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JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier's list of subscription renewals continues to grow with the same rapidity that has characterized the last several weeks. We have not been kept quite as busy as the tax collector, but the list shows that we have been kept busy, nevertheless. We thank you—call again. All are pleased over the fine rain of last week.

Among the number calling to renew or subscribe or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since the last issue are the following:

W. R. Turner, Crockett.
Moore & Shivers, Crockett.
C. H. Hanson, Crockett.
Millar & Berry, Crockett.
Avon Sallas, Crockett.
D. A. Nunn, Crockett.
Miss Mabel Johnson, Crockett.
E. C. Satterwhite, Crockett.
O. T. Ratcliff, Crockett.
John H. Ellis, Crockett.
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Weldon Craddock, Crockett.
G. Q. King, Crockett.
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Mrs. W. I. Kennedy, Crockett.
Dr. R. E. Dillard, Crockett.
C. A. Hassell, Crockett.
Mrs. Chas. J. DeWitt, Houston.
M. N. Schmidt, Crockett.
First National Bank, Crockett.
J. S. Cook, Crockett.
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Dr. W. A. Beatty, Crockett.
E. W. Null, Crockett.
Mrs. C. P. O'Bannon, Crockett.
Mrs. Will Neel, Elkhart.
Dr. W. W. Latham, Crockett.
C. W. LeGory, Crockett.
Dr. E. B. Stokes, Crockett.
Earle Bryan, Crockett.
I. A. Daniel, Crockett.
Mrs. C. A. Hale, Huntsville.
Henry Ellis, Crockett.
R. R. Morrison, Crockett.

Salvation Army.

During the present week a committee of the Houston County Advisory Board of the Salvation Army are soliciting subscriptions for the support of that organization. Every one knows that the Salvation Army is doing a worthy, useful and unselfish work. Every one of its officers and members have a clean and straight record. Never has it been connected in any way with politics of any kind, but has at all times concerned itself with doing good. No one would like to see the Salvation Army cease to function, and the only way to keep it going is by the support of the public.

Last year Houston county responded quite liberally to this cause—five hundred dollars were contributed. A number of very unfortunate people of this county were taken care of by the Salvation Army in 1922, but their names could not be made public on account of the nature of their cases. We trust every one will make as liberal a contribution as possible. If not convenient to see a member of the committee, the amount contributed may be deposited in any bank in the

county to the credit of the Salvation Army.

A. A. Aldrich, Chairman of Board.
Earle P. Adams, Chairman of Committee.

SOMB NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

The Porter well at Crockett, 3400 feet deep, has happened to a piece of bad luck. The drill stem is hung at the bottom of the hole and cannot be budged with the machinery at hand. A machine for extricating stuck drill stems has been ordered from Humble and is expected to arrive by the end of the week when an effort will be made to loosen and withdraw the drill stem. It is hoped that the effort will be successful.

The Driskell well, 3250 feet deep, has finished pulling and resetting its casing and is getting ready to start the drill again.

Mr. Henry J. Arledge, one of Crockett's oldest, best known and most respected citizens, died at his home in this city Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Arledge had been in declining health for the last several months, suffering from complications of the heart and kidneys. His death will be universally regretted. Further mention will appear in the Courier next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Petty, Mr. Earl Bergen and Mr. Joe Kelley of West Columbia were recent visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Petty of this city. Mrs. Petty will remain for an extended visit.

Rev. C. A. Campbell of Salmon had the misfortune Wednesday morning of breaking one of his legs, which we regret to learn.

MR. GEO. L. PORTER ISSUES STATEMENT

An Open Letter to the People of Crockett and Houston County.

Regarding the oil situation, I want to say we have had little or no fear of failure to bring in a good well in the well we are now drilling, for we found the Woodbine sand at 3550 feet depth in number one well, and a deep sand of the thickness it was in No. 1 would likely be both thicker and richer where No. 2 is located than in No. 1, and the formations and oil and gas showings found in drilling No. 2 indicate this will be true.

We have reached the depth below 3400 feet where the formations and indications showed that we were likely to drill into the big rich sand any hour, and the gas has been so strong, the last several hundred feet, we have had to keep the mud as thick as we could circulate it. This caused it to require most a half day to get on bottom every day, so we decided on Tuesday, the 23rd, to leave the drill pipe in the well that night, for indications were exceedingly promising that we would drill into a big well the next day, and we had a man we thought perfectly reliable to leave in charge, but it seems that he must have slept, as he let the steam go down and the machinery stop and the drill pipe stuck, causing the loss of time and putting us to heavy expense to have a casing machine to come up from Houston to pull the drill pipe loose for us. Had we not this trouble, I think we would have drilled in a big well last week.

It requires a large sum of money, time and patience to bring

in a deep wild-cat well, but after it has come in, those who are interested and those in the community soon realize so much benefit they forget the hard work and heavy expense required to bring it in.

Having failed to bring my first well in, I have been forced to spend a large sum of money on the two wells, and I do not have a rich syndicate or a group of rich men supporting me, to whom I can look for money. I undertook this work single-handed and alone. I asked my friends to gamble with me in amounts from \$100 to \$500, telling them that if I got oil they would make money, but if I failed they would lose every dollar they put in.

The people of Crockett and Houston county will be far the greatest beneficiaries from the development of oil in the county, so I am going to ask you people to join me and help a little in the good work. If geology and formations prove true, and I think they will, Houston county is going to develop a large oil field, and will also produce some of the strongest flowing and largest producing wells in the state, for formations could not be better for large producing wells, and the gas pressure is very strong.

There are at least one hundred people in Houston county whose interests justify them in coming forward and putting in from one hundred to five hundred dollars with us—people who own farms that will make them millionaires, and business and professional men who will have their businesses increased many fold.

I have been in communities where people would spend \$500 in a lease, then would not put a dollar in the company they were dependent on to make the lease good. Others there were anxious for the well to come in so that they could grow rich on real estate or by increase in their business, but would not put in a dollar to help bring about the condition they wanted. These people have biased minds or a yellow streak in them, for all true red-blooded Americans want to do their part in anything that is going to materially benefit them.

People who have never lived in a fast-growing oil or mining town cannot realize what it will mean to everybody, from the poorest paid negro laborer to the highest paid professional man or banker in the community.

The bringing in of the first oil well will bring fifteen thousand people to Houston county in forty days.

It will mean the doubling of the sales force of every merchant of every class in town, and this sales force will be busy instead of waiting for customers.

It will mean an increase of two million dollars in deposits in the banks within a few months.

It will cause the building of some good hotels and the opening of some good restaurants and eating houses.

It will mean more work and better pay for every class of labor from the poorest paid negro laborer to the highest paid professional man or banker in the community.

It will mean that every available room and bed in town will be occupied at a good rental to the fortunate owner.

It will mean the increase in the value of Houston county real estate a hundred million dollars in six months.

It will mean the beginning of a rapid growth for Crockett, that

will develop into a modern little city of at least twenty-five or thirty thousand population within two years time, with good streets, street cars and other modern improvements. I will promise to put down some oil wells on the city fair grounds just as soon as possible so the royalty going to the city may be used for building the streets and other public improvements and your taxes may be lowered instead of increased.

It will mean six or seven thousand new homes. This will call for new business blocks and new merchants, and will develop the merchants already here into bigger and better merchants, for few men develop beyond what necessity demands.

The increased population will call for five or six thousand telephones, and will call for the opening of some modern plumbing and electrical stores.

It will mean the building of some good theaters, both picture and play houses. Will bring the city to you instead of you having to go to the city to make special purchases or to see good shows.

It will mean the building up of a larger and better school system and better educational advantages for your children.

Thousands of good people will come here and unite with your churches. This will inspire your preachers to preach better sermons, and this will increase your spiritual growth and you will be a happier people along with more money.

This prosperity will not be confined to Crockett and this immediate section, but will extend to other sections of the county where oil will be developed.

