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BOND ISSUE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS DEFEATED

Is Favored by Lovelady, But Opposed by Holly and Antioch—Another Election Is Likely.

The election in the Lovelady precinct Saturday, to determine whether bonds should be issued for the improvement of the public roads, met with defeat at the two outlying voting boxes. At the central voting box, which is Lovelady, the issue carried, but not enough to overcome the opposition vote at the outlying boxes.

The vote at Lovelady was 122 for the bonds and 90 against the bonds. Majority for the bonds, 32.

The vote at Holly was 2 for the bonds and 36 against the bonds. Majority against the bonds, 34; Holly alone defeating Lovelady by a vote of 2.

The vote at Antioch was 6 for the bonds and 13 against the bonds. Majority against the bonds, 7; mak-

ing a total precinct majority of 9 against the bonds.

The friends of the issue at Lovelady are not discouraged, but, on the other hand, will ask for another election in the near future.

They say that their purposes and plans have not been fully understood, and that when a better understanding prevails there will be more votes on their side.

Worked in the Hay Field.

Arthur Jones, Allen, Kas., writes: "I have been troubled with bladder and kidney troubles for a good many years. If it were not for Foley Kidney Pills I would never be able to work in the hay field." Men and women past middle age find these pills a splendid remedy for weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Raised Express Money Orders.

George S. Smith, a young negro, was arrested, charged with raising express money orders, Saturday morning by Sheriff R. J. Spence. This young negro had bought three money orders, had them made payable to parties in other towns and sent them for collection. After buying the orders in small amounts, which were for 35 cents, 39 cents and 45 cents, he raised the amounts to \$35.00, \$39.00 and \$45.00, respectively, before sending them for collection. Express Superintendent Baty, who was here Saturday morning, had the arrest made. The negro, who is not yet grown, is in jail. He has been working as sexton or janitor at one of the churches.

Oldest Bale in the World.

Editor Courier: Mr. Theodore Price in his paper, Commerce & Finance, has recently started a discussion in reference to the oldest bale in the world. While this discussion does not affect our present market, it is of interest not only to the cotton trade but to Northern investors and people outside of the cotton belt, in that it shows the imperishable qualities of cotton and the investment possibilities that cotton gives, as the only commodity of its kind in the world that can be held indefinitely without deterioration.

We have in our possession a sam-

ple bale ginned in 1862. This cotton was picked by slave labor, ginned and packed in a ventilated barn and kept there a number of years. At the death of the owner it was placed in a local warehouse in South Carolina by the son of the raiser, and has been held by him largely out of sentiment to his father's memory.

We are very anxious to find older bales if they exist, and if you have or know of a bale that was ginned prior to 1862, it would be of very great interest to the cotton world to know of it, to know when it was ginned, whether cultivated by slave labor, why it was held and such other details as would be of interest to the general public.

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FOOD SUPPLY OF THE FARM HOME.

Much public interest has been excited by the recent announcement of the United States Public Health Service, to the effect that the development of the disease known as pellagra in human beings depends on faulty diet. Among the suggestions of the Public Health Service for the modification of diet to prevent the development of pellagra are a number of items which emphasize the importance of the campaign of the department and the State Agricultural Colleges to increase the production of food supplies on the farm, especially to bring about a home supply of meat, eggs, milk, and butter.

Among other specific recommendations of the Public Health Service are—

- The ownership of a milk cow; an increase of milk production for home consumption.
- Poultry and egg raising for home consumption.
- Stock raising.
- Diversification and cultivation

tion of food crops.

These four specifications give an added argument for the campaign of live-stock raising and farm diversification, which has been especially urged, particularly for the South. It is quite reasonable to presume, therefore, that the production of the family meat supply at the farm home will not only decrease considerably the expense of the family table and add somewhat directly to family revenue as well, but will have a profound effect on the health and well-being of the members of the family.

FIRE PREVENTION URGENT AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

Fireproof buildings are good as far as they go. The man who makes constant warfare against the fire demon attacking his own property is the best fireproof material known to experts. On this point there is not room for argument.

Bared walls wiped clean by the fire demon are monuments to somebody's carelessness.

The man who mixes his human conduct with self-serving sense is the man who makes the winning fight against conflagrations.

We have been told that it is better to dwell in the housetops than live with a contentious woman. It would be better for society at large to ostracise the first aids to the fire demon than to permit them to endanger the savings of a community.

You can't get away from it; you are your brother's keeper when the fire demon cackles his victory from the burning property. When your house goes up in smoke and flames and remains but a bitter memory in ashes, you have levied a tribute on the savings of your neighbors, for you have destroyed wealth.

The man who uses caution, care

and common sense in preventing fires is worthy to wear the honors of being a good citizen.

The last ten days of beautiful weather have been ideal for curing meat and many have been the porkers that have been slaughtered. The bulk of the meat crop, however, is not quite ready for the butcher, for corn is plentiful and hogs are scarce and it is the desire to make them produce as much fat as possible. In this connection it may be said that while hogs are scarce this year in this section, they are more plentiful than in several years past and practically every farmer will put away enough meat to do him another year. With the elimination of the necessity of buying meat and feed stuff next year the Shelby county farmer will be in a hundred per cent better condition for the next year than the year just closing. For them to make another crop on the same economical basis as they have this year, prosperity will run riot in this section next fall.—Center Champion.

Now is the time for the farmers to use their brains on next year's crop. That brains count and count largely in the farm the same as in every other business, all are now thoroughly convinced. The whole crop should be planned now—the acreage to be devoted to each product, the garden, the dairy, the orchard, the fences, the selectoin of corn and cotton seed, in fact, every detail should be worked out now. These things should not be left until the farmer comes face to face with them. Work them out now while there is time for study and deliberate action. One day of thoughtful planning now is worth a month of nervous, haphazard work next spring.—Bryan Eagle.

