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HOUSTON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT.

Supplementary Report Dealing With City Finances—City Government Congratulated—Water Tolls Looked Into and Recommendations Made—Other City Affairs Reviewed. Conclusions As to Public Service Overcharges.

November 14, 1913.
Hon. J. S. Prince, Judge of 3rd Judicial District.

The Finance Committee begs to hand in the following supplement to the report made the first of the week. The supplementary part of the general report deals with the city government and city finances. Preliminary to the body of the report on city affairs, we wish to say that the investigation we have made is not as thorough and comprehensive as we should have liked to have made, in justice to the people as well as in justice to those who have been giving their time and energies to the affairs of city government, and except in one or two instances, been doing it without compensation in the way of salaries. In view of the fact that this is the first time a finance committee has ever been instructed or requested to canvas and publish the financial doings of the city officials and this being done without formal notice of such purpose, we congratulate both the city government and the tax payers on the showing made—by which we mean that considering the loss or misplacement of some of the records, which would show all sums collected and disbursed previous to March 31, 1912, there is little for criticism or censure, barring a few discrepancies of a clerical nature.

In regard to the finances of the city of Crockett, the committee wish to state that owing to the unfortunate circumstance already mentioned that a part of the records were lost some time since, it has been found impossible to make a complete and comprehensive audit of the books, but as far as we have been able to go, we find every evidence of a careful and painstaking attention to the interests of the city, not only on the part of the city council, but also on the part of the secretary and the superintendent of streets and of the city waterworks. At the request of numbers of citizens, we made a special point to look into the matter of water tolls for the city and the matter of keep-

ing and collecting the water accounts with the individual subscribers. We find that where meters have been installed, the minimum rate has been fixed at \$2 per month, which includes the rent of the meter and an additional 25c per thousand gallons is made for all over the minimum of two thousand. Where meters have not been put in, we find a flat rate which is quite variable, ranging from \$1 to \$2 per month. It has been the intention of the superintendent to fix these flat rates, as far as possible, in accordance with amount of water habitually used by the different subscribers and we have found no evidence of discrimination or favoritism in his efforts to do this, but we do consider the system rather a loose one. It is our opinion that one of two things should be done to equalize the charges for the water service: either a fixed flat rate should be established for those subscribers who have no meters, and corresponding with the minimum meter rate, or else where the meters have not been installed, a fixed flat rate should be established for one spigot, and an additional uniform charge made for each additional spigot on the premises.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in the attempt to check collections from water subscribers, owing to the fact that these accounts do not appear at all on the books of the city secretary, but only on the rather incomplete records kept by the superintendent of the waterworks. This should be changed and the secretary should open an account on his ledger, with every subscriber and the meter readings should be turned in by the superintendent each month to the secretary who should then make out bills or a roll showing the amount due from each subscriber and deliver it to the superintendent for collection and no bills should be collected except when made out in the secretary's office in accordance with the debits shown by his books. Only in this way is it possible to have a permanent and easily accessible record of these charges and collections. In making the above suggestion we wish specifically to disclaim any intention of criticizing the superintendent of the water works or the work he has done. We have found his record to be an admirable one, but we realize that he is not a bookkeeper and that his duties do not allow him time to keep the accounts as they should be kept. In regard to the collection of the per capita tax for street purposes, a roll showing the names of those subject to this tax should be prepared and kept in the secretary's office, and all collections properly credited thereon, pains being taken to see that they correspond with the stubs of receipts issued. Occu-

patation tax receipts should be issued only from the office of the city secretary. In short it is the sense of the committee that, in the absence of an official and bonded collector, the secretary should have, under the council, general supervision of all financial transactions of the city, that all bills for expenses incurred from time to time during each month be furnished him and that he be required to furnish to the council, at each monthly meeting, an itemized statement, accompanied by original bills, showing receipts and disbursements for the past month, to be compared with bills presented to the council by those having accounts against the city. Also that he prepare a balance sheet for each regular meeting of the council, showing the condition of each fund and the amount deposited during the month, to the credit of each, and showing the treasurer's receipt for same. That a recapitulation be made showing total debits and credits and total balance to credit of the city.

We think it just to say that we are moved to these recommendations very largely by the evidence which we have found, of the thorough capacity of the present city secretary to inaugurate and maintain a complete and comprehensive system of accounts, and by the further fact that the present administration has, very wisely as we think, required the secretary to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties and the proper care of and accounting for all records, funds and other property of the city coming into his hands or being entrusted to his care. This was not done prior to this administration, and we find the city without resource, in the face of the loss, previously mentioned, of some of its valuable and important records.

We are sensible that the carrying into effect of the suggestions contained above will entail upon the secretary a very large amount of additional work, and it could not be expected that a competent man could be employed for the small salary paid at present; but we think the city could make no wiser expenditure of funds than to pay such a salary as will justify a competent man to give to its affairs a sufficient amount of his time to keep its records in perfect condition.

Concerning expenditures on streets, waterworks, etc., we wish to say that as far as can be ascertained from the available records, the city has received a just equivalent for every dollar expended and we are glad to say that we find no evidence of extravagance of any kind. The waterworks fund has been subjected to a very heavy strain for the improvements recently installed, and the cost of operating the pumping plant has been very heavy, but we find that arrangements have been made to have the pumping done by electricity in future at a large saving to the city.

That will place this fund in a position which will enable it shortly to pay out its present arrears and a substantial reduction in the water tolls may be fairly anticipated in the not remote future.

The finances of the city schools were taken under consideration, but the books were not found in

such condition as to enable the committee to make a detailed statement of the condition of the funds, but we do wish to call attention to the prevailing custom of borrowing from the banks, at 10 per cent interest, to pay salaries and other expenses. We deplore the necessity for this, if it is a necessity, and think that some method should be devised by the board for meeting expenses as they are incurred without paying out, year after year, the very considerable amounts which now go for interest while awaiting the receipt, each year, of the available funds from the various sources.

And just in this connection it is pertinent to observe that the custom referred to above is an unfortunate one and we fail to see where in any advantage accrues by such system of financing. It occurs to the committee that it would be far preferable to abridge either the length of the session, reduce the number of teachers or cut down the salaries until there could be a concurrence of time between the collection of taxes and the beginning of the school term and thus pay as they go. In this way they would not incur the necessity of borrowing several thousand dollars until the taxes come in. Any one of these methods might be adopted and be within the law. The method in use at present is without warrant of law and is contrary to sound principles of financing.

The committee, in commenting on school matters of the city, recognizes the school board as face to face with a serious problem in the matter of finances. The school population grows faster than the city's resources to accommodate it and the present buildings are totally inadequate for those eligible to attend. The need of another building is present and imperative and must be met in some way in the near future. The bonded indebtedness of the city being already up to the limit, we are confronted with a problem that will perplex and tax the constructive resources of all.

