

AN EYE WITNESS TELLS OF FIGHT

"Damn You, I'll Get my Gun and Kill You," Nolley is said to Have Remarkd After Being Hit by Starkey—Marchman Also Slashed

There are several eye witnesses to the fight in which there were two against one, both armed with deadly weapons, when L. J. Starkey, legionaire, with his two bare fists, fought against his assailants last Friday. As the odds were too much against him, and being stunned from a blow of the sherriff's gun, he was finally cut and knocked down. As eye witnesses saw the occurrence practically the same, the American is only giving the version as seen by Ross Marchman, who was severely slashed during the affray:

"All the service car drivers had left the passenger station following the arrival of the Sunshine Special Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Starkey and I parked our cars at the corner of Avenue D and Fifth streets and walked up Avenue D toward Broadway.

"In front of Barnes' store I saw Nolley, and stopped and talked to him for several minutes concerning his candidacy for re-election. Starkey at that time had crossed the street (Broadway) and was standing on the corner.

"Nolley and I walked on across the street and Starkey stepped up and said to me, 'Wait a minute, I want to talk to Nolley.'

"To the sherriff Starkey said: 'I want to talk to you about a story that Mahaney has been telling to the effect that you slapped my face.' He asked Nolley to go with him to Newt Mahaney and straighten out the matter. Nolley said he would do it.

"Starkey and I walked on down Avenue D and stopped in front of Miley & Ledford's store. Nolley stepped into the drug store at the corner and talked to Mahaney.

"In a few minutes they came out and Nolley walked up to where Starkey was standing. Mahaney stood a few feet away behind a post. Nolley remarked to Starkey: 'From what I can hear it is Nat Noel who has been telling that story.'

Starkey replied that it was too bad that Noel's name had to be dragged into it. 'Well,' said Starkey, 'I never said that I slapped your face, but I can.'

"Nolley then drew back his hand as if to slap Starkey, and Starkey hit him on the nose. Sam then said: 'Damn you, I'll get my gun and kill you.'

"With that Nolley drew his gun and struck Starkey over the head. Mahaney stepped up with a knife in his hand, and, reaching around Starkey from the back, slashed him across the abdomen. Starkey hit at Mahaney but I do not know whether he hit him or not.

"With the remark, 'Damn you, I'll kill you,' referring to Starkey, Nolley cocked his gun and pointed it at Starkey. I then grabbed Nolley and bent his arm down so that he could not shoot Starkey.

"My back was turned to Mahaney when he reached me with his knife.

"After Starkey had fallen to the sidewalk, Mahaney stood over him slashing viciously with his knife, and it was then that Starkey suffered the wounds in his arms and leg.

"I told Nolley it was a cowardly thing for him to do, to hit Starkey with his gun, and then try to shoot him after another man had cut open his belly, and he admitted it, and then put up his gun. He made no effort, however, to pull Mahaney off Starkey."

LEGION ST. VALENTINE DANCE IS POSTPONED

On account of one of the "buddies" having been seriously stabbed the John William Butts Post, American Legion, have called off the dance which was scheduled to take place at the Labor Temple on St. Valentines night. The dance has not been given up—merely postponed. The dance will take place at some later date.

IT IS DOSSETT & POWELL NOW

Mr. C. B. Powell and H. S. Dossett are again associated together in the Powell tailoring establishment, one of the oldest in Cisco, has moved his outfit to the stand occupied by Mr. Dossett, and the firm is now Dossett & Powell. This is a good move, as both have many friends here who are glad to hear of this business amalgamation.

THAT SATURDAY NIGHT MEETING

Spontaneous Assemblage of Outraged Citizens While Life of Starkey Hung in the Balance—Indignation High, But Reason Prevailed.

Perhaps there never has, and never will be again just such another meeting as that which took place at the City Hall last Saturday night. The American Legion and citizens meeting the night before, it was thought had covered the ground, that most matters that needed adjusting had been given attention, but not so. No one was advised of the meeting. No one was responsible for the gathering, as there had been issued no call for the coming together of these people. It was but a case of the entire citizenship of Cisco, outraged by the diabolical assault upon L. J. Starkey, being of one mind, and that mind was to come into communion each with the other, to give expression to that indignation that filled the breast of every one present.

Perhaps it was the serious condition of Starkey that inspired this spontaneous gathering of the citizenship of the city, for nearly everyone was present who had reached man's estate. No one invited them. No one notified them. They "just went."

A heinous crime always arouses the best and most peaceable people to that white heat of indignation that bodes ill for those who are responsible for the crime that inspires such indignation, or those remotely connected with the causes that were responsible for the commission of the offense. Such was the meeting Saturday night.

Mr. Price Pulley was chosen to preside over the meeting, and E. J. Battail was selected secretary. The discussion was opened by Mr. J. Alexander, one of the oddest citizens of the city, and a man who has his all invested in Cisco property—a man who believes in his home town, and back up his belief by investing his substance in real property within its limits. Such men are the ones who stand to lose when lawlessness prevails. The man who makes his money one place, but has no faith in his town but invests his money elsewhere never loses financially, for his treasure is elsewhere.

Mr. Alexander spoke on the expenditure of the municipal funds of the city. He asked that the body call upon the city authorities for a detailed statement of moneys received and disbursed. Why this had not been done without demand from the people, was a matter that he wanted information on.

It having been reported that the mayor had sent for outside aid to handle the local situation, a motion was made condemning the mayor for such action, and amended by stating that the resolution be transmitted to the governor, was unanimously adopted. Perhaps this supposed action on the part of the mayor was partly responsible for this spontaneous gathering. At this juncture the mayor appeared before the body and denied he had requested outside aid to handle the local situation.

In response to questions regarding the regulations of the gas rate he stated that the gas company had filed

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SMITH BROS. TAKE OVER ROAD WORK

Take Over Entire County System, Relieving Fleming-Stitzer—Confidence is Restored that System Will be Built Speedily.

Smith Bros., road contractors, which firm is recognized as one of the strongest highway construction companies in the state, yesterday entered into a contract with the Commissioners Court and the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, whereby they take over the construction of the entire highway system of the county, relieving the old company. This news is being received with gladness from all sections, and the opinion is freely expressed that the roads will now be speedily constructed. It is stated that Pet Brown will likely construct a section of this road system, perhaps the Raylee road, as this is the uncompleted contract he had when the Fleming-Stitzer people blowed up.

Just what effect this turn in road affairs will be the American is not informed, but it is hoped all litigation will now cease, as Smith Bros. are said to be competent to bring order out of chaos in our present bad muddle. While the American is not speaking authoritatively, yet it is our belief that much of the litigation that has been instituted was due to the lack of confidence in the ability of Fleming-Stitzer people as road builders. Judging from the manner in which the work has been done one can only conclude that they are novices at that trade.

Commissioner Stubblefield was in the American office this morning and stated that work of the county system would be started next week by the new contractors, who have absorbed all the old contracts of the Fleming-Stitzer company now existing with the county, which action was approved by the Commissioners' court yesterday, Smith Bros. agreeing to take road bonds at par and to pay for all material furnished the old contractors. The new contract with Smith Bros. will not be affected.

"Sufficient amount of road bonds will be held in escrow to take care of all outstanding script," stated Mr. Stubblefield, and there will be no necessity of issuing further script, as the new contractors have demonstrated to the court that they are worth \$2,000,000 in their own time, and are amply able to pay cash for all work done. This is a substantial and authentic report made to the Commissioners' court, and reassures the business men of the county, as well as the laboring men, that this contract will be pushed to completion as speedily as men and money can do the work.

Now, let's all "call off our dogs" and stand shoulder to shoulder with our commissioners; discourage all dissensions over road building and turn a deaf ear to all rumors that might be afloat, and do all things possible to push this work of giving Eastland county the best system of highways in Texas.

Commissioner Stubblefield has been steadily on the job for the past two weeks, and we congratulate this district in having a man who is ever awake to the interests of his district and the county as a whole.

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CITIZENS LEAGUE DRAWS BIG HOUSE

Packed House Attends Second Mass Meeting—Name Identified With Good Citizenship, Vigilance and Progress—Gas Rate Paramount.

Another rousing mass meeting of the best citizenship of Cisco assembled in the City Hall auditorium last night pursuant to adjournment two weeks ago. Business following the first called meeting was taken up when president Lankford announced his committees authorized by the first mass meeting.

This meeting, like its predecessor, was near a spontaneous out-pouring of the people, inspired by present conditions existing in Cisco. These people believe something is radically wrong with our municipal affairs, and these large assemblages of the people can be attributed to no other cause than the hope of remedying these conditions, for never in the history of Cisco has there been such large numbers of Cisco people gathering together in recent years, save and except the two indignation meetings last week, when there assembled in the same hall the best elements of the town to protest against the Friday outrage. But this was not passing strange, since one of our best and most peaceable citizens was ruthlessly cut and knocked down by the sherriff of the county and his confederate, which was the most outrageous and deplorable affair that ever took place in Cisco. It is not strange that on these occasions there should have been packed houses, for it was to be expected that there would be fireworks displayed—and there was. But the meeting last night was of a business nature—that of seeking to remedy municipal conditions under which we are suffering.

In this meeting the present high gas rate was the paramount issue. While other subjects were discussed, yet every man and woman present were thinking of 75 cent gas, and pledged themselves to work for relief from this quarter.

The meeting was addressed by many present, all urging the largest measure of cooperation of the entire membership.

That the Citizens League is a permanency—an institution which proposes to take a hand in our city affairs in the future, one only had to look in upon that sober, determined assemblage to be convinced that they were stayers, and meant business.

The League is to be a public forum where our citizenship may assemble and discuss matters of public interest, and resort to means for a proper adjustment of conditions that may be out of harmony with good government. To these meetings all citizens who love Cisco are most welcome, and are invited to join hands with us in this campaign for a better Cisco—a place people can live without contributing their entire earnings to our public utility corporations.

Personnel of Committees.

At the opening of the meeting the president announced the following ladies and gentlemen as composing the committees which will have in hand much of the work to be accomplished by the League, together with his reasons for their selection:

Committee on Public Utilities—Judge B. W. Patterson, Dr. D. S. Rumph and Mr. R. W. H. Kennon.

