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HART AUSTIN, NOTED SAFE-BLOWER AND JAIL-BREAKER, TRIES TO SAW OUT OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY JAIL

**Had Blades of Hack-Saws Under Half Soles of Shoes—Used Blades
in Attempting to Saw Prison Bars—Told Sheriff He Had
Staid in Jail Now Longer Than He Had Expected
To—Many Previous Escapes.**

It may not be generally known, but the Houston county jail now holds one of the smoothest and boldest safe-blowers, bank-robbers and jail-breakers known on the criminal records of all the country. At least it held such a man Tuesday afternoon, and yet holds him if he has not broken jail or been transferred to the penitentiary. The penitentiary officials are scheduled to take him away this week, along with the other criminals convicted at the term of district court just closed.

Hart Austin, under conviction at Crockett for a Houston bank robbery, at San Antonio for burglary and at Palestine for safe-blowing, and wanted at Little Rock, New Orleans and in Oklahoma, says that he has stayed in the Crockett jail longer than he had intended to—

that 36 hours was the limit he gave himself when brought here. That is what he told the officers Sunday when caught in a jail-breaking attempt. With his record you would never guess him to be the youthful-appearing, clean-shaven man that he is.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, as Jailer Musick was in the lower part of the structure, a slightly rasping noise, scarcely distinguishable, came stealing down the stairway. The jailer listened. He decided that something was wrong upstairs in the cells and so telephoned Sheriff R. J. Spence. The sheriff came and an investigation was started. They found that Hart Austin was attempting to saw out of his cell. Removing the prisoner to another cell, they began a search for the

implements, which had been hidden as they approached. Hidden away in a slop bucket and under a crumpled mass of toilet paper—a place least expected to find such a thing—were four pieces or blades of hack-saw.

Covering the prisoner with a revolver, he was ordered back into his cell. Standing at a safe distance—no chances must be taken with such a noted criminal—the jailer kept the man covered with the pistol while the sheriff made a complete search of his prisoner. Laid under the half-sole of one of his shoes were three pieces or blades of hack-saw, having been carefully placed there when the shoe was half-soled. An examination of the other shoe revealed that the saws which he had attempted to use had been re-

moved from between the soles. These saws had been placed there before Austin had been brought to Crockett for trial.

This was Hart Austin's second attempt to escape from the Houston county jail. Tuesday night of last week, having fixed his cell door during the day so that it would not lock, he got out into the steel cage and attempted to unlock the cage door with a key that he had made from the brass handle of a small tin bucket. His efforts resulted in breaking off the key in the cage door. He afterward said that he expected to escape that night and further that he will be a free man in three days after he leaves the Houston county jail.

Hart Austin is under sentence of 10 years from Crockett for the Houston bank robbery, two years from Palestine for safe-blowing and two years from San Antonio for burglary. He broke jail at San Antonio, got away and afterward escaped from the penitentiary. He is wanted at Little Rock for bank robbery. The officers say that he once made his escape by sawing the hand-cuffs and neck-chain. He

escaped at New Orleans in a general jail delivery. After escaping from the Texas penitentiary, he was shot by Oklahoma officers and put in a hospital to die. He was next heard of in the Houston bank robbery.

Off to the Penitentiary.

A penitentiary transfer agent was in Crockett Wednesday and returned to Huntsville with the following prisoners:

Hart Austin for bank robbery.
Peter Smith for criminal assault.
Ike Foreman for boot-legging.
Jim Herod for boot-legging.
Mood Herod for bootlegging.
George Sims for burglary.
Elbert Wallace for attempting to wreck train.

All the above are negroes with the exception of Hart Austin. All were chained together with the exception of Ike Foreman, who, being an old man, was permitted to accompany the officer unfettered.

Strong and Well as Ever.

Fred Smith, Green Bay, Wis., says: "Foley Kidney Pills completely relieved me of all sores and pain in the back and I now am strong and well as ever." Cold weather makes aching joints, sore muscles and irregular bladder action more unbearable. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys eliminate pain-causing poisons. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Christmas Bargains

Clean-Up Sale in Ladies', Misses' and Children's Ready-to-Wear

IT is our policy never to carry over merchandise from one season to another, more especially ladies' ready-to-wear. In this department we have had a wonderful business, and the stock we now have on hand represents our profits for the season and of course we must turn this into cash—and for the next 10 days we will have on sale our entire line, comprising the season's newest and best selling styles in Coats, Coat Suits, Skirts, Shirtwaists, Street, Afternoon and Evening Dresses at prices in many cases less than the cost of production.

No Goods Charged or Alterations Made During This Sale

Crockett Dry Goods Comp'y

The Place Where Style, Quality and Ladies Meet



Our Christmas

Line

Will Be the Best We Have

Ever Carried

"Enough Said"

Open Next Week—Come Look

The McLean Drug Company

The Rexall Store

64TH CONGRESS TO OPEN FOR BUSY SESSION.

Enlivened by Arrival of Belated Members and Final Shaping of Plans—
Democratic Harmony.

Washington, December 5.—On the eve of the Sixty-fourth congress, Washington tonight was enlivened by the arrival of belated members and hundreds of visitors attracted by the opening of congress, the convention of the Congressional Union for woman suffrage, which begins tomorrow, and the meeting of the national democratic committee on Tuesday.

Democrats of the house and senate completed their organization plans yesterday after a week of deliberation, during which obstacles that threatened to disturb a harmonious opening were overcome. The senate democrats agreed to make the fight for a cloture rule a party issue and the house majority found a way to take care of the greatly increased republican minority on committees without internal dissension. Legislative issues did not figure materially in the preliminary conferences, although the subjects of national defense and extension of American merchant marine were generally reconized as paramount in the deliberations over committee assignments.

