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A MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN THE TRINITY RIVER.

**Gruesome Find on the Hooks of a Trot-Line.
Had Been Missing from Home
for Several Days.**

John Corley, an aged and demented man, who had been missing from his home in Madison county for several days, was found dead in the Trinity river Thursday. A vigorous search had been under way for several days when the corpse was located dangling to a

trot-line in the river, having floated down the stream and caught in the fishing hooks. The supposition is that Mr. Corley, having a son living on the Houston county side, had lost his life in attempting to cross the river. The corpse was found near the Arledge place.

on proof as may be submitted by the American government suitable response will be duly made.

"As is well known, the means of communication between Germany and the United States are very unsatisfactory. It is practically impossible for the German government to keep itself in touch with American sentiment; it has often to depend on the foreign press for information concerning American affairs.

"The message of President Wilson to congress, in which the activities of German sympathizers in the United States were discussed, will serve as an illustration. There was received in Germany a brief summary of these prospects which referred to plots and conspiracies against peace and order in the United States and the effect produced thereby upon sentiment in Germany was probably more painful than the American government knew. A different impression thereby might have been produced by the full text of the message, but unfortunately that would not be available in Germany until the American newspapers arrived by mail, a fortnight or three weeks later, except as it might be taken with doubts and reservations from the English press.

"In the meantime confidential communication between the German government and its diplomatic

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German Government Disavows Acts of Unlawfulness in the United States.

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York Times has received the following authorized statement by wireless from Berlin:

"The German government naturally has never knowingly accepted the support of any person, group of persons, society or organization seeking to promote the cause of Germany in the United States by

illegal acts, by counsels of violence, by contravention of law or by any means whatever that could offend the American people in the pride of their own authority.

"If it should be alleged that improper acts have been committed by representatives of the German government they could be easily dealt with. To any complaints up-

representatives in the United States by cable or wireless is impossible for reasons which the American government knows. Messages by cable must pass through the English censorship and messages in secret code by wireless are forbidden. Therefore misunderstandings are bound to arise, while explanations are often so circumscribed or belated as to be not wholly effective.

"Apparently the enemies of Germany have succeeded in creating the impression that the German

government is some way morally or otherwise responsible for what Mr. Wilson has characterized anti-American activities, comprehending attacks upon property and violations of the rules which the American government has seen fit to impose upon the course of neutrality.

"This the German government absolutely denies. It can not specifically repudiate acts committed by individuals over whom it has no control and of whose movements and intentions it is neither officially

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FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKERS

After a Strenuous Christmas Day



At the Octagon House

It Wasn't a Burglar the Intruder Encountered.

By CLARISSA MACKIE

Rosamond Lee walked slowly down the rose bordered path to the tall stone wall that inclosed the deserted house next door. The owners were abroad, and there was no prospect of their immediate return to inhabit the Octagon House, as it was called.

Rosamond had made many excursions about the neglected grounds and dreamed many dreams beneath the noble trees that rose from the unkept turf. She had taken toll of the blooming flowers and shrubs in their seasons, and now she fed the gray squirrels that raced up and down the green branches.

Her family laughed at her fondness for the Octagon House and predicted a speedy abandonment when Mrs. Phillips came home again, for Mrs. Phillips was old and irascible and much feared by Rosamond since she was a little child.

But on this glorious September day, when the late monthly roses were bordering the path with delicate sweetness, Rosamond, a fair, sweet rose herself, thought little of Mrs. Phillips in distant Berlin. The day was made for her—for her alone—and the Octagon House.

She followed the stone wall to an intersecting fence which served as a stepping stone. In a trice she had jumped lightly to the soft turf of the other side and sped swiftly across the dappled green toward the house.

The crooked piazza, which followed the outline of the old house, was covered with Virginia creeper, even now turning to brilliant scarlet and gold. In one corner where the vines hung low and formed a curtain were a long wicker chair and a pile of Rosamond's favorite books.

She had tired of reading and was sitting half drowsy with sleep when a step on the piazza roused her. Never before had any one trespassed on her chosen retreat.

She parted the vines and peeped through to discover a man's tall form bent to peer into the half drawn shades of the long windows. He straightened up again, and she saw that his clothes were gray and dusty and that white dust powdered his dark hair. He was mopping his forehead vigorously with a handkerchief, and she noticed that his hands were bronzed by exposure to the sun.

That the man was a burglar Rosamond had not a doubt. Her heart almost stopped beating when he glanced carelessly toward her vine covered retreat before he sat down on the top step to light a pipe.

"He's wondering how to get in," murmured Rosamond to herself. "If only I were brave enough I would go out and frighten him away, but I am fearfully afraid of

burglars. And yet if he should break in and steal some of Mrs. Phillips' pictures I would feel dreadful, because I have enjoyed her hospitality unasked." She smiled thoughtfully and then sat very quietly.

Presently she dropped a book on the floor and rustled out of her retreat with a haughty expression on her sweet face. The stranger jumped to his feet and pulled off his gray cap.

"I beg your pardon," he stammered. "I didn't know any one was around."

Rosamond fixed him with a cold stare while she mentally decided that he was too good looking to be engaged in such a nefarious pastime as burglarizing unoccupied country houses.

She lifted her pretty brows inquiringly. "You wished to see some one?"

"Why—er—no. I didn't expect to see any one here. I thought the place was vacant," he stammered, knocking his pipe against the railing and stuffing it into his pocket.

"It is not vacant. I am here," said Rosamond bravely.

"So I—er—see," with an air of chagrin.

"The house is well protected." "I am glad of that," he said heartily.

Rosamond imagined his tone was sarcastic. "Perhaps you wished to see my husband," she said in a wavering voice.

The man started violently, and his eyes forsook her face and dropped to the ground. "Of course it would be a pleasure," he said. "Is he around?"

Rosamond edged closer to the steps and ran lightly down to the path below. "I will call him. He is not far away," she cried breathlessly; then she turned and sped swiftly toward the wall that divided the place from her home. Once there her father would telephone to the village for assistance, and thus the burglary would be prevented.

She thought she heard swift steps behind her, and she renewed her speed toward the wall. Her heart was beating almost to suffocation as she stepped on a loose stone. She uttered a terrified cry as the stone slipped and she fell to the ground.

Now she heard swift steps in reality as the stranger crossed the turf and bent anxiously above her.

"I hope you have not hurt yourself," he said gravely.

"I have sprained my ankle," admitted the girl with white lips.

