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ESTIMATE GIVEN ON COTTON CROP

Figures Show Production Heavier Than In Any Year Since 1914.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The cotton crop, which began the season in the worst condition in fifty years, has turned out to be the biggest crop since 1914, with a production of 12,987,000 bales, according to final estimates announced today by the department of agriculture. The lateness of winter, the department said, has helped to increase the size of the crop by permitting the plant, which was late in getting started, to mature.

The prices of cotton paid to producers Dec. 1 was announced at 14c a pound, the lowest for that date since 1915.

The final production estimate is 1,500,000 bales more than forecast from the condition of the crop late in June. Vast improvement was shown as the season progressed and the August condition brought a forecast of 1,783,000 bales. That was reduced by September condition to 12,123,000 bales.

In Texas and South Carolina the crop is very large, closely approaching the record.

Oklahoma's crop is a record one, as is that of Arkansas. Production in California and Arizona has about doubled the production of any previous year.

Cotton production this year is larger than that of any year since 1914, when the country's record crop was grown. The final estimate of the crop, announced today by the department of agriculture, placed production at 12,987,000 bales, exclusive of linters.

Production last year was 11,420,763 bales of 500-pound gross weight; in 1918 it was 12,040,532 bales and in 1917 it was 11,302,375 bales. In computing gross weight bales allowance is made for 478.3 pounds of lint and 21.7 pounds of bagging and ties.

Production this year by states in 500-pound bales follows:

Virginia, 19,000; North Carolina, 840,000; South Carolina, 1,530,000; Georgia, 1,400,000; Florida, 18,000; Alabama, 660,000; Mississippi, 885,000; Louisiana, 380,000; Texas, 4,200,000; Arkansas, 1,160,000; Tennessee, 310,000; Missouri, 85,000; Oklahoma, 1,300,000; California, 150,000; Arizona, 110,000; all other states, 15,000.

A Business Deal.

There was no sentiment about Herbert Jones. He met the girl he wished to marry; and he proposed like this:

"Mary Dugh, will you be my life partner. I am a business man. If you are agreeable, I will draw up a marriage contract, we'll both sign, before witnesses, and then we can go on with the world's work."

"Fortunately," she said, "I've had a little business training myself, so we can discuss this proposed contract properly and dispassionately."

"I'm so glad to find you so sensible," he told her.

"I regret I can give you nothing better than second option," she said.

"What! he exclaimed. "I'm afraid I have to inform you I am already engaged—that is to say, the first option does not necessarily mean a closed

contract: If you don't want to take a chance on a second option, say so; if you do, I'll drop you a line if I find myself on the matrimonial market again."

"That's cold-blooded!" he complained.

"It's business," she averred! "I'd rather have first option," he pleaded.

"A first option in such a case never has been, and never will be, secured by business methods," she replied.

WAGES OF TEXTILE WORKERS REDUCED

Cut In New England Affects Hundred Thousand Persons.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—A reduction of about 2½ per cent in the wages of approximately one-third of the 300,000 textile workers in New England was announced today. The notices were posted in Lawrence, Lowell, New Bedford and other centers of the industry in Maine and Rhode Island. For the most part they applied to mills making cotton goods, but in a few instances operatives on worsteds were involved.

The cotton manufacturers have indicated they would fall into line, but whether the woolen and worsted mills will take similar action at this time is uncertain. William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, said he had no word to add to his statement of several days ago, that the directors of that company, which operates fifty mills, have not as yet considered the matter.

The reduction, which is made effective in most places next Monday, in effect cancels two agreements made during the past year and restores prices approximately to figures obtained before a 12½ per cent increase last December.

The manufacturers of Lowell announced that the average for the mill worker under the new schedule would be \$21 a week.

ECONOMIST TREATS COTTON SITUATION

Growers Must Either Cut Output Or Go Back to Old Conditions.

A discussion of the economic situation in the South as it applies to the cotton markets and to the problem of the Southern farmer is contained in a statement issued recently by W. W. Morrison, versed in cotton economics, who becomes executive secretary of the Galveston Cotton Exchange in January.

Mr. Morrison's statement follows:

The decline in prices has not increased the demand for the raw products produced on the farms of this country. The current demand for grain, for cattle, and for cotton is no greater now than it was when prices were more than double what they are today. In fact the demand is less, notwithstanding there is a world scarcity, and that the world generally understands they are selling well below what it would cost to produce them even under existing conditions.

It is a matter of the greatest concern that the only way the agricultural classes can protect themselves against the abnormal situation involves a grave menace to the world, for nothing could be more serious at this crisis in world affairs than an under production of the basic necessities of life. And yet events have put it up squarely to the farmers of this country either to abruptly reduce the output during the next few years, or submit to a condition of economic slavery. It is reasonable, of course, that this situation will be cured in time, but the farmers are reasoning, and very properly so that the safer course is to create an adequate supply, not before, but after an adequate demand has developed.

While older and much more aggravated in many respects, the conditions confronting the

cotton growers are very similar to the conditions which confront the balance of the agricultural community. The records show that cotton is selling at something more than three times less than what it has cost to produce it this year. It is generally recognized that it is selling well below what it would cost to produce it under the conditions that exist today. It is generally recognized also that, measured by the actual needs of the world, the supply of cotton is actually short. Notwithstanding these facts, prices have continued to decline; the mills are closing down, and demand is practically dead.

This is a most extraordinary situation, undoubtedly. It stands out that the cotton growers must either radically reduce the American output during the next few years, or return to the conditions of living under which cotton has been grown during the last half of a century.

TWO AMENDMENTS DECLARED CARRIED

Provision for Compensation of Certain State Officers Defeated.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Cavass of the vote cast in the general election in November on three proposed amendments to the constitution was completed today by the state election board, and shows that two amendments, one allowing cities and towns of 5,000 population or less to increase the total tax rate from one-fourth of 1 per cent to 1½ per cent, and the other removing tax limitation of \$1 on each \$100 valuation on independent and common school districts, were carried by substantial majorities.

The third amendment, sought to empower the legislature to fix the compensation of certain state officers, was defeated.

The vote on the various amendments was as follows:

To increase total tax of cities and towns of 5,000 population or less: For, 173,920; against 146,031.

To remove school tax limit: For, 221,223; against, 126,282.

To fix salaries of state officers: For, 149,324; against, 164,603.

The canvass of the vote for state officers is now in progress, and probably will not be completed until tomorrow. In the canvass on returns on amendments to the constitution there were four counties missing, as follows: Chambers, Collingsworth, Kinney and Nolan.

The Hobo and Normalcy.

That things are returning to normal in at least some lines is indicated by an unmistakable increase, within the past month, of the number of hobos—men in search of employment which they may or may not take when offered—in sections of the country not threatened with an imminence of winter weather. In the southwest the genus is coming to be considerably in evidence. At San Diego, within the last three weeks, nearly 10 "brakebeam tourists," as they are known to the local police, have been rounded up and given hours to leave the city.

Both the hobo and the tramp, making the distinction which the hobos always insist shall be made, virtually disappeared during the five years between the

BLUE RIDGE CASE FINALLY SETTLED

Agreement Is Reached Between Hobby, Blakely and Prison Board.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Final settlement of the Blue Ridge farm case was effected today when the state agreed on judgment for performance of contract in the Travis County district court.

The friendly suit was filed today to obtain legal approval of a settlement reached yesterday when Governor Hobby, the prison board and Bassett Blakely, at a conference, agreed on \$50 an acre for the land, the state and Blakely to divide oil royalties.

The exact acreage conveyed is 5,416 at \$50 an acre or a total obligation of \$270,801. The state is to pay \$89,134 cash; assume two notes of \$13,333 each executed by Blakely to Laura Wallin Luscher; assume Blakely's indebtedness to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company of \$55,000 and execute a promissory note for the residue, \$100,000, due on or before six months from date and bearing 6 per cent annual interest. A survey is to be made and either side is bound to make up any discrepancy it may disclose.

In the resolutions adopted by prison board giving its reasons for making the settlement it declared the land to be worth \$100 per acre; that it is to get one-sixth royalty on oil which may be produced on 3,508 acres; that the time is approaching to make preparation for another crop and that it believes a settlement will be conducive to oil development.

Blakely, under the agreement, is to retain all royalties heretofore collected, also all royalties from the land to which the mineral rights had been reserved, being the Drew tract principally. Blakely is also to receive the residue of his one-fourth of the farm rent due on Blue Ridge for 1920. He is to dismiss his appeal in the Galveston appellate court and execute a warranty deed to the prison commission for the land.

time in 1915, when Europe began making such a demand upon us as vastly to increase our activities in all lines, until the present time. The tramp, under the impulse of prices for both skilled and unskilled labor such as were never before offered, must have concluded that there was more profit in work than in idleness. At any rate, the genus disappeared from the highways of travel. Possibly their entrance upon industry may have been a contributing cause to the unrest and increasing number of strikes for more wages and shorter hours in many lines. For the tramp, almost as a rule, is a man of that sort of rude eloquence and physical magnetism to impress many of his fellows.

The return of the wanderers to the roads may not be a very cheering indication of a return to pre-war conditions. But it must be accepted at what it is, and it is nothing else than that. Under the law of compensation, the return to normal will bring us many things to outweigh the coming back of Dusty Rhodes, and even Panhandle Pete.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Hog goober seed at R. L. Shivers' tf.

George Peteet of Dallas is the guest of Miss Leita Cunyus.

Ben Hearne of Palestine was a visitor in Crockett Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Norris has returned from visiting in Houston.

You can save money on your cut glass at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. It.

33 1/3 per cent off on all clocks at Dickson's Jewelry & Optical Store. It.

Gause Patton has closed his business in Crockett and returned to Dallas.

Novelties in men's furnishings, the proper things for gifts, at Millar & Berry's. It.

Hats at less than actual cost and a nice collection to select from at Mrs. Hail's. It.

If you are looking for a gift for a man you need go no further than Millar & Berry's. It.

T. G. Adams of the Lovelady country was transacting business in Crockett Monday.

We have received our Christmas apples and nuts of all kinds. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Remember you get a gold fish free with every holiday purchase at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. It.

As one of the Courier's good subscribers expressed it, the Courier always gives more than it promises.

Millar & Berry are ready to help you select that present for your father, husband, son or gentleman friend. It.

Miss Hattie Stokes will arrive Friday from Dallas, where she is a student of Southern Methodist University, and will remain with her parents until after the holidays.

3 Per Cent Real Estate Loans.

The Best Plan to borrow money at the lowest rate of interest. The Best and Safest Investment for your savings. Under Supervision of Commissioner of Insurance and Banking.

THOS. B. COLLINS, AGENT CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Nice selection of stationery and correspondence cards at the price you want to pay at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. It.

Judge F. A. Williams of Galveston and Judge A. D. Lipscomb of Beaumont were among recent visitors in Crockett.

Miss Wilma Shivers, who is teaching at Elkhart, will be at home with her parents in Crockett during the holiday season.

Hogs Wanted.

125 pounds and up. See John W. Markham, Crockett, Texas. tf.

Lime, Cement and Shingles.

On hand at the Crockett Hardwood Lumber Company—also all kinds of building lumber. 2t.

Further reductions on hats have been made at Mrs. Hail's. All remaining stock must be closed out before Christmas regardless of cost. It.

We have the ammunition you need for birds, squirrels, ducks and deer. Get our prices and save money. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Mr. E. B. Alford, a leading merchant and farmer of Henderson, was a business visitor in Crockett last week. He owns some good Houston county land east of town.

Still Jailer Hooper.