Committee on Finances and Taxation of City of Cisco.—G. W. Daniel Mrs. A. A. Webster, Mrs. Wilkie Carter, Mr. Lee Poe and Mr. Gomer Williams.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. S. J. Vaughan, Mr. J. L. Stevenson, Mrs. R. Q. Lee, Mrs. E. E. Kean, Miss Velma St. John, Dr. J. H. Bryce, and Mr. B. H. Lauderdale.

Committee on Finance and Membership—W. E. Smith, Jake Alexander, Owen Barker, Crigler Paschall, Dr. J. W. Gregory, H. A. Bible, and E. J. Barnes.

The League authorized me, with the assistance of the secretary Mr. W. P. Pulley, to appoint these committees, and we have tried to make the personnel of the committees representative to the citizenship of Cisco. We think we have done this.

These are all patriotic, enterprising citizens of Cisco, and are willing to serve the interests of their city in any way they can. We find the citizenship almost unanimous in their sympathy with the purposes and aims of the Citizens League of Cisco, and while many of them naturally prefer to be only privates in the ranks,

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LEGION DENOUNCE ACTS OF NOLLEY

Sheriff Sam Nolley Severely Arraigned for His Participation and Conduct in Cutting Affray Last Friday at Noon.

The John William Butts Post, American Legion, last Friday night passed the following resolutions severely arrainging Sheriff Sam Nolley for his connection with the deplorable affray in which L. J. Starkey was mortally wounded, when knocked in the head with a pistol by Nolley, and disemboweled by Newt Mahaney:

Whereas on the morning of February 3, 1922, one of our leading exemplary, and active members L. J. Starkey, was struck down and butchered in the main street of our city by Sam Nolley, sherriff of Eastland county and one Newt Mahaney, and

Whereas it is an unquestionable fact that said L. J. Starkey did not exhibit any weapons and that he was unarmed, that Sam Nolley struck Starkey over the head with a gun simultaneously with the brutal attack of his vicious confederate with a knife, that the only cause for animosity between Starkey and the sherriff or his henchman, was his fearless, outspoken and uncompromising stand for law and order against the criminal and bootlegging element and his effort as a patriotic citizen to prosecute certain criminals in Cisco whom the sherriff has notoriously been protecting; and

Whereas the tragedy mentioned above was the direct result of the deplorable conditions permitted to exist by the negligence or willful omissions of the executive officers of Eastland county, of which the sherriff is the head, and is therefore a matter of vital interest to all good citizens and is an attack by the forces of vice against law and order; and

Whereas the said Starkey is now lying at the point of death in a mutilated condition; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the John William Butts Post of the American Legion in special meeting assembled, does unanimously and emphatically censure and condemn the wanton, deliberate and cold blooded attack of the said Sam Nolley both as the chief peace officer of the county and as a citizen; and it is

Resolved that the proper authorities take immediate steps to oust the said sherriff from office, and to instigate vigorous criminal prosecution against the sherriff and his said accomplice; and it is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be handed to the said sherriff in person by a committee from this post and to each of the newspapers of the county for publication, and that a copy of this resolution be wired to the governor of the state of Texas. Done at Cisco, Texas. Feb. 4, 1922.

John William Butts Post No. 123, American Legion, Dept. of Texas. By CRIGLER PASCHALL, Commander.

Attest: T. F. FULLERTON, Adjutant.

CARPENTERS ACTIVE

The members of the carpenters local, No. 1410, in regular session Wednesday evening passed a resolution and affixed the local seal thereto approving the action of the Local Post of the American Legion, in their campaign for a general clean up in Cisco and Eastland county. Ten dollars was subscribed by the order to the Legion fund, to finance the legal action in the campaign.

Resolution Committee. MURHEAD, WROTEN, SMITH.

DR. VANCE DIES IN TENNESSEE

His power equipment consists of two tractors, one three-plow machine of conventional design, the other a small two-wheel design machine which he uses not only for plowing, disking, harrowing and the usual kinds of work, but also for cultivating corn. He has used tractors for seven or eight years. He keeps seven horses on the place but uses only five.

Most of his plowing is done with the large tractor, but disking, drilling and pulling the binder are tasks for the small tractor very highly for harvesting, because haping a binder kills hogs, especially if the weather is hot. Mr. Waymire was one of the first farmers in his part of the state

PROSPERITY BY FARM TRACTOR

A Fordson on the Farm Means Better and More Efficient Farming—Work Only by Daylight—Speed up When Speed Required.

The experiences recorded below by the Country Gentleman demonstrates that the Fordson has come to stay as a farm implement, and is the means of bucking adversity in agriculture.

The Bleasie Motor Company, the agents for the Fordsons in this territory, were informed by wire recently of the slash in the price of Fordsons, reducing this machine \$230 which means that Cisco farmers can now buy a Fordson for \$455 in Cisco. The reduction in the price of this machine at this time means much to those who contemplate buying a Fordson for their farms.

The dry fall we have just gone through has about convinced the farmers that it will take a Fordson to properly break the land in dry weather, and many will use them on their farms in the future. Perhaps each individual farmer cannot afford a Fordson now, but here is where co-operation comes in. One or two in a community can buy a Fordson, or some individual, the others contracting with him to break their land. But those farmers living in the corn belt have found tractors efficient in cultivating their crops as well as breaking their land. It seems to the American that this would pay the farmers in the Cisco Country. But read the story on

Bucking Adversity with Tractors

At the close of a year of good crops sold at good prices, farmers are likely to be enthusiastic about the tools that enabled them to fatten their bank accounts. But when an abundant harvest in the Corn Belt has been priced so low as to leave little or no margin, the profit-making capacity of the more expensive equipment is put to a dollars-and-cents test. Such a year of adversity was 1921, a year that put power farming through a grueling ordeal. How did the tractor buck adversity? Did gas power make the grade against hard times?

Tractor sales had been disappointingly light throughout the year in all parts of the country, and there were those who declared that this forecast a definite return to the more extensive use of horse in agriculture. The best way to test the truth of such predictions and to get the answer to the above questions was to obtain evidence direct from the users. So early in December I made a trip into Indiana. I chose the Hoosier State because the farmers there, though progressive, are carefully and conservatively so, and adopted power farming generally after its merits had been well proven.

The first man I interviewed was O. H. Waymire, who owns a 380-acre farm not far from Elwood in Madison County. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Waymire started farming in his present location with eighty acres. Now he has 380 acres of the most productive land in the state, two great feeding barns, two tractors, a full complement of farming implements and as fine a house as one will find anywhere, modern in every particular.

Mr. Waymire has never speculated in land or anything else. What he has accumulated has been the result of careful, intelligent farming. His corn yields from sixty to ninety bushels an acre, his oats from eighty to a hundred and wheat around thirty bushels. Last spring he sold eighteen carloads of hogs and cattle. He raises some hogs, but in recent years most of those he feeds have been purchased as shoats from the south—Alabama or Mississippi. He also buys feeder cattle to supplement those he raises himself.

Many Tasks for the Small Machine

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Aggravated Assault Indictment for Nolley

Special to the American.

Eastland, Feb. 10.—The special session of the grand jury called to investigate the cutting affray last Friday completed its labors today.

Two bills of indictment were returned against G. N. Mahaney for assault with intent to murder upon the persons of L. J. Starkey and Ross Marchman. One indictment was returned against Sheriff Sam Nolley for aggravated assault. The report shows that "the charge of malfeasance in office, in aiding, abetting and assisting gambling and boot-leggers brought against the sherriff's department is not supported by the evidence presented to the body."

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FURNITURE BEING SHIPPED

Mr. Chas. Cagel, has been shipping furniture from his factory at 2nd and Avenue E all this week. In looking over some of the shipments, one could see shipping tags which designated points all up and down the line from Waco to Munday in Knox county. Instead of so many shipments, in the handling of this furniture it is going direct to the retail dealers in large shipments.

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to use a two-row cultivator together with a three-row planter. Last fall he cut his silage corn with a corn binder pulled by a small tractor, and did not have the trouble of keeping ahead of the cutter that he would have had with the horses doing the cutting.

Mr. Waymire expressed himself as highly pleased with his tractors and other modern implements. They have reduced the long hours on the farm," he said. "When I began farming I thought it was necessary to start before daylight and work until after dark, but for years we have done all our work by daylight.

"We have no electric lights in our barn. We do all our feeding by daylight and have no need for lights. There isn't a lantern on the place. Cattle put on flesh only when they are lying down, and we encourage them to rest as much as possible."

Factory Hours on the Farm

Mr. Waymire lost a lot of money last year in his feeding, and he was naturally somewhat dejected over the result of his season's work, especially over the fact that the banks refused to loan him any money to help make up his losses in last year's feeding. In spite of all that he gave me the best picture I have ever had presented of how modern farm implements have changed farm life from the almost abject drudgery, where men thought they were compelled to work far into the night, to an industry that compares quite favorably with factory life as regards hours of labor.

Hallock S. Knott, a renter, lives near Summitville. He is a young man of about thirty and a thorough farmer and stockman.

Mr. Knott has charge of a 320-

acre farm. For the past two years all the work on this place has been done with two small two-wheel tractors and two horses. In addition to his own labor hired one man and a young neighbor boy whom he paid by the hour to run one of the tractors and keep both in order.

The amount of work accomplished seems almost incredible. He grew 150 acres of corn, forty-five acres of rye and fifty acres of oats. The corn acreage was all plowed with a single sixteen-inch plow nine inches deep, then disked, harrowed and planted. All the corn was cultivated at least five times; some of it received seven cultivations. All this work, he assured me, was done with his tractors and the fields were never so free from weeds as last year. He used two-row cultivators. On the third cultivation one of his helpers averaged twenty acres a day.

When oats-seeding time came the weather was rainy and he was obliged to disk the fields three times before planting. The oats were drilled in with an eight-foot drill in a day and a half. When harvest time came the little tractors were again brought out and hitched to the binders. The forty-five acres of rye were harvested in a day and a half. Four horses would have been required to do the job, working four and a half days. After threshing all the straw was baled, and again the tractors furnished the power.

Other work done by the tractors was cutting corn for silage and running a corrugated roller over most of the ground before planting. I estimated he covered his cornfields at least nine times and the rye and oat fields not less than four times during the season. All in all, this is the best tractor record that has ever come to my notice. As might be expected, Mr. Knott is a very enthusiastic advocate of power farming.

I asked him if he could recommend tractors as highly in periods of agricultural depression as in good times. He assured me that there was no difference.

"The work has to be done," he said, "and tractors will do it more rapidly and more cheaply, regardless of the times. Before getting my tractors I used from eight to fourteen head of horses. Now I have only two, and they do very little work. The care and feeding of all those horses is eliminated and we push the work much faster. After all, that is the big thing to be able to push the work at the right time. When it is hot or the horses are soft work cannot be rushed. A farmer is obliged to consider his horses."

A Horseless 140 Acres

Both farms I have described are large, and I naturally wondered if the tractor would make as good a showing on a smaller farm. To satisfy my curiosity I called at the Roselle farm of 140 acres a few miles from Anderson. The son worked in a factory in town and his father wanted him to return to the farm. The younger man refused to do so until a tractor was provided. Here is the record his son gave me:

Forty-eight acres of corn, plowed, rolled twice, harrowed twice and cultivated seven times. Forty acres of oats were plowed, harrowed, seeded and harvested and twenty acres of wheat were cut and shocked in twelve hours. Besides all the field work, which was done by one man

with one small tractor, he milked ten cows and used the tractor two hours a week for grinding feed. Mr. Roselle has no horses on the place and does not want any. He operates a horseless farm. He uses a light two-wheel machine.

The next thing I set out to find was a farmer who was using a different make of machine, preferably one with four wheels. In passing along the road I saw such a tractor in a barn. This was on the farm of T. C. Ham near Markelville. He proved to be a renter who farms more than 200 acres.

Mr. Ham expressed himself as well pleased with his tractor experience. He depends upon it for his plowing, disking and feed grinding, and declared that even in the past year of low prices it saved him money. He now uses five horses. Previously he added five or six animals every spring. He told me he had no trouble with soil packing and expected to use a tractor in all future farming.

Martin Riggs lives on a 280-acre rented farm about six miles from Markelville. I called at his place one crisp morning just as he was starting out with his tractor to "buzz" wood. He has had a two-plow tractor for two years.

"A tractor is the only thing," he said, "if a man has enough land." "How much do you call enough?" "I never figured that," he replied, "but I know on a place of this size I would not want to try to farm without one." I had him tell me of his operations.

A Thirty-Nine Hour Plowing Job

Last year he raised 120 acres of corn and 110 acres of wheat and oats. His land is rather hilly and stony, not considered in that section first-class tractor land. Nevertheless, he plowed, disked, rolled and harrowed 230 acres with no serious breakages except now and then a plow point. At one time last spring he got behind with his work, and then it was that the tractor showed its real value. He fitted lights for night work and started plowing at twelve o'clock one Sunday night. The next morning one of the boys relieved his father and continued plowing all day. At dusk the father took hold and ran the tractor all night. The boy again assumed command Tuesday morning and ran the machine until three o'clock that afternoon, making a total of thirty-nine hours without shutting down the engine. It was a severe strain on the men, but the tractor came through the ordeal perfectly; the last field was ready for corn at the appointed time.

Mr. Riggs keeps eight horses on his farm but uses only five of them. He and two boys did the work last year; one, a boy of eighteen, was the tractor expert. The other lad was only thirteen but he is a good tractor operator.

"One of the best uses we have made of our tractor," Mr. Riggs told me, "is pulling out grubs in clearing new land." He hitches his tractor high up on trees up to six inches in diameter and starts the machine. When the roots show signs of yielding one or two blows with an axe is all that is necessary.

The last man in this territory I called on was Alex McDonald, Jr. I found him in a grove of trees feeding wood to his buzz saw. The tractor which furnished the power looked spick and span and was running as smoothly as though it had just come out of the factory. It was an excellent example, one of the best I have seen, of the service that can be obtained from such a machine in the hands of the right man.

Mr. McDonald was not a trained mechanic when he bought his tractor two and a half years ago, but he very rapidly developed in to a proficient operator. He assured me that he has spent almost nothing for repairs aside from spark plugs, a fan belt and other small replacements. The tractor operates on kerosene and was running beautifully, but he declared that the valves had been ground only once.

This record is remarkable if one considers the amount of work it has done. The first year, he told me, he did 186 acres of custom plowing at four dollars an acre; earned \$128 filling silos and \$800 shredding corn, which at the prevailing rate meant the handling of enough corn fodder to recover 8000 bushels. In addition he uses his machine to pull a hay loader in haying time and did a great of corn shelling and feed grinding.

The first year he rented only a small place and did not have much work of his own to do. His custom work easily paid for the machine and left him quite a nice sum besides.

The next year he farmed 260 acres of leased land, doing all the work with his tractor except cultivating corn. His only additional power was two horses. Last year he increased his acreage to 340 and bought an extra team to take care of the cultivating. He is the most

enthusiastic tractor owner I have ever met.

"How do you account for your unusual success?" I asked.

"For one thing," Mr. McDonald replied, "I change the oil every forty hours. The manufacturer's directions say change it every sixty hours, but I find it pays to change it often. Then I use a good grade of oil and keep everything properly adjusted. That is all that there is to it."

Perhaps he is right, but considering the amount of work he has done and the present condition of his tractor, I should say there is more to it. If every operator had similar success with his machine power farming would sweep the country in a year.

That it will do so in time I have not the slightest doubt. Each year the record of successes increases and the failures decrease. Each year shows an improvement in tractor design and construction. Each year more boys with a knowledge of motors are reaching the age when they can make power farming successful. In the early days the outstanding problem was to educate operators. It is still a problem but each year it grows easier.

There are still left many problems of designs to be solved. The conventional four-wheeled machine is a useful implement, but it does not meet all the needs of row-crop farmers. It does not meet all the requirements of the man on forty, eighty or one hundred acres. There is need for a tractor for the small farmer, something in the nature of an all round machine. Progress has been made, but there is much yet to be done. Now is the time for every company to turn its engineers loose and design machines that will fit all requirements. The biggest field for power farming has only been scratched.

During the past few weeks I have been out on the farms and have talked with tractor owners in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan. Never have I heard more good words spoken for the tractor, never have I been given so many accounts of outstanding successes. Sales of power-farming machinery may have been slow last year, but the leaven is working, and one of these days the buying of tractors will start up again with greater volume than ever. Power farming has a wonderful future and now is the time to get ready for it. Power farming is merely slumbering, gathering strength for the days to come.

CRUMBS FROM COTTONWOOD

Special Correspondence
(Owing to an oversight the following news communication was unavoidably omitted from last week's American.)

Cottonwood, Feb. 1.—Everyone, farmers especially, appreciate the moisture that was given by the recent freeze and showers we received.

Dr. Brittain, from Putnam, was called at the R. H. Yeager home Thursday night to relieve the suffering of Mrs. Yeager, who has been quite ill for several days. We are glad to report that her condition is slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Hardy are the proud young parents of a fine young fellow who took up his abode at their home Wednesday night.

Mr. Herring and Miss Viola Hayes were quietly married at the Yeager home Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. R. H. Yeager officiating.

Mesdames J. A. Barnhill and Van Parmer and G. W. Pence are among the many friends of Mrs. Yeager who have been attending her bedside since her illness.

School in this community is progressing nicely. Not a day has been lost since school opened. Teacher and pupils seem to be very much interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boatman and children left Friday for Oklahoma, where they will reside in the future.

Messrs. Reagan and Ramsower, who are drilling on the R. H. Yeager farm, spent from Tuesday until Thursday with homefolks near Raylee.

Master Edgar Pence is ill at present. Dr. Brittain was called to the home Thursday night.

Miss Lula Martin spent the weekend with relatives in Cisco and attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at the Cisco Baptist Church.

NEICE OF JUDGE McDONALD DIED AT BRYAN SUNDAY

Judge J. H. McDonald has just returned from Bryan where he was called by the death of his neice, Miss Annie Ruth Henry, who died at the home of her parents in that city last Sunday morning.

Judge stated that he found farming operations in good shape in Brazos county, and all farmers ready to plant corn.

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WALTER SCHOOR VISITS PLAINS

Mr. Walter Schoor, living out on Route 3, out of Cisco, has just returned from quite an extended trip over the plains country. Mr. Schoor visited Crosbytown, Post City and other places. His trip was accompanied by the usual auto troubles one encounters when crossing the brakes before getting onto the plains. However, the trip was made in one and one half days. Mr. Schoor stated that the roads were very rough around Post City. He found the weather very cold, and while traveling the weather was most disagreeable.

Another thing that shows that country is not much different from this section—they are still needing rain. Mr. Schoor stated he saw nothing that would induce him to change locations, however, and he is pretty well satisfied with the wonderful Cisco Country.

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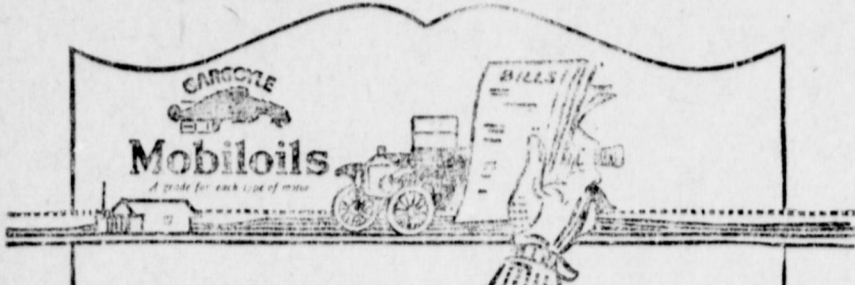
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PICTURES OF PRETTY GIRLS WANTED FOR THE MOVIES

Do you want your picture made? Do you want to go into the movies? These are questions the moving picture promoters are trying to find out. First, you must have the consent of your parents, and second, you must have your picture made and send to the Southern Picture Producing Company at Dallas. This company has written to Mr. W. W. Walton, of Walton's Studio, requesting that he send them the pictures of ten of the prettiest girls in Cisco. The American editor is glad that Walton has this job instead of you, for certainly he could never reduce the number down to ten. In fact Cisco has so many pretty girls that it would be difficult to try to pick out only ten. Now if they had requested one hundred or more there is a possibility that we might be able to accommodate them but think of limiting us only to ten in a virgin field where so much beauty abounds? Not us. We pass it back to Walton.

But seriously, this is to put Cisco girls on notice that the fame of their pulchritude has become known to the movie promoters, and soon you may be called upon to try for the role of a screen star by those who are seeking beauty and brains in pleasing the public.

These photographs are to be given the once over by the movie experts and five of the ten will be selected by the staff as probable future stars, if in the judgment their beauty and brains would justify the investigation.

