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MRS. OLLIE GOOLSBEE FOR COUNTY CLERK

Mrs. Ollie Goolsbee opens the campaign for public office in Houston county this week. She offers herself as a candidate for the office of county clerk. Needless to say, her candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic primaries in July. The Courier does not wish to consume the reader's time with a lengthy introduction to Mrs. Goolsbee—she is too well-known in Houston county for that.

In the administration of the late N. E. Allbright as county clerk, Mrs. Goolsbee served four years as a deputy. During the tenure of office of O. C. Goodwin, she was in the county clerk's office two years as deputy. During the administration of the present county clerk, W. D. Collins, Mrs. Goolsbee has been head deputy for four years. She also served as deputy during the administration of A. S. Moore. Mrs. Goolsbee's qualifications are therefore well-known to Houston county voters, and she stands in need of no recommendation at the hands of the Courier. She will appreciate the support of every democratic man and woman in Houston county.

Ephesus News.

Editor Courier:

New Year greetings! 1925 has now gone to join the long list of years which make up history and 1926 has come to us. The past year has been uncommonly hard on the farmers of this section on account of the extended drouth in the midst of last growing season. However, there is already a better season in the ground for 1926 than we had during the past year and every one seems perfectly willing to try harder than ever for a good crop.

Health in our community is generally good, especially for this time of year. Bad colds and an occasional case of lagrippe has been the extent of illness here for quite awhile. For this we are all thankful and hope it will continue so during the entire new year.

The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. at this place are continuing to do a good work, although the at-

tendance has been rather poor of late owing to inclement weather. Mr. Ira Murdock and family have bought a place near Grapeland and moved on it. We miss this good family sorely, but wish them much success and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. Ector Murdock has also moved away and is now residing near Grapeland.

Miss Velma Chandler visited homefolks in the New Prospect community over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Luce and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Luce visited in the Grounds community Sunday night.

School was resumed Monday, December 28, and every one went to work with a determination to make 1926 a more productive year in school than 1925 was. Attendance during the past week has been rather poor because of the cold and rain. Teachers and pupils are working on a play which they hope to present in the near future.

Missionary Society.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Christian church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Nella Latham.

An interesting program on "Prayers and Missions" was given under the leadership of Mrs. Dave Adair. Miss Evelyn Brightman graciously entertained us with several readings.

After the program we were invited into the dining room by Mrs. Latham, where we found a profusion of spring colors. Here delicious refreshments were served. After a late hour we bade our hostess good-bye and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting with her again soon.

Reporter.

He Makes Johnson Grass Work for Him.

There is at least one Texas farmer who has made a distinct success in handling Johnson grass-infested land by using this so-called pest as an essential part of his crop rotation system. The man is Henry Walker, Decatur, who for years has found it successful to use a rotation of two years of Johnson grass and one year of corn. This Wise county blackland farmer has practiced diversified farming for years, using livestock and field crops.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier's friends are beginning the new year right by renewing and subscribing to the Courier for another year. Our list of renewals and subscriptions this week is about double the list for the last week in 1925—to be exact, 31 names. A good New Year resolution: I resolve to be a subscriber to the Crockett Courier, to read the news each week, and to keep myself well-informed on matters of public interest.

The Courier appreciates this good list, each renewal and each subscription. We hope that we may have other such lists in the coming weeks.

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

Miss Ollie Mae Smith, Knippa. Frank Snobles, Lovelady. A. F. Daniel Jr., Austwell. J. D. Blair, Palestine. J. C. Scarborough, Santa Anna. E. E. McLemore, Dallas. Ernest Patterson, Shreveport, La.

Miss Lenora Goodgion, Christine. Mrs. Albert Brann, Sweetwater.

Mrs. H. W. Moore, Crockett. J. M. Sullivan, Grapeland. Mrs. W. H. Denny for S. T. Beasley, Sealy. Judge Porter Newman, Durant, Okla.

C. H. Wickard Jr., Little Rock, Ark.

T. A. Fuller, Raymondville. Geo. W. McDougald, Raymondville.

C. H. Ratledge, Houston. W. C. Petty, Crockett. John LeGory, Crockett. L. B. LeGory, Crockett. Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett.

A. C. Neel, Crockett Rt. 1. J. T. McCelvey, Crockett Rt. 5. Mrs. S. L. Platt, Longview, Wash.

Tucker Baker, Sylacauga, Ala. W. E. Hail, Crockett.

Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters, Crockett.

Mrs. Frank Harris, Houston. R. F. Hall, Crockett.

J. E. Monk, Crockett. H. L. Graham, Crockett Rt. 1.

Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer called for by the World's Evangelical alliance and celebrated by virtually all the Christian churches of America is being celebrated in our community. Monday at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday at the Methodist church and Wednesday at the Baptist church the topics, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," "The Church Universal," "Nations and Their Leaders" were the subjects, and to-night (Thursday) at the Christian church the subject is "Missions" and tomorrow (Friday) at the Methodist church the subject is "Families, Schools, Colleges and the Young." All Christian people should take an interest in these vital questions. You are invited to attend. The services begin at 7:30 p. m.

The Methodist Church.

The people of Crockett and community who have no church home are cordially invited to attend the services at the Methodist church Sunday. The subject at 11 a. m. will be "The Value and Importance of Seeing the Unseen," and at 7:15 p. m. the pastor will review the program of the great Young People's convention he attended at Memphis, Tenn. We expect to have good music at both services, and special music, probably the orchestra, in the evening.

Sunday school and the Epworth leagues meet at the usual hours.

C. A. Lehmborg, Pastor.

PARDON GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR

Nat Patton and Ike Tatum returned Wednesday from Austin, where they had gone to present a petition to Governor Ferguson asking for the pardon of Mr. Tatum, who was convicted at the last spring term of the Houston county district court on a charge of transporting intoxicating liquor. Judge Patton defended Mr. Tatum in the trial. Judge Patton and Mr. Tatum took to Austin one of the largest petitions ever taken from Houston county. The signers of this petition were from among both the opponents and the supporters of Governor Ferguson, and it contained the names of citizens who sought the petition and signed it unsolicited. The reason was that Mr. Tatum was transporting a very small quantity of whisky for his own use when arrested. The fact that he had always borne a good reputation, that he had only a small amount of whisky for his own use and that his petition was so numerously signed by all classes and factions secured the interest of the governor and his pardon.

Uvalde Marriage.

Announcements have been received in Crockett of the marriage of Miss Alice Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Henry of Uvalde, to Mr. Laurence Samuel Johnson, which event occurred Sunday, January 3. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are at home at Camp Wood, Texas. Mrs. Johnson has been a frequent visitor in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry formerly lived in Crockett and Grapeland. Mrs. Henry is a sister of Mrs. W. V. Berry. The family has many friends in Crockett who will hasten to extend congratulations and best wishes.

Bridge Party.

Miss Katy King was hostess on Wednesday afternoon to a charming bridge party. The home was most attractive in its Christmas decorations of holly and poinsettias. The four tables of players were drawn from intimate friends of Miss Lucy Roye Deupree, who was named hon-

oree. Dainty white and green tallies and bridal score cards were used, and in the refreshments served the bridal colors of green and white were featured, baskets of white narcissi and maiden hair fern being used for table adornment. The honoree was presented with a lovely bottle of perfume, while high score was won by Miss Alta Stokes and consolation by Mrs. J. B. Minor.

College Basket Ball.

College basket ball teams are finishing the training periods and are preparing for the championship contests, which begin next week. Among the results recently are the following: Sul Ross 15, Brackenridge High (San Antonio) 11, December 30.

Sul Ross 32, Texas 28, December 31.

Friday and Saturday results: S. M. U. 21-16, Denton Normal 20-21.

Oklahoma 20, T. C. U. 9. Rice-37, Houston Heights 16. Baylor 28, Dallas A. C. 24. T. C. U. 21, Denton 17, Monday.

Plans for 1926.

At the Lions' Club luncheon Wednesday the topics of discussion were a chamber of commerce and a new hotel for Crockett. Some progress is being made toward the organization of a chamber of commerce. Plans are also in the making for a new hotel to contain forty rooms. The Courier hopes to announce some definite action soon. The secretary of the Donna chamber of commerce was present as a guest and told of the advantages of a commercial association, especially as to the distribution and marketing of farm products.

Jim Coffey vs. Paul Harper.

Jim Coffey, who now calls Crockett his home, will meet Paul Harper of Madisonville in a finish wrestling match at the Crockett Shrine club Friday night. The match will go two falls out of three. Harper is heavier than Coffey, but the local man expects speed and skill to offset the weight advantage. Both men are reported in good condition and a good match should result. If this match is a success, other matches will be put on by the Shrine club in the near future.

HOUSTON COUNTY GINS 35,464 BALES

The government report of cotton ginned in Houston county prior to December 13, 1925, shows 35,464 bales for 1925 as compared with 30,193 bales to December 13, 1924. These figures show an increase of 5,271 bales for 1925 over 1924. The cotton crop in Texas decreased in 1925, but Houston county did not help in the decline. The decrease was due to a severe drouth in some sections of central Texas. These reports are furnished the government by R. C. Stokes, cotton census enumerator.

Linen Shower.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the bridge luncheon and linen shower given Saturday morning by Mrs. Hal Lacy, honoring the bride-elect of the week, Miss Lucy Roye Deupree. Several games of bridge afforded the guests much pleasure, with lovely high score and compensation prizes to reward their efforts. Then tempting refreshments were served, after which Miss Peggy Pitts of Austin showered the bride with the many gifts, and as each gift was opened there ensued many ohs and ahs. And after it was all over, it was time to leave, so regretfully the guests bade their charming hostess good-bye and wended their way home. Mrs. Lacy was ably assisted by Miss Eliza McConnell and Euda Castleberg, who contributed their share in making the event a success. Out of town guests were: Mrs. J. B. Minor of Los Angeles, Mrs. George Kelley of Longview, Mrs. Reginald Markham of Kosse, Mrs. Smith Wootters of Mart and Miss Inez Jones of Denton.

Lots of Feed.

Feed stuff in large amounts is being shipped into Crockett this winter. Due to the failure of the feed crops planted last summer to overcome the drouth, imported feed is necessary for the winter months, as well as for making the 1926 crop. One train alone placed twelve cars of feed at the Crockett station Monday.

HAVE SOME



Tea Biscuits

AMERICAN MAID TEA BISCUITS

8 level cups
American Maid Flour
4 level teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 level tablespoons shortening
3/4 cups sweet milk

Mix all dry ingredients. Add shortening, rubbing in very lightly. Gradually add milk, mixing well. Place dough on moulding board that has been previously dusted with flour. Pat out one inch thick, cut with small biscuit cutter, and bake in hot oven seven to ten minutes. Makes twelve Tea Biscuits.