W. A. Hooper, who had charge of the jail under Sheriff Spence, is remaining as jailer under Sheriff Deb Hale. As the jailer, he is also a deputy sheriff.

Estray Notice.

Strayed from place of Dr. Poston on Piney creek, a gray mare mule, between 14 and 15 hands high, left eye out. Will pay reward of \$10 on delivery to Dr. Poston at Pennington. 2t*.

Porter Springs.

Some of the young ladies out at Porter Springs desire the Courier to say that a box supper will be given in that community Friday night, December 24. Everybody is asked to attend and enjoy the wholesome lunches prepared by the Porter Springs girls.

Lost.

Sorrel mare, eight years of age, blaze in face, right rear foot white, flax mane and tail, Spanish brand on right four shoulder. Disappeared from my farm at Cut about four weeks ago. Liberal reward offered for recovery of said animal. tf. C. W. Butler Jr.

Make It

A Hoover Electric Sweeper for the madam's Christmas present. They are useful. We are always ready to demonstrate. Smith-Murchison Hardware Company. It.

Box Supper.

The students of the Latexo school ask the Courier to announce that they will give a box supper on Friday night, December 17, for the benefit of the school fund, to which the patronage of the public is invited.

Lost Dog.

A white Collie dog, brown spot at the root of his tail, one brown ear. Answers to name of Jonah. Last seen in Crockett with owner. Reward of \$5.00. Dr. W. D. McCarty, Grapeland, Texas. It*.

Will Move to Crockett.

Clyde Satterwhite has sold his interest in the firm of M. Satterwhite & Son at Lovelady and will move to Crockett to engage in business. The Courier is informed that he will open up a mercantile business on the west side of Court House square.

Christmas Marriages.

Licenses to marry have been issued during the last week as follows:

Willie Moore and Minnie Broadel.

Joe Jackson and Berthena Grady.

Ed Fortson and Leona Wolfe.

Elmer M. Oates and Mary Belle Rhodes.

H. F. Hallmark and Bunnie Satterwhite.

John Washington and Della Newman.

H. A. Baughman and Carrie Richardson.

Vernon Atkinson and Novella Sellers.

James O. Herod and Dorthy Bridges.

C. L. Hanna and Loa Hallmark.

Onion Plants.

Bermuda Onion Plants, grown from genuine imported onion seed, from December to March 1. Delivered prices: Yellows—500, \$1.25; 1000, \$1.75; 5000, \$7.50; 10,000, \$12.50.

Crystal Wax—500, \$1.50; 1000, \$2.00; 5000, \$8.75; 10,000, \$16.50.

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Christmas Program.

Music. Song, "Near the Cross"—Congregation.

Tableau. Reading, "The Shepherd's Story."

Song, "Holy City," solo.

Song, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Tableau. "America"—Congregation.

Tableau. "Man of Galilee"—E. A. Maness.

The above program will be given Sunday evening, December 19, at the First Methodist Church of Crockett.

A Good Show.

"That everybody loves a good show" was amply demonstrated Friday evening in the school auditorium when the "Passing Show" was presented by home talent under the direction of Miss Whitmayer of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. A. M. Decuir of Crockett. It was a benefit performance and a percentage of the proceeds was devoted to the Crockett Commercial Club. When it is considered that only one week's rehearsal was had, the excellent performance of those taking part is no less than remarkable. All enjoyed the show, and all went away with the conviction that Crockett is not without talent of the highest musical and literary ability.

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES. AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.

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We Can Save Them.

In Armenia the Near East Relief now has in full operation 229 Orphanages, housing 54,600 orphans and aiding over 56,039 others, 63 Hospitals and 128 Clinics. Eleven homes shelter and protect girls who were rescued from Turkish harems. All these bear eloquent tribute to the work that has been done.

But outside of these Orphanages, (unable to get in because of crowded conditions) there are thousands and thousands of other orphans. It is there we now desire to aid, in addition to seeing that the operation of the present 229 Orphanages and other Institutions is not neglected or permitted to slacken.

Let us make our Christmas a WHITE CHRISTMAS by saving the lives of these American orphans. I will take pleasure in receiving and forwarding your offerings. A. A. Aldrich, Chairman Near East Relief for Crockett.

Some Postscripts.

Sweden has more than 12,355,000 acres of peat bogs, from much of which fuel can be obtained.

For sealing bottles a new household tool resembling a pair of pliers squeezes a metal cap into place and makes it air tight.

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The 100-Cent Dollar!

For months many of us have done without things we needed because prices were higher than we could afford. Now the price barriers are down and we welcome an opportunity to purchase the necessities of life without fear that we are extravagant in doing so. It is a pleasure to know your dollar is worth 100-cents in buying merchandise at R. L. Shivers'. These prices are from 25 per cent to 50 per cent less than usual.

Success brown Domestic, per yard	15c
Heavy Outing in dark and light colors, per yard	15c
Men's hose and ladies' hose, per pair	10c
One lot Zephyr plaids, per yard	25c
One lot men's shirts	85c
Raincoats, overcoats—prices cut in two.	
Sugar, 10 pounds for	\$1.00
Matches, per box	5c
Four pound bucket lard	75c
All syrup, per can	\$1.00
Heavy Underwear, per garment	75c
Men's Overalls	\$1.95
White Crest flour	\$3.10
LaFrance flour	\$3.00

I haven't time to study up big words without any meaning and put in this ad, but will take time to make prices and sell goods lower than the other man. Everything will be sold at reduced prices.

R. L. Shivers

FINANCIERS PLAN CREDIT FOR TRADE

Formation of Great Corporation
May Grow Out of Bankers'
Meeting.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Organization of a corporation to finance foreign trade, to be backed by bankers, manufacturers and merchants over the entire country was indorsed Friday by prominent speakers before a conference meeting under the auspices of the American Bankers' association. The proposed corporation would be formed under the Edge law with a capital of \$100,000,000 available to American producers as cash payment for their goods on which foreign buyers would be unable to pay cash. This foreign trade, speakers said, was necessary to the commercial progress of the United States and some method of financing foreign trade must be worked out to enable American manufacturers to take their place in world trade.

Herbert Hoover, speaking before the afternoon session, declared that if the project was successful, today's conference would have been the most momentous since the armistice.

Farmers Suffering.

"You are gathered here for the fundamental purpose of doing something practical in the solution of a financial situation by every day means," Mr. Hoover said. "You have a great problem, for our farmers today are suffering great losses and our workmen great unemployment. This is due to a considerable degree to the stagnation in orders for our export surplus. From this stagnation the consuming power of our own home market is reduced and the effects are accumulating upon us.

"We must face the issue that these economic ills arise from the vicious economic circle that can be broken in one way only, and that by the establishment of credits abroad, not the dangerous short-time credits in which we have already become overextended, but the long investment in reproductive enterprise."

Mr. Hoover declared that present problems should be solved by the process of business and the individual initiative resources of business men rather than the government. Government promotion, he said, would lead to vicious ends and would be subject to "every pressure that desperate foreign statesmen can invent."

The farmer's viewpoint was explained by J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, who said that if the proposed corporation would provide a market for farmer's products it would have their backing. Julius H. Barnes, former head of the United States Grain corporation, and Eugene Meyer Jr., who headed the war finance corporation, presented their views gained from experience in government work during the war.

Mr. Howard maintained that for the past four or five years the American farmer, despite common opinion, had not prospered in his business. "The prosperity of this country, which is not now so very promising, will not again be in full swing until the buying power of the farmer is restored," he said.

No material aid can be expected from national or State legis-

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GOOD WILL TRIUMPHANT UNDER TEST

As this message is being written, Dodge Brothers' daily, weekly and monthly production, is at the highest point in its history.

The most casual sort of inquiry will satisfy you that this production is being absorbed as it is delivered.

Within sight and sound as we write, a great addition to Dodge Brothers' immense works, is being rushed to completion.

The interesting thing about this situation is, that it is not likely that a half a hundred people have ever bought Dodge Brothers Motor Car just because they wanted a motor car.

Of the more than half a million who have bought it—the overwhelming majority did so because of the name it bore.

It has always been treated, by the American people in particular, as an exception—always set apart, and singled out, and never judged by ordinary standards.

It has always been thought of, and is still thought of, first, and foremost, and all the time, only in terms of its goodness, and the results it gives.

All of this is wonderful, in one way, and quite natural and logical in another.

It all dates back to the day when John and Horace Dodge conceived and designed and finally built the car—after warning each other, and their associates, not even to think of it in any other terms than the best obtainable value.

They began with a few almost absurdly simple principles, bluntly expressed and rigidly executed, about decency and honor and integrity—

such as most of us wrote in our copy books at school.

They reduced these old copy book maxims to a splendid and scientific system, pouring more, and more, and still more value into the car, and then marshalling all the resources of modern massed manufacture to get their product into the hands of the people at an honorable and an honest cost.

These policies and principles have never been changed, and never will be changed, by so much as a hair's breadth; and they have come to be recognized and accepted as Dodge Brothers principles wherever motor cars are driven.

It has all happened as John and Horace Dodge planned it—quite simply, naturally, and automatically, all over America, and all over the world.

People do discriminate, as Dodge Brothers contended they would; people will find out when a motor car is well built and gives good service and great good value.

Dodge Brothers market today is where they planned to locate and establish it—in the mind and the heart of every man and woman who admires good work, well done.

It will last, and it will keep on growing, as it has kept on growing for five years (faster than Dodge Brothers works could keep pace with it), as long as the number of those who believe that a manufacturer should build to serve and not merely to sell, continues to increase.

All is well with Dodge Brothers today, because John and Horace Dodge build well in the beginning, and because their business will continue to build well until the end.

EAST TEXAS MOTOR COMPANY Crockett, Texas

lation, Mr. Barnes told the conference, and present conditions must be relieved by other means.

A committee on plan and scope was appointed at the afternoon session, and its recommendations for organization and definite procedure will be heard Saturday. A national committee is expected to be appointed as a result of the meetings to evolve the necessary steps for incorporation of the financing organization. William C. Redfield's name was prominently mentioned by conferees as the probable president of the new corporation.

The Heart of Christmas.

Christmas is not a day, it is a mood. It is independent of days. We celebrate it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday—any day of the week. Christmas is indifferent to days. It has nothing to do with the almanac. It has nothing to do with place. It is as independent of geography as it is of chronology. It has no relation to human government, or even to race or blood. It is an institution which can be set up on any soil and under the folds of any flag. Christmas is a spiritual creation, and belongs to the kingdom of the heart. It is constructed by angels of the heart of a child. If it then be a mood, it can be extended over a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. It can be built upon time, upon eternity. If you confine it to a day, you miss the meaning of it. If you try to cram it into twenty-four hours, you crush it and lose the essence of it.

HOBBY'S SPECIAL WAS NOT GUARDED

Trevino, Accompanying the
Texans, Without Aides
During Trip.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9.—Reports that Governor Hobby's train through Mexico, carried a heavy guard is without foundation. There was not even a single guard on the train in either direction. The only soldiers aboard were two or three Mexican officers acting as escorts or aides to visiting governors. There was a Texas ranger with the party, Captain W. M. Ryan of Laredo, and he probably was armed.

If bandits remained away from the train under the impression it was armed they are laboring under an entirely false report.

The train ran night and day without military guards, and at no place was it halted or interfered with by bandits nor was there any prospect of such occurrence. It had as peaceful a journey as trains have in Texas. No one on the train had any fear of bandits, nor were they advised of any imminent attack.

