

# The Crockett Courier.

"Quality, Not Quantity."

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## GERMANY UNITED AGAINST INVASION BY FRENCH ARMY

### CHANCELLOR CUNO'S POSITION GREETED WITH FAVOR BY ALL PARTIES.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Germany to a man tonight is backing up Chancellor Cuno in his position that the threatened French invasion of the Ruhr constitutes an open and premeditated breach of the treaty of Versailles and the Germans resigned to the impending advance of the French army, nevertheless believe they can confidently rest their case with the world.

The German press presents strong opposition to the movement, while the political parties, from nationalists to communists, apparently are unified in support of the government.

Whether the French advance, if undertaken, will occur before January 15 is still conjectural, as much confusion prevails in regard to the French prerogatives in connection with the reparations penalties growing out of the alleged German default in timber and coal deliveries. Also relative to further gold payments the German note of November 14 is still awaiting action by the reparations commission, that body not having yet replied or given indication of what it intends to do.

The reparations commission is the only competent authority with which the German government is supposed to deal, according to the view held in official quarters, which assert that under no conditions would Germany enter into independent dealings with France even under duress.

The news today was sufficiently grave to send the dollar dangerously near the 10,000 notch, and financial experts believe that the position of the mark will grow worse if the Ruhr sector is invaded.

Chancellor Cuno and Foreign Minister Rosenberg so far have given the situation only a "theoretical" examination. It was declared tonight that the diplomatic aspects suggested by the proposed "French breach of the Versailles treaty" presents a number of knotty problems.

## SOME NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

Confidence in making Crockett a real oil field grows daily. Indications in the three prospects now being drilled near town are said to improve as the bit penetrates deeper into the earth.

The Driskell well near Crockett is between 3200 and 3300 feet and is getting down to the interesting point. In the hard formations at this depth progress is usually slow and the

Driskell well is no exception in this respect.

The Porter well at Crockett is drilling at a depth beyond 3000 feet. While progress in this well is also slow, the formations encountered are said to be of the most encouraging nature. Mr. Porter is confident that he is going to yet make an oil town of Crockett.

The Porter Springs well remains closed down on account of water shortage.

## WARFIELD IS COMMISSIONER

To fill to the unexpired term of E. W. Hart, who died after his election as county commissioner in precinct No. 1, County Judge L. L. Moore, on Monday of this week, appointed Mr. C. C. Warfield. Mr. Warfield is well known to the most of our people. He has served Crockett as alderman and in other capacities and for years was at the head of the street work. He has served the road district in various capacities and has also served the county on various committees and in various ways. He is a very able man and a hard worker and possesses exceptional financial ability. Taken all in all, the Courier does not believe Judge Moore has made a mistake in his appointment. We say this with the knowledge that of the twenty-seven applicants there were many good citizens who would have filled the office with credit. Mr. Warfield was not an applicant, but his wide experience it seems would peculiarly fit him for the place just at this time, and much will be expected of him as a member of the new court in matters of improving the county's financial condition and in improving the county's public roads. The actions of the new court will be watched with interest and, as before stated, much will be expected of it. The Courier does not believe the people will be disappointed in their expectations of the court as now constituted, without any desire to discredit the work of any former court.

### Levee Progress.

The Courier editor, like many others, took advantage of the pretty weather Sunday afternoon and drove down to the Trinity river levee district southwest of Crockett. He found about three miles of the levee completed and about one and a half miles yet to be finished. The immense ditcher at work is a wonderful piece of machinery, moving under its own machinery as the work progresses, and it is worth the trip to see it in operation. Work has progressed to Blue Lake, which is near the ranch house on the Arledge plantation and which is accessible from the San Antonio new road.

Probably the longest-lived fashion in women's headgear is the bonnet worn by Salvation Army lassies which has not really changed since 1877.

## FRENCH SOLDIERS WILL OCCUPY GERMAN CITY

### TROOPS WILL ESTABLISH CUSTOMS LINE BETWEEN RHUR AND PRUSSIA.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The soldiers of France will soon be marching into Essen, arousing the Germans with the music of their bands. This long talked of occupation is now accepted as an almost accomplished fact, and government officials, business men, even the bankers, worried by the exchange problem, regard it calmly. They display a reasonable amount of confidence in the results as evidenced by the resistance of the franc to the reported bear movement in prospect from London.

There is expectation in certain circles close to the premier that the first phase of the Ruhr action will have been carried out when the premier takes the floor in the chamber of deputies Thursday to make his statement before the house.

This phase is expected to be the occupation of Essen by a small joint force of French and Belgians as a guard for the technical forces and notification to the local authorities and mine operators there that the allies until further notice will collect a coal tax and impose an export duty on shipments from the district.

The government, however, has not committed itself to action on any certain date; it has been desired to avoid German demonstrations and it was therefore thought wiser to carry out the occupation and make the announcement afterwards. Nevertheless there are many who believe that M. Poincare's extreme caution in political matters will impel him to await parliamentary approval before committing France irrevocably to the Ruhr policy, although the chamber previously voted confidence in the government with the Ruhr action in mind.

## SOME DARE-DEVIL STUNTS SATURDAY

Some of the business people of Crockett have arranged with "Chubby" Watson, the dare-devil stunt flier, and his pilot aviator to give a free exhibition over the public square in Crockett Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Watson and his pilot aviator are now in Crockett with their aeroplane and are arranging all details for the stunt flying and aviation tricks to be pulled off Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the meantime the other towns of the county will be visited and circulars dropped from the aeroplane, advertising the exhibition to be given at the expense of Crockett's business people Saturday afternoon. The whole of Houston county is in-

vited to Crockett for Saturday afternoon's entertainment, which will be absolutely free, the business people of Crockett paying the bill. The exhibition will include standing on head on the wings of the aeroplane, standing on one foot and on hands, hanging by the toes and by the teeth from trapeze at bottom of airship, stunts on top of the wings and other airplane stunts, such as are usually seen at state and county fairs. These things will be done over the public square at Crockett Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The business people of Crockett invite you to see them and they promise you that no collection will be taken up or admission charged.

## JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Next to the tax collector's office the Courier's subscription department is the busiest place in Houston county. Many people are now paying their taxes and many are renewing or entering their subscriptions for the Courier. January is the last month in which our people have to pay their taxes. All taxes that are not paid by the last day of January will have a penalty added. Many find it convenient when paying their taxes to drop over to the Courier office and renew for the year 1923.

Among the number calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions, since last issue are the following, and it will be noted that the list continues to be larger each succeeding week, for which our friends will please accept our thanks:

Mrs. Byrde E. Wooters, Crockett.  
J. H. Smith, Crockett.  
F. A. Smith, Crockett.  
Dr. Perry Bromberg, Nashville.  
Miss Willie Barlow, Crockett.  
Thos. Self, Crockett.  
Mrs. W. A. Collins, Groveton.  
W. E. Robertson, Crockett.  
Mrs. J. M. Hobson, Fort Worth.  
Dr. W. N. Lipscomb, Lexington, Ky.  
Henry Powers, Crockett.  
C. W. May, Crockett.  
Miss Annie Niisse, Houston.  
Miss Nell Bayne, Steel, No. Dak.  
Rev. S. F. Tenney, Crockett.  
J. L. Smith, Grapeland Rt. 3.  
Hon. C. S. Briggs, Washington.  
G. W. Harrison, Kennard Rt. 1.  
Mrs. C. S. Jones, Bailey, Texas.  
W. D. Smith, Crockett Rt. 5.  
Rev. C. A. Campbell, Salmon.  
S. M. Monzingo, Crockett.  
Ney Sheridan, Sweetwater.  
J. E. Ellis, Waco.  
E. L. Brown, Timpson.  
G. W. LaRue, Lovelady.  
L. T. Morgan, Kennard Rt. 1.  
John Jones (col.), Kennard Rt. 1.  
Rev. W. M. Nelson (col.), Crockett.

Let the Courier print your sale bills.

## CO. JUDGE MOORE ISSUES STATEMENT

Crockett, Texas,  
January 8, 1923.

