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"Quality, Not Quantity."

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OUR HOPES ARE BEING REALIZED

Co-operation Has Extended Our Trade Territory—Crockett Rapidly Assuming Metropolitan Features.

Mr. Arch Baker, vice president of the First National Bank, recently told the secretary that he could see evidences that showed plainly that Crockett was drawing business from a much larger territory than ever before. When asked what had, in his judgment, brought about this change, he remarked that he guessed the Commercial Club activities had something to do with it. In fact there could be no doubt about it. We considered this sufficient notice to make an investigation along this line, and a number of our leading business men were interviewed on the subject with the result that Mr. Baker's statement of the fact that our trade boundaries had been widely extended was unanimously confirmed. When a city is prosperous, as Crockett is and has been for some time, the merchants and all others are so very busy waiting on customers and making money that they often forget what influences are bringing them this prosperity, but it is the business of their hired man, the secretary of the Commercial Club, to see that this organization receives at least a portion of the credit that should attach to its efforts. It might be said in this connection that if the results are so apparent they should speak for themselves, and that it would be unnecessary to proclaim the facts from the housetops. A large majority of the business men of Crockett do not need to be told, but there are here, as there are in all localities, a very small minority who are still on the outside, and we want to see the names of every person interested in the growth and prosperity of our city on the roster of this organization that has done so much to bring about the changed conditions that have started us on the road to permanently better things, but which could do much more effective work if properly supported.

Why We Know.

The beginning of the extension of our business influence was in the fall of 1916 when the club brought in and supported an outside cotton buyer. The added competition attracted county-wide attention and brought farmers with cotton to Crockett that had not been here in eight to ten years. Many of them came from the remotest sections of the county, passing, on their way, through towns that had for years been their trading points. The healthy competition thus started has made Crockett one of the best cotton markets in this section of the state. Conclusive proof that more cotton comes to Crockett is the fact that there is now stored in our warehouses, and the lots surrounding them, cotton to the value of one and a quarter million of dollars. The improvement in marketing facilities inaugurated by our merchants, as one of the requisites of the club taking on its new campaign, has helped wonderfully, but there is much more that could be done in this respect. The Houston County Wheat Growers Association that was organized by the club in 1917 has a large membership, at least one-half of whom live twenty to twenty-four miles from Crockett. The seed wheat has been purchased by the club and distributed from the club rooms and these long distance teams have come here after it, and many are the complimentary remarks made by these farmers when they call and find they have secured proper seed at wholesale prices without a cent of cost for the service. On these occasions they are always told they are indebted to the merchants of Crockett for this service, and that it is only one of the numerous things they are doing for the farmers of the county free of charge.

What Wheat Growing Means for Crockett.

When the casual observer sees the farm wagons loading their seed wheat at the club rooms it is very doubtful if he realizes what this effort on the part of the club, to get the Houston county farmers to grow the wheat needed to supply the flour for our people, means to Crockett. It means that a flour mill will be installed here to grind this wheat, and that farmers' teams from every part of the county will be constant visitors to Crockett to get their wheat ground. To put it plainly, another exclusive industry for the county seat that will widen

and strengthen our hold on the business that we are working for.

Here Is Another Exclusive Influence.

For reasons that have been explained heretofore, the Crockett Federal Farm Loan Association, another product of our club, has a monopoly of this government business for this county, and has already secured over a hundred thousand dollars of this five and a half per cent money on thirty-five years time for our people, and it is only just getting limbered up.

The practical workings of this association bring the applicants to Crockett. They cannot delegate the work to any one else. They must come in person; and come several times in some cases, and they spend money with our legal fraternity for deeds, abstracts and other necessary services. Then, as set forth in a previous article, this efficient service the government is extending its producing a citizenship of farm home owners to take the place of migrating tenant farmers. Isn't this worth anything to the merchants of Crockett?

Influence of Farmers' Wives and Families.

The accommodations furnished by the ladies' rest rooms and reading room, with an abundant supply of free periodicals, has had the effect of bringing the farmer's family to town from three to five times as often as before these things were provided. Don't this mean much more trade for our merchants? When it is understood that from twenty-five to seventy-five farmers' wives and children visit these rooms a day, with a hundred and fifty to three hundred on Saturdays, a better idea can be had of the importance of this service.

Gradually Disappearing.

That long-time prejudice that existed in the minds of a large percentage of the farmers against the merchants of Crockett has, in a large measure, disappeared, and if the co-operative work is placed on a permanent basis and pushed as it should

be, it will disappear entirely and every farmer in the county will have nothing but good words for our business folks.

No Guess Work About It.

In this article, and we have not enumerated all the good things that have been accomplished, we have dealt entirely with facts as we understand plain English spoken by farmers and business men interested. Not in a perfected form it is true, but sufficiently ample to convince those who are willing to be convinced. There are a few, and we say it with pride, a very few, who sometimes say to our collector, "I can't see that the Commercial Club is doing me any good," and refuse to pay the small monthly dues, for a while at least.

There is another element among us, and we will add a very small one, that refuses to join the Commercial Club until it has secured some industry of importance to the town. Now don't that take your breath? Don't these people know that it takes money to do things of that kind, and that the receipts of the club are hardly sufficient to pay the most economical running expenses—that the club never has any working capital to undertake such things with?

What Should Be Done.

The new year, which promises to be one of the most profitable for agriculture in many years, should find the Crockett Commercial Club fully equipped to make the most of all the opportunities that will be offered. A new canvas of the town should be made and binding contracts made with the members for a year for at least double the amount of present subscriptions, so that the management can definitely plan the work for that length of time. If, on the other hand, the people of Crockett are not convinced that what has been done is along right lines and will lead to permanent and profitable results, the activities of the club should be discontinued and the club rooms closed, or a new secretary engaged.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

THE HONOR ROLL

Following are the names of the Houston county boys who have given their lives in the service of our country:

John B. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ellis, died in the service November 29, 1917. Member of E Company, 143d Infantry, 36th Division.

Albert D. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murray, died in the service December 1, 1917. Member of H Company, 143d Infantry, 36th Division.

Corporal Wyatt N. Creath, son of W. G. Creath, died in the service October 14, 1918. Member of C Company, 85th Infantry, 18th Division.

William R. Matchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Matchett, died in the service October 21, 1918. Member of L Company, 131st Infantry, 31st Division.

Norman Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Richards, fell in battle November 4, 1918. Member of I Company, 360th Infantry, 90th Division.

What Will Be Done With the Money?

In another part of this paper will be found an article on what the Crockett Commercial Club has been doing and what it proposes or at least hopes to get in shape to do the coming year.

An effort is to be made to raise more money by increasing the membership and increasing the present dues, the idea being to give the Club a little working capital, something it never has had.

This article does not say what it is proposed to do with this ex-

tra money, hence this supplementary statement.

It is proposed to encourage better methods of crop raising and stock growing by offering prizes to the members of the boys' and girls' clubs that have been and are being organized in the county under the management and personal direction of Mr. Lancaster, our county agent. He comes to us as an experienced man especially in this branch of work and is a genuine enthusiast in boys' and girls' club work, and with the help that can be extended him through the financial assistance that it is hoped for, through the Commercial Club, much more effective work can be done. Let us give Houston county such a boost as she has never had in an agricultural way, by getting these enthusiastic youngsters busy in every locality in the county.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Elizabeth Ramsey Hague.

Miss Elizabeth Ramsey Hague died near Grapeland, from influenza and pneumonia. Funeral services were held at her father's residence, a short distance east of Grapeland, Monday afternoon, December 9. Rev. S. F. Tenney conducted the services, Miss Hague having been a member of the Presbyterian church since she was eleven years old. She was about 27 years of age, just in the bloom of lovely young womanhood. Mr. Hague and his family moved into the community near Grapeland several years ago, coming from the former home near Waco. One of Mr. Hague's daughters is a trained nurse, having served in that capacity in Waco. She was present at the funeral. This good family have the sympathy of their many friends in and near Grapeland.

Christmas Offerings.

Read that fine, half-page ad. of James S. Shivers in this issue of the Courier and learn of the useful holiday offerings of this firm. When you have read the ad. and reread it, then proceed to the store of James S. Shivers and see the wonderful holiday display in the show windows. The Christmas arrangement and decoration here show the hand of an artist. Then pass into the store and observe the usefulness of the things on display and the appropriateness of the things for seasonable gifts. Christmas giving this season should be confined to gifts of usefulness, and in this store you will find such things in great abundance.

Glass Succeeds McAdoo as Head of Treasury Department.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Carter Glass of Virginia was nominated today by President Wilson to be secretary of the treasury.

Mr. Glass will go into office on Dec. 16, under an agreement with Secretary McAdoo, whose resignation was accepted by the president, to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor.

At an executive session late today the senate referred Mr. Glass' nomination to the senate banking committee. This is the usual routine and leaders expect prompt confirmation by the senate.

Paragraphs in Brief.

Good planning results in varied meals.
Rub rusty scissors with fine sandpaper.
Always keep a vessel of water in a steam-heated room.
Custard should be very thoroughly beaten before baking.
A little glass fish bowl is a good holder for a ball of yarn.

Christmas Gifts and Good Will---

You know the value of a gift isn't in what it cost, but in the good will it represents. Emphasize the "good will." All gifts this year should be useful gifts; find out what your friends and loved ones really need.

We offer by way of suggestion, here below, a great many useful presents. They are all substantial, economical and reasonable price—ready-to-wear:



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| Suit Clothes | Bath Robes | Handkerchiefs |
| Overcoat | Sweaters | Cuff Buttons |
| Hat | Mufflers | Underwear |
| Shirts | Pajamas | Neckwear |
| Hosiery | Collars | Gloves and Belts |

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MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS

Making the Man Comfortable in Camp

When you send gifts to the men in camps, you should select articles that will contribute to their comfort. Our stock will provide many practical suggestions—

Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Pipes,
Match Cases, Watches, Safety
Razors, Shaving Supplies

Comfort has much to do with the soldier's efficiency, so be sure that you contribute whatever is possible to make your Soldier Boy happy and contented.

