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"Quality, Not Quantity."

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## CROCKETT DAIRY CAMPAIGN BOOMING

Houston County Truck Growers' Association, Bee Keepers and Farm Loan Interests.

Saturday last was a busy day at the Commercial Club rooms. At noon the Houston County Bee-keepers' Association, under the efficient leadership of President Jeffus, met with the largest attendance that has been seen at these regular weekly gatherings. Many important matters were discussed and settled, and progress was reported by all of the standing committees. Arrangements for the purchase of supplies at wholesale were perfected and specific orders were from many of the members recorded. This important industry is making splendid progress, which is largely due to the business-like manner the details of the organization are being handled in.

Promptly at two o'clock, just as the beekeepers were adjourning, the members of the Crockett National Farm Loan Association began to arrive for the annual meeting, for the purpose of electing directors and the selection of officers for the present year. A large attendance was present and much interest manifested. The following board of directors was elected, and after the stockholders meeting was over met and selected the following officers: Board of directors consists of L. H. Sharp, J. W. Markham, G. L. Richards, F. A. Smith, P. D. Austin. The newly elected directors selected L. A. Hollis to serve as president, J. W. Markham as vice president and H. A. Fisher as secretary-treasurer.

Long before the Farm Loan meeting was over those interested in the proposed truck growing movement, recently introduced by the Club, began to arrive, and the capacity of the room was severely taxed to accommodate the crowd. The Farm Loan members were invited to remain and most of them did, as it was a matter that practically every one felt interested in.

The meeting was organized by Mr. John Monk being selected chairman and John L. Dean secretary. Mr. Fisher was asked to state the object of the meeting and to outline a method of procedure. This was done in a few words and then a canvass made of those present to learn how much acreage they would agree to plant of the different crops that it was proposed to grow for a shipping market the present season. The interest was general, as all agreed to join the movement to some extent and pledged from one to five acres of the melons, cantaloupes, cabbage or potatoes. The pledges when added up proved conclusively that these farmers had come together for the purpose of doing business and were really in earnest. Chairman Monk made a talk along the lines of everybody present considering himself appointed a committee of one to solicit memberships and to invite all the new ones to meet again at the same place on next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization and getting under motion. Please remember the date, Saturday, January 22, at 2 o'clock.

Don't for a moment get the idea that those interested in our

dairy campaign are losing interest or sleeping at the switch. It should be remembered that we now have two very important allies who are going to stay with us until the success of this feature of our community building operations is so thoroughly rooted that it will carry itself forward to fullest development.

You all read what Mr. Mahon, advertising manager of the International Harvester Company, said in last week's Crockett papers on the subject, and you also know that when this worldwide organization pledges itself to the accomplishment of any undertaking it never falters or gets weary.

Then there is the Texas Creamery Company of Houston, whose representatives, Messrs. Clapp and Hall, addressed our noon-day luncheon meeting a few weeks ago. They are enlisted for the campaign, and Mr. H. A. Clapp will arrive in Crockett Tuesday, January 25, to stay a week or two for the purpose of holding meetings in country districts adjoining our city, and we will state that on this occasion it is expected that the merchants will attend these meetings in numbers sufficient to show the interest they have in this most important movement. To the farmers in the Crockett trading territory we especially appeal for assistance in making these meetings successful.

We quote the following gem from the pen of S. W. Sandford in the last issue of the Arkansas Homestead: "In the place of King Cotton, the dairy cow will rule; a queen that brings contentment and prosperity, and makes possible a system of farming that returns to the soil more fertility than it carries away."

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

## "NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE"

Bulletin of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Warns and Advises Members

New York.—Advertising should be maintained and not cut at this time when many manufacturers are seriously overstocked, according to Stanley E. Gunnison, a director of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, writing in the current issue of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

"We have come to a period in the growth and even existence of many business houses," says Mr. Gunnison. "Decisions that are made today will be determining factors in the success or failure of the years to come."

"The greatest and most successful concerns have always been the most consistent advertisers. Mindful of the lessons of the past, they safeguard the present and anticipate the future."

"Yet today we hear business men talking of curtailing their advertising at a time when they are overstocked with goods and are undersold to the extent of thousands of dollars."

### Money Needed for Teachers.

The School Board respectfully requests that all who are due taxes to the Crockett District for 1920 come in at once and pay, as not enough money has come in so far to pay all of the teachers, and they are very much in need of their salaries now.

T. B. Collins, Collector, Crockett Ind. Sch. Dist.

## WAR PREPARATION COSTS AMERICA

Twice as Much as All Civil Activities, Statistician Shows.

Washington, Jan. 15.—With disarmament of nations an absorbing subject of thought and discussion in congress, Dr. E. B. Rosa, chief physicist of the National Bureau of Standards, has submitted interesting figures showing that nearly two-thirds of the cost of running the United States government in a normal peace time year is caused by war preparation or its subsequent effects. The cost of governmental activities having to do with war or preparation for war, Dr. Rosa says, amounts to over \$450,000,000 in a normal year.

In this average expenditure he does not include the cost of the recent war.

Figures that he has compiled show that during 1917, 1918 and 1919 over twenty-two billions of dollars, or 50 times the average peace military expenditure, were necessary to pay for the war. This immense sum does not include loans to Europe or the "hangovers" of the war, for which the country will be paying for years to come.

### Comparison Made.

In contrast to the large yearly military expenditure is the 4.2 per cent that is spent for the research, educational and development work conducted by the departments of agriculture, commerce and the interior, and bureaus of other departments. That this relatively paltry yearly expenditure of \$27,838,313 for research and development results in greatly increased wealth of the country out of proportion to the cost is the contention of Dr. Rosa. This large "dividend" helps make possible the payment of the costs of war.

Were it not for war expenditures the smokers of the country would more than pay all the expenses of the government, Dr. Rosa says. In the last ten years civil government, including public works, legislative, executive and judicial activities, as well as research, educational and development cost on an average of \$211,342,798 per year, while the internal revenue taxes on cigars and tobacco brought into the treasury \$294,813,073 during the fiscal year of 1920.

### Luxury Tax Pays All.

Either the luxury tax on automobiles, candy, furs, jewelry, etc., or taxes on transportation and other utilities during 1920 also would have paid for all the average yearly civil activities, Dr. Rosa's figures show.

If every man, woman and child had been forced to pay out of his pocket \$4.70 each normal peace time year, or had been forced to hand over for the last war \$130.32 during 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920, they would realize more forcibly the cost of war. This amount is the per capita cost of the military side of our government. The cost of the civil government is small in comparison, Dr. Rosa's figures show. For the ten years 1910-1919 the average yearly cost was only about \$2.15 per person. On this only 28 cents was expended for research, education and development, 79 cents for public works, and the rest for primary government functions.

In addition to the recent

\$22,000,000,000 war Dr. Rosa's figures show that during the war the United States loaned \$9,000,000,000 to the allies and since then we have handed over \$350,000,000.

### Four Billions Last Year.

All of this money is not now paying even interest, and though it is to be hoped that the government will get most of it back sooner at later, it might well be counted as an expenditure so far as the present is concerned. Then, largely because of increased army and navy, shipping board, railroad administration, war risk insurance, rehabilitation and other activities directly caused by the war the nation spent over four billions in the year ending July 1, 1920.

There will be a billion dollars interest on war loans due every year from now on, and a quarter of a billion will have to be spent every year in paying off the principal. There will have to be expenditures of millions year after year to care for the disabled soldiers of the last war, just as in each normal year the government now pays \$163,807,961 or 24.76 per cent of the yearly expenditure for pensions and care of soldiers of previous wars.

## WALKOUTS FOLLOW HEELS OF WAGE CUTS

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—Union workmen employed in Seattle shipyards and shops, affiliated with the United Metal Trades association, took a strike vote Monday following the action of the shops in reverting to the so-called Macy wage scale established during the war, according to union officers.

Under the Macy scale the basic wages of workmen of most of the metal crafts in Seattle will be reduced approximately 7 cents an hour, it was said.

A. F. Marion, chairman of the Washington district of the United Metal Trades association, said that as far as he could learn the scale had been accepted by the employees. About 3000 men are said to be affected by the wage cut.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 17.—The White Carpet mills were closed Monday by the strike of 300 weavers in protest against a cut of 25 per cent in wages.

Boston, Jan. 17.—The municipal printing plant stopped work Monday as a result of labor troubles. Superintendent Charles S. Lawler said a strike was in effect. Union officials asserted it was a lockout. About 100 persons are involved.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 17.—The strike declared by the local branch of the United Shoe Workers Saturday, against the W. H. McElwain Shoe company's announcement of a revision of its wage scale, went into effect Monday. Company officials indicated that they did not expect the strike would interfere with operations.

Although the McElwain factories here employed nearly 500 persons in busy times, production has been greatly curtailed recently. The company has two factories in Nashua where the wage reduction also is effective. The Nashua factories have been closed for two weeks and no announcement of immediate resumption of work has been made there.

## LEADER IN DALLAS POST OFFICE RAID

Stolen Currency and Bonds Recovered; Bandit Confesses in Full.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 15.—Dallas and Fort Worth detectives and federal officers Saturday night had the leader of the gang of five bandits who Friday night held up and looted the Jackson street post office station under arrest, and had recovered the \$45,000 in currency and \$225,000 worth of liberty bonds and \$25,000 in mutilated canceled currency which the bandits secured.

The money was recovered both in Dallas and in Fort Worth, most of it being found in the two registered mail sacks in which it was stolen, cached under a brush heap on the road that circles Lake Worth and Fort Worth.

