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SATURDAY A BIG DAY FOR CROCKETT AND VICINITY.

Trades Day and Automobile Parade Two Big Successes—Schools Among Prize Winners.

Saturday was a red letter day—another red letter day—for Crockett. We say another red letter day for the reason that Crockett has had other red letter days, but has had few that surpassed last Saturday. As a trades day it was a decided success and especially so from a business standpoint. The prize automobile parade was a success in every detail, from the smallest to the largest. The splendor of the decorations and the magnificence of all else, including the matrons and maids taking part in the parade, excited the admiration of an immense crowd, estimated all the way from six to seven thousand people.

The parade formed somewhere on east Public avenue, passed around the west side of the court house and turned east on Main street. Reforming on Church street, the parade was divided, half returning on Public avenue and half on Main street, each half passing the other on the Public square and returning on the other street to place of formation. The parade thus partially assumed a figure of the grand march.

The rural schools were not as

generously represented as was anticipated, but the cars entered by these schools were exceptionally attractive and a credit to the localities represented. The prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 were awarded to the following schools in the order named: Weldon, Lone Pine and Porter Springs. The judges for the rural school cars were Mrs. Chas. U. McLarty, Mrs. A. M. Decuir and Mrs. J. H. Painter.

The sweepstake open to the county was won by the automobile of Mrs. W. G. Cartwright of this city. Three travelling salesmen who happened to be in the city on that day acted as judges.

Among other cars receiving favorable comment were those of Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Young, Mrs. J. A. Brinkman and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston, which includes only a partial list.

The car representing the county demonstration work, decorated and driven by W. B. Cook, the agent, was out of the ordinary and typified the agricultural interests of the county.

As an industrial exhibit the oil mill float, drawn by oxen, brought out much favorable comment. The industrial feature of the parade also included automobile agency exhibits.

The Chautauqua car, under the direction of Mrs. Geo. W. Crook, formed a most creditable part of

the parade and exhibit.

The car of M. P. Jensen was filled with national guardsmen recently returned from the Mexican border. Sergeant Wilson and others were in this car.

Once More the Peanut.

The secretary of the Crockett Commercial Club is authorized by Mr. Thos. Self, manager for the Houston County Oil Mill Company, to announce as a fact that the company will install the machinery necessary to treat peanuts, and do it in time for this year's crop. This announcement, coming in advance of planting time, should influence many farmers who have been somewhat in doubt as to a reliable market. This doubt is now removed, and the industry is to be just as staple as the cotton seed industry and, from present information, much more profitable to the grower.

Mr. Self also tells the secretary that he will assist farmers in getting what peanuts they may need for seed, if they will communicate with him at once. Now comes the thresher. Several agents have been in town lately exploiting machines that are warranted in every respect and sold as low as \$200. Every school district in the county should own one and every farmer should plant from ten to 100—acres of peanuts. We know one farmer who is going to plant 300 acres. He tried it thoroughly last year and knows what he is doing.

H. A. Fisher.

YOUNG MEN FIRST, IS PLAN FOR INCREASING U. S. ARMY.

Army Program Based on Exemption of Married Men, Men With Dependents and Those Required for Industries.

Washington, April 3.—Administration plans for raising an army on the principle of universal liability to service, to be submitted to congress as soon as the pending war resolution is adopted, are based on selective conscription of young men to be summoned to the colors as rapidly as they can be and trained and officered. A detailed scheme for the registration of eligibles has been worked out.

After married men, others with dependents and those whose service is required in industries have been exempted, others within the age limit fixed will be examined physically and those found fit will be selected, possibly by lot, until the first 500,000 to be trained are secured.

It was made clear Tuesday that 500,000 is nowhere near the number needed and it is expected that more than 500,000 available will be found in the first classification. Others will be trained as rapidly as possible by officers from the regular army, national guard and officers' reserve corps.

Maximum and minimum age limits for the first call are fixed in the administration plan, but will not be made public until it is presented to congress. In a recent discussion a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 23 years have been mentioned.

Preliminary military steps possible under existing laws were added Tuesday to those already taken. They included direction by Secretary Baker that the first class at the West Point Military academy be graduated April 20, supplying 125 highly trained young officers.

Sewer Laying Started.

Work of laying the sewer mains for Crockett's sewer system has begun. The first main is being laid on Arch Street with which the other mains will connect. The work will be extended to other streets as rapidly as possible.

SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION OF AMERICA'S YOUNG MEN

Until Enough Have Been Trained to Insure the Defeat of Germany Is Part of Plan Now Being Worked Out in Washington.

Washington, April 3.—Already the navy has taken steps to insure co-operation between the American fleet and those of the entente allies to become effective upon the formal entry of the United States into the war.

The most important plans under preparation by the administration include: Enlistment by selective conscription of young men for a national army in addition to the regular establishment and national guard, in increments of 500,000, until enough have been trained to make certain the defeat of Germany; organization of the nation's commercial interests for economical and effective distribution of commodities among the civilian population; rapid provision of adequate means of combatting the submarine menace; the raising of a very large sum of money, as much as possible to be obtained by taxation and the definite amount of the first budget not to be fixed until the needs of the army and the navy and of the entente allies are ascertained; purchase of supplies and equipment of all kinds for the army under a provision of law which allows the secretary of war to fix a "reasonable" price, and division of the young men of the country into service classes, those needed more in industries than in the army or navy to receive insignia showing they are performing duty equivalent to fighting.

Mexicans Expect War.

Galveston, Texas, April 3.—Members of the crew of a tank steamer arriving here Monday from Tampico declare officers and men of the Mexican army in that part of the country are expecting to go to war with the United States, and that this feeling has been created by German agents. They say also that it is reported in Tampico from apparently reliable sources that Great Britain has a strong armed force conveniently located for moving into Mexico on short notice to protect the great oil regions.



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NOTICE!

With reference to the county meeting of Interscholastic League next Saturday, April 7, at 8 p. m., there will be held the contests in public speaking at the court house.

The contests in athletics will be held April 14th.

Everybody invited to be present.

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Director-General.

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Nature often needs help to keep the digestive system in a normal condition, and with the aid of

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Sold for 47 years. For Malaria, Chills and Fever. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic.

No Delay.
"Do you ever ask your wife's advice about things?"
"No, sir; she doesn't wait to be asked."

Anoint the eyelids with Roman Eye Balsam upon retiring at night, and in the morning observe the refreshed and strengthened sensation in your eyes upon arising. Adv.

Betraying Sister's Secret.
"Sis," cried a boy, bursting into the parlor, where a young lady was seated on the sofa with her best young man.
"Yes, Willie," was the young lady's reply, as she drew the small brother to her side and kissed him. "What do you want?"

"I want to tell you something."
"All right, go right ahead."
"Won't you care what I say?"
"No, I guess not."
"Well, then, I know why you kiss me every Wednesday night."
"I kiss you because I love you, Willie, of course."
"That ain't the reason, sis!" and the boy edged slowly toward the open door. "You kiss me so George can see what he is missing."

Many Are Like Her.
Melvin Rouff was talking about compulsory arbitration.
"The trouble with the world in general," he said, thoughtfully, "is that we all know just what the other fellow ought to do, but we take little account of what we ought to do ourselves."
"I found a young bride one day heading with a stern and severe air over a dry-looking volume.
"What are you reading?" I asked.
"An excellent work," she replied, "called 'Happiness in Marriage.'"
"What advice," I said, "does it give to wives?"
"I don't know," she answered. "I'm reading the advice to husbands."

Steady Those Nerves!
If it's caffeine—the drug in coffee—that's causing shaky nerves, the remedy is perfectly plain—
Quit coffee, and for a pleasant, healthful table beverage, use—
POSTUM
Postum is a delicious cereal drink, pure and nourishing and absolutely free from any harmful ingredient.
There's a big army of Postum users who are enjoying better health and comfort since joining the ranks.
"There's a Reason"

CONGRESS ADDRESSED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

VIEWS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AND ASKS THAT CONGRESS DECLARE STATE OF WAR EXISTING.

DIG ARMY AND NAVY

The President Made It Clear That We Do Not War Upon the German People—Belief in Loyalty of Naturalized Americans.

Washington.—President Wilson Monday night urged congress assembled in joint session to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

He declared in his address that the course of the imperial German government which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and as warfare against all nations, that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that congress accept the gauge of battle with all the resources of the nation.

