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COST OF BONUS FOR SOLDIERS

Houston Advises Against Additional Financial Burden.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,300,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury department as the cost of carrying out provisions of the soldiers' bonus bill.

The secretary presented his estimate to the senate finance committee and urged that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's finances.

The estimate was accompanied by figures showing the cost of carrying out any one of the five optional provisions of the bonus bill provided all former service men chose a single plan. The figures for the various plans ranged from \$1,342,000,000 for the adjusted pay provision to \$4,534,000,000 for the insurance provision. The maximum possible cost of the vocational training aid and the farm and home development plans were placed at \$1,880,000,000 each, while the secretary said the fifth provision, a plan for the land settlement held so many uncertainties that it was impossible to estimate the possible expenditure.

Submissions of the estimated total cost made an apparent impression upon members of the committee which is considering the bonus bill as passed by the house at the last session. Members declined to forecast the decision of the committee on the question of reporting out the measure, but it was recalled that Senator McCumber, republican of North Dakota, stated at the opening of the hearings on the bill that its passage would depend largely on the state of government finances, and that Mr. Houston had testified the treasury, with normal expenditures would have a deficit of 2,100,000,000 for the year ending next June 30 and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the following twelve months.

During Mr. Houston's testimony, it became increasingly evident that the treasury administration does not desire either to advise or recommend with respect to legislation providing for greater government expenditures. The secretary made plain to the committee his thought in submitting a list of possible sources of new taxes in his annual report saying they were for the information of congress and were in no sense more than suggestions.

Reiterating his opposition to revival of the War Finance Corporation, Mr. Houston declared present sources of revenue were fast declining and that he knew not where the money was to come from to meet the bonus payment, should the bill be enacted into law.

A New York inventor's wooden lemon squeezer works horizontally instead of vertically to afford equal pressure with both hands.

Railroad Company Files Suit Against Commission.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—Suit has been filed in the United States district court here by the Eastern Texas Railroad Company for an order of injunction to restrain the attorney general of Texas and the Texas railroad

commission from commencing any suit or doing any act that would prevent the railroad company from abandoning the operation of its line extending from Lufkin, Angelina County, to Kennard, Houston County, a distance of thirty miles. The attorney general and the railroad commissioners were notified today by the court to make answer within twenty days.

The interstate commerce commission recently issued an order following hearing, authorizing the Eastern Texas Railroad Company to abandon the operation of its line and to take up, dismantle and remove any part or all of the property of the company, provided that the company should first offer all of the property now owned by it for sale for a sum not to exceed \$50,000, on condition that the purchaser should continue the operation of the line.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

This week the Courier has a long list of subscribers who did not let the sun go down on the old year without their renewal. The last days of the old year witnessed the renewal of the following subscriptions. These subscribers will please accept our thanks and our best wishes of the season:

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5 Great Plagues Afflict World, Pope Benedict Says.

Rome, Dec. 25.—"The world is afflicted today by five great plagues," said Pope Benedict in replying Saturday to the greetings of the sacred college.

The pope enumerated these as the negation of authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, disgust for work and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life. These evils can only be overcome with the aid of the gospel, said the pope.

EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL IS REFERRED

Democratic Forces Split, Five Voting With the Republicans.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Indications of the fight ahead over tariff legislation were given in the senate today when several hours' spirited debate and two roll calls were required to effect the routine action of referring to the finance committee the emergency tariff bill passed last week by the house.

Democratic forces split in the opening clash, five minority members voting with the solid republican strength in defeat of a motion by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting democratic leader, to refer the house bill to the commerce committee instead of the finance committee. The senate then voted unanimously to send the bill to the finance committee.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, acting chairman of the finance committee, announced during the debate that the bill would be taken up in committee early next month and given "fair and adequate consideration."

The house bill was denounced as an "embargo bill" and suicidal by Senator Hitchcock, who charged that senate machinery was set to rush it through. American commerce should be aided, he contended, and not hampered by tariff barriers.

Senator McCumber denied that the bill proposed embargo, and was supported by Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah. The North Dakota senator declared the measure gave practically no protection to wheat, and said he would not support the bill as drafted.

Senator Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, assailed the bill as "the most iniquitous piece of legislation the country has ever seen."

The tariff measure was designed to enhance living costs, Senator Harrison asserted, adding that the bill was a "sop" to Western farmers and would not aid them.

THE VAUABLE NEWSPAPER.

A town's biggest asset is its newspaper, providing of course, the newspaper has the interest of the town at heart. The true value of this is very often underrated by careless and unobservant persons. A live paper can do more to boost and advertise a town than any other force in it. Its importance is obvious.

A "dead" paper is a hindrance to any town. A town is judged by the way it is reflected through the columns of its newspaper. A commendable publication in a town draws the attention of outsiders, maintains interest in home industry and goes out heralding the news that its town is the best.

There are many things that go to make up a good newspaper. It is not only the source of news and information, but it acts as a medium for the business houses and their customers. By reading its columns of advertisements the shopper is informed of bargains that would otherwise escape notice. It renders the merchant a service by bringing his goods before the people's notice. This double service, carried on through the advertising

columns, is the biggest feature of the modern paper.

There is quality in advertising. The publication that strives to make the ads attractive will get the advertiser the best results. No one cares to read an ad that is not pleasing to the eye. The modern and up-to-date paper specializes on the arrangement and makeup of its ads to make them attractive and appealing to the reading public. This works for better general results, pleasing both the readers and the advertisers.

The home paper is always the best, as it comes in closer touch with the problems and life of your community. Its interests are your interests and it is desirous of the betterment of all local things. Watch the paper that boosts the home industries, schools, churches, etc., and lend it your support.—Cameron Enterprise.

TEXAS LEADS IN OIL PRODUCTION

State's Position Advances From Third to First In November.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Texas led all other states in oil production for November, when it brought in 4,489,000 barrels, which was an increase of more than 200,000 barrels compared with October. The Texas production advanced from third to first place, surpassing both Oklahoma and California, according to a statement from the United States geological survey. The daily rate of production of petroleum in the United States continued to increase during November, and attained the record of 1,303,000 barrels, making a total for the month of 39,090,000 barrels, almost 7,000,000 barrels more than in November, 1919.

Imports during November also reached the highest mark yet attained, amounting to 13,750,199 barrels, an increase of more than 2,000,000 barrels over November a year ago.

Consumption, however, did not keep pace with the increase in petroleum available. Instead there was a slight decrease in total consumption of crude oil as compared with October, and stocks were increased more than 3,000,000 barrels.

Some Postscripts.

French absinthe is being converted into ingredients for explosives at a distillery that also makes alcohol from beets.

For use in small kitchens a refrigerator has been patented with a top that serves a table and is removable for cleaning.

Dutch interests will establish a factory in the Dutch East Indies for the manufacture of writing paper from rice straw.

The curved ends of a new automobile bumper can be drawn out and locked around the front wheels of a car to prevent theft.