The officers secured a complete confession from W. S. Scrivener, the bandit leader. Scrivener not only furnished officers with the names of the three men participating in the holdup who escaped, but led them to a house in Fort Worth Saturday morning where the gang has been living and where Scrivener told the officers he thought his companions could be arrested.

### Accomplices Tipped Off.

When the officers arrived Saturday morning, they found their prisoner's accomplices had been "tipped off," and had fled just a few minutes before their arrival. The gas stoves in the house had not even been turned off, so hasty was the flight of the bandits. Neighbors said a transfer man hauled away three trunks just before the police, armed with rifles and shotguns, arrived at the place.

Scrivener was arrested early Saturday morning after the bandit car had skidded from the road near Fort Worth, turned over, killing Scrivener's companion, Pat Murphy, and injuring Scrivener so badly that he was unable to escape from the scene.

Scrivener told the police the holdup was planned last week and he and his companions came to Dallas Friday afternoon in the bandit car, which was stolen last week in another Texas town.

### Drove to Fort Worth.

They held up the post office, and after stopping at a house in Dallas, where a grip full of currency was recovered Saturday morning, they drove directly to the house in Fort Worth. There the three missing bandits left the car and Scrivener and Murphy drove on out to Lake Worth, where they hid the mail sacks full of money and bonds under a brush heap. It was on the return trip the car was wrecked, killing Murphy and resulting in Scrivener's capture.

Scrivener is an escaped convict. He was serving a 50-year sentence for robbing a payroll clerk of \$15,000 here three years ago. He escaped from the Huntsville penitentiary in December. He has furnished the names and descriptions of his three missing companions to the police, and, as all are well known police characters, it is expected they will be arrested within the next few days, detectives here say.



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Parties printing for mittees or will, in respect

cannot afford to neglect your stock conditions as they are today. Your work animals would be hard to replace. Put them in good shape by giving

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It tones them up and you can do better work with them.

30c, 60c, \$1.20 and \$2.75

## Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co.

GRADUATE PHARMACISTS.

Two Phones: 47 and 140

Dependability

Superior Service

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Scatter loads at Jas. S. Shivers'. 3t.

Chas. P. Jones of Houston was here this week.

R. L. Shivers for dry goods, notions and shoes. tf.

R. L. Shivers for all kinds of groceries and feed. tf.

Hon. John LeGory was a visitor in Austin this week.

Mr. Chas. Long has returned to Crockett from Chapel Hill.

Miss Josephine Edmiston was a visitor in Houston last week.

Go to R. L. Shivers for plow gear, collars and leather goods. tf.

Dan Dear has moved with his family back to the old home near Belott.

Bob Guillian of Palestine was a visitor in Crockett the first of this week.

If your gun doesn't scatter get some "Scatter Loads" from Jas. S. Shivers. 3t.

Miss Marian Dupree has returned from a visit to her parents at Rusk.

W. H. Wall and W. H. Holcomb were among those in town Monday from Augusta.

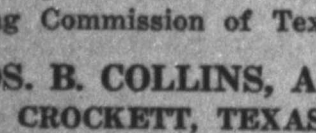
John Cook has returned from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., on account of failing health.

### 3 Per Cent Real Estate Loans.

Under supervision of Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas.

THOS. B. COLLINS, AGENT CROCKETT, TEXAS.

### WILL BE IN LOVELADY



MONDAY, JANUARY 31,

and remain until Saturday, February 12, with office at Tremont hotel.

I am yours for better eye-sight,

Dr. A. H. Rosenthal

R. L. Shivers for Kelly plows, both cast and steel. tf.

Winchester Shells, Leader and Repeater, most any load you want at Jas. S. Shivers'. 3t.

We call for and deliver your cleaning and pressing. Phone 149. tf. J. L. Arledge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins and son, Will Atmar, returned last week to their home in Groveton.

Tad Burton and Johnson Phillips Jr. have accepted employment in Houston and Galveston respectively.

### Real Estate and Loans.

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

Don't forget we do all kinds of alterations and repairing. Phone 149. tf. J. L. Arledge

### For Sale.

Round darning table, buffet, and 3-burner oil stove. 3t. Mrs. H. R. Saye.

Don't fail to bring us your eggs and chickens. We pay the highest cash price. 1t. Crockett Bakery.

Pure White Orpington eggs, \$1.00 for fifteen. Mrs. Albert Durham, 2t\*. Crockett Route A.

### Ford Car for Sale.

A 1920 model Ford touring car for sale at \$350. For further particulars see Geo. W. Crook. 3t.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walden of Timpson have returned home after a pleasant visit with the families of T. L. Hairston and T. E. Walden.

### We Suggest

That you see us at our office near the railroad depot in Crockett if you are in need of cotton seed meal, ear corn, maize, alfalfa hay and oats. tf. Arledge & Arledge.

### 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.

### Must Be Sold.

A carload each of cotton seed meal, ear corn, maize, alfalfa hay and oats at our warehouse near the railroad depot in Crockett. See us for quick action. tf. Arledge & Arledge.

### Do You Want Feed?

We have a car each of cotton seed meal, ear corn, maize, alfalfa hay and oats at our warehouse near the railroad depot in Crockett. We suggest quick action if you need any of this feed. tf. Arledge & Arledge.

### Frost-Proof Cabbage Plants for Sale.

Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage and Bermuda Onion plants, 30 cents per 100 post paid. Tomato and Pepper plants and Canna Roots later.

Cotton Belt Demonstration Gardens, 4t. R. F. D. 4, Alto, Texas.

### Dinner Guests.

Messrs. Jack Menton and Charles Saxon of Houston spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Saxon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saxon, in Crockett and were honor guests at dinner Sunday. Mr. Ernest Waller and Miss Bennie Hallmark of this city were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Saxon for Sunday's dinner.

### Lovelady Bank Election.

Lovelady, Texas, January 17.—The First National Bank of this city, at its annual meeting held for that purpose last week, elected the following officers for the coming year: Jacob Embry, president; W. H. Collins, vice president, and I. J. Young, cashier. The following were elected to serve as the board of directors: Jacob Embry, W. B. Collins, W. H. Collins, J. L. Allbright and J. A. Harrelson.

### First Methodist Church.

Services well attended at the Methodist church last Sunday in Crockett. The musical side of the church is making wonderful improvement.—Rev. C. U. McLarty of Navasota, the presiding elder of the Navasota district, will be present next Sunday and preach. The attendance at Sunday school is growing. The Missionary Society will hold its first social meeting for 1921 next Monday at the parsonage. Entire public cordially invited to attend the services of the First Methodist church. Be sure and hear Bro. McLarty next Sunday.

### Officers and Directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Crockett held at the bank last week the following were elected as a board of directors: H. F. Moore, Arch Baker, D. G. Moore, James S. Shivers, M. P. Jensen, John LeGory and W. C. Teter. Following the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, the board of directors met and elected the following to serve as officers of the bank: H. F. Moore, president; Arch Baker, active vice president; James S. Shivers, vice president; D. G. Moore, cashier, and H. F. Moore, Jr., assistant cashier.

### Dinner Party.

An enjoyable event of last week was the dinner party given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shivers to employes of the James S. Shivers store. A turkey dinner in courses was served by the gracious hostess and that it was immensely enjoyed goes without saying. Following the dinner the game of 42 was played and a general good time had. Besides the host and hostess, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James S. Shivers and daughters, Emily Morris, Augusta Lone, Dorothy Ellen and Mary Ellnor; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kennedy and son, William; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gossett, M. and Mrs. T. E. Callier and son, Tom Jr.; Miss Corinne Schmidt and Mr. E. L. Waller. All report a most glorious evening and hope for an early repetition of the affair.

### 'AGENCY OF GOOD SERVICE'

General Insurance Town and Country THOS. B. COLLINS, AGENT Crockett, Texas, Phone 380

### Cotton Report.

On January 1 this year Houston county had ginned 22,417 bales of cotton. On January 1 last year we had ginned only 8,676 bales, according to report made to the federal government by E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator. There is nothing in a big crop of cotton unless the living is first made at home. With little money to pay out for living and production expenses, cotton as the surplus crop is sound and desirable. Farmers should cut their cotton acreage to half of what it was last year.

### Sustained Serious Injuries.

The many friends of Mr. A. B. Burton will regret to learn of the accident which befell him late Saturday afternoon, in which he received a badly wrenched knee and a broken collar bone. Since an attack of influenza, he has been using crutches on account of an affected knee. While descending the stairway at his home late Saturday afternoon, he missed his footing and fell, sustaining serious and painful injuries. His injuries are not so serious but that his friends hope to see him out and among them again in a few days.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Neches River Baptist Association will meet with the Baptist church in Crockett on January 28, 1921.

Friday—10:30 a. m., Our present need of prayer—W. H. Rosser.

11:00 a. m., Sermon—A. W. Parker.

Noon—2:00 p. m., Devotional—W. A. Mays.

2:30 p. m., Setting out the Home Church Enlistment Campaign—W. A. Reagan and I. H. Willingham.

3:30 p. m., Privilege of Giving—Fred J. Newland.

7:00 p. m., Devotional—Ben Morrison.

7:30 p. m., Blessing in fulfilling Vows, Curses in failing to—Charles Orrick.

Saturday—9:30 a. m., Devotional—J. L. Kee.

10:00 a. m., The pastor's Duty in Collecting \$75,000,000 Campaign pledge—L. J. Hand and J. L. Kee.

11:00 a. m., Sermon—Ben Morrison.

Noon—1:00 p. m., Executive Board Meeting.

2:00 p. m., Devotional—T. N. Mainor.

2:30, Some Benefits that May be Derived through the Budget System in Home Church Finance—Chas. Orrick.

3:00, Woman's Work and our

### MONEY TO LOAN.

BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES. AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.