I ask, do the people of Houston county want to see the picture I have placed before you come true? If so, and you will co-operate with me, I will promise to bring it about, if this county develops half the oil it promises to, and I think it will develop even more than we dare say we expect.

May I expect your co-operation, or are you against me?

Yours very truly,
Geo. L. Porter.

FRISCO GIVES NOTICE OF PLAN TO BUY ROAD

In an advertisement, appearing in the Courier for the next five weeks, the St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company is giving notice of its intention to purchase the International-Great Northern and other Texas roads. Application will be made to the legislature for such a deal, and the terms under which roads are to be acquired are set out in the advertisement. This confirms a report that has been current in railroad circles for many months.

ELKHART WELL IS SATISFACTORY

A report by the Berston-Harris-Reed people, drillers in the Elkhart field, say they are now down 3136 feet and are drilling in gummy shale, and the formations are encouraging and what they expected to encounter. These people are making a test to a great depth to prove that field, and they are able, it is said, to go as deep as they think necessary. Dr. Coxe, the geologist, says the well is panning out according to forecasts.—Palestine Herald.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We announce to the public and to our many friends and past patrons that we are again going to open a Dry Goods store in Crockett and in the same stand that we occupied in the past. It will be our greatest pleasure to serve you at any time and in any way we can. We appreciate every customer we had when we were in business before and hope to add many others to our list.

We also announce to the public that we are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS which will enable us to give you more for your money than you may get elsewhere. All we ask is to show you and have the chance of giving you our prices.

OUR OPENING DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Thompson

Bad Weather

Is a good indicator for bad colds—many bad colds can be avoided by using your telephone. Our telephone numbers are

47 and 140

You can most always get us right now and we deliver anything from a 1c stamp up. You can shop with us over the phone and we cater to your every want.

Quality—Dependability—Service

Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co.
WE NEVER SUBSTITUTE

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

See R. L. Shivers for prices on fertilizer. tf.

Ernest Clark has returned to Mineral Wells. tf.

R. L. Shivers will sell you your groceries for less. tf.

All kinds of feed at R. L. Shivers Feed Co's. tf.

Get the genuine Oliver repairs from Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

Mack Hooks has returned from Lawrenceburg, Tenn. tf.

A full line of dry goods and shoes at R. L. Shivers'. tf.

Get you a new truss now at Bishop's and save money. 1t.

Repairs for all Oliver Implements at Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

Fountain pens that are guaranteed for life at Bishop's. 1t.

J. C. Millar has returned from a business trip to Houston. tf.

For heavy Ear Corn and Maize Heads see D. F. Arledge. 3t.

We are unloading car of Meridian fertilizer. Let us figure with you before you buy. tf.

Jas. S. Shivers.

J. R. Herrin has returned from the hardware dealers' convention at Dallas.

A full line of collars, bridles, check lines and strap goods at R. L. Shivers'. tf.

Mrs. J. R. Foster and Miss Virginia Mae Foster are visiting in Houston.

Lanier Edmiston is among the latest of Crockett people to install a radio outfit.

Oliver breaking plows are the lightest draft plows made. Sold by Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

J. W. Young and J. G. Beasley have returned from a business trip to south Texas.

Walter Ellis is again at home after a tour of the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands.

Alton LeMay has the lot graded for a new home south of the J. H. Painter residence.

Mrs. Lee Wagner and daughter of Houston are visiting relatives and friends in Crockett.

Clifford Kennedy is planning to build a residence on his lot in front of the J. L. Jordan home.

Mrs. Virginia Collins will build a new residence on her lot in front of the J. W. Hail home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Caprielian have arrived from Houston and will make Crockett their home.

O. A. Reynolds of Moore, Frio county, visited relatives and friends here this week.

Call at Satterwhite's scale office for all kinds of feed, both bulk and sack. R. L. Shivers Feed Co. tf.

Mrs. Will English and son of Tyler were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith, last week.

There is no better fertilizer than Swift's. Arnold Brothers have two car loads and can supply your needs. 1t.

When you want drug store goods, remember you get what you want at Bishop's, and prompt service, too. 1t.

Unionalls—
Coveralls—
in all sizes and kinds for the kiddies. Dan J. Kennedy's 1t.

See Arnold Brothers for your fertilizers. They have two car loads and their prices are as low as good fertilizers can be sold. 1t

Make your cotton and corn yield bigger by using Meridian fertilizer. Sold by Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

Rooms for Rent.

A suite of rooms with all conveniences. Apply to Mrs. Thos. Self. 2t.

R. L. Shivers, N. O. Routledge, Loch Cook and Smith Murchison left Sunday afternoon for Tyler to do service as federal jurors.

Mrs. E. F. Gardner, who has been the guest of Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters for the last week, left Monday afternoon for her home in Houston.

Tie Makers Wanted.

Can give steady employment to any number of men. 1t* Emmet Roberts.

Lost.

Black mare mule, rope halter on, bob tail, four years old. Please notify T. S. Minter, Belott, Rt. 7, and receive reward. 1t.*

Misses Lucy Roye Deupree, Mary Frank Smith, Elizabeth Arrington, C. C. Stokes, Jean Towery and Elizabeth LeGory comprised a party going to Houston Wednesday night to hear the celebrated pianist, Padarewski.

Box Supper.

A box supper will be given by the ladies of the Methodist church at Porter Springs Thursday night, February 8, to which the patronage of the public is invited. 1t.

County Depository.

Sealed bids will be received on the second Monday in February by the Commissioners Court from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Houston county desiring to be selected as the depository of the funds of this county. Leroy L. Moore, 3t. County Judge.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon A. O. Harper, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to said Houston County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the court house thereof in Crockett, on the 7th Monday after the first Monday in

February, 1923, the same being the 26th day of March, 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of January, 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court Number 6049, wherein C. L. Edmiston and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston, partners composing the partnership firm of Edmiston Motor Company, are plaintiffs and A. O. Harper, A. J. Harper and Mrs. Lily A. Harper, a feme sole, are defendants, said petition alleging that the defendants executed their promissory note bearing date April 12th, 1921, wherein they promised to pay C. W. Butler, Jr., or order, on April 12, 1922, the sum of Eight Hundred and Forty Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the date of said note until paid and ten per cent additional as attorneys fees if collected by law or placed with attorneys for collection, and thereby became liable to pay said C. W. Butler, Jr. said sum of money, a substantial of which note is attached to plaintiff's petition. That plaintiff's are now the owners of said note and entitled to sue thereon; that on the 22nd day of September, 1921, the defendant, Mrs. Lily A. Harper, to secure the payment of said note, executed a deed of trust upon the following real estate situated in Limestone County, Texas, and in the City of Mexia and described as follows

BEGINNING fifty feet West of the South East corner of division XXXVI where Commerce Street intersects with Ross Avenue, as a place of beginning.

THENCE West fifty (50) feet with South line of division XXXVI to stake for corner.

THENCE North one hundred and twenty-five (125 ft.) parallel with East line of division XXXVI to stake for corner.

THENCE East fifty (50 ft.) feet parallel with South line of division XXXIV to stake for corner.

THENCE South parallel with East line one hundred and twenty-five (125 ft.) feet to place of beginning.

Plaintiffs sue for their debt with interest and attorney's fees and for foreclosure of its lien upon the above described prop-

MONEY TO LOAN
BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.
B. B. WARFIELD
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

erty. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness A. B. Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said court on this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) A. B. Smith,
Clerk District Court,
Houston County, Texas.

Stop That Cough

Baker's Compound Syrup of Tar soothes the irritated and inflamed tissues of the lungs and air passages and relieves the cough. We recommend it for all coughs, colds, loss of voice, hoarseness and bronchitis.

It is a formula that we know and do not hesitate to recommend.

Jno. F. Baker
THE REXALL STORE

New Arrivals

Spring Merchandise

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

Silver Laces, Gold Laces, Figured Crepe De Chine, Figured Georgettes, Imported Eponge and Ratine—the new white goods and spring Silk Hose.

