

# The Crockett Courier.

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## Winter Garden One Night Only Wednesday, Dec. 24



### Dubinsky Bros. Present The Price She Paid

A Stage Offering That Will Make You Think.

The greatest human interest play ever written—the most popular story ever staged—every woman's favorite—a play with a backbone. Produced exactly as seen 150 nights in New York, 100 nights in Chicago and 65 nights in Boston. Don't fail to see this play at the Winter Garden Wednesday, December 24.

Reserved Seats On Sale at King's Drug Store

#### Gives a Lesson to Solomon.

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 13.—Justice of the Peace G. B. Cross, as the result of a suit over \$10, has handed down an opinion here that is unique. He out-Solomons Solomon. That wise judge might even take a lesson from Judge Cross.

The suit was styled Harrell vs. Low. It had been fought out twice before and each time resulted in a hung jury. Throwing the case out of court, Judge Cross handed down the following opinion:

"When you begin to clean your neighbor's yard, sweep your own doorstep first; again, charity begins at home. (Charity is love). So I will begin at home and say that I shall take nothing for my fees in this case. Second, that neither attorney shall take anything for his services. Third, that the plaintiff take nothing by his suit. Fourth, that the defendant pay the constable's costs, and the case be dismissed; and we all part in love and harmony, as though this thing had never occurred. Fifth, if anyone feels that he owes any other one anything for what that other one has done, let him go voluntarily to him, and make him a present of it, not as a fee, but as a matter of right and justice; the defendant being the only one who will be out any money in the case, I will say that if he is dissatisfied I will pay the constable myself, as he needs his fees. I had rather have all



#### TO SEE IS TO ADMIRE

the beautiful rugs contained in our collection. Not to do so is hardly believable. Such a variety to choose from, too, and such a complete size assortment. We won't ask you here to buy one of these rugs. We'll simply ask you to come and look. The rugs will do the selling part.

### Deupree & Waller

House Furnishers and Undertakers.

your love than your money."

Justice Cross' decision is final, and is doubtless satisfactory to all concerned.

#### 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 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.

#### Civilization and Advertising.

Civilization and honest advertising go hand in hand. Honest advertising increases distribution and increases consumption, but it standardizes and guarantees the advertised commodity. This is a fact that is being demonstrated constantly, and each day consumers are appreciating it with a clearer understanding.—The Hutchinson Wholesaler.

#### 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.

#### Colored Teachers' Institute.

Editor Courier:

The colored public school teachers of Houston county have just closed a five days' session of the institute. From points of attendance and actual work done, it broke our past record. Seventy-two enrolled. It was an interesting meeting from the very start and throughout the entire session this interest was maintained. Many vital phases of negro schools and negro education were dealt with. The creation of negro rural high schools was one of the subjects that brought on a heated discussion, and on a whole those indorsed the idea because of the unsettled conditions of negro rural life. It was clearly shown that better schools, better churches, and an improved condition in the rural home life, would undoubtedly go far toward contenting our boys and girls on the farm, where a large majority can best fit themselves for their life work. It was agreed to organize a local institute and many of the teachers present pledged themselves to attend and support the same. Kennard was named as the place for the meeting of the first local institute and a program committee was appointed to arrange the details of that meeting. County Superintendent J. F. Mangum heard much of our program, and when urged to do so, he would respond to the satisfaction of all. He urged our teachers to habits of self activity and self reliance. After a busy and profitable week's work, our teachers returned to

their post of duty with a determination to double their efforts to lift our people to higher planes of civilization. D. H. Jones, Reporter.

#### Mark Twain on Christian Science.

Those who have not read this book would find in it not only entertainment but also instruction. He is well known as a humorist, and in this book gives vent to some of his propensity to fun, in the first part especially making some very ridiculous statements, somewhat in the form of parables. But for the most part throughout the book he enters into a very serious discussion of the subject, with a vein of satire all along, and showing that he has very earnestly studied the said science and informed himself fully of the teachings of its author, Mrs. Eddy. Even those who do not agree with his views would find the book very interesting and instructive, and stimulating to thought.

S. F. Tenney.

#### The Good of the Many.

There is a constantly growing appreciation of the idea that the greatest good to the greatest number is the best insurance the dealer can work for to assure his own prosperity. The old time notion that no man could prosper save at the expense of somebody else has been proven to be fallacious, and to-day the enlightened business man takes that active interest in the varied life of his community which best will advance the well-being of the community as a whole, knowing that any material increase in the prosperity of his community must in part be shared by him.—Farm Implement News.



## Hello, Little Girls and Boys!

While you were enjoying the summer vacation, romping and playing in the fields and meadows, I have been working hard in Dollydom and Toyland getting ready for my visit to you. I have now landed at J. A. McConnell's Plain Price Store. This will be my headquarters and I want you to meet me here where I will show many things that will please you at a price that will satisfy you. Watch our doll counter. We will sell dolls as cheap as most merchants buy them.

Our 5, 10, 15 and 25¢ counters will be loaded down with greater varieties than ever before, and you know it's so much satisfaction to trade where you can stand in one place and make your selections.

We also have a complete line of ladies' and men's knit underwear, boys' and girls' union suits, ladies', misses' and children's coats, boys' knee suits, men's and ladies' hats and caps. We will not be undersold on these goods.

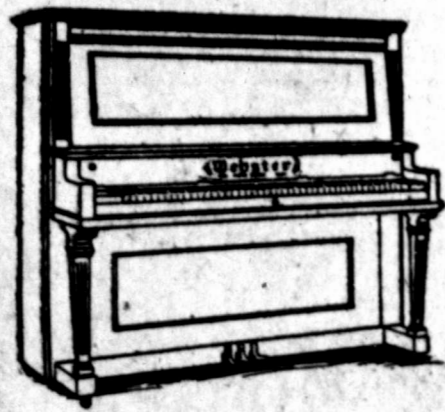
We have many toys for little boys. We have dolls with curls for little girls. We have lots of kisses for the misses—and don't forget mammy and dad; we have something to make them glad. All these things, and many more, you will find at the Plain Price Store.

**Special**—Our \$3.00 baby doll for \$2.00; our \$2.00 baby doll for \$1.50; our \$2.00 dressed doll for \$1.25; our \$1.25 dressed doll for 75c; our 75c dressed doll for 50c, and down to one cent.

A square deal, a merry Xmas and a happy New Year to all.

**J. A. McCONNELL**  
**The Plain Price Store**

## First Prize



**\$350**  
Webster Piano

## The Great Piano, Diamond Ring and Sewing Machine Contest at the Big Store

Is still on in full blast, contestants are working hard and it is impossible to determine who will be ahead on the 5th of January when the votes are turned in for this month. If you ever hustled in your life now is the time when everybody is buying for Christmas.

From now on through the holidays we will sell all winter goods at special reduced prices, giving every one an opportunity to secure votes with bargains in purchases. Everything reduced in dry goods and gents' furnishings for the holidays.

## SECOND PRIZE



**\$100**  
Diamond Ring  
FOR LADY

## THIRD PRIZE



\$50 Standard Sewing Machine

## 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.

## Buy Your Goods Here and Save Your Votes

Men's All Wool \$20.00 Suits This Week Only

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See the line of Hole-Proof Hosiery for Xmas Gifts—the kind that are guaranteed.

Yours to Please

## Nomination Coupon

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In Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. Piano, Diamond Ring and Sewing Machine Contest.

I Nominate M

Address

As a Contestant in the above named Contest.

My name is

# Jas. S. Shivers & Company

### 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 14th 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 vr.

Thence S 75 W with said Smith's S 8y 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 1/2 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 monuments in 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 K. 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.

### 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.

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"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.

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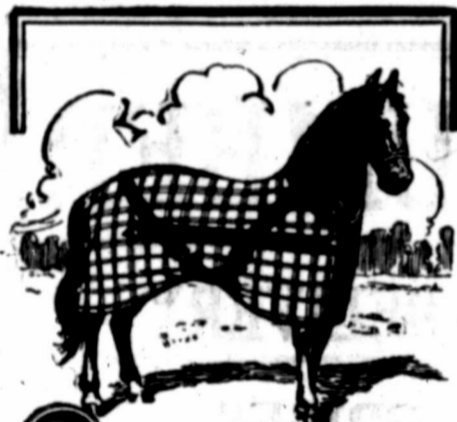
is now ready for your inspection and consists of everything imaginable for Christmas gifts. Something new, novel and pleasing. Gifts for the babies, the little and old folks.

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Blanket your horse in the stable and save feed. Keeps his coat sleek and saves you work. Ask for a 5A Stable Blanket. It will outwear three ordinary blankets. We get them direct from the factory.

**BUY A**

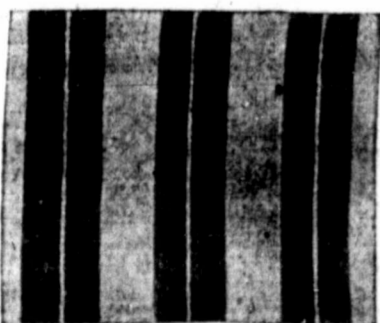
5A SQUARE BLANKET FOR STREET USE  
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Hand-Made Saddles and Harness  
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## Alamo Saddle Blankets



FOR SALE BY

**J. T. HARRISON.**

### OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD.

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means for communication with Mexico, and those "pioneers" of the trail were undaunted.

The object of marking this historic trail is the same as that of marking any other battlefield of history. Here began that chapter of history which has gone on and developed into the history of the United States. For nearly four hundred years white men of Europe had visited this new found Southwestern world. Far to the south of the Texas country cities and colonies had been formed by Spaniards and grown, and the treasures of Mexico in the hands of Spain had so increased the power of that country, nothing seemed able to withstand the tide of its conquests. But here on the old Camino Real or San Antonio road was planted the seed which began to spring into being and life and power, which in time wrested the supremacy from Spain and the territory from Mexico, and covered the lands with American colonies. It was the first stone laid in the great structure of Texas colonization and expansion. The winners of the far Southwest fought a strenuous battle, and the trail became a real battlefield from one end to the other, with its unnumbered dead telling the ghastly story, and its memory should be preserved religiously, as a higher power than man's directs the course of a nation's life; the death of those heroes to advance our national boundary is not a failure, for the martyr's blood is stronger than a thousand swords.

Help us to make this old Texas trail that let the world through to the Southwest, the memorial trail to the pioneer men and women,

that future generations may know of the great struggle to advance our national boundary to the Rio Grande, and to keep alive that zeal so necessary in the perpetuation of government. Likewise that it may serve as a highway to the hearts and spirits of the Texas people.—Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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### OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD.

An Article by Mrs. Lipcomb Norvell of Beaumont, Texas State Chairman, National Old Trail Roads.

Editor Courier:

The old trails road, the King's Highway-San Antonio road, was stamped out by nature's engineers—the buffalo, the elk and the deer. Instinct led these animals to the ridge road, the direct road, the safest fords and mountain passes. This trace of trails was followed by the Indians, then later the soldiers of fortune from all nations, as it was along the highway of the world reaching from Natchitoches, La., to the City of Mexico. The early Spanish maps of Texas, 1730, show the trail as the Camino Real or San Antonio road. Mrs. Shooks describes in her book, "The King's Highway, or Invisible Route," that it was Ponce De Leon, who had made long journeys by land and water in search of "the fountain of youth," in marking stations on "blazed trails," called the longest and widest of them all—El Camino Real Del Rey. Spanish cavaliers, French nobility, sons of proud old families, young wooers of high degree in search of fame, such as De Ayllon, De Narvaes, De Soto, La Salle, St. Denis, braved the well known dangers of the wilderness with faces toward the west. Later by the pioneers who blazed the

trail into a wagon road over which traveled opportunity, civilization, religion and romance.

When St. Denis followed the trail over to the City of Mexico with a commercial proposition in 1714 from the Governor Cadellac of Louisiana, to open up commercial relations with Mexico and an overland route, it so excited the Spanish he was detained a year in prison and afterwards conducted the Spaniards when the missions and presidios were established across the state along this road, to keep out the French, to Christianize the Indians and to prevent contraband trade with Mexico.

Stephen F. Austin passed over this great overland route from the Mississippi valley with his first colonists and it was afterwards the current stream of our race progress. The story of American expansion is the story of the old trails, the story of the pioneers. Texas was not cradled by any other state, but unaided and alone save by those American friends who passed over the San Antonio road, she conquered the Southwest by her sword, and won her independence.

With the Spanish cavalcade rushing across to intercept the French and drive them back, as also the traders, trappers and gold seekers, we know of another class, that band of outcasts—thieves, robbers, murderers and ferocious savages—came in hordes and of their frequent skirmishes in the open.

Stephen Austin on his first visit to Texas noted in his diary three victims lately slain and the skulls and many bones scattered along the road. In the year of 1826, Austin resolved to make a campaign against the Indians and various squads were stationed along the San Antonio road from San Antonio to the Brazos river to detect any inroad of the Wacos, whose depredations had become frequent.

The state commissioners in se-

# CHRISTMAS TOYS



We most cordially invite you to make our store your headquarters for Christmas shopping. Make your Xmas money do its full duty on just the kind of gifts the children will appreciate most. Boys' and children's gifts from the Racket Store will bring joy to many hearts on Christmas morning.

Bring the little ones to our store—the store with the Christmas spirit—the "Toyland" of Crockett.

Remember that with every purchase at this store you get votes in our Piano and Diamond Ring contest and 10,000 extra votes with every five fountain pens sold.

## The Racket Store

W. P. HARRIS, PROPRIETOR  
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For the Office

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lecting the seat of government, in their report called attention to the selection of the town of Waterloo, Bastrop county, thirty-five miles above the city of Bastrop, and above the San Antonio road, since the restriction was to be in that section of country between the Trinity and Colorado rivers, above the San Antonio road, said that "the site occupies and will effectually close the pass by which the Indians and outlawed Mexicans have for ages past traveled east and west to and from the Rio Grande to Eastern Texas." The propriety of placing the government on the frontier was largely discussed, but the reason urged "it was so far away from the coast and traveled highway to ward off any danger that might occur." It was while the surveyors in 1839 were surveying the site for the seat of government that Manuel Flores and his band of Mexicans and Cherokees were intercepted while attempting to pass the Colorado by this old ford. Flores was killed and baggage captured which contained documents that revealed the fact that the Cherokees had entered into a plot with certain Mexican officials to exterminate the whites in Texas. This led to the direct step of the expulsion of the Cherokees from Texas. From that time on the emigration to the upper Colorado and Brazos country was the most densely populated part of the republic and the depredations of the Indians and Mexicans not so frequent.

The trail was the great overland route from the Mississippi valley in Louisiana to the great Southwest. From Penolosa to Pike, the great desire was to reach the great silver mines in Mexico. The whole Mississippi territory depended upon this

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## A Merry Xmas AND A Happy New Year

We extend you the compliments of the season—assuring you of our appreciation of the patronage given us the past year and respectfully solicit your business for 1914.

## Crockett Steam Laundry

H. R. Mills, Mgr. Phone 314

## 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.

### 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.

# 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	\$6.05
Men's \$3.50 shoes now	\$2.95	Boys' \$10.00 suits now	\$7.00
Complete line of ladies' house slippers. See them.		Men's \$15.00 overcoats now	\$9.50

And Everything Else at Proportionate Reductions. Come and See.

## Daniel & Burton

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One woman uses Royal No. 10—likes it fine—tells neighbor—neighbor tries it—tells neighbor next door, who joins her sisters in the ever-widening circle of satisfied users of Royal No. 10.

**THE WHY OF IT**

Rare good quality merits the royal reception accorded Royal No. 10—the flour that bakes the kind of bread, pies and cakes Father says Grandmother used to make. We guarantee it.

THE DAVIS MILLING CO.  
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### WORDS FROM HOME

Statements That May Be Investigated—  
Testimony of Crockett Citizens.

When a Crockett citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Crockett resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

Mrs. B. Tunstall, Bruner's Addition, Crockett, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from King's Drug Store, for back-ache, headaches and other symptoms of kidney complaint and have had good results. I feel justified in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mrs. Tunstall is only one of many Crockett people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Tunstall 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." Adv.

### 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.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

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Georgetown, Texas.—J. A. Kimbro says: "For several years past

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound

has been my household remedy for

all coughs, colds and lung troubles.

It has given permanent relief in a

number of cases of obstinate

coughs and colds." Contains no

opiates. Refuse substitutes.—W. A. King. Adv.



# Your Last Chance

to buy Xmas goods at lowest prices that were ever known in Houston county.

All cut glass and hand painted china ware at a sacrifice price.

Our dolls at prices so low you can't help but take them.

Also our stationery line, books and Christmas cards at very low cost to you.

Our general line of toys and notions are going fast. Come get what you need—the prices will suit you.

If you want decorations, we have them. Also some very pretty little Xmas trees for the children. Come get a tree with each dollar's worth you buy (as long as they last).

Buy a Christmas tree for \$2.50, already filled with nice things.

Don't forget to get that box of cigars. We have the La Preferencia, Caswell Club, Cuesta Rey, Cortez, Littleton, Lovera, Watt, Sensible, Tom Keene, El Principe, El Toro, El Kraco, Jas. S. Hogg and lots of other fancy cigars.

Save money by making your purchases here. All holiday goods going at sacrifice prices.

Help your feelings with a hot drink. We serve most everything you want.

A Merry Christmas to all.

## King's Drug Store

# FREE

## Chamberlain & Woodall

are going to give away to the little girl receiving the highest number of votes

## 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.

See N. E. Allbright for lamps and glassware. 2t.

W. C. Dupuy left Thursday for a visit to Dallas and Whitewright.

Go to N. E. Allbright for your Xmas fruits and candies. 2t.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell have returned from a visit to Carson, La.

A special line of lamps and glassware at N. E. Allbright's 2t.

E. T. Ozier is at home with his family in this city for the holiday season.

Jehu Goolsby, a Texas University student, is at home for the holiday season.

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.

C. H. Wickard is spending the holiday season at home with his family in this city.

FOR RENT—2 five-room residences with good barns. Apply to Aldrich & Crook.—Adv. tf.

Mrs. Roger Wheelless of Shreveport is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hail.

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

N. E. Allbright has a large stock of fruits and candies for the holiday trade. See him before buying.

Miss Grace Denny returned Friday evening from Groveton and will be at home until after the holidays.

Miss Louise Denny returned Friday night from Huntsville, where she is a student of the State Normal.

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

Misses Willie and Edith Arledge, who have been teaching at other places, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Markham, from the Big Four plantation, are spending the holidays with relatives in this city.

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.

Miss Emma Carter arrived Tuesday from St. Louis and will be with Miss Gladys Dawes until after the holidays.

Walker King, superintendent of the San Marcos city schools, is among the Courier's subscription renewals.

Ask for the shade tree, shrub, rose and flower catalog of Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas. It's free.—Adv. It.

Miss Bee Denny reached home Saturday morning from Carthage to spend the holiday season with the home folks.

Mrs. C. L. Griffin of Lubbock is visiting her sisters, Mrs. C. W. LeGory, Mrs. John Markham and Mrs. Denman Sims.

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

Misses Georgia May and Cassie Patton and Alice Montgomery of Creath were among Saturday's shoppers in this city.

J. L. Marshall from Pennsylvania was a prospector in Crockett Saturday and was being introduced by J. T. Salisbury.

Rooms for rent—house equipped with water, electric lights, telephone and bath. Apply at the Courier office for particulars. tf.

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Traylor of New Waverly will spend the holidays with Mrs. Traylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, in this city.

Have you planted your pecan trees yet? Ask for the tree book of Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas, and order them now. It.

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

**Less Than Half Price.**  
Gin, grist mill and shingle mill. In good condition. Easy terms. Hail and Wilson, Crockett State Bank. tf.

DeDaine's Music Store sells the Free Sewing Machine—insured against fire, floods, cyclone or breakage of any and all parts for five years. Adv.

Mrs. E. L. Simpson, Douglass Simpson and Miss Grace Simpson have returned from San Angelo, where they have been living since last summer.

### 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.

### 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.

A postal to Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas, will bring you their 64 page tree book—it's worth \$5 to you, but you get it free if you intend to plant trees.—Adv. It.

Miss Sue Smith from the Kidd-Key College at Sherman and Miss Julia Spence from the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville are spending their holiday vacation at home.

Earl Adams from the Southwestern University at Georgetown and Miss Augusta Adams from the University of Texas at Austin are at home for the holiday season.

G. A. Buchanan of Crockett Route 6, Colonel E. D. Terbell of New York and Captain J. H. McDougald of Creek are some of those remembering the Courier since last issue.

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.

D. D. Gentry of Crockett Route 1, G. D. Julian of Kennard Route 1, F. M. Patton of Creath and H. Wilson of this city were among Saturday's callers at the Courier office.

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.

J. F. Fulmer of Grapeland Route 4, Chas. Madden of Jourdanon, Hon. A. W. Gregg of Washington and C. B. Isbell of Crockett Route 5 were among the number remembering the Courier last Wednesday.

**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.

### Stray Mules.

Two mules—one a brown mare mule and the other a sorrel—have been taken up by Tom Bryant, five miles south of Crockett. Mules must be identified and all costs paid before release. It.

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.

### Umbrella Lost.

A gold handle umbrella was taken from the porch of the music rooms on the public school grounds Saturday, December 6. Finder will please notify Miss Virginia Chamberlain and receive reward. tf.

### 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.

### 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.

### Will Discontinue Hack.

On January 1st we will discontinue our free delivery service. We thank our friends for the patronage extended us in the past and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. We will be glad to serve you when you need anything in groceries and feed. 2t. J. E. Bynum & Son.

## 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

### 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.

The Crockett Shakespeare Club is having its lot at the corner of Public avenue and Church street graded and otherwise improved. A fence will be placed around the lot and a cement sidewalk constructed along the east side to correspond with the walk on the south side. This lot is a very valuable and desirable piece of property.

### Stray Celta.

Strayed or stolen from the range on Tyler creek three mare colts—one black, 3 years old; one blaze-face brown, 2 years old; one dun or roan, 2 years old. No brands. Will pay \$25.00 reward for delivery at my place 10 miles southeast of Crockett on Pennington road.

John B. Satterwhite, Crockett Route 5.

### To Our Patrons.

We wish to announce that Mr. J. W. Arledge is no longer with the Crockett Steam Laundry. We have secured the services of Wayne McConnell to take his place, and he will in the future gather and deliver all laundry from the people on the north side of town. We are now prepared to handle your family washing and will make special prices on all bundles.

Crockett Steam Laundry, H. R. Mills, Manager.

Messrs. Bynum & Bennett, the owners of a meat market on Main street, desire the Courier to announce that they have temporarily closed their market on account of having to take their cattle out of their Trinity river pasture on account of the overflow. When conditions are again normal they will open up again for business. They will not supply their customers with a poor grade of beef, they have closed up until conditions improve.—Adv. It.

### Cotton Decrease is Not Large.

There were 27,908 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1913 prior to December 1 as compared with 29,361 bales ginned prior to December 1, 1912, according to the report of J. R. Sheridan, special agent for Houston county, to the cotton census department at Washington. The decrease is not as large as was anticipated.

### Notice.

Mr. J. W. Arledge wishes to notify his friends and the public in general that he has severed his connection with the Crockett Steam Laundry and will resume his agency with the Ineeda Laundry of Houston, and will call for your bundles as usual on Monday and Tuesday mornings. He will make a specialty of shirts, collars, ladies' shirtwaists, dry cleaning and dye work. Ring 159 when you need him.—Adv. tf.