## B. B. WARFIELD

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Plans for 1921—Mrs. H. Nelms. 3:30, Making our Missionary Meetings Interesting—Miss Blanche Ray.

7:00, Devotional.

7:30, Some of the benefits of the B. Y. P. U.—Fred J. Newland.

8:00, Some Advantage of a Graded S. S.—A. W. Parker.

Sunday—9:45, Sunday School. 11:00, Sermon—W. A. Reagan.

3:00 p. m., How can we increase the number and efficiency of our B. Y. P. U.—Ben Morrison and others.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Houston County, Texas, on the 7th day of December, 1920, as directed by the terms of a judgment rendered in said Court on the 6th day of November, 1920, in a certain cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and E. J. Riordan, unknown owner and all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the lands and premises hereinafter described are defendants, in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, for the sum of Twelve & 04/100 (\$12.04) Dollars (for State and County taxes, interest, penalty and costs), with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Houston County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in February, 1921, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston County, in the City of Crockett, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendants in and to the following described real estate situated in Houston County, Texas, levied upon on the 7th day of December, 1920, as the property of said defendants, to-wit:

100 acres of the Wm. Smelley survey, abstract No. 938, being block No. 2 of A. O. Harper & Co's. plat and subdivision of said survey; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provision of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and cost of suit, and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendant's right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

(Seal) O. B. Hale, Sheriff, Houston County, Texas. Crockett, Texas, December 9, 1920.

## Yes, You Can Buy Economically

All you have to do is to come to this store, where the bulk of the groceries, feed and grain of this community is sold, and where there is no profiteering.

Peanut Oil in cans.....\$1.15

Peanut Oil in bulk, per gallon.....\$1.25

Ten pounds Sugar for.....\$1.00

Six cans good Salmon for.....\$1.00

Nine cans No. 2 Standard Tomatoes.....\$1.00

## ARNOLD BROTHERS

Groceries, Feed and Hardware



## UNMASKED BANDITS ROB DALLAS P. O.

### 2 Mail Clerks and Porter Are Victims of Substation Raid.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14.—One bandit is dead and another probably fatally injured and three mail clerks dangerously wounded as the result of a hold-up of the Jackson street subpost office here Friday night by six men. The bandits, who escaped the Dallas officers, overturned in an automobile in the outskirts of Fort Worth a few hours after the daring holdup. Only two of the bandits were accounted for, according to reports received here, but three hats in addition to the two men accounted for were found near the wreck.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14.—Two white mail clerks and one negro porter were shot here at 7 o'clock Friday night by a gang of eight unmasked white bandits, who shot up and robbed the Jackson street branch United States post office, within 200 feet of the Dallas Union station building. The bandits escaped with two sacks of registered mail containing \$100,000 in currency, mail clerks said. The mail bags contained one shipment of \$45,000 in currency, shipped Friday afternoon by the Dallas Federal Reserve bank to the Houston branch, the mail clerks said.

One of the two white mail clerks probably will die. The injured are:

A. E. Smith, registry clerk, shot through the body; may die.  
W. G. Street, mail clerk, shot through shoulder; injury not serious.

Moore Anderson, negro porter, shot through hand.

#### Wild West Holdup.

The holdup was staged in daring Wild West fashion. The bandits in a large touring car drove up in front of the branch post office, turned their machine around and got it all set for flight. They were within 50 feet of Jefferson street, the main thoroughfare to the Union station and between Dallas and Oak Cliff, which at this hour was densely crowded with vehicles.

Three of the bandits stood guard outside, one sat at the wheel while four, unmasked and with drawn revolvers, dashed into the post office.

They walked up to the registry window, covered Smith, and de-

manded the money. Smith started to parley with them, and one of the bandits opened fire without delay. Smith fell, shot through the body.

The other bandits also began shooting, wounding Street and Anderson. The first bandit who had made the demand on Smith then leaped through the wide registry window, tossed the two bags of registered mail back through the window to his companions and leaped into the vestibule again. In the meantime his companions kept up a continual fire to cover his retreat.

Then the quartet dashed out the door, leaped into the machine and sped away. As the car drove off, C. Grafton, a post office employe who had been in the basement, rushed to the side of the automobile and told the men to halt.

"Let go or we'll shoot you dead," one of the bandits told him, drawing a gun.

Every available man at police headquarters was immediately thrown out over the city in an attempt to catch the bandits. Motorcycle squads and automobiles with policemen armed with riot guns searched the surrounding roads.

### Says No Colored Men Work On New York Piers.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 15.—It was learned here tonight that the following telegram has been sent to J. Singer of Galveston by T. V. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremen's Association:

"There are absolutely no colored men employed on Morgan piers in New York City doing longshore work."

Several thousand white and negro dockworkers engaged in fighting at Pier 20, North River, the first part of last September when the white men, on returning to work, found several hundred negroes at work there.

An inventor has connected a pair of globular floats that support a person in water with a double crank which, when revolved, draws a user forward.

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The State of Texas, County of Houston.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Houston County, Texas, on the 7th day of December, 1920, as directed by the terms of a judgment rendered in said Court on the 6th day of November, 1920, in a certain cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and W. C. Harrison, unknown owner and all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the lands and premises hereinafter described are defendants, in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, for the sum of Six & 93-100 (\$6.93) Dollars (for State and County taxes, interest, penalty and costs), with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Houston County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in February, 1921, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston County, in the City of Crockett, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendants in and to the following described real estate situated in Houston County, Texas, levied upon on the 7th day of December, 1920, as the property of said defendants, to-wit:

26 2-3 acres of the Stephen Jackson survey, abstract No. 641, same being an undivided 1-3 interest in the S. W. half of said survey, which is designated as block No. 2 of A. O. Harper & Co's. plat, same being owned with this defendant jointly by J. A. Harrison and Betty Sutton; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provision of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and cost of suit, and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendant's right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

(Seal) O. B. Hale, Sheriff,  
St. Houston County, Texas,  
Crockett, Texas, December 9, 1920.

## TELL PROBLEMS TO PUBLIC, IS ADVICE

### Be Frank and Advertise, Electric Railway Association Head Urges.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—"Be frank and advertise" was the advice given public utility companies by P. H. Gadsden of Philadelphia, president of the American Electric Railway Association, at a meeting of the Indiana Public Utility Association. By this method, Mr. Gadsden said, public understanding of utility problems can best be obtained and necessary rate adjustment and credit restoration hastened.

"It is absolutely necessary," he said, "if public utilities are to continue to function that they create a flow of new capital into their securities. The answer to this whole problem is the granting of rates to public utility companies which will insure a return to the security holders that will induce them to invest. Nothing less than this sort of an arrangement will save the utilities from ruin."

"Adjustment of public utility rates to a basis that will attract new money into the field will be hastened by a thorough public understanding of the public utility problems."

"The best way to bring about that understanding is to be frank and advertise."

"Frankness must go hand in hand with advertising, else advertising fails. Therefore, be prepared, when you begin presenting your story to the public, to tell the whole truth about your business to everyone. As the only customer of the public utilities, the public is entitled to know all about their business and any public utility which can not stand the searchlight of honest public inquiry can not hope to obtain help through favorable public sentiment. Put your house in such order that you will fear the questions of no man."

"Advertise by every possible channel and hit the line hard. Tell your story in the display advertising columns of the newspapers, through your employes—tell it everywhere that there is blank space which you can fill."

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service. Strive by frank statement to convince consumers that you are trying to do the best thing for their general good and that it is in their own interest, if nothing else, that they should enlist themselves in your cause. The way to accomplish this result is not to make the mere statement that it is your intention to give good service, or to submit to the public a large indigestible volume of statistics and then sit down and wait for the millennium. The thing to do is to explain your situation in understanding terms to just as many folks as possible. If you have a good case, as most public utilities nowadays have, and you will tell the whole truth about your situation in a simple and convincing manner and give it deserving circulation through the best available advertising medium you are certain to rally the public to your support.

"Every man desires good elec-

tric railway, gas, light, telephone and telegraph service, and he will help you give it to him if you can show him that his help is needed to accomplish this very desirable end. And I know that you can do this if you will just tell him the simple facts of the situation that obtain today in every public utility."

#### Assessment of Poll Taxes for Women Is Ordered.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 6.—Assessment of poll taxes to all women of Texas between 21 and 60 except those specially exempt was ordered by State Controller M. L. Wiginton in a letter received by County Tax Assessor Albert V. Huth. The ruling asked for by the local assessor held that community property should be listed to both husband and wife and the poll tax of each added where no exemption occurred.

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In its drive at the high cost of living, the Government offered millions of dollars worth of War Department canned meats at prices that are less than those of seven years ago. Having procured the entire surplus of bacon stored at San Antonio together with considerable other canned meat, we are glad to co-operate with the Government and now offer the meat (all Government inspected and guaranteed) at about half value.

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U. S. Government Issue Bacon packed by Cudahy, Swift and Armour for less than 21c pound! This is the very best grade of "B" or "Belly" Bacon and should not be confused with Fat, Salt "C" or "E. S. C." Bacon. Case of six (6) cans each containing twelve (12) pounds of bacon.....\$15  
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U. S. Government Roast Beef put up by America's best packers, in case of 24 cans, each can containing 2 pounds; or case of 48 cans, each can containing one pound.....\$5.75  
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- BEST CORNED BEEF 15c**  
U. S. Government Corned Beef—the very best grade. Case of 48 cans (No. 1 size—12 ounces in each can) \$7.20; case of 36 cans (No. 2 size—1 lb 8 ounces in each can).....\$9.70  
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## WEAK, NERVOUS, ALL RUN-DOWN

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

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

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

Thousands of women have suffered as Mrs. Williams describes, until they found relief from the use of Cardui. Since it has helped so many, you should not hesitate to try Cardui if troubled with womanly ailments. For sale everywhere. E. 22



## EASY MONEY LEADS TO MAN'S DOWNFALL

Beau Brummel of Society Exchanges Swagger Clothes for Prison Uniform.

