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MOTTO: "QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY."

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FARMERS AND MERCHANTS ARE CALLED UPON

To Organize a Diversification and Marketing Association for Houston County.

Dependable statistics indicate rather clearly that the south must carry over into next year a surplus of probably five million bales of cotton. If this is added to a normal crop grown in 1915—say twelve to fourteen million bales—it means 5-cent cotton for at least two years to follow.

An era of a reduced consumption of cotton is now upon us, which we are facing with a surplus carried over from last year and also with a fifteen-million bale crop now about harvested. These are stubborn facts and they are facts that cannot be overcome by any hocus-pocus methods. They are facts that must be met and met squarely.

The only way to meet reduced consumption of cotton, if the price is to be maintained, is with a reduced production of cotton and an increased production of other crops. The law of supply and demand is as old as civilization. Legislation may influence this law, but it cannot annul it. The law itself is supreme and must be respected if we would escape the penalty.

The remedy is in our hand. We must use it. The remedy is in the decreased production of cotton and the increased production of other crops. Ordinary common sense and organization are all that we need to solve the problem. We have the common sense and we must get the organization.

On Wednesday, December 30, it is expected that 500 Houston county farmers and merchants will meet in Crockett to perfect a crop diversification and marketing association. Will you be one of them? To get the organization under way, we will have with us on that day H. L. McKnight of Bryan and T. O. Walton of College Station, representing the farm extension department of the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas, and H. W. Beeson, representing the farm demonstration work of the federal government for Houston county.

Messrs. McKnight and Walton are

recognized authorities on all phases of crop marketing. They may be expected to tell us about the profits to be derived from effective, thorough and active co-operation in growing and marketing such diversified crops as are best suited to our soils. They have the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas behind them and the college belongs to you. It is at your service through these gentlemen.

It is the intention of those in charge of this meeting to perfect a complete organization of Houston county to the end that it may be known what crops will be grown in the county and that a market may be ready at crop maturity. The prime object of the association is to find a market for anything that may be grown in the county.

Come to this meeting Wednesday, December 30, and come prepared to spend the day and to study these problems. Your neighbors want and need your co-operation. You need theirs. It's a time when we all need each other. Don't say it can't be done. It must be done. It is being done elsewhere and it's going to be done here. Will you help?

Remember the date and bring your wife, who is already interested in diversification and marketing. She wants a better poultry and butter market and a better market for the other things that she will have to send to town. And remember that this organization is not for any particular section of the county, but for the whole of Houston county.

Signed,

P. E. Tunstall, Route 2.
A. B. Burton, Crockett.
J. G. Webb, Porter Springs.
J. R. Sheridan, Crockett.
E. E. Hail, Crockett.
J. G. Matlock, Route 6.
J. H. Rosser, Porter Springs.
J. A. Hooks, Route 1.
R. H. Wootters, Crockett.
Will Robbins, Route 1.

Arch Baker, Crockett.
N. E. Allbright, Crockett.
John Estes, Route 5.
W. H. Denny, Crockett.
P. D. Austin, Route 4.
R. T. Murchison, Grapeland.
Dr. C. W. Evans, Belott.
J. T. Simmons, Porter Springs.
S. M. Thompson, Daniel.
A. E. Hester, Porter Springs.
H. W. Beeson, Lovelady.
C. T. Stevenson, Lovelady.
W. R. Stevenson, Lovelady.
O. Dennis, Percilla.
John Meadows, Holly.
G. W. Vancil, Kennard.
J. K. Jones, Route 1.
T. J. Welch, Crockett.
W. W. Aiken, Crockett.

Peanut Growers' Association.

Saturday, December 19, the Crockett Peanut Growers' Association was called to order by the vice-president, Mr. George Brailsford of Latexo, the president, Mr. O. C. Goodwin, being absent, he having gone to Grapeland to assist the farmers of that community to organize an association there. The weather being bad, only a small crowd was present, but several motions of the utmost importance were passed, viz: It was moved and carried that the farmers of the Lovelady and Grapeland countries be present at the next meeting, Saturday, January 2, 1915, so that the directorate can either accept or reject the proposition of the thresher man, also it was moved and the same was carried unanimously that Mr. Self of the Crockett Oil Mill be invited to meet with us at the next meeting and that he be prepared to make us a definite answer as to whether we are to have the peanuts manufactured here at home or not. Mr. Brailsford had some new acreage to report. Several talks were made, and then the meeting adjourned to meet again Saturday, January 2, 1915.

J. E. Winfree, Secretary.

Lost Mules.

Strayed or stolen from range near my place, 9 miles southeast of Crockett, two young mules described as follows: One brown horse mule about four years old, branded B D on left shoulder, has light nose; one black mare mule about three years old, branded B D on left shoulder, also light nose; old wire cut in front of left hind knee. When these mules left home they had not been sheared since last spring. Will pay \$5.00 reward for each mule. First mule strayed off between two and three months ago; second mule about four weeks ago.

B. D. Rains,
Crockett, Texas.

For Organized Charity.

Editor Courier:

Since the appearance of the timely article of Rev. S. F. Tenney, calling attention to the need of some organized effort to relieve the suffering and distress of worthy objects of charity, this writer has discussed the matter with a number of our citizens and found every one who has been approached heartily in favor of the movement and ready and willing to render such assistance to the perfection of the plan as they consistently could.

There is no doubt as to the necessity of taking prompt action as the needs of these unfortunate folk are multiplying with the approach of winter weather, and I am sure that our good people only need to have the matter brought to their attention in the proper manner for them to rise to the exigencies of the occasion.

Our county has been blessed in the past to such an extent as to obviate the necessity of such a movement, but the unfortunate conditions prevailing at this time have brought want and suffering to some of our people, and I think that we are all agreed that it is our moral duty to relieve their distressing condition as far as possible.

The old adage "In union there is strength" seems especially appropriate in matters of this kind, for by all working together toward a common end much more can be accomplished and with the least possible sacrifice or inconvenience to any particular one.

One of our enterprising citizens stated to me yesterday that he would be one of a number to subscribe \$10 toward creating a fund to relieve worthy objects of charity in our midst, and I am sure that there are a considerable number of our citizens who would be glad to make similar contribution. This fund could be augmented by the collection of wearing apparel from homes of our folk that has been laid aside for one reason or another, but which would serve a very useful purpose, by a committee chosen to dispense these things to those who are in need and deserving.

Would it not be in order for our public spirited mayor to call a mass meeting of our citizens to discuss this important matter, at which time some definite plan of action could be outlined for its systematic handling?

While contributing to the relief of the unfortunate Belgians is commendable, we should not overlook the suffering at our very doors and among people of our own race and customs, in some instances where poverty has visited them as a result of the ravages of disease.

Please understand that I am not seeking to prescribe how any one

should dispense charity, but, as an interested citizen who has given some little attention to the matter, felt that it would not be inappropriate to make a few suggestions in the hope of getting an organized movement launched without further delay.

John LeGory.

From San Pedro.

Editor Courier:

The New San Pedro Literary and Debating Society and Social Center Club had its regular meeting on the evening of the 19th inst. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a house full was on hand.

On the evening of the 18th our boys met the Grapeland boys in joint debate at Grapeland, and the decision of the judges in this debate was in favor of the Grapeland society.

We expected the Grapeland boys at our meeting on the following evening, but inasmuch as they failed to show up, we bridged over the proposition by fixing up a program of our own. The question was, Resolved that an amendment to the Federal constitution granting equal suffrage to both men and women is more in conformity to the republican form of government than a similar amendment to the state constitution. Affirmative, George Louis Payne and Monroe Anderson. Negative, Willis Whitaker and J. M. Anderson. Decision in favor of affirmative.

Prof. McDonald of Crockett, on our program, was absent on account of sickness in family. But Miss Jack Eaves of Grapeland gave a most successful reading. This entertainment included both humor and pathos. Another most successful feature was that Miss Dorris Mansfield of Crockett was a guest of our society at this meeting and led our band with violin renditions.

On account of absence of our secretary, Miss Jewel Davidson, Deckhart Anderson acted in that capacity.

Next meeting of our society will be on the evening of January 2, 1915. A most interesting program will be rendered. Come and be a guest of the most successful society of this kind in East Texas.

Correspondent.

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From Agricultural Demonstration Agent. Lovelady, Texas, Dec. 5.

O. C. Goodwin, Crockett, Texas.
Dear Sir—I note with pleasure the efforts your organization (the Crockett Peanut Growers) are making in an effort of diversified farming. If you people will only add a few other essentials—such as pigs, poultry and tomatoes, with a good supply of other food and feed crops, and in your organization maintain a buying and selling agency, you will in doing so set an example that all of Houston county will prosper by. With reference to this move of growing peanuts for the market, I would advise your people to grow the Spanish variety as it is best adapted to your locality and is also more in demand on the market. This variety has a more upright growing habit than other types and this is an advantage as far as the hay is concerned. The value of peanut hay in regions where it is well grown is a little lower than clover hay. In food value peanut hay ranks nearly as high as alfalfa, but because it is usually dull in color and contains considerable dust the market value is not as high as alfalfa.

Most of the farmers' stock peanuts are bought by cleaning and shelling plants or representatives of these concerns. Among large clean-

ers and shellers in this country would mention the following:

American Peanut Corporation, Norfolk, Va.
Columbia Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.
Suffolk Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.
Bain Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.
Logmis Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.
King Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.
J. B. Worth, Petersburg, Va.
Barnhart Merchantile Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Denton, Texas.
Williams Hubbard Co., Texarkana, Ark., and Paris, Texas.
The Bain Peanut Co., Shreveport, La.

In regard to peanut pickers, I would say there are several machines on the market which do very satisfactory work. Among these I would mention the Benthall Peanut Picker, manufactured by the Benthall Machine Co., of Suffolk, Va.; the Lilliston Picker, manufactured by the National Machine Corporation of Suffolk; one manufactured by the Ferguson Manufacturing Company of Suffolk and another by the American Peanut Harvester Corporation of Petersburg, Va. All of these machines, with the exception of the Lilliston, work on practically the same principle and have given very general satisfaction. The Lilliston works on practically the same basis as far as removing the pods are concerned, but a little different scheme for cleaning the pods after they are removed from the vines. This machine has given very good results for the past two or three years. I would hardly know which machine to recommend out of this lot, but the Benthall is probably the best known. I would advise you to get the catalogues and

descriptions of all these machines so that you would have some idea as to the methods of work. In addition to the regular peanut pickers, some of the manufacturers of grain threshers make a peanut cylinder for their machines. These are used to considerable extent in many sections of the Southwest because they can also be employed for threshing grain. The main objection to the thresher machine is that the spikes cause considerable breaking or splitting of the pods. Where the nuts are to be put on the market within a few months after the harvesting the injury to the pods does not amount to much because the Spanish are nearly always sold as shelled goods. The dealers, however, usually will make a little reduction in price if the nuts are badly broken. Among the manufacturers of this type of machines I would mention the J. I. Case Thresher Co. of Racine, Wis.; the International Harvester Co. of Chicago, Ill., and the Little Giant Thresher, manufactured by Heebner & Sons, Lansdale, Pa.

Hoping to be with you in your next meeting, I am yours very truly,
H. W. Beeson.

Gore, Ga., P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular."
—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

Sick Two Years With Indigestion.

"Two years ago I was greatly benefitted through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

Notice.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of H. Asher, deceased, late of Houston county, Texas, by the county court of said Houston county, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1914, during a regular term thereof, notice is hereby given requiring all persons having claims against the estate of said H. Asher, deceased, to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law at his residence at Crockett, Houston county, Texas; that the undersigned post office address is Crockett, Texas.

Witness my hand at Crockett, Texas, this December 10th, A. D. 1914. N. L. Asher, Administrator of the Estate of H. Asher, deceased.

A large negro woman followed by a small child was heard to say: "Come on here, Egg Nog, what you mean coming 'long so slow?" A bystander asked her why she called the child by such a name as Egg Nog and she replied: "You know dat nigger Julie Johnson? Well, she done got twins what she calls 'Tom and Jerry,' and I ain't g'wine to let no nigger get ahead o' me naming her brats. Come on here, Egg Nog."

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Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved in a short time." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

The SHOOTERS' NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



KING WITH HIS ROBES HELD UP BY PAGES.

Philadelphia has the reputation of being one of the most quiet and dignified cities in the United States, but once a year it lapses into unrestrained frivolity. The occasion is a curious carnival called the "New Year shooters' parade," which is described in the Wide World Magazine by a resident of the city.

FOR three hundred and sixty-four days in the year Philadelphia lives up to its national reputation of being the quietest city in the United States, but for one glorious day the Quaker town vies with New Orleans, Rome and Paris as a center of frivolity suddenly stricken mad. It is a very methodical madness, however, for the chief participants in this great annual festival of Philadelphia—which is known as the New Year "shooters' parade"—begin their preparations for the following year as soon as the sun sets on the scene of gaiety on Jan. 1.

One of the objects to be gained is the winning of large cash prizes offered by the civic authorities for the most elaborate and novel costumes worn in the procession and for the club whose members make the most striking appearance on parade.

Each year the eccentricity of the costumes exceeds that of the previous year. Immense sums are spent on the costumes of the kings, of whom there are several in the procession, and numbers of girls are employed for months previous to the date of the festival cutting out and embroidering the material intended for their majesties' finery on festival day. The larger the robe and the finer the embroidery the better the chance of winning a prize. A hundred young Philadelphians will form themselves into a club and do little else in their spare time but plan and prepare for the annual parade, paying subscriptions into a general fund, from which the milliner's bill is to be met, and looking forward to winning a cash prize sufficient at least to reimburse them for the initial outlay.

As many as ninety pages are sometimes required to support some of the gorgeous robes worn by the kings at this curious festival. The parade takes place on Broad street, the widest thoroughfare in the city, and the royal robes are made large enough to stretch from curb to curb when pulled out to their full width by the attendant pages. Their weight being enormous, it would be impossible for even the sturdy men selected as kings to support them but for the small army of gorgeously clad pages who carry sections of the train. At times, when the street narrows or the crowd is so dense that it is impossible for the pages to stretch the robe to its full length, the weight necessarily falls to a great extent on the shoulders of the king, and his majesty frequently faints from the terrible strain of supporting his splendor without the aid of the pages.

These pages are attired in costumes that match the robe of the king, and as a royal retinue passes along to the music of a military band the spectacle is a magnificent one. But the kings are not the entire show by any means. Following each royal personage comes a motley procession of revelers, each dressed according to his own peculiar fancy, but all with some attempt at expressing a meaning in the masquerade. Public men who are not popular are held up to ridicule by men who impersonate them in the most grotesque costumes conceivable, current events are depicted by cars in which Young America exercises his wit in a manner that the man in the street can understand, and jests that are occasionally couched in language more forceful than polite are carried aloft on transparencies. Pretty "girls," whose large feet and mannish stride betray the sterner sex, stalk along beneath bewitching sunshades or dance merrily with maskers in all manner of foolish guises, and a regular Noah's ark of animals, with trousered legs protruding through the corners of their anatomy, march solemnly along with nodding heads and cavernous smiles.

At the city hall the procession halts while the mayor and his cabinet review the parade. Then for hours it plods along through avenues of cheering citizens to a point where the committee, to which is left the selecting of

the prize winners, critically scans the costumes and the appearance of each marching band. The decisions are not made known until several days after the gorgeous finery has been laid away to do duty in some way or other the succeeding year. When the names of the prize winners are finally announced there is generally a howl of disappointment from those passed over, with much talk of unfairness and bias.

The prizes, however, do not interest the average citizen much. He is only concerned with the procession. Each portion of the parade represents a particular ward of the city, and it is a matter of pride with the spectator to cheer more loudly for his own representatives in the procession than the next man cheers for his. When the different clubs reach the end of the line of march each is received by its admirers and escorted to the ward from which it came, where the procession is repeated on a small scale and revelry reigns unrestrained for a few happy hours, the police by general consent allowing any liberty to be taken with the established law so long as good nature prevails and nothing radically wrong goes on.

Splendid as the scenes are during the day, however, they are totally eclipsed by the spectacles at night. No matter how magnificently a satin robe may be embroidered by daylight, it suggests more of the tinsel finery of the circus than real regal splendor. At night when his majesty gathers for the royal parade, attended by a host of torch bearing sprites and preceded by electric illuminations of every hue, the scene is brilliantly attractive. The day's parade, in fact, is merely a "warming up" for the incidents of the night. After dark on festival night Philadelphia is aglow with red fire. The streets are a mass of color, reflected from the royal robes, the rainbow hued parasols of the maskers, the flags and bunting of the marching clubs, the draperies of the gods on the cars and the diaphanous costumes of the goddesses, who glide along attended byimps and courtiers. The entire city goes festival mad—for one evening only. A stranger dropping into Philadelphia on festival night would imagine himself in New Orleans on the last day of the Mardi Gras celebrations. The crowds are enormous, the scene bewildering in its illuminated splendor, and the constantly moving panorama of color as the revelers skip along to the music of the bands in the smoke and glow and glare of hundreds of varicolored lights is a veritable nightmare of festivity unrestrained.

There is no particular meaning attached to the festival. No other city has one like it. It is simply the one day and night in the year when Philadelphia, whose name is regarded by the rest of the United States as a synonym for sobriety and dignity, throws care to the winds and revels in an atmosphere of jollification which rivals that of Paris or Nice in carnival time. The day following the annual festival and for 365 days thereafter Philadelphia is just the "Quaker City," the "City of Brotherly Love" or any other name suggestive of sober quietude that its critics like to call it.

Just as a Compliment.

Count Baldissare Castiglione wrote of manners in sixteenth century Italy: "Discourse of love is used by every gentleman, * * * not only when impelled by ardor, but also merely to do honor to the lady with whom he speaks. The pretense of loving her is, at any rate, a testimony to her worthiness to be loved. She, on her part, will for a time seem to fail to understand and anon will take it all as a merry jest."

Fish and Frost.

Some varieties of fish can stand any amount of cold without harm. Perch will live in ponds which are frozen practically solid in every hard winter. The whitefish of Canada, caught through holes in the ice, have been picked up frozen so stiff that they would break like brittle sticks, yet when carefully thawed out showed signs of life.



The Old Year.

OLD year, you are 'nough,
And you slip from us now,
While we look to the new
That is making its bow
With the hope it will bring
Us the joys that we crave
And the welcome bells ring
While you go to your grave.
Ah, what is this life
But a year when all's said,
Joy, anguish and strife
And the tears that we shed?

Old year, in your days
We have laughed with delight
And have danced in the haze
Of your glorious light.
Many songs we have sung,
And our hearts we've played,
And our hopes have been wrung
When our loved ones we laid
Cold and still in the ground.
We have sorrowed and wept
As we stood by the mound,
But our trust we have kept.

Old year, in your days
There was happiness too.
On our varying ways
Blossomed roses and rue.
There were pleasures and pain,
There were struggles and strife,
There were both loss and gain
In the round of your life,
But in summing it up
As you slip from our hall
You poured in our cup
More of sweet than of gall.

A mixture of sweet
And of bitterness, too;
Some tasted defeat;
Successes some knew.
And that is our life,
When it's all said and done,
A portion of strife
And a portion of fun.
Oh, may it be chanted
Of me when I'm through
He lived and he planted
More roses than rue!

CRUEL NEW YEAR'S "SPORT."

Times Have Changed Since Dutch Tortured Geese in Old New York. In old time New York, in the Dutch days, there was observed a cruel "sport" for New Year's day—a sport frowned on by Stuyvesant. It was called "riding for the goose." Blacksmith Joris set up in front of his shop two stout poles ten feet apart connected with a strong crossbar twenty feet from the ground. From this bar hung a living goose tied firmly by the legs, just over the head of a mounted rider. The sport consisted in riding at full speed between the poles and snatching at the head of the goose to bear away the head from the body or to tear the whole bird away. As the goose had been thoroughly greased and flattered wildly at this exhibition of man's inhumanity when being amused this proved no easy task.

And see! Here is a Dutch tar—a pirate, perhaps, blustering with schnapps from Cruger's tavern—bawling out that he can catch aloft better than any landlubber. And with his flapping trousers, crimson sash, cutlass, earrings and pigtails he mounts a shaggy Dutch pony and rides clattering at the poles and the fluttering goose. But the ill broken cart horse promptly throws him to the frozen ground as he rises swaying in his stirrups to catch the slippery goose, and shouts of laughter greet him as he rises scowling and threatening.

And by this time and at this clamor Stuyvesant would come stumbling along on his silver banded wooden leg and try to force an unwilling rattle watch to spoil the sport by arresting the noisest and drunkenest men and "prevent more sins, debaucheries and calamities." Here is a part of one of his proclamations: "Whereas, experience has taught us that on New Year's day and May day from the firing of guns, the planting of maypoles and drunken drinkers there have resulted unnecessary waste of powder and much intoxication, with the bad practices and bad accidents; therefore, we expressly forbid any firing of guns and beating of drums," etc., to try to kill out the celebra-

tion of New Year's.

We can well understand the prudent governor's irritation and intolerance, for three weeks of every midwinter at these holiday times were so given over to holiday observance that the courts did not sit, public offices were closed and no important business could be transacted.

The exchange of gifts was universal in New York on New Year's day for centuries; gifts of gloves, cake, fruit, "Kiskatomas nuts" and New Year's visiting also.

CALLING OUT OF VOGUE.

Cordial Old New Year Practice Has Almost Entirely Died Out.

New Year's day itself is celebrated quietly nowadays. The old custom of receiving calls that used to be in vogue when our mothers were young has never been revived, and the size of our cities and the enormous proportions to which even a quiet woman's visiting list will grow with even the slightest encouragement make it seem unlikely that this cordial old practice will ever again be in vogue.

Many people, however, send New Year cards to their friends, wishing them health, happiness and prosperity, and young men, especially those who have been the recipients of hospitality, send their women friends a bunch of roses, a box of candy or a new book, with the best New Year wishes. This plan is often adopted by men who wish to pay small courtesies to their friends, instead of sending Christmas presents, for New Year gifts do not carry with them any obligation of a return favor, as Christmas remembrances are sometimes supposed to do.

OLD YEAR, ADIEU!

Old Father Time, with visage grim,
Marks finis on another year.
His harvest he has gathered in;
The swath was wide both far and near.

The strife of battle rages round
The ranks of fighters in the van,
But clashing arms and shouts resound
Of victor and of conquered man.

The aged sire, with trembling hands
And hoary locks of silvery white,
Perceives the passing of the sands,
The sunset's glow, the clouds of night.

Mayhap there is a vacant chair
At home, but recently resigned,
A loved one gone above to wear
The crown of bliss by angels twined.

The path to glory may not lead
With roses strewn about the feet,
But hope and strive by word and deed
Some soul to cheer—the New Year greet!

—T. J. Dahey in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

AT MIDNIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The Old Year said: "In this well worn pack

I've carried for many a day
Are more than a bushel of useless things
You must bury or throw away.
There are souls so scarred by the fire of pain
'Tis best by far to conceal them
In the deepest grave that the Pan can dig."

But the New Year said, "I will heal them."
The Old Year said: "You will also find
A number of broken hearts—
Not merely dented or cracked, alas,
But snapped in a dozen parts
To the junk heap gathered by Father Time
At once you had better send them.
For they only litter the world in vain."
But the New Year said, "I will mend them."
—Minna Irving in New York Times.

Little Bits of New Year Verse

Touch us gently, Time!
Let us glide adown the stream
Gently—as we sometimes glide
Through a quiet dream.

When time is flown, how it fled
It is better neither to ask nor tell.
Leave the dead moments to bury
their dead.
—Owen Meredith.

Come what come may,
Time and the hour runs through the
roughest day.
—Macbeth.

We ring the bells and raise the
strain,
We hang up garments everywhere
And bid the tapers twinkle fair
And feast and frolic, and then we go
Back to the same old lives again.

Here's to a happy holiday,
Health and wealth for all the year.

Work adjourned has many stays;
Long demurs breed new delays.
—Southwell.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

CREDITORS in China and likewise those of Chinese in America are happy with the approach of New Year, because all old debts must be paid before that date. The last day of the old year in China is a sort of national pay day, and one who fails to pay his creditors in full on or before this day is disgraced in the eyes of his acquaintances. Those who cannot pay their debts at this time must go into bankruptcy. The laws in China permit a creditor to enter a debtor's house and take what he wishes if there is no settlement of just claims. Frequently families club together and make all sorts of compromises to retain the good reputation of the clan.

The Chinaman's first business on New Year's day is to offer a sacrifice to his gods. In homes a table is spread with offerings of food and drink, candles and incense.

When Chinamen who are friends meet on the streets for the first time on New Year's they bow very politely and shake hands saying, "Kung shi, kung shi," which means "I respectfully wish you joy." Frequently they add, "And may you grow rich." In making their New Year's calls the Chinamen are profuse in their greetings. When the friend departs from the house he says:

"May the spirit of your ancestors abide ever with you and the noble home that is honored by your presence."



THE CHINESE NEW YEAR SACRIFICE TO THE GODS.

ence shelter your descendants for 10,000 years."

To which the host will say, making a low bow:

"I call down upon thee the peaceful blessings of a prosperous existence. May your cue be hung in a josh-house and your bones be preserved as holy relics in golden boxes."

The New Year's festivities in China are prolonged for two weeks, and sometimes a month. The time is spent in making visits, exchanging gifts and feasting. According to an ancient tradition in China the first day of the year is called the fowl's day; the second the dog's day, the third the pig's day, the fourth the sheep's day, the fifth the cow's day, the sixth the horse's day and the seventh man's day. During the first six days of the year the flesh of animals is forbidden as food.

The Chinese calendar is a complicated affair. Only those skilled in mathematics are able to comprehend the Chinese method of computing time. Here are the instructions for determining the beginning of the New Year: "New Year's day shall begin with the lunation during which the sun enters a point in the ecliptic 90 degrees beyond the winter solstice."

A Changeable Name.

The French island of Reunion has changed its name four times in a little over half a century and with little or no reason for doing so. In 1793 it was Bourbon, as it had been for a century and a half, but the convention then changed it to Reunion. Under the empire it became Isle Bonaparte. At the restoration it reverted to Bourbon. Finally in 1848 it became Reunion once more.

**CALIFORNIA ANTI-ALIEN LAW
DISCRIMINATES AGAINST JAPAN**

Says Toyokichi Iyenaga, Japanese Statesman and Publicist.

The brief study we have made of the Japanese question in California reveals that it is not merely an economic question—the ground taken by Secretary of State Bryan—hence, in his view, can safely be left to adjustment by the legislative act of that state. I believe that the anti-alien land law is clearly discriminatory against the Japanese and therefore violates the spirit and letter of the American-Japanese treaty of 1911.

The Wilson administration, I believe, is inconsistent in its attitude toward that law. While we recognize that this is a most delicate and difficult question and, further, that no foreign power will presume to impose its will upon the American people in any question that concerns their sovereign rights, I believe at the same time that the American government is in honor bound to right the wrong of violating the treaty sacredly entered into with Japan.

The principles of justice and fair dealing with all nations, for which the United States has always stood, call for some action on the part of the American government in the premises.

To be sure, I am not in a position to specify a way for the solution of the difficulty. I can only quote the old saying, "Where there is a will there is a way."

Weldon Items.

From the Weldon News.

Farmers' Institute met at Weldon Friday evening, December 11, with President I. L. Jeffus presiding.

It had been previously decided that a market could be found for

Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, peanuts, tomatoes and seeded ribbon cane, and the lists that had been out for signature showing how much of each crop a farmer would plant, were called for, and while there were only three or four lists present, there was enough interest shown to insure a good crop of each.

H. W. Beeson, county demonstration agent, was present, having just come from Crockett where he had attended a meeting of Crockett business men and farmers, and made an interesting talk, and offered his assistance to any farmer who would call on him. One thing especially of interest in his talk was to tell us that we are buying our blackeyed peas from Turkey instead of producing them at home.

The business men of Weldon met at the bank Friday night to perfect a plan to aid the farmers in placing their products on the market, and to provide the proper means to get them in marketable shape by providing peanut thresher, dry kiln for peas and potatoes, and for the erection of a canning factory to take care of the surplus of tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

W. H. Mangum, J. L. Carroll and W. A. Moore were elected as a committee to get in line with the markets and to look after the putting in of proper marketing facilities.

Ash Local Institute.

The fourth Teachers' Local Institute will meet at Ash Friday, January 8, and Saturday, January 9. The program is as follows:

Friday, 8 p. m.—
Welcome address—J. F. Henderson.

Response—C. W. Butler.
Education the Hope of the Nation—J. H. Rosser.

Dramatic reading—Miss Dollie Moore.

How may Geography be Taught

Successfully in the Elementary Grades—Miss Johnnie Duren.

Saturday, 9 a. m.—
Can the Honor System be Used Exclusively in the Public Schools—W. A. Reese.

What Causes the Great Difference Between Men and Women—Stokes Pelham.

Discuss public speaking with reading—J. L. Jackson.

Saturday, 1 p. m.—

Should the apportionment for the colored youth be made in proportion to the taxes paid—J. N. Snell.

Is prompting the student in the intermediate grades to take the examination for teacher's certificate the proper incentive to inculcate in their minds—A. F. Freeman.

What can the teachers do to improve the surrounding conditions of their schools—Mrs. G. R. Taylor.

What opportunities have the farmer boy or girl of to-day—W. B. Adams.

What training should a primary teacher have before attempting to teach the elementary grades—Miss Lillian Punch.

To what extent should moral instruction be given in the public schools—R. H. Howell.

Saturday, 8 p. m.—

Does the absence of a social center in a community retard the progress of the school—S. E. Tanner.

Importance of the rural high school—C. W. Butler.

The need of vocational training in the public schools—S. W. Ditch.

Question-box for patrons and teachers.

All teachers are requested to attend this institute, and more especially those who have been assigned topics. Respectfully,

John F. Gilbert,
Miss Amanda Stell.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.
I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."
—Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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GALVESTON TRAIN.	
Arrives from Galveston	8:34 PM
Leaves for Galveston	11:00 PM
LONGVIEW TRAIN.	
Leaves for Longview	11:30 AM
Arrives from Longview	12:38 PM
ST. LOUIS TRAIN.	
Leaves for St. Louis	8:34 PM
Arrives from St. Louis	11:00 PM
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On night trains from Houston to Chicago, from Galveston to St. Louis and from St. Louis to Galveston.	

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Our holiday display has been selected with a view to interest and please our juvenile friends. Pay our store a visit and take a glance at the many whirling Trains, Trolleys and Flying Machines; our complete assortment of Drums, Wagons, Autos, Hobby Horses, and all kinds of Mechanical Toys; Dolls, Children's Furniture, Doll Coaches, Toy Dishes, Swings and Magic Lanterns. Just look around, or if you wish, purchase at once; you will save time and money.

The Racket Store

W. P. HARRIS, PROPRIETOR



The Day of Days---Xmas Day

will soon be here. Your remaining holiday expenditures can be greatly reduced if you will take advantage of the many bargains we can offer you, and this is a case where promptness will pay. If you wait much longer TO-MORROW will be CHRISTMAS DAY and that pleasant remembrance you intended for a loved one or a friend will be other than your first choice. BUY NOW, while you can please and be pleased.

¶ To our many patrons and friends—by that we mean the body of people in our county—we wish a very joyous and happy Christmas. May your every wish be fulfilled. We very kindly thank you for your liberal patronage and assure you of our deep appreciation of your every purchase. Again wishing you a merry Christmas, we are

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TO THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 30, there will assemble at Crockett the largest and most representative body of farmers ever gathered together in Houston county. Present indications are that 500 farmers will be here. The farmers of Houston county are aroused to the necessity of making a careful study of the conditions that confront them.

The object of this meeting is to form an organization to be known as the "Houston County Crop Diversification and Marketing Association," or some similar organization. This organization seeks three specific ends. It aims: First, to reduce the acreage planted to cotton. Second, to increase the acreage planted to diversified crops, and Third, to look after systematic marketing of such diversified crops as may be grown by its members. There are no secrets—no initiation fees—in this organization. It is primarily a business concern, and is so constituted that it will serve the double purpose of helping the farmer to produce and to sell these diversified crops to the best possible advantage.

The need of an organization of this kind is due primarily to the fact that trade and commerce throughout a large part of the civilized world has suddenly become paralyzed. This paralysis has struck home to the cotton producer first

of all. It has left him with an uncertain market, an unprofitable price, and an unknown future. The wisest and ablest business men and farmers every where regard the growing of the next year's cotton crop as a game of chance, attended by hazardous risks. There is absolutely nothing certain about it. We know that the world now has a heavy surplus of cotton, and that, under war conditions, consumption of cotton goods will decrease rather than increase. Nothing short of a heavy reduction of the cotton acreage can possibly save the South from bankruptcy.

What is the remedy? Our cropping system must be readjusted. All cotton means bankruptcy, half cotton means prosperity. Why? Europe does not feed her own people in time of peace. Much less can she do so in time of war. The United States will be the logical store-house for Europe's food supplies. The gold of England, France, Russia, Austria and of other European countries will flow to this side in exchange for our meat and grain. Texas can produce her share of these. Houston county can produce her share. With a strong marketing association to handle our diversified products, why should we be willing to gamble with cotton? This is to urge you to meet with our people here Wednesday morning. Every

community in the county will be represented. It will be the ablest gathering of farmers ever assembled in the county.

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock, will adjourn at 12, and will reconvene at 1:30. The day will be spent in perfecting the plans already under way. You cannot afford to miss it.

Ladies are specially invited to attend this meeting as the marketing of butter, eggs and chickens will be discussed.

Publicity committee: W. W. Aiken, chairman; Dr. L. Meriwether, H. W. Beeson, T. B. Satterwhite, Dr. E. B. Stokes, E. E. Hail, H. J. Arledge, Dr. M. A. Thomas, W. C. Shivers, J. N. Tyer, P. E. Tunstall, W. V. Meeks, T. J. Welch, E. C. Arledge and C. L. Edmiston.

The Best is None Too Good.

If you want a newspaper that gives the news, especially the news from Texas and the great southwest, as well as from all over the world, one that gives the most of it and in the best possible way, you can get it by subscribing for the Semi-Weekly Farm News along with the Crockett Courier. The price of the Semi-Weekly Farm News and the Crockett Courier is only \$1.85 a year. You get the best of everything that is good in reading matter from every standpoint in the Courier and the News.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy — The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Beef and Milk A-plenty

Cattle are kept for two purposes; for beef production and for milk production. To do either right they must be healthy. There is nothing better to keep them in continued good health, or to make them well quickly when sick, than a few doses of—

Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE

Stirs up the liver—Drives disease poisons away.

Any time any of my cattle get anything wrong with them I give them a few doses of Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE. They soon get well. John S. Carroll, Moorhead, Miss.

25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's. P. R. 2

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

Palestine Wedding.

A wedding at Palestine that attracted considerable local interest was the marriage of Miss Fannie Maude Dupuy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dupuy of that city, to Mr. J. O. Monnig, also of Palestine. The Dupuy family is an old one in this part of the country and especially in Houston county. Taking part in the wedding was Mr. W. C. Dupuy of this city and a son of Mrs. M. C. Dupuy, an aunt of the bride. Attending from this city were Mrs. Dupuy and Mrs. J. R. Sheridan, also an aunt of the bride. Among those taking part in the wedding was Miss Carrie Houseman of Houston, who is pleasantly remembered as a former visitor in the Sheridan and Dupuy homes here with Miss Dupuy of Palestine, now the bride.

Cleet Goodson Seriously Cut.

In the Pine Island settlement Wednesday night, in the extreme eastern end of Houston county, Cleet Goodson was seriously cut by George Page. Both are young men and were attending a community social function. Page was arrested Thursday by Constable Spoon English of Ratcliff and brought to Crockett by English and Sheriff Spence Friday evening, the latter having gone to Ratcliff Friday morning. Page, who is in jail awaiting the outcome of Goodson's injuries, was under suspended sentence, having been convicted in the district court of having stabbed to death a negro at Kennard about two years ago. He is now held under a charge of assault to murder.

Last Issue This Year.

This will be the last issue of the Courier for the year 1914. As is customary with the weekly press, the week between Christmas and New Year's day will be taken as a holiday. The editor and force have labored the year through without missing a day and it is now proper that a few days of rest should be taken. The next issue of the Courier will appear January 7. In this connection we desire to express our appreciation for your most liberal patronage and to wish every patron a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

J. R. Hairston Dead.

News of the sudden death of Mr. J. R. Hairston, the representative-elect from Houston county to the next legislature, came to Crockett by telephone Tuesday morning. Death occurred at his country home a few miles north of Lovelady at about 8 o'clock Monday night. Heart failure is given as the cause. Mr. Hairston was a valuable citizen and will be greatly missed. We have not learned of the funeral arrangements.

It will be necessary for a special election to now be held to elect a successor to Representative Hairston. The call by the governor for an election will be issued within twenty days.

To Satisfy an Indebtedness.

The Simpson cotton, levied on more than two months ago by Daniel & Burton to satisfy an indebtedness, Simpson having left for Uvalde, was sold by Sheriff Spence at the court house door to the highest bidder Monday morning. It was bid in by Daniel & Burton at upwards of 7 cents. There were thirty or thirty-five bales of it. Simpson's mules were overtaken at Bryan at the time he left here.

Warning.

Warning is hereby given that the City Ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fire crackers, Roman candles and other explosives within the fire limits of the city will be rigidly enforced. For fires to property caused by such explosives, companies may avoid the payment of insurance.

J. W. Young, Mayor.

Attest: J. Valentine,

City Secretary. 2t.

The Long and Short of It.

Houston county had ginned, prior to December 1 this year, 21,130 cotton bales. On the same date last year Houston county had ginned 28,482 cotton bales. Texas had ginned, prior to December 1 this year, 3,748,282 bales. On the same date last year Texas had ginned 3,572,105 bales.

Notice to Butchers.

Notice is hereby given to all butchers, and to those engaged in the slaughter of animals, to file their monthly reports each month with the commissioners' court as the law directs. 3t.

E. Winfree, County Judge.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

An Old Brick Dwelling.

The Sentinel cornered an old-timer yesterday, and the result is hereby shown, to-wit:

Out on the old Tyler road, just half way to old Linflat, that is to say seven and three-fourths miles northwest of Nacogdoches, there stands an ancient looking brick dwelling house on the top of a big red hill. This is the first brick dwelling ever built in the county and the only one until modern times. It was built by R. W. McLain, the father of W. R. McLain (Bob) who lives in town, and R. W. McLain (Walt) who lives in the Mahl neighborhood. It was begun in 1860 and ended in 1861 not finished completely.

McLain was a man of means and the owner of a number of slaves. This was, at the time, a leading agricultural section of the country, where slaves were numerous and rivalry among planters prevailed. The red lands are fertile yet, and are thickly populated. The old fields are notable.

None of these planters had a brick house. In fact, the scarcity of saw mills and building materials of all kinds caused the average man to live in an ordinary big log house.

McLain surmounted all these obstacles by using ingenuity and perseverance. He manufactured all the brick on his own red land near the building site. There was no lime or cement nearer than a hundred miles, at Shreveport. So he burnt hickory and blackjack logs from his own land near, and made strong ashes to use instead of lime, and he burnt pine knots and made tar to mix with hog hair and ashes for cement. People said it would all crumble and tumble down. But it is there today over half a century old, and no lime or cement in it. The mortar or mixture substituted may be seen now. Architecture and modern conveniences were not then in vogue, as now, but the house has a basement which was then called a cellar. The building is all in fair state of preservation, and is occupied by the family of T. D. White, deceased, who are the present owners.

The big road runs in front of the house, where McLain turned it for his own convenience, over opposition of some of his neighbors, who wanted it to avoid the big hill and take a more direct course.

This was the third brick house in the county. The other two were first, the Orton brick, which stood about where the express office now is, built about 1855, second, the court house about 1857. These are gone, but the McLain country house is apt to be there for many years to come.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

A Massmeeting.

Is called to meet at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to take some suitable action towards supplying the needs of the destitute among us.

The Pastors.

Lumber for Sale.

I have for sale at my mill, 6 miles east of Crockett, boxing from 12 to 16 feet in length at \$12.50 a thousand feet; scantling at \$10 a thousand; all dry and stacked.

4t.* J. G. Matlock.

This—and Five Cents!

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a free trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

Best for Kidneys—Says Doctor.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, Greenville, So. Car., says that in his 30 years of experience he has found no preparation for the kidneys equal to Foley Kidney Pills. In 50c and \$1.00 sizes. Best you can buy for backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder ailments.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

Just 2 Days Until the Glad Day

Have you got your Christmas gifts for mother, father, sister or brother, and have you put away something nice for "my sweetheart?"

Keep in mind that gifts for all can be found here and at the best prices. We are making our prices wholly consistent with the stringent times.

You are welcome to save money by buying your gifts from us.

King's Drug Store

Buy in Person
Buy Over Phone
Buy by Mail

The Christmas spirit is in the air and is calling you to the stores of Crockett merchants. Why not do your buying now from the COURIER'S advertising' columns? Make up your list today.

ONLY A FEW SHOPPING
DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS



WE have purchased from the leading markets the very best hand-painted China, American Cut Glass, the choicest Fancy and Toilet Articles, Souvenir Novelties, Manicure Sets and Recherche Holiday Gifts in remarkable variety. Kindly examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. Let us convince you. Shop early and avoid the rush.

Chamberlain & Woodall

The Valdona Store

Electric Irons

For
Christmas
Gifts

We have just received a shipment of six-pound Westinghouse Guaranteed Electric Irons. These irons usually retail for \$5.00, but we are going to sell them, while they last, for **\$2.40**

Crockett Ice, Electric Light
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Christmas Greetings

TO the person of good taste and refinement we invite an inspection of our select assortment of Christmas novelties. Never in our history has a more elaborate selection of dainty and original gifts been presented to the buying public. Every article is of solid value and cannot fail to please the most exacting. We present a partial list of these high-grade offerings:

IVORY AND SILVER TOILET SETS
MANICURE PIECES AND SETS
JEWELRY AND CUT GLASS
A NICE LINE OF DOLLS AND TOYS
HAND-PAINTED CHINAWARE

CANDIES
BOOKS
BIBLES
PIPES
UMBRELLAS

And Other Items Too Numerous to Mention

The McLean Drug Company
The Rexall Store

Local News.

New toys at the Rexall store.
For appropriate presents for men see John Millar.
Braxton Eastham of Huntsville was here Thursday.
A complete line of jewelry at McLean Drug Co's.
Silk shirts in fancy holiday boxes at John Millar's.
New line of Hull umbrellas at McLean Drug Co's.
Hyman Pearlstone of Palestine was here Tuesday.
Buy your holiday goods from James S. Shivers & Co. tf.
Buy your Christmas presents at the McLean Drug Co's.
Miss Maude McConnell returned Sunday night from Galveston.
Old newspapers for sale at this office at 25 cents a hundred.
Miss Berta Phillips is at home from Lovelady for the holidays.
Fresh candy in Christmas packages at McLean Drug Co's.
Jehu Goolsby is here from the state university for the holidays.
Miss Leita Lawrence is spending her holiday vacation at Kilgore.
A complete, up-to-date abstract. tf-adv Aldrich & Crook.
Henry Arledge reached home Sunday from the A. & M. college.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Longview are here, to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends.

Mayor J. W. Young is spending a few days at the old home in Bastrop.
A portion of your cleaning and pressing will be appreciated by Friend. tf.
M. A. Milliff is here from Port Arthur to spend the holidays with his family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mangum are here from Austin to spend the holiday season.
Twenty-five cents a hundred is the price of old newspapers at the Courier office.
Walter English, a University of Texas student, is at home for the holiday season.
Santa Claus will do well by going to Johnson Arledge's for his fruits, nuts and candy. It.
Watt Beeson of Lovelady, farm demonstration agent, was here Monday and Tuesday.
For first-class cleaning, pressing and repairing try John Millar. Suits pressed, 50 cents.
If you are looking for appropriate gifts for a man, you will find just the right thing at John Millar's.
Arthur and Milton Thomas arrived home Monday night from the state university at Austin.
Buy your wire from us. We have a car load at the right price. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.
We are showing a beautiful line of holiday neckwear. John Millar.
Wood—Ring 250. Get any kind of wood you want. tf. J. D. Woodward.

Appreciation

THE season prompts me to express my sincere appreciation of that most valuable asset, "Good Will," which you have so kindly bestowed upon me. I desire to reciprocate this feeling—to extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

JOHNSON ARLEDGE.

Remember we are selling everything at a bargain at the Big Store. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

A few suits and pants left on hand that will be sold at a bargain. John Millar.

For rent—A nice house and lot in the Bruner addition. tf. S. F. Tenney.

Remember the Big Store is selling everything at a bargain. tf. James S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. J. C. Mytinger of Wichita Falls, after visiting relatives in this city, left for home Saturday night.

Jim McLean of Augusta has returned from a hunting trip to Dimmit county, where deer are plentiful.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, Laniar and Josephine will leave this week for Dallas to visit with relatives.

Lawyers can find manuscript covers for their legal documents at the Courier office—a shipment just received.

Tom Brailsford from A. & M. and Ed Lockey and Alfred Parish from Baylor are at home for the holiday festivities.

Dr. W. B. Collins of Lovelady and R. J. Mosely of Weches were among callers at the Courier office last Wednesday.

John Cook and Laddie Adams, from Southwestern University at Georgetown, are at home for the holiday season.

Miss Mildred Collins of Lovelady passed through Crockett Sunday en route home from the state university for the holidays.

Mrs. J. T. Simmons of the Porter Springs community has gone to Monroe, La., to spend Christmas with a daughter, Mrs. Richard Cassidy.

Mrs. J. R. Sheridan and Mrs. M. C. Dupuy attended the marriage of their niece, Miss Fannie Maude Dupuy, to Mr. Monnig in Palestine last week.

Misses Beasley Denny, Florence Kennedy, Mary Aldrich and Alice Foster, students of the state university, are at home for the holiday season.

J. H. McDougald, formerly of Creek, but now living with his son-in-law, E. N. Curry, at Palestine, sends the Courier his subscription renewal.

Note—we give a 50-pound can of lard for \$3.50 and 20 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.00 when you trade \$10.00 in dry goods. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Misses Mary and Jennie McLean are spending the week at Palestine. They will return Monday and have with them as their guest next week Miss Lillian Price of that city.

U. M. Brock of Grapeland, G. L. Murray and J. P. O'Keefe of Lovelady, H. Wilson and J. Valentine are among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

Lost Calf.

Heifer, reddish color, white star in face, unmarked and unbranded, about 6 months old; \$2 reward. 3t. M. Bromberg.

J. H. Rosser of Route 2, J. Q. Snell of Lovelady, Jack Smith of Longview and J. T. Barnhill of Route 6 are among our friends remembering the Courier this week.

Lang Smith of Lovelady, W. T. Bruton of Weldon, R. A. Shaw of Lovelady and J. R. Conner of Ratcliff are among the number renewing Courier subscription since last issue.

In the publicity committee for the farmers' diversification and marketing association to be organized December 30, the name of J. W. Shivers was omitted last week by oversight.

Real Estate and Loans.

We have real estate for sale and we would like to examine any vendor lien notes you may have for sale.

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Beginning January 1st, 1915, the residence rate will be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per month, making the following rates effective: Residence, \$1.50; business, \$2.50, per month.

Crockett Telephone Company

J. B. Duren, a student of the city schools, was taken last week by John Horan to Houston, where it is believed an expert operation would be necessary to relieve a serious trouble of the eyes and nose.

Earle Adams and Polk Kenley came in Saturday from the University of Texas for the holiday season. The former, having finished in the law department, will remain at home and engage in the practice of law.

Miss Ethel Phillips, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Phillips, was badly burned Monday morning by her clothes igniting from a fireplace. While not dangerously burned, her wounds are painful and serious.

Marvin Gilbert and Miss Lorena Darsey Royal were married at Grapeland Wednesday night, December 16. Both are prominent and popular young people. The wedding was attended by friends from this city.

Keystone Charm Lost.

Lost between Lawrence Jordan's house and the court house, a Masonic Keystone charm, containing Blue Lodge emblem, my name and Crockett, Texas, 1914. It* A. S. Moore.

For Rent.

After February 1, a modern five-room cottage, equipped with water and lights; screened-in porch, storage house and garden space. Convenient to public square.

tf. J. G. Beasley.

Mr. S. E. Barnes, one of Trinity's leading merchants and citizens, killed himself Wednesday at about 1:15 o'clock by shooting himself through the head. A nervous breakdown as a result of the financial depression is given as the cause.

C. H. Wickard is among those remembering the Courier since last issue. We regret that Mr. Wickard and family will move to Little Rock on the first of the coming year, although the Courier will follow them. Travelling for a St. Louis firm, he will be more centrally located at Little Rock.

Pains in Back and Hips

Are an indication of kidney trouble—a warning to build up the weakened kidneys, make them vigorous, rid your blood of acids and poisons. Go to your druggist for Foley Kidney Pills. In 50c and \$1.00 sizes. Sold in your town by W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

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WHEAT BRAN, per 100 pounds.....	\$1.25		

The above prices are strictly cash—nothing will be charged to anyone.

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Trustee's Sale.
The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Whereas, J. E. Bynum, of said state and county, did execute his certain deed of trust to the undersigned, Joe Adams, as Trustee, for the purpose of securing payment of one certain promissory note signed by himself and A. H. Bynum, dated January 13th, 1914, for Six Hundred, Sixty-five and 64-100 (\$665.64) Dollars, payable to Waller Grocer Company, or order, with ten per cent per annum interest thereon from date, and payable in installments of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, the first being due and payable February 1st, 1914, the second payable February 15th, 1914, and the other installments payable on the first and 15th days of each succeeding month until said note was fully paid, on the following described real estate, lying and being situated in Houston County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Being a part of the John Moore league, and the same more particularly described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the North East corner of Lot Number Two (2), a Red Oak 6 in dia mkd X brs N 35 E 3 vrs, and a Red Oak 6 in dia mkd X brs N 88 E 3 vrs. Thence North 55 East with the John Moore league line 195 vrs to corner on E. Allbright's line at the North East corner of the John Moore league, a Hickory and a Post Oak mkd X for corner. Thence South 55 East with Allbright's line 595 vrs to corner, a Red Oak 16 in dia mkd X brs S 66 W 6 vrs, a Hickory 4 in dia mkd X brs S 75 — 1 1/2 vrs. Thence South 55 West 195 vrs to the South East corner of Lot Number One (1), a Hickory 8 in dia mkd X brs N 6 W 2 vrs, and a Black Jack 12 in dia mkd X brs N 84 W 2 vrs. Thence North 35 West with the line of Lot No. One, 595 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 20 acres of land, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to J. E. Bynum by A. D. Epps and wife, by deed dated March 3rd, 1913, and recorded in Book 67, page 227 of the Houston County Deed Records, to which reference is hereby made for more complete description of said land, and which said deed of trust is dated January 13th, 1914, and is recorded in Volume 9, page 244 of the Deed of Trust Records of said Houston County, and the undersigned is made trustee therein, and which deed of trust provides if said J. E. Bynum should make default in the punctual payment of said indebtedness, or any part thereof, principal or interest, as the same became due and payable, it should thereupon, or at any time thereafter, be the duty of the undersigned, at the request of the said Waller Grocer Company, to enforce said trust; and

Whereas, all of said note has become due and payable and there is now due a balance on the principal and interest thereof of Two Hundred, Ninety-six and 79-100 (\$296.79) Dollars, and said Waller Grocer Company, the owner of said note, has demanded payment thereof from said A. H. Bynum and J. E. Bynum, the makers thereof, who have refused and still refuse to pay the same, or any part thereof, and the said holder of said note has requested the undersigned as such trustee to enforce said trust:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said deed of trust and the powers therein vested in me, I will, as provided for in said deed of trust, on the first Tuesday in February, 1915, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1915, at the Court House door of Houston County, Texas, in the City of Crockett, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder the above described premises, and will

make, in the name of said J. E. Bynum, proper conveyance of said premises to the purchaser at such sale.

