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ENGINEER SAM BRANDT KILLED.

Engine Turns Over When Fast Passenger Train Strikes Split Switch at Saw Mill.

Lovelady, Texas, December 28.—Just after two o'clock this morning passenger train No. 5, south-bound, was wrecked at the West & Davidson saw mill, nearly one mile north of this place. The switch leading into the spur at the mill had been tampered with, the lock having been hammered and taken off, and the switch left half open, constituting what is called a split switch.

The lock was found near by in the ditch, which at that point is about ten feet deep.

Engineer Sam Brandt, who was at the throttle, was killed, living but a short while after being hurt. Both legs were broken and his body badly bruised. Expressions of deep regret were common among the railroad men present, and Mr. Brandt was spoken of as being one of the best men on the road. His remains were sent to Palestine.

Fireman Green was thrown a considerable distance from his cab, and pretty badly shaken up. One arm was somewhat hurt, but he was able to walk around and give an account of himself.

There were no passengers hurt, except by being pretty well shaken up.

Drs. Jamison and Parsons came down on a special train to look after the injured.

Engine No. 256 was pulling the train, and lies a complete wreck in the ditch. She is said to have been one of the best engines on the road.

Baggage car No. 24 is badly wrecked and is lying deep in the ditch.

The smoker, No. 108, is badly damaged and is off the track.

Passenger car No. 213 was off the track, but was put on again and is gone with the other coaches that did not go off.

Special car 100 was attached to the train and occupied by Mr. Price of Palestine and J. H. Hawley of Galveston and Horace Booth of Houston.

Antioch Gossip

Perhaps a few dots from Antioch would interest some of your readers, especially we who live at the forks of the creek. In fact we were here when the creeks forked, but it is hardly necessary to relate that thrilling incident.

The Antioch school will open again Dec. 30. We have an excellent school considering the building, heating apparatus, etc.

Mr. Chas. Butler and family spent the holidays with relatives at Lovelady.

Miss Fannie LaRue returned from Salmon last week.

Mrs. W. LaRue is spending this week with her daughter Mrs. Bennett in Crockett.

Dr. Reagan McPhail and Miss Effie Long were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Sunday Dec. 22. The many friends of this popular young couple wish them every joy imaginable.

Among those who entertained during Christmas were Mesdames

Wilkins, Thornton, Morgan and Arnold.

Miss Gertie Porter, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Jno. Porter, has returned from Crockett and will resume her duty as teacher of the Thompson school Dec. 30.

Mr. Hiram LaRue has opened a store of general merchandise at Sunshine.

Mr. Sam Knox and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Camden.

Mr. Jas. Etheredge's family visited his brother at Volga this week.

Mr. Geo. LaRue was seen at Mr. Will Thornton's last Sunday. Object of his visit unknown.

Miss Ethel Thompson, who is attending school in Denton, came home Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Gertie Porter, the efficient teacher of the Thompson school, returned from the institute at Crockett last Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Sallas is visiting her mother at this place.

There must be a great deal of decorating done here this Xmas as so many are trying to get holly. How about it, H. B.?

Miss Ella Pearson spent Thursday with her uncle's family at Prairie Point.

Miss Turicie Roberts visited in Trinity this week.

Mr. W. T. Wilkins visited his sister Mrs. Lena Sallas of Crockett this week.

Mr. Guy Thompson of New Mexico is spending the holidays with "The old Folks at Home".

Mr. Arthur Davis and Miss Stella Chandler were married Dec. 29. Arthur is a leading merchant of Antioch and the bride is the beautiful young daughter of Mr. Hugh Chandler.

Mr. Jas. Shinn and wife are visiting relatives at Trinity this week.

More anon. Sub Rosa.

Death of Mrs. Downes.

Mrs. Marie Converse Downes, wife of Dr. William A. Downes, of New York, died at her home in that city Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. The news of her death has caused much sorrow and regret in Spartanburg, her old home where she was loved and admired by hundreds of people.

