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FATE OF RUSSIANS SHOULD WARN ALL

Germany's Terms to Russia More Humiliating Than Those Imposed on Serbia.

New York, Dec. 12.—The bolsheviki not alone of Russia but of the world will find illumination in the terms which the Germans have now proposed for final peace on the east front. Shouting their battle cry of "no annexations and no indemnities," Lenine, Trotsky and the rest of their tribe have destroyed the military organization of Russia, have brought the great empire to the position of absolute impotence and now they have the answer from the enemy.

Stripped of all unnecessary verbiage Germany proposes that Russia shall surrender some 12,000 square miles of her territory holding a population of between twenty and thirty millions, that she shall give Germany complete control of her wheat supplies for a term of years and that she shall admit German manufacturers free of duty henceforth in the Russian Empire. A far less humiliating proposal made by Austria to Serbia in July, 1914, precipitated the world war. The bolsheviki have their answer.

Those Utopians in the rest of the world who are seeking to destroy the fundamental unity of the allies by fomenting discussion of peace terms may well reflect upon the Russian situation. If they had their way and could produce a quarrel between France and England over France's just claims to Alsace-Lorraine; if they had their way and could produce a break between Italy and her other allies over Italy's claims to Trieste and the Trentino, we might expect, first, the dissolution of the alliance against Germany, and, secondly, a promulgation of further German terms which would include conquered Belgium, occupied France, Northern Italy and the Balkan conquests.

There is no reason to suspect that Germany would deal more tenderly with the disorganized allies on the west than she has with the bolsheviki on the east.

Bethman-Hollweg long ago announced that Germany would make peace as a victor and on the basis of the war map. Russia now having asked for a separate peace; Germany has offered her peace on the basis of the war map plus industrial and economic subordination to Germany. The reactionary elements which control Germany seek now only to procure in the west the same disorganization which they have procured in the east to consolidate the gains of their armies and to complete the construction of the central empire which is to dominate Europe and the world.

SPITTING ON STREET SOURCE OF DISEASE

That the person who spits promiscuously upon the floor kills more people by the transmission of disease than all the criminals have ever killed is the

pointed manner in which Dr. P. H. Scardino, city health officer, phrased it in his statement issued Wednesday, cautioning the public against this dangerous habit. He explained that it would be better that police prohibit pedestrians from spitting on the sidewalk than to catch a burglar.

His statement follows: "One thing that stands out strongly in the city of Houston is the promiscuous spitting on the sidewalks, and I say it to the shame of our police officers, that I have often seen them do this themselves, and absolutely make no effort to prevent others from doing so. I personally feel that it would be far better for the police officers to prevent people from spitting on sidewalks, in street cars and in other public places than to catch a burglar or common criminal, for the man who spits on the sidewalks and in other public places eventually kills more people by the transmission of disease than all the criminals of the world combined have ever killed."—Houston Post.

Make W. C. Munn Company's big store your headquarters when in Houston next time. Everything provided for your convenience. 6t

SPRECKELS BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

President of Federal Sugar Refining Company Discusses Prices.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Blame for the sugar shortage in the East was charged to the food administration's fixed import price by Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying today before the senate investigating committee. He testified that raw sugar from Cuba was passing through New York for Canada, where refiners are permitted to pay higher prices.

Mr. Spreckels, who said his refinery was closed because of lack of supplies, also charged that Earl A. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, and George M. Rolph, general manager of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, in their positions as agents of the food administration, had been unduly active in getting raw supplies for the American Company. Mr. Babst is chairman of the international sugar committee created by the administration which fixed the price to be paid for raw sugar.

When this supply was getting

low in October, Mr. Spreckels testified he asked food Administrator Hoover that he be allowed to pay more than \$6.90 for Cuban sugar. He put in evidence a letter in which Mr. Hoover declined, saying speculators were holding the sugar in Cuba for higher prices and that the American standard price would be maintained.

Mr. Spreckels told of protesting to Mr. Hoover against the contract whereby the American Sugar Refining Company was to obtain 100,000 tons of the Louisiana crop. He said his company had not considered getting any of that crop because the food administration had fixed no price and that he was astounded to learn of the American Company making the contract after a price of \$6.35 for the Louisiana product had been agreed upon at a conference participated in by Mr. Rolph and Mr. Babst.

When the shortage came into sight in the east, the witness asserted, more than a hundred thousand tons of raw sugar was held in the west of which the California-Hawaiian Company held 40,000 tons. He said he appealed to Mr. Rolph to allow some of this to come east to keep eastern refineries going but was

TO ROUND OUT FIRST DRAFT

General Advises That Rest of Men Be Sent to Camp.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 13.—Brigadier General J. A. Gaston has recommended to the war department that 3000 additional men be sent to Camp Travis on January 2 and that 4000 be sent in 10 days, or January 12, completing the list of white men for the division under the first draft.

The remaining 4500 colored men to be called he has recommended be divided into 2000 to be sent to Camp Travis January 22 and 2500 on February 5.

If these recommendations are approved and carried out they will complete the call for the division under the first draft.

Whether or not the addition of these men will bring the division up to full strength will depend upon the number of men transferred to other organizations. Many men who have been at Camp Travis already have been transferred as they were needed elsewhere. Unless further transfers are made the 11,500 will complete the division.

informed it was necessary to keep the supply in the west until the new Hawaiian crop came in.

The witness said the retail price of \$7.25 for granulated sugar at seaports works a hardship because his company manufactures practically nothing but granulated and brown, whereas the American Company specialized in granulated handled in shapes, for which prices are not fixed.

It Pays to Advertise.

Bradstreet's says that "84 per cent of all failures are among non-advertisers!"

Which, considering the source of the declaration, is pretty conclusive proof that advertising pays.

When Bradstreet's says that only 16 per cent of business failures are among advertisers the statement has real significance.

No business firm ever became truly great except by the aid of advertising!

Like competition, advertising is the "life of trade." Without it, in modern days and under modern business conditions, no commercial or other business concern can achieve the success that it can with it.

That is axiomatic, as every successful business man will attest.

Outside, possibly, of personality and integrity, advertising is the mightiest force, positive and potent, in present-day commerce and business.—Atlanta Constitution.

For Sale.

Having been drafted in the army, will sell out my confectionery and cold drink stand, with stock of groceries, located in the Patton block. Good opportunity. Who wants to take advantage of an already established business, which clears average of \$150.00 a month?

—tf. E. K. Capriellan.

For a Christmas Gift the Victrola Is Supreme

The selection of a Christmas gift is the main question in the minds of many people today. The house of Callaway & Moore can easily solve that problem for you. Nothing could be more appreciated or more acceptable in any home than a VICTROLA—the gift supreme. You are assured of new goods when you buy your VICTROLA or VICTOR RECORDS from us.

OUR
PAYMENT
PLAN
WILL
SOLVE
THE
QUESTION



NO HOME
NEED
BE
WITHOUT
MUSIC
THIS
CHRISTMAS

Our Service Can Not Be Surpassed

We extend you an invitation to visit our store and hear the Victrola. This store is a gateway to the whole world of Victrola music. Any instrument or record made by the Victrola company can be bought through us.

MAKE CHRISTMAS SELECTIONS NOW. Every day we are making sales for Christmas delivery, and you should make your selection now while the stock is complete. We will make delivery any day to suit your convenience up to Christmas Eve.

CALLAWAY & MOORE

**INFORMATION ON PAR-
CEL POST RULES**

**Packages Bearing 25 Cents Or
More Postage Require
War Tax.**

The number of Christmas packages being received at the postoffice is increasing daily and patrons are urged to become familiar with the postage requirements of the parcel post service before the Christmas rush is on in order to avoid confusion and delay. Patrons should send their Christmas gifts in strong well-wrapped boxes. Wooden boxes are permissible and advisable. Addresses should be written plainly, and the name and address of the sender must be included on each parcel. "Do not open until Christmas" and "Merry Christmas" may be written on the parcels. Patrons are urged to send their packages as early as possible.

War tax is not required on any parcel needing less than 25c postage, but where the postage is 25c or more a revenue stamp for 1c is required for each 25c or fractional part thereof, this stamp must be canceled by the sender by writing initials and date in ink across the face of the stamp.

The tax is not required on mail for Porto Rico, the Phillipines, Panama Canal Zone, Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, Tutuila and Manua and other islands of the Samoan group belonging to the United States. Mail for foreign countries, United States naval vessels and United States expeditionary forces abroad is also exempt from the tax. Mail for Hawaii and Alaska requires war tax. Customs declarations are not required for parcels addressed to United States expeditionary forces abroad.

Parcel post packages weighing more than seven pounds for United States expeditionary forces abroad will not be accepted. Wednesday, Dec. 5, was the last day the port of embarkation would accept packages weighing more than seven pounds for United States expeditionary forces abroad.

Parcel post packages weighing up to seven pounds addressed to American soldiers abroad will

be accepted at any time. These packages will not be received at the port of embarkation but will go direct to the soldiers.

Parcels weighing up to fifty pounds will be accepted at the postoffice, when the package calls for a destination not further than 150 miles from the mailing office and packages weighing up to twenty pounds will be accepted for points beyond 150 miles of the mailing office.

A parcel post package cannot be registered, but its delivery can be insured in an amount equal to its actual value. Fees for insuring deliveries are 5c for values not exceeding \$25, 10c for values not exceeding \$50 and 25c for values not exceeding \$100. Return receipts may be obtained by indorsing the parcel "Return receipt requested." Parcels can be sent special delivery by attaching 10c in stamps in addition to postage and insurance. The words "special delivery" must be written when ordinary stamps are used. Addresses should be written in ink and tags should not be used, because they are apt to become detached.

Fragile articles, including millinery, toys and glassware, should be securely packed and plainly marked "fragile" and "this side up." Packages so labeled will be handled with the greatest of care. Parcels containing perishable matter must be marked "perishable." Hats in pasteboard boxes must be crated with wood or packed in strong, double-faced corrugated pasteboard boxes. Umbrellas, canes and similar articles must be fastened between two strips of wood. Cut flowers should be wrapped in strong and suitable boxes. Original sealed packages containing candy or other goods labeled in printing showing nature of contents are mailable as parcel post.

A sealed package bearing letter postage and weighing not more than four pounds may be registered, but can not be insured because it will be rated as first-class matter.

It's a pity a man can't get a pair of suspenders to hold up his reputation as well as his trousers.

Christmas Gifts

JUST like a Christmas stocking—this store is full of suggestions that help and, surely, there is no happier meeting place for holiday shoppers. Let us help you! Here are pretty things that will gladden the hearts of all. The eyes of the children grow big and round and bright as they gaze. Shop mornings—the crowds come evenings.



For the Little Folks

Baby Plates, Drinking Cups
Automobiles, Hand Cars
Velocipedes, Rocking Horses
Desk Sets, Tables, Chairs
Trunks, Dolls, Beds, Swings
Drums, Tool Sets, Pianos
Blocks, Stoves, Horns, Games
and Toys of all kinds too numerous to mention

For Ladies

Statues, Vases
Baskets, Game Sets
Dinner Sets, Water Sets
Mirrors, Clocks
Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets
Sewing Boxes
Box Stationery
Nut Sets
Albums

For Gentlemen

Canes, Shaving Sets
Military Sets, Hat Brushes
Collar and Cuff Boxes
Traveling Sets
Ink Stands, Paper Weights
Thermos Bottles
Smoking Sets
Fine Meerschaum and
Brier Pipes

B. F. Chamberlain

Blankets Received.

Houston, Texas, December 15.
Mr. W. A. R. French, Crockett,
Texas.

My Dear Sir:—I received your telegram while at Camp Bowie. I promptly called on Lieutenant Jos. S. Driskell, who at the time was in command of Company E, 143d Infantry, and delivered to him your telegram. He expressed his warmest appreciation of the thoughtfulness and kindness of the ladies of Crockett, and stated he would have your telegram read to the men at retreat on that date. He also stated that, while at the time your telegram was received the entire Company E had been equipped with sweaters, as matter of sentiment he would have the Houston county boys turn in to the supply officer a number of sweaters equal to those contained in the box shipped from Crockett and have them wear the sweaters from their home folks. The box had not reached Camp Bowie when we left, but I was advised this morning from there that it was in the express office, and no doubt it will be delivered to Company E during the day. By telephone today I instructed that the mufflers which you referred to in your later telegram be also delivered to that company.

