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## OBREGON ABANDONS CHIHUAHUA IN FACE OF REBEL ATTACK

### Fall of Tuxpam Into Hands of Rebels—Government Claims Revolutionists Surrounded.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 30.—Representatives of the De la Huerta government received advices today confirming the capture of Tuxpam by the revolutionists, composed of 600 infantry and 400 cavalry. The town of Tulancingo nearby was captured by General Cavazos and the regular forces under his command.

It is reported that many volunteers of this region are joining the revolutionaries. General Nicholas Fernandez, who was second in command of the old Villista army, has gathered together all former Villistas at Canutillo, Durango, aggregating about 1000 troops, and in conjunction with General Cho, is advancing to attack Chihuahua City.

According to advices here from Vera Cruz, the Obregonista troops are abandoning Chihuahua City because of the superior number of revolutionists.

Representatives of the Huerta government here declared that the Obregon government is attempting to purchase gunboats from the United States.

Since all Mexican marines are said to have turned to the revolutionists, the Obregon government is declared to be unable to furnish crews for the gunboats if they are obtained. It is said Obregon is trying to hire filibusters to man the ships and this is said to have created intense dissatisfaction and severe criticism in Mexico City.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Mexican embassy tonight made public the following summary of advices from Mexico City dealing with the progress of military operations:

"General Amaro's federal troops have clashed with the Guadalupe rebels under General Estrada and forced them to evacuate La Barca. The rebels retreated destroying large stretches of railway with the federals in hot pursuit. The Ocotlan bridge, across the Lerma river, was partially wrecked and government engineers are repairing it to facilitate the offensive.

"The fully equipped federal forces now are closing in on General Estrada on three sides, and a complete victory is expected.

"General Martinez continues his successful offensive to suppress the few remaining rebels between Puebla and Vera Cruz on the Eastern front. He has forced their retreat beyond Esperanza. Troops under General Almazan have arrived at Carneros in the south and are operating successfully there.

"The secretary of the interior in a formal statement declared that the presidential elections would be held in July, since the peace of the republic is not seriously disturbed and the rebellion is now practically suppressed.

"The chamber of deputies has decided to call substitute deputies to replace those who deserted with De la Huerta.

"Railroad and telegraphic communications now are in complete control of the government and trains are running as far as Yu-

ruaro on the west and Oriental on the east. The lines from the border to Mexico City never have been disturbed.

### Advertising Rates.

The cost-finding congress of the National Editorial Association, of which Mr. E. K. Whiting, the successful editor of the Owatonna, Minn., newspaper, was a member, has recommended the following rates as fair to both advertiser and publisher. It was also recommended by the cost-finding committee that any advertising rate below the one published would be disastrous to the newspaper business under present costs of production. The rates as recommended to and adopted by the association are as follows:

For newspapers of 500 or less circulation, 20 cents an inch.

For newspapers of 1000 or less circulation, 25 cents an inch.

For newspapers of 1500 or less circulation, 30 cents an inch.

For newspapers of 2000 or less circulation, 35 cents an inch.

For newspapers of 2500 or less circulation, 40 cents an inch.

For newspapers of larger circulations, a proportionate increase.

The committee found that the cost of newspaper production had tripled and quadrupled during the last few years.

### Old Bonds to Be Paid Off.

The Crockett road district now proposes to issue \$240,000 in new bonds, \$90,000 of which is to be used in retiring unpaid bonds of the old issue. That will leave \$150,000 to be used on the public roads of the Crockett road district. Added to this will be the state and federal aid, the amounts of which will depend on the type of road to be built. Only \$90,000 of the old issue of \$150,000 remains unpaid. The proposition now is to pay off those bonds and use the remaining \$150,000 of the new issue, with the state and federal aid added, in the Crockett road district. We all want good roads. The bond issue way may not be the best way to get them, but it is the only way we know of. We are now confronted with the problem of either voting for the bond issue or contenting ourselves with the roads we have or finding some other way to improve them. If we cannot be contented with the roads we have and cannot find some better way to improve them, the bond issue way seems to be the only way we have left us. The state proposes to keep up the roads after they are built.

### A New Year's Marriage.

Miss Mary Stubblefield and Mr. David Adair were married at the Christian church Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. E. S. Allhands, the Christian pastor, performing the ceremony. The bride and groom were accompanied to the church by a few close friends, where they were met by the pastor and the ceremony was performed. The bride is one of Crockett's best-loved and most-esteemed girls of the younger set, having finished in high school last summer. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Driskell. The bridegroom, who was also reared and educated in this city, is equally as well known and popular, and is also a member of one of Houston county's oldest families. Mr. and Mrs. Adair will make their home in Crockett and are beginning married life with the best wishes of the entire citizenship.

## OPPORTUNITY TO GROW CUCUMBERS

Mr. E. M. Frazee, field manager of the Price-Booker Manufacturing Company, of Houston and Waco, was in Crockett recently in the interest of placing a cucumber salting station at Crockett and Grapeland.

It is necessary to subscribe the planting of 100 to 150 acres of cucumbers to secure one of these salting stations, and the Price-Booker Manufacturing Company is ready to sign a contract with the growers to take the cucumbers grown on the above acreage at the following prices, delivered at their salting stations:

No. 1—from 1 to 3 inches in length, straight stock, \$3.00 per 100 pounds.

No. 2—from 3 to 4 inches in length, straight stock, \$1.50 per 100 pounds.

No. 3—from 4 to 5½ inches in length, straight stock, 75 cents per 100 pounds.

They ask the local people to erect a shed over their vats, the shed to be 32x72 feet and enlarged if needed, and to furnish water for the months they are using the vats, the shed to belong to the local people.

Mr. Brazee is coming back to Crockett and Grapeland soon, at which time I expect to invite every one interested in this proposition to meet with him and hear him explain the proposition in detail. And in the meantime, if you are interested in growing cucumbers, I would like to discuss this proposition with you, and will be glad to furnish you with any information I have on the subject.

R. R. Morrison,  
County Agent.

### Is There a Better Way?

Those who favor good roads, but are opposed to a bond issue, have the burden of finding some other means of improving our bad roads left them. Most of us are agreed that we need better roads. The bond issue way may not be the best way, but it seems to be the only way we know of. If we want better roads we will either have to favor the bond issue or find some other way to get them. The Courier knows of no other way, and as no other way has been suggested, the Courier favors the bond issue. It may be like taking a dose of calomel to vote for the bonds, but if calomel is needed it had better be taken.

### Women Sell Lot.

The Women's Association of Crockett have sold their lot south of the Christian church to F. P. Archibald. The Courier is informed that the money derived from the sale of this lot will be applied in paying for the pavement cost of the Shakespeare Club lot, and that the Shakespeare Club lot will be deeded to the city for the purpose of securing an auditorium for the city. The membership of both organizations is ambitious in securing an auditorium for Crockett, and for their ambitions they are lauded by the entire citizenship of Crockett.

### A Christmas Marriage.

Mr. Wert Lawson and Miss Johnnie Lee Dawes were married at the residence of Rev. S. F. Tenney Saturday, December 22, Rev. Mr. Tenney performing the ceremony. The bride is

a daughter of Mrs. J. T. Dawes, was reared and educated in this city and has many friends whose only wish is for her happiness. The bridegroom was born and reared at Lovelady, but has been making his home in Crockett for some time. He, too, has the best wishes of our people for a successful life. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson will make their home in Crockett.

### Bagged Mexican Leopard.

Messrs. Marvin Ellis, John H. Ellis and E. C. Satterwhite have been exhibiting the skin of a full-grown Mexican leopard since their return from the hunting trip in the Rio Grande country. The leopard was killed by George McDougald, a member of the party and a former citizen of Houston county. Mr. McDougald and Marvin Ellis had become separated from the rest of the party when the big game was treed, shot and killed. The skin is magnificent and immensely prized by the hunters.

### Moving Around.

Chas. Fuller has moved his stock of goods to the building formerly occupied by Slaughter. Green & Tunstall have moved to the building vacated by Fuller, where their business will be continued by C. W. Green and Barker Tunstall. C. L. Manning & Company have moved into the building vacated by Green & Tunstall, and a new business will be opened up by Douglass & Thames in the building vacated by Manning. We hear of other changes in contemplation.