### Rifle Ball Enters Sleeping Room.

A stray bullet crashing through a window, whizzing uncomfortably close and lodging in the opposite wall was the experience of Clifford Kennedy when he arose to give a sick child some medicine one night last week at 11:20 o'clock. On examination the bullet proved to be from a Winchester rifle. At the same time four rifle shots were heard at a distance of not less than two blocks away. Mr. Kennedy is of the belief that the bullet, which entered one of the north windows of his residence, was fired two or three blocks north and that it entered his window by accident.

### 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.

## Holiday Gifts For Men

Lounging robes with slippers to match.  
Smoking jackets.  
Fancy vests.  
Xmas boxes of linen handkerchiefs.  
Silk and knit mufflers.  
Hansen's gloves.  
Sweaters from \$1.50 to \$7.50.  
Traveling sets.  
Collar, tie and cuff sets.  
Linen initial handkerchiefs.  
Bath robes.  
Nice line auto gloves.  
Also a complete line of men's furnishing goods of all kinds.  
See us before buying

**JOHN C. MILLAR**

Tailor and Men's Outfitter.  
We Do Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing.

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**

## 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.

### LAST ISSUE FOR 1913.

This is the last issue of the Courier for the year 1913. The next issue will be under date of January 1, 1914. The Courier is being printed two days early this week in order that a brief holiday of a few days may be taken and in order that advertisements in the Courier may reach the people a few days before Christmas. This is for the benefit jointly of our readers and our advertisers. The Courier wishes all its patrons an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

### BIRDS AND ANIMALS OF PREY ARE FRIENDS TO FARMERS

The annual damage to crops by insect and mammal pests in the United States now amounts to many millions of dollars, and is steadily increasing, partly as the result of the encroachments of new insect enemies and rodent pests, but mainly perhaps because of man's unthinking destruction of his natural allies, which kill the crop-destroying pests. Man, instead of permitting these natural allies to keep pace with the multiplication of the pests upon which they feed, has destroyed them until their numbers are entirely inadequate to preserve the balance. It is, therefore, important that the farmer and stockman should everywhere seek to protect and encourage the natural foes of injurious mammals and not wantonly, or because of unfounded prejudice or misinformation kill many animals that he regards as enemies but which are real friends.

Predaceous animals and birds have an important function to perform in their capacity as natural enemies to crop-destroying insects and pests, according to Dr. A. K. Fisher, economic investigator of the biological survey, United States department of agriculture. Before man interfered with the intricate relations of wild creatures and disturbed the balance of nature, the carnivorous animals served admirably to prevent undue increase of the hordes of smaller animals that fed on herbage, seeds, fruits and other vegetables. So perfectly was the balance regulated that a temporary increase or decrease in one direction was followed sooner or later by a corresponding change in another.

But valuable as many predaceous animals are in aiding to maintain the balance of nature, man is liable to look askance at every mammal or bird that ever molests his poultry or under exceptional conditions seems to attack the game of the state, states Dr. Fisher. Without regard to consequences, he sets out to kill everything that resembles the particular offender. He declines to grant a mere pittance in return for value received and visits indiscriminate persecutions on many humble and faithful workers that have helped importantly to save his harvest or orchard.

It would be easy to advise the economic value of all predaceous animals were it not for the complications resulting from civilization, which introduces problems that materially affect the status of animated things. In portions of the West where fruit growing and

farming are dominant industries, it may be wise to encourage the coyote and bobcat within certain limits provided poultry and sheep are properly protected at night. Numerous ranchmen and fruit-growers have learned by experience that these animals if unmolested will free their premises from rabbits and other crop and tree destroyers. Where they have been allowed to do their work thoroughly they are fully appreciated and many ranchers would almost as soon shoot their own dogs and cats as their wild benefactors. At times the coyote feeds entirely on large insects, such as May beetles, crickets and grasshoppers.

