

# The Borden Citizen

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NO. 2.

## Bought New Auto

Thornton & Pearce this week bought of J. J. Stein, of Haskell, an automobile of the Overland make for a consideration of \$2,850. It is the best car that Gail has been able to boast and well worth the purchase price. This firm is now prepared to handle prospectors in a much better manner than heretofore.

The first issue of the Post City Post came to our exchange table last week. It is a very creditable sheet and is published by an all-round newspaper man, Stockton Henry. The Citizen wishes the Post unlimited success in the field of journalism.

The Texas New Mexico Land Co. this week sold for Thornton & Pearce to J. J. Stein, of Haskell, a section of land located in this county for a consideration of \$10 per acre.

M. J. Thornton and James F. Denton spent Monday night in Big Springs.

## Streets Worked

The streets in Gail have been put in much better condition by the work that has been done. We understand the force of workmen will be laid off tonight as the funds are exhausted. The county has been liberal enough in their donation of \$250 for this work, however it was not enough to accomplish all that is needed. It seems that the citizens of the town could well afford to donate something and carry this work on until the streets are put in first class condition. But whether or not this is done, the fact remains that they have been greatly benefitted by the work already done.

We neglected to note last week the arrival of a new girl at the home of Mrs. Howard.

The young people had a very enjoyable dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Clark Friday night.

## Suits Filed

We understand that suit has been brought in County Court against Drs. Lang and Ortner of Big Springs, to recover occupation taxes due this county. We presume the cases will be tried at the February term.

The program of the County Teachers' Institute appears elsewhere in this issue. Remember the dates and be in attendance.

A. B. Spears returned Tuesday from a business visit to Texico, N. Mex.

See or write C. F. Morris, Big Springs, for any kind of crushed feed, cotton seed meal and cake, home ground corn chops and all kinds of grain and hay. Price and quality always guaranteed.

J. G. Jones is able to be about on crutches since his recent accident in which a horse fell with him shaking him up pretty badly.

## A Day Late

The editor left Friday for Blackwell in response to a message stating that his mother was very low, and did not return until Tuesday hence this week's paper is a day late. We ask our readers to kindly bear with us this time, and we hope that henceforth we will be able to appear promptly on time.

Will Kennedy is holding down a position in the Gail Bank.

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J. W. Ghandler, Prop

Gail, Texas.

## Commissioners Quarterly Report.

Quarterly Report of the Commissioners Court of Borden county, Texas, of assets, receipts and disbursements of the different County funds for the quarter beginning Aug. 1st, 1909 and ending Oct. 31st, 1909, inclusive, and also of the bonded indebtedness of the County.

### JURY FUND, FIRST CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	\$408.34	
To amount received during quarter	8.75	
By amount paid out		17.18
By amount to balance		399.96
Balance	417.09	417.09
To balance on hand	399.96	

### ROAD and BRIDGE FUND, No. 1, 2nd CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	\$3,886.49	
To amount received during quarter	0.00	
By amount paid out		1,000.00
By amount to balance		2,886.49
Balance	3,886.49	3,886.49
To balance on hand	2,886.49	

### GENERAL FUND, THIRD CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	847.42	
To amount received during quarter	1,280.00	
By amount paid out		1,257.14
By amount to balance		618.32
Balance	1,857.46	1,857.46
To balance on hand	618.32	

### COURT HOUSE FUND, FOURTH CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	3,408.53	
To amount received during quarter	15.62	
By amount paid out		1,000.39
By amount to balance		2,423.76
Balance	3,424.15	3,424.15
To balance on hand	2,423.76	

### JAIL FUND, FIFTH CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	2,582.41	
To amount received during quarter	9.37	
By amount paid out during quarter		1,000.23
By amount to balance		1,691.55
Balance	2,691.78	2,691.78
To balance on hand	1,691.55	

### ROAD and BRIDGE FUND, No. 2, SIXTH CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	75.05	
To amount received during quarter	2,106.76	
By amount paid out during quarter		670.00
By amount to balance		1,511.21
Balance	2,181.81	2,181.81
To balance on hand	1,511.21	

### SCHOOL FUND, SEVENTH CLASS.

To balance on hand from last quarter	644.15	
To amount received during quarter	8,882.95	
By amount paid out during quarter		1,069.17
By amount to balance		8,458.93
Balance	9,527.10	9,527.10
To balance on hand	8,458.93	

### BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Court House Bond issued April 10, 1901, 5 per cent interest		
Due in 40 years, amount	\$7,000.00	
Jail Bond, issued April 10, 1901, 5 per cent interest, due in 40 years, amount	4,500.00	
Road and Bridge Bonds, issued April 10, 1901, 5 per cent interest, due in 40 years, amount	2,900.00	
Road and Bridge Bonds, issued April 10, 1906, 4 per cent interest, Ten bonds each \$500.00, due one bond each year, total amount	5,000.00	
Total Indebtedness	19,400.00	

The State of Texas } I, J. S. Weatherford, County Clerk of Borden County of Borden county, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of the assets, receipts and expenditures of the different county funds of Borden county, Texas, for the quarter beginning Aug. 1st, 1909 and ending Oct. 31st, 1909, inclusive of the indebtedness.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of November, A. D. 1909.  
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 R. N. Grisham Attorney  
 Court convenes on the 1st Monday of January and September.

#### County Officers

E. R. Yellott Judge  
 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

J. N. Hopkins, J. P. Prec. 1  
 J. C. Miller, J. P. Prec. 2  
 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.

ayer Meeting

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## Borden County Teachers' Institute.

To be held at Gail, Texas, December 20 24, 1909.

### PROGRAM

Monday, December 20.

9 a m Call to Order. Election of Officers.  
 Words of Welcome on behalf of citizens of Gail  
 Response on behalf of the county teachers  
 The value of Institute work  
 Intermission, Enrollment of Teachers  
 Classification  
 What to do the first day of School

M J Thornton  
 Z T Stephenson, Tredway  
 G W Bryson, Gail

Mrs Emma Yeager, Dr rham  
 Allen Parker, Park School

NOON

1:30 p m, The teacher as a citizen,  
 School programs,  
 Intermission  
 Singing in the public schools  
 General work  
 4:00, Adjournment

J D Brown, Former Principal Gail School  
 W P Simms, Snelling

Miss Bettie Reagan, Gail

Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

9 a m, How Much Work Should be Attempted in a One-Teacher  
 School?  
 Language work for 2nd grade pupils,  
 Intermission.  
 Tardiness its effect on the pupil and school  
 Primary Geography,  
 Noon.

O. L. Wood, Union,  
 Mrs. D. Dorward, Gail

Miss Lon Hancock Berry  
 Miss Belle York. Rea

1:30, Helps and Hindrances in building up a school,  
 Some Practical Points in School Hygiene,  
 Intermission.

G. W. Bryson  
 Dr. J. H. Hannabass, Pres. Gail Public School Board.

The Christian Influence of the Teacher,  
 Agriculture in the Public Schools,  
 General Work.  
 4:00, Adjournment.

Rev. H. C. Jolly,  
 Miss Bertha Willis, Gail

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

9 a m, School Laws Passed by the last Legislature, Construction  
 of each,  
 Methods in Spelling,  
 Noon.  
 1:30 Qualifications of the Teacher,  
 Reading in the Primary Grades,  
 Intermission.  
 Duties of School Boards,  
 General Work.  
 4:00, Adjournment.

Judge E. R. Yellott  
 Mrs. J. B. Stokes, Gail.

Miss Mary Leake, Gail.  
 Miss Bettie Reagan

G. W. Bryson.

Thursday, Dec. 23rd.

9 a m, Morals and Manners,  
 Home Study for the Pupil, why necessary,  
 Way it is well to have a physician on school board,  
 Intermission  
 Adornment of the School Room,  
 Dull Pupils, What Shall we do for them,  
 Noon.  
 1:00, The Value of Mental Arithmetic,  
 How to Improve Schools in Town and County,  
 Intermission.  
 School Examinations,  
 General Work.  
 4:00, Adjournment.

Miss Bertha Willis  
 Miss Eunice Nisbett

Miss Alma Sealy, Gail.  
 Miss Davis.

Z. T. Stephenson.  
 Allen Parker

O. L. Wood

Friday, Dec. 24th.

9 a m, The Church and School, each help to other,  
 The Use and Abuse of Text Books,  
 How we may improve Ourselves as Teachers,  
 Irregular Attendance and the Remedy,  
 Noon.  
 1 Home Influence, Effect on pupils' progress,  
 School Punishments  
 Intermission. Miscellaneous Business. Adjournment.

