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## Pretty Church Wedding.

On Wednesday evening, May 16, at the First Methodist church, occurred the wedding of Miss Grace Darling Simpson and Mr. Rufus Ernest Weaver. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Simpson of this city. The floral framing for the beautiful ceremony was pleasing and artistic, the color motif being pink and green. The setting for the pictorial achievement was given by white lattice work twined with Southern ivy on which lovely pink roses climbed. This supported an archway from the center of which suspended the wedding bell, made entirely of pink roses. Pink and white ribbons were placed in such manner that on being drawn caused a shower of rose petals to descend on the handsome couple at the close of the ceremony. Pedestals holding pot plants were very effectively placed, thus all forming what someone described as a "perfect rose bower." Previous to the ceremony a musical program was rendered, Mrs. A. M. Decuir the organist being assisted by Mr. Sam Schildkret, flutist. Organ numbers consisted of The Swan—Saint Saens, and Dantino by St. Clair; Coronation March, which was played at the entrance of the Cadman Club, who gave the two following numbers, "Awake, Awake" by Vogrich and "Summer Fancies." The Cadman Club was very ably directed by Mrs. M. L. Sheppard. A solo, "Oh Fair, Oh Sweet and Holy," by Cantor, was sung by Miss Wall. Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus was rendered by special friends of the bride. D'Hardelot's "Because" was rendered by Mrs. J. P. Hail at the conclusion of the ceremony, the words seeming most appropriate at such a time.

At the first strains of the wedding chorus the ushers, Messrs. W. W. Aiken and Downes Foster, advanced slowly down the aisle, followed by the junior bridesmaids, who made a charming picture indeed in their dainty costumes of pink, white and blue, and enhanced the beauty of the scene by forming a semi-circle underneath the rose bower. Each maid carried arm bouquets of carnations and roses tied with fluffy bows of mailine corresponding in color to each costume. The bridesmaids were Misses Louine McLarty, Hattie Stokes, Wilma Shivers, Delha M. Wooters, Elizabeth DuPuy, Leita Cunyus, Allie Beuhring, Hallie Weaver, maid of honor. Miss Weaver was gowned in white silk net over white satin with silver lace and corsage bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Beuhring's gown was of pink taffeta, with loopings of chiffon and pearl trimming. The groomsmen were Messrs. Harry Fred Moore, Legare Atmar, Carroll Denison, Brinson Lundy, John Langston, Taylor Langston, L. L. Moore; James L. Perkins Jr. of Alto best man. Mrs. J. W. Shivers, handsome in white lingerie with lace trimmings, gave away the bride. She and Mrs. Ada Shupak, who was charming in white net over blue satin with trimmings of lace and ornamented with pink and blue rosebuds, sisters of the bride, were the matrons, carrying arm bouquets of white lilies and maiden hair fern. The flower girls, Edna Earl Weaver, Christine Shupak, Elizabeth Shivers and Augusta Ione Shivers, carrying white

baskets filled with rose petals, gracefully strewed them in the pathway of the bride. Harvey Asher, the pretty child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Asher, served as ring bearer. The beautiful, impressive ceremony was read by Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, and the organ number, "Hearts and Flowers," softly played, added to the solemnity.

A reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shivers. The home was tastefully decorated. In the library the receiving line was composed of the bridal party and out of town guests, who stood in the shape of a horse shoe, signifying good luck. The dining room blossomed in daintiness, the table being covered with Cluny, and streamers of pink and blue, suspended from the chandelier, were gracefully festooned and caught with bunches of forgetmenots, while a big bowl of Killarney roses graced the center of the table. Miss Mary Aldrich presided over the register, which was artistic, hand painted with roses and forgetmenots. While the Victrola discoursed lovely music, delicious punch was served; brick cream and cake conforming to color requirements was served. The favors were two small hearts, hand painted, daintily tied with small bows of pink and blue ribbon. Mrs. Jas. S. Shivers, Mrs. Fisher Arledge, Mrs. Clifford Kennedy, Miss Leona Thomas, Mrs. Pinkney Hail, Mrs. White and Miss Sallie Thomas ably assisted Mrs. Shivers in entertaining. The bride's bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern was caught by Miss Leita Cunyus.

The bride's gown was white silk net embroidered in silver over taffeta; the court train of white satin caught in loops with lilies of the valley and orange blossoms. Her going away gown was of navy blue taffeta with hat and accessories to match.

Mr. Weaver is the chief clerk of the Cotton Belt lines in Tyler and a gentleman of sterling character.

The out of town guests were Miss Lexie Edwards of Tyler; Miss Bertrice Arnold of Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Arnold of Trinity, Mrs. Ridgeway, Mrs. Dunn and Mr. David J. Neill from Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Mitchell and Miss Langston of Palestine, Miss Allie Beuhring of Galveston, Mr. Perkins of Alto, Miss Hallie Weaver of Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver left on the midnight train for Houston, St. Louis, Chicago and other points before returning to Tyler to make their home.

## Christian Revival Postponed.

The Brooks-Warner revival, which would have started at the Christian church on the 11th, was postponed for a few weeks on account of the Chautauqua.

Dr. Brooks was expected to be with us last September, but was prevented then on account of the severe illness of his wife, since which time he has not had an open date that he could give us.

Feeling, as we do, that we can not pass up any chance to have Dr. Brooks hold us a meeting, the church has invited him to come as soon as he can, whether the date may suit us or not, and we hereby call upon our members, and all other christians who may be well wishers in the work, to stand as "minute men," ready to drop in line when he comes which we hope to be in the near future.

Church Member.

## Ideal Church Wedding.

An ideal wedding was that of Miss Reba Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rich, to Mr. Willie Hayne Collins, celebrated Wednesday evening, May 16, at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist church before an assemblage of relatives and friends in Lovelady.

The church was exquisitely adorned in keeping with the bridal theme. Quantities of ferns gave background tones for the clustering of white roses and sweet peas in lavender hues in large silver baskets, that combination being featured throughout the marriage, including the gowns of the bridal attendants, while chandeliers were draped with bows of satin ribbon and smilax. A fence, simulating a chancel rail, with closed gates was fashioned of smilax and this gate was opened by the flower girls at the approach of the bride.

Preceding the bridal entrance a selected choir from friends of the bride rendered the bridal music. With Miss Edith Wilkerson of Grandview as pianist, they marched in from the rear singing a chorus from the "Rose Maiden," after which Mrs. Dudley Woodson of Crockett and Mrs. Ira J. Young gave a duet, Cadman's "At Dawning." Mrs. Woodson then sweetly sang the bridal solo, D'Hardelot's "Because." Then as the choir sang the chorus, "Faithful and True" from Lohengrin, the bridal party entered, and during the ceremony Miss Wilkerson rendered soft music, giving accompaniment to the speaking of the marriage vows. Mrs. Woodson sang the benediction solo, "O Promise Me."

The groom with his brother, Mr. Joe Collins, as best man, met the bridal party at the altar where Rev. H. E. Harris read the impressive ceremony.

Master Dudley Woodson Jr. as ringbearer immediately preceded the bride who was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by Mrs. Bruner Smith of Longview as matron-of-honor; her cousin, Miss Otice McConnell of Crockett, as maid-of-honor, and Misses Mildred Collins, Alma Moore and Maude McConnell bridesmaids, while little Misses Frances Rayburn, niece of the bride, and Mary Belle Frazier served as flower girls.

The groom's attendants were Messrs. Carl Murray, Arthur Atkinson and C. B. Moore Jr. as groomsmen, while Messrs. Harry Wakefield and Ira J. Young assisted as ushers.

The bride's gown was fashioned of heavy white satin with tulle and silver lace trimmings and finished with a square train which was edged with clusters of orange blossoms. Her tulle veil was arranged in a most becoming fan drapery at the back of a bandeau of orange blossoms. Her bridal bouquet was of Bride's roses and snowy sweet peas with shower effect of sweet peas. Her only ornament was Mr. Collin's gift, a diamond bar pin in platinum mounting.

The matron-of-honor wore a gown of duchesse satin with pearl trimmings and lace draperies, with a hat of silver lace and lavender flowers, and carried an arm bouquet of roses and sweet peas, as did the maid-of-honor who wore a dress of lavender taffeta with tulle and overskirt drapery effect of silver lace. Her hat also was of silver

lace with lavender ribbon bows.

The bridesmaids also wore gowns of lavender taffeta with overdraperies of silver tulle, the silver hats with lavender ribbon and silver slippers, and each carried silver baskets with sweet peas, as did the flower girls, whose baskets were tied with lavender tulle, and who wore daintiest hand-made lingerie dresses with silken girdles and hair ribbons in lavender.