The state's prison at Wethersfield yawns for Louis Lanz, erstwhile bookkeeper for the town of Greenwich; Beau Brummel of Greenwich society; vice president and promoter of the Ocean Leather company; plunger in "the Street;" and hale fellow well met and all on a salary of \$2,000 per year. Louis is going to prison just as soon as the present term of the Superior court has closed and Sheriff Simeon Pease makes up his quarterly convy to escort those who have drawn sentences.

Louis Lanz, called by New York accountants one of the cleverest bookkeepers and accountants in the east, has ended what should have been a useful career because he would gamble. During the high-tide of money making which ran rampant during the war Lanz was holding down his humble job as bookkeeper. His salary was \$2,000 a year. He was a good fellow and in spite of nasty rumors which had followed him to Greenwich from Stamford where he had held similar positions he was well received—at least well enough received to get in "solid" with the powers that be at Greenwich which control Greenwich Republican politics and they placed him in the position which led to his ruin.

Town Treasurer Avery was taken very ill. He was absent from his office ten months. Louis Lanz figured that Avery would never come back and had things his own way. He made use of the opportunity. Then to his, and some other folk's surprise, the treasurer recovered. He walked into his office one day when he was least desired. He "smelled a rat." There was an investigation and while the expert accountants were at work, just to show them how good he was, the bookkeeper got away with some more smooth practice, according to the statements of those most interested.

The head of the firm of accountants was astounded that it could be done. "Good gracious!" he said. "That man is the best accountant in the east. Why, if he was straight we would employ him at his own figures."

But that was just the point. The bookkeeper could not resist the temptation to gamble on other people's money. War profits tempted him and he reached out into the stock of the Ocean Leather Co. All was smooth sailing until one day he stubbed his toe.

Then came the denouement. Bookkeeper Lanz had been riding to work in a fine limousine. If friend wife happened to have the limousine out "buzzing" some of the elite to luncheons at the clubs, Louis called a cab. No walking home to lunch for him.

"By jingo, Louis is flying

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purty high," said one Greenwich mariner to another.

"Well, guess it's all right," said the other. "They tell me that Mr. Lanz has made his pile out of this here war."

Investigation disclosed the fact that Lanz was interested in the Ocean Leather company to the extent of \$192,000. It also disclosed the fact that he was short just \$193,000 of the town's money. There was consternation. Leaders and near-leaders hurriedly consulted and in the end Louis Lanz made what is reported to have been a signed statement or confession. That was on Jan. 11. Yesterday the court gave him credit for the time he has spent in jail.

But here is the best part of this tale of high finance. Louis' wife beat him all hollow. For while her husband has been in jail and keeping books for the stone company she has been drawing \$300 per month from the town of Greenwich as subsistence money, or \$1600 more per annum than Louis earned when he worked.

F. C. Luthi of New York had faith in the Ocean Leather Co. which was exploiting "Fish Skin" leather and a while back bid \$350,000 for Lanz's interests in Fish Skin leather stock. The contract was with the town of Greenwich and he is under arrangement to pay the town \$10,000 per month. At stated intervals he is to pay \$20,000 in one month. From this sum \$300 per month is paid to Mrs. Lanz, the balance to be paid to the town on Lanz's shortage. So far the payments have not come regularly and the town has received less than \$50,000.

All the powers that be in Greenwich were pulling for Lanz. He was held in jail until he got into court. His first attorney, Judge Sowns, died and later Judge Elmore S. Panks of Fairfield came into the case and brought it to a conclusion.

There were 11 counts in the indictment, all of which were nolledd with the exception of six or seven. On the first he was sentenced to serve not less than two nor more than three years, and on the second not more than three years. No minimum was mentioned, and Lanz may be released at the end of his first sentence, that two having been named to run consecutively.

It's just the same old sordid ending of a good man gone wrong. Lanz, personally, is a good fellow. Out at the jail he has friends among the inmates and employes alike. He has been a model prisoner always. But his weakness to the temptation of quick money led to a miserable ending.—Greenwich, Conn., Times.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.

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 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 PROBATE OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To all Persons interested in the Estate of Mattie Denny, deceased.

Anna Denny has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament, and the codicil thereto, of the said Mattie Denny, deceased, filed with said will and codicil, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the first Monday in February, A. D. 1921, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at my office in Crockett, Texas, December 31st, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.

By W. M. Porter, Deputy.

## ALSUP FINED \$2000 FOR LIBEL IN CASE

Jury Finds Writer of Article in Ferguson's Paper Guilty.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 12.—The jury in the case of the State against Fisher Alsup, charged with libeling Pat M. Neff, governor-elect of Texas, rendered a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at \$2000 fine.

The complaint charging criminal libel was filed the latter part of November, 1920, and was based on the publication of an article signed by Alsup and published in Ferguson's paper at Temple prior to the election in November. The article discussed the question raised between Bailey and Neff in the campaign for governor as to the latter's age. It called attention to a rumor that the writer had heard to the effect that Pat Neff had a sister named Pattie who was born in 1871 and who died in infancy; to a stone he found in the Neff burial plot at Postoak cemetery in Coryell county that looked as if it marked a grave and that it looked like the slab usually attached to the headstone had been removed therefrom apparently, and from the article was drawn the inference that the stone marked the grave of the rumored Patty Neff, and that it was her record in the Bible that was photographed as that of Pat M. Neff. It was proven in the trial that there had never been a girl born in the Neff family named Patty and that the stone alluded to did not mark a grave, but was a loose stone that had been placed on the vacant space left beside the grave of her husband for Mrs. Noah Neff, Pat M. Neff's mother.

A former jury failed to agree. The verdict was reached in about three hours.

#### Col. Henry Watterson's Tribute to Sam Houston.

To the Houston Post:

I must be allowed my contribution to the placing of the portrait of General Sam Houston. I am quite sure that no living man knew him as well as I did. I lived under the same roof with him—Willard's Hotel in Washington City—for many years; as a child was his pet; as a youth his admiring protegee; and I have never escaped the spell he cast upon me.

In his middle-life General Houston was impressively handsome. He possessed the Texan gift of narration. Of a summer afternoon on the shady side of the house, with a little group about him, he would by the hour tell stories of his adventures. To me they were marvelous—sometimes risqué—but they never degenerated to the vulgar. He rarely, if ever, repeated himself.

Eccentric, and sometimes bizarre, he had a proper dignity. No one ever slapped him on the back, or was hail-fellow-well-met with him. He was a noble speaker before an audience; a clever debater in the senate and on the hustings; his voice full, round and flexible. It was not possible to down such a man.

He separated himself from the extreme Southern men, voted against the Kansas-Nebraska bill and lost his seat in the senate of the United States. Everybody thought him politically dead. He returned to Texas, announced himself a candidate for governor, personally campaigned the State and was triumphantly elected.

His career was a romance and reads like fiction. Elected when a very young man to the governorship of Tennessee, he married a lovely girl, and a few weeks later, of a sudden resigned his office, abandoned his wife and disappeared. No one knew why the one and whither the other. After six or seven years, my father, then a member of the Tennessee legislature, received

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a letter from away out in the Indian country, saying "Mrs. Houston should be granted her divorce. A nobler, purer woman never lived. The fault was all mine."

He had become an Indian chief in western Arkansas. "They called me in those days," he used to say, "Big Drunk."

Immediately after revolution in Texas began to show its face he threw himself into the thick of it and very soon reached the top. "When I came to the front," he said, "everybody got drunk. It was necessary for somebody to keep sober. I took the job. And from that day to this no intoxicating drop has ever passed my lips."

His canvass for governor of Texas after the Kansas-Nebraska contretemps was the wonder of the time, a yoke-mate to the wondrous campaign of Henry A. Wise for governor of Virginia. At the outset he was believed to have no chance of election. When the returns were all in he had swept the State.

It is not the chatter of an old man to say that we have in these days few, if any, such leaders. Times have changed. The conditions of public life have changed. I will not say for the worse. But I see no such figures at the fore.

Anyhow, Houston has been well named, and Texas should be proud of all it implies.

Henry Watterson.

#### NOTICE TRUSTEE SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Whereas by virtue of authority vested in me as trustee in a certain deed of trust, recorded in Vol 18 on page 555 record of real estate mortgages of Houston county, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 6th day of April, 1920, by David

Handy, for better securing the payment of one promissory note for the sum of \$35.00, more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by said David Handy payable to the order of J. B. Ellis and endorsed without recourse by said J. B. Ellis, and now the property of Peyton Tunstall, payable at Crockett, due 90 days after date thereof, and on to wit the 5th day of July, 1920, bearing interest at 10 per cent per annum from maturity, and providing that if said note is not paid when due to pay all costs of collection including ten per cent for attorneys fees.

And, whereas, the said Peyton Tunstall is the holder and owner of said note, which is credited with the sum of \$15.75 of date October 4, 1920, and \$4.25 of date October 5th, 1920, and the said David Handy having made default in the payment of said note, and the same is now past due, except the above mentioned credits, and the principal, interest and attorneys fees now aggregating the sum of \$20.10; and whereas I have been requested by the said Peyton Tunstall to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to wit, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1921, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door in the town of Crockett, in Houston County, Texas, the following described real estate, to wit: situated in Houston county, and being a part of the Collin Aldrich league, about 8 1/2 miles S W from Crockett, on the San Antonio road, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the N E corner of the Tunstall tract, a P O 36 (dead and down) brs N 60 E 3 vrs, two hickories also mkd X for witness trees. Thence N 35 W with Goolsby fence about 400 feet to the San Antonio road. Thence S W with said road 173 feet to where Lee Hally's fence comes to the road. Thence S 35 E with Lee Hally's fence 405 feet to Tunstall's N B line. Thence N E with Tunstall's line 173 feet to the place of beginning and containing 1 6-10 acres of land, more or less, same being situated on the S side of the San Antonio road, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging.