An increase in the production of potatoes in Rumania will lead to their use for the manufacture of starch, syrup and sugar.

A signal invented by a Massachusetts man carries a pointed star to indicate that danger exists above, below or to one side of it.

Experimenters in France have found that coal thought too rich in volatile matter for cooking can be used by subjecting it to predistillation at a certain temperature.

'MARSE HENRY' IN GALVESTON

Famous Kentuckian Arrives Unannounced for Brief Period of Rest.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 27.—Colonel Henry Watterson, dean of American journalists, whose editorial pen has left its indelible mark on the past half century of American journalism and politics, arrived unannounced in Galveston Monday morning for a few days' rest after the holidays. Colonel Watterson is accompanied by a family party consisting of his wife, a nurse, and Mrs. W. A. Miller and children. According to Mrs. Watterson, the distinguished journalist is merely in this city to recuperate from a strenuous holiday season.

Colonel Watterson, known to the world of American politics and journalism as "Marse Henry," is the editor emeritus of the Louisville Courier-Journal, the Kentucky journal whose editorial column played a dominant part in making and unmaking administrations for the past five decades.

Colonel Watterson retired from active newspaper making several years ago when his separation from the Courier-Journal was announced. Since his retirement from the editorial sanctum he has devoted much of his time to writing his reminiscences. The Saturday Evening Post a few months back published a series of personal memoirs written by the Kentucky editor entitled "Looking Backward."

Colonel Watterson belongs to that old school of American journalism usually referred to as the period of personal journalism, which included such dominant figures as Horace Greeley, Charles A. Dana, James Gordon Bennett and Joseph Pulitzer. During his many years' control of the Courier-Journal his scathing editorial comments were considered the most forceful in the country.

Mason-Shotts Wedding Solemnized.

One of the prettiest weddings of the past week was that of Miss Frances Edwina Mason and Edward Shotts Jr., both of this city, Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock. The home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. W. Mason, 1604 West Magnolia avenue, had gathered a wealth of early sunlight which crowned a setting of smilax and white chrysanthemums amid which these young hearts were made one by the impressive ceremony as spoken by the bride's pastor, Dr. C. V. Edwards, in the presence of a few relatives and close friends. Miss Sara Mack Crook of Crockett, Texas, sang the pre-nuptial solo, "At Dawn;" Mrs. Russell White, accompanist, also played the wedding march from Mendelssohn. Mrs. Leon Anderson, Paris, presided over the wedding book. The bride was becomingly gowned in a traveling suit of midnight blue cloth with corsage bouquet of white roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Shotts left immediately after the ceremony for New Orleans and points on the southern coast.—Fort Worth Record.

Italians have perfected a process for making an edible oil that also can be used in soap and as an illuminant from grape seeds.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Hunter Warfield of Galveston was here Christmas week.

Frank Craddock of San Antonio was here this week.

John LeGory was a business visitor in Beaumont last week.

J. L. Sherman made a business trip to Houston last week.

Dock Jones spent Christmas with his mother in Madisonville.

Hunter Warfield was here from Galveston Christmas week.

For Rent—A five-room cottage. Apply to Aldrich & Crook, tf.

Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Dickson announce the arrival of a daughter.

Miss Marian Dupree spent Christmas with her parents in Rusk.

W. E. Earnest took Christmas with relatives and friends in Dallas.

Miss Sara Mac Crook returned last week from a visit to Fort Worth.

Tom Aiken was a visitor at Henderson from Friday until Sunday.

B. F. Thomas spent his holiday vacation with a sister at Mt. Pleasant.

Henry Adams was at home from Texas University for the holidays.

Miss Anna Bell Garrett of Marshall is visiting friends in Crockett.

Mrs. Luther Lively visited relatives near Grapeland Christmas week.

Frank Chamberlain of Dallas took Christmas with his parents in Crockett.

Mrs. P. R. Denman of Houston is visiting relatives and friends in Crockett.

Mrs. Pat Neff of Waco was a Christmas visitor with relatives in Lovelady.

Miss Edyth Harvey of Houston visited relatives near Crockett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinson Lundy of Houston were here for the holiday season.

Judge and Mrs. A. A. Aldrich visited their son, Oliver, at San Juan Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray of Porter Springs visited relatives in Beaumont Christmas.

Jehu Goolsby of Galveston visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Miss Anna Laura Davis of Dallas visited her sister, Mrs. G. O. Dickson, this week.

Miss Tressie Jones of Grapeland is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones.

T. F. Smith returned Sunday to Jonesville, where he is employed by Smith Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Daniel of Longview were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean.

Miss Marcialet Hall of Amarillo spent the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Deal.

Downes Foster of Houston and Frank Foster of Trinity, were here for the Christmas dinner.

Miss Estelle Dear, teaching at Augusta, spent the holiday season with her parents in Crockett.

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Mrs. Dan Julian of Denison visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Millar, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain and children of Kennard visited relatives in Crockett last week.

Phillip Moore, attending college in New Orleans, was at home for the Christmas vacation.

Elbert Betts of Burkburnett visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Betts, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beck of Fort Worth were guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Dickson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Foster and children of Louisiana visited relatives here Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bayne of Camden visited relatives and friends here during the holiday season.

Misses Pauline and Mattie Lou Yelverton of Riverside were holiday guests of Miss Wilma Shivers.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crook and Hon. and Mrs. B. F. Dent spent Sunday with friends in Lovelady.

George H. Hairston, a Houston county boy now living in Tyler, was at home for the holiday season.

James W. Creath of Houston took Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Creath, east of Crockett.

Harry Fred Moore has returned from Galveston where he was under special treatment in John Sealy hospital.

For Rent.

Three furnished rooms for house-keeping. Apply to Mrs. H. J. Phillips. It.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan of Galveston spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jordan.

Miss Annie Beathard, teaching at Weches, spent her holiday vacation with the home folks near Belott.

Miss Edith Arledge, teaching at Beaumont, spent the holiday vacation with relatives and friends in Crockett.

William Henry, Stephen and Davis Denny, all of Houston, spent Christmas with their parents in Crockett.

Slat Berry and T. F. Smith, with Smith Brothers at Marshall, were at home in Crockett for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Jones announce the arrival Friday of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster.

Miss Katherine Hassell, teaching at Grapeland, was among the Crockett young people at home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Worthington of Houston were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Shivers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Warfield during Christmas.

J. L. Lipscomb of Dallas spent the Christmas vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb, in Crockett.

Miss Lou Russell and Daniel Russell, students of Baylor University, were among those home for the holiday vacation.

J. C. Scarborough, teaching at Austwell, spent the holiday vacation with relatives and friends at Crockett and Augusta.

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

Mrs. James Keating of San Antonio visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hill, near Crockett during the holiday season.

Mrs. Willis Higginbotham came from her home in Stephenville to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen and son, Arthur, of Galveston spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. May.

Rowe Sams, a student of the Dental Normal, spent the holiday vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Sams, in this city.