Each house will convene at noon. In the lower branch the first business will be the election of a speaker. When Clerk South Tremole calls the session to order, Speaker Clark will be nominated by the ma-

jority (229) for re-election and representative Mann of Illinois will be proposed by the republicans (197).

Hunting Party Robbed.

Messrs. C. C. Chaffin and Richard Cherry, who left Grapeland the early part of last week for a week's hunt in the "big thicket," met with misfortune in San Jacinto county. Wednesday night they struck camp on San Jacinto creek, eight miles from Cleveland, intending to resume their journey early Thursday morning. They retired for night without taking any precaution against robbers and woke up Thursday morning to find that sometime during the night thieves had rifled their pants pockets and got what money they had with them, about \$32.00 belonging to Mr. Chaffin, and about \$11.00 belonging to Mr. Cherry. They didn't mind losing the money so much, but things began to look alarming when, after a diligent search, they could not find their pants. Fortunately, however, they finally found them and began immediately to get ready to come home. Cherry says it's bad enough to be caught in San Jacinto county with all of your clothes on, but when a fellow loses his pants it's something terrible. His advice to every one who starts for the "big thicket" is to avoid San Jacinto county or carry a change of clothes. —Grapeland Messenger.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BE NOT DECEIVED AND CONFUSE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH THE ORDINARY.

I EARNESTLY INSIST that every person I have fitted with glasses during my previous visits to Crockett bring them in that I may straighten and true them up. To get best results they should be kept in good shape and I want every person I have fitted to get best results possible. Don't forget the Name, Place and Dates.

Dr. G. WARD SHELFER

At Bishop Drug Company's

Six Days Only This Trip

December 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Telephone 47 or 140

ENTHUSIASTIC GOOD ROADS MEETING HELD AT LOVELADY.

Resolutions Adopted Showing Sentiment in Favor of Bond Issue and Manner of Handling the Money.

A public meeting in the interest of good roads in the Lovelady district was held at the Lovelady school house Saturday, the 4th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the proposed bond issue of \$50,000, the proceeds of which are to be used in constructing and maintaining public highways in accordance with a set of resolutions that were unanimously adopted by the large audience of representative citizens present.

John B. Turner was chosen chairman and H. C. Rich secretary, and after listening to addresses by G. Q. King and H. A. Fisher of Crockett, and Hoxie Thompson of Trinity, the following resolutions were read and a general discussion followed. Citizens from nearly every section of the district affected were present and many of them took part in the conference, and a rising vote on the adoption of the resolutions showed a unanimous sentiment favorable to the proposed bond issue and the manner of handling the project.

Be it resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that we favor:

First—The issuance of bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of building good roads in Lovelady precinct in Houston county, Texas, provided the money to be realized from the sale of such bonds is judiciously spent.

Second—If such bond issue should carry we favor the surveying out of the principal roads to be built by some competent road engineer and that contracts be let to work said roads to competent and reliable road contractors.

Third—We favor the expenditure of \$7,000 on the road leading from Lovelady west toward Weldon, in other words \$1,000 per mile.

We favor the expenditure of \$7,000 on the road leading from Lovelady east toward Holly, or \$1,000 per mile.

We favor the expenditure of \$7,000 on the road leading from Lovelady northwest toward Creek, or \$1,000 per mile.

We favor the expenditure of \$7,000 on the road leading from Lovelady north with the I. & G. N. Ry. toward Cut, or \$1,000 per mile.

We favor the expenditure on the road leading south from Lovelady toward Trinity, \$4,000 or \$1,000 per mile.

We favor the expenditure of \$2,500 on the Prairie Point road; \$2,500 on the Mose Brasher road; and \$2,500 on the Jno. Taylor road. And we favor the expenditure of the balance realized from the sale of bonds in maintaining said roads, and in working all other public roads in said precinct to be determined by the advisory committee.

Fourth—We favor the selection by the commissioners' court of five reputable citizens of the Lovelady precinct, as required by law, to act as an advisory committee in the construction of said roads who are in sympathy with and endorse the foregoing resolutions, and that such committee be named at this meeting and recommended to the commissioners' court for their selection.

Advisory committee—The following members of this committee that will have complete management of the expenditure of this fund, were selected by ballot: J. O. Monday, W. E. Elkins, J. R. Elliot, C. T. Stevenson, John Meadors.

Canvassing committee—In compliance with a resolution adopted by the meeting, the chairman appointed the following citizens to act as a committee to visit all voters in the district and acquaint

"Just Gwine

Along"

No hurrah, no circus display of hot air advertising; just prices on staple goods that should appeal to you.

Nice sweet potatoes, per bushel	35c	Good grade apron check gingham, per yard	5c
10-lb. buckets best compound lard	\$1.00	Heavy cotton blankets, 64x80, per pair	\$1.10
50-lb. can best compound lard	\$5.10	Men's heavy corduroy pants, per pair	\$1.35
Good grade outing at, per yard	5c	Extra heavy comforts, each	\$1.25

The above articles we have in limited quantities and the prices will be good until the goods are exhausted, and under no circumstances will they be good later than December 11th.

We also have a full line of dry goods, hats, shoes, groceries, hardware, and a little of everything else on which we can save you money. Give us a call and note the saving you will make.