"What were you trying to do—not to scale the wall?"

"Yea."

"Why? Was your husband over there?"

A red flush crept to her brows. "Yea," she said.

"Shall I call him," asked the suspected burglar frankly, "or shall I carry you back to the piazza and get you some cold water? Where are the servants? Have you occupied the house long? My aunt wrote me that the place was vacant." He hammered out the questions with remorseless haste.

Rosamond stared with growing horror. "Who are you? Who is your aunt?" she gasped in return.

"I am Mrs. Phillips' nephew. My

name's David Phillips. I have bought the place, and I came down to look it over. I was to have met the real estate man at the station. He came, but he forgot the keys, so I walked on. As he said nothing about the place being occupied, I was surprised to find a tenant."

Rosamond closed her eyes wearily, while her brain sought some escape from her appalling position. She was angry at having placed herself in such a situation. She might have known this good looking young man was not a burglar. She opened her eyes with suddenness and looked straight at him.

"I wish you would go away," she said petulantly.

"Of course, if you wish it. But you are suffering. May I not call some one to help you? I will look for your husband if you will tell me his name." He stopped awkwardly.

"I haven't any husband," she said recklessly. "You see, I've been in the habit of running over here and sitting on the porch and reading, and today I saw you looking in the window, and I thought you were a burglar, and so I tried to frighten you away by pretending I had a husband. I live next door, and my name is Rosamond Lee—so there! You may laugh if you want to."

"But I don't want to laugh," he said softly. "I think it was awfully brave of you, you know, when you believed me to be a desperado. Now, Miss Lee, you must let me help you home again, for that ankle needs attention at once. Permit me as a neighbor and perhaps later on a friend." He stooped and lifted her in his strong arms and carried her through quiet bypaths to a small gate in the wall and thus up the rose bordered path into her father's care.

Many times after that David Phillips strode up the rose bordered path to see Rosamond Lee, and the following June, when the roses were rioting the garden, he claimed her as his own, and together they passed under the portal of the rejuvenated Octagon House, of which Rosamond became in fact the mistress.

A Remarkable Island.

White Island, which lies in the Bay of Plenty, off the coast of New Zealand, derives its name from the clouds of white steam in which it appears to be continually enveloped. Its area is only 600 acres and its height about 800 feet above sea level. The water of the island is of a pale green hue, and anything dipped into it becomes of a red brick color. The fumes of sulphur are always plainly perceptible. Covering an area of fifty acres of one of the lakes on the island is an immense cauldron hissing and snorting and sending forth volumes of poisonous steam, while all chances of egress appear to be denied by the steep, silent and gloomy cliffs.

Lost Gold Mine.

Among the famous lost mines of the western world and one which is again being sought is the Tisingall of Costa Rica. It is said to have yielded great quantities of gold in the time of the Spanish domination. After quelling the Indian uprisings, however, the Spaniards failed to relocate the mine. It is thought that it lies hidden in the bed of one of the larger streams. Many attempts have been made to find it, but so far without avail.

TWO STAR PITCHERS.

Hutchison and Rusie and One of Their Old Time Battles.

Back in the early nineties, when Amos Rusie was the star hurler of the New York Giants and Bill Hutchison was the crack pitcher for the Chicago Nationals and they were both considered the greatest hurlers in the game, the fiercest kind of friendly rivalry existed between them.

One day they were pitted against each other, and it was about the hottest day of that summer, and the game devolved and developed into the hottest contest these teams had that season. After the game Willie Hutchison remarked that he never felt the heat so severely as he did in that battle.

"I thought I would drop several times, and I would have liked to stop before the game was half over," said Hutch. "I would have asked to be relieved, as I felt weak, but there was Rusie pitching like a steam engine and seemed to be just glorying in the hot weather. I didn't propose to have it said that I weakened and he, the big fat lobster, kept on. So I hung on, although I was as limp as a dish rag when the game ended."

Rusie was found fanning himself in the window of the clubhouse and was asked if he found it warm enough while he was pitching that game.

"Warm!" moaned the big fellow. "It was the hottest time I ever had. I was boiled through and through and never came so near quitting in my life. After every inning I had it on my lips to ask the manager to send some skinny shrimp out to finish, but then I would cast my eye at that man Hutchison pitching as though he had just come out of an icebox, and I kept saying to myself that old Indiana wouldn't weaken in that game for anything ever grown in Connecticut."

The game lasted eleven innings without a score being put over, and the two great hurlers hung on like a pair of bulldogs. The intense rivalry between them carried them on in battle royal through the intense heat of that August afternoon back in 1891.

When these two stars met, and they were rivals for over five seasons, it was the blue ribbon event of the Chicago and Giant struggles. Rusie had the shade on Hutchison in games won when they met by a small margin. Bill's record shows that he pitched just as effectively as the "Indiana Cyclone."

They were, indeed, a great pair of hurlers.—Exchange.

Political Burglaries.

It was through a stolen document openly seized by the British ambassador in Berlin that the British government first learned of the recognition of the independence of America by France. The British minister was Hugh Elliot, and he had the desk of the French minister forced open to obtain the copy of the treaty he wanted.

In 1855 a sensation was created

by the discovery of a plan by which secret documents were systematically abstracted from the Russian embassy in Berlin, being copied at night in the interests of another nation and replaced in the drawer at the embassy in the morning. The burglaries had been taking place for two years before they were discovered.—Exchange.

Lost Time.

A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Dublin, called a cab and told the driver to drive him around for two hours. At first all went well, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse, so that they narrowly escaped several collisions.

"What's the matter?" demanded the passenger. "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry." "Ah, g'wan wid yes," retorted the caddy. "D'ye think that I'm going to put in me whole day drivin' ye around for two hours? Git-ap!"—Chicago News.

Tarring and Feathering.

The first recorded instance of tarring and feathering a human being was in 1189, during the time of the crusades. In that year, the first of the reign of Richard I, a law was passed that "any robber voyaging with the crusaders shall be first shaved, then hot pitch shall be poured upon him and a cushion of feathers shook over him." After this the criminal was to be put ashore at the first landing place the ship reached.

Making George Happy.

"George, dear, you remember just a few weeks before we were married you said that anything you could do to make me happy would make you very, very happy."

"Yes, darling. What is it?" "George, I really must have another new gown. I hope you won't deny yourself that happiness."—Detroit Free Press.

Art and Appetite.

"Your singing tonight was divine!" exclaimed an enthusiastic admirer to the prima donna. "I could see by the expression on your face and the light in your eyes that you were inspired."

"I fear you are mistaken," said the prima donna, with her most engaging smile. "Our art is so exacting that we don't care to eat a hearty meal before singing. I was ravenously hungry, and I was thinking of all the good things I would order when the concert was ended."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Enthusiasm.

One of the best ways to attract and interest other people is by going about one's own business as though it were the most wonderful and fascinating thing in the world. People soon begin to look on wistfully, begin to wonder what all this activity and triumphant joyousness mean and are presently drawn to it as bees are drawn by a blooming clover field.—David Grayson in American Magazine.

Taking Tea With Dolly



Distributing His Presents



AEROPLANE PROPELLERS.

The Care With Which They Must Be Designed and Built Up.

The efficiency of the complete aeroplane largely depends upon its propeller, and great care is therefore taken with its design and manufacture. The design depends upon the power of the engine, the speed and purpose of the aeroplane and the number of revolutions the propeller must make, which varies between 500 revolutions and 1,200 revolutions per minute.

A full size drawing of one blade of the proposed propeller is made and the shape of every four or six inches along its length determined. Then templates, or gauges, are made for each point which the finished propeller must exactly fit. All the blades, whether two or four, will therefore be exactly alike, which is very important. The blades, too, will be made sufficiently strong, not to "flutter"—that is, vibrate—and so run out of true, or the efficiency will suffer. They are usually made of mahogany or walnut, well seasoned, evenly grained and free from knots.

The difficulty of getting a plank of mahogany ten feet long, one inch thick and one foot wide to fulfill the above conditions may be understood, and five to ten planks are required for each pair of propellers, which are made in one piece.

Each is first of all planed quite true and then glued, the faces being well rubbed together to insure a perfect joint. For, in addition to the heat of the engine, which tends to warp the planks, the vibration from the engine also tends to separate them. In some cases they are also pegged.

When all the planks are glued together clamps are put on and the whole left under a heavy pressure for two or three days until perfectly set. Then the central hole for the engine shaft is cut, for this must be exactly central, and all parts are measured from this.

It is then roughly cut to shape and allowed to settle for a few days. The idea of thus leaving it is that the strains released by the large amount cut away may settle down and not affect the shape and true when finished. It is for this reason that solid blocks are not used for propellers, but separate planks laid grain across grain. This process may take place twice or thrice.

It is finally carefully cut to shape and the gauges before mentioned used to insure that all the blades are alike and then polished and varnished. Occasionally the blades are covered with canvas, but this is not general, as it has been known to work loose.—London Chronicle.

Wasp Waists of the Cretans.

In describing the civil guards at Canea Mr. Trevor-Battye in "Camping in Crete" alludes to the slender waists of the Cretan men, says an exchange.

One point about the figures of these men, he says, as of all the mountain villagers, is the extreme smallness of their waists, which in

some cases are almost wasplike. It is interesting to observe that this has always been a Cretan characteristic, for the figures on the frescoes and vases in the Minoan section of the museum in Candia (e. g., the famous "Cup Bearer") have the same remarkable slenderness of waist.

He is not sure whether this slim waist is natural or whether produced by tight belting.

Ants That Strike.

Certain kinds of black ants have little yellow ants which do most of their work for them. Once in awhile these little yellow fellows will go on strike, and the blacks try to force them back to work by cutting off their food supply. If that does not succeed they will attack the strikers in force or make a raid and get another gang of yellows into the colony. But the newcomers, as a rule, join the strikers. The strike ends by the yellows escaping and founding a colony for themselves, or they give in and settle down to work again.

Hard on the Father.

A little girl three years old who is very fond of music has a father who cannot distinguish one tune from another. However, she is always urging him to sing. He was trying his best to please her with a hymn one day and flattered himself that he was doing very well. Suddenly the little tyrant turned upon him and demanded: "Why don't you sing, daddy? You're only making a noise."

Still Anchored.

The sick man had just come out of a long delirium. "Where am I?" he said feebly as he felt the loving hands making him comfortable. "Where am I? In heaven?" "No, dear," cooed his devoted wife. "I am still with you."—Chicago Herald.

THE GERRYMANDER.

Gilbert Stuart's Cartoon Made the Political Trick Notorious. Gilbert Stuart, who is best remembered for his portraits of Washington, was also a cartoonist, and it was he, according to James Melvin Lee, in Cartoons Magazine, who designed the famous Gerrymander cartoon.

In 1811, writes Mr. Lee, the struggle between the Democrats and the Federalists for the control of Massachusetts was extremely bitter. The Democrats had elected Elbridge Gerry governor and had carried both houses of the legislature. To retain this supremacy they remapped the senatorial districts and divided the power of their political adversaries by paying no attention to county boundaries. In Essex county the relation of the district to the town was most absurd, and a map of the county thus laid out hung in the office of the Massachusetts Sentinel.

One day as Stuart gazed at the map he remarked that the towns as they had been assembled looked like some monstrous animal. A few touches of his pencil added the wings and claws, and he christened the creature a salamander. At the suggestion of Editor Russell, the name was changed to Gerrymander. The cartoon thereafter frequently appeared in a "broadsheet," while the term became one of reproach.

HINDU BASKET TRICK.

Its Magic Is Very Simple When the Performance Is Analyzed.

Those who have been to India can hardly have failed to see the great basket trick. Travelers have told exaggerated tales about it, but when investigated it proves to have no more mystery or real magic about it than any of the tricks which form the stock in trade of professional magicians in all countries.

A large basket is brought on the scene. This has a hinged top which opens up to show the inside empty. The magician displays it to the audience. Meantime a Hindu girl runs out and exhibits herself to all, so that they can identify her again. She is dressed in clothes of brilliant colors to make this easier.

The magician then starts to catch her, and she runs about and tries to escape from him. She darts in and out, but finally he grabs her, throws a sheet over her, crams her into the basket and shuts the lid. Then he takes a sword and jabs it down through the basket a number of times. The girl utters horrible screams, which grow weaker and at length cease, and the magician withdraws the sword, which is seen to be covered with blood.

In conclusion he opens the basket and shows it apparently empty, and as his two assistants are carrying it away the girl springs out from among the audience and exhibits herself alive and unharmed.

A considerable amount of dexterity is involved in the performance, but it is nothing but a piece of common trickery throughout. The basket has a movable partition in it. The girl who is placed in the basket is a substitute girl and is very slender. She is a contortionist and can twist herself up into a remarkably small space, being trained for this by months of practice.

When the magician chases the original girl she manages to run behind a screen or some other object, and it is at this moment that the magician throws the sheet over the substitute girl, who is dressed in the same brilliant colors as the first one and changes places with her. The magician places the substitute girl in the basket, but the audience are under the fixed impression that it is the same girl they have already seen.—Pathfinder.

Authors and Dress.

It is recorded that Disraeli as a young man startled the town by an evening dress comprising green velvet trousers, a canary colored waistcoat and a coat with lace cuffs. Dickens likewise was fond of a certain bright green waistcoat which he wore in accompaniment with a vivid scarlet tie, and he turned up at Frith's studio one day in a sky blue overcoat with red cuffs. Even more fearful and wonderful was Dumas' appearance at an ambassadors' reception in "a shirt on which were depicted a number of little red demons sporting themselves amid flames of yellow fire." "My costume was a great success," he wrote. "Every one thronged round and made much of me."

It Really Happens.

The Woman—Here's a wonderful thing. I've just been reading of a man who reached the age of forty without learning how to read or write. He met a woman, and for her sake he made a scholar of himself in two years.

The Man—That's nothing. I know a man who was a profound scholar at forty. Then he met a woman and for her sake made a fool of himself in two days.—Cleveland Leader.

Parliamentary Undertakers.

"Parliamentary undertakers" was the name given to the little group of great nobles who till William Pitt's administration returned fully half the members of the house of

commons. More than sixty seats were in the hands of Lord Downshire, the Ponsonlys and the Beresfords alone. They undertook to manage parliament in their own way, on their own terms and largely in their own interests.—London Globe.

A Heathen's Idea.

A Chinaman who acted as secretary to a former Chinese minister to England published a book in which he said:

"There is nothing which an American won't say, there is nothing which an Englishman won't eat, there is nothing an Italian won't sing, there is no measure to which a Frenchman won't dance, and there is nothing Russians won't covet."

Helping Out.

Rector (to yokel who is about to get married)—But, Peter, can you really afford to keep a wife?

Peter—Well, zur, I can almost afford to keep myself, and it's a poor woman that can't help a bit.—London Opinion.

Camel a Delicate Beast.

The camel is a very delicate animal. A camel that has worked fifteen days in succession needs a month's pasturage to recuperate. It is liable to a host of ailments and accidents. When a caravan crosses a sebkha, or dry salt lake, it is rare that some of the animals do not break a leg. If the fracture is in the upper part of the limb there is nothing for it but to slaughter the animal and retail its flesh as butcher's meat. If the lower part of the limb has been injured the bone is set and held in position by means of splints made of palm branches, which are bound with small cords. If no complications ensue at the end of a month the fracture is reduced. When it is a case of simple dislocation the injured part is cauterized with a red-hot iron, then coated with clay and bandaged with a strip of cloth. Fifteen days afterward the animal is generally cured.

Germany's Iron Cross.

The iron cross of the German army is not a casting, but is struck with steel dies in heavy coining presses. After being stamped out the crosses are taken to the silversmith's, where the soldering is done, a fine silver border added and the finishing completed. The silver border is polished on electrically driven polishing and grinding motors.

Decoy Periscopes.

Such things exist as decoy periscopes—short lengths of pipe held upright on a float and looking exactly like the real periscope. The submarine sets them adrift for you to find—sometimes scatters several of them.

When one is sighted you cannot stop to consider whether the little object dancing on the sea half a mile or so distant does or does not mean 250 pounds of high explosive coming straight at you. Maybe you will see an aeroplane maneuvering over it in a way that carries conviction that it does. You don't dare to take any chances, and so you train all the guns at it.

Then the real submarine sinks up on the other side of the ship and with the swift rush of its torpedo another sea tragedy is enacted.—London Tit Bits.

Performing a Duty.

Mr. Choate told this one—not on himself: An American called at the office of the American ambassador in London, with his wife and baggage.

"When did you arrive?" was the first question.

"Just arrived," was the answer. "Have you been to your hotel?" was another question put.

"No," came the prompt answer. Then the ordinary question was put to him, as to every visitor of that kind and which we put at the end of an interview. "Well, what can I do for you?"

"You can do nothing for me," came the reply. "I merely came here to see whether my ambassador was in his place."—Denver Post.

LIFE ON A BATTLESHIP.

Work on the Big Fighting Machines Is Highly Specialized.

The big fighting ships of our navy are marvels of mechanical ingenuity, being equipped with every known device to insure safety and efficiency, and each, with its crew of a thousand or more men, constitutes a small village in itself.

The admiral in command of a fleet gives himself little specific concern about the individual ships. The vessels in the fleet collectively occupy his attention, and he moves them about like chessmen on the ocean.

On each battleship the captain is supreme in command. The navigating officer is responsible for the sailing of the ship. He is provided with charts and maps of every bit of water on the globe, and it is his business to choose the shortest and safest course between whatever two points the vessel may be ordered to sail.

It is the business of the chief engineer to see that the engines and the other machinery are kept in good order and that each performs its functions properly. The ordnance officer has charge of the big guns and ammunition. In short, the work of the ship is all highly specialized, each officer and man being assigned to some particular duty, so that no one on a modern battleship can boast that he understands the whole ship.

Naturally the sea air and the exercise incident to a sailor's life develop big appetites, and Uncle Sam sees that all are given three substantial meals every day. Some 3,900 pounds of food are consumed on an ordinary battleship every twenty-four hours. The American sailor is particular about what he eats, and the regulations give him ample protection in this respect. If he should find a fly in the butter, for example, any sailor is privileged to complain, and his complaint is sure to get to the captain, who makes it his business to find out the why and the wherefore of the objectionable combination.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

On a Party Line.

On a Sunday afternoon an esteemed party named Smith casually remarked something about dinner, whereat his wife wearily sighed.

"John," said she, "I am too dead tired to cook tonight. Suppose we visit one of the neighbors and take a chance on being invited to stay for dinner."

"All right," was the ready rejoinder of willing father. "How about the Browns?"

"Not on your life!" quickly replied mother. "The Browns are going to have pork and cabbage. I heard Mrs. Brown order it over the party telephone. The Greens ordered chicken."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Peculiarities of Bats.

The bat ranks among animals, not birds. It is a mammal. A delicate membrane stretches from limb to limb on both sides of the body and incloses the greatly elongated digits. This membrane extends in some cases beyond the hinder limbs so as to include the tail. Its whole structure is perfectly adapted to sustained flight and unsuited for progression on the ground. Bats have small eyes, but their other organs of sense are so highly developed that even when blind they can fly in perfect safety, avoiding obstacles with seeming ease.

Wise Emperor.

Two women who contended for precedence at the court of the Emperor Charles V. appeared to that monarch to decide which one was entitled to the honor. "Let the elder go first," said the emperor. He was never troubled with such a dispute again.



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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

Here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Without a misfortune and without a tear.

May good luck follow you and abide, And fortune favor you on every side.

BIRTH REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.

Some interesting facts are shown in the October report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of Texas. It is estimated that at least 5,494 children per month, or 65,928 per year, born in Texas are not registered. The report says:

If the tax payers realized how many cases are appealed to higher courts on a question of age and the cost of such cases to the State when such questions could be settled in the lower courts by a certified birth certificate, they would demand a complete birth registration.

If the mothers realized that the orphan girl, who needs protection under those laws which have an age limit, is deprived of such protection by failure to have her birth registered, the mothers of Texas would see that every baby's birth in their community was registered.

If the labor unions, whose purpose is the protection of the laborer, both child and adult, were awake to the fact that the child's labor law is absolutely dependent upon birth registration for enforcement, the labor unions in Texas would swing all their influence for complete birth registration.

Compulsory education without birth registration will lead to endless litigation, depriving the child of such education as the State intends to force upon it. Teachers who are progressive must stand for birth registration.

Birth registration keeps the under-age orphan boy out of the penitentiary or off the gallows when his age would send him to the reformatory. Birth registration will furnish the State unimpeachable evidence to convict the criminal who assaults an orphan girl under age of consent, and will exclude the purchaseable testimony of some negro woman, or an old Bible with its birth record that has been erased and rewritten. The minister of the gospel, if he would be consistent, must stand for birth registration as a protection for those who will be orphans in the coming generations.

Accuracy in birth registration is necessary. More than one out of a hundred do not show the sex, date of birth, or whether the child is legitimate or otherwise. If a child's birth is registered, the parent should not permit a stigma to be thrown on the child by questioning the legitimacy, unless it is otherwise. Such defects do not become apparent until the child's age is questioned, and it is possible that by that time it may be an orphan.

THE NERVE OF A BUSINESS CONCERN.

"Kindly let us know what you will charge for a list of your subscribers, with postoffice addresses,

and oblige, etc."

This request was recently received by a South Carolina newspaper publisher, who had the good business sense to refuse it.

Think of any business concern asking another for a list of its customers and you have the same situation as this request presents. There isn't a business concern in the country that would not ignore such an inquiry or answer it in the sharpest manner.

The request mentioned above was made by a wholesale sugar and flour broker, who evidently thought he saw a cheap method of advertising. His purpose was obviously to get hold of the mailing list and then send circulars to the subscribers to this particular paper—a cheap method of advertising, to begin with, and a cheap method of doing business.

Fortunately the publisher in question realized the value of his subscription list and refused to prostitute it for circularizing purposes. Every businesslike publisher feels the same way about this matter. His subscription list is his stock in trade. He should give it to nobody, neither to magazines, through clubbing offers, nor to any other kind of publication or business enterprise.

If any one wants to reach the publisher's subscribers let him advertise in the newspaper. That is the proper medium. It takes time, patience and money to build up a good subscription list, and a man must be possessed of all kinds of nerve to offer to buy the list unless he is willing to pay a price out of all proportion to the ends to be gained by circularizing the list.

There is not a well conducted newspaper in the country that would under any circumstances sell its mailing list or allow it to be used for advertising purposes outside its own columns. This flour and sugar broker evidently thought he had struck upon a very clever scheme to use the publisher's property in order to get some cheap advertising. Instead he struck a snag.

The subscription list and the advertising columns are the publisher's stock in trade. Let him preserve the former for the use of his paper exclusively and the latter for the use of his advertisers at the price quoted in his rate card.

Another Road District Election at Lufkin.

A few months ago a road bond election was held at Lufkin, and the bond issue was defeated, having a good majority, but failing to receive the necessary two-thirds vote. The proponents of the bond issue immediately laid out a new district and asked the commissioners court for another election for \$200,000 in bonds. Upon presenting the matter to the court it refused to establish the new district, and therefore no election was ordered. Mandamus proceedings were instituted in the district court, and last week the matter was taken up by District Judge L. D. Guinn, who held that the district must be established and the election ordered. In compliance with this decision, the commissioners court has established the new district and another election will be held on February 26th.

It appears that the county attorney submitted the question to the attorney-general's office in Austin, and W. M. Harris, one of the assistants, replied on Nov. 27th. The following is taken from his letter:

"I beg to advise that in our opinion, notwithstanding the commissioners court has, on its own initiative, designated the commissioners' precincts of the county as road districts thereof, if the citizens of any properly and accurately defined portion thereof were to present their petition to the court praying for the

establishment of a district within the boundaries in said petition defined, and said petition is signed by the number of petitioners required by the Statute, it would be the duty of the commissioners court to establish the road district prayed for in the petition. Indeed, in our opinion, the court could be mandamus to do so. See Revised Statutes, 1911, Art. 620."—Jacksonville Banner.

Largest Registration in South.

Houston county is represented at the University of Texas this year by the following students:

David Clinton Cannon, Beasley Denny, Grace Denny, John Leighton Denny, Walter Coleman English, Alice Almira Foster, Hale Alton Le May, Burke Elias Lockey, Wm. Herbert Massey, Willie Mae Patton, Harry Leland Richardson, Milton G. Thomas, Crockett; Charles Dudley Eaves, Grapeland; Mildred Collins, Norman H. Moore, William Howard Norwood; Lovelady.

Of these, Beasley Denny, Charles Dudley Eaves, Mildred Collins, Norman H. Moore and William Howard Norwood are candidates for degrees and will probably be graduated next June.

The University is now in its 33rd session and has registered a larger attendance than at any previous time in its history. It is likely that the total registration before the end of the session will exceed 2800. Twenty-three hundred students are now enrolled at the Main University at Austin (810 girls) and 300 at the Medical Department at Galveston. Of course these figures take no account of the 1200 students taking work in the University by correspondence.

Texas thus has, easily, the largest registration of any University in the South.

Piling Ossa on Pelion.

Whatever opinion one may have of President Wilson's ideas of statecraft, one cannot help having some sympathy for the man on account of the epithets thrown at him. The standpatters call him coward; the German sympathizers, hypocrite; the militarists, mollycoddle; the pacifists, militarist; and so on through the dictionary. It has remained, however, for Mr. Roosevelt, at the close of one of his characteristic diatribes, to cap the climax by calling him a Byzantine logothete.

Waiving consideration of the fact that this was a terminological inexactitude, it still raises the question, is Mr. Roosevelt trying to annihilate an opponent with a word, or is he merely booming the sale of dictionaries?—Chicago Public.

Timely Hint on Over-eating.

Big dinners cause disturbed digestion. The stomach and bowels should not be clogged with undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets relieve distress after eating, stop belching, banish bloating and gas on stomach, regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and tone up the liver. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

On October 8, 1914,

The Cranford Drug Company, of Alba, Texas, phoned to The Eucaline Medicine Company at Dallas, the following:

"Express us One Dozen Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla, and ship us by freight Five Dozen more." Alba people have been using Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla for ten years. They know that it stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria and prifies the blood when it is disordered from Malaria Poison. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it.

For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5 Cents.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

We have candies and fruits for the little ones' Christmas

We have a choice line of the best groceries for everybody



Give us a chance to help you with that Christmas dinner

We have laid in a special line of goods for the holiday trade

Johnson Arledge

Telephone 29

German Government Disavows Acts of Unlawfulness in the United States.

nor unofficially informed. It can say and does most emphatically declare to Germans abroad, to German American citizens of the United States, to American people, all alike, that whoever is guilty of conduct tending to associate the German cause with lawlessness of thought, suggestion or deed against life, property and order in the United States, is in fact an enemy of that very cause and a source of embarrassment to the German government, notwithstanding anything he or they may believe to the contrary."

Why You Should Use

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy:

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works.

Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities.

Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic.

Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Try Courier advertisers.

GREETINGS

TO FRIENDS AND PATRONS



ONLY A FEW more words from us this Christmas, but those words are straight from the heart. We want you to know that we are grateful to you for your generous support during the year now drawing to a close. Your fidelity to this institution has not gone unappreciated by us, and it will be our very great pleasure to

let our efforts in your behalf in the future demonstrate our profound gratitude to you for your unswerving loyalty in the past.

To all of you we extend the greetings of the season, trusting that the new year may bring you a great measure of happiness and prosperity.

CROCKETT DRUG COMPANY

We Have

An Assortment of the Following
Items for You to Select From

- Diamond Rings, Lavaliers and Brooches in Solitaires and Clusters
 - Bracelet Watches
 - Brooches of All Sorts and Prices
 - Watches of All Sorts from \$1.00 Up
 - Sterling Silverware—Staple and Fancy
 - Cuff Buttons—Gold, Gold Filled and Sterling
 - Fobs—Gold and Gold Filled
 - Rings—Plain, Set and Signet
 - Bracelets of All Sorts
 - Hand Painted China—Low Priced, Medium and High Grade Pickard's
 - Cut Glass of All Descriptions
 - Dolls from 5c to \$6.00 Each—Babies, Boys, Girls and Ladies
 - Tinker Toys and Structo Toys
 - Blocks, Games, Wheelbarrows, Doll Buggies, Tea Sets, Toy-Town Games, Etc.
 - Parisian Ivory, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Clocks, Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Individual Rolls
 - Brass Candlesticks, Jardinieres
 - Candies, Stationery, Umbrellas
- In fact, space will not allow us to tell you all.
- COME—LOOK—BUY

The McLean Drug Company
The Rexall Store

Local News Items

The funeral of A. I. Leediker, mention of whose death was made in the Courier last week, occurred Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, the Methodist pastor. Mr. Leediker had many friends and the attendance at the funeral was large. Interment was in Glenwood cemetery.

The funeral of T. A. Fuller, mention of whose death was made in the Courier last week, occurred Thursday at the community cemetery, and was conducted by the Lovelady Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Fuller was a member. He had lived in the community a long time, coming from one of the older southern states many years ago.

Expression of Appreciation.

We take this method to thank our friends for the sympathy and assistance given us in the recent bereavement of our husband and father, and to express our appreciation of the beautiful floral offerings. Minnie Bly will ever remember the sympathy and kindness of her dear schoolmates and teachers in their tender manifestations of loving condolence. Mrs. Louise Leediker and Children.

Oil Prospecting to Begin.

Two cars of well-boring machinery for the Houston County Oil & Gas Company have arrived at Crockett. This machinery will be used in prospecting for oil at or near the Ab Beathard place, 14 miles east of Crockett. Operations are to begin as soon as the machinery can be transported and the derrick erected.

A Card of Thanks.

We, the children of Mrs. Willie Rice Dawson, deceased, desire to express our sincere thanks to our numerous friends and acquaintances for the kind attention and sympathy shown us on the death of our beloved mother.

W. L. Dawson
Adv. and Other Children.

Deputy Constable Makes Arrest.

George S. Smith, the young negro arrested for raising the express money orders, mention of which was made in the Courier last week, was not arrested by Sheriff R. J. Spence as stated, but by Deputy Constable John A. Brooks, who turned his prisoner over to the sheriff. Our information, that the sheriff made the arrest, came from the express superintendent, who does not live here and who, therefore, is unfamiliar with the titles of local officers.

Oil and Gas Company Chartered.

An Austin dispatch states that a charter has been issued to the Houston County Oil & Gas Company. The dispatch gives the capital stock as \$7,500 and the incorporators as J. E. Winfree, W. L. Dawson and John F. Bgker. The purpose of the company is the development of oil properties in Houston county.

Resignations and Appointments.

At the December term of the commissioners' court, in session last week, the resignation of John C. Guinn as constable of precinct No. 7 was accepted by the court and J. W. Crow appointed in his stead. Also at the same term of the court, the resignation of H. W. Thornton as constable of precinct No. 8 was accepted and J. T. Etheridge appointed.

Negro and Horse Wounded.

Lee Halley, a negro of middle age, was shot, but not dangerously wounded, Thursday afternoon by Jim Murray, a son of J. F. Murray, living about eight miles west of Crockett, as the result of a prolonged difficulty. The negro's horse was also wounded. A shotgun loaded with buckshot was used. Mr. Murray is under bond, charged with assault with intent to murder.

No Courier Next Week.