- 32-inch Kalburnie and Amoskeag Dress Gingshams, Spring patterns 29c
- Yard-wide Percale, in all the new Spring Patterns, extra pretty designs 19c
- Hudson Percales, light colors, only about twenty-five patterns, choice 12½c
- Extra good Cotton Checks, not the heaviest, but fair quality at 12½c

This Big Store is being filled every day with good clean seasonable merchandise bought under the present market and priced in most instances much cheaper than you can buy it elsewhere.

Jas. S. Shivers
Crockett, Texas.

You Win

when you get both quality and quantity in foodstuffs. It is better to win than to lose.

A change for the better never injures any person. Try ours next.

We pride ourselves on selling pure, clean, wholesome groceries and feed stuffs at prices in keeping with the times.

Try Our American Maid Flour.

C. L. Manning & Co.
Groceries, Feed and Hardware

SENATE AND HUGHES FRICTION REPORTED

Many Solons Believe State Department is Too Secretive.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Friction between the senate and Secretary of State Hughes is reaching a point where signs of irritation are becoming more pronounced. It has even led to the circulation of rumors that Mr. Hughes is about to quit the cabinet in disgust.

Although there is no reason to suppose matters have reached that point, the relations between the state department and the senate are not as friendly as they might be. Republican senators even are joining in the criticism that Mr. Hughes is maintaining too much secrecy around the old state, war and navy building. This has become more outspoken during the effort to extract some information from Mr. Hughes regarding the activities of Richard W. Boyden, American observer on the reparations commission. Unless Hughes acts quickly to soothe the wounded sensibilities of the senators, a demand for Boyden's recall and frank debate on the state department methods are likely to break out in the senate.

May Establish Four New Syrup Blending Plants.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 23.—Charles E. Baughman, commissioner of markets and warehouses, stated that as a result of the ribbon

cane syrup standardizing campaign in East Texas points and the co-operation given the movement by county agents of the extension service and by representatives of various farm organizations, a plant is now operating at Lufkin, that will blend, pack and label in a uniform way this year more than 300,000 gallons of ribbon cane syrup.

"We expect to start another campaign in the near future in an effort to bring about similar organizations in at least four other Texas towns, when we hope to have sufficient blending equipment to handle more than 2,000,000 gallons of syrup to be put out on the same plan as the Lufkin plant is now putting it out and when we hope to be able to at least partially supply the demands for a Texas grown product.

"Every syrup producer," continued Mr. Baughman, "every farm organization and every chamber of commerce in the several localities producing ribbon cane syrup in commercial quantities are urged to join with our department in this campaign. This campaign will be entered upon just as soon as we have finished departmental work in connection with the standardization of rough rice."

ATTRIBUTE SUCCESS TO ADVERTISING

In an interview today, Mr. Warren Wright, president of the Calumet Baking Powder Company—the largest Baking Powder Company in the World, strongly advocated the use of newspaper advertising, and points to Calumet's success as proof of his statement.

"Calumet sales are 2½ times as much as any other brand," stated Mr. Wright, "and we attribute this to our lavish use of newspaper space. We believe that the newspaper is the most direct medium we can use in getting our message across to the housewife and we know from experience covering thirty years, that the housewife will respond to newspaper advertising quicker than she will to any other form of advertising."

Newspapers Protect Readers.

"The housewives have confidences in newspaper advertisements because they know that the newspapers set up high standards for their advertisers. It is for that reason that the housewife looks to the newspaper for information on products in which she is interested."

OPEN HEARING AT MER ROUGE ENDED

Final Witness Tells of Seeing Supposed "Death Truck" With Prisoners.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 25.—The open hearing conducted by the state of Louisiana into the operations of masked men in Morehouse Parish ended today after having been in session continuously since January 5. Scores of witnesses testified concerning the flogging, deportations, circulation of warnings by a "vigilance committee," kidnapping and the spiriting away of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24 of whom no trace was found until their bodies floated to the surface from the depths of Lake La Fourche on December 22.

Leon Jones of Moselle, Miss., the only witness at the concluding session, testified that his car was disabled on the highway about three-quarters of a mile from Lake La Fourche "some time in August," and that during the night one small touring car and a small truck containing masked men and two others who appeared to be prisoners passed him, bound toward the lake. Some time later the cars returned from the lake, and he said there seemed to be no prisoners.

The hearing adjourned at 10:25 o'clock this forenoon, but a few minutes prior to that time Attorney General Coco made a statement to the court declaring that evidence had been developed sufficient to show the Ku Klux Klan responsible for the lawlessness in the parish.

TEXAS HAS HAD 26 GOVERNORS

Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.—Governor Pat M. Neff, who last week was inaugurated as Governor of Texas for the next two years, is the twenty-sixth governor of the state. Governor Neff is the fourteenth governor to be elected for a second term.

In addition to the twenty-six different governors which Texas has had, the state is the only one in the nation which has had a president, during the period of the Republic. Texas had four different presidents during that period, two serving for two terms. David G. Burnett was the first president of the state, having been elected in 1836. Sam Houston succeeded Burnett in October, 1836, and served until 1838 when Mirabeau D. Lamar was elected to the presidency. In 1840 Burnett became acting president again and served until 1841 when he was again succeeded by Sam Houston. Texas' last president was Anson Jones, in 1845.

Only one governor of Texas has ever held three terms—E. M. Pease, who served his third term by virtue of appointment.

The list of governors of Texas prepared by the Secretary of State's office, with the year in which they took office follows:

J. Pickney Henderson, 1846; George T. Wood, 1847; P. Hansbrough Bell, 1849; E. M. Pease, 1853; H. R. Runnels, 1857; Sam Houston, 1859; Edward Clark, 1861; F. R. Lubbock, 1861; Pendleton Murrah, 1863; A. J. Hamilton (appointed), 1865; J. W. Throckmorton, 1866; E. M. Pease (appointed), 1867; E. J. Davis, 1870; Richard Coke, 1874; R. B. Hubbard, 1876; O. M. Roberts, 1879; John Ireland, 1883; L. S. Ross, 1887; J. S. Hogg, 1891; C. A. Culbertson, 1895; J. D. Sayers, 1899; Samuel W. T. Lanham, 1903; Thomas M. Campbell, 1907; Oscar B. Colquitt, 1911; James E. Ferguson, 1915; W. P. Hobby, 1917; Pat Neff, 1921.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

JUST RECEIVED SUPPLY OF

16 Per Cent Acid Phosphate

Put up in 100 pound bags, also have a good supply of 43 per cent Cotton Seed Meal, to meet the requirements of all those who would like to mix their own fertilizer, and thereby increase their yields.

KINDLY SEE US FOR
PRICES.

Crockett Cotton Oil Mill

HOUSE DEBATE ON NAPKINS ENDED BY CONGRESSWOMAN

Washington, Jan. 30.—After a debate ranging from the science of autosuggestion to the disappearance of napkins from the house restaurant, the house tonight completed consideration virtually without change from the committee draft of the legislative appropriation bill carrying \$12,706,856. A final vote was deferred until Monday.

The house began consideration of the bill by debating the rivers and harbors and Muscle Shoals

items of the army bill, which was passed yesterday.

Then Representative Blanton, democrat, of Texas, objected to the expenses of the house restaurant and developed the information that 150 dozen napkins had been used up last year. This brought demands from various quarters as to how they disappeared, and the debate promised to run on indefinitely until Representative Alice Robertson, republican, of Oklahoma, who formerly operated a restaurant, told the members that napkins had a way of disappearing, and there was no use arguing further about it.

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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 10c 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.

THE WEST TEXAS COLLEGE BILL.

Bills have been introduced in each branch of the legislature appropriating \$1,000,000 for a "West Texas State College," to be under the control of the directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The Post is as friendly to the educational interests of West Texas as it is to those of any other section of the State, and it would be glad to see the legislature indicate a lively interest in them.

