

# The Gorman Progress

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## LUSK WELL BADLY DAMAGED

### Premature Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine Wrecks Upper Works and Rig.

## ONE MAN KILLED AND THREE OTHERS INJURED

One of the worst blow-ups in the history of our oil fields occurred at the Lusk well five miles south of Gorman Tuesday evening.

The facts as we are able to learn them, are centered about the shooting of the well. One hundred quarts of nitro glycerine had been successfully placed in the well and the experts in charge of the work were placing the primer. In some manner the anchor was swung against the two-quart can of explosive used in the primer and it was exploded. This explosion set fire to the waste oil and materials about the well and derrick was soon in flames. They spread rapidly and soon set fire to the car containing the other mixture, consisting of 250 quarts of nitro glycerine. This exploded and completely destroyed the derrick, engine house and boiler. Pieces of the car and timbers from the works were strewn for a half mile from the scene of the explosion. The home of Fate Lusk, upon whose land the well is located, was partially demolished, windows and doors being broken and portions of the side torn loose.

The man by name of Mulligan, the crew handling the work, was killed and three others seriously injured. The initial explosion killed Mulligan and injured his helper. The second explosion got the other two. The force of the blow-up was felt all the surrounding country and windows were smashed in Sipe and five miles away. Mr. Homer Mootman reports the well is uninjured and as soon as new rigging is procured it will be put back into operation.

The original charge of one hundred quarts is still at the bottom of the well and is in good condition.

## \$200,000 DEAL IS CLOSED

The Gorman Home Refinery this week purchased all the Warren Waggoner interests in this territory including in this purchase M. Waggoner's production in the Desdemona field, a four-inch pipe line from the plant to their plant, with all its gathering lines in the territory, a 55,000 barrel tank practically filled with oil, and a 600-foot loading rack. They are now running about 1,500 barrels daily through their plant, and finding rapid sale for all their products. The consideration of this sale was \$200,000. This means much to the Home Refinery and to Gorman. These progressive people are on the move, and as soon as material arrives they will increase their plant to its full 7,000 barrel capacity.

Mr. B. K. Gillespie, secretary of the "Ga-Tex" Drilling Co., located at Desdemona was in to see us Thursday and left a nice order for printed matter.

## GORMAN HAS SHOOTING BEE

As we go to press we learn that officer Aaron Bryant shot and fatally wounded a man by the name of Chasteen. It seems from all reports that Chasteen had been arrested earlier in the day by one of the day men for being intoxicated. He had procured his release on bond and had promised to go home. Instead he secured a gun and went after the first officer he saw demanding his gun. Officer Bryant replied by hauling it to him hot end first. Only one shot was fired that wounding Chasteen. It is not expected that he will survive, the wound being in the abdomen.

Chasteen is a driller working out of Gorman in the local oil fields.

Mrs. Roy F. Townsend and Mrs. Ben F. Read have returned from a visit among friends and relatives in Weatherford.

## Quite a Variety

Church affiliations of students of the University of Texas is as follows: Methodist, 1,182; Baptist, 732; Presbyterian, 549; Christian, 343; Episcopal, 315; Catholic, 150; Lutheran, 71; Jewish, 60; Christian Science, 19; Unitarian, 10; Peoples, 2; Brethren, 1; Free Church, 1; Liberal, 1; Moravian, 2; Mt. Bernard, 1; Spiritualist, 1; Unspecified, 2. Neither members nor preference, 186.

## PROGRESS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

In the last issue of this paper George M. Hill severed his connection with the Gorman Progress. This present issue is being put out by the new management and it is coming to you under adverse circumstances. Ye editor came into town in true printer style—a box car—bringing the Lares and Penates and a load of real live stock. We know that cow is alive for we lived in the same stall with her.

It is the present purpose of this newspaper to give the people of Gorman the very best paper that it is possible to produce under any and all circumstances. We believe in Gorman and her future and we are here to do all we can to make the city hum.

New type and other equipment has been bought and will be installed as soon as it arrives. We have also purchased an Intertype typesetting machine—the latest thing in printing machinery. The best is none too good for the constituency of this paper and we mean to give it to you. Any information you can give us and any business you throw to us will be appreciated.