"I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States," said the president; "that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to terms and end the war."

When the president had finished his speaking, resolutions to declare a state of war existing were introduced in both houses of congress.

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the president said, were to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power."

Without selfish ends, for conquest or dominion, seeking no indemnities or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, he said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of man, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of nations could make them.

The president's address was set in full to Germany by a German official news agency for publication in that country. The text also went to England and a summary of its contents was sent around the world to other nations.

To carry on an effective warfare against the German government, which he characterized as a "natural foe to liberty," the president recommended:

Utmost practical co-operation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany.
Extension of liberal financial credits to those governments so that the resources of America may be added so far as possible to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.
Full equipment of the navy, particularly with means for dealing with the submarine warfare.

An army of at least 500,000 men based on the principle of universal liability to service, and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the United States government so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation.

All preparations, the president urged, should be made in such way as not to check the flow of war supplies to the nations already in the field against Germany.

Measures to accomplish all these ends, the president told congress, would be presented with the best thought of the executive departments and he besought consideration for them in that light.

President Wilson's appearance before congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began the practice of delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress roared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

Unwilling to Predict Outcomes.
Washington.—Frequent reports from Spain of widespread unrest because of her attitude toward the war and an almost universal food shortage made officials at the state department receive Friday's announcement of the suspension of constitutional guarantees without surprise.

CHAMP CLARK RE-ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Congress Convened at Noon Monday Democrats Retain Control of Lower House.

Washington.—Immediately after the president delivered his address and left the capitol Monday night, the senate and house reconvened and an identical joint resolution was introduced in both houses declaring the existence of a state of war and directing the president to employ all the resources of the country to carry on a war against the imperial German government and bring the conflict to a successful conclusion.

Washington.—The sixty-fifth congress met at noon Monday.
Representative Champ Clark of Missouri was re-elected speaker of the house of representatives by a vote of 217 to 205.

Speaker Clark's election was effected in exactly one hour and forty minutes after the house convened.
Speaker Clark was placed in nomination by Representative Schall of Minnesota, a progressive. Republican Leader Mann was nominated for speaker, by Representative Green of Massachusetts and seconded by Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin.

Four hundred and twenty-nine of the 433 living members of the house answered present. The absentees were Representative Capstick, New Jersey; Helgensen, North Dakota, and Bleakley of Pennsylvania, republicans; and Representative Lee of Georgia, democrat. Two members-elect are dead.

Immediately after the calling of the roll, Representative Schall, progressive of Minnesota, addressed the house, saying he would vote for Champ Clark for speaker.

All the democrats present and four of the so-called independents, Martin, progressive-protectionist of Louisiana; Schall, progressive, of Minnesota; London, socialist, New York, and Randall, prohibitionist, of California, voted for Clark.

Two republicans, Gardner and Fuller of Massachusetts, voted for Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin; Representatives Dallinger of Massachusetts and Gray of New Jersey voted for Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, and Representative James of Michigan and Haskell of New York, republicans, voted present.

The speaker was escorted to the chair by a committee of which Representative Mann was the chairman. He was greeted with loud applause from both sides of the chamber as he spoke in part as follows:

"I fully appreciate the fact that it will be exceedingly difficult to discharge the duties of the speakership in this house. It will be almost impossible to do so without the hearty co-operation of the members without regard to party affiliations. I will use my utmost endeavor to be absolutely fair and I invoke the aid of all the members in doing so.

"It is absolutely unnecessary and superfluous to lecture the membership on patriotism. We are all patriots, as are the people who elected us. We are all Americans, whether natives or foreign born, as are our constituents. "On many questions we are 'distinct as the billows, yet we are one as the sea' when the honor and safety of the republic are involved.

"Politics finds no place in this house when the general welfare and the common defense of the nation are at stake. Let all the ends we aim at be our country's, and in the accomplishment of these ends may the God of our fathers be with us and guide us in the way which will redound to the honor and perpetuity of the greatest republic that ever existed in all the flood of time."

The speaker took the oath at 1:50 o'clock and the members then were sworn into office in groups by states.

AMERICAN MERCHANTMAN SENT TO BOTTOM BY SUB

Ship Carried Cargo Worth \$500,000, and Was Armed Ship—Some of Crew Rescued.

New York.—The American steamship *Aztec*, first armed merchant vessel to sail from a port on this side of the Atlantic, was sunk Monday night by a German submarine off an island near Brest, France. The cable message from the American consul at Brest that brought the news of the ship's sinking to her owners, the Oriental Navigation Company, gave no inkling as to the fate of her crew.

The *Aztec*, under command of Captain Walter O'Brien, was manned by a crew of thirty-nine. Seventeen of this number, including the captain, were American citizens.

Whether the *Aztec* fought a losing battle with her undersea adversary has not been disclosed. Her owners believe, however, that she had no chance to fight, because she was sunk at 9:15 o'clock at night when a heavy sea was running.

The vessel was armed with two 5-inch guns, one forward and one aft,

CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! STOP USING SALIVATING DRUG

Don't Lose a Day's Work! If Your Liver Is Sluggish or Bowels Constipated Take "Dodson's Liver Tone."—It's Fine!

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your

sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and cannot salivate. Give it to your children! Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.—Adv.

W. L. DOUGLAS

"THE SHOE THAT HOLDS ITS SHAPE"

\$3 \$3.50 \$4 \$4.50 \$5 \$6 \$7 & \$8 FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Save Money by Wearing W. L. Douglas shoes. For sale by over 9000 shoe dealers. The Best Known Shoes in the World.


W. L. Douglas name and the retail price is stamped on the bottom of all shoes at the factory. The value is guaranteed and the wearer protected against high prices for inferior shoes. The retail prices are the same everywhere. They cost no more in San Francisco than they do in New York. They are always worth the price paid for them.

The quality of W. L. Douglas product is guaranteed by more than 40 years experience in making fine shoes. The most styles are the leaders in the Fashion Centres of America. They are made in a well-equipped factory at Brockton, Mass., by the highest paid, skilled shoemakers, under the direction and supervision of experienced men, all working with an honest determination to make the best shoes for the price that money can buy.

Ask your shoe dealer for W. L. Douglas shoes. If he cannot supply you with the kind you want, take no other make. Write for interesting booklet explaining how to get shoes of the highest standard of quality for the price, by return mail, postage free.

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President W. L. Douglas Shoe Co.,
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Naturally.
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"To use in the teeth of a driving gale."

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Few persons can be sick who use Green's August Flower. It has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart from gases created in the stomach, pains in the stomach, and many other organic disturbances.

August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion, both in the stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and whole alimentary canal, and stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. Used for fifty years in every town and hamlet in the United States and in all civilized countries.—Adv.

New York in recent days has granted 8,000 licenses to citizens anxious to carry pistols.

To Drive Out Malaria
And Build Up The System
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

More than 14,000 Englishwomen have replaced men as farm laborers since the war.

To Prevent Old Age
Coming Too Soon!

"Toxic poisons in the blood are thrown out by the kidneys. The kidneys act as filters for such products. If we wish to prevent old age coming too soon and increase our chances for a long life, we should drink plenty of pure water and take a little Anuric," says the world-famed Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y.

When suffering from backache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired, worn-out feeling, the simple way to overcome these disorders is merely to obtain a little Anuric (double strength) from your nearest druggist and you will quickly notice the grand results. You will find it many times more potent than lithia, and that it dissolves uric acid as hot water does sugar.

At the Musicals.
She—How can you say that violinist played feelingly? Why, he slid all over the finger board in finding his notes!
He—Yes, I know. That's why I said it.

YES! LIFT A CORN OFF WITHOUT PAIN!

Cincinnati man tells how to dry up a corn or callus so it lifts off with fingers.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezeone applied directly on a tender, aching corn or callus, stops soreness at once and soon the corn or hardened callus loosens so it can be lifted off, root and all, without pain.

A small bottle of freezeone costs very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

If your druggist hasn't any freezeone tell him to get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.


New Definition.
"Pa, what is poetic license?"
"It's the tacit permission given to poets to live, my son."

Do not try to please everybody, or you will soon be a worn-out weather vane.

ADVICE FOR WOMEN

Oklahoma City, Okla.—"I suffered from a woman's weakness and debility until I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it has done me more good than any other medicine I ever used. I do not hesitate to recommend the Prescription to any woman for it has done me worlds of good and I am sure it will help others as well."—MRS. M. F. SMITH, Box 18, Route 4.