### Women May Vote.

The Courier is informed that women whose husbands pay a property tax—a tax other than their poll tax—in the district in which they vote, have the right to vote in all bond issue elections, as the election affects their community property. If the Courier has been misinformed on this subject, some good lawyer, having the best interests of the people in mind, will please so advise us.

### OUR WILD GAME.

That 50 percent of the wild denizens of field and woodland will have paid with their life this year because of the automobile in hunting is the statement of Dr. William T. Hornaday of New York City. That is to say, the modern hunter can easily cover far more territory than could be covered by the hunter who went afoot or followed after a horse. Dr. Hornaday says that four times the former area can be covered by the automobile hunter. The distinguished director of the New York Zoological Garden thinks that our wild game is doomed unless protective measures are adopted.

In addition to protective legislation, Dr. Hornaday would call on the good sportsmanship of the hunter. Let the hunter go slow and take a reasonable toll, recognizing the new peril to wild life. He appeals to the sentiment of self-interest. Otherwise legislation will not be able to preserve the birds of the air and beasts of the field that have so long made this country of ours a hunter's paradise. The pump gun is accountable for much useless slaughter of birds.

Tattooing is widely practiced by light-skinned races. Negro races on whom the marks would not show, prefer to raise scars.

## ELECTION ON ROAD BONDS DEFEATED

The road bond election held in the Grapeland district last week was defeated by a very small vote. The vote defeating the issue was in that part of the district lying east of Grapeland. On account of the bad roads the official vote has not been brought in, and we are afraid it will not be brought in soon if better roads are waited for. The Courier hears talk of a new district to include Grapeland and the territory west of the railroad being formed with the view of holding another election, leaving the territory that defeated the issue out of it the next time. It is believed the issue will carry in the new district to be so arranged. That is a good principle of local self-government. In this way the people of a community can get what they want and the people of another community will not have forced upon them something they do not want. We also hear talk of a similar change to be made in the Belott-Weches district in order that those who wish to improve their roads through the means of issuing bonds may do so and that those who do not wish to do so may be omitted. Those who oppose the bond issue will then have the privilege of either keeping their bad roads or finding some other means of improving them.

### BLIND EDITORS.

The war against free publicity is going forward steadily and under a new line of attack directed against the responsible editor seems to be making greater headway than a few months ago.

The best sign of the times is found in the increasing number of press agents who are again seeking places in the ranks of journalism. Whether such men will ever be as good newspaper men, from the standpoint of public interest, is questionable.

Free publicity was one of the leading topics of discussion at the recent meeting of the Inland Daily Press Association and there it seemed to be agreed that press agents were only permitted to fatten at the newspapers' expense because some editors have eyes but refuse to use them. Editors are the men against whom criticism of the press agent and propaganda evil should be directed.

The value of a newspaper is fixed by the confidence the public places in its columns. More often than the editor realizes, his reading public recognizes free publicity and is guided by that in placing a value on the entire contents.

The public has a right to be suspicious of the newspaper that gives a large amount of space over to free publicity and the wise advertising agent will advise his client of the deceased merit of such a newspaper as an advertising medium.

Some day a wise advertiser will fire the free publicity expert of his organization and invest the additional amount in regular advertising space with the stipulation that his copy will not appear on the same page with any free publicity.—Editor and Publisher.

Whenever we get a communication which begins, "Your name has been given to us as one of the prominent citizens of your community," we read just that far.



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### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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Chas. J. Dewitt of Houston was here from Monday until Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Lee has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Houston.

Ladies' and children's coats, suits and wool dresses at half price at Thompson's. 1t.

Miss Nell Beasley will enter Texas University at Austin for the remainder of the term.

Mrs. Harry Weiss and daughter of San Angelo were holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. M. Bromberg.

Miss Josephine Edmiston will leave Saturday to become a student of Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Misses Aliph Brunow, Lois Brymer and Marguerite Burnett of Palestine were guests of Miss Lucile Jordan last week.

Miss Nell Beasley has resigned from the faculty of the local high school, and Mr. John King has been secured to teach in her place.

John R. Mainer of Lovelady has withdrawn from Crockett High School and gone to enter Rusk Junior College. His friends regret his departure, but wish him the best of success in his new school.

# Appreciation

I thank you for a year of generous patronage.

I fully appreciate your support, and in token of that appreciation will endeavor to serve you as well, or even better, in 1924.

May the best of everything come to you.

**J. L. Arledge**

### Successful Deer Hunt.

Messrs. John H. Ellis, C. M. Ellis and E. C. Satterwhite returned last week from their hunting trip in the Brownsville country. They bagged a number of deer, one of which they sent home.

### Come to Crockett.

A card from Mrs. N. A. Gant of Texline, Texas, says: "The ground has been covered with snow from six inches to two feet for the last five weeks. To-day, December 31, we have a freeze. Temperature ten degrees below zero."

### Lost Mare Mule.

Left Wednesday A. M., dark brown, about 14 hands high, collar marks on both shoulders, gentle and well broken. Any information leading to her recovery will be highly appreciated. Will pay for recovery.  
Wm. McKinley Hopkins,  
Route 5, Box 93,  
Crockett, Texas.

### Restaurant Notice.

I have bought the restaurant formerly owned by Mr. Gus Merchant in the Eichelberger building and will continue the business at the same place. This is your invitation to call and see me when you are hungry and I believe I can satisfy you with something good to eat. Fish and oysters in season.

1t. Will Robbins.

### Removal Notice.

We have moved our stock of goods to the Patton block in the building formerly occupied by Chas. Fuller, where we will continue to do business in the same old way. The firm is now composed of V. B. Tunstall and W. C. (Clinton) Green. We wish all our friends and customers a happy and prosperous New Year and hope to have them call on us at any and all times.

1t. Tunstall & Green.

### Bridge Hospitality.

Among the pre-nuptial affairs complimenting Miss Virginia May Foster, the bridge party of Saturday afternoon given by Miss Hilda Burton and Mrs. Edwin Yerger deserves special mention. Christmas decorations furnished the color scheme for the afternoon and bridge table accessories were in harmony. The honoree was presented with a piece of silk lingerie, and high score prize went to Miss Bess Jordan. Delicious refreshments were served after the games.

### The Week of Prayer.

The pastors have agreed to hold joint prayer-meetings, beginning Monday night, January 7, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church; Tuesday night at the Methodist church; Wednesday night at the Christian church; Thursday night at the Baptist church; Friday night at the Methodist church. No meeting on Saturday night. This is the custom that has been observed in this town about fifteen years and it is generally observed throughout the Christian world.  
S. F. Tenney,  
Senior Pastor.

### Crockett Girl Receives Degree.

Miss Edyth Clark, a former Crockett girl and granddaughter of the late W. E. Mayes, will receive her A. B. degree at Southern Methodist University the latter part of this year. Miss Clark is highly accomplished in music and literature. She finished last year in pipe organ and voice. She often assists in instructing in the different branches of literature at S. M. U. She will study music in New York next year. A picture of this talented Crockett girl appeared on the beauty page of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram recently. She is the daughter of Mrs. Florence Clark, now of Mineral Wells.

### City Auditorium.

The Crockett Shakespeare Club, for the purpose of securing an auditorium for the city, has deeded to the city of Crockett their magnificent lot west of and in front of the Baptist church. The consideration is that the city agrees to build the desired auditorium, the plans of which are to be agreed upon.

The Courier is informed that the auditorium is to be a handsome structure and thoroughly in keeping with the growth of the city, looking as well to future needs as to present necessities.

### Complementary Bridge.

Miss Virginia May Foster, a bride-elect of Christmas week, and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, a recent bride, were complimented with a charming bridge party Thursday afternoon by Mesdames J. B. Minor and Carl Murray at the home of their mother, Mrs. J. T. Harrison. A pink and white theme was cleverly carried out in very attractive detail. The bridge tables with white and pink covers were placed in rooms made bright with clusters of pink roses. After the games a delicious luncheon was served and the menu featured the pink motif.