Proof that Mexicans were not anticipating it, is shown in the presence of General M. Perez Trevino, chief of staff, who was without aides. He would have

made a splendid prize for bandits, but evidently he didn't think there was any danger.

It so happened that the only "casualty" of the trip was to Captain Ryan's pocketbook. In the immense inaugural crowds some expert Mexican pickpocket—and there are many—extracted Captain Ryan's wallet containing more than \$100, besides some valuable papers. A diamond was also taken. That was the only loss suffered by any of the party.

First National Bank of Hearne Closes Its Doors.

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 10.—The First National bank of Hearne, one of the oldest banks in the State, closed its doors Friday afternoon. Continued crop failures in this section is given by

President R. C. Allen of the bank as the reason for closing.

"The reduction in the prices of all kinds of farm produce," said Mr. Allen, "has made it impossible for our most independent customers to meet their notes and obligations. We are in hopes that reorganization may be effected and that the bank may be enabled to reopen in a short time. We had thought 1919 hard enough, but we did not then know 1920. Seven years of crop failure is the cause."

Life is a struggle which impels us to action, hoping for useful reward, based on constant effort. Don't mistake conceit for ambition and don't imagine that the desire to have something without working for it constitutes will power.

LOANS ON FARMS

LANDS BOUGHT
AND SOLD

J. S. FRENCH

Crockett, Texas

HARDING TALKS ON FARMERS' PROBLEM

President-Elect Says That Planters Should Be Insured of Results.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—Means must be sought to encourage production that can be possible only by giving the farmer the certainty that he will be remunerated, President-elect Harding told the International Farm Congress in a message read at tonight's session of the congress here.

No set of problems is more important than those facing the agricultural industry and none is entitled to more prompt and vigorous attention, Mr. Harding said.

The message follows: "Please communicate my greetings and assurances of interest to your organization, which represents one of the most vital concerns of our nation and the world. The prosperity and continued advancement of American agriculture must be assured because a generous measure of its product is necessary for our own country and others as well. We must seek means of encouragement to the largest production which can only be possible by giving the farmer the certainty that he will be remunerated. Co-operation among the farmers in buying and selling, with the approval and encouragement of the government and the elimination of wasteful expenses in commercial processes, are remedies suggested in the present crisis. No set of problems can be accounted as paramount to these and none is entitled to more prompt and vigorous attention. Practical workable proposals for such organizations as your own will be most helpful."

Farmers Face New Era.

Farmers of the United States face a new era, which will be marked by a steady improvement in marketing conditions, despite the present discouraging low price of farm products, speakers declared today at the opening session of the congress.

Confidence in the future of the farming industry was expressed and farmers were warned of the danger of cotton production. Marketing of products on hand rather than future production plans drew the principal discussion at the first session of the congress.

Condemnation of the condi-

WEAK, NERVOUS, ALL RUN-DOWN

Missouri Lady Suffered Until She Tried Cardui.—Says "Result Was Surprising."—Got Along Fine, Became Normal and Healthy.

Springfield Mo.—"My back was so weak I could hardly stand up, and I would have bearing-down pains and was not well at any time," says Mrs. D. V. Williams, wife of a well-known farmer on Route 6, this place. "I kept getting headaches and having to go to bed," continues Mrs. Williams describing the troubles from which she obtained relief through the use of Cardui. "My husband, having heard of Cardui, proposed getting it for me. I saw after taking some Cardui that I was improving. The result was surprising. I felt like a different person."

"Later I suffered from weakness and weak back, and felt all run-down. I did not rest well at night, I was so nervous and cross. My husband said he would get me some Cardui, which he did. It strengthened me. My doctor said I got along fine. I was in good healthy condition. I cannot say too much for it."

Thousands of women have suffered as Mrs. Williams describes, until they found relief from the use of Cardui. Since it has helped so many, you should not hesitate to try Cardui if troubled with womanly ailments. For sale everywhere. E.82

tions which brought about the decline in prices of farm products was voiced by various speakers. Transportation was blamed by some for inability to market products when prices were higher and boards of trade generally were denounced for contributing to falling prices.

"Despite calamitous low prices, a real era for the farmer is at hand," declared Dr. E. O. Lyman of Utah, vice president, who directed the meeting in the absence of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, president.

IF EVERY DAY WERE CHRISTMAS

Text—Romans 14:5—"One man esteemeth one day above another; another man esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully assured in his own mind."

What if every day were Christmas? The suggestion at first blush is perhaps not altogether agreeable. One can imagine numerous protests against the idea because of the excesses to which many go on Christmas holidays. Let it be granted freely that Christmas is misused, that it is often a season of excesses and extremes even so, who of us would do away with Christmas? For despite all the excesses of the holiday season and the hardship it works on many, is there not a rainbow of glory over every recurring Christmas celebration?

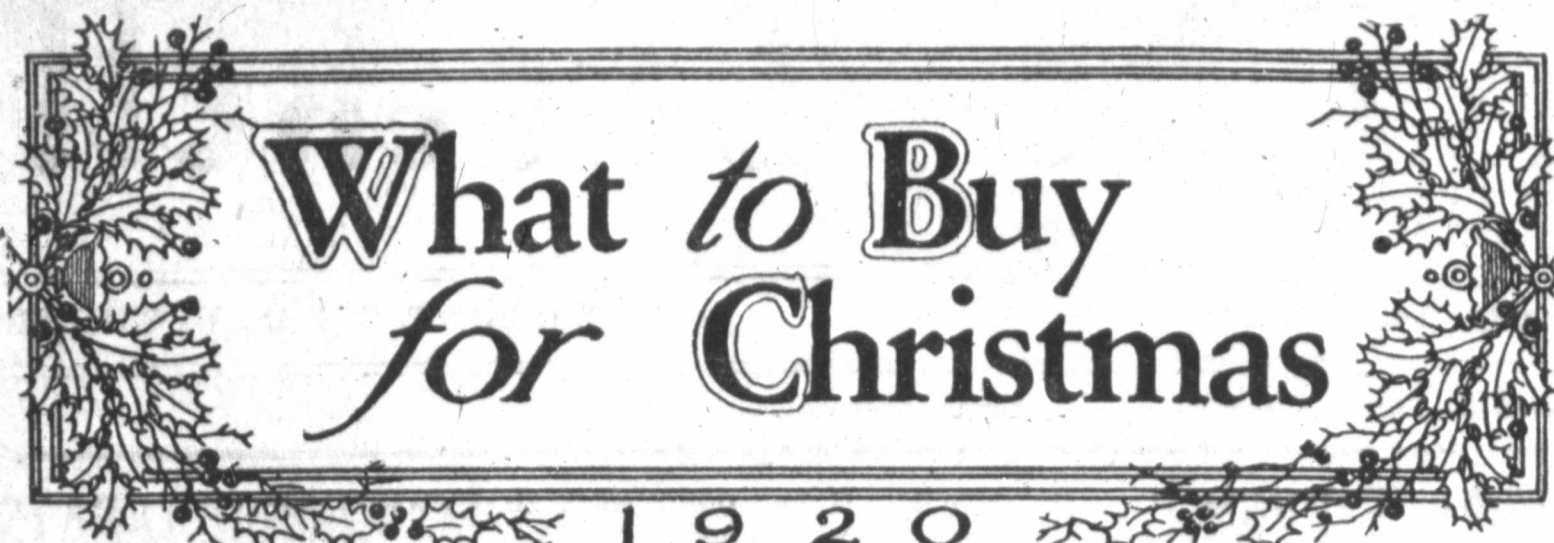
Christmas is a season of prophetic idealism and a rebuke to selfish living. At the approach of the anniversary of our Lord's birth, men and women whose thoughts have been mostly of self are moved to think of others. The idea of serving others and making others happy affects even the base and the indifferent. Somehow, the idea that it is more blessed to give than to bargain finds lodgment in minds unused to tender and benevolent thoughts. For a brief period, cruel competitions that so sorely grind human society are lessened if not forgotten. For the time being, all humanity seems to be one family. There is a delight in seeing everybody joyous. The foreigner is made to feel at home. Artificial barriers are broken, and there come even into hard faces some softened lines. The spirit of Christmas penetrates even behind stone walls, and the prisoner is made to know that he is still remembered and that society has not abandoned hope in him.

Christmas is the one season of the year when we are especially reminded to take Jesus seriously. The Sermon on the Mount seems practicable then—the Beatitudes possible in daily life. Even the great words, "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," actually appear workable at Christmas-tide. The old text so precious, so peculiarly appropriate, John 3:16, finds lodgment in our heart of hearts: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." There comes into our minds the conviction that we have not taken seriously the lessons that our Lord taught, but that now we take Him at His word; we share, we give, we sacrifice, we find a new joy growing out of these very practical and beautiful ministrations.

Printing.

With the coming of the new year, and the stocking up with supplies for the months ahead, let the Courier print your stationery. We have good equipment and good printers, can furnish you with any kind of paper you want, and will supply you with stationery of character. We will be very glad to call and talk over your needs. Telephone 22, the Courier office.

Scandinavia's largest bakery has been opened at Christiania, being able to supply the demands of 120,000 persons daily.



A New Dinner Set Will Please Her Most

In all of the hundreds of articles suitable for a Christmas present to the wife, there is nothing quite as appropriate, or as useful, or as everlasting as a new set of chinaware. It would fill her heart with joy to let the Christmas dinner be the first meal served upon it.

Husbands are invited to look over our splendid display. If you want to really surprise the wife, and are a little hazy on certain points relative to china sets, rest assured we will put you right—and you will be "right" with her.

Next in appreciative value comes Pyrex Cooking Glassware. A recent shipment makes our stock of this popular ware complete. We now have an almost endless variety.

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN

Everything to fill the childish heart with joy and bring that thrill of happiness, to make eyes sparkle, hands clap with glee and happy laughter ring out. A vast population of dolls, doll furniture, trains, automobiles, air guns, domesticated animals and mechanical toys of every conceivable kind.

Harris' Racket Store

The Store of a Thousand Gift Things

PIONEER BUILDER OF AUTOS PASSES

Detroit, Dec. 10.—Horace E. Dodge, who died at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla., Friday, had been the sole head of the Dodge Brothers automobile interests since the sudden death early this year of John Dodge, his elder brother.

The brothers founded the automobile business that bore their names here eight years ago, after engaging in the manufacture of automobile parts since the early days of the industry when they were associated with Henry Ford.

The Dodge brothers learned the machinist trade at Niles, Mich., where their first manufacturing venture was the building of bicycles. Later they came to Detroit and opened a small machine shop in which experimental work on some of the first successful automobiles turned out was carried on. Their interest in the Ford Motor company grew from \$5000 worth of stock, which was paid for in parts and the use of their shop, until several years ago it was sold for \$12,000,000, after which the Dodges devoted their time exclusively to the manufacture of their own machine.

Xmas Posy Party.

"A Garden of Flowers"—an ideal scheme this for a fancy Christmas dress party. When the invitations are sent out each guest should be requested to come to "the Garden of Flowers" dressed to represent a flower. Whatever flower is chosen should be intimated to the hostess when accepting the in-

itation. For the supper table decoration for this party, in the center stand a large doll dressed as a rose—the queen of flowers. In her hands should be fastened as many garlands of baby ribbons, or strings of small blossoms as there are guests. Attach little gifts at the other ends of the garlands appropriate to the costumes of the guests that are to receive them, such as brooches and scarfpins with flowers in enamel, baskets of sweets trimmed with flowers, or pretty cut glass bottles of perfume, decorated with blossoms. The ribbons or garlands should be arranged that each small guest finds a corresponding gift; thus, Violet's present is adorned with the flowers she represents, etc. The menus should be in the form of flowers or petals and the lamp or candle shades of rose colored silk.