For over forty years this herbal tonic for women has been sold by all dealers in medicine throughout this country. Through its use thousands of women all over this land have been relieved of many diseases of a womanly nature. It contains no alcohol or any narcotic.



WOMAN'S STRANGE EXPERIENCE MORE THRILLING THAN FICTION

Mrs. E. O. Wilson's Husband Tells Story Filled With Human Interest.

HAD TO SACRIFICE HOME

Friends and Neighbors Called and Offered Encouragement and Sympathy.

HOME, hope and money gone. A loving husband and a little daughter tearfully waiting for the dread summons which would take away wife and mother.

That, in brief, describes the scene enacted one October day, a year ago, when E. O. Wilson and his little daughter sat in a darkened room awaiting the end they thought near.

This chapter in the story of the Wilson family is one of sorrow and suffering, pathos and human interest. It is one which touched the hearts of friends and caused them to pour out sympathy to a sorrowing husband.

Five years ago E. O. Wilson, his wife and child were a happy family. They moved to Atlanta from Abbeville, S. C., so Mr. Wilson could accept a position on a newspaper.

Mr. Wilson prospered and the family moved into a little home of their own. Mrs. Wilson took an interest in church work and in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Typographical union. Her future looked bright.

It was in the early part of 1913 that the blow fell. But let Mr. Wilson tell the story. He can do it better, because every detail is indelibly stamped upon his memory.

Mr. Wilson's Story.

"MY name is E. O. Wilson and I live at 197 Bass street, Atlanta, Ga., with my wife and seven-year-old daughter. I have been a printer for sixteen years and am a member of the Typographical Union.

"It is with a sense of gratitude for being permitted to have with me today my dear wife that I am voluntarily making this statement. I want everybody interested to know that it comes from the bottom of my heart.

"During the spring of 1913 when I thought that nothing could impair my happiness, the blow fell. My wife, until that time healthy and strong, was stricken with illness. She was weak and nervous and at times had dreadful smothering sensations to the point of fainting. She would have fearful headaches, pains in her back and over her kidneys and her joints ached all the time. She got so bad off that she couldn't do her housework and had to take to her bed. She didn't know what it was to get a good night's sleep.

"I called a doctor who treated her eight weeks and she showed no improvement. I took the advice of another doctor and my wife was operated upon twice and spent 17 weeks in two hospitals with several weeks of nursing at home between operations.

"She got weaker and weaker. I was desperate. My savings were gone. I was in debt. So I sacrificed my home.

"Driven frantic by my thoughts, I called in three Atlanta specialists. This was along in October, 1915. My wife was a shadow of her former self. They told me she could not possibly live more than five days.

"The five days passed and, although she still lived, she grew weaker and weaker and finally I was told she would die within the next few days. She got where she was too weak to talk and could not eat. I looked for the end at any time.

Paradoxical.

"Do you think armed vessels are likely to be sunk?"
"Not if they get the drop first."

A FRIEND IN NEED.

For instant relief and speedy cure use "Mississippi" Diarrhea Curial. Price 50c and 25c.—Adv.

An Instance.

"Like does not always produce like."
"How can you say so?"
"Don't loose methods produce a tight fit?"

LET US PROVE

The superiority of Bond's Liver Pills. If you suffer from Headaches, Biliousness, Dizziness, Constipation, Coated tongue or other Malarial troubles, send to us for a free sample of Bond's Pills, the ideal Liver Stimulant that really acts on the liver. One small pill is the dose, you wake up bright and refreshed. 25c at all Druggists. Bond's Pharmacy Co., Little Rock, Ark. Adv.

Comparative Misfortunes.

"We certainly do have trouble. This year we had double pneumonia in the family."

"That's nothing. We had twins in ours."

SHE LIVED TO TELL STORY



Mrs. E. O. Wilson of Atlanta, Ga., Whose Experience Amazed Friends.

Had Lost All Hope.

"YOU will get an idea of her desperate condition when I tell you that the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Typographical union had arranged for a floral offering for my wife's funeral.

"I am now going to tell you the remarkable part of my story.

"I had seen an advertisement for Tanlac and had heard of the remarkable results being accomplished by this new medicine, but never thought I would have need for any. One day as I sat in the swing on our little front porch I thought of this advertisement and somehow or other I got a ray of hope. With one of the few remaining dollars I had, I bought a bottle.

Doctors Are Amazed.

"MY wife was so weak I only gave her half the amount recommended. In a few days I noticed a strange improvement in her condition. I could have wept for joy. After I had given her one bottle of Tanlac the doctors called one day and were surprised to find her sitting up in bed eating some toast and drinking some milk. They were amazed.

"When my wife had taken two bottles of Tanlac she was able to sit in a rolling chair and she continued to improve rapidly. Those were indeed happy days. I forgot my previous suffering. I forgot that our little home was gone. I thought of nothing except that my wife was alive and rapidly recovering her health and I thank God for letting me do what I did.

"Today she is a perfect picture of health. She can eat anything she wants. Such things as meat, turnips, and hard-boiled eggs do not bother her a particle and she sleeps as well as she did when a girl in her teens. She took eleven bottles of Tanlac and gained 30 pounds.

"So, this is my statement. It is true that I spent all that I had saved trying to restore her health. I don't know until this day what actually ailed my wife, but I do know how healthy and happy she is today and I can truthfully say that nothing on earth did this but Tanlac."

There is a Tanlac dealer in your town.—Adv.

Washington was six feet two inches tall. He had brown hair, which became thin and gray.

There is No Art in Taking Medicine. Just follow directions on every bottle of "Plantation" Chill Tonic and see how quickly those dreadful chills will leave you. It leaves the liver in healthy condition and yet contains no Calomel. Price 50c.—Adv.

Candor is always a good thing, but there is no room for it in official war reports.

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Tetterine at Druggists or by mail 50c. Soap 25c. J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. Adv.

Though the American eagle is a tough old bird, there is a legal tenderness about its portrait on a silver dollar.



Conservative Sports Dress.

Combinations of two designs in fabrics make the smartest of new sports suits, except those in which a plain sweater coat is worn with a striped or figured skirt. But the first of these gives opportunity for all sorts of original designing. For instance, a skirt of plain, natural-color pongee appears with only two broad stripes running diagonally around it. They are in three colors—black, yellow and rose. The stripes are cut from another fabric and applied as the designer chooses.

In the picture a silk-striped skirt is worn with a plain coat trimmed with the material of the skirt. The stripes

in the skirt and belt run up and down, but in the coat trimming they run crosswise. The wide shawl collar is faced with them, and the wide belt falls in sash ends at the back.

Some of the new suits, classed as sports suits, are as quiet as can be, in gray and tan-colored silk jersey or other soft silk, and unadorned with stripes or figures of any kind. The style of cut and finish and the character of materials seem to warrant their classification among their gayer neighbors. But they are very useful because the wearer is quietly dressed, even in sports clothes, and can spend the day in them.



Hats for Present Wear.

Recently arrived imports include very wide-brimmed hats of hair braid, lace, malines or crepe, and a single glimpse of them carries the mind to midsummer. The flowers or fruits of midsummer adorn them, big, full-blown roses, beautifully colored velvet cherries, small clusters of grapes in various stages of ripening, among other things. But, for present wear, less pretentious width of brim and less gorgeous trimmings greet the spring-time in so many different ways that every taste can be suited, appear to appeal to nine out of every ten women.

Lisere proves itself equally well adapted to tailored and dress hats, and its brilliant surface is a wonderful asset for black hats. An elegant model in lisere trimmed with fancy ostrich in a flat band and two upstanding ostrich quills is shown at the center of the group above. Narrow black grosgrain ribbon, with picot edge, is tied about the base of the quills with two ends that are long enough to rest on the brim.

Small lacquered flowers look particularly well on hats of lisere or other bright-surfaced braids, like slipper straw. They have the appearance of wax flowers that have been varnished and are used with small fruits on spring millinery.

Next to lisere, hair braid appears to be the favorite material in the body of hats. It is often combined with other braids as in the hat pictured at the left of the group above. In this model the crown is of hemp with a frill of hair braid about the top and the

brim entirely of this airy braid. There is a band of black faille ribbon about the crown, serving to make an excellent background for the wreath of small fruits and foliage that surround it. At the top crown a narrow blue ribbon is tied in a small bow at the front and back.

At the right of the picture a fine milan is beautifully finished, with a wide band of dark satin. It makes a strong background for the spray of workroom-made berries that rest against it.

Julie Bottorby

The Flower Starred Coiffure. If a young girl with blue-black hair attended a fancy dress party wearing a white frock and a coiffure over which starlike blossoms are sprinkled, everyone would wonder how she did it. It's really too simple; she sews red velvet flowers to a wide meshed hair net and adjusts it over her coiffure.—Vogue.

Buttonhole Stitches.

Buttonhole stitches may be used effectively to join lace and embroidery. The result is more pleasing than the ordinary seam.

Lacing a Favorite Trimming. Metal eyelets in cloth, through which soft leather and silk cords are laced, are proving to be, beyond doubt, a very popular trimming feature.

A QUEERNESS IN HER HEAD

Caused This Lady Much Suffering Which She Says Cardui Finally Relieved.

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A Louisiana Case

Julius O. Aprand, Barton, La., says: "For years I had kidney complaint and suffered terribly. The kidney secretions burned in passage and the pain in my back were so bad I couldn't stoop. I slept poorly and grew thin and emaciated. Doctor failed and when I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills I took them. They cured me and I gained in weight and health."

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HOME AND ABROAD

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Important News of the Week Gathered for the Busy Reader—State, Domestic, Foreign.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Attorney General Gregory announced Monday that President Wilson would exercise executive clemency in a large number of federal prosecutions where suspension of sentences has been nullified by the supreme court's recent opinion holding such suspensions illegal. Clemency will be exercised, the attorney general said, without applications being made in those cases where pleas of guilty were entered or verdicts of guilty returned prior to June 15, 1916, but no sentences pronounced, and in those cases where the sentence imposed was less than the period between the date of imposition and June 15, 1917.

An offer by the King of Spain to have Spanish ships carry relief supplies to Syria and release the American naval vessels Caesar and Des Moines now warbound at Alexandria, from that duty, has been accepted by the United States.

The annual food bill of the average family has grown from \$339.30 in 1913 to \$425.54 at present, the department of labor announced Friday in a review of food prices. In ten years, the department's experts estimate, the advance in the cost of food has so far outstripped wage increases that the workman who drew \$3 a day in 1907 now finds himself just 69c a day worse off.

Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, chief of naval intelligence, was Thursday named by Secretary Daniels as governor of the Danish West Indies.

A claim of \$40,000 in favor of the State of Texas will be presented to congress by the war department and supported by members from Texas, representing the state's equity in the former site of the school of mines at El Paso, Texas, which will be taken over by the government for military purposes. The state has a new site for the school of mines and the matter of adjusting the claim was presented by Dr. R. E. Vinson, president of the State University, to officials of the war department.

Federal reserve banks have been directed by the federal reserve board to cash all United States army quartermaster vouchers held by government creditors, pending additional appropriations by congress.

Torpedoing of the Norwegian steamer Wilfred with two Americans on board and the British steamer Chorley, with three Americans, was reported Tuesday to the state department.

The United States has granted China's request for safe conduct for the former German minister to China and his suite across this country en route to Germany.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

In his annual report Secretary of Agriculture Houston says that it is estimated that the loss from tuberculosis in live stock in the United States amounts to \$25,000,000 per year and that this is the greatest problem that confronts the live stock industry.

The court of criminal appeals at Austin, Texas, Saturday fixed April 18 as the date to take the submission of T. R. Watson, the Teague banker, who was given ninety-nine years by a McLennan county jury for the killing of John S. Patterson, late commissioner of insurance and banking.

During the month of March \$104,567.01 was paid into the state treasury of Texas from land sales and leases. Of that amount, \$51,820.82 was credited to the available fund and \$42,746.19 to the permanent fund. The money was distributed as follows: Public school purchase, first payments, \$1,969.84, permanent; public school, open accounts, \$51,149.68 available, \$48,509.06 permanent; university, open accounts, \$137.01 available; game, fish and oyster account, \$534.13 available; deaf and dumb school, open accounts, \$356 permanent; lunatic asylum, open accounts, \$249.79 permanent; blind school, open accounts, \$275.78 permanent; orphan asylum, open accounts, \$1,394.72.

Joseph Hirsch, chairman of the agricultural committee of the American Bankers' Association of Texas, is urging officials of the state bankers' associations of the ten Southern states to immediately inaugurate statewide campaigns for the agricultural preparedness of the South by assisting farmers in securing seed for food and feed crops, an alarming shortage now existing throughout the country.

According to a statement from the department of labor, approximately 100,000 unskilled laborers have left Texas for points in the North during the month of March, and indications are that the exodus is to continue unless higher wages are paid in this state for this class of labor. It was stated that a large per centage of the laborers who have gone north are Mexicans and negroes, who have been employed as farm hands. A wage of \$2 per day for this class of labor is being paid in the North and this is the attraction, as the Texas wage is only \$1.50 a day.

The Vermont legislature Friday passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for equipping the national guard of the state and organizing the home defense.

Governor Ferguson Friday signed the house bill providing that county auditors shall be appointed in counties with 40,000 population or having more than \$18,000,000 of assessed values; also to be appointed by the district judge or judges if more than one. In counties under limitations stated auditors may be created or abolished at will of the commissioners court.

Double honors came to San Antonio, Texas, Thursday from the Woodmen of Texas. M. J. Arnold of that city was elected head consul of Texas, the highest office in the state, and the Alamo City was chosen by a large majority as the meeting place in 1919 of the head camp of the Woodmen and grand grove of the Woodmen Circle.

A gusher flowing between six and seven thousand barrels of oil daily was brought in in the Goose Creek (Texas) field Wednesday. The well is known as Dolan No. 2, and is owned by the West-Virginia Oil Company. This is the biggest producer ever brought in at Goose Creek.

The final session of the Texas Building Trades Council was held Wednesday at Dallas, Texas. Officers were elected as follows: W. A. Goode, Dallas, president (re-elected); J. D. Traylor, Wichita Falls, vice president, and H. W. Wentworth, Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer. Beaumont was selected as the meeting place in 1918.

The junior naval reserve school, designated as Camp Paul Jones, with an enrollment of fifty cadets, opened at Corpus Christi, Texas, Wednesday. The purpose of the school is to instruct in naval and merchant marine work.

Private Lee Hofman, a dispatch rider with the motorcycle machine gun company of the Fourth United States Infantry, was drowned Wednesday eighteen miles down the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas, when his motorcycle plunged into the river in the darkness.

Moses Ezekiel, the American sculptor, who died in Rome, Italy, Wednesday, was born in Richmond, Va., in 1844. He studied art at the Royal Academy of Art of Berlin and first won distinction when he was awarded the prize of Rome at Berlin in 1873. He was knighted by the emperor of Germany with the Cross of Merit and Art. Among his works in America are "Religious Liberty," Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, and "Virginia Mourning Her Dead," Lexington, Va.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The British war office announces that since the advent of the rainy season all extensive operations in East Africa have stopped. Advantage has been taken of this to reconstruct the railways and communications damaged by the retreating Germans. The whole German territory north of the Central railway has been transferred from a military to a provisional civil administration.

The British on the western front in France report that the Germans have destroyed a large part of St. Quentin by fire and explosives. They add that the Germans have looted all the treasures from private houses, museums and pictures galleries.

The Russian provisional government has decided to abolish the death penalty, dispatches from Petrograd report. Premier Radoslavoff, addressing the Bulgarian parliament at Sofia, Bulgaria, Monday on the Russian revolution, expressed the belief it would make possible the return of good relations between the Russian and Bulgarian peoples.

The British forces operating in Palestine have made an advance against the Turks, capturing the entire staff of the Fifty-third Turkish division, including a general and 900 men.

During a debate in the Norwegian parliament Friday Foreign Minister Thien announced that the government had officially protested against the German blockade of Norway's north coast.

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Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as this is the only one guaranteed to give you money back if it fails to remove freckles—Adv.