Miss Hillie Hart Johnson and mother, Mrs. Johnson of Marlin, visited relatives and friends in Crockett during the holiday season.

Dudley English, a student of Texas University, visited relatives and friends in Crockett and Kennard during the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Yerger of Mississippi took their Christmas in Crockett. Mrs. Yerger is pleasantly remembered as Miss Mac Burton.

Mrs. Leon Anderson of Paris, formerly Miss Mary Lou Darsey, has been visiting her parents in Grapeland and relatives in Crockett.

Theron J. Fouts, director of athletics in the Denton Normal, spent the holiday vacation with Mrs. Fouts and the baby in Crockett.

Robert Guinn was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Guinn, for the holiday vacation. He is a student of Texas University.

Hill Lacy, a former Crockett boy who has been living in California during the last few years, was here to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Irwin of Wolcott, Ind., and Miss Betty Minor of Lafayette, Ind., were Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Minor of this city.

For sale or exchange for land or livestock—a gin outfit at Anderson County Station. Engine, boiler and most of the other stuff in good shape. A bargain. Write Box 383, Palestine, Texas. 2t.

Sang at Methodist Church.

Miss Hillie Hart Johnson of Marlin, who is visiting in the home of Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, delighted the Methodist church audience with a vocal solo at the Sunday evening service.

For Rent.

My two-story residence in front of depot. Any one interested apply to Mrs. Flora Patton, 173 E. Austin St., Paris, Texas. tf.

Cotton Report.

There were 22,003 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920 prior to December 13 as compared with 8,520 bales ginned to December 13, 1919, according to the report of E. B. Hale, government cotton agent.

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, Trinity, Texas.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

January 2 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of my ministry in Crockett. I would specially like to have a full attendance of my members and their families on that occasion at the preaching service Sunday morning.

Patronize our advertisers.

Visitors Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wootters have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eastham and little daughter of Huntsville. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wootters threw open their home to a few friends in honor of their pleasing guests. A buffet luncheon was served, games were played and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Christmas Killing.

Neeley Williams, a young negro, was shot and killed on Friday night, December 24. Her brother-in-law, Smith Williams, also a young negro, was arrested on Saturday following, Christmas day, and bound over to the next grand jury in the sum of \$1000. The killing occurred on the Trinity river plantation of W. B. Cochran, whose home is at Lovelady. Sheriff O. B. Hale and County Attorney Earle Adams were called to the scene of the killing early Saturday morning.

First Methodist Church.

Sunday, January 2, ought to be a great day at the Methodist church in Crockett. Will you come and help make it a great day? A very good question for us to ask ourselves at the beginning of the new year: "What kind of a church will my church be in 1921 if every member is a member like me?" Let's start in on the new year by attending church. Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Rev. E. A. Maness will preach at both hours. Subject at eleven o'clock will be "Bank Robbers."

Murchison-Hale Wedding.

Mr. Jack Murchison of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Murchison, was married to Miss Maggie Hale Wednesday, December 15, 1920, at the bride's home at Camilla, Texas. After the ceremony, they went to Houston, where they spent a day, and arrived in Grapeland Friday and will make this city their home. Miss Hale was a teacher in the Grapeland school last year and made many warm friends who will be glad to welcome her back as the wife of one of our best young men.—Grapeland Messenger.

Sensible Christmas.

The sensible Christmas which Crockett has just experienced is the safest and sanest way of celebrating the birth of the Savior. It is said that the county and city officers are due much of the credit for the unusual decency prevailing. If so, the officers should receive the commendation of all good citizens in their efforts to enforce the laws at Christmas times as well as at all other times. Now let's have the hoodlumism cut out at Halloween and depredation on property stopped, to the end that we may have only sensible, safe and sane celebrations throughout the year.

Beginning a New Year.

Though we are apt to think that New Year's has been observed since the year one, such is not the case. In fact, there is no mention of the day as a Christian festival until the fifth century, and even now the Hebrews celebrate their New Year's in September, for their calendar is arranged according to the new moon, which makes New Year's a moveable holiday. Today, however, there is scarcely a nation but observes this season of the year in some manner or other, though customs differ in most localities.

Of French invention is a set of furniture including a double bed, three chairs, table, sewing machine, stove, sideboard and wash tub, all of which can be nested into a box that can be carried over stairs.

For peeling potatoes an implement has been invented that can be strapped to a person's hand and used much like a safety razor.

MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
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Big Reclamation Project.

A \$150,000 Trinity valley reclamation project has been undertaken under the state reclamation laws by Messrs. Arch Baker, A. B. Burton, M. Bromberg and H. J. Arledge of Crockett and W. B. Cochran and Ed Butler of Lovelady and others. The required legal proceedings were instituted at the December term of the commissioners' court. It is said that 23 land owners are affected by the project and that more than 4000 acres in a cultivable state are involved. Bonds for \$150,000, the Courier is informed, will be issued, to be paid in taxes by those whose lands are benefited.

Christmas Marriage.

Friday evening, December 24, at the residence of Rev. L. L. Sams, the Baptist pastor, occurred the marriage of Miss Mattie Delle Barnhill to Mr. William Mayes Hale. The marriage was witnessed by a few close friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Barnhill, who live east of Crockett, and is a young lady of rare accomplishments and attainments. The bridegroom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hale, living south of Crockett, is a young man of keen intellect and promising character. Both families are prominent in the social and industrial affairs of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have been busy since Christmas receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their numerous friends.

Some Postscripts.

After several years of protection the Australian government is to permit seals, the skins of which furnish a good quality of leather, to be killed on the southern coast of Victoria.

In an automobile invented in California for tourists the back of the front seat folds backward to complete a three cushion bed, while an upper berth is provided by a folding cot.

The daily airplane mail and passenger service maintained between Holland and Great Britain since May has been extended to include a daily service to Denmark and Sweden by way of Germany.

According to a United States railroad administration committee which has considered the subject more than a year, there are 17 types of automatic train control apparatus worthy of investigation and test.

Wish.

To those of my friends who hold me dear,
 I wish great joy throughout the year.
 To other friends, who like me less,
 A full ten months of happiness.
 For such as like me not at all—
 I hope they'll have good luck till fall. —Iris.

The failure of the population of the Texas penitentiary to grow is not to be taken as conclusive evidence that criminals are becoming fewer. According to a published report, Governor Ferguson issued pardons to about 2700 convicts, Governor Colquitt to more than 2000 and Governor Hobby to 1862. The Texas penitentiary appears to leak at the spigot faster than it can be filled at the bung-hole.—Houston Post.

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EDITORIALS BY DR. R. T. MILNER

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

He is a sorry Democrat and a poor statesman who takes his stand for or against measures so as to avoid voting with members of the opposite party.

The manufacturer who buys his wool free of tariff and sells his goods with a tariff added is protected twice, and yet some people call the system Democratic.

What the South needs is a debtless cotton crop, and until it is a debtless crop it will ever be at the mercy of the protected manufacturers.