Origin of Yuletide.

Yule was the name of the ancient Scandinavian festival held at the time of the winter solstice. The word is of uncertain origin,

says The Housekeeper, but it probably is taken directly from the Icelandic word "jol," meaning a feast. It is curious to note how many nations of old marked the "turn of the year"—that is, the December solstice—festivals. The Egyptians, the Hindus, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all had feasts at this season, but especially the Northern nations—the Teutons, the Scandinavians, the early natives of Britain—rejoiced at the event of the sun's turn on its course. The festival was kept with much eating and drinking and noisy jollity. One of the ceremonies was the placing of an enormous log of wood—often so large that it required the strength of several men to bring it in—upon the hearth fire in the huge fireplace. The burning of the Yule log was thought to insure good fortune to the family, especially when charred pieces of the log burned the year before and kept over for that purpose were used to light it.

Patronize our advertisers.

Baker Theatre

CHANGE OF PROGRAM EVERY DAY

MATINEE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY THIS WEEK

Our Pre-Holiday Sale

Will Continue Through Friday, December 24

Great quantities of goods were sold last Saturday, and many were benefitted by the great reductions made. If you need a new suit, overcoat, a pair of shoes, or any articles in men's furnishings, do not delay a single day. Our stock is being rapidly reduced and many lines are being closed out. This sale includes everything in our store and the price reductions are genuine. We realize that the people want lower prices and we are giving them what they want. We have lost sight of the word profit, and the surest evidence that the men of this community approve of our efforts to break the backbone of high prices is shown by the heavy sales that followed our announcement of last week.

The Remainder of Our Clothing Stock Should Move Quickly at These Prices

Men's \$65.00 Suits reduced to	\$39.50
Men's \$60.00 Suits reduced to	\$37.50
Men's \$55.00 Suits reduced to	\$34.50
Men's \$50.00 Suits reduced to	\$33.50
Men's \$45.00 Suits reduced to	\$27.50
Men's \$30.00 Suits reduced to	\$16.00
Men's \$38.50 Suits reduced to	\$26.50
Twenty Tailor-Made Suits left on hand, \$65 and 75 values, in this sale for	\$36.50
Men's \$65.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$39.50
Men's \$55.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$34.50
Men's \$50.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$33.50
Men's \$45.00 Overcoats reduced to	\$27.50

Stetson, Crofut & Knapp and Mallory Hats at and Below Cost

\$10.00 Hats	\$7.50	\$5.00 Hats	\$3.95
\$8.50 Hats	\$6.50	\$4.50 Cloth Hats	\$3.00
\$6.50 Hats	\$4.50	\$3.00 Cloth Hats	\$2.00

Shoes at Bargain Prices

\$17.70 Florsheim and Stacy-Adams Shoes reduced to	\$12.50
\$12.50 Bostonian Shoes reduced to	\$9.50
\$10.00 Bostonian Shoes reduced to	\$7.95
\$8.50 Shoes reduced to	\$6.95
Thirty pairs of Shoes to close out at	\$4.75
\$4.00 House Shoes reduced to	\$3.35

A Man's Store

MILLAR & BERRY

Crockett, Texas

CHINAMAN STUDIES FARMING AT A. & M.

Expenses Paid Out of Refund
Made to His Country by
America.

College Station, Tex., Dec. 12.—Among the students of the A. and M. College who are doing most with their opportunity to build a sound educational basis for a career in the world is C. Y. Chang, a native of China, who is studying agriculture. Chang landed in America for the first time about three months ago and came to A. and M. College just a few days before the fall semester opened on Sept. 15. He is one of eighty men sent to this country by the Chinese government this year for an education in this country, his expenses being paid by the Chinese government out of the refund made China by America on the boxer indemnity fund. All of the other Chinese beneficiaries are in other colleges and universities of the United States taking commercial courses. Chang is the only one of the eighty who is studying agriculture.

Chang is very enthusiastic over his work here. He is taking a four-year course in agriculture and is specializing in cotton. All of his expenses will be paid for the four years and he has no intention of giving up until he has finished. Seemingly reticent, he communicates freely when called upon, and does not hesitate to discuss conditions in his native country and the relations of his country with our own. He has read extensively among the works of English and American authors, and applies his knowledge in an unusually clear and forceful manner.

The object of his studies here can best be told in his own

words. In a theme written in an English class he says:

"To be sure the reasons that I am taking agriculture are manifold. China is a great agricultural country. It is imperative that we should introduce scientific methods of fertilization and cultivation in order that China may play a more prominent part in feeding and clothing the world. We have also vast tracts of rolling land everywhere which lie barren. With modern methods of plowing and irrigation they can be reclaimed with ease. Then, too, my family has a farm which I may improve. All these are, however, secondary reasons. The chief motive that has prompted me to take agriculture is my love of nature, love and creation."

Advertising From Outside Condemned by Cuero Body.

Cuero, Texas, Dec. 8.—At the regular meeting of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce last night resolutions of condemnation were passed against methods of organizations and outside people in soliciting ads for programs of entertainments, and for signs in hotels, barber shops, etc.

Members expressed themselves as more willing to contribute outright to worthy causes than to be bled for patronage in which the funds are to be split up, and the expense of printing paid. It was the sense of the business men present that program advertising is without value, and those present agreed to discourage solicitors in the future.

CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.

South Bound	
No. 3, Houston Express	10:21 A. M.
No. 1, Sunshine Special	3:09 P. M.
No. 5, Houston Limited	1:33 A. M.
North Bound	
No. 4, Local Passenger	11:46 A. M.
No. 2, Sunshine Special	2:40 P. M.
No. 8, St. Louis Limited	3:44 A. M.

MORE NAVAL BASES ON PACIFIC NEEDED

Secretary Daniels Makes Recommendations in Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The "immediate outstanding duty of the country," in the opinion of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, whose annual report has just been made public here, is the provision for adequate shore bases for the navy on the Pacific coast.

"The day will never come when a powerful fleet will not be based in the Pacific," says the secretary. Commenting on the recent inspection trip of the congressional joint committee, which visited Seattle, Bremerton, Port Angeles, Portland, Astoria, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Mare Island, San Diego and Monterey, Daniels says he expects that "they will place definitely before congress a comprehensive program of naval-base construction in consonance with the high strategic importance of this territory."

Among projects now being considered on the Pacific coast, to increase the efficiency of the Pacific fleet, the secretary enumerates a deep-water naval docking and repair base, a submarine base and other developments in San Francisco Bay; an aviation base at Sand Point, King County, Wash.; a submarine, destroyer and naval aviation base at Port Angeles, Wash.; a submarine base at Los Angeles; the Columbia River submarine and destroyer base at Astoria, Ore., and extensive operations at San Diego.

Daniels goes even further in his recommendations for bolstering up the country's western line

of defense. "Hawaii, 'the crossroads of the Pacific,'" he declares, "is of such strategic importance and offers such possibilities of development that naval authorities agree that there should be created there a fleet-operating base extensive enough to accommodate the entire fleet with all auxiliaries."

"Hawaii is the key to the Pacific; its strategic location is well recognized; its possibilities have been carefully studied and set forth by naval experts, and its development on a broad scale as a fleet-operating base can not be

too strongly urged." The secretary adds that the project for developing the island of Guam as a naval base is progressing, and that the naval station at Cavite, in the Philippines, "is to be developed moderately."

A power barge with its propeller so enclosed that its waves do not wash canal banks is the invention of an English engineer.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

Why They Buy at This Store

We sell the same brands of foodstuffs year after year, and to the same people, with new ones added.

That means that these particular brands give best satisfaction, or people would not continue to buy them as they do.

But when a NEW article appears on the market that is worth having—in the same class—we are quick to get it, too.

Trade with us and be satisfied.

ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware

The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from Courier Building

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 10c per line.

Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bills.

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

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

CHRISTMAS.

December 25—A momentous day in the history of the world.

Christ—the only perfect man that God or the world has ever produced.

Christianity—that ennobling faith which keeps civilization alive and prepares the soul of humanity for the great beyond.

In every Christian heart that beats the day will be one of reverence and humility, in thankfulness that God in His merciful wisdom created a son whose death should redeem the world.

In the churches, at the home firesides, on lofty mountain peaks and in the barren wastes of the deserts, on the waters of the deep and wherever mankind is, there God will be to look into our hearts and note the manner in which we observe the anniversary of His son.

No heart is so pure but what it can be made cleaner and better by concentrating the mind upon the wonderful deeds of this perfect man.

No soul is so steeped in sin but what it can be purified by repentance and belief, for Christ gave his life that such might be so.

As we observe the day, let us honor the man whose birth it commemorates and the God who created him.

But let it not end with the setting of the sun or at the stroke of twelve.

Let us carry the lessons and the impressions of the day into our future lives, into our daily affairs, and into our pleasures and our pastimes.

Let us invoke the gentle and forgiving spirit of Christ in all things we do and say, to the end that the life which was given for us may not have been in vain.

It is the least that we can do for so much that has been done for us.

NEWSPAPER RATES WILL STAND.

Deflation is now in full swing in the United States. Pyramided prices are giving way before marked public resistance. The newspaper industry, however, is one in which there can be no radical revision in prices, for the very good reason that newspaper service to both reading public and advertiser has been for many years undervalued and underpaid. During the war and since, newspaper prices have advanced as a last resort under circumstances over which publishers have had no control.

It is but honest and fair to state in this connection that there has been no profiteering by newspaper publishers, but, on the contrary, public service of the first order under most unusual and extraordinary interference by government.

There can be no reduction today in newspaper rates, neither to the reader or advertiser—in fact in many instances there must be still further advances in subscription and advertising rates to cover increases in cost since October 1 in labor and materials.

Truth is, the hazards of news-

paper publishing are so great, the lure to exceptional and expensive public service so enticing, and competition so keen, that it is practically impossible to accumulate needed reserves and necessary betterments, to say nothing of adequate managerial compensation, dividends, etc.—Editor and Publisher.

It's time now to forget about "bad luck," or to believe that there is no such thing. Men should not live with the impression that the world owes them something that it won't pay. The world owes nobody anything only a chance to work. If harder times are ahead we should all begin to exercise. Harden up for real service.

Notice.

All persons having freight now ready for shipment over the railway of this Company are advised to ship it out as quickly as possible, and all persons are notified that they should cease the further production of commodities of all sorts with the intention of transporting it over said railway for the reason that the Company is now preparing to abandon its operation in keeping with an Order of the Interstate Commerce Commission of date, December 6th, 1920, and the operation of the railway will be discontinued at an early date without further notice to shippers and other interested parties.

Eastern Texas Railroad,
By D. C. Dobbins,
Superintendent.

Approved:
W. A. Webb,
Vice-President & General Manager.

SHOP EARLY!

The Kokernot Oil Company

(An Association)

TEMPLE, TEXAS

Dear Friend:

If you can afford it, I want you to buy anywhere from one to ten shares in the Kokernot Oil Company, an association, which is capitalized at \$80,000, and is now drilling a well on 4,428 acres of land situated 30 miles east of Houston, in Liberty County, Texas. While you may have invested in wells that did not get oil, others have done the same thing, but kept on taking a small chance until they finally made great strikes in oil. One operator in Houston drilled 7 dry holes before he struck oil and made a million.

