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## HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

Second Half of An Interesting Document—Road District Work Reviewed and Criticisms Made—Two Commissioners Under Fire. The First Half of This Document Appeared Last Week.

Dan LaRoe of Anderson county work, right-of-way, changing road, being sworn testified as follows:

"I worked 7 miles on the new Lovelady road, grading same and in some places sanding and claying. I paid \$3.50 per day for teams that I hired. Got \$4.50 a day for all teams I worked, from county. Commissioner Knox was present supervising and giving directions as to work, etc." Question by committee: What did you pay Commissioner Knox? "Nothing." How was he compensated for the time he put in on your road? "I don't know, I paid him nothing." Did you feed the horse of Commissioner Knox? "I did and charged him nothing for the feed, though he offered to pay."

The committee put up to Mr. LaRoe the same question it propounded J. H. Smith and others, which was, "What per cent of a full equivalent do you consider the road district got for all this large sum of money voted and expended for good roads?" "Not over 60 per cent."

Mr. J. H. Smith's reply to the same question was, "I consider the cost for moving dirt in this district has been 22 cents per cubic yard when it could have been moved under contract for 13 to 15 cents per cubic yard. The district has not gotten over 60 per cent efficiency for money spent. Railroads expect to get 85 per cent efficiency, and we should have gotten it in this district."

Other witnesses agree with the above that the district has not gotten over 60 per cent of what it had a right to expect for this enormous expenditure of money.

In Commissioner Long's precinct we had quite a number of witnesses as to character of work done, how done, the number of teams employed and other details of road building. The leader or boss of the gang at work in this precinct was J. F. Cook. Several witnesses living near the work testified to the fact that frequently work stock was seen standing up in the corral doing nothing. There was the same criticism of the character of the work done on these roads that we met with on other roads. J. F. Cook, being sworn, said: "I got \$3.00 a day for my services and \$2.00 a day for each team with board and feed for self and teams furnished by the county." Question: Did you in your pay rolls collect for teams which were in corral from being sick or crippled? "Yes sir. If one of my mules got laid off from being knocked out, the county paid for him just the same as if he was at work. The same was true of all other mules which worked in my camp." "How often was Mr. Long out where you were working the roads?" "Three or four times a week. I felt that I was under him. He charged nothing and I did not pay him one cent. He made suggestions as to

work, right-of-way, changing road, etc. I did not swear to my pay rolls because the court did not require it."

Just here the committee wish to call attention to what seems an extraordinary proceeding in the fact that of all this vast sum of money expended for road construction, aggregating nearly \$160,000.00, with one or two exceptions, we fail to find the jurat of any official, authorized to administer oaths, to any of the pay rolls involving the payment every week of several thousand dollars. We fail to see the consistency in requiring that a bill for a few pounds of nails be attested by oath when presented by a person on one hand when a pay roll for a thousand dollars may be presented by the same person on the other hand and collected without swearing to any part of it.

The magnitude of the work and the sum to be expended would certainly seem to call for the authentication of pay rolls under oath. The Finance Committee will not undertake to define the offense of which Commissioners Matchett and Lively are guilty in accepting compensation from road contractors as related above. We refer the matter to the grand jury and attorneys for the commonwealth to determine the degree and character of the offense, whether malfeasance, misfeasance or other official misconduct. We have established to our entire satisfaction by competent evidence the fact that they accepted this remuneration from those engaged in contract work for the county and during the same period of time were, as commissioners of the county, passing on or approving in an official capacity, the contracts and bills of these same contractors from whom they were accepting remuneration for doing, according to the evidence, absolutely nothing in recompense for even their board and horse feed, not to mention the money which passed from the hands of the road contractors.

They have been guilty of the grossest and most culpable official misconduct and there ought to be, if there is not, some method of visiting them with punishment befitting the offense. We cannot expect to maintain a high standard of civic righteousness or official conduct, if two officials, charged with responsibility of serving the people and protecting their interests, can at the same time act in a dual capacity, claiming in one to be the guardians of the peoples' welfare and in the other serving the interests of their benefactors and do all this with impunity. It is not a matter to be wondered at that among the people of the county and especially of Road District No. 3, there is a deep seated and wide pervading indignation over the fact, patent even to the undiscriminating, that this vast sum of mon-

ey has been dissipated in reckless, riotous disbursement and in return therefor so small a per cent of efficiency given in substantial, enduring highways.

Evidence is overwhelming and conclusive that the character of work done is not what it should have been and what the people had a right to expect. And while all this money was being thus expended there was one of the court very prominent and active in providing means for squandering the money of the people, who had no right to sit as a member of the court and was not even a citizen of the county. This fact furnishes another element of support to the contention of the committee that the acts of the commissioners' court, so far as they may affect the application of the special road law to District No. 3, are without warrant of law.

For nearly nine months Commissioner Lively had been serving as a member of the court after he had ceased to be a citizen of this county and this fact was known in certain sections of the county and could have been readily established at any time during this interval by witnesses who were cognizant of the fact that Commissioner Lively's family had moved about January 1, 1913, to Walker county. It was also a matter of common gossip on the streets of Crockett and Grape-land that as soon as commissioners' court adjourned for the term or took a recess to a day fixed, Commissioner Lively almost invariably took the train for his home in Walker county.

The finance committee suggests that some action be taken to recover the money thus illegally paid this commissioner for services as a member of the court.

In commenting on the money feature of Road District No. 3, we wish to call attention to the acts of the commissioners' court. This court has no right to take the interest accruing in the depository, to the credit of Road District No. 3, and pass same to the credit of the general fund. But the court seems to have done this very thing as appears from proceedings recorded on page 267 commissioners' minutes, which reads: "The treasurer is hereby directed to transfer interest on deposits as follows: To R. & B. Sinking, \$1,000.00; to R. & B. No. 3 Sinking, \$1,000.00; to County Fund, \$2,519.20; total, \$4,519.20."

We thus see that this sum the most of which is interest from deposits of Road District No. 3 money, has been diverted from its proper channel and turned over to funds that have comparatively little claim to it. The most of this interest should have gone to credit of Road District No. 3 current fund and been applied to the roads. This court not only diverts money legitimately belonging to Road District No. 3 to other funds, but refuses to give Road District No. 3 any part of the general R. B. current fund raised from the whole county, although Road District No. 3 pays nearly or quite one-fourth of all this tax.

A close scrutiny of the minutes of commissioners' court will disclose that they are in habit of transferring money from one fund to another with a rather careless observance of the law and equities involved. Just here we wish to

state that this court has been in the habit for several years of creating special R. & B. funds, one for each commissioner's precinct. The Attorney General, in an opinion, says emphatically that the court has no authority to create these special R. & B. precincts and place funds to their credit to be expended by each commissioner at his option and discretion for material and work ordered and approved by him. The exercise of such authority in the creation of these special precinct funds is equivalent to constituting each commissioner a commissioners' court in his own right.

Our contention will be appreciated when we say that we have before us as we write, two quarterly reports of one commissioner for 1912. One of these shows where the commissioner spent for labor and material over \$1,000.00 in one quarter. The other report shows where this same commissioner spent over \$1,500.00 for labor and material in another quarter. Here is over \$2,500.00 disbursed on approval of one commissioner in six months and at the same rate of disbursement he expended over \$5,000.00 in one year out of this special R. & B. fund set aside to the credit of this commissioner for his special use and application to the roads of his precinct.

The people can see how the money goes when it is thus illegally handled. In looking through one of these two quarterly reports, we notice this account: "Cash paid 'John Doe' and 'others,' work on road, \$100.90." Notice the wording of this item,

"John Doe and Others."

Who are those in the word "others" and how many of them were there? We cannot believe the law ever intended to give the commissioners' court power to create four or even one special R. & B. precinct and place same in charge of any one commissioner with a special fund to the credit of such precinct.

Just here, in reference to the interest which accrues from deposits in bank, we are of opinion that it should be prorated among the several funds on deposit and the book of the treasurer should show the exact sums to the credit of each fund. The reason which prompts this improper transfer of funds may be found in an embarrassing fact which exists today—that but for the transfer of the interest which has accrued from the deposit of money to the credit of Road District No. 3 to the general county fund there would be a deficit in that fund, a status which can be explained by the extravagant bills

allowed and paid in the past.

The Tax Rate.

The Finance Committee does not hesitate to say that we believe the rate of taxation is greater than it should be for Houston county. An examination of the records of expenditures and the rolls of values for ten years past present an embarrassing array of facts and figures. For ten years the valuations of the county have steadily advanced, increasing in the past few years by leaps and bounds, the total sum subject to taxation doubling and even trebling. With such a uniform growth of taxable wealth one would naturally assume that the rate of taxation would go down as the valuations go up. But not so. Within the last ten years the rate has decreased but little, practically none. In other words the rate for 1913 with an assessed valuation of over nine millions is about the same as it was ten years ago when the valuation was around two millions. The people have a right to expect that with such an unparalleled increment in the renditions, there should be a material reduction of the tax rate. And the reason there is not a reduction is to be found in extravagant expenditures: bills paid which should not have been paid; bills paid in full which should have been cut down; contracts let for work and supplies without competitive bidding. The record of bills rejected is amazingly small and the record of bills allowed is staggering in its proportions. It has become a habit to run to the commissioners' court for help for almost any kind of loss or damage. We find bills allowed for post mortems or autopsies that are clearly illegal. We cannot dwell too strongly on the adage that a full pocket book or an overflowing treasury leads to waste and extravagance. And when the several funds become swollen, "slopping" over so to speak, instead of leaving the money in the pockets of the people by cutting the tax rate, the ingenuity is taxed to devise new enterprises and provide new channels to absorb this surplus. The court house and jail bonds have all been liquidated and yet the court still leaves the C. H. & jail current and sinking fund tax, and then transfers the money to the general fund. We are frank to claim that the tax rate of this county should be reduced 15c on the hundred dollars and remark further that the matter of taxation is getting to be a serious question in this county.

Bridges.

In the one item of bridges we strike such a maze of figures as to

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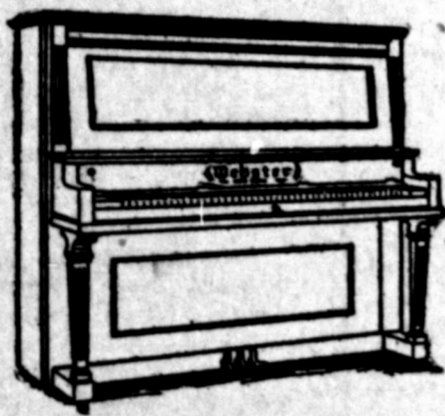
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### DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS.

#### Grand Jury Makes Report—Over a Hundred Cases Disposed of by the Court.

The fall term of the district court for 1913 closed with the end of last week. During the thirty-eight days of its session more than one hundred cases were disposed of. Of this number thirteen were criminal cases and out of the thirteen cases seven convictions were secured. Six cases were dismissed by the district attorney for lack of evidence to convict. Forty or more civil cases were disposed of and forty-eight divorces granted. Both criminal and civil dockets were almost cleared. However, there will be plenty of work for the coming spring term, as the grand jury turned in a number of bills that could not be tried until then.

The grand jury was in session twelve days and made report as follows:

"We, the grand jury duly organized as such at the October term, A. D. 1913, of said court, beg to report as follows:

"We have been in session twelve days and have examined about 450 witnesses.

"We have examined about twenty-six complaints of the grade of felony and about ninety-five of the grade of misdemeanors. Of the above complaints we have returned sixteen indictments for felonies and about sixty-eight misdemeanors.

"We have examined the jail building and find same in very good sanitary condition.

"We have been diligent in our investigations, and we desire to thank the honorable district judge, the district and county attorneys for

their assistance in performing our duties. We also desire to thank other county officials for such favors as they have shown us while in session.

"We now feel that our labors are finished and we beg to be discharged. (Signed), George E. Darsey, foreman; T. S. Kent, J. O. Monday, D. E. Holcomb, J. H. Breazeale, W. P. Connor, W. A. Norris, W. D. James, S. A. Cook and J. J. Kennedy."

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### LIVELY TO THE COURT AND LIVELY TO A FRIEND

In Houston County He Has No Doubt—Though Moved to Walker County, He Was Still Commissioner.

Ex-Commissioner Lively, in resigning from the commissioners' court and characterizing those who had sought his resignation as having "malignantly and unjustly assailed" him, had the following to say in regard to his residence and particularly in regard to his intentions. The extract is from his signed letter of resignation under date of September 12 and written at Crockett:

"It has been charged, both publicly and privately, by some who have become embittered against me without just cause, that I am not a legal resident of this county, and for this reason that I have no lawful right to longer serve in the position I hold.

"As to the correctness of this position I am sure I ought to know more about it than any one else, for I should at least know better what my own intentions have been as to my residence than those who know nothing of my intentions. I have no doubt in my own mind that I am still a legal citizen of Houston county and that I have an undisputed right to continue to fill the office I now hold."

Writing from Dodge, Walker county, to a friend in Houston county, under date of April 20, Commissioner Lively tells of the removal of his "folks" to Walker county. This letter is sufficient proof of his intentions and also proof that his characterization of some as having "malignantly and unjustly assailed him" was for effect only, or else he is extremely ignorant of the rights of citizens in regard to the public service. His letter follows:

"Dodge, Texas, April 21, 1913. "Mr. Hall Ray:

"Dear Sir and Friend—I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. The doctor that you make inquiry of is Doctor Hayes at Percilla, Texas, is his address. You come out here this summer and I will sell you a place or rent you one. I don't believe Hayes' place would suit you, it is so far from town, but you come and look anyhow. Hawley has got a job on the road at Crockett. He told me the other day he had lost sight of you. My folks have moved to Walker county, but I am still commissioner. I have a family on my place and when I want to see my father right bad I go to see them. It's only 55 miles from Grapeland to Dodge. So you come and look at my place and if you don't like it go down where my son-in-law and family is. There is some good openings there for a man that will work. Hawley's address will be Crockett. He is going to move his family to Crockett right away. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain your friend, S. H. Lively."

The Courier's motive in publishing the above letter is to show that, insofar as the Courier is concerned, the ex-commissioner has not been "malignantly and unjustly assailed."

#### Petit Jury List.

Following is a list of the petit jurors for the third week of the October term of the district court:

W. M. Ferguson, Belott; J. B. Fuller, Crockett; J. F. B. Calloway, Volga; R. T. Mosely, Weches; Frank Berry, Crockett; F. P. Knox, Lovelady; J. B. Oliver, Crockett; F. M. Thomas, Lovelady; J. S. Cook, Crockett; D. H. Rhoden, Daniel; J. E. Bynum, Crockett; B. G. Parker, Lovelady; A. B. Burton, Crockett; J. T. Etheredge, Weldon; J. N. Guice,

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#### Advertising Houston County Fair.

Lithographed posters are up announcing Houston County's annual fair and agricultural exhibit to take place at Crockett for four days, beginning September 30, and ending October 3. This annual event attracts a large number of visitors to our neighbor city to the south, and the splendid displays shown there no doubt interest many outsiders with the advantages of Houston county.

Palestine is unfortunate that circumstances were such that a fair or agricultural exhibit could not be held here this year, and it is our hope that the time will soon come that an annual fair will be one of the features of each year. Such a fair or exhibit brings the people of the county closer together, makes their interests more mutual, besides attracting the attention of the country at large to the many advantages derived from living in this favored section.—Palestine Record.



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### COUNTY "FAIRS" ARE AS ANCIENT AS CIVILIZATION.

Known as "Feria" to Romans, They Were  
Handed Down to Them by the  
Greeks Who Came Before.

From the Houston Chronicle.

The fair season is under way in Texas. This fall fairs will be held in practically every Texas county. When fairs are so close to all of us it is interesting to know the history of them. All the world has been holding fairs ever since the beginning of civilization. The ancient Greeks held fairs in connection with their political conventions.

The Romans, who gave the fair its name—feria, meaning a day of rest, or a holiday—packed their fairs, or permanent market places, with multitudes during their feasts and important judicial and political gatherings, and on such occasions the increased provision for the display and sale of goods, as well as additional entertainment facilities, must have made the market places resemble somewhat the type of fair that will be held this fall in many Texas towns.

In the fifth century fairs were established in various French and Italian cities. The fair of St. Denis was instituted by Dagobert in 629 and the fair of St. Lazare by Louis VI.

Fairs for the sale of slaves were

common throughout Germany about 1000 A. D. and in 1071 they were encouraged in England by William the Conqueror. Slaves also were sold at the St. Denis Fair and French children sometimes were taken to be bartered in foreign countries. This trade finally was prohibited through the efforts of Bathilda, a wealthy freedwoman.