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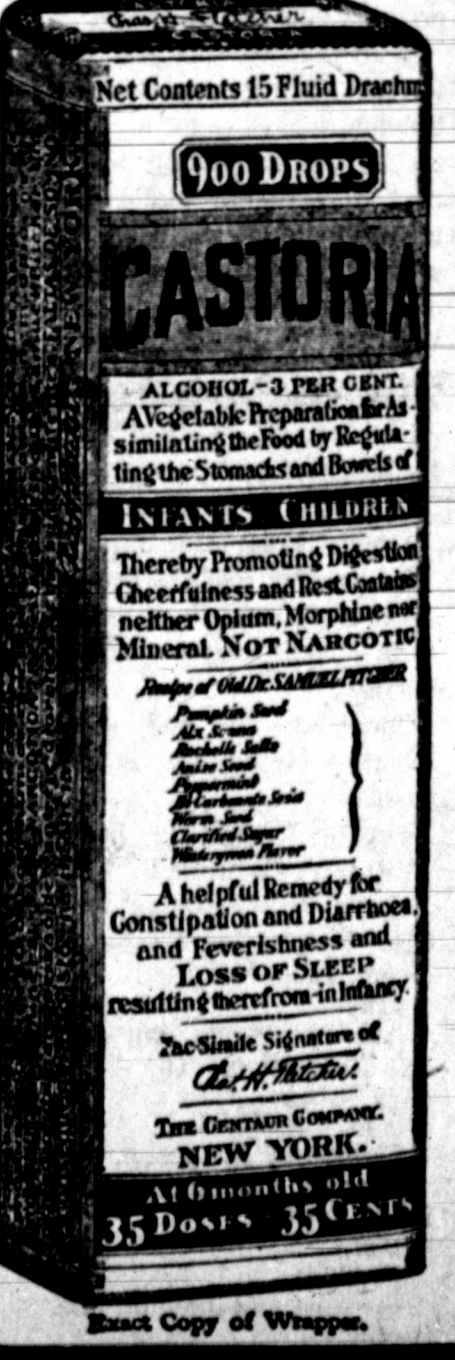
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When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bite and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

Safety in Sleep.

Parent—Son, what is this I hear about that little boy down the street chasing you home?

Son—Well, dad, you know how much you've been telling me about safety first.

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Keep this perfect stomach doctor in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any dealer and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them; if what they eat lays like lead, ferments and sours and forms gas; causes headache, dizziness and nausea; eructations of acid and undigested food—remember as soon as Pape's Diapepsin comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming the worst stomach disorders is a revelation to those who try it.—Adv.

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Some young men propose to a rich girl on their knees and some on their uppers.

UNRESTRICTED U-BOAT WARFARE FOR DEFENSE

GERMAN CHANCELLOR PLACES RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR IF UNITED STATES ENTERS.

DON'T WANT WAR WITH U. S.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Declares Submarine Warfare Must Continue and, if America Opposes, She Will Be to Blame.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville.—"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America, and does not have, such intention now. It never desired war against the United States of America, and does not desire it today," was the declaration made by the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a speech in the reichstag Thursday.

The chancellor made important declarations concerning Germany's policy toward the United States and Russia. "How did these things develop?" asked the chancellor in speaking of the relations with the United States. He then proceeded to answer the question by reviewing the causes which led up to the German use of submarines in unrestricted warfare.

Declaring that Germany had undertaken unrestricted submarine warfare for its defense, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation, with which it has lived in peace for more than one hundred years; if this action warrants an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the burden of responsibility for it."

The imperial chancellor referred to Germany's attitude toward the recent events in Russia, and recalled in former times the honored friendship between the two countries. He said, however, that this friendship had ended with the death of Alexander II.

Emperor Nicholas had more and more drifted into the entente's wake and into pan-Slavic currents and had finally become a partisan of the war party, omnipotent under the Russian autocratic regime.

"Thus," said the chancellor, "in the fateful days of July, 1914, the Russian emperor declined to listen to the appeal made by the German emperor.

"When Russia, in 1905, by the Japanese war and the resulting revolution, had been involved in distress it was the German emperor who, on account of personal relations of friendship, urgently advised the Russian emperor no longer to oppose the justified wishes of his nation for reforms. Emperor Nicholas preferred other roads. In Russia, had attention been concentrated on internal reconstruction, there would not have been room for the restless policy of expansion which finally led to this war and which has changed the old regime so much that now it is hard even to do justice to natural, human pity for the downfallen house of the rulers.

"Nobody can tell how things shall develop, but our attitude toward Russian events is clearly outlined. We shall also follow the principle that we never meddle with the internal problems of other countries. It now is maliciously reported that Germany wants to annihilate the hardly conquered freedom of the Russian nation and that the German emperor wants to re-establish the rule of the czar over his enslaved subjects. All these are merely lies and slander, as I here expressly state.

"How the Russian nation wants to construct its home is only the business of the Russian nation, and we shall not meddle with it. The only thing that we hope is that Russian foundations may develop that will make her the strong and firm bulwark of peace."

"Our relations with China had always been of the most friendly nature, and if these relations have actually been terminated by the Chinese government, I need not tell you that this is not by the free resolve of the Chinese government, but that it has acted under pressure of our enemies.

"Financial difficulties which could not be mastered during the war by China also played a fair part in it. Our enemies' object also is to destroy our trade with China and appropriate without labor what has been established there during many years by German efficiency and German industry.

"The result of the war—as I confidently hope—will give us the opportunity to rebuild what has been destroyed and to rebuild it at the expense of our enemies. Then our friendly relations with China will revive, provided that China will preserve until then the necessary force of resistance against the greed and egotism of her present protectors."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANSWERED BY BRITON

British Blockade Minister Brands Heilweg's Statements as Being Overdrawn.

London.—Lord Robert Cecil, the British blockade minister, Saturday made reply to the latest utterances of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in a statement to the press.

"The German chancellor claims that Germany in the past renounced the unrestricted use of her submarine weapon in the expectation that Great Britain could be made to observe, in her blockade policy, the laws of humanity and international agreements," said Lord Robert. "It is difficult to say whether this statement is the more remarkable for its hypocrisy or for its falseness. It would hardly seem that Germany is in a position to speak of humanity or international agreements, since she began this war by deliberately violating the international agreement guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, and continued it by violating all the dictates of humanity.

"Has the chancellor forgotten that the German forces have been guilty of excesses in Belgium, unparalleled in history, culminating in the attempted enslavement of a dauntless people; of poisoning wells, of bombarding open towns, torpedoing hospital ships and sinking other vessels with total disregard for the safety of noncombatants on board, with the result that many hundreds of innocent victims, including both women and children, have lost their lives?

"The latest manifestation of this policy is to be seen in the devastation and deportation carried out by the Germans in their forced retreat on the western front. The chancellor states that it is because the allies have not abandoned their blockade and have refused the so-called peace offer of Germany that unrestricted submarine warfare now is decided on. As to this, I will do no more than quote what the chancellor himself said in the reichstag when announcing the adoption of unrestricted submarine war.

"He said that as soon as he himself, in agreement with the supreme army commander, reached the conviction that ruthless U-boat warfare would bring Germany nearer to a victorious peace, then the U-boat warfare would be started. He continued:

"This moment now has arrived. With the greatest prospect of success, we can now undertake this enterprise. We must not wait any longer. Where has there been a change? In the first place, the most important fact of all is that the number of our submarines has been very considerably increased as compared with last spring, and thereby a firm basis has been created for success."

"Does not this prove conclusively that it was not any scruple or any respect for international law or neutral rights that prevented unrestricted warfare from being adopted earlier, but merely lack of means to carry it out? I think it may be useful once again to point out that the illegal and inhuman attack on shipping by the Germans can not be justified as a reprisal for the action of Great Britain in attempting to cut off from Germany all imports.

"The submarine campaign was clearly contemplated as far back as December, 1914, when Admiral von Tirpitz gave an indication to an American correspondent in Berlin of the projected plan. As for the plea that the allies are aiming at the annihilation of Germany and her allies, and that ruthless warfare is therefore justified, it is sufficient to quote the following passage from the allies' reply of January 10, 1917, to President Wilson's note:

"There is no need to say that if the allies desire to liberate Europe from the brutal covetousness of Prussian militarism, the extermination and political disappearance of the German people have never, as has been pretended, formed a part of their design."

"The allusion made to Russia by the German chancellor can hardly be treated seriously. A government of Hohenzollerns can not pose as the champions of freedom and self-government as against autocracy. When the German people enjoy the benefits of a truly representative government, and are no longer dominated by a military autocracy, Germany may appear in that role, but not until then."

Survivors of German Raider Landed.

Rio de Janeiro.—The French bark Cambonne arrived Friday with 200 men of the crews of various steamers and sailing ships sunk by a German raider off the island of Trinidad. They reported that many sailors of the sunken vessels were drowned. The rescued sailors, who are French, English and Italian, report that the raider is an armed sailing ship with a gasoline motor. They say the raider showed the Norwegian flag, and when it sighted a ship, signaled it to approach. As soon as the ship obeyed the signal the raider hoisted the German flag and opened fire.

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Those Child Actresses. Gloomy Actor—What's the matter this morning, Albert?
Gloomier Manager—Baby Briggs is getting married and the show is queered.

Uncomplimentary. Gerald—The drink went to my head. Geraldine—Perhaps it likes unfrequented places.

STOP THOSE SHARP SHOOTING PAINS

"Femenina" is the wonder worker for all female disorders. Price \$1.00 and 50c. Adv.

Deserves Drowning. "What is the name of that song Mr. Yawper is singing?"
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"As a rule I am not in favor of rocking the boat, but in a case like this I think it ought to be done."

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Just use an additional quantity of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

This applies equally well to nearly all baked foods. Try the following recipe according to the new way:

CREAM LAYER CAKE

Old Way	New Way
1 cup sugar	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk	1 cup milk
2 cups flour	2 cups flour
2 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder	4 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder
3 eggs	1 egg
1/2 cup shortening	2 tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon flavoring	1 teaspoon flavoring

Makes 1 Large 2-Layer Cake

DIRECTIONS—Cream the sugar and shortening together, then mix in the egg. After sifting the flour and Dr. Price's Baking Powder together, two or three times, add it all to the mixture. Gradually add the milk and beat with spoon until you have a smooth pour batter. Add the flavoring. Pour into greased layer cake tins and bake in a moderately hot oven for twenty minutes. This cake is best baked in two layers. Put together with cream filling and spread with white icing.

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No Alum No Phosphate No Bitter Taste

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

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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 bills.

In case of errors or omissions in legal or other advertisements, the publishers do not hold themselves liable for damage further than the amount received by them for such advertisement.

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.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, Etc.

Required by the act of congress of August 24, 1912, of the Crockett Courier, published weekly at Crockett, Texas, for April, 1917:

State of Texas, County of Houston. Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared W. W. Aiken, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of the Crockett Courier, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, to-wit:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager are: W. W. Aiken, Crockett, Texas.

2. That the owner is: W. W. Aiken, Crockett, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or securities are: None.

(Signed) W. W. Aiken.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March, 1917.

(Seal) Tom Aiken,
Notary Public.

THE HOME TOWN EDITOR.

In the country there is a force that we hear little about, but this force is doing a great work for the country. Every politician who wants an office realizes it. Every merchant who is alive knows it. Every school teacher and preacher who wants to improve school or civic life has to have its help. No celebration is attempted without its assistance.

No funerals or weddings or fires escape it. No sales of any kind—sheriff's sales, bargain sales, fire sales, or any other kind, take place without its knowledge. Even the great political parties recognize and patronize it. The railways until recently—very recently—thought so much of it that they carried it free. And this force, so potent in our great republic, is the country editor and his paper.—Home Town Association.

Newspaper Advertising.

The year 1916 showed probably the greatest development of newspaper advertising in the history of the country. In some sections the development was abnormal, as in some of the cities of the north and east where manufacturing plants were working on war orders, resulting in increased trade. The country over, however, there appears to have been almost a concentrated action by the heavy advertisers in going, into the newspapers for the exploiting of wares of every kind.

All of which establishes even more thoroughly, if possible, the place of the newspaper as the best, and in the end the cheapest advertising medium in the world.—Beaumont Enterprise.

About the New Road Law.

To the Tax Payers of Houston County:

Because of the importance of the new road, bridge and culvert law, we beg to submit in the Courier a copy of the law in full, which the Crockett papers have been kind enough to publish. We respectfully call your attention to the law and ask that you read it carefully and understand it in all its features.

This is of special importance to all concerned; first, as a matter of public interest, and, second, because the chances are that litigation is going to grow out of it. This is fully explained by what is hereinafter stated and will be further made known to you by subsequent discussion and events. It will pay you to keep track of this entire controversy, for it is sure to be interesting, our purpose being to go to the people with the whole thing, and to the courts if necessary to protect the people's interest.

This law was compiled, in the main, from the best features of both the existing general laws on the subject of roads, bridges and culverts, and also those of the special laws of this county, with some modifications and additions made and some essential fundamental principles recognized.

We also wish to be fully understood that the undersigned, as the executive committee of the Houston County Tax Payers' Protective Association, recently organized for nothing but the public good, are solely responsible for this law, and we here and now give notice to the world that we assume to ourselves full responsibility for it. In behalf of the tax payers of the county and of the people generally, we felt that something should be done by somebody in guarding and protecting the interests of the people, the tax payers having the right to organize for that purpose. We felt, further, that nothing would conserve these interests so much as a new road law, constructed and administered with an eye single only to the financial resources of the county and the general welfare.

Among the salient features of this new law, we would especially call your attention to the following: It provides for a county road superintendent, and it requires that he be elected by the people; it makes him a bonded officer in such amount as may be fixed by the commissioners' court; he is authorized to have not exceeding four assistants, with power to employ such additional force as may be needed and requisite to efficient road work; the law provides for all bridges to be classified into first, second and third classes; the old law allowed the commissioners \$30 per month each for "supervising" the roads, this being sufficient, minus about \$60.00, to pay the superintendent's salary of \$125.00 per month, he being required to give his whole time to the duties of the office, and to spend an equitable part of the funds on all roads, bridges and culverts, and not on a part of them only.

Another very prominent feature of the old law is the power it gives the commissioners' court to issue deficiency or "time warrants" without a vote of the people authorizing it. We have only recently seen how this power was used—abused—by the court, and the people were amazed and astounded that a contract for road work had been made and no bids asked for—all done with only a few knowing of it and to be paid with "time warrants" and not one citizen being allowed to vote on it. This certainly was a gross abuse of power, to say nothing of the manner in which it was done, which may be discussed later on and the people given some important facts in connection with that transaction. This contract called for the issuance of \$110,000 in "time warrants," payable in 25 years, at 5% per cent interest, this debt being foisted on the people without their knowledge or consent and without confiding to them what was proposed to do.

This new road law takes all such power from the commissioners' court and submits all such matters to a vote of the people, if the amount exceeds \$1,000.

Finally, we beg to inform you that the commissioners' court has failed to order an election for superintendent of roads as the new road law orders them to do and this in the face of the written opinion of the county attorney, called for by the court and in which he, in clear and explicit terms, tells the court that it has no discretion but to order the election. Do you not think this is a most monstrous proposition for this court to ride rough-shod over the plain mandatory command of a legislative enactment, violate their oath of office, and force the public, the tax payers, to go into court and compel them to do their sworn duty? It is due Commissioner Speer to say that he expressed a willingness to order the election.

Respectfully submitted by R. C. Spinks, J. K. Jones, T. S. Tunstall, W. B. Page, Jno. E. Monk, J. W. Madden, J. D. Hill, J. C. Estes and Ed Thompson,

Executive Committee,
The Houston County Tax Payers' Protective Association.

Watch Your Step.

New registrations of automobiles are as follows:

No. 379, George W. Shaver, Grapeland, an Oakland touring.

No. 380, J. M. Porter, Crockett, a Dodge touring.

No. 381, Olney McLean, Augusta, a Ford touring.

No. 382, Moffett Creath, Creath, a Ford touring.

No. 383, Frank Taylor, Grapeland, a Dodge roadster.

No. 384, D. J. Lynch, Crockett, a Ford touring.

No. 385, Horace Leggett, Weldon, an Overland.

No. 386, M. A. Denman, Kennard, a Ford touring.

No. 387, W. D. James, Weldon, a Ford touring.

No. 388, Chas. Arnold, Pennington, a Ford touring.

No. 389, Sam Rice, Crockett, a Ford touring.

No. 390, L. M. McConnell, Ratcliff, an Overland touring.

No. 391, Sam Cohen, Ratcliff, a Dodge touring.

No. 392, Dr. C. C. Hill, Grapeland, a Ford roadster.