To the People of Houston County:

I have this day appointed Mr. C. C. Warfield of Crockett as commissioner of precinct No. 1. In making this appointment I have gone outside of the list of twenty-seven applicants from various parts of the precinct. Many of these applicants are some of the best citizens of Houston county. Being in position to know the deplorable financial condition of the county, I believe that it is absolutely necessary that only the best business men be enlisted, men capable of rendering the most efficient service. It shall be my policy, during my tenure in office, to refuse to allow any dictation from any person, but shall at all times try to do my duty as I see it, having only the best interest of Houston county uppermost in my mind. In pursuing this course, I shall not regard my own personal or political welfare, but will do what I believe my duty. In the near future I shall have published a financial statement of the county's present condition. This statement will be in detail and will be so arranged that all classes can readily understand it. Do not condemn me until you have given me a chance to make good; then, if found wanting, I will accept your verdict. I shall, at all times, be glad to have you call at my office and counsel with me regarding what you consider best for our county's welfare. Most sincerely,

L. L. Moore,  
County Judge,  
Houston County, Texas.

### Many Garages and Schools Appropriated by French.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—French preparations for an advance are already actively under way at Dueseldorf, Duisburg and Muelheim, according to advices from these cities from official quarters. Twelve military trains are reported on their way to the Ruhr from France and troops have arrived at Dueseldorf, which apparently will become the headquarters of the supreme Ruhr command.

Three hundred garages have been appropriated there for French automobiles and school buildings for administrative purposes. At Muelheim arrangements have been made for the accommodation of four regiments and at Duisburg numerous large warehouses have been taken over.

While it is commonly reported here that the French plan is to occupy Essen Wednesday, the belief prevails in some circles that the present preparations are aimed at carrying out the occupation on January 15 if the Germans fail to meet the reparations payment due on that date.



# LISTEN

Ask your Groceryman for home-baked bread—he will make just as much selling it as he will any other. Let's keep our money at home. Just a little favor from you means lots to us. We will appreciate it very much.

Johnson Arledge,  
J. Homer West.

## Crockett Bakery

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Listen! J. M. McGee has it for less. tf.

Make your dollars go further; trade at McGee's. tf.

Justin Fuller will open a barbershop in the Patton block. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Box will leave this week for Dallas. tf.

Remember the place—Bennett Bros. old stand, now J. M. McGee. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cartwright visited at Kerens the first of the week. tf.

Carl Goolsby, C. H. Callaway, C. E. Towery and Henry Ellis are on a hunting trip in south Texas.

The Courier regrets to announce the death of Mr. S. A. Cook, which occurred at his home near Crockett late Wednesday afternoon. Further mention will be made in the Courier next week.

## Leisure Hours

How do you pass the time away these long winter evenings? Rest both body and mind with a good clean story selected from a good magazine.

Magazines of facts, fiction and fun to suit the taste of any reader. Look them over.

**Jno. F. Baker**  
THE REXALL STORE

Quick sales, small profits, is McGee's motto. tf.

If you want to save money, trade at McGee's. tf.

Cleon Goolsbee was a business visitor at Fort Worth this week.

Good gasoline, oils, tires and accessories and better service at the Crockett Filling Station. 1t.

Mrs. C. E. Robbins and Mrs. C. H. Hanson have returned from their visit to relatives at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Berry returned Wednesday night from Houston and other points in south Texas.

Mrs. W. I. Pearson of Burnett was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Wooters and Mrs. T. D. Craddock at the end of last week.

Kodaks for rent, 10 cents per day. Studio open on Sundays from 1 till 2 p. m. 8t.  
The Warren Studio.

Barb wire, hog wire, nails and staples, a full stock at the Herin Hardware Company's. Get their prices and note the saving. 1t.

Firestone tires and tubes have advanced 12½ per cent. We are prepared to sell you at the old price until February 1. Buy now. Crockett Filling Station. 1t.

Frost-proof Cabbage Plants—One hundred 35c, over 200 25c hundred, post paid.

Jesse Barnes,  
Trinity, Texas.

### Estray Notice.

Strayed—One dark bay mare, four years old, small star in face, and left hind foot white, in good condition, unbroke. Finder please notify Geo. A. Knox, Lovelady, Texas, Route 2, and receive liberal reward. 1t\*

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends of this community for their love and kindness during the illness and death of our beloved son. May God's richest blessing rest on each and every one. 1t\*

Mr. Thomas  
and

### The D. K. Company.

The Stock Company, under canvas in Crockett week, is giving eminent satisfaction to large audiences nightly. Unable to secure seats, many have been turned back at the ticket window. The company carries a band and orchestra.

Write it down today and refer to it every day in the year and let it read like this: I'm going to patronize home merchants—every dollar I make I'm going to spend in Crockett. If you'll do this you'll have a better city—you'll be better satisfied with your purchases and you'll be the kind of citizen every other citizen likes.

### From Former Houston County Citizen.

Timpson, Texas,  
January 6, 1923.

Crockett Courier:  
Enclosed find check for which move my subscription up one year. I have taken the Courier ever since the first issue. Therefore can't afford to do without it. I am always glad when it comes.  
Yours truly,  
E. L. Brown.

The new gravel highway from the Houston county line on the north to the Trinity river bridge south of Trinity, a distance of 17.7 miles is nearing completion, and autoists report that the finished parts of this road are excellent. If the counties north and south of Trinity will build the same kind of road that this is, there will be a great tourist trade for the towns along the route.—Trinity Tribune.

### Christian Church.

We start this year's work in good condition for a forward movement.

We had a splendid business meeting last Sunday. Reports showed 1922 to have been the best year of the church's history.

The usual services next Sunday. A cordial invitation to all.

E. S. Allhands,  
Minister.

### Roads Being Improved.

Trinity county will soon have completed a stretch of highway from Riverside north to the Houston county line south of Lovelady. The Lovelady road district, we are informed, is bringing the road from the county line north to Cut, six miles south of Crockett. Crockett should lose no time in putting the road in good shape from Cut to the county seat and on to an intersection with the Grapeland road district north. We must not let our neighbors do it all.

### Birthday Party.

Annie Bob Stokes' fifth birthday will long be remembered by her many little friends. Last Thursday eighteen or twenty five-year-old girls and a few other special friends enjoyed the afternoon with her. Annie Bob was made happy by the many beautiful gifts. Everyone joined in the games in the yard and never was more merriment had in one afternoon. The dining room was beautifully decorated; in the center of the table was a big white cake with five tiny pink candles on it. All watched eagerly while the candles were flicking out. Then delicious cake and cream was

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Lovelady State Bank AT LOVELADY.

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1922, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1923.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$11,504.20
Loans, real estate	1,518.00
Bonds and Stocks	4,665.00
Furniture and Fixtures	729.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	74,021.94
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,176.99
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,586.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,201.42</b>
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,435.00
Undivided profits, net	873.66
Individual Deposits, subject to check	66,892.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,201.42</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston. We, K. D. Lawrence, as president, and A. B. Milliken, 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.

K. D. LAWRENCE, President.  
A. B. MILLIKEN, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, A. D. 1923.  
C. B. MOORE, Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
A. A. WALLER,  
R. T. BLOUNT,  
H. H. LARUE,  
Directors.

served. Each one regretted to leave the little hostess who, in her sweet, natural way, wished each of her guests a "very happy New Year." A Guest.

### Farm Bureau to Meet.

A general call has been issued for all who have joined the Farm Bureau to meet Saturday, January 13, 2:30 p. m., at County Agent R. R. Morrison's office in Crockett, to discuss many subjects of interest to farmers—such as fertilizers, rural credits, etc. Also to get the organization in real working order.

Co-operatives are doing wonderful work and Houston county should be reaping benefits as well as other counties. Everybody is invited to this meeting, whether a member or not.

Seeds and plans for growing crops should be considered at this time, so some and meet with us.

S. M. Monzingo,  
Secretary.

## CROCKETT THEATRE

THE HOME OF PARAMOUNT AND ARTCRAFT PICTURES

First Night Show Starts at 7:15 p. m. Promptly.

### PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15 TO 20

MONDAY, JANUARY 15  
Richard Talmadge in "TAKING CHANCES"  
Whirlwind action, thrilling stunts, interesting situations and vigorous comedy, with the right mixture of pathos.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16  
Earle Williams in "RESTLESS SOULS"  
A romantic love story. Matinee at 3:30. Also a comedy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17  
Betty Compson in "FOR THOSE WE LOVE"  
A human story of a girl who fights and faces disgrace for the happiness of those she loved. A pictorial melodrama of irresistible charm. Distinguished cast with Lon Chaney.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18  
"A SPLENDID HAZARD"  
By Harold McGrath  
A tale of thrilling adventure, love, quixotic bravery, ghosts, buried treasure. Cast includes Henry B. Walthall, Rosemary Theby, Norman Kerry, Ann Forrest and others. The fire-eating old admiral who fears neither man nor devil—and his pretty daughter who fears only ghosts.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19  
Herbert Rawlinson in "ONE WONDERFUL NIGHT"  
The fastest 12 hours that ever were filmed. Flash around the clock with young Jack Curtis—dine with him, save a pretty girl with him, fight with him, see him marry the girl, find a million dollars, fight some more, and come back to find the girl gone. Folks, it's fast work—and it's entertainment. You'll like it.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20  
ART ACORD  
again appears in one of the greatest chapter plays ever screened. It's history, educational, thrills and excitement.