This lease is 15 miles southeast of the Humble oil field, which has produced two hundred million dollars, it is 23 miles north of the Goose Creek field which is now producing millions, the Hull and Sour Lake fields are about 20 miles east. Our well is now down about 1,300 feet and the Sims Organization has brought in three wells just 2½ miles north of our lease which produced from 50 to 200 barrels per day of high grade oil. The Dayton field which has been producing oil for 15 years is also 2½ miles north from our lease.

No honest man can say for sure that he will strike oil. But we are in an oil country. Our capital is only \$80,000. Recently when oil was struck at Blue Ridge, just 14 miles west of Houston, land sold for \$20,000 an acre. On this basis, if we hit oil, our property would be worth forty million dollars, and our stock would be worth 500 to 1, or every ten dollar share would be worth five thousand dollars. One well at West Columbia, 70 miles southwest of our well, has already produced about three million dollars in oil.

No commission is paid to stock salesmen, and your money goes into actual cost of drilling the well. Every stockholder has interest in every well drilled by the company.

I know times are hard, but because they are hard is the main reason why you will be justified in taking a small chance to make a big speculation. You need money more than ever. If we strike oil on this large lease, a \$10 share will make you more clear money than you have made this whole year raising cotton, corn, rice or wheat. It will make you more money than you have made as a railroad man, a carpenter, a bricklayer or any other kind of employment at which you have worked during 1920. It will make you as much money as if you had been running a dry goods store, a shoe store or a meat market.

Invest only what you can afford to lose. If we hit the juice a small investment will make you plenty. If we don't just cut out a few pair of them silk Sox and one of them silk shirts, and get some good cotton goods like you used to wear, and you won't know the difference. In the meantime you will have a sensation, and if we crack the Kokernot we will have a celebration. Shares \$10 each. Remit today as this stock may be withdrawn from the market at any time.

Yours truly,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

President The Kokernot Oil Company,
Temple, TexasThe Gift
of Gifts

What will you send your son, or daughter, or other relative or friend for Christmas?

The problem is not a difficult one to solve. Nothing would give them more lasting pleasure than a year's subscription to this paper. It would be to them a weekly letter from home and a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness.

Keep the home fires burning in their memories. You furnish the \$1.50. This paper will furnish the fuel.

Send in your subscriptions at once, so they will actually have the paper on Christmas day.

The Crockett Courier

Suggestions for Christmas

GIVE YOUR LOVED ONES A MEMORY THIS CHRISTMAS—

When it comes to practical gifts there is nothing to compare with Furniture.

Come in and visit us; our stock will give you many suggestions for giving acceptable and attractive gifts that reflect your good taste in selection and are sure to find instant favor in the most critical eyes.

Here are a few of the specials we are offering for the holiday trade:

- Three-Piece Parlor Suits
- Three-Piece Duofold Suits
- Odd Rockers in All the Different Finishes
- Cedar Chests at Reduced Prices
- Special Prices on Talking Machines and Records



HOW ABOUT THE HOUSE FURNISHINGS?

Does your home appear cozy and snug?

Has it the atmosphere of home cheer about it?

If it has not, let us show you some inexpensive furnishings that will make a marked transformation and add joy to your Christmas festivities.

Our stock, newly acquired, possesses all of the elegance and durability which ingenuity can devise.

A new set of Furniture makes every day Christmas. Put the right kind of joy into life by making it Furniture this Christmas. Put peace and contentment into the heart of your wife by telling her to COME OVER AND MAKE THE SELECTION. Look us over, anyway, before you decide.

Odd Pieces at Very Close Prices
Splendid Values In Complete Sets

WALLER & GREEN

Furniture and Undertaking

GOVERNOR-ELECT IS BACK FROM MEXICO

Neff Expresses Confidence In Obregon; Announce Appointees Soon.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 12.—Governor Pat M. Neff, who returned home today after his visit to Mexico, said that he would be ready to announce some of his appointees the latter part of this week. Neff said he had great confidence in Obregon. He characterized him as a man of the people, but said that should the people not respond to his efforts to democratize the country they would probably find him ruling with an iron hand.

Neff was a member of the Laredo delegation, having made the trip at the invitation of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. The party witnessed the inauguration of President Obregon at Mexico City and they visited about fifteen of the other principal places in Mexico. At each place where stops were made Governor-elect Neff was received officially and he was attended at all times by an official representative of the Mexican government.

In referring to conditions in Mexico, Mr. Neff said: "After traveling 3,000 miles in Mexico, visiting many sections and numerous cities, talking to the people, face to face, and studying as best I could its many big problems, it is my opinion that Mexico, by the friendly and peaceful co-operation of this country, has the power, ability and patriotism to work out successfully its own destiny.

"President Obregon is strictly a man of the people and has democratic ideas. After observing him at close range and conversing with him I feel confident

he is going to go his full limit to give to all the Mexican people a square deal.

"That he has the courage and the honesty to do his best I have no doubt. If, however, he finds it absolutely impossible to build up a stable government by peaceful means, I dare say he will be found ruling in Mexico with an iron hand."

POSTAL SERVICE REPORTS DEFICIT

Burleson Says Congress is Responsible by Passing Measure He Opposed

Washington, Dec. 12.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service.—Postmaster General Burleson shows in his annual report today to the president, in which expenditures of the postoffice department are placed at \$454,322,609 and revenues at \$437,150,212. The postmaster general charges congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditures included approximately \$33,202,600 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,917. Mr. Burleson says he declined to approve the bonus action of the legislative department, adding that he had offered suggestions of another plan for compensating the employees which would have served the purpose without at the same time giving a blanket increase in pay to "thousands who were already amply compensated."

"For reasons that can be readily understood," he continues, "the legislative department rejected these suggestions made

by the postmaster general and hence is directly responsible for the deficit which inevitably followed the indefensible action.

"The postmaster general feels constrained to point out that if a prompt halt is not called and such a policy is persisted in there will be a deficiency for the next fiscal year of approximately \$36,000,000, and the postal establishment will cease to be self-supporting, as it should be, and will become a constantly increasing burden upon the general treasury."

The Trained Man

Is always in demand. He gets first call of every desirable position. Day dreams become realities when you are able to do the work required of you. Wake up to your present opportunity, young man, young woman; you have the tools, learn to use them. Now is the time and the Palestine Business College is the place.

A letter of recommendation from this desirable Business Training School will land you in a good position soon after completing either one or more of our three separate and distinct courses. Each department of our school is presided over by an earnest and competent teacher, who is always ready and willing to impart necessary instruction. We do not allow our students to show, or attempt to teach, each other. Perfect order and discipline is maintained during study and recitation hours.

Applications are being made daily for admission to our Spring Term, which begins Monday, January 3rd. Write today for terms and discounts. Address, Palestine Business College, H. C. Jameson, Principal.

P. S. Our telegraph department is a success. Write today for information concerning it. Any one who has completed the sixth grade can take this course. It.

Closing Out Our Entire Stock of

U. S. ARMY AND NAVY GOODS AT SACRIFICE PRICES

- U. S. ARMY SHOES**
Brand new; regulation; chocolate color; all leather;
postpaid\$4.75
- GREY WOOL BLANKETS**
U. S. Army, grey blankets; all wool; brand new
postpaid\$4.45
- OLIVE DRAB MACKINAW**
Brand new and perfect. A real sacrifice;
postpaid\$11.95
- ARMY LONG TROUSERS**
U. S. Army, all wool O. D. long pants; civilian style; brand new
.....\$5.75
- O. D. BLANKETS**
U. S. Army, Regulation, All-wool O. D. Blankets—good as new—postpaid:
No. 550\$5.50
No. 475\$4.75
- OLIVE DRAB SHIRTS**
U. S. Army O. D. Wool Shirts—Laundered and reclaimed by the government; look like new; only in sizes 14, 14½, and 15, postpaid:
No. 300\$3.00
No. 250\$2.50
- NEW DOUBLE COTTON BLANKETS**
White, with borders of blue and pink; beautiful designs and a good value; postpaid, per pair.....\$2.95
- NEW DOUBLE COTTON BLANKETS**
Tan and grey plaid, delicate designs and of pleasing patterns; size 72 by 80; postpaid, per pair,
No. 350\$3.50
- WOOLNAP BLANKETS**
These are double blankets, in colors of tan or grey and white, with blue, white, tan and pink border effects; daintily designed; No. 425; per pair, postpaid\$4.25
- BLUE-GREY BLANKETS**
All-wool, extra large, soft, black stripe in center; beautiful, durable and a real investment;
postpaid\$7.75
- NEW O. D. SHIRTS**
All-wool; absolutely new; sizes 15 to 19; each, postpaid.....\$4.60
Add 16c for war tax.
- COTTON UNDERWEAR**
Medium weight, guaranteed brand new; postpaid, per suit.....\$2.00
- NAVY RAIN SUITS**
U. S. Navy Regulation, two-piece, absolutely waterproof; not slickers; they are rubberized suits consisting of a pair of pants and a coat; brand new; postpaid\$4.95
- ARMY WOOL SOCKS**
Grey color, splendid material, durable, brand new; postpaid,
per pair45c
Dozen lots, postpaid, \$4.80
- NAVY UNDERWEAR**
U. S. regulation; all-wool, grey color; two-piece suits; soft, durable; absolutely new. Suit,
postpaid\$3.75
- ARMY RAIN COATS**
U. S. regulation; brand new; postpaid:
No. 750\$7.50
No. 850\$8.50
No. 900\$9.00
- WAGON AND TRUCK COVERS**
U. S. Army, brand new wagon, truck, auto-covers and tarpaulins; 14 feet 8 inches by 11 feet 6 inches;
postpaid\$11.95
- ARMY KNIT GLOVES**
Jersey knit, fleece-lined, brand new, per pair; postpaid.....25c
- FORD TRUCK BODIES**
U. S. Ford delivery truck bodies; complete with rear fenders; made of the best materials; built sufficiently strong to withstand rough usage; brand new; f. o. b. San Antonio, each\$45.50

All goods guaranteed exactly as represented, and money will be cheerfully refunded if not satisfactory. Send us your check or money order.
Depository: Alamo National Bank, San Antonio, Texas.

MUELLER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY
221 E. COMMERCE ST. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

COMMERCIAL CLUB SECRETARY OFFERS

Ten Good Reasons Why Our Farmers Should Engage In Dairying.

Dairying with a well organized herd of dairy cattle on an average sized farm, among other things, offers the following advantages:

1. It enables the dairyman to anticipate and receive a substantial and regular income from the sale of cream.
2. The sale of surplus young stock and cows, an income in addition to what he regularly gets from cream that adds materially to the profits.
3. It provides a home market and pays higher prices for farm crops than are ordinarily paid at commercial centers.
4. It utilizes grass and various kinds of feed that have no market value except as they are converted into milk or other salable products.
5. It provides a means of employing labor regularly and profitably at all seasons of the year.
6. It makes the farm permanently productive by the utilization of feeds on the farm and the use of farm manures.
7. The regular income from the sale of dairy products and stock enables one to keep up permanent improvements and to take pride in the possession of a profitable farm home.
8. Dairying offers one a great opportunity for becoming a thorough business manager and enjoying the game of trying to make everything pay.
9. It produces a human food for which there is no substitute and for which there will always be a constant demand and an opportunity to supply at profitable prices.
10. It offers a most suitable environment for the development of high standards of living both for the family and the community.

What It Did for Kansas.

