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REOPENING TREATY FIGHT INDICATED

Subject Bobs Up in Midst of Railroad Bill Consideration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Expressions that seemed to point toward a re-opening of the peace treaty fight within a few weeks were voiced on the senate floor today when the subject bobbed up in the midst of consideration of the railroad bill.

The symposium of views that went into the record during the brief debate included opinions from virtually all factions of the divided senate membership, but they all struck a note of conciliation. Differing widely in their suggestions for a solution they stood together on the general proposition that politics ought to be forgotten and that the senate acting independently of executive opinion ought to do something promptly to end suspense and establish a state of peace.

The discussion effected the trend of negotiations which have been in progress privately among senators for an agreement that would get the question finally out of the way. There was increased activity in that direction during the day and some of the leaders predicted some formal action early in the new year.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, a leader in the irreconcilable republican group of treaty opponents and a member of the foreign relations committee, brought the subject to the floor by another attempt to get before the senate his two resolutions to establish a state of peace. The effort was blocked but he obtained unanimous consent to send the measure to the committee, where he expects to renew his request for action.

A plea made by Senator Knox for some form of a settlement,

was seconded by Senator Smith of Georgia, a reservation democrat who declared the time had come to stop academic discussion of who held up the treaty and get together in a give and take effort for compromise.

Action also was urged by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, one of the mild reservation republicans, and by Senator Myers of Montana, a democrat who voted last session for some reservations and also for unreserved ratification.

In the compromise negotiations discussed in private conferences the principal activity seemed to be among the democrats, the republican reservationists indicating that they awaited some concrete proposal from the other side of the aisle. The democratic managers were hopeful that such an agreement soon would be reported, but they predicted it would not take tangible form until after the holidays.

For Tubercular Soldiers.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19, 1919
Mrs. J. H. Painter,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date with the enclosed contribution of \$525.00 for the care of Texas soldier boys who are suffering from tuberculosis has been received by Governor Hobby.

Let me say that we are very grateful indeed for your assistance in this great work, and assure you and all others that the money will be used to the best advantage in saving the lives of Texas soldier boys.

Sincerely yours,
John C. Townes, Jr.
Second Vice President.

Besides the above amount \$18.80 was collected and forwarded by Judge A. A. Aldrich of Crockett.

Should the Holy Land be colonized on a large scale Norwegian engineers propose to utilize the difference in water levels between the Mediterranean and Dead seas for extensive production of hydro-electric power.

WHAT COMMERCIAL CLUB IS DOING

For Crockett and Houston County Through the Federal Farm Loan.

Except those in close touch with the operations of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, represented by the Crockett Farm Loan Association, created and maintained by the Crockett Commercial Club, comparatively few realize what this government institution is doing for the farmers of Houston county.

Since this association was placed in operation two hundred and sixty farmers have joined and applied for loans, either to finish paying for farms already owned and carrying eight and ten percent obligations that were becoming too great to bear, or for money to assist in buying farms by those who had heretofore been renters. It should always be borne in mind that this money is loaned by Uncle Sam at five and a half percent interest and on thirty-five years time.

From the total number of applicants, one hundred and thirteen have received their money, amounting to two hundred thousand, two hundred and ten dollars (200,210.)

Fifty-three more applicants have had their loans approved, amounting to one hundred and three thousand, four hundred and thirty dollars (\$103,430), making a total of \$303,640 of this long time government money in circulation right here in Houston county, and from the rate new applications are coming in, there will probably be a million dollars of this money distributed among our home farmers in less than one year from this time.

It will be remembered that early last spring the Commercial Club adopted as its slogan, "Every Farmer a Home Owner," in connection with the operations of the Farm Loan Association, and stated that if the work received the support it was so clearly entitled to, it would not be such a very long time before every farmer in Houston county would be living on and cultivating his own land, and such a result would mean that this would be the most prosperous county not only in the state but in the south.

When it is known that through this medium forty-three farmers who had up to this time been working other people's farms on one of the plans of crop division, and who as a rule not remained more than two years in one place, are now comfortably located on farms of their own and under conditions that guarantee that there will be no doubt about paying for same, it will be seen that a good start has been made toward the grand results attainable. Just consider for a moment what it means to each one of these farmer families to become permanently located in their own homes. What a new and promising future it opens for the wife and children to know that the regular first of January moving day is a thing of the past and that now they are effective parts of the community and can heartily enter into the most enjoyable of all domestic duties of home making and neighborhood activities. Can th-

citizens of Crockett conceive of a more profitable application of its public duties than to give this movement the support that is necessary to its complete development at the earliest possible date?

Live Stock Sales Day.

As announced in the papers last week, the date of these events has been changed from the third Wednesday in each month to the third Saturday, and the first one under the new date was pulled off last Saturday in a most successful manner. A large number of horses, mules, cows and other live stock was sold at prices satisfactory to both seller and buyer, and it is estimated that every sale was a genuine out and out sale transaction. Not a dollar of expense was attached to the sales program but what was borne by the Commercial Club, and it is to be hoped that the farmers will generally take advantage of these events and that in the near future they will assume such large dimensions that buyers will come from all sections of east Texas to take advantage of the bargains offered.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

United States Planes to be Sold to Caranza.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—An alleged plot to steal American army airplanes and sell them to the Mexican government is said to have been uncovered through an investigation of a lieutenant and a former lieutenant in the air service, it was stated at headquarters of the Southern department of the army here Thursday.

According to officials, the lieutenant is being held at Kelly flying field here, while the former lieutenant is under arrest at Houston. Technically, the men are charged only with stealing a motor car and other parts of an airplane at Ellington Field, where the lieutenant was stationed.

Officials at department headquarters said the lieutenant has admitted participation in the alleged implication in the plot and expressed willingness to testify against the former lieutenant.

It was stated that the plot involved the proposed sale to Mexican government of 13 airplanes for \$130,000.

TWO STATE FARMS ARE ABANDONED

November Report of Prison Commission Is Filed With Governor.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—The John D. Rogers and Adams farms were abandoned during the month of November, according to the November report of the state prison commission filed with the governor. The abandonment of the two farms is reported in a brief note in the report. The Rogers farm was abandoned November 25, the forces being transferred to Huntsville; the Adams farm was abandoned on November 24, forces transferred to the Imperial farm. The cause for abandonment of the farms is not given.

The commission reported a total of 2,775 convicts on hand on December 1, which was 51 less than on November 1. During the month 54 convicts were pardoned and 11 paroled; 87 new convicts were received, 15 recaptured, 7 returned by sheriffs, 1 returned from parole, 66 discharged, 23 escaped, 2 died, 5 delivered to sheriffs.

Of the new convicts received 16 were from McLennan county, 6 from Ellis, 5 from Harrison, 5 from Brazos, 3 from Dallas, 3 from Houston, 4 from Johnson, 3 from Denton, 3 from Waller, 2 each from Lamar, Falls, Tarrant, Fort Bend, Tom Green, Leon, Navarro and Runnels; 1 each from Cass, Nacogdoches, Frinity, Upshur, Martin, Hill, Travis, Orange, Henderson, Comanche, Parker and Freestone counties.

The convicts were distributed as follows: Huntsville prison, 466; insane asylums, 24; state-owned farms, 2,044; state-leased farms, 241. On state-owned farms the convict forces are as follows: Harlem, 235; Eastham, 261; Imperial, 250; Ramsey, 487; Wynne, 105; Goree, 76; Clemens, 145; Ferguson, 298; Retrieve, 97; Darrington, 40. State-leased farms: Bassett Blakely, 92; Blue Ridge, 149.

May It Ever Be Thus

A day of real joy and happiness that will leave its lasting impression—a time when we remember loved ones and friends.

It's the outward expression of the heart—a splendid example of our better natures—acts that make life worth while—that reveal the true Christmas spirit.

And it is with this thought uppermost in our heart that we wish our many friends and customers

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MILLAR & BERRY

A Store for Men and Boys.

My Christmas Wish for the People of Houston County

I wish you the peace the Angels sang,
In the far off days of old;
Where stars looked down while the chorus rang;
With their light of molten gold;
The Peace that cheers through the passing years,
With strength that is born to stay;
A Christmas peace that will never cease,
I am wishing for you today.

A. E. OWENS, County Clerk

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WHAT THE FORMER A. & M.
PRESIDENT WRITES IN THE
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Let Us Stand by the Precedent of Washington.

In a century and a half this government has done more for mankind than any other government has ever done. It has made the greatest progress in the arts and sciences. It has contributed more to the development and expansion of liberty throughout the world. Two great political parties have stood at the helm, each challenging the other to stand up for righteousness and good government. When one has become derelict the other has gone to the front and guided the ship of State. The sentiment against succession in office has ever been so strong that it meant everlasting repudiation for a President to attempt to hold a third term. The noble example was established by Washington of retiring after the second term. Only one President has ever attempted to break this precedent, and he was checked by his own party. Those Democrats who are urging the name of Mr. Wilson for a third term are enemies to the glorious traditions of this Republic. It is not a question of greatness or goodness. The most certain road to the introduction of depotism is succession in office. The love of power, and the desire of preeminence in the affairs of the world have been the chief sources of all the world troubles since the dawn of history. Just as long as men are ambitious, vindictive and rapacious it will be dangerous to entrust them with power or authority beyond the limits

which the wisdom and patriotism of Washington prescribed, which every great President has since safeguarded. Perfect wisdom and perfect virtue have never existed in any mortal man. The fathers of this Republic knowing that fact established the government upon the wisdom and virtue and the intelligence of all the people. We should be careful never to permit our zeal for political expediency and party supremacy, outweigh our regard for the perpetuity of our institutions. So numerous indeed and so powerful are the causes which serve to give a false bias to the judgment of great men that we should ever keep in mind the all important truth that principles are more to be revered than men. We see great and good men on opposite sides of questions of the greatest magnitude to the world. This fact alone ought to be a lesson that perfection is not to be found in one man, or one party, and it should also be a reason for reaction upon the part of the great body of the people who are at last the support and the foundation of this Republic.