"IN THE DAYS OF BUFFALO BILL"  
One of the most wonderful and inspiring epochs of history that America has ever known. From an educational standpoint its value cannot be overestimated and from the standpoint of romance and entertainment it is wholly satisfying. Also good two-reel playlet and two-reel comedy. Matinee at 2:30.

## MONEY TO LOAN

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.  
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.  
**B. B. WARFIELD**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The constituents and method of manufacture of pure indigo, which is one of the most important German dye secrets, is reported to have been unraveled by an Australian chemist.

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers Guaranty State Bank at Kennard.

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1922, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$27,404.24
Loans, real estate	1,410.00
Overdrafts	None
Bonds and Stocks	849.80
Real Estate (banking house)	1,750.00
Other real estate	1.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,130.72
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	23,639.59
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	776.20
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,098.75
Other Resources	401.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,461.75</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,755.16
Individual Deposits, subject to check	46,271.95
Cashier's Checks	434.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,461.75</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston. We, T. M. Sherman, as president, and Dan P. Craddock, as vice-president and 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, V. P. and Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, A. D. 1923.  
(Seal) E. C. ARLEDGE,  
Notary Public Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. J. TAYLOR,  
R. L. BARCLAY,  
T. J. DUREN,  
Directors.

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the First Guaranty State Bank AT WELDON.

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1922, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 11th day of January, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$66,957.70
Loans, real estate	2,732.00
Overdrafts	1,070.96
Thrift Stamps	.75
Real Estate (banking house)	2,695.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,900.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	19,357.98
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,276.14
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,955.69
Warrants	1,189.90
Profit and Loss	986.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,122.26</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 16,000.00
Surplus Fund	4,000.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	56,520.09
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,419.06
Demand Certificates of Deposits	1,183.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,122.26</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston: We, Alex Thompson, as president, and W. H. Mangum, 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.

ALEX THOMPSON, President.  
W. H. MANGUM, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, A. D. 1923.  
(Seal) B. E. GOODRUM,  
Notary Public, Houston County, Tex.  
Correct—Attest:  
MRS. W. H. MANGUM,  
W. D. JAMES,  
W. H. BRADLEY,  
Directors.



## EDITORIALS BY COL. R. T. MILNER

What the Former A. & M. President Writes in the Rusk County News.

### EVERY ONE OF THEM IS PERISHING.

It is refreshing to hear a statesman once in a while get up in Congress and tell the plain unvarnished truth. Bourke Cockran is sometimes more eloquent than logical, but when he takes hold of a proposition to unravel it and reduce it to a naked truth he succeeds admirably. The other day he said in the House:

"Now surely it is self evident that a navy to be good for any thing must be able to overcome any other navy. There can be neither sense nor reason in maintaining a military force for any other purpose. An attempt to avoid recurrence of war by maintaining navies of equal strength is to my mind about as foolish as if two men should agree as a measure of peace between them that each would carry a revolver, but that he would load only half the chambers.

"If nations mean peace they can make peace secure in just one way, and that is by discarding the means of making war. There is no other way.

"There is no disarmament worth considering unless it be complete. Partial disarmament means continuous armament.

"I said two years ago on this floor that unless the nations of Europe disarmed they would perish. They did not disarm, and now, by the admission of every one of them, they are actually perishing.

"The collapse of Austria, the impending ruin of Germany, together with England's declara-

tion of bankruptcy, all show that the whole fabric of civilization is in imminent peril of destruction. Already the roof has fallen in, and unless the process of disintegration can be checked, the whole structure must soon perish in confusion and disaster.

"I believe that this civilization can be saved, but to avert the ruin which threatens it all civilized nations must act together and act quickly. Not merely do I believe this civilization can be saved but it can go to a higher plane than it has ever attained, if we can only succeed in taking the weapons of destruction from the hands of men. If from all this confusion and disaster there should ultimately emerge a world entirely unarmed, where every pair of human hands and every dollar of capital would be employed in productive industries—none diverted to war or preparation for war—the gain to civilization would be greater than that which followed emancipation of the serfs in Russia, or abolition of slavery in this country, or liberation through the great revolution of the land in France from the surviving feudal restrictions which excluded the people from possession of the soil."

### NEW YEAR WISHES.

Wishes should be limited to reasonable possibilities, and they should be made in season, and their coming to pass should be a blessing to those upon whom the wishes are bestowed.

Here are a few as they now occur to the writer:

We wish every home owner would plant valuable trees about his premises.

We wish that every farmer would plant a few grape vines.

A few nut trees and a few fruit trees.

Just a few. Ten grape vines properly planted and cultivated as they should be would furnish the average family with all the grapes needed. No fruit is more wholesome.

A dozen or two fruit trees, such as the best known varieties of peach, apple, plum, and whatever else in the fruit tree line, given a good soil, sensible cultivation and other attention well known to the man of sense and experience, will bear fruit sufficient to have in abundance in its various stages in which it is used.

We sincerely wish that in addition to the above the farmers will plant some berry vines, such as blackberries, dewberries, etc. A half dozen vines of each in any kind of Eastern Texas soil, and given a few minutes cultivation at the right time, will be ample for the average sized family.

We do wish all of us would wake up to the importance of raising all of these things.

We wish that we could be stimulated to give as much attention to these things as we give to the cultivation of cotton.

In the light of all the facts of history France is just now experiencing a condition pitiable in the extreme. She is hopelessly in debt; her population is diminishing all the time; her appeals to her late allies fall on deaf ears; her statesmen are unable to grapple with the problems that are constantly becoming more serious; and her fears of German aggression are daily becoming more intense. It seems that M. Clemenceau's visit here was to beg the United States to agree to assist France in case

# See the Goods Before You Buy

The one sure way of knowing just what you will get for your money is to go right into a local store and pick it out. When you buy from pictures and descriptions you cannot see the actual value until it is too late to decide you do not want it.

Our local dealers would not think of demanding the full price before showing goods. Yet that is what is required when you buy by mail.

Why don't you deal in known values and get real bargains? Why don't you see what you're getting before you pay for it?

## TRADE AT HOME SUPPORT THE TOWN THAT SUPPORTS YOU

**Grove's  
Tasteless  
Chill Tonic**  
Invigorates, Purifies and  
Enriches the Blood. 60c

**"Well!  
Strong!"**

Mrs. Anna Clover, of R. F. D. 5, Winfield, Kans., says: "I began to suffer some months ago with womanly troubles, and I was afraid I was going to get in bed. Each month I suffered with my head, back and sides—a weak, aching, nervous feeling. I began to try medicines as I knew I was getting worse. I did not seem to find the right remedy until someone told me of

**CARDUI**

The Woman's Tonic

I used two bottles before I could see any great change, but after that it was remarkable how much better I got. I am now well and strong. I can recommend Cardui, for it certainly benefited me.

If you have been experimenting on yourself with all kinds of different remedies, better get back to good, old, reliable Cardui, the medicine for women, about which you have always heard, which has helped many thousands of others, and which should help you, too. Ask your neighbor about it; she has probably used it.

For sale everywhere. R. 23

another war with Germany should take place.

General Pershing is going around over the country advocating preparedness, which is another name for militarism. Governments left to men trained and educated for war would all be imperialists. The Germans believed in preparedness, and for half a century they did little else but to get ready for war. And according to the statements of Clemenceau Germany is still preparing for another war just as fast as she can. And so is France.

It now transpires that a teacher in the Texas University has announced that he has discovered two more laws of rhetoric, and this announcement is made right at a time when that great institution is asking for more money. Demosthenes and Cicero knew more laws of rhetoric over two thousand years ago than all the college professors on earth today.

The Treasury at Austin is bankrupt, with a deficit of \$2,000,000. Governor Neff might take for one of his Biblical texts: "Owe no man any thing." And then he should adopt the policy of Oran M. Roberts: "Pay as you go." Things have not gone just exactly right at Austin.