Right now is a good time to plant trees, and for shade, ornament and usefulness there is no better tree than the pecan. Be certain that you get a good variety and a tree that is perfectly sound. Some varieties begin bearing very early, and crop failures here are seldom. The pecan is one of the most palatable and wholesome nuts that grows. In many instances in the South parties are growing pecans for commercial purposes and the business has been found very profitable. The demand will never be over supplied. Every home should at least have a few pecan trees.—Rusk County News.

Texas, its smokehouses, its pocketbooks, its packeries, acknowledge a most material Christmas gift. The gift contributing so much to the general prosperity of the State is this: More hogs were raised in Texas during the past year than ever before in the history of the State. Living-at-home farming contributed to the new hog-raising record for Texas. More grain and



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During the past week the papers have been full of "prosperity talk." It seems that "Old Man Prosperity" is here sure enough, and he will be welcomed with open arms. In the reports issued, great credit for the wave of prosperity is given to the Southern farmers, who have raised more food stuff than ever before, and the money that heretofore was spent for feed is being used to purchase other articles. Let's raise another good food crop next year and keep prosperity among us.—Grapeland Messenger.

Every issue of the Courier is the business man's catalogue. It means money to the buyer and seller. And if it contains one item of news that is of interest, you get your money's worth, as it costs the regular subscriber less than 2 cents. To be happy and prosperous, read every line in every issue.

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BEST OF THE SEASON



Our Christmas Sale Ends December 24

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.

Around the Christmas Tree



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

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POTASH, PERLMUTTER AND OTHERS

By MONTAGUE GLASS

IV.—THE TRAIL OF THE SILK

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BARNEY GREENBERG, foreman in the cutting room of Potash & Perlmutter's cloak and suit establishment, boasted a distinction that falls to few of his race in New York. His brother was a policeman, a circumstance which impelled Potash & Perlmutter to pay him \$2 a week in excess of a foreman's normal wages as a sort of insurance premium against theft. Nor was this a poor investment, for the thought of Barney's brother had prevented many a piece of silk from going home with one of the twenty odd operators who labored in the cutting room.

In manner Barney was calm and self possessed, not to say superior, and therefore it came as a distinct shock to



"We are missing in six pieces black silk," he announced.

his employers when he burst into the firm's show room and sank panting into a chair.

"Of gewoldt!" he cried and ran both his hands through his thick black hair.

"What's the trouble now, Barney?" Abe Potash asked.

It was at least five minutes before Barney was calm enough to reply.

"We are missing in six pieces black silk," he announced finally, "at \$50 the piece, or \$300."

"Three hundred dollars!" Abe cried. "Schaafskopf, make no jokes with us!"

"Jokes I'm making it," Barney moaned, appealing to Morris Perlmutter.

"He says I make jokes, Mr. Perlmutter. It ain't no, believe me. We are missing in six pieces black silk."

"Maybe it's a shortage in delivery, ain't it?" Morris suggested.

Barney shook his head.

"Yesterday we got it, and today we ain't got it," he said. "Some one pinched it on us."

Abe sat down heavily and set his hat back from his forehead.

"Yes, Mawruss," he said bitterly, "that's a foreman for you! We are missing in silk \$300. Where is it? He don't know. All he could say is some one pinched it, and mind you, Mawruss, his brother is a policeman!"

Barney rocked to and fro and clutched his hair with both fists.

"If you expect you should find it that way," Abe continued, "you don't need to get a policeman for a brother."

"Enough's enough, Barney," Morris broke in. "You mourned good and plenty by now, Barney. Tell us who you think done it."

Barney stopped rocking.

"Rifkin," he said.

"Rifkin!" Abe exclaimed. "What are you talking nonsense? Rifkin! I know his people from the old country yet. His father was a rabbi!"

"I know it," said Barney, "but his brother, Aaron Rifkin, is in the remnant business—all kinds of remnants from silk, wool, velvet—on Hester street."

He rocked to and fro for three minutes, and then stopped again.

"Near the corner of Eldridge," he

said, and resumed his rocking.

"Stop it!" Abe yelled. "You make me dizzy in the head. Why do you think Rifkin done it?"

"Why?" Barney repeated in blank astonishment. "Why? A question! I am just telling you Rifkin's brother is in the remnant business."

"Bess, I know," Abe concluded, "but your brother is in the policeman business, so Mr. Perlmutter and me, we figure it out like this—either you would find the silk by Monday, or you would find another job, and that's all there is to it!"

Max Greenberg, Barney's brother, had never read the works of Gaboriau or Conan Doyle, but he was thoroughly conversant with the methods of detection in vogue with the metropolitan police.

"Leave it to me, Barney," he said on the following morning, when Barney

confidentially acquainted him with the circumstances of the theft.

It being Max's day off, he accompanied Barney to the cutting room of Potash & Perlmutter. When they entered Pincus Rifkin was laying out his cloth in long, smooth folds on a cutting table, preparatory to chalking out the pattern on the upper layer. He was humming a psalm to the traditional Hebrew melody, for Pincus was a pious man, as becomes the son of a rabbi.

By token of that same piety, his whiskers had never known the refining influence of scissors since they first sprouted. They gave him a venerable, peaceful aspect, and in contemplating their profusion one was apt to lose sight of the well developed chest over which they cascaded. Moreover, Pincus had a jaunty way of carrying himself that made the other cutters and operators treat him respectfully. But Max saw only the flowing whiskers, and he winked confidently at his brother.

"Dis here is a pipe," he muttered. "Come here," he growled, advancing toward Pincus.

Pincus smiled and shrugged his shoulders. His English was rather weak, and he relied a great deal upon gesture.