All of the boys are now well equipped with clothing, and they will have, if they need them, woolen mittens and gloves supplied by the government. The only things they now need in the way of wearing apparel are woolen helmets, which they wear over their head, neck, throat and ears. The Red Cross will unquestionably supply these before they go over the seas, as

they must have them there to protect their heads from the heavy helmets they wear while in action, aside from the cold. However, they are very much needed during this winter at Camp Bowie.

I am a native Texan, and have been all over Texas at various times and during various seasons, but I think I have for the first time really realized how much colder it is in North Texas than it is in South Texas. Yours very truly,
J. F. Wolters.

Gratitude Everywhere.

Livingstone, who spent most of his life in a hostile wilderness among villainous slave traders and cruel heathen, nevertheless said: "A kind word or deed is never lost." There is no excuse in civilized surroundings for the complainer who insists that every one is ungrateful.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A baseball crank would be called a raving lunatic if his enthusiasm ran in any other channel.

After a woman reaches a certain age she never mentions it.

AN AD MUST BE TRUE

Or it will be ineffective. If this advertisement contained false statements it would be useless.

BUT IT IS TRUE

Hence it will appeal to the sense of fairness.

CAN YOU DENY THESE STATEMENTS?

First—That the Crockett Courier is the best friend of its patrons?

Second—That it is published in their interest?

Third—That it means money to the patron who reads it?

Fourth—That it IS fair to charge for the service rendered?

Fifth—That it is worth \$1.50 a year?

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE COURIER

FARM FOR SALE!

400 acres, 5 miles east of Crockett, known as Matlock or G. T. Simpson place; 150 acres in cultivation, balance pine timber (enough timber on place to pay for land), four tenant houses, good fences. Price, \$40 per acre; one-third cash, balance on good terms at 8 per cent interest.

A. M. SANDERS
UVALDE, TEXAS.



Let Us Help to Make
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
For You and Yours



Sensible Christmas Gifts

This is a season of gift-giving---and it comes at a time when our government urges thrift, saving, economy and wise buying. The slogan this year is "more practical gifts."

Heed this slogan. Buy wisely; give wisely; give useful gifts---practical presents, which will endure---will last---will serve. Scan this list---here are serviceable selections to make it more pleasant for mother, for dad, for friend and relative---old and young---and this is only a few of the many items in this big store.

Carving Sets
Chafing Dishes
Coffee Urns
Percolators
Toasters

Oil Heaters
Ranges
Flashlights
Pocket Knives
Table Cutlery

Air Guns
Target Rifles
Shotguns
Hunting Outfits
Ammunition

Express Wagons
Tricycles
Velocipedes
Thermos Bottles
Kitchen Utensils

Smith - Murchison Hardware Company

Everything in Hardware the Farmer Needs

WESTERN FRONT IS ONLY BATTLEFIELD

German Newspapers Predict Certain Victory for The Central Powers.

London, Dec. 14.—A generally increased confidence in Germany based on the Russian armistice and other obvious factors is shown in extracts from German newspapers telegraphed from Holland. Travelers arriving in Holland from Germany are quoted as saying that the German people are building hopes on a great offensive in the west which is regarded as impending. Major Moraht, a newspaper critic, predicting such a move writes in the Tageblatt:

"Whenever Germany's supreme war lord or Field Marshal von Hindenburg promised our Austro-Hungarian allies assistance against Russia's mighty forces, it has been promptly assembled, powerful blows delivered and the Russians driven back. We really do not need to doubt that this time also deeds will follow words."

The Kölnische Volks Zeitung says that the only battlefield remaining is the western front, "towards which the hands of the clock of destiny rapidly are advancing."

"Our enemies also recognize this," it adds, "and are crying out for American help. No matter. Justice is about to end the war."

The Weser Zeitung says: "Events show us distinctly as in pictures the path we must tread. Peace in the east and battle in the west until we have achieved there the foundation

of the complete equality of British and German positions the world over."

Texas State Council of Defense.

This has been called a railroad war. America's preparation for such a war is a greater railroad mileage than that of the entire continent of Europe, and a railroad army of 1,750,000 employees. Already the railroads, mobilized under their war board at Washington, have won some important victories.

Up to November 12 the number of carloads of construction materials and furnishings brought into the national army cantonments was 79,184. To the same date building supplies used in the guard camps amounted to 32,370 carloads; and 9,649 carloads had been shipped to the aviation camps.

A standard box car of 100,000 pounds capacity is forty feet and six inches long. If all the cars carrying material for these three classes of camps could be coupled together, the train that would result would extend from New York to Chicago and on out to Evanston, Illinois.

That is a long train. It represents a great burden added to the task accomplished by the railroads in the record-breaking year of 1916. But the carrying of construction materials to the cantonments is only a small part of the total increase in traffic for 1917.

After the camps had been built the railroads had to move the men into them. They also had to carry to the Atlantic seaboard from all parts of the country, the men who have gone to France. Up to November 19 they had carried a total of 1,

300,000 soldiers to camps and ports of embarkation.

And after the men had been moved, the railroads have to carry supplies to them. Every day 2,500 carloads of food and coal are being hauled to the National Guard and National Army camps.

Up to November 12 a total of 17,000 carloads of freight had been handled for the shipping board. This figure represents a part of the traffic involved by the building of 1,400 new ships. An enormously greater number of cars have rolled down to the Atlantic and Gulf ports loaded with supplies and munition for ships already built to carry to France and England and Italy.

All modern military and commercial activity is based on coal and oil, but especially on coal. No figures reveal more clearly the extent of the increased effort put forth in the last half year by America generally and by the railroads in particular than figures on the coal traffic.

In the six months from May to October, inclusive, there were moved 150,000 more carloads of hard coal than in the same months of 1916, and 751,000 more carloads of soft coal. Figuring an average coal car at a length of 33 feet, the total increase for half of 1917 over the corresponding half of 1916 may be represented by a solid trainload of coal extending from New York, through New Orleans, to Los Angeles and on up the Coast to Seattle, and then East again to a point in Montana, 30 miles East of Butte.

The day is not past when it was a good citizen's duty to fight the railroads. The railroads are

doing their best on a tremendous job. The citizen can do part of his bit by helping them in any small way that he can.

To Prevent Leaks.

The secretary of war directs that all officers and enlisted men be directed to exercise the greatest amount of care to prevent all military information from leaking out and to refrain from discussing in public or from mentioning in private letters anything whatever which might be of military value to the enemy. Considerable importance becomes public through publication of letters; the publication of letters is generally objection-

able because very frequently they carry information harmless in itself but seriously harmful when connecting with other items of apparently harmless matter.

Time to Get Off.

One morning Pat started to town on his mule which was very fond of pitching. This morning he was extremely hard to manage. Suddenly he began to "cut up" and hung his foot in the stirrup, whereupon Pat shouted, "Begorra if you're going to get on I'll get off."

To the Public.

We are again in the market for cotton seed.
tf. R. E. Hale.

Round Trip Tickets At Reduced Rates

ON SALE DAILY TO

Aransas Pass
Brownsville
Corpus Christi
Freeport

Marlin
Mineral Wells
Palacios

Port Lavaca
Port O'Connor
Rockport
Seadrift

—VIA—

SUPERB
DINING
CAR
SERVICE

I. & G. N.

STANDARD
SLEEPERS
ON NIGHT
TRAINS

NEWLY BALLASTED ROADBEDS—FAST SCHEDULES

For Travel Information See Nearest I. & G. N. Ticket Agent, or Address

D. J. PRICE

General Passenger Agent
Houston, Texas

"THE SLACKER"

A play that will thrill the spine of the nation. Every man, woman and child in Houston county that has one drop of American blood in their body should see the "SLACKER"—the special production De Luxe at the

QUEEN THEATRE
JANUARY 1, 1918

On account of the great demand for this latest of patriotic pictures we were unable to secure same for more than one day. The matinee will start at 1:30 p. m. and continue all-afternoon. The night show will start at 7:15 p. m. Come early and avoid the rush. No reserved seats, first come first served.

PRICES 25 AND 35 CENTS.

We have an excellent program for you during the holidays.

"A QUEEN GUEST ENJOYS THE BEST"

Local News Items

Not Too Much for Them.

The following subscribers, either by calling and renewing or by sending in their subscriptions, have said by word or deed that \$1.50 a year is not too much to pay for the Courier; and they have so expressed themselves, both by word and deed, since last issue:

Miss Lola Janes, Crockett.
A. L. Meek, Route 2.
J. H. Platt, Lovelady.
Newton Jennings, Route 3.
Bud Tunstall, Route 2.
B. F. Wolfley, Route 2.
J. A. Davidson, Route 3.
W. H. Kuhlman, Springdale, Ark.
W. D. Smith, Route 5.
P. E. Smith, Route 5.
Walter Nolan Smith, Camp Bowie.
J. O. Monday, Lovelady.
I. W. Tatum, Route 5.
Mrs. Gaines Bow, Caldwell, Idaho.
T. P. Barnhill, Kennard Rt. 1.

No Courier Next Week.

Following the long-established custom of weekly newspapers, the Courier will not be issued next week. Those who make the Courier have labored unceasingly since January 1, 1917, and feel that they are now entitled to a brief holiday. While having labored unceasingly, they feel that their labors have been rewarded in a large measure, and they close the year with grateful hearts and buoyant spirits. If you should miss the issue that you will not get, please tell your neighbors and us. If you do not miss that issue, please say nothing about it.

Crockett His Home.

Mose Bromberg of Galveston, Brownsville, Kingsville and San Fordyce, but who continues to call Crockett his home, is here to visit with his parents, other relatives and friends at the holiday season.

Hog-Killing Time.

O. W. Goolsbee, a former citizen of Crockett now residing in Oklahoma City, has returned to spend Christmas with the folks at home, just like many others are doing. There is no place like the old home at hog-killing time.

New Year's Number.

On January 3, 1918, the Courier will issue a special New Year's number.

The size of this number will be determined by the patrons of the Courier.

Enough pages will be added to accommodate all who want advertising space and to give our subscribers plenty of reading matter.

There will be nothing flashy about this special New Year's number.

Only white paper, plain type and black ink will be used in its making.

The number of pages will be determined by the amount of space necessary to satisfy our advertisers and to please our subscribers.

Merchants and others wanting space in this number should be prepared to make reservation when the solicitor calls.

Already several have asked for space in the New Year's number.

For this number advertising should be gotten ready in advance where possible.

If any are overlooked please telephone this office and solicitor will call immediately.

Remember, there will be no issue of the Courier until January 3, 1918.

The Folks at Home.

Paul Stokes and Miss Nodelle Jordan reached home Wednesday from Southwestern University, Georgetown. Many other Houston county young people are returning daily from the colleges to spend the holiday season with the folks at home.

Sunday Morning Offertory.

The offertory solo at the First Methodist church of this city for next Sunday morning will be sung by Miss Leita Cunyus, who is at home on vacation from Ward-Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., where she is a student.

Mrs. F. P. Chandler and little daughter of Houston have come to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Homer West, having enlisted in the navy, left for Norfolk, Va., Wednesday night.

Some men don't mind getting it in the neck if their neighbors get it just as hard.

Christmas Edition.

This is the Courier's Christmas edition.

It is the largest Christmas edition ever published in Crockett.

The type was all set and all the other work done in the Courier's work rooms.

There is nothing flashy about this Christmas edition.

Nothing but black ink, white paper and type were used in its making.

It is all-home print and all-home set.

No special effort was made to get out this edition.

In fact, we did not know it would be issued until so much advertising came in that we had to enlarge the paper.

Advertising kept coming in and we kept adding pages.

Result: There are sixteen pages in this week's issue.

Our patrons and the Linotype machine have made these sixteen pages possible.

We wish to thank our patrons for their contributing aid.

The name of almost every Crockett business house is in this issue.

They would all have been in here if we had known in advance of this special edition.

It just slipped up on us and we didn't have time to get them all in.