Witness my hand this 31st day of December, A. D. 1920.

St. A. W. Ellis, Trustee.

## WANTED AT ONCE

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## WILLACY ANSWERS SHELBY COUNTY MAN

Outlines Something for the Legislature to Do—Taxation Vexatious.

Editor Courier,  
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
It requires no mathematician to figure out that a taxable property of the actual value of ten thousand dollars, situated in a county where taxables are assessed at forty-five per cent of true value, pays annually into the state treasury just three times the amount of taxes as is paid by a property of the same value but located in another county where taxables are assessed at but fifteen per cent of actual worth. Yet, in Texas, these inequalities are the rule and not the exception; they are directly due to the absence of any central authority vested with power to establish and maintain reasonable uniformity of assessments applicable to and operating alike, for purposes of state taxation only, in all counties of the state.

The vice in our present taxing system, or, rather, lack of system, is that in many counties property is rendered at but fifteen per cent, or even less, of value, while in other counties, due to local necessities, assessments range as high as forty to fifty per cent. Inasmuch as the state rate once fixed becomes invariable, the higher assessed counties are automatically penalized.

Careful analysis of our state revenue system will prove no less astonishing than interesting. It will disclose, according to statistics compiled by the secretary of the State Tax Assessors' Association, which calculations may be presumed to be substantially correct, that one hundred fifty-four counties of the state are paying annually into the state treasury approximately three and one half million dollars in excess of their rightful share of taxes, while ninety-four counties are paying proportionately less than their rightful share.

Among other and numerous inequalities arising from our lax taxing methods it is worthy of thought that fifty counties, among these some of the wealthiest of the state, receive back from the state treasury, in school apportionments and for text books, the total of all taxes paid the state for all purposes

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**Dr. A. H. Rosenthal**

and in addition thereto a bonus of one million-five hundred thirty thousand dollars. This, too, although Section One, Article Eight of our own State Constitution reads as follows:

"Taxation shall be equal and uniform.

"All property in this state, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, other than municipal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law."

Thus it will be observed that, in no uncertain terms, our own organic law lays command upon the legislature, the only tribunal clothed by the constitution with power to enact law, to provide a system of taxation under the provisions of which all taxable property in the state, wherever located and with no distinctions as to the character of ownership, shall pay into the state treasury its equal and rightful share towards the administration of the state government and the conduct of the public schools. Were taxes levied upon a uniform standard of assessed values in all sections of the state as required by the Constitution, the present unequal and unjust distinction of our tax burdens could not occur.

That which Texas needs, and that which the tax payers should demand, is a State Tax Commission clothed with power to fix standards of values for purposes of state taxation uniform throughout the state. There is no need of rendition of property at full value; there does exist an urgent need of a definite and uniform standard of assessments based in uniform percentages of value. Forty-two states of the American Union have state tax boards clothed with authority to provide equal and uniform assessments operating alike for purposes of state taxation in all subdivisions of their respective commonwealths. Texas has none. Yet nothing could be required more to emphasize the need of legislative thought and action than the record itself which discloses so utter a disregard of the plain mandate of the Constitution that "Tax shall be equal and uniform."

Hand in hand with the problem of unequal taxation there is with us always the one of excessive taxation. One no less than the other is within the power of the legislature to control. To avoid excessive taxation it is necessary only to oppose unnecessary or extravagant appropriations of the public revenues. It is worthy of thought upon the part of the tax paying public that while the Thirty-second Legislature of 1911-1912 found it necessary to appropriate but \$10,610,371 to meet the general expenses of the state government covering a period of two years, the Thirty-sixth Legislature of 1919-1920, but nine years later, appropriated for the period of two years a total of \$37,318,000.

In the interest of truth and for the information of the public it is but just that attention be directed to the fact that of the total of the appropriations made by the Thirty-sixth Legislature, eight millions were appropriated to supplement the public school fund, leaving net appropriations for general purposes at \$29,318,000. Reducing the elements related to our revenue system to percentages it will doubtless prove interesting to the people of Texas to know that while, during the period 1911 to 1919, the population of the state increased but 21 per cent and the valuation of property increased but 35 per cent, the appropriations of the state revenue increased 254 per cent.

John G. Willacy,  
San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 4, 1921.

## 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.
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## SHOOTS SELF AT HOTEL IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14.—Sterling L. Adair, aged 26 years, of a well known Houston family, came to his death as the result of a bullet wound self-inflicted, according to a verdict given Friday evening by Justice A. C. Flory, sitting as coroner.

Adair, a salesman, employed by the International Oil company, was found dead, shot through the head, in the apartment of Miss Agatha McCoy, a hotel telephone operator, in Oak Cliff, a suburb, Friday afternoon.

Miss McCoy was being questioned by the police Friday night. The girl declares that Adair committed suicide in her room, while she was in the bathroom. A revolver, which she says was his, was found in the room.

"I don't know anything about it," Miss McCoy told newspaper reporters. "The man came here this morning on business. Why do you want my name mixed up in this. A crazy man committed suicide in my room, that's all there is to it."

Mrs. H. C. Brown, proprietor of a grocery store in the same building with Miss McCoy's apartment, said she heard a shot, and ran upstairs, thinking there had been some kind of an explosion. She found Adair on the floor of Miss McCoy's room. Miss McCoy was in the bathroom when she arrived.

Adair had been registered for several days at the Jefferson hotel where Miss McCoy was employed. Adair, who was among the first to volunteer during the world war, served as captain of a gun crew on the transport Tenadores, which company was commended by the government

for its excellent services against the German submarines. Adair crossed the Atlantic nine times, it is said. He served his apprenticeship at the Great Lakes naval training station.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Houston County, Texas, on the 7th day of December, 1920, as directed by the terms of a judgment rendered in said Court on the 6th day of November, 1920, in a certain cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and H. A. Hughes, unknown owner and all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the lands and premises hereinafter described are defendants, in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, for the sum of One hundred five & 29-100 (\$105.29) Dollars (for State and County taxes, interest, penalty and costs), with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Houston County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in February, 1921, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House

door of said Houston County, in the City of Crockett, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendants in and to the following described real estate situated in Houston County, Texas, levied upon on the 7th day of December, 1920, as the property of said defendants, to-wit:

100 acres of the M. Hunt survey, abstract No. 540, being all of said survey except 120 acres now owned by Dr. E. B. Stokes of Houston County; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provision of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and cost of suit, and the proceeds of said sale be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendant's right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

(Seal) O. B. Hale, Sheriff,  
St. Houston County, Texas.  
Crockett, Texas, December 9, 1920.

## We Want Your Eggs and Chickens

Bring them to us and get the highest market price. We want the chickens and eggs—you want our money—let's trade.

**C. L. Manning & Company**  
Groceries and Feed



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## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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## COURAGE IN BUSINESS.

Napoleon once said: "A general of ordinary talent occupying a bad position, and surprised by a superior force, seeks safety in retreat; but a great captain supplies all deficiencies by his courage and marches boldly to meet the attack."

The quality most needed by American business men a year ago was caution.

Did you ever reflect that most of the great fortunes in America have been made by men who courageously held on when others were giving up? Often they salvaged weaklings and the assets thus acquired later became of great value.

In panicky times the strong, by their courage, become stronger.

They have vision to look beyond the immediate clouds. They have faith that the sun will shine. They know that depression will give place to prosperity in this land of unfathomed resources and energy and enterprise and enthusiasm.

Henry Clay Frick, who recently died leaving something like \$125,000,000 (largely for public purposes), laid the foundations for his fortune when the panic of 1873 stampeded the men interested in the infant coke industry. Frick boldly persuaded Banker Mellon of Pittsburgh to lend him \$10,000 and with this he bought the interests of his partners and others who showed the white feather. They thought he was a fool, for was not coke then selling under cost of production? Within a few years Frick's coke properties were netting him a profit of over a million dollars a year.

One by one Carnegie's early partner's deserted the steel ship at times when it appeared to be sinking. Little Andrew stuck to the bridge undaunted. In his recently issued autobiography he tells how he tried to persuade various associates to hold on, but how they saw nothing but ruin ahead. He never doubted that the sea would become calmer in due course. And when it did, it was plain—and very profitable—sailing for Carnegie.

John D. Rockefeller picked up some of his biggest bargains in oil properties during the times of acute depression, when the price obtainable for oil was unprofitable. He had resolved to stick to oil through thick and thin, and when others of less backbone and less courage wanted to run away, they found in him a willing buyer.

Almost every city and town and hamlet in America has some business man to whom the citizens point with pride, some man who had to wrestle with innumerable obstacles in his earlier days, but who exercised courage and seized the opportunities to branch out when others were pulling in their horns and who is now pointed to as a leading citizen.

Is there not a lesson in all this at this time when pessimism is raging and retrenchment is becoming feverish?

Has not the time come to ask whether courage will not be bet-

ter than cowardice, whether the placing of contracts will not be better than cancellations, whether it will not be better to look beyond the present clouds and prepare for the sunshine that is bound to come by and by?—Forbes Magazine.

## MEN WITH UNSELFISH VISION A CITY'S BIGGEST ASSET.

Much as we value industry as an essential to building a city; important as may be the volume of wholesale and retail trade; vital as are attractive living conditions—the greatest asset any growing city possesses may be summed up in six words: "Men and Women of Unselfish Vision."

It is true that the problems of a growing city help develop such citizenship. And the type of man or woman who thinks first, in solving a local question, of the whole city's welfare and puts personal or other considerations in second place is the type which in the end determines whether the city will go forward or drop behind.

San Antonio has had such men and women in the past, else it would not have achieved its present leadership as the first city in Texas. It has them now and as they continue to exercise their vision and work for San Antonio, as surely will the city go forward.

Unselfish vision is enlightened. It requires considerable enlightenment for most people to become unselfish. Most selfishness is based upon ignorance, anyway. It is like that of property-owners in Kansas City some years ago who opposed an ambitious parkway project because its fulfillment would increase their taxes. The project was carried out and the taxes were increased, but the enhancement of property values was many times the rate of tax increase and those same property-owners now are among the first to make sure that no visitor to Kansas City fails to see the district which was physically revolutionized.

Any project involving the good of all the people in San Antonio cannot but better the fortunes of every individual. It is so plain that it seems needless to repeat. Yet once in awhile there may be encountered the individual who fancies that the project must specifically be for his benefit first and for the people next, if at all.

A simple illustration of enlightened vision was given last week by Dr. Jeremiah S. Rhodes, Superintendent of San Antonio's Schools, who said that San Antonio needs more playgrounds around its school buildings, needs supervised recreation on the playgrounds, and needs development of community centers at the school buildings. The selfish point of view for a school superintendent to take and, unfortunately, there are some school superintendents in other Texas cities who have taken such a view, is that money spent for playgrounds cuts down appropriations for the actual work of the schools themselves. For a year or two it might do so, but the enlightened school superintendent knows that the parents of school children will be quick to appreciate the benefits of organized and properly supervised recreation; that the development of the community center idea will bring fathers and mothers into the school buildings, and the ultimate result will be an entire citizenship willing to appropriate more money for the upbuilding of the schools than they previously would have considered possible.

And still further, intelligently supervised recreation cuts down taxpayers' wastes for juvenile probation courts, cuts down family expenses for doctors' bills, and builds up a healthy, alert, clean-minded young citizenship which in the purely economic measurement of wage-earning values is worth far more to any city than the cost of maintaining playgrounds could ever approximate. And what are

schools for if not to turn out better citizens than those produced by the generations preceding?

Perhaps the best-known individual "booster" for any of the larger cities of Texas is a man who sometimes has been spoken of slightly because he did not get rich in his work for the city he has served with a passionate devotion. But as the years go on the value of his work is being more and more appreciated, and he is easily the most honored citizen. And now, his failure to get rich in his work of encouraging capital and industry to come to his city has become a badge of honor because he never personally profited by any new enterprise which he brought. More often he incurred personal loss for expenses of travel and entertainment. But he has lived to see his work rewarded and the pleasantest part of the story is that the latter years of his life are being enriched from investments made when his purse was small, but his faith large.

"Why did Seattle pass all other cities of the Northwest coast?" was a question recently asked C. B. Yandell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. And his answer, which would be the same for any city that has acquired pre-eminence in the past half century, was "Big men."—San Antonio Express.

## COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION.

The Wall Street Journal says: "By reducing cotton acreage 50 per cent the Southern farmer, having lost in the decline, will cut himself off from profiting by the inevitable rally." In this position the Journal is absolutely wrong, for by reducing his acreage by one-half and raising his own foodstuffs the cotton grower would get more for 6,000,000 bales than for 12,000,000 bales, and would at the same time keep his "corncrib and smokehouse at home" instead of in the West.

The only safe and sane policy for Southern farmers next year will be to cut cotton acreage at least one-half and raise every pound of foodstuffs and feedstuffs needed. Then the 6,000,000 bales raised at half the cost of 12,000,000 bales would bring at least twice as much as would 12,000,000 bales. The farmer would thus cut his cost in half and at the same time double his income. Let such a proposition be offered on a feasible basis and ethically, to any banker or manufacturer, and we would see how quickly they would jump to accept it.—Manufacturers' Record.

## Cost of Living and Big Family Cause for Comment.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—Since wide publicity has been given to the fact that Reuben Bland of Robertsonville, Beauford county, was the father of 34 children, he and Mrs. Bland have been deluged with letters from persons all over the United States and Canada.

These letters are from both men and women. A man in Ohio wrote:

"I read the story about your large family aloud to my wife. 'There's a man who ought to be given a medal,' I told her. 'There's a man who ought to be hanged,' she retorted."

A writer in Oregon, commenting on the feeding and clothing of such a large family in this day of high costs, sent this:

"Reuben, Reuben, I am thinking, You are quite a nifty man. To your health I am drinking; You've done what few men can."

From Navarre, Ohio, Mr. Bland received this:

"I am the father of eight children and I have had an awful time keeping them in food and clothing. I've worried a lot, but since reading about your big family, I realize that I'm a lucky guy."

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

## EDITORIALS BY DR. R. T. MILNER

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

This East Texas land is in fine tilt for a great crop. It is wet to the bottom, and richer than it ever was before.

The office making machine at Austin is now at work. A new Appellate Court, to be located at Austin, seems to be the first thing on the programme.

If there is a farmer in East Texas who wants this legislature to make him a new law, creating new salaries, and more taxes, we have not heard from him.

The surest plan of successful farming is working the mind, giving it free latitude and a large field in which to operate. A well trained mind is worth more than fertile land.

Our new public highways have disregarded the old roads in so many instances that naturally they cause many disappointments. But no one should complain since all our land is now worth nothing but to pay taxes on, and to travel over. We are bound to admit, however, that a fairer land to travel over is hard to find.

When all the ills of man are placed under the care of men and women hired by the government to look after them, the time draweth nigh when the fabric built by Washington and his crowd will pass away.

Germany keeps France in eternal dread. The feeling between the two people is all but friendly, and unless some of the principles of the Christian religion can be brought to bear on these two nations, in their dealing toward each other, another war sooner or later is inevitable.

Never before has Texas made a crop, all round, equal to 1920. Nearly every portion of the State made a big crop of all the staple products, including corn, oats, wheat, kaffir, cotton, hay, and the smaller crops of cane, potatoes, etc.

There are forty men in Texas now trying to think up some new fads that will appeal to the natives in a race for the Senate. If some able, honest man would take the Constitution of the United States for his platform he would get all the real Democratic votes.

No government, at any time, is justified in spending the people's money except in cases of absolute necessity. Some good people have arrived at the conclusion that the government's principal business is to collect money from the people in the way of taxes, and to hire somebody to do for the people what they can do for themselves.

We hardly think it is necessary to say that conditions in East Texas are favorable to a bountiful crop this year. We have had nearly a century of agriculture in East Texas, and a dead failure was never known betwixt the Trinity and the Sabine.

A French King said centuries ago that he had rather the people would laugh at his stinginess than weep on account of his extravagance. We may not need stinginess just now in governmental affairs, but we are tired of hearing the people cry about the lavish manner in which our Legislatures and Congresses appropriate money.

Our debts to the government may be collected in mysterious ways, but they are exacted all the same. The \$24,000,000

which is the amount of our national debt must be paid, and it is bound to come out of the tax payers. It is levied upon the industry of the American people.

Many a farmer in this country can make all the money to pay his taxes by a wise application of his barn lot manure.

Any kind of a tax is confiscation, and it is the only way to collect a tax, and no good citizen objects to that principle. But what all just people demand is that no tax shall ever be levied that is not absolutely indispensable to the public good. This thing of everlastingly creating new offices, empowering the government to do the things that the individual citizen should do for himself, or what is worse, empowering the government to hire things done for the public that are entirely unnecessary! Our law-makers should spend a short time studying the reasons for government.

Right now is the time for the Democrats of Texas to call the attention of the legislature to the importance of going slow about spending money. If each citizen who wants a just tax rate were to write a postal card to his representative and ask him to appropriate not a dollar above the needs of a most economically administered government, it would do good.

Two farmers were discussing the situation a few days ago and one finally said to the other: "I would like for you to tell me how conditions could be worse?" The one thusly addressed answered: "It is true that they are bad, and insofar as money is concerned, they are worse than at any other time in the history of this country. Because at present prices, farm products, all put together and sold, would not square up the debts, including taxes. But suppose that a failure of feed crops, as sometimes happens here, had occurred last year; or suppose that the farmers fail to produce a good feed crop this year. In the event that the price of cotton remains low, and a short feed crop is made this year, conditions next winter will be worse than they are now."

Extravagance is an evil thing at any crisis in the world. But for one to eat and wear, now, in an extravagant manner is sowing seed that will curse him to the bitterest end. Much of our trouble now is due to the bad seed we sowed during the last few fat years. It was seeds of extravagance, seeds of many kinds of folly, and now we are reaping the crop of want, worry, trouble by day and trouble by night, and there is no doctor wise enough to effect a speedy cure. It was the worst spree of the age. The great manufacturers of shoes and clothing saw the opportunity to pile up millions by catering to a morbid taste for fine raiment. Up went shoes, up went dresses, up went suits, up went hats, up went everything on earth, but nothing went too high for the boys and girls, given over to the vainest notions in history, to buy. Money was cheap, and the cry was "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we will have as much money, if not more, than we have got today." Those days were wonderful. A thousand years from now they will be written about as the "Great American Debauch." As we sow so shall we reap. There is yet in the land too many people striving to live beyond their means. He is bound to be a fool now who fails to learn a lesson of wisdom from the bad seed that were sown during these late years.

A single long flight by an aviator in the Philippines enabled engineers to select which of three routes was the best for building a new railroad.