Witness my signature at Crockett, Texas, this December 31st, A. D. 1914.
Joe Adams,
Trustee.

4t. Constable's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, Houston County, Texas. W. C. Lipscomb, Plaintiff, vs. Clabe Lewis, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, Houston County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the thirty-first day of August, A. D. 1914, in favor of the said W. C. Lipscomb and against the said Clabe Lewis, No. 5833 on the docket of said court, I did, on the twelfth day of December, A. D. 1914, at 3:30 o'clock P. M., levy upon the following described land belonging to the said Clabe Lewis, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land, situated in the south part of the city of Crockett, in the county of Houston and State of Texas, being out of and a part of the A. E. Gossett league, said tract being the lot with rent house thereupon adjoining the Clabe Lewis homestead tract, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the Jane Moseley homestead tract, thence W. 89 feet to corner, thence S. 192 feet to corner, thence E. 89 feet to corner, thence N. 192 feet to place of beginning, containing about one-third of an acre; and on the second day of February, A. D. 1915, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Clabe Lewis in and to said property.

Dated at Crockett this 4th day of January, A. D. 1915.

C. C. Mortimer,
Constable of Precinct No. 1,
Houston County, Texas.

Bankrupt Notice.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas: In Bankruptcy. In the matter of B. E. Goodrum, Bankrupt. No. 1842.

To the creditors of B. E. Goodrum, bankrupt, of Weldon, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915, the said B. E. Goodrum was duly adjudged and declared bankrupt and that the first meeting of creditors in said bankruptcy will be held in my office at Tyler, Texas, on the 18th day of January, 1915, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, examine the bankrupt, elect a trustee and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. W. Fitzgerald,
Referee in Bankruptcy,
Tyler, Texas, Jan. 5, 1915.

Bankrupt Notice.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas: In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of John R. Foster, bankrupt. No. 1840.

To the creditors of Jno. R. Foster, bankrupt, of Crockett, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of December, 1914, the said Jno. R. Foster was duly adjudged and declared a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors in said bankruptcy will be held in my office in Tyler, Texas, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1915, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, examine the bankrupt, elect a trustee and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. W. Fitzgerald,
Referee in Bankruptcy,
Tyler, Texas, Dec. 31, 1914.

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

In pursuance of an order issued by the governor of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in each voting precinct within the County of Houston and State of Texas, on Monday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1915, for the election of a representative of the 34th Legislature, from the 24th Representative Legislative District of the State of Texas, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. J. R. Hairston, deceased. Said election shall be held on the day and date above written by the officers in the said above named county in accordance with the requirements of law, and returns made in conformity to the laws of the State, and in accordance with said proclamation.

E. Winfree, County Judge,
Houston County, Texas.

The State of Texas.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, 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. 1915, the same being the 8th day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5543, wherein J. S. Jackson is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, deceased, and all other persons owning, claiming or having any interest in the land herein sued upon, and Robert Stubblefield, Gable Stubblefield, Sherman Gains, Nettie Gains, Francis Stubblefield, Mary Ivery, and Polly Stubblefield, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

That the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Barton Clark league, and the Burrell Morris survey, situated about 22 miles South West from the city of Crockett and more particularly described by field notes as follows: Beginning at a rock for corner on the East boundary line of said Barton Clark league, a P O 11 inches mkd X brs N 26 E 8 7-10 vrs, do 28 inches mkd X brs S 28-12 degrees W 17 vrs. Thence South 161 6-10 vrs to a stake for corner on the South bank of Kellerson Creek. Thence up said creek with its meanders as follows: N 89 1/4 E 188 1/4 vrs, S 6 1/4 W 47 9-10 vrs, N 71 1/4 E 79 3-10 vrs, S 73 1/4 E 149 1/4 vrs, to the junction of Cedar Creek with Kellerson Creek. Thence up Cedar Creek with its meanders as follows: S 88 1/4 E 86 1/2 vrs, S 16 E 10 1/2 vrs, to a rock for corner on the West bank of Cedar Creek from which a Pin Oak 14 inches mkd X brs S 53 W 3 1/2 vrs. Thence South 519 vrs to a rock for corner, from which a P O 25 inches mkd X brs N 77 W 5 vrs, do 24 inches mkd X brs S 16 E 3 2-10 vrs. Thence South 58 1/2 West 575 vrs to a stake for corner from which a P O 28 inches brs N 10 E 10 vrs, an ash 10 inches mkd X brs S 10 W 2 9-10 vrs. Thence North (var. 11-15 degrees E) 173 vrs to rock for corner on the North bank of Kellerson's Creek. Thence North 80 1/4 West 756 vrs to a rock for corner from which an elm 12 inches mkd X brs N 79 E 7 1-10 vrs. Thence North 40 1/2 vrs to a stake for corner on South bank of Kellerson's Creek from which an ash 10 inches mkd X brs E 3 1/4 v. Thence down said creek with its meanders as follows: N 32 W 65 vrs, N 9 E 90 vrs, N 40 1/4 E 57 1/2 vrs, N 22 E 107 vrs, N 8 1/4 W 71 1/2 vrs, N 41 W 60 1/2 vrs, S 83 1/2 W 107 vrs, S 55 1/2 W 83 vrs, N 34 W 30 vrs to the junction of Nellie Branch with Kellerson's Creek. Thence up said branch with its meanders as follows: N 72 1/2 E 84 1/2 vrs, N 37 E 37 vrs, N 15 1/4 E 76 vrs, N 10 1/4 E 106 1/2 vrs, N 19 1/4 W 95 vrs, N 35 E 73 vrs to a stake for corner on East bank of said branch from which a sweet gum 14 inches mkd X brs N 73 E 5 1-10 vrs, do 8 inches mkd X brs N 3 W 3 1-10 vrs. Thence East 775 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 179 6-10 acres of land, and the same being out of the Jeff Stubblefield homestead tract on said surveys, by instruments duly executed, which are fully set forth in plaintiff's petition; plaintiff further alleging that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit; and that plaintiff and those under whom plaintiff claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years Statutes of Limitation in bar of any claim asserted to said title by the defendants; that there is no title out of either Barton Clark or Burrell Morris, the original grantees of the above surveys, to that part of same owned and claimed by plaintiff, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that in one of the deeds to plaintiff's vendors, it is recited that said land was conveyed by J. W. Wilkerson and wife, and that said deed from J. W. Wilkerson and wife has been lost or destroyed, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the deed records of Houston County, Texas, show that that part of said Burrell Morris survey out of which the plaintiff's land is taken, was decreed by judgment of the District Court of said county to Mary E. Vinson, and that there is no title out of said Mary E. Vinson, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the other defendants herein assert some claim to said land, which is

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unknown to plaintiff, and that any other or further claims of the defendants in and to said above described land are unknown to plaintiff; and plaintiff sues, prays citation in terms of the law, and that upon trial he have judgment for the said land, removing all clouds therefrom, the costs of suit, and general and special relief.

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

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

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1915.

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

Notice to Butchers.

Notice is hereby given to all butchers, and to those engaged in the slaughter of animals, to file their monthly reports each month with the commissioners' court as the law directs.

St.
E. Winfree, County Judge.

CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.

HOUSTON TRAIN.	
Arrives from Houston	11:30 AM
Leaves for Houston	12:02 PM
GALVESTON TRAIN.	
Arrives from Galveston	8:36 PM
Leaves for Galveston	1:30 AM
LONGVIEW TRAIN.	
Leaves for Longview	11:30 AM
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