We promise our readers that they will all be in here the next time we get out a special Christmas edition. We wish all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

There will be no Courier next week.

Turn to the next column.

Happy Christmas Morning



A CHRISTMAS GIFT RENEWED EVERY WEEK IN THE YEAR

Every man or woman who receives a Christmas present of a year's subscription for the Crockett Courier will be reminded of Christmas and the thoughtfulness of the giver every day until the next Christmas—three hundred and sixty-five days.

A subscription for the Crockett Courier is an appropriate gift for a relative or friend and for a soldier or sailor in a training camp at home or on the battlefields abroad. Send the Courier to some friend for a year.

It speaks the good will of the sender and compliments the intelligence of the recipient. It is a sensible present in wartime.



AND THANKS FOR REMEMBERING US THIS YEAR

Appreciating your trade in the past,
we solicit a continuance of the
same for the future

H. J. Phillips

Groceries and Feed

BRUNT'S COMEDIANS FIND THEY LIKE CROCKETT

Having Closed Season Here,
They Will Return in February
to Open Season.

Brunt's Comedians closed their engagement in Crockett Saturday night and also closed their engagements for the season. This company, which is one of the best on the road showing under canvas, has stored its big tent in this city for the holiday and winter season.

Some of the show people left Sunday for their homes in Kansas City and other places. Some of them went to join theatricals playing in opera houses. The musicians left to join various orchestral organizations.

The manager for Brunt's Comedians has announced that he will return to Crockett some time in February, two or three weeks before the first of March, with an organization of theatrical people that will be hard to beat. He may bring back some of the old organization, but there will be some new people and a bunch of new plays.

In all, he will return with about thirty people, who will spend from two to three weeks in Crockett preparing for a season on the road. This will be worth considerable to Crockett from a business viewpoint, as some money must be spent before the show is ready for the road.

Brunt's Comedians will open their season in Crockett about March 2 after having spent two or three weeks here in getting ready for the road.

RECRUITING SYSTEM WAS OVERWHELMED

Volunteers Will be Accepted If
They Made Application Be-
fore Saturday Noon.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Inability of many recruiting offices to care for the rush of men to join the regular army before the new draft regulations became effective Saturday was reflected in recruiting figures for Friday. The day's total was only 9104 as compared with 14,291 Thursday, when the recruiting system broke down.

Friday's figures, with three States—Arizona, New Hampshire and South Carolina—missing, swelled the December enlistments to 70,466 men, not taking into account those accepted Saturday up to noon when enlistment in the regular army was prohibited to men of draft age under the new rules.

Volunteers to the regular army since the declaration of war in April now number 337,247, exceeding by 153,349 the number called for by President Wilson, bringing the regulars to war strength. Ten States failed to supply their quotas. They were Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The thousands of men who volunteered in the past few days and were rejected because of the breaking down of the recruiting system will be accepted, Secretary Baker Saturday having ordered that all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon Saturday be accepted even though their examination and other details could not be completed until later.

With the putting into effect of the new draft regulations the first five per cent of the questionnaires was mailed to draft men. At the same time Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that the huge task of classifying the 9,000,000 men of draft age unquestionably would be finished within 60 days.

There will be no further call for the draft men until the classifications are completed.

Turn to the next column.

SANTA CLAUS SAYS: "Give Practical Christmas Gifts"



For many years there has been a tendency to give useful, practical gifts. The "Spugs" were active in encouraging the movement before we entered the war. But there is an extra reason now for giving useful Christmas gifts. We have all been urged to practice economy, so as to conserve the resources of the country. In many ways the spirit of economy will extend to our gift-giving and Christmas celebrations. We have an interesting stock of sensible gift goods for your inspection. Beauty and utility combined are the features which recommend such goods.

**Packages Wrapped for Shipping
Free of Charge**

For "Her"

If there is trouble in selecting a gift for a lady it is due to confusion caused by such an array of suitable items. Perfumes, Atomizers, Ivory Goods, Leather Goods, Watches, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Desk Sets, Stationery, Carafes, Art Calendars, Sterling Silver Novelties, New Edison, etc.

For "Him"

Sentiment does not play as great a part in a man's life as it does in woman's. He wants something useful. Cigars, Pipes, Cigarette Cases, Safety Razors, Shaving Sets, Brushes, Pocket Books, Traveling Cases, Fountain Pens, Watches, Playing Cards, New Edison, etc.

For Girls

Girls get real pleasure from the Christmas festivities. They expect numerous gifts, so don't disappoint them. Watches, Pictures, Calendars, Handbags, Work Boxes, Toilet Articles, Manicure Cases, Ivory Goods, Desk Sets, Stationery, New Edison, etc.

For Boys

Let the boys come and see our stock. They will probably express their wishes concerning gifts. Give him plenty and he'll be happy. Pocket Knives, Flashlights, Watches, Purses, Games, Brushes, Fountain Pens, Books.

For the Soldier

The soldier and sailor boy can not carry very much in the way of equipment. So it is wise to send them useful things which they can use and enjoy every day. Bibles, Fountain Pens, Stationery, Shaving Kits, Sewing Kits, Comfort Kits, Combs, Brushes, Dentifrices, Tooth Brushes, Wash Cloths, Pocket Knives, Wrist Watches, Pipes, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Flashlights, Hard Candies, Food Tablets, Liniments, Foot Powder, Adhesive Tape.

For "Dad" and Mother

The old folks are interested in Christmas, too. But they always want useful things. Our stock will suggest many appropriate items. Books, Calendars, Vacuum Bottles, Hot Water Bottles, New Edison, etc.

Our magnificent assortment and low prices assure an economical and Merry Christmas for all.

THE BISHOP DRUG COMPANY

PHONE 47 OR 140.

MUCH SUFFERING DUE TO SHORTAGE IN FUEL

Redoubled Effort is Made to Re-
lease Coal Held Up Be-
cause of Congestion.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Reports of almost nationwide suffering due to lack of coal stirred fuel administration officials today to redoubled efforts to release supplies held on tracks by car congestion.

Orders went forth to fuel administration representatives in the Middle West to make every attempt to move coal to points in many instances declared to be facing actual coal famine.

Tonight Fuel Administrator Garfield named C. R. Moriarity of Cleveland general director of the Middle Western coal shippers Terminal Pool Association and gave him full powers and authority to supervise transportation.

L. Homer Johnson, federal fuel administrator for Ohio, reported from Cleveland tonight that he had started carloads of coal into that city where 100,000 men were idle today because of the shut down of plants lacking power. Mr. Johnson, who has been given full power in the matter of distribution, said he would supply householders first even if it forced industries to close down.

Reports from New York today

told of widespread suffering in that city and state. The New York City board of health warned that thousands of children were cold and that an epidemic of pneumonia was feared. In Beaver Valley, Pa., women and children were reported to be housed in churches and schools that they might keep warm.

Street car systems in many towns also are threatened with suspension because of lack of fuel.

Words of Wisdom.

Don't let the other fellow kill your time—he probably has nothing else to do.

Experience never makes fools of wise men.

A timid man gets his right here on earth.

No girl's face is in it with a retouched photograph.

It is unlucky to meet thirteen of your creditors on Friday.

Being busy is one of the synonyms of being happy.

A great mind doesn't necessarily require a large hat.

Pride is the thing a political orator uses to point with.

It's up to a man to foot his bills after receiving a legacy.

No man is so poor as he who has nothing but money.

One way to relieve the mind from worry is to go crazy.

Even a spinster may have the matrimonial fever, but it doesn't always terminate to her liking.

HOUSTON COUNTY REGISTRANTS

In order to expedite the filling out of answers to the questionnaires, the following named associate members of the county legal advisory boards have been appointed:

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Belott—J. W. Lockey.

Augusta—A. L. Moore, F. L. Hiram, Sam Long and Chas. Wall.

Weches—J. W. Gregg, Jno. Lovelady, W. L. Vaught and Ed Smith.

Percilla—R. R. Sullivan, A. P. McKenzie, Oscar Dennis, Elmer Sullivan and C. E. Dickey.

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J. H. Rosser and Dr. C. R. Taylor, Ash—George Lansford, J. C. Allee, Lynn Knox and Rev. W. T. Vaden.

Creek—J. D. McCullar Jr., George McDougal and W. B. Taylor.

Antioch—Clarence Davis and Hoyt Porter.

Volga—H. Robertson and Ed Thompson.

Holly—J. E. Driskell and Hardin Bayne.

Arbor—P. E. Smith.

Dotson—W. H. Threadgill.

Paragraph in Brief.

Nothing warms some men up like an application of cold cash. Faultfinding is unlike charity, yet it usually begins at home.

The man who jumps at conclusions ought to watch his step.

The note shaver can be depended upon to whittle down expenses.

Vanity makes a lot of remunerative work for the beauty doctors.

Any coward can get married, but it takes a hero to stay married.

You never really know your friends until they become your enemies.

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Local News Items

Fire works galore at H. J. Phillips'. 1t

All hats going at half price at Hail & Wakefield's. 1t

Try Sunset Coffee one time from Johnson Arledge. 2t

Try a box of those extra fancy delicious apples at Phillips'. 1t

W. V. Berry is at Marlin for the benefit of his health.

A complete and up-to-date abstract. tf. Aldrich & Crook.

Miss Katie Barbee is recovering from an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Thomas Self has returned from Galveston with improved health.

Homer West is among the Crockett enlistments in the U. S. Navy.

LeGray Atmar is at home from Diamond Mound for the holidays.

Mackerel, pigs' feet and lots of good things to eat at Johnson Arledge's. 2t

The Vogue Millinery wishes its friends and patrons a Merry Christmas. 1t

We'll have plenty of lettuce, celery, tomatoes, etc., for your Christmas. 1t

Miss Grace Denny will arrive at home Saturday for the holiday season.

Herman Howard has returned from Houston to make his home in Crockett.

Sunset coffee is the best. Try one can and be convinced at Johnson Arledge's. 2t

Candies, fruits, nuts and fire works galore at Johnson Arledge's. Phone 29. 2t

A. D. Lockey and Luther E. Kleckley have enlisted in the United States Navy.

Mules for Sale.

Two young mules for sale on credit. See A. LeGory. 2t*

Mrs. S. W. Grant and son of Beaumont are visiting their mother, Mrs. W. V. Berry.

By oversight the signature was omitted from Mr. H. A. Fisher's article last week.

For Sale.

A serviceable, sound horse for \$50.00. See Leroy L. Moore. tf

You may have your choice of any child's hat in the house at \$1.00. 1t Hail & Wakefield.

High grade Jersey cows for sale by J. G. Matlock, six miles east of Crockett, on Route 6. tf

You can't afford to miss one night's program at the Queen Theater during the holidays. 1t

For Sale—A good wagon and a gentle team. Apply to E. C. or J. B. Satterwhite at once. 1t

"The Slacker," the play that makes patriots, will be shown at the Queen Theatre January 1. 1t.

The flag worth fighting for will be shown in "The Slacker" January 1 at the Queen Theater. 1t.

Miss Maude McConnell returned Friday afternoon from visiting Mrs. W. B. Smith in Longview.

Mrs. B. S. Elliott and Miss Clarite Elliott returned on Sunday afternoon's train from Galveston.

Mrs. Albert S. Moore of Augusta will visit the old home in Uvalde during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. B. S. Elliott is recuperating in John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, from an appendicitis operation.

Seeded raisins, dates, citron, nuts and all kind of goodies for your Xmas baking at Johnson Arledge's. 2t

Clinton Cannon, from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Carl Goolsby.

Your next visit to Houston will be incomplete unless you visit the W. C. Munn Company's mammoth store. 6t

Let me make you a loan on your farm, help you buy a farm or take up the notes you owe on your land and make it easy for you.—J. S. French, Earl Adams' Jr. office, Crockett, Texas. tf

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

We have made a life-time study of the wants of men, and have on display at our shop some high-class and useful gifts. See our selection before you buy. This is a time when every one should buy something useful. Any of the following we think appropriate:

Soldiers' Combination Sets.

Gloves of All Kinds.

High-Class Line of Bath Robes.

Smoking Jackets.

Linen Handkerchiefs, three and six in a box.

Silk Shirts.