But The Post is not in favor of such an institution as the commercial and other bodies of West Texas have been attempting to obtain, and it is not sure that the two bills introduced do not contemplate the so-called "independent" institution.

A branch agricultural college in West Texas that would specialize upon instruction having a direct bearing upon the peculiar climatic, hydrographic and soil conditions of West Texas, to be co-ordinated with the parent institution at College Station, would not be objectionable, and might be made to serve an important purpose.

But an institution in effect duplicating the institution at College Station and the College of Industrial Arts at Denton is quite another matter, and the legislature should ponder it well before committing this State to any such project.

Up to this time, the State has never properly supported, maintained and developed the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical college, and sound public policy dictates that it would be better first to develop these institutions and the College of Industrial Arts to the extent needed, and maintain them properly, before establishing other duplicate institutions to be slowly starved for lack of support.

Sectional institutions do not accord with the best ideals either of education or State pride. The small expense of travel between West Texas and the main institution now in existence, which greatly need expansion, does not justify the State in carrying higher education to the residences of the people of the different sections. To establish such institutions as sectional "pork" would be the last word in political folly.

Owing to the varied climatic and hydrographic conditions of so large an area of Texas, branch agricultural interests of the State, but even this change of policy ought to be carefully weighed by the legislature before its adoption.

It is highly important to de-

velop properly, and in advance of every other higher educational interest, the great institutions at Austin, College Station and Denton. They need at this time to meet existing demands not less than \$10,000,000, and until this need shall have been approximately supplied, large appropriations for "independent institutions" in various sections would mean further neglect of the institutions already in existence.

What Texas needs first of all, before other educational institutions of any character are established, is a survey by competent educators of the real needs of the youth of Texas, and a largely increased support of existing institutions. This policy is best for West Texas as well as for the entire State. Simply because land owners in rival Western towns may want to sell 2000 acres to the State or because rival communities may wish to sell goods to a considerable student body, or even because their people might like to number a fine college among the attractions and advantages of their communities, does not warrant the legislature in spending millions of dollars upon institutions that are not needed, and the result of whose establishment might be the neglect of already existing institutions.

The rural schools of the State and all the institutions of higher learning are greatly in need of expansion and financial support. Let the legislature first provide abundantly for these before considering new colleges. The West Texas college may be an attractive proposal in a political sense, but the legislature ought to think seriously before appropriating a million dollars for any such purpose.—Houston Post.

NOAH'S BONEHEAD.

Boneheads have been pulled since the dawn of light. The idea that any particular age sees them running wild is a mistake. The first famous bonehead that history records was pulled by no less a personage than old Noah. Noah simply couldn't see things right; had had no vision and therefore missed the "Golden Chance." He had forty long nights in which to get up and put the only two mosquitoes in the world out of business. He could have done it with one smash of his fly swatter. But Noah snored away at the switch and in time the dove appeared with the olive branch and the next day the people walked off the ark onto land—and the mosquitoes went with them. There are many other famous boneheads that might be here recorded but none of them equal old Noah's as a work of art, so the committee appointed for the purpose has decided unanimously to place his name in the Hall of Fame.—Topeka Capital.

Belfast, Jan. 22.—The history of the civil strife in Ireland has brought forth no tragedy which for its bitter irony surpasses an incident reported from Galway today.

A laborer sold a litter of pigs at the market in Portumna, receiving 40 pounds. The same night his house was raided by four masked men, who demanded 40 pounds or his life. Tremblingly he delivered the money and the raiders departed.

As the last man was leaving the young son of the house seized an ax and struck him, killing him instantly, whereupon his companions fled. Removing the mask, the members of the family discovered that the dead bandit was the laborer's second son.

EDITORIALS BY COL. R. T. MILNER

What the Former A. & M. President Writes in the Rusk County News.

READING THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

There is no law in Texas which denies a school teacher the right to open his school by reading a chapter from the Bible and offering a prayer, provided the trustees do not object. And there is no law, and no set of men in the world able to make a law, that would establish in the minds and hearts and souls of children that spiritual regeneration and redemption which cometh through the blood and the forgiveness of sins, according to the grace and power and love of the Son of God. If a school teacher can read a chapter from the Bible in the proper spirit, and offer up a prayer to Almighty God with the earnestness that moved upon the heart of David when he exclaimed, "Lord, I cry unto thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee;" if a teacher will go about it that way an impression will be made for good on the minds of the students. But contrast those sublime words with the manner in which the loyal teacher would comply with the edict of the Legislature. He would naturally have a contempt for the law, and at all convenient times would show it. Here is about the way he would discharge his duty: "Dear beloved children, the Legislature has commanded me to open the school by reading to you a portion of the Holy Scripture, so I shall begin as follows: 'And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul, his son, 'Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.'" "Now, dear children," the teacher continues, "what group of men in these latter days remind us most of that stupid animal, the ass, so often mentioned in the Good Book?"

With the kind of law above mentioned on the statute books of the State, there would be no student in the class but what would give the answer right off the bat, and all would give the same answer.

"Now, tomorrow I will read the 39th chapter, of Job," the teacher continues, "and will expect each student in school to give an answer to the question therein propounded: 'Who hath sent the wild free, or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?'"

We do wonder if the Legislature will pass a law requiring schools to be opened by a prayer, defined and set out by a statute! Let us open the proceedings right now and ask that every devout man and woman in Texas join us in a petition something like unto the following: "Oh, Lord, if it be possible, to endow those legislators who would force religion by law, with some sense! We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ who gave His life for religious liberty. Amen."

This Legislature will be apt to go thoroughly into the matter of the recent change of school books by the Text Book Board. Up to this time no explanation has been given why the change was made. And since the change will cost the State nearly a million and a half of dollars the whole matter should be fully understood by the people.

Since the above was written an explanation has appeared, but it is not satisfactory.

LET US SUPPOSE.

Let us suppose that on the 8th of January that the attention of all the school children in this United State were called to

what that day signifies in American history.

Boys and girls, how many of you remember that it was on the 8th of January, 1814, 108 years ago, when Andrew Jackson fought and won one of the world's greatest and most decisive battles.

You should remember that it was fought on the plains of Chalmette, just below the city of New Orleans.

It will be remembered that the war of 1812 had up to that time been disastrous to the United States. The Treaty of Ghent had been consummated on the theory that disintegration had already set in, and that it would not be long before the United States would be seeking the protection of England, and that they would be colonies again.

It was thoroughly believed by England and Canada that the young Republic would collapse. Monarchists throughout the world thought they saw the end of the American experiment to govern people by a representative democracy.

Federal Appropriation On 50-50 Basis Opposed.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 18.—Appropriations of the "fifty-fifty" character by the federal government were condemned by the Texas senate today when concurrent resolution to that effect, introduced by Senator Davis from Dallas, was adopted by a vote of 21 to 3, with two senators present and not voting and five absent.

The question on adoption of the resolution brought about the warmest debate staged in the senate during the present session. The flood of oratory was opened wide after a ringing speech by the author of the resolution in which he urged that the senate express itself against the growing practice of federal appropriations that bring about an increase in the taxation of all.

Senator Rogers from Collins gained the floor and voiced a protest, declaring that the adoption of such a resolution would place the state in a contradictory attitude in that it has itself put into practice a similar plan of appropriations in certain cases.

Severe criticism of what was referred to as a tendency on the part of the federal government to encroach more and more within the territory of the individual state was expressed by those championing the resolution.

"That bunch at Washington is riding this country ragged with their fifty-fifty propositions," declared Senator Darwin from Lamar. "We should have more economy. Federal, state and local government should cut expenses and expenditures to the bone."

In discussing matters from a national viewpoint, Senator Darwin took occasion to comment on the position of the United States as a participant in the world war and the stand taken before the war.

Senator Bowers, championing the resolution, declared that it has become so that "a man can hardly step out of his house without violating some law."