Reference has already been made to the difficulties met in checking out the receipts and disbursements in other departments of the city finances. In school matters, as in other departments, we believe every dollar has been applied for the best interests of the schools and honestly expended.

We have heard and still hear, on the streets, much criticism of the financial management of the city. The committee would remark just here, in rebuttal, that one prominent fact should not be overlooked

by the general public and that is, that nearly all the gentlemen who have in hand the government of the city, are doing this work as a gratuity, receiving nothing, so to speak, for offering themselves as targets for public comment. If these officials were drawing handsome salaries, compensation equal to their earning capacity as business men, there might be some ground for adverse and unkind comment. It is true of the present official roster, as of their predecessors, that the controlling consideration which induces them to accept these positions without pay has been an honorable ambition to see their town grow in population, in educational advantages and in all the accessories of a modern and up-to-date government. And thus actuated, they deserve the co-operation and cordial support of all classes in the attainment of the ends sought.

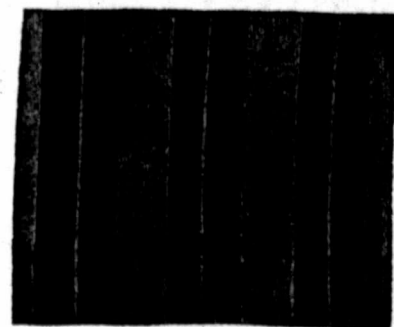
"What has become of all the money, what have they done with it?" These are the questions commonly heard on the streets. And to answer these questions is just what the finance committee has been trying to do. We believe that we have discovered where every dollar that has been collected has been expended. The report of the city treasurer is before us for the year ending March 31, 1913, and shows all collections and disbursements for each fund. As an illustration, we quote from one fund, that of streets, for the year given, as follows:

Balance on hand April 1, 1913	\$ 332.52
Received from tax collector	2865.23
Received from Houston county	300.00
Received from Fair Association	12.55
Two mules sold	262.50
Interest on balances in bank	9.26
Total	\$3803.16
Disbursements.	
Pay rolls, street work	\$1351.45
Feed for teams	421.10
Tools, harness, etc.	258.31
Car of cement	281.20
Concrete crossings to court house	338.72
Iron culverts	280.25
Lumber	24.09
Assessing and collecting taxes	261.48
Miscellaneous items	29.55
Treasurer's commissions	33.95
Balance, April 1, 1913	522.66
Total	\$3803.16

Under the head of disbursements will be noted the item of "pay rolls for work on streets." We exercised special pains to look through these pay rolls in order to see just how the largest items of this fund were paid out. These rolls show how every cent was paid, to whom and for what paid. There have been complaints that all or most of this street fund had

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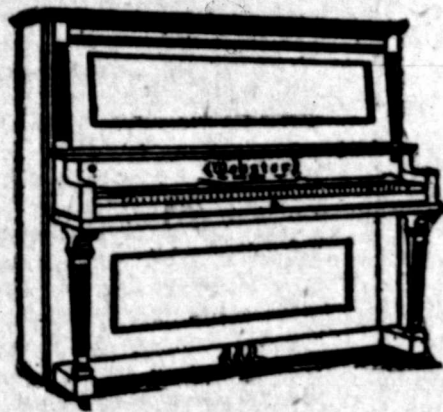
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been expended on one or two streets. We found very little ground for this criticism. Work on streets is under the direct control of the mayor and is devoted to those streets where there appears to be the most urgent need.

For the information of the tax-paying public, we give below the several funds as assessed for the year ending February 1, 1913, as follows:

School fund	\$6951.16
General fund	3159.81
School sinking fund	695.95
Street fund	1892.47
Water works fund	2529.59

Total \$15,228.98
City poll tax \$604.00

City Tax Rate.

The city tax rate on the \$100 valuation is as follows:

School fund	.50
General fund	.24
School sinking fund	.05
Street fund	.15
Water works fund	.12
Bonds	.09

Total tax rate \$1.15

Conclusion.

In conclusion we beg to say that there has been considerable complaint, on the part of quite a number of citizens, over what was considered by them as excessive or extortionate charges by public service corporations in the way of tolls. In this connection we would call attention of the public to the fact that the general statutes furnish a recourse for such overcharges by providing for them the right of an appeal to the district court for a remedy. The law also gives to the city council the power to pass on the reasonableness of such public service charges and

clothes the council with power to fix the maximum rate.

The same general statutes require that such public service corporations shall file once each year, on March 1st, a detailed report showing all assets, resources, income, liabilities, expenses, dividend, etc. etc. Respectfully submitted.

W. B. Page,
G. B. Wilson,

Finance Committee, Fall Term of District Court, 1913.

We should state that one of the committee, Mr. T. R. Deupree, declined to serve in any part of the investigation of the financial affairs of the city—he being a member of the city council.

W. B. Page,
G. B. Wilson,
Finance Committee.

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Galveston, Texas, November 30.—With a cargo valued at \$1,755,895, of which \$1,750,000 was represented in a shipment of 24,000 bales of cotton, the Leyland Line steamship Victorian sailed from Galveston today for Liverpool.

This is the largest cargo of cotton that has been exported from Galveston this season and it is believed to be the largest handled out of an American port since September 1.

The record cargo of cotton from an American port was loaded at Galveston on October 28, 1904, on board the steamship Norseman, consisting of 26,873 square bales.

Accounts Must Be Paid.

The Planters Cotton Chopper Co., a corporation of Dallas, Texas, having perfected the Parsley cotton chopper, and arranged to manufacture same in Dallas, and place it on the market the coming season, have sold their plant in Crockett to S. E. Parsley, and are now desirous of settling up their business in Crockett, at the earliest possible date. Notice is hereby given to all parties knowing themselves indebted to us, or having accounts due them, from us, to please call at our former office at the machine shop and settle same with W. T. Cutler, who is duly authorized to transact such business for us. Respectfully, W. A. Moore, Pres., Planters Cotton Chopper Co.

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BELL CORDS ON TRAINS.

Their Origin, According to an Old Railroad Tradition.

The way the bell cord came into use is about as interesting a railroad tradition as there is. Nearly every one of the older lines in the country claims to have originated it. One of the likeliest claimants is the Baltimore and Ohio. In those early days most of the conductors' takings were cash fares, and tickets were a rarity. Disputes with people who either couldn't or wouldn't pay were therefore of frequent occurrence. To put these off, stopping the train between stations, the conductor had to send a brakeman ahead over the freight cars and make a polite request of the engineer.

