

The Borden Citizen

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GAIL, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1909.

NO. 49.

Officials Were HERE.

Attorney and Engineers Were Here Looking Over Proposdd Route From Gail West

Tuesday morning Messrs Sharman, Chief Engineer, Cureton, General Attorney, and Morrison, Assistant Engineer, of the Texas Central railroad arrived in the city from Tahoka and after being dined at the Stokes House were taken out by Messrs Brown Williams and Biffle over the proposed route of that road west from this place.

The party returned to town late in the afternoon and left yesterday morning for Rotan.

They expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the route out of this place and stated it would be a much better grade than they expected to find.

Nothing definite could be given us by this party but it is almost a certainty that a favorable report will be made and that the Central will be built by Snyder and Gail and on to the plain country.

Our railroad prospects are growing brighter every day and it is confidently believed that ere many weeks shall have passed we will be able to announce that the Central is coming, beyond a doubt.

And then an era of great development will dawn and Gail will take her place among the growing towns of the great west.

Our job department is being kept busy now turning out work. In every case we guarantee perfect satisfaction and a duplication of anybody's price. Let us figure with you on your next job.

Attention is called to the change in the ad of Thornton & Pearce in this issue.

Jury List

Following is a list of jurors for the November term of County Court:

W. J. Baird.
J. T. Sturdivant.
Will Smith.
C. L. Ray.
L. A. Hicks.
J. H. Skeen.
F. E. Abney.
G. E. Harlan.
Geo W. Foster.
T. B. Conover.
W. A. Sealey.
N. W. Hight.

Rumor Was False

We are authoratively informed that the rumor current some time ago to the effect that the Texas Central had been sold to the Rock Island is entirely without foundation. No such deal has been made.

Speaking Date

Hon. M. J. Fanning, of Philadelphia, will deliver a free lecture in Gail at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Nov. 10. His object is to further the cause of state-wide prohibition. Be sure to attend this lecture.

The M. E. Quarterly Conference was held here yesterday. On Tuesday night the presiding elder, Rev. Simeon Shaw, preached an interesting sermon, his subject being, "God's Love."

Notice

All hunting or wood hauling in either mine or the Prince pasture is strictly forbidden. I will prosecute all trespassing to the limit.
J. C. Dorward.

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East Side Square.

Increase Cost of Living

The wage earner is up against a hard problem these days. He must try and make a dollar go as far as two formerly went. This is hard to do when we consider the fact of the advance in price of all the necessities of living. Wages do not as a rule keep pace with the advancement of other branches. The wage earner must battle for his rights. This makes for unrest and gives rise to the cry of socialism.

Socialism is held up as a panacea for all political ills. Many things that would not appeal to the ordinary intellect can be saddled onto the public where a question of bread and meat is concerned. If this government is to endure in the pursuit of happiness some radical changes must be effected. Mankind will not quietly submit to the absorption of all his prerogatives. Liberty is dear to each one of us and the encroachment that is being made on this most cherished of all traditions is viewed with alarm by the really deep thinker of today. Todayism of the supposed representative men to the supposed powers of the country is one of the prime causes of so much unrest. The real strength of the government rests on the intellectual development of its common people. Any condition that tends to dwarf the mentality of the people tends also to weaken the standard of citizenship. If the common people are forced to devote all of their time to obtaining the bare necessities of life and no time is found for the development of the mental forces it leaves a good opening for those who are preaching socialism to add weight to their arguments by the presence of the

forces that are continually striving to increase the burdens already manifest and in this way we are apt to be confronted with unpleasant conditions that will take years to eliminate. Increased cost of living would be alright provided the wage earner was correspondingly compensated. If this is not done we may expect nothing but unrest that bodes no good for the future.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Gov Hogg Loyal

The Greenville Herald, resenting the efforts of certain organs to make appear that the late Gov Hogg was a "platform jumper" reprints the following paragraph from a speech he made in defense of a platform which he did not wholly indorse;

"The people of my county elected me one of their delegates to their convention, and adopted suitable resolutions and instructions to govern us. We went there and worked night and day to carry them out. In some respects we and those of our way of thinking succeeded. In others we failed. The platform was a compromise, but so far as I am concerned I shall hang onto it so long as there is a splinter left in it. There can be no storm severe enough to shake me from it, nor cause me to commit the unmanly act of trying to strike down my party by reason of any ugly feature in it."