Pursuing a time-honored custom, the Courier will not be issued next week. The people who make the Courier have labored with scarcely the loss of an hour in its publication since the first of last January and a week's rest will be of great benefit to them. The result can only be in an improved paper for next year. We wish our readers good health and happiness at this Christmas time and unbounded happiness for the year following.

Celebrated Wedding Anniversary.

On Sunday, December 12, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stockton celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary with a dinner party, at their home five miles southeast of Crockett, at which the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bowman, Harry Bowman and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Salisbury, L. A. Hollis and family, C. Reneer and family, John B. Satterwhite and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bradley. This was Mr. Stockton's fiftieth wedding anniversary and the twentieth with the present Mrs. Stockton.

Mrs. Willie Rice Dawson.

Mrs. Willie Rice Dawson died of pneumonia, following a brief illness, Friday night. Funeral services were held at the family residence early Sunday afternoon and interment followed in the Monk old community cemetery, five miles east on the Nacogdoches road.

Mrs. Dawson before marriage was Miss Willie Rice, a member of an old and prominent family living east of Crockett. After marriage she continued her residence east of town until after the death of her husband, when she moved with her family, then a large one, to Crockett, where she has since resided.

Mrs. Dawson was advanced in years and the possessor of many relatives and friends, all of whom will regret her passing. She leaves seven children, two sons and five daughters, all grown.

Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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In thinking of your Christmas gifts, there is nothing more appropriate for a friend or relative than a year's subscription to the Crockett Courier—a remembrance every week for a full year.

The Greatest Christmas Bargain

The Most and the Best for So Little Money

—\$1.00 a Year

A GREAT VARIETY OF GIFTS IS OFFERED.

Crockett Shoppers Choose From Splendid Stocks Shown by Local Merchants.

"What shall I give her?" "What shall I send him?" "How much will it cost, and where shall I purchase it?" These and countless other questions of the same general tenor are being asked in Crockett every day, and local merchants are making every possible effort to answer them quickly, plainly and profitably.

And the increasing crowds of shoppers on the streets is good evidence of the faith that our people have in the wisdom of their merchants, and in the goods which they sell. Hundreds of dollars are being spent in the city every day for Christmas gifts and the streams of humanity pouring into and out of the stores are growing larger daily. The Christmas stocks of local merchants afford a wide range of value and variety for the gift-seeker. Goods are shown from all parts of the world—the foreign countries, the islands of the sea, nations at war and nations at peace, from the frigid zones each way to the equator and from America's own manufacturing.

Time, trouble and expense have not been spared in the effort to gather a wonderful array of Christmas selections for the benefit of Crockett people. There are many novel presents upon the market, and all of the staple goods are shown again. There is a tendency toward the new and unusual, many of the new articles already having become quite popular. Shoppers seem to prefer the novel goods, some of them saying that an unusual gift will surprise and please the recipient better than a staple article.

There is a heavy demand for useful and practical gifts, instead of goods of sentimental value only. Substantial and lasting goods of a higher value and price than usual are being bought. If a novelty is both pretty and useful, its popularity is insured this year. Just because an article is serviceable does not make it a suitable Christmas present, but if it is artistically beautiful as well as serviceable, its appropriateness is almost insured in every case.

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Paschal Hanson Killed.

Paschal Manson, comparatively a young man, was killed late Monday evening at Holly by Jim Goodwin, 20 years old. The tragedy occurred in the store of Goodwin's father. It is said that Manson was drinking and that he had raised a disturbance which led to a personal encounter between himself and young Goodwin. Manson was struck over the head with an iron or lead pipe.

Goodwin gave himself over to the officers and came to Crockett Tuesday in an automobile with Constable Jones Smith of Lovelady and a party of friends. He came prepared to make bond and is now under bail.

Basket Ball at Pleasant Grove.

In a basket ball game at Pleasant Grove Saturday, the home team won over the Pennington team 25 to 8. The first half was very interesting, the score resulting 3 to 2 in favor of the visitors, but the home team rallied and on the last half scored 23 while the visitors scored only 5.

Pleasant Grove—Dudley English, center. Joe Braunen and Gale Webb, forwards.

Walter Tatum and Edd Frizzell, guards.

Pennington—Sue Maddox, center.

Clare Eastep and Edd Pegoda, forwards.

Eddie Domy and Earl Holly, guards. Reporter.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us with words of sympathy and acts of thoughtfulness during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, T. A. Fuller.

It. The Family.

Recommended for Croup.

W. C. Allen, Boseley, Mo., says: "I have raised a family of four children and used Foley's Honey and Tar with all of them. I find it the best cough and croup medicine I ever used. I used it for eight or ten years and can recommend it for croup." Same satisfactory results for coughs and colds. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Observe the Warning.

A cold that promises to "hang on all winter" is to be dreaded. Prompt action should be taken at the first warning of a cold—sneezing, chilliness, slight shivering. Foley's Honey and Tar makes quick work of coughs, colds and croup. It clears air passage, stops coughing, eases difficult breathing. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

"Please Send at Once"

Your Telephone and our Free Delivery System makes it possible for you to have drugs and other drug store goods without delay. When you need something in a hurry

Call 47 or 140

and state your wants—then say: "Please send at once." We started the free delivery service for your convenience and we hope you will make free use of it.

Let your Phone do your errands.

Bishop Drug Company
Prompt Service Store

Local News.

Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.

C. P. O'Bannon was at Galveston Tuesday.

Plenty of lime and cement at Patton's. It.

T. B. Monk of Houston was here this week.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters is visiting in San Antonio.

Dave Long was here from Houston last week.

L. K. Meriwether was in Galveston Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Johnson spent Christmas at Huntsville.

Oliver Aldrich made a business trip to Houston this week.

William McConnell returned Sunday evening from Houston.

Roderick Hatchell of Dallas visited relatives here last week.

Frank P. Holliday of Henrietta was here this and last week.

O. W. Goolsbee of Oklahoma City was here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Deckard Johnson visited in Marquez this week.

Miss Jewell Latham visited friends at Palestine this week.

Jersey Cream, Big C and North Star flour in wood at Patton's.

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

J. G. Matlock returned Saturday from a business trip to Houston.

For Sale—A span of large, young mules. 2t. Aldrich & Crook.

Dr. W. B. Collins of Austin visited his family at Lovelady last week.

Misses Betsy Arledge and Ruth Warfield visited at Trinity Friday. It.

C. A. Clinton has returned from an extended business trip to Chicago.

Miss Anne King is spending a few days with relatives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Patton visited Mrs. Patton's mother in Dallas last week.