Many an innocent hawk, skunk, owl and weasel has been shot for the deeds of the house cat. It is safe to say that the cat which enjoys the comforts and protection of the home, destroys in the aggregate more wild birds and young poultry than all the native natural enemies combined. A cat has been known to kill a whole brood of chickens in a day. Cats, in the course of a season, have been known to practically destroy whole coveys of quails or grouse or nests full of young songsters. A well known naturalist estimates that in the New England States alone 1,500,000 birds are destroyed annually by cats. There are over 3,500,000 birds destroyed in New York State annually if we assume that each cat in the state kills at least one bird a week.

For its occasional misdeeds the fox is looked upon by the majority of mankind as a villain that devotes its entire life to robbery and derives its forage from the chicken yard or duck pen. As a matter of fact, even in localities where foxes are abundant, it is comparatively rare that poultry is destroyed by them. On a well-regulated farm chickens are housed at night, and the fox necessarily turns its attention to field mice, rabbits, ground squirrels and insects such as grasshoppers, crickets and May beetles, to the great benefit of the farmer. While it is true that the fox destroys a considerable number of birds, yet a ruffed grouse has been known to rear its young within 100 feet of a fox den and none of them was molested.

While the mink feeds on fish, mussels and birds, it is in defatigable in its search for meadow mice and other marsh-loving rodents. It is very fond of muskrats, and one of its most important services to man is its destruction of these pests about mill dams, canals and dikes, where their burrows undermine the embankment and cause disastrous overflows.

The weasel is one of nature's most efficient checks upon the hordes of meadow mice and other rodents which at times destroy forage crops, orchards, vineyards and garden produce. It feeds also upon rabbits, squirrels and birds, but in many sections its occasional inroads on the poultry yard have brought it into serious disrepute. While it is, of course, desirable to kill particular individuals which have acquired the poultry habit, farmers and horticulturists will make a mistake if they systematically destroy them.

### A Resultful Practice.

At a recent convention of newspaper men in Chicago, one of the speakers was a representative of a Chicago mail order house. This speaker informed his audience that the success of the mail order houses depends entirely on advertising. It is a practice of mail order houses, he said, to obtain copies of country newspapers throughout the territory in which the house does business. The advertising in these papers is carefully studied. Where it is found that the local

dealer is not advertising, or is advertising only certain lines, the mail order house immediately floods that territory with literature. This practice brings results. When the local merchants all advertise as they should, he declared, the mail order business would receive a severe setback.—The Hutchinson Wholesaler.

### A Duty to Your Newspaper.

Every reader of the Courier owes it to himself to give his newspaper a fair and careful reading.

That is to say, he should be sure not to neglect the advertisements—all of which are planned for his special information and benefit.

If any part of the newspaper is to be slighted, skip over something other than the advertising.

Every reader also has a duty to the newspaper itself. He should support and patronize those merchants who tell their helpful store news through the advertisements.

The advertiser, while of course advertising for a business reason, none the less does a distinct service to the reader, and deserves the reader's attention and patronage. And by giving this support the reader not only discharges a duty to himself and to the advertiser, but also to the Courier.

### Stringent Prohibition Law.

No whisky is being received at Crockett by express or freight. Those who get whisky have to get on the train and go to Palestine after it, unless the law is being violated. One man cannot bring another man whisky nor give him part of what he has, unless the other man is a member of his family. No man can receive a bottle of whisky from one man to be delivered to another without all three of them violating the law and laying themselves liable to a term in the penitentiary.

# 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

### THERE ARE FEW HOMES

either in the country or city, which cannot be materially improved—in cash value and in appearance—by the correct planting of the right varieties of fruit trees, shade trees, shrubs, flowers and roses.

GRIFFING BROTHERS grow all kinds of trees and plants suited to the south. They help you select the right varieties and, with every order, either large or small, they send a book telling all about planting trees.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO ASK FOR "GRIFFINGS' 1914 CATALOG."

**Griffing Brothers,** Box 540, Port Arthur, Texas

When Answering Advertisements Please Mention the Courier.

# 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