A bright young B. and O. conductor one day devised a plan to signal the engineer without sending the brakeman forward. He hung a stick on the engine cab and hitched to one end of it a clothesline which he ran back over the tops of the cars so that the stick would wriggle when the rope was pulled. He carefully explained his scheme to the engineer. The latter looked at it scornfully and made no answer. Three-quarters of a century ago the man in the cab was a high and mighty person to whom no mere conductor could give orders.

This run started, and it was not long before the engineer saw the stick signaling him to stop. Instead of even slowing up, he let out the throttle a few notches and grinned at his fireman. At the next station they had to lie out for another train, and the young conductor came ahead with fire in his eye. The engineer finally climbed down from his cab and showed fight. Fortunately for railroad history the conductor was the stronger man. Stick signals were thereafter obeyed on that train.

Almost immediately the story reached the ears of the superintendent. He at once saw the conductor's idea was a capital one and set about installing the bell cord signal system, practically the same as it exists today.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not a Case of Sympathy.

Teacher—Willie, did your father whip you for what you did in school yesterday?

Willie—No, ma'am; he said the licking would hurt him more than me.

Teacher—What nonsense! Your father is too sympathetic.

Willie—No, ma'am; but he's got rheumatism in both arms.

Accidentally.

"I wonder how so many forest fires catch?" said Mrs. McBride.

"Perhaps they catch accidentally from the mountain ranges," suggested Mr. McBride.—Christian Register.

Safe Ground.

"What a remarkable fund of information Bliggins has!"

"Yes. He can always tell you something you didn't know. But he is always careful to select some subject that you are not sufficiently interested in to bother about verifying his statements."—Washington Star.

THE HYDRAULIC RAM.

Simplest and Best Device For Raising Water by Water Power.

To most people a hydraulic ram is a mystery. As a matter of fact, it is the most simple and efficient mechanical device for raising water by water power. This is probably what makes it seem so mysterious to those who have never seen a ram at work.

Hydraulic rams are not only adaptable for pumping water for household purposes, but they can be used for delivering large quantities of water for irrigation, town water-works, railroad tanks, etc. Where the least possible expense must be incurred for pumping water for any of these purposes, there is naturally a great demand for rams. This applies particularly to irrigation, as it enables the farmer to raise crops at a minimum cost per acre.

Hydraulic rams can derive the power for operating them from a spring, brook, flowing artesian well or river, and if the ram can be located at such a point that a constant stream of water can be supplied to it through a pipe having an incline fall of three or more feet in a given distance, the conditions being such that the power water which escapes at the ram can be drained away, it is possible for the ram to deliver a steady stream of water to a point at an elevation thirty times the difference between the levels of the ram and the water supply. This stream of water, once started flowing, will continue without interruption, day and night, winter and summer, requiring no attention nor expense except for the renewal of rubber valves on the ram once every year or two. This is a trifling expense, as the valves cost but little.

The efficiency of a ram can be very great, reaching under favorable conditions 80 per cent or more. This means that the ram will pump more water to the same height than any other kind of engine which pumps water by means of water power.

The amount of water that may be pumped per day by such a ram is remarkable. It will pump as much as a quarter of a million gallons a day. If a delivery of two million gallons a day is required, a "battery" of rams can be installed—that is, two or more rams are placed side by side.

Where pneumatic pressure tanks are used instead of gravity tanks, rams will not only supply the water, but also maintain the air pressure up to 100 pounds, as may be desired.—Scientific American.

A Drink and a Fight.

The Albanians used to practice a form of dueling well nigh as fatal as that advocated by Sir Charles Napier. Sir Richard Burton, who once commanded a corps of bashibazouks, writes that "the Albanian contingent, who generally fight when they are drunk, had a peculiar style of monomachy. The principals, attended by their seconds and by all their friends, stood close opposite, each holding a cocked pistol in his right hand and a glass of raki or spirits of wine in his left. The first to drain his draught had the right to fire, and generally blazed away with fatal effect. It would have been useless to discourage this practice, but I insisted on fair play."—London Chronicle.

Placing the House.

Don't put the house too close to the main road. Have it at least 100 feet away. When you get it too close dust comes into the house, and you sacrifice the privacy of the home to a certain extent. Houses too close to the road do not look well and are not as valuable. Notice this next time you drive to town. Provide a windbreak and trees for shade. Have the main highway in view from certain windows in the house.—Progressive Farmer.

An Exception.

"It is rather strange about Miss Maddox."

"What has happened to her?"

"She sings beautifully—remarkably, in fact."

"Yes, I know, but that is not strange. There are plenty of young women who sing well."

"Still, hers is a remarkable case. She has never, so far as I am aware, been called the Patti of this town."

—Chicago Record-Herald.

HARD TEST FOR SINGERS.

Making Talking Machine Records is a Difficult Task.

It is well known that the grand opera stars make a great deal of money singing into the talking machines of various concerns, in order that these companies may manufacture the records for sale, but the fact that almost without exception a grand opera star would much rather sing before the most critical audience than before a talking machine is by no means generally known.

In the first place it is rather uncanny standing in a big empty room before a mammoth horn protruding from between curtains, with the conductor away up high where he will not interrupt the sound waves, and the "orchestra" composed of weird looking instruments made especially for this work.

The singer stands on a little wooden platform at the mouth of the receiving trumpet.

A red light is flashed, and the queer little orchestra gets to work. Then at the crucial moment the artist has to sing to this strange little assembly with the same zest he would under the inspiration of brilliant lights, beautiful clothes, splendid settings and an applauding audience. It is an ordeal, because he has to sing with far greater care in front of the talking machine than is required when an audience is pleased. The slightest variation means a start over, a slight clearing of the throat, a deep breath or slight shuffle of the feet—and the revolving disks record every one of those faults—and the record is spoiled. But these faults are all criticized by an experienced record director, and it is his business to see that nothing short of the perfect records are produced—because from these first molds are made all of the thousands of records that go into so many homes.

When the artist has finished the record is played over and the imperfections criticized. The weak spots are rehearsed and the whole trying business commenced over again.

And so it is acknowledged by many of the theatrical and musical hall stars that to produce a record of pure and distinct tone is far harder than to make their way successfully through a whole operatic score. It is a tremendous task to get a set of the perfect records from the opera favorites. It has been said that Caruso has been forced to spend more than four hours of untiring work before he was able to perfect his "Ridi Pagliacci" in the opera "I Pagliacci," and in that time was forced to make more than thirty fresh starts before a disk of pure and distinct tone was obtained.—Washington Post.

Newspapers Are Essential Part of Modern Life

By HOLLAND.

EVERYBODY reads papers these days. Most persons read two or three and sometimes more. They are as essential as breakfast, as regular as supper. Whether you are interested in politics, baseball, the Chinese question, the tariff, fashions or cookery, you look to the papers for information.