Rev J L B Cash  
 W. P. Simms

Mrs. Emma Yeager  
 Miss Lon Hancock

Miss Eunice Nisbett  
 Miss Belle York

In the above program each of our county teachers has been  
 assigned some work. We owe it to ourselves and our profession to  
 use every means possible for improvement. We earnestly hope  
 that not one teacher may be absent. Let us do all in our power to  
 make this Institute a success. We feel sure that our County Judge  
 will render us all the assistance possible Remember the dates,  
 Dec. 20 to 24, inclusive.

G. W. BRYSON,

MISS BETTIE REAGAN,

MISS BERTHA WILLIS,

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and it will be recalled that he lived up fully to his reputation of being a hard man.

For his quiet, unmovable and thoroughly capable superintendent he entertained a certain respect. He knew from experience that the man was not the least bit afraid or even disturbed by his bullying manner and his bellowing and that his glare, always squarely met, had no more effect upon him than it would have upon the bronze statue of Washington which stands sentinel on the steps of the sub-treasury in Wall street.

Smith lowered himself slowly and easily into a big armchair beside the president's desk.

"Two delegates from the Longshoremen's union were here just now," announced the captain. "They say the freight handlers are going to strike."

"Ya-as?" said Smith interrogatively.

"Yes. What do you know about it?"

"Nothing, except that they came to me with a demand for higher pay for the men. I referred them to you."

"Well, I didn't leave 'em any loop-hole for doubt as to my position in the matter."

"You turned them down?"

"Turned 'em down! Of course. What do you think? Suppose I handed 'em a raise on a silver platter and bowed 'em out of the door?"

"I don't suppose anything about it. I'm asking for information."

"Them two blatherskites came swaggering and blustering in here and said every last one of the men would quit tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock unless they got 3 cents more an hour. They wasn't swaggering when they went out of here, I tell you. I pretty soon took the starch out of 'em."

A faint smile lifted over the superintendent's face, but he ventured no remark.

"I told 'em," Williams went on, "that I wouldn't give 'em a cent a century more and to strike and be d—d. I also told 'em that any man who did go out would never get another job with this company, and, by Sam, he won't!"

The captain's voice had risen to a roar, and he brought his fist down on the desk with such force that pens and pencils went flying in all directions and the ink splashed from the wells in their solid crystal stand.

"Them labor agitators ain't got no notion of the fitness of things. They ain't got a grasp on economic conditions for a cent. They got to do something to live without working, so every once in awhile they go to the men as pays 'em to be walking delegates, gives 'em some glib talk about their rights and advises 'em to strike for more money. Do they look around and try to find out whether an advance is warranted by the conditions? Nary a look. Do any of the men they hand out their advice to try to find out? Not on your life! They go ahead like a lot of sheep and strike and starve and blame the result on capital."

Smith nodded.

"If they carry out their threat and quit," continued the captain, "you will clear all the strikers from the docks, throw 'em off if necessary, knock their silly blocks off, but tell them as wants to work that full protection will be given. I'll arrange with police headquarters to have a sufficient force of bluecoats on hand to guard our property and will also notify our docks at other ports to be prepared. You will fix up accommodations for the strike breakers in the sheds here until the trouble is over and be arrangerous to bring men from other ports. Bless in this matter you."

Smith nodded.

"Then it's up to you."

"Anything else you want to see me about?"

"Not now. You can get in touch with me any time you want me. You know about where I'm to be found."

Smith drew in his long legs, raised himself from the chair and took up his hat to go.

"See here, Smith," said the captain, his voice rising gradually to its fearsome bellow. "It's nigh on to twoscore years since I took my first vessel, the Sally Moran, out of Frisco as master and owner, bound for the south sea islands to trade, and I've commanded my own ship every minute since and held my own against all sorts of lubbers as would have done me and done for me if they could. And do you think I'm going to be dictated to by any white livered gas bag of a crawling delegate, who comes here holding a knife to my throat by threatening a turnout without giving me a chance to meet it if I don't give in to his demands on the spot? No, sir, not by an all-fired sight! No, sir, not in a thousand years! I own this outfit from keel to main peak, and if I can't run it my own way I'll scuttle it and go down with it. Understand? And if any man's looking for a fight with me he'll find me quick enough, and I'll break him, no matter who or what he is. Yes, sir, by Sam, sir, like this!"