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Useful Christmas Gifts

OUR IMMENSE HARDWARE STORE HOLIDAY STOCK IS NOW READY FOR YOU. WE INVITE YOU TO GIVE IT A THOROUGH INSPECTION. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY ALONG.

We have Christmas gifts that are useful, we have them that are ornamental, and we have those that are both useful and ornamental.

Make your selections now while the stock is complete.

Pocket Knives	Tools of all kinds	Air Guns
Butcher Knives	Food Grinders	Rifles
Knives and Forks	Lanterns	Shotguns
Bread Knives	Flashlights	Tricycles
Knife Sharpeners	Aluminum Ware	Auto Accessories
Scissors	Enamel Ware	Glass Ware
Old Style Razors	Silverware	Queens Ware
Safety Razors	Nut Crackers	Daisy Churns
Razor Straps	Fire Fenders	Oil Heaters
Saws	Door Mats	Cooking Utensils
Hammers	Alarm Clocks	Scrubbing Mops
Hatchets	Large Clocks	Oil Mops
Axes	Boys' Wagons	And many other useful gift things.

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only. We should have our ideals ever present in the mind and strive to reach them as we journey in a world so fraught with imperfections. We may speak of the life of the Saviour as ideal, but it was the only ideal life of which history gives any account. It was ideal because we cannot imagine a higher, better life. Christ is the ideal man, the perfect man. Our imagination cannot suggest any improvement on the Son of God.

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I am also interested in your live stock sales, which you seem to have had at certain times, and I have been much in hopes that this would be a great success, because the live stock business is the thing I think will make yours a great country, as many other things go with it, like more and better stock means the raising of more and better grain, and the same is true with various kinds of hay pastures, etc.

I would be glad at any time to read anything of the developments of this kind.

Yours very truly,
C. M. Smith.

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**BAKER'S
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**Wednesday Night
December 24**

A nice Christmas present free from every merchant of Crockett. See Harris' Racket Store window for display of presents.

Shop at home, with merchants who are giving presents. It is worth while visiting them while in quest of uniquely beautiful and charming gifts. All stores have received a new line of both pleasing and practical gifts.

"What Shall I Give?" problem can be solved here at home with merchants of Crockett who appreciate your trade.

Visit Baker Theatre—best selected program for the holidays.

Full particulars of Xmas Contest announced on screen at theatre.

picked over. Their wants are being adequately supplied by Crockett's business people.

Among the number calling at this office to renew or subscribe or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last report are the following:

- J. M. Lockett, Crockett, Rt. A.
- J. T. Williams, Crockett, Rt. 4
- J. F. Fulmer, Grapeland, Rt 2
- C. H. Wickard, Jr., Little Rock.
- Joe Rice, Crockett, Rt. A.
- J. L. Lipscomb, Dallas.
- J. W. Hooks, Crockett, Rt. 1.
- S. O. Foster, Crockett, Rt. A.
- B. F. Gardner, Weldon.
- Miss Lola Janes, Crockett.
- J. W. Brightman, Crockett.
- Mrs. W. A. Norris for Miss Nora Goodjion, Christine.
- J. G. Beasley, Crockett.
- Robin Thomas, Grapeland, R. 2
- J. S. Cook, Crockett.
- W. A. Sowers, Creek.
- T. C. Lively, Percilla.
- Nathan Asher, Crockett.
- A. M. Decuir, Crockett.
- E. T. Ozier, Crockett.
- E. C. Satterwhite, Crockett.
- W. H. Denny, Crockett.
- A. J. Pratt, Crockett.
- W. H. Kent, Crockett.
- W. V. Meek, Eastland.
- George W. Manning, Crockett
- M. N. Brown, Crockett, Rt. 3.
- Mike Younas, Crockett.
- H. A. Salisbury, Crockett Rt 4
- Dr. R. E. Dillard, Crockett.

Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—Red Cross Christmas seals are being used extensively on mail and packages all over the state. The little seals bring jolly cheer to all Texans.

"The Red Cross Christmas seal sale is progressing nicely," said O. M. Lowry, state director of the seal sale. "The reports from all over the state are very gratifying, but are as yet very scattered. I feel sure that, when all reports are in, we will find Texas has responded in the fight for better health.

"Bad weather and other adverse conditions have retarded the seal sale in many sections of the state, and the sale will be continued in a number of counties until the holidays, so that every one will have a chance to buy the little stickers for their Christmas and New Year's mail. "The Red Cross Christmas seal sale makes possible the activities of the Texas Public Health Association and its local affiliations, and the work done by this association in the anti-tuberculosis fight and other health activities extends over the entire state among all races and classes of people in Texas. Ninety percent of the money raised in Texas will remain in the state for this health work, while the other ten percent will revert to the National Tuberculosis Association and the American Red Cross."

**"Oh, Well, Christmas
Comes But Once
a Year"**

Is a time worn expression so often heard at this time of the season. Some folks used to excuse themselves with this remark to get as "full" as possible. Others would indulge in other excesses, exonerating themselves with this old saying.

But with National Prohibition now, there is a happy medium to strike. Let us now say "Eat,—have plenty to wear, and be Merry."

And if it is something to wear, we have it. Without doubt the other fellow would appreciate something to wear. Come in and let us suggest to you along these lines.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you one and all—and may Prosperity on each of you call.

Dan J. Kennedy

**JUST A WORD WITH
OUR SUBSCRIBERS**

Callers at this office during the last week report much hog killing, which means plenty of spare ribs, back bone and fresh sausage. With plenty of sweet potatoes, corn bread and buttermilk, the high cost of living is most successfully combatted by the majority of Houston county citizens.

Many people have been in town this week, coming in to do their Christmas shopping. They have learned that in buying early they avoid the rush and get the better things before

**TEXAS WOMEN ARE
ENTITLED TO VOTE**

**Ballots Can Be Cast in Party
Primaries, Third Civil Ap-
peals Rules.**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—The third court of civil appeals Saturday, in an opinion written by Judge C. H. Jenkins and concurred in by Judges Key and Brady, holds that the legislature had the authority to enact legislation giving women the right to vote in party primaries. The court does not directly pass upon the issue of whether the legislature has the right to extend suffrage to women in all elections, that phase not having been presented to the court. But the demurrer sustained by the trial court to the pleadings of T. M. Hamilton, plaintiff, is declared to have been properly sustained.

It is a clean cut decision for the suffragists and they are declared to be entitled to vote in primary elections.

**Professor E. L. Blackshear Dies
at Prairie View.**

Hemstead, Texas, Dec. 12.—Professor E. L. Blackshear, for nineteen years— 1898-1915—principal of Prairie View Normal, died at Prairie View today at 2 p. m. He was at the time of his death head of extension work for negroes in the state of Texas, as well as supervisor of the work in Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. He was appointed to the principalship of Prairie View through Charles A. Culberson, now United States senator. During his principalship the school increased its attendance from less than 150 to more than 900 students. He suc-

ceeded in securing legislative appropriations from the state that were unequalled by that received by any similar institution in the country. Professor Blackshear was looked upon by both whites and negroes as perhaps the greatest negro educator in the state and one of the leading negro educators in the country.

He was a native of Alabama, educated in Iowa, taught thirteen years in the public schools of Austin, from which place and position he was appointed to the principalship of Prairie View. He organized the Colored State Farmers Congress of Texas, which organization he served as president for a number of years. In 1913 he worked up and held a meeting of agricultural representatives and per-

sons interested in this line of work from all over the country in Birmingham, at which time a national negro farmers' congress was organized and elected him president.

His interest in agriculture and the betterment of his race along agricultural lines was well known through his public addresses and writings on the subject.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Eddy L. Smith of Houston, and a son, Theodore Roosevelt Blackshear.

The funeral will be conducted from the college Sunday. He will be buried in Hempstead, where his oldest son William was laid to rest.

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I will have Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery, Lettuce, Oysters, Fruits, Nuts and Candies, Pickles, Olives and Condiments.

Give me your orders early. Merry Christmas to all.

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Your Christmas Eyes

We have full value in every pair of our Glasses. We treat the eye with its most effective benefitter.

If you are using Glasses, bring them to us when they need repairing. If you need glasses, come to us for a pair that are guaranteed to give 100 per cent satisfaction. If you are in doubt as to whether or not you should wear them, our scientific method of eye testing will speedily enlighten you.

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Subject Bobs Up in Midst of Railroad Bill Consideration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Expressions that seemed to point toward a re-opening of the peace treaty fight within a few weeks were voiced on the senate floor today when the subject bobbed up in the midst of consideration of the railroad bill.

The symposium of views that went into the record during the brief debate included opinions from virtually all factions of the divided senate membership, but they all struck a note of conciliation. Differing widely in their suggestions for a solution they stood together on the general proposition that politics ought to be forgotten and that the senate acting independently of executive opinion ought to do something promptly to end suspense and establish a state of peace.