Like the county fairs of the present day, the institutions of those days enjoyed special privileges, being free from imposts, while the merchants who exhibited at them enjoyed the protection of the government for their goods and persons.

Like the fairs of today, also, the ancient ones were useful in providing means for the comparison of home manufactures and produce and for the purpose of education.

#### Home.

Home is the place where our thoughts return in the hour of loneliness. Its memory seems to cling to us more in the time of need than in the moments of pleasure. We look upon home as a shelter where we find safety in times of distress, as a ship finds a calm sea behind the breakwater, when the waves roll high. Home is where we find a love worth while—a mother's love. Childhood days and the thoughts of home fill the hearts of the lowly as well as the lordly. We

all love home, but sometimes our thoughts are prone to roam to other things that for the moment command attention and seem more pressing. The awakening sometimes comes too late—after loved ones have departed or furious elements have done their work—but it is as inevitable as life and death. Home is the natural haven of rest.—Mrs. E. P. Turner.

#### WHY IS CROCKETT FIRM?

Because Its Citizens Have Learned the Truth.

After reading this generous and encouraging report from Mr. Hill those who have the misfortune to suffer, as he did, will naturally long to get similar relief. But to get the same good as Mr. Hill had, you should get the same remedy. There are of course, other kidney pills but there are no other kidney pills the same as Doan's. That is why Crockett people demand the genuine.

F. H. Hill, grocer, Main St., Crockett, Texas, says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a valuable kidney medicine and I do not hesitate to recommend them. I have used them for kidney and bladder trouble and have had good results. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills from Sweet's Drug Store and I know that they act just as represented."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

#### Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the district court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division. In bankruptcy: In the matter of Eli Henderson, bankrupt. No. 1731.

To the creditors of Eli Henderson, bankrupt, of Ratcliff, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of September, 1913, the said Eli Henderson was duly adjudged and declared a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors in said bankruptcy will be held in my office at Tyler, Texas, on the 30th day of September, 1913, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, examine the bankrupt, elect a trustee, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Adv. It. Hampson Gary,  
Referee in Bankruptcy.  
Tyler, Texas, Sept. 19, 1913.

#### Get Rid of the Torment of Rheumatism.

That you can do by ridding yourself of the cause. Weak and inactive kidneys allow uric acid poisons to remain in the blood and rheumatic pains, swollen and aching joints follow. Take Foley Kidney Pills to ease you of the pain and torment. They will positively and permanently build up the kidneys, restore their normal action and keep the uric acid crystals out of the blood and body. Try them.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

## HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging  
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave  
Up in Despair. Husband  
Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-62

## New Livery Stable

Our new livery, sale and feed stable is complete and we are now ready to serve the public. New buggies, new 'bus, nice driving horses.

Let us sell you your feed for less than you pay elsewhere. Phone 319 for prompt service.

**HAIL & McLEAN**

## BEST LUMBER

QUICKEST DELIVERY  
LOWEST PRICES

Our stock of lumber is far superior to any other within your reach. More of it, complete assortment, well seasoned, uniform and better grades. You can get what you need here and avoid waste. Buying as we do in large quantities, we are able to sell at very close prices.

We also handle brick, cement, cypress shingles, oak posts, etc.

**Crockett Lumber Co.**  
"The Planing Mill"

## The Wagon That's Worth the Money

The Old Reliable Peter Schuttler Wagon is not in competition with "cheap" farm wagons.

It takes a little more money to buy the Schuttler Wagon because it costs a great deal more money to build it. Value, service and life is put into every Schuttler Wagon made. The Peter Schuttler Company willingly pays a premium to get the choicest, straight-grained Hickory and White Oak obtainable in America.

Only the best of refined iron is used. Old-fashioned wheelwrights and blacksmiths are em-

ployed in the Schuttler factory, and they are paid good wages for careful, conscientious work. Nothing is left undone that can add to the worth of the Schuttler.

The gears are carefully assembled and tested to make a light-running, true-running wagon. Then they go to the blacksmiths, who fit on the irons hot. Schuttler wheels combine the greatest possible strength, unusual resiliency and life.

Each tire is measured to fit the wheel, then set HOT and shrunk on.

### THE OLD RELIABLE Peter Schuttler Farm Wagon

The boxes and bottoms are made of carefully selected, uniform and extra heavy materials.

The seats are designed for comfort. The paint is ground in oil and put on with a BRUSH—NOT DIPPED.

These are a few of the reasons why the Old Reliable Peter Schuttler Wagon costs more and is worth more than wagons turned out by the "hurry-up" methods so common in many factories.

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THE ONE BEST  
WAGON MADE



**Smith Hardware Comp'y**

# DAY at CROCKETT

## September 30

The patronage of our farmer friends, and trading at Crockett, it has been arranged to be made by our merchants.

**Are Not Open to**

**at Consumers**

Realize themselves of these prices for the merchants will Crockett merchants carry the largest stocks, make the pay you top prices for cotton and all your produce. Goods on this day.

### Will be Open

Parade, Band Music, Big Carnival Company, Etc. Spend the Day With Us

**Wm. M. PATTON**  
 One bottle Garrett's snuff @ .20c  
 Archlight matches for .30c  
 1 lb. per sack \$1.00  
 Make my sixth brick store your headquarters.

**BENNETT BROTHERS**  
 10-cent bottles Levi Garrett's snuff for \$1.00

**THE NEW GROCERY STORE**  
 North Side Square

**J. C. MILLAR**  
 \$3 and \$3.50 Silk Shirts \$2.25 each  
 Colored \$1.50 Shirts \$1.00 each  
 1 Colored \$1 Shirts 75c each  
 lot of \$8 misfit trousers, \$5.00

**SPECIAL**  
 1 buy of any merchant in Crockett  
**CREAM PUFF**  
 1 a high flour, for \$1.15 per sack.  
 the fancy flour, but a good grade of and guaranteed by the mill to give 1. It is sold under strict guarantee to 1 er load up, for the price is much less 1 cost to merchants.

**DAN McLEAN**  
 Offers \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes \$2.95 per pair.  
 Any suit of clothing in store for \$10.95.

**DAWSON'S RESTAURANT**  
 A good place to eat. Stop with us when in Crockett.

**McLEAN & HAIL**  
 New Livery, Sale and Feed Stable. Board your horses with us.

**N. E. ALLBRIGHT**  
**STAPLE GROCERIES.**  
 Come and trade with me and I will treat you right.

**THOS. GOGGAN & BROS.**  
 The new music store. Come and look over our pianos, organs and musical instruments.  
**YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD.**

**LEE VARIETY STORE**  
 Offers \$1 Galvanized wash tub .39c each  
 Limit one to a person.

**SCARBOROUGH'S RESTAURANT.**

The best place in town to eat. Every thing clean and prices moderate. Call and see us.

**H. J. PHILLIPS**  
 Offers 50lb. can good compound at \$5.00 each.  
 The home of "White Rose" flour.

**MRS. MAUDE GARRISON**  
 (At Craddock & Driskill's)  
 With each \$2.50 purchase of toilet goods will give 50c worth free.

**J. W. BENNETT.**  
 Gallon can Welva Syrup 45c each.  
 100lb. sack salt 45c each,  
 25c can K. C. Baking Powder 15c each.  
 Give me a call.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**  
 Capital \$100,000.00.  
 Surplus \$100,000.00.  
 H. F. Moore, Arch Baker,  
 Pres. V. P.  
 M. P. Jensen, Cashier.  
 Your business is solicited.

**CHAMBERLAIN & WOODALL**  
 Offer \$1 bottle Wine of Cardui 49c each.  
 \$1 bottle Valdona Hair Tonic 49c each.

**JOHN HORAN**  
 The Liberal Tailor  
 Will give \$3 to \$8 off of every suit in the house.

**W. P. HARRIS**  
 Offers full size set of plates for 35c.  
 Cups and saucers for 35c.  
 Come and visit me. My stock of notion and racket goods can not be beaten.

**F. H. HILL**  
 Offers 5 pounds finest 30c quality roasted coffee. \$1.00  
 Everything in groceries at  
**RIGHT PRICES**

**W. H. KENT**  
 Dealer in groceries and prices as low as can be made and let me live.  
 Give me a call when in town.

**GAY-OLA BOTTLING WORKS**  
 J. D. Sims, Proprietor  
 The Home of Sanitary Soda  
 Family Trade Solicited

**W. V. McCONNELL**  
 Brown domestic, yard wide, 8½c quality, per yd. . . . 6c  
 My stock of dry goods, shoes, hats, etc., is complete and the prices will interest you.

**C. P. O'BANNON**  
 Offers 15c grade outing flannel, suitable for kimono, 10 yards for \$1.00

**R. G. LUNDY**  
 Offers 75c grade blind bridles for . . . . . 50c each  
 Headquarters for  
 Saddlery, Harness, Buggies, Etc.

**JOHN L. DEAN & COMPANY**  
 Bakery and Confectionery  
 Make a Specialty of Cold Lunches.

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 J. S. COOK, PROPRIETOR

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 The Food Man  
 Am I selling you your feed? If not your pocket book is suffering

**CRADDOCK & DRISKILL**  
 Offer good quality children's hose, any size. . . 8½c pair  
 25 lb. Sack Best Texas Salt . . . . . 15c. each

**One Day Only**  
**Tuesday, September 30**

# BUSINESS LEAGUE

# BIG TRADES DAY

## TUESDAY, September

### DANIEL & BURTON

Offer one 25-pound sack of finest granulated sugar for \$1.30—one sale only to a customer.

We have the most complete stock of everything, and our prices can't be beaten.

### DEUPREE & WALLER

Offer fine rug, \$2.50 value, for ..... \$1.95  
Also fine rug, \$3.50 value, for ..... 2.95

See us for anything in furniture.

### FRIEND'S BARBER SHOP

Next Door to Pickwick Hotel

GOOD SERVICE COURTEOUS ATTENTION

Hot and Cold Baths

### DECUIR-BISHOP DRUG COMPANY

Offer Bishop's or Beasley's Liver Pills, regular price 25c, 10c per bottle.

Bring your prescriptions to us to be filled.

### CROCKETT STATE BANK

W. H. Denny, President D. O. Kiessling, Cashier

Capital, \$50,000.00

Surplus, \$30,000.00

We appreciate your business

### I. W. SWEET

Will give one 25c can of Colgate's Talcum Powder free with every

ONE DOLLAR PURCHASE

### J. T. HARRISON

Best \$3.00 collars for ..... \$2.00 each

See me for new line of buggies harness, etc.

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Offer 50 jackets cans oil for ..... 85c each

Will supply as long as we have the stock.

### H. RUSHWAMM

Next door to Lundy & Thompson

SHOE HOSPITAL

Bring them to me for repairs.

### JOHN HORAN

TAILOR

For some real bargains in fall clothes see me

Bring your clothes to me for cleaning and pressing

One Day Only

Tuesday, September 30

### J. D. WOODSON

Offers 6 pounds fine green coffee for \$1.00.

Everything in groceries.

Visit me at my new store.

### JOHNSON ARLEDGE

Offers 10-pound cans of best compound for \$1.05 each.

Headquarters for good groceries. Bring your chickens and eggs to me.

### J. E. BYNUM & SON

Staple and Fancy Groceries.

Feedstuff of All Kinds.

Call and see us.

### McLEAN DRUG COMPANY

Pratt or International Food,

\$1.00 packages for ..... 50c

50c packages for ..... 25c

Cold Drinks, Jewelry, Drugs.

### B. L. SATTERWHITE

Offers Rock Lime,

Per barrel ..... \$1.15

Bring me your cotton seed.

### CROCKETT DRY GOODS CO.

—Offers—

With each pair of shoes, from \$1.00 up, will give 50c worth of hosiery free.

Come and inspect our new stock of fall goods.

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Offers Good Iron Beds, with springs, \$2.90 each.

### ARLEDGE TAILORING CO.

If you want good tailoring at right prices, or have any clothes to be cleaned or pressed give us a call and be convinced that we can serve you acceptably.

To show our appreciation of the patron encourage them to do their trading at that some very low prices will be made!

**These Prices Are 1**  
**Crockett Con**

and they are urged not to attempt to avail themselves be compelled to refuse the orders. Crockett merch lowest prices on what you buy, and will pay you top We have arranged to entertain our friends on this day!

## The Fair Will

There Will be a Magnificent Street Parade, Bands Come and Spend the Day

### JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Offer \$1.00 Bucket Good Roasted Coffee ..... 65c each  
Brown's Mule Tobacco ..... \$3.15 per box  
Jaeger Fleece-lined Underwear ..... 39c per garment  
Progress Brand 10c gingham ..... 7½c per yd.  
Cane Bottom Chairs, \$1.25 grade ..... 85c each

### STEINLEIN-LIVELY CO.

Offers 10c Bleached Domestic ..... 5c per yd.  
15 Stores in Texas. We make the prices.  
Make our store headquarters.

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Offer Bridge Beach Mfg. Co.'s Stoves, guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded  
\$25.00 grade for ..... \$22.50  
\$20.00 grade for ..... \$17.50  
\$17.50 grade for ..... \$15.00  
\$12.50 grade for ..... \$10.00  
\$ 7.50 grade for ..... \$ 6.00

### D. J. KENNEDY

Offers Outing, a good 10c grade, 14 yards for ..... \$1.00

### THE QUALITY STORE

### T. D. CRADDOCK

Offers Regular \$1 grade Ribbed Underwear 75c per suit.

Will sell single garment for ..... 37½c.

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Offers 6-ounce bottle Garrett's snuff  
12 boxes Searchlight matches for .....  
Gobbler flour, per sack .....

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Extra high flour, for \$1.15 per

This is not the fancy flour, but a extra high, and guaranteed by the satisfaction. It is sold under strict you. Better load up, for the price than actual cost to merchants.

# THE CROCKETT BU

# A WELCOME EXTENDED

**WE** extend to all visitors to the Houston County Fair a cordial invitation to visit our store. Meet your friends here and make yourselves at home. We are daily receiving big shipments of new goods for the fall and winter season, and you will find our store, as usual, well prepared to take care of your wants in every department. We are going to have the merchandise at a price to draw people from forty miles around, and all we ask is an opportunity to show you.

We especially call attention to our stock of dress goods, which comprises everything worth while—all new and the latest styles. Also, we know you will be delighted with our ready-to-wear department. We certainly are proud of it, and know that our line of ladies', misses' and children's coats and coat suits can not be beat anywhere. We know we have real values in this department, and we want every lady to give us the chance to show them.

Our stock of shoes is here for your inspection, and in this line we are especially strong. We have shoes for every member of the family—the "Florsheim" for the man who cares, R. J. & R. for the ladies and Tess and Ted for the boys and girls, and the price is as low as the quality is high.

## Daniel & Burton

Where the Price Is the The Thing and the Quality Counts

### The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of Joseph Hodges, and the Unknown Heirs of Wm. G. Logan, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight 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 your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in September, A. D. 1913, the same being the 6th day of October, A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1913 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5466, wherein A. M. DeCuir and G. Q. King, are Plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs of Joseph Hodges, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of Wm. G. Logan, deceased, and Louise Williams are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land lying and being situated about four and one-half miles South East from the City of Crockett, in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Joseph Hodges League, and described as follows:

**FIRST TRACT.** Beginning at Robert Terry's most Southern corner, near the Crockett and Pennington road, a P O 15 in marked X for corner. Thence South 35 West 18 vrs, to stake in said road. Thence South 55 East with said road 1000 varas to Fatsy Hopkins corner in said road. Thence North 55 East 390 vrs, Tony Williams corner. Thence North 74 West 312 vrs to another of Tony Williams' corners. Thence North 43 West 390 vrs to a pine 10 in dia brs N 37 E 1 vara. Thence South 80 1/2 East 630 vrs, corner a B J 16 in dia brs S 80 1/2 E 1 vara. Thence North 55 East 388 vrs corner, two red oaks marked X. Thence North 70 West 80 vrs, corner a hickory brs N 70 W 2 vrs. Thence North 55 East 920 vrs, corner a pine marked X brs N 34 W 5 vrs. Thence North 35 West 1880 vrs corner on Creek on Douglas line, a pine 20 in dia marked X for corner. Thence South 55 West 165 vrs, corner a red oak brs S 2 vrs. Thence South 24 West 120 vrs, corner on a dogwood marked X. Thence North 73 West 70 vrs corner on bank of Creek, a pin oak brs S 55 W 2 vrs. Thence South 55 West 801 vrs, corner on Beevers line, a hickory 20 in dia marked X brs S 10 W 10 vrs. Thence South 35 East 701 vrs, corner in old field. Thence South 44 West 574 vrs, a pine 10 in dia brs S 34 W 3 vrs. Thence South 17 1/2 West 620 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 56 1/4 acres of land, more or less.