MOORE & SHIVERS

them with the proceedings of this meeting: Jim Elliot, Geo. McCullor, Mose Brasher, Lester Click, Claud Haddox, H. W. Beeson, H. M. Barbee, J. P. O'Keefe and Euke Kennedy were appointed to compile the minutes of the meeting and to have the same published in the county papers, also to have one thousand copies of the report printed for circulation.

(Signed) John B. Turner,
Chairman.
H. C. Rich,
Secretary.
Lovelady, Texas, Dec. 4, 1915.

Highest aim is quality. It Relieves, Purifies and Strengthens. Take Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla when your blood is out of order and your system needs strengthening. Take Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla when you are troubled with Malaria and are having Chills and Fever. Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria, Purifies the Blood and restores Vitality to the weakened body. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it. For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

Why You Should Use

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: Because it has an established reputation won by its good works.

Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities.

Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic.

Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Timely Hint on Over-eating.

Big dinners cause disturbed digestion. The stomach and bowels should not be clogged with undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets relieve distress after eating, stop belching, banish bloating and gas on stomach, regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and tone up the liver. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Write Your Christmas

Copy Now

Some experts claim the advertising copy used before Christmas is generally the worst of the year, due to the fact that many merchants wait until the last minute to prepare their advertising copy and the sales they intend putting on to attract the greatest number of buyers, instead of getting this most important feature out of the way when they can give it proper attention.

Write your Christmas advertising copy in advance of the big rush—You'll get the best results

Our Annual Christmas Sale

Starts Saturday, December 11, and Will Last Until Friday, December 24, 1915

We are going to sacrifice everything in our store at prices never before offered in Crockett. Absolutely nothing will be held back in this sale. Prices cut on everything. Come and make this store your headquarters while in town.

Dry Goods

Messaline, worth \$1.00 per yard, in this sale for..... **60c**
 Yard-wide Serge, regular 65c grade, in this sale, per yard..... **45c**
 Regular 25c Poplins, in this sale, per yard..... **20c**
 Choice of one lot of Skirts during this sale for..... **\$1.50**
 Ladies' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Skirts, during this sale for..... **\$4.25**
 Seven spools thread in this sale..... **25c**
 Ladies' \$1.50 knit Underskirts in this sale for..... **\$1.00**
 One lot Children's and Ladies' Underwear will go in this sale at half price.
 Our regular \$1.50 Blankets during this sale for..... **\$1.15**
 Our regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 pure wool Blankets in this sale for..... **\$3.00**
 Regular \$5.00 pure wool Blankets in this sale for..... **\$4.25**
 Good heavy Outing, during this sale, 12 yards for..... **\$1.00**
 The very best Ladies' bleached Vests, 50c values, in this sale for..... **35c**

Ribbons

We have just received a fresh assortment that will go in this sale at a big reduction in price.

Embroidery

Our entire stock of Embroidery at **HALF PRICE.**

25 per cent discount on all Trunks during this sale.

"I Wonder What's in It"



Umbrellas

A Useful Gift for Christmas

\$1.00 values for..... **80c**
 \$1.50 values for..... **\$1.15**
 \$2.00 values for..... **\$1.50**

Men's Work Gloves

\$1.00 values for..... **85c**
 \$1.25 values for..... **\$1.00**
 \$1.50 values for..... **\$1.25**

Gents' Furnishings

50c Ties in this sale for..... **35c**
 25c Ties in this sale for..... **15c**
 50c Paris Garters for..... **35c**
 25c Paris Garters for..... **20c**
 Men's 50c Suspenders, while they last for..... **30c**
 Men's work Pants, \$1.50 values..... **\$1.15**
 Overalls for..... **85c**

Hats

\$3.00 Worth Hats in this sale..... **\$2.25**
 \$1.50 Hats in this sale for..... **\$1.00**

Shoes

25 per cent discount on all Children's and Misses' Shoes. Ask our salesmen for shoe bargains.

Groceries

Brown Mule Tobacco, during this sale, 10 pounds for..... **\$3.15**
 Seven bars Soap for..... **25c**

Rifles and Guns

We have a complete stock, and as the hunting season is on now is the time to purchase at a big reduction. **\$22.50**
 Prices range from \$3.50 to . . .

Hardware Department

Our entire stock of heaters at and below cost—in this sale from \$3.00 to . . . \$8.50
 We have a limited number of boys' wagons that will go in this sale from \$1.75 to \$3.00

These Are Only a Few of the Many Bargains at Our Store During These Twelve Big Shopping Days
 Farm Implements of All Description Will Go in This Sale—James & Graham and Old Hickory Wagons

Daniel & Burton

**"HERE'S MY STOCKING.
WHERE'S YOURS?"**



Early Christmas Shopping

Means:

Profit—Stocks are larger and finer.

Ease—The buyer avoids big crowds.

Consideration—For clerks, delivery men, etc.

Late Christmas Shopping

Means:

Worry—Hurry, bustle, discomfort, loss.

Act Wisely This Year.



Early Shopping Pays

In Comfort—The stores are less crowded than they will be later.

In Financial Gain—You get better selections for your money.

In Thoughtfulness for the Workers—Therefore do your Christmas shopping early this year.

WHAT TO GIVE

And how to strike a satisfactory average between our desire to give and our ability to pay is a problem which worries nearly every one at Christmas time. Our stock offers an easy solution of the problem. In other words, it contains the kind of gifts you want to give at the price you want to pay.

The List Below Will Give You an Idea of the Lines We Carry

WHAT TO GIVE A WOMAN

Books, Vases, China, Work Boxes, Jewelry, Cut Glass, Ivory Goods, Manicure Sets, Stationery, Leather Goods, Perfumes, Etc.

WHAT TO GIVE A GIRL

Cameras, Books, Watches, Jewelry, Jacob's Candy, Gold Pens, Ivory Goods, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Perfumes, Perfume Bottles, Puff Jars, Jewelry Cases, Etc.

WHAT TO GIVE A MAN

Watches, Desk Sets, Books, Fountain Pens, Cigars, Meerschaum Pipes, Travelling Sets, Manicure Sets, Safety Razors, Pocket Books, Hat Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Pocket Knives, Etc.

Magazine subscriptions make good gifts. We shall be pleased to place a subscription for you.

¶ Come early while the assortment is complete, and avoid the usual worry and disappointment which always is experienced by eleventh hour purchases.

¶ All telephone or mail orders will receive prompt attention from our mail order department, which is constantly on the job.

¶ Send your packages to be mailed or shipped by express to us, and we will pack them for you free.

THE BISHOP DRUG COMPANY

Phone 47 or 140

The Prompt Service Store

B. F. FRYMIER PASSED AWAY FRIDAY AT AGE OF 78.

Held Highest Office in Masonic Order,
Devoting Greater Part of Time
to Lodge Duties.

Benjamin Franklin Frymier, aged 78 years, whose ripe years were almost entirely devoted to Masonry, and who attained the highest offices in that order, died Friday morning in a San Antonio sanitarium where he had gone for special treatment. Some of the offices held by Mr. Frymier were past grand master of grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; past grand high priest of grand royal arch chapter of Texas; past grand treasurer of the grand lodge of Texas.

He is survived by his widow, a resident of Crockett, and aged 79 years; two sons, B. F. Frymier of Houston and J. E. Frymier of Long Beach, Cal.; a daughter, Mrs. Ingham Roberts, whose maiden name was Mary V. Frymier, and four grandchildren.

The remains, accompanied by the son-in-law, Mr. Ingham S. Roberts of Houston, reached Crockett Saturday morning and were held at the residence of John R. Foster until Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian church, Rev. S. F. Tenney officiating. Interment, conducted by the Masonic order, followed in Glenwood cemetery.

While Mr. Frymier had been in ill health for a year or more, an attack of bronchitis, followed by pneumonia, came on two weeks ago and proved too much for his strength. Friends who saw him recently say that his death came as a surprise to them.

Mr. Frymier was born in Carlisle, Pa., in 1837, and spent his boyhood in that city, but came to Texas before the war between the States, settling at Crockett. Since then he has lived in various Texas towns, having fought through the war between the States. He joined Captain Isaac C. Stafford's company, and was attached to Sibley's brigade. He did valiant service among the troops from Arizona and New Mexico, and participated in the battle of Val Verde.

After the struggle of 1861-65, he established a drug business at Crockett, accumulating a small fortune which was invested in several different places in Texas. From Crockett he removed to Cleburne.

In Cleburne began a long series of activities in the Masonic order, which have lasted 45 years, and during which he devoted nearly all of his time to the official business in the various capacities with which he was honored.

Lothrop lodge No. 21, Crockett, Houston county, was the first lodge to receive him as a member. He entered the lodge in 1870. He became commander of the lodge during the following year.

He was first a member of the grand lodge of Texas in 1872, and from that time until his death, nearly a half century later, he was a constant worker in Masonry, traveled over the state of Texas to the different towns where his fraternal duties called him, and became a noted figure in the work.

He learned much in Crockett from his noted preceptor, William M. Taylor, author of the Masonic Monitor, under whose tutelage he became proficient in the mysteries and higher knowledge of Masonry.

He received the orders of Knight Templar at Palestine in 1882. And in 1883 he became commander, and was a member of the order there until 1887. Soon after, he entered the grand lodge of Texas, and was elected grand junior warden in 1890. Three years later he became grand master of the grand



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of Choice Groceries
to Santa Claus

Make your Christmas doubly
happy this year by having
us fill your orders.

Coffees, teas, spices, fruits,
cheese, salad dressings, olive
oil, cider, cranberries, etc.

Come and See Us!

Johnson Arledge

Telephone 29

lodge, and was elected grand treasurer of the grand lodge in 1897.

Except for the attention required by several of his interests and investments in different portions of the state, which he found it necessary to visit from time to time, he began at this juncture to devote his entire time to Masonic duties. He served as grand master of the grand lodge until 1910, with the exception of one year, when his other affairs kept him from accepting the office, to which he returned as early as possible.

Coincident with his service in the grand lodge was that in the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Texas. He was elected grand scribe in 1882, serving until 1885, when he was elected grand high priest, serving a year in this office, which is one of the most honorable in the order.

He was grand treasurer of the grand council of royal and select masters from 1907 to 1914, and since the seventies, when he first entered Masonry, he has been an active worker at all times in some one or other of all of these bodies. He served as grand lecturer for several terms.

He held the office of secretary to the board of directors of the Masonic widows and orphans home at Fort Worth for 12 years, and his work there was characterized with the same interest with which his other duties in fraternal pursuits had been marked.

Earlier in his life Mr. Frymier's name was put forward by a number of his friends as a candidate for the Texas legislature. Although he had never delved much into politics, he was urged to accept the honor, and was elected. His wide knowledge of the affairs of the time in which he was most active, and the insight into public life which he had gained in meeting so many prominent men intimately connected with it, enabled him to serve his state with such usefulness that a second term was inevitable, and he again went to the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham S. Roberts, Miss Marian Roberts, Mr. B. F. Frymier Jr. and others from Houston and elsewhere attended the funeral. The floral remembrances were many and beautiful, some of them

coming from other parts of the state.

Mr. Frymier was a former member of the First Presbyterian church of Crockett.

Observe the Warning.

A cold that promises to "hang on all winter" is to be dreaded. Prompt action should be taken at the first warning of a cold—sneezing, chilliness, slight shivering. Foley's Honey and Tar makes quick work of coughs, colds and croup. It clears air passage, stops coughing, eases difficult breathing. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

On October 8, 1914, The Cranford Drug Company, of Alba, Texas, phoned to The Eucaline Medicine Company at Dallas, the following:

"Express us One Dozen Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla, and ship us by freight Five Dozen more." Alba people have been using Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla for ten years. They know that it stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria and prifies the blood when it is disordered from Malaria Poison. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it.

For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

PHONE STAR P.3401
ENGRAVING COMPANY
1206 1/2 HOUSTON PRESTON

TAKE HALL'S CHILL TONIC
EUCALINE

You will not have the best if you fail to get EUCALINE for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It acts on the liver and bowels and relieves the system of the cause, pleasant to take.

FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST

TAKE HALL'S CHILL TONIC

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line.

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

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

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

There are 2288 students registered in all departments of the Main University at Austin, Texas, to date.

Nearly a thousand Texas schools, representing approximately 200,000 pupils, are members of the University of Texas Debating League.

The University of Texas Department of Economic Geology and Technology is prepared to examine any mineral specimens that are sent to it.

The Board of Regents of the University of Texas offers scholarships annually to the winners of the chief prizes in Southwestern Boys' and Girls' Hog Clubs and the Texas Industrial Congress.

The medical department of the University of Texas was ranked in the "A" class, together with twenty-six other medical colleges in the United States, by the Medical Association. Only three other Medical Colleges in the entire South received so high a rank.

It is not only necessary to shop early, but the earlier in the morning the better, before the stores become crowded. Merchants extending inducements for the holiday trade have their announcements in this and subsequent issues of this paper. The Courier is what its name implies—a messenger—and it carries a business message from the seller to the buyer, as well as a news message from the publisher to the subscriber.

Greenville is one of the steady cities of Texas, and it is but fair to its two splendid daily newspapers to say that much of its growth is due to their efforts at all times to encourage the spirit of co-operation among its people, and especially the business interests, in doing

"Just What I Wanted"



team work in all efforts at city up-building. As an instance of how these newspapers strive in behalf of co-operation, we commend to all towns and cities which want to grow the following from the Evening Banner in a recent issue: "The town that advertises itself in the proper manner, at home and abroad, will get results. The business men have every week opportunities to reach out and encourage the trade of territory adjacent to their town, and daily if they care to do so. There are occasions for such advertising as will bring about better trade relations and if there are no occasions in the sense of spectacular events, the business men can find plenty of reasons for creating the occasions. What is true of the individual business man applies with equal force, and perhaps greater force, for the collective business interests. There is great need of business men working together in the campaigns for building up the general business of the community. Any movement which

will help one to improve in his business will have a splendid effect on all." The newspaper that insistently preaches this kind of doctrine does a great work for the town in which it is published. It stands in the vanguard of city builders.—Houston Post.

If you want your patrons to "Do Their Christmas Shopping Early" see that your store does its Christmas advertising early. All merchants, and the wisest of readers of store advertising, realize the value to all concerned of "early Christmas shopping." Merchants who expect to bring about this ideal state of affairs in Crockett must do their part—they must do their Christmas advertising early! Store advertisements in every issue of the Crockett Courier from now until Christmas should contain valuable and interesting information for Christmas shoppers—in fact should be just as complete and informing today as on the day before the last day of gift-buying. The majority of shoppers are influenced in their buying by the buying opportunities offered to them in the latest store advertising. If these buying opportunities include articles usually selected for gifts, the matter of "early Christmas shopping" is simplified. Let all of our merchants who expect to have any share of the "Christmas trade" this year start aggressive advertising campaigns now in the Crockett Courier. For the people will buy now, just as readily as on the day before Christmas, if the inducement is real and compelling!

Owes Her Good Health

To Chamberlain's Tablets: "I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Useful Christmas Gifts

This store is headquarters for holiday gifts.

The art of giving is to give a useful gift that pleases and radiates happiness.

We want every boy and girl in this section, from one to ninety years young, to make this store a meeting place, a school room for studying values and a place to get posted on good things.

Our stock includes Imported China, Cut Glass, Jewelry, Toilet Sets, Toys, Christmas Cigars, and many other things for mother, father, sister or brother, sweetheart, husband or wife—tokens of appreciation that will make their eyes beam with joy.

Get the habit of seeing what is carried in this store and keep posted on our prices whether you buy here or not.

Our doors are open—come often—look around—but don't feel that you've got to buy.

Chamberlain & Woodall

The VAL DONA Store

The Grapeland Bargain Store

Invites you to come to Grapeland to do your trading. We have got the best town west of the Mississippi river. Here are a few prices that will convince you that you are losing money by not trading with us.

High Patent Flour, per sack	.....	\$1.35
Best High Patent Flour, per sack	.....	\$1.45
Extra Fancy Flour (nothing better made), per sack	.....	\$1.55
\$1.00 pail of good Coffee for	.....	60c
Nine pounds of good roasted Coffee for	.....	\$1.00
Swift's Jewel Lard, per pound	.....	9c
Pure Hog Lard, per pound	.....	11 3/4c
Swift's Premium Hams, per pound	.....	18c
Red Rust Proof Oats, per bushel	.....	40c

Note the Low Cost of High Living

Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions a Specialty—25 Per Cent

Saved on Shoes and Dry Goods

Best Outing, per yard	.....	6c	Heavy Brown Domestic, yd.	.....	5c
Heavy Outing, per yard	.....	7c	Good Bleached Domestic	.....	7c
Light Outing, per yard	.....	5c	Heavy Underwear, per piece	.....	40c
Best Gingham, per yard	.....	8c	Best Overalls	.....	90c

Everything else in proportion. Must reduce my stock. Come to Grapeland, where the high cost of living has been reduced.

W. R. WHERRY

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND

Cotton! Cotton!

To avoid the damage caused by the December and January rains, we invite you to ship us your cotton now, and let us store it in our high and dry concrete warehouses.

We guarantee to mail out your Account Sales within nine days after cotton has been sold, also mail your class and weight the day of arrival of cotton in Galveston. We advance liberally, class and weigh correctly.

Have your cotton here in time to catch the crest of the advance. We will watch your business carefully. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

F. CANNON COMMISSION COMPANY, Galveston, Texas

Established 1883. R. B. Louis, Vice President and General Manager

On His Way



Photo by Frank Pearson.

The Crockett Drug Company's
Holiday Display
Opens December 13, 1915
In the Murchison or Old Royal
Theatre Building

have returned to their homes only over the San Antonio Road.

Your friend, M. C. D.
My Dear Mrs. Nunn:

Would have replied to your note yesterday but for my stiff hand. I have lived in Crockett 65 years, coming here in 1850. Never heard of any other road than this through Crockett. I think I would have known or heard such spoken of by those who lived here in the thirties. Col. Taylor was here in '44 and often spoke of the road to me. Old Granddaddy Masters, as he was called, lived east of town 10 miles and related this incident to a friend of mine who stopped over night with him in the forties: Before Crockett was a town here, four Mexicans called at his house one evening, going west. A few days after, riding in this direction, he saw buzzards flying west of him. He rode to what is now the town branch and found three of the Mexicans dead on the west bank of the branch, the other gone. I know of no spring from the Pine Springs east to the spring here, and why a road should run a mile south of a spring I cannot conceive. This is all I can say.

Your friend,
(Mrs.) I. A. Taylor.

Methodist Bazaar Prizes.

In the Methodist bazaar last week, in which prizes were offered, awards were made as follows:

For the best baby boy, R. D. Calhoun, Jr., first prize; T. D. Hairston, Jr., second prize.

For the best baby girl, Alice Olivia Smith, first prize; Bennie Sue Jordan, second prize.

For best exhibition booth, booth No. 4, Mrs. J. L. Jordan, chairman of committee.

Awards were made by popular vote.

Observe the Warning.

A cold that promises to "hang on all winter" is to be dreaded. Prompt action should be taken at the first warning of a cold—sneezing, chilliness, slight shivering. Foley's Honey and Tar makes quick work of coughs, colds and croup. It clears air passage, stops coughing, eases difficult breathing. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Wake Up!

And take advantage of these prices. They are good until December 24. Our \$10,000 stock must be reduced by then:

Groceries—
16 lbs. pure granulated cane sugar for \$1.00.

One peck best roasted coffee, 90c.

10 lbs. good green coffee, \$1.00.

Best grade of cooking oil, per gallon, 65c.

5 bottles Garrett's snuff, \$1.00.

"Crest of the Rockies," extra fancy high patent flour, every sack guaranteed, per sack, \$1.60.

7 boxes American sardines, 25c.

7 bars Clairette soap, 25c.

8 bars Lenox soap, 25c.

23 lbs. good clean rice, \$1.00.

18 lbs. best whole-grain rice, \$1.00.

Dry salt bacon, per pound, 10 1/2c.

Cut prices on well buckets, water buckets and tubs.

Dry Goods—

Best grade dress gingham, per yard, 8c.

Best grade outings, per yard, 8c.

4 pairs of men's socks, 10c grade, for 25c.

Dollar sellers, union made overalls, 75c.

Regular \$1.50 blankets, 64x76, now \$1.19.

Cut prices on all shoes.

From \$1.00 to \$2.00 off on all boys' suits.

Big reduction on men's corduroy or dress trousers.

Wm. M. Patton.

Gone Without an Officer.

Lige Jackson, convicted some time ago in a murder trial, left Tuesday for the penitentiary, without the usual company of an officer, where he will deliver himself to the penitentiary officials. His case was recently affirmed by the higher court. Mr. Jackson is a middle-aged farmer and was tried for killing Jim Bridges, a young man, at his house after having forbidden Bridges to come into his yard.

Social Occasion.

On December 4 Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bradley gave a farewell entertainment to some of their friends. The dining table was loaded with

many good things to tempt the appetite. The guests dispersed feeling that they had had one of the best times of their lives and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Those enjoying this hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lee, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reneer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowman and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hollis and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Salisbury and Mr. James King.

Maintaining the Schedule.

The "Sunshine Special," the new 20-hour train from Crockett to St. Louis, put into operation Sunday, is arriving at both ends of the run every day on schedule time. This train makes it possible for a person leaving Crockett at 4:09 p. m. to eat his noonday lunch at St. Louis the next day and his supper in Chicago; or, by taking the 24-hour train from St. Louis, he can eat his midday lunch in New York City the following day. An equally fast schedule is maintained on the returning trip. The train, on leaving Crockett, is made up of a baggage car, day coach, chair car, dining car and Pullman. At Palestine the San Antonio Pullman is picked up and at Longview the Dallas Pullman is taken on.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5 Cents.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Recommended for Croup.

W. C. Allen, Boseley, Mo., says: "I have raised a family of four children and used Foley's Honey and Tar with all of them. I find it the best cough and croup medicine I ever used. I used it for eight or ten years and can recommend it for croup." Same satisfactory results for coughs and colds. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BELIEVE THAT OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD PASSED THROUGH CROCKETT.

Pioneers Always Believed That the Road Through Crockett Was the Original and Only King's Highway.

Following the publication in the Courier last week—that the old San Antonio Road or King's Highway, as originally traversed by Mexican traders and drovers, did not pass through the town of Crockett, but passed through the level country south of town, according to the surveyors now locating the historic old trail,—Mrs. D. A. Nunn, one of Crockett's older citizens, who had always heard and believed that the original road passed through the town, made inquiry of some other of our older citizens as to what their information had always been. She found them all to be of the belief that the town is on the original and historic highway.

Two of Crockett's most distinguished citizens, Mrs. I. A. Taylor and Mrs. Mary C. Douglass, whose opinions on the subject are of more than passing interest, replied in writing to Mrs. Nunn's inquiry as follows:

My Dear Mrs. Nunn:

I read in the Courier that the party of surveyors are taking the old San Antonio Road away from Crockett. When a child I remember there were squads of U. S. troops passing through our town, after the second war with Mexico. My father had buckets and buckets of peaches gathered and handed to them at our gate. Some of them were old Alabama acquaintances of my father. I remember as if it was only yesterday. They could not



Presents for Children

The Store of a Thousand Toys

OUR STORE is the Gift Headquarters of the town. This is so because our Christmas line contains the most items for the most people at the most attractive prices. Big values in Holiday Goods from all the world. We offer you these, confident of our ability to please you. The display is on now. When will you come to see it?

We Suggest a Small List of the Many Articles We Have for Christmas

Fine Dressed Dolls
Character Dolls
Kewpie Dolls
Unbreakable Dolls
Celluloid Head Dolls
Rubber Dolls
Doll Heads
Doll Beds
Doll Sulkies
Doll Buggies
Doll Chairs
Baby Bears

Felt Animals
Child's Sewing Boxes
Child's Chairs
Toy Pianos
Toy Dressers
Toy Trunks
Toy Dishes
Toy Stoves
Toy Tub and Board
Toy Sad Irons
Steel Express Wagons
Boys' Velocipedes

Wood Wheelbarrows
Metal Drums
Mechanical Autos
Mechanical Trains
Toy Sail Boats
Automatic Sand Toys
Air Rifles
Tinkertoys
Children's Story Books
Boys' Story Books
Girls' Story Books
French Ivory Sets

All the Latest Books for Men and Women
Hand Bags
Silk Hosiery
Men's Neckties
Pocket Knives
Harmonicas
Burnt Wood Boxes
Fancy Baskets
Salad Bowls
Handkerchiefs
Perfumes

Fancy Candies, Guaranteed Absolutely Pure, Per Pound, 10 Cents

Channell's Variety Store

Nothing Better for A Christmas Remembrance

For a Gentleman
Friend or Relative
Than—

A Box of Silk Hose

A Box of
Handkerchiefs

A Box of Gloves

A Box of Ties

A Beautiful Assortment of
These to Select from
Now on Display

JOHN C. MILLAR

Tailor and Men's Outfitter
Next to Postoffice
Altering, Cleaning, Pressing
and Repairing

Local News.

Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.

All kinds of fireworks at H. J. Phillips'.

Herman Howard is here from Houston.

Miss Cassie Patton of Creath was a Crockett visitor Saturday.

You can always get a hot cup of coffee at the Palace of Sweets.

District Attorney J. J. Bishop was here Sunday from Palestine.

You can get your dolls for less money at J. A. McConnell's.

A complete, up-to-date abstract. tf—adv Aldrich & Crook.

Hot drinks and light lunches at all hours at the Palace of Sweets.

Wise Webb has a business engagement in Lovelady this week.

Try some of those mammoth Black Twig apples at H. J. Phillips'.

Get your fireworks for the boys' Christmas at the Palace of Sweets.

Mrs. Laverne Brian of Sour Lake is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Towery.

Ladies', misses' and children's coats, dresses, sweaters and underwear at cost prices at J. A. McConnell's.

Christmas fruits, candles, nuts and fireworks at the Palace of Sweets.

Don't forget that we have everything for your fruit cakes. tf. H. J. Phillips.

J. D. Woodson was a business visitor at Houston Friday and Saturday.

Special—Ladies' \$3.50 skirts, new styles, holiday price \$2.50 at J. A. McConnell's.

Mrs. Morris Worthington of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting relatives in this city.

We want your turkeys and eggs—will pay highest market price. tf. H. J. Phillips.

Mrs. J. B. Carithers and little daughter have returned to their home in Tyler.

No advance on anything—our prices are as low as they were last year—at J. A. McConnell's.

I. W. Sweet, travelling for a Dallas wholesale firm, was at home Saturday and Sunday.

Remember the big opportunity sale runs till December 24 at the Big Store. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Pigs for Sale.

I have for sale seven pigs 3½ months old. Oliver Aldrich.

The city schools will close Friday, December 17, for the holidays, and will reopen Monday, January 3.

We have a few 2-year-old gobblers. Now is the time to buy them. tf. H. J. Phillips.

Miss Sue Smith, teaching at Elkhart, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother here.

Buy your Christmas gifts at the Big Store and give something useful. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Boys' long work pants—best make and will last—price \$1.25, now 90c. at J. A. McConnell's.

Mrs. A. M. Decuir returned Monday from visiting a brother, Dr. Harvin Moore, in Houston.

Come to see us. Our store will be kept warm and comfortable for you. tf. J. A. McConnell.

Something worth giving for Christmas—you will find it at the Big Store. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. Pinkney Hail and Mrs. Fisher Arledge returned Saturday from the U. D. C. convention at Austin.

C. L. Edmiston, B. L. Satterwhite and J. S. Cook have returned from a hunting expedition in south Texas.

Germany, England and France make no prices for us. Holiday goods cheaper than ever at J. A. McConnell's.

County Clerk A. S. Moore has issued 25 marriage licenses during the first half of December.

Mrs. S. W. Grant of Amarillo has arrived to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

For Rent.

R. M. Atkinson's brick store, terms reasonable. Apply to Mrs. L. A. Collins.

Will Be Open at Night.

Our store will be open at night all next week.

1. Crockett Dry Goods Co.

Make the Big Store your headquarters while in town shopping for Christmas. It will pay you.

2. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

We keep prices down. Our business is growing—that's enough. Watch us grow.

tf. J. A. McConnell.

The gift that "makes good" with everyone, everywhere—the Crockett Courier. Send the Courier to a friend or a relative. Only \$1.00 a year.

Chops make better feed than corn. Bring your corn to I. B. Lansford's shop and have it made into pure corn chops any day in the week.

Miss Lola Janes, with her father, Mr. Alex Janes, left on Monday for San Antonio, where they will spend the winter with her brother, R. H. Janes.

Holiday Goods.

A beautiful display of holiday goods in the Murchison or old Royal Theatre building—Crockett Drug Company's line is now open.

Good photoplays every night at the Queen Theatre, supplying wholesome amusement for an hour or more. The Queen is a good place to spend your evenings.

You can buy anything you want in the dry goods, gents' furnishing goods and shoe departments for less at the Big Store.

2. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Just Received.

One car of seed oats, one car of bran, two cars of maize and one car of Johnson grass. See us for prices.

tf. Hail & McLean.

For Trade.

One hundred acres of land in west Texas, near county site, for Houston county property.

4. Aldrich & Crook.

Don't forget to leave your bundle for Crockett Steam Laundry at Friend's barber shop. We promise the work as good as the best and better than the rest.

tf. Crockett Steam Laundry.

Real Estate and Loans.

We have real estate for sale and we would like to examine any vendor lien notes you may have for sale.

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Two automobiles, both Fords, have been registered with the county clerk since last report and are as follows: No. 127, W. J. Melton, Kennard; No. 128, John Horan, Crockett.

The Baptist ladies of the town desire to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the liberal patronage of friends and neighbors at their sale and dinner on Thursday, December 9.

Peas Wanted.

We are in the market for sound, dry, black-eyed peas and small, white peas.

5t. Waller Grocery Co., Trinity, Texas.

For Sale—One bay mare colt, 3 years old this coming spring; good stock, gentle and big enough to work. Will sell for cash, or part cash and part on time. See me.

2t. John D. Friend.

F. M. Denton has returned from a ten months' prospecting trip through west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Failing to find a better or even as good a country, he says he has come back to Houston county to stay.

Messrs. A. LeGory, John LeGory and Lipscomb LeGory have returned from Dallas and Mineral Wells, where they have been in the interest of Mr. A. LeGory's health, which it will be noted with pleasure, shows improvement.

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

J. G. Matlock, one of Houston county's most progressive farmers, shipped a car of cattle and a car of hogs, all fattened on feed raised by him, to a Houston packing house Tuesday. That is the kind of farming that brings back prosperity.

Notice to the Public.

I have just installed a first-class grist mill in my shop to do public grinding, and will grind your corn any time you come. Would rather have you come on Saturdays if you can.

Mr. T. A. Fuller died at his home near Ash Tuesday night. He had been ill for several weeks, suffering from chronic dysentery. He was a good farmer and one of the county's best citizens. He was past middle-life and leaves a wife and children.

Holiday Display.

In the Murchison building, or old Royal Theatre building, our holiday display is now open for your inspection. We have a vast array of suitable gifts for every one—all we ask is a look.

1t. Crockett Drug Company.

Christmas Dainties.

Remember that our store is truly "The home of good things to eat." We have everything to make your Christmas dinner a success. What you want, your groceries "right now," phone 19.

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Saturday Specials

\$1.90 Extra Fancy Patent Flour.....	\$1.85
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\$1.75 Extra High Patent Flour.....	\$1.60
\$1.60 Good Patent Flour.....	\$1.45
22½ Pounds Broken Grain Rice for.....	\$1.00
14 Pounds Best Whole Grain Rice for.....	\$1.00
3 Plugs Brown Mule Tobacco for.....	.25c
3 Cans Prince Albert Tobacco for.....	.25c
6 Sacks Durham Tobacco for.....	.25c
5 Bottles Garrett's Snuff for.....	\$1.00
5 Bottles Peach Snuff for.....	.90c
7 Bars Clairette Soap for.....	.25c
6 Bars Clean-Easy Soap for.....	.25c
6 Bars Crystal White Soap for.....	.25c
10 Pounds Best Green Coffee for.....	\$1.00
¼ Bushel Good Roasted Coffee for.....	\$1.85
1 Peck Good Roasted Coffee for.....	.95c

These prices are good for Saturday only, and for cash only. Trade with us and save money, also get good, fresh groceries.

Phone 19 J. D. SIMS Grocer

What Santa Claus Brought Them