And you get the information you seek along with much other news, gossip, fact, fancy and entertainment. The day is not complete without the paper. You start the day with a glance at it, and you are likely to lay it down to prepare for slumber.

The paper that is so essential to you is equally essential to your neighbor. He, too, reads it and finds therein the things he wants to know. Its appeal is universal, its circulation coextensive with mankind.

That is what makes the newspaper the best advertising medium that civilization has devised. It reaches everybody, or at least the fraction that it does not reach is so small as to be negligible. And even the few who may not read the newspaper will be guided by those who do, so that an advertisement will bring business from those who never see it.

RULING A WARD IN CHINA.

It's a Perilous Job the Head of the Community Holds.

After you have lived in China for some time and studied its institutions, the one thought that strikes you is the feeling of responsibility that pervades every phase of Chinese life. Mr. John Macgowan, a missionary in China for fifty years, tells in "Men and Manners in Modern China" how this sense of personal responsibility makes useless the ordinary excuses that weigh with European or American.

Two men were gambling in an obscure part of the town, in a room hidden away from observation. A dispute arose over the game. It ended in a fight, and one of them got a fatal stab. It was 2 o'clock in the morning when the incident took place. The whole city was asleep, and the tipao, the head man of the ward, and his family were in bed, so that he was entirely unaware of what was going on. His protestations that he knew nothing of the matter were received with a sneer and with the remark, "Well, then, you ought to have known."

"But how could I?" he modestly replied.

"Never mind how," was the official answer; "that is your business. The ward is in your charge, and you are the responsible person to look after it."

With that he was thrown upon his face, and a couple of sturdy licitors who had been looking at him with hungry and expectant eyes proceeded to administer with their bamboos a lesson in the art of ruling a ward that would keep him in a recumbent posture for at least a week to come.

This doctrine of responsibility is a very comfortable one to a foreigner when he is traveling through the country. The innkeepers where he lodges take the greatest care of him while he is under their roof lest they be called to account for any injury done to him or his property. On one occasion a certain Boniface pursued a guest, who left early in the morning, for miles along the road, with some article that he had left behind him. The innkeeper was panting and perspiring when he got up with the traveler, and the latter was greatly amused when the innkeeper, with a pleased and virtuous look, handed him an empty matchbox.

Plane Sailing.

All plain sailing. This term is so spelled even in nautical works of some age, but plane sailing is the correct form. Before Mercator invented the sea chart which goes by his name all charts were on a plane projection. In using these the ship's course was treated as an angle and the distance, difference of latitude and departure as the sides of a right angled triangle. There were very large errors in plane charts, yet all the world was charted on them and all the great voyages of discovery made before Mercator's projection came into use. Plane sailing was the simplest of all sailings, and thus came the present meaning of the term.

Interested.

"I had a narrow escape from being run over this morning," remarked Johnson. "Hughes, who was with me, only saved me by showering blows on the horse's head with an umbrella. Just as the umbrella broke the animal stopped, and I was pulled out from beneath the wheels of the wagon."

"Had the umbrella a silver handle shaped like a shepherd's crook?" asked his friend Blinks anxiously.

"I didn't notice particularly, and besides, he broke it to pieces stopping the horse. Why?"

"Nothing; only he borrowed mine yesterday."—Pearson's.

Our Spirits Make Prisons.

There are prisons with iron bars behind which men are thrust, but they are not farther from real life than is the man who has put up the bars over his own mind and heart and soul by his own selfishness and indolence and sin. Many a man who is complaining at the outlook life has to him has but to release himself from the self made prison in which he has incarcerated himself, to step forth into the free sunlight to know life as it is, for he is his own cruel jailor.—Universalist Leader.

Rome Was Not Built In a Day

By HOLLAND.

THIS old saying is used to suggest to the man who expects immediate results that great achievements are not matters of a few moments or a few days. Rome was the greatest city of ancient times, the city so magnificent that all other cities were compared with imperial Rome.

And Rome was not built in a day. She was not built in a year nor in a decade. Centuries were required to make the city what she was, to give her the deserved reputation for wealth and beauty.

So reputations and business institutions are not built in a day. One advertisement, no matter how well written or how well circulated, will not build a business success. It will merely help along the good work. That it will bring immediate results is certain, and it is also certain that it will start in motion forces that will be felt long afterward. To make advertising effective these forces must be re-enforced and given impetus again and again. Keep everlastingly at it if you would derive the greatest benefits from advertising.

The Joy of Discovery.

What is it that confers the noblest delight? What is that which swells a man's breast with pride above that which any other experience can bring to him? Discovery! To know that you are walking where none others have walked; that you are beholding what human eye has not seen before; that you are breathing a virgin atmosphere. To give birth to an idea—to discover a great thought—an intellectual nugget, right under the dust of a field that many a brain plow has gone over before. To find a new planet, to invent a new hinge, to find the way to make the lightnings carry your messages. To be the first—that is the idea.—Mark Twain.

Hard Luck.

Two negroes, after having disputed over a certain lady whom they both admired, decided to settle the matter by a watermelon duel, the winner to have the lady. Each prepared himself and appeared at the appointed hour. When the melons were consumed it was found that the larger negro had devoured the greater number. The future bride, having witnessed the duel, wrote the following note to the winner:

"Dear Mr. Washington—I admire your courage, but have decided to marry your opponent, realizing my inability to support any one with such an appetite as yours."—National Monthly.

The Poetry Business.

Soon after the death of the poet Wordsworth, a gentleman met a farmer of the neighborhood and said to him:

"You have had a great loss."

"What loss?"

"Why, you have lost the great poet."

"Oh, ay," said the farmer, "he is dead, but ah hev me doubt t' wife'll carry on t' business and mak it as profitable as iver it was."

Earned It.

"You say you are worth a million?"

"Yes, sir. And I earned every penny of it too."

"I'd like to know how one man could earn a million."

"I married for it."—Houston Post.

A Welsh Verdict.

Welsh juries were formerly accused of giving their verdict in accordance with their liking for the rival counsel rather than on the merits of the case. Sir Francis Palgrave tells of a Merioneth jury whose foreman, when asked for a verdict, replied: "My lord, we do not know who is plaintiff or defendant, but we find for whoever is Mr. Jones' man."

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.

Local Teachers' Institutes.

The first of the series of local teachers' institutes for this season was held at Augusta Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night, Nov. 14 and 15, Mr. J. H. Rosser and Miss Beatrice Bayne acting as chairman and secretary. Each session was attended by a large crowd, consisting of teachers, patrons and other persons interested in school affairs, from various schools of the county. An interesting program was carried out and proved to be helpful to all who heard and took part in its discussions.

The regular program for Friday night was partially omitted, on account of Mr. J. R. Dominy not being present to discuss "The Functions of a Rural High School." Instead, the Junto Literary Society of the Augusta High School held open session for the entertainment of patrons and visitors. Each number of the program received the applause of all and gave outsiders some idea of what could be done in a well organized society of this kind.

Saturday a. m. Mr. Mangum addressed the institute on the subject of education. Next, in the absence of Mr. J. R. Beason, who was assigned the "Relation of County School Board to Rural Schools," the chairman requested each person to submit a question pertaining to school affairs for discussion. Many questions applicable to school affairs in general were given and all could not be discussed during this period, but were taken up again and again at odd periods. These being questions of common interest, they proved to be the means of bringing forth a discussion from all the patrons as well as teachers. Saturday p. m., in the absence of Mr. B. F. Freeman, Mr. A. S. Moore told what the schools of Texas would be if all the teachers were just like he. Next, Miss Puntch's paper on number work in primary grades. Following that, Miss Mansfield on language lessons in primary grades; Miss Andrews in higher grades. To the disappointment of many, Miss Bromberg was absent, and the study of Shakespeare's Macbeth was omitted. The two remaining assignments for the afternoon were, School Discipline, Mr. Brent Driskell, and Value of School Libraries, Mr. J. W. Clanton. Before adjourning for the night session, the chairman appointed as a committee to draw up resolutions, Mr. F. M. Patton, A. S. Moore, Miss Esther Mansfield and A. E. Bradley. Saturday night, What the People Think of Us and What we Think of the People was ably discussed by Mr. J. W. Clanton. There being no criticisms by Mr. A. S. Moore, the report of committee on resolutions was heard and the following resolutions submitted and adopted.

Be it resolved: 1st. That the local institute held at Augusta, Nov. 14 and 15, was a perfect success, in that it brought the teachers and patrons of the schools in this vicinity closer in touch with each other.

2nd. That the address by Supt. J. F. Mangum was well delivered and appreciated by all who heard it.

3rd. That the subject "Which is of the Most Importance, the Interest

of the Teacher, Pupils or Patrons," was well discussed and some good points were brought out by patrons of schools.

4th. That all teachers present enjoyed to the fullest extent the hospitality and courtesy of the good people of Augusta, and that those teachers who failed to come have missed the "treat of their lives." And be it further resolved that the people of Augusta are cordially invited to attend the next local institute.

5th. That the teachers of Houston county are not showing the interest they should show in our local institutes by absenting themselves. And be it further resolved that when a teacher is put on the program and fails to attend, without a lawful excuse, he be assessed a fine of not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars.

Thus ending the program, and no further business, institute adjourned to meet again in Latexo, Dec. 12 and 13.

Accounts Must Be Paid.

The Planters Cotton Chopper Co., a corporation of Dallas, Texas, having perfected the Parsley cotton chopper, and arranged to manufacture same in Dallas, and place it on the market the coming season, have sold their plant in Crockett to S. E. Parsley, and are now desirous of settling up their business in Crockett, at the earliest possible date. Notice is hereby given to all parties knowing themselves indebted to us, or having accounts due them, from us, to please call at our former office at the machine shop and settle same with W. T. Cutler, who is duly authorized to transact such business for us. Respectfully, W. A. Moore, Pres., Planters Cotton Chopper Co.

How About Santa Clause This Year?

Christmas comes but once a year, but by handing only \$2 to the publisher of The Courier you will get 156 papers a year, or three a week. That's some reading, ain't it? Good, instructive, wholesome reading, too. Try the combination. You'll like it. It is this:

The Crockett Courier \$1.00 a year.

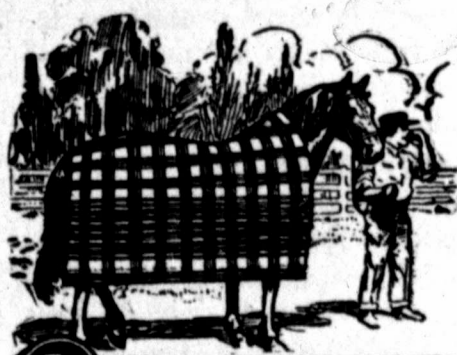
The Semi-Weekly Galveston News \$1 a year.

The two for \$2.00 a year and well worth it.

Do it now.—Adv. tf.

Not Beyond Help at 87.

Sleep-disturbing bladder weakness, stiffness in joints, weak, inactive kidney action and rheumatic pains, are all evidence of kidney trouble. Mrs. Mary A. Dean, 47 E. Walnut St., Taunton, Mass., writes: "I have passed my 87th birthday, and thought I was beyond the reach of medicine, but Foley Kidney Pills have proved most beneficial in my case."—W. A. King.—Adv.



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Blanket your horse with a 5A Horse Blanket. It will lengthen his life, reduce your feed bill and keep his coat smooth and sleek. 5A Horse Blankets wear the longest. Ask for them.

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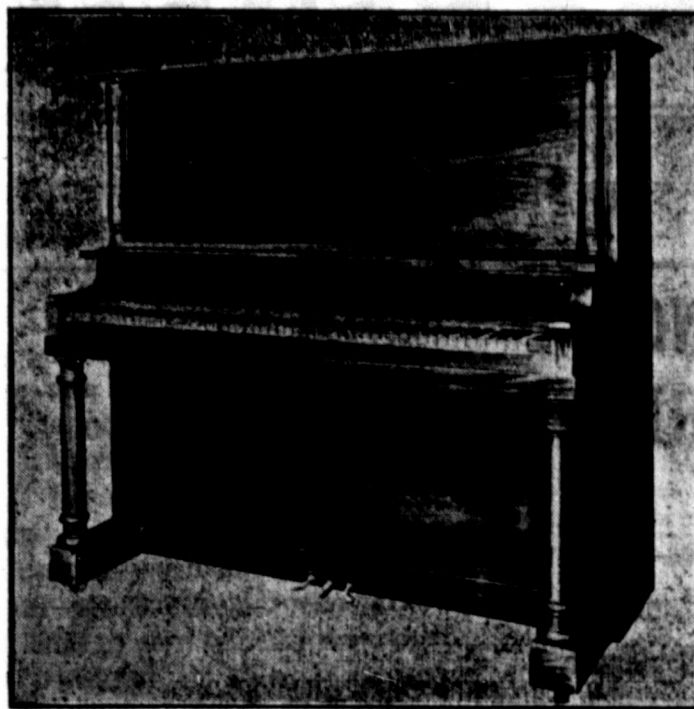
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Mrs. Lillie Baxla	2500
Miss Helen Sinnigson	7500
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Miss Ruth Green	2500

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 a beautiful diamond ring 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 Solitaire 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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NATURE'S WARNING.

Crockett People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature generally warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time to fear serious kidney trouble. It's time to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Doan's have done great work in Crockett. James DeDaines, Crockett, Texas, says: "Disordered kidneys bothered me and I had a lame and weak back, together with pains across my loins. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage and unnatural. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from King's Drug Store and they relieved the pains and aches, in fact, did me more good than any other medicine I had used in years."

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. Adv.

Fits His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Young Women: Number Surprising.

The number of young women who suffer with weak back, dizzy and nervous spells, dull headache and weakness is surprising. Kidney and bladder ills cause these troubles, but if Foley Kidney Pills are taken as directed relief follows promptly, and the ills disappear. Contain no habit forming drugs.—W. A. King. Adv.

THE RELATION OF THE BISCUIT TO SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

The biscuit is an institution of the South. In no other section of the country do biscuits have the same taste. And O how good are Auntie's biscuits to those who stray back to the old home. Just as Southern "Eating" is allied to Southern Hospitality—so is the hot biscuit a distinguishing feature of every Southern meal.

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A flour that makes the old fashioned sort of biscuit. The kind that melt in your mouth. Ready mixed. No baking powder needed. Ask your grocer.

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Clearance Sale

We must reduce our stock before January 1, and in order to do this we are making clearance sale prices on every article in our store. Our stock is complete and comprises everything in the general merchandise line, and every article is of the most dependable quality. Wonderful price reductions will prevail in every department during the month of December, affording many money-saving opportunities. Below we quote a few prices on Shoes and Clothing which should convince you that this is really and truly a "clearance sale."

Shoes		Clothing	
Webster School Shoes for boys and girls, were \$2.50, now	\$1.25	Men's \$22.50 suits now	\$15.00
Shoes for girls that were \$2.50 now	\$1.50	Men's \$18.50 suits now	\$11.50
Children's shoes that were 50c, 75c and \$1.00, now	25c, 50c and 75c	Men's \$15.00 suits now	\$10.00
Men's good, serviceable work shoes, were \$2.00, now	\$1.25	Boys' \$3.50 suits now	\$2.50
Men's \$5.00 shoes now	\$4.00	Boys' \$5.00 suits now	\$3.85
Men's \$4.00 shoes now	\$3.00	Boys' \$8.50 suits now	\$6.65
Men's \$3.50 shoes now	\$2.95	Boys' \$10.00 suits now	\$7.50
Complete line of ladies' house slippers. See them.		Men's \$15.00 overcoats now	\$8.50

And Everything Else at Proportionate Reductions. Come and See.

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 holden 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 16 1/2 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. 1/4 v.

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 1170 1/4 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 1/2 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.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Guarding Against Croup.

The best safeguard against croup is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. P. H. Ginn, Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup."—W. A. King.—Adv.

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We will have free auto service both ways to all parts of the city for the ladies. Call us and we will come for you—phone 91—(if the weather permits). Refreshments will be served from 4 p. m. to 9 p. m. with Christmas compliments.

Come, everybody, and see what we have and make your selections early. Feel free and make this store just like home. Yours to command,

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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.

**Buy and Use
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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.

Christmas Seal Campaign

Headquarters, State Capitol, Austin
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Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

**TO DANCE AT CHURCH
IN WAR ON "TANGO."**

Young Folks May Two-Step and Waltz in Social Room of Chapel of Central Congregational Church.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

In attempt to circumvent dance halls and the extremes, such as the tango, to which dancing has been carried in the last year or two, an experiment in placing dancing under church auspices will be made in the social room of the chapel of the Central Congregational Church, of which the Rev. Dr. S. Parks Cadman is pastor, tomorrow evening. The Young People's Association of the church will hold a social and entertainment, and dancing will be permitted.

The young folks of the church have been urging such an innovation for some time, and it was only recently that objection on the part of the older members of the church was overcome. The announcement of the dance tomorrow evening was made and discussed in the course of a conference last night, at the Bedford Branch Y. M. C. A., on "Practical Methods of Work for Boys," the specific subject being "Social and Educational Activities."

E. A. Baily, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Central Congregational Church, discussing the dancing experiment, said:

"Our young people do dance, and as long as this is so, there is no better place for them to dance than right in one of the church rooms. Better there than at some of the places along 'the avenue.'"

Mr. Baily amplified his remarks today as follows:

"Our young people are going to have a social and entertainment tomorrow night. The young peo-

ple will dance, and our experiment—and it simply is an experiment—is to give it to them under proper supervision and to keep them from going elsewhere. There will be only the two-step and waltz, not any of the modern ones. One of the two assistant pastors will be present at each entertainment. It is felt that, as I have said, young people will dance, and must have their entertainment. The churches must provide for this form of diversion or the young folks will go where they can dance."

Dr. Cadman, when asked for his views, had only this to say:

"There will be nothing done in Central Church on Saturday night or any other time, that is not in perfect keeping with what should be done in a Christian church."

The leader at the Bedford Y. M. C. A. conference last night was the Rev. Don Clyde Kite, junior pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church. Most of the Sunday school workers present were in sympathy with the movement to bring dancing under church auspices, although several held that their own churches were not yet ready for it.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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A Beautiful French Bride Doll

Every 25-cent purchase entitles the purchaser to one vote. Ask for your tickets and help some little girl win this beautiful doll. The contest will close promptly at 10 o'clock Christmas Eve.

SEE OUR WINDOW.

Local News.

Every day is trades day at Wm. M. Patton's.—Adv.

J. G. Arledge was a recent visitor to Corsicana and Houston.

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

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

Miss Norma Frels returned Sunday night from visiting in Dallas.

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

Miss Leita Lawrence visited in Jacksonville the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Barbee left Sunday morning for their home in Dallas.

The \$150,000 road bond election in Walker county carried by a large majority.

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

J. R. Howard will pay highest market price for cotton seed. See him.—Adv. tf.

Billie Barbee of San Antonio has been visiting his father and family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welch announce the arrival on Thanksgiving day of a baby girl.

Miss Lena Bromberg returned Sunday night from a visit of several days to relatives in Galveston.

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

Mrs. T. B. Collins entertained on Thanksgiving with a six-course luncheon. Covers were laid for ten.

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

G. H. Parker of Route 1 and J. E. Dominy of Holly are some of those remembering the Courier last week.

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

Continued rains have fallen over Houston county this week, damaging cotton in the river and creek bottoms.

The great \$500 prize contest at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. is creating widespread enthusiasm. Contestants are entering every day.—Adv.

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.

Karl Goolsby has returned from Houston to this city and accepted a position with the Decuir-Bishop Drug company.

Ladies, do you want a piano, diamond ring or sewing machine free? If so, enter the great contest at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's.—Adv.

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

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The Crockett football team lost the Thanksgiving game to Huntsville. The game, played at Huntsville, resulted in a score of 26 to 0.

Mrs. S. E. Marshall and Miss Mary Lee Benedict left Monday morning for their home in Whitewright, after an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Self.

Mrs. H. F. Craddock and Miss Emma Craddock returned Saturday night from Hot Springs, where they had been for the benefit of Mrs. Craddock's health.

Mr. Wolff, a merchant from Conroe, has opened a stock of dry goods in the building vacated by the Houston County Times, which has moved to Main street.

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.

Misses Marian Roberts, Lillian O'Leary and Katharine Hipp, recipients of many social favors in this city last week, returned Sunday to their homes in Houston.

Tom Bayne of Trinity, J. R. Monk of Kennard, Hyman Harrison of Palestine and S. W. Johnson of Volga are among the number remembering the Courier this week.

Dupuy Sheridan is building a new home in west Crockett. Mrs. S. T. Beasley a residence on Tchopitoulas street and Mrs. C. M. Newton three cottages in Bruner addition.

The automobile register shows another car for Crockett. W. A. King has registered a 6-cylinder, 60-horse power, 7-passenger Oakland of the latest model. His number is 53.

A \$350 piano, a \$100 diamond ring and a \$50 sewing machine absolutely free to the three ladies receiving the highest number of votes in the big contest at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's.—Adv.

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.

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.

Wm. M. Patton wants to rent his fifth and sixth brick stores on January 1st and exchange his stock of goods, about \$1000, for city property or vendor's lien or good personal notes, payable Oct. 1, 1914.—Adv.

Four and a half inches of rain have fallen at Crockett since Tuesday. Added to this should be about an inch that fell Monday night and the two or three inches of last week, all within a week. Who said anything about a drouth?

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.

The Man Who Neglects Himself.

When his condition points to kidney trouble takes an unwise risk. Backache, pain and soreness over the kidneys, nervous or dizzy spells, poor sleep, are all symptoms that will disappear with the regular use of Foley Kidney Pills. They put the kidneys and bladder in a clean, strong and healthy condition.—W. A. King. Adv.

Wm. M. Patton sells 100 lbs sack best pure cane granulated sugar, \$5.00. Seed oats, \$5.50. Bashell roof paint, 35c gallon in barrels. 25lb bucket axle grease, \$1.00. Fresh soda crackers in boxes, 7c per pound.—Adv.

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. Box & Leediker. tf.

Notice, City Taxpayers.

J. Valentine is the duly authorized collector of city taxes for the city of Crockett. His office is with Smith Bros. This is to give notice to all city taxpayers. Adv.4t. J. W. Young, Mayor.

A modern front will be put in the building adjoining the Bromberg new building and occupied by M. Bromberg with a stock of goods. This, with the other improvements now under way, will add much to the appearance of Court House square.

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.

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's store. Committee.

I have entered the contest as set out by Jas. S. Shivers & Co., and will appreciate any votes any of my friends may save and contribute to my interest in this contest. The votes can conveniently be left at Craddock & Driskill's with Mr. Frank Driskill. Adv. Ethel Parrish.

Griffings' trees took twenty-eight first premiums at the South Texas Fair last month at Beaumont. They have thousands of acres of fruit, nut, shade and ornamental trees, roses and flowers. Ask them for their catalog—by planting their trees you start right. Address Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas. tf.

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.

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. 2t.

The Crockett Gin. Daniel & Lemay.

The remains of Miss Tidy Pritchard were laid to rest in Glenwood cemetery last Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Miss Pritchard had spent her life among our people and was known as a kind-hearted, Christian woman. She had many friends among the older people. Her passing has cast a gloom of sorrow over the community.

Coughs That Prevent Sleep.

These coughs are wearing and if they "hang on," can run one down physically and lower the vital resistance to disease. Mr. Bob Ferguson, 319 Pine St., Green Bay, Wis., writes: "I was greatly troubled with a bad cough that kept me awake nights. Two small bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound completely cured me."—W. A. King. 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

EXCURSION NOTICE.

Holiday Excursion Fares Via International & Great Northern Railway.

Tickets on sale at 1-3 fare to all points in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and to Memphis, Tenn., on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1913, and January 1, 1914; return limit January 6; and to St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Kansas City, all points in the Southeast and to certain points in Colorado, on December 20, 21 and 22; return limit January 18. For further information see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Ry.—Adv. 4t.

Mrs. J. R. Howard served a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner at noon Thursday. Covers were laid for thirteen, including Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Self, Mrs. S. E. Marshall, Miss Mary Lee Benedict, W. C. Dupuy, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cartwright, W. W. Aiken, Tom Aiken and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howard. The dinner was elegantly served in courses.

Lists of names, wedding presents, etc., obituary notices, speeches, resolutions, poetry, inquiries for relatives and advertisements of all kinds, including announcements of coming entertainments for the purpose of raising money, will be handled by the Courier only as paid matter and at 5 cents a line, six words to the line. Rates for display advertising will be made known on application.

Notice.

I will be at these places on the following dates collecting 1913 tax:

Grapeland, Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13.

Lovelady, Monday and Tuesday, December 15 and 16.

Kennard, Friday, December 19.

Ratcliff, Saturday and Monday, December 20 and 22.

Adv. Geo. H. Denny.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Royal Theatre

Now a better class of pictures—only the best features.

Special

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

"A Trip to the Garden of Allah"

This theatre is cleaned and disinfected every day.

Bledsoe & McLean

100 Visiting Cards Engraved Effect \$1

In English Text (Fashion's latest style) on fine plate-finished stock. Invitations, Cards, Society Stationery, Booklet Covers.

Wedding Announcements

etc., produced by the Emboso Process. This process lends itself readily to producing all kinds of fine printing. Please write your name plainly, or print it out in capital letters with pen and ink, and send \$1 for 100 of these fine cards. Free samples to prospective buyers. THE WILLIAMSON-HAFFNER CO. DENVER, COLORADO

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

We Have Several Cars of

Oats, Chops, Corn and Hay

on hand that we bought before feed got so high. We can save you money on feed of any kind.

HAIL & McLEAN

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Published 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.

Those Who Complain.

The next time you feel like complaining about what the newspapers do not publish, just think of the many things which they do publish, and then think that if you are not supporting the newspapers you have no right to complain at all. It takes help and money—lots of it—to get out a good newspaper. It is an easy matter to complain at the newspapers and it is usually those who contribute the least to the support of the newspapers who complain the loudest.

Houston County Cotton Crop.

The preliminary totals of cotton ginned prior to November 14, 1913, was made public by the national bureau of the cotton census at 10 o'clock Friday morning, November 21. The corrected totals for the different counties have been given out for publication, including both the crops of 1912 and 1913. Linters are excluded and round bales are counted as half bales. On November 14, this year, a total of 3,314,008 bales had been ginned in Texas. On the same date, last year, 4,020,939 bales had been ginned in Texas. In Houston county the number of bales ginned prior to November 14, 1913, was 25,724 against 27,454 prior to the same date last year. The shortage is only 1,730 bales. In Ellis county, the banner county of Texas for cotton production, the crop is 107,546 bales against 145,933 last year.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance.

Complimenting their visitors, Misses Marian Roberts, Katharine Hipp and Lillian O'Leary of Houston, Misses Aline, Alice and Totsy Foster entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner party at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster, Thursday evening. The dinner was beautifully served and the dining room decorations were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. A dance at the Crockett Club followed the dinner party. Those attending the dance were as follows: Misses Marian Roberts, Katharine Hipp, Lillian O'Leary, Aline Foster, Alice Foster, Totsy Foster, Myrtle Haring, Otice McConnell, Maude McConnell, Sue Denny, Mary Lee Benedict and Dollie Faris; Messrs. W. W. Aiken, Robt. R. Nunn, Harry Fred Moore, Harvey Bayne, Oliver Aldrich, Benton Roberts, Chas. Long, Jim Wootters, Henry Ellis, Roy Arledge, W. C. Dupuy and Downes Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodson as chaperones.

To the People of Houston County.

To my many friends and customers of Crockett and Houston county, I wish to say that I have bought the machine shop and garage formerly owned by the Planter Cotton Chopper Co. of this city, and will run same in the future, and will appreciate anything that you may be able to give me. I will always guarantee satisfaction or no money, and whenever I do a piece of work for you that you are not satisfied with, it will be a pleasure if you will send it back and let me know exactly what you want, so that I can fix it right for you. I will always have in stock the very best that money can buy and every line will be complete.

I appreciate the past patronage accorded me and take this means

of thanking one and all for their favors and wishing for a continuance of same. Whenever you need work of any kind in my line, I would like for you to let me figure with you and if prices and good workmanship will have any weight toward getting the job, I am sure that I will succeed in obtaining same.

Thanking you in advance for the many favors that you will show me by letting me do your work, and wishing you one and all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am yours for business, Crockett Machine and Garage Co., S. E. Parsley, Proprietor.

Grapeland Possum Parade.

Crockett was well represented at the Grapeland possum parade and Masonic cornerstone laying. If there is anything but the best of feeling, as some would have you believe, existing between Grapeland and Crockett business people, there was no evidence of it on either one of those days. In fact, there has never been any ill feeling at this end of the line and the Courier knows of no reason why there should be any at the other end. But back to the possum parade. It was a very creditable affair and unique in its nature. Poultry wire-netting kept the possums in line and several hundred of them were turned loose to perambulate the business section of the town. Grapeland has become famous by her possum parade. The laying of the Masonic cornerstone was an interesting event of the last day. The Courier editor regrets that, on account of other engagements, he was unable to be present.

Levelady.

Miss Ella Mainer of Henderson spent the week-end with home folks. Miss Alma Moore spent two weeks in Houston with her brother, Dr. S. H. Moore.

Mrs. Gratin Kimble returned Sunday morning from Crockett.

Rev. H. E. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cochran attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Pennington.

Mrs. Joe Murray, Misses Allie, Agnes and Ardis Murray and Miss Elizabeth Gayle spent Thanksgiving on the Murray farm on Trinity river.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Atkinson and children of Groveton spent last week with Mrs. J. C. Atkinson.

Mrs. W. B. Collins spent a few days in Austin with her daughter, Miss Mildred Collins.

Mr. Bob Hayes of Huntsville spent last week with his sister, Miss Mattie Hayes.

Prof. S. E. Tanner attended the Teachers' Association at Dallas last week.

Mrs. Earle Cooper and children of Brookshire were guests of Mrs. T. B. Perry last week.

Miss Mattie Carr of Palestine was the guest of Miss Allyne Frazier a few days.

Mrs. M. L. Hutchings returned last week from an extended trip to her son, Stoke Hutchings, at DeWalt.

Miss Cora Shaw spent Thanksgiving with relatives on Nevil's Prairie.

Mrs. Gussie Hooker and little sons of Carthage are guests of her brother Mr. Tom Lundy and family.

Mrs. Tom Lundy spent a few days last week with relatives on Nevil's Prairie.

Guarding Against Croup.

The best safeguard against croup is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. P. H. Ginn, Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup."—W. A. King.—Adv.

What Red Cross Seals Do.

Every Red Christmas Seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped to maintain more than 150 open-air schools for children who needed open-air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the \$400,000 received last year was expended. This year \$1,000,000 is needed. Surely every one can help by buying at least ten seals.

Accounts Must Be Paid.

The Planters Cotton Chopper Co., a corporation of Dallas, Texas, having perfected the Parsley cotton chopper, and arranged to manufacture same in Dallas, and place it on the market the coming season, have sold their plant in Crockett to S. E. Parsley, and are now desirous of settling up their business in Crockett, at the earliest possible date. Notice is hereby given to all parties knowing themselves indebted to us, or having accounts due them, from us, to please call at our former office at the machine shop and settle same with W. T. Cutler, who is duly authorized to transact such business for us. Respectfully, W. A. Moore, Pres., Planters Cotton Chopper Co.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



THE dependable quality of our exclusive lines designates this store as the logical place to buy your Christmas gifts. Our stock this year is bigger and better than ever, and was especially selected to please the most exacting tastes.

The McLean Drug Company
The Rexall Store

SUCCESS WITH TREES

and plants largely depends on the quality of the trees and plants you buy, on the selection of the right varieties for your soil and climate, and on the manner in which you handle them and care for them after they are delivered.

Griffings' Guaranteed Trees

are the "acme" of quality—they are very high in vitality. GRIF-FINGS' tell you what varieties to plant in your locality and they give you detailed instructions in planting, cultivating, fertilizing and caring for them. That's why they can guarantee trees.

ASK FOR GRIFINGS' CATALOG.

Griffing Brothers, Box 540, Port Arthur, Texas

GIFTS for CHRISTMAS



A Mammoth Stock of Xmas Goods

We carefully selected our stock this year so as to have something to suit the different tastes of every one—

Toys, Dolls, Etc.

The Best Cut Glass

Toilet Sets from 75c to \$30.00

Hand Painted China

Beautiful Boxes of Candy

Japanese Smoked Bamboo Baskets

Cigars and Cigar Holders

We have hundreds of other lovely presents that are too numerous to mention. You will miss saving money if you fail to see our line before buying. Come early and get your choice—come while the coming is good. See other ad about the beautiful French doll.

Chamberlain & Woodall

The VAL DONA Store