**SECOND TRACT.** Beginning at a willow 8 in dia near Spring. Thence North 74 West 270 vrs, stake for corner, pine 12 in dia marked X brs North 3 vrs. Thence North 43 West 292 vrs stake for corner, pine 10 in dia brs North 37 East 1 vara. Thence South 80 1/2 East 632 vrs, stake for corner, a black jack 16 in dia brs South 80 East 1 vara. Thence South 21 West 280 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 19 1/4 acres.

Plaintiffs set out in their original petition all of the deeds under and by virtue of which they claim title to said land. Plaintiffs further plead the five and ten years' statutes of limitation alleging that they and those under whom they claim title to

said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon, for periods of five and ten years respectively immediately preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiffs further allege that the deed from Joseph Hodges, the original grantee, to Henry Raguet and Wm. G. Logan, of date November 29th, 1837, only an undivided one-half interest in said league is conveyed, and that no partition has ever been made between the owners of that part of said league acquired under said deed, and the owners of the other part of said league, though all of the various owners of said league have taken possession of the specific portions thereof claimed by such owners, and that by reason of the failure of such partition a cloud is cast on plaintiffs' title. That Henry Raguet purporting to act as administrator of Wm. G. Logan, by deed dated January 5th, 1838, conveyed the interest of said Logan to Jacob Snively, but there being no administration proceedings in the estate of said Logan and no orders of court authorizing such administrator to convey, a cloud is cast on plaintiffs' title. That in the deed from Louise Williams and Tony Williams to Thomas Felder, dated January 1st, 1894, one note for the sum of \$100.00 was executed to said Louise Williams, which note has been paid, but no release being obtained, a cloud is cast on plaintiffs' title. Plaintiffs pray judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom and quieting their title to same.

Herein fall not, but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1913.

John D. Morgan, Clerk.  
Adv. District Court, Houston County.

### The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of William White, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of Edward Currie, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight 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 your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in September, A. D. 1913, the same being the 6th day of October, A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1913, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5468, wherein O. C. Goodwin is Plaintiff, and the Unknown Heirs of William White, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of Edward Currie, deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, about four miles North 45 West from the town of Crockett, same being a part of the William White League of land, on Hurricane Bayou, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the South West corner of T. J. Wal-

ler's 145-35-100 acre tract on said White League, an iron stake for corner on the East Bank of Hurricane Bayou, from which a white hickory (dead and down) 10 in dia mld X brs N 30 E 9 1/4 vrs. Thence North at 519 vrs, crossed Crockett and Palestine road at 2222 vrs, crossed Crockett and Palestine road at 2532 vrs for corner on the North Boundary Line of said White League. Thence North 80-36 West with said line 307-8-10 vrs to an iron stake for corner from which a Pine 28 in dia brs S 47 E 4 vrs. (The same being the North East corner of Gray's 40 acre tract on said White League.) Thence South at 451-65-100 vrs passed Gray's South East corner and Dr. Stokes' North East corner at 2452 vrs, set stake for corner on North Bank of Hurricane Bayou. Thence down said Bayou with its meanderings as follows: S 61 1/4 W 42 1-10 vrs, S 78 W 15 7-10 vrs, S 33 1/4 W 58 8-10 vrs, S 69 1/2 E 15 9-10 vrs, N 68 1/4 E 32 1/2 vrs, N 82 1/2 E 38 1/2 vrs, N 67 1/2 E 60 vrs, N 39 1/4 E 24 1-10 vrs, S 74 1/4 E 49 1-10 vrs, N 50 E 52 8-10 vrs, N 25 1/4 E 43 1/2 vrs, N 70 E 31 8-10 vrs, S 63 1/4 E 28 vrs, S 1 E 59 vrs, to the place of beginning, containing 136 2-10 vrs.

Plaintiff sets out in his original petition all of the deeds under and by virtue of which he claims title to said land. Plaintiff further pleads the five and ten years' statute of limitation, alleging that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon, for periods of five and ten years respectively immediately preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further alleges that there is no deed from William White, the original grantee of said property, conveying the same, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. Plaintiff further alleges that said tract of land was a part of a certain tract conveyed by F. H. Bayne, Trustee for Edward Currie, to J. C. Wootters, the said F. H. Bayne purporting to convey same in and by virtue of a deed of trust executed to said J. C. Wootters by said Edward Currie, by said Deed of Trust has been lost or destroyed, and there is no authority, as shown by the records of Houston County, for the conveyance by the Trustee to said J. C. Wootters, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title. Plaintiff prays for judgment for said land, substituting all missing deeds, removing all clouds therefrom, and quieting his title to same.

Herein fall not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1913.

John D. Morgan, Clerk.  
Adv. District Court, Houston County.

### The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Moses Gregg, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of Wm. Y. Lacy, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of Wm. Lacy, deceased, whose names are unknown, and the heirs of Charles McH. Ellis, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the City of Crockett, on the first Monday in October, 1913, being the 6th day of October, A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a

petition filed in said court on the 4th day of August 1913, in a cause numbered 5471 wherein Fannie Beller, joined by her husband, Fred Beller, Dee Ellis, a minor, Biele Ellis, a minor and Cal Ellis, a minor, suing herein by their legal guardian, Fred Beller, and Jennie Caldwell, joined by her husband M. F. Caldwell, are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of Moses Gregg, deceased, the unknown heirs of Wm. Y. Lacy, deceased, the unknown heirs of Charles McH. Ellis, deceased, and defendants the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiffs represent that they are the owners in fee simple and are seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 9 miles South from the town of Crockett, a part of the Moses Gregg league and being a part of the Chas. McH. Ellis homestead tract. Beginning at the S W corner of said homestead tract at a Post Oak marked X. Thence East 800 varas to a rock for corner (bearing trees 2 post oaks mld X.) Thence North 224 varas to stake and rock for corner. Thence West 800 varas to rock for corner (bearing tree a pine mld X.) Thence South 224 varas to place of beginning and containing 40 acres of land.

Also another tract or parcel of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 10 miles South from the city of Crockett and being a portion of the Y. W. Lacy 200 acre tract on the Moses Gregg league and being a part of the 100 acre tract sold to J. R. and S. C. Hairston by J. T. and Green Hartt. Beginning at the N W corner of said 100 acre tract. Thence South 455 yards to a stake bearings a Post Oak about 12 in dia marked X and a red oak about 18 in dia. Thence N East 440 yds to stake bearing a black jack 8 in dia X. Thence N 256 yds to Dr. Charles Ellis South line to a stake no bearings. Thence West with said Ellis line 400 yards to place of beginning containing 30 acres of land.

That plaintiffs claim title to said land under and by virtue of the following conveyances, decrees and documents, to-wit:

1. A title from the Mexican Government to Moses Gregg of date the 28th day of May 1835.

2. A deed from J. R. Hairston and wife to W. M. Ellis, of date January 11, 1894 conveying thirty acres of the above land which deed is duly recorded in Volume 15 page 402 of Houston county deed records.

3. A deed of partition between W. M. Ellis, J. C. Ellis and Ida M. Kelley, and her husband J. E. Kelley of date January 15, 1897, under which W. M. Ellis receives 40 acres of the above described land.

Plaintiffs further allege that they claim title to the land above described under and by virtue of the statute of limitation of five years. Also that they claim title to said premises under and by virtue of the statute of limitation of ten years.

Plaintiffs further allege that the fact that there is no deed from Moses Gregg, the original grantee of said land to any one conveying said land, and that there is no deed from all of the heirs of Charles McH. Ellis, deceased, to said land, and that the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of pretended claim of title to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiffs, creates a cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

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

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the city of Crockett this 4th day of August, A. D. 1913.

John D. Morgan, Clerk.  
Adv. District Court, Houston County, Texas.

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The man or woman who has kidney trouble is facing a serious proposition, where grave complications readily follow neglect. Foley Kidney Pills are an honest curative medicine that once taken into your system mean restored kidney and bladder action, and a return of health and strength.—I. W. Sweet

# 3rd Annual Fair

AT

**CROCKETT, TEXAS**

**September 30 to October 3**

**INCLUSIVE**

**4 Days of Instruction and Entertainment 4**

Large Carnival Company, with free attractions, will positively be on the grounds.

Best Racing in East Texas, many good horses now on the grounds.

Exhibits in agricultural products, live stock, ladies' department, etc., etc., will be attractive and instructive.

Come and bring your family along. Everything possible provided for your entertainment and comfort.

Free ice water on the grounds, camping place for your teams and plenty free water on the grounds.

Don't forget the date, Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, inclusive.

**Catalogue, With List of Premiums, Free for the Asking. If You Have Something Worth Showing, Bring It Along and List It With Us.**

#### Special Premiums Given by Crockett Merchants

Exline-Reimers Co.—Nice box monogram stationery and 100 visiting cards to the mother of baby girl taking first premium.

Chamberlain & Woodall—Dollar bottle Valdona Hair Tonic for best 2-year-old heifer.

H. J. Phillips—One sack White Rose flour for best 3-year-old colt.

H. Asher—Best pair of shoes in the house for best 1-year-old colt.

J. D. Woodson—One pound Lipton's tea for the best home-made jelly.

McLean Drug Co.—One pound stock food for best litter of pigs.

J. E. Bynum & Son—One sack Champion flour to man bringing largest family to the fair.

W. P. Harris—One good suit case for best 6-months-old mule colt.

C. P. O'Bannon—One Stetson hat for best pair mules under 4 years old.

Moore & Shivers—One pair of shoes for best display of cotton worked with J. I. Case cultivator.

J. T. Harrison—Good bridle for fastest running Houston county horse.

R. H. Wootters—\$5 in gold for best acre of corn. Will buy your cotton.

Bennett Bros.—One sack flour for best bushel sweet potatoes.

Daniel & Burton—\$5 pair of shoes for best Jersey cow.

I. W. Sweet—One dollar box Norris' candy for best angel food cake.

Decuir-Bishop Drug Co.—One dollar bottle Shoop's Rheumatism Cure for best 6-month-old colt.

Dan McLean—Best \$5 pair ladies' or men's shoes for best 2-year-old colt.

T. D. Craddock—Good hat for best agricultural exhibit.

Swann Furniture Co.—One \$12.50 bed for the first couple marrying on the fair grounds.

Steinlein-Lively Co.—One \$7.50 cloak for the best looking baby at the fair.

Dan J. Kennedy—\$2.50 in merchandise for best year-old heifer.

Craddock & Driskill—Best pair of pants in the house for the best 2-year-old colt.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.—\$2.50 pair of shoes for best 6-months-old pig.

Crockett Dry Goods Co.—\$3 hat for best 2-year-old mule colt.

F. H. Hill—One dozen cans of Armour's Very Best Pork and Beans to the oldest couple at the fair.

## Houston County Fair Association

C. C. WARFIELD, President

JNO. C. MILLAR, Secretary



# To Houston County Fair Visitors

We extend an invitation to make our store your headquarters. We are always glad to see you and extend you a glad hand and plenty of ice water free.

We have at your disposition the very best drug store service to be found in East Texas and remember we are always glad to see you.

## Decuir-Bishop Drug Company

The Prompt Service Store

Phone 47 or 140

### Local News.

Buy your fall and winter underwear from T. D. Craddock. 2t.

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

T. D. Craddock will save you money on your fall purchases. 2t.

Mrs. John LeGory will return this week from visiting at Mineral Wells.

Big sale on and now is the time to get bargains at C. P. O'Bannon's.

Miss Dell Bright of Trinity was a recent guest of Mrs. E. C. Arledge.

County Attorney J. J. Strickland of Palestine was in Crockett Tuesday.

Phone 315 for anything in the building line; prompt delivery.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Come to the fair, and while here make T. D. Craddock's store your stopping place. 2t.

Attorney Joe Adams has returned from Hot Springs and is greatly improved in health.

If you want a wagon buy the Mitchell from T. D. Craddock, which is the best made. 2t.

Drop in trades day. We are always glad to have our friends call and see us. C. P. O'Bannon. 1t.

T. D. Craddock will save you money on shoes; bring all the family and be convinced. 2t.

Ladies, don't fail to go to Mrs. Bricker for bargains in hats. Everybody visit her during the fair.

Visit our store during the Houston county fair. Bargains in every department. C. P. O'Bannon. 1t.

The Pickwick Barber Shop for first-class work. Cleanliness our hobby. Hot and cold baths.—Adv

C. P. O'Bannon's big sale now in full blast. Be sure to visit our store during the Houston county fair. 1t.

T. D. Craddock will give to the farmer getting up the best agricultural exhibit at the county fair a good hat. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darsey of Grapeland were here Tuesday in attendance at the funeral of John Shepard Edmiston.

Everybody ought to come to the county fair and enjoy these few days, and while here trade with T. D. Craddock. 2t.

Let us figure on your lumber bill. Orders filled promptly and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 315.—Box & Leediker. tf.

T. D. Craddock invites all lovers of fancy work to call and see the many new things we have in the Royal Society and Artamo patterns.

This fall is the time you need to spend your money where you can get the best bargains. T. D. Craddock's is the place. 2t.

Mrs. F. G. Edmiston and daughter, Janie Elizabeth, reached home Saturday night from Virginia where they spent the summer.

Remember N. E. Allbright for anything in groceries and feed. His goods are fresh and the prices right at all times.—Adv.

J. H. Jones and J. Q. Snell of Lovelady, H. Durst and H. G. Hurt are among Courier subscription renewals since last issue.

The Iron Clad hosiery sold by T. D. Craddock is the best money can buy. A fine assortment on hand for ladies, men and children. 2t.

Mrs. Bricker will have her opening Friday, September 26. Everybody invited to see the display of hats for ladies, misses and children.

#### Less Than Half Price.

Gin, grist mill and shingle mill. In good condition. Easy terms. Hail and Wilson, Crockett State Bank. tf.

I would like to have three or four more pupils on violin, mandolin, guitar or cornet. For particulars call on me at the Crystal barber shop.—V. B. Tunstall. 1t.

#### Millinery Opening.

Mrs. Bricker will have the largest display of hats ever brought to Crockett. Don't fail to visit her Friday, September 26. 1t.

FOUND—A bunch of keys. Owner will please call at this office and, on identifying the keys and paying for this advertisement, take the keys with him.—Adv. tf.

#### About Funerals.

The pastors of our churches suggest that our people as far as may be possible arrange to have funeral services so as not to conflict with the church services on Sabbath morning. D. H. Hotchkiss, E. M. Francis, S. F. Tenney, C. F. Trimble.

## SEE De Daines' Music Store

for new Pianos, Edison and Columbia Talking Machines, Records and all other supplies—and everything else in Music. Piano Players and Grand Pianos for sale on order.

N. E. Allbright invites you to call at his store during the fair and make yourself at home. He is prepared to serve your wants for anything in the grocery line at the lowest prices.—Adv.

#### SPECIAL FOR TRADES DAY

At J. A. McConnell's Plain Price Store.

Men's white shirts, collar attached, worth 50c, for 29c.—Adv. 1t.

Have you heard our Victrolas? If you haven't you have missed a treat. Come in and hear the latest Red Seal records.

Thos. Goggan & Bros., Adv. W. N. Mills, Agent.

#### Will Lend Money on Real Estate

or take up your note and give you a lower rate of interest. We will buy your land or find a buyer. See or write Hail & Wilson, Crockett State Bank building, Crockett, Texas. Adv.

The automobile register in the county clerk's office shows three new automobiles, numbered as follows: J. H. Smith, 49; J. H. Painter, 50, and C. D. Towery, 51. Two of these are Overlands and the other a Ford.

#### Special Notice.

All concessions at fair grounds will be sold in next 10 days. Those wanting stands at the fair apply to J. C. Millar at once. Season tickets to fair for the four days \$1.50 each. Apply at J. C. Millar's.—Adv. 2t.

#### New Lumber Yard.

We handle everything in the building line; rough and dressed lumber, mouldings, shingles, brick, lime, cement, crushed rock, gravel, sewer pipe, etc. tf.

#### Box & Leediker.

#### Institute Proceedings Next Week.

The Courier has in hand the proceedings of the Houston County Teachers' Institute, held in this city last week, but owing to the length of the proceedings, publication will not be made until next week, when we will have more space.

#### Automobile for Hire.

I have a new automobile that is on the streets for hire and I will appreciate your patronage. Will make any trip that any other car makes, day or night. Service guaranteed and prices reasonable. tf. Wilson Adair.