X-rays are being used by a London scientist to diagnose and study plant diseases.



## Make It a Year of Health and Wealth

You will have many possessions in 1921, but the most priceless of all will be health. Without health it is difficult to accumulate wealth, and the man or woman without money misses many of the legitimate enjoyments of life.

This drug store has the means of keeping you well if you keep in touch with it. Our large and varied supply of reliable remedies for slight ailments is the secret of good health. It is easier to check than it is to cure, and these remedies are for checking sickness before it reaches the stage where a physician is required.

### Crockett Drug Company

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

#### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Slat Berry has returned from Marshall.

R. L. Shivers for dry goods, notions and shoes. tf.

R. L. Shivers for all kinds of groceries and feed. tf.

Miss Katie Barbee has returned from a visit to Palestine.

Miss Clarite Elliott visited friends in Houston this week.

Plenty of guns and all kinds of ammunition at Jas. S. Shivers'. 3t.

Go to R. L. Shivers for plow gear, collars and leather goods. tf.

-No. 774-

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, 1920, published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed and published at Crockett, State of Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1921.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$92,515.13
Overdrafts	967.03
Bonds and Stocks	5,650.75
Real Estate (banking house)	2,695.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,900.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	12,577.54
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	912.89
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	73.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117,292.23</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$16,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,237.43
Undivided Profits, net	2,864.60
Individual Deposits, subject to check	48,771.82
Time Certificates of Deposit	47,002.08
Cashier's Checks	1,416.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$117,292.23</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston: We, W. D. James, as vice president, and Felix M. Goodrum, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. D. JAMES, Vice President.  
FELIX M. GOODRUM,  
Assistant Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of January, A. D. 1921.  
(Seal) J. W. WILSON,  
Notary Public Trinity County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:  
W. H. MANGUM,  
MRS. W. H. MANGUM,  
W. H. BRADLEY,  
Directors.

R. L. Shivers for Kelly plows, both cast and steel. tf.

J. F. Weaver of Grayburg was visiting friends near Augusta this week.

Mrs. Edwin Yerger will return soon to her new home at Clarksdale, Miss.

Crockett Bakery, cash buyers of chickens, eggs, ducks, geese and turkeys. 1t.

Ben Janes of Mineral Wells visited relatives and friends here this week.

H. J. Castleberg of Dallas is shaking hands with his numerous friends in Crockett.

Phone 149, have us call for your cleaning and pressing. tf. J. L. Arledge.

We want your eggs, chickens and sour cream. 1t. Crockett Bakery.

We have the kind of shells you want, for quail, ducks and squirrels. 3t. Jas. S. Shivers.

W. A. Ponder called at this office Tuesday to renew his subscription and also that of his son, J. B. Ponder of Houston.

No use to hunt all over town for shells. We have them all the time. We sell Winchester of course. 3t. Jas. S. Shivers.

If for correct cleaning, pressing, repairing and alterations, call on or phone 149. tf. J. L. Arledge.

#### Room for Rent.

Comfortable, convenient, living room. Man and wife preferred. 3t. Mrs. Thos. Self.

#### Mules Wanted

We want a few good farm mules. See us quick. 1t. Smith Brothers.

#### For Rent.

Business house, corner lot. See T. B. Satterwhite, or write P. O. Box 335, Crockett, Texas. 1t.

#### A Car of Each

We have a car each of cotton seed meal, ear corn, maize, alfalfa hay and oats at our warehouse near the railroad depot in Crockett, and they must be sold. See us for quick action. tf. Arledge & Arledge.

#### Lost Hogs.

Lost, 5 Poland-China big-bone hogs, weighing about 60 or 70 pounds each, marked crop over and underbit in right ear, swallow fork in left. Notify S. A. Cook, Route 3, Crockett, Texas. 1t.

Several prominent farmers of the county were noted in town Tuesday, among them being T. T. Bitner of the Shiloh community.

The Edinburg Review, published in the Brownsville country, a weekly newspaper of the Rio Grande valley, has advanced its subscription price to \$3 a year.

#### Store Fixtures for Sale.

As I am retiring from business and closing my store on January 15, am offering my entire store fixtures for sale at a bargain. These fixtures are suitable for a grocery or general store. See me quick for a bargain. 2t. F. H. Hill.

#### Spend-the-Night Party.

Miss Virginia Mae Foster entertained three of her former schoolmates with a spend-the-night party Friday evening. Those enjoying her hospitality on this occasion were Mrs. Edwin Yerger, Miss Lucile Millar and Miss Clarite Elliott. Following 6 o'clock dinner, a visit to the picture theatre was a feature of entertainment.

#### A Bill by Rice.

Wednesday's Galveston News announces that a bill has been introduced in the state legislature by Representative Rice of Houston county which reads as follows:

By Rice—Providing for the payment of \$1,500 per annum to county commissioners of counties with population of not less than 28,000 nor more than 40,000; abolishing road superintendents in such counties and requiring commissioners to perform the duties thereof.

#### Evangelistic Committee.

The evangelistic committee of the First Methodist church met last Sunday at three o'clock in the Methodist church, and after due consideration it was decided to ask the pastor to hold his own meeting this year in place of securing an evangelist. They authorized the pastor to secure a singer to lead the song service of the revival. It was decided to begin the regular revival on Easter Sunday and run at least two weeks. All other churches and christians in the community will be invited to cooperate in the revival. Let us pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost on our town. J. W. Madden, Chairman.

#### A Card.

I take this means to thank my friends in Crockett and elsewhere who have spoken to me so many kind and encouraging words as to my fifty years pastorate. I would say to the boys and young men that I do not consider a preacher's lot a very hard one, and in many respects he has privileges and blessings that rarely fall to the lot of others. I would like to see many of our Crockett boys and young men become faithful and useful preachers of the Gospel. My wife and self appreciate more than we can express the splendid social reception given by our Ladies' Aid Society, and participated in by so many of our friends. S. F. Tenney.

#### Enters 32nd Year.

The Courier this week enters the 32nd year of its existence as a county newspaper. The Courier can boast of having been under only two managements during its life, the present management having succeeded that of Hon. W. B. Page. At the beginning of its 32nd year, the Courier feels a debt of gratitude due its subscribers and other patrons for their continued support and friendship. Looking over our subscription books we find many names that have been there from the beginning—since the first issue of the Courier thirty-one years ago. It seems unnecessary to say that we deeply appreciate such loyal support and friendship—in fact, words are scarcely adequate to fully express our feeling of appreciation.

## Wall Paper

We are showing many new patterns and our stock is complete in every detail.

### John F. Baker

Prescription Druggist.

The Rexall Store.

#### Notice to the Public.

I have secured the services of Mr. E. A. Leediker to take charge of my shop, and in the future will be in a position to handle your orders for screen windows and doors, window frames, and, in fact, all kinds of general mill work. Shop located near my home in northeast Crockett, telephone No. 200. Estimates cheerfully furnished on all kinds of work. tf. S. A. Fain, Contractor.

#### Directors and Officers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Crockett State Bank held in the rooms of the bank last week the following were elected to serve as a board of directors: W. H. Denny, H. J. Arledge, W. A. Norris, G. W. Crook, B. L. Satterwhite, E. T. Ozier and D. O. Kiessling. Following the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, the board of directors met and elected the following to serve as officers of the bank: W. H. Denny, president; H. J. Arledge, vice president; D. O. Kiessling, cashier; J. M. Ellis, assistant cashier, and Miss Mildred Slade, bookkeeper.

#### Senior League.

Our officers for 1921 are: President, Helen Guinn; vice president, Ora Clark; secretary and treasurer, Pearl Arnold; superintendent of study and publicity, Oda Belle Paul; superintendent of social services, Etoile McPhail; superintendent of supplies, Mable Hollingsworth; correspondence secretary, Hula Mae Robison; agent, Lonzie Parker.

The following program was rendered Sunday evening: House

was called to order by the president, Helen Guinn. Several songs were sung by all.

Scripture reading, first chapter of James, by Hula Mae Robison. Discussion of the chapter by Mrs. Joe Adams.

Sentence prayers, followed by discussion of first chapter of "Serving the Neighborhood" by Oda Belle Paul.

Tom Buchanan gave in his name as a new member.

After repeating our motto we adjourned.

Boys and girls, you are cordially invited to meet with us next Sunday evening, 6 o'clock, at the Methodist church.

Supt. of Publicity.

Brenham sends in a unique report for a Texas town. It is an account of the election of officers of the cotton mills at that place. Cotton mills are few and far between in Texas, notwithstanding this State produces more than a fourth of the country's cotton crop. Other towns ought to follow the example of Brenham and establish cotton mills. The larger the number established, the more stable would be the cotton manufacturing industry in the State, and the greater certainty of a profitable market for cotton. The big dividends that have been paid by textile mills in the South Atlantic States recently go to show that cotton mills are highly desirable factors in a town's industrial life. Brenham is to be congratulated for pioneering in the manufacture of cotton in Texas.—Houston Post.

Resembling an electric fan but operated through gears by a press itself is a device invented for keeping printers' rollers cool in hot weather.

## The Money You Waste

In neglect would pay much of the expense of maintaining your car. We do not want to tell you what you should do. You have a mind of your own, and it is clearly your own affair. We do, however, want to impress upon your mind the fact that neglect will ruin the best car that was ever made.

Cars should be frequently overhauled and all working parts adjusted. If this is not done the neglect in the end will cost you many times the price of the overhauling. Of course, neglect is a good thing for the repair man, but it is an expensive proposition for the car owner.

Better let us overhaul it, and keep in the economical class. We are now better equipped than ever before.

### Crockett Motor Company

Telephone 303

East Texas Garage Old Stand



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## COTTON OUTLOOK IMPROVING.