Plant trees. Plant them right now, for of all times now is the best time. Plant native trees, for they are suited to this climate and soil. Pin Oaks, Elms, Water Oaks, Pecans, Walnuts, Sugar Maples are all natives, and no trees in the world are more ornamental.

## BUSINESS FOR 1923 FORECAST

Bradstreet's Review Gives Interesting Figures and Forecasts For Twelve Months.

As the new year approaches Bradstreet takes a retrospective view of the past twelve months and in a comprehensive review gives some interesting facts and figures of the past year as well as a prophecy of a brighter year just ahead. The following extracts from Bradstreet's review of the business year with forecasts will prove interesting to many Leader readers:

Nineteen-twenty-two may be properly styled "a year of fulfillment," in that its early promise of being a "far" year in trade and industry was abundantly verified. It was irregular enough, including periods of belated liquidation of previous years' troubles, of apparent downward re-action alike in sentiment, in production and in prices, and although business in most lines was conducted at a much higher level of values than in the preceding year, it is probable that the margin of profit was a slimmer than expected. Prices of commodities, some few farm products excepted, continuing the improvement begun in midsummer of 1921, ruled higher all around, this being true in other countries than this, by the way. Production generally expanded over the preceding year's aggregates, in some instances new records being set up, and trade volume was un-

doubtedly larger than in 1921. Retail trade proved better than expected, considering the claimed reduction of purchasing power on the part of agricultural interests. Throughout the year collections appeared rather backward and never averaged better than fair, with slowness marked and long continued in many sections. Many measures of movement showed gains over 1921, although but few exceeded those of some earlier flush years. Following two years of liquidation, the progress made, as a whole, was encouraging, and a good normal level was reached in many lines. Frozen credits were pretty well melted, but the record number of failures and next to largest volume of liabilities ever recorded were evidences alike of continuing strain in many lines of business and of accumulative effects of past mistakes, over buying under consumption and other evils revealed by the slump following after war inflation. By and large, the year will probably be remembered as a year of improvement (though some of this was rather painful progress) in most lines and, all things considered, a far from satisfactory twelve months.

### Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.  
No. 1, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM  
No. 5, Houston Limited, 1:48 AM  
North Bound.  
No. 2, Sunshine Special, 2:45 PM  
No. 4, Local Passenger, 6:53 PM

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is a Prescription for Colds, Fever and LaGrippe. It's the most speedy remedy we know, preventing Pneumonia.



## WAR IN NEAR EAST LOOMS AS TURKS REJECT DEMANDS

Turks Decline Absolutely to Discuss Case of Armenians.

Lausanne, Jan. 6.—Peace or war was the grave issue placed squarely before the Near Eastern conference today. Ismet Pasha for Turkey brought this issue concisely before the delegates when, after refusing all Allied suggestions concerning special courts for foreigners in Turkey, he declared solemnly:

"Gentlemen, the key to peace lies in your hands."

Lord Curzon, accepting the challenge, retorted: "If peace is to come at Lausanne, it is essential that some arrangements on the question of foreign tribunals be arrived at," and he added significantly:

"We hope that time will soften the Turkish attitude and that Turkey will not maintain her position of today."

The discussion took place before the full commission on capitulations, which adjourned without reaching any accord on the most vital question on the Lausanne agenda and without fixing a date for the next meeting. The debate on capitulations, during which Ismet Pasha praised the American ambassador, Mr. Child, for his recent "eloquent address" to the conference on the question of foreign judicial system, was dignified throughout and marked by no evidence of ill feeling. In this respect it differed greatly from the morning session, which took up the problem of providing a national home for the Armenians.

Angry at the Allies' attempt to bring the Armenian question into the official discussion, Riza Nur Bey, the second Turkish delegate, delivered a short but violent attack on the Allies, then brusquely marched out of the meeting hall.

In consequence of this, Lord Curzon, M. Barrere and Marquis Di Garroni forwarded a strong letter of protest to Ismet Pasha, requesting the head of the Turk-

ish delegation to write some explanation of his colleague's conduct. Riza Nur Bey, who usually says the caustic things for the Turks when the Turks believe they must be said, was not daunted by the Allied protest, but appeared smiling and gracious at the afternoon meeting when the fateful problem of capitulations was discussed.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 20th day of December, 1922, by V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Five Hundred, Thirty-two and 18-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment of foreclosure, in favor of The F. B. Collins Investment Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5962, and styled The F. B. Collins Investment Company vs. Joe L. Wall, placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 20th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Two tracts of land, situated in Houston County, Texas, out of the Daniel McLean league, about eighteen miles N. E. of Crockett, containing respectively 54 acres, more or less, and 63 3-10 acres, more or less, as described in deed of trust from Joe L. Wall to The F. B. Collins Investment Company, recorded in Book 18, page 488 of the records of Houston County, Texas, for deeds of trust; and levied upon as the property of Joe L. Wall, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe L. Wall.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of January, 1923.

O. B. Hale,  
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

## MRS. KNOX'S BOND REDUCED; MYSTERY SHROUDS KILLING

HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT TO CLOSE BY AGREEMENT.

San Augustine, Texas, Jan. 6.

—More mystery than ever perhaps surrounds the death of Hiram Knox, millionaire East Texas lumberman, as a result of the abrupt ending here today of habeas corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys for Mrs. Lillian Knox, widow of the slain man, charged with murder.

A few minutes after the hearing was resumed at 10 a. m., attorneys for both sides agreed on a \$5,000 bond for Mrs. Knox. This contrasted with the \$25,000 bond set by Justice of the Peace Pratt at Hemphill in the examining trial. Mrs. Knox made the bond during the afternoon, and is free to await the action of the March grand jury on the murder charge.

An apparent sudden change in tactics on the part of both State and defense attorneys came over night. Despite statements attributed to the district attorney that new evidence would be introduced, and the expressed determination on the part of the defense attorneys to have read in court the letters found on the body of Knox the morning of his death, no new evidence of any kind was presented, the court's decision being made entirely on the evidence as presented in the examining trial at Hemphill.

Spectators were left to wonder whether the discovery late Friday of a deed made by Knox five days before his death, transferring all his properties to his wife, had anything to do with the unexpected agreement of attorneys on both sides virtually to postpone further action until the grand jury investigates the case.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 20th day of December, 1922, by V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of The F. B. Collins Investment Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6007, and styled The F. B. Collins Investment Company vs. Franklin F. Marler et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 20th day of December, 1922, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

One hundred and forty-seven acres of land, out of the J. W. Bartee 160 acres survey, and nine and one-half acres of land, out of the J. W. Bartee 122 8-10 acres survey, both tracts situated in Houston County, Texas, about fifteen miles S. W. of Crockett, known as the Franklin F. Marler place, and fully described in deed of trust from Franklin E. Marler and wife to The F. B. Collins Investment Company, recorded in Book 18, page 389 of the deed of trust records for Houston County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Franklin E. Marler, Hallie Marler and R. W. Miller and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of

## Your Daily Work

Should be as pleasant as possible, for if your work is pleasant you are sure to be contented, and contentment—less worry—prolongs your life.

We can aid you in the pursuit of contentment by solving your troubles about drug store goods—We have the best drugs and sundries that money can buy and our Prompt Service will get them to you immediately. Use your phone. No order too small for our prompt attention. Phone 47 or 140.

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10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Franklin E. Marler, Hallie Marler and R. W. Miller.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett

666 Cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Bilious Fever.

Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of December, 1922.

O. B. Hale,  
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

666 quickly relieves Colds and LaGrippe, Constipation, Biliousness and Headaches.

Charter No. 4684.

Reserve District No. 11

### REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Crockett, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on December 29, 1922.

#### RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$769,137.11	
Total loans		\$769,137.11
2. Overdrafts, unsecured, \$572.53		572.53
3. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances" executed by this bank and by other banks for account of this bank, and now outstanding	38,517.88	38,517.88
4. U. S. Government securities owned:		
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	100,000.00	
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	31,546.70	
Total		131,546.70
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.		37,511.57
6. Banking House, \$10,000.00		10,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house		10,752.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		61,831.92
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		73,613.56
11. Amount due from State Banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)		39,016.81
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)		92.16
14. b Miscellaneous cash items	398.91	398.91
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		5,000.00
16. Other assets, if any		36.09
Total		\$1,227,827.24

#### LIABILITIES

17. Capital stock paid in		\$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund		150,000.00
19. Undivided profits	\$44,597.47	\$44,597.47
c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	20,524.19	24,073.28
20. Circulating notes outstanding		100,000.00
22. Amount due to national banks		1,561.60
23. Amount due to State Banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)		69,102.43
25. Cashier's checks outstanding		5,708.05
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	76,372.08	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
26. Individual deposits subject to check		622,736.99
27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		13,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	635,736.99	
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		141,644.89
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	141,644.89	
Total		\$1,227,827.24

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:

I, D. G. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1923.

(Seal) E. C. ARLEDGE,  
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

H. F. MOORE,  
JAS. S. SHIVERS,  
JNO. LeGORY,

Directors.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

When you want a thing in a hurry you rush to a local store and get it. But do you realize that the existence of our stores depends upon continued business.

If every person in this community were to use the stores only for emergencies there would soon be no more places to satisfy those urgent needs.

You should do your part towards keeping local business alive and in a constant state of betterment by doing all your trading at home. It will be profitable to you as well as to the entire community.

## Trade At Home

Support the Town That Supports You



## WITNESSES EXHIBIT BONES OF MORE- HOUSE MOB VICTIMS

OTHERS TELL OF BEING  
TORTURED BY BAND,  
THEN RELEASED.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 6.—Watt Daniel and Fletcher Richards were put to death on a rack of torture, according to testimony today of pathologists who had examined their crushed and mutilated bodies, after the bodies were recovered from Lake La Fourche. They were victims of a black-hooded band, it was testified by their companions who escaped with floggings.

Exhibiting crushed and broken bones as visible evidence, Dr. Charles Duval and Dr. John Lanford, pathologists, testified that scientific examination of the bodies of the two men showed that they had been tortured on a device "specially constructed for inflicting punishment."

That the man who halted the automobile party of which Daniel and Richards were members wore black hoods, was testified to by witnesses who felt the wrath of the raiders but were allowed to return to their homes after being flogged.

These were the outstanding features of a day of sensational testimony investigation undertaken under the direction of Governor John M. Parker, to fix responsibility for the slaying of Daniel and Richards, and reveal perpetrators of other masked band depredations which the governor has laid at the door of the Ku Klux Klan.

### Bones Broken in Vice.

Describing in minute detail the crushed and mutilated condition of the bodies, the two pathologists testified that the men were subjected to torture in what was believed to have been a vice-like contrivance, which broke their bones at equidistant intervals and that the body of Daniel showed a revolting operation before he was put to death.

Two witnesses—J. L. Daniel, father of Watt, and W. C. Andrews—described members of the mob which halted the party en route from Bastrop to their

homes in Mer Rouge on the evening of August 24, last, as black-hooded.

Both Daniel, a man nearly 70 years old, and Andrews, 25, declared they were flogged by the raiders. Andrews testified he was beaten until he was numb. The elder man declared he was not given more than four or five blows.

For the first time during the inquiry, which began Friday, reference was made today to the "klan."

"I believe it was some members of the klan, maybe not the action of the klan as an organization, but some members of the klan," Andrews said. He declared, however, he could not name any man whom he suspected of being implicated.

## OFFICERS KILL FLEEING NEGRO

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 6.—William (Bodles) Ragsdale, wealthy Muskogee negro and proprietor of a local undertaking establishment, was shot and killed this afternoon when he attempted to escape while being taken to Sapulpa by officers on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of a policeman and the wounding of four others there last week.

Ragsdale was arrested here last night and held in the city jail, being secretly removed this morning in the hope of getting him to Sapulpa without the public there learning of the arrest. At Beggs, in Okmulgee county, he leaped from the automobile in which he was being transferred and was felled by a Sapulpa officer's bullet.

Ragsdale, his friends said here, was in Muskogee the night of the Sapulpa ambush and if he had been in Sapulpa during the past few weeks it was in connection with the reputed large estate of his mother-in-law, who was killed in an automobile accident here a fortnight ago.

The Courier office has a large stock of oil land lease forms for sale in any quantity from one up. Come to see us for your oil acreage lease forms and all other forms and styles of printing.

## SLUMP IN ENGLISH TRADE SLACKENS AT END OF YEAR

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE REPORTS  
OPTIMISM.

London, Jan. 6.—Although 1922 was generally speaking, a year of severe trade depression in Great Britain, many signs warranting optimism appeared during the closing months, says the American Chamber of Commerce in London in its official summary of business conditions in this country.

The review asserts that exports of British goods were higher by £20,000,000 than in 1921, and that their value is still increasing. It is apparent, the summary says, that the adverse balance sheet has been reduced by more than £100,000,000.

Coal exports in 1922 nearly trebled in quantity and nearly doubled in value, while exports of cotton goods showed a remarkable increase.

The output of coal was considerably higher and the production of pig iron and steel showed a considerable expansion; in the case of steel the increase amounted to more than 60 per cent.

The report says that in the coal industry the exports exceeded the pre-war average.

The close of 1922 found the Lancaster cotton industry still in a state of depression, although the report declares that conditions were not so bad as was generally reported. The exports of cotton goods to India in the last 12 months were considerably more than in 1921.

The cost of living as registered by the ministry of labor showed no change. The index figure on December 1, as on November 1, stood at 80, whereas it was 99 on December 1, 1921. Wholesale prices showed a slight increase during December.

### Galveston Bound Train Has Near-Serious Wreck.

Ponca, City, Okla., Jan. 6.—Southbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 11, Kansas City to Galveston, was derailed four miles north of Orlando, Okla., at 7 o'clock this morning. No one was injured seriously. All but one car left the tracks, but remained upright. The engine tender was damaged and the track for a quarter of a mile was torn up. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

Arrangements were made at a nearby farm house to care for the women and children on the wrecked train until another train can be put on.

Several of the cars were smashed, and railroad men said it was remarkable that no one was killed.

The train is said to be the fastest on the Santa Fe system.

### Hickory Grove Community Has Christmas Tragedy.

Fletcher Sheffield, white, 19 years old, shot and killed Bascom Jones, 20 years old, in the Hickory Grove community last Thursday, and is now in jail in Palestine.

It seems the trouble arose over a debt of \$4.50, which Jones is said to owe Sheffield. Sheffield claims self defense, but officers are said to be not satisfied with his plea.—Elkhart Record.

## That Good Special Flour

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Your vitality comes from the food you eat, and it will be in proportion to the nourishment that food contains and the manner in which it is prepared for eating. You can strengthen your system by carefully selecting flour that is known to be pure and rich in nutriment.

We sell flour that builds health, and it costs no more than the other kind.

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## ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware

## CANADA'S WHEAT CROP WOULD FILL 257,250 R. R. CARS

Winnipeg, Man.—A train 1,946 miles long would be required to haul Canada's wheat crop of 343,000,000 bushels. A string of 257,250 cars would be needed and if they were placed end to end they would extend from Montreal to a point 26 miles west of Swift Current, Sask., or from New York to Denver, Colo.

Allowing 35 cars to a locomotive, it would require 7250 locomotives to haul the cars. With trains running at intervals of

five minutes apart it would take 252 days for Canada's wheat crop to pass a given point.

The value of Canada's field crops for 1922 is estimated at \$1,119,273,583. Development and settlement of the West is proceeding at a remarkable rate, especially in the districts opened to settlement along the lines of the Canadian National railways where some of the biggest wheat crops of history have been grown this year.

Canada's wheat crop this year has a value estimated at \$369,334,350, as compared with \$242,936,000 last year. Oats this year are valued at \$334,510,360.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

## We Wish To Announce

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¶ We respectfully solicit a share of your business, guaranteeing you the very best quality of goods, prompt and courteous service and fair prices. Come in to see us often and make our store your meeting place.

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We rubber; we do it by keeping all the various rubber articles needed in the home—

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

### ARE RAISING TOO MANY BUTTERFLIES.

As a friend of all boys and girls, I am sometimes troubled about them and their future and the country's future, in which at no far distant day they will have an important part to play.

There are almost daily evidences in any community which show how helpless is the present day town or city reared boy or girl of the average well to do family to cope with any difficulty. If you know such a boy or girl you are aware that any situation which disarranges their plans, or that calls for a self-denial on their part, or that brings any real disappointment, no matter how trifling, floor them completely. They seem unable to deny themselves any pleasure or any whim to which they take a fancy. They have little or nothing apparently in their mental or moral make-up with which to combat any adversity. The fact is they are characterless, a misfortune for which their parents and not themselves are to blame. They are butterflies. We see them everywhere.

The parents of these boys and girls were brought up in, no such namby-pamby fashion. The boys and girls of 40 or 50 years ago, in every family, had certain daily duties they were expected to perform and did perform. Not only were they expected to go to school, but they were expected to get their lessons every day. They did not run around much, nor loaf about soda fountains. They didn't spend as much money in a year as the average boy or girl of the well to do family now spends in a day or week, and then asks for more. They didn't go dressed like fashion plates, more concerned over having to wear out of style coat or a long or too loose skirt, than anything else in the world unless it was a date at the next dance. Nor did they feel they were inferior human beings and go about in shame and humility because the family did not own a motor car.

In the homes of the well to do, the present generations of boys and girls are growing into men and women with characters as unformed as little children, because their parents have spoiled them by over-indulgence. They have given them too much money, gratified their every wish, given them no character forming discipline. They keep this up until the boys get of that age where boys and girls are usually more or less beyond discipline and can scarcely be reasoned with. Then for the first time these parents begin to think they have made a mistake somewhere. They find their

children have no intellectual resources. That they cannot have a good time unless they are spending money. That they are bored to extinction if there isn't some show or entertainment to be enjoyed. To sit down and read a book is to them a punishment instead of a pleasure.

It is when this stage is reached that these over-indulged parents begin to realize that when the time comes for these boys and girls to face the common difficulties of life they are going to be terribly up against it. And all because they had easy-going, too indulgent fathers and mothers who let them drift along because "everybody else's" boys and girls were railing along the same line of least resistance. They wanted their children to enjoy life while they were young and to have everything that the richest, most petted and most spoiled boy or girl in town had, and they did not realize this was mistaken kindness, that they were robbing their children of the very qualities of upbringing which had made their parents resourceful and successful men and women.—Senator Capper.

### THE NEW YEAR.

Here we are in the threshold of another year, with a heart firm in its conviction that there is still room for improvement in both ourselves and the conditions that surround us.

Possibly there will be made by Houston county people the usual number of what we call "good resolutions." Others will be content to "let well enough alone." Some few will ignore entirely an opportunity to check up on their short-comings and will let slide by another chance to make life a little brighter both for themselves and those about them. Good resolutions are all right, and we believe in encouraging them. But always a good resolution should not be a selfish one—it should include our neighbors. Resolving to look more closely after the little things this year than you did last will be a sensible resolution. Dropping in for a moment to inquire about the condition of a sick friend, or to ask if you can be of service—that is one of the little things that makes other lives as well as your own brighter. Speaking a kindly word to the young man or woman who is starting out in life's long road; a smile for the aged and a friendly pat on the back for the man who is passing through a sorrow—you couldn't make a wiser resolution than to resolve that you will look more closely after those little things during the year 1923.

Maybe everything won't be just as you would like to have it. Maybe things won't turn out exactly as you would like. So resolve now that if you do encounter obstacles you will use every honest effort to set them right, that you will be fair and honest with yourself, and that you will not let discouragement sour you toward your neighbors or the world. Resolve to keep in mind that good old motto: "If at first you don't succeed"—and when something hits you a pretty hard jolt, show your neighbor the kind of stuff you're made of by meeting it with a smile.

### THE HOURS WE WORK AND THE WORK WE DO.

Stop and think! Uncle Sam works, worries and taxes to dig a passageway thru

a shifting, swampy, narrow neck of tropical land;

A railroad spends millions to cut a shorter roadway thru mountainous country;

A big city drills thru rock below its big buildings, streets and rivers to install a quicker transportation system.

Thus money and effort are spent to gain a few minutes on the hour or day, and many who should benefit by these sacrifices squander the time thus gained—squander it during working hours.

We are all familiar with the man who hesitates and hems and haws about the hours. We are acquainted, too, with his co-worker who clearly and easily accomplishes results in a few minutes.

The latter wastes no effort. He knows. Knowledge is always a conservator of time.

The man who can meet an emergency, fill a demand, solve a manufacturing problem or couquer opposition on the spot, is the man the business field needs today.

Study, learn and know.

And as you read these pages in each issue of The Crockett Courier you accumulate a mental inventory of what you can get, what it costs and from where you can get it with the least delay.

All of which tends to economize time and enables the accomplishment of more valuable work with less effort.

### OVERWORK IS SELDON FATAL.

Dean West's statement to the Princeton students that in the last 40 years there has been only one recorded case of a student of the university dying of overwork is perhaps not so striking as it sounds. Hard mental work is as healthful an occupation as any in which a man can engage, whether in college or in after life. The trouble is to dissociate it from worry. It is anxiety over the outcome of their examinations, not the mental effort of study, which breaks down school children in too many instances. It is doubtful if there is a better recipe for good physical health than hard study assiduously pursued and in conditions free from worry. But will there not be considerable dissent from the dean's reactionary recommendation of "mathematics and the classics, history, philosophy, modern literature and the elements of political economy" as the best subjects of study to produce "a finely educated man?" This is the curriculum of the old-time American college, unimproved and unmodernized by the addition of a hundred and one courses in special and utilitarian knowledge. Of what possible use is hard study of the classics in this day and generation? How far would it prepare a student for answering Edison's questionnaire?

### LOW PRICES.

The embarrassment that comes from accepting orders at a low figure because of quiet conditions in the printshop was strongly felt by a western employing printer recently. Some time ago this printer had nothing much to do in his plant and accepted a catalog for a very low price. When the order was repeated he was busy and asked about seventy-five per cent more for the work. The purchasing agent placing the order became very much perturbed

## Which Is Larger the Sun or a Cent

The sun is the largest but you can hold the cent so close to your eye that you'll lose sight of the sun. Don't let a cheap price or a big can baking powder make you lose sight of quality.

## CALUMET

The Economy BAKING POWDER



Is the quality leavener—for real economy in the kitchen, always use Calumet, one trial will convince you.

The sale of Calumet is over 150% greater than that of any other baking powder.



BEST BY TEST

THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER

over the new figure and was angry that he should be asked to go to his superior with the information that the price had been so unreasonably advanced. This incident proves that low prices affect not only the printer but the customer, who is annoyed by fluctuations which he cannot comprehend. Producing work without obtaining a fair profit on it is one way of storing up trouble for the future.

How to pick a wife and how not to pick a husband are the subject of two pieces of recent advice, both from Chicago, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Don't let some tailor act as fate in determining who your husband shall be; that is, don't select him because of the cut of his clothes, says Judge H. A. Lewis of that town. Make sure a woman has common sense before marrying her, says Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, a Chicago woman lawyer. Unions that would violate both warnings are easily possible. A woman who would marry a man be-

cause of the cut of his clothes alone would get a disappointing husband, if the judge's view is correct, but as a wife who had thus picked a husband would be sadly lacking in common sense, who would get the worst of the bargain? Apparently it would be about an even thing.

A home in town or in the country can be made more beautiful and attractive by growing trees and vines about the premises. They cost so little that it is strange that any home is without them. Any time this month will do to plant trees, but why delay so important a matter?

### N. H. PHILLIPS

LAWYER

Offices First National Bank Building

Telephone No. 392  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

### DO YOU REALLY MAKE A WORTH-WHILE SAVING?

Long distance buying is not always as profitable as it may appear. Your express charges, money order and fee, postage and stationery may come to almost as much as you would pay right here in town for the same merchandise.

And the time you spend getting your money order, writing your letter and then waiting for your goods to come often makes the "sight unseen" method of buying the most expensive.

Compare that last lot of goods with the kind your local dealer could have sold you and see if you saved anything worth while.

TRADE AT HOME SUPPORT THE TOWN THAT SUPPORTS YOU



**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

A visit will be appreciated at McGee's. tf.

Let McGee sell you your groceries and feed for less. tf.

Salesmen Wanted — Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 1t.\*

For sale at a bargain—two registered Jersey bull calves. 2t. A. W. Ellis.

We have a price line of tires and a quality line. See us before buying. Crockett Filling Station. 1t.

The bank statements in the Courier this week make a good financial showing for the county. Read them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ponder and baby of Houston were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ponder near Crockett.

Hon. C. C. Rice was in Crockett Saturday on his way to Austin to represent Houston county in the legislature now in session.

Mr. J. O. Monday of Longview, returning from the old home in Lovelady, was a visitor in Crockett Wednesday afternoon.