Mr. Walter Johnson and Misses Seawillow and Hillie Hart Johnson of Marlin were here Sunday to attend the funeral of John Shepard Edmiston. Mr. Johnson and Miss Hillie Hart returned home Tuesday night, but Miss Seawillow Johnson will not return until Saturday night.

#### Last of the Season.

Popular excursion to Galveston via I. & G. N. Tickets on sale for trains arriving Galveston P. M., Saturday, Sept. 27, and A. M., Sunday, Sept. 28; limit to leave Galveston Monday, Sept. 29. For rate and other particulars, see ticket agent, I. & G. Ry.—2t.

#### Coffee Demonstration.

Mrs. Wilkins, an expert demonstrator, will be with us Tuesday and Wednesday, September 30 and October 1st, to serve Alameda Brand coffee free, one day at our store and one day on the fair grounds. We want every one to try a cup of this delicious coffee. Make our store headquarters while in town.—Cradock & Driskill. 1t.

#### Removal Notice.

I beg to announce to my friends, former customers and the general public, that I am now located in Mayes' new building on Main street where you will find me better able to serve you than ever before in everything good to eat.

I take this opportunity to publicly thank all for the past liberal patronage, and ask a continuance of the same, promising you always the best in the grocery line at the right prices and a courteous and prompt service. Same old phone No. 1-5-1. Yours to serve, J. D. Woodson.

#### Adenoids are a Menace to Children.

Adenoids result from a succession of colds in babies and young children. They spoil the mental and physical life of a child. The condition that causes them may be easily avoided by careful parents. Quickly and thoroughly cure all colds and throat irritations by the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and adenoids will not develop.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

## 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 Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

#### New Grocery Store.

We have opened up a first-class grocery store in the Cooper building on the north side of the square, and are prepared to serve the public in a prompt, courteous and efficient manner. We expect to carry at all times a fresh stock of staple and fancy groceries and feed, and respectfully solicit a share of your business. Phone 335. Adv. Bennett Bros.

#### Commissioners' Court.

At a recent session of the commissioners' court an order was passed appointing J. F. Cook superintendent of the Crockett road district and teams at a salary of \$18 a week, the superintendent to be under supervision of the court.

Also an order was passed donating the county taxes on the carnival company that is to exhibit at the fair grounds next week to the Houston County Fair Association.

#### Automobile Speed Test.

On Friday afternoon at the close of the regular racing program, a demonstration of the Ford automobile will be given on the race track. A test of speed will be made with car stripped of body, windshield and fenders. This is the car that recently made the trip to Galveston, covering about six hundred (600) miles in five days with a perfect score. Fast driving is promised. A fully equipped touring car will also be seen on the track. 2t.

#### Special for Trades Day.

Wm. M. Patton, wholesale and retail dealer in general merchandise, fifth and sixth brick stores. Make my six stores your home during the fair and trades day and feel like you did forty years ago when we were boys together on the old bottom plantation.

25 lbs. La. brown sugar for \$1.00. Gobbler Flour, per sack, \$1.00.

Garrett Snuff, per bottle, 20c. 12 boxes S. L. Matches, 30c. 6 gallons good maple syrup in case, \$2.40.

26 gallons good Louisiana syrup in barrels, 33 1/2 c gallon.

All kinds \$1 size medicines at 65c.—Adv. 1t.

#### Dependancy

Is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. For sale by all dealers.

#### Notice to the Farmers.

Mr. W. E. Roberts was in town Tuesday representing the Roberts & Manning Seed Co. of Fentress, Texas, and sold Mr. H. J. Arledge a car of Mebane Triumph cotton seed, mostly to be planted on his own farm. Mr. Arledge planted these seed this year and has decided that it is a paying proposition to plant a few bushels each year for a seed patch. Don't wait until the seed are all sold as many farmers did last winter. Place your order at once. For further information see H. J. Arledge, office First National Bank. 3t.

Foley Kidney Pills cure obstinate cases of kidney and bladder trouble, rheumatism and lumbago, because they remove the cause. You can not take this honest curative medicine into your system without getting the right results. Try them.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.



## Be Prepared

Forethought is a hundred times better than hindthought—and the simple home remedies, if applied promptly, may save many dollars in doctor's bills. We are prepared to suggest a complete line of household remedies and a stock of these always at hand is the best sort of life and health insurance. Ask us.

Meet your friends here during the fair. Automobiles and transfers will leave our store every few minutes for the fair grounds. Wait for them here.

## SWEET'S DRUG STORE

THE MODERN DRUG STORE

## The Crockett Courier

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

### John Shepard is Dead.

John Shepard Edmiston, four years old and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, died Saturday afternoon from the kick of a horse. The little fellow was kicked Friday morning and slight hopes for his recovery were entertained from the first. The injury was to the spine, producing paralysis, and consciousness was never regained. Physicians, relatives and friends were in constant attendance until the end.

John Shepard was a favorite in the community and all knew him. None knew him but to admire his youthful manliness and natural brightness. To say that his death has thrown the darkness of sorrow about the community is but the mildest expression. To say that his death has cast the gloom of unspeakable anguish over the family and relatives is but an expression that does injustice to a true description of bleeding and sorrowing hearts.

Funeral services were held at the Edmiston home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Baptist pastor, Rev. E. M. Francis. Interment followed in Glenwood cemetery. The funeral procession was one of the longest ever seen in this city, evidence of the love entertained for John Shepard. At the cemetery the grave was banked with flowers, a parting tribute to one who was but yesterday in our midst, diffusing rays of sunshine here and there.

### Petit Jury List.

Following is a list of the petit jurors for the fifth week of the October term of the district court:

T. E. Edge, Grapeland; L. D. Shaw, Lovelady; B. W. Kilgore, Ratcliff; C. O. Miles, Percilla; J. S. Boykin, Crockett; S. B. Blackman, Crockett; J. G. Webb, Crockett; W. H. Christian, Ash; R. E. Parker, Lovelady; J. A. Etheredge, Lovelady; T. D. Blakeway, Kennard; C. Speer, Lovelady; E. J. Curry, Kennard; N. H. Harrelson, Volga; F. J. Lucas, Augusta; Fisher Arledge, Crockett; Jim Brimberry, Grapeland; J. D. Freeman, Lovelady; J. C. Allee, Ash; A. W. Peck, Crockett; William H. Curry, Crockett; J. C. Patrick, Ash; J. T. Stubblefield, Ratcliff; Charles Garver, Crockett; C. A. Story, Grapeland; R. H. Wootters, Crockett; S. N.



### We Want to Figure

on your plumbing work no matter how small or how big the job. If we can't give you better work than others and at a lower price then we are fooling ourselves. We employ only practical and experienced help, use only the best materials and do every job as carefully as if our reputation depended upon the doing of that alone.

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Plumber

Boon, Crockett; J. B. Young, Augusta; J. T. Lundy, Lovelady; D. H. Bennett, Crockett; N. W. Richie, Grapeland; J. L. Beard, Grapeland; B. W. Hallmark, Crockett; A. M. Carlton, Crockett; R. T. Murchison, Grapeland; W. R. Henry, Crockett; Dan B. Baum, Crockett; J. L. Curder, Crockett; J. W. Daniel, Belott; C. B. Musgrove, Tadmor.

### U. D. C. Notes.

The D. A. Nunn Chapter held its monthly meeting with Mrs. Nunn as hostess, the president, Mrs. J. P. Hail, presiding.

After the Lord's Prayer, led by Rev. S. F. Tenney, had been repeated in unison, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read. Mrs. Stephenson having raised \$3.50 for the monument fund, the chapter gave her a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Wilse Hail joined the chapter and was gladly welcomed.

All business before the house having been transacted, Mrs. Huberta Nunn charmed all present with a most beautiful solo. Mrs. D. F. Arledge read "Pickett's Charge," followed by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb, who gave an unusually fine reading. Rev. S. F. Tenney then told of his visit to Gettysburg, his description of the "Reunion at Gettysburg" being greatly enjoyed. Miss Minnie Wall closed the program with a beautiful solo.

Delicious refreshments were then served and the chapter adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hal Lacy on the afternoon of the 27th of September at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. D. F. Arledge,  
Sec. D. A. Nunn Chapter.

### Petit Jury List.

Following is a list of the petit jurors for the sixth of the October term of the district court:

J. J. Tomme, Lovelady; W. F. Grounds, Crockett; E. D. Bobbit, Percilla; C. E. Updegraff, Latexo; W. H. Larue, Lovelady; C. O. Nelson, Crockett; O. Caskey, Grapeland; W. D. Gimon, Lovelady; C. E. Dickey, Percilla; W. H. Benson, Lovelady; W. E. Denson, Percilla; W. J. Lundy, Lovelady; L. T. Morgan, Kennard; H. M. Barbee, Lovelady; E. T. Ozier, Crockett; Harvey Douglass, Crockett; J. W. J. Rains, Crockett; Joe Rosemond, Lovelady; E. F. Musick, Grapeland; W. N. Blair, Crockett; J. B. Lively, Grapeland; Ford Newman, Grapeland; J. C. Brewton, Crockett; Dan McConnell, Crockett; W. E. Keeland, Grapeland; C. E. Hester, Crockett; Edgar Arledge, Crockett; S. W. Satterwhite, Crockett; W. C. Shaw, Lovelady; J. R. Allen, Crockett; A. U. Streetman, Grapeland; H. A. Skein, Grapeland; H. L. Boykin, Weches; H. G. Speer, Lovelady; J. R. Smith, Grapeland; J. A. Harrelson, Lovelady; J. W. Skipper, Lovelady; C. E. Robbins, Crockett; C. C. Warfield, Crockett; J. E. Elliott, Percilla.

The third annual fair under the auspices of the Houston County Fair Association will be held at Crockett from September 30 to October 3, inclusive, and promises to be the most successful within the history of the association. The premium list is a large one, and the entries will cover every phase of industry so prosperously carried on in Houston county. The racing program is especially attractive and will be conducted under the rules of the American Trotting Association. The races will begin promptly at 1:30 each day. As the Post has frequently observed, the holding of these county fairs evidences a spirit of progress that is bound to eventuate in great good to the entire population of the counties in which they are held.—Houston Post.

### Can't Afford to Have Kidney Trouble.

No man with a family to support can afford to have kidney trouble nor need he fear it with such a remedy at hand as Foley Kidney Pills. An honest medicine, safe and reliable, costing little but doing much good. Foley Kidney Pills eliminate backache and rheumatism, tone up the system and restore normal action of kidneys and bladder.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

### Caught a Bad Cold.

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan, of Tipton, Iowa. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely." For sale by all dealers.

### Confederate Veterans Hold Reunion.

Company I, Green's Brigade, Fourth Texas Cavalry, held its annual reunion in this city Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Sixteen veterans answered the roll call. Appropriate memorial exercises for Captain D. A. Nunn and the others who have passed away were held. Crockett left nothing undone in its effort to make the reunion an enjoyable one and resolutions of thanks were passed by the veterans. A musical program by local talent was one of the features of entertainment.

### Houston County Students Honored.

In a recently compiled honor list, which contains the names of those students of Houston county making excellent grades at the University of Texas for the last session, are found the names of C. C. Leaverton, excellence in mathematics; W. H. Norwood, mathematics; Beasley Denny, zoology; R. L. Eaves, physics and economics; I. W. Eaves, geology and mathematics; B. E. Dailey, economics, and N. S. Herod, physics.

### Cotton Crop Extremely Early.

According to the report of the census director, as furnished the Courier by Mr. J. R. Sheridan, special agent for Houston county, there were 4025 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1913, prior to September 1, as compared with 1309 bales ginned prior to September 1, 1912. When the crop's shortness is taken into consideration, its extreme earliness looms up larger than ever.

### Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

## The McLean Drug Company

The Rexall Store

Invites all of you to make their store your headquarters during the fair.

We will show you the classiest line of Drugs, Kodaks, Jewelry, Stationery and Sundries in East Texas.

## The McLean Drug Company

The Rexall Store

**WE** are now prepared to give the best work obtainable anywhere. Phone us your business and our wagon will be glad to call.

## Crockett Steam Laundry

H. R. MILLS, Manager      PHONE 314

# Hello, Mr. Farmer

Owing to the short crops we sympathize with you. But we need your sympathy, too, for in July when prospects looked so good we bought our fall merchandise.

And in many lines we have overbought and **MUST UNLOAD**, and to do so we have not considered profits, but have put prices on our goods that will make them move.

All that we ask is a chance to show you. **DO YOURSELF A FAVOR—GET OUR PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY.**

## Crockett Dry Goods Co.

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## HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

Second Half of An Interesting Document—Road District Work Reviewed and Criticisms Made—Two Commissioners Under Fire. The First Half of This Document Appeared Last Week.

Dan LaRoe of Anderson county being sworn testified as follows:

"I worked 7 miles on the new Lovelady road, grading same and in some places sanding and claying. I paid \$3.50 per day for teams that I hired. Got \$4.50 a day for all teams I worked, from county. Commissioner Knox was present supervising and giving directions as to work, etc." Question by committee: What did you pay Commissioner Knox? "Nothing." How was he compensated for the time he put in on your road? "I don't know, I paid him nothing." Did you feed the horse of Commissioner Knox? "I did and charged him nothing for the feed, though he offered to pay."

The committee put up to Mr. LaRoe the same question it propounded J. H. Smith and others, which was, "What per cent of a full equivalent do you consider the road district got for all this large sum of money voted and expended for good roads?" "Not over 60 per cent."

Mr. J. H. Smith's reply to the same question was, "I consider the cost for moving dirt in this district has been 22 cents per cubic yard when it could have been moved under contract for 13 to 15 cents per cubic yard. The district has not gotten over 60 per cent efficiency for money spent. Railroads expect to get 85 per cent efficiency, and we should have gotten it in this district."

Other witnesses agree with the above that the district has not gotten over 60 per cent of what it had a right to expect for the enormous expenditure of money.

In Commissioner Lively's precinct we had quite a number of witnesses as to character of work done, how done, the number of teams employed and other details of road building. The leader or boss of the gang at work in this precinct was J. F. Cook. Several witnesses living near the work testified to the fact that frequently work stock was seen standing up in the corral doing nothing. There was the same criticism of the character of the work done on these roads that we met with on other roads. J. F. Cook, being sworn, said: "I got \$3.00 a day for my services and \$2.00 a day for each team with board and feed for self and teams furnished by the county." Question: Did you in your pay rolls collect for teams which were in corral from being sick or crippled? "Yes sir. If one of my mules got laid off from being knocked out, the county paid for him just the same as if he was at work. The same was true of all other mules which worked in my camp." "How often was Mr. Long out where you were working the roads?" "Three or four times a week. I felt that I was under him. He charged nothing and I did not pay him one cent. He made suggestions as to

work, right-of-way, changing road, etc. I did not swear to my pay rolls because the court did not require it."

Just here the committee wish to call attention to what seems an extraordinary proceeding in the fact that of all this vast sum of money expended for road construction, aggregating nearly \$160,000.00, with one or two exceptions, we fail to find the jurat of any official, authorized to administer oaths, to any of the pay rolls involving the payment every week of several thousand dollars. We fail to see the consistency in requiring that a bill for a few pounds of nails be attested by oath when presented by a person on one hand when a pay roll for a thousand dollars may be presented by the same person on the other hand and collected without swearing to any part of it.

The magnitude of the work and the sum to be expended would certainly seem to call for the authentication of pay rolls under oath. The Finance Committee will not undertake to define the offense of which Commissioners Matchett and Lively are guilty in accepting compensation from road contractors as related above. We refer the matter to the grand jury and attorneys for the commonwealth to determine the degree and character of the offense, whether malfeasance, misfeasance or other official misconduct. We have established to our entire satisfaction by competent evidence the fact that they accepted this remuneration from those engaged in contract work for the county and during the same period of time were, as commissioners of the county, passing on or approving in an official capacity, the contracts and bills of these same contractors from whom they were accepting remuneration for doing, according to the evidence, absolutely nothing in recompense for even their board and horse feed, not to mention the money which passed from the hands of the road contractors.

They have been guilty of the grossest and most culpable official misconduct and there ought to be, if there is not, some method of visiting them with punishment befitting the offense. We cannot expect to maintain a high standard of civic righteousness or official conduct, if two officials, charged with responsibility of serving the people and protecting their interests, can at the same time act in a dual capacity, claiming in one to be the guardians of the peoples' welfare and in the other serving the interests of their benefactors and do all this with impunity. It is not a matter to be wondered at that among the people of the county and especially of Road District No. 3, there is a deep seated and wide pervading indignation over the fact, patent even to the undiscriminating, that this vast sum of mon-

ey has been dissipated in reckless, riotous disbursement and in return therefor so small a per cent of efficiency given in substantial, enduring highways.