Senator John H. Bailey said: "I believe in the autonomy of every state and especially that of Texas. Imperial Texas is able to take care of herself. I don't believe in holding out bait from Washington to the people of Texas to get them to do things. There is too much government in business and too little business in government. Let's stand for less government. That government is best that

governs least."

Senator Woods from Navarro expressed sympathy with the intent of the resolution but declared it was contradictory at present. Senator Holbrook favored adoption of the resolution.

An amendment to the resolution providing that if the federal government has money to distribute for various legitimate purposes, such money be placed directly in the state treasury and that the state spend the money as it sees fit, was offered by Senator Cousins, but failed. Senator Cousins cited various federal appropriation measures which he said Texas expected to benefit from and said that the state might be embarrassed by the adoption of the Davis resolution.

Senator Davis replied that the time "for heroic action" in the matter had come. "I am not willing for the great state of Texas to play lick-spittle to anyone," he said. "If we accept the amendment of the senator from Jefferson we beg the main issue."

Ferguson Offers to Lease Prison System for \$260,000.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 24.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson today forwarded to Governor Pat M. Neff, Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson and certain members of the senate and house of representatives at Austin a proposition whereby he and his associates would lease from the state for ten years the entire prison system, including the 84,000 acres of farms, all equipment in the penitentiary at Huntsville and elsewhere, and to operate the system under supervision of the board of prison commissioners. Mr. Ferguson offers to pay \$260,000 a year for this lease, the offer specifying that \$250,000 a year would be paid for the prison system and \$10,000 for the cotton oil mill at Richmond, now involved in litigation between the state and a bank at Houston.

Mr. Ferguson states that he would establish comfortable camps and quarters for prisoners, care for them properly, paying all medical fees and other expenses. He also states that he and his associates would meet all costs of upkeep and maintain the property in as good condition or better than at present.

One of the conditions laid down by Mr. Ferguson under which he would take over the prison system is that the state by legislative enactment establish a more liberal policy for paroling and pardoning convicts, especially those with dependents, and that each convict pardoned or released from the prison be given \$100 in cash. Mr. Ferguson also says he would provide a Bible for each convict and furnish plenty of wholesome reading matter for all.

Mr. Ferguson would have the prison commission retain supervisory powers over the prison system.

The offer of Mr. Ferguson sets forth that the lessors would make bond for \$250,000 to guarantee performance of their contract, but it is asserted that the lessors have assets of more than \$2,000,000. It is proposed that they take over the prison system immediately, or as soon as legislation authorizing the lease can be enacted, and that \$250,000 in payment for the lease shall be payable to the state on Jan. 1, 1924, and yearly thereafter for ten years.

Some Postscripts.

The miners of Middletown, N. Y., have requested that no funerals be held on Sunday.

An earthwork and palisade of palm leaves is being built to save the rich date growing oases of the Djerid of Tunis from the gradual encroachment of the sands of the desert.

Tires at the Old Price

We bought our tires before the advance and are thus enabled to

Save You Some Money

If you see us before you buy. These are the Goodrich tires and there are none better made.

We call for your car, fix your punctures, and oil and grease your car wherever and whenever needed.

Magnolia Filling Station

E. W. Null, Manager.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Frost-proof Cabbage Plants—One hundred 35c, over 200 25c hundred, post paid.
Jesse Barnes, Trinity, Texas.

CROCKETT THEATRE

First Night Show Starts at 7:15 p. m. Promptly.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF FEB. 5TH to FEB. 10TH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
"CROSSING TRAIL"
Watch the Billboards

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
The Novak in
"COLLEEN OF THE PINES"
Your man's darling or old maid? Which would you be? Learn the full details from "Colleen of the Pines."
Matinee at 3:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Mary Miles Minter in
"THE LITTLE CLOWN"
Take your family to the Crockett Theatre to see "The Little Clown," a beautiful story of the circus, with Mary Miles Minter as the heroine. Re-booked.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
George B. Seitz and June Caprice in
"ROGUES AND ROMANCE"
Hot-Blooded Rogues, Red-Blooded Romance
That's what Reggie bumped into in Sunny Spain. Rogues added thrills, passion and punch to his adventures. Romance was already in his soul, but the Spanish lips of red, coal black eyes, gave his American heart some galloping throbs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Bert Lytell in
"THE IDLE RICH"
The golden youth, tinted with wastage of gold, thrown to the junkyard. The idyl of an idler and a girls ideal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
"BUFFALO BILL"
Chapter No. 4. Playlet: "Never Let Go." Comedy: "Off His Beat." Matinee at 2:30.

Fresh garden seed, five cents at Bishop's. 1t.

H. J. Castleberg of Dallas was here this week.

All kinds of feed at R. L. Shivers Feed Co's. tf.

Regulation Army Leggings, 50c at Dan J. Kennedy's. 1t.

Bishop's drug store delivers promptly. Phone 95. 1t.

Go to R. L. Shivers for Kelly cultivators and plows. tf.

The best stock conditioner on the market at Bishop's. 1t.

You will find the right kind of gift goods at Bishop's. 1t.

See the new spring dresses and coat suits at Variety Shop. 1t.

W. G. Cartwright was a business visitor in Dallas this week.

Now is the time to buy your stalk cutters. R. L. Shivers has them. tf.

Bishop's Cold and Grippe Mixture gives results. Try a bottle for that cold. 1t.

If you need anything in implements see the Olivers at Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

Arnold Brothers have received two cars of Swift's fertilizers. See them for prices. 1t.

Second-hand farm implements for sale cheap. See Mrs. A. M. Decuir or Zenon Decuir. 2t.

John Waller is among the students home from A. & M. College for a brief vacation.

Regulation Army Blankets (all wool) being closed out at \$2.75. Dan J. Kennedy's. 1t.

Mrs. L. V. Jacobi and son of Nacogdoches are visiting relatives and friends in Crockett.

Use fertilizers and beat the weevil. I have the kind that makes the yield. D. F. Arledge. 3t.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Moore Jr., in Houston.

Misses Billie English of Kennard and Annabel McClain of Lufkin were Crockett visitors Tuesday.

Hotel for Rent.

The W. B. Page building, known as the Cozy Inn. For particulars see Arch Baker at the First National Bank. tf.

Call at Satterwhite's scale office for all kinds of feed, both bulk and sack. R. L. Shivers Feed Co. tf.

John Franklin Shivers and Robert Spence, students of A. & M. College, were at home for the week-end.

Sam Arledge is at home from A. & M. College for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge.

Mrs. J. W. Young and Mrs. J. H. Smith have returned from their tour of Mexico and report a delightful trip.

A small fire did some damage to the building occupied by Warren's studio Saturday afternoon before being extinguished.

Chickens have been in strong demand at Crockett for the last two weeks and there seems to be a shortage in the country.

Meridian fertilizer is not an experiment. It will pay you a big profit. Sold by tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Kodaks for rent, 10 cents per day. Studio open on Sundays from 1 till 2 p. m. 8t. The Warren Studio.

A large party of Crockett people left on Wednesday afternoon's train for Houston to hear Paderewski, the celebrated pianist.

Oliver breaking plows, section harrows, riding and walking cultivators and planters, and repairs, sold in Crockett by Jas. S. Shivers. tf.

Wanted—Reliable white woman for house work for family of two. Good home and good pay for the right woman. Apply to Mrs. W. B. Page. tf.

Diamond Ring for Sale.
A 5-8 karat diamond, \$150 cash or \$165 terms. See C. W. Campbell at Crockett Bakery. 1t.

If an investment of six or eight dollars will make an acre of cotton or corn produce from one third to one half more it is a good investment. Meridian fertilizer will do this. Sold by tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Released Under Bond.
Monroe Young, the young white man arrested last week and charged with forgery, has been released under bond. His case will come before the next grand jury.

Notice to Public.