### Hospitality for Bride-Elect.

Following the rehearsal Wednesday for the Corley-Foster wedding, Miss Clarite Elliott and her mother, Mrs. Willie Elliott, entertained the bridal party with a buffet supper at their pretty home on Public Avenue. The decorations of the home featured a red and green motif, roses in red coloring and ferns clustered in baskets and vases being placed throughout the rooms. The hostesses met the guests at the door, and Eldon Burk and Dudley Woodson Jr. escorted the ladies and gentlemen up stairs to remove their wraps. Mrs. J. D. Woodson presented them to the receiving line. Mrs. T. D. Craddock and Miss Mary McLean gave the invitation to the dining room where Misses Eliza McConnell, Frances Calhoun and Mrs. Chester Kennedy of Grape-land served the delicious refreshments. Misses Alice Smith and Clara Margaret Foster served the red and green confections and salted nuts. The dining room with its lace-spread board held a basket of red roses and glowing tapers of red. A tempting refreshment course of salad, sandwiches, wafers, hot coffee, cake, mints and nuts all accentuated the chosen motif. Those in receiving line were Miss Virginia May Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Collin Lockfield, Miss Mary Kirby of

## MONEY TO LOAN

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Greenville, Mrs. J. B. Minor of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Carl Murray of Lovelady, Mrs. George Kelly of Longview, Misses Denny, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones of Houston, Miss Mildred Flake of Mississippi, and Messrs. Hickman and Roy Corley, Lieutenant Harold Hail.

### More Christmas Marriages.

Marriage licenses have been issued since last publication to the following couples:

- A. Buller and Eva Pearl Smith.
- Jesse Robbins and Miss Ethel Page.
- Jeff Simpson and Emma Bell Madison.
- Hez Murray and Edna Abbs.
- Wert Lawson and Johnnie Lee Dawes.
- Roy Peterson and Fannie M. Jackson.
- K. D. Moore and Jane Ellen Anderson.
- Geo. Cobbs and Ollie B. Groves.
- Lige Rhodes and Lizzie Armstead.
- Jim Rollo and Ethel Townsend.
- Reuben Barrs and Willie Frank Gunnels.
- Joe Deckard and Sarah E. Wade.
- Adkin Spain and Miss Hattie Turner.
- W. C. Stewart and Emma Williamson.
- Leroy Hill and Laura Daniel.
- Flodo Lane and Ethel May Lovelady.
- Rufus Loftin and Miss Vera Land.
- Louis King and Fronie McDaniel.
- Jake Williams and Rosie Butler.
- Hope Campbell and Beulah May Davis.
- Willie Dow and Norvelle Murphy.
- C. E. Hancock and Maggie Cruse.
- Ernest Taylor and Vera Bryant.
- Lee Johnson and Sudy Callaway.
- Odell Cook and Miss Della Oats.
- Floyd Jones and Mary Evans.
- Wilson Turner and Miss Bessie Adams.
- Jessie Nelms and Deasy McKinney.
- Oran C. Germany and Miss Altha H. Chaffin.

## Is Your Ship Coming In During 1924?

The world is full of people who are waiting for their ship to come in. But the ocean of reaches will float only the ship of those who go out to meet them half way.

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**BEST BY TEST**

Miss Lucile Lenoir of Greenwood, Miss., was the guest of Miss Katy Lacy last week.

Leon Bromberg of Nashville visited his grandmother and other relatives here last week.

Miss Topsy Beaty of Palestine was the guest of her brother, Dr. W. A. Beaty, last week.

Miss Beth Lundy, teaching in San Antonio, spent the holidays with her parents in this city.

Tod Robinson of Houston spent the holiday vacation with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. LeGory of Brenham spent last week with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Milburn of Cleburne spend the week with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Miss Mary Kirby of Greenville was the guest of Miss Alice Foster for the Foster-Corley wedding.

Miss Lucile Turner of Houston was the guest of Miss Archie Mae Satterwhite Christmas week.

Mrs. Chas. J. Dewitt and son of Houston were here to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Hon. and Mrs. Jo Ed Winfree of Houston spent Christmas with Mrs. Winfree's relatives near Crockett.

Miss Viva King of Winfield, north Texas, was the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. H. F. Moore Jr.

Misses Lucile Jordan, Elizabeth Shivers and Margaret Sullivan were Grapeland visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hearst of Longview were among the visitors in Crockett during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch Murchison of Beaumont were guests of relatives in Crockett and Grapeland last week.

Miss Modelle Mortimer, who has been teaching in the Bloomburg public school, is at home for the holidays.

Misses Bella Lipscomb and Marian Foster, students of Rice Institute, were at home for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonley LeMay and children of Athens spent the holiday vacation with their parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kelley of Longview spent the week with Mrs. Kelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young.

Miss Katherine Hassell, teaching at New Waverly, was at home with her parents in this city for the holiday vacation.

Misses Sallie Brook Rhoden and Katherine Hill, attending school in Huntsville, were at home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory returned last week from Galveston, where Mrs. LeGory was a patient in the John Sealy hospital.

Frank Chamberlain of Port Arthur and Phillip Moore of Beaumont spent the holiday week with their parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Foster and Frank Foster of Houston were here to spend the holidays and attend the Foster-Corley nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Jones and children of Houston were here for the Foster-Corley wedding and to spend Christmas in Crockett.

Misses Lucile Clark and Evelyn Frances Brown, students of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, were at home with their parents for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ray Baughtman of Houston visited relatives and friends in Crockett last week.

**CO. COM. BEATHARD ISSUES STATEMENT**

To the People of Houston County:

As to the fact that I had decided to not make the race for commissioner and had repeatedly made this statement, it was not a refusal, and since I am asked to not go back on the people who have been so faithful to me in the past, I am putting the question to you. If you want me to make the race; tell me so; and if not, tell me so. I will thank you for an expression either way, and you will be under no obligation to support me if I run and you see fit to vote against me. Let's be good friends and help the man who is elected all we can. J. A. Beathard.

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**Menefee-Edmiston.**

A marriage of great interest came as a surprise to their many friends here when it was announced Saturday evening that Mrs. Frankie Smith Edmiston and Col. Carroll Menefee had been quietly married that day (December 15.) The ceremony took place in the parlor of the Colonial Hotel, Hagerstown, Md., and was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Taliaferro, who went from here with the prospective bride and groom.

Col. and Mrs. Menefee returned on Monday from a brief wedding trip and are at home in the Burgess Apartments for the winter months.

Colonel Menefee has temporarily closed his home in Rappahannock, which, however, will be opened through the holidays for the entertainment of his stepdaughter, Miss Janie Elizabeth Edmiston, for whom he is giving an elaborate pre-holiday dance on Friday evening.—Culpeper (Va.) Star.

**Now is the Time.**

The time to put a stop to the "rough stuff" pulled by the "smart bunch" is right now. If rowdiness is a good thing for Christmas, New Year's night and Hallowe'en, it is a good thing for any time and should be encouraged. But if it is not a good thing, then right now is a good time to set out to break it up. Let every good citizen start in now to see that rowdiness is circumvented at next Hallowe'en, and that the city ordinances affecting the use of fireworks are respected and obeyed. The trampling under foot of some laws leads to the disregard of all laws. The citizen who delegates

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the right to himself to say what laws should be obeyed should delegate to other citizens the right to say what laws they will obey. That would be fair to all and no man could then be prosecuted for breaking the laws he thought ought not to be respected.

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Biss Dorothy Lee is visiting friends in Houston.

A. F. Daniel Jr. of Austwell was here Christmas week.

Dozier Austin was at home from Freeport Christmas week.

Johnnie Roberts of Kansas City visited relatives here last week.

Miss Frankie McKinney of Cooper is visiting Miss Hilda Burton.

William Henry Beazley was at home from Port Arthur Christmas week.

Lawson Keene was at home from San Antonio for the holiday season.

Miss Lillie Hail was at home from Port Arthur for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Traylor of New Waverly announce the arrival of a son.

Harold Beeson of Houston took Christmas with his parents near Crockett.

Miss Rosamond Williams of Galveston is the guest of Mrs. Corinne N. Corry.

John Robert Foster of Houston ate Christmas dinner with his family in Crockett.

Miss Valta Goldston of Gary was the guest of Miss Irene Satterwhite last week.