"You're Rifkin, ain't yer?" Max went on.

"Sure," said Pincus.

Max thrust his chin out until it was at least six inches in advance of the rest of his body.

"Who pinched the silk?" he bellowed.

"Silk?" said Pincus. "What silk?"

"G'wan!" Max roared. "You ain't never seen no silk, have you? You don't know narten about it, do you? Maybe dis'll make you remember!"

He threw back his right arm and, clinching his fist, aimed straight for the point of Pincus' jaw. Unfortunately for Max and fortunately for Pincus, the patriarchal beard obscured a receding chin, and what was intended for a crashing blow glanced harmless past the side of Pincus' neck and nearly dislocated Max's shoulder.

Then it was that the spirit of Judas Maccabeus became reincarnated in the frame of Pincus Rifkin. With a shout that echoed through the cloak and suit establishment of Potash & Perlmutter, he leaped upon the astonished Max Greenberg. After the dust settled, it required the combined efforts of the twenty odd operators to pry him loose from Max's throat.

They sent around the corner for a doctor, who resorted to artificial respiration before Max Greenberg recovered sufficiently to go home in a cab at Potash & Perlmutter's expense, but the moral influence of having a policeman for a brother was dissipated, perhaps forever, in the minds of those twenty odd operators in the cutting room.

"Of course he stole the silk, Mawruss," said Abe the next morning, as they discussed the affair. "Otherwise why should he try to murder Barney's brother? Ain't it?"

"Maybe Barney's brother hit him first, Abe," Morris suggested.

"Barney's brother is a policeman, Mawruss," Abe went on; "and you know as well as I do, Mawruss, that a policeman is a loafer. But Rifkin comes from decent, respectable people in the old country, and his father is a rabbi. Ain't it? So why should Rifkin fight like a policeman fights? A feller which he acts like a policeman is a thief, too, I bet yer."

Morris lit a cigar and puffed away with a sour expression on his face.

"I guess, Abe," he said, "we'd better forget all about this here silk and get down to business."

"Forget about it, Mawruss!" Abe

repeated. "Forget nothing! I suppose, Mawruss, \$300 ain't nothing to you, Mawruss. I suppose you pick \$300 up in the street, Mawruss. No, s'ra, Mawruss, I ain't no policeman, and I ain't no rabbi's son, neither, Mawruss. But I guess I got a little gumption, too, and I'll get back that silk if I have to take Rifkin's brother myself and shake the silk out of him."

The exterior of Aaron Rifkin's store little betrayed the prosperity of the business transacted within, for entrance was had through a narrow slit between a soda water stand and a fish stall. Above this aperture, however, hung an elaborate sign, on which appeared in gilt letters the English word "Remnants," spelled phonetically in straggling Hebrew characters. If this had not been sufficient to guide Abe's footsteps squarely in the entrance stood a replica of Pincus Rifkin, with flowing beard and apologetic smile complete.

Abe elbowed his way past Pincus' brother into the dark store and made straight for the counter.

"Nu," said Aaron, "what can I do for you?"

"Some silk I want to see it," Abe replied.

"Silk?" Aaron murmured. "What for silk you would like?"

"Black silk," said Abe.

Aaron went behind the counter and pulled down a roll of silk.

"Here is black silk," he said; "good black silk."

"How much is there here?" Abe asked.

"Dreissig yard," said Aaron.

"Thirty yards, hey?" Abe rejoined. "What you done with the rest?"

"The rest?" Aaron exclaimed. "What d'ye mean—the rest? There ain't no rest. That's all there is of it."

Abe picked up the silk and put it under his arm.

"Half a loaf of bread," he said, "is better as no bread at all," and he turned and walked calmly out of the store.

"Hey, mister!" Aaron yelled frantically, but Abe kept steadily on, and he had reached the corner of Eldridge street before Aaron could scramble over the counter.

"Po-lee-see!" Aaron howled. "Po-lee-see!"

At once the cry was taken up by a hundred voices until it was borne to Max Greenberg, who was sunning himself in front of the public school a block away. He secured a fresh grip on his club, and, taking pushcarts two at a jump, bounded toward the corner of Eldridge street.

At this juncture Abe committed a breach of judgment. Had he proceeded down the street as deliberately as he had quitted Aaron's store, no one would have suspected him to be the quarry of the ensuing chase. The impulse to run was too strong, however, and he took to his heels just as Max Greenberg hove into sight. The next moment he tripped over a rejected head of cabbage, and his nemesis, in the person of Max, was literally upon him.

If Max's aim had been poor on the previous day, there were at least no errors of marksmanship on this occasion, and when Abe was arraigned before the desk sergeant in the Eldridge street police station, one of his eyes was completely closed, while the other was reduced to a mere slit.

"Comes this here loafer into mein store," said Aaron, "and says he wants to see some silk, and before I could stop him at all, he quick takes the silk, and runs away from mein store."

"What d'ye want to take his silk for?" the sergeant asked Abe.

"Not his silk," said Abe. "My silk! His brother Pincus stole it from my factory already, and gives it to him. Six pieces black silk worth \$300."

"Black silk!" Aaron exclaimed.

"Why, I ain't got not one piece black silk in mein store. The store was dark, and this here loafer thinks it was black silk. It ain't no such thing. It's blue silk!"

"Blue silk!" Abe cried. "That's a fine swindler. Why, actually the feller told me it was black silk."

"Swindler, hey?" the sergeant commented. "That's certainly tough on you. He cheated you into stealing blue silk instead of black silk. Next time you steal black silk you want to see that it's in the daylight, so that you won't get stuck. Take him back, officer."

"Hold on dere, sergeant," Max broke in. "I know stumpin about dis case myself. I tink dere's some mixup here. Me brudder works fer dis gentleman."