No. 393, W. N. Dominy, Weldon, a Ford touring.

No. 394, F. H. Franz, Crockett, a Ford roadster.

No. 395, E. S. Atkinson, Lovelady, a Ford touring.

Sells \$211.80 Worth of Meat.

Last Saturday Mr. Willie Williford came in from Dollardville with 1059 pounds of good home cured bacon, and it looked much better than a lot of the packing house products. It had been well cured, and Mr. Williford thought he was entitled to a good price for it. He was right, for the Greer Mercantile Co. bought his meat, paying him 20 cents per pound, and Mr. Williford left town with \$211.80 more than he had when he had arrived in town with his load of meat.

When farmers get to raising plenty of feed stuff and then have some to sell, then is when the county will be in better shape.

Mr. Harrison, of the Greer Mercantile Co., who bought Mr. Williford's meat, said that he had only bought one small sack of packing house products this year. He said that he had bought practically all his meat from the farmers of this section.—Polk County Enterprise.

Dr. Sam'l A. Miller

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Immediate Addition of 500,000 Men to the Army, a Largely Augmented Navy and Liberal Credit to Allied Governments.

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson in his address characterized the "present German submarine warfare as a warfare against mankind."

"I advise," he continued, "that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States; and that it formally accept the status of the belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it and employ all of its resources to bring the government of Germany to terms and to end the war."

The president advocated "co-operation in counsel and action with the governments now at war with Germany and the extension of the most liberal credits to them." He advocated a greatly augmented navy and an additional army of 500,000 men, with additions as needed.

Throughout, the president emphasized that it is the German government and not the German people that the United States will fight.

Since the beginning of the war in Europe ammunition and firearms valued at \$500,000,000 have been sent from the United States to England.

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I have a stallion known as the Sims colt, seven miles east of Crockett on Mr. Joe Matlock's farm.

He is a saddle and harness horse. His dam is from the Hippel horse, his sire is the Hunter horse. He fox trots at the rate of 12 miles an hour, paces a mile in three minutes, is only three years old. Give him a trial.

Rates, \$12.50—five dollars to be paid when service is rendered.

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Before a Jury

You know that your appearance is always on trial.

Every man you meet is both judge and jury of how you look.

¶ Are you guilty of a faulty selection in your clothes?

¶ Do poor fitting clothes stand against you?

¶ If so, why not acquit yourself, win the verdict and be declared a classy and nifty dresser?

¶ Let us become your tailoring counsel—we'll win you that verdict if we make your clothes.

John C. Millar

TAILOR AND MEN'S OUTFITTER
Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing

Local News Items

To see perfectly see Dr. Shelfer at Bishop Drug Company's Thursday, April 12, one day only this trip. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices reasonable. Read other notices in this issue. 2t.

Lanier Edmiston, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday morning. Dr. Frank Barnes of Houston, assisted by local physicians, performed the operation. The patient is doing as nicely as possible and will be out in due course of time.

Annual Spring Sale.

On Friday, April 20, the Ladies' Baptist Aid Society will hold their annual spring sale, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Members of the Aid Society will not make their purchases until after 3 o'clock p. m. Refreshments will be served. 2t.

Sergeant G. B. Wilson, mustered out of the national guard at Corpus Christi last week, arrived in Crockett Thursday for a visit with friends. Sergeant Wilson, who formerly lived in Crockett, joined the Timpson militia company while a resident of Livingston. Joining as a private, he was advanced to sergeant while serving in the Mexican border patrol. When the Timpson company was mustered out, he was transferred to the Teague company of infantrymen and is subject to call for duty with that part of the national guard.

Farm Loan Bank Organized.

Considerable progress was made during the past week toward getting the Federal Farm Loan Bank at Houston in working order. The officers met, completed organization and rented a place in which to do business. The president authorized the statement that in a few days they would send out the application and other blanks that are needed by the local associations throughout the state to begin operations.

The most important feature in connection with this matter was the signing by the governor of the "farmers' friend" bill, passed at the last session of the legislature. This measure further defines the word "improvements" as it appears in the homestead law, so as to permit farmers to borrow money on homesteads to not only pay for the land, but to make such improvements, in addition to permanent buildings, as grubbing and fencing,

and many other purposes that were not included in the original homestead law.

If this new law stands the test of the state supreme court in a friendly suit that has been brought, it will so broaden the scope of farm loan operations in this state as to prove of much greater benefit to the homestead farmers.

Notice of the arrival of the blanks from the Houston bank will be made in the county papers and a meeting of the Crockett association immediately called to complete the organization.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary,
Crockett Commercial Club.

An Evening of Music.

At the First Baptist church Sunday evening, April 8, the usual evening service will take the form of a musical, consisting of organ solos, anthems by the choir and vocal solos by Miss Wall and Mrs. Johnson Arledge. The public is cordially invited to attend this service, other churches of the city having dismissed their evening service that all may have an opportunity to attend. The program is under the direction of Mrs. M. L. Sheppard, organist and choir director.

A freewill offering will be taken for the primary department of the Sunday School, to be used in completing and furnishing this important department, and it is hoped a liberal offering will be given. Services will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock.

Easter Program.

The following program will be given at the Methodist church Easter Sunday morning, beginning promptly at 10:50 o'clock:

Organ, "Coronation March," from "The Prophet"—Meyerbeer.

Chorus, "Hear the Angel's Song," from "The Greatest Gift"—H. W. Petrie.

Incidental solo and duet—L. L. Moore, Mesdames Stokes and Brooke.

Organ, "March in E"—Barrett; "Autumn"—Edward F. Johnston.

Quartette, "Hosanna"—Grainer; Mrs. Hail, Miss Craddock, L. L. Moore, Theo. Morris.

Prayer.

Announcements and offertory—(a) "Adoration;" (b) "These Are They"—Gaul's Holy City.

Solo—Miss Wall.

Sermon by the pastor.

Chorus, "The Quiet Starlight"—H. W. Petrie.

Dismissal.

Postlude.

Organist and director, Mrs. A. M. Decuir.

District Court News.

Little business of interest has been transacted in the Houston county district court last and this week.

A divorce case, wherein the Rev. Harvey A. Onquae is plaintiff and Mrs. Susie E. Onquae is defendant, was on trial the first part of this week. The plaintiff is the pastor of the Smith Memorial Presbyterian church of Crockett, a church for negroes. The case is attracting large interest among the negroes.

Messrs. Herman and George Schmidt of Palestine, with their attorney, Hon. N. B. Morris, also of Palestine, were before the court Tuesday long enough to take out naturalization papers. Messrs. Schmidt are prominent citizens of Anderson county. Their papers recite that they were born in Germany; that they moved with their parents when very young to Grimes county; that they later moved to Anderson county; that they have all along believed themselves naturalized citizens of the United States, but that they have been unable to find any record of such in Grimes county, the county records having been destroyed twice by fire; therefore that all question as to their citizenship be removed, they have filed the necessary application and proof in the district court now in session in Houston county. In their papers they swear allegiance to the government of the United States and refer to the impending trouble with Germany as a cause for renewed interest in behalf of their citizenship.

Judge John S. Prince, acting on the suggestion of the grand jury, has appointed a county finance committee. The committee is comprised of the following: Dave Leaverton, J. R. Conner and Hayne Mainer. This committee is summoned to meet Wednesday, April 4.

Young People's Missionary Society.

March 4, 1917, a Young People's Missionary Society was organized. We have started with nine members, but hope to add twenty members this quarter. The officers elected were:

President, Leita Cunyus.

First vice-president, Mary Spence. Second vice president, Evelyn Bennett.

Corresponding secretary, Hattie Stokes.

Treasurer, Delma M. Wootters.

Superintendent of study and publicity, Wilma Shivers.

Superintendent of social service, Cora Ellis.

Superintendent of supplies, Jeanette Craddock.

On March 31 we sent our first amount, \$2.80, to the conference treasurer.

We furnish missionary program for Sunday school next Sunday. Come and hear us at 9:30 o'clock sharp. Wilma Shivers, Supt. Study and Publicity.

Notice of Bankruptcy.

In the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Texas: In bankruptcy.

In the matter of R. H. Gallant, bankrupt. No. 1992.

To the creditors of R. H. Gallant, bankrupt, of Kennard, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of April, 1917, the said R. H. Gallant 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 14th day of April, 1917, at two o'clock p. m., 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.