## A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE

Editor Courier:

I have been interested in the action of our Crockett School Board in proposing to build a school house for the city colored school. As I understand, there will be an election to decide whether our school board shall be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, so as to build a permanent brick house large enough to accommodate the large number of pupils that attend this school.

As a citizen I am in favor of this proposition, and expect to vote for it, for the following reasons:

1. It is but just to the colored population. They are citizens and the law entitles them to the benefit of the school fund. That school-money will be to a considerable extent wasted unless they have a suitable building. Many of the colored citizens are tax payers. If they are not, it is the interest of the white people to have this class become intelligent and useful citizens. Some colored men in our county have credit at our banks, and contribute no little to the banking interests of our town, as they also contribute to a considerable extent to the trade of our merchants. And on the farms of our county they are valuable contributors by their labor to the making of our crops. A school rightly conducted will tend to develop an intelligent, industrious, and economical class of negroes, who will become self-sustaining, tax paying and conservative, and contributing to the general wealth of the county.

2. Education will make it easier to reach the negroes with instruction from the Bible and a training in good morals. This will enable them to become a law abiding and good class of citizens, and save taxation to keep up our courthouses and jails.

3. It is but right, and according to the example of the Good Samaritan, that the stronger race should help the weaker. Our white people have been highly favored with education and are learning the value of it. An unselfish and missionary spirit suggests that we help our fellow citizens whose skin without any fault of theirs happens to be darker than ours.

4. Some of the colored people will pay taxes, and thus help to bear the expense of this building. But even if the white people should furnish all the money to build this house, it will pay the white population as an investment and public improvement.

5. In a financial point of view the money spent for material and labor in erecting the house will be spent in the community for the benefit of the public generally.

6. It is to the interest of the

whites to have the negroes contented to remain instead of moving to the northern states. We do not wish to see thousands of negroes going north as they have done in South Carolina, and Mississippi. So our interests and our religious duty coincide in encouraging them to remain and help promote the general wealth and welfare of both whites and blacks and to become a safe, intelligent and conservative class of voters.

For such reasons as I have mentioned I heartily wish our white voters will vote to issue the bonds. S. F. Tenney.

## FOOTBALL GAME IS A SCORELESS TIE

The annual game between the Crockett High team and the alumni team was played last Thursday and resulted in a tie, neither team having the strength to cross the other's goal. The game was hard-fought and few first downs were made. Punting was badly off-form, due to lack of practice, and fumbles were very numerous, Sam Arledge covering many high school bobbles for the alumni.

Viston Starling and Robert Guinn carried the ball, on a series of long gains, to the one-yard line, but the high school hurled their opponents back and carried the ball out of danger. Milliken, Mainer and Pratt, who took Jack Hail's place when he retired with an injured hand, turned in feature plays on the defensive.

The lineups were: Alumni—ends, Allee and Robbins; tackles, N. Mainer and Arledge; guards, Callaway and Nelson; center, Denny; quarterback, Stokes; halfbacks, Beazley and Guinn; fullback, V. Starling; substitutions, Phillips for N. Mainer, Beazley for Callaway, McConnell for Beazley.

High School—ends, Self and Smith; tackles, Craddock and S. Halyard; guards, J. R. Mainer and Bynum; center, G. Halyard; quarterback, Hail; halfbacks, Bennett and Milliken; fullback, W. Starling; substitution, Pratt for Hail. Reporter.

Kept Christmas As of Old; Drank Centipede Mash.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 26.—An Austin negro who yesterday drank the denatured alcohol in which a centipede was preserved, according to members of the sheriff's department, and still lives, is being mentioned for first honors among those trying to keep Christmas like it used to be.

Mrs. Jeanette Brill, a practicing lawyer of Brooklyn, is the first woman to be appointed a deputy attorney general of the State of New York.

Miss Margaret Leigh, daughter of a former Kentucky race horse owner, is the only woman jockey in America. She has ridden horses since childhood.

## FEDERALS WIN FIRST CLASH IN WESTERN DRIVE

Obregon Leading Army From South While Other Federals Close in From North.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Two thousand federal soldiers under General Lazaro Carenès, marching from the interior of Mexico to the rebel stronghold at Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco, made their first contact with the rebel army today at Tamacula, capturing the town after repelling the enemy with severe losses, according to official government advices received here tonight.

The defeated rebel troops were part of the army under the command of General Enriquez Estrada. The victorious government forces took 200 prisoners and are pursuing the routed rebels toward Guadalajara in central Jalisco, according to the advices which were received from President Obregon who is commanding the Jalisco offensive. There were many casualties, the advices stated. While the Obregon army marches on Guadalajara from the southeast, federal troops from Tepic, Nayarit, are entrenched on the Jalisco-Nayarit frontier in half-moon formation. By this means, the government hopes to halt a retreat of the insurrectionaries toward the west coast if the Obregon army succeeds in driving them from Guadalajara.

President Obregon is making headquarters at Irapuato in



The loyalty of the citizens of this community to this store is a matter of great pride to us, and the thanks we extend you at this time are only those to which you are clearly entitled.

The heart often feels more than it can tell.

We thank you.

**ARNOLD BROTHERS**  
Groceries and Feed.

Guanajuato, during the campaign, it was stated in the advices.

Women of Clarksdale, Miss., have organized a movement "to preserve the gracious courtesies which were once a distinguished feature of the Old South."

Germol, for indigestion, is sold by your druggist.

Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.

No. 3, Local Passenger 9:40AM

No. 1, Sunshine Special 2:27PM

North Bound.

No. 4, Local Passenger 2:27PM

No. 2, Sunshine Special 3:22PM

Effective August 6, 1923.

Germol for indigestion. tf.

# MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

We are moving our stock of general merchandise to the Page building on the east side of Court House square, formerly occupied by Green & Tunstall, where we will be in a better position to serve you than ever before. We expect to continue to carry a complete stock of the very best in staple and fancy groceries and general farm supplies, and extend you a cordial invitation to come to see us in our new home.

## A Word of Appreciation

The patronage you have extended us in past years has been generous indeed—all that we could hope for, considering the competition in the field.

It is not strange that we should feel especially grateful to you at this glad season of the year, and it is with a feeling of deep appreciation that we extend to you our very sincere thanks.

## Our Feed Store at the Depot

Is prepared to supply you with ear corn, corn chops, hay, bran, maize and other feeds. Buying in large quantities for cash enables us to make very close prices.

SEE US FIRST

and save money on your feed bill. We will not be undersold.

## Thank You Again

Your support in the past calls for our especial thanks at this season of the year, and it is with sincere pleasure that we take this opportunity of extending them to you.

**Crockett Filling Station**  
"Service With a Smile."

**C. L. Manning & Comp'y**  
General Merchandise



# 1923

## HAS FADED AWAY

But my appreciation of your generous patronage in the past remains ever fresh in my memory.

There are some things a normal person never forgets. Continued favors are in that class.

I thank you.

## Jno. F. Baker

Drugs and Jewelry

### How It Happened.

Gertrude Williams, mother of Roy Williams, is having the following letter published in explanation of the death of her son's wife, which occurred at Lubock:

"Lubbock, Texas,  
"Dec. 28, 1923.

"To the Mother of Carey Williams:

"I know that you will want to know a little more about just how this sad occurrence happened. It seems as if Carey was at a dance and had been drinking quite a little, and was feeling pretty good. Roy (Williams) had just bought her a Ford automobile and she had been out in it quite a little. Roy was over at the dance and tried to get her to go home, but she would not go. She told the boys that she was going to have a good time and then go home and raise hell. Roy went on home and left her. She followed him home. She quarreled with him and he turned to go in the house because he did not think that she would shoot him. After he turned to go, she began shooting him and shot him twice, and he is now in the sanitarium. After she had shot at him and hit him twice, he began shooting her, and when he saw that he had hit her, he went to her and picked her up and said: "My God, I have killed my wife and I did not intend to do it!" He is as sorry as I ever saw a man be for having done it. But it seems as if he had to. Everybody says that he loved her very much and could not have been better to her.

"H. H. Griffith,  
"Undertaker."

The wife of Roy Williams (col.), son of Gertrude Williams, was buried near Crockett Monday afternoon. Adv. 1t.