See the Herrin Hardware Company for barb wire, hog wire, nails and staples. They have the goods and the prices are right. 1t.

Galveston has nothing on Crockett in the matter of mid-winter bathing. A representative swimming party was at the country club lake Sunday afternoon and again on Monday.

**Ledgers and Day Books.**

The Beasley Drug Company has received a large supply of ledgers and day books, just the kind their customers have been asking for. If you are needing anything of this kind, it will pay you to see them. 2t.

Remember the place—Bennett Bros. old stand. tf.

The price is the thing. McGee's Store makes the price. tf.

Miss Florence Arledge is the guest of Miss Grace Smith at Longview.

Let us fix your punctures. We are prepared and will take pleasure in fixing your tires right. Crockett Filling Station. 1t.

Joe Lacy and family have returned to Crockett to make their home. Mr. Lacy will be with C. H. Callaway.

The Herrin Hardware Company has a full stock of barb wire, hog wire, nails and staples. See them for prices. 1t.

Mrs. Walter Driskell will appreciate your patronage for sewing of all kinds. See me at the Crockett Dry Goods Co.'s. tf.

**Hogs Wanted.**

All hogs from 90 pounds up. See J. M. McIver at Pickwick Hotel. 1t.\*

Miss Lucia Painter, who returned last week from visiting at Palestine, left Sunday afternoon for an extended visit in Houston and Stephenville.

**Classes in China Painting.**

Mrs. Brooke has installed her china kiln and is prepared to fire china. Classes in china painting Tuesday night and Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Any one interested invited to call and see the work. Have all studio supplies. 1t.

**Road Work Rushed.**

The San Antonio road has been completed from the McIver or Lundy Trinity river plantation to within seven miles of Crockett and work is being pushed toward Crockett. The completed section, which is more than 20 miles in length, is by far the best piece of roadway in this county.

**Married in Houston.**

Friends in Crockett have learned of the marriage in Houston on Monday evening of last week of Mr. Henry J. Berry and Miss Lucile Millar, both of this city. With Miss Totsy Foster as an invited guest, they left Crockett in an automobile Monday morning for Houston. It was several days before news of the marriage leaked out in Crockett and the details are still lacking. As the bride and groom had not returned Wednesday, the Courier could learn but very little of the affair. It is known, however, by the friends of the couple that the marriage ceremony was performed Monday evening. Following the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been making automobile tours to different points in south Texas and are not expected home before the end of the week.

The bride is one of Crockett's most interesting and popular young ladies. As the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Millar of this city, she is known for her culture, refinement and other personal charms. The bridegroom is one of Crockett's most prominent young business men, noted for his uprightness of character and splendid executive ability. Both have many friends in Crockett and elsewhere who will join the Courier in extending congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Berry will make their home in this city, returning to Crockett by automobile Wednesday evening.

**Celebrate Golden Wedding.**

Sunday, January 7, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rice celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home five miles northeast of Crockett, where they have lived since their marriage in January, 1873. It was in the nature of a surprise party, the couple knowing nothing of the proposed celebration until the guests began to arrive. Only the immediate relatives and a few of the neighbors were present, these numbering sixty-one. A great many presents, commemorative of the occasion, were presented the couple, who were very appreciative of the courtesies extended. Refreshments that were not only dainty and attractive, but substantial as well, were served on a long table in the yard, John E. Monk of Crockett, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Rice, acting as master of ceremonies. At the table, four generations of the family were seated: Mr. and Mrs. Rice; Mrs. John Spence, a daughter; Mrs. W. A. Collins of Groveton, a granddaughter, and W. A. Collins Jr., son of Mrs. W. A. Collins, a great grandson; this young man is the only boy among the grandchildren. The dinner was an informal affair, the guests enjoying themselves in "old time" style. The afternoon slipped away rapidly, the guests leaving for their respective homes quite late. Mr. Rice is 72 years old and Mrs. Rice is 69. A Guest.

**Notice of Application for Letters of Guardianship.**

No. 1649. The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date

**Your 1923 Saving**

Everybody wants to get more and pay less. That is human nature. We can not control your earning powers, but we can and will reduce your expenditures if you will make our drug store your headquarters.

For a considerable time we have been devising means of increasing our business in 1923 without adding to our overhead expenses. We have solved the problem, and are going to **SHARE THE SAVING WITH OUR CUSTOMERS.**

That means that you will get your drug-store necessities for less than you would ordinarily have to pay for the same articles.

SAVE WITH US IN 1923.

**B. F. Chamberlain**  
DRUGGIST

of the notice in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Application for Letters—Guardianship. The State of Texas, to all persons interested in the welfare of Grover Cook and Wilson Cook, minors.

W. W. Latham has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in Febru-

ary, A. D. 1923, the same being the 5th day of February, A. D. 1923, at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 6th day of January, A. D. 1923.

W. D. Collins, Clerk, County Court, Houston County, Texas. 2t.

**By This Time Next Week**

We will have moved to our new quarters, and we respectfully invite our patrons and the public to visit in our new home.

We will move to the Satterwhite old stand next door to Kent & Trube, and will have one of the most extensive lines of everything we have ever carried—consisting of dry goods, notions, shoes, hardware, clothing, the celebrated J. I. Case implements, the Chattanooga chilled plows and middle bursters, and the Kelly line of cast plow goods, and will also have the famous Pelican brand of fertilizer.

We have just unloaded car hog wire, barb wire, nails and staples, and we want to impress on you that we will make the price and furnish the quality with every purchase. You will be able to get your requirements all under one roof. Give us a call and be convinced.

**Moore & Shivers, Inc.**

**Lumber Yard Moved**

The lumber yard of the Crockett Hardwood Lumber Company has been moved to the planing plant of the company south of the oil mill crossing. While the yard has been moved there will be no change in the plan of service to our customers.

It has always been our policy to help customers save money, avoid waste and get complete satisfaction in the purchase of all kinds of building material. When they tell us their plans, we tell them how to buy economically and what to use. When their plans are indefinite, we frequently make suggestions that suit their necessities.

Our customers are our friends because we are friends to them first, last and all the time.

With high quality at a guaranteed fair price, our profits take care of themselves.

Come Over and See Us in Our New Location

**Crockett Hardwood Lumber Company**



## THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE CONVENES

**Palestine Man Elected Speaker  
of House Over Dallas  
Representative.**

Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—R. E. Seagler of Palestine was elected speaker of the house of the thirty-eighth legislature at the opening session today by a vote of 127 to 19 for Lewis T. Carpenter of Dallas. There were 149 members present; J. R. Hardin of Kaufman did not vote. On motion of Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Seagler's election was made unanimous.

Speaker Seagler, upon assuming the chair, announced that the people of Texas by the platform adopted at the state democratic convention last September, had provided the program of legislation which he would seek to follow. As parts of that program he announced the following: more effective prohibition laws; a co-operative system for the marketing of farm products; the Sheppard-Towner act; a better system of public highways; co-ordination and reorganization of agricultural agencies; conservation of natural resources; court reforms; amendment of the election laws and the curing of the "many defects"; more adequate employes' compensation; prison reform, and especially the relocation and centralizing of the penitentiaries; removal of officers when they fail in the performance of duty; soldiers' compensation; equalization of tax renditions; provision for the public schools by appropriation to be added to the general school funds; a public utilities regulation bill; a constitutional convention; voting privileges for soldiers, sailors and marines, and the establishment of a branch college of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

### Mentions Taxation.

Much applause met the reference to adequate provision for schools and for the West Texas A. and M.

In addition to carrying out this program, the speaker asserted that it was the duty of the legislature to solve the problem of the state's financial deficiency and to do justice to everybody in regard to taxation. That responsibility, he declared, fell equally upon the speaker and the members.

The demonstration for Seagler began when, as representative from Anderson county his name was first called upon the roll. Mrs. Edith Wilmans of Dallas, first woman to sit in the house, was also applauded when she answered the initial roll.

Mrs. Wilmans was first recognized by Secretary of State Staples when the election of speaker was taken up. She placed Mr. Carpenter in nomination, stating that she did so at the request of the Dallas delegation. Lee J. Rountree nominated Seagler. Those who seconded the nomination were O. L. Pate of Van Zandt County, J. E. Quaid of El Paso, B. W. Patterson of Eastland County and Lee Satterwhite of Panhandle. Carpenter's nomination was seconded by William Lusk of Washington County, R. E. Sparkman of Ellis County, J. M. Perdue of Upshur County, Geo. C. Purl of

Dallas and J. T. Stroeder of Navarro.