AT YOUR GROCERS

EXTRA!

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

One-Cent Sale of Dresses

Along with the purchase of any Fall or Winter Dress, either in silk, cotton or wool, at our regular price, we will allow you to select any other Dress of equal value for—

One Cent

Among our stocks you will find some wonderful styles—just the kind of Dresses that you need to finish the season with. Ideal for your trip and for school wear.

Hundreds Are Waiting for Such a Sale
So Come Early

Crockett Dry Goods Company

WOMEN TRYING FOR BIG PRIZES

Sixty-One Have Entered "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" Contest.

IRENE B. WILLIAMSON
In Dallas News.

Given: A colored farmer working on Saturday afternoon.

To prove: That he has not forgotten the day of the week.

Proof: His landlady has entered the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest, and he is convinced that "Ah can't afford to raise Ole Miss beat me when I raised cotton all ma life."

The wife of N. H. Moore of Blossom, Lamar County, is the woman whose farming activities have been the cause of so much mental anguish on the part of her colored tenant. She is one of the sixty-one women who have entered the cotton contest.

This total of sixty-one women includes five from Smith County, but the majority come from widely separated sections of the State. Mrs. Alice B. Pinkard of Gomez, Terry County, comes from the Plains country; Mrs. W. S. Smith of El Campo, Wharton County, represents the coast territory; and the extreme northeastern section of the state sends Mrs. W. N. Harkness of Hooks, Bowie County, who has entered the contest with the avowed purpose of raising more cotton than her versatile husband or any of the "forty fighting farmers" on the Whaley plantation where she makes her home.

Better Conditions.

While these women offer many and seemingly divergent reasons for their interest in the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" movement, the underlying motive is almost universally a desire to better the economic conditions of either the individual home or the community at large. Yet there are some interesting side lights. Sometimes there is a frankly admitted ambition to win a prize or perhaps friend husband needs a good jolt to wake him.

Mrs. Moore has three reasons for her entry in the contest. She writes:

"Last year I was very much interested in the 'More Cotton on Fewer Acres' contest. To my mind it is the greatest thing that has ever been launched for the improvement of farming methods. There was so little interest in the contest in this community last year, and so little faith in the use of commercial fertilizers on the black land, that I resolved to enter and test it out. If I succeeded I would do something that would be an encouragement to many who have been discouraged since the slump in cotton a few years ago left them so heavily in debt. You can't be a teacher for seventeen

years and not feel an interest in the community in which you live.

"Some worthy families that I have known have left the farm life which they loved and drifted to the cities to work because the earnings on the farm were so meager. Now if the cost of production could be lowered and the margin of profit thereby increased farm life could be made attractive. This contest seems to me to be the answer to the unspoken prayer that has arisen from the hearts of thousands of farmers' wives for something to relieve the financial condition of the farmer.

"My second reason was a desire to try out an experiment to eradicate that pest, Johnson grass.

"My third, a desire for an open air interest to restore my nervous system that had become somewhat impaired by close confinement in the schoolroom."

Early Preparation.

Mrs. Moore's methods on her five-acre tract display two features that have conspired to disturb the peace of mind of her colored tenant, Kidd Lewis by name. One is the early preparation she gave her seed bed and the continued intensive cultivation of the crop by which the precious moisture has been conserved. The other is the fertilizer applied. On her five acres of contest cotton, she used 2,000 pounds of 12-4-4, 1,000 pounds of 10-4-4 and 1,000 pounds of nitrate of soda. Between the heavy fertilization and the intensive cultivation, it looks like Kidd is in for some rough sailing.

From "out where the West begins" comes Mrs. W. W. Follow will of Poolville, Parker county who says that the most important reason for her entrance in the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest was a desire to "find out if there was a chance to make this hillside land pay if it is fertilized."

Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued during last week at the office of County Clerk W. D. Collins to the following couples:

- Henry Hall and Beulah Wheeler.
- Carey Mourning and Mary Jane Wiley.
- Charlie Duren and Margie Rusher.
- Wess Hicks and Mary Lou Campbell.
- E. G. Grant and Miss Loma Brinkley.
- E. C. Crenshaw and Emmy Johnson.
- Robert H. Guinn and Lucy Roye DeuPree.
- Sammie Lee Jackson and Jennie D. Shepherd.

The man who makes the most auspicious start doesn't always go the highest.

Nothing promotes brotherly love among the stockholders like regular dividends.

RURAL HEALTH RADIO SUBJECT

SAPPINGTON TELLS WFAA LISTENERS OF HEALTH BOARD'S WORK.

DR. H. O. SAPPINGTON
State Health Officer.

The activities of the Health Department of Texas are many and varied, according to the locality. Texas, being the largest state of the union, is a mixture of the frontier as it was, and the progressive modern conditions of the new south.

Texas has a population of 5,000,000. The altitude varies from sea level to about 9,500 feet elevation. The rainfall varies from about 10 inches to more than 50 inches. We have all the conditions of all the other states, and some conditions that many other states do not have. We have the Gulf Coast line, the Rio Grande separating Texas from a foreign country. The timbered belt of the east border of the state, and the presumed arid section of the West and the Northwest, which means a varied working condition for the Health Department.

In 1920 statistics show that there were 436,033 farms in Texas, so it is easy to understand that all of the territory is not covered as we would like.

Communicable diseases in most instances can be controlled, and as the Prince of Wales once said, "If preventable, why not prevent?" In 1793 yellow fever caused the death of over 4,000 people in Philadelphia, and during our time Reed, Gorgas and others proved to the satisfaction of every one that it is a preventable disease. Smallpox and malaria have been proven to be preventable diseases. Most of the intestinal diseases are preventable, so why not prevent, or make an honest effort to free our people from the results of communicable diseases?

Before we can deal with communicable diseases we must know where they are, so statistics are necessary. Then when the disease is located a combined effort on the part of the entire organization becomes active in stamping out that which is, and preventing that which ought not be permitted to spread to others. This combined effort will bring into action the sanitary engineers, the epidemiologist, the statistician, the nursing staff of maternity and infancy, the laboratories of the food and drug division and the public health educational division, all working for a standard of living adequate for the maintenance of health.

The county and city health officers are co-operating splendidly with the State Health Department in reporting communicable diseases, and isolating and quarantining those cases that should be quarantined for the welfare of the people. And the people are rapidly lending their aid to prevent transmitting to their neighbor disease that could be prevented. Our organization has done a great deal of work this year through the sanitary engineering division in investigating and improving the water supply in the rural districts as well as towns and cities. The water used by all common carriers is certified through our chemical and bacteriological laboratories. They, the sanitary engineers, survey municipal plants and plans and aid in correcting conditions incompatible with the production of pure water.

Sewage and sewage disposal is also under the supervision of sanitary engineers, who examine all plans of disposal plants and help to direct the construction of disposal plants adequate for the present and immediate future.

They interest themselves in housing conditions in the rural districts as well as towns and cities to help direct proper plumbing, ventilation, lighting and drainage, always using the two laboratories for confirmation of a condition. They are ever watchful of stream pollution and have recently accumulated data on stream pollution in Texas that has caused the aston-

ishment of people who should have known of the condition.

Our activities in the rural districts have been many in an effort to better the quality of milk. Milk is an important food. It is necessary to practice sanitation to produce good milk. Milk is the most dangerous food product we have when contaminated. It requires sanitary surroundings and practices to produce good milk. It is a proven fact that in every part of the state where dairymen have improved their herds, barns and milk houses they have had an increased production, thereby increasing their business financially.

The sanitary engineer interests himself in the prevention of mosquito breeding by proper drainage, stocking ponds, lakes and streams with top minnows, or spraying with an insecticide and encouraging the presence of bats when the breeding place can not be controlled, using all methods available to keep down the mosquito population, knowing them to be disease carriers as well as pests.

Peery-Barbee.

Last Friday, Reagan Peery, youngest son of V. I. Peery and wife, and Miss Lois Barbee motored over to Terrell where they were united in marriage by Rev. Rowan.

Reagan Peery was born and reared in Kemp and is known to the entire population as a moral young man, who is sure to develop into one of the most successful business men of the town, for he has been a business man ever since he was a boy, and assists his dad in running their big hardware business.

Miss Barbee came to Kemp last fall, as a teacher, from Lovelady, and during her short stay in Kemp has made many friends among the young people. She is a fine teacher we are told and a most beautiful young lady. And aside from her school work finds time to be secretary of the Methodist Sunday school. After a few days spent in Dallas and Lovelady, the happy young couple will be at home on Eleventh street. The News joins their many friends in wishing them well on their matrimonial voyage.—Kemp News.

Arizona's Diamond Hoax.

One of the greatest mining hoaxes ever perpetrated was the alleged discovery in 1872 of a diamond field in the northeastern part of the territory of Arizona.

Two men of the names of Arnold and Slack were supposed to be the discoverers, and magnificent-looking rough diamonds and rough rubies which it is said they had picked up in the Arizona field were exhibited in San Francisco. A company with a capital of \$10,000,000 was organized in San Francisco, and the list of stockholders included a number of large mining investors.

The fraud was exposed by



Stop It in Time

When you feel that tight, gripping sensation in your chest, when you begin to cough—then is the time to start doctoring a cold. Neglected it may develop seriously. We have just what you need. We are in business for your health.

John F. Baker
Drugs and Jewelry

SAVE MONEY!

40 Pairs Ladies' Slippers at \$1.95
Every Pair Worth \$4.95 and Up

52 Pairs Ladies' Shoes at 95c
Every Pair Worth \$4.50 and Up

100 Pairs (Out of Style) at 50c
Actually Worth 10 Times This Price

CHILDREN'S SHOES

50 Pairs Slippers and Oxfords at \$1.50
Every Pair Worth \$3.50

86 Pairs All Leather Shoes at \$1.50
These Are Worth Twice This Price

STRICTLY CASH—WE NEED THE MONEY

Woodson's Shoe Store
At Crockett Dry Goods Co's.

Clarence King, United States geologist, who showed that the stones exhibited were from Africa and Brazil, and upon visiting the Arizona field, saw at once that it was not a diamond-bearing country.—Detroit News.

Male Help Wanted.

\$10,000,000 Company wants man to sell food products, soaps, extracts, etc. Exclusive territory, established trade. Pay every day. Experience unnecessary. Write the J. R. Watkins Company, Dept. J-9, 62-70 W. Iowa St., Memphis, Tenn. 2t.*

If it's a fair question, did any one ever see a traffic cop get bossed?

Some Paragraphs.

Sometimes the smallest men are the biggest pests.

Time heals everything, but it often takes a lot of it.

If a word to the wise is sufficient, you can't be brief to everyone.

The high flyer who doesn't carry a parachute comes to grief in time.

Don't keep your wife at home too much. She may try to bake biscuits.