The discussion effected the trend of negotiations which have been in progress privately among senators for an agreement that would get the question finally out of the way. There was increased activity in that direction during the day and some of the leaders predicted some formal action early in the new year.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, a leader in the irreconcilable republican group of treaty opponents and a member of the foreign relations committee, brought the subject to the floor by another attempt to get before the senate his two resolutions to establish a state of peace. The effort was blocked but he obtained unanimous consent to send the measure to the committee, where he expects to renew his request for action.

A plea made by Senator Knox for some form of a settlement,

was seconded by Senator Smith of Georgia, a reservation democrat who declared the time had come to stop academic discussion of who held up the treaty and get together in a give and take effort for compromise.

Action also was urged by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, one of the mild reservation republicans, and by Senator Myers of Montana, a democrat who voted last session for some reservations and also for unreserved ratification.

In the compromise negotiations discussed in private conferences the principal activity seemed to be among the democrats, the republican reservationists indicating that they awaited some concrete proposal from the other side of the aisle. The democratic managers were hopeful that such an agreement soon would be reported, but they predicted it would not take tangible form until after the holidays.

For Tubercular Soldiers.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19, 1919.
Mrs. J. H. Painter,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date with the enclosed contribution of \$525.00 for the care of Texas soldier boys who are suffering from tuberculosis has been received by Governor Hobby.

Let me say that we are very grateful indeed for your assistance in this great work, and assure you and all others that the money will be used to the best advantage in saving the lives of Texas soldier boys.

Sincerely yours,
John C. Townes, Jr.,
Second Vice President.

Besides the above amount \$18.80 was collected and forwarded by Judge A. A. Aldrich of Crockett.

Should the Holy Land be colonized on a large scale Norwegian engineers propose to utilize the difference in water levels between the Mediterranean and Dead seas for extensive production of hydro-electric power.

WHAT COMMERCIAL CLUB IS DOING

For Crockett and Houston County Through the Federal Farm Loan.

Except those in close touch with the operations of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, represented by the Crockett Farm Loan Association, created and maintained by the Crockett Commercial Club, comparatively few realize what this government institution is doing for the farmers of Houston county.

Since this association was placed in operation two hundred and sixty farmers have joined and applied for loans, either to finish paying for farms already owned and carrying eight and ten percent obligations that were becoming too great to bear, or for money to assist in buying farms by those who had heretofore been renters. It should always be borne in mind that this money is loaned by Uncle Sam at five and a half percent interest and on thirty-five years time.

From the total number of applicants, one hundred and thirteen have received their money, amounting to two hundred thousand, two hundred and ten dollars (200,210.)

Fifty-three more applicants have had their loans approved, amounting to one hundred and three thousand, four hundred and thirty dollars (\$103,430), making a total of \$303,640 of this long time government money in circulation right here in Houston county, and from the rate new applications are coming in, there will probably be a million dollars of this money distributed among our home farmers in less than one year from this time.

It will be remembered that early last spring the Commercial Club adopted as its slogan, "Every Farmer a Home Owner," in connection with the operations of the Farm Loan Association, and stated that if the work received the support it was so clearly entitled to, it would not be such a very long time before every farmer in Houston county would be living on and cultivating his own land, and such a result would mean that this would be the most prosperous county not only in the state but in the south.

When it is known that through this medium forty-three farmers who had up to this time been working other people's farms on one of the plans of crop division, and who as a rule not remained more than two years in one place, are now comfortably located on farms of their own and under conditions that guarantee that there will be no doubt about paying for same, it will be seen that a good start has been made toward the grand results attainable. Just consider for a moment what it means to each one of these farmer families to become permanently located in their own homes. What a new and promising future it opens for the wife and children to know that the regular first of January moving day is a thing of the past and that now they are effective parts of the community and can heartily enter into the most enjoyable of all domestic duties of home making and neighborhood activities. Can the

citizens of Crockett conceive of a more profitable application of its public duties than to give this movement the support that is necessary to its complete development at the earliest possible date?

Live Stock Sales Day.

As announced in the papers last week, the date of these events has been changed from the third Wednesday in each month to the third Saturday, and the first one under the new date was pulled off last Saturday in a most successful manner. A large number of horses, mules, cows and other live stock was sold at prices satisfactory to both seller and buyer, and it is estimated that every sale was a genuine out and out sale transaction. Not a dollar of expense was attached to the sales program but what was borne by the Commercial Club, and it is to be hoped that the farmers will generally take advantage of these events and that in the near future they will assume such large dimensions that buyers will come from all sections of east Texas to take advantage of the bargains offered.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

United States Planes to be Sold to Caranza.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—An alleged plot to steal American army airplanes and sell them to the Mexican government is said to have been uncovered through an investigation of a lieutenant and a former lieutenant in the air service, it was stated at headquarters of the Southern department of the army here Thursday.

According to officials, the lieutenant is being held at Kelly flying field here, while the former lieutenant is under arrest at Houston. Technically, the men are charged only with stealing a motor car and other parts of an airplane at Ellington Field, where the lieutenant was stationed.

Officials at department headquarters said the lieutenant has admitted participation in the alleged implication in the plot and expressed willingness to testify against the former lieutenant.

It was stated that the plot involved the proposed sale to Mexican government of 13 airplanes for \$130,000.

TWO STATE FARMS ARE ABANDONED

November Report of Prison Commission Is Filed With Governor.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—The John D. Rogers and Adams farms were abandoned during the month of November, according to the November report of the state prison commission filed with the governor. The abandonment of the two farms is reported in a brief note in the report. The Rogers farm was abandoned November 25, the forces being transferred to Huntsville; the Adams farm was abandoned on November 24, forces transferred to the Imperial farm. The cause for abandonment of the farms is not given.

The commission reported a total of 2,775 convicts on hand on December 1, which was 51 less than on November 1. During the month 54 convicts were pardoned and 11 paroled; 87 new convicts were received, 15 recaptured, 7 returned by sheriffs, 1 returned from parole, 66 discharged, 23 escaped, 2 died, 5 delivered to sheriffs.

Of the new convicts received 16 were from McLennan county, 6 from Ellis, 5 from Harrison, 5 from Brazos, 3 from Dallas, 3 from Houston, 4 from Johnson, 3 from Denton, 3 from Waller, 2 each from Lamar, Falls, Tarrant, Fort Bend, Tom Green, Leon, Navarro and Runnels; 1 each from Cass, Nacogdoches, Trinity, Upshur, Martin, Hill, Travis, Orange, Henderson, Comanche, Parker and Freestone counties.

The convicts were distributed as follows: Huntsville prison, 466; insane asylums, 24; state-owned farms, 2,044; state-leased farms, 241. On state-owned farms the convict forces are as follows: Harlem, 235; Eastham, 261; Imperial, 250; Ramsey, 487; Wynne, 105; Goree, 76; Clemens, 145; Ferguson, 298; Retrieve, 97; Darrington, 40. State-leased farms: Bassett Blakely, 92; Blue Ridge, 149.

May It Ever Be Thus

A day of real joy and happiness that will leave its lasting impression—a time when we remember loved ones and friends.

It's the outward expression of the heart—a splendid example of our better natures—acts that make life worth while—that reveal the true Christmas spirit.

And it is with this thought uppermost in our heart that we wish our many friends and customers

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MILLAR & BERRY

A Store for Men and Boys.

My Christmas Wish for the People of Houston County

I wish you the peace the Angels sang,
In the far off days of old;
Where stars looked down while the chorus rang;
With their light of molten gold;
The Peace that cheers through the passing years,
With strength that is born to stay;
A Christmas peace that will never cease,
I am wishing for you today.

A. E. OWENS, County Clerk

May We Continue to Serve You?

For the magnificent business given us throughout the year, the cordial business relations existing between ourselves and our customers, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

BISHOP DRUG COMPANY

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE
Phone 47 or 140

CARL GOOLSBY LIP SHERMAN

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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

Howard Jordan is at home from Baylor University, Waco.

Dr. W. B. Taylor has returned from Dodge and is again located at Creek.

Miss Marian Foster is at home from Rice Institute for the holiday season.

We have a big selection of Sheet Music. Dickson Jewelry & Optical Store. It

Miss Mary Spence, teaching at Lovelady, is at home for the holiday festivities.

Daniel Russell is at home from Baylor University for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard and children of Grapeland will spend Christmas in Crockett.

Miss Ruby Bynum, a student of Baylor College, Belton, is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Hilda Burton has returned from Ward-Belmont College, Nashville, for the vacation season.

We have a complete stock of face, fire and common brick, lime and cement. Arledge & Arledge. tf.

Paul Stokes and John Cook, attending Southern Methodist University, Dallas, are at home to take Christmas.

We buy hides, green or dry, and pay top price. See us before you sell. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Captain A. E. Owens and his troop of cavalymen have returned from Camp Mabry, the military training camp at Austin.

For Sale.

Two good mules, wagon and harness. Will give terms. Apply to C. W. Jones at Crockett or to this office. tf It*

Change in Name Only.

After January 1 our drug-store will be conducted under the firm name of Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co., successors to Bishop Drug Co. Same people, same place, same service, same phones, Nos. 47 and 140.

Carl Goolsby.
Lip Sherman.

tf

Mrs. T. T. Brewer has returned to her home in Tyler after a week's visit with Mrs. J. L. Heard.

We have a complete stock of face, fire and common brick, lime and cement. Arledge & Arledge. tf.

Miss Queenie V. Sams, a student of Baylor University, Waco, is spending the vacation season at home in Crockett.

Mayes Hail and Clinton Cannon, students of Texas University, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Misses Sue Powers and Bly Leediker, students of Sam Houston Normal Institute, Huntsville, are at home for the holiday festivities.

Only a Question of Time

when our pure Mebane Cotton Seed will be all sold. Come and see me if interested. tf A. M. Decuir.

Blacksmith Shop for Sale.

Located at Ratcliff and is a paying proposition. Selling because of other business. For terms see me at Ratcliff. 2t* O. T. Ratcliff.

For Sale.

A 5-horse power gasoline engine, grist mill and wood saw, all practically new. Mrs. E. E. Goolsby Rt. 2, Crockett, Texas. 2t*

Prepare Early.

Plant early if you can and get some of my Mebane Cotton Seed. It pays to use the best Seed. I have about 200 bushels left. tf A. M. Decuir.

Ginning Notice.

Beginning at once, we will gin Wednesdays and Saturdays only during December, and it is our intention to quit ginning entirely on January 1. Houston County Oil Mill and Mfg. Company. 2t

Twelve Hours Late.

Train No. 3, the southbound morning passenger with connection from St. Louis to Houston, was twelve hours late Monday, which breaks the record. The two other southbound passenger trains for that day were detoured from Palestine to Houston via Valley Junction and Fort Worth division. The cause of the disarrangement was a derailment between Elkhart and Palestine.

Pure Seed

will pay more dividends to a cotton farmer than any other investment. I have the good kind bought at Lockhart, direct from expert growers and seed breeders. tf A. M. Decuir.

Mine Props.

We wish to contract with reliable parties to get out from one to fifty cars peeled mine props. Come to see us for further particulars.

Hall Bros. Cedar Co., Jacksonville, Texas. 2t

Please Take Notice.

Those who have spoken to me for pure Mebane seed will please call and get them, as I don't want to disappoint anyone whom I have promised to save cotton seed. tf A. M. Decuir.

Back from Tyler.

John Jackson, a Houston county negro convicted of "moonshining" in the federal court at Tyler, was brought back from Tyler last week by Deputy W. A. Hooper and placed in the Houston county jail. Jackson will be tried at the next term of the district court for assault with intent to murder.

Notice to the Public.

All those who have articles that you wish to contribute to W. R. Petty, whose home with almost entire contents was destroyed by fire December 17, will please leave them at G. D. McClain's barber shop. Tie your bundles and place your card in them. P. D. Austin. tf

Money, Land and Life Insurance

I will buy your vendor lien notes—loan you money on long time. No delay—fifteen years right here—you can talk it to me direct. Land for sale in large or small tracts, and I sell the best Life Insurance contract—The Aetna. Let me explain it to you.

The Man Who Gives Personal Service to Farmers.

B. B. WARFIELD

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

To Our Friends and Patrons

May the dawn of Christmas morning fill your hearts with happiness, and may it last through the years to come is the wish of

BAKER & CASTLEBERG

The Rexall Store
Prescription Druggists

A Few Words

in explanation of the pure Mebane Seed I have on hand. This lot of seed was bought last year from Lockhart, and shipped in here, but I failed to sell all of them, and as they are last year's seed that makes them especially desirable. They are a spure as could be had at the time, having been specially culled and raised on land that made a bale to the acre, under the supervision of experts. It will pay to plant good seed this year, more than any other. tf A. M. Decuir.

Card of Thanks.

December 22, 1919

To the Citizenship of Crockett and Houston County:

The milk of human kindness was so expressively shown us in our recent loss, of our home and contents, that we are unable to find words to express our gratitude. You have helped us in such a material way that it makes us glad we are living in this community. Again we thank you from the depths of our hearts. Respectfully,
W. R. Petty and Family.

TO OUR FRIENDS

AT THIS JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON WE TURN IN GRATITUDE TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS. WE HEARTILY THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WILL YOU HAVE SHOWN US.

OUR FRIENDSHIPS ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS, WITH ITS TIME-HONORED CUSTOMS, PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GREET YOU.

WE EXTEND OUR MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PEACE PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS AND FOR THOSE WHOSE HAPPINESS DEPENDS UPON YOU.

NOTE:—This foot note is to inform our friends and patrons that Mr. P. O. Green has taken over the interest in our business formerly held by Mr. S. M. Monzingo, and the business will in the future be run under the firm name of

WALLER & GREEN

(Successors to Deupree & Waller)

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING

FACED HARD CASES THIS WITNESS SAYS

Cincinnati Man, Who Served In
Le Mans, Gives Testimony
In Detzer Trial.

New York, Dec. 17.—Refutation of specific charges that Captain Karl W. Detzer, commander of the 308th Military Police Company in the Le Mans area of France, who is being tried by court-marshal at Governors Island, had forced confessions from prisoners, was made today by Robert Flora, a member of the Cincinnati police force, who served as assistant provost marshal in Le Mans.

Flora testified that in the case of Private Marcello Gonzales, who previously swore the accused had forced him to sign a statement at the point of a pistol, he himself had obtained from the prisoner a confession similar to that he had made to Detzer.

Flora testified that prisoners at Le Mans had no respect for their superior officers; frequently cursed them and that in many cases it was necessary for the military police to throw prisoners on the floor to subdue them and prevent them from kicking and beating the officers.

Flora caused a stir in the courtroom when he cited as an instance of the hardships that confronted military police the killing of Frank Lindsay, the only negro officer of the department of criminal investigation in France. He testified Lindsay's body was found with several bullet holes in it. When last seen alive the officer was examining white soldiers for their passes on a train leaving Brest. Several soldiers who escaped a jail in Brest later were caught and held for Lindsay's death, he said.

Postmaster Makes Statement.

"I take real pleasure in announcing to the patrons of this office," said Postmaster J. W. Hail, "that the government will continue its thrift program and sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps, and Registered Treasury Savings Certificates, during the year 1920; and I feel sure the patrons of this office will share with me this pleasure. During 1919, a great many of our people did not at first realize just what the thrift work of the government really stood for; but now the banks, the business men and the commercial insti-

tutions, seeing in this good business and the better insuring of our commercial future as a nation and as individuals, have given the thrift movement their hearty endorsement; and it enters a new year, ready to take its place with other recognized business institutions.

"I hope the patrons of this office will invest more in these securities during 1920 than they did during 1919," continued Postmaster J. W. Hail, "for as our people accept more and more the teachings of the thrift movement, it will insure better living; will enable them to be thriftier; assist them to save and to pave the way for a future prosperity. In fact, a summary of it all means that it has for its real purpose the building of a better citizenship. Certainly you could not ask for a better partner," concluded Postmaster Hail, "than your Uncle Sam, and the investment of even 25 cents makes you one—a stockholder in the biggest concern in the world. I feel that we should all support the 1920 thrift activity of the government for two reasons at least: first—it's helping yourself, and insuring your own future; second—it's helping your government, and helping insure its future by becoming a partner, a helper, a better supporter of the best government in all the world—your own."

New Plan to Restrict Newsprint Use Offered.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—A new plan for restricting use of news print paper was proposed in a bill introduced Wednesday by Representative Hoch of Kansas. The Hoch bill would restrict all newspapers and periodicals from using more paper during the first six months of 1920 than was used during the first half of 1919. The restriction would take into consideration increased circulation and new publications.

Under the Hoch bill no publisher would be given the second class mailing privilege without filing a pledge to observe the limitation, and violators would suffer the penalty of paying third class postage rates. Representative Anthony of Kansas and other members of the post office committee were said to favor the Hoch bill.

Citation By Publication In Tax Suit.

The State of Texas and County of Houston:

To J. R. Barbee, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of J. R. Barbee, deceased, Unknown Owner and all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the land and premises hereinafter described situated in Houston County and delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Houston for taxes, to-wit:

80 acres of the Wm. Dickerson survey, abstract No. 339, being block No's 1 and 8 of Harper & Co's Platt of said survey, which said land is delinquent for State and County taxes for the years 1903, 1905, 1906, 1915 in the sum of \$25.88, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by The State for the collection of said taxes and you are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the District Court of said State and County which meets in the City of Crockett on the 4th Monday which is the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1920, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and all cost of this suit now pending No. 1682 on the tax docket of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1919. (Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk District Court, Houston County, Texas. 3t.

FEDERAL BUILDING FOR CROCKETT

In the House of Representatives, Dec. 12.—Congressman Briggs introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed:

A bill for the erection of a post-office building at Crockett, Texas, with an appropriation of \$100,000 for such purpose.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Treasury, and is hereby, authorized and directed to contract for the erection and completion of a suitable building, at Crockett, Texas, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other governmental offices upon ground now owned by the United States or authorized to be acquired in said town of Crockett, Texas; and for such purpose the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

Charged With Violation of Strike Injunction.

Late yesterday George Tucker, clerk and member of the Retail Clerks' Union, which went on strike some several weeks ago, was arrested, charged with violation of the injunction issued through the district court, Judge Prince presiding.

Mr. Tucker was also arrested on a charge before the county court.

The defendant gave bond in both cases—\$1000 in one and \$500 in the other—and was summoned to appear before Judge Prince this morning, in the injunction case, to show why he should not be held in contempt of court.

After hearing the testimony in the contempt proceedings, Judge Prince fined Mr. Tucker \$100, and gave him a three-day jail sentence. Notice of appeal was given by counsel, but the prisoner was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.—Palestine Herald.

Citation By Publication In Tax Suit.

The State of Texas and County of Houston:

To W. B. Page, W. H. Denny, M. Bromberg Jr., all of whom reside in Houston County, Texas, Chas. Casmer, Jesse Duren, B. F. Duren, W. H. Cundiff and the heirs and legal representatives of these, deceased, Unknown Owner and all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the land and premises hereinafter described, situated in Houston County and delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Houston for taxes, to-wit:

The Chas. Casmer 450 7-10 acre survey, abstract No. 283, less 134 6-10 acres described in the deed of J. J. Jackson et ux to J. A. Grounds of record in vol. 69 pages 285 and 286 deed records of Houston County, which said land is delinquent for State and County taxes for the years 1886 to 1894 inclusive in the sum of \$41.02, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by The State for the collection of said taxes and you are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March Term of the District Court of said State and County which meets in the City of Crockett on the 4th Monday which is the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1920, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and all cost of this suit now pending No. 1676 on the Tax Docket of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in



The railroads of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railroads of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railroads.

—United States Senator Cummins.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives.

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

A FAMILY MEDICINE

In Her Mother's Home, Says This
Georgia Lady, Regarding Black-
Draught. Relief From Head-
ache, Malaria, Chills, Etc.

Ringgold, Ga.—Mrs. Chas. Gaston, of this place, writes: "I am a user of Thedford's Black-Draught; in fact, it was one of our family medicines. Also in my mother's home, when I was a child. When any of us children complained of headache, usually caused by constipation, she gave us a dose of Black-Draught, which would rectify the trouble. Often in the Spring, we would have malaria and chills, or troubles of this kind, we would take Black-Draught pretty regular until the liver acted well, and we would soon be up and around again. We would not be without it, for it certainly has saved us lots of doctor bills. Just a dose of Black-Draught when not so well saves a lot of days in bed."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been in use for many years in the treatment of stomach, liver and bowel troubles, and the popularity which it now enjoys is proof of its merit.

If your liver is not doing its duty, you will suffer from such disagreeable symptoms as headache, biliousness, constipation, indigestion, etc., and unless something is done, serious trouble may result.

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a valuable remedy for these troubles. It is purely vegetable, and acts in a prompt and natural way, regulating the liver to its proper functions and cleansing the bowels of impurities. Try it. Insist on Thedford's the original and genuine. 27

Crockett, Texas, this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1919. (Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk District Court, Houston County, Texas. 3t.

DOCTOR G. D. SMALL

EYE, EAR, NOSE
AND THROAT

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Standard cold remedy for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—breaks up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a Red top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores

GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your
System Purified and Free From
Colds by Taking Calotabs,
the Nauseless Calomel
Tablets, that are De-
lightful, Safe and
Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications. To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purified and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Every druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not perfectly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.)

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**EDITORIALS BY
DR. R. T. MILNER**

WHAT THE FORMER A. & M. PRESIDENT WRITES IN THE RUSK COUNTY NEWS.

FORCE OF PLAIN ENGLISH.

Whatever may be the opinions with reference to President Wilson as a statesman, there is one matter upon which all must agree, and that is the simplicity of his English. We have in Wilson's messages and speeches an example of what force in language means. It means simplicity simplified. Never does he use a word that any sensible American cannot understand, whether he can read or not. That is not all, not by any means all. He puts his words together in a way that gives force and eloquence to his thoughts. Many of the present-day writers would do well to follow the style of Wilson. Instead of using uncommon words to make it appear that they are "learned," they should train their minds to think in language of simple, every-day words. The best English is the simplest English. The most eloquent thoughts are expressed in the simplest language. Here is a sample from Wilson's latest message: "The terrible tragedy of war which has just ended and which has brought the world to the verge of chaos and disaster would be in vain if there should ensue a return to the conditions of the past." Could that thought be expressed in language more simple, more elegant, or more eloquent? And yet every word is understood by the most unlettered person. And again, speaking of labor and capital, these great little words are made to ring with eloquence as follows: "This is the hour of test and trial for America. By her prowess and strength and the indomitable courage of her soldiers she demonstrated her power to vindicate on foreign battlefields her conceptions of liberty and justice." More forcible still was the sentence: "No government worthy of the name can play these elements against each other,"—that is, play labor and capital against each other. It is fortunate for American literature that we have a man at the head of public affairs who is able to write and speak good decent English. There is a strong tendency among our

writers and some of our speakers to ignore simple language, and to try to clothe their thoughts in what is called "high-sounding words."

The other day a senator who has advanced far in the modern fields of expression, in a speech on the League of Nations, used this language: "A recognition of racial differences, of habits and modes of thought resulting from physical and geographical conditions is a part of the learning and philosophy of the age, and the highest development of peoples morally and politically will be realized by recognizing the ethnological and geographical conditions in the world. A nation has been described as an ethnographic unity within a geographic unity."

One would have to pause and study a long time to find out just what the distinguished Senator was talking about. Very likely he distinguished himself in college for his knowledge of the English language.

Our colleges and universities will do well to impress upon their students the great importance of using simple English. These students should be taught that the finest and most effective oratory and the most powerful eloquence comes to us in plain words and short sentences, uttered in such a way as to express stern thought, and at the same time appeal to the noblest feelings and sentiments of the human soul.

Bunyan and Lincoln wrote the purest English because they did not know any other kind, and did not possess the skill to disfigure it as the pedant does. Wilson uses good English because it is right and proper that a highly educated gentleman use no other kind.

There seems to be a notion among some writers that they must use uncommon words in order to appear educated. We are glad that Mr. Wilson, who is known to be an educated man, has given our country to understand that the plainest, commonest words are the best words to use. The greatest truths the world knows anything about were first uttered in simple language. The laws of Moses, the philosophy of the Grecians and Romans, the Sermon on the Mount and the Declaration of Independence are all delivered in a way so plain that a fellow can understand them as he runs. Macaulay thought Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress was written in the purest and best English of any other book of its day. It was so plain, so natural, and the story told in such human

fashion that the book was soon printed in all the principal languages of the world, so great was the demand for it. Macaulay was so infatuated with the book that he committed it to memory, and declared that if it were destroyed from the earth he could reproduce it. Let us have a revival of good English and see to it that our schools teach the boys and girls the use of good English.

Texas has made a wonderful record this year. The biggest crop that grew out of the ground blessed the west. The rains made it and the rains destroyed it. Hence, the farmers are out only their time, labor and the expense of making it. Over here in east Texas we cribbed our corn and the insects did the rest. The only evidence that we are rich is the amount of taxes charged against us.

Our government has had the railroads two years, and the way the government has operated them is a sight. They have cost us way over a billion dollars in clean cash, besides vast increases in rates. McAdoo was of the opinion that a trial of five years of government operation would show quite a different state of affairs. But the people are in no condition now to try out costly and uncertain experiments.

The railroad bill passed by the House turning the roads back to private control is objected to by some on the ground that it invades the old doctrine of state rights. That contention is true, but the very congressmen who make this objection will turn right around and ask the Federal government for millions of dollars for one thing and another in direct violation of the same old doctrine.

The railroads of this country are estimated to be worth \$21,000,000,000. In two year it has cost the government to operate them nearly a billion and a half besides vastly increased rates. The sooner the government turns them back under the proper regulation and restrictions, so as to protect the rights of the public against the rapacity of the owners, the better it will be for the general weal.

The curiosity manifested in Wilson's case is characteristic of the American people. The people feel that it is their right to know just exactly how he is affected; whether there is a "miserery" in his stomach or a "ketch" in his back. Whatever seems to be the ailment, he is still able to maintain a very obstinate position on the League of Nations.

A war with Mexico would establish militarism permanently in this country, give the profiteers full sway, add to the public debt a few more billion dollars annually, send thousands of young men to death and give the jingoes a theme to run for office on the rest of their days. And not one of the war beneficiaries would ever smell powder.

Texas will have a plenty of candidates for governor, but we must congratulate ourselves upon the fact that only one of them can be elected.

Our large cities are full of thieves, thugs, crooks and the nondescript castoff of humanity. They prey upon the people at will and there appears to be no check. This, perhaps, is because the officials of both of the two great political parties are afraid to undertake a thorough cleaning up of their cities for fear of losing the votes of the underworld at the next election. This is an ugly truth—but truth, nevertheless.

The Danish government is planning to erect a wireless station at Copenhagen for direct communication with the United States.



Christmas is the link in the chain of life that makes it endless.

It is at Christmas Time that old memories come back to us, with their minor chords as well as their strains of gladness, and it is then that we realize how much we owe to our friends, those who have come all the way with us.

We would like in greeting you to acknowledge our debt of friendship and to wish that this be your very best and happiest Christmas Day.

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Good Cotton Seed

The boll worm and weevil, also continued wet weather, have made good planting seed extremely scarce, but by buying early and in sections not affected I have accumulated a lot of good, sound, dry seed which will be sold by me in three-bushel sacks at not exceeding \$2.50 per bushel.

We have more than fifteen hundred bushels of Mebane seed that the cotton out of same sold for 48 to 51 cents per pound. These seed will be sold at a price not exceeding \$2.50, so that all who want to raise cotton and plant good seed will have an opportunity to get them from a man he knows.

We will sell this seed and hold them until spring, you to pay cash at the time of booking your order.

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Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

Christmas Greetings

May the Christmas holidays be to you and yours a season of unalloyed pleasure and the new year bring the realization of the old year's dreams.

And this wish but feebly expresses our appreciation of the friendship existing between us and our many friends and patrons. We hope you will enjoy every blessing which goes with this day of all days, and that 1920 will be your most prosperous year.

ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware

SUSTAINS WARTIME PROHIBITION ACT

Amendment Binding on the States as Well as Federal Government.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—By unanimous decision, constitutionality of the war time prohibition act was sustained Monday by the supreme court. The opinion given by Associate Justice Brandeis, held in effect however, that the war invoked "dry" period still may be terminated by presidential proclamation of demobilization. But in rendering its opinion, the court did not act on the validity of the Holstead prohibition enforcement or on appeals involving the alcoholic content of beer, leaving those cases to opinions which may be handed down next Monday before the court recesses for the Christmas holidays.

Monday's decision practically swept away all hopes of a "wet" Christmas, as the possibility of the war time act being repealed before the constitutional prohibition becomes effective were considered remote. The cases decided were those of the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse company of Louisville, Ky., and Dryfoos, Blum & Co., of New York, instituted for the purpose of compelling the government to release whisky from bond. In both cases the court denied contention of Elihu Root and other attorneys for the distillers that the act, in violation of the constitution, takes private property without just compensation; that the period of the war emergency for which the act had passed had terminated.

Had the president, on October 28 last, when he vetoed the Volstead act, believed that demobilization had terminated, the court said, "he would doubtless have issued a proclamation to that effect, for he had manifested a strong conviction that restrictions upon the sale of liquor should end."

"Only by such proclamation could the purpose of congress be attained and the serious conse-

quences attending uncertainty be obviated."

"In view of facts of public knowledge," the opinion continued, "some of which have been referred to, that the treaty of peace had not yet been concluded; that the railroads are still under national control by virtue of the war powers; that other activities have not been brought to a close and that it can not be said that the man power of the nation has been restored to a peace footing, we are unable to conclude that the act has ceased to be valid."

The war time act, the court also held, is not confiscatory, asserting that more than nine months were given distillers to dispose of their stocks.

Small Papers Favor Limitation of Pages.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Provisions of the Anthony bill which would limit to twenty-four pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second-class mail privilege in order to conserve news print paper were commended and opposed by more than a score of newspaper and magazine publishers today before the house postoffice committee.

Opposition to the measure came chiefly from the representatives of the larger newspapers who declare that restriction on the size would do little to remedy the situation resulting from the shortage of paper and would serve only to work a great if not fatal hardship on the larger newspapers of the country.

The bill was supported by publishers of small newspapers, who declare they would be forced to suspend publication unless something were done.

In opening the hearing, Representative Anthony of Kansas, author of the bill, declared that from 2,500 to 5,000 small newspapers face suspension, perhaps extinction, should the present shortage of news print paper continue.

That's the Truth.

A traveler from the South Sea Islands says the women are very happy there because it costs them nothing for dress. If he means to imply by that that the less a woman wears the more she saves, he must guess again. Experience shows that in this part of the world the less women wear the more it costs.

Crockett's Newest Woman's Store

Expresses its gratitude for the very liberal patronage accorded us during our few months in business. We have succeeded beyond our expectations, and at this season of good cheer we want to wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thompson's

A Merry Christmas

May Christmas pack your stocking from toe to top with those gifts you most desire!

May the Day be as bright to your eyes as the berries on the holly wreaths!

May the remembrances of this Christmas be to you like a Christmas tree—ever green!

May your heart beat time to the tune of the Christmas bells, so that whether you be 20 or 70, or any way between, you may once again feel the joy of that first Christmas when you crept down the stairs in the dim light of dawn to see what Santa had brought!

And may you all feel the sincerity of these wishes, the earnestness of this hand-clasp as we say, "A Merry, Joyous Christmas and thanks for making this the best of Christmases for us!"

James S. Shivers

CROCKETT'S BIG STORE

COURT MARSHAL OF CAPTAIN DETZER

San Antonio Soldier Tells of Order to Swallow Lighted Cigarette.

New York, Dec. 15.—Captain Carl W. Detzer, charged with brutality to prisoners while directing criminal investigation in Lemans, pressed a pistol to the chest of one of his prisoners threatening him with death if he did not confess to a crime, according to testimony given Monday at the resumption of his

FAMOUS OLD TONIC BREAKS UP MALARIA CHILLS IN 3 DAYS

So Good That Prominent Physicians Everywhere are Prescribing it.

The next time you get an attack of malaria, ague, etc., go to your dealer and get a bottle of Swamp Chill and Fever Tonic. It will break up the chills in three or four days, and give you relief as you've never had before. Swamp Chill Tonic does its work quickly and surely, without any unpleasant effects. It contains no calomel, and is tasteless. It is made of purely vegetable ingredients and iron—exactly the combination for the effective relief of malaria, ague, chills, fever, colds, grippe, etc.

Hundreds of people write letters about Swamp Chill Tonic like J. T. Nelson of Bivens, Texas, who says, "Swamp Chill and Fever Tonic has always cured the chills for me and I know it is the best chill tonic on the market."

You, too, will say the same, once you have tried this famous old remedy. At your dealer's—60c a bottle. Get one today.

court martial on Governor's Island.

This testimony was given by William R. Lisk of Clinton, Ia., who fought at Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel and who claimed that he had been the victim of Captain Detzer's abuse.

Arrested for assault, List said when he denied the charge Detzer had called him a liar and, holding the pistol to his chest, told him he had only one more hour to live. List added that the captain said to a subordinate: "Book him. Get his name and address. They don't bury his kind in French graveyards. Take his address so his folks will know where he is."

Testimony that he had disobeyed an order from Captain Karl W. Detzer to swallow a lighted cigarette was given Monday by Private Marcello Gonzales of San Antonio, Texas, at the court marshal of Captain Detzer, charged with brutality to prisoners in criminal investi-

gation headquarters at Lemans. Frequent skirmishes between opposing counsel marked Monday's session.

Before adjournment a new group of witnesses for both prosecution and defense arrived. They came from the South, chiefly from Texas.

Woman as Matador.

Mexicali, Lower, Cal., Mexico, Dec. 17.—What is declared to be the first appearance in Western Mexico of a woman matador is scheduled for the bull fight here next Sunday. Senora Regina Martinez of Mexico City has essayed the job of dispatching four wild bulls.

AGENTS WANTED—In every locality to look after new and renewal subscriptions. Liberal commissions paid. Also additional big cash prizes and other rewards given. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas. 3t

Merry Christmas! And a Happy New Year

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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.

TO OUR FRIENDS—AN APPRECIATION.

It is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell.

Christmas also in the minds and hearts of you good friends of ours.

Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, bounteous unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive.

As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us of the Courier.

And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmas-time what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their co-operation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best editorial efforts to the community in a creditable manner.

May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

The Publishers.

THE CRITICISM OF SECRETARY WILSON.

Representative Siegel of New York, a member of the house committee investigating conditions at Ellis Island, New York, declares that Secretary Wilson and his labor department has been more responsible than any other influence for the spread of radicalism in the United States.

Mr. Siegel is not the only member of congress who has brought charges of this nature against the department of labor.

Our Representative Blanton has uttered upon the floor of the house many severe criticisms of the department of labor for its attitude in the Moonsey case. Other members submitted some very damaging testimony in this respect.

Enough has been said in criticism of the department and its radical activities to justify a far-reaching inquiry into the department's operations.

All of which brings to mind the question, Why are our National and State labor departments, in their personnel and character of activity, placed absolutely in charge of the more radical labor leaders?

Mind you, these departments are supposed to represent, first, the public, then all labor—the organized few and the unorganized many as well. The government being essentially a public affair and not a class affair, every department of it is primarily and solely designed to

conserve some part of the public interest.

A labor department is not a department to regard the interests of organized labor or unorganized labor; but to treat labor problems solely from the points of view of the public's vital interest in them. To assume that it is a State or National Department of Organized Labor is to assert the spirit of class, just as it would be if it were operated solely in behalf of unorganized labor.

The public interest in labor is deeper than any class interest could possibly make it, for it is fundamental, and its concern is as great—greater in some instances—for unorganized as for organized labor.

Then why should not these public labor departments be conducted with the good of all as the sole aim of its endeavors?

Not one of them is so conducted. Every one of them is conducted as if it were a closed shop affair—as if the department were created to conserve and promote a class interest.

If the Federal Department of Labor had been conducted as a great public department, operated to conserve and promote the public's interest in all labor—whether organized or not—it would have achieved far more for the welfare of all labor than it has achieved, operated as it has been as a bureau for a class, and a minority class at that.

It would be well for the country, for all elements of population, if in the operation of State and National bureau activities there could be an end of the class tone which is so often imparted to the public service.

No man is fit for the responsibilities of the public service whose vision is bound by narrow group limitations. It is essential that those who serve the public should see and speak and act in terms of community instead of in terms of class or party.

The statesmanship of the new day could strive for no nobler objective than the elimination from every department of our government of anything smacking of class spirit, suggestion or domination. Democracy and class are as far apart as the poles.—Houston Post.

FORGIVE AND FORGET.

One thousand nine hundred and nineteen years ago a child was born, of a virgin mother.

Throughout the years which have flown since this memorable event we have celebrated the birth of that child.

The halo which surrounded its little head has remained fixed in our memories through all the centuries of time, and will continue to be with us until time ceases to be.

This child was the Christ—the son of God—who, as a man, was nailed to the cross, and forgave his enemies who crucified him there.

Another year is drawing to a close, and the lessons learned from this good man are again brought forcibly to our minds at the Yuletide season of our rejoicing.

As Christ forgave his enemies so let us forgive ours, and forget the injustices which they have done us.

The harboring of ill will does good to no one. It may do harm to many. But the greatest harm of all is that which springs from a mind of hate and poisons the heart in which it finds lodgment.

It kills the joy of life and fills the road to eternity with impassable barriers, beyond which only the fit in mind and heart may go.

At the Christmas of 1919 let us all forgive and forget, and begin the new year with joy in our hearts and good will toward all people.

For Christ was the teacher of teachers, and his lessons are indelibly stamped upon the pages of time.

WHEN OUR EYES ARE OPENED.

Collectively speaking, the American eye is slowly closing to the path of honor, and right, and justice.

To the one of greed, it is a flaming magnet which seeks to draw everything of value within its grasping folds.

The insane desire to get rich quickly has deadened the pulse of the nation, until civic and commercial virtue possess about the potency of a long dead jellyfish.

This is especially true since the country plunged headlong into a sea of wild speculating and profiteering following our entry into the world war.

Time was when we acknowledged that all men had rights which were to be considered and respected.

But today most men accord them only such as do not interfere with their own selfish ends.

The craving for gold and its resultant power is destroying the refined sensibilities of mankind until the whole country is becoming debauched by the curse of the yellow metal.

But some day our eyes will be opened—suddenly, rudely and relentlessly.

We will face internal conditions the like of which no loyal American has yet dreamed.

If the trend continues downward, the soul of American manhood will be wallowing in a mire of insatiate greed and debauchery from which only the most courageous will ever emerge in any semblance of honor and purity in this life.

Our government will face the task of restoring law and order in the midst of bedlam and a wholesale disregard of human rights.

The editors of the country press, whose convictions are never smothered under the muzzle of corporate greed, have long warned Washington of the ever increasing tide which flows only toward destruction, and they are sounding a fresh warning today.

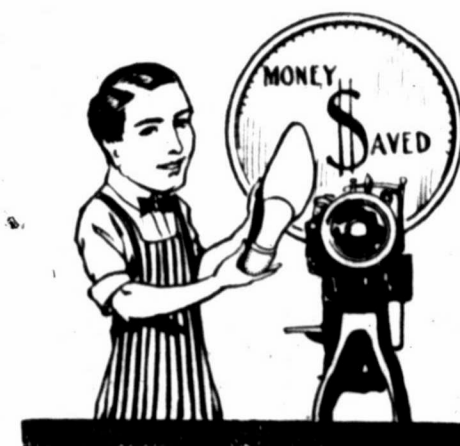
Shall this warning be heeded?

Or will the government and

A Happy Christmas

The desire to make others happier this Christmas than ever before is truly in keeping with the Day, for of the days since the beginning of time for people to be really happy this is the day. May you enjoy to fullest measure its blessings and begin the new year with a full determination to make it the best year of your life.

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MODERN MACHINERY

has revolutionized the shoe repairing business and permits shoes to be repaired on machines like those on which they were built. This means the very best kind of shoe repairing and is far ahead of the old style hand work as the electric light is ahead of the old-fashioned candle. Quicker and better. Cheaper too.

LOUIS ANTOON

CROCKETT, TEXAS

the congress just pussyfoot along until the proud head of the American eagle is lowered to the putrid one of the buzzard?

Today this warning may sound pessimistic. Tomorrow it will be prophetic.

Germany is planning the progressive electrification of all its railroads, establishing high power plants in coal regions and transmitting the current to substations along the lines.

Try Courier advertisers.

Why Big Dairies Feed Cow Chow



You can understand why Purina Cow Chow has been adopted as the standard ration on the D. W. Field Farms, the Allamuchy Farms, and hundreds of others that head the lists, when you realize that Purina Cow Chow is

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of which 85% is digestible. This means 20 lbs. of digestible protein in every 100 lb. bag.

It is a pure feed that balances home-grown roughage and reduces the cost of production. More milk from the same number of cows means a larger profit per gallon.

Purina Cow Chow Feed—sold only in checkerboard bags. Let us put your herd on a test.



ALL LOCAL FEED DEALERS

Edmiston Brothers, Distributors

To Our Friends

May you enjoy the full measure of happiness during the holidays, and may the year 1920 be as successful and pleasant to you as the year just closing has been to this company, made so by your liberal patronage and good will.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year is the wish of every member of this firm.

Crockett Drug Company
The House of Service.

Misses Mary Aldrich and Leona Thomas are at home from Texas University for the holiday vacation.

Misses Nell Beasley and Lillie Hail, attending the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, are at home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Kathleen Hail, who has been with friends in Bisbee, Arizona, for some time, has returned to spend Christmas at home.

John Langston, Edward and Mac McConnell, William Henry and Harry Beasley, W. D. Hail and Murdoch Denny are at home from A. & M. College for the holiday vacation.

For Sale.

Good five-room dwelling in west Crockett with lot 125x195 feet. House nicely finished and in excellent state of repair.
tf Lee Wagner.

Mebane Seed.

Last year's stock sacked three bushels to the sack. Plant a few, Mr. Farmer, and don't let your cotton run out on account of poor cotton seed.
tf A. M. Decuir.

Cotton Report.

E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator, reports 8,175 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1919 prior to December 1 as compared with 25,034 bales ginned from the crop of 1918 prior to December 1. This year's crop is about one bale for every three of last year's crop.

To the Penitentiary.

S. H. Higginbotham and Tobe Washington are to be taken to the Huntsville penitentiary this week, Higginbotham having withdrawn his appeal and Washington's case having been affirmed. Higginbotham, who is white, is sent up for murder, while Washington, who is a negro, goes for burglary.

No Courier Next Week.

This will be the last issue of the Courier for 1919. As is customary with many weekly newspapers, a holiday will be taken between Christmas and New Year's day. Beginning with the first week following New Year's the Courier will again greet its readers in the usual way. The wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is extended to all our subscribers and other patrons.

Guinn, Surveyor.

I am acting County Surveyor; also hold license as State Surveyor. Have had over thirty years experience in surveying and civil engineering. Your business solicited on merit. Equipment for quick and efficient services. Write, see, or phone me when in need of surveying, terracing, drainage, levee work, good road construction, etc.

Legal fees, \$10.00 and expenses per day, unless otherwise contracted. Office over First National Bank. Residence phone 276, Crockett, Texas.
2t H. G. Guinn.

Notice, Water Consumers.

The City Council of the City of Crockett has passed the following resolution:

Whereas, it has become a tremendous burden on the City Secretary to make collections of water and sewer bills in person each month.

It is hereby ordered by the Mayor and City Council that the City Secretary mail Water and Sewer Bills to customers on or before the 5th of the month following that for which the bills cover, with notice on said bills that Water and Sewerage will be cut off if said bills are not paid at the office of the City Secretary by the 10th of the month.
3t. C. A. Hassell, City Secretary.



FULLY APPRECIATING THE COURTESIES SHOWN US BY OUR FRIENDS AND GENERAL PUBLIC DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE EXTEND A WISH TO EACH AND EVERY ONE THAT THEY MAY HAVE A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

With a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

CAPRIELIAN BROTHERS,

The Home of Satisfied Customers.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

We have a complete stock of face, fire and common brick, lime and cement. Arledge & Arledge. tf

Ben Hearne of Palestine was a Sunday visitor in Crockett.

Miss Omogene Heard will spend the holidays in Palestine.

W. A. Douglass has returned from visiting a brother near Palestine.

J. H. Breazeale left Monday night for Cleburne to be gone several days.

Tom Dick Aldrich of Shreveport is visiting with relatives and friends here.

Bring us your watches. We make them run. Dickson Jewelry & Optical Store.

Mr. Dick Monk of Vicksburg, Miss., is visiting relatives and friends in Crockett.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

Miss Kathrine Hassell is at home from John Tarleton College, Stephenville, for the holidays.

Store for Rent.

The store under the telephone office is for rent. Occupancy may be had January 1. Apply to J. S. Cook. tf.

We have Sheet Music and have a piano in store to demonstrate. Dickson Jewelry & Optical Store. It

Miss Nita Hatchell, teaching at New Waverly, is spending the vacation season with her parents near Crockett.

Miss Beasley Denny, teaching in Ball High School, Galveston, is spending the vacation season with home folks in Crockett.

John Wootters, a student of the Texas Medical College at Galveston, arrived Saturday to spend the holiday season at home.

Lanier Edmiston, Smith and Frank Wootters and Stephen, Davis and Fisher Denny are at home from Texas University for the holidays.

Bring me your raccoon, opossum, mink and other hides. I want all I can get and will pay the highest cash price. C. G. Lansford. 2t

Mrs. F. P. Chandler of Houston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry, who have also with them another daughter, Mrs. S. W. Grant of Beaumont.

A Merry Christmas

We extend our sincere thanks to those of you who by patronage and friendship made it possible for us to have the greatest year's business we ever had, and we assure you of our continued efforts to please you and give you even a better battery service the coming year.

Our employes join us in wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Crockett Motor Company

Thank You Again

As another year of pleasant relations between my customers and myself draws to a close, it is indeed a privilege for me to again tender you my sincere thanks for your generous patronage and kindly expressions of good will and appreciation.