The Citizen will appreciate it if our readers will kindly hand us each week all the local news they may know. This will greatly assist us in thoroughly covering the local field.

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Jno. R. Williams	Sheriff
J S Weatherford	Clerk
S. L. Jones,	Tax Assessor.
M H Leake	Treasurer
H R Debenport	Attorney

Court convenes 1st Monday in February, May, August and November.

Precinct Officers

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J. C. Miller,	J. P. Prec. 3
E. f. Wicker	J. P. Prec. 4,

Commissioners

F M Christopher	Prec. No. 1
Francis Abney	" " 2
Walter Bishop	" " 3
C E Reeder	" " 4

Secret Orders

Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceding the full moon.

W. O. W. meets 1st Saturday night after each full moon and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

Churches

Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J L B Cash, preacher in charge.

Church of Christ Church meeting every Lords day at 2:30 p. m

Ladies Home Mission Society meets at the church Thursday before the 1st Sunday in each month.

Prayer Meeting evs Ws

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Ben Ford, Editor

G A Giesler Manager

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All ads Placed in the Citizen without a specified time to run will be charged for till ordered out.

Gail, Texas, Oct. 14, 1909

The Texas Spur is a new publication at the town of Spur in Dickens county. It is a very creditable sheet and the Citizen, along with the entire West Texas press, welcomes the Spur into the journalistic field and wishes it unlimited success.

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Gail's railroad prospects are growing brighter every day. With the coming of the iron horse the country adjacent will settle up rapidly with the tillers of the soil and that's what it takes to build a good town.

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Presidents Taft and Diaz will meet in El Paso on the 17th of this month and of course the populace will go wild. But when we remember that the expense of this little aunt of our great (?) president, is coming out of the pockets of the people it loses all its sweetness to us.

OO

Confidence in the Democratic party will be below par until the time comes when our Senators and Representatives may be depended upon to obey the platform instructions of the party. The issue within the party is not the tariff question (the party's position is already defined upon this issue) but can we elect men who may be depended upon to carry out the party mandates. This should be made an issue in every State in the Union in every race from Constable up to United States Senator.

The bank guarantee law is still working nicely in Oklahoma as was evidenced last week when a State bank failed. Every depositor has already been paid in full. And yet some of our so called statesmen in Texas bitterly fought this measure before our last legislature.

OO

When President Taft comes to Texas he should be treated courteously but not worshipped and lauded as an omnipotent being. He has proven himself not the friend of the masses but the friend of the classes, hence only deserves the courtesy due a gentleman. Vain hero worship is already taking this country to the bad and the sooner we return to the viewpoint of the fathers of our country in which all men were equal, the sooner will we regain our prestige as a people and as a nation.

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The law most badly needed in this country is the Initiative and Referendum and right of recall. When a man is elected to office who refuses to obey the instructions of his constituents they should have the right to immediately oust him from office. With this measure enacted into law every new law that went upon our statute would come directly from the people, and after having been passed by the legislative body, would be submitted on a referendum vote before final passage. In the language of W. J. Bryan, "The people have a right to have what they want in government," and should mistakes be made they would be no worse than some of those made by the presumably wise heads of our country.

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We Buy Options on Lands.

Texas-New Mexico Land Company,

Gail

Borden County

Texas.

Are We Your Agents?

Development Sidelined

Since last Saturday's election it is evident why Crosby county is not a leader of the progressive marchers of the plains. Now what could have possibly caused so many dissenting votes? Every person who travels would benefit; if the owner of a vehicle and team would benefit more and so in proportion to the vehicles and teams owned and the amount of traveling done, and certainly all would benefit far in excess of the tax imposed, easily to the extent of dollars at the cost of cents. If not disposed to regard your own interest why not consider your mail carrier, your doctor and the freighter. The stranger that passes thru your county and judges it by the conditions he finds, and your neighbors on all sides who are

criticising conditions and profiting by them. The money would have been spent at home with those who need and deserve employment.

Do you consider that but for individual enterprise and private capital it would be impossible for a loaded vehicle to cross the canon that intercepts a considerable portion of the county; and that the automobiles, that have become such important factors, would be shut out entirely. That one company in Crosby county has spent of its own funds about half as much cash on roads in one year as it was proposed the county should be bonded for; the latter to be repaid during the period of twenty years; and that was too much for it. What excuse can be made for such a county?—Crosbyton Review.