The ringbearer wore a white hand-embroidered suit of linen and carried the golden seal in the petals of a white lily.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The entire home in its embellishments reflected the bridal tone, and quantities of Bride roses and sweet peas found placings against the background of foliage plants. An ice course in the chosen colors was served. The dining room was especially beautiful where the cake, embossed in bride roses and orange blossoms, occupied central position upon the table banked with ferns and sweet peas. Silver candlesticks, bearing the tulle adornment and upholding bridal tapers, encircled the cake.

The bride's book was in charge of Mrs. Ira J. Young while Miss Sue Kennedy and Miss Marie Josserand of Groveton presided over the punch bowl.

The marriage is one of interest to many friends for the bride is a talented musician and a lovable young woman of characteristics which count for a happy life. Many charming hospitalities planned in her honor have been given since the announcement of her engagement. The groom, a son of Dr. W. B. Collins, state health officer, is a young man of sterling worth. He is cashier of the First National Bank of Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins have gone on their bridal journey which will include San Antonio, Austin and other Texas points, the bride wearing her going away suit of blue taffeta with silver grey trimmings and other accessories in harmony. Their home will be in Lovelady.

A number of out of town guests were present, among them Mrs. C. E. Rayburn, sister of the bride, and children of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McConnell, Mrs. A. B. Burton and daughter, Miss Mac; Messrs. Henry Ellis, Bob McConnell and Downes Foster, all of Crockett; Mrs. Robert J. McMurray and daughter of Austin, and others above named who served as attendants. M.

## All Crops Doing Nicely.

John King, a negro farmer living a few miles from town, sold a bale of cotton in Crockett Friday at 19:30, the bale bringing him \$95.30 for the lint alone. Besides being able to hold his cotton, John reported at the Courier office that he had nine cows and nine calves, all red except one and all fat. He also reported that his corn is laid by and his cotton chopped and that all crops are doing nicely.

## Farm Loan Directors' Meeting.

Saturday at 2 o'clock the directors of the Crockett Farm Loan Association are requested to meet at the club rooms for the purpose of signing the applications of the members who have been accepted by the loan committee, so they can be forwarded to Houston. Every one of the seven members must be present and sign the blanks before any of them can be sent away.

## Miscellaneous Shower.

Tuesday afternoon of last week Mrs. H. B. Monday and Mrs. E. Kennedy entertained with a miscellaneous shower in compliment to Miss Reba Rich, a bride-elect. The elegant home of Mrs. Kennedy was the scene of this most pleasant event. Greeted by the receiving line, consisting of bridal party and out-of-town guests, the happy throng of well wishers was ushered into the dining room and served a delicious salad course.

The next delightful surprise in store for this gay company was when, at the invitation of the hostess, they were gathered around the punch bowl where toasts were drunk to the bride, the groom, the girls who are left behind and "the last of the K. I. Q's." Miss Rich made an appropriate and beautiful response to all these.

At this stage all guests were presented with tiny ships whereon were written what one might expect from the future. Miss Rich was informed by wireless message that, while her ship was late, by going to a certain room in a given latitude and longitude, she would find the good ship "Collins" awaiting her.

This joyful news caused a stampede for the parlor where a heavily laden craft delighted the eyes of each guest present with its beautiful lavender and white fittings and its rich cargo of tasteful gifts.

The out of town guests were Mrs. McConnell, Misses Otice and Maude McConnell of Crockett; Mrs. Robert McMurray, Austin; Mrs. W. B. Smith of Longview and Miss Wilkinson.

## A New Business for Crockett.

Attention is called to the full page advertisement of the Crockett Dry Goods Company on the last page of this paper. Besides the bargains it offers in its price lists, the advertisement contains some interesting and valuable reading matter. The Crockett Dry Goods Company's sale is being put on by Mr. H. L. Morrison, formerly with James S. Shivers & Co. of this city. Mr. Morrison has embarked in the business of special sales manager for which his long years of experience as a salesman so peculiarly fits him. He expects to conduct sales in neighboring towns as well as in Crockett. He is also well equipped to conduct advertising campaigns for those who have not the time to conduct their own special advertising, and there is a splendid field right here at home for such a business. Mr. Morrison was engaged by the Crockett Dry Goods Company to prepare its advertisement. His services will be at the disposal of others who have not the time to devote to such work, all such work entrusted to him being handled, as a matter of course, in the strictest confidence. The Courier bespeaks a successful advertising and sales business for Mr. Morrison.

## Automobile Registrations.

No. 429, P. Leoni, Ratcliff, Oakland touring.  
No. 430, J. R. Mainer, Lovelady, Buick touring.  
No. 431, D. F. Arledge, Crockett, Elgin roadster.  
No. 432, J. M. Hewitt Jr., Weches, Dort touring.  
No. 433, Mrs. Hattie Ellis, Crockett, Maxwell touring.  
No. 434, B. F. Dent, Crockett, Dodge touring.

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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.

### WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY OWE THE NEWSPAPER?

The people of Crockett and the rest of Houston county—if they are properly supporting their county newspapers—have a right to expect and do expect much from the newspapers in the way of promoting the general good. This is as it should be. But what of the expectations of the community newspapers? Is it to expect nothing in return for the service that is exacted of it by its community? Is the community not under a like responsibility toward the newspaper? Or is it, a one-sided affair—the newspaper owing all to the community and the community owing nothing in return. Now, the Courier wants every man in Houston county who is not a patron of the county newspapers to give this question his best and most serious thought. There can be only one answer, and that is that the obligation rests equally as heavy on the one as on the other. Then, don't you think it is about time—those of you who are withholding your printing and advertising patronage and borrowing your neighbor's paper to read—that it is about time you were waking up? How much longer do you expect the newspapers to go on "boosting" the town and county unless you cooperate with a patronizing support? We are speaking of a principle of community co-operation and of a general rule in business as applied between benefactor and benefitted. The newspapers have been engaged in the general up-lift so long that a part of the public has come to look at it as a free gift to the community without the incurring of any obligation on the part of the community. We are speaking generally. Personally, we have no complaint. The Courier has some loyal friends who have stuck to it through thick and thin and are yet sticking to it, and we want to assure them right now and beyond any question of doubt that they and their support are appreciated beyond expression. But is not the broad principle, as laid down by the Courier, the correct principle?

There can be no doubt that the German government paltered a long time with the question whether it should make a somewhat definite statement of its peace terms. The demand that it do so, coming from both the socialists and junkers, evidently embarrassed it. It perceived the possibilities of danger which lay in a denial of a request so natural and reasonable. But if it was long in making its decision, it at all events made a courageous one. Instead of resolving to appease curiosity by feeding it with a little information, which would have been the irresolute or compromising course, the government elected to make flat denial. Not only has it categorically refused to vouchsafe any information whatever, but the chancellor phrased the refusal in a way which was

somewhat needlessly emphatic. Thus, instead of cowering before the discontent which inspired the demand for information, it challenges the covert threats which accompanied the demand. The spirit of insurgency may be quite as rife among the German people as vague reports have encouraged the world to believe it is; one must wait for the popular reaction before that can be determined. But it is manifest that at least the government has not yet been daunted by it. It still has the hardihood to refuse to let the German people know to what end, for what purpose, they are bleeding to death. Such an attitude is at odds with the notion that there is any imminent danger of revolution in Germany.—Georgetown Commercial.

### HOG RAISING ADVANTAGES.

The imperative need for an abundant food supply this year demands an increase in pork production. The agricultural authorities unite in declaring that the livestock holdings of farmers already are too low and they must not be reduced further in order to obtain greater yields of staple crops. Fortunately this is not necessary. Hog raising can be extended in many sections of the country where it is now of little importance, and the total supply of human food increased accordingly.

At the present time a large part of our pork comes from the states in the corn belt, where it is the common belief that hog raisers possess advantages that farmers in other sections lack. This, however, is not altogether true. The South, the East, and the extreme West possess advantages of their own, and there is no reason why the industry should not be developed extensively in those regions.

The South has an abundance of vegetation. Cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, and peanuts are leguminous crops which do well there and have great value in pig raising. Corn grows rapidly in all parts of the South, and in the subtropical sections the experience of feeders with cassava indicates that it has considerable value for pork production. In addition, there is generally an abundant water supply, the climate is mild, and there is a long period in which green feed is available. These conditions, which also lessen the expense of shelter and winter feeding, permit a long period of pasture and outdoor life.