It will be the policy of this paper to give you the news while it is news and we are going to do it if it takes a daily paper. We mean to be fair and aboveboard with everyone and to stand four-square for all that is right in the life of our city. In politics we stand for cleanness and honesty, in religion for freedom and truthness to our God, and in society for good manners, decency and morality. We believe no one could stand for any more. Call around and see us.

Ben C. Weeks of Abilene visited his family in Gorman over Sunday.

Miss. Leora Murrah is at the bedside of her sister, Miss. Leota Murrah at Cisco.

Dr. Gilbert City health officer is on the job these days and is pushing the matter of a cleaner Gorman to the front in his activities. Gutters are being cleaned, rubbish collected and every preventative measure is being used to protect our people. Gorman is in the transitory stage and has many pitfalls for the health but reasonable care and such valiant work as Dr. Gilbert is doing will protect the people and pull us through the crisis.

Miss Neta Andrus, of Baylor University at Waco, spent Sunday in Gorman the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrus. She was accompanied by her friend Miss Merl Fowler.

## Marriage License

Leonard Kyzer and Myrtle Reed. Ernest Davis, Cisco, and Lucile Barrett, Cisco.

Ralph F. Peck, Ranger, and Lenore E. Wilkie, Ranger.

C. R. Austin, Cisco, and Gussie Lewer, Cisco.

J. H. Snider, and Mrs. Mabel Banach.

W. M. Ramsey-Ranger, and Eva Gordon, Ranger.

Walter Fincher, Oplin, and Tennie Harris, Indian Mountain.

Palto Guerrero and Maria Lopes. Harry E. Timberlake, Ranger, and Lillye Mae McKinney, Ranger.

Gillette Hill, Houston, and Alma Wood Farmer, Eastland.

R. H. McEleoney, Ranger, and Hester Hariam, Margan Hill.

Glenn Loftin, Cisco, and Viola Tarver, Cisco.

One Certificate not for publication, Olden, Texas.

## COMMISSION FORM CARRIES

### Gorman Moves Out of the Old Government Into Best Form of New.

## EVERYONE TO BE BENEFITTED BY THE CHANGED GOV'T

Oil has come to Gorman. The oil town has been moving as never before but we put ourselves forward faster Tuesday than in any single move Gorman has ever made. The city voted overwhelmingly for the commission form of government. This means real progress and the building of a real city!

An able body of citizens, fifteen in number was selected to form the charter and submit to our people at an early date. They are already busy and will give our city a form of government that will be of the very best.

Municipal problems are hard ones to handle and deserve the best of attention. No better body of men in our city could have been found than those chosen and as they study their task each citizen should back them to the fullest.

## SPRING ACTIVITY

Gorman building campaign is now on in full blast. The fine weather of the past two weeks has boosted every line of activity and new buildings are springing up in all directions. The fine new hotel is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy. It will be elegant appointed and run on the very up-to-date plan.

Higginbotham Bros. new furniture building is rapidly being put in order and will be occupied in only a few days. Several of the offices are at present being used and as fast as the carpenters move out someone moves in.

New residences are rising on all parts of the city, each occupied by its owner or tenant as soon as finished. The various other business buildings are being rushed as fast as men can work and material be found.

The Katy is moving freight into our yards as fast as it is humanly possible over their tracks. They are working day and night over the road bed and putting it in order. Company material is coming thru in train load lots and being thrown into service rapidly. This means that our congested condition will soon be relieved and that Gorman will really boom before the long, hot days of summer.

The city streets are being graded and put in order for the great rush ahead of Gorman. A tractor and grader has been at work and chuck holes have been filled until only a few days have made the streets look like real thoroughfares.

O. W. Linquist, of the Passenger Traffic Department of the New England Steamship Lines has been in Gorman this week investigating the conditions in our city. Mr. Linquist was very favorably impressed with the spirit of our citizens and the prospects of our city.

As last reports J. B. Underwood, better known as Uncle Jake, was reported no better. He is very ill with dropsy and its complications at his home three miles south of town.

The election resulted in the choosing of Ben F. Read, W. M. Collie, L. E. Robinson, F. V. Gates, M. Scales, H. Moorman; W. T. Andrus, I. C. Underwood, W. R. Eppler, F. S. Perry, J. E. Walker Jr., J. Frank Dean, F. W. Townsend, J. C. Davis, W. J. Lasater.

## Census Takers Use Aeroplanes

Everything from aeroplanes to snowshoes is being used by the agents of Uncle Sam in taking the 1920 census of the United States. About the only modern method of transportation either on, over or below land or water that has not been employed in enumerating Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews seems to be the submarine.