Seizing a thick ruler on the desk, he snapped it without apparent effort, and as he sat glaring there with his disheveled hair, his pugnacious, massive underjaw protruding and his big fist tightly clinched on the broken wood causing the muscles of his arms to bulge like knots on a gnarled tree, he presented the embodiment of might and ferocity.

"I don't know but what you're right Cap'n Williams," drawled the superintendent with his unchangeable equanimity. "Anyhow, you sure are entitled to do what you like with your own."

He went out and on his way to the office exit stopped at Brooks' desk.

"Well, how's things, boy?" he inquired with an interest so kindly that one might have thought there was nothing else in the world with which his mind was occupied and never could have suspected that there lay before him for immediate solution the problem of preparing for a great strike that threatened to tie up the business of one of the most important steamship lines in the country, with ramifications extending from Boston all around the coast of South America to San Francisco.

"Oh, so, so," answered Brooks. "By the bye, I'd be awful glad if you'd come up to supper tonight. Emma was saying only this morning that we hadn't seen anything of you for a week."

"That's so. I've got to square my self with Emma, though it hasn't been my fault altogether."

"Then we'll expect you to supper?"

"I can't promise, because I've a deal to do between now and this evening, but I'll come if I can."

"So long, Jimsy."

"So long."

And Smith sauntered out to attend to one of the greatest emergencies he had ever been called upon to meet in his life.

## CHAPTER III

HE was a skillful architect in deed who first devised the handbox apartment houses common now in all parts of New York and must have sat up many nights working out how to extract the maximum of rent revenue from the area on which he had to fit a structure.

If there were any flats in Manhattan of

smaller dimensions than the one of four rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brooks the most experienced and persistent hunter after a place in which to lodge his family with relative economy and some semblance of comfort would have had the time of his or her life finding it. And if other flats there were more luxuriously fitted up, as easily might have been—in fact, certainly must have been—the case, at least there was none, whatever its size, that was kept cleaner or neater or in which more effective use of available material had been made than that over which Mrs. Emma Brooks presided as mistress and factotum.

And Mrs. Brooks herself—how she graced it, altogether unconsciously! As the elder of two daughters of Stanley Harris, who, while not rich, had been well to do, she had been brought up in the comfort of a good home and had enjoyed the advantage of an education at a private seminary. Her father, whose constant companion she had been and whose sense of democracy in the matter of association she had inherited, had adored her, and when she had given her heart to Joseph Brooks, electing him from among numerous suitors, including James Smith, he gave his consent to their union against his own judgment and in face of the strenuous opposition of his wife, esteeming the girl's happiness superior to all other considerations.

Brooks, who had been in the employ of the Latin-American Steamship company for one year and had been brought into relations with the family by virtue of his selection as secretary to her father, the general manager, had no means whatever of his own, and his salary, then \$60 a month, was a desperately small income on which to begin housekeeping for a girl reared as she had been. But her father helped them, and the young couple counted upon his influence to procure the advancement of his son-in-law to a more remunerative post.

Unfortunately for them, however, Mr. Harris had died a few weeks after their wedding, and they found themselves thrown upon their own resources. Mrs. Harris, a selfish, shallow, unfeeling woman with social pretensions, who regarded her daughter's marriage with the young clerk as a mesalliance and Brooks himself with disdain, left them to shift for themselves and with her other daughter, Beth, who was seven years younger than Emma and shared her mother's views, as she imitated her haughtiness, settled down to the enjoyment of the modest fortune her husband had left her and the indulgence of the ostentation she loved, but which during Mr. Harris' lifetime she had never been able to gratify to the top of her bent. She did not for this, however, withdraw altogether from association with Emma and Brooks and continued on more or less amicable terms with them. Now and then she condescended to call upon them with Beth, but her visits, as a rule, were a good deal of a trial to the young couple, for she regarded Brooks' failure to get on in the steamship company as a vindiction of her opinion as to his ability and the judiciousness of their marriage and was prone to condone with her daughter, assume an exasperating I-told-you-so attitude and lament what might have been.