Neckties from 50c to \$2.50 each.

Nice Line of Sweaters.

Silk Half Hose and Belts.

Silk and Wool Mufflers.

We have the most elaborate line of Smoking Jackets and Robes ever in this city—from

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New Goods Received This Week

Afternoon Dresses
Skirts, Waists, Petticoats, Kimonas
Shoes and Many Novelties

Miss Mary Spence will reach home Sunday from Dallas where she is a student of Southern Methodist University.

See J. R. Howard for all kinds of feed stuff. Best prices possible. In Mayes building, next door to Commercial Club. 1t

Jim Henry, former deputy sheriff and jailer, has enlisted in the navy and gone to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

To the Public.

We are again in the market for cotton seed. R. E. Hale. tf.

I want you poultry and eggs. Bring the mto me. I can fill your grocery bill, too. 2t. Johnson Arledge.

Money to loan on farms, long time, easy terms, no delay, or extra red tape.—J. S. French at Earl Adams' Jr. office, Crockett, Texas. tf

Boy Wanted—To learn the baking trade. Must not be under fifteen or sixteen years old. Apply in person to Crockett Grocery & Baking Co. 1t.

Selling Out

Our entire Holiday stock of toys. See us next to Nunn's law office. Crockett Drug Co., tf. Holiday Store.

Ford Car for Sale.

1917 model, speedometer, practically new. Must sell. See me now. A. R. Daniel, 2t* Route 6, Crockett, Tex.

Ladies.

Special massage and shampoo work. Will call at residence. Phone 185.

2t. Mrs. Estelle Davis Jones.

BETTER TOWNS—MORE BUSINESS— BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES GROW FROM COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION—

For years the Crockett Courier, going into the best homes in your community, has preached the doctrine of buying of the home dealer. The Courier has helped you to build up your market.

The Courier has shown that "hometown" dealing means more progressive towns, with better stores, better banks, better homes, more employment, bigger business opportunities, better markets for farm products, better country roads, schools, churches, telephone and mail service, more beautiful parks, increased value in farm land, etc. We have used every known argument for doing business with you—the home dealer.

You will find in every issue of the Courier some article pointing out these advantages to the reader.

And right now, we are carrying out the most aggressive business building campaign ever attempted in this territory. Make the most of what this publication is doing for you and your business. Advertise your business to your home market—the market that is being made bigger and better for you every day by

THE CROCKETT COURIER

The journal with newspaper regularity and magazine effect.

SIXTEEN PAGES THIS WEEK—HOW DO YOU LIKE US?

Camp Bowie Commander Takes Action to Check Epidemic.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 15.—Quarantine and health conditions at Camp Bowie, where former Texas and Oklahoma national guardsmen are in training, continue to attract great attention throughout the state, for the reason that nearly every community or family is represented in the camp.

Since the return of Major General E. St. J. Greble, commander in chief, it may be stated that a marked improvement has been shown, both in the manner in which the sick and well men are provided for and in the better care taken of convalescents and those who are slightly ill.

Parents and relatives of the young soldiers throughout the two states have been greatly alarmed over the high death rate and number of cases in the base hospital, and a great clamor went up that something be done to stop the losses of life and the spread of the epidemics. When General Greble left the camp and went to France, about two and a half months ago, the men of his division were in the pink of condition and only a few sporadic cases of mumps and measles had appeared in the cantonment. It is true that his division was very short of both summer and winter clothing, but large quantities of uniforms, overcoats, shoes, blankets and other articles were supposed to be in transit and certain to arrive before cold weather, so no one was worried on that score.

The weeks went by, the blizzards and northers swooped down on the camp, finding the men unprepared to protect themselves from the severe cold. Sickness increased at a rapid rate and the death toll jumped from two to sixteen and eighteen a day. Hospital facilities were overtaxed and many measles or mumps patients lay around their tents or performed their usual duties with fevers burning them until they contracted pneumonia.

Often those who reached the hospital had waited too long before making the trip; others supposed to have recovered from measles were discharged too early and had to return, probably having serious relapses or pneumonia. General Greble returned a little over a week ago and he immediately got busy. The quarantine already had been installed on recommendation of the medical authorities, but General Greble tightened it and extended it to the commissioned officers and regimental surgeons. It is whispered about the camp, that he "read the riot act" to some, but no minutes of the conference were kept and no official report was given out. Anyway, good results were noticeable, and in a very few days the enlisted men began to realize that they were receiving a great deal more attention than formerly. They received blankets, socks and overcoats from the government and carloads of comforts and pillows from the good people of the state. The Red Cross issued a call for assistance, and within a week enough comforts and sweaters from nearly every town and hamlet in the state were received to supply the demand, and sickness has begun to decrease. It is believed that the measles, mumps and pneumonia epidemics are on the wane and will gradually die out. It is hoped by the medical authorities that improved conditions will justify the raising or modification of the quarantine by Christmas.

The New National Army.

Twenty or thirty years ago the American mother little thought that the baby boy in her arms, or playing about the place, or just starting to school, would ever be a soldier. And yet many just such a mother has lived to see that same boy called to the country's service and the government bending every resource to make him the best soldier possible in the shortest time possible. For the government of the United States is building a new army—distinct from the old Regular Army or the old National Guards—called the new National Army.

In sixteen camps—or canton-

ments—located in different parts of the country, more than half-a-million young men of the selective draft are being trained equipped and organized into an army. Not a one of these men is younger than twenty-one years, and only those are older than thirty-one who have become so since June 5, this year. Physically these men are the very pick of the more than nine millions of men in America of the same ages. Registered and their names drawn, a rigid examination stood as a wall between them and service on the battle field. But perfect health and strength carried them through that barrier, just as they will carry them into and through the trenches of the enemy when the command comes. Intellectually and morally they are of the best also. Among them are men of every profession and calling—bankers, teachers, musicians, editors, mechanics, farmers, preachers, capitalists, merchants. There are college and university men with long strings of degrees after their names; men who have spent years of travel and study in Europe; men who have already made names that had begun to stand for things worth while. There are men out of the best homes of the city, town and country. Men who were active in the work and life of the church. But they have all left for the immediate active service of the country.—Holland's Magazine.

Quite So.

"We may live to see the airplane in common every-day use like the automobile."

"Sure! But our chance of living to see that will be better if we leave the experimenting to other people."—Boston Transcript.

At first a girl wants nothing but a husband, but after she gets him she wants nothing but his money.

Here's Hoping That the Season Bring To All the Best of Everything!

EVEN THOUGH there be no "peace on earth," "good will toward men" must not diminish. The spirit of self-sacrifice and of contributing to the various calls of the nation is most laudable indeed, and most necessary.

Let us "do every bit" we can in every possible way, but let us not forget that to meet every issue in this crisis the morale of the nation must be preserved. Cherished sentiments of Christmas-tide, the joy of children, the messages of kindness and affection among family and friends—these must hearten us now even above all other years.

Everything in Our Big Store on Sale at Special Prices

Twenty-five per cent reduction on all men, women and children's shoes this week.

A complete stock of Farm Implements. Save money by seeing us before you buy.

All of our \$3.00 hats will go at \$2.65 for this week only. Buy now.

We extend to our customers and friends the greetings of the season and wish each and every one a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE RED CROSS?

DANIEL & BURTON

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Camp Bowie Men to Get Furlough.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 15.—There will be an exodus of soldiers from camp beginning the 20th of this month, according to an order issued by Major General Edwin St. John Greble Saturday. The order provides that 50 per cent of the soldiers will be allowed 10-day furloughs for the Christmas holidays, regardless of the quarantine. The order stated, however, that each regimental commander should not allow more than one-fourth of the men given furloughs to leave on one day, in order to prevent traffic congestion. The first fourth, consisting of men living the farthest from camp, will be allowed to leave on the 20th and the remaining fourths to leave on the 21st, 22nd and 23d, care being taken to see that the men living at great distances from the camp be allowed to get away sooner than those living near it.

May Lose License.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 15.—All ginners are apparently not aware that Rule 12, recently promulgated by the United States Food Administration, provides that no licensee shall sell cottonseed in car lots at more than \$2.00 per ton exclusive of customary loading charges, over the price which he had paid for cottonseed; and the result of this failure to acquaint themselves with the law, unless satisfactorily explained and rectified, will lead to a cancellation of their licenses.

It was necessary Saturday morning for the Federal Food Administrator to wire three ginners in Texas, quoting the rule involved and directing that the administration be immediately advised as to the quantity of unsold cottonseed on hand Friday, and price paid for said seed.

Ginners in question, so the administrator has been informed, have on hand stocks of seed which cost them from \$62.00 to

\$65.00 per ton and for which they are asking \$70.00 to \$78.00 per ton.

The Federal Food Administrator's course in telegraphing these ginners is really of a friendly nature rather than otherwise and should serve as a warning to prevent them from subjecting themselves to cancellation of license and other penalties when their books and records are later checked up by the government.

Camp Travis.

For the benefit of those who may visit relatives and friends at Camp Travis it should be stated that the best time to go to San Antonio is on Saturday. The next best time is on Wednesday. The reason for this is that on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays the soldiers not on duty—such as guard or the like—are free to do as they like. The same is true on Wednesday afternoons. There is so much to learn that all the other time of the soldiers is practically taken up in training. Christmas furloughs will be very few and given only in exceptional cases. War is no respecter of holidays or feast days and every moment must count for advancement in the making of a soldier.

Eldridge Differs With Spreckles.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Former President of the Imperial Sugar company, W. T. Eldridge of Houston, who is here on private business, has been summoned as a witness before the manufacturers' committee.

Eldridge says if it had not been for the work done by the food administration the people would now be paying 25 cents per pound for sugar. He indorses the steps that have been taken by Director Hoover and disagrees entirely with President Spreckles of the so-called independent refiners.

A woman is interested in a man as long as he knows something she wants to find out.

U. D. C. Notes.

The November meeting of the D. A. Nunn chapter was held at the home of Mrs. John Cook. Out of town visitors were Misses Ruth Feagin, Jennie Louise Lacy and Ida Perry of Lufkin.

At the close delicious hot chocolate and wafers were served by Miss Wilma Shivers and Miss Thomas.

Program—House called to order by the president, Mrs. W. B. Page, followed by the invocation and reports of officers.

Mrs. John LeGory was elected treasurer, Miss Annie Williams historian; chairman program committee, Mrs. Gail King; vice chairman, Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb. Reading, Miss Katie King.

Solo, "Little Pink Rose," Katy Lacy.

The meeting closed with all members standing and singing the national hymn.

Mrs. James S. Shivers will have the Daughters with her December 29, 1917.

Mrs. Hal Lacy, Secretary.

The Way of Success.

Nervous energy is back of that quality of enthusiasm which puts life and ginger into one's efforts. Energy is chiefly the basis of that spirit of ambition without which one is not impelled to strive for heights above the common level. It is inevitable that the man lacking in ambition and enthusiasm will remain where he is. He can not and will not climb because he lacks the internal incentive, the spur and the driving power, by means of which energetic men push their way upward.

Divorces are so common now that they are no longer considered good theatrical advertisements.

Quality Furniture---the Gift of Lasting Remembrance



Built to express the true sentiment of Christmas-giving---thoughtfulness. Knowing this to be true, we have put extra efforts into collecting furniture that is both useful and beautiful in design for the benefit of gift givers.

Consider how the gift you give this year will be looked upon a year hence. How will it prove in the test of time---of daily usage? You won't have to apologize later if you make this a Furniture Christmas. Your friends will commend your good judgment.

All kinds and classes of Cedar Chests, for mother, sister, wife and sweetheart.
 Hand-Painted Crockery, Pedestals and Flower Pots.
 Magazine Racks
 Phone Stands
 Pedestals and Flower Stands.
 All kinds of RUGS, large or small.
 Brass and wood Ariel Beds special for Christmas.

The One Best Gift---

A Cedar Chest

We are showing the largest stock of Cedar Chests ever seen in this vicinity. If you've been wanting one---and every woman wants one---this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. They are here in a large assortment of sizes and the prices range from

\$10.00 to \$35.00

Boys' Wagons
 Child's Red and Oak Rockers and Go-Carts.
 Talking Machines and Records.
 Sewing Machines and a full line of needles and parts for all makes.
 Kitchen Cabinets, Kitchen Tables, Safes and Floor Coverings of all kinds.