If we knew the cares of others, we might pity them instead of envying them.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

MAGIC KING BEWILDERS WISE ONES WITH MANY INEXPLICABLE ILLUSIONS



Richard Davis—the wizard—the man who mystifies—is bringing his wonderful entertainment to this community. Davis performs twice as many feats as the average magician. He does all the oldtime stock tricks with dozens of brand new ones which you have never seen before. He carries a splendid stage setting, lots of paraphernalia, and clever assistants, and his entertainment runs smoothly and without waits. You will say he is the cleverest magician you have ever seen and you will enjoy his program from the beginning to the end. What Davis does is wizardry—and his manner of doing it is artistry.

—ONE DAY ONLY—
AUDITORIUM

Renewing Our Pledge of Service

At this time, we feel that a restatement of our policy in serving the people of this community is appropriate.

In our efforts to supply you with your needs at the minimum of cost consistent with quality, every sale is made with the distinct understanding that the purchase must prove entirely satisfactory.

The success of this store is due to close adherence to this definite policy—a policy well known to our patrons. We feel reasonably certain that once you patronize this store, you too will be favorably impressed, not only with our merchandise and prices, but also with the courteous and friendly treatment you receive.

HARVEY DOUGLASS

ALARMING GROWTH IN FARM TENANTRY

The preliminary announcement of the 1925 farm census for Houston county was released by the department of commerce at Washington for publication December 31. The preliminary announcement, which is subject to correction, also gives comparative data for 1920.

The total number of farms in Houston county decreased from 5,301 January 1, 1920, to 4,883 January 1, 1925. The number of white farmers decreased from 3,174 in 1920 to 2,836 in 1925, while the colored farmers decreased from 2,127 to 2,047. Continuing the decrease the report shows that the number of farm owners decreased from 2,493 to 1,856 in this five-year period.

The increase shows itself in the number of tenants. In 1920 the census showed 2,784 tenants in Houston county; in 1925 there were 3,018 tenants. This shows a change from farm ownership to tenancy that is alarming in its rapidity.

The general idea is that the farm acreage increases annually. This is a mistaken idea, as shown by the farm census. In 1920 the farm acreage was 474,285 acres, which had slumped to 399,747 acres in 1925. Pastures (in 1924) comprised 136,484 acres, while 34,113 acres were in woodland.

Farm values in this five-year period showed an enormous decline. The 1920 values were \$13,324,925, as compared with only \$9,276,070 in 1925. This is a decline of more than four million dollars.

Livestock showed a decrease, also. Horses dropped from 5,660 to 4,423. Mules, however, gained from 6,323 to 7,892. Total cattle dropped from 29,258 to 26,946 from 1920 to 1925. The number of swine dwindled from 29,258 head in 1920 to only 13,314 head in 1925.

The corn acreage, from 1919 to 1924, dropped from 61,591 to 36,024. During the same period the land in oats dropped from 1,440 acres to a mere 335 acres. Wheat acreage, for winter pastures, increased from 216 to 244 acres. Sorghum for silage, hay and fodder increased from 517 to 619 acres. The tendency to all cotton and no feed is shown by the increase from 83,239 acres in cotton in 1919 to 120,699 acres in 1924.

The report for Cherokee county, which is considered one of the most prosperous farming counties in Texas, also showed a decrease in farm ownership, as published in the Courier in December. What is true of Houston, Cherokee and Smith (which

also showed a decrease) counties, is true of all old farming counties in Texas. Only in those counties in which farming has recently taken the place of ranching is an increase in farm ownership to be noticed.

The government census shows the tendency toward farm tenantry from farm ownership in the country as a whole.

Scientist Says Frozen Air Makes Blue Sky.

The blue color of the atmosphere is caused by a stratum of frozen, crystalline nitrogen in extremely high altitudes, according to theories recently put forward by Dr. L. Vegard of Paris. The aurora borealis and zodiacal light are attributed by him to the same cause.

Doctor Vegard asserts there is some point in the upper atmosphere where the temperature must fall as low as 350 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. If so, nitrogen, the main constituent of air, must freeze, even as snow is formed in an ordinary wintry atmosphere. The resulting nitrogen frost is likely to remain in a dispersed state. Doctor Vegard also assumes that it is electrically charged.

Inasmuch as the atmosphere is shallower near the poles than at the equator, the air-frost would approach the earth more closely in polar latitudes. More light disturbances would therefore occur in such regions.

The presence of nitrogen at such great altitudes as must be necessary to get temperatures as low as 350 degrees below zero is accounted for by Doctor Vegard by the repellent effect of the electrical charges which these particles are assumed by him to carry. Doctor Vegard suggests that this outer shell of nitrogen frost-cloud may act also as an envelope for the atmosphere and prevent it from diffusing into space.

Palestine Man Out After Prize In Cotton Contest.

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 1.—John McFarlane, winner of the Dallas News cotton contest last year, has grown 15 bales this year on 4.55 acres, according to an official report that has been filed with Judges of the contest. The actual yield was 7484.5 pounds of lint cotton on a fraction less than five acres.

McFarlane's yield last year was 5081 pounds on five acres. Announcement of the winner in the state-wide contest will be made on January 17. Cash prizes aggregating \$3500 will be awarded to the farmer who produces the highest yield of cotton on five acres.

It's a kind fate that makes so many nurses good looking.

NO FEDERAL FUNDS ARE INCLUDED

Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—Money recovered by the state in its highway suits belongs to the state of Texas and did not include any federal funds, Attorney General Dan Moody Wednesday informed Comptroller General J. R. McCarl of the United States, in answer to McCarl's recent inquiry whether federal funds were involved.

The answer was given in a lengthy six-page letter, summarizing the Texas highway situation and the developments which led up to the recovery of \$600,000 from the American Road company.

"Following the conclusion of this trial, Frank V. Lanham, chairman, and Joe Burnett, member of the highway commission of Texas, resigned, and others were appointed to the positions previously held by them," the United States comptroller was told by Moody. "With what money was then in the highway fund of Texas, and that which was recovered back from the American Road company, and with tax money that was paid into the highway fund about that time, it is the understanding of this department that the highway fund has been sufficiently replenished to enable the highway commission to pay the federal aid money which had been received from the United States to the parties to whom the same is due. It is the further information of this department that the newly appointed highway commissioners set about at once following their appointment to adjust this matter, and to pay this money to the proper parties."

"This is a statement of sufficient of the details in connection with this matter to establish that the money recovered back by the state of Texas from the American Road company belongs to the state of Texas, as a part of its funds for the maintenance of roads, and that the same did not include any funds belonging to the United States."

The road company confessed judgment, its contracts with the highway commission to surface 1000 miles of highway and maintenance of county highways were cancelled, and its permit to do business in Texas was cancelled. The unpaid estimates of \$314,000 and \$286,000 in cash were taken as judgment. The company's officials admitted excessive profits were obtained on the contracts.

Ten Big American Cities. After New York, the census bureau arranges the nine most populous American cities, with their estimated population July 1, as follows: Chicago, 2,995,239; Philadelphia, 1,979,364; Detroit, 1,242,044; Cleveland, 936,485; St. Louis, 821,543; Baltimore, 796,296; Boston, 781,529; Pittsburgh, 631,563; San Francisco, 557,530.

The only change in the Big Ten list since 1910 is the substitution of San Francisco for Buffalo as the tailender, but there have been shifts in rank, the most sensational of which is Detroit's jump from a weak ninth to fourth—from 465,000 in 1910 to 1,242,000 in 1925. The rise in Cleveland from seventh place to fifth has helped to push old cities further down the list.

The mid-decade estimates of the census bureau are made upon a purely arithmetical basis, the percentage growth of the previous decade being used in computation except where complicated by annexations of territory. An actual count would reveal considerable differences, though probably none to displace any city from its indicated rank. So if Chicago wishes to claim an even 3,000,000, or Philadelphia 2,000,000, Chicago and Philadelphia may not be without sound precedent and good reasons.—New York World.

If you laugh when the joke is on you, the hilarity of other folks will not be so painful.

At the present price of eggs, a man with a dinosaur farm would be a millionaire.

The Long and the Short of It---

You Always Get Guaranteed Quality Groceries Here

No matter whether your purchases amount to little or much, you can be certain that whatever you buy from us is of guaranteed Quality.

6 Bars Crystal White Soap... 25c
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CATTLE INDUSTRY OUTLOOK FOR NEW YEAR OPTIMISTIC

Alpine, Texas, Jan. 1.—An optimistic outlook for the Texas cattle industry, which has been under a 5-year depression, is sketched by Herbert L. Kokernot, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association, in a brief resume of present and possible future conditions.

Kokernot is the largest ranch owner in the Big Bend, Davis mountain and Trans-Pecos district of Texas and has spent his life in the cattle business.

"The outlook for the cattle industry in 1926 on the whole is good," he said. "Range conditions generally are above normal. There has been so much forced liquidation for the last five years that it seems our surplus has disappeared, that our production now is not above our own consumption. With fair treatment, it appears it should be only a short time before the industry works back to par with other industry."

"From the best information I can get, the cattle man's dollar is worth at present 80 cents in purchasing power."

He said there were three things necessary to restore the business to normal. These are:

"A better marketing system; a financial plan that will fit the requirements of the business, one that will be self liquidating within a period of three to five years; and protection to prevent our country from being thrown into competition with those countries where land values and labor costs are far below ours."

"These things are far from being accomplished," he said. "In fact we hardly have begun on them, for it is going to be a long, hard fight."

"Just at this time the industry is threatened with another burden in the way of increased freight rates. Hearings are being held in various sections of the country and the outcome is very uncertain. If the railroads are successful in raising rates, this will be a blow from which it will be difficult to recover."

J. D. Jackson of Alpine, former president and now a vice president of the association, said that good prospects face the business in this section.

Jackson and Harmon, among the largest cattle dealers of the highlands of Texas, made heavy shipments to Northern parts throughout the last year. One shipment alone amounted to \$50,000, Jackson stated.

The Highland Hereford Breeders' association, of which H. T. Fletcher of Marfa is secretary, is facing a better outlook than for several years, its officials report. The association is composed of cattlemen of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

Through its concentration on registered Herefords it is becoming nationally known.

Scientists Unable to Agree on Origin of Oil.

The question of the origin of petroleum is very complex. In many cases we have reason to believe that the petroleum was not formed in the strata in which we find it. The bulk of the oil of a field may have been produced under fairly uniform conditions; but each minor occurrence may also have passed through its own history of production and development under special local conditions. As regards parent material or materials, we have only suppositions.