Aeroplanes have come in handy in enumerating the dwellers on the islands off the coast of Florida; yatches and rowboats have been used in the harbors of the country; native canoes have been in demand among the Hawaiian Islands; "flivvers" are being used everywhere; the tried and trusty mule team has carried the census takers out on the desert regions; and snowshoes have become the trusted aides of the census gatherers in the northern states and Alaska.

## For District Clerk

The Progress is pleased to announce the candidacy of Roy L. Nunnally for the office of District Clerk. Mr. Nunnally needs no introduction to the people of Eastland county, for he has spent his life amongst her people and is well known for his excellent qualities. He has taught school in various parts of the county and made friends wherever he is known. If elected we know he will fill the office to which he aspires to the credit of his supporters and to his own honor. We beseech him your earnest support and thorough investigation.

## Notice to the Public

Notice is hereby given that C. B. Davis and V. K. Davis have acquired the interest of W. E. McKittrick in the D. C. & D. Drilling Company. D. C. Davis and V. K. Davis will continue to operate the business under the name of D. C. & D. Drilling Company, and the public will take notice that W. E. McKittrick is no longer authorized to deal on behalf of D. C. & D. Drilling Company, nor are C. B. Davis or V. K. Davis or the D. C. & D. Drilling Company authorized to deal on behalf of W. E. McKittrick.

C. B. Davis,  
V. K. Davis,  
W. E. McKittrick

Mrs. C. A. Gray, a former resident of Gorman, but now residing at Dallas, spent Thursday here on business.

# SHOWING

We are this week showing one of the most beautiful lines of House Dresses we believe that has ever been brought to Gorman.

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In a recent letter from our County Judge, I was ordered to arrest after the 1st of February, every owner or driver of an automobile without a 1920 license. Not only is this a fineable case, but there is a 25 per cent added to cost of license. It would be painful to me to arrest my friends and neighbors, therefore I am giving you this warning to keep from having to do so.

J. D. Barton,  
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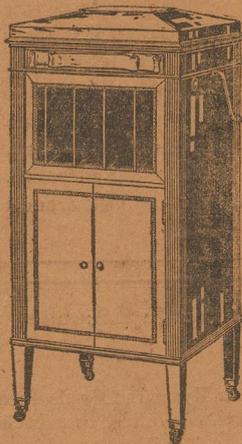
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**Gorman Hardware & Furniture Co.**

The Crisis  
—IS—  
Coming

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## THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Devoted to the Interest of Gorman and Gorman Territory

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

J. W. COCKRILL ..... Editor

Entered at the Postoffice at Gorman, Texas, as second-class mail matter under the act of Congress of March 3rd, 1879.

The sun is shining. Information that you do not need, but a fact that makes everyone in the Gorman country smile with pure joy. The roads are rapidly drying and the fields are getting in shape for plowing.

Teaming contractors are busy moving lumber, oil field supplies and rig materials, and pipe line contractors are putting forth every effort to get material out of the congested Gorman yards and into the fields to the busy field men.

The farmers are getting tools ready, and all seed in place for a great crop year. Gorman country is going to need it. The hundreds of new families here now and the hundreds to come this spring will be dependent upon our farmers for a great portion of their food. Texas can feed herself, and Gorman portion of Texas can do her part and then some. Red pigs and peanuts, cotton and feed are needed, but a big truck patch on every farm is a real necessity. Let's feed our own hungry.

The good weather of the present means to the oil development that new material can come to the old works and new work be started. The liquid wealth will flow and prosperity come to all.

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### Political Announcements

For County Attorney  
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G. G. (Green) Hazel, re-election.  
Claude C. Wild  
For County Clerk  
Earl Bender  
For Tax Collector  
Earl McAlister  
For District Clerk  
Edward C. Bettis  
L. C. (Clifford) Reed.  
Roy L. Nunnally

### FOR SHERIFF

S. E. (Sam) Nolley  
D. G. (Dug) Barton.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER

E. S. Pritchard

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
J. W. Camp

### Christian Church

On Sunday Evangelist L. E. Carpenter of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the Christian Church both morning and evening. Evangelist Carpenter is a man of ability and an able speaker. He will use Bible names and facts and fully present the cause of Christ. The public is invited to hear him.

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