### MANY MEN AND MANY HOBBIES.

Almost every man we meet these days has a hobby and he wants the newspaper man to help his hobby along. Of course, it is a physical impossibility to do so, the number being so large and constantly growing. It is wonderfully surprising the small number of people who are willing to contribute with their patronage to the support of a county newspaper and the large number who rush first to the newspaper for some kind of assistance. A good rule for the editor who wishes to keep out of trouble to adopt is to resolve to write nothing that he is asked to write, unless paid for his service on the same basis as are the other professions. All available space should be utilized for the dissemination of the news in which all subscribers, and not the few, are interested, with such editorial comment as may be deemed advisable.

The man who holds office holds a trust from the people and he should look to their interests. It is not his alone that he could consider. He is concerned only as a citizen and he represents not only this citizen but he represents every citizen within his district. If a public

servant fails in his duty those who have elected him should take a hand in the matter and see that any wrong is righted. The Rusk County News makes this point along this line: "We want men in positions who feel their responsibility so keenly that every act will be for the public welfare. Men whose positions authorize them to appropriate the people's money should be guided by the same principles that control the most careful business man in operations of his business. The millions of dollars appropriated by congress and state legislatures that never benefit the public shows a wasteful lack of business principles, or a great disregard of public funds. Extravagance is bad enough when practiced by individuals in the management of private affairs, but when indulged in at the public expense is little less than a crime."

### THE TRAITORS.

It now looks as if every able bodied man in the United States will have to go to doing a full day's work or leave the country. Just where he will go, we do not know.—Georgetown Commercial.

A man who runs from this country to escape work just now, can run only into war, and doubtless that would be considered by him a dash from the frying pan into the fire. If he goes to Mexico, Carranza or Villa is apt to press him into service, and if he goes to Canada, he will be sent to the front. If he starts across the Atlantic, a submarine is apt to get him, and if he crosses the Pacific he will find both Japan and China waiting to conscript him. He would be as much a man ever after as the one told about by Edward Everett Hale's story of "A Man Without a Country."—Texas Republic.

The 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 men in the United States who have been joy-riding only during the past ten years must go to work. The people have carried them on their backs long enough. Patriotism, loyalty and Americanism demands that every able-bodied man in the country get busy and stay busy. He is a traitor if he doesn't meet the issues before the country.

### Our First Chautauqua.

Our first season of Chautauqua has come and gone, leaving the pleasantest of memories and a belief that as a community we are better for having had the experience. As proof of this sentiment being quite general, a contract for a like program next year was signed by seventy-five of our best people as fast as the committee could get to them.

We have something of special importance now to look forward to, and in the light of the universal satisfaction over our first experience, much enjoyment will be experienced in anticipating the coming of our second season of high grade musical and literary entertainment.

From a talk with Mr. Rupert, the efficient superintendent, just before he left us, we learned of some features he has in mind for next year that will add greatly to the value of the program. To put it plainly, we are assured that while this year's program was mighty fine and no one has found a word of fault, the program next year will be some better.

Right here the secretary wishes to say something that is quite pertinent and most important as bearing on the success of the Chautauqua next season. The splendid patronage from our neighboring towns contributed materially to making this year's season such a financial and social success, but Crockett has taken on an obligation in that connection that must be

## Oil Mill Will Close

All parties having cotton seed for sale or those wanting to buy for planting will please bring in or get what they need as we will close down about June 12.

## Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Company

paid with compound interest.

We have reference to the bargain we made with the good people of Grapeland. When we extended the invitation for them to come over in a body on "Grapeland Day" we promised to return the compliment next month on the occasion of their three-day Chautauqua, many fold, or words to that effect. You all know how beautifully Grapeland responded, with forty carloads of enthusiastic boosters and made their day the crowning success of the season. Now, good folks of Crockett, this means that nothing short of one hundred carloads from our town will properly square the account, and we ought to make it two hundred loads. On account of big doings in Crockett the second day of the Grapeland event, it has been thought best to have Tuesday, June 19, Crockett day. Lets begin to get ready.

H. A. Fisher.

### Excursion Notice.

Galveston popular excursion—first of the season, Saturday, May 26, via I. & G. N. Railway. Tickets on sale for trains arriving Galveston Saturday p. m., May 26, and Sunday a. m., 27th. Final return limit Monday, May 28. Ask agent I. & G. N. for particulars. It.

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## GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REGULATE FOOD SUPPLY

President Says Aims Are to Assist Farmers and Others in Legitimate Distribution.

Washington.—President Wilson outlined the administration's food control program in a statement Saturday and declared the powers asked for the government are no greater than those other governments at war have been compelled to take. There is no intention, he said, to restrain or interfere with normal processes or production.

The statement also makes announcement that Herbert C. Hoover has been asked to become food administrator and that he has accepted on condition that neither he nor his immediate assistants shall receive any pay for their services.

The statement follows: "It is very desirable, in order to prevent misunderstandings or alarms and to assure co-operation in a vital matter that the country should understand exactly the scope and purpose of the very great powers which I have thought necessary in the circumstances to ask congress to put in my hands with regard to our food supplies. Those powers are very great indeed, but they are no greater than it has proved necessary to lodge in the other governments which are conducting this momentous war, and their object is stimulation and conservation, not arbitrary restraint or injurious interference with the normal processes of production.

"They are intended to assist the farmer and all those who play a legitimate part in the preparation, distribution and marketing of foodstuffs.

"It is proposed to draw a sharp line of distinction between the normal activities of the government reported in the department of agriculture in reference to production, conservation and marketing on the one hand and the emergency activities necessitated by the war in reference to the regulation of food distribution and consumption on the other. All measures intended directly to extend the normal activities of the department of agriculture in reference to production, conservation and marketing of farm crops will be administered, as in normal times, through that department and the powers asked for over distribution and consumption; over exports, imports, prices, purchase and requisition of commodities, storing and the like which may require regulation during the war, will be placed in the hands of a commissioner of food administration appointed by the president and directly responsible to him."

### Convention of Texas Suffragists.

Waco, Tex.—The seventh annual convention of the Texas equal suffrage association adjourned Thursday. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Galveston, re-elected; honorary president, Miss Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio; first vice president, Mrs. H. B. Moore, Texas City; second vice president, Mrs. Anna Walker, Austin; third vice president, Mrs. E. H. Potter, Tyler; recording secretary, Mrs. John Davis, Dallas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Cade, Chester; treasurer, Mrs. Sterling Myer, Houston.

### The Irish Question.

London.—For the first time in modern history the destinies of Ireland are to be placed in the hands of Irishmen alone. The British prime minister David Lloyd George, announced to the house of commons Tuesday that the government will call a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland, and if Irishmen are able to agree upon any scheme for the administration of their country, will attempt to enact it into legislation without delay.

### TO AID THE GOVERNMENT.

Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association Offer Their Entire Resources to Government During the War.

Dallas, Tex.—Resources and services of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association were tendered the United States government in a resolution adopted by that body in annual convention Thursday. Every cotton growing state was represented by the 1,362 registered delegates. Fielding Wallace of Augusta, Ga., was elected president, and Robert E. Montgomery of Chickasha, Okla., vice president.

The resolution offering services of the association to the national government, after mentioning the war situation, the food conservation campaign and production of foodstuffs, recites that members of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association are guardians of one of the world's greatest resources of food and feed, and the basis of munitions; that cotton seed meal is a valuable human and animal food, yields an edible oil equal in quantity and excellence to the total production of butter. It says the available cotton seed meal is equal to two million tons

of wheat flour, and is so concentrated that it can be transported to the entente allies easier and cheaper than wheat flour, and could advantageously be substituted for a portion of meats and fats sent to the armies of the allies. A copy of the resolution was telegraphed to President Wilson.

Other resolutions adopted urged planting of more cotton, indorsing all policies of the national administration, asking the government to remove for the period of the war the tax on oleomargarine, and authorizing sending a delegation to Washington to assist legislative committees in food problems.

All of the state governing committees were re-elected. The next meeting place will be decided by the executive committee.

### Two Nurses Killed by Shell.

New York.—An explosion during practice firing of a gun on an American armed merchantman at sea Sunday caused the deaths of Mrs. Edith Ayers and Miss Helen Burnett Wood of Chicago, American Red Cross nurses bound for war duty in France, and injuries to Miss Emma Matzen, another nurse, of Columbus, Neb.

### Visible Supply Suffers Decrease.

New York.—The visible supply of American and bonded grain shows the following changes: Wheat, decrease, 2,907,000 bushels; corn, decrease, 598,000 bushels; oats, decrease, 1,739,000 bushels; rye, decrease, 10,000 bushels; barley, decrease, 128,000 bushels.

### Asks for Prohibition in Navy.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels addressed a letter to Speaker Clark Tuesday urging that legislation prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages to soldiers, incorporated in the army bill, be extended to cover the navy.

### DOTTED SWISS WIDELY USED

Death of Other Desirable Fabrics Makes It Very Much in Evidence in Little Girls' Wardrobes.