The oils—as distinct from petroleum—we commonly deal with are all of organic origin, vegetable or animal. Petroleum may have the same origin, and of late the view has been gaining ground that the occurrences of petroleum and coal are interrelated. But the advocates of an animal origin of petroleum have by no means given in; the possibility of an inorganic origin also continues to find support, and the great variety of petroleum suggests various parent materials and modes of production. At present there is no agreement, not even on essential points.—From Engineering.

If speeders must speed, they might at least slow down when they get in the school zone.

Every one gets a reputation for something and a few get one for nothing.

PRO AGENTS ROUT GUESTS AT HOTELS

More Than One Hundred Persons Ejected From Their Rooms in Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 1.—More than 100 persons found celebrating the advent of the new year by participating in liquor parties in Dallas hotels were ejected from their rooms by federal officers and hotel managers Thursday night. About 50 per cent of those ousted were women. A quantity of liquor was seized as evidence but none of the persons were arrested and no complaints had been filed early today.

The hotel managers ordered the guests from the rooms after the federal agents had located the rooms in which there were disturbances.

Crockett Train Schedule.
South Bound.
No. 25, Thru Passenger 1:37am
No. 23, Local Passenger 9:40am
No. 21, Sunshine Special 2:03pm
North Bound.
No. 28, Thru Passenger 4:00am
No. 24, Local Passenger 1:30pm
No. 22, Sunshine Special 4:06pm
Effective June 7, 1925

Habitual joiners always have plenty of opportunity to exercise their natural inclination.

After winning a woman's hand, a man sometimes wishes she had no thumbs.

A Freeman Shoe Is a Wonderful Shoe

We say "wonderful" because we feel that you will find it just the style that you will feel proud to wear—a quality that will give you better than usual service—and the price is so very reasonable. They are guaranteed shoes. Black and tan oxfords, all in up to the minute styles.

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Judgment In Buying

Buying foodstuffs doesn't consist simply in shoving your money over the counter and taking the goods home. Anybody can do that, but it takes good judgment to buy wisely.

Ask your friends what they think of our store. They will tell you that they buy from us because they get what they want and are never overcharged. They buy wisely because they know where they are buying. They buy from us because they know we are dependable.

Try our store a few times and your own judgment will tell you that you have made no mistake.

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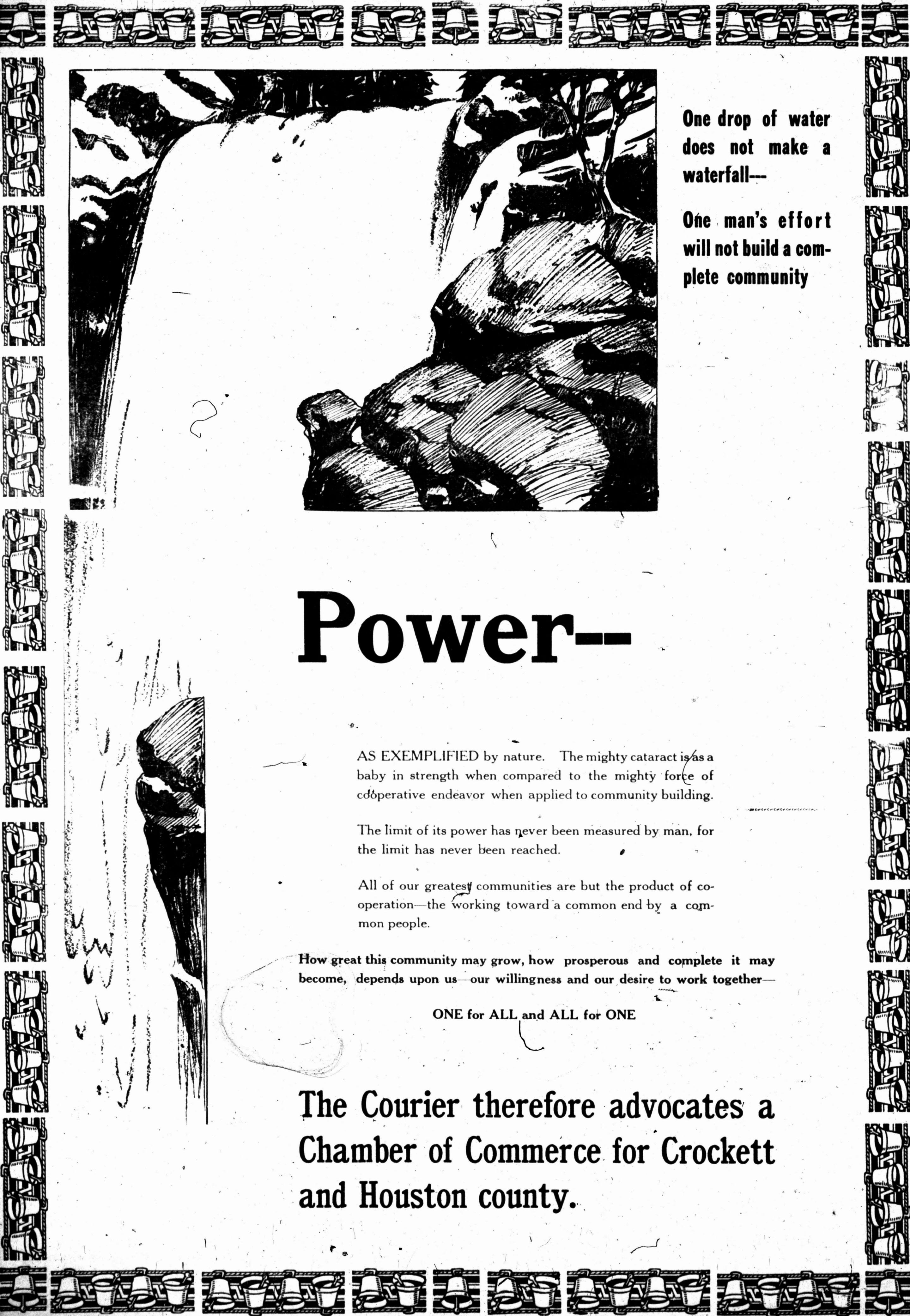
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All of our greatest communities are but the product of cooperation—the working toward a common end by a common people.

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Wanted, Furnished. Three or four down stairs rooms, with garage if possible, and on good street. Phone the Courier office. It.

B. A. Eastham and Luther Eastham Jr. of Huntsville and D. D. Eastham of Waxahachie were New Year guests of Mrs. Byrde-E. Wootters and Mrs. S. W. Craddock.

For Sale. Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually, C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man. It.

Work Mules for Sale. Remember you can find sound cotton mules at my barn, prices right. All guaranteed as represented. It.* C. N. Goolsbee.

Listen.

Iron bedsteads, \$3.50 and up; springs, \$1.50 and up; dressers, \$8.00 and up. Some rare bargains in cook stoves and chairs at V. B. Tunsall's furniture and music shop. It.*

I will operate a first-class grist mill at my new location and will be glad to grind your corn for you any day you bring it. I have purchased the old Cotton Chopper iron building and will be located there in the future. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas. 2t.

Preaching Services.

Preaching services on Sunday January 10, at Grapeland at 11 a. m. and at Cedar Point Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Subject, "God's Plan, Purpose and Power." Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

I represent two of the largest marble and granite houses in the United States, and can supply you with anything you may need in this line. Let me hear from you if interested. It. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas.

Old-Time Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calhoun entertained with an old-time dance at their home ten miles west of Crockett New Year's eve. A number of Crockett people attended and all report an enjoyable evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

Home-Seekers to Valley.

The southbound Sunshine Special train again ran in two sections Sunday afternoon. One section was of ten cars, while the second was of eight cars. The second section carried excursionists from the northern states to the Rio Grande valley, where they seek homes.

Waco State Champions.

Waco high school won the state high school football championship New Year's day at Fair Park stadium, Dallas, by staging a wonderful come-back and defeating Forest Avenue high of Dallas 20 to 7. Waco won the championship in 1922 and was a finalist in 1923 and 1924.

Notice to the Public.

I have moved my shop to the old Planter's Cotton Chopper iron building near the light plant, and would be glad to have all my friends to call on me when they want the best in blacksmith and woodwork. I have with me the best blacksmith in Houston county, Mr. Q. Martin, better known as "Uncle Q." Come and see us. It. I. B. Lansford.

More Feed Shipped In.

In addition to twelve cars of feed set out by the southbound local freight train Monday morning, a northbound freight Monday afternoon set out seven cars of feed at the Crockett station. Farm animals must have feed, and if it is not grown here, it must be shipped in—at a good price, usually, too. A total of 19 cars was the day's receipt.

High Team Practicing.

Basket ball practice was resumed at Crockett High School Monday afternoon. The ability of most of the candidates is an unknown quantity. Several good prospects have failed to report. It is fairly certain that Brannen, center; Odom, forward, and Cecil guard, will form the nucleus of the team. Willard Spence and his Latexo squad are reported to be ready to battle the local team Friday afternoon.

Going to Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory will leave soon to make their home in Houston. Crockett people will regret to lose this estimable family. Mrs. LeGory is prominent in the social and religious activities in Crockett, while Mr. LeGory takes a great interest in business and civic interests here. Crockett's loss is Houston's gain. Mr. LeGory is retaining his interests in Crockett and will be a frequent visitor here.

Will Broadcast Song.

Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb of Lexington, Ky., will broadcast three songs through radiophone station WHAS of the Louisville Courier-Journal on Saturday night, January 9, at 8:40 o'clock. Mrs. Lipscomb, the wife of Dr. W. N. Lipscomb of Louisville, has made several visits to Crockett and those who are familiar with her fine vocal talents will no doubt enjoy hearing her sing by radio Saturday night.

For Sale.

And am going to sell them, 4 slightly used automobiles—I mean slight used—in perfect condition, guaranteed. One Dodge touring, driven 3170 miles, new battery and casings, a real bargain.

One Studebaker light six, first-class condition, good rubber, a real bargain, looks good, driven 5000 miles.

A Ford touring, 1925 model, used about 6 months, you know the rest. See me at Millar & Berry's. J. C. Millar, It. Hudson & Essex Dealer.

Notice to Road Hands.

The committee for good roads in road district No. 3 have requested that I see that every man between the ages of 21 and 45 serves 8 days on the road, or pays his road tax. You can get a receipt from F. H. Butler for \$5.00 if you will do so before February 1. Otherwise you will be warned out for 8 days and will be required by law to work the full time, or pay \$8.00. I call your attention to this now so that you won't feel bad toward me when you are warned out on the road, if it be at a time you would not want to quit your other work. Joe Lockey, It. Foreman Road Dist. No. 3.

Et. Worth Chief Learns About 'Em From Girl Hikers.

Fort Worth, Jan. 2.—Shapely girls in hiking togs talking glibly of a coast-to-coast tour "for educational purposes" have been ordered out of Fort Worth after blarneying the chief of police out of a letter they used as a recommendation and hundreds of citizens out of a dollar or more for magazine subscriptions.