Packages carefully and securely packed
for mailing.

BISHOP DRUG COMPANY
PROMPT SERVICE STORE

Local News Items

H. G. Patton for feed. He sells for less. 1t.

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

Mrs. Harry Ellis was a visitor at Elkhart from Thursday until Sunday.

2000 yards of 35-cent outing at Moore & Shivers' for 25 cents per yard. tf.

Miss Sue Denny is at home from Texas University, Austin, until January.

Lehman Newton of the U. S. Navy was visiting his mother here this week.

Mrs. O. C. Aldrich and baby are here from Houston to visit relatives and friends.

H. E. Hester has returned from the cavalry training camp at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Any trimmed hat at the Vogue Millinery for half price Friday and Saturday—cash only. 1t.

Mayes Hale is at home from the student army training corps of Texas University, Austin.

We originated the quick sales and small profit system. 1t. H. G. Patton.

Buy your Greeting Cards early. See our display. tf. Bishop Drug Company.

Moore & Shivers are offering buggy and team harness at very low prices for the next 10 days. tf.

The Vogue Millinery will sell for cash Friday and Saturday any trimmed hats for half price. 1t.

For Sale—Pure Mebane cotton seed, raised on black bottom land. Call on John S. Arrington. 2t.

For genuine Ford service, see or telephone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service.

Mrs. P. R. Denman and little daughter, Berta, were visitors at Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Zurmehly, following a visit with Mrs. S. L. Murchison, has returned to her home in Ohio.

Free.

Buy a 25c bottle of flavoring from us during our sale and we will give you another one free. 1t. H. G. Patton.

Daniel Russell has received his honorable discharge and returned home from the officers' training school at Camp McArthur, Waco.

Plumber Wanted.

A good plumber can find all the work he can do here, for plenty of work will be thrown him by the city. 1t.

We will have a car load of pure Mebane cotton seed about January first. Get our prices before you buy. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Lost—One large, white, Scotch collie dog—brown ears and brown spot on base of tail. Liberal reward for his return. tf. A. B. Burton.

For Sale.

Upright Weber piano in first-class condition at a bargain for cash or on terms.

Minnie Wall,
Crockett, Texas.

Ask some of the many who visited our store last Saturday. They will confirm our statement that it is the greatest grocery sale ever staged in Houston county. 1t. H. G. Patton.

Land for Sale.

Parties wanting to buy land for farms see M. Bromberg. His holdings represent all kinds of land suitable for any kind of farming, including a big tract on Trinity river. tf.

\$2.90 Per Sack.

That is what we are selling "Bumble Bee" flour for. It is guaranteed to be as good as any flour made. Try a sack for your Christmas baking. Save 25c per sack. 1t. H. G. Patton.

Do not plant any cotton that does not produce a good yield of long staple another year. There is nothing better for Houston county than Mebane. We will have a car for sale about January first. Jas. S. Shivers.

Missing in Action.

Ollie Wilson has been reported by the war department to John W. Wilson as missing in action since November 10, a month before official notice reached Crockett and a day before the armistice was signed.

We will have a car load of Mebane cotton seed direct from the grower at Lockhart about January first. The difference in the price of the staple will pay for the seed the first year. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Lost Mule.

A small black mare mule, about 5 years old, branded F on shoulder; last seen seven miles north of Crockett on Egg and Butter road. Will pay \$15.00 for her recovery. Tom Barnhill, 2t. Crockett Route A.

Breaking Up Camp.

Riall McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McConnell, has returned from Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, having received his honorable discharge. The 100th Division at Camp Bowie and the Fifteenth Division at Camp Logan, Houston, are being broken up.

Circular Letter.

Again we call attention to those needing hulls or cotton seed meal, especially for fertilizer. We suggest get it at once as our season will be shorter than usual, and we will not likely have either through spring and summer. Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Co. 2t.

Missing in Action.

Ed Buller, son of Rev. T. M. Buller of the Arbor community, is reported by the war department as missing in action. He has not been accounted for since November 9, two days before the signing of the armistice. Ed Buller received his military training at Camp Travis, and unless transferred was a member of the 90th Division of Texans and Oklahomans.



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Shotgun shells, per box, 80 cents.
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Stove pipe, per joint, 25 cents.
Twenty-five boxes washing powder for \$1.00.
Twenty bars soap for \$1.00.
Twenty-five-cent cans K. C. baking powder for 20 cents.
Three boxes shredded coconut for 25 cents.
1t. H. G. Patton.

Marriage Licenses.

F. A. Sifford and Miss Mary Alice Woelfe.
John Kinman and Emily Wingwood.
Ike Potts Jr. and Pearlina Jones.
Mitchell Weathersby and Mollie Thompson.
William Woods and Mattie Taylor.
J. B. Brown and Margaret Mitchell.
Alicie Cook and Lottie Little.

Court House Changes.

A door has been cut between the sheriff's office and the school superintendent's office in the court house and those two offices have been converted into one for the use of the school superintendent. The justice of the peace's office has been moved from the court house annex to one of the jury rooms on the second floor of the main building. The room vacated by the justice of the peace in the upstairs

of the annex. The county attorney and the district attorney will have offices adjoining that of the sheriff on the second floor of the annex building.

Severely Wounded.

Lawson Keene, son of A. L. Keene of Crockett, has been reported by the war department as severely wounded in action against the enemy. Sergeant Keene was recently cited for indomitable courage and bravery by his commanding officer and promoted from a corporalship to a sergeantcy. He is in the First Division of regulars and was among the first American troops to land in France. He was wounded on October 8, two months before official notice reached Crockett and a month before the armistice was signed.

Mrs. Harry Webb.

Mrs. Maggie Webb, wife of Harry Webb and formerly Miss Maggie Smith, died at the family home in this city Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning and interment followed in Glenwood cemetery. Mrs. Webb leaves a brother, Albert Smith, and a sister, Miss Janie Smith; also a husband and four young children. The husband is in Colorado on account of ill health. Mrs. Webb was a member of the Baptist church and services were held by the Baptist pastor, Rev. L. L. Sams. She was a good woman and there is much sorrow at her passing.

Gifts of Character and Distinction

—We have a right to be happy this Christmas. Peace has been declared, the boys of America will soon be coming home—many of them in time to join the family circle in real rejoicing. Make the home bright and happy for their coming, and you can do this by the wise buying of furniture.

—There can be no happier moments spent than listening to the sweet music or the wonderful voices that the Victor records can give you.

—Make this a joyful Christmas by placing a Sonora, Victrola or Magnoliaphone in your home. Select your machine and we will put it aside and have it in your home Christmas Eve.

**This Large Cabinet
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\$65.00

Less 10 Per Cent Discount for Cash,
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\$58.50

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Going Over the Top!

Everything our people have undertaken during the year 1918 has gone over the top. Every one has been working for the good of the nation. But now, as the war has closed, T. D. Craddock is going to give every one a chance to go over the top in a way that each will be very much benefitted individually.

Sale Starts Wednesday, December 11, and Lasts to Include December 24
We Give You Prices on Goods You are Familiar With. We Solicit Your Business.

25-cent 4-4 Brown Domestic, now -----18c
 27-cent 4-4 Brown Domestic, now -----22½c
 27½-cent 4-4 Bleached Domestic, now -----22½c
 25-cent 4-4 Cambric, now -----20c
 45-cent Canton Flannel, now 40c
 40-cent Canton Flannel, now 35c
 35-cent Canton Flannel, now 30c
 35-cent Chevots, now -----28c
 35-cent Mattress Tick, now 25c
 75-cent Feather Tick, now 60c
 10-4 Pepperell Sheeting -----65c
 9-4 Bleached Sheeting -----60c
 One lot Fancy Dress Gingham, sell thru this sale -----27½c

Owing to the short space we won't be able to make prices on all our goods. We want to call your special attention to our men's and boys' suits, men's and boys' union suits, ladies', misses' and children's union suits.

See our line of men's, ladies' and children's hose.

Our Serge and Plaid Dress Goods at reduced prices.

We will save you money on all silk dress goods.

Ladies' Skirts and Waists going cheap.

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call week of December 16th-23rd.

Remember us on the following articles: Rain Coats, Duck Suits, Blankets, Quilts and Shoes. Here is where we are strong. We are also cheaper on groceries as follows:

Five bars Clean Easy Soap...25c
 One box New Club Shells...85c
 Three pounds Arm & Hammer soda...25c
 Best East Texas Syrup, on sale at -----\$1.20

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RAILROAD PROBLEM IN SUSPENSE.

Apparently, government ownership of railroads is to be one of the issues of the next campaign. No effort is to be made by the present congress to solve the railroad problem.

President Wilson announced that he had no answer for questions which the railroad problem presents.

The new congress being republican will not be apt to render it easy for a bureaucratic management to commit the government to permanent ownership.

The present inference is that so far as railroads are concerned there will be no effort in the direction of permanent ownership until the people of the nation plainly indicate their desires in the premises.

On the contrary, the railway administration is to proceed as if the properties were to be restored to their owners as early as feasible, considering the numerous complexities that must be reduced to simplicity before the restoration can be made.

It is fortunate, under all the circumstances, that the railroad problem is for the time being laid aside to await the completion of the peace negotiations, and that for two years after March 4 it will be beyond the reach of radical partisan endeavor from either side.—Houston Post.

FOR VALOR IN ACTION.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Three American soldiers—a colonel, a captain and a private—are designated by President Wilson to receive the highest military decoration given by the United States for valor in action, the congressional medal of honor. They have won the first of the medals awarded during the war with Germany, and their names are:

Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey, 308th Infantry.

Captain George W. McMurtry, Private Thomas C. Neibauer. Colonel Whittlesey, then major, and Captain McMurtry were at the head of the famous "lost battalion" of the 308th, which lost half its men holding out against the enemy when surrounded in the Argonne forest until relieved five days later.

Private Neibauer distinguished himself when the Rainbow Division took Cote de Chatillon in October by stopping an enemy charge against a ridge single-handed with his automatic after all others of his patrol detachment had been killed or wounded. In spite of wounds through both knees he completed the exploit by bringing in eleven Germans at the point of his pistol.

Only a fool man would deliberately make an enemy by guessing within ten years of a woman's real age.

Those paid by other people are the most popular taxes.

KAISER IS BROKEN, DECLARES SON

Former Crown Prince Complains of English Demand for Extradition.

London, Dec. 5.—"You English clamor to get father and me away from Holland. We are down and out and my father is a broken man. Isn't that enough punishment?" the former crown prince said in an interview on the island of Wieringen, where he is interned, with a correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Frederick William added that he always favored an agreement between Germany and Great Britain and wished them to work together. A number of his best friends were in England, and he wished he could live there as a private citizen.

"I quarreled with my father in regard to Great Britain," he continued. "I told him the British would be against us. He never believed this and would not take into account that possibility."

Organization of American Army in France.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The organization of the American army corps in France as it existed Nov. 7, four days before the signing of the armistice, was made public tonight by the war department. Six corps had then been organized, but only the First was at the maximum strength of six divisions.

In the First Corps was the Sixth Division, made up of the Fifty-first, Fifty-second and Fifty-fourth infantry regiments, and the Third, Seventy-eighth and Eleventh artillery regiments; the Thirty-sixth Division, 141st, 142d, 143d, 144th infantry regiments and the 131st, 132d and 133d artillery regiments; the Forty-second Division, 165th, 166th and 168th infantry regiments and the 149th, 150th and 151st artillery regiments; the Seventy-seventh Division, 305th, 306th, 307th and 308th infantry regiments

and the 304th, 305th, 306th artillery regiments; the Seventy-eighth Division, 309th, 310th, 311th and 312th infantry regiments, and the 307th, 308th and 309th artillery regiments, and the Eightieth Division, 317th, 318th, 319th and 320th infantry regiments and the 313th, 314th and 315th artillery regiments.

In the Second Corps were the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions, brigaded with the British Fourth Army. In the Twenty-seventh Division were the 105th, 106th, 107th and 108th infantry regiments and the 104th, 105th and 106th artillery regiments, and in the Thirtieth Division were the 117th, 118th, 119th and 120th infantry regiments and the 113th, 114th and 115th artillery regiments.

The Third Corps had five divisions, as follows: Third Division, Fourth, Seventh, Thirtieth and Thirty-eighth infantry regiments and Tenth, Seventy-sixth and Eighteenth artillery regiments; Fifth Division, Sixtieth, Sixty-first, Sixth and Eleventh infantry regiments and Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first artillery regiments; Thirty-second Division, 125th, 126th, 127th and 128th infantry regiments and 119th, 120th and 121st artillery regiments; Thirty-fifth Division, 137th, 138th, 139th and 140th infantry regiments and 128th, 129th and 130th artillery regiments, and the Ninetieth Division, 357th, 358th, 359th and 360th infantry regiments and 343d, 344th and 345th artillery regiments.

In the Fourth Corps were two divisions, the Seventh and Twenty-eighth. The Seventh Division was composed of the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Thirty-fourth infantry regiments and the Seventy-ninth, Eightieth and Eighth artillery regiments.

In the Fifth Corps were four divisions, the First, Second (marine), Twenty-ninth and Eighty-ninth. The First Division was made up of the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth infantry regiments and the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh artillery regiments; the Second Division of the Ninth and Twenty-third infantry regiments and the Fifteenth, Seventeenth and Twelfth artillery regiments; the Twenty-ninth Division of the 113th, 114th, 115th and 116th infantry regiments and the Eleventh, 111th and 112th artillery regiments, and the Eighty-ninth Division of the 353d, 354th and 356th infantry regiments and the 340th, 341st and 342d artillery regiments.

In the Sixth Corps was the Ninety-second Division, made up of the 365th, 366th, 367th and 368th infantry regiments and the 349th, 350th and 351st artillery regiments.

Every bowl of punch should have a pinch of salt added.

FOR COLDS AND GRIPPE FOLLOW DOCTORS' ADVICE

Ask any physician or druggist and he will tell you that the first step in the treatment of a cold, cough, influenza or gripe should invariably be "a brisk calomel purgative, preferably the nausealess calomel, called Calotabs." This alone is often sufficient to break up a severe cold over night, or cut short an attack of gripe and possibly prevent pneumonia.

One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, pleasures or work. Next morning your cold has vanished and your entire system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages; price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by druggists everywhere. Price refunded if you are not delighted. adv.

Seventy Americans Defeat Seven Hundred Bolsheviks.

Archangel, Nov. 30.—The Russo-American forces, continuing their advance to the Pinega River over ice and snow-covered roads, have captured the town of Karpagorskoj, 120 miles from the town of Pinega, after a fight with the bolsheviks. This place since the organization of the new government of Archangel was a Russo-allied provision depot, but it was raided and captured by the bolsheviks and since then had been the scene of much partisan fighting.

A patrol of seventy Americans scouting yesterday along the Vaga River south of Shenkursk encountered a ten-fold superior force of bolsheviks, including cavalry and infantry with many machine guns. The Americans were surrounded, but fought their way out, losing a lieutenant and twelve men killed.

Things Worth Knowing.

Make croutons for soup in the corn popper.

Cranberry sauce can be sweetened with corn syrup.

No man is worse for knowing the worst of himself.

It takes a cross-female to give it to a man straight.

The only difference between white lies and black ones is that other people always tell the white ones.

HAVE NOT ANSWERED QUESTIONNAIRES

Names of registrants between ages of eighteen and thirty-seven who have not answered questionnaires. Fill out and return to Local Board as soon as possible:

Houston Eugene Bell.
 Julian Pichardo.
 Wm. Jennings B. Smith.
 McKinley Williams.
 Geo. McDaniel Jr.
 Jno. Henry Wilson.
 Wm. Martin Burks.
 Alex Overstreet.
 Quinz Hill.
 Homer Thornton.
 Floyd S. Butler.
 Johnie Shepard.
 Minor Wiley.
 Craus Noble.
 Jack Johnson.
 Rodolfe Lastanos.
 Moses Harris.
 John Hy. Alexander.
 Morris Russell.
 Giant Purris.
 Moorurison Rius.
 Authon Wiken.
 Ben Roberson.
 Joe Johnson.
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At this season of the year, we naturally turn our thoughts to the annual custom of selecting articles for Christmas gifts. We have an unusually large line of Christmas goods this year, and from it you will easily be able to make your selection with pleasure instead of dreading the coming of that time.

Gifts in our lines are those carrying the longer memory of the giver, as our gift goods are those of the most useful and serviceable character. Drop in as early as convenient and see the full line while the selections are best. Below are a few suggestions from our large and varied stock:

FOR HIM	FOR MOTHER AND FATHER	FOR HER
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Women Are Urged to Pay Their Poll Taxes Now.

In a recent letter from Mrs. Hor-tense Ward of Houston, she requested me to urge the women of Houston county to pay their poll taxes by December 25.

She advises that several important measures, to be settled by ballot, are sure to come before the people, on which the women would like to vote. But the more important thing is, the poll tax money goes into the general school fund, and is very much needed now.

Some man has made the remark that if poll tax for women could be marked down from \$1.50 to \$1.49, every woman in the state would try to be the first one at the bargain counter and the tax collector would do a land office business.

Ladies, let us cease to be a joke for the men, and pay our poll taxes like the loyal, patriotic citizens that we are, and help to swell this much needed school fund.

Mrs. John A. McConnell.

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"Figure up how much you can allow for a gift for each person and then give the amount in Thrift Stamps or War Savings Stamps," Uncle Sam says. "I need your help to assist me in meeting these expenses of \$50,000,000 I will have to pay every day for many months in taking care of our boys."

Big Auction Sale of Automobiles

Being in need of the money, and to make ready for some changes January 1st, we have decided to AUCTION OFF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF USED CARS. On December 23rd next, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., before the court house, we will sell the stock to the highest bidder, and the sale will be managed by an auctioneer from Houston.

The stock consists of Fords, Dodge Brothers, Maxwells, Overlands and Chevrolets, also one Buick. These cars have been carefully over-hauled by our mechanic, and are guaranteed to be in good running condition. They will be subject to inspection and testing by the bidder.

This is a rare chance to buy a good used car at your own price. To prevent possible collusion, we

reserve the right to raise the highest bid \$5.00 and retain possession of any automobile.

We will accept Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps at value as cash, and are further prepared to accept secured note for 50 per cent of bid, balance cash.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE—COME AND PICK UP A GOOD AUTOMOBILE CHEAP.

SPECIAL—We have just been allotted a few "Dodge Brothers" and "Buick" new cars, latest models, and can take care of a few sales. "First come, first served," and we suggest quick action if you want a new car. Prices will not decline for some time, and both are now comparatively cheaper than others.

East Texas Motor Company

PEOPLE WHO ARE LEFT OUT OF THE ROLL CALL

Population of the United States Asked to Stand Up and Be Counted.

By GERALD STANLEY LEE.

I had a friend once named Old Bill Spear, who was the curator and founder of the John Quincy Adams Memorial in Quincy, Mass. He conceived the idea of making the house into a memorial and, with his genius as a collector of old furniture, filled it with things to see.

People came from everywhere, and at twenty-five cents apiece they went about to see the things Bill had collected and hear Bill talk.

Bill felt very superior to most collectors. "Just collectors," Bill said, "collect anything."

Bill usually could size people up when they came in the door, but when he wasn't quite sure about people, and suspected he didn't want to bother with them very long, he used to take them up to the attic to size them up quick. He would show them a bushel basketful of something they couldn't quite see, and then he would wave his hand with a flourish and say in an impressive tone as they stooped to look closer, "This is the Largest Collection of Burnt Matches in the World!"

Hundreds of collectors didn't break a smile, Bill said, and just looked awed. Then Bill knew, of course, that he needn't bother to show them his best things.

Some of the people who are proposing to go out into the streets Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Week and gather up everybody to join the Red Cross, seem to think that the main thing there is to tell people about the Red Cross is that if they pay a dollar to belong they will belong to the Largest Collection of People Who Have Paid One Dollar in the World.

I felt a little superior to this at first and began thinking how I wouldn't do it. But when I began thinking what the biggest Collection of People in the World could do by just being the biggest and by all wanting the same thing with a different one dollar, it became impressive.

It would even be impressive if forty million people in America all wanted the same thing with the same Dollar!

All wanting the same thing would be a nation praying—all the grown-up people of a nation with their little half-conscious children round them—praying!

The dollar a man joined with, would not be a mere one dollar. The dollar

would be a receipt to every man in America that 39,999,999 other men or women belonged to him, and that he belonged to them in getting what he wanted for three million soldier boys and for their children at home.

Forty million people—all the grown-up people in this country pick out three million men and say to the three million men they have picked out, "You go and die for us, you go and be saviors of the world and die on our crosses for us!"

Then what do the forty million do? It would be something if we would all line up—the whole forty million of us to a man, with our little pallid insipid speechless dollar bills in our hands from Maine to California Christmas Week and use our two dollar bills a year as ballots, stand up in line and be counted and cable to the men across the seas that we vote one cent for once in two weeks to stand by them, to stand by the souls and bodies of the children of the men who have made a standing offer to die on our crosses for us!

Who wants to be left out of this line by Christmas Eve?

What man would want to be stood up in a row of those who are left out while all of the children of the world file by and look at him, while the little children of nine hundred thousand dead men in England file by and look at him, or the children of the soldiers of France giving their lives to protect the skyscrapers of New York?

For that matter it need not take so many children. What man who let himself be left out would feel safe in his own house with his own children climbing up into his lap believing in him—safe with his own baby pulling on his face, jabbing his small trustful fists in his eyes—if he let himself be left out?

Of course, it seems a little like a mockery to cable over to France Christmas Eve that we give one cent for once in two weeks to the children of the men we picked out to die for us, but it would be a start.

Nobody needs to think it would be a big thing just to belong to the Red Cross, but it is going to be a big thing to be left out.

See Us for the Best Cypress Shingles.

160,000 of the best Cypress Shingles, wood eternal, just received by the Brooke-Morris Lumber Co., headquarters for shingles and building material.

President Urges Americans to Join Red Cross Roll Call.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson in a proclamation made public today calls on every American to join the American Red Cross during Christmas roll call week, Dec. 16 to 23, and thus send forth to the whole human family the Christmas greeting for which it waits, and for which it stands in greatest need. The proclamation prepared before the president de-

parted for Europe follows:

"To the American People—One year ago twenty-two million Americans, by enrolling as members of the Red Cross at Christmas time, sent to the men who were fighting our battles overseas a stimulating message of cheer and good will. They made it clear that our people were of their own free choice united with the government in the determination, not only to wage war with the instruments of destruction, but also by every means in their power to repair the ravages of the invader and sustain and renew the spirit of the army and of the homes which they represented. The friends of the American Red Cross in Italy, Belgium and France have told, and will tell again, the story of how the Red Cross workers restored morale in the hospitals, in the camps and at the cantonments, and we ought to be very proud that we have been permitted to be of service to those whose sufferings and whose glory are the heritage of humanity.

"Now, by God's grace, the Red Cross Christmas message of 1918 is to be a message of peace, as well as a message of good will. But peace does not mean that we can fold our hands. It means further sacrifice. We must prove conclusively to an attentive world that America is permanently aroused to the needs of the new era, our old indifference gone forever.

"The exact nature of the future service of the Red Cross will depend upon the program of the associated governments, but there is immediate need today for every heartening word, and for every helpful service. We must not forget that our soldiers are still under orders and still have duties to perform of the highest consequence, and that the Red Cross Christmas membership means a great deal to them. The people of the saddened lands, moreover, return-

ing home today where there are no homes, must have the assurance that the hearts of our people are with them in the dark and doubtful days ahead. Let us, so far as we can, help them back to faith in mercy and in future happiness.

"As president of the Red Cross, conscious in this great hour of the value of such a message from the American people, I should be glad if every American would join the Red Cross for 1919 and thus set forth to the whole human family the Christmas greeting for which it waits, and for which it stands in greatest need.

"Woodrow Wilson."

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OPEN-FRONT BLOUSE OF GEORGETTE



Many of the new fall blouses keep us guessing as to how their wearers get into them, but here is one that opens at the front and fastens with buttons and buttonholes. It has a long rolling collar and a small shoulder cape and is set on a shoulder yoke.

PANELED AND PLAID SKIRT



Novelty plaid woolen goods make this attractive separate skirt that declares its allegiance to the straight-line silhouette. It has a panel at the front and back and plaits at each side between them. The narrow belt is ornamented with pearl buckles.

WHAT RED CROSS MEANS.

Your membership in the great American Red Cross means the mothering of those little children made desolate by the invasion of the Hun. Mrs. Lars Anderson in her recent book on conditions over there says: "It is the poor, homeless, motherless kiddies that somehow make all the other horrors of war fade away into distance. These frightened, crying, dying, innocent children, who do not know what it is all about—they wring your heart dry."

C. P. O'Bannon's Pre-Inventory Sale

To Start Saturday, December 14

And Last Until the Close of Business Tuesday, December 24, 1918

This will be a great bargain sale, one in which you can save lots of money. All odd lots and small sizes will be closed out at much less than manufacturers' cost.

<p>One lot Men's Khaki Suits, worth \$8.00, in our pre-inventory sale for.....\$4.98</p> <p>One lot Men's Khaki Suits worth \$10.00, in our pre-inventory sale, for.....\$7.50</p> <p>One lot Men's Corduroy Suits worth \$15.00, in our pre-inventory sale, for.....\$10.00</p> <p>One lot Men's Corduroy Suits worth \$18.00, in our pre-inventory sale, for.....\$12.50</p> <p>One lot Men's Corduroy Pants, at.....\$3.98</p> <p>One lot Men's Blue Serge Suits in our pre-inventory sale.....\$15.00</p> <p>One lot Men's Sweaters, all sizes, in our pre-inventory sale.....\$1.75</p> <p>One lot Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers in our pre-inventory sale, a garment.....85c</p> <hr/> <p>All Millinery to be closed out regardless of cost.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SHOES FOR ALL THE FAMILY.</p> <p>One lot Men's Shoes, sizes up to 9, to be closed out for.....\$1.98</p> <p>One lot Men's Shoes, button or lace, all sizes, to be closed out for.....\$2.98</p> <p>One lot Ladies' Shoes, sizes up to 5½, to be closed out for.....\$1.98</p> <p>One lot Ladies' Shoes with cloth tops, all sizes, to be closed out for.....\$2.50</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">READY-TO-WEAR.</p> <p>Ladies' Coat Suits from.....\$15.00 up</p> <p>Ladies' Dresses for.....\$12.50</p> <p>Ladies' Coats from.....\$9.50 up</p> <p>Ladies' Skirts from.....\$3.50 up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PIECE GOODS.</p> <p>All colored Outing, in our pre-inventory sale at.....23c</p> <p>One lot Gingham Check in our pre-inventory sale.....20c</p> <p>Cotton Flannel in our pre-inventory sale, per yard.....18c</p> <p>Brown Domestic in our pre-inventory sale at.....15c</p> <p>One lot Dress Gingham in our pre-inventory sale at.....25c</p> <p>One lot Dress Gingham in our pre-inventory sale at.....35c</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">COMFORTS AND BLANKETS.</p> <p>One lot Comforts to be closed out for.....\$2.98</p> <p>One lot Comforts to be closed out for.....\$4.98</p> <p>One lot Blankets to be closed out for.....\$1.48</p>
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**Red Cross Xmas
Roll Call Week
December 16-23**

C. P. O'BANNON

MILLINERY AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU WEAR

CROCKETT, TEXAS

**Pay Your W. S. S.
Pledge to Uncle
Sam This Week**

Telling the Story of Santa



Influenza Threatens to Again Become Epidemic.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—Influenza is threatening again to become epidemic in Louisiana, a slow but steady increase in the number of cases being shown in official reports for the last several days.

Forty-six new cases and five deaths were reported today in New Orleans. For the first three days of December Lake Charles reported 124 cases. Three hundred and ninety-four new cases in the state were reported today.

MONEY NOT THE OBJECT.

Our obligation to our own soldiers and sailors and the privilege of ministering to the sick and wounded, of feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and rebuilding the waste places of our associates in the war, call the entire American people to the support of the Red Cross spirit now as never before. The money to be raised in membership dues is secondary. It is the spiritual phase that is important, for it will show the suffering people of the world that the American people will see them through their experience to the very end.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES ACCLAIM WORK OF AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Dr. Chassagnon of the French Military Sanitary Service and M. Goyon in recent addresses paid warm tribute to the work of the American Red Cross in the war, and M. Autrand, prefect of the Department of the Seine, praised the personal efforts of Red Cross workers.

"Your task is not ended," said M. Autrand. "Our friends and our benefactors now are more than ever indispensable to us. Our task is immense. Help us. We have known how to vanquish; we will know how to organize ourselves in victory."

FORMAL SUIT OF VELVET



One velvet or broadcloth suit for dress and one substantial cloth street suit, will certainly be able to fill the wartime needs of almost any woman. The velvet suit has a character all its own and may be made to rise to any high occasion. Here is a handsome model with convertible collar and wide girdle of velvet. It is trimmed with a wide silk braid and the belt is finished with a silk sash at the front.

The Christmas Spirit



Navy to Discharge One Hundred Thousand Men.

Washington, - Dec. 5. — Discharge of 20 per cent of the navy's war time personnel, about 100,000 men, has been authorized. Secretary Daniels said Thursday the men would be released as quickly as possible with due regard to the convenience of the service.

Private yachts, motor boats and other craft taken over by the navy for the war already are being turned back to their owners. Mr. Daniels said by February 700 craft will have been stricken from the navy list. The release of enlisted men is

authorized not because the navy is overmanned, but to permit the return to civil pursuits of youths who joined for the war and who do not intend to follow the sea.

Members of naval units in schools and colleges will complete their training and then stand discharged. In the cases of special student bodies such as paymasters school at Princeton and the ensigns' school at Annapolis, students in the present classes upon graduation will be commissioned in the reserve.

Put salt under baking pans in the oven and the contents will not scorch.

When you can't get fresh milk, buy the best evaporated milk you can.

Join



Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness that America must not forget — there is misery and distress and sickness all over the world. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.



Put your flag in your window



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Join

Join the Red Cross

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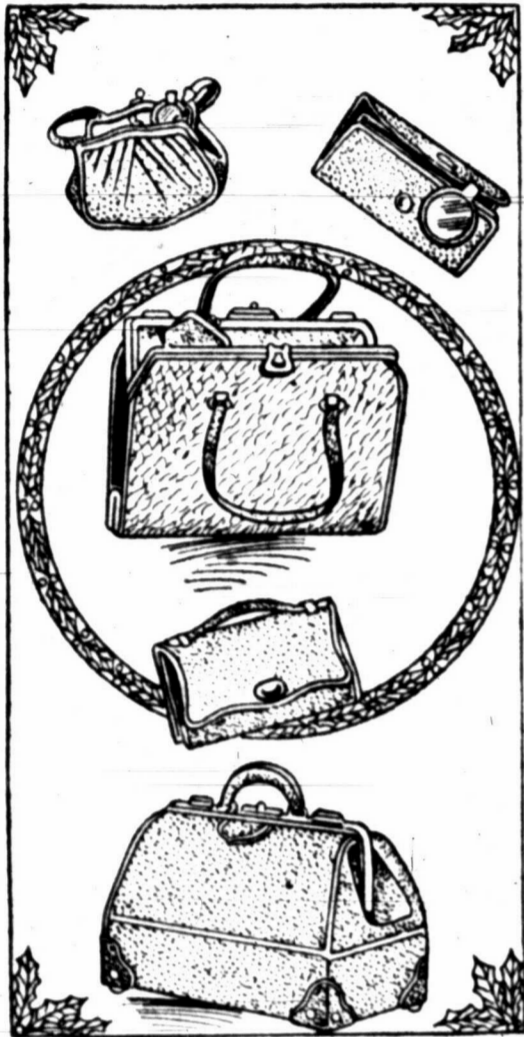
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**The Store of the
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IN THE SELECTION of your Christmas gifts there is one store above all others that you will surely want to visit for suggestions.

That one store is SHIVERS—known for the unusualness of its gift section. The collection of important and yet inexpensive gift things here is almost beyond conception. It represents months and months of careful research of all the important markets of this country. It is a most interesting rendezvous for gift seekers.

We invite you to come and see what we have assembled, regardless of any intent you may have to buy.

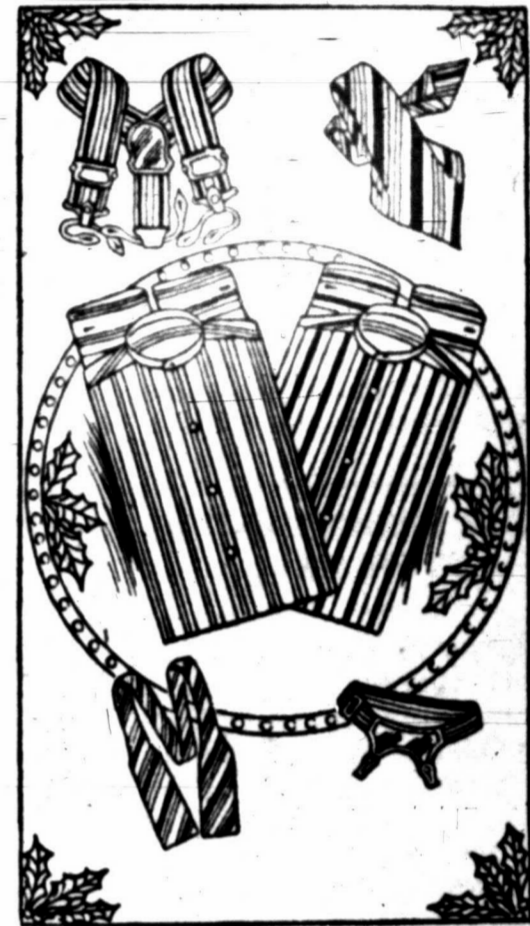
There are hundreds of gift things to be found in our magnificent stocks. Here are the everyday articles that every one needs to carry on living in a sane and sensible way. Here are the many practical remembrances of Our Boys. For the children—everything that means a day of happiness to them. Buy Early—Send Away Promptly—This Is Our Government's Christmas Wish.

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JAMES S. SHIVERS

Crockett's Big Store

**The Store With
the Christmas
Spirit**



GERMANY LOST WAR AT THE MARNE

Former Kaiser's Son Declares He Advised Opening Peace Negotiations in October, 1914.

Oosterland, Holland, Dec. 3.—"I have not renounced anything, and I have not signed any document whatever."

Frederick William Hohenzollern, who still claims the title of Crown Prince of Germany, thus answered the question of the Associated Press in course of a long conversation Tuesday, which took place in the small cottage of the village pastor on the Island of Wieringen, where he is interned.

"However," he continued, "should the German government decide to form a republic similar to that of the United States or France, I shall be perfectly content to return to Germany as a simple citizen ready to do anything to assist my country. I should even be happy to work as a laborer in a factory.

"At present everything appears chaos in Germany, but I hope things will right themselves."

Turning Point of War.

Asked what in his opinion was the turning point of the war, he said:

"I was convinced early in October, 1914, that we had lost the war. I considered our position hopeless after the battle of the Marne, which we should not have lost if the chiefs of our general staff had not suffered a case of nerves.

"I tried to persuade the general staff to seek peace then, even at a great sacrifice, going so far as to give up Alsace-Lorraine. But I was told to mind my own business, and confine my activities to commanding my armies. I have proof of this."

What finally brought about the downfall of the German military power, he declared, was revolution induced by four years of hunger among the civilians and the troops in the rear, together with the overwhelming superiority in numbers attained by the entente powers since America's entry into the war, which had undermined the confidence of the German fighting forces.

Praises His Soldiers.

"My soldiers, whom I loved and with whom I lived continuously, and who, if I may say so, loved me, fought

with the utmost courage to the end, even when the odds were impossible to withstand," the refugee prince went on. "They had no rest, and some times an entire division numbered only 600 rifles. These were opposed by fresh allied troops, among whom were American divisions containing 27,000 men apiece."

Describing how he left the front, Frederick William declared:

"I was with my group of armies after the kaiser left Germany. I asked the Berlin government whether they desired me to retain my command. They replied negatively, and I could not continue to lead armies under orders of the soldiers' and workers' council.

"Therefore, I came to Holland, without hindrance. No shooting or bombing occurred and I quit the army with the greatest regret after having participated in the trench life with the soldiers for so long."

Another Bad Year for Ticks in Southern States.

Washington, D. C., November 29.—If the kaiser believes that misery loves company, he should have a brotherly feeling for the cattle fever tick. This year has been a bad one for kaisers and ticks.

This is why it has been a bad one for the ticks and why December 1, 1918, should be a memorable day in the Southern States:

An area greater than ever before freed in one year from Federal quarantine will be released on that day.

Of the 728,565 square miles of infested area in 1906, 63 per cent will have been pronounced clean.

Farmers will be free to ship their cattle to the markets for competition on their own merits with other cattle, and not under the quarantine handicap which requires sale at buyer's prices for immediate slaughter.

Cattle will increase in value, weight, milk production, appearance, health, productivity, and length of life.

Farmers in the freed areas will be able to bring to their farms better stock and thus raise the standard of their herds. The Southern States will have taken big strides toward their position as a great cattle-raising country, to which their natural advantages entitle them.

"Give War Savings Stamps for presents this Christmas instead of the kind of presents that you usually give," is Uncle Sam's request this year. He further asks that Christmas shopping for War Savings Stamps be done early.

The best codfish cakes are made of freshly boiled potatoes.

GRIPPE PREVALENT AGAIN IN VIENNA

BUDAPEST ALSO REINFECTED,
AND EPIDEMIC PROVES
MORE FATAL.

Vienna, Friday, Nov. 29.—The grippe has become prevalent again in this city and at Budapest with more fatal results than in the former epidemic, although the cases are not so numerous.

Vienna tonight for the first time took on the appearance of a war zone, all the lights being turned low in order to save coal. All houses were shut at 8 o'clock, the stores and restaurants at 9 and the cafes at 10.

The correspondent, whose presence is known throughout the city, has had many visitors, one of whom said he represented a political group which wished to know if it were possible to annex Austria to the United States. He said that Austria was in a hopeless situation surrounded by enemies, both men and women, who were ruthlessly robbing.

The correspondent's visitors, who reached such numbers as to almost prevent him and the other correspondents from preparing dispatches, wished either to write to friends or relatives in the United States, or else to go there to work.

Food conditions in Vienna are gradually becoming worse, with the poor eating black bread in small quantities and a soup made of water and baked flour or vegetables.

The lack of fats is undermining strength, even in the case of the rich who are able to eat large, but unsatisfying food portions. The farmers part with food supplies only to speculators in exchange for shoes, clothes, tobacco or money they need.

In the poor quarters of Vienna the women say they have no underclothing, all the prewar stocks having been used up. It is a family calamity when it is necessary to buy shoes for any number, since the purchase requires half a month's salary. It is a familiar sight in the restaurants where meals cost \$3 and upward to see patrons carrying off scraps of food.

Wounded Soldiers to Be Assembled in Twenty-seven Camps.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Soldiers who have been incapacitated in overseas service and who are convalescing in this country will be assembled at

twenty-seven camps for organization into convalescent detachments. General orders issued today by the war department provide for the formation of these detachments and the abandonment of the practice of transferring convalescent men from overseas to development battalions. The convalescent men will be sent to camps nearest their homes, and, the order says, "it is the intention to discharge all overseas convalescents as soon as possible, consistent with maximum physical improvement."

The camps in which the detachments will be formed are: Beauregard, Custer, Devens, Dix, Dodge, Funston, Gordon, Grant, Hancock, Jackson, Kearney, Lee, Lewis, MacArthur, McClellan, Meade, Logan, Pike, Sevier, Shelby, Sherman, Sheridan, Taylor, Travis, Upton, Wadsworth and Wheeler.

Some men's sayings would fill many volumes and their doings wouldn't fill a postal card.

Laundry soap can be used instead of oil for squeaky hinges.

War Savings Stamps Pledges Must Be Met.

Peace does not abrogate or affect in any way pledges made to the Treasury Department to invest in War Savings Stamps and the Government considers every War Savings Stamp Pledge a binding obligation upon the person who made it, expecting its full liquidation on or before the date on which the pledge matures, it is pointed out in an official notice from the War Savings section of the Treasury Department.

War Savings Stamp Pledges were personally signed by the persons who executed them and they are held for collection by designated agents of the Treasury Department. While it is desirable that War Savings Stamps be purchased through the Treasury agent who holds the pledge card, they may be purchased from any sales agency and will be credited upon the pledge.

The man who handles the truth recklessly is sure of a large crop when it comes to raising doubts.

Tax Collector's Notice

I shall be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose collecting your 1918 tax. Remember, after January 31 there will be a ten per cent penalty:

Friday, December 13.....Weldon
Saturday, December 14.....Lovelyday
Friday, December 20.....Kennard
Saturday, December 21.....Ratcliff
Saturday, December 28.....Grapeland

C. W. BUTLER, JR.,
Tax Collector.

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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.

Various suggestions have been made with reference to keeping alive the names of our boys whose lives have been given to the cause of their country. An auditorium has been suggested; a monument erected on the public square, it is thought by some, would be fitting, and others suggest a park. The consensus of opinion turns to something by which the people of all generations will be benefited as they are constantly reminded of the noble dead. Hence, an auditorium for public assemblies, dedicated to these boys, has been aptly suggested.

Thousands of our American boys who are now in France will attend the leading universities over there and in England. Good for them! And so it will be good for the French and English boys to attend our American schools. We very much need a revival of learning. Our list of great poets, philosophers and statesmen is none too big. This country right now can find no man as accomplished as was Thomas Jefferson. He spoke perfect French and Spanish, was one of the best Latin and Greek scholars in the world, and was the author, according to the wisest men of all ages since, of the greatest of all human documents, the Declaration of Independence. He represented this government at Paris at a time when learning was at its zenith, and his great learning and his conversation which one of his biographers says "fluent, imaginative, various and eloquent," drew around him the most distinguished scholars of Europe.—R. T. Milner in Rusk County News.

A ONE HUNDRED YEAR GUARANTEE.

A period of nearly one hundred years of successful agriculture in East Texas ought to convince our farmers that their destiny, in so far as production is concerned, is in their own hands. Crop failures are unknown. There may be fat years and lean years, but failures never. Then we can pitch our crop with absolute faith, with absolute certainty that our labor shall be rewarded. But improvement is always in order. There is no soil that can not be made just a little more productive, and not a great deal of it but what can be made very much more productive, by the use of the best known methods of cultivation. Terracing the land, saving all the barn lot manure, and conserving energy and time are things to take into account. There is much to be gained by wise management on the farm. The farmer who believes that knowledge, skill and study are not essential on the farm is inviting failure. We have a soil guaranteed to yield under any conditions that have ever prevailed here, which fact should inspire every man who tills it. There are times, it is true, happening almost every year when failure almost seems inevitable, but the farmer who perseveres, and keeps his end up, doing at all times the correct thing, will reap a harvest of good things in the end. Take any farmer as an example, in this country, whose plans have been wisely carried out over a period of years, and you will have a successful man, a man whose wealth has increased from year to year and whose faith in his business has increased as the years have come and gone. There are few sections of the world that guarantee to the farmer greater reward for his labor than East Texas year for year from generation to gen-

eration. During all the years of our history when other sections have cried for bread on account of drouth and flood we have been able to extend a helping hand, and never, no never, have we been forced by any calamity to ask assistance from any source. We merely mention this to inspire greater and greater faith in the most favored land in all this great commonwealth.—R. T. Milner in Rusk County News.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

But Christmas is not only the milestone of another year, moving us to thoughts of self-examination,—it is a season, from all its associations, whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of winter, when his life runs lowest and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well that he should be condemned to this fashion of the smiling face.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

UNAPPROVED STOCKS.

Some thousands of people are being fooled today by oil and other stock peddlers selling stock which has not the approval of the Capital Issues Committee.

Frequently these people offer to accept Liberty Bonds in exchange for their pieces of worthless paper.

To exchange pledges of citizenship for a false promise of a fortune is the depth of foolishness and lack of patriotism.

When one of these "something for nothing men" comes to you tell him that if his stock was as good as he claims he would not have to peddle it from door to door.

LIEUT. MADDEN AGAIN PROMOTED

Lieutenant Commander Wilson E. Madden, recently detached as commanding officer of the Salt Lake City Naval Mobilization District and assigned as executive officer of the Naval Air Station at San Diego, California, has received orders from Washington again changing his status in Uncle Sam's navy.

Under his new orders he is to proceed to the Pacific coast to assume the duties of executive officer of the United States ship Oregon, known as the famous "old bull-dog of the navy" and flag-ship of Admiral Fullin, commander of the second division of the Pacific fleet.

Several years ago Madden was retired from active service because of failing health, and was recalled for shore duty at the entrance of the United States into the European war, he having recovered his health, and was promoted from the rank of junior lieutenant to lieutenant commander. Repeatedly he made application for sea duty, but his requests were denied, and he was then assigned to San Diego for permanent duty.

The orders just received changing his previous orders and assigning him to active duty were received with joy by the young officer. He will relieve Lieutenant Commander Kirby Crittenden as executive officer of the Oregon. Admiral Fullin was an instructor at the naval academy when Madden was a midshipman there and has been in active service all the time since, and Commander Crittenden graduated four years before Madden.

Madden was to leave Salt Lake for his new duty as soon as Lieut. Commander Wallace could arrive at Salt Lake to succeed him as commanding officer of that mobilization district. In a letter to his father he says: "My new appointment is one of considerable responsibility, but I am going to assume it. Everybody on board will be subordinate to me except the captain and the admiral, and I will have to handle the ship at all emergency drills and maneuvers. My family will remain here until I have reported and gotten a line on the ship's movements. It is anticipated that the ship will be in San Francisco harbor more than in any other port. If so, my family will get an apartment thereon. Just how long this appointment is to last I do not know, but it puts me more fully in line with my chosen profession than I have been since I was retired and I am happy to get back."

ASH DOTS.

The people of this community are all very thankful at this time to see fair weather again, so that they will be able to gather their cotton, which has opened recently. The farmers have been very busy bringing out the stock from the river, on account of high water; but instead of the overflow as was expected we are glad to say the rise has ceased.

The school is progressing nicely. Miss Louise Elam is here this week

in order to fill a vacancy, caused by the departure of Miss Milliken. The intermediate teacher, Augusta Satterwhite, has returned and begun work again, after a few days stay at home.

Preston Wilcox is our principal at present, after Mr. Nat Patton resigned.

Mrs. Lyman Knox is visiting in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Norton and Vaden went to Palestine Friday.

Dave Thompson was in this community Sunday evening and Ernest Barnhill from the same community was here last week hunting lost mules.

Mrs. Jno. Oliver was called to San Antonio Wednesday on account of the illness of her sister.

Houston Wilcox and Houston McCullar are seen in Ash very often and we are all guessing as to what is the cause.

Mr. Steve High of Jacksboro is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mabel Christian.

The repairing of bridges is to be begun soon, after Mr. Wilcox, the principal, went down the road, past the church in which some unknown visitors seemed to be having an entertainment or a dance. The charges for same are to be made to Mr. Jno. Patrick to whom the goats belonged. Mr. Wilcox (Preston) did more damage to the road and bridges than the goats did to the church.

The school is going to give a box supper Friday night, December 13. Everyone from the community is expected to attend, and everyone outside is cordially invited. Girls are requested to bring boxes and boys a large purse. Barker Tunstall and children of Crockett will be here to help entertain visitors, if possible. The supper is for the benefit of the school. Red Rose.

Neither Law Nor Treaty Under Which Kaiser Can Be Reached.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The American government has neither been approached nor has it expressed any opinion on the subject of extraditing and punishing William Hohenzollern, former German kaiser. It is understood that the allied premiers will request President Wilson's views on the proposed punishment of the personages in enemy camps held responsible by the allies for the war and crimes committed during the war, but it is also understood that President Wilson will remain noncommittal or else advise against the procedure.

So far as is known here there is no law or treaty relation in existence which justifies the allies in demanding the extradition of the fallen emperor;



To all good little boys and girls Santa Claus promises a most faithful giving of all their happy requests. Come, little friends, and see what Santa Claus offers at Harris' Racket Store, so that Christmas morning will surprise you with that joyous exclamation, "Just what I wanted."

Let us show you the many toys on display. We believe our collection will help solve that puzzling question of "just what to give" that lively youngster. Bring the children—they will be delighted with a visit.

HARRIS' RACKET STORE

and there is also said to be no rule of practice or precedent for trying the former kaiser, even should the allies demand and Holland grant his extradition.

Apprehension is known to exist that should the entente powers carry out their present purpose of haling William II before an international tribunal for trial and sentence, the precedent which would thus be set up might be dangerous for all existing governments as the precedent which would be established, without warrant of law, would in fact be a violation of existing rules of law.

In frying mush use just enough fat to prevent its sticking to the pan.

Restrictions on Use of News Print Paper Voided.

Washington, Dec. 4.—All restrictions on the use of news print paper were withdrawn today by the war industries board, effective Dec. 15. In making this announcement, Chairman Baruch urged the adoption of permanent rules by publishers prohibiting wasteful practices and continued voluntary conservation of paper for a time.

All fat not used for cooking should be saved and made into soup.

Benzine mixed with corn starch is a good cleanser for white kid.



Furniture is 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 it will 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. Here are a few suggestions for your consideration:

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| Bedroom Suits | Dining Tables | Jardinieres |
| Odd Dressers | Rockers | Cedar Chests |
| Wardrobes | Telephone Stands | Baby Chairs |
| Chiffoniers | Art Squares | Baby Buggies |
| Library Tables | Rugs | Go-Carts, etc. |

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CHRISTMAS BARGAINS



Duke & Ayres'
5c to 50c Store

Local News Items

Fire works, candies, fruits and air rifles at H. G. Patton's. 1t

The commissioners' court met in regular session Monday morning.

Miss Leona Thomas is at home from Texas University until January.

Moore & Shivers have plenty of the old style Huntsville wagon thimbles. tf.

Don't forget the East Texas Garage. We repair automobiles and fix Fords. tf.

Miss Delha Mildred Wootters visited in Huntsville from Friday until Monday.

Miss Beth Lundy has returned from Texas University until after the holiday season.

Mrs. M. J. Kelley, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is now greatly improved.

One lot of men's heavy work shoes worth \$4.50 per pair at \$3.00 at Moore & Shivers'. tf.

Mrs. Harry Weiss and little daughter have returned to their home at Mertzon, Irion county.

We buy liberty bonds. Pay the highest cash prices. -1t. H. G. Patton.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

Full stock of Roberts-Johnson & Rand all-leather shoes, the best made, at Moore & Shivers'. tf.

For Sale—Pure Mebane cotton seed, raised on black bottom land. Call on John S. Arrington. 2t.

For genuine Ford service, see or telephone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

E. S. Fudge of Dallas, secretary and treasurer for Duke & Ayres, was in Crockett Tuesday.

Remember H. G. Patton's sale lasts until December 24th. You can not afford to not pay us a visit. 1t.

Your next visit to Houston will be incomplete unless you visit W. C. Munn Company's Mammoth Store. 10t.

Sewing Wanted.
I would appreciate your patronage. tf. Mrs. Walter Driskell.

Sergeant John Spence has returned from the cavalry officers' training school at Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, near San Antonio.

Make W. C. Munn Company's big store your headquarters while in Houston. Everything provided for your convenience.

"Keep up the Christmas spirit" with a message of cheerfulness. Do it with Holiday Greeting Cards from Bishop Drug Company. tf.

For Sale.
78 acres of land, four-room house, good barns, all under net and barb-wire fence, good pasture. Quarter from Belott and gin, half mile from school. Price \$1500. Knox Shields, 2t.* Crockett Rt. A, Box 136.

George Manning has returned from the cavalry officers' training school at Camp Stanley, San Antonio.

William Threadgill, who was a student in the auto mechanics' training school at Camp Mabry, Austin, has returned to his home near Kennard.

Misses Nell Beasley, Lucile Millar, Virginia Foster and Lois Millar were members of Mrs. Karl Murray's house party at Lovelady for the week-end.

We will have a car load of pure Mebane cotton seed about January first. Get our prices before you buy. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Wounded in Action.
Rube Baker, son of William Baker of Kennard, has been reported from the battlefield in France as wounded in action.

Married at the residence of Rev. S. F. Tenney on December 7, Mr. A. G. Russell of Rusk to Miss Henry Etta Deaton of Palestine, Rev. S. F. Tenney officiating.

We now have a fresh supply of oxygen gas. Now is a good time to have the carbon burned out of your engine. East Texas Garage, B. J. Mincher, Prop. tf.

Misses Hazel and Besse Long of Kingston, Ohio, are visiting their sister; Mrs. S. L. Murchison. Returning from a trip including Hattiesburg, Miss., New Orleans and Houston, they arrived Sunday afternoon.

Do not plant any cotton that does not produce a good yield of long staple another year. There is nothing better for Houston county than Mebane. We will have a car for sale about January first. Jas. S. Shivers.

A Real Bargain.
A one hundred and fifty dollar rubber-tired runabout buggy and harness, like new; buggy can be bought for \$75.00, harness \$10. J. L. Dickson. See Denny Collins, Crockett, Texas. 1t.

We will have a car load of Mebane cotton seed direct from the grower at Lockhart about January first. The difference in the price of the staple will pay for the seed the first year. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

We have about fifty casings that have been reworked and are in first-class shape that have not been called for by the ones leaving them to be repaired which we will sell cheap within the next ten days. U. S. Vulcanizing Co., Per R. K. Willis. tf.

Severely Wounded.
George W. Hudnell of Grape-land has been reported from the battlefield in France as severely wounded in action against the enemy. Private Hudnell received his military training at Camp Travis, San Antonio, and unless transferred was a member of the 90th Division.

Special Attention.
In this paper will be found two articles signed by Mr. H. A. Fisher that personally I would like every person in Crockett to read, as they may have an important bearing on the club for the coming year, in which not only the citizens of Crockett are interested, but every resident of the county as well. W. G. Cartwright, President.

Protracted Meeting.
The protracted meeting at the Presbyterian church continues with much interest. The congregations have been large, and the people appreciate the preaching and singing. We expect to have preaching each day (except Saturday) at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.; and on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 7:15. Dr. Wright is to preach, expecting to close the meeting on Sunday night. We earnestly ask the people to attend all these services. S. F. Tenney.

We Can Save You Money On Implements

☐ Come in and let us show you our line of implements consisting of Stalk Cutters, Cultivators, Disc Harrows, Section Harrows, Riding and Walking Planters, Breaking Plows, Georgia Stocks, Middle Bursters, Garden Plows, etc.

☐ We are exclusive agents for the P. & O. line of implements, and there are none better. We advise you to supply your needs now as the next shipment will likely be higher.

Arnold Brothers

GROCERIES AND FEED.

Died in Panama.

John Taylor, son of J. J. Taylor, living west of Lovelady, died recently in Panama, where he was serving in the United States army. The remains reached Lovelady Saturday afternoon and were conveyed to the home of Mr. Taylor. Funeral services were held at Salem cemetery Sunday, and all that remained of the noble young man and brave soldier was laid to rest.

Severely Wounded.

Franklin Allbright was severely wounded as first reported, and not dead of wounds, as all will be glad to know. He was reported to his father by telegraph as severely wounded, but the casualty list in all the papers later had him dead of wounds. In transmitting the reports the letters SW are used for severely wounded and the letters DW for died of wounds. No doubt the wires transmitted the casualty as DW when it should have been SW. It will be readily seen how the mistake was easily made.

Captain Phillips on Furlough.

Captain N. H. Phillips of Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., was here last week on a brief furlough to visit Mrs. Phillips,

who is living with her mother in Crockett during Captain Phillips' absence in the army. The home of Captain and Mrs. Phillips is at Groveton. The visit of the husband at this time was hastened by the illness of the wife's mother, Mrs. Kelley, who has had pneumonia, but who, the captain was glad to find, is fast recovering.

Captain Phillips organized a company of state militia at Groveton several years ago. His company attended the annual state guard encampments and was fairly well organized when the war broke out. With Captain Phillips in command, the Groveton company went to Camp Bowie and became a part of the 36th Division. In the reorganization of the division, companies were consolidated and the Groveton company was combined with another, Captain Phillips temporarily losing command. However, he was transferred to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., where the 27th, a national guard division, was in training. The Sixth Division of the regular army was afterward assembled and trained there, and the 96th Division of the national army is now in the camp, to which Captain Phillips will return at the end of his brief furlough.

Notice, Farmers!

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 10, 1918.

In order to assist farmers to market that part of your top crop of cotton, which will not open wide enough to pick, we have decided to buy the "Bollies" (partly opened bolls), and will pay the market price for same, which we estimate will run from two to four cents per pound, when presented to us in good condition, subject to the following:

Bolls must be cracked open sufficiently that the cotton can be seen through the cracks. Must be dry and reasonably free from limbs. It must not be picked green. No rotten or sour bolls will be accepted.

We reserve the right to discontinue buying without notice, but think will be able to handle all offered for sale. Yours very truly,

CROCKETT GIN.

FREE!

In most leading hotels in large cities RYZON is the perfect baking powder. Its purity, superior qualities and efficiency are beyond doubt.

Here is what America's greatest food authorities write about it: "RYZON has qualities of excellence and physiological relation which entitle it to the confidence and patronage of the public."

Thousands of good housekeepers in many states prefer RYZON for their baking.

In order to make the public get acquainted with RYZON we offer \$1.00 baking book free with each 40c pound package of RYZON baking powder.

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Groceries and Feed—Phone 52.

"The Store Where Your Dollars Go Farther"

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WOUNDED DAY ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.

Private Max C. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Taylor of the Creek community, is officially reported by the war department as severely wounded in action on November 11, the day the armistice was signed and a month before the government's telegram reached the parents. Private Taylor trained at Camp Travis, San Antonio, and if not transferred was a member of the 90th Division.

PUBLIC-SPIRITED AND LIBERAL.

The buying public is respectfully urged by the Courier to deal as much as possible with the advertiser. The business man or other citizen who advertises is by nature the liberal and public-spirited man and citizen. The tight-wad never has anything to offer, but is ever ready to take advantage of the actual necessities of his fellowmen. The cooperation of the subscriber and the advertiser is specially desirable by reason of the fact that they are both contributors to the upkeep of the home newspaper and the other varied and allied home institutions.

SENATOR STRICKLAND IS NOT DEAD.

The Courier is glad to say that the report current in Crockett Tuesday morning regarding Senator Strickland was erroneous. Senator Strickland is ill of influenza, but is not dead. The following notice was written following the circulation of the report Tuesday:

Senator J. J. Strickland of Palestine died at Fort Worth Monday, according to information reaching Crockett. Funeral services were held at Palestine Wednesday and were attended by a number of friends from Crockett. Our information is that Senator Strickland died of influenza and pneumonia. Jeff Strickland, as most people knew him, had a promising future before him and his untimely death is universally regretted.

THE CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL.

You have a chance to fight two fights by enrolling in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. The first is the fight for democracy; the second, the fight for health. The Red Cross brought France the first help from America to turn back the onrush of democracy's foes. Then it provided healing and comfort to strengthen America's great democratic army. By sending health workers to Italy and France, the Red Cross gives every member a share in the fight for health. Red Cross funds fight tuberculosis. You are not asked to buy Red Cross Christmas seals this year. These seals are awarded to Red Cross members for helping in the health fight. Either one of the fights is reason enough for joining.

RESTRICTIONS TO BE REMOVED.

The Courier has been advised this week by the War Industries Board at Washington that on December 15 all restrictions on weekly newspapers will be removed and that on January 1 the War Industries Board will cease to exist. The restriction regarding advance payment of subscriptions is effective until December 15. The one restricting the number of pages was removed December 1. The Courier hopes its subscribers will continue their cooperation in assisting the Courier to meet the

requirement of the board that is effective until December 15. We also wish to thank our subscribers and friends for their cooperation since the restriction was imposed. With your assistance the Courier subscription list is now on a cash basis, and with your continued assistance and co-operation we hope to keep it there. Please accept our thanks and best wishes, and come to see us.

A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers calling at this office since last report endorse the Courier's proposal to start an honor roll of the names of Houston county boys who have given their lives in the service of our country. They not only favor the Courier's proposal to start the honor roll now, but they also favor the suggestion made in these columns for a permanent memorial hall to preserve in historic commemoration the valor and gallantry of Houston county's sons who have given their lives that others may enjoy the liberty that is ours. The Courier wants the name of every Houston county boy who gave his life whether in training camp or battle. We want his name, his next of kin, the date of his death and the division, regiment and company or other unit or corps to which he belonged. We will have to depend on the relatives and friends of those brave boys for this information. The honor roll will be made up in order of time of death and will appear each week until the roll is complete. The names of white soldiers and the names of colored soldiers will appear in separate lists. Please let us have this information immediately.

Subscribers calling to renew or those sending in their subscriptions and renewals since last report are as follows:

Lee Wagner, Crockett.
A. J. McLemore, Crockett.
Horace A. Shuptrine, Texarkana.
H. M. Robinson, Lovelady Route 1.
T. J. Maples, Lovelady Rt. 1.
Page Hale, Crockett Rt. A.
E. A. Williams, Crockett Rt. 4.
Judge A. D. Lipscomb, Beaumont, Texas.
Dr. S. M. Briscoe, Lovelady.
Chas. Madden, Jourdanton, Texas.
T. J. Cook, Percilla.
W. F. Rayburn, Lovelady.
Ray Baughman, Crockett.
Miss Jennie B. Arledge, Battle Creek, Mich.
S. G. Morgan, Lovelady Rt. 1.
Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb, Crockett.
Dr. W. C. Lipscomb, Crockett.
Captain James L. Lipscomb, France.
Lieutenant W. N. Lipscomb, Camp Greenleaf, Ga.
S. H. Platt, Crockett Rt. A.
J. W. Rich, Crockett Rt. 4.
Walter Newman, Augusta, Texas.
Mrs. W. E. Cannon, Bishop, Texas.
Sam B. Arledge, Crockett Route 3.
A. N. Leediker, Lovelady Route 2.
Mrs. Walter Driskell, Crockett.
W. J. Branch, Percilla.
Chas. Long, Chappell Hill, Texas.
J. A. Grounds, Crockett Rt. A.
Oscar Jones (col.), Kennard Rt. 1.
Rev. W. M. Nelson (col.), Crockett.
Wesley Cooper (col.), Crockett Rt. 2.
D. W. Patterson (col.), Weldon.

Republicans Warned by Sherman Not to Accept Leadership.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Sherman of Illinois tossed a bomb among his republican colleagues in congress today by openly declaring war upon his old-time political enemy, Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, republican leader of the house.

The Illinois senator launched his offensive against Mr. Mann with a bitter speech on the floor of the senate this afternoon. He warned the republicans that if

they elected, or sanctioned the election of Mr. Mann to the speakership of the house they must expect certain disaster in the campaign of 1920.

His attack had something of the effect of a stick of dynamite upon the efforts of the republicans to preserve party harmony in the organization of the next house. Although not entirely unexpected, it created a sensation in both wings of the capitol and, for the reason that Senator Sherman is known to be not entirely without influence among the Illinois delegation, it caused Mr. Mann's stock in the speakership to wobble perceptibly. It set some of the harmony workers casting about for a compromise candidate.

Senator Sherman's explosion under the Mann speakership boom was set off, it was explained, by Mr. Mann's statement of Tuesday in which he decried the introduction of such measures as the Sherman and Rodenburg resolution, directing the vice president to assume the functions of chief executive in the absence of President Wilson. Mr. Mann declared himself entirely out of sympathy with such moves.

It now develops that President Wilson wasn't the game Senator Sherman and Representative Rodenburg were after at all. Senator Sherman frankly admitted today that it was merely a bait to trap Mr. Mann into issuing such a statement. They deliberately devised it as a means of getting his scalp, knowing, as they explained today, that no matter which side of the dispute about the president's trip they took, Mr. Mann would be certain to take the other. If this really was their expectation, Mr. Mann did not disappoint them.

There are women who wouldn't enjoy a mansion in heaven if they could not clean house every six weeks.

If butter sticks to the paddle while working it, rub salt over the paddle.

Before buying your Christmas gifts come in and look over our stock.

THE REXALL STORE

BAKER & CASTLEBERG, Proprietors.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 9th day of December, 1918, by Barker Tunstall, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of H. J. Arledge, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5696, and styled H. J. Arledge vs. W. H. Kuhlman et al., placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of December, 1918, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Situated in Houston county, Texas, being part of A. E. Gossett survey and bounded as follows: Beginning on the South West corner of the original three acres owned by the Crockett Circuit of the M. E. Church South, the same being the North West corner of the H. W. Brunner survey. Thence North at 69 1-24 varas corner; thence East at 120 varas stake on the east line of said Three Acre tract; thence South 25 1-24 varas intersects H. W. Brunner's North line; thence South 70 west at 128 varas to the place of beginning, containing one acre of land, more or less.

From which the following tract of land is excepted: Beginning at the S. W. corner of said survey, which is the N. W. corner of the H. W. Brunner tract, immediately on the Rusk road or street in the north part of the City of Crockett. Thence North with the said road or street 80 feet;

thence E. 120 feet; thence South 75 feet to a corner on the south edge of a street between Brunner survey and this tract; thence south 70 West 120 feet to the place of beginning; and levied upon as the property of W. H. Kuhlman, Mrs. W. H. Kuhlman and Mabel T. Johnson, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1919, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution and order of sale, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Kuhlman, Mrs. W. H. Kuhlman and Mabel T. Johnson.

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

Witness my hand, this 9th day of December, 1918. R. J. Spence,
3t. Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Epigrammatic Wisdom.

Salt makes an excellent tooth powder.

Potato pancakes are excellent for breakfast.

To remove threads from rugs dampen the broom.

Honey gives lemonade a particularly fine flavor.

Potatoes are reckoned a splendid energy-giving food.

Iodine will remedy the poisonous effects of stings.

An onion boiled with cabbage gives it a good flavor.



How about one of those "Styleplus" Overcoats for a Christmas gift? He has intimated to us that it is just what he wants and has asked us to remind you of it in this week's issue.

A pair of "Walk-Over" Shoes will probably not fit into his Christmas socks but will fit perfectly and happily over them.

Customer looking at our Silk Shirts: "Yes, I certainly want one, but I believe I will wait until after Christmas. Perhaps Santa will bring me one."

Buster and Tige always please the little folks. Buster shoes around their Xmas stockings will make them dance with delight.

"Just what I want." This from a lady who was in our store when a lot of new bags and purses were being checked the other day.

And so on and on we could suggest the many useful and practical gifts we have gathered from "Dad to Baby."

Dan J. Kennedy

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