We quote the following from a report of J. C. Mohler, of the State Board of Agriculture of Kansas: "The census of 1920 shows a total of 7,209 cream separators in the state, representing an investment of about \$5,000,000. There was at the same date approximately 961,281 milch cows in the state, or an average of more than 13 cows to each separator. It is interesting to note that the number of milch cows has increased more than 35 per cent in ten years. In the same time the value of milk and cream sold gained more than 120 per cent and now amounts annually to more than \$8,000,000.

"The separation of cream by the centrifugal system (employed by all separators) has many advantages over the old gravity method. The advent of the cream separator was a boon to the dairyman, enabling him to quickly and cheaply prepare his cream for the market on the farm. It did away with the wasteful and laborious method of securing the cream by "setting" milk, often in a varied assortment of utensils, pans, bowls, crocks scattered here and there over the premises. Another big advantage is in making available the skim milk while fresh and sweet and warm for feeding young animals. It also insures a more perfect separation of the fat, which is too expensive to feed when good and cheaper substitutes can be had."

Kansas, agriculturally, is one of the richest states in the union, and the dairy cow has contributed more than any one other feature to this prosperity, and this has been accomplished in the face of the fact that it has one of the longest and most severe winter seasons of any state in the union. From four to five months all live stock must be sheltered continuously in warm barns and cared for in a manner

entirely unknown and really unnecessary in East Texas.

To our slogan of "every farmer a home owner" let us add a dairy herd and a separator, and then we will be working for the very best results that are attainable. The best is none too good for Houston county, and we are going after it right.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Of Swedish invention is a bicycle tire consisting of a strip of hardened steel fastened to the rim of a wheel with a number of springs.

SHOP EARLY!



Make It a Hardware Christmas

In these busy, hard-working, sensible, money-making days, folks' thoughts just naturally turn to things efficient, useful, lasting and "commonsensible." That's why we say this Christmas will be a Hardware Christmas.

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

HOOVER ELECTRIC
SWEEPERS
POCKET KNIVES
BUTCHER KNIVES
KNIVES AND FORKS
BREAD KNIVES
SCISSORS
OLD STYLE RAZORS
SAFETY RAZORS
SAWS
HAMMERS

HATCHETS
AXES
FOOD GRINDERS
FLASHLIGHTS
ALUMINUM WARE
PERCOLATORS
FIRE FENDERS
DOOR MATS
ALARM CLOCKS
LARGE CLOCKS
BOYS' WAGONS

AIR GUNS
RIFLES
SHOTGUNS
TRICYCLES
GLASS WARE
QUEENS WARE
DAISY CHURNS
OIL HEATERS
COOKING UTENSILS
AND MANY OTHER USEFUL
GIFT THINGS.

The day of the Jim-crack, the useless, the merely ornamental, the "Made-in-Germany" stuff has past, and to the modern housewife of today, who is grateful for our present peace and prosperity, there is more REAL BEAUTY in a light, lasting Aluminum Saucepan—for the kitchen—than in a piece of useless IMITATION ART for her MANTEL.

Nor do we stop at the kitchen, but for every room in the house and for every member of the family, we have a present that will not only carry your GIFT SPIRIT, but will be treasured for years for its beauty, usefulness and efficiency.

Smith-Murchison Hardware Company

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

You can't keep down Houston county farmers. When they can't get the worth of their cotton and other produce, they turn their attention to cross-ties and other things and always come out on top. That is as it should be. There is no use in sitting down and "moping" over bad conditions. The thing to do is to get busy at something and forget our troubles. For genuine resourcefulness commend us to

the Houston county farmer. He is the "boy with the grit."

As the end of the year approaches the Courier is filled with a feeling of gratefulness toward its subscribers, advertisers and other patrons. Often when a man feels strongly, he finds it most difficult to express himself. It is so with the Courier. In all the years that we have been in business in Crockett, we have never before received such friendly commendation as has come to us during the year about to close. From every section of Houston county this spirit of goodwill has been freely extended until the Courier

has come to look upon all its subscribers and other patrons as real "good old friends." Please accept this simple expression of gratitude.

Among our subscribers calling to renew or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last issue are the following:
M. N. Schmidt, Crockett.
Miss Lola Janes, Crockett.
Mrs. B. F. Mansell, Dallas.
R. F. Hall, Crockett Rt. A.
R. D. Wherry, Oakwood.
T. G. Adams, Lovelady Rt. 1.
Frank Farek, Crockett Rt. A.
J. A. O'Neil (col.), Fordice.

SHOP EARLY!

The Christmas Store

1920

Aged and Young

FIND GREAT DELIGHT IN OUR SPLENDID
LINE OF ALL KINDS OF

Gifts for Christmas

We have put forth our every energy in an effort to make this splendid stock of gifts for Christmas the best we have ever offered to the public, and we believe we have succeeded.

Certainly any wish or whim can be gratified, if it is anywhere within the bounds of reason.

We have gifts that are useful, that are ornamental, and those that are a happy combination of both. They can not help but satisfy and please you.

We strongly urge you to inspect this stock, because we know the many advantages of making your selections therefrom.

Our Toys for Children

Make Santa Claus Smile

Bring the children in. They go delirious with delight when they see our great display of Christmas toys and other gifts. Nothing to equal them ever here before.

No matter how much or how little you want to spend, we have an article to meet your requirements—something that will bring exquisite joy to the heart of the little one.

YOU TOO—that gift you want for your adult relative or friend can best be selected at this store. Our gifts for Christmas have been selected with a definite object in view—that of supplying you with an article that is really appropriate to the Yuletide season, and yet one that will be genuinely appreciated by the recipient.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN

The Christmas Store

RAILROAD COMPANY MAY ABANDON LINE

Commission Rules Service May
Be Suspended Between
Texas Points.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Eastern Texas Railroad Company will be permitted under an order made by the interstate commerce commission to abandon its line between Lufkin and Kennard — through Angelina, Trinity and Houston counties—issued today under terms of the transportation law. The action was taken after the legislature of Texas had refused the company permission to abandon and the filing of a suit by the state of Texas testing the constitutionality of the federal law in this respect. During the hearing here last summer the state was not represented.

The commission's order is effective providing the railroad company shall first offer all of the property now owned by it for sale, free of encumbrances, for the sum of \$50,000 to the communities through which it operates, a condition of such purchase being that the purchasers shall continue the operation of the line.

The railroad was to have been extended to Crockett, Texas. About 70 per cent of the traffic is lumber, and the reports show its revenues have been far less than its operating expenses. The commission certified that the present public convenience and necessity permitted of abandonment of the property.

"Work and Save" Is Advice of
Corporation Official.

New York, Dec. 11.—Existing slumps in business is only the natural transition of industries returning to a normal basis from

the speeding up of production made necessary by the war, declared Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in an address here tonight at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society.

"I want to go on record here," said Mr. Schwab, "as saying nothing could be healthier for American business than the very condition through which we are now passing. The severer the storm now, the quicker it will be over and the sooner we can emerge into clear weather and shape our course upon the sea of prosperity."

Commenting upon the status of unemployed laborers, Mr. Schwab stated that "the great need of the world today is to work hard and save."

This, he said, applied to men of means as well as working men. The man who fails to work was characterized as a "slacker" who "deserves no place among honorable men."

The foreign trade of the United States depends upon the power of business men to think "internationally," Mr. Schwab said, in advocating the plan of trusting in the good faith and productive power of Europe by sending raw materials and accepting in payment securities representing their producing activities.

He declared efficient production was the only guarantee of employment and higher wages.

"Never in our life time," said the speaker, "have the shelves of the world been so bare. At the moment, our export trade hangs by a slender thread. We are rapidly getting into a position where the whole world owes us money and yet can not pay it."

A recently patented treasure belt to be worn under the clothing is suspended from the shoulders by straps in such a position that it will not bend articles in its pockets.

CONVENES FOR SHORT SESSION

Appropriation Estimates In All
Aggregate Sum of
\$4,653,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions, which were attended by great crowds, and marked by an address in the senate by President-elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

The features of the opening of the third and final session of the sixty-sixth congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates, aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the house of an unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow, in accordance with the custom of limiting the first day to formal convocation.

The principal business of today's session was to arrange for receipt tomorrow of President Wilson's opening message. A joint committee called upon the president at the White House and the latter told them he would have "a communication" tomorrow.

The senate was in session twenty-five minutes and the house just twice as long.

New members elected last November to fill vacancies were sworn in and adjournment taken until noon tomorrow, when both bodies plan, after receiving the president's message, to proceed to work.

Try Courier advertisers.

Cotton Prices Will Go Up by
March, Says New Yorker.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 8.—When England and American mills have disposed of the surplus raw materials now on hand a revival of the cotton market will result and an increase in business activities will follow in the South and Southwest, in the opinion of Albert Hopkins, assistant secretary of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, representative in the Dallas and Kansas City federal reserve districts.

"Business conditions resulting

from the cotton situation are now at their lowest and will improve in the spring," said Mr. Hopkins. "Cotton is going up in price by March and will not get any lower. The surplus material on hand must be disposed of and the market must become active before any relief may be expected. I find the bankers and business men very hopeful in this section and they are facing the situation in the best possible manner."

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

A Good Christmas Dinner

IS PRODUCED ONLY
FROM GOOD FOOD

Every one knows that we sell groceries and foodstuffs that rank at the very pinnacle of excellence. You can not do better than to buy the ingredients for that Christmas dinner from us.

Produce your produce and we'll produce our cash. Sell to us and get the benefit of highest prices, prompt pay and no worry.

CROCKETT BAKERY

The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from Courier Building

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 10c per line.

Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bills.

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

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

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Over the world, with outspread wings,
The Spirit of Christmas broods and sings
Of happy, hopeful, helpful things
All for you and me:
Charity, wide and deep and high,
Love, that reaches from earth to sky,
Peace, that close to the heart doth lie—
All these gifts are free.

CHRISTMAS TIMES.

Christmas times in Georgy!
know it by the way
The little boy is talkin' 'bout the toys every day;
Fer he's seen 'em in the winders wher' his mother walked along,
An' "What you goin' to buy me?" is his everlastin' song!
Christmas times in Georgy! jest as sure as fate;
Know it by the little girls that hang aroun' the gate,
Waitin' with a kiss fer me when evenin' comes along;
An' "What you going' to buy me?" is their everlastin' song!
Christmas times in Georgy!
Pears to me that they
Are in a powerful hurry for to 'mind you o' the day;
As if the old-time fellers that's lived so mighty long
Didn't know the time o' Christmas 'thout that everlastin' song!
But—thank the Lord, there's some one in the homes aroun' us yit
To kiss us all fer Christmas so's we never kin forgit!
An' thank the Lord fer little ones that think the time is long
An' make us young forever with the music o' that song!
—Atlanta Constitution.

THE PRINTING BUSINESS.

As prices of some commodities have declined of late, and some other drops are expected, the impression has gone abroad that everything is coming down to the old level. This is far from the fact. The future undoubtedly will see advances as well as declines, for this is a period of readjustment in which fair prices will be sought, rather than of general reduction.

In the printing trade there are no signs of any reduction, and the old level will not be restored either in cities or small towns. The production of nearly all kinds of paper is behind the demand now, and the trade estimates that consumption is five pounds for every four pounds manufactured in the United States. No increase in the supply from imports seems probable for several years. Latest price lists quote the highest figures ever known, which generally are 300 per cent of the pre-war prices.

The logic of the situation requires that prices in the country towns be maintained permanently above the old time level, for the preservation of the business. Some twenty years ago the printing trade in both cities

and towns—excluding from consideration the metropolitan newspapers—was in a most deplorable condition. Only a few concerns with special advantages of some kind were earning interest on their investment. It was nip and tuck with them to keep alive.