The only part of the sales talk that was true, the rueful chief explained, was that the money was for "educational" purposes. It was the victim who was being educated.

I have put a good deal more than work into my business, I've drawn a good deal more than money out of it; but the only thing I've ever put into it which didn't draw dividends, fun or dollars, is worry.—Julian Wetzel.

Patronize our advertisers.

ANNOUNCING

THE OPENING OF THE

Magnolia Garage

In Connection With Magnolia Filling Station With L. R. Wesson In Charge.

Expert Repairing On All Makes of Cars. Come In and Give Us a Trial.

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Y. W. A. Social. On Tuesday afternoon, December 29, the Y. W. A's. were delightfully entertained in the hospitable home of Mrs. Earl Porter Adams. Mrs. W. A. Manning, who was the capable leader of the missionary program for the afternoon, read the 2nd chapter of Luke, which tells the beautiful story of the coming of the "Christ Child." This was followed by a heart-felt prayer of thanksgiving, that home-life is ever hallowed because of the Bethlehem manger, by Mrs. D. O. Kiessling. Mrs. Vernon Garner told in a most interesting manner of "Child Life in Brazil." Mesdames Harry Ellis and D. O. Kiessling sang that loved song, "Holy Night, Silent Night," and Miss Evelyn Brightman gave a beautiful Christmas reading, "The Other Wise Man." Mrs. Alton LeMay gave a true story of a Chinese boy with the odds against him; this was followed by an earnest prayer for all such children in foreign lands, and for the missionaries working among them, by Mrs. E. T. Ozier. The program was brought to a close with the song, "Revive Us Again," after which a very happy social hour was enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious salad course. The Y. W. A's. had as a visitor Mrs. J. H. Rhoden of Winters. As this meeting brought to an end the fourth year since the organization of the Y. W. A., Mrs. W. R. Allee, the treasurer, gave the following financial report covering this time: Money made, \$2239.86; amount of dues paid in, \$276.50; total amount deposited, \$2516.36; amount paid out, \$2503.67; amount on hand \$12.69. Reporter.

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We purchase the best Mebane Cotton Seed we can secure for our own plantings and use our best efforts to keep up the purity of our seed.

For immediate delivery—we offer selected planting seed from our crop—ask us about them.

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Williams' Colored Singers

WILL APPEAR AT MARY ALLEN SEMINARY

Thursday, January 14

8:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

General Admission 50 Cents
Reserved Seats 75 Cents

Arrangements will be made for all white people who care to attend.

Charter No. 4684. Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Crockett, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on December 31, 1925.

RESOURCES		
1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$952,465.24	
b Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it.....	96,852.35	
Total loans.....	\$1,049,317.59	
2. Overdrafts, unsecured, \$1,610.70.....	1,610.70	
4. U. S. Government securities owned:		
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	1,223.88	
Total.....	1,223.88	
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.....	35,846.04	
6. Banking House.....	10,000.00	
7. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	3,584.15	
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	62,329.52	
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	121,662.41	
11. Amount due from State Banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10).....	28,609.51	
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12).....	14.30	
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	\$150,276.22	
14. a Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	458.75	458.75
16. Other assets, if any.....	236.87	236.87
Total.....	\$1,314,683.72	
LIABILITIES		
17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00	
18. Surplus fund.....	200,000.00	
19. a Undivided profits, c Less current expenses paid.....	\$20,742.12	
23. Amount due to national banks.....	20,742.12	
24. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23).....	34,031.90	
26. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	17,301.47	
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.....	\$82,480.38	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
27. Individual deposits subject to check.....	547,902.89	
28. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	64,896.00	
29. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond.....	104,737.97	
31. Dividends unpaid.....	12,000.00	
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32.....	\$729,536.86	
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
33. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	181,924.36	
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36.....	\$181,924.36	
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State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:
I, D. G. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. G. Moore, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1926.
(Seal) E. C. ARLIDGE,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
H. F. MOORE,
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I will operate a first-class grist mill at my new location and will be glad to grind your corn for you any day you bring it. I have purchased the old Cotton Chopper iron building and will be located there in the future. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas. 2t.

Preaching Services. Preaching services on Sunday January 10, at Grapeland at 11 a. m. and at Cedar Point Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Subject, "God's Plan, Purpose and Power." Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

I represent two of the largest marble and granite houses in the United States, and can supply you with anything you may need in this line. Let me hear from you if interested. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas.

Old-Time Dance. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calhoun entertained with an old-time dance at their home ten miles west of Crockett New Year's eve. A number of Crockett people attended and all report an enjoyable evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

Home-Seekers to Valley. The southbound Sunshine Special train again ran in two sections Sunday afternoon. One section was of ten cars, while the second was of eight cars. The second section carried excursionists from the northern states to the Rio Grande valley, where they seek homes.

Waco State Champions. Waco high school won the state high school football championship New Year's day at Fair Park stadium, Dallas, by staging a wonderful come-back and defeating Forest Avenue high of Dallas 20 to 7. Waco won the championship in 1922 and was a finalist in 1923 and 1924.

Notice to the Public. I have moved my shop to the old Planter's Cotton Chopper iron building near the light plant, and would be glad to have all my friends to call on me when they want the best in blacksmith and woodwork. I have with me the best blacksmith in Houston county, Mr. Q. Martin, better known as "Uncle Q." Come and see us. I. B. Lansford. 2t.

More Feed Shipped In. In addition to twelve cars of feed set out by the southbound local freight train Monday morning, a northbound freight Monday afternoon set out seven cars of feed at the Crockett station. Farm animals must have feed, and if it is not grown here, it must be shipped in—at a good price, usually, too. A total of 19 cars was the day's receipt.

High Team Practicing. Basket ball practice was resumed at Crockett High School Monday afternoon. The ability of most of the candidates is an unknown quantity. Several good prospects have failed to report. It is fairly certain that Brannen, center; Odom, forward, and Cecil guard, will form the nucleus of the team. Willard Spence and his Latexo squad are reported to be ready to battle the local team Friday afternoon.

Going to Houston. Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory will leave soon to make their home in Houston. Crockett people will regret to lose this estimable family. Mrs. LeGory is prominent in the social and religious activities in Crockett, while Mr. LeGory takes a great interest in business and civic interests here. Crockett's loss is Houston's gain. Mr. LeGory is retaining his interests in Crockett and will be a frequent visitor here.

Will Broadcast Song. Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb of Lexington, Ky., will broadcast three songs through radiophone station WHAS of the Louisville Courier-Journal on Saturday night, January 9, at 8:40 o'clock. Mrs. Lipscomb, as the wife of Dr. W. N. Lipscomb of Louisville, has made several visits to Crockett and those who are familiar with her fine vocal talents will no doubt enjoy hearing her sing by radio Saturday night.

For Sale. And am going to sell them, 4 slightly used automobiles—I mean slight used—in perfect condition, guaranteed. One Dodge touring, driven 3170 miles, new battery and casings, a real bargain, looks good, driven 5000 miles.

A Ford touring, 1925 model, used about 6 months, you know the rest. See me at Millar & Berry's. J. C. Millar, Hudson & Essex Dealer.

Notice to Road Hands. The committee for good roads in road district No. 3 have requested that I see that every man between the ages of 21 and 45 serves 8 days on the road, or pays his road tax. You can get a receipt from F. H. Butler for \$5.00 if you will do so before February 1. Otherwise you will be warned out for 8 days and will be required by law to work the full time, or pay \$8.00. I call your attention to this now so that you won't feel bad toward me when you are warned out on the road, if it be at a time you would not want to quit your other work. Joe Lockey, Ft. Worth Road Dist. No. 3.

Ft. Worth Chief Learns About 'Em From Girl Hikers. Fort Worth, Jan. 2.—Shapely girls in hiking togs talking glibly of a coast-to-coast tour "for educational purposes" have been ordered out of Fort Worth after blarneying the chief of police out of a letter they used as a recommendation and hundreds of citizens out of a dollar or more for magazine subscriptions.

The only part of the sales talk that was true, the rueful chief explained, was that the money was for "educational" purposes. It was the victim who was being educated.

I have put a good deal more than work into my business, I've drawn a good deal more than money out of it; but the only thing I've ever put into it which didn't draw dividends, fun or dollars, is worry.—Julian Wetzel.

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ANNOUNCING

THE OPENING OF THE

Magnolia Garage

In Connection With Magnolia Filling Station With L. R. Wesson In Charge.

Expert Repairing On All Makes of Cars. Come In and Give Us a Trial.

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Day Phone, 312—Night Phone, 344 Or 113

Y. W. A. Social. On Tuesday afternoon, December 29, the Y. W. A's were delightfully entertained in the hospitable home of Mrs. Earl Porter Adams.

Mrs. W. A. Manning, who was the capable leader of the missionary program for the afternoon, read the 2nd chapter of Luke, which tells the beautiful story of the coming of the "Christ Child." This was followed by a heart-felt prayer of thanksgiving, that home-life is ever hallowed because of the Bethlehem manger, by Mrs. D. O. Kiessling.

Mrs. Vernon Garner told in a most interesting manner of "Child Life in Brazil." Mesdames Harry Ellis and D. O. Kiessling sang that loved song, "Holy Night, Silent Night," and Miss Evelyn Brightman gave a beautiful Christmas reading, "The Other Wise Man."

Mrs. Alton LeMay gave a true story of a Chinese boy with the odds against him; this was followed by an earnest prayer for all such children in foreign lands, and for the missionaries working among them, by Mrs. E. T. Ozier.

The program was brought to a close with the song, "Revive Us Again," after which a very happy social hour was enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious salad course. The Y. W. A's had as a visitor Mrs. J. H. Rhoden of Winters.

As this meeting brought to an end the fourth year since the organization of the Y. W. A., Mrs. W. R. Allee, the treasurer, gave the following financial report covering this time: Money made, \$2239.86; amount of dues paid in, \$276.50; total amount deposited, \$2516.36; amount paid out, \$2503.67; amount on hand \$12.69.

Reporter.

Mebane Cotton Seed

We purchase the best Mebane Cotton Seed we can secure for our own plantings and use our best efforts to keep up the purity of our seed.

For immediate delivery—we offer selected planting seed from our crop—ask us about them.

BLUE LAKE FARM

CROCKETT, TEXAS

THE WORLD-FAMOUS

Williams' Colored Singers

WILL APPEAR AT

MARY ALLEN SEMINARY

Thursday, January 14

8:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

General Admission 50 Cents
Reserved Seats 75 Cents

Arrangements will be made for all white people who care to attend.

Charter No. 4684. Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Crockett, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on December 31, 1925.