The main condition demanded in the movie promoter is that no pictures should be sent except of those girls whose families have given their

full consent for them to send in their photos, and are willing that they should take up the work of becoming screen actresses.

We know that Cisco is filled with pretty girls, but can't say how many care to accept the proposition. Those interested can get any further information by calling upon Mr. Walton, who will gladly give them all the information pertaining to the matter.

OLD TIMER PASSES AWAY

Mr. Jno. A. Garrett of this city reports the death of his father, last Saturday afternoon, at his home near Eloian, in Stephens county.

"Uncle" Johnnie Garrett, as this great old gentleman was known by his intimate friends, had resided in Stephens county for forty-four years and was, in fact, one of the very earliest settlers of Stephens county.

Mr. Garrett has eight children surviving him, all of whom live in the state, and two, Mr. John A. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell who live in Cisco.

Mr. Garrett as 82 years of age, and has been an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church since he was sixteen years of age. He has been a member of the order of Masons, since 1861.

Mr. Jack Duncan has the contract for the plaster work on the magnificent high school building now being constructed at Haskell. But for the past two weeks the weather has been so bad that he has spent the time at home in Cisco with his family. He returned Tuesday of this week to resume his work in Haskell city.

BIG TRADES DAY AND FAIR AT PUTNAM

Putnam, Texas, Feb. 7, 1922.—Our people may be very often disappointed in their arrangements but they go right ahead and surmount these difficulties and come forth with more or less victory in the end.

For four weeks we had been planning a free barbecue as the chief entertainment feature for this "First Monday" program. So at midnight Sunday night five hundred pounds of the finest meat available was put over the pit to cook in order to carry out this part of the arrangements. At six o'clock Monday morning when the meat was almost done and the men were congratulating themselves on having this fine feast for their visitors, one of the freaks of nature stepped in and destroyed the entire supply by covering same with sand so suddenly it was impossible to prevent the destruction.

Two thousand buns had been ordered up from Cisco for the occasion and as they could not be used without the meat they were disposed of at a very cheap figure.

Mr. Elder, proprietor of the Cisco Coffee House, was present and served coffee free to the gathering throughout the afternoon. All seemed to enjoy this part of the program as he passed out twenty gallons of the famous beverage. Mr. Mayes, proprietor of the Mayes Cafe, has the exclusive sale of this famous coffee.

There were very few people on the ground until early in the afternoon, but then the cars came rushing in from every angle of the globe, and slow moving wagons could be seen as they stopped with the blooded hogs and placed them on display in the hog department.

The prize takers in the swine section was a load of six fine Duroc Jerseys from the famous Scott farm, which is the paradise for pure bred stock in Callahan county. There were other fine hogs in the show ring, but as there were so many things happening in the short afternoon we must pass on.

Then coming to the blooded cattle, brother, you had to see to realize. There were many cattle entries but we will only mention two herds. One of these was the renowned Pole Herefords, owned and presented in the show ring Monday by Williams Bros. And the nice herd of Herefords owned and shown by Mr. M. W. Armistead, manager of the Scott ranch.

These gentlemen certainly take great pride in the breeding of good cattle on their home ranches judging from the entries shown in the ring Monday, for they had some real prize takers.

Poultry and Pet Stock

The large building given over to the poultry department was a very busy section of the fair grounds through most of the afternoon. There were very few birds shown the first Monday in December, but one month ago there were a large number of blooded fowls shown. But with all the cold and disagreeable weather, Monday took the cake as poultry day in point of number shown and quality. These good ladies are certainly wide awake to their best interests and are making poultry raising one of the paying propositions on the Callahan county farms.

There were excellent coops shown from the R. G. Jones Poultry Ranch, Cottonwood; J. E. Wheeler Poultry Farm Baird; Scott Ranch, Putnam, and numerous other birds from individual exhibitors. Mr. R. S. Young poultry judge for the West Texas Fair Association of Abilene, was present and awarded the vari-colored ribbons. One could see the bright ribbons gleaming from a great number of the coops. The judge stated that he could suggest many valuable things for the improvement of the poultry in Callahan county, but all in all there was a fine showing, for most of the birds to have been produced under the existing conditions on the general poultry farm.

Many Speakers Present

The candidates have begun to attend all the functions where they may be able to tell their troubles to a number of people at once. Many of these gentlemen opened their campaigns at Putnam Monday, and the throng seemed intensely interested

in what they had to say for the betterment of the county should the people see fit to elect them.

Mr. Gene Melton of Baird, who has been tax collector for four years, and also treasurer of the county for a similar length of time, announced his candidacy and the leading planks of his platform upon which he will make the race for county judge in the present campaign.

Mr. Victor Gilbert, at present manager for the firm of Gilbert & Clements at Putnam, also announced his ability to fill the high office of county judge. He gave a short sketch of the growth of the city of Putnam. We think either of these gentlemen would fill the high office to which they aspire with credit and honor to the people they would serve and to themselves.

Mr. Tatum of Baird, also announced himself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor. W. L. Bowlus also of Baird, announced to the large crowd as a candidate for the same office. Charles Bray, who lives in the Bell Plains community, announced as a candidate for the office of sheriff.

Mr. W. G. Kingsolving, secretary of the West Texas Fair Association, was present and many expected him to make a speech but he could not be located when speech making was in order.

Goat Roping and Basket Ball

There was played in the afternoon two real interesting games of basket ball. The first game was between the boys of Atwell high school and the boys' team of the Putnam high, result, Putnam 23, Atwell 19. The game was snappy and hotly contested throughout. Many referred to it as a foot ball game played on a basket ball court.

The second game was between the high school girls and the town team, all of Putnam. It was intended to have a visiting team of ladies but owing to the weather this was impossible. The score was, school team 19, town team 3.

The goat roping closed the days entertainment in which there was a large number of entries, but the Williams brothers were the successful contestants. Everett Williams, first R. D. Williams, second.

The concluding event of the day was a splendid entertainment at the school auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Arranged by committee composed by Mesdames Dr. Brittain, C. B. Peek, R. L. Clinton and Miss Maurine Orr. This entertainment was opened by Mr. Victor Gilbert. If the Putnam High School Auditorium is ever lighted, the people of Putnam will be made obligatory to Mr. Victor Gilbert for same. He has worked incessantly and seemingly untiring for these lights. The first thing that we heard when we came to Putnam was his pleading for his people to safeguard the children by placing a safe lighting system in this auditorium and the last same thing. We want to commend Mr. Gilbert for his faithfulness to this muchly needed acquisition to our auditorium, and hope he has the full co-operation in this worthy undertaking, of all the people of Putnam.

But we were talking about this entertainment. The Enterprise will be very glad indeed to see some of our people take a hold of our entertainments and form a permanent organization for the purpose of furnishing good, clean amusements, such as we had Monday night, void of any of the filthy stage jokes or scenes of like nature. Such entertainments as we were permitted to enjoy last Monday night is helpful to all; to the audience as well as the entertainers. So when any of us are called on to contribute to these functions lets contribute our bit, realizing that we are rendering a service to humanity.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamor of DeLeon and Mrs. Travathem of Wichita Falls are visiting in the home of C. F. Hamor 700 W. Broadway.

Mrs. C. C. Hornsby and Little Miss Vernell of DeLeon are visiting in the home of C. B. Bryant 200 East 16th.

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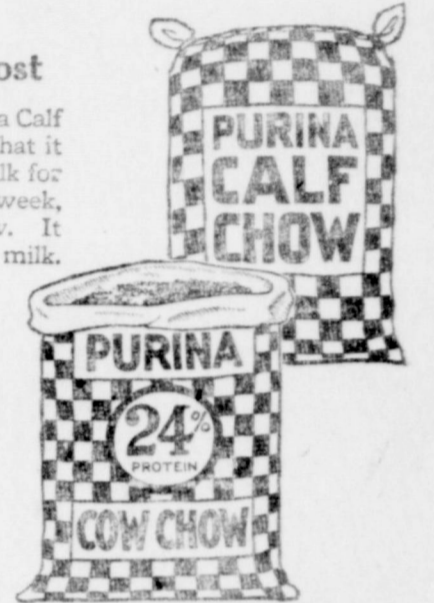
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CISCO,

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WHO OWNS THE SHOES

There are 23 pairs of Maverick shoes around at the E. J. Barnes company. Just who owns this aggregation of footwear has not up to this writing been determined. But the shoes are open to inspection. It seems that none of the Cisco merchants have handled this particular brand of refined cow hides, and how came them in the sacred precincts of this city yet remains a mystery. Yesterday afternoon some boys were chasing a rabbit out at the stock pen and in searching under the feed trough they came across a gunny sack in which were 23 pairs of perfectly good shoes, never having adorned the foot of man. This footwear bore the trade mark of "Connelley," and while they were covered with mold, yet they are in a pretty good state of preservation. The boys reported the find to Mr. Barnes, who went out to the stock pens and secured the sack of shoes, and brought them to town. In another column Special Officer Hicks in advertising for the owner.

It is likely that the shoes were taken from a box car and secreted where they were found. The person who placed them there maphap was never given an opportunity of recovering his stolen merchandise, or perhaps left the city, and there the goods remained until found by the juvenile rabbit chasers.

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The following little bouquet from County Clerk Earl Bender is appreciated:

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TRAIN SCHEDULE

TEXAS & PACIFIC

| (Eastbound) | Arrive | Depart |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| No. 16 | 2:47 a. m. | 2:47 a. m. |
| No. 2 | 11:00 a. m. | 11:00 a. m. |
| No. 4 | 12:22 p. m. | 12:22 p. m. |
| No. 12 | Makes up | 11:00 p. m. |

| (Westbound) | Arrive | Depart |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| No. 11 | 5:00 a. m. | stops. |
| No. 5 | 1:20 a. m. | 1:25 a. m. |
| No. 23 | 2:10 p. m. | 2:10 p. m. |
| No. 1 | 7:15 p. m. | 7:15 p. m. |

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS

| (Northbound) | Arrive | Depart |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| No. 35 | 3:00 p. m. | 3:15 p. m. |
| No. 37 | 3:35 a. m. | 3:40 a. m. |

| (Southbound) | Arrive | Depart |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| No. 8 | 8:28 a. m. | 8:38 a. m. |
| No. 36 | 11:58 p. m. | 12:15 a. m. |

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN

| Northbound—to Breckenridge | Leave |
|----------------------------|------------|
| No. 12 | 5:15 a. m. |
| No. 2 | 7:00 a. m. |
| No. 4 | 3:20 p. m. |

| Southbound—from Breckenridge | Arrive |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| No. 2 | 6:50 p. m. |
| No. 1 | 10:30 a. m. |

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Corrected by Cisco Produce Co.

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| Hens, 3 lbs. and over | .13 |
| Fryers, 1 to 2 lbs | .23 |
| Fryers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. | .13 |
| Roosters | .05 |
| Stags, 3 to 4 lbs | .05 |
| Ducks | .12 |
| Geese | .12 |
| Turkeys | .30 |
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| Eggs | .33 |
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When we see or hear a thing that we believe in, or think right, we contend for that very thing. People tell us every week and every day of every week, that we are putting out a paper that suits their taste. That we say the right thing and put the message over in the proper form.

Well, being only human and susceptible ever to nice speeches, and especially when we think they come direct from an appreciative heart. But listen! To put out a paper and a first class one—the kind we are trying to give the public every week—it takes a strong support from the reading public.

The people are taking out their naturalization papers at a very lively clip, as the American has only been carrying forth its message of truth eight short months, and the subscription list is keeping time to the tune of "fifteen hundred." Pretty little list, don't you think?

But listen. As we feel that we are doing a real service for the people of this trade territory, we feel that we should be enabled to keep a clerk solely for the purpose of writing receipts for subscriptions.

The advertising public is giving us a wonderful support, and we certainly appreciate same but this section of the business would double shortly if the subscription list would number three thousand. We know that every man who has ever read a copy of the American, or heard of it, has planned in his heart to subscribe, but you know "Procrastination is a Thief of Time," and you are losing to this thief. So are we, but you, kind sir, are the greatest loser.

Henry Ford does not claim to be a wizard or a miracle man but he has been one of the greatest individual successes in the world of Motor Transportation, and by applying these same principles to railroading he has astounded the world by his almost magical success in redeeming the "Busted" system of Detroit, Toledo & Ironton road extending from Detroit four hundred and fifty four miles to the South. From a constantly "Busted" system Henry Ford has, in ten months, made it one of the best paying properties he owns. His men from the section hands to the superintendent are the best paid railroad men in the U. S., but the answer to the riddle is system and no waste.

Another question which the people are very much interested in—especially those who have to pay taxes—is how can the City Commission fix the tax rate until the taxable property of the city has been determined. It is stated that the American was in error in giving the taxable property of this city at fifteen million. Our latest information is that the valuation has now shrunk to eight million dollars, though not definitely determined. Yet, the tax rate has been fixed at \$2.10. Wonder how it was ascertained that this figure is sufficient to pay the expenses of the municipal government.

Nolley's Version
Of Friday Affray

Says Mahaney is not and has not been Deputy for Past Six Months—Regrets Affair—Courts Rigid Investigation in Bootlegging.

Although the American has not been favored with a copy of Sheriff Nolley's statement regarding the Starkey cutting and beating here last Friday, but the American desires to publish the full facts in all cases, so we are publishing below the statement which has appeared in some of the other papers of the county, giving Mr. Nolley's version of the affair. There is some difference in this statement, and that of Ross Marchman, who was himself seriously cut, and is now confined to his home with an ugly knife wound. Following is Mr. Nolley's statement:

To the Citizens of Eastland County,

Especially the Citizens of Cisco:

wounds caused by knife at the hand. With reference to the unfortunate affair which occurred last Friday in which Mr. Starkey received serious wounds caused by a knife at the hands of G. N. Mahaney, I desire to state that I was only attempting to settle some differences between Mr. Starkey and Mr. Mahaney and had no ill feeling or ill will against Mr. Starkey. Mr. Starkey was practically a stranger to me and I did not have the least idea he was going to strike me, and when he did he almost knocked me blind and I was only attempting to defend myself in doing what I did.

I did not know until after the difficulty that Starkey had been cut by Mahaney. I do not approve of such acts on his part.

Mahaney was not at the time of the difficulty, and had not been for five or six months prior thereto, my deputy. If Mahaney had been carrying a gun I did not know of it and he certainly was not carrying such as my deputy.

I have no interest in the defense of Mahaney and am ready at all times to do my duty with reference to seeing that a speedy trial is had of the matter in order that justice may be done. Mahaney is no more to me than Starkey and I am willing for the law to take its course.

I regret very much this unfortunate occurrence but desire to state that I felt like, and feel now, that I had a right to protect myself from assault at the hands of any man.

With reference to the hasty and ill-advised accusations made against me by the American Legion of Cisco, that I have been and am protecting gamblers and bootleggers, I desire to state that I court the fullest investigation of said false charges, and insist that the grand jury and all law-abiding citizens of this county use every effort to find out the truth or falsity of such accusation. I am ready and anxious to aid in any way possible to stamp out bootlegging, gambling and any other crime.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) SAM NOLLEY

Will the City Commission get busy and give us a hearing on the gas question? But the people will be glad to have an opportunity of having a representative at this hearing, and if it is honestly shown that the city is not entitled to a cheaper gas rate we will have to acquiesce, as the law, which is very favorable to corporations, guarantees public service concerns 10 per cent on their investment, no matter how much the individual losses are. Yet, there be those who say that Texas laws are hostile to capital. Ye gods!

Road Camps Are
Being Erected

Road Material is Being Received, and Work Will Doubtless Soon Commence on Eastland Link of the Bankhead Highway.

As mentioned exclusively in the American last week two companies have agreed to take road bonds for road material, and the State and Federal aid being sufficient to defray the labor expense, the construction of the Bankhead Highway would begin soon, regardless of litigation pending in the courts.

Another obstacle to the commencement of this work was removed Wednesday, when Judge Chapman, sitting as special judge in the 88th district court, handed down his decision in the suit of Chastain, Judkins & Chastain, attacking the validity of the four and one half million dollar bond issue, which declared the bonds legal. Naturally, notice of the appeal was made just as soon as the decision was rendered, but it is thought any appeal will not hamper the commencement of this road construction. At any rate the contractors, Smith Bros., do not seem to be worried, as they are unloading road material at the three commencement points—Cisco, Eastland and Ranger. A force of men are at work erecting a road camp out on East Fourteenth street, preparatory to the commencement of this work at this end of the line. It is stated that work will actually begin on this road Monday. Road machinery is also being placed in readiness now, four men coming through with this road machinery, it is said.

The public hopes to see the resumption of the road work of the entire county, and numerous petitions have been circulated all over the county, asking that all litigation be stopped seeking to tie up this construction. Perhaps a large majority have signed their names to these petitions, but just what effect it will have no one can tell, for the litigants are at liberty to instigate other suits in the court if thought advisable.

In his decision declaring the road bonds legal, and deciding against the plaintiffs, Judge Chapman denied the prayer of the defendants seeking to enjoin the plaintiffs from instituting other proceedings. Judge Chapman also decided that the defendant, Davison, take nothing in his cross action seeking to recover damages in the sum of \$60,000.00 of the plaintiffs for bringing the cancellation suit.

The decision of Judge Chapman was reached Wednesday afternoon, the case having been called Wednesday morning, makes this a piece of record breaking litigation for Eastland county, where matters of this character are expected to last at least a week. But it seems that Judge Chapman expedites business in his courts. If this is a sample of his work Eastland would like to trade Jones county out of this official. A judge of this character would save many thousands of dollars—perhaps we will get one or two of his calibre at the next election as indications all over the county point to a house cleaning, in at least some quarters.

Mr. W. H. Kittrell, Jr., went to Abilene last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Kittrell are visiting their parents here from Dallas.

The best creamery butter on the market is Country Pride 31

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AT THE HOUR SET FOR HIS
WEDDING GROOM LAY DYING

One of the saddest deaths that has been known in Cisco was that which occurred last Monday morning at the Humble hospital, when breath left the body of Mr. Harry A. Joyner, who was an employe of the Humble company at Ranger.

This death was doubly sad. First because of its mysterious and unaccountable cause, and second for the reason he was here to claim his bride, who had no intimation of his illness until after the hour set for the nuptials.

A 2:30 p. m. he was found in his room at the Daniels hotel in a dying condition thirty minutes after the time set for the marriage with Miss Fern Hubbard of this city. When found he was unconscious, and remained so until the breath finally left the body.

As soon as discovered he was removed to the Humble hospital where medical aid was given him with no avail, so whatever may have been the cause of his passing away will never be known.

He spent the evening with his fiancée, leaving the Hubbard home about 10:30 o'clock, he went to his hotel at 11 o'clock and calling for his key went to his room. That was the last seen of him until the maid called the office about half past two Sunday afternoon, and the door was forced open when Joyner was found lying in a dying condition on his bed, clad in his underclothes. It is supposed that his death was due to romaine poison, yet there is nothing to support this theory, but it seems the most reasonable, as no other theory seems tenable.

Miss Hubbard stated that when he left her home Saturday evening he was in the best of spirits, and seemed perfectly happy. She was not informed of his condition until after the hour set for the wedding, and when the news reached her she was dressed and awaiting his arrival.

A peculiar incident in connection with Mr. Joyner's demise is that he died on the same day of the month as that of his mother, eight months ago, and the funeral took place the same date. After services at the Catholic church the body was buried beside that of his parent in the City cemetery in this city Wednesday morning, followed by the bereaved fiancée and sisters and brother.

His sisters, Mrs. C. E. McCarthy of Mexia, and Miss Lillian Joyner, who is a student at St. Mary's Academy at Austin, and his brother, W. M. Joyner of Mexia, also with the Humble company, attended the funeral.

BABB'S STORE IN NEW HOME

The Babb Store is now located in the stand recently vacated by Cisco Hardware company, having been moved to this location this week. Mr. Babb has decided to remain in Cisco, as he could not secure the location expected in Abilene.

Mr. T. B. Starkey of Wellington, Texas, has been in Cisco all the week being called here on account of the wounding of his brother, Mr. L. J. Starkey.

Go to Mayes Cafe

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In all-day dresses designers follow the lead of the afternoon frock in emphasizing sleeves and panels—but with the moderation that befits garments designed for utility. These two style points are evident in the pretty frock shown in the illustration. It is of black canton crepe, with full sleeves of black georgette and full panels of silk at the sides of the skirt, so quiet and so simply designed that it may play the part of either the all-day

dress of the afternoon frock. Shaded bands of georgette on the sleeves and panels insure enough buoyancy in them and the picture leaves nothing to be desired in this simple slip-over dress, with bodice tied at the back of the neck with narrow crepe ribbon. The bodice is finished with tassels. The narrow grille is made of the crepe.

Soft black velvet for the formal afternoon or dinner dress, finds this mode of elaborate sleeves the very best sort of aid to beauty, especially in the company of long, floating panels. The sleeves may be of satin or of velvet in a contrasting color, and richly embroidered, with deep borders at the bottom of the panels to match them.

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Medical Society Meets Tuesday

Organized March, 1904 With Dr. W. L. Vance its First President—Some of the Charter Members—Interesting Program Arranged.

The Eastland County Medical Society will convene in regular session in the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday, February 14. Dr. Gregory, the secretary, has sent out to the medical fraternity an invitation to be in attendance, and has arranged a most interesting program for this meeting.

As is the custom some distinguished physician has been invited to attend this meeting and read papers. This meeting the Society will have as its guest Dr. Bacon Saunders, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Texas, and while it is not known what will be the subject of Dr. Saunders' address, those who hear it will hear an interesting subject discussed.

Besides the address of Dr. Saunders, other out of county guests will be Dr. Martin E. Tabor of Dallas, who will present a paper on "Foreign Bodies in the Lungs," and Dr. Elden Coffey of Fort Worth who will discuss "Surgical Conditions of the Gall Bladder."

Dr. Gregory stated that while these meetings are for the physicians, yet the public is invited, and requested to attend, as there are many things that will interest our people.

History of Society

This Society, which has never had a suspension, is recognized as one of the strongest county medical societies in Texas. It was organized in Cisco in March, 1904. Its first president was Dr. W. L. Vance, who still makes frequent visits to this place, and is loved by a host of friends. The first vice-president was Dr. J. L. Johnson of Eastland, while the first secretary was Dr. E. B. Gilbert of Gorman. The charter members were Dr. J. L. Johnson, Eastland; R. L. McCoy, Carbon; J. R. Lyons, W. P. Lee, Cisco; W. C. Boone, J. M. Britton, Cisco; W. L. Vance, Cisco; B. F. Jones, Cisco (deceased); W. M. Powell, Cisco (deceased); E. B. Gilbert, Carbon; Chas. H. Harris, Moran; H. D. Wilder. At its first meeting the Society was named Eastland County Medical Society, and as such has been functioning continuously.

Invitation

Of recent years Dr. J. W. Gregory has been its secretary, and it is due to his untiring efforts that the Society has maintained its enviable reputation, and has always held interesting and profitable meetings. It is probable that Dr. Gregory will hold the secretaryship as long as he will consent to serve the body. At a recent meeting when the election of officers was in progress some member suggested that the election of a secretary had not been made. Another member stated that that part of the program was settled, that the secretary was already elected, and proposed to make his tenure for life.

Dr. Gregory has sent out the following invitation to the medical fraternity, together with the program as arranged for the Cisco meeting next Tuesday:

Cisco, Texas, Jan. 28th, 1922.

Dear Doctor:

You are cordially invited to attend a regular meeting of the Eastland County Medical Society which convenes at Chamber of Commerce rooms, Cisco, Tuesday afternoon, February 14th, 1922, at 2 p. m.

An interesting program has been provided. Your presence will be needed to make the meeting just what it should be. A few out of county men have been invited and have promised papers on real medical subjects of vital interest. These men are too well known to our members to need any introduction. Attend this meeting and hear them.

The time has again arrived to pay the State and County dues for the coming year. Bring your check along already made out to the Secretary. The Secretary desires that these dues be paid by check with proper notation affixed, showing what the check is issued for. Pay now and save your Secretary much time and trouble.

The Cisco Medical Society desires to see a full attendance of both physicians and dentists of the county.

This meeting will be held regardless of the weather conditions. If the roads are too bad for motor travel, come on the trains.

Program

INVOCATION—Rev. E. H. Holmes, Pastor First Christian Church, Cisco.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME—F. D. Wright, Assistant City Attorney, Cisco.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME—Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, Ranger.

PAPER—"The Problem of Tuberculosis."

Dr. T. G. Jackson, Carbon. Discussion opened by Drs. W. P. Lee, Cisco and W. L. Jackson, Ranger.

PAPER—"Foreign Bodies in the Lungs."—Dr. Martin E. Tabor, Dallas. Discussion opened by Drs. Chas. Hale, Cisco and J. W. Simmons, Eastland.

ADDRESS—Dr. Bacon Saunders, Fort Worth.

REPORT of case of chronic pyorrhea complicated by acute rheumatism, treatment and complete recovery—W. E. Chaney, D. D. S., Cisco. Discussion opened by Dr. F. E. Clark, Cisco.

PAPER—"Pneumonia and Some of its Complications in Childhood."—Dr. L. E. McAdon, Ranger. Discussion opened by Drs. M. L. Stubblefield, Gorman, and J. R. Dill, Rising Star.

PAPER—"Surgical Conditions of the Gall Bladder."—Dr. Elden Coffey Fort Worth. Discussion opened by Drs. James Shackelford, Ranger, and E. L. Graham, Cisco.

PAPER—"Some Practical Points on Erysipelas."—Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, Ranger. Discussion opened by Drs. John H. Bryce, Cisco and S. C. Richardson, Eastland.

LUNCHEON—By members of Cisco Medical Society. T. L. Lauderdale, M. D., Ranger, Pres.

Joseph W. Gregory, M. D., Cisco, Secty.

VITAL STATISTICS MUST BE REPORTED TO CLERK

February 6, 1922.

To All Physicians, Midwives, Nurses and Undertakers of Eastland county:

The following letter has been received from the State Board of Health at Austin relative to the filing of birth and death certificates:

"You would be interested if you know the great number of certificates this office receives from the individual doctors and wives of your community, which should have been sent to you. In this connection we want to suggest that you communicate in some way with all the physicians of your community, request them to kindly send you, as Registrar, all their certificates, and at the same time ask them to be more careful about making out their certificates before sending them in. Do you realize that only 70% of the births were reported last year? This brings Texas within 20% of the United States Registration Area. Understand that 90% of all births must be reported before this can be accomplished."

All physicians, midwives, nurses and undertakers in this county, except Ranger, should send their birth and death reports direct to this office. If you send them to the state department the county will never have a record of them. It is our duty to record them on the county records and then forward them to the state department. This is done once each month.

At Ranger and in the Ranger territory these reports should be sent direct to the city Clerk at Ranger. In towns above 15,000 population the city clerk has jurisdiction, but in all others the county clerk attends to these duties.

Responsible parties named above are kindly requested to comply with these instructions in so far as it is possible to do so. Blanks can be had from this office at any time upon request. I will thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

Respectfully,

EARL BENDER,
County Clerk

DOINGS OF DOTHAN TOWN

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, Feb. 7.—Mr. Lester Short and cousin, Miss Amy Short, spent last Saturday night and Sunday in Bunyan.

Messrs. Leonard and Lloyd Surlis and sister, Miss Clarice, and Miss Beulah Yarbrough, visited relatives and friends in Baird last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pippen had as their dinner guests last Sunday: Mrs. Jack Pippen and daughter, Miss Rozelle, Misses Katherine Surlis and Maude Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Zloy Surlis.

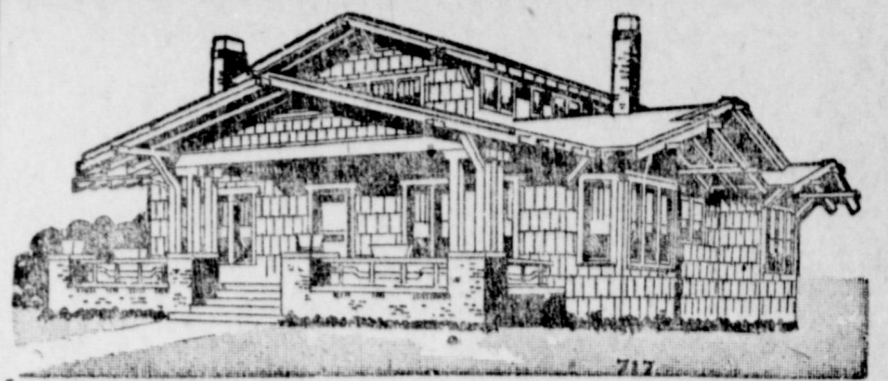
Mr. and Mrs. John Huesties are entertaining a husky seven and one half pound baby boy, who arrived at that household last Friday at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Yeager and children and Mrs. A. Birt and children, were guests of Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough last Sunday evening.

Dothan Trims Scranton

The Senior Basket Ball Boys and Girls teams of the Dothan school played the Senior Boys and Girls teams of the Scranton school last Friday afternoon. In both games Dothan carried off the honors. The score being: Boys team—Dothan, 21, Scranton 19; Girls team—Dothan, 37, Scranton, 9.

Mr. Wilmer Short of Anson, is visiting relatives in Dothan, and his parents in Cisco.



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FLASHES FROM FRIENDSHIP

Special Correspondence.

Friendship, Feb. 7.—We are having pretty weather this week, so far as the week has progressed, but there are indications that we will yet have plenty of winter before the last of the winter months are gone.

Mr. Will Parmer is cleaning out his large tank, so that he will be prepared to store a large amount of stock water, when it does rain.

The young people of this community, enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. Carey's home last Saturday afternoon.

Last Sunday afternoon the young people went in cars to Mr. Harold's future country home, which he is having remodeled as a pleasure resort. While there, they took a number of pictures of the beautiful scenes.

Mr. Oscar Penn was in Romney last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Marchman, Frank Penn and Will Parmer were in Cisco on business last Saturday.

We had a large crowd out for Sunday School Sunday, but we hope to see the number even larger next Sunday and every other Sunday in the future.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. McDonald and Mr. Bill McDonald, were in Baird Wednesday on business, making the trip by auto.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following have authorized the American to announce their names for the several offices under which their name appears:

- For County Clerk: ERNEST JONES.
- For County Treasurer: T. W. TOOMBS.
- For County Clerk: EARL BENDER (For Re-Election.)
- For Supt. of Public Instruction: ULALA HOWARD. (For Re-Election)

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EARL BENDER IS AGAIN CANDIDATE FOR CO. CLERK

The Oil Belt News of Eastland had the following to say regarding Mr. Bender's announcement:

"The Oil Belt News is authorized to announce Earl Bender as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Bender is now serving his first term by election but had part of a previous term by appointment.

"Earl Bender has lived in Eastland county for 15 years and received the principal part of his education in this county. He had taught school for a number of years prior to the war and was called into service and went out with the first contingent of troops in September of 1917. He was overseas for 12 months, serving in the 90th Division. He returned home in June of 1919, and in July of that year he was appointed County Clerk, taking the place of Miss Maud Crossley, who had resigned.

"He was a candidate for the office in 1920 and received the Democratic nomination and was elected in November of that year.

"During his tenure of office, Mr. Bender has served the people of this county efficiently and well. Affordable and courteous in manner, he has always tried to see that those having business in the County Clerk's office have been waited on with as little delay as possible.

"He has had a capable force of deputies, who have kept the large amount of clerical work in this important office in excellent shape.

"On his past record and the promise of continuing to give the best

Mr. W. W. Earley arrived this week from Snyder and will remain here for a week or more. Mr. Earley is interested in the Roberts-Murphy well, and just wanted to be on the ground when the well blows itself in.

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service possible, he asks the voters of Eastland county for their support in the coming primary."

Mr. Bender's statement to the public follows:

Through the columns of your paper, I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of county clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the July primary. In making this announcement for one of the principal county offices, I was not unmindful of the many important official duties to perform and the many responsibilities to shoulder, for I have had these experiences through one of the busiest periods the county has ever known.

During the oil-boom days and even at the present time the county clerk's office of Eastland county was one of the largest of its kind in the state. Upon a recent personal investigation it was found that we recorded almost as many land instruments, filed as many chattel mortgages and attended to as many court duties as many of our clerks in the larger cities of the state. Preference is made to my annual report now filed with the county auditor for information as to the great volume of business discharged and attended to by this office for the last fiscal year.

Since my appointment more than two years ago, it has been my policy to attend strictly to the duties of the office, to make my reports promptly and accurately, to serve all in a fair and impartial way, and to give to the people by whom I was elected to serve, an honest, clear-cut, business-like administration, such as would deserve the approval of all good citizens. And whether I am re-nominated or not, I shall always feel grateful to a host of friends in all parts of the county, in all walks and stations of life, who have been kind, appreciative and considerate; and this one fact alone has made it a personal satisfaction to me to serve them.

My record as county clerk stands as an open book. Every report required by law has been promptly and accurately made. Every dollar received or expended has been accounted for in written and monthly reports to the auditor. These reports, as well as every official act of mine, are items of public record and are now and have always been subject to the inspection and criticism of any and all concerned. It has been my policy to thoroughly systematize the office work to the end that more efficient and quicker service could be given. Each assistant is trained in his or her particular line of work. We have trained ourselves in an individual way to learn what our patrons desired; and then to give them the very best that united action and concerted effort could accomplish.

I make no claim to the office on the ground that I have only served you but one elected term. If an officer has made good, I know that it is customary in Eastland county to give him two full terms, because, from the standpoint of experience and general knowledge of the work, he is without question the best qualified man. No individual, howsoever competent and conscientious he may be in other ways, can serve best until he has had actual experience not only in discharging the everyday routine, but in bearing the burdens of individual responsibility as well. Ask the best banker the successful business man, or the most progressive farmer if these characteristics are not essential in their respective lines of work. AND IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THE WORK OF A COUNTY OFFICE, LARGE OR SMALL, CAN BE AND SHOULD BE CONDUCTED JUST AS EFFICIENTLY, BY USING CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS METHODS, AS THE BANK, THE LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE, OR ANY OTHER WELL ORGANIZED BUSINESS. But the individual officer can't do this until he is tarined and is willing to devote his whole time and attention to the work.

If the people of Eastland county place efficiency above politics (and I believe they do); if they believe in a well organized, well systematized plan of conducting a county office (and I believe they do); IF THEY BELIEVE IN THE INDIVIDUAL SERVING HIS OFFICE INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE OFFICE TO SERVE HIM (and I believe they do); if they believe in duty first and let the consequences follow that will (and I believe they do); then I am in the race for your vote. These principles have been my policy and will be as long as I hold office. If you believe in them then I wish to pledge myself anew to the only two promises that I made you two years ago: First, that I shall appreciate your vote, your influence, and if elected, the office to which I aspire. Second: That I shall earnestly endeavor to give you an honest, clear-cut, business-like administration.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL BENDER.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Earl W. Collins by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 88th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 88th District to appear at the next regular term of the 88th District Court of Eastland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1922, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of January A. D. 1922, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 8716, wherein A. L. Mayhew is Plaintiff, and Earl W. Collins and William Spicer are Defendants, and said petition alleging

Plaintiff sues defendant Earl W. Collins on one certain promissory vendor's lien note, executed by defendant Collins on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1913, payable to order of W. T. Scott. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Collins made, delivered and executed 5 certain notes of above date and said notes each of the sum of \$200 and due on the 15th day of November each year 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and the first four of said notes have been paid and note number 5 in the sum of \$200.00 bears a credit of \$100.00 dated Jan. 5, 1916 and a second credit bring for the sum of \$40.00 dated May 31st, A. D. 1916. Said note No. 5 bears interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date, and also provides for attorneys fees at the usual and customary fee of 10%. That there is now due and paid on Note No. 5 the sum of \$60.00 and attorneys fees, and said note is due and unpaid and plaintiff is the owner and holder of said note and sues for his principal and interest and attorneys fees, and said notes were given in part payment of the following described land to wit: Being 50 acres of land out of the Southwest corner of the East one-half (1/2) of the West one-half of Section No. 2, Block B, Certificate No. 708, T. & N. O. School land, situated in Stephens county, Texas. Plaintiff asks that defendants be cited to appear and upon final trial hereof he have judgment for his debt, interest and attorneys fees and for costs of suit and for foreclosure of the vendor's lien upon the above described property and for general and special relief.

Herein Fail Not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Eastland this the 20th day of January A. D. 1922.

ROY NUNNALLY, Clerk,
District Court Eastland County.

By L. C. REED, Deputy.

Issued this 20th day of January A. D. 1922.

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You are Hereby Commanded to summon R. B. Mixon by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 88th District; but if there be no paper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 88th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the 88th District Court of Eastland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1922, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1922, then and there, to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of January A. D. 1922, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 8706, wherein Mrs. Alma M. Mixon is Plaintiff, and R. B. Mixon is Defendant, and said petition alleging

Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 5th day of May A. D. 1920, and at said time defendant had a venereal disease which was unknown to plaintiff, and that by reason of said disease plaintiff was deceived. Plaintiff alleges that by reason of defendant being infected

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with said disease their living together as husband and wife is insupportable. Plaintiff sues for divorce, for general and special relief and cost of suit.

Herein Fail Not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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GROW BROOM CORN FOR THE MARKET

Stephenville Tribune.

Broom corn is worth \$185 a ton, and those who know say it is far more profitable as a crop than any crop the farmer can grow, and it is also a certain crop. If enough farmers can be found to produce a sufficient acreage buyers can readily be found for the crop is and always has been in good demand. The grower must first thresh the seed from the straw on a simple machine which he himself, can construct, and then the straw must be baled for shipping. There are special balers for such work. Joe Marrs, who runs the Rock Barn at Stephenville, is said to be familiar with all the phases of the broom corn industry. Farmers who are tired of feeding boll weevils should investigate broom corn growing.

Mr. Marrs stated that there are

two varieties of broom corn—the standard and the dwarf—and he would advise the growing of the dwarf variety in this section. The dwarf is harvested with less labor and reaches a height of from four to five feet, and succeeds on land where sorghum and kaffir do well. It makes a boot, and is snapped at the boot in the dough stage of the seed. The heads are thrown four rows together and cured, then threshed and baled. The seed, if not allowed to heat while in bulk will make good chicken and stock feed. Four acres will yield a ton of marketable straw, and buyers will be willing to come to any section where as much as 100 acres are planted. He states that he would prefer raising broom corn to 10 per cent cotton. Last year he tried to get the business men of Stephenville interested in this crop, but most people were wedded to cotton, and no headway was made. Since the boll weevil has made cotton growing hazardous he believes the next best crop is broom corn. Mr. Marrs has raised broom corn, and has hauled broom corn buyers to fields in West Texas and in Oklahoma, hence he knows the business from its several angles.

DANIEL'S GAS RATE WRONG

Mr. Ed Daniels, whom Mr. W. H. Kittrell quoted as paying only \$1.50 for gas last month, stated this was an error, as it was his light bill that was \$1.50, while his gas bill was \$4.50. Yet, in comparison there is quite a difference in his rate and that charged the widow with only a two room house. The American is under the impression that the gas meters need regulation, or a more careful reading, in some quarters, as there is too wide a difference between individuals.

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**Citizens League
Draws Big House**
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yet they do not decline to lead if necessary. This is as it should be. When all the people take an interest in the affairs of the city and state, all is well; when the best people are too busy with their private affairs to investigate and take part in public affairs, politicians and public utility companies are in clover.

There are numerous rumors and various charges made. We accomplish no good, but sometimes do much harm, by simply "kicking" but the way to keep from getting our affairs in the condition of our "bad affairs" is for the people to solve our problems in a business way and let every tax payer know what he is getting for his money,—then all-together for a greater and better CISCO.

EUGENE LANKFORD.

In the selection of the personnel of these committees President Lankford tried and did select representative men and women to serve the League.

It has been announced that the first meeting failed to elect a vice-president and assistant secretary. Mr. J. L. Stevenson was elected as vice president, while E. L. Battaile was chosen as assistant secretary.

Report of Committee on Resolutions
The committee on resolutions submitted the following resolutions to the body, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our country in almost every line, is resolving back to normalcy, and

Whereas, Many of our civic, industrial and political statutes are yet abnormal, and

Whereas, Those in authority or in a positions to adjust these strained conditions are hesitant, and

Whereas, The exigencies of situation have prompted and created the Citizenship, Vigilance and Progress.

Resolved, By the Citizens League in mass meeting assembled, that

1. The name of the Citizens League shall be identified with Good Citizenship, Vigilance and Progress;

2. That in the aggregate and individuality each member of the League will devote compelling efforts for the betterment of the members of the League and for Cisco.