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Col. Saye, of Comanche, who has recently purchased the Borden county school land, two sections of which is situated in this county, passed thru Wednesday with a surveyor enroute to the land and will cut it up into small tracts and put it on the market. One advantage to Martin county in this transaction is that hereafter the land will be subject to taxation and another is that se-

tual settlers will locate upon it and become residents of our county.—Stanton Reporter.

Notice Trespassers

Anyone fishing or cutting wood on the A. J. Long ranch will be prosecuted to the limit of the law

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GAIL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Roll of Honor and Star Record for First Month Ending Oct. 8, 1909.

Room No. 1, Miss Bettie Reagan, Teacher. Hattie Smith, Clark Spears, Tom Cathey, Harvey Ross, Clara Pearce, Jim Cathey. Number of Stars, 10.

Room No. 2, Miss Bertha Willis, Teacher. Susie Spears, Madie Hopkins, Esther Pearce, Roy Pearce, Alpha Jeter, Lud Taylor, Roy Everett, Ruby Sutherland, Jim Hopkins, Tom Gober Dewey Everett. Number of Stars, 11.

Room No. 3, G. W. Bryson, Teacher. Joe Dillahunt, Nettie Sutherland, Cora Jones, Albert Jones, Docia Sealy, Dora Jones, Fay Jolly. Number of Stars, 12.

To win a star a room must have no pupil tardy, either at the morning or afternoon session when the bell rings for work.

For a pupil to get his name upon the honor roll, he must have been neither tardy nor absent for the entire month, and must have a grade of not less than 80 in department.

It has been very gratifying to us to note the deep interest taken in these matters by the pupils of the different rooms. Faithful and regular attendance is the key-note to success in all school work.

If, as patrons, you will assist us in securing this, we promise that the results will be satisfactory to you when the session shall have ended. Send your children every day possible, keep them in school until the year's work is finished. Either their own sickness or sickness in the home should be the only valid excuse at any time for the absence of your children from their classes here.

So far as we are able to judge now, irregularity and non-attendance have been the greatest drawbacks to the progress of your school during the past session. Let us hope that these hindrances may at once be removed.

There seems now to be nothing to prevent us from having a most

successful session,

By the recent sale of your school lands your present fund has been more than doubled this year. The future financial condition of the Gail school is, so far as we are informed, now the best of any other in the whole State of Texas. For this excellent state of affairs our thanks are due to your present County Commissioners and to Judge Yellott, who has been untiring in his efforts to bring about the consummation of the land sale. It must go down to the credit of these gentlemen as being one of the best acts yet done for the betterment of this school and the schools of Borden county. We believe it will mark the beginning of a new era in the advancement of educational interests throughout this section.

We are pleased to say that our present school board has cheerfully done everything needful to enable us to start the work of our session, and, as teachers, we already feel assured of their co-operation and of the support of our patrons in everything that is right for the discipline, the instruction and the advancement of their children.

The first month of our school closed Friday, Oct. 8. Our enrollment to date is 80, with more yet to enter.

The following school patrons and friends have visited classes in the different rooms during the present month: Mrs. J. H. Hannabass, Mrs. Harvey Everett, Miss Myrtle Jolly, Miss Eula Gober. Our teachers and pupils gladly welcome them. We hope many more may visit us during the coming month.

The editor of the Citizen has kindly consented to give us space in his paper and from time to time we shall have more to say relative to our work and that of your children.

G. W. Bryson,
School Principal.

Mr. Wills, of near Fluvanna, was a visitor to the city Monday

Dr. J. H. Hannabass returned Saturday from Austin where he attended the meeting of the State Health Officers.

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Buy your oil and gasoline from J. W. Chandler.

The first cold spell of the season has come and gone. It served as a gentle reminder of the fact that stoves and overcoats will soon be the order of the day.

Eld. Eubanks filled his regular appointments here Sunday.

J. D. Brown was in Post City the first of the week on business.

Please notice the large ad of the Texas New Mexico Land Co. appearing in this issue.

Attention is called to the Honor Roll of the Gail Public School appearing elsewhere. It is a very creditable showing.

Mrs. J. C. Howe is down from Post City visiting relatives.

Paul D. Lahunty and family, of near Toyah, are visiting relatives here.

Eld. Robinson, of Big Springs, is here today.

Singing Convention

At Mesquite school house near Tredway on the 5th Sunday in this month. The classes from the different places in the county are requested to send representatives or come in a body. An interesting and instructive time is assured.

NOTICE

To the People of Borden county:

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