### PICKING A HUSBAND.

By Magnetic Mabel.

Dear Mabel: Very early in life I made up my mind that I would not make any of the mistakes with regard to marriage that most of my relatives seemed to have made. I used to feel that both mother and I had used very poor judgment with regard to father. I fixed in my mind all that a man must be in order to make me his wife. The years have passed rapidly, but I haven't seen a single man that comes anywhere near the requirements. Will you tell me what a sensible estimate of the ideal husband would be? I fear I may have been too exacting. Annabel.

Dear Annabel: I made up my mind just as you have done, and I am overjoyed to be able

to tell you just what he is like. He is about five feet eleven inches in height, has gray eyes and brown hair. He is clever, but not so much so but that he believes me to be the possessor of much the brighter mind of the two. He sings divinely; plays the piano like a master; dances beautifully; is 'always well, but never over-dressed. He adores me and loves to wait upon me hand and foot. He seldom drinks, and smokes only after dinner. He always remembers those little attentions that made him so fascinating at first, if you get what I mean. Theatre tickets, flowers, chocolates, and so on. I never tire of thinking of him, either. He was never born. Mabel.

### THE COTTON CROP.

The Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of Census, announced the preliminary report on cotton ginned by counties in Texas, for the crops of 1923 and 1922, on Dec. 8, last. A partial list of these counties with the production both years, comparatively, which should be of interest to our readers, is given:

County	1923	1922
Anderson	24,095	16,745
Angelina	5,811	3,436
Cherokee	24,761	13,875
Ellis	111,023	77,957
Freestone	24,151	20,367
Henderson	23,900	18,020
Houston	35,554	23,540
Limestone	48,759	40,956
Madison	13,062	7,843
Nacogdoches	17,818	13,849
Rusk	29,087	25,352
San Augustine	6,361	6,283
Shelby	16,584	13,012
Smith	34,448	25,892

The total production for the entire state during 1923 was given as 3,923,442 bales, as compared with 3,019,771 in 1922. It will be noted that our neighboring county, Houston, holds the record production and leads over all East Texas, having ginned 35,554 bales, and is followed by Smith county with 34,448 bales. Perhaps the most decided change in production is that of Cherokee county, which has almost doubled last year's yield.—Alto Herald.

### Worth Remembering.

After all the world is making great strides. In Barnum's time the sucker output was estimated at but one a minute.

Government is no cleaner, it can be no better, than are the ballots from which it flows; it can be no higher than is the character of those who control its destiny. As constitutions represent foundations of fundamental law, so are a collective people the basis of national power.

Without violating principles of sound public policy nor affronting civic consciousness, let it be said of those who in the moment of public crisis see nothing but opportunity for exploitation, that they are void both of patriotic impulses and considerations of common decency.—Facts and Fiction.

### THE HOME NEWSPAPER.

If there is anything in your town worth talking about ten chances to one your own newspapers had a hand in putting it there. If anybody beyond the walls of your burg ever learns that there is such a place as Three Corners it will be thru the home paper.

Every town gets its money's worth thru the home newspapers. It's the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gears in good shape and shelter.

They are the guardians and defenders of every interest, the forerunners and pioneers of every movement and the sturdy advocates of law and order.—The Manufacturer.

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## JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The list of subscription renewals during the holiday week is small. Only a few have called to renew or sent in their subscriptions, but these few will please accept our thanks. All subscribers and other patrons have the best wishes of the Courier for a prosperous and a happy New Year.

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

- J. D. Caskey, Grapeland Rt. 1.
- Bud Rice, Crockett Rt. 1.
- Texas University, Austin.
- G. E. Kelley, Latexo.
- A. H. Jolley (col.), Crockett Rt. 2.

### Christmas Auto Accident Is Fatal.

The only serious accident during the holidays so far was that of the afternoon of Christmas day, when a car in which Raz Polk, his uncle, Jeff Polk, and Frank and Art Newland were riding overturned on the Groveton-Centralia road, about two miles north of Groveton, and fatally injured Frank Newland.

According to information furnished The News, the party was returning to Groveton from a trip out in the country, with Raz Polk at the wheel, and in coming down the long slope beyond Kempers branch the car gained headway until it was making around 35 miles per hour. Frank Newland, who was in the front seat with Mr. Polk, applied the emergency brake to check the speed, and in doing so it is supposed he set the brakes, causing the car to skid and overturn. The occupants were thrown out as the car rolled over, and Frank received a broken back in the

fall. The other passengers escaped injury.

The injured man was brought to Groveton, where an examination showed that in addition to the broken back he was paralyzed from his neck down. He was taken to a Lufkin hospital the following morning, accompanied by Dr. C. S. Murphy, for an x-ray examination. This exam-

ination showed that the third and fourth bones of his spinal column were broken, and that death would be only a matter of a few hours. The injured man died Thursday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock.—Groveton News.

A Frenchman has written 23,000 words on a postal card, it being legible to the naked eye.



May 1924 be as good to you as 1923 has been to us.

The splendid measure of prosperity we have enjoyed during the past year is due entirely to the citizens of this community.

Without their loyal support we could have accomplished nothing. We realize this fact to the fullest extent, and gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity to express publicly the gratitude we feel.

## Crockett Grocery & Baking Company

# Happy New Year

Put Your Best Foot Forward and Show the World You Are a Real Optimist



On the morning of the New Year and after the close of a successful 1923, we extend to you the season's greetings, and though expressed in cold type, they carry the warmth that comes from genuine sincerity.

For your loyal support, your confidence in this drug store and for the many evidences of good will shown throughout the past year, we are indeed very grateful. These manifestations are a great incentive to "carry on," and with that friendly spirit ever in mind, we shall strive even more to excel in that which has already been attained.

May the New Year, with its bright prospects, be abundant with prosperity and that good health and happiness be yours to enjoy, is the sincere wish of

## B. F. Chamberlain

The Rexall Store



## COOLIDGES SPEND SIMPLE CHRISTMAS

CAPITAL PUTS ASIDE ALL  
BUSINESS TO CELEBRATE  
HOLIDAY.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The White House Tuesday had one of its most quiet Christmas days, despite the presence within it of two boys—the first boys to call the White House their home since the days of Charlie Taft and the Roosevelts.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge and their two sons, John and Calvin Jr., who are home for the holidays, observed a typical New England Christmas. They, with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, assembled after breakfast around a small tree in the blueroom and exchanged gifts in much the same manner as the average American family. Then the family attended a union Christmas service of the churches of the city at the First Congregational Church where the Coolidges worship.

Luncheon followed church, then a quiet afternoon, and early in the evening Christmas dinner. The only departure from the line followed by thousands upon thousands of American families in the celebration of the holiday was after dinner, when the chief executive and Mrs. Coolidge went to Walter Reed Military Hospital to join with disabled former service men in a Christmas entertainment.

Bishop William F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal Church delivered the sermon at the union services attended by the President and took occasion to allude to the controversy now in progress between the modernists and the fundamentalists over matters of religious belief.

"A few years ago," Bishop McDowell said, "the author of a widely read book said these words: 'One of the weaknesses today is—put bluntly—that Christians are not making enough of Jesus Christ,' and that sentence, oddly enough, is seized eagerly by two groups that do not agree with one another at all. The highly conservative groups, always sure of its own orthodoxy just because it is conservative, heartily approves the statement with many and loud affirmations about Jesus Christ and much assertion of what it thinks about him."

### A GENTLEMANLY REVOLUTION.

The fact that revolution again dominates the political situation in Mexico is generally taken in this country to mean that the republic has taken a step backward or had not climbed as far up the eminence of political competence as friends of the Obregon administration had hoped. The merits of the argument between Senors Obregon and De La Huerta have been but meagerly discussed on the editorial pages of American newspapers. The burden of their query has been, "Why can't they settle their political differences down there without fighting?" Claims of the rival factions have echoed across the Rio Grande with sufficient coherence to put the answer of the Huertistas down as something like this: "Because the administration won't let us; because it is trying to control the succession, and to that end has made a fair election impossible; because President Obregon has assumed the powers of a dictator in interfering with the conduct of state governments." As for President Obregon, he does not concede that the revolution is a manner of expressing just grievances—is not anything, in fact, but fear on the part of De La Huerta to trust his candidacy to the verdict of the people.

From such reports concerning the revolution as the Mexican

censors have made available, however, there is one cheerful touch to offset the gloomy picture. This revolution appears to be a more gentlemanly affair than some Mexico has undergone. Moreover, the one issue of Obregon against De La Huerta, or, more broadly speaking, the political ideas those gentlemen stand for, seems to animate the belligerents. In other words, there is only one revolution. In the past a similar situation has had a tendency to send a bevy of independent leaders off on little revolutions of their own. The activities of these independents in the usual case were nothing more nor less than a debauch of banditry and looting. The cause, if there was a cause, was forgotten in the zest of an employment so much more exciting and gainful than work. The present disturbance, however, seems to be accompanied by less than the customary amount of that sort of thing. The objective of the De La Huerta faction is to oust the Obregon government; and Obregon is concentrating all his energies on preventing that thing from happening. So far the fighting has been singularly bloodless, and the aftermath of a wall and a firing squad not so conspicuous an incident.

Senor De La Huerta doubtless deserves credit on his side for this gratifying moderation. But whatever his personal opinions, he would be powerless to hold his widely scattered followers in leash if the Mexican people themselves were not disposed to have it so. It is to conclude that if Mexico still clings to archaic political methods, the quality of her revolutions has distinctly improved.—Galveston News.

### Dr. Cook Presides at Dinner in Jail.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, convicted of using the mails in a scheme to defraud in oil promotion, presided at the Christmas dinner at the Tarrant County jail Tuesday. Dr. Cook is under sentence of fourteen years and nine months in Federal penitentiary and a fine of \$12,000.

Sheriff Carl Smith provided a real Christmas dinner for the prisoners with turkey, cranberry sauce and all the time-honored trimmings.

Women in the prison were given a Christmas tree by S. E. Cox, formerly of Houston, also under Federal sentence after his conviction on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Mr. Cox wrote two Christmas essays and sold them to local newspapers, and took this money to purchase the Christmas tree and decorations. Jailer Barney Fitch granted permission for the entertainment to be held.

Every inmate of the county jail received a present through the generosity of local charitable organizations.

"Down and outers" were given a Christmas dinner at the Union Gospel Mission and many Christmas baskets were distributed. Sam B. Mayfield, superintendent of the mission, had charge of the dinner and the distribution of baskets.

Fort Worth as a whole spent Christmas at home. Tuesday morning the business district was deserted completely and during the afternoon only a few of the Christmas celebrants drifted downtown.

In England it is customary for an audience to rise at the beginning of the "Hallelujah chorus" of Handel's "Messiah," and remain standing until it is ended.

Advertise it in the Courier.

**Grove's  
Tasteless  
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## THE STORY THAT NEVER GROWS OLD

Matthew 2:

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judia: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Judea: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in

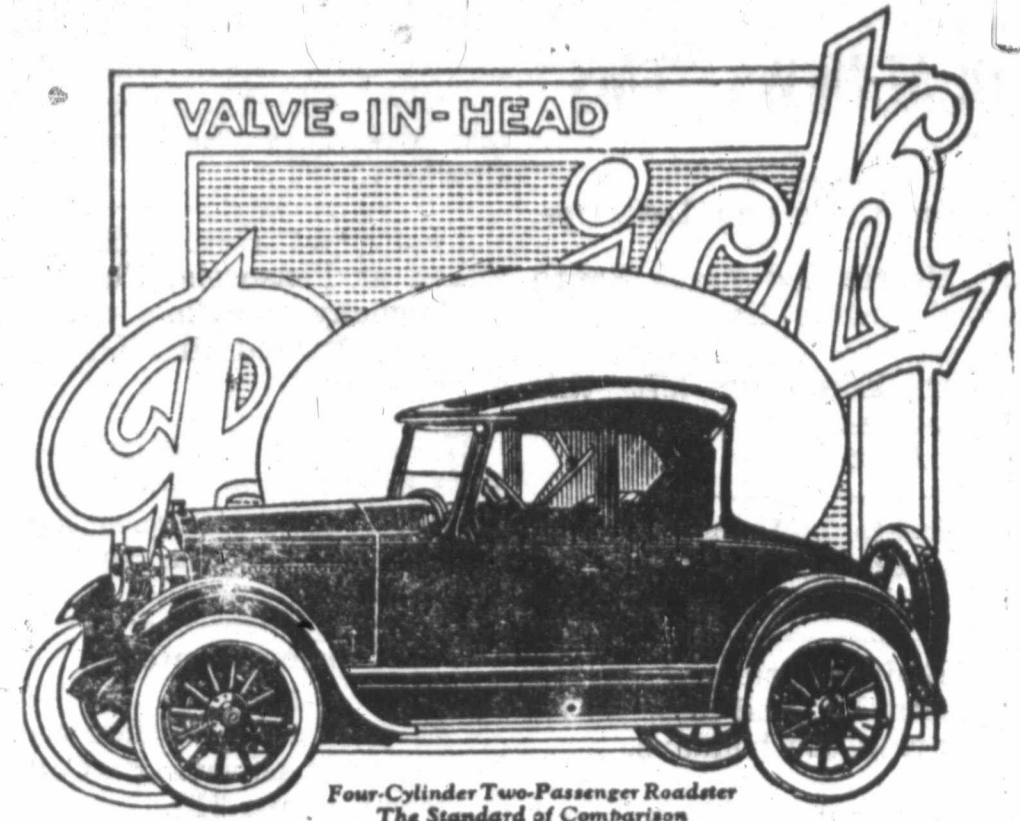
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Those whose business needs require a car of the roadster type will find this Buick four-cylinder roadster with its winter enclosure ideally suited for cold weather driving. Its roomy body provides ample comfort for two passengers. Large compartments afford unusual space for samples and baggage. The powerful Buick valve-in-head engine assures more than enough power for every kind of road and grade. Added to these features is the greater certainty of control contributed by its Buick four-wheel brakes.

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Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

## Buick Service

We have just received a large order of Buick parts for all models after 1917. In view of the increasing number of Buick automobiles in this county, we expect to keep enough parts to service all the Buick cars here. We keep our parts with Allee & Murray, who have charge of our service, that it might be more convenient for our customers and theirs.

We are trying to give the best service possible on all the cars we sell, and we advise that you have your car inspected at least every 30 days.

## Edmiston Motor Co.

PHONE NO. 11



**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

666 for Colds and LaGrippe.

Ray Herrin and Frank Smith returned Sunday from Houston.

Lanier Edmiston left this week to re-enter Texas University, Austin.

The Messrs. McLemore of Dallas were the holiday guests of Mrs. A. J. McLemore.

J. D. Blair of Palestine visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Blair, during the holidays.

Misses Elizabeth Shivers and Marguerite Sullivan returned Sunday from visiting at Palestine.

A half-price sale of ladies' and children's coats, suits and wool dresses is now in progress at Thompson's.

Misses Frances and Elizabeth Naylor of Palestine were guests of Miss Frances Evelyn Brown Saturday and Sunday.

**Rooms for Rent.**

Two nice up-stairs rooms for rent. Apply to W. N. Blair. 1t\*

**CROCKETT THEATRE**

First Night Show Starts at 7:15 P. M. Promptly

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7 TO 12

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 "DAYTIME WIVES"

A smashing big society drama so realistic that you can almost hear the pulse-beat of the action. Come on, all you women! Bring your husbands! Bring your sweethearts! To see "Daytime Wives." A vibrant, soul-searching document of human emotions—quivering with scathing drama—shaking with stupendous climaxes—driving ever onward to one of the most terrific situations ever plunged upon the screen. An all star cast with Derelys Perdue and a host of others. Big special—one day only—admission 10c and 30c.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Herbert Rawlinson in "RAILROADED"

Does it pay to go against the advice of a parent? To cherish hate instead of love? See this wonderful love story of a man who hated the world—a girl who loved it. Also two-reel comedy.

"IMPERFECT LOVER" Matinee at 3:30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Milton Sills in "THE FORGOTTEN LAW"

One man, two women, and a transgression of the forgotten law, and with a breach of it begins the most forceful proto-drama of a decade.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

"THE WOMAN WITH FOUR FACES"

With Betty Compson and Richard Dix

A notorious crook—so clever she made fools of the police—so beautiful that when finally caught, the jury didn't have the heart to convict her—so charming that even the district attorney fell in love with her.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 AND 12

Mae Murray in "FASCINATION"

The story of what happened to Dolores DeLisa, a girl who dared to display her beauty in the most dangerous resort in Madrid. Big special—two days—admission 20c and 40c. Matinee Saturday at 2:30.

Miss Irene Satterwhite, teaching at Gary, spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite, in Crockett.

Lieutenant Harold Hail, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., spent the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hail, in this city.

Here's the opportunity you have been waiting for—Thompson's half-price sale of all ladies' and children's coats, suits and wool dresses. 1t.

**Rooms Wanted.**

Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call H. E. Hearn, phone 313. 1t.

At Thompson's you can get any ladies' or children's coat, suit or wool dress in the house at one-half the original price. Don't let this opportunity get by you. 1t.

**Please Take Notice.**

That any one finding my cattle will do me a great favor by phoning my wife at No. 118. 2t. A. M. Decuir.

**Lyceum January 4.**

The Scotts, a company of unique intertainers, will appear in the school auditorium Friday, January 4, 7:30 p. m. Admission, 50c and 25c. 1t.

For Sale—An undivided one-fourth interest in 408 acres close to Crockett. Sell at a bargain, cash or terms. Trade for car or town property anywhere. Owen Marchbanks, Ennis, Texas. 2t.\*

**Cotton Report.**

There were 35,793 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1923 prior to Dec. 13, 1923, compared with 23,828 bales ginned to December 13, 1922. E. B. Hale, Agent.

**Holiday Marriage.**

Mr. Atkin Spain and Miss Hattie Turner were married in Crockett during the Christmas holidays by Rev. E. S. Allhands, the Christian minister. Both the bride and the bridegroom are popular young people and have the best wishes of the entire citizenship for their success and happiness.

**Christian Church.**

This church comes to the close of the year with the best annual report of its history.

We thank those, both members and non-members, whose aid has made this success possible, and we crave your continued sympathy, co-operation and prayers. E. S. Allhands, Minister.

**Well-Known Pastor Dies.**

Pastor Hughes of the First Methodist church of Crockett received a telegram Tuesday morning advising him of the death in Houston of the venerable Methodist pastor, Rev. J. T. Smith. Pastor Hughes left on the afternoon train Tuesday to assist in the funeral obsequies at Houston. Rev. Smith was one of the pioneer and well-known pastors of Crockett and east Texas, and as such he was loved most by those who knew him best.

**Market Changes Hands.**

This is to notify my friends and the public generally that I have purchased the Star Meat Market from Satterwhite & Douglass and will continue the business in the same stand in the Eichelberger building. I respectfully solicit a share of your patronage and will deliver to any part of the city. It is my aim to handle the very best meats and packing house products and you'll find my market clean and sanitary and a first-class meat cutter in charge. Phone 285. 1t. John Callier.

**Corley-Foster Wedding.**

The wedding of Miss Virginia May Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Foster, to Mr. Hickman Meeker Corley of Beaumont was beautifully solemnized at 6 o'clock Thursday evening at the First Methodist Church with Rev. S. F. Tenney performing the ceremony. Miss Clarite Elliott, gowned in pink satin crepe and carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses, sang "Because" as the bridal solo and Mrs. A. M. Decuir at the organ gave a program of lovely wedding music. A chorus of thirty-four young ladies and young matrons sang the Bridal Chorus from "The Rose Maiden" by Cowen from the balcony of the church preceding the ceremony. Mrs. J. P. Hail and Judge L. L. Moore sang a duet arrangement of Cadman's "At Dawning". The chorus led the way to the altar singing "Faithful and True" from Lohengrin and formed a rainbow across the platform. They carried bouquets of mistletoe and fern and wore pretty frocks of the rainbow colors. Luxuriant ferns and palms intermingled with clusters of snowy chrysanthemums banked the altar. Two archways of smilax and white chrysanthemums stood in the center. A wedding bell of the white blossoms from which extended streamers of bridal mailine formed a canopy under which the bride and groom knelt during the bridal blessing. The streamers were held in place by little Eliza Bishop who marched down the aisle with Master Jack Beasley and little Miss Georgiana Murchison who came in with Master Alfred Clark Collins. These small maids wore dainty accordion pleated frocks of green crepe with silver trimmings and the boys wore white satin suits and green sashes. Little Miss Nell Hairston, daintily gowned in pink, carried the cushion of bridal satin and placed it at the altar under the bell. Master Joe Kennedy Adams, in white satin costume, carried the ring in the heart of a white chrysanthemum. White chrysanthemums were used for decorations throughout, the flowers being placed in tall floor baskets and twined among the ferns and vines. The altar was entirely covered in white.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. C. P. Jones of Houston, as matron of honor, who wore a gown of cream lace over green, and her two sisters, Misses Alice and Marian Foster, as maids of honor, who wore gowns of turquoise blue. The three carried arm bouquets of pink roses and fern which blinded in delicate manner with their costumes. Mrs. Dan Julian and Mrs. H. L. Berry, gowned in orchid crepe with silver trimmings, were attending matrons, and the bride's maids, Miss Mary Kirby of Greenville and Miss Katie Barbee, wore frocks of pink and gold. The four carried arm bouquets of gorgeous white chrysanthemums. Little Misses Alice Smith and Clara Margaret Foster served as junior bride's maids. They wore dainty frocks of pale blue georgette and silver lace and carried arm bouquets of pink roses. The little flower girl, Miss Alice Sue Jones of Houston, was adorable in a dress of orchid georgette crepe over pink and carried a tulle-trimmed basket of rose petals, which she showered in the bride's path. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Lee H. Foster, was lovely in her costume of lustrous white satin with pearl and lace adornment. Over her costume fell the veil arranged in cap shape adjusted with a coronet of orange blossoms. She also wore the groom's gift, a platinum and diamond bar pin. Her bouquet was of bride's roses and lilies of the valley in shower effect. The groom was attended by his brother, Roy Corley, as best man; Frank and Jack Barbee as groomsmen. Eldon Burk of Palestine and Dudley Woodson Jr. ushered the bridal party to the altar and un-

rolled the white covering of the aisles. The service ended with a benediction solo, "The Prayer Perfect," sung by Miss Elliott, and the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The home was in Christmas decorations. Mesdames Albert Thompson, Jack Beasley and Misses Denny met the guests at the door and led them down the receiving line. Misses Mary Frank Smith and Fannie Pauline Kennedy presided over the bride's book. Mrs. John Millar and Mrs. Willie Elliott assisted in entertaining. In the dining room Misses Bebe Kennedy, Florence Dent, Esther Mae Ellis, Myra McConnell and Daisy McConnell, assisted by Misses Margaret and Katherine Spence and Mrs. J. R. Foster, Jr., served brick cream and cake with souvenirs of lilies of the valley. The bride's table, spread with a lace cover, held the wedding cake embossed in bridal design and wreathed in fern and mistletoe. A shower of ribbons and mistletoe depended from the chandelier above the table. Crystal dishes of white confections completed the pretty effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Corley left for a short wedding trip to New Or-

**Happy New Year**



As a new year is being born, with all of its joys and pleasant anticipations, it becomes both a duty and a pleasure for us to voice the gratitude we feel for the friendship and support you have extended to us during the past year. Please accept our thanks in the sincere spirit in which they are offered.

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leans and other points. The bride is travelling in a dress of brown canton and velvet, worn with smart hat and accessories. They will be at home in Beaumont, Texas, after January 4th. Many handsome and useful gifts affirm the popularity of both.