Mrs. Downes was an only daughter of Mrs. Helen T. Converse and the late D. E. Converse, the founder of Converse College, and out of respect to her memory exercises will be suspended Thursday and will not be resumed until Friday, January 8. Mrs. Downes was a former student at Converse College and it is expected that the students of the college will attend the funeral in a body.

When the death of Mrs. Downes in New York was learned in Spartanburg it caused genuine sorrow and regret and great sympathy was expressed for the bereaved husband, little daughter and mother. She was a young woman of charming personality, possessed of a sweet and lovable disposition and Christian spirit and was loved and admired by all who knew her. After her marriage to Dr. Downes and moving to New York she never lost interest in Converse College,

the institution of which her father was the founder, for she always attended the annual music festivals and the exercises on founder's day.

Mrs. Downes had been ill several months. While on a visit to her mother in Spartanburg several months ago she was taken ill and her life was despaired of at that time. She gained in strength and returned to her home in New York, where everything that careful nursing and the best medical skill was done for her. Several weeks ago she was taken from New York to a country resort with the hope that the change would restore her to health, though the physicians held out but little hope for her recovery. The change failed to improve her condition and she returned to her home in New York City, where she died Tuesday night. Mrs. Converse was with her at the time of her death and had been with her during her last illness.

The remains of Mrs. Downes will be brought to Spartanburg for interment in Oakwood cemetery. The time and place of the funeral will be announced later.—Spartanburg, S. C., Journal, Dec. 18th.

Funeral of Mrs. Downes.

The funeral services of Mrs. Marie Converse Downes, wife of Dr. W. A. Downes of New York, whose death occurred in New York Tuesday night, were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Helen T. Converse, mother of the deceased, on Pine street, Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The funeral was attended by a large number of people, there being present the faculty of Converse College, members of the board of trustees and directors of the Converse College Choral Society and a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased and her surviving relatives. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, the space around the casket being a perfect bower of handsome floral tributes. Many of the floral offerings were sent by friends in distant cities.

After the services at the residence the remains were borne to Oakwood Cemetery and laid to rest near those of her father, the late D. E. Converse, the founder of Converse College. Many of those who attended the services at the home accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

The following were pall-bearers: Active—Giles L. Wilson, W. S. Manning, W. E. Lindsay, John A. Law, H. L. Bomar, R. H. F. Chapman, J. W. Simpson, Edgar Bomar. Honorary—Captain J. W. Carlisle, J. B. Cleveland, Dr. J. F. Cleveland, Dr. H. A. Ligon, W. E. Burnett, Capt. N. F. Walker, S. B. Ezell, S. J. Simpson, Geo. W. Nicholls, Jno. E. Shea, Capt. Charles Pettey, J. A. Chapman, Warren DuPre, H. E. Ravenel, Dr. George Heintsh, Dr. J. L. Jeffries.—Spartanburg, S. C., Journal, Dec. 20th.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Going North.....	11:00 A M
" "	8:10 P M
Going South.....	1:25 P M
" "	9:44 P M

Houston County Teachers.

Monday, Dec. 16th, assembled in the Crockett High School building at nine A. M. the teachers were called to order by Co. Supt. Mangum. The purpose and plans of the institute were briefly outlined, the enrollment of teachers made, and other preliminaries attended to. Prof. Luck of Dallas, Texas, was then introduced and commanded the attention as he discussed The Teacher—His Position, His Opportunity, His Material, His Output. The address was most opportune, forceful and certainly very helpful. The teachers were fortunate in having their next two daily programs opened by the same inspiring speaker. On Thursday morning the teachers were addressed by Supt. Stafford of Mineola who is working under direction of the "Conference for Education in Texas." This organization is appealing to the voters of Texas to remove the constitutional limit of 20 cents tax for school purposes on the one hundred dollars valuation so that country districts may properly provide for local school advantages. Those who forecast the future see in this movement a check in the tendency to leave the country home for a residence in town. It is evident to all that from the true country home we get the mental and moral fibre necessary to support those who engage in the strenuous contests of life. The country home in which true culture is clearly manifest, develops that force of character and fidelity of purpose in its sons and daughters more difficult of attainment in town and city life. This movement certainly has back of it a noble purpose and the address of Supt. Stafford served, we should think, to enlarge the horizon of those who have in hand the educational work of Houston County.