RESOURCES		
1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)		\$952,465.24
b Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it		96,852.35
Total loans		\$1,049,317.59
2. Overdrafts, unsecured, \$1,610.70		1,610.70
4. U. S. Government securities owned:		
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	1,223.88	
Total	1,223.88	
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.		35,646.04
6. Banking House, \$10,000.00		10,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house		3,584.15
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		62,329.52
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		121,652.41
11. Amount due from State Banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)		28,609.51
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)		14.30
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13		\$150,276.22
14. a Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	458.75	458.75
16. Other assets, if any		236.87
Total		\$1,314,683.72
LIABILITIES		
17. Capital stock paid in		\$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund		200,000.00
19. a Undivided profits, c Less current expenses paid		\$20,742.12
22. Amount due to national banks		31,147.01
24. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23)		34,031.90
26. Cashier's checks outstanding		17,301.47
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26		\$82,480.38
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
27. Individual deposits subject to check		547,902.89
28. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		64,896.00
29. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond		104,737.97
31. Dividends unpaid		12,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32		\$729,536.86
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
33. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		181,924.36
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36		\$181,924.36
Total		\$1,314,683.72

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:
I, D. G. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. G. Moore, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1926.
(Seal) E. C. ARLEDGE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
H. F. MOORE,
JNO. LEGORY,
JAS. S. SHIVERS, Directors.



TO THE BIG \$10,000.00 BANKRUPT SALE!

TO ALL WHO WANT TO BUY GOODS AT BANKRUPT PRICES

You are hereby notified that on Thursday morning, January 7, the doors will swing open and the big \$10,000 bankrupt stock of the Butler Mercantile Co. will go on sale.

This big stock was sold by the trustee by order of the Bankrupt Court and has been turned over to Jno. W. Searls, the "Great Bargain Giver," to be distributed to all the people at Bankrupt Prices. The Sale will run till the stock is sold out.

COME AND GET YOUR SHARE OF THESE GOODS AT THESE BANKRUPT PRICES

This legal, bonafide Bankrupt Sale will be in the building next to Pickwick Hotel, northeast corner of square. No prices are given in this notice because everything will be sold at unbelievable Bankrupt Prices. \$10,000 Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments and Notions. If you want a real bargain in Dry Goods, Shoes, Cloaks, Dresses, Men's and Boys' Suits, Hats, don't miss this chance. This is different from any sale you ever attended—you never saw anything like it before.

IT'S A BIG LEGAL BONAFIDE BANKRUPT SALE IN CROCKETT, TEXAS

Explanation—This is the big \$10,000 stock of the Butler Mercantile Co., which went broke December 12. This stock is located next to the Pickwick Hotel on the northeast corner of the square in Crockett. The stock consists of brand new Dry Goods, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments, Clothing for Men and Boys, Shoes and Oxfords for Men and Boys, Slippers, Pumps, Oxfords and Shoes for Women and Children.

Notice—Other merchants wishing to buy any part of this stock at these bankrupt prices will not be waited on until after 6 o'clock each evening. The doors will be thrown open Thursday, January 7, and the sale will begin, and at such low prices you never saw nor heard of before in Crockett. It's a legal, bankrupt sale of \$10,000 high-grade merchandise.

WATCH THE TIME—BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 7; DON'T MISS THE PLACE, NEXT TO PICKWICK HOTEL—WATCH THE PLACE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS AT RADIO BANQUET JAN. 22

VICTOR H. SCHOFFELMAYER
Agricultural Editor Dallas News

The winners in the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest will be selected Jan. 14, and perhaps 15, when the members of the state contest committee will assemble at the News building in Dallas to examine the crop records and affidavits sent in by the contestants.

Announcement of the winners will be made in the Sunday issue of the Dallas News Jan. 17 and in the Semi-Weekly News of Jan. 19. There will be fourteen winners in all in the various contest divisions, with a total of \$3,900 in prizes. There will be awarded a \$1,000 grand prize, the same as last year, to the man who raised the most pounds of lint cotton on five acres of un-irrigated land.

There will be \$2,400 in staple cotton prizes, consisting of a first prize of \$500, a second of \$200 and a third of \$100 in each of three sections of Texas, called east, west and south Texas. The prize money for these sectional awards was contributed by the Dallas Cotton Exchange, which gave \$1,400, and the Texas Cotton Association, which contributed \$1,000.

A big banquet will be tendered the winners the night of Jan. 22 at the Baker hotel, to which will be invited agricultural leaders of Texas and from without the state, including men prominent

in public affairs, such as financiers, heads of agricultural colleges, officers of prominent farmers' organizations, heads of railroads and members of the Texas cotton trade or men intimately connected with cotton interests.

The banquet at the Baker hotel will be broadcast from station WFAA probably for the entire time. Besides addresses by prominent men there will be musical features.

The winners in the various divisions of the 1925 cotton contest will be notified in plenty of time to be present at the banquet, at which they are to receive their prize money. Each will be expected to make a short talk on how he won the prize and what the cotton contest means to him.

The county agricultural agents who are to meet in Dallas during the same week for their annual convention will be invited to attend in a body the cotton contest banquet, together with their respective district agents.

The plans for the 1926 cotton contest, featuring the raising of better staple and encouraging state-wide co-operation in obtaining for cotton growers a just price for their quality product in all local markets, will be announced at the banquet the night of Jan. 22. The history of the two cotton contests, that of 1924 and that of 1925, now drawing to a close, will be reviewed.

While the News is devoting its attention to an attempt to solve some of the problems of cotton raising in Texas it should not be forgotten that the cotton contest is really accomplishing much more. It is proving to farmers that it is possible to produce more cotton on less land and thus providing opportunity for the raising of more feed and food

crops on land released from cotton.

At no time has it been the purpose of the News and the Semi-Weekly Farm News to encourage the production of more cotton. The cotton contest fits in admirably into a system of balanced farming through which cotton will take its rightful place and be grown at a profit instead of a loss, as has been done on so many farms during the last few years.

Every encouragement will be lent to stimulating interest in the raising of more feed crops on all the farms of this state during 1926. The two plans fit into one another and there should be no conflict between "more cotton on fewer acres" and "more feed crops on more acres;" one is the logical result of the other.

The high yields which have been made during 1925 point the way which Texas cotton growers could follow with safety and profit. By increasing the yield per acre and reducing the cotton acreage greater prosperity eventually will come to Texas. Too much land is needlessly planted to cotton in Texas annually, much of which should be devoted to feed crops. The ideal to be attained on every farm would be the raising of as much cotton on one-half as much acreage as now is produced, thus enabling the farmer to keep live stock, such as one or two family cows, a good brood sow for the raising of his own meat, a flock of poultry for the sale of eggs and fowls, and from which many a wife makes more ready cash than does her husband off a large acreage of cotton.

But as long as Texas is the world's leading cotton-raising state it is necessary to discover ways to make cotton a more profitable crop. This can be done by increasing the per acre yields and reducing the acreage.

Some Postscripts.

An invitation to trouble is always accepted.

The wisely wicked are beyond redemption.

Men who strut should contemplate the fate of the turkey gobbler.

Window smashers should remember that they live in glass houses.

It's no advantage to think twice before acting if you never act.

Silence is a wonderful trait, especially when one has nothing to say.

The public is sometimes milked by corporations with watered stock.

Some folks make New Year's resolutions and others keep their self respect.

Spotless reputations are impossible as long as Old Lady Gossip stays on the job.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

'MA' PROCLAIMS JANUARY 1926 'LAUGH MONTH'

Austin, Texas, Dec. 31.—January was designated as "Laugh month" by Governor Ferguson Thursday when representatives of every news reel organization in the state took moving pictures of her and her family at the state house and mansion. Her proclamation read:

"Realizing that the year of 1925 brought prosperity to many, though adversity to some; and

"Believing that a cheerful, happy outlook is the best antidote for gloom, as well as the greatest assurance of future well being; and with the most heartfelt conviction that 'it is better to laugh than to mourn' and that 'we must laugh to live'

"I hereby proclaim the month of January, 1926, as laugh month for the State of Texas; and I recommend to the people of the great and glorious commonwealth that they start the year with happy laughter and good cheer, with the assurance of a happy and prosperous new year."

Pretty Marriage Ceremony.

On Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Deupree, a beautiful and impressive ceremony was solemnized, uniting in marriage their attractive and accomplished daughter, Lucy Royce, to Mr. Robert Henry Guinn.

The color scheme of green and white was beautifully carried out in southern smilax and chrysanthemums. The ceremony, truly impressive, was performed by Dr. George Waverly Davis of the Oaklawn Methodist church of Dallas, an uncle of the bride. The couple were married under a festoon bower of the chosen blossom. A large wedding bell adorned with plumosa fern and white ribbons, with lilies of the valley extending from the chrysanthemum clapper, hung in the center of the bridal arch. On each side were tall, ivory floor vases, holding a profusion of the chrysanthemums, with touches of billowy white tulle. The mantel was banked with smilax and chrysanthemums and held two large, green cathedral tapers.

The bridal motif was further emphasized in the elegant appointments of the bride's table with handsome cluny laces overlaid in green satin. The wedding cake, beautifully embossed in white, held a miniature bride and groom under a tiny silver wedding bell. The silver candle sticks were at the four corners of the festive board, tied with tulle bows, with silver compotes holding confections.

Preceding the ceremony, the

vocal selection of "At Dawning" was rendered by Miss Elise McConnell, a close friend of the bride, accompanied by Miss Claitte Elliott, and "I Love You Truly" was sung by Mrs. George Kelly, a cousin of the bride, both of which were given in beautiful voice. The bridal chorus from Lohengrin and accompaniment were played by Mrs. Smith B. Wootters.

The bride was charming in her traveling costume, a chic creation of cuckoo brown charmeen, with shaded embroideries and mink fur and accessories to match. The hat was a French model of braided taffeta and handmade velvet flowers. She wore a corsage of American beauty buds and lilies of the valley.

The marriage was the culmination of a school day romance and will be read with great interest throughout the state. The bride graduated from Crockett High school and attended Kidd Key college at Sherman and the Cincinnati Conservatory of music. She has endeared herself to the people of Crockett the last few years through her efforts in behalf of the large classes in music she has always taught. The groom graduated likewise from the Crockett High school and attended the Texas university at Austin. During the last few years he has been attending Cincinnati university at Cincinnati and now holds a position with O'Connell & Sweeny, contractors of Cincinnati.

Among the out of town guests for the wedding were: Dr. and

Mrs. G. W. Davis and daughters, Ruth and Mary of Dallas; Miss Inez Jones of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Klatt of Galveston; Mrs. George A. Kelley and son of Longview; Mrs. Smith B. Wootters of Mart; Mr. E. Julius Deupree of Dallas.

Immediately following the reception, the bride and groom departed for St. Louis and other points for a short bridal tour, after which they will go to Cincinnati to make their home.

Attention Mr. Farmer.