For the first time since his arrest Abe turned and recognized his captor.

"So," he said bitterly. "So I am paying for you and—"

"Chop it!" Max commanded out of the corner of his mouth. "And so, sergeant, I tink dis here case now ought to be straightened out. I didn't get on to who dis party was at first, but now dat I get a good look at him I—"

"Take 'em both into the back room," the sergeant interrupted, "and come out here yourself. I want to talk to you."

Max grabbed accuser and accused by the arm and led them none too gently into the back room, where he thrust them into adjacent chairs.

"Don't nider of youse but an eyelash till I come back. See?" he said in parting and returned to the front room.

Aaron was the first to break the silence.

"Mr. Potash," he said, "I give you my word as a gentleman I ain't never



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seen your silk, and mein brother, Pincus, neither, he ain't never seen your silk."

Abe made no reply. He was gingerly exploring the new and enlarged outline of his nose with the tips of his fingers.

"Also I don't know you, Mr. Potash, when you come by mein store; otherwise you are welcome to take the silk. Any time, Mr. Potash, you should want anything in mein store you are welcome to all which I got there, ninety days, net, or two off, thirty days. Any time at all, Mr. Potash, will tell mein brother, Pincus, and he will tell me."

"Tell your brother Pincus?" Abe exclaimed. "Wait till I get back to my store, and I'll tell him something he won't want to hear at all. Out he goes, also Barney Greenberg!"

"Wot's dat about Barney Greenberg?" cried Max, suddenly re-entering.

"That's what I said," Abe mumbled sulkily. "Barney Greenberg too. He gets fired along with Pincus Rifkin. You could take it from me."

"Oh, no, he don't!" said Max. "Oh, no, he don't! Stealin' a bolt of blue silk wot costs \$26 is grand larceny, and it rests wid me whether or not you go up for dis. See?"

Abe stared at him in stolid misery.

"Wake up!" Max cried, poking him in the ribs with his billy. "D'yer understand de proposition?"

Abe nodded slowly.

"Den come on, both of youse," said Max, and once more the trio faced the sergeant.

He was now flanked by a stout, peak browed person, whose most salient features were a curled mustache and a diamond breastpin. In consideration of a ten dollar bill from Abe the peak browed person furnished bail in the penalty of \$500 to insure Mr. Potash's appearance in the Essex Market police court that afternoon to answer to the charge of violating a corporation ordinance.

"And now get out of here, all of you," said the sergeant after the transaction was complete.

Abe lost no time in making for the door, but Aaron lingered.

"Mein silk," he said, with a conciliating smile. "Please, mister!"

"What silk?" cried the sergeant. "I ain't seen no silk."

"Blue silk," said Aaron, showing no disposition to leave.

"Officer," thundered the sergeant, "put this man out!"

Max grabbed the shrinking Aaron by the collar and rushed him to the door. Then with one mighty kick he propelled him to the gutter.

"Give dat to your brudder Pincus," he called after him, "and tell him it was from me!"

Several days elapsed before the cloak and suit establishment of Potash & Perlmutter assumed its normal hive-like activity. Barney Greenberg again held sway over the twenty-odd operators, with the perfect discipline that is engendered of one's brother being a policeman, for the whole story of Abe's adventure on the east side had leaked out, and not a man of all Potash & Perlmutter's employees but knew that Abe's discolored eyes resulted from the prowess of Barney's brother, the policeman.

As for Abe, after he paid a fine of \$50 in the police court, he went home to bed and stayed there for two days. During the next week the skin around his eyes varied like a chameleon in tones of purple, plum color and green, until it gradually faded to a smoky brown, which bode fair to last for months.

Morris viewed these badges of his partner's misfortune with marked disapproval.

"Ain't I told you, Abe," he said for the twentieth time, "you should forget about that silk and get down to business? We not only lost the silk, but you lost two days from the store, and \$10 you had to pay that loafer, what balled you out. Also you pay \$50 by the court for nothing; and now Rifkin's brother says you should pay him \$25 for his silk which you took and which he ain't never got from the station house yet."

"I'll pay him \$25, Mawruss!" Abe replied with ironic emphasis. "Wait till I get a chance at that sucker. I'll fix him, that thier!"

Morris shrugged impatiently.

"Schmoo-ee, Abe!" he broke in. "You ain't got no proof that he stole the silk."

"I'm surprised to hear you, Mawruss, you should talk that way," said Abe, "after all the trouble what I got in. If he ain't took that silk, who did take it? I suppose I took it, Mawruss, or maybe I gave it away as a present—what?"

Miss Cohen, the bookkeeper, poked her head into the show room doorway.

"Murray, the packing box man, wants to see you," she said.

"That's another robber for you, Mawruss," said Abe. "Two weeks ago already I sold him a dozen empty packing cases from the cutting room while you and Barney was out to lunch, and he ain't sent us a check yet. I suppose he comes around now to claim deductions. Tell him to come in, Miss Cohen."

Two minutes later a short red faced man entered, bearing a large parcel wrapped in brown paper.

"Good morning, gentlemen," he said. Then for the first time his eye rested on Abe's discolored face. "Well, well," he went on, "I see you was to a wedding lately. I been to some rousin' old wedding when I was a lad. Many a good crack I got at a wedding myself. Although maybe it was a wake you was at?"

"I don't know what you're talking about," Abe growled, "but if you mean I got a couple blue eyes I may as well tell you I got 'em for not minding my own business, Murray. And anyhow, Murray, what's the matter you ain't sent us a check for them packing boxes already?"

"It's like this, Mr. Potash," Murray explained, starting to unpack the parcel: "I kept them packing boxes for my honesty. You sold me them boxes for empty packing cases, but one of 'em had some goods in the bottom of it, and here they are."

He tore away the brown paper wrapping from the parcel and disclosed the missing silk in all its glossy perfection, six bolts of it, and fifty yards in each bolt.

"Now, what d'ye think of that, Mawruss?" Abe gasped at last.

"Think!" Morris cried. "Think! I hink you'd better tell Miss Cohen to charge you up with a cab ride for Barney's brother, \$60 for the fine and the bail, \$25 for Aaron Rifkin and \$6 for them packing cases what Murray here keeps for his honesty."

He handed Murray a couple of cigars.

"When a man's a sucker, Abe," he concluded, "he's got to pay for it himself!"

PAINTED POST.

Story of the Incident That Gave the Piece Its Name.

There's not a drummer between New York and San Francisco who hasn't at some stage of his drumming career made game of the name of the town of Painted Post. And after everybody laughs you may hear the query, "But I wonder where it did get its name?" Here is the story:

In the summer of 1770 the English and Indians under a loyalist, McDonald, and Hlakatoo, a renowned Seneca war chief, returned north from a raid by way of Pine creek, the Tioga and the Conhocton. They brought with them their own wounded and some prisoners taken at Freely's fort.

Under the aims at the confluence of the Tioga and Conhocton Captain Montour, a half breed and a noted war chief, died of his wounds. He was the son of Frontenac by the famous Indian Queen Catherine. He was buried by the river side, and above his grave was placed a post on which were painted various symbols and devices. This monument became known as the painted post and was a landmark often visited by the braves and chieftains of the Six Nations.

The post stood for many years after the settlement of the country. Finally it rotted down at the butt and was preserved in the barroom of a tavern until 1810, when it disappeared. Some say it was swept away during a freshet—New York Sun.

A Sneaky Man.

Mr. Kay See—Sneaky sort of man? What do you mean, sir? Witness—

Well, sir, he's the sort of man that'll never look ye straight in the face until yer back's turned.—Kansas City Times.

Appreciation.

"Has your wife a sense of humor?"

"Sure. I told her all the automobile jokes I could and now she wants one of the automobiles."—Washington Star.

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TEXANS MUST PAY FOR NEEDLESS PRIMARIES

By reason of the requirements of law Texas will have four primary elections in 1916, which elections will cost approximately \$325,000. Of this sum \$100,000 is to be paid out of county treasuries for the holding of the democratic presidential primary. Other parties are privileged to hold such primaries, but if they do so they must take care of the expenses.

All parties are required to nominate candidates for the United States senate through a primary election. Each must take care of the expenses of its own election. If the minority parties have nominees for the United States senate they must incur an enormous expense not heretofore imposed upon them.

It is doubtful that money can be raised to pay the expenses of the "run-off" senatorial primary election, because the law does not authorize anybody to contribute money for such purpose, and the total authorized expenses which may be incurred by or for each of the two candidates to be voted upon in the second senatorial primary are limited to \$1,000. This, in brief, is the situation brought about by the so-called progressive election laws enacted in 1913 by the thirty-third legislature.

Recently, in a communication to the News, W. T. Parker, chairman of the democratic executive committee of Navarro County, pointed out the fact that the second primary for the nomination of a candidate for United States senator was set by law for a different date than the optional second primary for the nomination of candidates for county offices. He declared, therefore, that there would be three primary elections in Texas in 1916, and that there was no way under the law to pay the expenses of the second primary. He explained that county candidates bear the bulk of the expenses of a general election; that there will be no such candidates in the second senatorial primary, and that, as the expenses of the candidates for senator are limited narrowly, these candidates can not foot the bill for said primary election. Mr. Parker estimated the expenses of a primary election at \$750,000, and for the reasons given predicted that not more than 10 per cent of the qualified democratic voters would participate in the second primary election.

In commenting upon Mr. Parker's letter the News drew attention to the fact that the laws of the state call for four primary elections, not three, in Texas next year, Mr. Parker having overlooked that the democratic party now is required to hold a primary election to express preferences for presidential candidates, to choose delegates to the national convention and to nominate candidates for electors. Wherefore the prospect for political peace is poor.

An inspection of the election laws

discloses several difficulties other than those mentioned.

Whereas the minority parties have the option of dealing with the presidential question and with the nomination of state and local officers either through primary elections or the convention system, no party can nominate a candidate for the United States senate except through primary elections.

The democratic party can and must utilize its general primary elections for senatorial purposes. The other parties, not being required to nominate candidates for state offices by the primary system, never have held primary elections, but now they must do so in order to get the names of their candidates for the United States senate upon the official ballot for the final election. The practical effect of the law as it stands is to say that no other than the democratic party can have a candidate for the United States senate in Texas.

As to presidential matters, the minority parties have kinder treatment in the law. They may use either the primary system or the convention system, as it may please them to do. But there is a differentiation in the matter of expenses.

The expenses of holding the presidential primary for the democratic party, classified in the law as "a party casting 50,000 or more votes," are to be paid by the commissioners court of the several counties out of the county treasury. This is the first time that a Texas law has directed the use of public funds for party purposes. The minority parties, if they hold presidential primaries, must foot the bills themselves, which discrimination probably is made upon the ground that they are not required to hold such primaries.—Galveston News.

Abilene boasts that one of its banks has deposits well over a million dollars, the first time in the history of Central West Texas that a bank has gone to a million dollar mark. The deposits in all of the banks of the city are said to be more than double what they were this time last year. Thrift and diversification are mainly responsible for it.—Houston Post.

Official reports say that the grain crop in Texas much more than made up for the short cotton crop. Of course, grain will help to make up any deficit and people are learning the lesson. It is simply another way of saying that diversification pays. Plant grain.—Terrell Transcript.

The Mobile Register takes no stock in peace talk at the present time. It says: "Do not be misled by peace talk. There is no possible basis of agreement in sight, and, therefore, there will be no negotiations—not now; not, perhaps, next year. The war is a fight to a finish."

Brothers Wounded in War.

John Lang of this city, who had five brothers in service in the German army, has recently received a letter from his old home, stating that three of his brothers have been slightly wounded, one has been captured by the Allies, while another is still engaged along the fighting line.

One of the Langs was shot in the left elbow while serving in the Argonne region in France; one was shot in the leg, this also occurring somewhere in France; while another was wounded in the hand while on duty in Russia. One was captured in Serbia. The fifth brother was still in active service when the letter was written.

Mr. Lang naturally suffers considerable uneasiness as to the safety of his brothers, and of course will be glad when the great war is ended.—Jacksonville Banner.

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Our Entire Stock Must Go Now By the Wholesale in Order That We May Stock Up for Next Year

The most abused word in the Dictionary is "Guaranteed." We have tried in this store, since the first day of its existence, to live up to the word without juggling with the letters. If you ever buy an article here that does not prove satisfactory, this store stands ready and willing to replace the merchandise or refund your money. Furthermore, our advertising is our word to you—our very pledge that we will make good any statement appearing over our name. We do not make much ado about the word "guarantee," but we are conscientiously devoted to the principle of making good. This is our idea of "guarantee."



Sixteen pounds pure granulated cane sugar for	\$1.00	Four 2-pound cans of tomatoes in this sale for	25c
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Seven bars of Clairette soap in this sale for	25c	Four 2-pound cans of Clipper corn in this sale for	30c
One case, 100 bars, of Clairette soap in this sale for	\$3.25	One case, 24 2-lb. cans, of Clipper corn in this sale for	\$1.00
Eight bars of Lenox soap in this sale for	25c	Six boxes of Uneeda Biscuits in this sale for	25c
One case, 100 bars, of Lenox soap in this sale for	\$3.10	Seven boxes of American sardines in this sale for	25c
Four plugs Brown Mule chewing tobacco in this sale for	30c	One case, 100 boxes, of American sardines in this sale for	\$3.00
Ten-pound caddy of Brown Mule chewing tobacco in this sale for	\$3.00	Extra fancy high patent flour in this sale, per sack	\$1.00

Extra Fancy High Patent Flour, per barrel, \$6.30

We have Fruit, Nuts, Fireworks, Pickles, Cranberries, Extracts, Chocolates and Cocoanuts. Do not forget us for your Christmas needs.

Extra Special- Four bottles of the best grade 10-cent flavoring in this sale for 25c

Our Dry Goods and Shoes are all new stock. We are closing them out regardless of cost. Come and see what we have.

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The McLean Drug Company

The Rexall Store

Local News Items

Good prices for farm crops will go further toward keeping the boys on the farm than all the dissertations yet delivered on the beauties of farm life. All work and low prices tend to make Jack a disinterested agriculturist.—Rusk County News.

Our people who have farm products, such as syrup, peas, peanuts and sweet potatoes, for sale, should write to the State Warehouse and Marketing Department, Austin, Texas, for a department bulletin. These bulletins give the names and addresses of people wanting such products.

Business Not Affected.

Our drug store is not torn or filled up by our holiday display. Your prescriptions and drug purchases can be made without holiday trade annoyance by calling at our store. That is our reason for separating our holiday and drug stores. Mr. Lipscomb Sherman is at our store, under the Pickwick hotel, to look after your wants. Call or phone 91.
It. Crockett Drug Company.

The average American farm family consumes over \$100 worth of meat per year.

Beginning to Show Up.

The reduction in the Houston county cotton crop is beginning to show up in the ginners' report. According to the last report, 20,760 bales were ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1915 prior to December 1 as compared with 21,130 bales from the crop of 1914 prior to December 1.

Mr. A. I. Leediker died suddenly at his home in this city Tuesday night. Returning at noon from a business trip to Houston, he spent the afternoon at his lumber yard and retired to his home when night came on. Early Wednesday morning his family was shocked on discovering that he had died, presumably of heart failure, during the night.

Died of Heart Failure.

John W. Allee, known to many of our people as "Big John" Allee, died at his home near Aash Saturday morning of heart failure.

Mr. Allee was in Crockett Friday, and although apparently a very strong man, complained that his health was not good. His friends little expected, however, that he was near death's door, and his death was as surprising as it was sudden.

He was a farmer and a good citizen, generous and charitable, and a man of family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Skipwith of this city were made grandparents by the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rosser at Crockett last Sunday. Mrs. Skipwith was present when the little one arrived, and lost no time in notifying her husband in this city.—Jacksonville Banner.

Expression of Appreciation.

To our good friends in Crockett, old and young, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the many acts and expressions of kindness and sympathy for us in our time of trouble. To the young people, especially, who bestowed such tender care upon the grave in which our son was laid, we express our deep appreciation.
F. A. Williams,
It.*
Mrs. F. A. Williams.

Holiday Excursions

Via I. & G. N. Railway, 1/4 fare. Round trip tickets to Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Memphis on sale December 18, 23, 24, 25 and 26 and January 1, limit January 5; to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Washington, Baltimore, all points in Southeast and several points in Colorado, sell December 21, 22 and 23, limit January 18. See ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway. St.

The Old Royal Theatre

Or Murchison building is located between Dan McLean's dry goods store and the Vogue Millinery establishment, in the heart of the shopping district and only five minutes' walk from the Queen Theatre, and there you will find the holiday display of the Crockett Drug Company, which opened on Monday, December 13. The 13th was a lucky day—we had a full house. Come one, come all, give a look!

It. Crockett Drug Company.

An Agricultural Exhibit.

The Courier failed to mention last week the agricultural feature of the Methodist church bazaar. Messrs. Ben Hatchell, Stell Sharp, Rosser, Littlejohn, Bennett Brothers and Frank Driskell and Drs. M. A. Thomas and E. B. Stokes took blue ribbons in the agricultural exhibit. The agricultural exhibit was a credit to those taking part and to Mrs. John McConnell, who had it in charge. The ladies are already planning to repeat it next year on a larger scale.

U. D. C. Notes.

Mrs. J. W. Hail was hostess to U. D. C. Saturday, November 27. The meeting opened with prayer, the minutes were read and a short business session was held. Mrs. Corry's resignation as treasurer was accepted and Mrs. John LeGory elected.

Mrs. Ada Shupak was made chairman of the music committee. Misses Hattie Stokes and Evie Bennett gave piano numbers, and Mrs. J. P. Hail a vocal number.

Mrs. W. B. Page told in a most entertaining manner of seeing the "Birth of a Nation" at a motion picture theater in Richmond, Va.

A refreshment of salads, cake and coffee was served.

The chapter will meet with Mrs. W. B. Page on New Year's day. This is an excellent time for those U. D. C's. who have been remiss in their duties to form new resolutions.

Minnie Craddock,
Secretary Pro Tem.

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.

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John Benton Williams.

John Benton Williams, third son of Judge and Mrs. F. A. Williams of Galveston, died at the Williams home in Galveston Sunday morning, terminating an illness which began two years ago.

John Benton was born in Crockett twenty-five years ago, at that time Crockett being the home of the Williams family. The family afterward moved to Galveston, the father, Judge F. A. Williams, becoming a member of the court of civil appeals. Afterward the family moved to Austin, Judge Williams having received appointment as a member of the supreme court. John Benton was educated in Galveston and Austin. He became a private secretary to Southern Pacific Company officials, but was forced to retire from an active business career by the failure of his health.

Spending much of his time in New Mexico, he returned only recently to Galveston, where the end came Sunday morning. The remains were shipped to Crockett Monday, arriving on the 4 o'clock afternoon train, accompanied by the father and the two elder brothers, Bryan and Fred Williams. Interment followed in Glenwood cemetery, the Baptist pastor, Rev. M. L. Sheppard, conducting the services before a large audience. A profusion of floral tributes was made to conceal the newly-made mound.

The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. D. A. Nunn and Miss Annie Williams of this city.

Remembering the Courier.

The following subscribers have remembered the Courier with subscription extensions since last issue:

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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.

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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.

Trustees and Teachers.

I take this means of making a suggestion concerning the period of time to be given for the Christmas vacation. I am of the opinion that the schools should be dismissed on Thursday P. M., December 23, and the greatest time to be allowed for the vacation to extend to Monday, January 3, 1916. This will be giving six days of school and in all including two Saturdays and two Sundays, ten days. Any school desiring to begin before the suggested time may do so; however, it would be better for all schools to begin on the above date, as it will coincide with the following suggestion as to the days to make out reports.

In line with the above suggestion, I further suggest that all white teachers make their reports three weeks after opening schools on January 3, including the four days taught before Christmas not reported.

The negro schools may close as is suggested above, bringing in their reports on Friday for the nineteen days taught this month, and same will be approved; also it is intended that the negro schools shall open on the date above suggested and shall teach four weeks before bringing in reports.

The above suggestions are made in good faith on my part, and I shall expect the same to be carried out in like manner. I am not in favor of losing too much time for Christmas holidays, for to do so will deprive a great many children in our schools of the same amount of time in the spring.

J. N. Snell,
County Superintendent.

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 purifies the blood when it is disordered from Malaria Poison. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it. For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

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.

HE WAS RESOURCEFUL.

But He Probably Didn't Get the Job For Which He Applied.

There is a certain middle aged and old fashioned business man who is a little doubtful whether he or the other carried off the honors of war in an interview given to a smart young man.

The smart young man was applying for a berth.

"Let me see," said the merchant; "you've called on me before, but not on your present errand. The first time you represented Up to Date Limited and offered to put our concern on modern lines. Then you came on behalf of Systems & Files and said you were business doctors. And after that you came as the publicity expert of the Newest In Ads. company?"

"That is so, sir."

"And are all these—er—companies dead?"

The young man reluctantly admitted that they were.

"Yet after coming here three times to offer to teach us our business when your concerns go down you coolly solicit a berth in this poor, effete old firm. Why, what use are you to us? Look at your record."

The optimist countered that easily.

"You never know, sir. I might be very useful. Look what a splendid experience I've had in winding up companies."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Promoted.

"Mrs. Nurich, I understand your husband is one of the stewards of the racing association."

"Look here, young man, my husband gave up cookin' years ago and I'd rather you wouldn't refer to it."—Eufato Express.

We Thank You

¶ During the past year we have made every effort to promote the interests of our customers and have been gratified with the generous response which you and others have made to this policy.

¶ The year 1915 was a successful one for us and we thank our patrons for their part in making success possible.

¶ During 1916 we shall strive to serve you even better than we have in the past.

"Service Is the Thing"

¶ We extend to all our sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Bishop Drug Company
Prompt Service Store

Local News.

A Merry Christmas to you!
Many more Merry Christmases, too!
And may they even be more than Merry!
Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.
You can always get a hot cup of coffee at the Palace of Sweets.
W. H. Musick has returned from a business trip to Houston.
Hot drinks and light lunches at all hours at the Palace of Sweets.
A complete, up-to-date abstract of—adv Aldrich & Crook.
Get your fireworks for the boys' Christmas at the Palace of Sweets.
G. C. Russell of Route 4 was among callers at this office Friday.
Rev. D. C. F. Snell of Route 5 was among callers at this office Saturday.
Guy Gilder is here from Marshall, where he has been residing for some time.
John Wootters is at home from Baylor University, Waco, for the holidays.
Miss Elizabeth Friend is at home from Houston, where she is attending college.

Christmas fruits, candies, nuts and fireworks at the Palace of Sweets. tf.
J. A. Siddon of Volga made the Courier a social and business call Wednesday.
A nice line of automobile gloves in all sizes and at right prices at John Millar's. It.
Robert R. Nunn, a student of Texas University, is spending the holidays here.
G. W. McDougald of Creek was among those remembering the Courier Wednesday.
Many useful gifts to be had at Kennedy's for grandpa and on down to the smallest kiddy. It.
Mose Bromberg of Galveston is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.
Miss Ruth Warfield, attending college at Dallas, is at home for the holiday festivities.
Something worth giving for Christmas—you will find it at the Big Store. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.
Miss Leona Thomas is among the college students returning home for the Christmas holidays.
Visit our Christmas counter before you finish your Christmas shopping. It. Kennedy's.
Buy your Christmas gifts at the Big Store and give something useful. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Friday Specials

\$1.90 Extra Fancy Patent Flour	\$1.85
\$1.85 Extra Fancy Patent Flour	\$1.75
\$1.75 Extra High Patent Flour	\$1.60
\$1.60 Good Patent Flour	\$1.45
22½ Pounds Broken Grain Rice for	\$1.00
15 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
½ Bushel Good Roasted Coffee for	\$1.85
1 Peck Good Roasted Coffee for	95c

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

Phone 19 J. D. SIMS Grocer

Mrs. W. B. Smith of Longview is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Monday, at Lovelady.

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

Mrs. Morris Worthington and son have gone to Uvalde to spend Christmas with their parents.

Pigs for Sale.

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

Mrs. F. P. Chandler of Houston is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Larry Jacobs of Navasota and A. W. Ellis were among the number remembering the Courier Thursday.

Miss Mary Lee Benedict left Monday afternoon for Whitewright to spend Christmas with her parents.

Harold Hail is at home from Shreveport, where he has a position with a lumber manufacturing company.

Miss Estelle Bromberg of Galveston is spending the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bromberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Higginbotham of Stephenville will arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

There is no better or more appropriate gift for a man than a nice bath robe. All sizes and prices at John Millar's. It.

For Rent.

R. M. Atkinson's brick store, terms reasonable. Apply to Mrs. L. A. Collins. 2t.

Walter English, Alton Lemay and Milton Thomas are at home from Texas University, Austin, for the holiday season.

Christmas neckwear at from 50 cents to \$1.50—a magnificent stock of beautiful patterns to select from at John Millar's. It.

Principal B. F. Thomas of the Crockett High School is spending his holiday vacation with the home-folks at Troupe.

Sinks McLarty is at home from college to be with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. U. McLarty, during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Howell of Dallas are here to take Christmas with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston.

A big shipment of the latest ties, gloves, belts, socks and handkerchiefs, neatly boxed in holiday boxes, on display at Kennedy's.

Locke Cook, a student of Southwestern University, Georgetown, came in Saturday night to spend Christmas with home-folks.

There are lots and lots of gloves—some good, some better, some best. Ours are the best to be had for men. John Millar.

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

2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Misses Jennie Arledge, Mack Burton and Violet Phillips are at home from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, for the holiday festivities.

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. Hail & McLean. tf.

Worked in the Hay Field.

Arthur Jones, Allen, Kas., writes: "I have been troubled with bladder and kidney troubles for a good many years. If it were not for Foley Kidney Pills I would never be able to work in the hay field." Men and women past middle age find these pills a splendid remedy for weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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

Misses Grace Denny, Beasley Denny and Alice Foster will return home this week from Texas University, Austin, for the holiday season.

Do not spend any time wondering what you will give as Christmas presents, but visit our store and thus solve the problem. 1t. Kennedy's.

You can buy anything you want in the dry goods, gents' furnishing goods and shoe departments for less at the Big Store. 2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

For Trade.

One hundred acres of land in west Texas, near county site, for Houston county property. 4t. Aldrich & Crook.

Misses Gussie Smith, Mattie Arnold and Callie Currie, attending college at Denton, were in Crockett Sunday, en route their homes in the Arbor community, southeast of town. Buy gifts for a man at a man's store. There is nothing more appropriate than a Christmas box of linen handkerchiefs, and there is no better place to buy them than at John Millar's. It.

Peas Wanted.

We are in the market for sound, dry, black-eyed peas and small, white peas. 5t. Waller Grocery Co., Trinity, Texas.

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.

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.

Miss Norma Frels has returned to her home at New Ulm, Miss Leita Lawrence to Arp, Miss Grace McGarr to Livingston, Miss Reed to Hugo, Oklahoma, and Miss Fitzgerald to north Texas for their holiday vacations. These young ladies are teachers in our city schools.

Holiday Excursions

Via I. & G. N. Railway, 1½ fare. Round trip tickets to Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Memphis on sale December 18, 23, 24, 25 and 26 and January 1, limit January 5; to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Washington, Baltimore, all points in Southeast and several points in Colorado, sell December 21, 22 and 23, limit January 18. See ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway. 3t.

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.

Highest aim is quality.

It Relieves, Purifies and Strengthens. Take Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla when your blood is out of order and your system needs strengthening. Take Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla when you are troubled with Malaria and are having Chills and Fever. Admire 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.

Thanks to Our Friends

to whom we extend our sincere wishes for a

Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year

H. J. Phillips

Groceries and Feed

For Rent

Two brick store buildings now occupied by R. G. Lundy's saddle shop. Apply to

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