There were eighty eight teachers enrolled in this school of methods. The teachers who had been assigned for special duties on the program were prepared to call forth the activities of the others so that all entered effectively into the work of the entire week. It was a week of inspiration and growth.

Let me prove the latter assertion. On Thursday afternoon five teachers met in the office of the High School, one of them proposed that a fund for the maintenance of a teacher's school of instruction to be held in Houston County next summer, be provided. It was suggested that each one there subscribe five dollars, and the fund was started. On the following morning the plans, purposes and hopes of the originators was most effectively laid before the teachers. Below we will give indication of how it was received by them. We hope the patrons of our Houston County Schools will discern in this movement the the spirit and purpose and hope of their teachers and that they will in every way possible facilitate this movement that seeks to enlarge, enrich and concentrate the educational forces of our county. The executive committee, consisting of Co. Supt. Mangum, B. F. Dent, R. R. Sebring, Sam Kennedy, Perkins, G. G. Alexander

and J. R. Nichols, will meet in the Co. Superintendent's office on the second Saturday in January to perfect the plans for a school of eight weeks session. A report of the work the committee will be sent to every paper in the county for publication, that all interested may be informed.

A Teacher.

Grow Irish Potatoes.

The following item is clipped from a Minnesota newspaper, published in the great Irish potato belt of the North, and shows that potatoes are already being contracted for, for next spring delivery, at a good price. Our people will do well to keep their attention on this crop. The clipping is as follows:

"Clay county will go on record this year with a potato crop conservatively valued at \$375,000. Of this crop the Schroeder family, well known and extensive potato growers, had in this year 733 acres from which they harvested 109,950 bushels. Not a bushel has been sold for less than 62 cents a bushel. From 238 acres of the 733 acres there was harvested 38,200 bushels, and from this particular lot there have been shipped already ninety-four cars. They have store house capacity for fifty cars."

Don't Take the Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it at once. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this remedy has reached to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

The Joy

of living is to have good health. Use Herbine and you will have bushels of joy. You need not be blue, fretful and have that bad taste in your mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine, a positive cure for all liver complaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for over a year and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for Dyspepsia." Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble. Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by Murchison & Beasley.

All The World

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Any body who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Local Items.

Buy it from French, the Druggist.

See Tony Gossett for work horses.

Miss Zera Gainey is visiting her mother near Augusta.

Miss Evy Hail was at home from Louisiana for the holidays.

You get the best if you buy it from French, the Druggist.

Cleaning and pressing is best done by Shupak Tailoring Co.

Miss Annie Stokes visited at Oakhurst during the holidays.

Blum Wootters was at home from Oklahoma for Christmas.

Mrs. A. M. Decuir returned to her home in Houston this week.

Miss Lizzie Howard is again at home after a visit to Groveton.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Bynum announce the arrival of a baby boy.

J. W. Sheeler was here from Houston during Christmas week.

E. A. Kocher was a visitor from Arkansas Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Powers of Palestine took Christmas in Crockett.

Austin Woodall and Denman Sims were in Galveston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Painter announce the arrival of a baby boy.

Have that suit cleaned, pressed and repaired by Shupak Tailoring Co.

H. L. Brannen of Lingo, Texas, was visiting in the county last week.

J. A. Beathard of Kennard was among our subscribers calling last week.

Edmund Hill and T. J. Crofford were recent callers at the Courier office.

Oliver Aldrich, attending school at Sherman, was at home for the holidays.

The Best at the lowest price possible if you buy from French, the Druggist.

Louis Asher arrived Wednesday from Chicago to visit his father, H. Asher.

Douglass and Guy Cater were at home for the holidays from school at Austin.

Harvey Bayne and Guy Gilder were at home from A. & M. Christmas.

T. A. Fuller of Porter Springs took Christmas at the old home in Louisiana.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore of Houston spent Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Hallie Aldrich, who is teaching in Louisiana, was at home for the holidays.