In response to a resolution by H. E. Bell of Coryell, the vote was taken by the members advancing to the clerk's desk and placing their ballots in a hat.

It became apparent long before the necessary majority was polled that the count was going overwhelmingly for Mr. Seagler. When the count was announced and the applause had died down Mr. Carpenter secured recognition and announced his wish to join in the congratulations being showered upon the winner. He moved that the election of Mr. Seagler be made unanimous.

Representatives E. A. Gipson, William Lusk, Carey Abney, F. B. Potter and Walter Jones were appointed to escort the speaker to the chair, where the oath was administered by the secretary of state.

In addressing the house the speaker adopted the phrase, "Gentlemen and lady of the house." He declared himself unequal to expressing his feeling upon the election, but announced that for him there would be no distinction between "new" and "old" members; that he had no wish to thwart the will of the majority, but that he would respect the wishes of the majority.

## DEAN LAW VALID; STATE IS VICTOR

Austin, Texas, Jan. 8.—The decision of the United States supreme court today, dismissing the case of Clyde Chandler versus the State, and holding that the federal prohibition act does not supercede the State prohibition laws, is a complete victory for the State act, officials stated tonight. In addition to the claim that the federal act supercedes the State, it also was claimed that the State act is in direct conflict with the federal law and therefore unconstitutional. The supreme court's decision in effect upholds the constitutionality of the State law, it was said.

### Chances to Save Are Offered Through This Paper.

By carefully reading the advertisements in this paper you can often save money on your purchases. The things you need may be offered just a little bit cheaper today than they will be at any other time.

The new rug for the parlor, the new dining room table, the new suit, the sack of flour, the pair of shoes or the new hat may be advertised today at a saving worth while.

Don't lay this paper down until you have read every advertisement in its columns. Economical people do their buying through advertising — and they are putting money in the bank by so doing.

Port Jackson, one of the finest natural harbors in the world, and on which stands the city of Sydney, extends inland for more than thirty miles.

Three 2000-mile radius radio stations will be erected in Central America, at the capital of Honduras and Nicaragua and in a Panama city.

The city of Danzig has added plants to make benzol and fuel briquets from coke and tar to its municipal gas works to utilize by-products.

## LONGEST FROZEN MAIL ROUTE IN CANADA OPENED

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 6.—Canada's longest and loneliest mail route, covering a distance of 3500 miles, now is in operation. With the northern rivers frozen, huskie teams of the Northern Trading company have left Fort McMurray, the terminus of the Alberta and Great Waterways railroad, for the settlement of Aklavik, 1750 miles to the north.

Mail will be left at all fur trading points along the Mackenzie, Slave and Athabaskan rivers. It is expected Aklavik will be reached about February 1, and, after a brief rest, the return trip to Fort McMurray will start, reaching the railhead about March 1.

Five relays of dog teams will be used, the longest single "mush" being that from Fort Simpson to Aklavik, a distance of 866 miles. The mail load will be comparatively light by the time this stretch is reached, thus enabling the dogs to go the entire distance without relief.

The man carrying the mail has no space for a tent or other comforts. At night he curls up in his blankets under some convenient spruce tree, with his dogs crowded around him for warmth. All day he breaks trail through the snow and occasionally must chop his way through the ice hummocks which pile up in the Mackenzie.

### Ruhr Declared Richest Industrial Region in World.

The Ruhr basin, upon which France has fixed her eyes as a last resort to extract reparations payments from Germany, is the richest industrial area in the world—and the industrial heart of Germany.

Statistics prepared by mining experts indicate that the coal deposits alone underlie an area of 1,800 square miles and that the total amount of coal in the territory would reach the enormous total of nearly 55,000,000,000 tons. In addition, it is estimated that the basin contains more than 4,000,000,000 tons of lignite.

The incomparable richness of the region is shown by the fact that there are operating in the Ruhr 887 big corporations with a total capital of 3,500,000,000 gold marks, which includes many of the Stinnes and Thyssen industrial concerns.

With its position near the markets of the world, the Ruhr area is the most desirable bit of land in the world, and the most productive of raw materials.

The population of the Ruhr is 4,000,000 and it contains a dozen large cities connected by railroads and accessible to the sea by the Rhine.

French experts declare that possession of the Ruhr made Germany the great industrial nation it was before the war, and made the war possible for Germany. Without the Ruhr, it is contended, Germany would have her war claws clipped, and would never again be able to wage war against any nation.

It is claimed that only by getting her hands upon the products of the Ruhr can France ever force Germany to repair her ten devastated departments.

The present situation has caused much discussion of the

Charter No. 8742.

Reserve District No. 11.

## REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Lovelady, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on  
December 29th, 1922.

### RESOURCES.

1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c) .....	\$116,779.43	\$116,779.43
Total loans .....		755.15
2. Overdrafts, secured, None; unsecured \$755.15 ..		
4. U. S. Government securities owned:		
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) .....	\$ 6,250.00	
b All other United States Government Securities (including premiums, if any) .....	5,000.00	
Total .....		11,250.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. ....		2,230.74
6. Banking House, none; Furniture and fixtures, \$1,858.00 .....		1,858.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house ..		6,850.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank .....		13,959.06
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks .....		67,058.53
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10) .....		567.00
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12) .....		393.40
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 .....	68,018.93	
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer .....		312.50
Total .....		\$222,013.81

### LIABILITIES.

17. Capital stock paid in .....	\$ 25,000.00	
18. Surplus fund .....		15,000.00
19. Undivided profits .....	\$6,520.98	\$ 6,520.98
c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid ..	4,381.43	2,139.55
20. Circulating notes outstanding .....		6,250.00
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
26. Individual deposits subject to check .....		141,446.46
27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed) .....		6,577.75
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 .....		148,024.21
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) .....		25,600.05
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35 .....	25,600.05	
Total .....		\$222,013.81

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:

I, I. J. Young, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I. J. YOUNG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 8th day of January, 1923.

(Seal) C. O. MURRAY,

Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

W. H. COLLINS,

J. L. ALLBRIGHT,

W. B. COLLINS,

Directors.

report M. Dariac recently presented to Premier Poincare. Dariac, who was sent into the Ruhr by his government, urges that France must keep a hold on the industries of the Ruhr and that the province must be made into an autonomous state under the protection of Belgium and France.

The document, which has not yet been published in France, but has been given publicity in other nations of the world, states that while Germany is unable to pay its debts, the German industrialists, such as Stinnes, can be made to pay if proper pressure is brought to bear.

"We can cut them in two and utterly disorganize their industry," Dariac declared. The report stated that as long as France maintained a hold in the Rhineland she would constitute a constant menace to the "ten or twelve" masters of Germany.

In the conclusion of the report, the recommendation is made for financial reorganization of the Rhineland, the dismissal of the Prussian officials and the convocation of an elected Rhenish assembly.

It is not known whether Premier Poincare and other members of the French government subscribe to the beliefs of Dariac.

A number of big features stand out prominently in a review of the past year. As not uncommon in other years of readjustment, it was characterized by severe labor troubles. Over 1,000,000 men voluntarily abandoned their work, the bulk of these in protest against reduced wages, and the biggest strike, that of coal miners, proved successful. Despite the disorganization that flowed from this and the railway shopmen's strikes,

the latter a failure to all appearances, it was a wonderful year in industry. For the first time in history, it was claimed to have been demonstrated that there were not enough manual workers to go around, this latter development a heritage of war and later of restricted immigration. This was in striking contrast with the year before, when 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 people were reported either displaced or idle. Thus fortified in this position, the labor unions, as their chief spokesman announced, prevented the often predicted deflation of wages. So strong was the contrary financially, however, and so exigent the demand for all kinds of supplies, this including housing, that business and industry both made wonderful progress for an after war depression year, although industrial workers, it was frequently claimed, were the chief beneficiaries of the year's operations. How severely construction of all kinds, but particularly dwellings, had been restricted during the war period, was proved by the unexampled volume of expenditure in filing this vacuum.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Washington has gone on record as being opposed to false advertising, and a committee has been appointed to consider the matter that ways and means may be provided to make truthful advertising effective. The association also has decided to renew its efforts to bring about the enactment of a bad-check law, and will co-operate with other local trade bodies toward that end. Both subjects have been agitated for the past several years, and both are much-needed reforms which it is hoped will be soon secured.