If you will be needing assistance in paying your land notes or expecting to purchase more land this fall, make your application now so as to avoid delays, as the rush will soon be on. Money loaned at 5 1/2 per cent—\$65.00 pays the interest and principle on every \$1,000.00 borrowed. More than one million dollars loaned to Houston county farmers in the past 8 years without any foreclosures to date. If interested, call on or write Jno. H. Ellis, secretary, Crockett, Texas. e.o.w.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends of Pearson Chapel for their many kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our dear sister and daughter, Dollie. May God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Arnold and Family. It.

There's a limit to everything, even federal tax reductions.

The Event of the Season!
Lon Chaney's Appearance in
"The Phantom of the Opera"
Wild—Weird—Wonderful
Mysterious—Magnetic—Magnificent
SEE IT! You'll Never Forget It!
Monday, Jan. 11—Tuesday, Jan. 12
Adults, 40 Cents Children, 20 Cents
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LAST TIMES TODAY
"A LITTLE FANTASY"

Care Guided by Experience

You may bring your prescriptions to us for filling with a feeling of absolute confidence. Care guided by experience and a stock of chemically pure drugs guard your trust in this store.

B. F. Chamberlain
The Rexall Store

THREE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS OUSTED

MEN AFFECTED ARE THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—The three highest officials of the state highway department were replaced by the new highway commission Wednesday in a special meeting of the board. Resignation of R. J. Hank, state highway engineer for the past two years, was accepted by the commission, effective January 15, 1926, and W. P. Kemper, construction engineer for the past 10 months, was named acting highway engineer. The engineer is executive head of the department, and receives a salary of \$7000 per year, the highest paid executive officer of the state. Indications were he will later receive the permanent appointment.

L. R. Allison, assistant highway engineer for the past 10 months, also resigned, and Doak Rainey, former superintendent of materials and tests, will succeed him.

L. E. Lawrence, headquarters maintenance superintendent was the third official to be replaced. He is succeeded by John Shelton Jr., engineer, of Austin. Mr. Shelton has been with the department for over two years in the engineering department.

No statement of reasons for securing the resignations was made by Chairman Mosely or other members of the highway commission. All commissioners were here.

Whether Hank's taking issue

with Joe Burkett, former member of the commission, on details of the letting of the American Road company asphalt surfacing contract had anything to do with his resignation is not known.

Shortly after that contract came under fire, Mr. Burkett said Chairman Frank Lanham had insisted 30 cents a square yard was a reasonable price to pay for the surfacing, but that he had held out for 25 cents, until Hank had approved 30 cents. Mr. Hank immediately denied he had approved the price and said he had recommended bids he asked, a recommendation which was not followed.

Subsequently the American Road company in the fifty-third district court here confessed the state should recover from it \$600,000 excess highway profits, that contracts worth approximately \$2,000,000 should be canceled, that it should be perpetually banned from doing business in Texas and that it should pay court costs.

Inference was left by Secretary Smith that Mr. Kemper will be made highway engineer, if he proves his fitness as acting highway engineer.

Kemper was born at Mount Sterling, Ky., June 21, 1884. In 1906 he received a civil engineering degree from Kentucky university, after distinguishing himself three years on the football team.

His first engineering job was with the Chesapeake and Ohio railway; later he was with the Ohio river commission and participated in a survey of the Ohio river.

He was a member of the engineering crew that laid the first double track of the Southern railway.

From 1915 through 1918, Kemper was employed by the Kentucky highway department; two of the years he devoted to highway construction. In 1919 he came to Texas and was engaged in general engineering work, until connection with the highway department last February.

HUH!

After women get a little political power I shouldn't be surprised if they abolished a few men. There are too many men in the world anyway. As a student of biology, I can say that we can get along with a very few men. They are not nearly so important as they think they are.—Dr. Elizabeth Shapleigh, Boston University.

Go ahead and abolish us, and then see what kind of an audience you'll have at the next bathing girl revue.—Judd Lewis.

USE OF MAILS TO DEFRAUD CHARGED

Two San Antonio Men Held On Bonds of \$1,000 At Hearing.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—Jay Kerner and Arthur J. Granger were each held under \$1,000 bonds after a hearing today before United States Commissioner R. L. Edwards on information charging use of the mails to further a conspiracy to defraud.

Four witnesses at the hearing included Postal Inspector T. D. Dawkins and three merchants from various towns. Testimony was admitted showing Kerner to have owned and operated a business in San Antonio for the last two years that sold coupons to merchants to be later redeemed with silverware. Granger testified he was a salesman and later office manager.

L. A. Pittman, New Braunfels merchant, testified he made his first coupon purchase through Granger early in 1925. He said he paid \$3.50 a thousand for the coupons, which he distributed to his customers, one for each 25c purchase.

He said he later placed a second order for the coupons, but that complaints from customers indicated the coupons were not being promptly redeemed when sent into the San Antonio office.

W. L. Schorlemer, Runge merchant, testified he purchased 160,000 coupons at \$3 a thousand. He said he also received some complaints from his customers about delay in redemption.

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 31st day of December, 1925, by A. B. Smith, clerk of said court, for the sum of seven hundred seventy-two and 20-100 dollars, with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from November 6th, 1925, and costs of suit, under a judgment of foreclosure, in favor of Rebecca Bishop, in a certain case in said court, No. 6241, and styled Rebecca Bishop vs. J. H. Fulgham et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as sheriff of Houston county, Texas, did, on the 2nd day of January, 1926, levy on certain real estate situated in Houston county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 100 acres of land lying in Houston county, Texas, being a part of the E. M. Thomasson survey and a part of the J. A. Goolsby survey, 53 acres of same being on the said Thomasson survey and 47 acres being on the J. A. Goolsby survey, said land lying about 7 or 8 miles north of the town of Crockett, and lying immediately west of the John M. Box league survey, and about two miles east of the town of Latexo, and known as the G. M. Lackey place, and levied upon as the property of Mrs. J. H. Fulgham, Joseph Murphey and Margaret Murphey, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1926, the same being the 2nd 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 and said judgment of foreclosure, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. J. H. Fulgham, Joseph Murphey and Margaret Murphey.

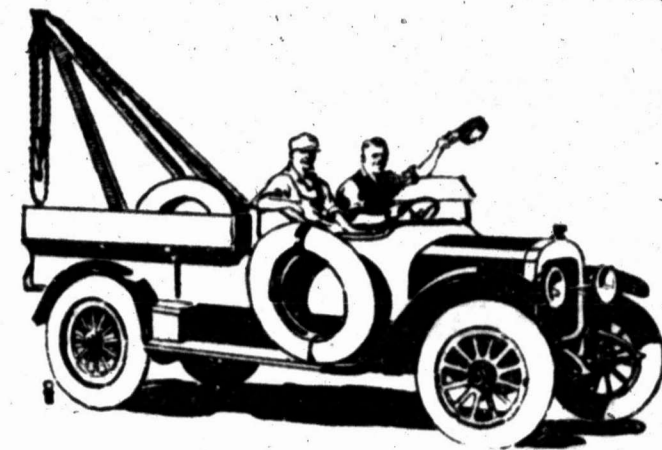
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston county.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of January, 1926.

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

Scientists found fossil skulls well preserved, showing all fossils are hardheaded.

Quick Road Service



Our Service Truck is always ready to go to your aid. When in trouble, the nearest telephone and a call for 428. We will be on our way to help you within a very few minutes.

Don't let your car, that is generally full of pep, get to missing and spitting back at you? The minute it does, there is something wrong that should be attended to at once. If you let it go, it may develop into more serious trouble. Catch the trouble while it is young and save expense. And have your repairs made here, where you can get a complete and guaranteed automotive service.

L. L. Murray

Garage and Service Station

UNLAWFUL SEARCH IS ALLEGED

Grand Jury Probe Into Act of Agents at Fort Worth Is Announced.

Fort Worth, Dec. 31.—Filing of a \$100,000 damage suit against Major H. H. White, federal prohibition director for Texas and Oklahoma, and George Bryant, dry agent, and announcement of a grand jury investigation, were developments Thursday growing out of the alleged unlawful search of R. C. Mann, president of a creamery company, and his two companions at a hotel here Tuesday night.

The petition filed by Mann's attorneys recites that Mann was unlawfully searched while in the elevator of the Texas hotel on the night of the Salesmen's Frolic, at which about 1000 guests were present.

Production of Rosin One of Oldest Industries.

Production of turpentine and rosin is one of the oldest industries of America, records of exports dating as far back as 1662 showing these to have been among the first products exported by the early colonists. While they were originally used in shipbuilding for caulking wooden vessels and protecting rope rigging, thus gaining their name of "naval stores," chemistry has developed an amazing number of uses for rosin and turpentine making them indispensable in a large number of important industries. Soap manufacture leads in consumption of rosin, with surfacing of writing and printing paper ranking second. Rosin is also extensively used in the manufacture of varnishes, water-proofing compounds, roofing materials, leather dressings, lubricants, waxes, linoleum and electric insulation. Turpentine is an important industrial factor as a thinner for paint, solvent for inks, waxes, rubber and water-roofing compounds, as well as in chemical and pharmaceutical combinations.

"Short Skirts Here to Stay," Declares Corinne Griffith.

"Short skirts are here to stay, despite any ruling from the designers." These were the words of Corinne Griffith, First National star, as she stepped from the California Limited in Los Angeles, after spending several weeks shopping in New York City recently.

"Don't tell me long skirts will come back. They're gone forever, I know!" "Youth," continued the star, "must be served first, last and always.

"Women want to appear young. Grandmothers have discovered that they can at least appear young from the back view if they bob their hair and clip a few inches off the bottom of their dresses.

"We can blame a lot of the short skirt propaganda to the movies," continued Miss Griffith. "The stars wear attractive clothes on the screen. Their skirts are short and in the majority of cases the hair is bobbed.

"Another reason why short skirts will remain is that long dresses are cumbersome, hinder walking, are excellent dust gatherers and are uncomfortable.

"I think women will wear that which makes them comfortable and young looking. They will not be dictated to by a group of designers."

Miss Griffith brought back several trunks filled with new gowns and hats which she displayed in her recent First National release, "Classified." This picture was recently shown in the auditorium Theatre in Crockett.

On the Air.

The India Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, announces that beginning on Monday, January 4, they will be on the air every Monday and Friday for 17 weeks with the India Owls, a ten-piece orchestra, and special entertainers.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea, nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

India broadcasting will be done from station WADC Akron, on a wave length of 268 meters. On Monday nights, the India Owls will broadcast from 1 to 3 a. m. for the special benefit of the Pacific Coast and on Fridays the program will be given from 10 to 11 p. m. On Mondays the India Owls will play dance music and opera selections; on Fridays, dance music only.