J. F. Downes of Dallas spent last and this week with relatives and friends in this city.

G. M. Waller was elected to fill the unexpired term of C. L. Edmiston as alderman.

Rev. Will Tenney of Clarksville visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Tenney, last week.

Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Payne of Terrell visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Chas. P. Jones of Houston was a visitor to Crockett during the week preceding Christmas.

R. M. Atkinson of Bentonville, Ark., is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Bring that suit of clothes to our shop and we will clean it and press it for you as it should be done.

SHUPAK TAILORING CO.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

We desire to thank our many customers and friends for their most liberal patronage in the past and respectfully solicit a continuance of same. We extend the compliments of the season to all, and our wish is that the new year may bring great joy and prosperity to you.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY, DRUGGISTS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rogers and John McIver of Madison county were in Crockett this week.

Leroy Moore was at home from the Southwestern University at Georgetown for the holidays.

John Hetzel of Porter Springs paid the Courier office a pleasant visit just before the holidays.

Walter Bennett and Rev. S. F. Tenney were pleasant visitors at the Courier office this week.

Misses Vina Smith and Viola Valentine returned Monday afternoon to the Sam Houston Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge of Groveton spent the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Lee Foster of Groveton took Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Foster, in this city.

Will and Jim Lipscomb, students of the A. & M. college at Bryan, were at home for the holidays.

Mr. E. W. Frost and Miss Hester Frost of Texarkana were visitors to Crockett during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shivers and children of Rosebud took Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Blair of Tyler and Mr. Davis of California were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston last week.

Misses Bessie Davis and Albertine Wilson have returned to school at Waco and Huntsville respectively.

Prof. J. B. Smith had his automobile out again Wednesday, it having been laid up for repairs for some time.

W. H. Brown, manager for the Crockett Light and Ice Company, spent Christmas day with his parents at Lockhart.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy kept open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. King New Year's day.

For Rent.

A good six-room house in the Bruner Addition in Crockett. Apply to S. F. Tenney. tf.

Thirty-six excursion tickets were sold to Palestine Monday on account of the speaking in that city by the Hon. W. J. Bryan.

To the Farmers:

Notice is hereby given that our gin will be run only on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from this day on.

CROCKETT GINNING CO.
November 13, 1907. 42-1f

For Rent.

Saxon place, two miles from town; cash rental. 2t.

W. B. PAGE.

Miss Ethel Wootters, teacher of music in John Tarleton college, Stephenville, spent the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Mary Jane Bennett, living two miles west of Crockett, has the thanks of the Courier for two native oranges growing on the twig.

C. A. Turner and J. A. Ragland of Crockett and S. K. Boykin of Weches are among those calling at the Courier office since last issue.

Wood for Sale.

We have wood any length for sale. Leave orders at office of D. A. Nunn or phone 148. Quick delivery.

W. J. Peacock of Volga, W. W. Lively of Grapeland and I. J. Hart of Lovelady were among those remembering the Courier last week.

Miss Jessie Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hill, was at home for the holidays from Houston, where she has a position as stenographer.

Mr. F. M. Martin, president of John Tarleton college, Stephenville, and Mr. Parker, of the same place, were pleasant visitors to Crockett this week.

John LeGory went to Galveston Christmas week and returned home with his wife, who has been in John Sealy hospital and whose health, we are glad to note, is much improved.

Mr. A. D. Haile died at Austin Wednesday morning and was buried at Crockett Thursday afternoon. He had been under special treatment for some time and his death was not unexpected.

The expert accountants employed by the county to audit the books of former Tax Collector J. W. Brightman found nothing wrong with them. The auditors made their report to the county commissioners and were dismissed.

Hugh C. McDowell of Crockett has been elected Vice President of his class in the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo. He writes that the work while severe is made very interesting and that the clinical advantages are unsurpassed.

Lost.

Between mile branch and Crockett on Rusk road, one Mexican leather purse with "Jessie" engraved on back, containing \$30.00, trunk key, three visiting cards and Mexican flag. Finder will please hand to J. D. Hill.