S. C. Leediker has received notice of his appointment as postmaster at Cut.

Sonley Lemay, teaching at Jasper, was here during the holiday season.

Armistead Aldrich of Bay City was here for the Christmas celebrations.

County Clerk A. S. Moore was a visitor at Uvalde during the holiday vacation.

Miss Lucile Cates of Huntsville was the guest of Miss Opal Johnson last week.

Miss Clementine Yarbrough of Trinity visited Miss Opal Johnson last week.

Miss Dollie Faris of Smithville was a guest of Miss Alice Foster last week.

Harvey Bayne Jr., after a year's residence in Waco, has returned to Crockett.

Misses Bella Lipscomb and Nell Beasley visited in Palestine the first of this week.

Hunter Warfield, a student of the A. & M. College, was at home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. E. Grace of Bay City is visiting her father, G. W. Woodson, and family.

The Methodist ladies will serve dinner down town next week. Watch for date.

Lost—One book with papers that would be of no value to anyone but myself. Finder will bring to me and get reward. It.

W. V. McConnell.

Henry Faria of Memphis, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodward last week.

H. J. Arledge is finishing for the market a fine lot of steers and hogs at the oil mill.

Mr. J. E. Downes of Dallas was mingling with old-time friends here Christmas week.

Miss Mary Fifer, who is teaching at Wharton, returned on Saturday to her school duties.

Boring in the oil field east of Crockett is progressing with fine indications, it is said.

A. W. Driskell of Holly sends the Courier New Year greetings and his subscription renewal.

Harold Monday of Lovelady was among the number remembering the Courier last week.

Mrs. J. D. Woodward and Miss Della Rains visited at Cushing, Nacogdoches county, last week.

Miss Grace Simpson of El Paso was here to spend the holidays with parents and other relatives.

T. C. Lively of Percilla was among the number remembering the Courier Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lansford and children of Tyler visited relatives here during Christmas week.

Grady McConnell, travelling for a wholesale house, took Christmas with the "old folks at home."

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dickson of Marshall spent the holiday season with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Traylor of New Waverly visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, last week.

Miss Louise Denny, teaching at Grapeland, was among the home-comers for the holiday vacation.

Mules for Sale.

I have four good mules for sale at a bargain. J. C. Wootters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Lundy of Evansville were summoned here by the death of Mr. Lundy's father.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis and Dr. L. Meriwether are among the number remembering the Courier this week.

Harry Richardson, a student of Texas University, Austin, was at home here for the holiday festivities.

Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Warfield, during the holiday season.

Mrs. P. R. Denman and Miss Berta Denman of Houston visited relatives here during the holiday season.

R. H. Wootters has accepted a position as travelling salesman with a wholesale grocery house of Houston.

Mrs. Hyman Harrison and Miss Fay Harrison of Houston visited the family of M. Bromberg last week.

J. D. Caskey of Grapeland and J. I. Satterwhite were among those calling at this office Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Longview visited relatives in this city during the holiday period.

John Cook left Sunday evening for the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, where he becomes a student.

E. E. Moore, bookkeeper for Smith Brothers at Marshall, visited his father and family here during the holidays.

Six-Year-Old Had Croup.

"I have a little girl six years old who has a good deal of trouble with croup," writes W. E. Curry, Evansville, Ind. "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar, obtaining instant relief for her. My wife and I also use it and will say it is the best cure for a bad cold, cough, throat trouble and croup that I ever saw." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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.

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

J. B. West of Route 6 and E. C. Cauthen, also of Route 6, were among callers at the Courier office this week.

J. R. Cupp and Willard Goodwin of Holly and J. M. Satterwhite were among callers at this office Christmas week.

T. R. Cook of Route 2 and W. B. Hearon of Route 1 were among callers at the Courier office Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haring and child, after visiting relatives here, returned to their home at Beaumont Saturday.

Miss Willie Mae Patton was among the Texas University students returning home for the holiday festivities.

Quality lingers long after price is forgotten. Trade with Wm. M. Patton and get the "most of the best for the least." It.

Jesse Barnes of Trinity is among the number beginning the New Year right with a Courier subscription renewal.

Misses Annie Brice and Ruth Robinson of Palestine were guests of Miss Bella Lipscomb for the New Year festivities.

Miss Dollie Moore of Augusta, attending the Sam Houston Normal, Huntsville, spent the holiday season at home.

James Crawford of Fullerton, La., sends the Courier his subscription renewal for 1916, along with the season's greetings.

R. M. Atkinson of Bentonville, Ark., is among the number whose Courier subscriptions have been extended into 1917.

Eugene Walling of Grapeland is another one of our friends beginning the New Year right with a Courier subscription renewal.

Miss Elizabeth Howard and friend, William Allen, of Houston took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howard.

Miss Mary Aldrich, a student of Rice Institute, Houston, was at home with her parents here during the holiday season.

John Breazeale joined his family at Cleburne Christmas. Mrs. Breazeale has been living in Cleburne for several months.

Mrs. J. M. Hobson and son, Nolan, of Marietta, Okla., visited their grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Mayes, in this city last week.

Misses Nell Beasley and Freda Langston, students of Sam Houston Normal, Huntsville, came home for the holiday vacation.

The Crockett Grocery and Bakery Company has been organized with the following officers: John L. Dean, president; A. Seaman, vice president, and T. E. Callier, secretary and treasurer. The purpose of the company is to do a general grocery and baking business.

January's "Slowing Up."

Winter indoor life, heavy food and irregular exercise cause a dull, tired feeling. Foley Cathartic Tablets tone up the stomach and bowels, liven up the liver, cleanse the system and give the light, free feeling of proper digestion and good health. Do not gripe or nauseate. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

TAKE HALL'S CHILL TONIC EUCALINE

You will not have the best if you fail to get EUCALINE for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It acts on the liver and bowels and relieves the system of the cause, pleasant to take.

FIFTY CENTS BY YOUR DRUGGIST

TAKE HALL'S CHILL TONIC

1916—A Happy New Year

To serve you well—to make each service a stepping stone toward perfect confidence, is our desire and constant endeavor.

A. S. MOORE,
County Clerk.

For the Year 1916

we wish you happiness and increase in measure day by day.

Accept our kindest appreciation for your generous patronage in the past.

Crockett Steam Laundry

For Rent

Two brick store buildings now occupied by R. G. Lundy's saddle shop. Apply to

J. S. COOK