Life itself is scarcely as uncertain as the price of cotton, yet numerous circumstances combine to warrant the belief that the bottom has been reached, for a time at least, in the cotton market, and that there is now a greater degree of stabilization in the trade than has been evident since the new season opened.

Most influential, no doubt, in imparting the new strength to the market has been the partial recovery of the mill interests from the lethargy which marked them toward the close of last year. While the mills were curtailing or closing altogether, to avoid accumulating stocks of goods that could not be sold, the reaction on the cotton seller was disastrous. But the mills appear to have passed the worst in their readjustment, and are again on the forward path.

Every day there are reports of mills re-opening or extending running time. The goods markets are regaining their activity. Much of the accumulated surplus of goods has been moved, and buyers are again in the markets for future supplies. Prices are lower, of course, but the important thing is that demand is once more in evidence.

More encouraging reports are likewise coming from the manufacturing districts in England. Manchester mills are extending running time. International business, while not overbright in prospects, is slowly and surely recuperating. Perhaps the pessimism that has come from England somewhat overdraw actual conditions. The British are buyers of cotton, it must be remembered.—Houston Post.

The proposal to allow the attorney general to employ \$50,000 worth of legal talent to aid him in making war on the transportation act presents two or three questions which ought to be explored before that amount of money is extracted from the state treasury. There is, for example, the question whether we have any reason for making that warfare, which means, in other words, whether the transportation act is harmful or helpful to this state. Believing it will be helpful rather than harmful The News would answer that question in the negative. But perhaps that question is not decisive. If the transportation act deprives the state of its constitutional rights that fact alone might be made to justify the proposed war against it, even though the loss of those rights should entail no harmful consequence of a practical kind. More pertinent is the question whether, if this warfare is to be made, the regular force of the attorney general is not sufficient for making it? If it is, as many of us must be inclined to think that it is, then this proposed expenditure of \$50,000 could only be regarded as an inexcusable waste of public funds at a time when there is urgent need to husband them.—Galveston News.

## Cadets at A. &amp; M. College Are Paid \$12,677.60.

College Station, Tex., Jan. 16.—In the past week was a pay day for the cadets taking the advanced course of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. A total of \$12,677.60 was paid to 260 students who have elected military training for their junior and senior years. This was for the subsistence during October, November and December at the rate of fifty-three cents a day, making the total received by each man \$48.76.

Seniors will continue to receive commutation for rations at

## JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We have another good list of subscription renewals this week—the same number as last week. Many of these, in calling to renew or sending in their subscriptions, have expressed a word of approval of the good paper the Courier has been getting out lately. Some have specially congratulated us on the reproduction of that Milner editorial appearing in the Courier last week. They say that that one editorial alone was worth the price of a year's subscription to the Courier.

The people in general have ceased to look backward and are now looking forward, which is a fine indication of better times. They are forgetting the misfortunes of last year and are laying their plans for the coming year. Their plans for this year will again include plenty of feed for the family and the livestock. They tell us that there never was before such a bounteous supply of sugar cane syrup, sweet potatoes, corn, turnips, pork and milk as now and that their plans for this year will include another big crop of these necessities of life. This promises to be a year of living at home.

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

Miss Louise Denny, Wichita Falls.

J. A. Grounds, Happy.

E. L. Brown, Timpson.

H. B. Meek, Eastland.

Ben Janes, Mineral Wells.

John L. Smith, Longview.

Geo. L. Payne, Dallas.

Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters, Crockett.

T. W. Crowson, Lovelady.

J. E. Dickey, Crockett Rt. A.

W. H. Musick, Sacul.

A. F. Thomas, Crockett Rt. 5.

Geo. F. McCullar, Lovelady.

F. N. Lewis, Lovelady.

Armistead Aldrich, Colbert, Okla.

John H. Jones, Carbon.

W. H. Holcomb, Augusta.

J. D. Bynum, Grapeland Rt. 2.

W. H. Wall, Augusta.

S. R. Wall, Eaton, Ind.

Bud Rice, Crockett Rt. 1.

C. E. Robbins, Crockett Rt. A.

Ben West, Crockett Rt. 2.

D. H. Rhoden, Crockett Rt. A.

B. F. Wolfley, Crockett Rt. 2.

L. S. Alfred, Kennard Rt. 1.

Gertrude Williams, Crockett Rt. A.

the rate of fifty-three cents a day until graduation. Juniors will receive the same until they enter an advanced R. O. T. C. summer training camp about the middle of June, when they will be fed in cantonment by the government and paid at the rate of \$30 a month. They will also be allowed transportation to and from summer camp at the rate of five cents a mile. A separate camp is maintained for each branch of the service in different parts of the United States. It is held for six weeks and every student taking the advanced course must attend the summer following the completion of his junior work. From the time the summer camp breaks up until the cadet completes his senior year he receives commutation at the rate of fifty-three cents a day.

Besides the allowance for rations each cadet in A. & M. College receives commutation for uniform at the rate of \$36 a year.

Freshmen and sophomores taking the basic course of the R. O. T. C. receive the same uniform allowance, but are paid no commutation for rations.

## Mrs. Cyrus McCormick Dies After Life of Benefactions.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the International Harvester company and for many years a leader in the civic and social life

## Now for a Year of Good Buying

## TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY

This is just a friendly talk, in which we hope to impress upon your minds some very interesting facts.

It is useless for us to speak of the high quality of the goods we sell. You all know that from long experience.

But we do want to emphasize the fact that 1921 is going to be a year of mighty good buying at this store. We know that the public is always willing to meet a merchant half way, but most people have an inherent objection to traveling all of the distance themselves.

Right there is where we are going to shine. We are going to meet you half way—sometimes even more than half. That means that when you want the very best of values for your money you have only to come half way. We'll BE THERE with the values. It's a case of SAVING MONEY on every purchase for you.

Heavy Cotton Flannel, per yard ..... 15c  
Men's heavy Blue Work Shirts, each ..... 98c  
Men's Headlight Overalls, the \$3.00 kind, at ..... \$2.25  
Men's Dress Socks, in lavender, black, blue, white and grey, 25c value at ..... 15c  
Dress Ginghams, in fancy plaids and stripes, also solids, per yard ..... 25c  
Nine thousand eight hundred yards of Lace, worth 15c yard; pick it for ..... 5c  
One lot Ladies' Silk Skirts; in solids and stripes, values to \$13.50, choice ..... \$7.35

Yard-wide Percales, per yard ..... 25c  
50c Poplin, beautiful stripes for dresses and skirts, now ..... 25c  
One lot Princess Slips, embroidered yoke, a \$2.00 value, at ..... 98c  
9-4 Bleached Pepperell Sheeting, per yard ..... 65c  
Fancy Oilcloth, 1 1-4 yards wide, per yard ..... 49c  
Yard-wide Brown Domestic, a good heavy one, per yard ..... 15c  
Men's Heavy Sweaters, all sizes, each ..... 98c  
Men's heavy Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, the \$1.25 kind, for ..... 75c

## AT HALF PRICE

Beautiful Georgette Waists in all the most wanted colors—white, flesh, brown, navy and green—some embroidered, others with beautiful beaded designs on collar, cuffs and front—your choice of any Georgette or Crepe de chine Waist in our store at exactly half price.

## Jas. S. Shivers

Crockett's Greatest Store

of Chicago, died Monday at St. Luke's hospital, following a second operation for a serious illness.

Her husband and one son had raced from New York by special train and arrived Sunday night. Her young son, Gordon, arrived a few hours later, having sped from Pittsburg.

Mrs. McCormick was known nationally for her philanthropy and as a benefactress of struggling schools and social settlements. In 1908 she established the Elizabeth McCormick foundation in memory of her daughter, Elizabeth, who died at the age of 13. This foundation provided funds for open-air schools for tubercular children. Noted physicians and dieticians were employed and at one time Mrs. McCormick transformed her splendid home into a nursery for little children, with trained nurses and all the luxuries her great wealth could provide. She took great interest in the Young Women's Christian association and was a liberal contributor to the fund for carrying on this establishment.

## A Few Things That You Should Know.

Are you as familiar with what is going on in the stores as you are with the "goings and comings back" of your favorite movie star? Do not fail to read the store ads.

There is stirring news in the advertisements. You may be

missing an opportunity of a lifetime. Read them.

A revolution is taking place. Read the store news and see how ruthlessly prices are being slashed.

There never was a time when it was so important for you to keep up with the store news. Things are happening today that may never happen again. Have you read the ads?

The biggest sort of thriller is being told by merchants all over the country. Right here in your own town unheard of cuts are being made in prices. Don't miss a word. Read the ads.

It is important. You will see something quoted at a price that is just what you are looking for. You will probably find that you can afford the very thing that you had given up all hope of buying.

## Tennessee Reformers Would Have Trains to Stop Sundays

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Operation of all passenger and freight trains in this state on Sunday would be prohibited by a bill introduced in the senate today. The bill, which, it was said, was but the first of several of the blue law type to be introduced, would also ban Sunday baseball and other sports, publication of newspapers, operations of all stores and all buying and selling except when charity or necessity demanded. The bill took the regular course without debate.

## NOTICE IN PROBATE.

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 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 twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

## NOTICE OF FILING ACCOUNT—ESTATES OF DECEDENTS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons interested in the Estate of Hugh Goolsby, deceased.

You are hereby notified that B. B. Warfield, Administrator of said estate, has filed in the County Court of Houston County, Texas, his final account as such administrator, showing the condition of said estate and asking for a division and partition of the remainder of the property of said estate among the lawful heirs and distributees of said estate, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the first Monday in February, A. D. 1921, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said account, should they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, But have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas. dt.

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