3. That the Citizens League from necessity shall be a permanent organization, wherein every citizen is welcome; that the League shall be a public forum wherein things of a public nature shall be discussed, and means resorted to for a proper adjustment of same.

4. That we request the city officials that they furnish the Cisco Daily News and the Cisco American (present) statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Cisco.

5. That it is the sense of this body that a list of the city employees, with their salary paid each, be published.

6. That we request the publication of the total valuation for taxable purposes of the property within the City of Cisco.

7. That it is the sense of this

body that Eastland county people be given the work, as far as possible, of building Eastland county highways, that we demand employers in said work to keep within the law with respect to hours and wages paid.

8. That this body is further resolved that we shall expect more efficient service of our peace officers.

J. L. Stevenson, Chairman,
Mrs. E. E. Kean,
Mrs. R. Q. Lee,
Miss Velma St. John,
B. H. Lauderdale,
Dr. J. H. Bryce,
Rev. S. J. Vaughan, Co.

These resolutions received the unanimous vote of the League.

After the adoption of the resolutions Mr. Crigler Paschall, commander of the John William Butts Post, American Legion, made an appeal to the League for its financial and moral support in its campaign against crime, and for the prosecution of the assailants of Legionaire Starkey, Sam Nolley and G. N. Mahaney. Judge B. B. Greenwood also made a strong plea for the Legionaires, and was given hearty applause for his patriotic remarks.

The next regular meeting of the League is the second Thursday night in March, but it is probable that matters of interest will develop that will necessitate a called meeting at an early date, so hold yourself in readiness to come out when the president shall issue the call.

It was gratifying to see a large number of the ladies of Cisco in attendance last night, and it is hoped that they will be present in increased numbers at each and every meeting. The League is pledged to do all things possible to make Cisco a better place to live in and transact business. If you are interested in Cisco identify yourself with the League. It is now functioning.

Mr. J. W. Smith of the E. J. Barnes company, was in Eastland Wednesday on court business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ravenscraft motored over to Abilene one day this week.

Mr. A. L. Mayhew was in Dallas this week on business.

Mrs. Chas. Curry is attending the millinery markets.

Mr. J. W. Meeker of Sipe Springs was in Cisco today. He stated he is contemplating moving to this place in the near future, where he expects to handle second hand casing and oil well supplies.

C. A. Lotoff was in Dallas this week buying merchandise for the Famous Store.

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**That Saturday
Night Meeting**
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ed his report as required by law, but when the rate was raised this report had been transmitted to the Chamber of Commerce and had never been returned to the files of the mayor's office. The mayor admitted that the City Commission had the power to regulate the rates, but at the time the matter was up for discussion (October 1920) prices had not yet reached normal, and a rate fixed then would be binding for three years, and would necessarily be higher than when labor and material were at lower levels. Yet the mayor failed to state why the commission had remained silent for the past six months, since labor is its lowest level, and prices are near pre-war figures. Had some action been taken six months ago much suffering and hardships would doubtless have been averted, had an equitable gas rate been then established. A lower rate will not mean as much next summer to our people as it would now. This is like Mr. Campbell promising cheaper ice next summer when the ground was covered with sleet.

During the mayor's talk to the meeting he stated that he would give all a respectful hearing, and listen to both sides of any question, yet he reserved the right to follow that course which his better judgment and conscience dictated. He reminded the people that Cisco was the only town not tied up for three years by a high gas rate. The inference is that the gas rate will be taken up at some future time for regulation, possibly next summer after the cold weather. It has been the general impression that the mayor contended the commission was without authority to regulate the rate. According to a communication from Commissioner Blitch he stated that the mayor left this impression upon him. The mayor used the same reason that Mr. Campbell advanced—that it was the Texas Company that made the rate, and as the Texas Company was wise enough not to invade the city limits with its gas mains, certainly the city could not reach that corporation. However, we can reach those people through their distributing agents.

Mayor Williamson stated that "publicity had not been fair, and criticism as to city officials was not justified." Inasmuch as the American has been the only paper that has given the gas rates publicity, it is presumed that this charge was directed at the great American weekly. The American always endeavored to be fair, and the only criticism this paper has ever made against the city commission was to say that the "commission has not regulated the rates." If this is unjust we know not how to be just. Everyone knows that the commission's sins have been that of omission, rather than commission, in this instance. The publicity given the high gas rates in the American we believed was justified for the reason that there is not another town situated in close proximity to a gas field, that pays as high rate as that charged in Cisco. We pay the same rate as charged in Dallas, and the gas is piped into that city from gas fields 100 miles away. If this publicity based on comparison, is not fair we fail to see the logic of the mayor's reasoning.

A motion was unanimously adopted to appoint a committee to draft resolutions condemning Sheriff Nolley for his connection with the assault on L. J. Starkey, and that a copy of same be delivered to Sheriff Nolley in person, one be furnished each paper in Eastland county, a copy be wired to Governor Neff, and one be furnished the John William Butts Post, and a copy be sent to the wife and daughter of Mr. Starkey. Messrs. E. B. Gude, R. L. Bettis and C. V. Rominger were appointed to deliver the copy to Sheriff Nolley. These gentlemen were also selected to deliver to the sheriff resolutions passed at the meeting Friday night. This duty they performed Monday.

Resolution Adopted in Mass Meeting of Cisco Citizens, Cisco, Texas, February 4th, 1922.

RESOLVED THAT, We, the citizens of Cisco, Texas, in mass meeting assembled, having under consideration the enforcement of criminal laws of the State of Texas within the limits of Eastland county, having fully and conscientiously informed ourselves as to the true facts surrounding a tragedy enacted in our city February 3rd, 1922, in which one of our citizens was struck down by knife and gun in the hands of Sam P. Nolley, Sheriff of Eastland county, Texas, and one Newt Mahaney, his henchman, hereby denounce in unmeasured terms the said dastardly act, and, taking further into consideration that instead of striking down unarmed and unoffensive citi-

zens, it is the sworn duty under the law of the said Sam P. Nolley as said Sheriff to preserve the peace and to protect the citizenship of Eastland county;

WE HEREBY DEMAND THAT THE SAID SAM P. NOLLEY AT ONCE RESIGN HIS OFFICE and surrender back to the people the authority conferred on him by them, and which authority he has so signally contrived to disgrace.

Resolved further, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every newspaper in Eastland county with request that it be published.

That a copy be delivered to said Sam P. Nolley by a committee appointed for that purpose.

That a copy be forwarded to Hon. Pat Neff, Governor of Texas.

That a copy be delivered to John William Butts Post of American Legion of Cisco.

And that a copy be given to the wife and daughter of L. J. Starkey.

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE
Lewis N. Stuckey,
B. B. Greenwood,
Walter Hayden.

**Mass Meeting
At White Heat**

Aroused to a White Heat of Indignation Cisco People Shake off Their Lethargy and Demand that Officers be Law-Abiding Men.

The most pacific bodies are really the most dangerous when, once they are disturbed. For time immemorial the people of Cisco have been most pacific. But they are thoroughly aroused now, and the edict has gone forth that lawlessness in Eastland county has about run its course; that the sovereignty of the lawless element over Cisco and Eastland county has expired by statute of limitation. From now the word is clean up or clean out.

Ever since the horrible cutting affray which was enacted upon Cisco's streets last Friday noon things have been happening. Aroused to a white heat of indignation the people of the town assembled in mass meeting Friday night in the city hall, and like the big mass meeting of earnest tax payers which came together 700 strong only two weeks ago, hundreds were present to voice their indignation against those who perpetrated that deplorable and cowardly assault upon one of Cisco's most peaceable citizens, when L. J. Starkey was cut and knocked down by G. N. Mahaney and Sheriff Nolley.

The meeting was called by the members of the John William Butts Post, American Legion, of which Starkey is a member, but it was not long until it was seen that the post would have to defer this meeting until a later date, as outraged citizens from all over the city, and nearby points, soon filled the City-Hall auditorium to its full capacity. The American was going to press while the meeting was in progress, and some of the proceedings were published in last week's issue.

We stated last week that things were happening. The mass meeting was one where each Ciscoan spoke his opinion, and there was no reservation or evasion in the talks that were made. Each man spoke as if what he said could and would be repeated. The Legionaires generally endorsed the story as published in the American last week as correct. But the meeting was red hot, and all the officers who had been winking at crime were severely denounced, and it was the unanimous verdict of every man present, that peace officers failing to do their duty would not be countenanced in Cisco or Eastland county hereafter. Reports came from other portions of the county indicate that the law and order element are backing up the Cisco people in their clean up campaign. Soon after the Legion boys began to gather the citizenship of the town came pouring in and there was soon a full house of desperate, determined men.

The pyrotechnics were started when Dean Sherry, past commander of the local post, reviewed the record of Starkey, who had fought in the world war to protect the family of the man who had cut him down and stated that the assault upon Starkey was the result of the deplorable conditions which exist in this county, and which Starkey, and other law-abiding citizens were seeking to abate and stated that this crime was against every law-abiding citizen of the city and of the county. Several others made remarks germane to the issue, and none minced their words in speaking of the affair, or the conditions existing. Among the number being W. J. Barnes, formerly of this place, and later connected with the County Attorney's office at Eastland, and now assisting the prohibition officer. Mr. Barnes stated that he came to Cisco that day to see Starkey who had been assisting in some work of law enforcement, and

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found that he had been butchered by one of the very men he was after. The other speaker told of open violations in Cisco of the prohibition law, and stated instances where friends had told them of having protection from the officers.

Upon motion of Dr. J. H. Boyd and Dean Sherry a committee was appointed to draft resolutions condemning Sheriff Nolley for his part in the disgraceful affray, and denouncing all officers not in accord with the preserving of law and order in the city and county. On this committee was appointed Frank Bell, C. C. Clifton and Forest Wright.

Cool judgment prevailed at the meeting, and violence was discontinued, yet immediately after the meeting adjourned about two hundred men went to Eastland and went through the jail, but neither Nolley nor Mahaney could be found.

As the American went to press this paper stated that men were patrolling the streets, and that there might be a tale to tell in the morning—and there was. Two vacancies were noticed on the city police force. No one could, or would tell what had become of the night police force. Late pedestrians saw nothing of them at a late hour that night, but they were seen in the city for a short while Saturday. It was stated at the city that they were discharged for dereliction that they were discharged for desertion. But there are those who say they do not blame them.

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