceding year.

Section V.

Article 1. This bill shall take effect upon its passage and all acts or parts of acts in conflict with same are hereby repealed. (The above bill is proposed by Harding of Kaufman county.)

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