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 S. M. MONZINGO 79

What the Farm Loan Association Is Doing.

After months of delay, waiting upon the organization of the Federal Land Bank at Houston and for all hands to learn what could and what could not be done under the homestead law of Texas, matters were finally whipped into effective working order and a few weeks ago the money commenced to arrive and now the applications are going through the mill in from twenty to forty days.

Up to the date of this article, December 17, thirteen loans have been paid, amounting to \$13,380. Twenty-four applications amounting to \$59,580 have been allowed and the money will be paid as soon as the abstracts are completed and approved. Twenty applications calling for \$26,095 have been filed with the association and will be in the hands of the bank officials before this is read by the public.

New applications are coming in at a rate that promises great relief to the farmers of Houston county.

We again wish to call attention to the fact that this association is serving the people of the entire county and that a start can be made by mail. In other words, it is not necessary to make a visit to our office to get a blank application to get the work under way.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Programme, of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Neches River Baptist Association to convene with the Pearson Chapel Baptist church at Pearson Chapel, eight miles west of Lovelady, begin-

ning Friday, December 28, and embracing the 29th and 30th.

10:00 a. m. Devotional led by J. W. Bynum.

11:00 a. m. Introductory sermon by T. M. Bullar.

2:00 p. m. Song service led by Geo. Knox.

3:00 p. m. Organization.

7:00 p. m. Preaching by G. W. Rice.

Saturday, 10:00 a. m. Devotional led by S. A. Barnes.

10:30 a. m. Are the church and ministry under the same commission now that is spoken of in Matthew 28, 19-20---led by E. T. West and N. Riffe.

11:00 a. m. What is the difference in Salvation and Reward---by T. M. Bullar and J. W. Caldwell.

12:00 m. Dinner on ground.

2:00 p. m. Are Baptists closer communions than Pedo Baptists are---by J. C. Moore and J. C. Sullivan.

3:00 p. m. What eternal assurance has the believer---by J. M. Carlton and G. W. Rice.

7:00 p. m. Preaching, preacher to be selected by committee.

We want all to come and feel at home, and any one coming on the train will be met at Lovelady by notifying J. T. Knox, Lovelady, Rt. 2.

Worse.

"He's in a bad way."

"Broke, eh?"

"Worse than that. He's down to the point where nobody will lend him money any more."---Detroit Free Press.

An old bachelor says that the bride is foolish because she does not marry the best man at the wedding.

Turn to the next column.

Married Sunday Afternoon.

Mr. Nugent Beazley and Miss Eula Satterwhite were married in this city Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of the Baptist pastor, Rev. M. L. Sheppard. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Sheppard.

The bride is the third daughter of Mr. M. Satterwhite of this city. Born and reared in Houston county, she is noted as one of the county's prettiest and most vivacious girls.

Mr. Beasley, the bridegroom, is a son of Mr. Chas. H. Beasley of Crockett. Graduating from the engineering department of A. & M. College, he immediately entered the career of a civil engineer and is at present in the employ of the United States government in Brazos river construction work at Port Sullivan, near Hearne.

Mr. Beazley is of the finest type of young manhood---honest, ambitious and industrious. He possesses the kind of integrity and stamina that win in life's battles. He has chosen well in the selection of a life partner, for he has selected from among Crockett's most noble young women.

Mr. and Mrs. Beazley left Sunday night for Dallas. They will return to Crockett for the holiday season, after which they will go to Hearne, which is near Mr. Beazley's work. They have the best wishes of our people.

Contribute to War Fund.

Recently the children of the Crockett Public schools contributed to a relief fund for the orphan children of our European allies. The amount raised was \$52.35. With this amount they purchased a liberty bond which

in turn they sold at a 2 per cent premium. The proceeds, \$53.35, they contributed to the Red Cross through the Happy Tribe Million Penny War Fund for the purpose above mentioned. The following letter is in acknowledgement of receipt of the contribution:

Houston, Texas, Dec. 17.
 My Dear Mr. McDonald:

Please let us thank you for your perfectly wonderful contribution to the Happy Tribe Million Penny War Fund. This leads all contributions to the fund in Texas to date with the exception of Mrs. Marshall Field of Chicago who gave 7500 pennies for her millionaire daughter, so you see we are very proud of Crockett.

We appreciate your splendid effort in behalf of the fund and wish to thank you personally, as well as every dear little child who has so unselfishly and sweetly responded to the call of the unhappy little orphans of Europe.

We feel that every child giving its pennies in such a cause will reap a reward of happiness and we wish you and each one all that such generosity deserves. Very cordially yours,
 Mrs. C. L. Peirce, Treasurer.

Privileged to Enlist.

The following registrants have been granted permission by the local exemption board to apply for entrance into the various branches of their country's service before being drafted:

Leo K. Hinson.
 Joe Graybill.
 A. D. Lockett.
 E. W. Robinson.
 Luther E. Kleckley.
 Henry J. Berry.
 Edward Downes Foster.
 W. A. Threadgill.
 J. Homer West.
 Allie L. Dykes.
 A. F. Daniel.
 Cass B. Barclay.
 D. S. Kirkpatrick.

Questionnaires Being Mailed.

The questionnaires are being mailed by the local board on the dates that follow:

December 19 order numbers from 1 to 156 inclusive.

December 20 from 157 to 312 inclusive.

December 21 from 313 to 468 inclusive.

December 22 from 469 to 624 inclusive.

December 24 from 625 to 780 inclusive.

December 26 from 781 to 936 inclusive.

December 27 from 937 to 1092 inclusive.

December 28 from 1093 to 1248 inclusive.

December 29 from 1249 to 1404 inclusive.

December 31 from 1405 to 1560 inclusive.

January 2 from 1561 to 1716 inclusive.

January 3 from 1717 to 1872 inclusive.

January 4 from 1873 to 2028 inclusive.

January 5 from 2029 to 2184 inclusive.

January 7 from 2185 to 2340 inclusive.

January 8 from 2341 to 2496 inclusive.

January 9 from 2497 to 2602 inclusive.

Shop in the Morning Hours.

Early shopping results in satisfactory, comfortable shopping, as the sales people have the time to show full assortments.

Savings in materials by the avoidance of all kinds of errors made in hurried purchases.

Savings to you and more salary to the sales people, as the sales person's time is evenly and profitably employed over the entire business day.

Saving in labor as the clerk's time is all profitably employed, therefore less clerks are required.

Practice doesn't always make perfect, but it makes some lawyers and doctors wealthy.

Local News Items

We are offering some wonderful bargains in hats, as we wish to clear out our stock and make room for spring goods.

It. Hail & Wakefield.

Cotton is High

But our Holiday Goods are cheap. Come to see us. Next to Commercial Club.

Crockett Drug Co.,
tf. Holiday Store.

Suspend for Holidays.

The Crockett city schools will suspend for the Christmas holidays Friday, December 21, and resume their work Monday, December 31.

Going Out

Of the Holiday business. We will sell it cheap. See us before buying. Next to Commercial Club. Crockett Drug Co.,
tf. Holiday Store.

G. A. Mangum, a brother of County Attorney Mangum, had rather live in Crockett than Houston, and so has come with his family to dwell among us. We welcome him.

Looking Us Up

Is what we want you to do. Prices will be reasonable. Come quick before the assortment is broken. Crockett Drug Co.,
tf. Holiday Store.

Mr. J. O. Monday of Lovelady was in Crockett Friday afternoon to meet his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Smith of Longview, who will spend the holiday season with her parents in Lovelady.

The Location

Of our Holiday store is between Commercial Club and Nunn's law office. Come and see our display.

Crockett Drug Co.,
tf. Holiday Store.

Corn Grinding Every Day

And shelling free. Leave your corn, shelled or on the cob, at the Commercial Club any day before noon, and get the best meal you ever had at 2 p. m.
2t H. A. Fisher.

Be Sure

To come to our store for your toys and Christmas presents. We are anxious to see and will make the price right.

Crockett Drug Co.,
tf. Holiday Store.

The Christmas holiday festivities have opened. Two dances have been given in Bromberg Hall by the young men of Crockett during the last week. The music was supplied by a splendid orchestra of six instruments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leediker have had the pleasure of having all their children visit with them this week—G. E. Leediker who is training at Camp Bowie, C. R. Leediker of Houston, T. E. Leediker and Mrs. Geo. Whitten and daughter Grace of Houston.

For Sale.

One 1918 Ford touring car, never been used, for immediate delivery. Also one 1917 model, one 1916 model touring and one 1916 roadster, all in good condition.
W. A. Tyer,
It. Phone 180.

Record Cotton Crop.

There were 31,078 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1917 prior to December 1 as compared with 18,639 bales ginned prior to December 1, 1916. These figures are supplied the Courier by E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator.

The Cadman Club will have its open session and free-will offering at the home of Mr. W. H. Denny Thursday afternoon, December 27, from 3 until 5. All over the amount of purchasing a Liberty Bond will be given to the local Red Cross chapter. Every one invited.

Splendid Bookings.

Mary Pickford, Billie Burk, Marguerite Clark, Douglas Fairbanks, William S. Hart, Julian Eltinge and many others are booked to appear at their best at the Queen Theater during the holidays. Don't let it be said you were a "Slacker." See this picture on New Year's day at the Queen Theatre. It

Mrs. Cornelia H. Ellsworth of New York arrived Monday for a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Corry and her aunt, Mrs. Mary C. Douglas, of Park Hill. Mrs. Ellsworth as Miss Nealie Headen was known and loved by the older residents, having spent much of her time in Crockett, when a young lady, with her aunts at Park Hill, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Douglas.

The Reader's Duty.

A newspaper's best friend is its reader. By serving and pleasing its readers as best it can, the newspaper gains their confidence, merits their spoken approval. The reader is the living advertisement—the bearer of truth—for the newspaper. If this paper has pleased or helped you, will you not tell about it to the most appreciative person you know?

Christmas Recital.

Sunday evening, seven o'clock, at the First Baptist church, a Christmas recital will be given by Mrs. Sheppard, organist, assisted by the choir and soloist. Just preceding the musicale, a short Christmas program will be rendered by members of the primary department. The public is most cordially invited to attend. This will be the farewell recital given by Mrs. Sheppard, who leaves shortly for her new home.

Farewell Service.

The service next Sunday will close our work with the Baptist church of Crockett. We want to thank the good and noble people of Crockett for the kind and generous support which they have given us during our stay among them. It is with regret that we leave so many good friends whom we have come to love so fondly. The public is cordially invited to worship with us next Sunday.
M. L. Sheppard.

Live Wires.

The postoffice force at Lovelady has contributed 100 per cent to the Red Cross. They consider themselves live wires and would like to hear from some other organization doing the same thing.

The force is composed of the following members: C. B. Moore, postmaster; E. Hornbuckle, assistant postmaster; T. J. Ham, carrier, rte. 1; C. F. Niissle, carrier, route 2; Ben E. Smith, carrier, route 3.

Notice to the Public.

From and after January 1, 1918, the undersigned banks of Crockett will close promptly each business day at 4 o'clock. This action on the part of the banks has been made necessary in order that the employes may complete their work at a reasonable hour and to comply with the requirements of the banking departments. Respectfully,
Crockett State Bank,
It. First National Bank.



This is to thank our many friends and patrons whose kindness has made this year one of pleasure as well as success.

To you, one and all, we extend wishes for a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

The Vogue Millinery



In times of prosperity is the time to SAVE your money. You can do this by trading with us.

We have nothing cheap, because everything is high—not only in our line, but in all others—but if you will call and inspect our stock and compare prices with those quoted elsewhere, you will find that you can do just as well, or a little better, here than elsewhere. We appreciate your business and will treat you right at all times. You will find here all the fresh produce the markets afford. Read this list and telephone us your orders:

FRUIT CAKE MENU

PECANS SHELLED
ENGLISH WALNUTS
ORANGE PEEL
LEMON PEEL
CANDIED CHERRIES

CANDIED PINE APPLE
DRIED FIGS
DRIED DATES
Special FRUIT CAKE SUGAR
CITRON

FRESH PRODUCE AND NUTS

CRANBERRIES
ORANGES
BANANAS
APPLES
GRAPE FRUIT
GRAPES

ALMONDS
PECANS
ENGLISH WALNUTS
LEMONS
BUTTERNUTS

ARNOLD BROTHERS



A. E. OWENS
COUNTY
CLERK

**CROCKETT MOTOR
COMPANY**
GARAGE
W. E. Robinson
Proprietor.

**CROCKETT DRUG
COMPANY**
The House of Service.

MOORE & SHIVERS
Incorporated
GENERAL
MERCHANDISE
The Farmers' Friends.

BENNETT BROTHERS
Groceries, Feed
and
Country Produce.

M. YOUNAS
Full line
GROCERIES
Don't forget us for
coffee.
Phone 50.

T. D. CRADDOCK
GENERAL
MERCHANDISE
Come to see us during
1918.



**A Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year**



These Crockett merchants, business
take this opportunity to extend to
friends the greetings of the season
every one a very merry Christmas
prosperous New Year.

J. L. ARLEDGE
TAILOR
Cleaning and Pressing

**SCARBOROUGH'S
CAFE**
For ladies and
gentlemen.

E. DOUGLAS
GROCERIES
and FEED
We buy your produce.

E. A. BOAZ
Cold and hot
DRINKS
Home-Made Candy
Fruits and Confections.



Here He Comes, "Over the Hills and Over the Hills"

Checking Up the List



EDMISTON BROS.
WHOLESALE
GROCERS

C. W. MOORE

CARLETON & BERRY QUEER
Men's and Boys' AL
FURNISHINGS Some

GRAIN



H. J. ARLEDGE & CO.
GENERAL
INSURANCE
"Insurance that Insures"

**EAST TEXAS MOTOR
COMPANY**
Dealers in
Dodge Brothers and
Buick Automobiles.

**BELOTT, WECHES
CREATH
ELECTION
DECEMBER 29**



A Christmas Mis...

Christmas and New Year



...ts, business and professional firms
... extend to their customers and
... of the season and wish each and
... ry Christmas and a happy and



Comes, "Over the Top"



N. L. ASHER
SHOES
and
Men's Furnishings.

THE CROCKETT STATE BANK
Guaranty Fund Bank.

H. G. PATTON
Wholesale and Retail
GROCERIES
"The Youngest Mer-
chant in Texas."

W. A. MANNING & COMPANY
GROCERY
and
FEED STORE
East Side Square.

DR. STARLING
DENTIST
Over Crockett State
Bank.

Crockett Telephone Company
Local and Long Distance
Service
J. S. Cook, Manager.

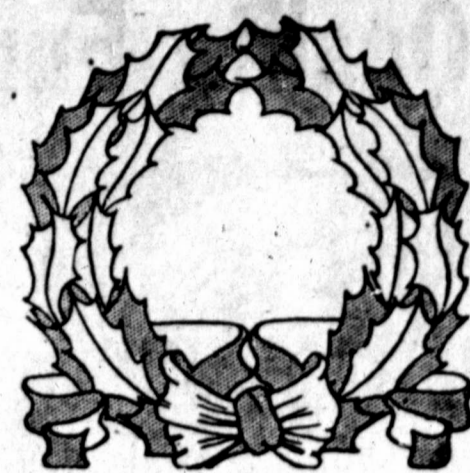
THE BISHOP DRUG COMPANY
Prompt Service Store
PHONE 47 or 140



**BELOTT, WECHES
CREATH**
ELECTION
DECEMBER 29

JAMES S. SHIVERS
CROCKETT'S
BIG STORE

C. P. O'BANNON
MILLINERY
and everything else
you wear.



JOHNSON & McLEAN
DRY GOODS
SHOES
and
CLOTHING

MAGNOLIA BARBER SHOP
G. D. McCLAIN
Proprietor.

Day and Night Garage
Meese & McLemore
Proprietors.
Just opened in the
Stokes building, north
side square. All work
guaranteed satisfactory.
Batteries tested and fill-
ed free.
Phone 108--Day or Night

WALTER BENNETT
Staple and Fancy
GROCERIES
Phone 170.

CROCKETT GRAIN COMPANY
WHOLESALE
and
RETAIL

BROOKE-MORRIS LUMBER CO.
SHINGLES
LIME
CEMENT

BERRY QUEEN THEATRE
Always Good
Sometimes Better.

Christmas Miss



The Best of Friends



**AN APPEAL TO
THE PATRIOTISM**

Of the School Teachers of Houston County, Both White and Colored.

You are well aware of the fact that at this time every resource of this great country of ours is being called upon to furnish its quota toward the establishment of a war machine greater than that of the German and more efficient. The young manhood of this nation is being drafted and thousands have volunteered to become a part of this great machine. Thousands and perhaps millions of others will become a part of this great army before the great task of overcoming evil influences that for a season have been running rampant over the nations of the earth. This great nation has thrown its power into the balances for good against the evil, and we are glad to say that the teachers of our county and state have answered the call to service, so much so in some sections that it has caused a weakening of the forces of the public schools, but when Uncle Sam calls, all other calls are subordinate, has been the slogan of teachers. We who have been permitted to remain at home for the time being are called upon to perform duties that are no less honorable than those who have gone and are now tenting on the camp grounds in the various cantonments of this nation and on the mud-soaked plains of Belgium and northern France. The whole population of the country is being asked to perform duties that are in direct line with those that are being performed by the soldier boys. We are asked to conserve the food supply, to save, to sacrifice, and to be at all times patriotic. We are called upon to buy bonds and thrift stamps, and to donate of our savings to the Red Cross and other organizations that are doing all that is within their power to relieve the distress that is in the world; to care for the afflicted of our own land; to succor the distressed of the torn lands of Europe; to bind up the wounds of not only our own soldier boys, but those of other nations. The soldiers only ask that we do our part and the victory

will be won. If we save food; if we buy bonds and thrift stamps; if we donate to the Red Cross, we are reinforcing our soldier boys and causing them to know that we are standing like the rock of Gibraltar, imperishable and unconquerable.

I know that you as a body of public servants have already purchased bonds and donated of your earnings, but right now I come to you and ask that we organize ourselves into committees from each school, both white and colored, to do work for the government that has made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of liberty and happiness. Will you not send in your membership and the dollar fee to become a part of that great army of workers, the Red Cross? There are men and women in each locality of this county who will take your membership and same will be credited to the local organization of your vicinity. You are asked to secure the membership of as many of your pupils as possible and of the parents and report same to some one who is working for the Red Cross in your locality.

The Christmas holidays are near at hand, and while we are enjoying the good things of this season, let's think of the thousands of others who are not. Let us think of our school teacher friends who are wearing the uniform; of those pupils of patriotic teachers, who are now doing their bit for the country which the teachers taught them to love. By becoming a member of the Red Cross you will be donating to a cause that will probably bring joy to many who will not know the loving care of a parent, sister or brother. Do I hear a dissenting voice? Not so—not from the teachers of the youth of this land?

This is a time when he who is not standing by the boys who are getting ready to do and are doing the work of super-men for this, the grandest government that God and man have ever brought into existence, is either ignorant of the great cause itself and of the facts surrounding same of he is disloyal. If he is ignorant, it is our duty as a friend to help him understand, but on the other hand, if he is disloyal, what do I hear some one say? "Place him at the head of



The only tube!

that has graphite vulcanized into the surface. Greatly lengthens its life. Eliminates the use of soap-stone and absolutely prevents friction, sticking, and heating. Protects the tube from light.

A laminated tube, built up layer upon layer of the finest rubber obtainable.

A generous, sturdy valve base that eliminates trouble here.

A true round at the splice, and far stronger than the tube which is spliced flat.

For long life and freedom from road troubles, use Savage Tires and

SAVAGE GRAFINITE TUBES

THE SAVAGE TIRE CORPORATION, San Diego, Cal.

We have a distributor near you

TOWERY MOTOR COMPANY

ADVERTISING HELPS IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER

If you want help in making up good business-getting advertising, ask us for suggestions.

Let us plan a few ads for you or send you a number of complete ads that you can use in your business.

We are glad to give this service. If we are not now giving you the advertising helps that fit your conditions, we would be more than glad to have you tell us about it so we could give you the helps you want.

We are building our business when we help you build yours. Your interests are our interests. Naturally, we are glad to cooperate with you.

Get the last issue of the Crockett Courier and check the advertised articles. Then see if you cannot turn some advertising into profitable business in your own store or other business.

There's no limit to the business when you advertise in a local newspaper like

THE CROCKETT COURIER

the banquet table?" No. Consign him to a traitor's dungeon that he may experience some of the kindness of the Kaiser of whom he is a devotee and at whose shrine he worships.

May the boys have your support? Shall we let them know that we are standing like the famous Jackson regiment at the battle of Bull Run, like a stone wall? Shall we let them know that we are the great rear guard, as undaunted and as brave as Marshall Ney? If so, then they can go to Europe; yes, to the ends of the world; to Jerusalem, to Constantinople, to Salonica; yes, even to Berlin, which, thank God, is their port of destiny and which shall behold the Stars and Stripes in all its glory, not as a Conqueror but as a Liberator.

J. N. Snell,

County Superintendent.

Pastor's Salary.

The board of stewards of the Methodist church, composed of J. W. Madden, C. W. Moore, C. Q. King, L. L. Moore, John D. Morgan, Dr. E. B. Stokes, J. B. Ellis, W. A. Norris, J. R. Harris, A. B. Burton, I. A. Daniel, J. S. Cook, M. S. Murchison, G. H. Henderson, J. H. Smith and Joe Adams, met Sunday afternoon and placed the salary of the pastor, Rev. C. U. McLarty, at two thousand dollars for this conference year; this is an increase of two hundred dollars over last year, but the board after discussion, thought it proper to make this increase as all living expenses have increased and our church is prosperous.

The board hopes to pay the pastor this year his salary by the month, and to do so it is

necessary that each member of the church pay each month on his or her assessment; envelopes will be delivered by the board in the next few days to each member of the church, and each member will be advised of the amount of his or her assessment, and the Board urges especially that all pay monthly to this cause so far as possible in order that we may meet promptly our financial obligations to the pastor and he may be able to pay his debts promptly as they become due.

The board thanks Mrs. Ruby DeCuir for the services rendered by her in furnishing music for the church services so faithfully and efficiently, and urges all members of the church to attend regularly these services.

Earle P. Adams has volunteered his services to assist the board of stewards in the collection of the pastor's salary, and will be given a list of members of the church on whom he will call, and we feel sure he will be treated courteously by every one on whom he may call. Board.

Wise Sayings.

When a sociable man has a minute to spare he goes and bothers some man who is busy. A true friend is a jewel that shines in the dark.

Our funny stories always get a laugh from the man who owes us money.

An honest dollar isn't to be blamed for its tainted associates. Don't leave your faults lying around.

Money! Money!! Money!!

Money to loan on farms anywhere in this section. Money quick, long time and easy terms.—J. S. French, at Earl Adams' Jr. office, Crockett, Texas. tf

Where on Sale.

Users of Raleigh's Extracts, Spices and Medicines can find same on sale for the Christmas trade at Bennett Bros. in Crockett, I. H. Shaver's in Grapeland, Faulkner's in Kennard and Revis Bros. in Ratcliff 2t* A. R. Daniel, Salesman for Houston County.

Cotton Seed.

The United States Food Control has stopped us from buying cotton seed for our own account for a short while. We suggest to those having seed for sale that they hold them until February. Nuf sed.

Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company. tf

APPLES ORANGES CANDY FIREWORKS AND OTHER GOODS

COME AND SEE

C. W. MOORE

WASTE NO MORE TIME

The hours that you waste are lost to you and to the world forever; there is no way which you can replace them. To waste time NOW is as unpatriotic as to waste food or money, for we stay-at-homes must not only do our "bit," but we must do our "best."

It is not always easy, however, to find a way to employ your spare time profitably, so in order to furnish you with this means, and at the same time put a great deal of helpful information into the hands of others we offer a suggestion.

Many of your neighbors do not read the Courier because they haven't had the opportunity of knowing its splendid value as you do. We will gladly pay you a liberal cash commission if you will tell them why you like the Courier and get their subscriptions.

You will also find those who have put off renewing because it was not convenient to write a letter or get a money order. If you'll offer to send in the renewal for them they will gladly let you do so and we will pay you the same as for a new subscriber.

The work does not require any investment and can be carried on as you have the time to spare. It will not interfere with your regular occupation, either household or business, but can be handled during your leisure moments in the evening or at noon.

Turn your spare time into money.

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Crockett, Texas.

EXEMPTION BOARD DRAFTED OFFICER

Judge Advocate Has Taken Steps To Have Commission Restored.

One of the most unique cases in the brief history of the Prairie division was brought to light Friday involving an especially trained man who was drafted as a private despite the fact that he had previously received a commission in the medical corps. When the case was brought to the attention of Major Chipperfield, judge advocate of the 33rd division, he was astounded and immediately took steps to right the wrong by submitting his recommendations to General Bell that the full report of the investigation be submitted to the proper authorities and the man's commission restored.

The victim of this "injustice" is Thaddeus Stanley Pierzynski, who has tolerated it without a grumble since—and is willing to serve his country as a private or a commissioned officer. According to the facts as disclosed by Major Chipperfield, he received the commission of lieutenant in the medical reserve corps August 23 and had taken the oath of office. Despite the fact that he had shown his commission he was ordered before exemption board 67, in Chicago, and was certified for military duty as a private. Again in September he was obliged to appear though he had again exhibited his commission, and this time was sent to Camp Grant. After a short illness, on September 22 he was ordered to Camp Benjamin Harrison for active service and training.

At this time he first attempted to bring his grievance to the attention of a commanding officer, Captain S. C. Jump, company C, 311 engineers, at Camp Grant, who, it is alleged, paid no attention to the matter. He is supposed to have later been advised that the order from the adjutant general had been lost. On October 23 he was shown a wire from the latter revoking his commission. He was then transferred to Camp Logan.

In passing upon Pierzynski's case, Major Chipperfield asserted, "the investigation and examination of the papers indicates that he has been unjustly and unfairly treated in that he has been denied the right to

avail himself of the commission, which he earned, and of entering upon his duties." In the opinion of the judge advocate he should have been relieved of further liability in response to the draft since he had previously received the commission in question. "He is now a private," Major Chipperfield said, and to my mind it is next to impossible to conceive of anything more manifestly unjust than this man has suffered for these months. A patriotic fellow who is willing to serve his country regardless, too."

The action of Major Chipperfield is in accord with the policy of General Bell, who desires to do the right thing by every man in his command. Though the result of the investigation at a late hour Thursday had not been submitted to General Bell, he asserted, however, that if such are the conditions there is no alternative but to do everything possible to right the matter. The case will in all probability be submitted to the proper authorities Saturday recommending that Pierzynski have his commission restored and that he be released from the 33rd division that he may enter upon the duties of an officer.—Houston Post.

Opportunity for Advertising.

The fact that this is most favorable time for Crockett and Houston county to advertise their abundant prosperity with a view of inducing desirable immigration was again emphasized and brought to our attention in a forceful manner by a visit last Saturday from a representative of the Industrial Journal, a trade paper of national circulation published semi-monthly at Dallas.

The publishers had heard of the comparatively favorable conditions that prevail in this section and naturally thought that we would like to let the people on the outside know about it, so a representative was sent over to get the facts for a free write-up. A descriptive booklet and photographs were first things asked for, and when the secretary had to admit that this material was not available, but would be in a short time, the agent said he would come back again after the holidays and spend time enough to get all the information he could from coming in direct contact with our people, so he could write much

of the matter with information secured from first hands. This is the way he explains their personal interest in giving this apparently free service: "The growth of the Industrial Journal depends upon the growth and development of the section of the country it represents, and when we are helping the towns and rural communities to present their attractions so as to induce outside homeseekers with new capital and energy to locate with us we are sure to be benefited—just as the farmer's prosperity contributes to the prosperity of the merchant."

Not only the Industrial Journal, but every periodical of general circulation in the south, will be glad to publish the facts as bearing on our growth and development, for they are all interested from the same standpoint and are looking for just this kind of material for their columns continually, and we will be very short-sighted and miss a valuable opportunity to advance our immediate interests if we fail to respond.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

President Wilson's Red Cross Christmas Proclamation.

The White House, Washington. To the People of the United States:

Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld and it is peculiarly fitting that at the Christmas Season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed. You should join the American

Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good-will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world war both in our own Army and Navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer. You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the National Service is steadily and effi-



Quality Gifts for Everyone

—For man or woman, for child or adult, this present holiday display offers a wealth of suggestions in gifts of real class, refinement, attractiveness and usefulness.

—So varied is this selection that your appropriation is easily met and from the smallest outlay to the most consequential you are assured proper style, quality and value.

—Bring in your shopping list and let us aid you in appropriateness of selections.

McLEAN DRUG COMPANY

THE REXALL STORE



Happy Holidays Everybody!

And thanks for Remembering
Us this year.

A Christmas of Economy

True enough, and most of us have heard it and said it until it is almost a byword.

Therefore we suggest that as everything is higher than usual that Old Santa will give more attention to practical and useful gifts this year. Our stock is brimful of just such gifts, and those of you who wish to "Hooverize" this Christmas will have no trouble in selecting at our place gifts for the whole family that will PLEASE and at the same time be gifts that one cannot well be without. We suggest at random just a few such desirable gifts:

FOR MEN—

Traveling Bags
Overcoats
Sweaters
Auto Gauntlets
Dress Gloves
Silk Shirts
Socks and Ties.

FOR WOMEN—

Blankets
Coats
Table Linen
Auto Gloves
Dress Gloves
Towel Sets
Purses.

FOR CHILDREN—

Skating Caps
Handkerchiefs
Ties
Sweaters
Coats
Mackinaws
Fancy Ribbons.

DAN J. KENNEDY

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.

THAT CHAMPION STEER.

Perdue University of Lafayette, Indiana, bred and fed a steer.

That steer became the grand champion of the International Live Stock Show of 1917.

The Shorthorn Breeders Association of the United States bought that steer from the University for \$2.05 a pound.

The champion steer's weight was 1610 pounds and he brought the university a total of \$3,300.50.

The Shorthorn Breeders Association had no use for the steer. The champion is bought by it each year in order to encourage the breeding of Shorthorns. In turn they sold the champion to a Chicago hotel. They got \$2.10 a pound or a total of \$3,381—and they turned every cent of the money over to the Red Cross for the aid of the American soldier in the war for liberty.

This is the life story of Merry Monarch, a pure bred Shorthorn steer, who passed away at the early age of two years after doing his bit—as all good steers should.—Houston Post.

Those people who think the newspapers are devoting too much space to the war and its problems are mistaken. The war and the winning of the war are the two most important subjects which have ever engrossed the mind of man. Too much space and too much time cannot be devoted to them. This generation must study the war and its problems in order to instruct future generations of Americans. The boys and girls now growing up must be taught unforgettably the lessons of this war and the reasons for it. Never must America have to learn these lessons again, and to learn them now requires time and study—and space in the newspapers.—Houston Post.

Men of America Answer Call Of Nation to Arms.

The latest official figures put the number of enlisted men in the armies of the United States at 1,360,000. This is the force that has grown in eight months out of an army that on April 1 numbered only 110,000 men.


Most of them are still in the training camps. Many of them are not yet disciplined troops, fully equipped and armed for battle.

But there are 1,360,000 of them, already one of the biggest factors Hindenburg is reckoning with for the campaign of 1918.

To lead them there are over 80,000 officers. When the graduates of the second training camp get their first orders the number will be over 100,000—

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AND

**A
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NEW YEAR**




THE moment you enter this store you'll be impressed with the Christmas spirit—the spirit of serving you with 100 per cent satisfaction. Come in, inspect our showing of practical gifts for men, women, boys and girls, and whether you have in mind the purchase of some personal gift for anyone or not, you'll always find a spirit of welcome, of courtesy, of helpfulness. These few suggestions do not by any means cover our stock:

WHAT TO GIVE FATHER

Dad's a sensible man, who loves you whether you give or not. He'll be greatly pleased, though, to receive something practical. In this list of things you can find that very article:

Slippers, shoes, neckties, suspenders, handkerchiefs, belts, gloves, socks, hat, cap, shirt, underwear, pocket-book, sweater coat, suit of clothes or overcoat.



**HOLIDAY
GREETINGS**

WHAT TO GIVE BROTHER

He may be an athlete, student, soldier or any one of a great number of other things. At any rate, there is no end to the number of articles to be found here that will be acceptable:

Suit, mackinaw, pants, hat, cap, sweater, shirts, gloves, ties, socks, collars, stick-pin, cuff-buttons, belt, suspenders, handkerchief, night-shirt, toilet cases, suit cases, garters, slippers.

WHAT TO GIVE THE LITTLE BOYS

Most of them like practical things as well as others and something useful and serviceable will be remembered when the toys and playthings are broken and lost:

Shoes, raincoat, mackinaws, suit, pants, sweater, hat, cap, gloves, ties, stockings, shirts, handkerchiefs, belt, collars, stick-pin.

WHAT TO GIVE MOTHER

It must be something exceptionally good — nothing can be too fine for the "dearest mother in the world." Here is a list especially compiled to solve the question of what to give her:

Table linen, towels, pillow cases, sheets, silk petticoat, shirt waist, skirt, coat, dress suit, kimona, sweater, stockings, bedspread, pocket-book, lace collars, warm slippers, handkerchiefs.

WHAT TO GIVE SISTER

Big Sister likes handsome clothes and other pretty things. In this schedule you will surely find something that will please her:

Suit, coat, silk petticoat, silk waist, gloves, hosiery, handkerchiefs, sweater, boudoir cap, fancy collar, hair ornaments, garters, dainty underwear, bedroom slippers.

WHAT TO GIVE THE LITTLE GIRLS

This surely is a problem—and hard to solve. But here is a list that will make it an easy matter to decide on something suitable for the girl in short dresses:

Dolls of all descriptions, sewing baskets, coats, sweaters, pocket books, stockings, caps and scarfs to match, dress goods, ribbons, beauty pins, slippers, shoes, handkerchiefs.

WHAT TO GIVE THE OLD FOLKS

For Grandmother:

Knitted scarf, black petticoat, wool hose, warm gloves, table linen, towelling, felt slippers, dress pattern.

For Grandfather:

Suit, overcoat, sweater, overshirts, gloves, wool socks, suspenders, ties, handkerchiefs, shoes, slippers, cap or hat.

WHAT TO GIVE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

This list contains a diversity of articles calculated to help you make the necessary purchases. You will notice that articles for men and women are listed and you will find the price very low:

For Men:

Shoes, slippers, hosiery, suspenders, neckwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, shirts, traveling cases, garters.

For Women:

Silk waists, hosiery, boudoir caps, kimona, gloves, parasol, toilet sets, collars, neckwear, bed-room slippers.

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as many officers as there were privates nine months ago.

The whole military establishment, with the marines and the auxiliary forces thrown in, numbers 1,500,000. The expansion that has taken place is as if Grand Rapids had grown in eight months to be virtually as big as Philadelphia.

Since Xerxes led his 1,500,000 of assorted Asiatics across the Hellespont, Europe has seen many a campaign conducted on the grand scale. American battles have been fought as stubbornly, but with smaller forces engaged. There were 2,700,000 enlistments in the federal army in the civil war. But many of

this number were re-enlistments. The highest total engaged at any one time was reached in the last year of the war. On March 31, 1865, the union army comprised 980,000 men.

For the Spanish war an army of 275,000 was raised. Only 60,000 saw service.

The present American army is the largest armed force the Western Hemisphere has ever seen—unless the mound builders were more numerous and pugnacious than we have any reason to believe they were. If the whole army could be gathered together today and lined up in a solid infantry column, four abreast, it would reach across

Ohio from Cincinnati to Toledo and on to the Michigan line.

A million and a half of men! It is as if the entire population of the state of South Carolina or of the states of Nebraska and Wyoming put together—men women and children—were suddenly to be converted into young men clad in olive drab and organized into companies and battalions.

When Great Britain entered the war it was with a much smaller army. The first expeditionary force numbered barely 100,000. The kaiser called it a contemptible little army. Yet without its work at Mons, Paris might have fallen. One hun-

dred thousand men, and the encouragement they brought to the French, were enough to avert defeat in the first year of the war.

Wise Sayings.

Don't be blind to the virtues of an enemy or the shortcomings of a friend.

A young widow's health usually improves when her physician gets married.

Why isn't the Golden Rule an excuse for the girl who wants to propose?

It takes more than a handsome bible on the parlor table to keep sin out of the house.

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Notice of Election.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

On this the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, the commissioners' court of Houston County, Texas, being in special session, came on to be considered the petition of S. J. Patton and more than fifty other persons praying that bonds be issued by the territory hereinafter described and designated as road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, in the sum of Fifty Thousand [\$50,000.00] Dollars bearing five per cent. rate of interest, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax paying voters of said Road District Number Four, and that the amount of said bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District Number Four of Houston county, Texas, which is hereby designated and created as such Road District Number Four of Houston county, Texas, and which is described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Antonio Barrazo League on the West bank of the Neches River in said Houston County, Texas. Thence South 45 West with the S B line of the Barrazo League 4200 vrs to the S W corner of same. Thence North 55 West 670 vrs J. G. Minto North corner. Thence North 70 West with A. A. Bain line 210 vrs his North corner, also the East corner of the Wm. Whitely survey, continue same course North 70 West in all 1845 vrs to the North corner of said Wm. Whitely survey. Thence South 18 West 4458 vrs with the Sanchez line to Sanchez S W corner. Thence with the said Sanchez W B line North 45 West 1300 vrs to the Northeast corner of the Ann Porter survey. Thence West with Ann Porter N B line 1015 vrs her N W corner on Wm. Vaughn E B line. Thence North with Vaughn E B line 457 vrs his N E corner. Thence West with the N B line of the W Vaughn survey and the S B line of the Robert S. Patton survey 2338 vrs stake on the E B line of the F. B. Conner league, also the N W. corner of the Chas. Johnson survey. Thence North with the East Boundary line of the F B Conner League to Hickory Creek. Thence in a Southeasterly direction with said Hickory Creek through the Francis B. Conner League line about 5000 varas to where said Creek crosses the W B line of the Francis B. Conner League and the E B line of the R. R. Russell League. Thence West with said Creek 3446 varas to stake on the W B line of said Russell Survey. Thence South with the line of the J. C. Teague and R. R. Russell surveys 3400 vrs to Russell and Teague corner. Thence West with Teague S B line 2200 vrs corner. Thence South 400 vrs another of Teague's corners. Thence West 2800 vrs to Teague's S W corner. Thence North 3898 vrs intersects Jacob Masters Jr. League. Thence N 45 West 750 vrs Jacob Masters Jr. corner. Thence South 45 West with his line 2000 vrs his south corner. Thence North 45 West 3750 vrs Jacob Masters Jr. West corner. Thence North 45 East 5682 5-10 vrs N E corner of said Masters League and N W corner of the J. Strode League, continuing same course with N W B line of said Strode League 2150 vrs to corner of said Strode League on S B line of Wm. Davis League. Thence West with the S B line of the said Wm. Davis League 1447 vrs to his S W corner. Thence North 2379 vrs to the S E corner of the M. Sallas League an Ell corner of said Davis League. Thence North 38 West with the line of said Davis and Sallas Leagues 2860 vrs to San Pedro Creek, being the N W corner of said Davis League. Thence down said creek with its mean-

ders to where same crosses the W B line of the Dan McLean League and continuing down said Creek with its meanders through the said Daniel McLean league to the N B line of same on the Joel Young S B line. Thence East 400 vrs to Hardy Ware S W corner. Thence North 25 East with Hardy Ware W B line 4030 vrs stake on the bank of Neches River. Thence down said River to beginning. It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1917, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, shall be issued in the sum of Fifty Thousand [\$50,000.00] Dollars, bearing five per cent. rate of interest and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. Notice of said election shall be given by

publication in a newspaper published in said County for four consecutive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in said Road District Number Four for three weeks prior to said election. Said election shall be held at the regular voting box at Weches and at the regular voting box at Belott and at a special voting box at Creath, which said voting boxes are situated in said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, viz: at Weches, John Lovelady and Ed Smith; at Belott, Tom Duren and Will Creath; at Creath, M. B. Creath and Joe Merriwether. Said election shall be held under the provisions of Road District Act passed at the first called session of the 31st Legislature, and under the Road District Act passed by the regular session of the 35th Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor," and those

opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor." The manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections, and copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notices to be published in a newspaper published in said Houston County or in said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, if there be a newspaper published therein, for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District Number Four of Houston County, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election. E. Winfree, County Judge, Houston County, Texas. 4t. Philosophy in Brief Paragraphs. The kiss of a homely girl may be sweeter than that of a pretty one—to a blind man. Many a time the heirs who really need the estate take a chance and hire a lawyer. Men have a right to bet if they choose, but they should be careful how they choose. Love sometimes flies out of

the window when the cooking school graduate enters the door. It's always safe but unsportsmanlike to reserve your congratulations until the happy pair have been married a year. It is well to remember that a penny will jingle with a tin suspender button. In a game of baseball two nines are usually matched to play against one umpire.

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New Year Greetings

From A. B. Burton

At this season I like to think of my customers as my friends; I like to feel that in a broad sense my customers are my partners---that my success is but the reflection of their success; so, for the friendship that has remained steadfast for the past twenty-one years and the friends made during the past year we are grateful, and take this method of extending my sincere thanks and wishing all a bright, prosperous New Year.

I also wish to announce that I have bought the interest of Mr. I. A. Daniel in this store, assuming all liabilities and responsibilities of the firm, and, as a celebration of that event and to make room for new merchandise, I am going to inaugurate a

January Clearance Sale

At which every article of merchandise in this big store will be offered at greatly reduced prices. Join with me in this celebration and secure your share of the many bargains to be had here during the month of January.

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Christmas Dance.

Miss Virginia Foster entertained Christmas night with a dance complimentary to friends and visitors. Bromberg Hall, tastefully and profusely decorated in the season's appropriateness, was radiant in the splendor of its beauty and the magnificence of the assemblage. The hostess had the assistance of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Woodson, in planning this most enjoyable affair and in the arrangement of decoration. John Wootters, home from college, was selected to lead the grand march, and he in turn selected the young hostess to lead with him. A colored orchestra supplied the music. Coffee and sandwiches were served. Those participating in the hospitalities of this most enjoyable evening included:

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodson.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cartwright.
Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Craig of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Barbee of Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hail.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters.

Mrs. Julia Barbee.

Misses Lucile Millar, Lois Millar, Delha Mildred Wootters, Jennie Arledge, Hattie Stokes, Grace Denny, Sue Denny, Bee Denny, Wilcox of Uvalde, Harriet Lipscomb of Beaumont, Leita Cunyus, Sue Smith, Elizabeth DuPuy, Sara Mac Crook, Wilma Shivers, Mary Spence, Otice McConnell, Maude McConnell, Katie Barbee, Violet Phillips, Jewell Parker of Lovelady, Nell Beasley, Gladys Dawes, Ruth Warfield, Leona Thomas,

Nodelle Jordan, Lena Bromberg, Aline Foster, Alice Foster, Virginia Foster, Julia Spence, Grace Smith and Maude McLain of Longview, Lucia Painter, Marian Foster, Sue Morrison, Florence Arledge and Josephine Edmiston.

Messrs. J. L. Sherman, Lee Foster, Downes Foster, Roy Arledge, B. F. Chamberlain Jr., John Langston, Milton Thomas, H. J. Phillips Jr., T. F. Smith, John Cook, Avon Sallas, W. W. Aiken, R. E. Aiken, Smith Harkins, Archie Burton, Weldon Craddock, Hunter Warfield, Smith Wootters, Bobbie McConnell, K. D. Sherman, Bob Smith, Tom Aiken, J. C. Wootters, Ike Craddock, Arch Baker, Arthur Owens, Frank Foster, Will Collins, Jack Polly, John Wootters, Jack Barbee, Jack Ike Smith, W. H. Denny Jr., Stephen Denny, J. R. Conner of Ratcliff, Lieutenant J. L. Lipscomb of Camp Bowie, Lieutenant Driskill, Dr. W. N. Lipscomb of Seattle, Howard Jordan, Gail Leediker and Bennie Temple of Camp Bowie, Collin Lochfield, Lanier Edmiston and Joe H. Baker.

Dinner Party.

Miss Delha Mildred Wootters entertained the following young people with a dinner party on Sunday preceding Christmas:

Misses Leita Cunyus, Hattie Stokes, Virginia Foster, Nodelle Jordan, Beth Lundy, Wilma Shivers, Louine McLarty and Delha Mildred Wootters; Messrs. John Langston, Johnson Phillips, Smith Wootters, Lipscomb Sherman, Howard Jordan, John Cook, Paul Stokes and Weldon Craddock.

Many complimentary remarks have been heard regarding the elegance and simplicity of this Christmas hospitality.

New Year's Dance.

Honoring Crockett maids and the visitors, the young men of Crockett gave a dance in Bromberg Hall Monday evening, in

which twenty-five couples, properly chaperoned, participated. The New Year was ushered in in appropriate and enjoyable style, the dance lasting well into the first morning of 1918. As the city's bells rang out the old and in the new, the notes of waltz and one-step were gently rifted throughout the hall to be heard no more during nineteen seventeen, and the joy for the new year was unbounded.

Red Cross Dance.

The Crockett Chapter of the Red Cross gave a dance in Bromberg Hall Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross work. This benefit dance was patronized largely by those who attended the Christmas dance and by many others. It was the most largely attended of any of the local holiday events. A large sum was realized for the local Red Cross Chapter, and a very enjoyable evening was afforded participants and patrons.

Lovelady News.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruner Smith of Longview were holiday guests at the Monday home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Finley and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Abshier of Walter were guests of Mrs. J. H. Jones at Hickory Lawn.

Miss Emma Manson of Evergreen spent the holidays in Lovelady.

Miss Margie Rayburn was at home from C. I. A. at Denton.

Miss Ethel Lundy of Grapeland spent the week with home folks.

Mrs. D. F. Standley and children of Freeport spent ten days with Mrs. Bob Wills.

Mrs. R. A. Turner and children of Houston spent last week with Judge J. B. Turner and family.

Misses Jewel Parker and Fay Murray have returned to Ward-Belmont College in Tennessee after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Mildred Collins has re-

turned to Winnsboro.

Mrs. S. M. Briscoe and children spent two weeks in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cochran and Misses Earline and Carrie Belle Cochran spent the holidays with relatives in Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Young of Trinity were here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Niissle of Georgetown and Miss Lillian Niissle of Clarksville were guests at the Niissle home Christmas week.

Dr. S. H. Moore of Houston was the guest of Postmaster and Mrs. C. B. Moore.

The following Lovelady boys from Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, spent the holidays with home folks: Joe and Brent Driskill, Center Wilkins, Arthur Atkinson, Harry Wakefield, Morris Dent, George McCullar, O. K. Goodrum, Willie Wills, Dick Lundy and Ernest Brasier.

Miss Myra Hemphill has returned to Livingston.

Miss Ira Phipps has returned to Buckholts after a visit to her

mother, Mrs. W. O. Phipps.

Mrs. Clifton McDowell and little daughter of Onalaska were with Mrs. W. T. Bruton for the holidays.

The Week of Prayer.

The pastors have agreed to observe the week of prayer next week by prayer-meetings—Monday night at 7:30 at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday night at the Methodist church, Wednesday night at the Baptist church, Thursday night at the Presbyterian church, Friday night at the Methodist church; not any meeting on Saturday night. It is fitting that we should begin the year with praises for God's mercies, and especially in these critical times it is suitable that we should be earnest in prayer. Let us all attend these meetings. S. F. Tenney.

With a little diplomacy any woman can induce her husband to buy her a new hat. All she has to do is visit his office arrayed in one of her own make.

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