A few words from the heart mean more than a volume from the tongue—and it is the heart which speaks to you today.

May your Christmas be merry, and the coming year one of health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

Again I thank you.

N. L. ASHER

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Statement by Tax Collector.

To all Discharged Soldiers:

I regret to acknowledge that the first information I had pertaining to the non-payment of poll tax by discharged soldiers for the years 1918 and 1919 was the article written by Mr. N. H. Phillips, assistant county attorney, and as I am supposed to receive all legal information from the county attorney's office by special request, and as I had not received any such information of such law being in existence, I could not make a request for same; and too, after seeing the article in the paper, I talked with the county attorney, Mr. Earle Porter Adams, and he, like myself, knew nothing of such a law until seeing the article written by Mr. Phillips, so I do not feel, since it is a brand new law and my not being informed, that I should be censured by anyone for the collection of said tax; however, I shall appreciate your telling me when you come to pay your poll tax that you are a discharged soldier.

I desire to state that I was also working under the advice of a personal letter from the controller's office. I am

Yours very truly,

C. W. Butler, Jr.

Tax Collector, Houston County, Texas.

With Our Subscribers.

The Courier again has a good list of subscription renewals this week, notwithstanding the holiday rush is on and such things are frequently put off until after Christmas. Many have called to extend the accustomed greetings of the season and at

the same time renew their subscriptions.

The Courier wishes its subscribers and other patrons the fullest measure of happiness at this Christmas time and it also wishes them the fullest measure of prosperity for the coming New Year. The Courier could not get along without its friends. We are thankful for their friendship and we appreciate their friendships.

Among those calling to renew or subscribe or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last issue are the following:

Judge C. M. Ellis, Breckenridge.

Rev. S. F. Tenney, Crockett.

J. C. Wootters, Crockett.

W. T. Payne, Grapeland, Rt. 2.

Oscar Douglass, Crockett, R. 5.

Dr. J. N. Dean, Lovelady, R. 1.

Dr. W. B. Taylor, Creek.

Mrs. Becky Stephens, Lovelady.

W. F. Grounds, Crockett, R. 1.

O. T. Ratcliff, Ratcliff.

Mrs. F. H. McCracken, Amarrillo.

W. A. Douglass, Lovelady, Rt. 2.

J. H. Breazeale, Crockett, Rt. 2.

J. R. Turner, Crockett, Rt. 5.

G. E. Lansford, Creek, Rt. 1.

W. D. Hornaday, Austin.

Chas. Moore, Lovelady, Rt. 2.

Geo. F. McCullar, Kingsville.

S. H. Platt, Crockett, Rt. A.

J. B. Sowers, Lovelady, Rt. 1.

Rt. 5.

John King (col.), Crockett, Rt. 5.

Albert Hanná (col.), Kennard, Rt. 3.

Aleck Davis (col.), Crockett, Rt. 4.

George Hallmark Dead.

Mr. George Hallmark died at his home in west Crockett Thursday night and was buried at Shady Grove Friday afternoon, death following a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Sams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crockett, of which church Mr. Hallmark was a member. The deceased leaves a large family, including wife and children. He was 52 years old.

Mr. Hallmark was a good citizen, a farmer by vocation, and will be greatly missed in the community. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all our people.

An inventor has equipped the back of a nail brush with rubber suction cups to hold it on a wash bowl or other smooth surface for the convenience of one armed persons.

PROMINENT WACO BUSINESS MAN DIES

Head of House of Sanger Bros. Landed in New York in 1866 Coming from Bavaria.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 18.—Sam Sanger, 76 years old, first vice president of Sanger Bros., Inc., and head of the house of Sanger Bros. here, died suddenly this afternoon at his home, West Washington street. His death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy which became apparent early this morning. Mr. Sanger's condition was not regarded as being critical until shortly before he died. He was conscious almost until the instant of death.

While no time has been set for the funeral, burial will probably take place here next Sunday afternoon, arrangements being held in abeyance to await the arrival of one of his sons, Isaac Sanger of New York.

The death of Mr. Sanger came as a shock to the citizenship of Waco, his illness being known only to the family. The announcement of his death was made at a time when the Sanger store here was crowded with holiday shoppers. All of these, with the employes, were assembled on the first floor and told that Mr. Sanger was dead. While the sobs of employes were heard, the assemblage of purchasers left the store and the doors were immediately closed.

The mercantile career of Mr. Sanger was synonymous with the growth and progress of Waco. He came here March 4, 1873, and on that date the Waco house of Sanger Bros. was opened.

Born in Obernbreit, province of Franconia, kingdom of Bavaria, Mr. Sanger came to the United States at the age of 23, landing in New York in 1866. From New York he went to Cincinnati, where he was married to Miss Hannah Heler and where he was a teacher in a Hebrew school. Remaining two years in Cincinnati, he went to Philadelphia, where he labored as a teacher and where he was also rabbi of a small congregation.

Deciding to engage in mercantile pursuits, he went to New York late in February, 1873, and came to Galveston by boat, the trip consuming ten days.

Besides his wife, Mr. Sanger is surrounded by four sons and one daughter, C. L. Sanger, Dallas; Asher and Alex Sanger, Waco; Isaac Sanger, New York, and Mrs. A. T. Godshaw, Waco. Two sisters, Mrs. Sophie Emanuel and Mrs. Eli Newberger, live in New York. With the exception of the son in New York, all members of the immediate family were present when Mr. Sanger died.

Mrs. John Thompson.

Mrs. John Thompson of Crockett died Sunday night at Rusk, where she was undergoing special treatment. The remains were returned to the family home in Crockett and interment followed in the Lone Pine cemetery on Tuesday. Mrs. Thompson had been in ill health for some time and her death, although bringing sadness to many hearts, was not unexpected. She leaves husband and children, residents of Crockett, who have the sympathy of our people in their loss. Mrs. Thompson was a good woman and loving mother, and her kindly influence will be greatly missed.

Editor and Mrs. Frank Weimar of Kennard have gone visiting for the holidays, he to his people at Nashville, Tenn., and she to her people at Anahuac, Chambers county.

* An ornamental holder has been designed to contain a milk bottle and enable it to be used as a pitcher.

GIGANTIC PLOT TO STEAL UNEARTHED

Discovery of Army Blankets at Brownsville Leads to Uncovering Scheme.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—Existence of a widespread plot to dispose of government property stored in and around San Antonio were disclosed Thursday with the arrest of three men in connection with the disappearance of groceries and clothing valued at thousands of dollars from the army retail store and the discovery of plans to dispose of 13 airplanes to the Mexican government.

The existence of the plot has been known for some time and civil and military authorities have been working quietly on the case. The first intimation of the conspiracy came from Brownsville several days ago when the postmaster at that place discovered seven boxes of army blankets among the parcel packages reaching the border city. Becoming suspicious the postmaster at Brownsville communicated with the authorities at San Antonio, with the result that a systematic investigation of the conspiracy was undertaken.

A large amount of the goods taken from the army store, consisting mainly of blankets and groceries, have been recovered, and much more located in a dozen small towns surrounding San Antonio.

The men placed under arrest Thursday were civilian employes of the army store. According to well authentic information thousands of dollars worth of automobile tires stored at Camp Normoyle is among the list of goods found to be missing.

While refusing to give out details of the results of the investigation, officials indicated Thursday that they believed the ramifications of the plot would extend to practically every army camp around San Antonio and that when the full extent of the losses were known the value of the loot would reach an enormous figure.

Use of Fireworks During Holiday Banned by Temple.

Temple, Texas, Dec. 18.—Local authorities have placed a ban upon the use of fireworks within the fire limits during the holiday season and public an-

BAKER'S THEATRE

A SPECIALLY SELECTED PROGRAM FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

Bryant Washburn

"LOVE'S INSURANCE"

also Fatty Arbuckle in

"AT THE WAITERS' BALL"

Show starts promptly at 7:15.

All presents will be given

out at 9 o'clock, at the end of

the first show. Bring all your

coupons and take home nice

presents given by the mer-

chants of Crockett.

ADMISSION 15c and 25c

THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

Matinee at 2:30 p. m. Night

show at 7:15. 15c and 25c

Olive Thomas in

"SPITE BRIDE"

also another good comedy

Fatty Arbuckle in

"BROADWAY STARS"

FRIDAY

Matinee at 4 p. m.

"SMASHING BARRIERS"

With William Duncan

SATURDAY

Matinee and Night

A mixed program with Eddie

Polo in a Big "V" Comedy

and Miss Texas Guinan.

MONDAY

Special Production

Aurora Mardiganian in

"AUCTION OF SOULS."

Special matinee at 2:30 p. m.

25c and 35c

Night show at 7:15

35c and 50c

Come early to see it all—a

two-hour show

NOTICE—All children under

12 years old must be accom-

panied by their parents to

see this wonderful show.

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I am now located in the Patton block, next to the Adams Hotel, and have a complete stock of staple and fancy Groceries and feed stuff.

I respectfully solicit the patronage of the public, assuring them of fair and courteous treatment, pure and wholesome goods and the lowest possible prices consistent with Quality.

And I take this opportunity of extending to one and all the greetings of the season and my sincere wish for them a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

A. R. McCarty

Greetings to Our Many Friends

In Wishing You
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are only voicing our sincerest sentiments toward those whose friendship we have always so highly appreciated and whose patronage has made possible the greatest year's business in our history.

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