Evidence is overwhelming and conclusive that the character of work done is not what it should have been and what the people had a right to expect. And while all this money was being thus expended there was one of the court very prominent and active in providing means for squandering the money of the people, who had no right to sit as a member of the court and was not even a citizen of the county. This fact furnishes another element of support to the contention of the committee that the acts of the commissioners' court, so far as they may affect the application of the special road law to District No. 3, are without warrant of law.

For nearly nine months Commissioner Lively had been serving as a member of the court after he had ceased to be a citizen of this county and this fact was known in certain sections of the county and could have been readily established at any time during this interval by witnesses who were cognizant of the fact that Commissioner Lively's family had moved about January 1, 1913, to Walker county. It was also a matter of common gossip on the streets of Crockett and Grape-land that as soon as commissioners' court adjourned for the term or took a recess to a day fixed, Commissioner Lively almost invariably took the train for his home in Walker county.

The finance committee suggests that some action be taken to recover the money thus illegally paid this commissioner for services as a member of the court.

In commenting on the money feature of Road District No. 3, we wish to call attention to the acts of the commissioners' court. This court has no right to take the interest accruing in the depository, to the credit of Road District No. 3, and pass same to the credit of the general fund. But the court seems to have done this very thing as appears from proceedings recorded on page 267 commissioners' minutes, which reads: "The treasurer is hereby directed to transfer interest on deposits as follows: To R. & B. Sinking, \$1,000.00; to R. & B. No. 3 Sinking, \$1000.00; to County Fund, \$2,519.20; total, \$4,519.20."

We thus see that this sum the most of which is interest from deposits of Road District No. 3 money, has been diverted from its proper channel and turned over to funds that have comparatively little claim to it. The most of this interest should have gone to credit of Road District No. 3 current fund and been applied to the roads. This court not only diverts money legitimately belonging to Road District No. 3 to other funds, but refuses to give Road District No. 3 any part of the general R. B. current fund raised from the whole county, although Road District No. 3 pays nearly or quite one-fourth of all this tax.

A close scrutiny of the minutes of commissioners' court will disclose that they are in habit of transferring money from one fund to another with a rather careless observance of the law and equities involved. Just here we wish to

state that this court has been in the habit for several years of creating special R. & B. funds, one for each commissioner's precinct. The Attorney General, in an opinion, says emphatically that the court has no authority to create these special R. & B. precincts and place funds to their credit to be expended by each commissioner at his option and discretion for material and work ordered and approved by him. The exercise of such authority in the creation of these special precinct funds is equivalent to constituting each commissioner a commissioners' court in his own right.

Our contention will be appreciated when we say that we have before us as we write, two quarterly reports of one commissioner for 1912. One of these shows where the commissioner spent for labor and material over \$1,000.00 in one quarter. The other report shows where this same commissioner spent over \$1,500.00 for labor and material in another quarter. Here is over \$2,500.00 disbursed on approval of one commissioner in six months and at the same rate of disbursement he expended over \$5,000.00 in one year out of this special R. & B. fund set aside to the credit of this commissioner for his special use and application to the roads of his precinct.

The people can see how the money goes when it is thus illegally handled. In looking through one of these two quarterly reports, we notice this account: "Cash paid 'John Doe' and 'others,' work on road, \$100.90." Notice the wording of this item,

"John Doe and Others."

Who are those in the word "others" and how many of them were there? We cannot believe the law ever intended to give the commissioners' court power to create four or even one special R. & B. precinct and place same in charge of any one commissioner with a special fund to the credit of such precinct.

Just here, in reference to the interest which accrues from deposits in bank, we are of opinion that it should be prorated among the several funds on deposit and the book of the treasurer should show the exact sums to the credit of each fund. The reason which prompts this improper transfer of funds may be found in an embarrassing fact which exists today—that but for the transfer of the interest which has accrued from the deposit of money to the credit of Road District No. 3 to the general county fund there would be a deficit in that fund, a status which can be explained by the extravagant bills

allowed and paid in the past.

The Tax Rate.

The Finance Committee does not hesitate to say that we believe the rate of taxation is greater than it should be for Houston county. An examination of the records of expenditures and the rolls of values for ten years past present an embarrassing array of facts and figures. For ten years the valuations of the county have steadily advanced, increasing in the past few years by leaps and bounds, the total sum subject to taxation doubling and even trebling. With such a uniform growth of taxable wealth one would naturally assume that the rate of taxation would go down as the valuations go up. But not so. Within the last ten years the rate has decreased but little, practically none. In other words the rate for 1913 with an assessed valuation of over nine millions is about the same as it was ten years ago when the valuation was around two millions. The people have a right to expect that with such an unparalleled increment in the renditions, there should be a material reduction of the tax rate. And the reason there is not a reduction is to be found in extravagant expenditures: bills paid which should not have been paid; bills paid in full which should have been cut down; contracts let for work and supplies without competitive bidding. The record of bills rejected is amazingly small and the record of bills allowed is staggering in its proportions. It has become a habit to run the commissioners' court for almost any kind of loss or damage. We find bills allowed for post mortems or autopsies that are clearly illegal. We cannot dwell too strongly on the adage that a full pocket book or an overflowing treasury leads to waste and extravagance. And when the several funds become swollen, "slopping" over so to speak, instead of leaving the money in the pockets of the people by cutting the tax rate, the ingenuity is taxed to devise new enterprises and provide new channels to absorb this surplus. The court house and jail bonds have all been liquidated and yet the court still leaves the C. H. & jail current and sinking fund tax, and then transfers the money to the general fund. We are frank to claim that the tax rate of this county should be reduced 15c on the hundred dollars and remark further that the matter of taxation is getting to be a serious question in this county.

Bridges.

In the one item of bridges we strike such a maze of figures as to

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### AFTER THE THANKS-GIVING DINNER

take it easy in one of our big, roomy arm chairs. Just what you want to complete the enjoyment of the day. Mission style if you like, other kinds if you prefer. They are examples of what we can do in the way of supplying the highest grade of furniture at the lowest possible price.

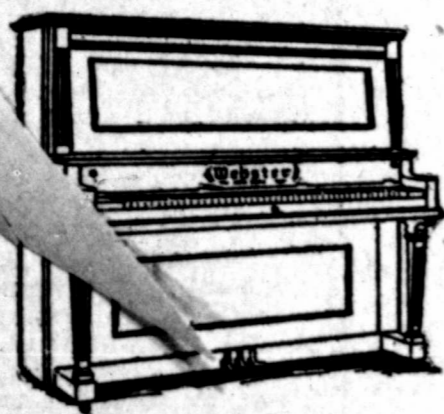
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House Furnishers and Undertakers

# The Big \$500 Prize Contest Sale

Is now in full blast and will continue until the close of business Saturday night, December 6th, 1913. Ask those who have been here. They will tell you everything is slaughtered in price just as we advertised, and that we do just what we say we will. When we say slaughtered prices, that's what we mean. Nothing marked up to be marked down—just marked down from regular prices. We realize cotton conditions and are sacrificing prices to aid our patrons.

## First Prize



**\$350**  
Webster Piano

To the lady turning in the largest number of votes for November on December 5th, we will give a handsome pair of Queen Quality shoes.

## How to Enter This Contest

Cut out the NOMINATION BLANK in this advertisement and fill it out. You will note that it entitles the nominee to FIVE THOUSAND VOTES. Mail or bring it to our store, where you will be listed among the contestants and given a certificate for the number of votes you register. All correspondence must be addressed to Jas. S. Shivers & Co., in care of Contest Department.

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I Nominate M \_\_\_\_\_  
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As a Contestant in your great Piano, Diamond Ring and Sewing Machine Contest.

Only one of the above coupons can be used for the same party and is non-transferable.

## SECOND PRIZE



**\$100**  
Diamond Ring  
FOR LADY

## THIRD PRIZE



\$50 Standard Sewing Machine

# Jas. S. Shivers & Company

### DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS.

#### Grand Jury Makes Report—Over a Hundred Cases Disposed of by the Court.

The fall term of the district court for 1913 closed with the end of last week during the thirty-eight days of its session more than a hundred cases were disposed of. Of this number thirteen were criminal cases and out of the thirteen cases seven convictions were secured. Six cases were dismissed by the district attorney for lack of evidence to convict. Forty or more civil cases were disposed of and forty-eight divorces granted. Both criminal and civil dockets were almost cleared. However, there will be plenty of work for the coming spring term, as the grand jury turned in a number of bills that cannot be tried until then.

The grand jury session lasted twelve days and made report as follows:

"We, the grand jury duly organized as such at the October term, A. D. 1913, of said court, beg to report as follows:

"We have been in session twelve days and have examined about 450 witnesses.

"We have examined about twenty-six complaints of the grade of felony and about ninety-five of the grade of misdemeanors. Of the above complaints we have returned sixteen indictments for felonies and about sixty-eight misdemeanors.

"We have examined the jail building and find same in very good sanitary condition.

"We have been diligent in our investigations, and we desire to thank the honorable district judge, the district and county attorneys for

their assistance in performing our duties. We also desire to thank other county officials for such favors as they have shown us while in session.

"We now feel that our labors are finished and we beg to be discharged. (Signed), George E. Darsey, foreman; T. S. Kent, J. O. Monday, D. E. Holcomb, J. H. Breazeale, W. P. Connor, W. A. Norris, W. D. James, S. A. Cook and J. J. Kennedy."

#### A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

**WE ARE NOW** prepared to give you the best work obtainable anywhere. Telephone us your business and our wagon will be glad to call.

**Crockett Steam Laundry**

H. R. Mills, Mgr. Phone 314

### 10,000 PEOPLE WATCHED RACES AT NACOGDOCHES.

#### Five Heats Required to Settle 2:17 Trotting Record—Loomup Won the Race.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Nov. 21.—Ten thousand people witnessed the third day of the East Texas Fair. The first race this afternoon was a trotting race for horses in the 2:17 record. It took the whole five heats to decide the race with five entries. Eva Moore won the first heat in 1:07 1/2, Loomup second, Patsy W. third. Second and third won by Loomup in 1:07 1/2, Eva Moore second, Patsy W. third. Fourth won by Eva Moore in 1:06, Loomup second, Patsy W. third. Fifth heat won by Loomup in 1:06.

#### A Maker of Health.

A good honest medicine like Foley Kidney Pills gives health to many families. Mrs. O. Palmer, 635 Willow St., Green Bay, Wis., was seriously ill with kidney and bladder trouble. Mr. Palmer writes: "My wife is rapidly recovering her health and strength due solely to the use of Foley Kidney Pills."—I. W. Sweet. Adv.

#### Would Make Them Better if They Could.

The makers of Foley Kidney Pills know that they have absolutely the best combination of curative and healing medicines for kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities that it is possible to produce. That is why Foley Kidney Pills are the best medicine for the purpose you can buy.—I. W. Sweet. Adv.

#### Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

## Profitable Bearing Orchards

Are the greatest asset and the most important agricultural crop of every section which possesses them. Every property owner in the South may have a profitable commercial orchard if he will plant

### Griffings' Guaranteed Trees

Griffings' new 1914 TREE BOOK contains 85 pages of valuable information. They tell you how to prepare your soil, what varieties of trees to plant, how to plant the trees, how to cultivate them, how to prune them. Griffings tell you everything you need to know about fruit growing to have all the fruit you need for home use, for the local market, or to ship in carload quantities.

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We Want a Live, Energetic Representative in Your Locality.

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To the first 100 subscribers paying their subscriptions for one year or more at the regular rate of \$1.00 per year, the Crockett Courier will give ABSOLUTELY FREE one set of these Post Cards. They are assorted comic, scenic, sentimental, anniversary and motto cards, such as retail from one cent to five cents each. Come early with your subscription and get a set.

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## Store News

By HOLLAND.

THE successful advertiser makes his advertisements newsworthy. He tells people something they want to know. Some years ago, through a political disagreement between a publisher in Philadelphia and a big advertiser, the big advertiser's page advertisement was withdrawn from one daily paper. That paper's circulation dropped off tremendously within a week. The women wanted a paper that would give them the news of bargains, the news that would save money.

The methods that are successful in a big way will be successful when modified to suit the conditions in a small way. Has your store made a price reduction to get rid of odds and ends? It would interest possible customers.

Tell the news of your store to your public. If you have some particularly choice apples or potatoes, a new pattern in gingham, calico or silk, a kind of candy that is especially toothsome, a style of shoe that will suit the college boy or the elderly man who cares for comfort rather than style, tell the public. Be specific and give as many details as your space will permit. You can soon make your advertisements sought out and read as closely as anything in the paper.

## ELECTRIC CURRENTS.

Why Birds Are Not Killed When They Hop Upon the Third Rail.

While waiting at a railroad crossing you may have been horrified to see a robin or a starling calmly step upon the third rail. Of course you expected to witness a fluttering of the wings and then—death. Instead, the bird hopped along the rail, meandered to earth and hopped back again, while you wondered what magic saved the bird from electrocution.

The problem is very simple. It is not due to any biological difference between birds and other animals or human beings, but to the nature of electricity.

At every power house 12,000 to 30,000 volts are generated, the number varying according to the distance to be traversed. In short services, such as the ordinary suburban service, about 12,000 volts are generated, which are reduced to 675 volts before being sent through the third rail to the substation, from whence the electric current is returned to the power house, so that a continuous circuit is insured. The brush of the motorcar picks up the current and in passing through the motor the electric current drives it, then returns to the third rail.

Now, the tendency of all electric currents is to return to the earth, and when any conductor—that is, any body through which electricity will pass, is placed on the third rail at one end and allowed to rest on the earth with the other, the entire electric current contained in the third rail will rush through this body into the earth. This is what electricians term a short circuit. Now, when a human being or a dog places one foot on the third rail, remaining in contact with earth at the same time, as anything on legs is bound to do, a short circuit is formed, the 675 volts of electricity rush through the animal's or through the human body, and in the case of a small animal, such as a rabbit or a dog, it is bound to be fatal.

It is necessary to clearly understand the foregoing before we can understand why a bird is not killed by the third rail. A robin or a starling, to return to our example, will not reach down to the earth with one foot and upward to the third rail with the other. He solidly plants both his little feet on the dangerous third rail, which immediately is rendered nondangerous, because the bird rests entirely upon it and in no way has established a connection with the earth. The dangerous 675 volts pursue the dangerous tenor of their way, leaving the fat robin unmolested.

But were a waddling goose to come along and to lift one foot to the rail while the other remained on the earth, its fate would be the same as the rabbit's or the dog's.—New York American.

## DIAMOND MINING.

How They Treat the Blue Dirt in the Kimberly Region.

Writing to his monthly from Johannesburg, E. W. Howe tells how the diamonds are taken from the mines in South Africa. Briefly, the process of finding the diamonds is as follows:

The blue dirt in which the diamonds are found is brought to the surface precisely as coal is hoisted and mined in about the same way. It is then placed in little iron cars and hauled to a level field, where it is spread over the surface to a depth of two feet. This is done to permit the weather to disintegrate the dirt and render its washing easier. Today I saw a field of 4,000 acres covered with this blue dirt. It will remain out in the weather a year before it is treated in the washing mills.

You might pause a moment and think of that 4,000 acre field, covered to a depth of two feet with the blue dirt in which diamonds are found. The 4,000 acre field I saw represented the output of only one mine; there are eight in the Kimberly district, only two of which are known to be dufters, as they say here—that is, of little value.

And you may rest assured that this 4,000 acre field is carefully guarded. It is surrounded with a barbed wire fence fourteen feet high, and on the top of the fence are four wires spread out in such a way that no one could possibly climb over. At night the fence is illuminated with electric lights, and there is a patrol of armed guards day and night. But you might be turned loose in the 4,000 acre field and not find a diamond in a year. The process of finding them is very intricate, expensive and difficult. Many of the natives who work in the diamond mines have never seen a diamond; they see only the blue dirt.

After the blue dirt has lain out in the weather a year and been plowed up at intervals with steam plows that all portions of it may have a chance at the top, it is washed in enormous mills and reduced in the proportion of 1 to 4,000,000—that is, for every pound of diamonds found 4,000,000 pounds of blue dirt are mined, hoisted, exposed in the field a year and then run through the washing mills.

In these washing mills the blue dirt is first crushed between rollers and then run through shaking washing pans three different times. What is left is then taken in cars to another mill called the pulsator, and here the precious dirt is again washed three times. Finally the diamonds and the heavier pebbles remaining after six washings go in a stream of water over a shaking pan, the bottom of which is covered with vaseline. The diamonds stick to the vaseline for some reason yet unexplained, while the pebbles roll away with the water. The diamonds on the screen are then easily collected and sorted.