Notice to City Tax Payers.

After February 1, 1908, there will be a 10 per cent penalty added to all delinquent city taxes. Come in and pay your taxes now and avoid the extra expense. My office is over Eichelberger's store.

C. W. LeGory,
City Tax Collector.

Greeting.

May the new year bring you and yours joy, health, wealth, and may sorrow be a stranger to you. I take this opportunity of thanking you for past favors and solicit a continuance of your valuable patronage.

French, the Druggist.

Shingles for Sale.

Two classes of shingles as follows:

All heart, sawed, dimensions, \$3.50 per M, delivered.
Mixed shingles, same, \$2.25 delivered. Address, J. M. SATTERWHITE, Crockett, Texas.

Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square,
Crockett, Texas

The Courier regrets to learn that Mr. H. M. Hopper has sold his farm near Kennard with the intention of moving to Jacksonville. Mr. Hopper is one of our best farmers and citizens and has reared a most excellent family. The best wishes of a large acquaintance follow them to their new home.

Accidentally Shot.

Joe Gimon, a young man at Lovelady, while making his morning toilet, accidentally knocked a pistol off of the dressing case and it, dropping on the floor, discharged a ball into his right arm just above the wrist. The wound is only a flesh wound and is in no wise dangerous.

I wish to thank my friends for their patronage in the past and hope to be better prepared to accommodate them in the future. Mr. D. M. Walker, a splendid barber, is with me and it is our desire to please you. Your patronage will be appreciated. Respectfully,

V. B. Tunstall, Prop.

Notice of Removal.

We desire to notify our friends and patrons that we have moved our grocery store one door east of its former location and in the future will be found in the Downes corner, ready to serve you with the best of groceries as heretofore. We wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Billy Lewis & Co.

Painful Injury to Hand.

Charley Sexton, a son of Night Watchman Sexten, happened to a painful accident one night during Christmas week. He was shooting fireworks when a cannon cracker exploded in his right hand. The hand was badly mangled and for a while it was thought amputation would be necessary, but at last account the wound was rapidly healing.

The Crockett churches are expecting to observe the week of prayer next week, having prayer-meeting on Monday night, at 7:30, at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday night at the Methodist church, Wednesday night at the Baptist church, Thursday night at the Presbyterian church again and Friday night at the Methodist. For many years it has been the custom of the Crockett churches to observe this first week of the New Year by these special prayer services in concert with Christians generally throughout the world.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This is not only one of the safest but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Teachers' Institute.

On December 16, 1907, the Houston Co. Institute opened in the Public High School building in Crockett for a meeting of five days, and was opened with an able address by Rev. Luck. Almost every teacher in the county was present, and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was manifested by the entire body of teachers. Able addresses were delivered to the teachers on the different days by visiting teachers, ministers and friends to the cause of education, among whom were Rev. Luck who had been giving a series of lectures on Christianity at the Christian Church, Dr. Woodard of Grapeland, Prof. Stafford, Supt. of Mineola School, Hon. W. T. Carter of the Department of Agriculture U. S. A., headquarters at Austin, and Judge Newman of Crockett, which were very instructive and much appreciated by the Institute.

The instructions given in the form of class work was a new feature in the institute work, and was by far the most successful one ever held in the county. To say the institute was a success is only speaking mildly; the teachers of this county left the institute with a deeper, stronger feeling of interest and resolved as to what they and the schools of the county shall be hereafter. If they have been interested and progressive heretofore it is safe to say that the future progress will surpass all that has been. As substantial evidence, they contriouted the amount, collectively, of three hundred fifty dollars, (\$350.00), for purpose of defraying the expenses of a Summer School, 1908, in Crockett, for a term of eight weeks, and empowering their able County Supt., Prof. J. F. Mangum, to hold and use the funds, and with aid of a committee to take necessary action in regard to carrying out the business to a successful finish. In this connection it is pertinent to mention the fact that the Hon. W. T. Carter has kindly tendered his services to the teachers of the county as instructor in the Summer School on the subject of soil, which will be highly appreciated by the entire school, and it is hoped that the business fraternity of the county and all others interested in the educational and moral uplift of our people will give the teachers their hearty sympathy and support in accomplishing their highest aims.