After February 1st I will be associated with Q. Martin at his old stand, northwest corner of Daniel & Burton lot, and we will appreciate your horseshoeing, blacksmithing and general repair work. 1t. Web Goolsbee.

Weches Trouble.

The Courier has learned of an incident that came very near resulting in serious trouble at Weches last week. Following a rupture over some business detail, Tom Bennett and his wife were struck and seriously injured with a shotgun in the hands of Ben Jackson. Jackson was placed under a \$1500 bond, which he made. All the parties are white.

Girls' Club at Belott.

School work is progressing nicely and every one seems to be doing his best. The boys basketball team of Copper's Spring met with our boys January 20 for a game. The score was 30 to 3 in our favor.

Our Demonstration Agent Club met at its regular time January 19. We took in a new member, then began work on our bags, made of gingham 27 by 14 inches in size. We did not finish our bags, but will next time. Reporter.

J. C. Arnold L. H. Arnold J. R. Harris

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are opening up a real Feed Store on the track near Arnold Bros. & King's Gin and will be in position to save you some money on your feed.

We will handle Ear Corn, Maize, Alfalfa Hay and all kinds of Sack Feed, buying direct from the mills and growers and saving you that middle man's profit.

Come to See Us and Save the Difference.

WE SELL FOR CASH ONLY

**ARNOLD BROS.,
JOHN R. HARRIS**

Bought Meat Market.

Mack McIver, formerly of Madisonville, has bought the J. H. Green meat market and will come to Crockett to live. The Courier welcomes him and all other good citizens who come to live among us. We have not heard what Mr. Green's plans are.

Baseball Magnate.

M. P. Jensen, formerly of this city, has severed his connection with the City National Bank of Galveston to become a baseball magnate. He will become business manager for the Galveston ball club, in which his Crockett friends are confident of his success.

Returns From Tyler.

Sheriff O. B. Hale returned Tuesday night from Tyler, where he had gone as a witness in the federal court. He reports that Mr. S. F. Maples, a Houston county farmer living in the Trinity river section, was fined in the federal court this week in the sum of \$50 and five months in the federal jail on a plea of guilty to manufacturing and possessing intoxicating liquor. Mr. Maples was represent-

ed in the federal court by Hon. Earle Adams of this city.

An Old Landmark.

The old rock building, one of the landmarks of Crockett, will be one of the buildings torn away to make room for the Masonic Temple buildings. The buildings adjoining on the corner were constructed in 1877 by J.C. Wootters and it is said that the old rock building was there at that time. The building has been there so long that the Courier is unable to find any one who knows when it was put there. The adjoining buildings are of brick construction.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

NOTICE

We will have another car load of mules and horses about Monday of next week. This will be the last car we will handle.

JAS. S. SHIVERS

Good News! Good News!

Yes, it is not only good news to us, but should be to you, that our long delayed car of the celebrated J. I. Case implements has arrived.

We certainly regret the delay and know that you have been inconvenienced no little by the delay, as it was so hard to get a substitute.

But now we have them, and you can get them, and by a little extra effort can regain the lost time caused by the delay.

A suggestion—J. I. Case implements, good seed, Pelican Brand fertilizer and a place like ours to trade, is a combination that will almost insure a crop. Give us a call and be convinced.

Moore & Shivers
Next door to Kent & Trube.

Closing Out Sale

Entire Stock Variety Goods at Harris Racket Store

By E. K. CAPRIELIAN

At the time of discontinuing business a little over two years ago, under the name of CAPRIELIAN BROS., we expressed our desire through the columns of this paper to serve the people of Crockett and Houston county again in the near future.

With the purchase of J. R. Harris' Racket store I am glad to announce that in accordance with our desire I am again at the service of the good people of this community, who contributed so much to our successful business career here in the past.

At the close of this sale we will go into the grocery field which will be operated under the name of CAPRIELIAN BROS.

Feeling that success in merchandise depends on up-to-date, straight-forward methods, we shall conduct our business accordingly as before.

This sale will be a sweeping clean-up on discontinuing lines, odds and ends. It is necessary, and what is a necessity for me NOW, becomes AN OPPORTUNITY for you.

E. K. CAPRIELIAN

To stimulate this sale I will Sell 10 POUNDS of granulated CANE SUGAR, **69c** on Saturday, February 3rd, limit 10 pounds to the customer, for

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Railroad Commissioner.

Hon. J. W. Madden of this city is being prominently spoken of as a probable candidate for railroad commissioner to succeed Allison Mayfield, who died last week. Mr. Madden has the endorsement of numerous friends here and elsewhere over the state.

LOST.

On the streets of Crockett Friday one small purse containing about \$20 in money and two checks made payable to Dayton Scale Co. and one made payable to myself. Liberal reward if left at Courier office.

J. G. Fonville,
 Center, Texas.

More Brick Buildings.

Two more brick buildings are to go up in west Crockett, one east and the other north of Magnolia Filling Station. The one on the east of the filling station is to be constructed by Smith Brothers and the one on the north by J. W. Young. A building boom seems to have hit us.

Old Firm Returning.

As will be noted in another place in the Courier this week, Mr. E. K. Caprielian, mention of whose purchase of the Harris Racket Store was made in this paper last week, will convert this variety store into a grocery business, at which time the firm name will again become Caprielian Brothers. Associated with E. K. Caprielian in the business will be Mr. P. Caprielian, who has arrived from Houston. Caprielian Brothers will conduct a modern grocery store and will prove a live addition to Crockett's large number of accommodating grocery stores. The

town's grocery stores are among its most necessary assets, as we have to eat to live and live to eat.

Road Advisory Board.

In mentioning the appointment of Mr. G. Q. King to succeed Mr. C. C. Warfield as a member of the Crockett road district advisory board last week, the Courier unintentionally omitted the name of one member of the board, that of Mr. P. O. Green. Mr. Green has been a member of the road district advisory board for more than a year. The board is now constituted as follows: Dr. E. B. Stokes, J. G. Millar, P. O. Green and G. Q. King.

Social Session.

A delightful social session of the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society was held at the beautiful new parsonage on Monday afternoon, Jan. 22, with Mesdames Maness, Nat Patton, Joe Adams and Tom Callier as hostesses.

In spite of rain and stormy weather a large crowd attended, showing that the ladies of the church know what good times are in store for them at these "get together" meetings.

A delightful musical program, consisting of solos, duets and trios by Mesdames Pinkney Hail, J. D. Woodson and A. M. Decuir, was greatly enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad, wafers, coffee and cake, were served, bringing to a close, all too soon, this pleasant occasion.

Reporter.

Bridge Luncheon.

Among the many pretty and enjoyable affairs which have been given in honor of Mrs. H. J. Berry, a recent bride, none have surpassed the bridge luncheon given by Mrs. Dan Julian on Thursday morning, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Armistead

Aldrich of Oklahoma as honorees.

Mrs. Julian's luncheon was prettily appointed in a motif of purple and green with violets mingled with plumes and fern as floral charm throughout the rooms. Purple baskets filled with violets and fern formed center decorations for the six tables arranged in the living room and sun parlor. Mints and dainties were placed in violet cups and a tempting three course luncheon was served at one o'clock, after which the games were in order. The bridge tables were appointed with hand painted score pads and tallies to conform to the violet idea. High score prize was won by Miss Shirley Jordan. Guest of honor souvenirs were presented by the hostess. Mrs. Julian was charmingly assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. J. C. Millar, and Miss Virginia Foster. X.

Pink Tea.

Tuesday afternoon Mesdames G. Q. King, W. H. Denny and J. G. Beasley entertained with a delightful tea at the home of Mrs. King, complimenting Mrs. H. J. Berry, a bride of the season. A motif of pink and green was featured in appointments for the hospitality. Pink carnations and fern and softly shaded lights added to the charm of adornment throughout the entertainment suite, and made a typical environment for the receiving party and pretty young brides.