## Suicide as a Luxury.

Suicide has often been regarded as a luxury, and Marseilles, France, colonized from Miletus in ancient days, preserved a custom and a prison for many years under Roman rule. A dose of hemlock and acornite was allowed to any one who could show sufficient reason why he should deserve death. "This custom," says Valerius Maximus, "comes from Greece, particularly from the island of Ceos, where I saw an example. It was a woman of great quality, who having lived very happily ninety years, obtained leave to die this way, lest by living longer she should happen to see a change of her good fortune."

## Queer Way to Read.

Two Irishmen were discussing the various books they had read. "Have you read 'The Eternal City'?" "I have." "Have you read Marie Corelli's works?" "I have that." "Have you read 'Looking Backward'?" "How on airth could I do that?"

## Now She Hates Him.

"Then you won't marry me?" "No; but I'll be a sister to you." "I can suggest a better scheme than that. Let me call you mother." Then he made a quick getaway.—Pittsburgh Post.

## One Swallow Does Not Make a Summer

By HOLLAND.

AND one advertisement does not make a business success. But the man who sees one swallow in the early spring knows that the bird is the forerunner of the coming summer. The swallow may disappear for a time, and chill winds may blow, but the swallow will return with other swallows, and the summer will surely come.

One advertisement will not make your business all that you would like to have it, but it will have its influence, and it brings the promise of a future that will be all you expect or desire. Follow it with other advertisements, and soon the sun of prosperity will bring the summer of business growth.

You do not expect to do all the business of the week in one day. You do not expect to do a month's business in a week or a year's business in a month. Then do not expect to do a week's advertising in a day or to advertise so much in a week that your business will be kept booming for a month.

CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING BRINGS RESULTS.

## RAPID EATING IS WRONG.

Reasons Why Even Soft Foods Should Be Well Masticated.

When we do not chew our food properly the evil consequences are many and often serious in their effect upon health and even life. In the first place, a person who does not chew his food sufficiently is sure to eat too much. That is especially true in the case of soft foods, which are sometimes literally shoveled into the stomach. Food that needs mastication will generally get a little, even from the worst sinner, although sometimes it gets only enough to make the act of swallowing possible.

Thorough mastication acts in two ways to diminish the amount of food you take. If a proper proportion of the time spent at the table is occupied by the work of mastication, the amount of food taken is naturally less. Furthermore, those who chew properly do not crave food as others do, for they digest what they swallow, and are free from the unnatural hunger that torments the rapid eater. Mr. Fletcher, the dietician, has proved that he can maintain a high degree of health and vigor on a much smaller amount of food than most people think they need.

Another real danger to the health of the rapid eater arises from the unbroken lumps of food that pass into the stomach. In some cases the digestive juice struggles with them in vain, and they cause much discomfort, and often serious disorders—perhaps even appendicitis.

Children should be taught to chew their food well, for the healthy condition of the mouth and teeth in after life depends upon their doing so. If the jaw does not grow properly there is not enough room for the teeth. Now, the growth of the jaw depends in large measure on the mastication it is called upon to do. The teeth themselves suffer also. They miss the active circulation of the blood, the stimulation of the gums, and the cleansing of the mouth by the salivary glands that follow upon the act of chewing.—Youth's Companion.

## The Crab as a Fisherman.

The crab sometimes catches a fish, and it catches it without hook and line. It lies in wait, perhaps in some creek, with its claws extended in front and open. Perhaps a school of killies comes along, and it may be that a killie on the outskirts of the school may swim unsuspectingly along through the clear water between the upper and lower parts of one of the motionless open claws of the crab. When it is well within them the claw suddenly snaps together, and that particular little killie goes no farther.

## GARGOYLES OF NOTRE DAME.

These Grotesque Forms Were Cut by Frampton, an Englishman.

Perhaps few cathedrals at home or abroad possess on their exterior so many curious grotesques as does Notre Dame, and scarcely any visitor to Paris leaves that fair city without being more or less impressed by them.

Probably the majority, if they have a thought at all upon the subject, put these down as part and parcel of the original fabric, which dates from 1163. But such is not really the case. The majority are comparatively modern and, curiously enough, were not carved by French craftsmen at all, but by an Englishman named Frampton, a clever artificer who has long since gone to his rest.

About the middle of the last century a then well known London contractor named George Myers obtained the commission to build a large mansion near Paris for a member of the Rothschild family. In its erection he employed on the spot a large number of English workers, whom he sent from London for that purpose. Frampton was one of them.

About the same time that prince of continental architects, the late Viollet le Duc, was engaged on the renovation of the exterior of Notre Dame. When the Rothschild work was completed the architect in question, whose attention had already been attracted by Frampton's skill, offered the latter a position among the cathedral staff then at work there.

This perhaps was the more readily accepted, for during his sojourn in that country Frampton had taken to himself a French wife. Almost the first thing he did in the employ was to produce a new grotesque in place of a mutilated old gargoyle, and Viollet le Duc was so pleased with the spirit thrown into it that he kept Frampton upon that particular kind of work.—Harry Sterns in the Guardian.

## Changed His Taste.

The Empress Eugenie, whom Napoleon III. chose to share his throne, had a ready wit. A distinguished senator on being asked what he thought of the speech in which Napoleon had declared his marriage intention to the deputies, replied:

"A fine speech—excellent! But I prefer the sauce to the fish," meaning that Napoleon's words were better than his choosing of a bride.

Some weeks later, at a dinner given at the Tuileries, this senator was seated next to the empress, who, observing that after having been helped to the turbot he declined the sauce, said to him, smiling roughly:

"Monsieur, I thought it was the sauce you liked and not the fish."

With rare presence of mind the senator, hesitated but a moment.

"A mistake, madame," he said, "for which I am now trying to make amends."

## The Microscope.

There is good reason to believe that the magnifying power of transparent media with convex surfaces was very early known. A convex lens of rock crystal was found by Layard among the ruins of the palace of Nimrud. And it is pretty certain that after the invention of glass hollow spheres blown of that material were commonly used as magnifiers. The perfection of gem cutting shown in ancient gems, especially in those of very minute size, could not have been attained without the use of such aids to the eye, and there can be little doubt that the artificers who could execute those wonderful works could also shape and polish the magnifiers best suited for their own or others' use.

## Unappetizing.

A war veteran went back to the small town home of his boyhood to attend a banquet given by the old boys. The diners were all men he had known as youngsters. He expected them to talk over old times. Instead, one talked incessantly about his bad liver, another discoursed on his weak heart, a third had a lot to say about his kidney trouble, and so it went. When the veteran returned to his home he was asked how he enjoyed the banquet. "Banquet!" he replied, showing vexation. "It wasn't a banquet; it was an organ recital."—Buffalo Commercial.

## The Personal Element in Advertising

By HOLLAND.

ADVERTISERS make a mistake in treating their advertising as something extraneous to themselves and to the people they want to reach. They omit the personal element, which is the essence of successful advertising.

Be personal in your advertising as you would be in conversation. Try to impress the individual buyer by direct and personal appeal. Write your advertisement with the knowledge that it is to be read by individuals each of whom thinks and acts individually. Put into your advertisement something of yourself, something of your sincerity and enthusiasm.

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## Resourceful Livingstone.

David Livingstone, explorer and missionary, was a man of varied accomplishments. Besides getting himself taught on board ship, and later by Sir Thomas Maclear, to take with great accuracy astronomical observations for fixing latitude and longitude, besides acquainting himself with botany and geology, with patristic literature and Egyptology, Livingstone was an excellent mechanic, a steersman and a mariner. His resourcefulness was at all times remarkable. When he was hard up for fuel on his first steamer journey up the river Shire, he landed in the elephant marsh. Here no trees existed and no fuel was obtainable, but his men found many bones of slaughtered elephants. Livingstone at once took the bones on board, burned them in the furnaces of the Ma-robot and so continued his journey.

## A Standing Invitation.

A Chicago stenographer is so perfect in her own opinion that the boss could never tell her anything that did not bring forth an answer in her own defense. One day the president of the concern came into the office and as the boss was away down at the other end he did not see him for several minutes. The president stood at the gateway looking around silently until the boss came up and greeted him, taking him into the private office to sit down. When the president had gone the boss said:

"Miss Steno, why didn't you ask the president to sit down?"

"Why," retorted the stenographer, "he has a standing invitation, hasn't he?"—Chicago Tribune.

## Two Kinds of Truth.

The custom of resorting to an oath in extreme cases, sanctified as it is by all religious antiquity, is apt to introduce into the laxer sort of minds the notion of two kinds of truth; the one applicable to the solemn affairs of justice and the other to the common proceedings of daily intercourse. As truth bound upon the conscience by an oath can be but truth, so in the common affirmations of the shop and the market place a latitude is expected and conceded upon questions wanting this solemn covenant. Something less than truth satisfies.—Charles Lamb.

## A Possibility.

Old Nancy Doane was noted for the striking originality of some of her expressions. One day she was talking about the utter inanity of another old woman in the neighborhood, and she said:

"I never see her beat! She'll lop down in a cheer, an' there she'll set an' set an' set, doin' absolutely nothin' fer hours an' hours, day after day. 'Pon my soul, I sh'd think she'd mildew!"

## The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building.  
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.

### HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

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confound all reason. Within the past twenty months over forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) have been expended on bridges alone. Think of these figures! And nearly every citizen whom we have talked with about the bridges, criticizes them as hardly worthy of the name. There are a few, very few exceptions where bids were called for and bonds given. But think of over \$40,000 for bridges alone and still the bills for them roll in. If this county was under the Auditor Law more than enough could be saved from this one item alone to pay the salary of such official. The law requires that bridge supplies shall be advertised for and the contract let to the lowest bidder. Bridges, too, should be built by contract with bond for efficient work, etc. We have seen but two contracts and from witnesses before us, we learn that the material for some of these bridges and the work on them is a public scandal. In one instance the builder peeled off the bark from small trees and used them as stringers, hewed a little on one side. The same witness testified that it was positively unsafe to cross such a bridge. And yet we learn there are scores of such structures in the county. The people ought to have a "peep" at some of the sums which have been paid on these bridges. Then go and look at the structures they are paying for. Judging by the past, all these bridges will have to be rebuilt and next year or the year after, bills will be coming in for building bridges over the same creeks. We heard of a bridge two or three miles out from Dalys. The witness told the committee it was about 300 feet long and that there was nothing there to bridge but a sand bed. This is but one instance. There are scores of others. And it will always be thus until another system is introduced. In this connection we will state that over four thousand dollars were paid to one concern in Houston for iron culverts for Road District No. 3.

#### Stationery.

We find more extravagance in the matter of stationery—over two thousand dollars being expended within a period of twenty months. As an instance of extortion, it would seem, we call attention to a bill by a Ft. Worth concern for \$460 for two roller shelf cases and attached to the same bill is the offer of a house in Dallas to supply one of these roller shelf cases, delivered, for the sum of \$117. Two could not have exceeded \$234, probably less, and yet we see the court paying \$400 for them. Just here we wish to say that much of if not most of this stationery could have been had from job offices in this county from men who live in the county and pay taxes here. We believe that all this work that can be done in this county should be bought here.

#### Exofficio.

This is another item of expense which has grown. Previous to beginning of the present official term, the sums allowed county officials were as follows:

County Judge, per annum,	\$800
County Clerk, per annum,	275
District Clerk, per annum,	250
Sheriff, per annum	250

In addition to the increase of county clerk's exofficio to \$400, he is paid also \$100 to keep finance ledger and \$100 for indexing records. At the February term of court 1913 there was an increase in the allowance of three of these officials as follows: County Judge from \$800 to \$1200; County Clerk from \$275 to \$400; and Sheriff from \$250 to \$300. From all we can gather it seems that at the first session of the commissioners' court after the present administration was installed in office, a motion was made by Commissioner Lively to increase the exofficio and in support of his motion he quoted one of the officials who were asking for the increase, as saying: "We have more money in the treasury than we have ever had." Here is a concrete instance of an overflowing chest leading to extravagance. In this connection we want to observe that candidates who seek an office, commit themselves to accepting the office at the salary which it paid at the time they offered and they have no right after being elected to ask or expect any increase in emoluments of same, a fact which should bar any official from claiming any increase in ex-officio. It is pertinent to remark here that at the October 1913 term of court, Judge C. M. Ellis's ex-officio was reduced from \$1200 to \$1000 per annum on his own motion.

Another reason which should have some weight in persuading certain officials from asking for any increase in ex-officio is, that according to the opinion of the Att'y General, their offices should for three years past have made reports of fees collected, and should have turned into the county fund, all in excess of a certain amount specified by law. This they have not done, and this excess which they have retained should have been ample to cover any increase in their duties, for which they have asked and received additional ex-officio.

#### The New Jail.

The contract for a new jail has been let and work begun. We find in this very enterprise one of the reasons explaining the anomalous fact that notwithstanding the more than trebling of the tax basis within a short period the rate of taxation has remained practically the same. We searched the minutes of the commissioners' court diligently for some expression of the popular will for a new jail, but found none. We examined the same for the record of somebody or person clothed with authority to condemn the old jail as unsafe, unsanitary or inadequate, but found none. No grand jury or board of health has declared that it should be dismantled and a new one erected. We found petitions signed by several hundred citizens, asking that the matter of being taxed for a new jail be submitted to a referendum, but these were ignored and turned down. If there was any urgent or imperative public necessity demanding that this building should be erected, we fail to find any evidence of it. The building is to cost \$16,000, and a levy of a tax made to pay the warrants with interest for each year up to and including the year 1928. Another feature of this transaction is the absence of any invitations for bids to contract such a building. The contract has been made with the Southern Structural Steel & Iron Co. of San Antonio.

The lot for the jail was purchased from W. A. Norris and is located several hundred feet in the rear of present jail lot. The sum paid Mr. Norris for this lot is \$1580.00, ac-

ording to deed record in county clerk's office, page 513 Book 67. We find that on the 3rd day of October 1913 Mr. W. A. Norris bought of Frank Harris two lots, one 60 x 110, and the other 24 x 110 feet, paying Harris for same \$1,000.00 in full for both lots. On the next day, Oct. 4th, 1913, we find that Mr. Norris sold one of these lots, 60 x 110 feet, to the county for a new jail for \$1580.00, still holding the other lot, 24 x 110 feet. One other consideration in the deed from Mr. Norris to the county is the agreement on his part to put in a sewer from the new jail to connect with the sewer from the old jail.

#### Stamps.

Claiming that stamps should be furnished county officials and paid for by the county is very much of an innovation and without authority. It is an apt illustration of how an occasional act of the court may become a fixed custom. There is positively no law for allowing any sum to officials for stamps and reference to the opinions of Attorney General Davidson will convince any court that they have no power to grant such, and any official that he has no right to ask it. Back some ten years or more ago the court allowed the county judge postage for some special service. Taking that as a precedent it has by degrees grown into a regular and fixed habit for several officials to present bills for stamps and the minutes show where the commissioners even voted themselves a liberal allowance for stamps. One county official has drawn over \$100 for stamps within a short period of time and we have no doubt that if he had been asked when a candidate, if he could take the office and pay for his own stamps as the law contemplates, he would very

promptly have said that he would buy the stamps for his office.

There are scores of competent young men in this county who would be glad to take any of these offices and pay for all stamps needed for the offices out of their own pockets. We are glad to be able to state that we see no record of where County Attorney Dent has been allowed any sum for stamps, or asked for any, and we feel sure that he knew there was no law for any such claim and observed it. The same is true of Tax Assessor Ellis. But the record shows that all other county officials have been using postage paid for by the county.

In the next campaign, if challenged to say whether or not they can pay the postage needed in their official correspondence the response would probably be in the affirmative. County officials under the law have no right to ask the county to furnish them stamps for their offices. With just as much propriety and right they could put in a claim for the county to pay the rent of their post office boxes. The law makes one exception in the office of county superintendent of education. It allows him \$25.00 a quarter for stamps and other supplies.

We notice that the court has been exceeding the limit in his case and there is no law for it. The books will show probably over a \$1000 appropriated for stamps, telephone and telegraph messages, etc., which partly explains the failure to reduce the tax rate.

#### Reports of Officers.

We examined the reports of all officials who handle any of the public funds and found them correct, every cent being accounted for. This applies especially to justices of the peace and constables who seem to be diligent in collect-

ing fines and prompt in passing same to the treasurer. In this connection we beg to say that the dockets of Justices Callier, Payne, Davis, Webb, Vaught, Green, Roberts and Story were kept in excellent shape. The law requires these officials to report monthly and with few exceptions they are doing so.