During the four years of their married life Brooks' salary had been raised only \$20 a month, although in addition to his work as accountant, to which he had been assigned after Mr. Harris' death, that of collector had been thrust upon him. It had been a hard, bitter experience for pretty little Mrs. Brooks, this unaccustomed drudgery of housework, this continuous scouring of greasy pots and pans and washing of dishes, which she loathed; this deprivation of comforts and luxuries that she had known all her life; this privation of many personal things considered indispensable by the dainty woman; this necessity of perpetual economizing, which barely suf-

iced to make both ends meet. She deprived herself of much needed clothing, to say nothing of finery, that Joe might go properly clad to his office, but she never for that reason descended to slovenliness, never "let herself go," as so many women in their own households make the mistake of doing, and never had she allowed one word of complaint, one indication of regret, to escape her. She had married Joe for love, for better or for worse, and resigned herself bravely and cheerfully to the consequences, however hard to bear, hoping for the better times that were so long in coming and encouraging her husband to fight on and win.

Joe, for his part, lacked his wife's grit and energy, and constant disappointment had undermined his fortitude. He loved Emma. He hardly could have done otherwise, though calculation had entered largely into his courting of her. Chivalrously, while the sweet bliss of their early married life held him in its spell, he had done as much of the heavier work of the menage as he could to spare her when time and opportunity afforded, but very naturally he had soon tired of this—where is the man who does not?—and by degrees had left as much of it as he could to her, except when his moods of optimism and affectionate solicitude impelled him to go to her assistance. At such times he wanted to do if all.

On the evening following his outburst at the office he was still resentful and "down in the mouth" when he let himself into his little flat, and the smiles of his wife as she raised her rosebud lips to receive his kiss of greeting failed to dispel his gloom.

"You seem out of sorts tonight, dear," she said solicitously. "Anything wrong at the office?"

"Nothing in particular. I'm tired and hungry after slaving all day in this awful heat, that's all."

"Never mind, supper's all ready, so sit down and tuck in."

"What did you get?"

"Chops and potatoes."

Joe turned up his nose, but took his seat at table and began to eat. He answered his wife's questions in monosyllables. His thoughts, it was plain, were not on his meal or Emma's contentment, and, seeing that he was pre-occupied and troubled, she ceased to try to engage his attention.

"I paid the gas bill today," he vouchsafed at length. "Ninety cents more than last month."

"Ninety cents more!" she commented with concern. "I'm sure we didn't use half as much. And we owe the butcher four-sixty."

"Every month it costs more to live. I don't know what we are going to do, I'm sure."

"I'm sorry, Joe. Goodness knows I try to be as economical as I can."

"I know, but it's all wrong. It's all wrong that you should be spilling your hands with those beastly greasy pans. They weren't meant for such work. I wish we could afford a hired girl."

"So do I, but we can't, so what's the use of wishing? Didn't you get the raise you asked Captain Williams for?" she inquired.

"No."

He hung his head and lapsed into gloomy silence. She dropped the morsel she was raising to her mouth and rose from the table, filled with dismay, her appetite completely gone. Tears of disappointment followed the realization of what the failure of their plans meant, for neither had doubted that his request would be complied with, and she had built many castles in the air on the strength of it. A few dollars more a week added to their distressingly small income would have meant much to them. But, gazing at her husband sitting there utterly dejected and crushed, her heart went out to him in pity and love, and she moved over to his chair and put her arm consolingly round his neck.

"Never mind, Joe, boy," she urged; "don't look so solemn. We're no worse off than we were before, and you'll win out some day."

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**Snyder, Texas.**

### Tredway Locals

Our school is doing nicely. Z. T. Stephenson organized a Practical Farm Club last Friday, the purpose of which will be to arouse a better interest in farm life. Music, instrumental and vocal, debates, recitations, lectures and the reading of agricultural bulletins will be in the course of work. Practical farm tests along some lines will be made by pupils and neighbors and a Fair held next fall to show results of tests. Should other communities of the county wish to take up this work and should they desire any information Mr. Stephenson would be glad to render any service possible.

Coke Curry returned from Snyder Saturday.

Messrs A. M. Tredway and J. C. Moore made a business trip to Big Springs last week.

Carl Thompson had business near Pride last week.

We have a very good season in the ground now. Our most successful farmers will soon have their ground turned and harrowed. This is the secret of an early spring season.

Stock being in the field during damp wet weather pack the ground, which where plowed, will not pulverize. These clods do not give sustenance to plant growth but they are many times the cause of a poor stand in the crop.

Observer.

### Dont Read This

And take it to heart unless it applies to you.

We have sold lots of goods on credit this year and in every instance the purchaser made known his intention of paying the debt this fall. We believed them and now we expect our money. We have some heavy obligations to meet and must have what is due us. This applies to every man whose name is on our books and we insist on a prompt settlement.

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### The Test of Heroism.

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