(MISS) LIBBYE BOX,
Sec.-Treas.

Why

should your baby suffer? When he is fretful and restless, don't experiment on him and use any old thing your neighbor recommends. Buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge greatest known worm medicine and cure for all children's diseases. It is mild in action, builds up the system, makes thin puny babies fat. Mrs. J. C. Smith, Tampa, Fla., writes: "My baby was thin and sickly, could not retain its food and cried all night. I used one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and in a few days baby was laughing, happy and well." For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

The Christmas Festivities.

The holiday social season opened Wednesday evening of last week with a dance at the rooms of the Young Men's Literary and Athletic Club. The dance was complimentary to Miss Willie Park Blair of Tyler and Miss Vina Smith, who was at home for the holidays, and was chaperoned by Mrs. Robt. Wootters, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Arledge and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Swancoat. Those participating in the pleasures of the evening were: Misses Louise Jewell, Etta Hail, Margaret Foster, Leela Warfield, Lena Bromberg, Willie Park Blair, Pauline Bromberg, Vina Smith, Jessie Smith and Genevieve Eichelberger; Messrs. Oliver Aldrich, Guy Cater, D. A. Nunn, Jr., Harry Beasley, J. D. Woodson, J. W. Sheolor, Porter Newman, W. W. Aiken, E. A. Kocher and Jack Beasley. The music was furnished by Tunstall's orchestra of four pieces. Sixteen numbers were danced, all waltzes and two-steps with the exception of the tenth, which was an old-fashioned Virginia reel. A spirit of perfect delight, in keeping with the happy Christmas time, prevailed throughout the evening. The dance was one long to be remembered by all participating.

On Thursday evening Miss Leela Warfield entertained with a Christmas party that was novel and unique. A pretty Christmas tree, decorated with a gift for each guest and illuminated with candles of many colors, adorned the large parlor. Each guest was first given a Christmas stocking, made of fancy material, which contained the fortune, written in humorous verse, of some other guest, causing no end of merriment. Other gifts were then taken from the tree and handed to the guests, each present being a good-natured jest at some characteristic of the receiver. For instance, one young man who was never known to drink anything stronger than soda water, got a camel with the inscription attached: "A camel can go eight days without water. Who wants to be a camel?" A chafing dish lunch, where toasts were said and other pleasures indulged in, was a feature of the entertainment, causing time to pass only too rapidly. Vocal and piano music and dancing also added to the entertainment.

The holidays have been filled with a round of gaieties. One of the most pleasant of the many pleasant affairs was the reception given at the home of Capt. W. B. Wall on last Friday evening. A touch of Christmas cheer was added to this charming colonial home by decorations of holly wreaths, mistletoe, Christmas bells and ferns. Capt. and Mrs. Wall, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Will Wall and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jordan of Lake Charles, received the guests. In the hallway, hidden in a bed of ferns, stood the punch bowl. Mrs. A. M. Decuir presided here, greeting all with a smile and good wishes. During the evening a most interesting and entertaining musical program was given by Crockett's own talented daughters, and she boasts of many. From far and near they gather home for Christmas-tide and it

does one's soul good to see the loyalty and love for dear old Crockett. Those giving numbers on this occasion were Miss Ethel Wootters, Mrs. P. R. Denman, Miss Minnie Wall, Miss Evy Hail and Mrs. A. M. Decuir. A most enjoyable lunch was served about eleven o'clock, consisting of escalloped salmon, crackers, black coffee and sweet wafers. During the lunch the Crockett orchestra furnished music. The wee small hours found the guests bidding adieu the charming host and hostess.