In the country towns the situation was even worse. Do you remember the numerous jokes about the country editor? How he had to take wood, potatoes, butter, turnips or any other produce in payment of his bills? Those jokes were realities for the man in the business, and his compensation was the lowest and the most precarious of any in the county. He occupied a small shack for shop and office, lived in a rented cottage, had to scrape and beg to get cash to pay wholesale bills and when he died a lodge buried him.

At the same time the merchant sold his wares for cash, the banker collected his interest, the lawyer received his fees and all of them lived in the big houses of the town. They had their vacations and went to the mountains or the seashore, and their children finished high school and proceeded off to college. The farmers built larger barns and modern houses and bought the latest and most expensive machinery. And not one of the men of these classes put in as many hours a year of hard, exacting, nerve consuming work as did the conscientious country editor doing a comparatively large business in his line.

Some twenty years ago the printers in the large cities found a way out of their distress through the establishment of cost systems and the formation of associations which raised prices to the point where the business could live and prosper. In the small towns practically nothing was done to improve conditions until it was forced by the war. It was a case of meet the facts or quit, and those who have stayed in the business have put up prices and now believe they are entitled to maintain them at a level where they will not fall into the old poverty.—Record-Chieftain, Enterprise, Oregon.

A REAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

The holiday season with its joys and its problems is upon us. What shall we do to add to the happiness of the occasion? Each one of us would like not only to wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but to give them one. We cannot do this by means of ill-considered presents. Thoughtless gifts cause the January ash can to bulge with debris. Only when our gifts have lasting meaning do they carry the true message of good-will which is the spirit of real giving.

We can give happiness and contentment and safety for the future as well as pleasure for the moment. Such gifts are within reach of all. They are to be found in the savings securities of the United States government. From the 25 cent thrift stamp to the \$1000 treasury savings certificate, they will carry with them not only the greetings of the season, but happiness for years to come. In presenting the child a card with one thrift stamp affixed, you bestow not only a present but a habit which will grow in value as the days pass, for he will wish to fill the card. That little gift will have grown wonderfully before another Christmas comes around, and the recipient will be on the way to a life of independence.

In recommending these lasting gifts, the Courier does not suggest that a single American curtail his Christmas giving. It suggests only that he broaden it to include this present which will bring future well-being to those he loves.

Thrift stamps, savings stamps and treasury savings certificates will be on sale throughout the year 1921. In continuing the sale of government savings securities, the government is giv-

ing the opportunity to every man, woman and child in the land through the coming year to enjoy the happiness, prosperity and contentment which is found in financial independence and security for the future.

Origin of Quaint Traditions of the Yuletide.

The holiday season recalls quaint ideas and Christmas fancies of old, even back to the ancient days of the Druids—a time when the mistletoe sprig, as a potent mascot, was presented as an omen of good fortune, as a symbol of health, wealth and prosperity, and in those days long ago the house that sported a branch of mistletoe at Christmas would never be unlucky.

It is from the Druids that the custom of decorating our churches and homes with evergreens comes, for they believed that all the sylvan sprites flocked together on these boughs, there to remain until the warm weather came. In midwinter the Druids sent around sprigs of ivy and mistletoe to remind the people to decorate their dwellings with evergreens, in order to propitiate the sylvan sprites and secure protection from frosts and wintry blasts. Holly berries long have been considered as giving wonderful power when worn in the shape of a wreath, which must be made and worn in imitation of a sacred crown of thorns and of berries, and the wearer of this crown must go alone at midnight on Christmas and sit in the dark, and, in accordance with that ancient tradition, when worn on Christmas eve the holly wreath will evoke visions of spirit forms coming in the air to sing their Noel songs, and all the beasts will be

seen to kneel down in worship.

The Yule cake and Yule log, too, have their important part in this ancient Saxon tradition for the Christmas festival season. The cake had the same powers as the bride cake has on Christmas night. The Yule log was used to light the Christmas fire the next year because it preserved the house from fire during the year and subdued the spirit of the flames. Its powers were bestowed in the days of the Druids, when the belting fires were lighted and the brands secured from the fire to light the fire the next year. The ancient Saxons burned the Yule log as a symbol of the turning of the sun toward spring.

Even the moon contributed its share to Christmas superstitions, for, as the legend runs, if Christmas comes during the waning of the moon we shall have a very good year, and the nearer to the full moon the better.

Holland, perhaps, has the prettiest custom of all nations for the Christmas festival. On the night before Christmas in commemoration of the star of the east, the young men of their towns assemble and carry through the dark streets a large, bright star; all the people go out to greet and give to the bearers of this "star of Bethlehem," as it is called, alms for the poor.

Seven days before their New Year, the Chinese worship the Kitchen God by preparing dishes of candy and various sweets with which they smear his mouth. Later they burn him amid the firing off of crackers, the deity being sent up in a chariot of smoke and fire to a conference with the king of the celestial regions. The idea of smearing his mouth with sweets is that he

may not say anything but honeyed words, or that his lips may stick together and so prevent his talking too much.

The Kitchen God, according to story, had been ill treated by his brother and sister-in-law, who were very rich and had many servants, but allowed their brother to work with the servants and have dinner with them. Their cruelty developed day after day, until at last they treated him heavenly by seating him in a sedan chair made of paper.

The creation of giving gifts at Christmas came, not from presents of gold and silver given to the Christ child, as many believe, but from an old custom of priests putting on board of all outgoing ships a box of alms. This box was opened at Christmas time and masses said for the givers of the alms, and was called "Christ mass" box, and from this has come our custom of Christmas boxes and gift giving.

Lined with leather a metal tube has been invented for rolling umbrellas tightly and neatly.

WANTED!

To lease One Thousand acres—ten and twenty years commercial leases. Will pay fifty cents and one dollar per acre respectively. If interested give full descriptions and we will send you details.

Virginia Company, Inc.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.



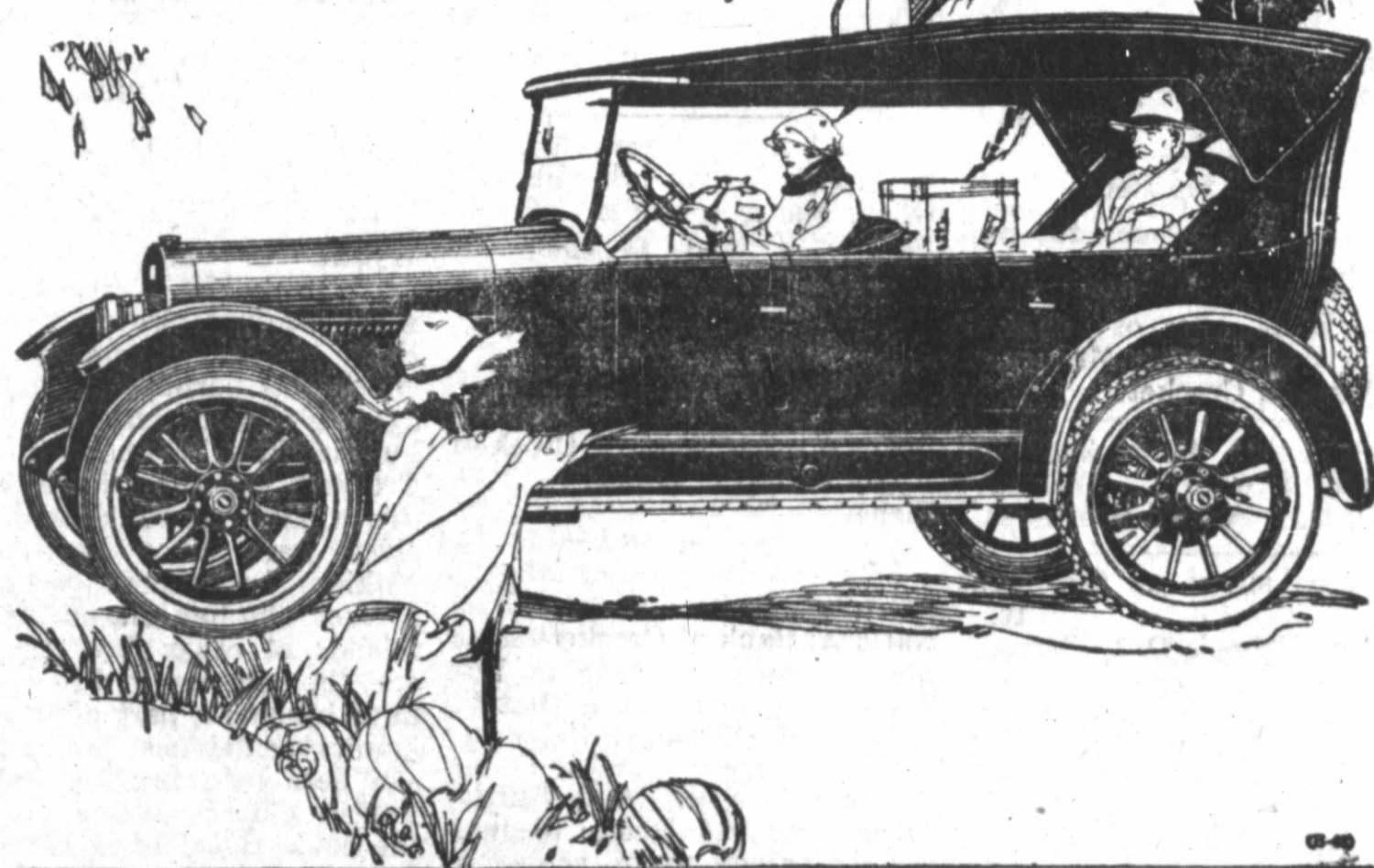
BUICK



BUICK capacity for hard work is strikingly combined with graceful body lines and fine appointments in the new Buick Nineteen Twenty One cars.

Because of its roomy capacity the new Buick Seven Passenger Open Car is the choice of business men and their families.

Authorized Buick Service everywhere reinforces Buick reliability.



EAST TEXAS MOTOR COMPANY

Crockett, Texas

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Ernest Clark is here from Mineral Wells.

Mr. and V. B. Tunstall announce the arrival of a son.

Why pay more for your ivory when Bishop has it for less? 1t.

Mrs. Hail is offering all millinery at half and less than half price. 1t.

25 per cent off on all jewelry at Dickson's Jewelry & Optical Store. 1t.

Good things for your Christmas cooking at Johnson Arledge's. 1t.

Just what you are looking for in jewelry at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. 1t.

Wrist watches from \$12.50 to \$35.00 at Dickson's Jewelry & Optical Store. 1t.

Suitable gifts for men, embracing many new novelties, at Millar & Berry's. 1t.

Rooms for Rent.

Two or three rooms for rent by Mrs. Chas. Foster. 1t*.

Mrs. Billie Allee of Lovelady is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. M. Monzingo, in Crockett.

Boys, boys! Come here and get your fireworks. We have them. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Sterling silver at the right price. 1t. W. P. Bishop's Drug Store.

In order to close out before Christmas Mrs. Hail is almost giving away hats. Come and get yours. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Monday of Lovelady were in Crockett Sunday afternoon to meet their daughter, Mrs. Bruner Smith of Longview, who will remain with her parents until after the holidays.

Miss Hazel Long of Kingston, Ohio, has arrived to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. S. L. Murchison.

Christmas flowers for the holidays—place your order early with W. P. Bishop, the druggist, if you want service. 1t.

Real Estate and Loans.

See C. W. Jones, Crockett, Texas, office over Smith-Murchison Hardware Company. tf.

Over one thousand people have saved money on their prescriptions at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store. Why not you?