The guests were welcomed by the hostesses and invited by Mrs. J. C. Millar to write a recipe in a clever book made for the honoree by Mrs. R. E. Brooke. Mrs. Berry stood at the head of the receiving line in the drawing room. With her stood Mrs. Weldon Craddock, another bride of the season, and Mrs. Armistead Aldrich of Oklahoma.

A most enjoyable program of music was furnished by Mrs.

Bob Allen, Mrs. Johnson Arledge, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. J. S. Shivers, Mrs. John LeGory, Mrs. J. P. Hail, Mrs. A. M. Decuir, Mrs. J. D. Woodson and Misses Sara Crook, Clarite Elliott and Virginia Foster.

The dining room in elegant and elaborate appointment was an interesting place for refreshments. The lace spread table was centered with a huge crystal basket of lovely pink carnations. Crystal candle sticks held pink tapers. Misses Clarite Elliott and Virginia Foster presided over the tea and coffee services and Misses Florence Arledge

and Hilda Burton dispensed the accompanying dainties. X.

Arbor Grove High School.

Crockett Courier:

On Friday afternoon, January 26, Mr. H. C. Smith, principal of Arbor Grove High School, and pupils with proper chaperones went on a "little hike" near the school building.

After we had finished lunch we encircled the beautiful camp fire, and told some thrilling jokes and stories. We sang a lovely serenade and then returned home. "Glee Club."

Keeping Prices Down

APPLY THE TEST

Take note of the people who shop at this store. You will find among them some of the shrewdest and most careful buyers in this whole community. That tells its own story without comment from us.

People do not trade with us because we are "us." They have a better reason—one that you will learn to your advantage when YOU trade with us.

GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED AND IMPLEMENTS HARDWARE

Try a sack of that good Special Flour.

Arnold Bros.
 Groceries, Feed and Hardware

FAVOR RESTORATION OF STATE FOUNDRY

LYNCH DAVIDSON CLAIMS IT WOULD SOLVE TEXAS PRISON PROBLEM.

Palestine, Tex., Jan. 21.—Solution of the problem of prison operation in Texas and achievement of the humanitarian purpose of penal incarceration through rehabilitation of the state iron foundry at Rusk was advocated here yesterday before a group of Palestine business men and members of the thirty-eighth Texas legislature by Lynch Davidson, chairman of the board of managers of the Texas State Railway, who retired from the office of lieutenant governor a week ago. The ramshackle mass of brick and patterned steel that tells its own mute story of a once gigantic machine at work had been visited during the day by six members of a special legislative inspection committee, three members of the board of managers of the State Railroad and other railroad men and representatives of the press.

Standing at the threshold of the long-abandoned plant, the former lieutenant governor had characterized it as the evidence of the "greatest economic crime of Texas," and he repeated that characterization at the banquet

Free Flower Seeds

You will be glad to know that Hastings' "The South's Seedsman," will give away about 2,000,000 packets of seed of the South's most popular flowers this spring.

There is nothing in the home that can compare with rich colored flowers. They brighten us all up and make any house attractive. You can't plant too many flowers and this opportunity to get Shirley Poppies, Everlasting Flowers, Zinnias, Cosmos and Mexican Burning Bush absolutely free, is certainly to be welcomed by all readers of this paper.

You can get them! Just write to Hastings for the new 1923 Catalog. It tells you how to get flower seeds free. It has 100 pages of beautiful photographic pictures and correct descriptions of garden flower and field seeds, bulbs and plants, and also is full of helpful information that is needed almost daily in every Southern home. It's the most valuable seed book ever published and you will be mighty glad you've got it. Just write and ask for the new Catalog.

H. G. HASTINGS CO.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Severe Indigestion

"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I dared eat was a little bread and butter. . . consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

Theford's

BLACK DRAUGHT

and I decided to try it, for, as I say, I had tried others for two or more years without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain.

"In two or three weeks, I found I could go back to eating. I only weighed 125. Now I weigh 147—eat anything I want to, and by taking Black-Draught I do not suffer.

Have you tried Theford's Black-Draught? If not, do so today.

Over 8 million packages sold, a fact. At dealers.

tendered members of the party at the Meadowbrook Country Club by the Palestine Business Men's League.

Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson of Marshall was scarcely less horror-stricken at the alleged economic waste, but he made no comment on the proposal to rehabilitate the plant. He called the plant a "sad reminder of what might have been," and said all the section round about could have been converted into an industrial district that would rival Birmingham, Ala. The lieutenant governor confided also to the banquetters that it had been a part of his vision for Texas to bring into existence a state-owned cement plant that would afford an outlet for the toil of the convicts and lower the price of cement for road building in the state.

Plant Largely Dismantled.

The plant had been partly dismantled and wholly disintegrated in so far as working value is concerned. It has passed from the ownership of the state in return for \$150,000, payment for which was promissory notes of which only a part has been paid. With the iron foundry passed title also to more than sixty acres of land and about five residences on the grounds that were a part of the prison system before the Rusk penitentiary was converted into the East Texas Hospital for the Insane.

GERMAN WORKERS LAY DOWN TOOLS

Efforts to Avert Clash Begin—General Mine Strike Is Called.

Associated Press Report.—The German miners in the Ruhr have thrown down their tools, refusing to carry on the mining operations under French control, or until the mine directors and owners now under arrest are released.

A general strike of the miners will go into effect Monday, and this is likely to be followed by a strike of the railroad workers, which may extend to all sections of German labor.

Sunday was a quiet day in the Ruhr, but beneath the calm there was French and Belgian determination to force their measures, and German determination to oppose the occupying forces by a complete cessation of work, and what is known as "passive resistance," but which may develop along more active lines unless some sort of settlement is reached.

Fritz Thyssen and his colleagues, the leading industrialists in the Ruhr, will be placed on trial immediately for their refusal to obey the orders of the economic mission. The penalties imposed upon them may be the measure of the retaliatory action by the Germans.

Berlin still insists that German action is entirely passive, but an ultimatum has been delivered to the workmen in the Ruhr that they must refuse to haul coal or bring it to the surface under pain of severe penalties. At the same time Berlin is discussing the possibility of exacting indemnification for the present invasion of the Ruhr.

The oldest unions in the world are the trade guilds of Constantinople. All workers, no matter how humble their positions—peddlers, porters, barbers and postmen—belong to a guild.

AMERICAN FLAG ON RHINE IS LOWERED

TROOPS LEAVE FOR ANTWERP; TRANSPORT TO SAIL THIS AFTERNOON.

Ehrenbreitstein, Jan. 24.—The last of the American forces which have been keeping watch on the Rhine since the signing of the armistice are homeward bound.

The stars and stripes were lowered from the famous fortress of Ehrenbreitstein at noon today and this afternoon the troops boarded trains bound for Antwerp, where they will board the transport St. Mihiel, which will leave for the United States tomorrow afternoon.

The Eighth Infantry Regiment, which formed the principal contingent, entrained at Coblenz in two sections at 4 o'clock. The 156th French Infantry furnished the guard of honor and its band played the American and National anthems as the trains pulled out. The populace of the city of Coblenz, especially the women and girls, were at the station to say farewell to departing friends.

The ceremony of lowering the flag over the fortress took place on top of Grosse Traverse, where the Americans and French troops had formed.

The band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner" as four sergeants slowly lowered the flag and then marched off to the head of their comrades.

There was a brief pause, and then French soldiers broke out the tri-color from the flagstaff, the bunting fluttering gently in the breeze. Everyone had stood bareheaded during the simple but impressive ceremony—whether bestarred generals or simple soldiers. The crowds swarming the earth and stone tops of the barracks to view the ceremony strove vainly to hide their emotion.

Notice of Intention to Apply to the Legislature of the State of Texas for Special Legislation.

St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company hereby gives notice in accordance with Section 57, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas that it will apply to the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas for the passage of an act or law among other things authorizing it to purchase, own and operate as a part of its line the railroad of International-Great Northern Railroad Company; the railroad of Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company; the railroad of Paris and Great Northern Railroad Company; the railroad of the Brownwood North and South Railway Company; the railroad of Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railway Company; or any one or more of said railroads, together with all the franchises, properties, rights and privileges of said companies or any of them, and authorizing said companies and each or any of them, to sell and convey all of its or their said railroads, constructed or to be constructed, and all other properties, rights, franchises and privileges to said St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company, and authorizing said St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company, in connection with the purchase of said properties, or any of them, to assume the payment in whole or in part of any or all bonds secured by mortgage or mortgages upon the properties so purchased, and—or to issue its stock and—or bonds in respect of the properties so purchased, and authorizing said St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company to construct, own and operate as a part or parts of its line the unfinished portion or portions of said railroads or any of them between the termini as defined in their respective charters, and to construct, own and operate as a part or parts of its line all extensions and branches of said railroads, or any of them, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company, or any amendment thereof, made or to be made in pursuance of the General Laws of the State of Texas.

Dated Fort Worth, Texas, January 22, 1923.

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GALVESTON MAY BE FRISCO TERMINAL

Consolidation Would Give Direct Connection With This City.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 25.—Governor Neff was formally advised today of the projection of a new railroad system for Texas by the complete consolidation of the Frisco properties and merging with the International-Great Northern Railroad. The governor was told that notice by publication of the intended consolidation would be begun at once, in compliance with the constitution, and that at the end of the required thirty days a bill will be introduced in the legislature to permit the merging of all of these railroad properties. The properties will include the St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas, the International-Great Northern, Fort Worth & Rio Grande, Paris & Great Northern, Brownwood, Acme & Pacific railroads.

This consolidation would give the Frisco system a total of 1,874 miles of railroad in Texas, instead of 433 as at present, and would give it direct rail connection with the tidewater at Galveston and a gateway to Mexico via Laredo. This would permit the Frisco to further expand in the western parts of Texas, where it now has a major portion of its mileage.

The total track mileage of the line proposed to be merged into the Frisco system of Texas would include the following: St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas, 119 miles; International-Great Northern, 1,440; Fort Worth & Rio Grande, 193; Paris & Great Northern, 25; Brownwood North and South, 20, and Quanah, Acme & Pacific, 77.

House Goes on Record as Opposed to Change.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.—The house of representatives went on record today in opposition to the recent state textbook awards, passing to engrossment the Pope bill which provides that books in use under contracts in existence Dec. 1 last shall be used to the exclusion of all others for a period of three years. The disputed changes were made on Dec. 4 last.

Eighty-nine of the total house membership voted in favor of finally calling for the ban against new books for three years. Thirty of those present

refused to make the action final by voting a suspension of the house rules to permit final passage without waiting a day.

The voicing of the house view was taken under the most stirring legislative session that has marked the thirty-eighth legislature. Battling against points of order and amendments which were launched at every turn, Representative Pope, assisted by Representative Roy Hardin, secured a call of the house and a vote upon suspension of the rules. After the absent committees were called into the chamber 120 members voted present.

Total membership of the house is 150. The eighty-nine who were ready to vote final passage today form a majority. To amend the bill as it now stands, its opponents must muster a two-thirds vote.

The Pope bill is an amendment to the present textbook commission bill changing section 23 of that bill by adding the following:

"Provided that all books in use on December 1, 1922, under contracts in extension on said date or under any extension of said contracts shall be continued in use as textbooks to the exclusion of all others in public free schools of this state for a period of three years from and after December 1, 1922."

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NEW ROAD SYSTEM IS URGED BY NEFF

ASKS CHANGES TO IMPROVE HIGHWAYS AND NOT LOSE FEDERAL SUPPORT.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 25.—Recommendation that the building of state highways should be centralized and standardized was made by Governor Neff in a message to the legislature today.

"If the building of good roads is necessary in the development of a country, then the construction of an adequate system of public highways in Texas is at the present time imperative," the governor declared.

The message stated that in many instances the counties of Texas have been fleeced of funds for road construction by incompetent or unscrupulous road contractors. "The construction of highways should be centralized and carried on under the supervision of those eminently qualified with both the training and wide experience to guarantee to the citizens of this state a dollar's worth of highway service for every dollar expended," the governor said.

Experience gained during the past year, the governor said, has brought the conclusion that the present system of highway building in Texas must be improved. County construction and maintenance of the state highway system must be supplemented by state supervision.

It was pointed out by the governor that if federal aid for highway construction in Texas is to be continued it is imperative that the state comply with the federal highway act.

"Under the requirements of the federal highway act of November, 1921, exclusive authority in the construction and maintenance of a state system of highways must be vested in the state if it is to continue to share in the apportionment of federal funds," said the governor. "Under our present plan this authority is vested in the various counties. We have until November, 1926, to comply with this particular provision of the federal aid act. We do not have that length of time in which to comply with a second requirement of that act in regard to the maintenance of roads already constructed by federal aid and county funds under county supervision. Unless the roads are maintained federal aid will be withdrawn. Under our present plan of operation the state is not provided with funds that can be

used for the upkeep of these state highways. Therefore the negligence and failure of one county to maintain its federal aid highways would penalize and unjustly punish other counties. This provision of the federal act demands immediate consideration. In order to retain federal aid for our highways it is necessary to amend our present laws. The centralization of authority in the state highway department for the construction, financing, operation and maintenance of our state designated highways is prerequisite to the continuance of federal financial assistance."

OSAGE INDIANS GET \$6,215,800 FOR OIL LANDS

Pawhuska, Okla., Jan. 18.—

The Osage Indians, already the richest tribe of aborigines in the world, became wealthier today by \$6,215,800, the amount of bonuses that mid-continent oil men bid for 215 choice oil and gas leases offered by the Osage Indian agency.

The oil kings who made the last two Osage sales of 1922 famous for the huge prices paid for leases in the Burbank high gravity area, west of range 3, were missing from today's sale and as a result the action for the most part was mediocre, but the closing moments were spirited.

Highest price was paid for tract No. 25, the northeast of 24-27-5, which went to the Gypsy Oil Co., at its bid of \$1,310,000. Upon one of the 80 acres with tract No. 24, the northeast of 24-27-5, is located the town of Webb City. The Phillips-Skelly Co., bought it for \$1,245,000.

Most of the tracts on which no bids were forthcoming were on the east side, only two on the west side being passed by no bids. The east side tracts brought only \$283,100, a new low record. The Carter Oil Co., Shelly Oil Co., Phillips Petroleum Co., Gypsy Oil Co., Cosden and Co., Waite Phillips Co., Amerada Petroleum corporation and others were the largest producers represented.

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DAUGHERTY UPHELD BY LARGE MAJORITY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GIVES HIM CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house, by a vote of 204 to 77, approved tonight the action of its judiciary committee in giving Attorney General Daugherty a clean bill of health on the impeachment charges brought against him by Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota.

Without a roll call and by practically a unanimous vote, it adopted a resolution discharging the committee from further consideration of the charges and laying the Keller impeachment resolution on the table. The two votes were regarded as having the effect of closing the incident.

The question of whether the house had the constitutional power to compel a member to testify before its committees was left undecided.

The committee in its report took the position that the house could punish Mr. Keller by imprisonment or otherwise until he did testify, the term of imprisonment, however, not to extend beyond this session of congress, but it made no recommendation on the subject.

There was a split in party

lines on the proposition to give Mr. Daugherty a clean bill of health, twelve republicans voting in the negative and ten democrats in the affirmative. The republicans were: Beck, Browne, Cooper, Lambert, John M. Nelson and Voight of Wisconsin; Dowell, Kopp and Sweet of Iowa; James and Woodruff of Michigan and Sinclair of North Dakota.

The democrats voting in the affirmative were: Bland, Deal, Montague and Woods of Virginia; Blanton of Texas; Byrnes and Dominick of South Carolina; Dupre of Louisiana; Fish-

er of Tennessee and Lea of California.

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