We went through the convict bond book and find that the county judge has been diligent in pressing the payment of same. We are glad to say there are only a few unpaid which County Attorney Dent has in hand for suit. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our pleasure in finding the books and records of county clerk's office in most excellent condition and well kept. We found few delinquencies in the conduct of this office, and must commend the manner in which it has been kept, especially the finance ledger. As we found it, it comes nearer fulfilling the purposes for which such book is kept than it has before. There are a few items of information which it failed to show and the reason therefor is found in the fact that a few reports failed to come in. This book fails to show an estray account as the law directs. We are pleased to state that what we have said of the clerk's office applies with equal force and pertinency to the others. The records in all of them are neatly and systematically kept, showing that the incumbents are guided by an intelligent grasp of their duties.

We feel that the county superintendent of education calls for notice. Before going through this office we didn't realize the great work which the occupant of this office was doing in the county. We must confess that it was all a

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# \$400.00 PIANO



## And Diamond Ring Contest

In order to assist the contestants in our Piano Voting Contest and to give them a chance to earn a large number of extra ballots, we are going to offer the above prize in this way: We have in stock

## 288 Fountain Pens

which we will place on sale Monday morning. These pens sell for \$1.50 each. Contestants may buy these articles or sell them among their friends, and the person that sells the greater number will receive the Soitaire Diamond Ring. This prize will be awarded as soon as the Pens are all sold.

## 10,000 Extra Ballots FREE

For every Five Pens you sell we will give you credit for 10,000 votes on the Piano. Get busy. Start now and sell your share, as this not only gives you a chance to earn the Beautiful Piano, but a chance to get this Diamond Ring.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

# Crisp November Weather Suggests Winter Dry Goods, Better Shoes and Warmer Clothing for All the Family

With crisp weather for November, and the approaching chill of December, you are reminded of warmer clothing for your family, and it's about time, too, you are thinking of bringing them to town to make that bill. Put this store on your list, as the one store in Crockett that can fill your bill in the most satisfactory way, and at the greatest saving to your pocket book. You can get every wanted article here, thereby avoiding the worry of chasing all over town to find what you want.

Our big store is overflowing with dependable merchandise, and remarkably low prices prevail in every department. We have the largest stock of shoes ever shown in Crockett, including the "Florsheim" shoe for the man who cares, "Star Brand" work shoes for men, "R. J. & R." for the ladies and "Tess and Ted" for the children—all sold on their merits at the lowest possible prices.

We extend you a cordial invitation to visit our store as often as you can, believing that we can satisfactorily supply your every want at a money-saving to you.

## Daniel & Burton

We Buy What You Have to Sell and Sell What You Have to Buy

### The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of Charles Miller, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight 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 your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February A. D. 1914, the same being the ninth day of March, A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1913, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5489, wherein W. D. Ellis is plaintiff and the Unknown Heirs of Charles Miller, deceased, are defendants, said petition alleging that on or about the 1st day of November, 1913, the plaintiff was the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the hereinafter described tract or survey of land, lying and being situated in Houston county, Texas, about 16½ miles North 45 degrees West from the town of Crockett, being the Charles Miller Survey of 320 acres of land and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the Wm. Smith 320 acre survey a stake from

which a Pin Oak 12 in. brs S 12 W 12 2-5 vrs. and P. O. bears S. 79 E. ¼vr.

Thence S 75 W with said Smith's S Bdy 1544 vrs corner from which a B. J. 12 in. brs S 70 W 10 vrs. and P. O. brs N 86 E 14 vrs.

Thence S 15 E 1170½ vrs corner from which P. O. 24 in brs N 30 E. 9 2-10 vrs. N. 34 W 5 vrs.

Thence N 75 E 1544 vrs corner from which P. O. 28 in. brs N 8 W 11 8-10 vrs. Do N 87 W 57 vrs.

Thence N 15 W passing R Whitley corner 1170 vrs. to the beginning by and through the following instruments and muniments of title:

(a) Patent from the State of Texas to Charles Miller, of date January 8, 1872, granting, by field notes, said survey of 320 acres of land. Patent No. 399, Vol. 39, recorded January 4, 1878, Book Z, page 329, Houston County Deed Records. This land located by virtue of unconditional Certificate No. 570, Third Class, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners, Bexar county, Texas, August 22, 1855.

(b) Transfer or conveyance of Charles Miller to Davis A. Calhoun, of said unconditional Headright Land Certificate No. 570, upon which said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres was afterwards located, the exact date of same not now known but it was some time prior to February 25, 1857, and such instrument has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of the contents thereof will be offered upon the trial of this case.

(c) Deed or transfer of Davis A. Calhoun to Zack Horn, of date February 25,

1857, reciting a consideration of One Hundred and Forty (\$140.00) Dollars and conveying said unconditional Headright Certificate of Charles Miller 320 acre survey of land, No. 570, Third Class, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Bexar county, on the 22nd day of August, 1855, recorded January 4, 1878, Book Z, page 327, Houston County Deed Records.

(d) Deed of W. L. Horn to Burke, Stewart & Company, of date December 11, 1889, reciting a consideration of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars, and conveying an undivided 1-3 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 2, 1890, Book 12, page 77, Houston County Deed Records.

(e) Deed of J. D. Dupuy to Burke, Stewart & Company, of date January 31, 1890, reciting consideration of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars paid, and conveying an undivided 1-3 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land. Recorded October 24, 1890, Book 13, page 77, Houston County Deed Records.

(f) Deed of R. E. Matthews and wife, M. E. Matthews, to Burke, Dupuy & Watkins, of date November 2, 1891, reciting consideration of One Hundred and Fifty One (\$151.00) Dollars, and conveying an undivided 1-6 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 27, 1893, Book 14, page 28, Houston County Deed Records.

(g) Deed of P. H. Horn to R. E. Matthews, of date May 29, 1891, reciting consideration of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars paid and conveying an undivided 1-6 interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded January 27, 1893, Book 14, page 430, Houston County Deed Records.

(h) Deed of Burke, Dupuy & Watkins to Goss, Shelton Hat Company, of date January 3, 1897, and conveying an undivided ¼ interest in said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land.

(i) Certified Copy of Judgment of the Court in case Carrie Horn, by next friend, vs. W. L. Horn et al, No. 6426 on the docket of the District Court of Anderson county, Texas, rendered at the July Term 1901, and awarding to the Goss-Shelton Hat Company the said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land.

(j) Proof that Goss-Langenberg Hat Company is successor to Goss-Shelton Hat Company.

(k) Deed of Goss-Langenberg Hat Company to C. W. Kennedy, of date the 9th day October, A. D. 1913, conveying

said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded Book 70, page 289, Houston County Deed Records.

(l) Deed of C. W. Kennedy to W. D. Ellis, of date October 20, 1913, conveying said Charles Miller survey of 320 acres of land, recorded Book 69 page 235 Houston County Deed Records.

And plaintiff further alleging in his petition that on or about said date, viz: November 1st, 1913, the defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises, ejected plaintiff therefrom and now unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return endorsed thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 13th day of November A. D. 1913.

John D. Morgan,  
Clerk, District Court, Houston County  
Texas. Adv. 8t.

### Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

"Don't sit in a draughty car."  
"Don't sleep in hot rooms."  
"Don't avoid the fresh air."  
"Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Overeating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers. Adv.

### Cause of Insomnia.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach and constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

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### BLUNDERS OF SPEECH.

Look Out For These Very Common Errors and Avoid Them.

Every intelligent person is always progressing and is ever indifferent in matters of culture. If careless habits of speech have been formed a determined effort to correct them will lead to good results.

Many persons who consider themselves well educated make the mistake of using the participle "got" in connection with the verb "to have." They say, "Have you got the key?" "Who has got my book?" instead of "Have you the key?" "Who has my book?"

Mistakes of everyday occurrence are "Who did you give it to?" "Who is this for?" instead of the correct expressions "To whom did you give it?" "For whom is this?"

Frequently one hears these errors in grammar: "I intended to have bought a pair of gloves," instead of "I intended to buy a pair of gloves." "It was no use asking him," instead of "It was no use to ask him." "Try and persuade her to go," instead of "Try to persuade her to go."

It would seem unnecessary to tell any one not to use the present tense instead of the past tense when mentioning what another has said, yet a careless person may be heard saying, "He says" instead of "He said."

Other faults are to say "A great ways," "Somewheres," "There's plenty of places."

The contraction "don't" for "do not" should never be used with a singular noun or pronoun. It is correct to say "He does not," and not "He don't." It is important to remember the objective form of the first person singular when a noun and pronoun or two pronouns follow a verb, and not to say, "Ethel asked Mary and I to go," but "Ethel asked Mary and me to go." If one is confused about the use of pronouns in a sentence of this sort, an easy rule is to separate them and use each one with the verb thus: "Ethel asked Mary" and "Ethel asked me." In this way the grammatical form is seen.

It is correct to say "A summer day," not "A summer's day." "Cut the apple in two" or "in halves," not "Cut the apple in half." "I cut the ribbon off this piece," not "off of this piece." "The child threw it on the floor," not "on to the floor." "Whether" is a word that indicates a choice of things and should not be placed at the head of each part of a sentence. For instance, it is incorrect to repeat it, thus: "I have not decided whether I shall go to Boston or whether I shall stay at home."—Mrs. Frank Learned in New York American.

#### More Important.

Mr. Dustin did not approve of his son's choice of a wife and was trying to persuade him to see things as he did.

"Yes, you are quite right, father," said the son. "Mabel has her defects, she is vain, full of pretensions and grand ideas, with a very difficult character. But, father, in spite of all, I simply adore her. I can't live without her."

"But that is not the question, my boy," said the father. "Can you live with her?"—Lippincott's.

### OLD ROMAN HOTELS.

Where One Could Get Tiger or Lion Stew, but No Credit.

The traveler who is prone to complain of sleepless nights spent in uncomfortable hotels in this country may find some solace in this account of the Roman hotels in the days of the late republic and the empire:

Most of the hosteries and taverns of Rome, says Humbert de Gallier in "Usages et Moeurs d'Aufretrefois," were situated along the Appian way. Some of them were passable. It was at one of the better ones that Cicero used frequently to stop and write his letters.

The most interesting hosteries, however, were near the circuses and amphitheatres. The shrewd and generally dishonest owners had a double purpose in selecting that situation. It was well chosen for the patronage of the huge crowds that went to the circuses on holidays to see the fights between wild animals and the gladiatorial combats, and the landlords could buy conveniently and reasonably those animals that had been slaughtered during the day, to be served on their tables.

Thus a merry-maker might witness a battle between a lion and a tiger in the amphitheater in the afternoon, and if he went to a nearby hotel might find parts of the same lion or tiger in his stew for dinner. A bear's steak was considered a great delicacy in Rome.

The furnishings of the common room, which in these hotels served as dining room, parlor and taproom were severely simple. A few wooden tables, a few wooden benches and a sort of elevated throne were the only pieces of furniture. On the raised chair or throne sat the owner of the inn and watched over his guests and probably his belongings.

A large number of the hosteries displayed upon the ceilings of their common rooms a painting representing a rooster. The painting bore an inscription, the spirit of which will never grow old: "When this cock crows, then we will give credit."

That is the one link that binds the crude, uncomfortable tavern of ancient Rome to the elaborate hotel of the present day.

#### Names of Dances.

The position taken by the dancers gives the name to the "quadrille"—literal English for "a little square" in the French tongue. From the French we get also "country dance," which, as a matter of fact, has no reference to rural frolics. "Contredanse," which has reference to the position of the couples, opposite each other, is readily corrupted into "country dance." The "polka" is a Polish dance, the name being derived from the Bohemian word "půlka," meaning half, and refers to the half step which occurs in this measure. The "waltz" is German—waltzen, meaning to revolve—the circular motion of the couples easily explaining the connection. The "reel" is suggestively obvious. "Jig" is of course from the French gigue.

#### Glaciers of the Alaskan Coast.

It is very probable that more American travelers are familiar with the picturesque fiords and glaciers of Scandinavia than have viewed the incomparable scenery afforded by the coast of their own Alaska, where the somber inlets are bounded by sheer and towering cliffs and where the great fields of slow moving snow ice lose themselves in some bay or inlet or thrust off suddenly into the ocean itself. The stream of visitors to this splendid American scenery is annually increasing in numbers, and to those who indorse the "See America First" program Alaska offers a magnificent field.

#### A Perilous Pet.

An English major with a penchant for entomology asserts that the hornet is "a gentle, inoffensive creature, very suitable for a pet." This reminds one of an incident in the life of the late Lord Avebury. Traveling one day on a railway train with a pet wasp in his pocket, he hurriedly thrust his hand into his pocket to get his ticket, and the wasp stung him. He did not blame the wasp, however, as his hurried action had frightened the creature. Wasps have frequently become pets, but the major is said to be the first to turn the hornet into one.

### CAN YOU DOUBT IT?

When the Proof Can Be So Easily Investigated.

When so many grateful citizens of Crockett testify to benefit from Doan's Kidney Pills, can you doubt the evidence? The proof is not far away—it is almost at your door. Read what a resident of Crockett says about Doan's Kidney Pills. Can you demand more convincing testimony?

Mrs. N. S. Box, Bruner's Addition, Crockett, Texas, says: "I had been greatly annoyed by attacks of kidney complaint. When I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, I used them as directed and they benefited me in every way. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills from King's Drug Store."

The above statement must carry conviction to the mind of every reader. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Box had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."

#### Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of the Houston County, on the 5th day of November, 1913, by John D. Morgan, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of five hundred twenty-one and 50-100 dollars and costs of suit under a judgment in favor of J. W. Richardson in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5473, and styled J. W. Richardson vs. J. D. Sallas, et al., placed in my hands for service, I, as sheriff of Houston county, Texas, did, on the 5th day of November, 1913, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston county, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit: About 1 mile S. W. from Crockett, and out of the Frank Johnson League, same being 20 acres of land, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to J. D. Sallas by R. H. Lacy and J. C. Lacy and wife on the 27th day of February, 1911, by deed of that date, which deed is of record in the deed records of Houston county, Texas, in Book No. 60, on page 98, to which deed and record reference is here made for a more complete description, and levied upon as the property of J. D. Sallas, and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1913, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston county, in the city of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution and order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. D. Sallas.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston county. Witness my hand, this 5th day of November, 1913. A. W. Phillips, Adv. St. Sheriff, Houston county, Texas.

### Buy and Use Red Cross Christmas Seals

ONE CENT EACH and thus aid in the movement to secure a County Hospital and Dispensaries in this county for the care of the sick and afflicted. Every seal you buy helps to provide hospitals, dispensaries and visiting nurses for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease.

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SPACE  
NEXT  
WEEK

### Local News.

Stove and house wood for sale, quick delivery.—R. E. Morris. 4t.

The Courier has old newspapers for sale at 25 cents a hundred.

Try J. B. Byrd with your next cleaning and pressing job.—Adv.

Stove and house wood for sale, quick delivery.—R. E. Morris. 4t.

The Courier has old newspapers for sale at 25 cents a hundred.

We note with pride a revival of interest in sidewalk construction.

Stove and house wood for sale, quick delivery.—R. E. Morris. 4t.

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

Old newspapers for sale at the Courier office at 25 cents a hundred.

Morris Worthington of New Orleans is visiting his parents in this city.

Phone 315 for anything in the building line; prompt delivery.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Mayor Young returned last week from a business trip to Bastrop and Houston.

Miss Maude McConnell returned last week from a visit with friends in Houston.

Mrs. Henry Carswell and son of Palestine visited relatives in this city last week.

Miss Quinnie Henslee of Wolfe City will be the guest of Miss Brownie Collins next week.

Little Miss Florence Arledge was a visitor, with Benton Roberts, to Marlin Sunday and Monday.

The Methodist ladies have set the date of their bazaar for Wednesday, December 10.—Adv. tf.

Let J. B. Byrd order your fall and winter suit. A complete line of samples to select from.—Adv.

Mrs. Bricker wants to sell every hat at some price before she moves her stock. See her for prices. Adv.

Mrs. N. E. Albright and son, Ellwood, are again at home after visiting in Mineral Wells and Houston.

The Pickwick Barber Shop for first-class work. Cleanliness our hobby. Hot and cold baths.—Adv.

#### Less Than Half Price.

Gin, grist mill and shingle mill. In good condition. Easy terms. Hail and Wilson, Crockett State Bank. tf.

J. C. McDearman, representing the Magnolia Park Land Company of Houston, was in the city Tuesday.

C. P. Corder of Route 2 and D. G. Gossett of Route 6 are among our friends remembering us since last issue.

Ladies, the big piano, diamond ring and sewing machine contest is now on, get in it at the Big Store.—Adv.