Cheer up! At its worst this life is just one blissful dream of things we never get.

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"About two years ago I found I was having indigestion, a tight smothering in my chest, then severe pain, especially after eating sweets. I commenced taking just a pinch of Black-Draught after meals, and by doing this I could eat anything.

"I gave Black-Draught to my children for colds and headaches. I can certainly recommend it."

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In rain, snow or sleet Buick mechanical 4-wheel brakes stop the car firmly, in a straight line. Neither heat nor cold affects the direct mechanical action of these brakes. There is no liquid in them to expand, contract or leak away.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Bankrupt Sale. It.
Don't miss the Bankrupt Sale. It.
Come, buy, save—Bankrupt Sale. It.
Men's and boys' suits—Bankrupt Sale. It.
J. G. Beasley was in Dallas this week.
Thousands of shoes—Bankrupt Sale. It.
Miss Lois Callier left Sunday to enter school in Houston.
Miss Altee Busby visited in Mart during the holiday season.
C. H. Ratledge of Houston was in Crockett the first of this week.
Men's and boys' suits, shoes, hats, sweaters, pants—Bankrupt Sale. It.
Get your old furniture made new at I. B. Lansford's shop. Prices right. 2t.
Mrs. R. K. Willis left Sunday for Corsicana to teach in the state orphan home.
All winter dresses and coats on sale at half price. It. Thompson's.
Misses Josephine Edmiston and Bess Jordan visited in Lufkin and Nacogdoches last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Yerger left Saturday by automobile for their home in Clarksdale, Miss.
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Creager of Navasota were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb LeGory last week. 2t.

All Gift Goods one-third off through the month of January. Kathleen H. Corn at The Gift Shop. It.
That plow work "Uncle Q." is doing at I. B. Lansford's shop can't be beat. A trial will convince you. 2t.
Mrs. Frank Harris, who has been visiting at Crockett and Lathrop, has returned to her home in Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owens are making an extended visit to their daughter, Mrs. Kent, in Alexandria, La.
The nineteen cars of feed received at Crockett Monday represent an expenditure of between \$15,000 and \$20,000.
The large number of college students at home for the holidays returned to their various schools on the trains Sunday.
For best blacksmith work see "Uncle Q." Martin at I. B. Lansford's shop in the old Cotton Chopper building, Crockett, Texas. 2t.
I. B. Lansford has moved his blacksmith and repair shop to the old cotton chopper building near the ice plant, having bought this property.
Lovely pictures, old Flemish servers in solid copper, toasting forks, wood and magazine baskets, everything going at 33 1/3 per cent discount at The Gift Shop. It.
Hard Coal.
A car of Zeigler Illinois coal expected within the next few days. All persons desiring coal may get it for \$12.50 delivered from railroad station. B. R. Smith. Mary Allen Seminary. 2t.

Miss Eugenia Trask of Galveston joined Misses Frances Leaverton and Maxine Collins in Crockett Sunday to return to C. I. A., Denton.

Don't forget to see "Uncle Q." Martin at I. B. Lansford's shop for all your blacksmith work. If you have not tried him you better get in line now. 2t.

Half Price Sale.
All winter coats and dresses on sale at half price. It. Thompson's.

Mrs. Edley Hail returned home Sunday, accompanied by her son, Ben. Mrs. Hail was stricken with illness while visiting in Galveston during the holidays.

Monuments.
I will make it to your interest to see me for first-class, finished marble or granite work. 2t. R. F. Hall.

Plenty of room to work in and good tools to work with at Lansford's shop. Come and see us when you want the best. 2t. I. B. Lansford and Uncle Q. Martin.

Mrs. C. L. Edmiston was taken on the Sunshine Special Tuesday afternoon to a Houston sanitarium for an operation. She was accompanied by Mr. Edmiston, Dr. E. B. Stokes and Mrs. Geo. W. Crook.

If you are interested in the purchase of a monument, either marble or granite, please call on or write me at Crockett, Texas, and I can save you a good deal on your order. 2t. I. B. Lansford.

Opens Garage.
L. R. Wesson has opened a garage in the building recently vacated by Wade Buchanan and adjoining the Magnolia Filling Station. Wade Buchanan has moved his garage to his new building on west Main street.

Don't be with anything short of the best in work as well as everything else. We are putting it out and it is your fault if you don't get your share and you'll be the loser. 2t. I. B. Lansford and Uncle Q. Martin.

Lost Dog Found.
Alfred Rogers found his lost dog, which he advertised for in the Courier last week. A negro, who claimed to have found the dog, returned it to him. The dog was crippled, presumably having been run-over with an automobile.

Heavier Railroad Steel.
The work train of the I.-G. N. railroad was placing the 90-lb. rails to be laid soon along the right of way alongside the railroad station Monday of this week. The 75-lb. rails now in use will be replaced by the 90-lb. rails.

Presbyterian Church.
Rev. B. W. Baker of Georgia will preach at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to these services. It will be a matter of interest to know that Mr. Baker has a brother and other relatives living in and near Crockett.

Crockett Meets Latexo.
The Crockett High school basketball team will play its first game Friday afternoon on the school campus at 3:30 o'clock. Latexo High school will furnish the opposition. The high has an old score to settle with the veteran Latexo team, so a good game should result. No admission will be charged, and a good attendance is expected.

Postal Receipts Increase.
An increase was had in postal receipts by the Crockett post-office during 1925 over the 1924 receipts. The 1924 receipts of the Crockett office were \$14,473.32, while the 1925 receipts climbed to \$16,038.51. The total increase of postal receipts was therefore \$1,565.19, according to information given the Courier by Postmaster W. T. Cutler.

**KILLS 36 WIVES,
THEN HIMSELF**

London, Jan. 4.—A Constantinople dispatch to the Central News says that Achram Bey, noted Turkish Prince, murdered his thirty-six wives and committed suicide Christmas Day.

Previously, the dispatch said, Achram had attempted to dispose of his harem but the women prevented him from so doing.

On Christmas Day he invited his thirty-six wives to dinner they came, all dressed in their finest clothes.

Achram had secretly sprinkled over the food a powder made from a poisonous herb. When all had assembled for the dinner, he closed the doors.

Later, the dispatch said, servants found Achram and all thirty-six of the women dead.

TEXAS TALK.

After awarding the American Book company a contract for supplying \$600,000 worth of spellers to the public schools of Texas, the state textbook board has engaged upon the obliging task of rewriting the spelling book in order to include three hundred or more words used every day by the people of Texas.

Another sub-committee is in charge of the rewriting. It is not the same sub-committee that made the award.

The curious history of this book contract grows more complex with the passing days. It was the highest priced book offered to the commission, it contained fewer words than some of the other spelling texts offered in competition, and apparently it was compiled by some author who knew nothing whatever of the terms which are in daily use in Texas, and which children of the state need to know.

The speller award most likely will be fought through the courts. The attorney general has declared that it is not valid and State Superintendent Marrs, whose vote was fruitless against the majority vote of Governor Ferguson and one other member, has refused to certify the book to the various counties.

Friday's Post-Dispatch gave a list of words which the revising sub-committee has ordered put in the book. "Cotton," the biggest word in America, was not included in the original draft. "Sumac," "magnolia," "mesquite," "banana," "lemon," "orange" were missing, but why prolong the list?

While the textbook board is patching up the speller to make it at least as modern as the spellers of 100 years ago, the same board is chopping and hacking five other textbooks, eliminating whole sections, changing the context and substituting words and sentences in a valiant effort to bar all reference to the theory of evolution.

Since the state legislature, the only competent authority, has never delegated such a task to the textbook board, the latter's activities along this line must be attributed to political considerations, just as the American Book company award was apparently based on political motives.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Abilene Man Makes Big Cattle Sale.

Breckenridge, Texas, Jan. 4.—A second large cattle deal took place in this section last week, when W. C. Goodwin, formerly of this city and now a resident of Abilene, completed a transaction whereby he will transfer to Amarillo parties 1,500 head of cattle on his Stephens and Shackelford County ranches, delivery to be made during the spring, for a consideration of \$50 a head, or a total of \$75,000.

Mr. Goodwin, while in this city Tuesday, announced the deal, which is the second which he has made within the last two weeks, the former deal involving transfer of 2,000 head of yearling cattle to the John M. Shelton estate at Amarillo for a consideration of \$80,000.

Almost everything except brains is being made with machines.

Distance lends quite a bit of enchantment to zero weather.

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THE PARKING PROBLEM.

Automobile parking in its relation to retail trade has become enough of a problem to enlist the attention of the department of commerce. The department is making a study of the question and is expected to file a report and recommendation. Downtown stores are beginning to lose trade because of their customers' inability to find convenient places to leave their cars. Regulation of parking without inflicting injustice either on motorists or business establishments is a continual source of aggravation to municipal councils.

In the larger cities some stores have undertaken individual solutions of the parking problem by providing their customers with free storage service. It is only the larger stores that are able to afford such a service, and if the use of automobiles continues to increase, as it is bound to do, the general adoption of this practice would be attended with obvious difficulties.

With respect to the commerce department's investigation of the parking problem, the Beaumont Enterprise makes this observation: "It may be, as some observers insist, that the logic of the situation is going to break up the single centralized city shopping district and scatter it around town and into the suburbs. There is such a tendency evident, though in most communities it has not yet gone very far. And such scattering helps to take care of the parking problem. But if the bulk of any city's

shopping is still going to be done in the congested district, there will have to be a revolution in parking arrangements."

Some solution eventually will be worked out, as solutions have a way of being worked out for all the problems created by the mechanical complexity of our civilization. Pending that permanent adjustment, it behooves us to take advantage of whatever expedients may be at hand for overcoming the inconvenience of cramped parking facilities. One method is for automobile owners to decide how much of the use to which they put their cars is dictated by convenience and how much by habit. In many cases it will be found that it is actually more convenient to ride on the street and railroad cars than to use one's own conveyance.—Galveston News.

Williams' Jubilee Singers.

A large audience last evening greatly enjoyed the performance of the Williams' Jubilee Singers, who, after a successful tour of Europe, have returned to America. Every item was received with the most enthusiastic means of enthusiasm and encores were demanded, and the singers proved themselves to be well worthy of all the flattering notices which had preceded them. The Y. M. C. A. hall was well filled, and all those present were greatly delighted.—The Quebec Chronicle, Quebec, Canada.

Take your bad-broken castings to I. B. Lansford's shop and have them welded. Every job guaranteed to be as good as new. 2t.

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The new year has just started, and we were off with it, hitting on all four.

We had not gone far before something went wrong. We thought it was the carburetor, but on investigation found our gas was out.

A few friends have come along and let us have fuel to start again. Fact is, our engine is all O. K., but it takes gas to make it go.

Now, friends, we filled your tanks when they were empty—reciprocate. Do You get us?

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