The personnel of the bridal choruses were Mesdames Carl Murray of Lovelady, J. B. Minor of Los Angeles, Cal., George Kelley of Longview, H. L. Ellis, Gaines Murchison, E. D. Foster of Houston, Harvey Bayne of Houston, Edwin Yerger of Clarksdale, Miss., Weldon Craddock, Lawson Keene; Misses Sara Mac Crook, Ruth Warfield, Mary Spence, Beth Lundy, Leona Thomas, Hilda Burton, Mary Sue Powers, Florence Arledge, Josephine Edmiston, Marjorie Morrison, Sue Morrison, Jennie McLean, Jeanette Craddock, Katie Lacy, Lucia Painter, Katie King, Nell Beasley, Otice McConnell, and Mesdames J. P. Hail, D. F. Arledge, Johnson Arledge, Jas. S. Shivers, D. O. Keissling, and E. M. Burk of Palestine. The bride gave favors of cut glass perfume bottles to the chorus, corsages to the bridal party, bracelets and friendship circles to the little girls and silver pencils to the little boys.

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**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

**Wanted.**

Stock cutters wanted at once—250,000 feet of virgin timber. Apply to H. Brooke. 1t.\*

If the party who borrowed the silver candle sticks from the K. of P. club rooms will return them to the Courier office it will be greatly appreciated. 1t.

**New Year's Watch Party.**

A New Year's "watch party" was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge Monday night. A musical program was arranged for the entertainment of the evening's guests. Other features of entertainment, including dancing, kept "the good time going" until the new year was ushered in.

**Horn-Nisbet.**

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Horn of Grenada, Miss., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vera, to Mr. Richard Lanier Nisbet of Crockett, Texas, the wedding to take place Wednesday afternoon, January 30, at four o'clock, at the Methodist church in Grenada.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Mr. Nisbet is one of the popular teachers of the city schools, and the above announcement carries more than usual interest.

**Chapple Hill Community News.**

**Crockett Courier:**

At about 8 o'clock a. m. Christmas morning the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grounds commenced to arrive and by eleven o'clock there were fifty-one of the children and grandchildren present and then the good old time commenced, the children playing ball and dolls etc. and the older ones discussing good roads and also bad roads and also farming and still some of them riding in their new cars.

But at about twelve o'clock

**THE PASSING YEAR AND THE COMING**

The year 1923 saw many improvements in Crockett, especially in the matter of housing. Numerous residences and a number of business houses were begun and completed. Some improvements of considerable magnitude were started, to be completed in 1924. Notably among the most important of these are the three-story Masonic Temple and the street-paving program, the latter representing an expenditure of a quarter million dollars. Other big improvements in contemplation for 1924 are the erection of a modern hotel, a modern auditorium building, a modern building for the negro school, a road building program and the improvement of the city's park known as the fair grounds. Still other improvements are contemplated, but those enumerated are reasonably assured. Whether viewing the record of the passing year or looking forward to the year coming, citizens of Crockett find ample reason for assuring themselves that their city is keeping step with the world's progress. As for Houston county on the whole, the year 1923 will go down in history as the largest producer of cotton and, price considered, the best cotton year to date.

tables were arranged in a suitable place in the yard and a very beautiful table spread, and in a short time dinner was announced ready and all gathered around the bountiful table and in a short time all were very busy partaking of the good things which had been provided by all the children and family, so it was a grand good old time for all present and a time long to be remembered by all present. There was one daughter absent and several of the grand children that was not present.

Mr. Grounds is 70 years young and very spry and active yet he gave all the boys a challenge for a wrestle or a foot race but the boys all were afraid to accept the challenge and I expect they were wise by not accepting, as Pa Grounds would have gotten the best of them either wrestling or a foot race. Mr. Grounds farms every year; he made four bales of cotton this year and picked three of them himself besides making a large crib of good corn. Mr. Grounds carried the mail during a part of the civil war, not being old enough to go to the battlefield; he rendered his country a service just the same. Mrs. Grounds is able to do most of her house work, but she has not been in very good health for a number of years. She is 68 years young and we all think her health is improving and we all hope to meet those two good people next Christmas just as young and spry as they were this time. Hoping one and all a happy New Year, I am

Respectfully,  
Geo. McCorkle,  
Rt. 1, Box 70, Grapeland, Texas.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS' CT.**

In a special session of the Houston county commissioners' court, on December 17, with the following members present: Leroy L. Moore, county judge; C. C. Warfield, C. A. Story, Karl Leediker and J. A. Beathard, commissioners; W. D. Collins, county clerk, the following proceedings were had:

A letter from County Attorney Earle Porter Adams was received by the court. The letter read as follows:  
Gentlemen:

I understand that some members of the commissioners' court have recently stated that they did not fully understand what portion of the compensation due the county attorney I would not collect and retain as fees of office, as the court allowed me \$500 ex-officio salary for the year 1923. The impression I have is that according to these statements this salary would not have been allowed if the court had fully understood just what part of my compensation I proposed not to collect. At the time this salary was allowed, I made every effort I knew how to make to explain that I would not collect any commissions from the county on collections in tax suits, going over the matter several times with the court. You will also note that the commissioners' court's minutes show the following order was passed:

"Motion made that County Attorney be allowed \$500 ex-officio salary, and that no commissions due him on tax suits will be collected by him from this court, duly seconded and passed by a vote of three to one, Beathard voting "No."

I feel sure all of you gentlemen feel that under these circumstances I have been justified in believing that I had fully explained the matter and that you understood it when you allowed the salary. However, if you did not understand it, as I have been informed, I want to deliver the salary warrants that have been issued to me back to the county, to be cancelled upon your order, for I would not retain money that had been paid me through a mistake.

Of course, as you know, I can legally hold these warrants and collect them if I want to do it. Legally I have a perfect right to do that. And I believe most people would say that I could hold them with a perfect moral right, but the view I take is that I should return them if they were authorized through a mistake.

Accordingly I hand you herewith the warrants that have been issued in order that they may be cancelled and the order allowing me an ex-officio salary be rescinded.

Respectfully,  
Earle P. Adams.

The court then passed this order:

Whereas, Earle P. Adams, county attorney, has voluntarily requested this court to cancel all warrants issued to him as ex-officio salary for the year 1923, and has requested that the order heretofore made on February 12, 1923, volume 12, page 406, setting his ex-officio salary at \$500 for the year 1923, be rescinded, and the said Earle P. Adams has delivered to this court all warrants issued to him on said ex-officio salary, said warrants being Nos. 7915, 8229, 8376, 8420, 8721, 8822, totaling \$423.17, which is \$6.50 more than was paid on ex-officio, said \$6.50 being for stamps.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court the order heretofore made on February 12, 1923, allowing the county attorney an ex-officio of \$500 for the year 1923, be and the same is hereby cancelled and rescinded, and the clerk is instructed to cancel said warrants Nos. 7915, 8229, 8376, 8420, 8721, 8822 and deliver same to the county treasurer, and to is-



**Good Wishes**

Once more we stand on the threshold of a New Year and we hope that Fate will wave its magic wand of HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY over each individual personally. We thank you for your patronage of the past year and we promise you that nothing will be left undone in 1924 that will in any way heighten the esteem in which our patrons now hold us.

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sue to said Earle P. Adams one warrant for \$6.50.

Motion was made by Leediker, seconded by Story, that the court set aside 1½ cents from the public improvement fund, through 20-year period, to raise \$10,000 for building a bridge over Trinity river at Clapp's Ferry, and was carried, Leediker and Story voting "aye," Beathard and Warfield "no," the County Judge voting off the tie by voting "aye."

British warships scrapped since the Washington conference include thirty-five battleships and battle cruisers, 280 destroyers and 101 submarines.

Miss Adele M. Emin of Providence has the distinction of being the first woman in Rhode Island to qualify as a certified public accountant.

**PROTECT THE CHILDREN.**

Every day in every newspaper there are stories of children run over and hurt by automobiles. In many cases the fault is with the motorists, but in many others the accidents are found to have been inevitable. A man driving a car along a street can do nothing to avert an accident if a child suddenly rushes off the sidewalk and tries to cross the street in front of him. That is the cause of many accidents.

Unfortunately, for many children, the streets are the only possible playgrounds, and it is difficult—but not impossible—to keep them on the sidewalk. Parents can do much to prevent accidents by insisting on their children keeping off the street pavement.



Simply, but gratefully and sincerely, we extend to you OUR THANKS for all of the favors you have extended to us in 1923 and past years.

Our appreciation is great indeed. We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to our friends and patrons for their uniform courtesy and generosity during the past year. Continued patronage indicates confidence and friendship, and these are very dear to us.

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