No material lends itself more to originality in fashioning the little girl's clothes than the dotted swiss. And now, when there is dearth of desirable fabrics on account of the foreign war, dotted swiss is distinctly in evidence. Not only is it obtainable in white with dots of various sizes but in a wide range of colors, from pastel shades to vivid yellow and pink. Pale pink, ecru, white and white with pale blue dots are the most suitable for the little girl's wardrobe.

While the dotted swiss is most desirable for the little girl's dress, there are many other uses for which it is adapted. For instance, ecru swiss is most attractive as a lining for a pongee coat. White dotted swiss combined with China silk also makes an effective outside garment for summer wear.

Then, too, there are many other ways in which the dotted swiss is found to be a valuable factor in the child's outfit. Canning aprons are made of the swiss. These aprons are made in envelope fashion and trimmed with a narrow edge of Valenciennes lace.

In addition, collars suitable for wear on a coat or silk dress are made of the swiss; sashes, bonnet strings, and, indeed, hats and bonnets as well, are all made from this durable material.

### SHIRTWAISTS WILL BE WORN

Women Will Not Give Up This Conventional and Satisfactory Raiment at Mere Dictate of Fashion.

It is quite evident that women will wear the conventional shirtwaist this summer, although the short satin tunic has been the preference for the winter. The delightful feeling of something fresh and washable next the skin is not to be given up for mere fashion. One might summarize the exhibition of spring blouses as follows:

Heavy Chinese silk in narrow candy stripes, in different colors, is made up in a severe style, with a rolling collar and pearl buttons.

Flesh-colored chiffon, georgette and fine voile are trimmed with flet, Irish crochet and honiton laces, and made up with long sleeves, sailor collar and groups of fine tucks in front.

A hundred blouses will have a deep sailor collar edged with lace, to ten that are arranged otherwise at the neck.

White crepe de chine is made into blouses, with broad panels of flet lace extending down the front. There is a flat, turn-over collar. The sleeves are long and gathered into deep, tight cuffs of flet lace.

White chiffon is knife-plaited from shoulders to waist, with two wide bands of lace forming the front. The sleeves are full, with a tight cuff of lace and a wide band of it placed at the back from shoulder to cuff.

Crude tones of blue, red, green and yellow in a thick weave of Japanese silk are simply made and offered for use with dark tailored suits.

## JERSEY HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS

It is No Longer a Novelty But Ruling Fabric Among the Informal Gowns.

### SOMBER TONES PREDOMINATE

None of Colors Adopted in Models Imported From France is Especially Attractive to the American Woman.

The history of Jersey cloth could not be written in one chapter. Its introduction was not taken seriously, but its persistence has caused it to be regarded with importance.

It is quite useless to attempt to describe the spring fashions without starting from Jersey, incorporating it in the middle and ending up with it. It has ceased to be a novelty. It has become a standard fabric. It is so strongly, and disagreeably, like certain well-advertised brands of American woolen for men's underwear, that one feels partially undressed when wearing it. Its slender surface, which tantalized the economical woman and was the delight of the extravagant woman, appears to have been relegated to the limbo of things that were.

The weave that does not indicate by its appearance that it was ever intended for smart and expensive apparel is the weave that is accepted. There is a French quality that cannot be duplicated in this country, the dressmakers say, and the woman who orders a suit or frock of it pays a good fat price for it, with the satis-



This frock is made of blue gaberdine and the curve at the knees is accentuated by machine stitching in blue and embroidery in blue beads. The short cape buttons on the shoulder. The fancy vest is of white organdie.

no silk Jersey there; all the apparel was made of this new and prevailing weave which has an unfinished, elegant appearance.

One has a feeling that the exigencies of war have made women get hold of all the men's undershirts they could find, dip them in the dye pot, put a belt around them and use them with a plaited skirt.

The one feeling of discouragement that the American importers have had about the abundance of Jersey cloth clothes was caused by the sad tones which the buyers have chosen. An almost unlimited range of gray and beige predominates.

Not one of these colors is especially attractive on the American woman. It takes a peculiarly toned brunette to wear string, mastic, cafe au lait, beige and the biscuit tones, and it takes a peculiarly toned blonde to wear gray in its several light shades that have neither blue nor mauve in them.

However, the French designers have got around this by using collars, belts, cuffs and facings of black, dark blue and white on these gray and beige Jersey costumes.

It may be due to some inability to dye this new type of Jersey that the sad colors are chosen, or it may be that the manufacturers of materials in France prefer to use the gray and beige in these everyday suits and keep the gorgeous colors for evening and afternoon frocks.

There are one-piece frocks of this Jersey in gray which are seemingly shapeless, but they are not to be overlooked because of that seeming defect, for they appear to advantage on the figure and are being ordered by the best dressed women in the country. There are plaits or irregular lines of stitching placed below the waistline, in order to break the severity of the long line from head to foot. They fasten in front and are loosely held in around the waist by a girdle that is apt to go about the figure three times and then loop on the side or the middle of the back.

### Have Long Tunic Coats.

The majority of the Jersey suits, and they may be called frocks as well, have long, tunic coats that reach to the knees and must be slipped on over the head through the opening at the neck. These coats are, as shapeless as the costumery of the tenth century, and they depend entirely upon the girdle for a silhouette of any grace or distinction.

One of the best of the Jersey frocks, which was instantly snapped up by the American woman, is a combination of black and cafe au lait. The top of the skirt is of the latter color and is slightly held in at the waistline so that it will not stretch in an ungainly manner across the hips and spine. It is cut off across the hips in a sharp line that turns and outlines a panel in the back. The lower half of the skirt is of black Jersey, joined to the top in such a manner that it gives a slight barrel effect and then curves in to the ankles and falls in an irregular line at the hem, which is the prevailing note of the really smart frock. The slim bodice clings to the figure like the



This gown is made of blue serge trimmed with black satin. The sleeves are banded and built of the two materials joined by soutache. The turn-over collar is faced with natural shantung.

first jerseys which Lily Langtry made

famous, but never do they show such a silhouette as she presented to the world, for the days of tiny waists, curved hips and slender shoulders have been eliminated.

To keep the tone of the cafe au lait away from the face, there is a wide, rolling, horse collar of black, and the long, tight sleeves, which are buttoned from elbow to wrist, flare so far over the hands that they have to be rolled back carelessly to show a black facing. The belt is five inches high, softly folded, buttoned at the side with black bone, and has a top which rolls down to show a black lining. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

## VESTS ARE NOTABLE

Mannish Feature of New Styles Wins Wide Popularity.

Many of the "Weskits" Are Quite Independent of Suits or Frocks With Which They Are Worn.

The 1917 season is one of contradictions. It is quite easy one moment to decide definitely that all apparel developed for femininity is distinctly feminine, and in the very next moment run into something so mannish that decision number one is completely reversed.

In the line-up of things masculine or mannish the clever little vests are notable. Neckwear or accessory designers and manufacturers have con-



Vests for All Occasions.

tributed their quota to popularizing the gilet or vest, as "weskits" galore have been turned out quite separate and apart from the suits or frocks they are destined to adorn. A woman may possess modish plain white vests of plique, linen, broadcloth, etc., in one tone high color or rakish, sporty affairs in broad and striking checks suggestive of the racecourse togery. These vests are sometimes complete in themselves, being in fact merely little sleeveless jackets to be worn underneath the coat, and again they must be sewed or hooked into the garment and made a very real and definite part of it.

A modish tailored vest of black and white checked faille silk is here shown, accompanying a suit coat of navy serge. The blouse and collar, or stock, worn with a severely tailored vest is usually quite mannish, in order to agree with the general suggestion. But-soft stocks and jabots and ruffle front shirts are also worn. The vest or gilet is featured as a part of many smart spring coats and dresses as well as suits.

### Meeting of Texas Bankers.

El Paso, Tex.—Howell E. Smith of McKimney was elected president of the Texas Bankers' Association at the closing session of the convention Thursday. Galveston was selected as the meeting place for the 1918 convention.

### Japanese Gunboats to France.

Paris.—A number of Japanese gunboats have arrived at Marseilles to aid in the war on-German submarines and convoy French merchantmen.

### Father and Son Perish.

Hillsboro, Tex.—County Tax Collector R. B. (Bob) Martin and his son Brooks are dead of burns received at an early hour Sunday morning when their home was destroyed by fire.

### Fort Worth to Get Next Meeting.

Austin, Tex.—Fort Worth was selected as the place for the 1918 convention by the Texas Music Teachers' Association which finished its annual session Thursday. All of the present officers were unanimously re-elected.