It. J. W. Fitzgerald,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Tyler, Texas, April 2, 1917.



He used a pebble
in his day, to keep
his mouth moist—

WE use

WRIGLEY'S

WRIGLEY'S gives us a wholesome, antiseptic, refreshing confection to take the place of the cave man's pebble.

We help teeth, breath, appetite, digestion and deliciously soothe mouth and throat with this welcome sweetmeat.

The Wrigley Spearmen want to send you their Book of Gum-ption. Send a postal for it today, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., 1732 Kesner Building, Chicago.

The Flavor Lasts!



The County Fair.

In the old days the county fair was a losing proposition. The men who put their money into such an institution always considered it a gift to the community. And for years there was never a dividend on any stock of a county fair in this State.

But time changes all things. And time has brought to many counties of Texas such a population as will support a fair of reasonable size and cost and produce reasonable profits for those who place their money in the enterprise.

Last season there were more than twoscore such fairs held in Texas. So far as information at hand shows only two of these lost

money. Many of them laid by funds for the future building of permanent county expositions. And in all the counties where such showings of local resources were made, the people are determined that they shall be continued and that—in the future—they shall be successful.

The county fair is an institution which can not be replaced by any other. Like the county newspaper it is an absolute necessity to the wellbeing of the people. Nothing can take the place of either and do its work as well. The time is surely at hand when every county in the State with more than 40,000 population will find the county fair a necessity—and a paying investment.—Houston Post.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

DR. G. WARD SHELFER, Optometrist of Dallas, Texas, who comes to our drug store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses, will be with us again for one day only, Thursday, April 12. Many good people of Crockett and this section have been wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer for years with best results. Remember please, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" peddling through the country deceiving the people, he does business in Crockett through our drug store only. Remember the name, place and date and come to see us and have your eyes examined. Best glasses at reasonable prices.

Thursday, April 12 Only, This Trip

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

Please Step to the 'Phone

We are waiting at our end of the line. Make your drug store wants known to us by phone or messenger and the goods will be delivered at your door without delay. Our number is 47 or 140.

Free Delivery Service

Is a part of our up-to-date business getting system. Don't hesitate to call us, even if your order is a small one.

Our goods are fresh and of superior quality, stock is complete and includes practically everything carried in a modern drug store.

We shall be glad to send for your prescription and deliver the finished medicine.

Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

Local News.

Mrs. John LeGory is visiting in Mineral Wells.

Miss Willie Wortham has returned to her home at Lancaster.

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

April 21 will be the "Big Day." Johnson Arledge will have the flags.

Mrs. J. S. Cook was last week called to Tennessee by the illness of a relative.

Saturday, April 21, will be the "Big Day." Johnson Arledge will have the flags.

Miss Totsy Foster returned Saturday evening from a visit to relatives in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison and Miss Fay Harrison of Houston are visiting in this city.

Miss Grace Simpson, spending the winter in Tyler, spent Sunday with her parents in this city.

Carpenter Work.

For carpenter work of all kinds see J. D. Sexton. Phone 291. tf.

Mrs. S. W. Grant and little son of Beaumont are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

For Rent—Furnished rooms in Page flat. Electric lights and lavatory in each room. Also two office rooms. Phone 343. tf.

Any one desiring to enlist in the Army or Navy may do so by calling on J. W. Hail, Postmaster, at the Post Office, Crockett, Tex. tf.

Wanted—A few bushels of Spanish peanuts for seed, also some field peas. Apply to A. M. Decuir, at the Crockett Drug Co., under the Pickwick hotel. 2t.

Sewing Machines Repaired.

When in need of repair work on your sewing machine, call on or phone S. J. Moody. Work guaranteed. Phone 200. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Roberts, Ingham Roberts Jr., Mrs. Hibbard Dancy, Mr. and Mrs. Kolts and Miss Mary Ann Kolts, all of Houston, will arrive Saturday for a visit in this city.

The Crockett Shakespeare Club will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Crockett Commercial Club Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the interest of the public library and reading room. All persons interested are invited to attend.

The Methodist ladies will hold their annual spring sale in the Cook building April 18. They want you to come and see what they have to sell. It.

Mr. J. P. Hail has renewed his subscription for the Courier since last issue. He believes in the doctrine of "live and let live" and that \$1.50 a year is none too much for a county newspaper under present cost conditions.

Farm Loan Association.

The permanent organization blanks for the Crockett National Farm Loan Association have been received and a meeting called at the Commercial Club rooms for Saturday next at 2 p. m. when it is expected to complete the organization and start things going. A full attendance of members and those who wish to join is desired.

Miss Willie Mae Patton of this city left last week to become a member of a house party in Dallas. On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock she became the bride of Mr. Sam Abernathy of Dallas. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. W. M. Patton of Crockett. She has many friends here who wish her much happiness in her new home, which will be in Dallas, the home of Mr. Abernathy.

Messrs. Will Robinson and Ward McDonald, lately in the machinery department of the big mill at Ratcliff, have taken charge of the garage department of the Crockett Motor Company, managed by Mr. E. C. Satterwhite. They have moved their families to Crockett and received a hearty welcome from our people. The Crockett Motor Company is fortunate in having them associated with the company.

Auto Registrations.

No. 396, Miss Clarite Elliott, Crockett, a Chandler touring.
No. 397, W. L. Moore, Augusta, a Ford touring.
No. 398, G. M. Mahony, Ratcliff, a Buick touring.
No. 399, East Texas Motor Co., Crockett, a Buick touring.
No. 400, George Calhoun, Grape-land, a Buick touring.
No. 401, Will McLean, Crockett, a Maxwell touring.
No. 402, Hyman Harrison, Crockett, a Buick touring.
No. 403, J. C. Beassell, Ratcliff, a Buick touring.
No. 404, W. F. Rayburn, Lovelady, a Ford touring.
No. 405, M. C. English, Ratcliff, an Overland touring.

Mr. C. C. O'Neal, the Houston county road engineer, whose duties have taken him very nearly all over the county, thinks that Houston county offers the best opportunities of any section to people who wish to become farm owners. He likes this county so well that he wants to keep posted as to its progress after his duties have called him away, and he therefore subscribes for the Courier to follow him wherever his address may be.

Several Hundred at Drill.

Mr. W. B. Cook, the county demonstration agent and a graduate of A. & M. College, is drilling a class in military maneuvers every evening between 6 and 7 o'clock. The class forms on the east side of Public Square and is composed of all ages. He has several hundred at drill and is assisted by those of his class who have had previous military training. He expects to have his men whipped into military shape by flag day, Saturday, April 21.

Subscription Price Low at \$1.50.

A Houston county citizen, whose name does not appear in this issue of the Courier and who discontinued his subscription a few weeks ago, called Monday to renew at the increased rate. He said that after thinking the matter over he had decided that \$1.50 a year is not too much for a county newspaper when the increased price of other things is considered. In fact, he had convinced himself that a county newspaper could not be put out for less money under present cost conditions. He had discontinued because of the increased subscription price, but, realizing that he was wrong, had called to correct the mistake. He is a conscientious citizen and wants to do right in all things.

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Untimely and Tragic Death.

The untimely and tragic death of Stanford Saunders, caused by a team running away with the wagon on which he was riding, brings many expressions of regret and feelings of sorrow. The accident happened recently at Lovelady, where the funeral occurred on the following day. Following the accident the young man was taken to the home of an uncle, Mr. Lang Smith, where he died. Stanford was a son of Mr. Lee Saunders and only 18 years of age.

Notice to All Concerned.

Following are days upon which criminal cases will be tried in the district court:

Dick Wilburn, case set for April 23rd.
Hill Bagwell, case set for April 18th.
Joe Spencer, case set for April 28th.
Jake Leonard, case set for April 30th.
G. Q. Anderson, case set for April 28th.
W. E. Hale, case set for April 27.
Cleon McClain, case set for May 5.
R. T. Kent, case set for May 1.
Henry Calloway, case set for May 4.
Wash Rhodes, case set for May 4.
J. F. Mangum,
County Attorney.

Annual Spring Sale.

On Friday, April 20, the Ladies Baptist Aid Society will hold their annual spring sale, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Members of the Aid Society will not make their purchases until after 3 o'clock p. m. Refreshments will be served. 2t.

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