Miss Ethel Wootters entertained a few friends Saturday evening in her own charming way. Brilliant conversation, mingled with good natured jest, prevailed throughout the evening. The pleasures were enhanced by vocal and piano selections by two of Crockett's most talented young ladies, Miss Margaret Foster and the hostess, Miss Wootters, and a vocal number by Miss Willie Park Blair of Tyler, whose talents are no less than those of Crockett's own daughters. A delightful and dainty lunch was served at about eleven o'clock and a feeling of old-time pleasure took hold of the guests. Miss Wootters is one of Crockett's most royal entertainers when at home, and the guests all departed Saturday evening regretting that her stay in Crockett this time was of such short duration.

One of the most delightful affairs of the holiday season was the dinner given by Miss Margaret Foster to eight of her young lady friends Monday evening. Those sharing her hospitality on this occasion were: Misses Anna Terbell, Willie Park Blair, Hortense LeGory, Louise Jewell, Annie Stokes, Mary Belle Miller, Stella Sheridan and Lizzie Howard. The dinner was elegantly served in six courses and was the daintiest and prettiest seen in Crockett in some time. The table and dining room decorations were beautiful and in keeping with the spirit of the season. Miss Foster's methods of decoration and entertainment are always distinctive and unique, conspicuous for their absence of the conventional and marked with delightful originality. This one was no less pretty and original than those previously given by her. The dinner assembled a representative gathering of attractive and pretty girls and the enjoyment was supreme. The decorations were in Christmas bells, mistletoe and garlands of holly. Effervescent mirth and merriment prevailed throughout the dinner, after which encomiums of praise for such royal entertainment were heaped upon the pretty and gracious hostess.

After the dinner party a number of gentlemen and young lady friends were invited to spend the remainder of the evening. Those present were: Misses Ethel Wootters, Betty Smith, Pauline Bromberg and Margaret Woodson; Messrs. Parker and Martin of Stephenville, Young, Nunn, Baker, Arrington, Beasley, Woodson, Kennedy, Newman and Aiken; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Swancoat. The form of entertainment was unique and enjoyable. Each guest was given a slate and pencil and the hostess assumed the role of teacher. The questions were asked by the teacher and the answers were written on the slates by the guests. Some of the questions and answers caused much merriment. Mr. Clifford Kennedy had the largest number of correct answers to the questions and was awarded the prize, a very pretty calendar in the form of a slate, with pictures of picanninies at school. At a late hour the guests

departed, regretting the fleeting of time.

The holiday festivities were closed and the new year fittingly ushered in with a leap-year reception and dance at the Young Men's Literary and Athletic Club rooms Tuesday evening. This affair had been looked forward to for a week as the climax of the social pleasures of the season and the pleasure found in the anticipation was multiplied in the realization. A good time was manifested on every hand and reflected in every face. The leap year idea was carried out in every detail. The young ladies of Crockett made all the arrangements for the event, issued the invitations, arranged the order of dances, made the engagements and escorted the young men to the club rooms in carriages. At the club rooms they sought the dances and no one's program suffered for want of being filled out. Many visitors were present at the reception who did not participate in the dance. It was a mask affair for all young lady dancers and their costumes were of paper. Their dresses were very pretty and their faces looked much prettier when the masks were removed. The reception and dance room decorations were in southern smilax and bamboo, with Christmas bells and tapestries hanging from the ceilings. A flowing bowl of punch was in the reception room where a dainty repast was served at intermission. Waltzes and two-steps alternated until the sixth dance, when the Virginia reel was announced, which many of the older guests took part in. Twenty numbers were danced during the evening, the new year being well ushered in before the closing waltz of "Home Sweet Home" and happy dreams. The leap-year reception and dance Tuesday night must be accorded a pre-eminent place in the round of social pleasures for the season. The only regret is that another such affair cannot be had for another four years.

Christmas in Olden Times.

Written for the Courier.

All hail! a welcome from afar,
Of the cherished olden time;
The dear old-fashioned fire place,
With the stockings hung in line.
Some were red and some were white,
Home spun, and sure to stand
The bounteous store from whence it
Came,
From a free, spontaneous land.
Filled by the hand of Providence,
Disguised as Santa Claus,
Whose legendary name was read
In laughing, rugged, rosy cheeks of
Old-fashioned girls and boys.
No question of his whereabouts,
Or if he'd draw a line
On panic stricken poor, or no,
He was no fake or pantomime.
With steeples, gothics, gables tall,
His strength in reindeer might,
Was then like bold Columbus
With America in sight.
With hearts as true as their stockings
blue.
They lived in peace and plenty;
Domestic in their happiness,
They wooed at four and twenty.

The Yule log blazed with a welcome
To strangers far and near,
With hands warmed by their
generous hearts,
The fatted calf to share.
And all went merry round and round,
Like the rythm of the bells,
Before the wars of strife and scars
Sad memory foretells.
Of boyish hopes, of girlish fears,
Of a fast receding shore
Of memory's priceless gems of thought,
To greet us nevermore.
MRS. C. R. STEPHENSON.

Scholarship for Sale.

The Courier has a scholarship in the Lufkin Business College which it will sell at a greatly reduced price. This is the chance for some deserving person to get a business education at a very small cost. For particulars apply at this office. tf.

Notice of Removal.

We desire to give notice to our many patrons and friends that we have moved our large stock of buggies, carriages, saddles, harness, lap robes, blankets, whips, spurs, etc., to the building formerly occupied by Billy Lewis & Co., next to J. E. Dowres corner, where we will be glad to see all former and prospective customers.

We desire in this connection to thank our customers and friends for their most liberal patronage in the past and respectfully ask for a continuance of same in the future.

Yours for a happy and prosperous New Year,

LUNDY BROS.,

Saddles, Harness and Buggies.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS MONEY.

Will Probably Call on Banks That Have It on Deposit.

Washington, Dec. 27.—With a working cash balance in its vaults of only a little more than \$3,000,000, it has become almost imperative for the Treasury to devise some means whereby it may defray the current expenses of the Government. A deficit of nearly \$7,000,000 has resulted from December operations. It is apparent therefore, that unless receipts are suddenly and unexpectedly increased, the Treasury's vaults will soon be bare of working balance. This is the situation that makes it imperative that something be done promptly.

Three measures are possible. One is to meet the government's obligations with checks on banks holding Government deposits. Another is to continue to borrow money; while the third is to make a call on banks holding Government money for a return of such percentage of the deposits as the Secretary thinks necessary.

There is reason to believe, after inquiry at the Treasury today, the last named policy has been decided on. It may be, indeed, that the call on the banks has already been made. The President, it is understood, has peremptorily forbidden the issuance of any more bonds or certificates of indebtedness. That leaves the Secretary the alternative of paying the

Government's obligations in checks or calling on the banks for a return of some of the Government's money. There is no law to forbid the use of checks; there are, in fact, many men who advocate the practice of this method now and at all times. But a contrary custom has the sanction of years, and there is good reason to believe, as has been remarked, that Secretary Cortelyou will not depart from it at this time. He is confronted with the necessity, therefore, of calling on the banks for a return of some part of the deposits they hold, approximately \$250,000,000. The last statement of the banks inspire the belief that they could disgorge 10 per cent of the Government's deposits without serious detriment to commerce. But it is by no means certain that it will be so easy to get the money as it will be to call for it. Two calls which Mr. Cortelyou has made since he became Secretary of the Treasury have not only been disregarded, but have provoked the banks in New York to making demands upon the Treasury for further assistance. If, as it is suspected by some, the banks are sulking because of the sudden decision not to issue the whole amount of bonds and certificates that has been determined on, they will have an excellent opportunity to try to coerce the Government now. The Treasury is almost at the mercy of the large banks of the East, and it has to wheedle rather than command them.

Removal Notice!

We take this means of notifying our many customers and friends that we have moved our stock of staple and fancy groceries to the building formerly occupied by T. J. Waller on the north side of the square, where we will be glad to see all former customers and also new ones. We propose to keep in the future as in the past a fresh and up-to-date stock of groceries and respectfully solicit your trade. We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A. W. PHILLIPS,

GROCER.