Charles W. Miller of Route 5 and E. L. Jordan of Cut were among those remembering the Courier Saturday.

School books and school supplies at Chamberlain & Woodall's. Big stock and prices right. Come here first.—Adv.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters and Delha Mildred returned Sunday night from visiting in Houston and Huntsville.

FOR SALE—1 yoke of oxen, 2 horses, 1 wagon and 1 cultivator. T. J. Alexander, Route 3, Crockett, Texas.—Adv. 3t\*

Let us figure on your lumber bill. Orders filled promptly and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 315.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Alec Davis and Lewis Davis, two of the Courier's long-time colored subscribers, have renewed their subscriptions.

#### Rooms to Let.

Two rooms in private home to let, furnished or unfurnished. Apply at Courier office. tf.

King's Fru-Nut candies—always on ice—a fresh shipment just received at Chamberlain & Woodall's, the Val-Dona store.—Adv.

Ladies, go to the removal sale. Mrs. Bricker will give the best bargains in the millinery line ever offered in Crockett.—Adv.

#### Wagons and Mules for Sale.

I have for sale two wagons and two pairs of mules. Address me at Latexo, Texas. J. R. Brooks. 2t\*

Are you on? If you are, get in the big piano, diamond ring and sewing machine contest at the Big Store.—Jas. S. Shivers & Co. Adv.

Now is the best time of the year to plant fruit trees, flowers and shrubs. Write for the 1914 Tree Book of Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas. tf.

To the lady turning in the largest number of votes for November on Dec. 5th we will give a handsome pair of Queen Quality shoes.—Jas. S. Shivers & Co. Adv.

#### Notice to Cattle Raisers.

I have a fine Jersey bull for the service of the public. Terms, \$2.50 cash, to be paid at time of service. Apply to D. T. Adair. tf.

Don't forget on Dec. 6th we will give a pair of Queen Quality shoes to the lady turning in the largest number of votes for November.—Jas. S. Shivers & Co. Adv.

#### Horses and Mules for Sale.

Daniel & Burton have horses and mules, gentle and well broken, for sale. See them if you want something good at a bargain. tf.

#### Special! Special!!

We offer the Delineator for twelve months for \$1.00. Renewals, same price. Order at once at the pattern counter of Jas. S. Shivers & Co. 2t.

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#### New Lumber Yard.

We handle everything in the building line; rough and dressed lumber, mouldings, shingles, brick, lime, cement, crushed rock, gravel, sewer pipe, etc. tf. Box & Leediker.

Two thousand dollars worth of millinery to sell at some price before I move. Children's hats from 25c to \$1.50, worth three times the price. Mrs. Bricker, up stairs at McLeans.—Adv.

You should write at once for "Griffing's 1914 Tree Book." They will furnish the trees you intend to plant and tell you how to plant them. Address Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas. tf.

Misses Catherine Hipp, Lillian O'Leary, Marian Roberts and Edna Hogan, all of Houston, arrived Wednesday night to be the guests of Mrs. J. R. Foster and Mrs. J. D. Woodson until Sunday.

#### Delineator Special.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. are offering the Delineator twelve months for \$1.00. Renewals at the same price. Place your order at once at the pattern counter.—Adv. 2t.

Let us sell you your horses and mules. We have just what you are looking for—something young, but well broken—gentle and sound. We have a number to select from.—Adv. tf. Daniel & Burton.

#### Special Offer.

One dollar will get the Delineator for twelve months. Renewals may be made at the same price. Leave your order at the pattern counter of Jas. S. Shivers & Co.—Adv. 2t.

Our stock of drugs and sundries is complete in every detail. It will pay you to see us before you buy. Bring us your prescriptions.

Chamberlain & Woodall, Adv. The Val-Dona Store.

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#### Will Lend Money on Real Estate

or take up your note and give you a lower rate of interest. We will buy your land or find a buyer. See or write Hail & Wilson, Crockett State Bank building, Crockett, Texas. Adv.

D. J. Keels of Creek, J. H. Haddox of Route 4, W. P. Balthrope of Reed, Okla., J. B. Cunningham of Grapeland Route 2 and J. B. Womack of Weches are among the number remembering the Courier this week.

#### Big Removal Sale.

Mrs. Bricker will move her place of business by the first of January. Every hat in stock will be greatly reduced, some at cost, others at less. Come quick and get your choice.—Adv.

Brick laying has reached the second story of the new county jail and the work will be rushed to completion. The third story has been reached on the Young building and the Bromberg building is just about finished.

See Daniel & Burton for horses and mules. They have a lot of good, gentle work stock that must go at a bargain to save feed. The quicker they sell the cheaper they sell and the cheaper they sell the quicker they sell.—Adv. tf.

#### Lost Mule.

A mouse colored mare mule, five years old, 14 or 15 hands high, branded T on jaw I think, long mane and tail. Inclined to be skittish. Left Latexo October 15. Will pay liberal reward for this mule. Notify A. W. Phillips, sheriff, Crockett, Texas.—2t. H. T. Rodgers.

#### Pain in Back and Rheumatism

Torment thousands of people daily. Don't be one of these sufferers when for so little cost you can get well rid of the cause. Foley Kidney Pills begin their good work from the very first dose. They exert so direct an action on the kidneys and bladder that the pain and torment of backache, rheumatism and kidney trouble is soon dispelled.—I. W. Sweet.—Adv.

## Money to Loan.

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#### Presbyterian Ladies' Annual Sale.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will hold its annual sale at the church parlors December 3 from 2:30 to 5 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The patronage of the public is invited.—Adv. 3t.

#### Horses and Mules.

Daniel & Burton have them and they bought them to sell. They have no use for them but to sell them. See them for good, gentle work stock, as sound as the few dollars it takes to get them. tf.

#### Change of Location.

I desire to announce change of location from Belott to Porter Springs, change beginning next week. Will be ready for professional engagements by November 15.—G. R. Taylor, M. D. Adv. 4t\*

#### Farm for Sale.

95 acres, 70 in cultivation, plenty of good water from well and spring, 17 miles from Crockett and two miles from Creek and within seven miles of the Trinity river. 1t.\* D. J. Keels, Creek, Texas.

Smith Brothers have sold their livery business to Hail & McLean, who will move to the Smith Brothers building. The Courier's information is also to the effect that Hail & McLean may turn the building which they have been occupying into a wholesale grain house.

#### Notice.

Miss Alline Foster is the candidate of the Methodist ladies for the piano in the Jas. S. Shivers & Co. contest, the piano to go to the Methodist church. Leave your votes across the street at Billy Lewis' store. Committee.

Grapeland is to have two big days this week—Thursday and Friday. Her famous "Possum Parade" is to be pulled off Thursday, and Friday is to be Masonic Day. The cornerstone of the new Masonic building will be laid in the afternoon. The Courier editor acknowledges an invitation to be present on both days and hopes to be able to mingle with the Grapeland people on at least one of those days.

# Royal Theatre

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Friday, matinee and night, a four-reel feature.

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#### Watch the Papers.

For our Christmas announcements, it is only a short time until our store will wear its holiday apparel. Ours will be a larger and better assortment than in previous years. Respectfully, Adv. Decuir-Bishop Drug Co.

#### More Bottles Sold Each Year.

It is easy to understand why an increasing number of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is sold yearly. Thos. Verran, 286 Edward street, Houghton, Mich., gives an excellent reason when he writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has always proven an effective remedy, quickly relieving tickling in the throat, and stopping the cough with no bad after effects."—I. W. Sweet. Adv.

## Drugs, Stationery Toilet Articles

We want you to come in and inspect our line of the latest odors in Perfumes and Toilet Waters, which are sure to please the most exacting.

We have the very latest thing in box stationery—gilt edge, scalloped, lavender, initial, and a large assortment of box paper special for 25 cents.

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# The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

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.

## Christian Church.

The regular services will be held at the Christian church Sunday. Subject for the morning sermon, "Man in the Image of God." At night the pastor will use a chart, illustrating the ways of life by two railways. C. F. Trimble, Pastor.

A marriage that the Courier has just heard of is that of Mr. G. H. Bayne and Mrs. Cinda Windham. Mr. Bayne is a former county treasurer and his wife is a good woman residing a few miles southeast of Crockett. The Courier hastens to extend congratulations and best wishes.

## Still in Jail.

Coll and Sollie Durham, arrested last week for the murder of the Christies, are still in jail. The grand jury adjourned without investigating their case, the fall term of the district court having expired. The Durhams may sue out a writ of habeas corpus.

The Courier is informed that one of the prominent families of our neighboring little city to the south is contemplating a removal of residence to Crockett. The Courier along with the rest of Crockett hopes the report is true and that this family will be followed by others of the same kind.

Christmas goods will be on display before many days. We are busy getting ready to display the largest and most complete line in our city. If we are a little late about opening up it will be worth while to wait for us. Our line has never disappointed you and won't this time.—Decuir-Bishop Drug Co. Adv.

Joe Matlock's barn, located on his farm six miles east of Crockett, together with a large quantity of feed only recently put into the barn, burned Monday afternoon from some unknown cause. The loss is a severe one to Mr. Matlock, who was without insurance on this property. The barn was one of the largest in the county.

## Gin Days Set.

Beginning Monday, December 1, we, the undersigned, will operate our respective gins only on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for two weeks; thereafter, will only gin on Friday and Saturday of each week.

The Crockett Gin.  
Daniel & Lemay.

Cards received in this city from the Marlborough-Blenheim hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., signed by Miss Anna Terbell, tell of a stay in that famous and elegant hostelry of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Terbell and son and daughter. The mother and son have not been well of late, consequently the trip to Atlantic City at this time. The Terbells still have a yearning for Crockett, but their business interests in New York City keep them in the east. Their friends here desire the Courier to give emphasis to the fact that the latch-string is ever on the outside to them.

## Chrysanthemum Show.

The chrysanthemum show at the Methodist parsonage Nov. 18 was truly a beautiful affair. The chrysanthemum is the glory of the fall, and the collections exhibited were, for amateur growers, exceptional. Prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. John LeGory, best collection,

\$1.00. Mrs. Wortham LeGory, largest and most perfect blossom, \$1.00. Mrs. Bishop, best collection of cut flowers, 50c. A cluster of violet pink blossoms, entered by Mrs. Tom Craddock, was generally conceded the most beautiful, though no cluster prizes were offered.

There is something in the beauty of a flower which appeals to the best that is within us, and flowers in the home always bespeak refinement. Let us hope that this first modest effort may grow and bear fruit and that the time be not far distant when the flower shows in Crockett are second to none.

Reporter.

## Some Indictments by the Grand Jury.

The criminal docket of the district court shows the following indictments as a result of the deliberations of the grand jury just adjourned:

Solon Jeffrey, negro, murder; in jail.

Henry Mitchell, negro, murder; in jail.

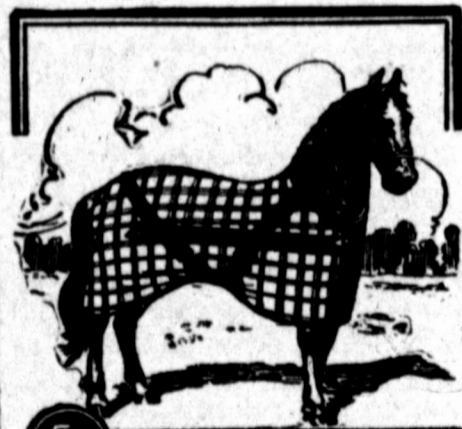
J. S. Kelley, perjury; now serving a term in the penitentiary for bigamy and this indictment is an outcome of that trial. Kelley was a preacher.

Chas. Long, county commissioner, malfeasance in office; under bond. This indictment is the outcome, as revealed by the grand jury indictment, of Mr. Long, while serving as county commissioner, hiring to the commissioners' court a pair of mules to work in the road district. The indictment recites that he thus became interested in and benefitted by the contract made between the commissioners' court and the road teams.

S. H. Lively, malfeasance in office; under bond. This indictment against former Commissioner Lively is the outgrowth, as alleged in the indictment, of a contract made between Lively and H. E. Johnson in which Lively received money considerations and benefits. Johnson had a road contract. Lively was in the employ of Johnson and thus interested in the contract which the commissioners' court made with Johnson, the indictment alleges.

M. B. Matchett, malfeasance in office; under bond. The indictment against Commissioner Matchett is of the same nature as the one against Lively except that the indictment recites a contract between Matchett and Jim Smith. Smith had a road contract and the indictment alleges employment of Matchett by Smith during the term of the contract, making Matchett a beneficiary of such contract, which was made with the commissioners' court.

All of the above cases will be set for trial at the spring term of the district court.



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## HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

(Continued from 2nd page.)

revelation to us. His ambition seems to have been to develop the school system of this county along broad lines, stimulating patron, pupil and teacher to strive for higher standards and loftier ideals. He has inaugurated a campaign for better school buildings, larger schools, better school furniture, and higher grade teachers and persuaded, in numbers of instances, the people to vote a special tax to provide all these accessories of a higher education.

## General Observations.

All reports agree that the traction engine, graders and other road implements costing thousands of dollars are lying out on the roadside exposed to damage by the weather.

The grand jury might look into some of these bills for iron culverts.

The finance committee are of the opinion that inasmuch as the law vests the county clerk with certain discretionary powers in the matter of issuing warrants, he is at the same time clothed with responsibility touching the payment of claims of doubtful legality.

The commissioners' court is overstepping authority in providing the county superintendent of education with an assistant or deputy. That official may possibly need help at times in his office, but the law does not give the commissioners' court power to furnish same in the capacity of clerk or otherwise.

We would recommend to his honor, Judge J. S. Prince, the appointment of a finance committee at every term of court. By doing so it will obviate the necessity in future of such long and tedious sessions as your present committee has been obliged to hold.

When this committee first met only one or two of the ferries had paid the license and filed the bond required by law. Since that date all have paid but two or three.

The commissioners' court was in session 103 days in the past year.

## Tax Rates.

The total rate of taxation paid for state, county and city purposes on the \$100 valuation is as follows:

State	\$.45
County—General Fund	.25
C. H. & J. Current	.05
R. & B. Current	.10
R. & B. Sinking	.05
C. H. & J. Sinking	.05
New Jail	.02½
R. Dist. No. 3	.50
City	1.15

Total \$2.62½

We have already referred to the fact that all the court and jail bonds have been paid. And we cannot understand why the court should be levying a tax of 10 cents on the \$100 for these buildings.

If the papers of the county would publish a full statement of all bills paid by the commissioners' court, every item of the bill paid, for what paid and to whom paid, it would have a most wholesome effect. And the finance committee would request all county papers to publish same as such news would be very interesting to the public.

We favor the enactment of a law or a change of the present one, by which Houston county can be provided with an auditor. We believe such official would save the county his salary several times over in the way of retrenchment, not to mention the incalculable benefits to follow from personal attention to contracts, bids for work and in other ways. We feel confident that in the one matter of bridges alone such an official could save thousands of dollars to the county and the bridges constructed under his supervision could be required to conform to specifications

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## Conclusion.

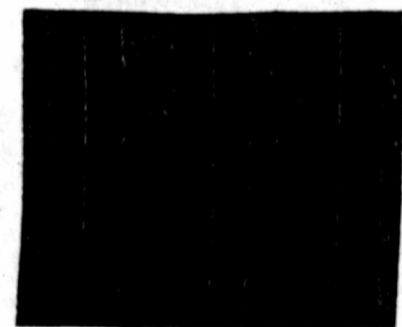
In conclusion we beg to say that we have been in session twenty odd days, beginning early and working late at night. We have endeavored to investigate thoroughly all matters involving the expenditure of public funds, especially when same has been handed out in lavish proportions and without authority. We have in all probability made errors in some of our figures and may be open to criticism in other respects, but through it all we have been governed by the sole motive of assembling facts as we found them and presenting the same to the court. Holding always in mind the purpose to do no man injustice we have gone ahead feeling that our duty to the people was paramount over all other considerations and have hewed to the line of facts as we found them, permitting the chips to fall as they would. Respectfully submitted.

W. B. Page,  
T. R. Deupree,  
G. B. Wilson,  
Finance Committee.

The State of Texas,  
County of Houston,  
On this the 11th day of Novem-

ber, A. D. 1913, before me, O. C. Goodwin, County Clerk, in and for said county and state, personally appeared W. B. Page, T. R. Deupree and G. B. Wilson, each of whom made oath to me that the foregoing report on the financial condition of Houston county is correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. Witness my hand and official seal, this 11th day of Nov., A. D. 1913. O. C. Goodwin, County Clerk, Houston County, Texas.

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