It seems that our Federal Reserve Banking System is too much on the pendulum order. It got everybody in a good way of speculating and then started the pendulum back so fast that the whole thing went kerflumux.

If Harding's Congress will place all raw material on a good, stiff tariff basis, and place all manufactured articles on the free list, for one time in the history of that party, it will be entitled to the gratitude of the farmers.

We trust that the Democrats of the South and the Republicans of the West will get together and abolish the double protection guaranteed by free raw material. It is time that our statesmen are getting sufficiently educated to prevent the East from pulling "free wool," and "free hides" over their eyes.

The policy of this government has ever been to lay a tariff on those things that come here from other countries in competition with our domestic products, and yet China, Japan, Mexico and South America are flooding this country with hides, wool, rice, peanuts and fruits absolutely free of any tax. Where is the justice in such a policy? There is little wonder that the difference in the prices of things which the farmers have to sell and the things that they must buy are so beautifully conducive to the march, march away from the farm.

This Federal Reserve Banking System of which we have heard

much praise, and which may be made to serve a wise purpose, is far from perfection. There is little doubt that the abuse of the thing is mighty dangerous. It seems to a man, a plain man, who knows nothing but common sense about money matters that it is too elastic. Any system of finance that can fill the pockets of all the people with money one day and empty them the next day seems to be a little too elastic, too elastic. If Bill Jones has a million dollars and lends it all out to his neighbors on the same day, and all of it made payable on the same day, when that pay day comes, and Bill's neighbors have nothing with which to pay but cotton, and Bill, who is the only banker in the country, refuses to lend anybody any money to pay for the cotton,—well, then, what is bound to happen?

The Democratic tariff policy was outlined by a great statesman, in the days of Andrew Jackson, named Robert J. Walker. Up to that time there was no settled tariff policy in our government. Walker was a master of finance, and so clear, logical and just was his policy that it remained the Democratic doctrine until after the Civil war. Walker favored a tariff on raw material, which policy was never surrendered until the Democrats of the South compromised with New England and certain interests of the Central West by which those interests were to come to the rescue of the South to prevent hostile legislation, such as the Force Bill, in return for which the South was willing to surrender its time-honored position on the tariff. This important history of the Democratic party's position on the tariff question was made plain by the Hon. John H. Reagan at the State Convention at Austin, in 1896, which met to send delegates to the National Convention. Reagan was chairman of the Committee of Platform and Resolutions, advocated a return to the party's original position on the tariff, and for the first time since the Civil war a Democratic Convention in Texas inserted a plank in the Platform in favor of a tariff on raw material.

We doubt seriously the wisdom of an elastic system of currency except in time of war, and it may not be the best then. That great old law of supply and demand, of which the school boys have heard so much, cuts very little figure when men can borrow money on a balloon basis. Pay day will always come to the debtor, and just before the balloon is about to burst the debtor is notified that the day of reckoning is at hand, and badness is about to cover the earth.

Long ago credits would have been made by the United States with Germany and all her Allies by which those countries would have bought cotton, which they surely need, had this country negotiated a peace treaty at the proper time.

Inaugural Ball to Be Revived at White House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Revival of the historic inaugural ball as a feature of the inauguration of President-Elect Harding has been definitely decided on by the Washington committee arranging for the festivities incident to the induction into office of the new president next March 4.

The inaugural ball was one of the chief events on the inauguration program until the first inauguration of President Wilson, who requested that it be dispensed with. It marks the first appearance into society of the new chief executive and the first lady of the land as such.

Let the new year be a year of freedom from sin, a year of service, a year of trust in God, and it will be a happy year from first to last. It may be the hardest year we have known, but it will be the happiest.—F. M. Burkley, D. D.



BUICK



EVERYBODY knows Buick builds six-cylinder Valve-in-Head automobiles.

- that Buick sold its entire 1920 out-put long before the end of the season.
- that Buick has sold a large percentage of its 1921 schedule.
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Added to their recognized high service value the new Buick models possess a distinctive beauty. Their graceful lines and handsome appointments merit the pride which early buyers have expressed.

Nineteen Twenty One Buick automobiles have more improvements than any Buick models in the past five years and 1921 models represent 25% greater used car values.

Many of our spring deliveries are already contracted for. Thousands have been disappointed during past years because of the shortage of Buick cars.

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EAST TEXAS MOTOR COMPANY

Crockett, Texas

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

THE NEW YEAR.

The year 1921 is before us.

What we of this town and community accomplish in the next twelve months will depend mainly upon us—upon the manner in which we grasp the opportunities that are open to us.

There is no occasion for becoming alarmed over the present decline in commercial activity. The country is undergoing a period of readjustment, which is quite necessary and for the best, but the old ship is not going to hit the rocks, or even cruise in dangerous waters.

Throughout the coming year we should utilize our commercial instincts to the fullest extent.

Our fertile soil is full of wealth and all that is required is to reach down and dig it out.

Our mills and all of our varied enterprises are capable of vast production of articles that are in demand the world over.

We have will power and the initiative to accomplish that which we undertake.

We have health, energy and perseverance, and the knowledge necessary to the achievement of success in our undertakings.

And we have opportunity.

But there are a few things we need, and without which our successes will not be the marvels expected from American people.

We need greater honesty.

We need enhanced confidence.

We need to do a full day's work in exchange for a day's pay.

We need a more direct market from producer to consumer.

We need to forego the insane desire to get rich in a day, and learn to become satisfied with a

fair and reasonable accumulation of this world's goods.

We need to follow more closely the teachings of the Savior.

It Is Now Taps.

Well, Old Year, good-bye—Taps while you die!

You brought a lot of new things to us. You have told us a lot of our failings and helped us to step better. You have tripped us up and knocked us down and talked cross to us, at times. But we understood, and didn't mind, because we knew you thought a lot of us.

So Taps to you, as you steal away into a past strewn with the efforts of the mighty.

We made a lot of mistakes while you were with us, Old Year. But Taps to them. We went ahead and did things without thinking them carefully out. And then you told us afterward of these blunders. So, you see, we learned. Thank you, Old Year.

How many times we were disappointed! What great things

passed us by! But Taps for them, now, too.

Life, after all, is but an unfolding, a sowing and a reaping, a going to bed at nighttime and a getting up in the morning, tears and laughter, work and rest, while Time plays about us. But now you are going away, Old Year. Good luck to you with what we have given to you. Taps!

For all that we have lost or failed in—Taps!

But no regrets—just gladness for chances, and a million prods of every sort hidden away in the somewhere to find us all anew in the glad New Year that will awaken us on the morrow. We tried, we failed—we won.

While you go, we smile, and a few tears touch our smiles. But we blow our Taps. Listen to them, Old Year. And good-bye! —Detroit Free Press.

An inventor has patented a bracelet with an extension surrounding a thumb to prevent a child placing his thumb in his mouth.

Tired

"I was weak and run-down," relates Mrs. Eula Burnett, of Dalton, Ga. "I was thin and just felt tired, all the time. I didn't rest well. I wasn't ever hungry. I knew, by this, I needed a tonic, and as there is none better than—

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"... I began using Cardui," continues Mrs. Burnett. "After my first bottle, I slept better and ate better. I took four bottles. Now I'm well, feel just fine, eat and sleep, my skin is clear and I have gained and sure feel that Cardui is the best tonic ever made."

Thousands of other women have found Cardui just as Mrs. Burnett did. It should help you.

At all druggists.

LOANS ON FARMS

LANDS BOUGHT
AND SOLD

J. S. FRENCH

Crockett, Texas

AN EVENTFUL YEAR FOR CENTENARIES

100 Years Ago Maine Took Her Stand Against "Demon Rum."

Washington, Dec. 26.—The year about to begin is not only one of unprecedented importance in the effect it is bound to have upon the future, but it possesses a peculiar interest associating it with the past, for it will include the centenary anniversaries of an unusually large number of events and achievements which had a profound influence upon the social, moral and intellectual progress of the age.

A century ago found Europe in a state of social unrest suggestive of the conditions which exist there today. The beginning of the year 1820 found the rulers or other representatives of the powers assembled in congress at Leibach to agree upon measures for putting down the threatened insurrectionary movements. The only definite success accomplished along this line was the restoration of Ferdinand to the throne of Naples. Elsewhere the flames of popular discontent continued to burn fiercely. Greece began her memorable struggle to throw off the Turkish yoke, and her example was generally followed by the people in the Balkans.

The spirit of revolt was abroad, and its flames continued to flicker up at widely separated points. The Portuguese troops in Brazil revolted. In Chili, Peru and the Argentine popular revolutions were carried on by San Martin and other leaders. In Mexico, General Iturbide made his proposal for the independence of the country under a Bourbon prince.

In the United States the year was one of peaceful progress, the only note of discord being the political excitement furnished by the admission of Missouri to the Union, which led to bitter debates over the slavery question.

James Monroe entered upon his second term in the presidency. March 4, 1821, fell on a Sunday and Mr. Monroe was the first president to be inaugurated on March 5.

The republic of Liberia will be able to celebrate its centennial the coming year, for it was in 1821 that the African territory was acquired by the American colonization society and the town of Monrovia commenced.

The city of Lowell, Mass., will have its one hundredth birthday, for it was in 1821 that it was

founded by the Merrimac Manufacturing company.

Amherst college will reach its centennial and Auburn Theological seminary may observe the one hundredth anniversary of its opening. In the same year the Kentucky State library was founded at Frankfort.

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Cincinnati and the Roman Catholic diocese of Richmond, Va., will have their centennials, both having been established in 1821.

In Maine the people gave early evidence of their antagonism to the "demon rum" by adopting an ordinance requiring the selectmen to post up, in all places where liquor was sold, the names of all persons reported to be drunkards or tipplers.

In Canada the year 1821 saw the founding of McGill university and the laying of the corner stone for Dalhousie college at Halifax. The Welland canal was commenced, also the Lachine canal, for passing the rapids of the St. Lawrence.

France doubtless will make note next May of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of the great Napoleon, who passed away in exile at Longwood, St. Helena, May 5, 1821.

The coming year should have a special interest for the students and lovers of literature, marking, as it does, the centenary anniversary of the first appearance of many notable literary works. Victor Hugo, then a youth of 19, was welcomed by Chateaubriand as "Un enfant sublime." In England Shelley published one of the most beautiful of his longer poems, "Odonais." In America appeared "The Spy," by J. Fenimore Cooper, and "The Ages," by William Cullen Bryant. Other literary events of the year were the publication of "Wilhelm Meister's Traveling Year," by Goethe, and Alexander Pushkin's first long poem, "Russland and Ludmilla."

Happiness.

Happiness comes not so much from what is done for us as from what we do for others. Its prescription is the best service of which we are capable, rendered unselfishly. Let 1921 be a year of service to God, our country and fellowmen.

CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.

South Bound	
No. 3, Houston Express	10:00 A. M.
No. 1, Sunshine Special	3:09 P. M.
No. 5, Houston Limited	1:35 A. M.
North Bound	
No. 4, Local Passenger	11:59 A. M.
No. 2, Sunshine Special	2:40 P. M.
No. 8, St. Louis Limited	4:00 A. M.

LET US MAKE 1921 HISTORICAL

Why keep on making the same old mistakes? No further proof is needed to convince our people that, in the main, we have been largely following the wrong trail in our agricultural pursuits. This is the time for new resolutions. Let us solemnly make a few and then consistently put them into effect. That is the practical and common sense manner of doing things for the general betterment of the community. We all know this to be true, now let us acknowledge it publicly and begin the new year on lines that have been thoroughly tried out in many other localities and found permanently profitable.

Farmers Ready for Change.

Probably a majority of the farmers in this county have recently made declarations to the effect that this was the last year they were going to rely on cotton, and many have said they were not going to plant any. Now let us help mobilize this sentiment and prepare a program that will help it materialize and bear fruit. It is certain that very little will come of these declarations unless assistance of the right sort is extended. The time between the present and planting season will largely be consumed in talking the matter over among themselves and in most instances nothing tangible will have been developed and the same old order will prevail out of sheer helplessness. In other words, if the farmer is not given the proper assistance in his efforts to change his methods he naturally feels that he is sort of going it alone and taking chances that he can hardly afford to. He must know that the merchants of Crockett are behind the movement in the way of providing him a cash market for his new products.

About Diversification.

The practice of preaching diversification of crops to the farmers of the South is as old as the hills, and has had little effect where the necessary cash market for the diversified crops has not been guaranteed in advance. The farmer most naturally says in reply to the suggestion that he break loose from the one crop plan and grow a variety of products, "What is the use of my doing this when there is no assurance that I can convert the new crops into cash?" There is no section of the South where a greater variety of salable food and feed crops can be raised every year than right here in Houston county. A comprehensive marketing system is all that is required to bring about a situation that every farmer could profitably take advantage of.

Along this line we would call attention to one feature that the Commercial Club tried hard to put through, but failed for lack of support from our merchants. We refer to the sweet potato curing plant. They all admit now that it was a mistake and would have been worth thousands of new dollars to our farmers and community generally every year. Why not revive this project and get it in operation for the coming season?

Ribbon Cane Syrup.

About a month ago the secretary was told that a surplus of 100,000 gallons of ribbon cane syrup had been produced in this county and would require a shipping market. This fact was communicated to the East Texas and Texas Chambers of Commerce, also to the State Marketing department, and given wide publicity. Several sales were made in a small way, but the car load shipments that were required to dispose of such a large quantity, and for which there was a market, could not be handled for lack of an organized system of inspection, labeling and business standardization of the product. Here is a most promising opportunity for creat-

We Thank You Daily

The beginning of the new year is a fitting time for the extending of special thanks to our customers for their generous patronage during the twelve months that have just passed.

But that, friends, does not do justice to our state of appreciation.

Thankfulness to our customers is a daily habit with us. It could not be otherwise when we check up the business of each day and note the liberality with which our friends have accorded us their patronage.

We extend to you the greetings of the season, with the earnest wish that the new year will deal gently and generously with you.

JAS. S. SHIVERS

Crockett's Greatest Store.

ing a new industry that would be of almost universal benefit to our people. A county organization properly managed is all that is necessary.

The Houston County Beekeepers' Association recently organized and under the efficient leadership of Mr. Geo. M. Jeffus has started on a career that promises satisfactory results. Leadership of the right sort is all that is needed to put any one of a dozen projects afloat that would add materially to the permanent prosperity of the community in which we live.

Dairying has a good start with us and, if supported in the manner that has so often been indicated in these columns, will prove the foundation for the great change we are working for, and supplemented with the intensive development of a few of the special crops referred to will put Crockett and Houston county so prominently on the map that, as the Houston Post once editorially remarked in regard to our community building plans, everybody would soon want to come here to live. Are we going to live up to our reputation? H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

The entire construction equipment of a new machine for building concrete chimneys is carried

on a central steel mast and radiating arms without the use of scaffolding.

Disasters in 1920.

Jan. 3.—Earthquake in Mexico killed many persons and did vast damage.

Feb. 5.—Disastrous storm swept Atlantic coast of United States.

March 28.—Nearly 200 persons killed and hundreds injured by tornado which swept Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Alabama and Georgia. Several million dollars' property damage.

April 11.—Three hundred killed, many injured in explosion of munition dump at Rothenstein, East Prussia.

April 20.—Scores killed by tornadoes in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

May 2.—Fifty-nine killed by tornado in Cherokee county, Oklahoma.

Aug. 19.—Great floods in Japan with heavy loss of life.

Aug. 31.—Manila hit by destructive typhoon.

Sept. 7.—Earthquake in northern Italy destroyed many towns and killed 174.

Sept. 9.—More destructive earthquake shocks in Italy.

Sept. 30.—Million dollar fire on Galveston water front.

You Have Our Sincere Thanks

One of the most pleasing privileges of the year is the extending to you of our sincere thanks and appreciation for your patronage and friendship in 1920.

It has been more than generous, and it is a pleasure to us to give public recognition of the fact.

May the best in life be yours.

Crockett Drug Company
THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

Thank You---

For your years of friendship and patronage. Every little act is appreciated by us.

May 1921 be one of happiness, contentment and prosperity to you and yours.

Johnson Arledge

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

A Sermon for New Year's Eve
by Rev. Stephen
Paulson.

My Times are in Thy hand.—
Psalm 31:15.

Sad and solemn are the last hours of the dying year. Only a few months ago a New Year was given unto us, fresh and pure from God's great storehouse of time. It has spent its life upon the earth, and its footprints will never be effaced. The departing year has brought to us God's numberless blessings; it has seen many noble deeds done, and it has seen progress in many departments of life.

The passing of another year must emphasize to every thoughtful person the swift flight of time. Looking backward over the past years of our life they seem to shrink to the size of beads strung around a child's neck. Seeking an image of man's career, the prophet sees his days swifter than a weaver's shuttle; his years swifter than an arrow, curving as it rises to its fall. What is man's life? he asks. It is a cloud dissolving in the sunshine. It is a summer brook swollen by sudden rains, but soon running out and leaving the stones bare again. It is a tale that is soon told.

These last days of the old year urge us to husband well the time that is still given us. To a shrub a year means only a leaf; to the vine, a cluster; to the tree, a new ring of wood. But to a man a year means a large portion of his life which has been used or wasted. Youth often unthinkingly throws all responsibilities on the years to come. To him everything seems possible in the future. Then he thinks to have time for education. Then he will practice economy and thrift, let the present be prodigal as it may. The morrow will suffice for the forming of habits and the building of character. So dazzled by the future the youth allows the years to slip through his hands, and the result is a man who is an intellectual infant and a moral feebleling. As you pause now and think over the past, you must realize that the morrow holds no harvests which the laborers called yesterdays did not sow and cultivate. There was an ancient custom of putting an hourglass into the coffin of the dead to signify that their time had run out—a useless notification to

them. Better put the hourglass into the hand of every living man to show him how swiftly the sands of life do flow. But, after all, time is of value only as we make the best use of it.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs.
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

The old year may hold our many failures, many disappointments, many bitter regrets. The New Year holds out to us hope and promise, for my times are in Thy hand, O Lord. It should comfort us when we think of the brevity of our years, to realize by contrast the length of God's years. We have but a short time to work, and it is well to remember that in order that we may be diligent. But God has a whole eternity in which to work, and it is well to remember that also, so that we may cease from fretfulness and impatience at the slow progress of His kingdom among us. Jesus Christ has not ceased from His redemption of the world, nor has God been defeated in His plans for humanity, for the times of men and nations are in His hand.

For most of us the memory of the past is a chamber of discontent. Let therefore the old year bury from sight its story of sin and sorrow and failure. Let there be sincere repentance for the follies of the past, and then let a new man step forth to meet with hope and determination the glad New Year which God desires shall be a blessed year for every child of earth. When God forgives, He forgives utterly. He casts man's sins "into the depths of the sea." Why then should memory thrust its hooked pole into the sea to dredge the bottom and bring up by the locks some pale memory which God has plunged into the ocean of forgetfulness? Man's life is not in the past, but in the days to come, for our times are in His hand.

And how many of us are waiting for the opportunities of the coming year? With how many of us is it the unuttered hope that tomorrow may be free from the sins and the mistakes of yesterday? I pray God that for you it may be so. Your times are in His hand, and let your Father shape the new year for you; let Him rule it, and strive with the help of the Spirit to walk the way of His commandments. "Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press on for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

The passing year also must remind us that there will come a last year for each one of us. Perhaps this coming year is your last. Are you therefore ready to see the curtain rise upon eternity? Are you now ready to hear the midnight cry, and to enter into the marriage supper of the King's Son? Our times are in God's hand, and no man knoweth what day or hour he may be called from his labor. Though we live to be counted among the oldest inhabitants we must depart at last. Others have gone before us and are going every day, and yet we seem so eager to forget our own mortality. Nay, let us rather look forward with anticipation, believing that God will then give us a New Year which shall be without sin and tears and sorrow and pain, where love shall rule, and where happiness shall be complete in the fullest service to our God.

The New Year bells will soon be ringing. Do not fail to make some personal preparations for its coming. Make resolutions for the future on the basis of your experience of the past. Every heart knows its own needs and its own weaknesses. Be not discouraged by past failures, but pray to God earnestly to help to future successes. Take this New Year as a holy gift from a gracious Father and begin to live it carefully and prayerfully. Do not strive to carry the burdens

OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

Cushing Asserts Government
Men Joined Coal
Dealers.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Charges that government officials joined in coal profiteering during the shortage last summer were made by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, testifying under oath today before a senate investigating committee. In an executive session the committee, according to Chairman Calder, was furnished by Mr. Cushing with the name of one man said to have been a principal in an operation by which a group of men in government service obtained 450,000 tons of coal which they sold later at a profit of \$600,000. Railroad officials and one army officer also participated in the profit-making, Mr. Cushing was said by Chairman Calder to have charged.

This phase of Mr. Cushing's testimony overshadowed the rest of his statement, which was to the effect that the coal shortage was due to "panic" and largely caused by statements of the interstate commerce commission, the geological survey, the railroad administration and the senate interstate commerce commission telling the consuming public about a coal shortage this winter.

J. A. D. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association, organization of operators, the officers of which were examined last week by the senate committee, took the stand late in the day and began a denial of the "panic" theory advanced by Cushing.

Mr. Morrow was excused when the committee took Mr. Cushing into executive session.

Chairman Calder, after the executive session, recounted a part of Mr. Cushing's statement, saying no names would be made public until investigation of the charges was completed. Certain officials, it was said Cushing testified, were able to secure information as to communities where shortage conditions were particularly feared and possessed information as to the effect of priority orders obtained on the furnishing of the coal cars. These officials also were said to have information as to coal in transit and to have been able to obtain supplies which could be diverted to more lucrative markets. One "pool mentioned by Cushing," Senator Calder said, involved 450,000 tons, while other operations were said to have been intimated. The government official named by Cushing was said by the witness to have resigned some time ago.

of future months, but live each day as if it were the last and the best. In spite of all the ills which we see in the world today, let us believe that the New Year will be a blessed year to all mankind, and let each one of us do our uttermost to make it so. May God look upon us all in mercy, and may He let this New Year

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring out the thousand years of peace.

Prayer Meetings.

The pastors of the churches have agreed to hold prayer meetings together the first week of the new year—on Monday, January 3rd, at the Methodist church; Tuesday, at the Christian church; Wednesday, at the Baptist church; Thursday at the Presbyterian church; Friday, at the Methodist church. Services begin at 7:30 at night.
S. F. Tenney.

To Our Friends and Patrons

The success that has come to us during the past year has been due to the exceptionally generous patronage with which you have favored us.

We appreciate it to the utmost, and desire to extend to you our sincere thanks and the compliments of the season.

May happiness and prosperity always attend you.

Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co.

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Two Phones: 47 and 140

Dependability

Superior Service

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. In Probate Court.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the estate of J. G. Matlock, Mrs. Dell Crawford and James Crawford have this day made application to probate the last will of J. G. Matlock, which said proceeding will be heard by said Court on the first Monday in February, 1921, at the Court House of said County, in Crockett, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, Texas, this

20th day of December, 1920.
(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk,
County Court, Houston County,
Texas. 2t.

Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Commencing on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in January at Arbor Baptist church: Friday, 7:30 p. m., introduction by B. F. Wright.

Saturday, 9 a. m., devotional by R. K. Smith; 10 a. m., discussion, 1st Tim. 5:8, by J. C. Sullivan; 10:30 a. m., Was Cornelius Saved Before Peter preached to Him? Open by H. A. Pyle; 11 a. m., What did the Saviour mean when he said I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom? by G. W. Rice; 12 m., dinner; 1:30 p. m., Should a woman speak in the church? by P. B. Pyle; 2 p. m., In what way is the Gospel the power of God? by J. F. Trawick; 3 p. m., What does the scripture mean when it said a man has no preeminence above a beast? by J. D. Sallas. Committee.

The shares of a Quebec inventor's tractor plow move transversely on endless belts as the machine is moved over the ground, which thereby is tilled in two directions at once.

Success to You In 1921

We feel grateful to our patrons for contributing to our success throughout the year 1920, and we thank them for their patronage.

For the year 1921, and future years, we wish them the greatest measure of success and happiness, as we do all of our people.

ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware



Will again visit Crockett,
Thursday, January 6th,
1921, and remain until
Thursday, January 20th,
1921.

Office at Pickwick Hotel.

I am yours for better eyesight,

Dr. A. H. Rosenthal

Don't suffer from Kidney Trouble!

Why let the pain, irritation and inconvenience of kidney and bladder trouble make your life miserable, when hundreds of sufferers have found blessed relief by taking HOBOS Kidney & Bladder Remedy? Why not do as they did and begin taking HOBOS now? This wonderful herb remedy contains no alcohol or harmful drug so it can do you no harm. Yet it CAN give quick and sure relief. Druggists sell HOBOS for \$1.20 the bottle. Hobo Med. Mfg. Co., Shreveport, La.

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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.

A NEW YEAR YEAR'S WISH.

What can I wish for you in this New Year
 More than I wish you every day;
 What can I say, I have not said before,
 What new prayer can I pray?
 For every hour of every day
 Deep in my inmost heart I say
 A Prayer for you!
 What can I ask for you this coming year
 More than I dare to ask before;
 What new gift can I crave from Heaven for you
 From Love's own boundless store?
 My heart petitions from the Throne of Grace
 One blessing more!
 For every day of every year
 You are more dear!
 No blessing can I beg of you this year
 More than you gave to me before;
 Your lips to kiss, your hand in mind to hold
 Now, as of yore!
 Your love to guard, your happiness to keep
 In life till death, and when we "fall on sleep"
 To meet once more!
 C. D. C.

WHAT THE NEW YEAR MEANS.

The New Year means new opportunity to every man, woman and child. It challenges the best that is in them and promises unusual reward for effort made. In it is the hope of years to come concerning whatever is for the well-being of society.

A RESOLUTION.

To be patriots rather than partisans; to win the peace by reviving the idealism which won the war; to broaden our outlook and narrow our animosities; to carry into national and international affairs the maxims which guide gentlemen and gentlewomen in their daily conduct; to practice thrift that we may be able to practice charity; to recognize that each of us is and always must be his brother's keeper; to work well that there may be plenty of goods in the world and think well that they may be rightly distributed; to go forward each day to a higher level of purpose and effectiveness, and live as one afraid of no man, and of whom no just man is afraid.—Chicago Journal.

THE COWS COME HOME.

Where has all the money gone? A country banker asked that question the other day. He was in Kansas City trying to borrow money to tide-over his customers and offering a bushel of wheat as security for every 30 cents. He was turned down cold. Another banker replied to his question:

"The cities in best financial shape," he said, "are Boston, Philadelphia and Cleveland. The rural districts in best financial shape are the great dairying districts.

"Time deposits in very many

rural districts and cities have been lopped in two. In the great dairy regions there's scarcely a decline in time deposits. They still have money and credit."

It is significant that hide-bound Boston, conservative Philadelphia and hard-working Cleveland are the flush-towns; not New York with its Wall Street gambling, Chicago with its slick Board of Trade or oily Tulsa.

Boston, of course, reaped a harvest thru the shameless profiteering of the huge textile industries, which, with the sugar barons, can claim the notoriety of being about the biggest hogs that ever fattened on a people's wartime necessity. Philadelphia, too, has its horde of traitor-profiteers; and Cleveland its share, but in all three the spirit has been to create, keep working, and, altho they gouged, they kept creating. And they are on top.

The same is true in agriculture. Before the war we all knew that the old cream check was the safest and surest way to accumulate. Thru the war the dairy business lost heavily. Feed was high and help scarce. But just the same, in the face of these disadvantages, and without the profiteers' advantages that the cities had, the dairy districts seem to be on top in this time of tight money. The cows have come home—again.—Capper's Farmer.

PEOPLE COME AND GO.

Pointing out why a business house should constantly keep its name before the public the Nation's Business calls attention to the fact that as a town grows the percentage of persons who have always lived there becomes smaller and smaller. The proportion who have lived there even ten or fifteen years is small. The prosperous merchant whose egotism might make him say, "Why, everybody knows us—they have known us for forty years!" should think about this constant change in a city's population.

People come and go. Even those who stay have their own affairs to think about. They are not going to carry the name of the great business house long in their mind unless they are reminded of it now and then.

When a business man gets the idea into his head that his concern is too well-known to need any further advertising, he should take a look at the churches. The church, at great expense, maintains a steeple. Why a steeple? Because it is a sort of a trade mark—an accepted form of outdoor advertisement. You can't look at a church without knowing what it is. Everybody knows the church is there and what it is there for, but it keeps right on with its open air advertising. And, moreover, it rings its bell every Sunday.—Geraldine Review.

Our Old Ladies and Others.

We have in Crockett quite an interesting company of old ladies. At the head of the list one that might have the title of dean of the faculty of old ladies—Mrs. Isabella Taylor, 94 years of age, originally from Tennessee, but having lived in this place long enough to be considered a naturalized citizen of Crockett. Very few grey hairs are perceptible in her head. She reads well, even without spectacles and keeps well informed through the Galveston News about current history. She has been a gifted conversationalist, and still is. Then we have Mrs. Virginia Frymier, whom we claim as belonging to Crockett, though she is absent now in California. I am not certain about her age, but it runs way back to the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Her hair also is shining black, without any mixture of "the silver and the grey." Although absent with her children, she is very loyal to Crockett.

It is her home place and there is no place like Crockett to her. Then comes Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb, who became a citizen of Crockett in her early days, but originally from the good state of South Carolina. She is too bashful to tell her age, but is supposed to be about eighty-eight. She also reads well, and keeps up much of her natural vigor of mind and body, only recently taking an active part in her own housekeeping affairs. Then we have Mrs. Angeline Craddock, who is still comparatively young at eighty-six years—so much so that she has lately pieced two quilts for an orphan's home. Her father, Daniel Murchison, was one of the early settlers of this county, and one of the early members of the Presbyterian church in Crockett. She is the mother of nine children, most of whom are living and doing well, and rise up to call her blessed. Then there is Miss Bettie Lundy. As she is yet unmarried, of course I will not tell her age. That is a secret, but I know she has been in this world a good while, and yet is useful. She does a considerable amount of fancy needlework, and is like the good woman that Solomon speaks of. I must not forget Miss Annie Williams, sister of Judge Williams, and sister of the late Mrs. D. A. Nunn. I must also be careful not to let out the secret of her age, but she is known to have led a long and useful life as a successful and honored teacher. Another lady who was kind enough to tell me about the age of some other old ladies, was careful to not tell me about her own age, as she claims not to belong to the circle of old ladies—although I happen to have known her in her youthful days, and can testify that she has been here a long, long time, and is known to be a venerable grand-mother.

There may be some others of our old ladies that I do not happen to think of at this time, but who are highly respected in our community.

As to the men, it is hardly worth while to speak of them, but I will mention Mr. Alec Janes, who is said to be above 90 years, and who is looking forward to a much older age—in fact, to a glorious immortality. Then comes our honored Confederate veteran, Mr. N. B. Barbee, who has been so long a citizen of Crockett, and who has been so useful and persevering in keeping up the Confederate veterans' association. Next we have Judge Wall, who was wounded in the Seven Days battle around Richmond—still erect and soldier-like in his bearing, and much interested in the wars and politics of the present. We have also Goodwin Woodson, who still is able to take his daily walk to the stores and keep up with the news of the day, and reflect with gratification on his numerous children and grand-children. Last of all I would refer to Colonel Adams, who persistently refuses to be called old—although many of us can testify that he looks very venerable, and as a Confederate veteran we know he has been here a long time, but I will not insist that his personal history goes back to Noah's Ark. S. F. Tenney.

Texas Fox Hunters to Hold Annual Meet.

Jefferson, Texas, Dec. 18.—At a conference here Friday between the officers of the Texas Fox and Wolf Hunters' Association of Texas and the local Chamber of Commerce officials, the detailed plans were completed for the annual meeting of the association here December 27 to January 1. The officers here were: B. B. Crimm of Marshall, president; Dr. H. H. Vaughan of Waskom, vice-president; Sid E. Perry of Marshall, one of the leaders of the association.

The bench show exhibiting approximately 300 of the best fox hounds in Texas will be held Tuesday afternoon and is looked forward to as one of the chief features. Approximately 300 hunters are expected to take

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part in the chases. Two casts will be made each day from here. Uncle Sam Bozeman of Winnsboro was here for several days two weeks ago, before the final location for this annual meet was made. Bozeman, after several chases here, stated that this section around the Cypress river is abundant with foxes. Sam Bozeman was today appointed superintendent of dog feeding for the affair, assuring that each hunter who brings his dogs will have them well cared for.

The local Chamber of Commerce is sparing no energy in preparing for the entertainment of these visitors who will come all the way from San Antonio to the state of Tennessee. Among the details they are arranging are: Securing good horses; special arrangements for hotel and boarding accommodations; co-operation of all farmers in this section in returning any lost dogs, and also plans are under way for a banquet to be tendered the visitors. The annual business meeting and election of officers will be held Tuesday morning.

It is known to be the general practice of these hunters not to kill the fox. This will be the second meeting of the association formed last year at Crockett and is being looked forward to as

one of the greatest sporting events for Texans during the current year.

Obituary.

We beg to announce through the columns of your paper that our friend and brother, John King of Lake Creek, Houston county, departed this life Dec. 17, 12:15 p. m., 1920. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. C. W. Robinson of this city. He was born in Houston county 46 years ago. He lived a consistent Christian to the end. He leaves his family well provided for, and says he goes to his home above, where all is well. He was notified a year ago of his death. He leaves, aside from his many sorrowing friends, a wife, three children—two girls, one boy and a grand baby and son-in-law. In his early life he became a member of the New Zion Baptist church and lived faithful to the end. His son, of the Prairie View College, reached home in time to realize the last of his devoted father. Adv. 1t*.

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