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### GETS ONE HUNDRED MILLION

Russian Loan Makes Grand Total of \$670,000,000 Loaned by United States to Allies in Three Weeks.

Washington, May 16.—The United States today loaned Russia \$100,000,000. The money was loaned to be spent as needed, without stipulation or understanding of any sort further than Russia stands back of the obligation, will make it good and will spend the money in this country under the supervision of a representative of the treasurer department or a commission to be named by the American government.

The latter stipulation was made in a spirit of co-operation without intending to embarrass the Russian government or to curtail its purchasing powers, but with the end in view that Russia will secure the maximum result for the money she is to spend.

### Germany's Success in Russia.

Germany may not succeed in making a separate peace with Russia. The formal rejection of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates is rather a positive indication that it will not, at least soon; for it has become evident that this executive committee is the most authoritative body existing in Russia. But even if Germany should be balked in this larger purpose, it must be admitted that its intrigue in Russia has already been rewarded with a success that could be much more easily minimized than exaggerated. It has at least succeeded in paralyzing Russia as a military force for the present, and, in all likelihood, for a long time to come. The effect of this success is to be witnessed on the western front. It is only by withdrawing large forces from the eastern front that Germany has been able to resist the British and French offensive. It is hardly too much to say that if the Russians had offered a serious menace in the east at the moment the British and French began making their offensive, the Germans would now be making their stand pretty close to their own frontiers. Judged only by the results already recorded, it is hardly extravagant to say that the Russian revolution, under German cultivation, has been the salvation of Germany.

Indeed, one may find reasons to question whether even a separate peace would make a very substantial addition to the advantage which

Germany has already derived from that momentous event. One may consider the elements of that question without hazarding an answer to it.

A peace between Russia and Germany would be a peace between Russia and Austria as well. In fact, a peace between Russia and Germany would almost certainly extend to all of Germany's allies. Only such a peace would serve the needs of Russia, and only such a peace could discharge Germany's obligation to its allies. Italy, in that case, would be almost forced to make terms with Austria, for it could not alone withstand the weight of Austria's military power. This would leave all Germany's allies free to come to its rescue in the west. Whether they would do so or not is the decisive question; for, if they should, the Germans would oppose an overwhelming strength to the British and French—and to us, if at that time we should be represented on the western front. But it is rather unlikely than otherwise that Germany's allies would make much if any effort in its behalf. Their weariness and exhaustion are such that they would hardly have the fortitude to continue to endure their sufferings vicariously. Doubtless they would refrain from making peace with Germany's other enemies, but they would hardly be persuaded to make any sacrifice in its behalf. For there is little affection for Germany in Austria, Turkey or Bulgaria.

If, then, its allies should lapse into something like a passive attitude, the war would resolve itself into a contest between the whole strength of Germany, on the one side, and that of Great Britain, France, Belgium and the United States on the other. An opinion as to the probable outcome of such a contest would be of no value, but one may be permitted the suggestion that, to win at all, Germany would have to win promptly. For, with the United States actively engaged, the preponderance of power, military, financial and economic, would still be heavily against Germany.—Galveston News.

### Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Cass County, on the 14th day of April, 1917, by Jas. N. Simmons, J. P. Precinct No. 1 of said Cass

County for the sum of One hundred fifty-five and no 100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of W. E. Latham in a certain cause in said Court, No. 845, and styled W. E. Latham vs. Frank Spriggs placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 18th day of April, 1917, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

40 acres of land out of the S. W. corner of the H. P. Davis 160 acre survey, better known as the Spriggs place, situated in Houston County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Frank Spriggs and that on the first Tuesday in June 1917, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Frank Spriggs.

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

Witness my hand, this 7th day of May, 1917.

R. J. Spence, Sheriff,  
St. Houston County, Texas.

### Russia's Position.

The Russkoye Slovo (Russian Word), a Russian daily paper published in New York, takes a view that may not be in keeping with the ideas of its editor's countrymen across the water. It is optimistic to a degree and shows the impossibility of Russia concluding a separate peace. It says:

New Russia understands and realizes her obligations, her tasks, and her duties. Her government understands all this. Woe to Russia if she ceases to be mindful of the historic duties that rest upon her. No name worthy of her fall will be found for her among the peoples of the world. The depth of her moral degradation will be unfathomably lower than that to which Germany has sunk by violating all human rights.

Happily for Russia and the whole world, this will never take place. The people of Russia have awakened to the new life, and it follows those who lead it along the road to true progress.

Neither the German gold nor the German organization of espionage in Russia, working today with feverish activity, nor the fanatics of the extreme elements, who forget facts and history, in their useless chase after the dogma—nothing will be able to compel Russia to turn aside from this road. There will be no separate peace with Germany; just as there will be no return to the old regime. Fallen into the oblivion of unspeakable disgrace, the old regime has carried away with it the actual possibility of Russia's treason to the common cause of the allies.

With a hope that this is all true, there is no doubt that the danger still exists. Strong men are needed in Russia now to combat the German influence. It is announced that the Root commission to Russia will endeavor to reach that country as early as possible.

The commission goes to Russia purely as a committee of service. This nation is willing to spend any sum and exert any effort to stiffen Russia's backbone, so the dispatches tell. The Root commission will stay there as long as is necessary and will have full plenipotentiary powers to act for the United States government.

While it goes to act in the matter of financing the Russian government, in reorganizing its railroads, that supplies and food may be transported, it is also to consider diplomatic relations and army re-

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organization.

But chief of all is stiffening the backbone of Russia. Were the people of Russia of one accord there would be no trouble about this process, but as they are divided and on the verge of civil war, with a strong German influence being exercised in an effort at a separate peace with Russia, it is indicated that the commission should speed up a bit. It is now that the counsel and advice of able men is needed in Russia to keep it from anarchy and dismemberment. For Russia to agree to a separate peace with Germany would mean disaster to it forever. The kaiser may give, but he will take away when opportunity offers.

It is claimed that Russia will be offered the freedom of the Dardanelles as an alluring bait to this end. Turkey may easily be influenced by Germany to agree to this and when the war is over, Germany will take away from Russia this privilege and bring that nation under its fullest rule should not Germany be thoroughly defeated in the present war.—Austin American.

### How to Raise a Boy.

"How to Raise a Boy?" Why, if anybody knew how to raise a boy he would conquer the world. He would take his place at the head of all philosophers—and stand as the most exalted of men! If there could be written rules for rearing children, all problems would be solved. There would be no distress

in the world—no hunger, no suffering, no injustice, no crime, no blots upon the whole face of the earth.

"Boys are born, and proceed to grow. They have heaped upon them from their earliest understanding all manner of admonitions. They have showered upon them more human love than any other creatures that are born. They have more care and attention—and pay less attention to it—than any other things that come into the world. Now and then one develops into a real man; now and then one develops into a criminal; now and then one breaks the hearts of all who have anything to do with him. But none of them follow precepts of advice. None of them develop among the lines they are taught. None of them turn out exactly as those having them in charge expect them to turn out.

"It is this way: A mother has two sons. They receive the same care and attention. Their environment is identical. They eat the same food. They have equal opportunities or advantages as regards education. They study under the same teacher—or refuse to study under them. Theoretically, they ought to make the same kind of men, for they have been brought up together. But they don't. They are nothing alike when they are grown. One is good, the other bad. One is studious, the other refuses to study. One is reliable, the other unreliable. No, there is no telling how a boy ought to be raised.—Dayton News.

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### Some Mistakes Corrected.

Now that all differences between this association and the representatives of the "special or bonded road districts" have been settled, it is to be hoped that the new road law will be given a fair trial. If it should be found to be defective in any particular it can be amended. It was not the purpose of the authors of this law to make it operate unjustly upon any class or section. It was meant, chiefly, to put a stop to waste and extravagance in the public expenditures for road purposes, and to give the people a voice in such expenditures. That end, we think, has been attained. Out of what we felt was but justice to the "advisory boards" of the special road districts and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by them, we consented to a change in the law so as to meet their objections. This, we hope, will bring about harmony in the enforcement of the new law, and that all classes, sections and interests will now join hands in the effort to establish a system of good roads that will do justice to the entire county and aid the remote sections which have been so badly neglected in the past. This can be done by hearty and active co-operation between all those who are charged with the duty of constructing and repairing the roads and bridges and by the aid and assistance of the people at large. All must be inspired with the good roads spirit and all must "pull together." With the special road districts being looked after by the "advisory boards" and co-operating with the road superintendent soon to be elected, and with the superintendent giving the most of his attention to the outlying sections where there are no special districts, sustained by the road overseers and the road hands, as well as the people generally, the outlook now seems propitious for the best road system the county ever had, with bright prospects for road improvement everywhere. This is the spirit and this is the purpose that should animate and control us all in this very important work, there being none more so insofar as concerns the material development of the county. It is this co-operation of all the good roads forces and their active and unceasing work for good roads in the county that is hoped for in the future.

Some criticism of the new law and of the work of this association has appeared in a portion of the county press, but we do not think anything has been set down in malice. We attribute it to a misconception of the facts and a misinterpretation of what we have said. We are far from desiring antagonism between the "town and country people" and stand ready to go as far as any one to bring about more harmony and co-operation between them. It is our candid opinion that the general welfare and prosperity of both demand this. What was said about the distribution of the late \$110,000 "raid" on the county treasury was meant only to show how unequally the expenditure of it operated, and, therefore, its injustice. The Grapeland and Crockett road districts received no more than their just portion of this money, and they alone will be taxed under the contract to pay back the money they received. The point is, that so many sections of the county received no benefit from this money, but will still be taxed to pay the debt thus imposed; but this is not the fault of either or both of the Crockett and Grapeland districts. It was a matter over which they had no control, and since the commissioners' court saw fit, unwisely, as we believe, to make the contract anyway, these districts merely

sought to get "what was coming to them" thereunder.

Then the charge that the new law has "killed" the commissioners' court is without foundation in fact. Until the last ten or twelve years the commissioners had no connection with the construction and repair of the roads and bridges, and yet the county was well governed and good men held the office of county commissioner. It never went "begging." The truth is that the commissioners can find plenty to do in the execution of their offices without having to "monkey" with the public roads. We do not believe good roads are a possibility when left to their exclusive management and control, for the one satisfactory reason that they have not the time to devote to that work. Our idea is to have a good county superintendent, who can give all his time to the duties of his office, and whose vision will take in the whole county and not merely parts of it. But we cannot have this and leave it all in the hands of the commissioners. With them in control, we do not need a superintendent. It is easy to "imagine" what will befall the county under this new law, but we have no sympathy with evil prophecies, and have no doubt that matters will adjust themselves as time goes on.

Taxpayers' Protective Ass'n.

### A Duty to Perform.

The Crockett Chapter of the Texas Division of the United States Army for Food Service met again Tuesday to devise plans for carrying on the demonstration work in food conservation which is to begin in this county June 1. Several were present and quite an interesting meeting was had, but after all it was disappointing to see so comparatively few present when so momentous a question as food conservation was under discussion.

My faith in the patriotism of Crockett women is not yet shaken. I feel that there has been some misunderstanding as to the object of the organization. I believe that when the Crockett ladies come to understand that this organization is a part of a great nation-wide move by the women of the country in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture toward the teaching of better methods of food conservation they will rally to this organization as loyally as are the women in hundreds of other communities.

I want the ladies to understand that this organization is no select affair, but an organization in which every loyal and patriotic woman in the nation is expected to take part. The commissioners' court of this county has recognized the importance of this move and responded with a liberal appropriation with which is to be paid the expenses of three volunteer canning agents who will be with us during the months of June and July. These three young ladies are volunteering their services to the country just the same as our boys who are enlisting in the army, with the exception that the boys receive pay for their services while the young ladies do not.

The object then of the local organization of the Texas Division of the United States Army for Food Service is to organize demonstrations and assist the young lady demonstrators in every way possible to make their work in this county both pleasant to themselves and profitable to the country. I am sure Crockett women will respond like the real patriots that they are when they once see that herein they have a duty to perform for their country.

Respectfully,

W. B. Cook,  
County Agent.

### Our Chautauqua.

The ladies who worked so energetically to bring the Chautauqua to Crockett deserve the thanks of the community for affording our people such nice entertainments. It was an occasion of pleasant diversion and recreation. There was one feature, however, that I wish had been omitted—the Sunday performance. I think there is a law of our state forbidding Sunday amusements where an admission fee is charged. If I am correct as to the existence of such a law then the Chautauqua manager violated this state law, and I am sorry that so many of our people (no doubt thoughtlessly) participated in this violation of our state law. Many ministers and prominent citizens of Fort Worth have lately fought a battle against the Sunday picture shows, contending that it was unlawful for the picture shows to exhibit on Sundays. The Supreme Court lately decided that it was unlawful for the picture shows to exhibit on Sundays. At any rate, it seems evident that a part of the Sunday performances of the Chautauqua were unsuitable for the Sabbath. I had expected to attend on Sunday night, but was detained from doing so, and I was glad that I did not go on that night as I should have felt out of place in attending a show where an admission was charged, and where a portion of the Sunday night entertainment was very different from a religious observance of the Sabbath. I hope hereafter, if we have a Chautauqua, it will be with the condition that the Chautauqua people rest on Sunday and allow our churches to go on with their religious services. Some one may say that I ought not to be a "knocker," but a "booster" of the town. But we cannot expect our town to be "boosted" unless we have God's favor, and we can not expect to have His favor if we openly violate His laws. Besides, it will be no inducement to good persons to become citizens of Crockett if we tolerate lotteries and other gaming schemes, and if we propose to encourage the "wide-open Sunday" that some cities have.

S. F. Tenney.

### Registration Day Named.

The president has named Tuesday, June 5, as registration day for all men between and including the ages of 21 and 30. Sheriff Spence received his instructions Sunday. Registration supplies have been received by the sheriff and County Clerk Owens and are being distributed by them to the various voting precincts over the county. Registrations will be conducted by those who have been appointed to hold elections or by volunteers. According to the instructions, all men between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive will go to their voting boxes and register on Tuesday, June 5. The object of the registration is to get the names of all men between those ages in the United States. Later some of these men may be selected for army service, but to register now does not mean that all or any considerable number of those registering will be taken into service. Only the most available and suitable will be selected.

### Poultry Man Coming.

We received a letter a few days ago from the party whom we quoted last week as considering Crockett as a location for an institution that will make of this a poultry center, saying that a decision favorable to Crockett has been made and they would soon be on the ground ready for business, not later than thirty days.

As stated in our article last week, the success of this enterprise depends wholly upon the way the farmers take hold and grow the

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poultry. Turkeys are an important part of the stock to be grown and the proprietors of the new concern that is coming authorized us to say that they would furnish turkey breeding stock on shares, receiving one half the increase for the use of the stock, and after a farmer had secured a start take the breeders and place them with another farmer, and in this way help to get them all started in what is claimed to be the most profitable part of the business.

Here is the opportunity for every farmer in Houston county to add materially to his income, and that, too, without any additional investment. It is now squarely up to you to say whether we shall have the poultry slaughter house feature added this fall. The women and children can do all the extra work necessary, and in many instances produce as much cash income as is received from the other features of the farm operations.

H. A. Fisher.

### Rose Buds Entertained.

Tuesday evening, May 9, Mrs. Brooke, assisted by her Sunday school class, entertained with a linen shower in honor of Miss Grace Simpson upon her approaching marriage.

The bride-to-be was presented with numerous gifts, both beautiful and useful. Toasts, good wishes, merry songs and pleasant conversation combined to make the affair one long to be remembered by those present.

Mrs. Brooke's "rose buds," as she fondly calls them, are a charming lot of girls and cannot be surpassed as entertainers.

A Guest.

### Crockett High School Commencement.

The forty-sixth annual commencement of the Crockett High School was held in the First Baptist church of this city at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

The program opened with a chorus, "The Voice of the South Wind," by the class, followed with the invocation by Rev. M. L. Shepard. A piano solo, "La Harpe Eo-

liene," was played by Miss Grace Moore, followed with the salutatory, "Education," by Daniel Bracey Russell.

"The Sunshine of Your Smile," by Leonard Cooke, was sung by Miss Leita Cunyus. Then the valedictory, "Happiness, a Mental Attitude," was given by Miss Catherine Tunstall. This was followed with "Dinorah—Caprice de Concert—Hoffman," by Miss Evelyn Bennett.

The address before the class and the presentation of diplomas was by Hon. J. W. Young. The exercises closed with a chorus by the class.

### Potatoes Bring Big Price.

C. E. Updegraff and George Brailsford of Latexo will finish shipping their crops of Irish potatoes this week. Our information is that Mr. Updegraff will ship about ten cars and Mr. Brailsford two; also that they are getting about sixty bushels to the acre. Report in Crockett is that they are getting from \$2.60 to \$2.70 a bushel for the potatoes at the shipping platform. Potatoes at these prices bring big profits to growers. The only regret is that there are not more potatoes in Houston county to be sold at such prices.

### City Directory for Crockett.

With our sewer system, including a modern disposal plant, well under way, and to be finished within the next two or three months, the query naturally arises, what shall be the next move in the progress and development of our city? We believe we reflect the sentiment of a large element of our citizens when attention is called to the need of a city directory.

H. A. Fisher.

## WATCH HOSPITAL

FATHER TIME'S "O. K." ON EVERY WATCH I REPAIR.

I take pride in the quality and accuracy of my work. Perfect running order is true economy in a time piece. Accumulating dirt and rancid oil is ruinous. It will cost you nothing to let me examine your watch.

C. T. JONES

At Rexall Store Crockett, Texas

## That "Thirsty" Feeling Comes With Spring

The coming of spring always brings that tired, thirsty feeling. The time when people feel drowsy and need something to tone up their system and make them energetic.

We have our Soda Fountain ready to serve you with the best of cold drinks—the kind that satisfy that tired, thirsty feeling, and we want our friends to make our store their shopping place.

## Crockett Drug Company

The House of Service

# The New Edison

## Is Not a Talking Machine

It is the only instrument ever invented that re-creates the human voice and the music of human-played instruments. Thomas A. Edison has perfected this machine of his new art, MUSIC'S RE-CREATION, and has submitted it to the most exacting test possible for such an invention, that of direct comparison with the original.

## We Want Your Opinion

Be our guest at a private Edison musical. No obligation—just come in.

### Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

## Local News.

Mrs. James Crawford of Fullerton, La., is visiting relatives here.

H. F. Moore Jr. and Brinson Lundy visited at Palestine Sunday.

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

Miss Myrtle Dawson is visiting friends in Houston and Galveston.

Headlight overalls and jumpers at James S. Shivers & Co's.—best made.

C. L. Edmiston left Tuesday night for a business trip to Houston and Dallas.

Some extra good values this week in Fern waists at James S. Shivers & Co's.

Mrs. Herman Howard of Lake Charles, La., is visiting her parents at Augusta.

T. A. Haughton of Longville, La., is visiting the family of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Towery.

Wash skirts to fit all, from the largest to the least, at James S. Shivers & Co's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Monzingo, their brother and his wife visited in Trinity Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore will return the latter part of this week from Galveston.

For Sale—One delivery wagon, used a short while. Will sell cheap for cash. tf. Johnson Arledge.

Misses Otice and Maude McConnell left Saturday afternoon to visit Mrs. W. B. Smith in Longview.

Lost—A pair of child's gold-rimmed eye glasses with ear chain. Finder return to Johnson Arledge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hyde of Waco visited the family of Mrs. Hyde's brother, Hon. J. W. Young, Friday.

Misses' and children's sport dresses in all sizes in new, snappy styles at James S. Shivers & Co's.

M. Y. Goudelock of Dallas, traveling representative for an insurance company, was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. W. B. Smith of Longview visited her parents in Lovelady last week and attended the Collins-Rich wedding.

We have for sale a few bushels of choice Mebane Triumph cotton seed left from seed purchased for our own planting.

H. J. Arledge & Co.

As the weather gets warm you will need light weight underwear. James S. Shivers & Co. can supply your needs. tf.

J. C. Millar was called to Houston Tuesday night on account of an automobile accident in which a relative was killed.

For Rent—A few nice, large, well ventilated rooms on second floor of residence. For further information apply at this office. tf.

Buy your staple dry goods now. James S. Shivers & Co. can still supply your needs in all kinds of staple dry goods at less than wholesale cost to-day. tf.

Mrs. A. H. Jones of Goree visited her father, Mr. J. E. Dominy, at Pennington last week. Other relatives were also present on account of the illness of Mr. Dominy.

It is reported that a bunch of house cats shipped from the lock and dam west of Crockett to a point beyond Hearne have found their way back to the lock and dam.

Ask your grocer for a sack of peanut meal—good for horses and cattle and better than shorts for hogs. Guaranteed analysis: Protein, 39.75; fat, 8.28; total, 48.03. 4t.

J. E. Towery of the Crockett Lumber Company delivered an automobile truck to A. S. Moore of Augusta Wednesday. The truck will be used in hauling freight to the store of Mr. Moore.

Mrs. Willis Higginbotham left Saturday afternoon for her home, which will be at Stephenville in the future. On the return trip she expected to visit Mrs. Peyton Denman in Houston.

F. L. Hiroms of Augusta was a visitor at the Courier office Tuesday morning. He called to leave \$1.50 for another year's subscription and reported that most crops are looking fine.

Mrs. Mary C. Douglass has the thanks of the Courier for her subscription renewal at \$1.50 a year. She could not wait until her subscription expired, as that is not her way of doing things.

John L. Dean, who quit the grocery business in Crockett to go to farming, shipped the first car load of Irish potatoes from this station, which was on Wednesday of last week. The car load brought him more than \$1000 and was sold at the car to Edmiston Bros. of this city. Now go away and don't talk any more about hard times.

The novelty of an automobile pulling a wagon loaded with wood through the streets was witnessed in Crockett last week. This week an automobile truck was seen on the streets loaded with three bales of cotton.

### Graduates!

Have your certificates and diplomas preserved by having them framed. We have a full line of mouldings and can frame to your order on short notice.

tf. Deupree & Waller, Inc.

W. J. Monzingo and family of Prairie Hill were guests of Mr. Monzingo's brother, S. M. Monzingo, Saturday and Sunday. They made the trip by automobile, returning Monday and taking Mrs. M. C. Monzingo, their mother, with them.

### Lost Horse.

One dark sorrel filly, light mane and tail, white feet, white in face, branded on left shoulder. Information leading to recovery will be rewarded. Address J. A. Beathard, Crockett, Texas. 2t.\*

N. L. Asher handed the Courier \$1.50 for another year's subscription Tuesday. Nathan is another subscriber who does not think that \$1.50, less than three cents a week, is too much for a county newspaper, considering the advance of everything else.

President Wilson has signed the selective draft bill and has issued his proclamation setting Tuesday, June 5, as Registration Day throughout the United States. All American citizens between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, must go to their respective voting boxes and register, a heavy penalty being affixed for failure to comply with the law. No excuses will be accepted. In case of sickness one is required to be represented by another.

## 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

### Steers Wanted.

I am in the market for one hundred head or more of one year old steers. I will pay the top price. If any one has any steers for sale, write me.

Dan Dear,

Crockett, Texas,  
Route 6, Box 82. 3t.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our many friends for their many kind deeds and words and for the beautiful flowers given us during our late sadness, the death of our wife and mother.

J. H. Newman  
and Family.

County Judge E. Winfree and daughter, Mrs. James Crawford, will attend the reunion of Confederate veterans in Washington next month. They will leave about the first of June and will be away for about thirty days, visiting relatives in Richmond, Va., before returning.

The people of Crockett were well pleased with the Chautauqua which closed in this city last week. They were so well pleased that they have signed a contract for its return. After paying all expenses, a surplus of several hundred dollars is carried over for next year's Chautauqua.

Report came to Crockett Tuesday morning that a man armed with a gun was threatening destruction in the eastern part of the county. City Marshal Deupree and Albert Smith of the tax collector's office went out and met the man in the road. Taking him into their car, they found that he was recovering from a drunk and didn't know where he was or what he had been doing. They took him back to where he had been working on a farm and left him, after he had promised them that he would behave himself.

Tuesday, June 5, has been set by the president as Registration Day, and male persons between 21 and 31 years of age by June 5 shall go to the Registrar of their respective precincts and sign up. The failure of any person subject to call to go and register on June 5 subjects them to punishment in the Federal penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. O'Neal left Friday for Tishomingo, Okla., the old home of Mr. O'Neal. While here they made many friends among our people, Mrs. O'Neal endeavoring herself in a social way. Mr. O'Neal is a capable road builder and civil engineer, and it is hoped that he and his wife will return some day to be again among us.

### Hon. Jake Wolters Coming.

On Wednesday, the 20th of June, the Hon. Jake Wolters of Houston has promised to be here and favor us with one of his eloquent patriotic speeches. We make this early announcement so that every one in the county can have time to make arrangements to be here on that day.

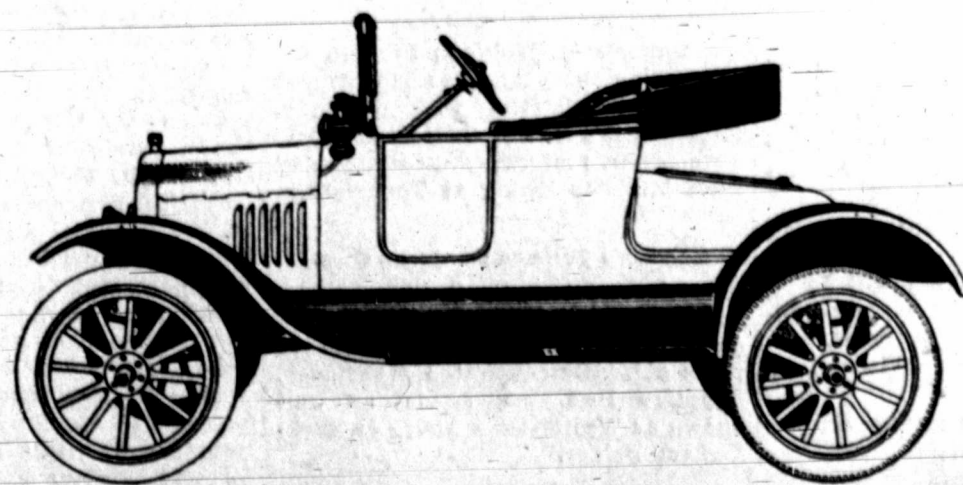
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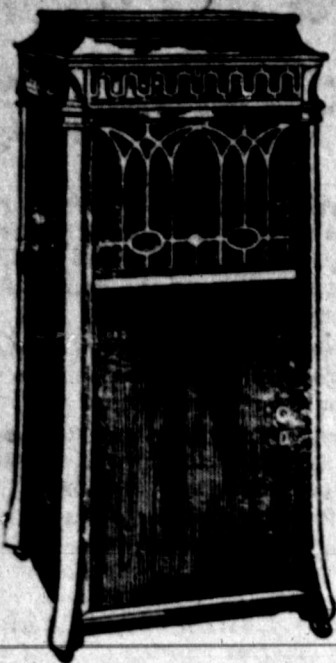
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Owners of Ford cars are advised to beware of "counterfeit parts." If your car needs adjustment bring it here where you will find reliable service with the complete mechanical equipment to give the highest quality of Ford service obtainable. All the Ford parts used are supplied by the Ford Motor Company. You cannot expect your Ford car to give the service and endurance you demand unless you have it cared for by men experienced in Ford methods. Runabout \$345, Touring Car \$360, Sedan \$645, Coupelet \$505, Town Car \$595—all f. o. b. Detroit. On display and for sale by

## Crockett Lumber Company

Agent in Houston County





# Music Hunger

THE concert season is over. Except here and there the theatres are dark. You need not wait for the new season; you can have the re-created voices of the world's great artists literally created by Edison's new art in a way that makes your own veranda or living room the world's greatest stage.

Phone us to give you a pleasant hour of music in your home—phone 47 or 140

## Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

### Local News.

For cleaning, pressing and repairing phone 38. tf.

Miss Lois Millar is at home from school at Denton.

H. L. Houseman of Houston was here Wednesday.

Imported Leghorn hats in Knox shapes at J. C. Millar's. tf.

Albert Smith left Saturday night for his Brazos river farm.

Queen Quality, the Shoe de Luxe, sold by Jas. S. Shivers & Co. tf.

New shapes in soft collars—two for 25 cents at J. C. Millar's. tf.

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

No. 666 will cure Malaria or Bilious Fever. It kills the germs. 17t.

All new shapes in Arrow collars, two for 25 cents, at J. C. Millar's.

666 will cure Chills and Fever. The most speedy remedy we know.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Calhoun have moved from Grapeland to Crockett.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic. Anodyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction.

John Murchison of Corsicana, a former Crockett boy, was here Monday.

Harry Douthett of Elkhart is visiting at the home of his relative, C. M. Ellis.

## MILLINERY BARGAINS

On Friday, June 1st, the Vogue Millinery will put one hundred hats on sale at a sacrifice—fifty to go at

**\$2.00 Each**

and fifty for just

**One Little Dollar**

Come early and see these wonderful values.

**..Vogue Millinery..**

For the newest in white Milans and Milan Hemps, see the Vogue Millinery. It.

Mrs. Johnson Arledge, Johnson Lundy and Florence are visiting in Longview.

Miss Alline Foster is at home from Lufkin where she has been teaching music.

Best grade of men's blue work shirts for \$1.25 a pair at James S. Shivers & Co's. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wheelless of Shreveport are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. John LeGory has returned from an extended visit to friends at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Herman Howard of Lake Charles is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Holeproof hosiery in all the new shades—each pair guaranteed—at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. tf.

Miss Margaret Jones of Lufkin is being entertained by Misses Alline and Virginia Foster.

Anything you need in crochet or embroidery thread you can find at the Vogue Millinery. It.

Ladies' white wash-skirts, all new and snappy styles, \$1.25 up—at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. tf.

Mrs. James Saxon of Kilgore is visiting the family of her father, Mr. Joe Rice, near Crockett.

Mr. Billie Driskell of Lovelady was a visitor in Crockett Sunday evening and Monday morning.

Tennis shoes are just the things for warm weather. You can get them at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's.

Rev. S. F. Tenney and his wife passed the forty-ninth anniversary of their marriage a few days ago.

We are showing something new in soft shirts—red, white and blue. tf. J. C. Millar.

Misses Katie Barbee, Elizabeth Dupuy and Wilma Shivers are visiting Mrs. W. C. Dupuy at Kennard.

Mrs. C. T. Jones and children have gone to Ida, Okla., on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Jones' mother.

Mrs. Luther Eastham of Huntsville has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. R. H. Wootters and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston.

We have for sale a few bushels of choice Mebane Triumph cotton seed left from seed purchased for our own planting.

tf. H. J. Arledge & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young, Miss Laita Cunyus and Miss Bettie Davis will visit friends in Houston Friday and Saturday.

For Rent—A few nice, large, well ventilated rooms on second floor of residence. For further information apply at this office. It.

A. S. J. Moody called at the Courier office Thursday morning to renew his subscription before leaving for the north.

Nice, large bundles of silk and velvet scraps for making fancy cushions to be had for 50 cents at the Vogue Millinery. It.

Misses Lucia Painter, Hilda Burton and Elizabeth Adams and Lanier Edmiston are spending the week at Point Blanc.

The Vogue Millinery carries a complete line of Madame Grace corsets—a model for every figure and for all occasions. It.

The fine rain that fell Thursday morning brightens crop prospects. Prospects were never brighter for good crops and good prices.

Just arrived—a shipment of misfit suits and pants. Buy a suit and save from \$7.50 to \$10.

tf. J. C. Millar.

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Ask your grocer for a sack of peanut meal—good for horses and cattle and better than shorts for hogs. Guaranteed analysis: Protein, 39.75; fat, 8.28; total, 48.03. 4t.

**Blackberries.**  
You can get all the blackberries you want at 25 cents a gallon as long as they last.

4t. J. D. Caskey,  
Route 1, Grapeland, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kolts and daughter, Miss Mary Anne, of Houston stopped over for a two days' visit at the home of John R. Foster this week while en route St. Louis.

Misses Sue and Bee Denny, who have been teaching at El Paso and Eagle Lake respectively, have gone to Clouderoft, N. M., for a vacation and will go to Colorado before returning home.

Howard Jordan was in Houston Monday for the purpose of making application for enlistment in the United States navy. He passed examination and is to report later for assignment.

John Denny, son of Judge S. A. Denny, has received an appointment as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., and expects to go there in about two weeks to study military tactics for the next four years.

**Automobilists, Please Take Notice.**

Beginning Monday, June 4, the laws relative to driving to the right, especially at the four corners of the public square, muffler cutouts and tail lights, will be strictly enforced. It. T. R. Deupree,  
City Marshal.

Mr. V. B. Smith of Route 5 paused long enough to renew his subscription for the Courier while in town Saturday and to say that crop prospects are good. The prevailing high prices of all farm products are stimulating farmers to renewed efforts this year.

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Route 6, Box 82. 3t.

**Boarding House for Rent.**

The Aldrich house, almost within the business district, has recently been renovated and otherwise improved. It is desirably located for a boarding house and will be rented on reasonable terms. For particulars apply to B. L. Satterwhite. It.

**Registrars Will Be Protected.**

Washington, May 29.—Beause of rumors of trouble planned for registration day, Attorney General Gregory Tuesday instructed United States attorneys and marshals throughout the country to make certain that registrars are protected "to the fullest extent," and that immediate and effective legal steps are taken against any who fail or refuse to register.

# Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

The most desirable features of motor car construction are found in Ford cars. They are strong with the strength of vanadium steel, heat-treated by Ford methods. Excess weight is eliminated by strength, and allows the Ford more power for its weight than any other car. Back of the car is the organization which has built and sold over two million Ford cars. The Ford car saves time—is a sure money-maker. Touring Car \$360, Runabout \$345, Sedan \$645, Coupelet \$505, Town Car \$595—all f. o. b. Detroit. On display and for sale by

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