Buy your fire works while you can get them. I have a nice assortment. 1t. Johnson Arledge.

Mrs. N. L. Asher arrived Friday afternoon from St. Louis, to which place she was called by the accidental death of a brother.

Miss Cecile Gibbs, the attractive visitor of Miss Clarite Elliott last week, returned Friday afternoon to her home in Huntsville.

Miss Lucia Painter will arrive Saturday from Stephenville, where she is a student of John Tarleton College, to spend the holiday season at home.

Tenants Wanted.

Several renters wanted to work acreage of the J. C. Clinton farm, 4 miles west of Crockett. Apply to Mike Younas or H. A. Fisher. 2t.

Murdoch Murchison, who resigned his position with the First National Bank of Crockett to accept a similar position at Lufkin, is now with the Ratcliff State Bank as cashier.

Misses Nodelle and Shirley Jordan reached home Wednesday afternoon from school at Hollins, Va. Nodelle brings home the honor of having been elected president of the senior college class.

Just Received.

One car of wire and nails, doors and windows—in fact all kinds of building material. Call and see us. 1t. Smith-Murchison Hardware Company.

Christmas Tree.

The Courier is asked to announce that a Christmas tree, program and box supper will be given at Cooper School House, six miles west of Crockett, Thursday night, December 23. A good time is anticipated.

First Methodist Church.

Preaching last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Maness. Services well attended. Subject next Sunday at 11 a. m., "Greatest Thing in the World." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Come on time. Preaching at 7 p. m. Public cordially invited.

Plants for Sale.

Choice frost-proof cabbage plants—Early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid, prompt shipment. One hundred, 35 cents; three hundred, \$1.00.

Jesse Barnes, 4t. Trinity, Texas.

Cheap Lumber.

We have a considerable stock of distressed lumber on hand suitable for fence, bridge, barn and farm house construction that we will sell below the market price, retail or wholesale. If interested see or write us at Crockett, Texas. 3t. Arnold Bros., Merchants.

Spirit of the Season.

Some of the young men of Crockett are arranging for a Christmas dance to be held during the holiday season while the young people are home from college, which is in keeping with the holiday custom and spirit. These events are held twice a year, the other season being when the schools are out in June.

Christmas Shopping.

Christmas shopping this year has an added charm—the charm of bargain hunting—for there is nothing more alluring to a shopper than a bargain. Crockett stores are filled with bargains, as proclaimed by Courier advertisements. The merchandise display of 1920 in Crockett bids fair to eclipse that of recent years, a shopper tells the Courier. Every mercantile establishment has a wide assortment. Whether it be a "dress or a gown, a book or a clown," there's Christmas joy for every one. And the good things are not confined alone to articles which adorn, but the choicest assortments of eats, which make the major portion of a merry Christmas, are mentioned in Courier advertisements.

Mrs. Henrietta Wynne.

Mrs. Henrietta Wynne, a lifetime resident of Crockett, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb, in this city Thursday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock. Mrs. Wynne was 65 years of age and was the widow of George W. Wynne, a prominent member of the east Texas bar during his life time. Early in life Henrietta Lipscomb was united in marriage to George Wynne of Huntsville. They lived for awhile in Crockett, but were residing elsewhere at the time of Mr. Wynne's death, which was perhaps thirty years ago. Following the loss of her husband Mrs. Wynne returned to Crockett and the friends of her youth, and has continuously resided here since her return. Making her home with her mother, she has shared with her friends of other days the joys and the sorrows of life as they have become a part of the community's existence. Early in life she became a member of the Baptist church and has ever led the consecrated life of the true Christian. Funeral services were held at the family resi-

Christmas Dainties

What would Christmas be without the goodies that Mother provides to gladden the hearts of the little ones, and the grown-ups, too.

There are fruit cakes, and pies and doughnuts to make; the cookie jar to fill, and heaps of delicious things that are a real necessity at Christmas time.

For the Christmas dinner, we are abundantly prepared with a splendid assortment of fresh, delicious things for your early choosing.

Apples, oranges, candies in bulk and nuts of all kinds. See us before buying.

C. L. Manning & Company

Groceries and Feed

No. 971
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers Guaranty State Bank
at Kennard,

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of November, 1920, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 16th day of December, 1920.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$30,295.08
Loans, real estate.....	2,600.00
Overdrafts.....	1,177.41
Bonds and Stocks.....	2,800.00
Real Estate (banking house).....	1,750.00
Other Real Estate.....	966.70
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,130.72
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	4,390.81
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	648.53
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	60.08
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange.....	11,590.64
Other Resources.....	653.66
Total.....	\$58,063.63


LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	2,910.42
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net.....	6,389.57
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	31,814.08
Cashier's Checks.....	449.56
Bills Payable and Discounts.....	5,000.00
Total.....	\$58,063.63

State of Texas, County of Houston. We, T. M. Sherman, as president, and Dan P. Craddock, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. M. SHERMAN, President.
DAN P. CRADDOCK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, A. D. 1920.
(Seal) G. C. DUREN,
Notary Public Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
G. C. DUREN,
R. L. BARCLAY,
T. J. DUREN,
Directors.



Holiday Helps

Christmas Reminders

Articles that you need, and that you will find correctly priced at this store. Appropriate for men, women and children.

Watches, Clocks, Diamond Rings, Diamond Lavaliers, Diamond Brooches, Diamond Pins, Emblem Rings, Signet Rings, Birthstone Rings, Band Rings, Tie Clasps, Chatelaine Pins, Friendship Pins, Veil Pins, Cuff Pins, Combs, Barrettes, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Cut Glass.

We have hundreds of other useful and ornamental articles, suitable for all ages and both sexes. Don't hesitate to come in and look them over. One of our best means of advertising is to show our goods and quote prices.

Jno. F. Baker

The Rexall Store

SAINT NICK'S HEADQUARTERS

1920

We have good news for Christmas shoppers. The era of extravagance is over. That of economical buying is here. We are prepared to meet it if you desire to take advantage of it—and we know you do. As a general store we can supply the Christmas needs of the whole family under one roof, thereby making economical buying an established fact.

Our Christmas stock is so large, so varied, and of such a surprising degree of excellence that we can not possibly do justice to it in this advertisement. We are depending upon you to consider your financial interests by looking over our goods before making your selection. That is all any merchant can reasonably ask. Your own good judgment will guide you thereafter. We know the value of our stock so well we are confident your decision will be in our favor.

James S. Shivers

Crockett's Greatest Store.

The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from Courier Building

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

Senator Capper points to the failure of twenty or more banks in North Dakota as proof that the agricultural industry is in grievous plight. It may prove that; but what it more signally proves is that it is unwise to run banks according to the laws of politics instead of according to the laws of banking. Those banks used the money of their depositors and lent it to the farmers who wanted to hold their wheat rather than sell it when it was bringing something like \$2 a bushel, the politicians having told them that they would allow the grain gamblers to rob them if they sold it at the prices then prevailing. The more the price of wheat declined the more the banks lent, taking elevator tickets in exchange for the currency they gave out. They did this to the extent that when the depositors called for the money they had put into them the banks had nothing to offer them but elevator tickets calling for the delivery of wheat. All the wheat which each ticket called for was in the elevator and was to be had on presentation of the ticket, but meantime it had lost nearly half the market price it had when put in. The depositors could not indemnify themselves by taking elevator tickets in place of the money they had put into the banks, and so they complained and closed up the banks. The predicament of the North Dakota farmers is not so bad as that of the men whose money they got through the complaisance of the banks. They did succeed in converting their wheat into cash, and at prices higher than those which prevail now. It is the depositors who hold the sack. A system of political banking has made them unwilling purchasers of the farmers' wheat at higher prices than any one else would give for it, and at higher prices than they can get for it.—Galveston News.

Warning Against Fires at Christmas Is Issued.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—Warning against fires during the Christmas holiday season has been issued by State Fire Marshal A. P. Woodriddle. The warning, which appears under the head of "Care at Christmas Time," is printed in colors. It is being distributed throughout the state. The warning reads as follows:

At Christmas time many peo-

ple are so engrossed with the idea of entertainment and amusement for their children that they are forgetful of the dangers that accompany these entertainments.

Picture the family reunion—gathered around the annual Christmas tree—children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and all. The tree with its many decorations, its lighting effects, its imitation snow, tinsel, the presents for all—and Santa Claus with his white locks and flowing beard, when suddenly a flash, and the fiend—fire appears. Someone has been careless and the accident occurs. Some little fellow hopelessly scarred for life, or maybe the loss of life. That happy scene is changed without warning to one of sorrow, misery and despair. There is a Christmas, the horror of which is forever burned into the memory and hearts of those who but a short time before were so gay and carefree. A family reunion that will never be forgotten. But always the darkness of death or accident in the ascendant. The family with a home gone, a loved one burned, that scene that began so happily changed in a moment to one of horror and distress.

Lighted candles, on trees in connection with paper tinsel and celluloid decorations, the same on electric lights or light wires, dried holly or mistletoe on gas light or electric light fixtures and their wires, any of these might be the cause of the above picture.

Another picture: The little fellows, a gladsome lot, have received their Christmas fireworks; the younger ones their sparklers. The other children crackers, rockets and roman candles. They are allowed to go forth to the firing of these fireworks unaccompanied by an adult, unsupervised, play with powerful destructive agents—destructive to both life and property.

The baby fires a sparkler; he can not go out with the older children, it being cold weather. The falling sparks fall into combustible material and the flames destroy the home with all its contents.

Possibly the other children, one of whom is more bold and daring than the rest, holds a lighted cracker in his hand, the explosion occurs, he is horribly burned about the hands and face, his features are marred for life. Possibly a teasing brother has lighted a roman candle and pointed it at his sister. The ball of fire strikes her dress, which ignites, and before the father— attracted by the screams of the children—can reach the scene, his daughter is severely if not

fatally burned.

Again the rocket may have fallen on the shingle roof of the neighbor's home, and the poor widow loses her home, all that she has, in fire, the origin of which was through no carelessness of her own, but of that of her neighbor in not directing the play of his children with their dangerous toys and amusement devices.

These Christmas time pleasure and programs may be so arranged as to preclude the possibility of any of those tragedies occurring in the home. Proper super-

vision of the children and their fireworks and a little care in preparing the decorations will accomplish this result.

The state fire marshal requests that all people throughout the state of Texas bear these facts in mind in preparing their Yuletide festivities. To that end he extends heartiest greetings and good cheer to all throughout the state, praying that not a single calamity of the kind pictured above may be the part of any resident of this great state. To that extent he asks your co-operation.

Some Postscripts.

France produced 152,332 metric tons of refined sugar this year as compared with 107,841 metric tons in the 1919 season.

Two amplifying chambers instead of the usual one feature a new phonograph for rooms where a large volume of sound is desired.

For motor truck owners a crane mounted on casters has been invented for removing and replacing the wheels of the heavy vehicles.



For Appropriate Christmas Gifts

These Will be Appreciated

Women of today are discriminating in their tastes. They are alive to the dictates of fashion and are keen at appraising the value of an article.

The selection of a present requires good judgment, if one would avoid giving the wrong thing.

Our gift articles for Christmas are appropriate. You can not make a mistake in giving them to your relative or to your intimate friend.

Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Traveling Sets, Perfumes, Dolls, Toys, Books, Bibles, Smoking Sets, Electrical Appliances, Cut Glass, Stationery.

You will find it beneficial to take advantage of this beautiful weather and do your shopping early—avoid the rush and broken stock.

Crockett Drug Company

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE