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Henry A. Simpkins Kills Wife and Himself After Wounding Mother-in-Law

As horrible as its motive was mysterious was the tragedy enacted Tuesday about noon that shocked the entire citizenship of Cisco when it became known that Henry A. Simpkins had shot his wife fatally, after firing two bullets into the body of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Link Huntington, and then completed the tragedy by firing a shot into his own brain. Mrs. Huntington was conveyed to the Graham sanitarium, where surgeons extracted the shots, and where she is fighting for her life from the effects of the wounds received while the tragedy was being enacted. The bodies of Simpkins and his wife were conveyed to the mortuary of the Green Funeral Home, where they were prepared for burial.

Mrs. Huntington's body was pierced by two bullet wounds, one striking her in the chin, which penetrated into her throat, and the other in her breast and lodging in her side.

Mrs. Simpkins received four or five wounds, all striking her in the head and face. One wound above the right ear ended the life of Simpkins. The scene of the tragedy was the Simpkins home, 506 Jefferson street, and the weapon used that snuffed out the lives of Simpkins and his wife, and dangerously wounded Mrs. Huntington, was a .32 calibre magazine rifle. No eye witnesses except Mrs. Huntington witnessed the tragedy.

Mrs. Simpkins, her sister and husband, Louis Lem, and Mrs. Huntington had just returned from the Huntington farm home, north of Cisco, to meet her husband who had been picking cotton at the farm home of his father, near Tuxedo, Jones county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem, whose home is in Arkansas, were here visiting Mrs. Huntington at the time, did not go into the house with Mrs. Simpkins and Mrs. Huntington, but were in the garden picking okra. Hearing the shots they rushed to the front of the building where they saw Mrs. Huntington emerge, who stated that "Simpkins has shot me, and will kill you."

They carried Mrs. Huntington to the home of a neighbor, and from there she was taken to the hospital.

Buried in Separate Graves

The Green Funeral Home, which

had charge of both burials, conveyed the body of Mrs. Simpkins to Dothan, where interment was had, with Rev. Stuart Pearce conducting the burial service at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Simpkins was buried in Oakwood cemetery the same afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, with Rev. Agnew conducting the services.

Mrs. Simpkins was 32 years of age at the time of her tragic death, and Mr. Simpkins 35 years and eight months old, having been born in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1897. Their six children, whose ages ranged from 12 to two years, had been left at the Link Huntington home when Mrs. Huntington and daughters returned to Cisco Tuesday.

Simpkins was a veteran of the world war, having an honorable discharge signed by John P. Duvall, commanding officer. He was a member of the John William Butts post, American Legion.

Before committing this horrible tragedy Simpkins had written three letters which were discovered after his suicide, one to his son, admonishing him to take care of his sisters, in which he said he "thought this the best route;" another "to whom it may concern," gave directions as to the disposition of the household effects.

The third letter was addressed to A. C. Green, in which he said: "See that we are buried. You can get the money from my war certificate. Then forget us. Yours as ever, H. A. Simpkins." Bury us side by side at Dothan. Our baby is buried there."

These notes revealed that the tragedy had been planned and was executed in all its horrible details, but until Mrs. Huntington recovers sufficiently to relate just what happened immediately anterior to his firing the fatal shots, none will know the motive that prompted him to commit this horrible deed. Then, the real motive, if any, may not be known to the wounded woman. So, if there be a motive it may be buried in the grave.

Mrs. Huntington is still alive at the Graham sanitarium, where it is reported she has a chance of recovering from her wounds.

Dan C. Crider Will Speak Here Monday At The City Hall

The Citizen is advised by W. B. Starr that Dan C. Crider, pioneer Socialist lecturer, will speak at the city hall auditorium next Monday evening, October 3, at 8 o'clock. He will speak in behalf of the Socialist national ticket, and extends a cordial welcome to all who may wish to hear the issues discussed. Mr. Crider, for many years, lived on a nicely developed fruit farm, about two miles north of Rising Star, and is well known to many now living in that section of the county. He is one of the very few of the old-time Socialist speakers now left on the platform. Mr. Starr said, and is on a tour, speaking two to three times each day. This will be the only address he will be able to make in Eastland county.

Mr. Crider's discussion of Socialism will interest everyone who takes an interest in our country's welfare, according to Mr. Starr. The Citizen hopes a large number of our people will go out to hear the speaker that they may

EAST BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of East Cisco Baptist church met in a social and business meeting at the home of Mrs. A. W. Dawson, 804 West 5th street Monday, September 26, at 3 p. m. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and lemonade were served to the following:

Mesdames R. L. Garrett, J. R. Green, Bill Caudle, R. E. McCord, R. O. Finley, A. W. White, Jeff Coats, J. B. Denerson, J. E. Culbert, J. D. Hall, C. A. Lassiter, Elmer Lisenbee, W. E. Lowery, H. D. Galvin, James L. Smart, I. W. Robinson, Heath, Shirley, J. A. Smith and Miss Thelma Perdue.

Miss Edna Mae Westerfeldt, who spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Westerfeldt, returned Tuesday to Austin.

understand the principles advocated by the Socialist people. Too many of our people are uninformed on this subject, and light on any matter will clear away the clouds of misinformation, on this subject especially, as many think Socialism and communism are closely associated, if not one and the same in principle.

A Sainly Woman Is Called To Her Celestial Abode

Beneath a veritable mound of floral offerings, mute tribute of a sentiment more fragrant than words from friends of the yesterday and today, reposed the mortal remains before the altar of the First Christian Church Wednesday morning, while the sorrowing friends and relatives of the late Mrs. J. J. Winston wept over her bier as the last rites for one of Cisco's most popular former matrons was conducted by Rev. E. L. Miley, the now pastor the church where she worshipped in days gone by.

Following the religious services one of the largest corteges ever seen in Cisco followed the hearse bearing the remains of their friend to Oakwood cemetery, where loved hands tenderly consigned the body to the lonely sanctuary of the grave, while her beautiful soul had taken its flight to her heavenly home to shed its fragrance in the domain of God's kingdom.

The obsequies of Mrs. Winston were the culmination of a beautiful and useful life, the culmination of the drama of her mortal existence, for it was but fitting, yet a drear contrast to her first coming to Cisco as a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Stamps, but which meant that this visit should be destined to make Cisco her home, for it was here that she was wooed and won by the man who induced her to become his bride. It was also appropriate that her last rites should be said in the church of which she and her husband were charter members, though the old edifice no longer is used as a house of worship by the congregation of which she was long one of the moving and inspirational spirits. Now the curtain has been rung down on this beautiful drama, and the mortal body peacefully sleeps beside the grave of her husband and companion in life, who preceded her to that unknown realm in 1925.

Since the death of her husband Mr. Winston has made her home with her only son, Capt. Barlow Winston, of the United States army and at the time she was stricken they were living in Baltimore, Md., from whence the body was conveyed by rail to Cisco accompanied by Captain Winston.

During her long residence in Cisco she was one of the most beloved and best known of Cisco ladies, and was prominently identified with most of the social, religious, and civic life of the city, and was affiliated with the leading ladies' organization whose objective was the betterment of its members and the community.

She was a native of Kentucky, having been born in Bourbon county, in that state in 1866, and was 66 years of age at the time of her passing, having succumbed to paralytic stroke, the second of which she had been a victim. Those of us who have known and loved this saintly woman will ever carry in our memory the beautiful picture reflected by her christian life.

Pall bearers were selected from old and true friends of the family, and were Judge D. K. Scott, J. M. Williamson, Alex Spears, Howard D'Spain, L. D. Wilson and Wm. Reagan.

The Green Funeral Home had charge of the body at the grave. auang avee ciithegr

Clyde Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning, is confined to his bed with a case of flu at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. T. Brockman, at Throckmorton, his parents were informed Thursday.

Mr and Mrs. W. C. Bedford of Desdemna, were Cisco visitors Sunday. They were accompanied home by their niece, Miss Eleanor Yarnell, of Searcy, Ark., who was the week-end guest of Miss Edna Mae Westerfeldt.

Man is Shot While Stealing Gas From A Service Station

The command "Thou Shalt not Steal" will have a different meaning to at least one of two men who were caught in the act of pilfering gasoline from the tanks of the I. D. Smith filling station, 21st street and avenue D, Wednesday night. Lloyd Smith, brother of station owner, was sleeping at the station, and on watch for gasoline thieves, when he was awakened by a noise, and going to the door he saw two men filling the auto tank with gasoline. Opening the door quietly he commanded the two to surrender, while he held his pump gun on the pair. Instead of reaching for the sky they made a break for shelter in a near-by thicket. As they did so Smith fired at the fleeing men's legs. Later Frank Brown, suffering from gunshot wounds, appeared at a house occupied by Clyde Custer, and the police were notified and took Brown into custody and carried him to the Graham sanitarium for treatment. He is still a patient at the hospital.

Gasoline thieves will probably be more cautious in the future, as buck shot will likely have a greater deterrent of appropriating power for decrepit cars than any fear of the minions of the law.

Recently this same filling station was visited by gas thieves, but were frightened away. Then one or more of the thieves might have been killed had not the shells been removed from the gun. The snap of the gun on an empty chamber caused the thieves to flee.

A car was abandoned at the service station when the men sought safety in flight.

Buford Tarver, Brown's companion, surrendered to the sheriff Thursday afternoon.

Cisco Prize Winners County Rabbit Show At County Free Fair

Cisco rabbit breeders rendered a good account of themselves in their exhibit at the rabbit show, in connection with the county fair held at Eastland last week. A large number of exhibits were shown, and this feature was far from being the least attractive of the several departments of the county fair. A large number of prizes were awarded, and practically every breeder of prominence in the county was represented, besides there were exhibits from cities outside the county.

Lack of space prevents the Citizen giving a list of all the prize winners, but those who won leading prizes from this section were John A. Garrett and H. T. Johnson, the two leading breeders of Cisco.

The distinguished honor of exhibiting the champion buck of all breeds shown was given to John A. Garrett, who also won second place for best display. H. T. Johnson won first prize for best New Zealand red buck. This honor was second only to that of exhibiting the champion buck, won by Garrett.

Other prizes won by the Cisco exhibitors were as follows:

New Zealand White Rabbits
John A. Garrett—Senior and junior buck, first; 6 to 8 months old doe, first; 6 to 8 months old doe, third; senior doe, fifth.

H. T. Johnson—Senior buck, fifth
Standard Chinchilla Rabbits
H. T. Johnson—Six to 8 months old doe, first; 6 to 8 months old doe, third.

John A. Garrett—Senior doe, fourth; senior doe, third.

Mrs. I. H. Williamson, of Hamlin, was a stop-over guest Tuesday of Miss Edna Mae Westerfeldt, while enroute to Austin.

Dr. Bristow, of Colorado, Texas, was a visitor in Cisco the first of the week.

Petition Formally Filed To Amend Cisco Charter Authorizing The Recall

A petition for the fifth amendment to the city charter was formally presented to the city commission Tuesday night by R. W. H. Kennon, containing 114 signatures of qualified voters of Cisco, petitioning the city commission to further amend the city charter by calling an election to determine whether the charter shall be so amended to incorporate in the fundamental laws of the city authority to recall the mayor and city commission, according to the statutes therein made and provided. Clements, seconded by Commissioner Winston, moved the acceptance of the petition and referred the same to the city secretary for checking, and to be filed for submission with other proposed amendments to be incorporated in the ordinances to be adopted providing for an election to be called when this and previous amendments filed will be voted on. This amendment, without signers, was tentatively submitted at the meeting of the commission held Sept. 13, when all petitions were deferred until the meeting Tuesday night. However, no other action was taken, nor was there any other petition on amendments presented, though one of the commissioners stated that there was another petition out calling for election of the chief of police.

Should there be filed a petition for this purpose the people will be called upon to vote on six amendments—three presented by the commission on their own motion

in executive session, and three by petition of the qualified voters. Just what action the commission intends to take, or when they will call the charter amendment election, was not indicated by any action of the body last Tuesday night. All petitions, and the amendments of the commission, are now on file with the city secretary.

But Commissioner Clements did express his sentiments on procedure to be had "according to law," and this statement could be taken that the elections would be called within the time limits prescribed by the statutes, despite the facetious query of Commissioner Burnett—"which law?"

The legal procedure declaration of Clements was injected into the proceedings on an entirely different subject. It was when the commission was discussing a revision of the city budget, after Mayor Berry stated the law required that a public hearing should be held before the budget was adopted, at which time the tax rolls would be approved, and the public hearing advertised. "I know we will be criticised by some people, but so far as I am concerned I do not care a tinkers kick how much they criticise the commission, but as one of the papers (the Citizen) has said if we go to hell I am in favor of going to hell according to law, and I favor the commission tracking the law." Mayor Berry stated his revision of the budget represented an increase of \$2,573.06.

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Cisco Taxpayers League Adopt Their Constitution and By-Laws

At a recent meeting of the Cisco Taxpayers League the body adopted a constitution and by-laws which are published below. The adoption of a constitution has been held in abeyance as the members desired to wait the action of the State organization, with which the local league is affiliated, before taking action, that the organic laws of both organizations might conform. However, the State organization, even to this day, seems to lack a perfect organization, so the local league decided to act upon its own initiative, and proclaim to the people of Cisco, and precinct 6 the principles upon which it is functioning.

Heretofore the local league has been guided in its operation by a set of rules, adopted at intervals, but now that a constitution and by-laws have been adopted, it was voted to publish the same in full, and ask every taxpayer in Cisco and precinct 6 to align themselves with the organization for the purpose of electing clean men to office in Cisco and Eastland county. If you believe in honesty in office the league wants you as a member. Read the constitution and by-laws below, and if they meet your approval, you will be welcomed at any of the meetings—first and third Tuesday nights in each month—at Daniels hotel building.

The name of this organization shall be known as the CISCO TAXPAYERS LEAGUE.

We, the Taxpayers League of Cisco, Texas, in conformity with an action of that body, desiring that we make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, the following Constitution and By-Laws is hereby declared adopted by a unanimous vote of the Taxpayers members present on this the 19th day of September, 1932.

ARTICLE I: OFFICERS—The officers of this organization shall consist of a chairman and a secretary-treasurer, whose duties shall

Mandate is Issued By Judge Davenport Reinstating Loboes

Judge Geo. L. Davenport Wednesday issued his mandate reinstating the Cisco Loboes in the Oil Belt football league, which in substance directs the district and state league to not interfere with the Loboes participating in all games played this season, and perpetually enjoins these leagues from refusing to include Cisco in their schedule of games. The judgment just formally entered in the records of the court sets aside the suspension of the Cisco high school, and the status of the school to be as if no suspension order was made. The cost of the prosecution was taxed against the defendants, who have filed their notice of appeal to the eleventh court of civil appeals.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; His countenance doth behold the upright.—Ps. 9:18; 11:7.

Father, although the way seems drear and long,
The guiding light but dim,
Help me to help my brother man along,
That I may sing with him

—AGNES M. ABNEY

In proportion as divine Love is admitted into human thought through the prayerful attitude and receptivity of the individual, the joy of spiritual heritage is revealed to him. As he calmly holds to this heritage, he is lifted above the belief in human ills. It requires fidelity to turn from the arguments of the dragon to the heavenly hosts of true thoughts, but these are always at hand, and the spiritual ability to grasp them is being impartially bestowed by divine Mind. Hence there is no lack of inspiration or of its reward—Violet Ker Seymer in C. S. Sentinel.

IS GREED THE GOD OF MONOPOLY?

That competition is the life of trade is being demonstrated wherever competition exists. This fact is now being most forcibly demonstrated by the action of the railroads in reducing passenger fares over several lines in Texas. For a time the passenger bus threatened the destruction of railroad passenger traffic with the completion of hard surface highways, as the traveling public were riding by bus, and passenger trains were running the rails with empty coaches. Competition was proving too strong for the railroads, and various remedies were resorted to only to be abandoned till the Texas & Pacific decided to carry the traveling public at a cheaper rate. Permission was granted to put on a 2 cent rate from Big Spring to Fort Worth, reducing the fare from 3.6 per mile to 2 cents. Immediately those trains, though slower than the fast through trains, became the popular mode of travel. Then the railroads announced record low rates for week-end excursions and special round trip fares at less than the regular one-way fares were authorized with the result of seeing the public again riding the trains and bus travel becoming less popular.

Now all Texas roads, with the possible exception of one, are discussing the inauguration of a rate of 1.8 cent per mile, with the possibility of this being the basic rate for future railroad fares in Texas. Reports from all railroad executives show increased earnings in passenger traffic, demonstrating that the loss occasioned by reduced transportation is more than offset by the increased volume and traffic. This is the fruits of competition, and if the indicated plans of the railroads for record low rates of passenger travel become the common rule of all Texas roads the highways will be rid of bus transportation in less than two years.

But the railroads are not the only business enterprises which have found that reduced profits and larger volume of business have proven profitable. Manufacturers have found this to be true. An outstanding example is the Ford and Chevrolet automobile industries. Those manufacturers have grown rich while the makers of high priced cars are threatened with bankruptcy.

Now, let's look at the other side of the picture: those institutions which have a monopoly, where greed is their god. First, we will mention the federal postal system. The

postoffice department has not been self-sustaining for the reason the postal rates have been too low, but because the system is carrying a too heavy load. The enormous amount of free tonnage has crippled the system till it could not pay expenses. Our wise congressmen and senators cannot deny themselves of their franking privileges to balance the budget of the postal department. Rather they must resort to an increased rate of postage, and increased charges for service that has prevailed for years, for there has been sweeping raises in all lines of the department. Even the newspapers have been penalized, and this, too, at a time when few publications are making more than expenses after reducing the size of their publications and giving the public cheaper newspapers than ever before. First, it now costs the newspapers \$100 to obtain mailing privileges where the service was formerly free that the country might enjoy a free press. Newspapers are now charged 2 cents when Uncle Sam notifies a publisher that a subscriber has changed his address. Formerly a notification card was sent to the publisher of such change without the cost of a penny.

But have these increased charges, headed by the raising of first class postage to three cents added increased revenues? Our information is the reverse is true. There is a sharp decrease in first class mail due to a decrease in letter writing and a corresponding decrease in business correspondence. The deficit will enlarge rather than decrease if the extra charges in three-cent postage prevail.

But this is not all. There will be a raise in parcel post rates, inaugurated Oct. 1. Here the postal authorities are showing a lack of business judgment, for the express companies are still strong competitors of the parcel post, and another decrease in postal receipts may be expected when these rates approach the express rates. But the postal budget, like the treasury budget, must be balanced, but our wise congressmen cannot see that the most effective method of balancing the budget is to reduce expenses.

But the god of monopoly must be satiated, and nowhere is he so firmly enthroned as in the case of the private monopolies—the utilities of the nation—especially the telephone and gas companies. Every day they are driving away business from their utilities by reason of their worship of the god of greed, through maintaining boom-day charges, and even increasing their service rates when every other industry in the land is cutting their prices to the minimum. They care not for volume, but must hold their boom-day rates, and if these prove inadequate to give them their pound of flesh they bleed their victims white to extort their 10 percent, for as the chief executioner of the Community Natural Hijacking Gas Co., the Honorable (?) Chester May, told the city commission, "we are not making what the law allows us," while at that very time he knew was planning a program of legal banditry to exploit our people, who were then powerless to help themselves. He knew further, that his statements were not true, for while he was asking the commission's permission to establish rates more than double what they were then paying the two companies (separate in name only) were enjoying a net earning of more than the favored state statute allowed.

Probably a more brazen piece of legal banditry was never attempted by such an unholy pair as the Lone Star Gas Co. and its premature spawn of a pre-nuptial assignation, the Community Natural Hijacking Gas Co.

But in making greed their god both the gas and telephone companies are not pursuing that business sagacity that is being inaugurated by the railroads or now being contemplated. Both are driving more business away from their companies than they can induce back in five years after our laws are so amended to compel them to adopt the rule of reason that any good business man would pursue—to increase their number of patrons rather than bleed the few they have to death.

We all want telephones and we all want to use gas for fuel, but both are doing all things to keep many of their patrons from taking their service.

The Citizen does not believe that the monopolies will always be favored by law so that they can exploit the people with impunity, and when that day shall arrive the utilities will crawl on their bellies to curry favor with the masses. But unless the monopolies change their tactics it will be everlastingly too late, for they will knock when the door is shut, and their pleas will hear the voice "I know you not."

HOLDING COMPANIES SKIMMING CREAM

If there are genuine advantages to the public in the utility holding company system, the companies, as well as their customers should indorse the Federal Power Commission's recommendation that holding companies be regulated by the federal government.

It is hard to imagine even the most credulous investor putting his money into an unregulated utility holding company after the crash in which 460,000 Insull investors have lost all or most of what they had. The Federal Trade Commission found that holding companies have been skimming the cream off operating company profits by strange and unusual fee systems which on their face sound attractive to the investor if not to the consumer. Still the painful Insull episode illustrates what may happen even in the realm of apparent profits when no agency of the government has authority to extend the same sort of protection it has been able to extend to investors in operating company securities.

From the point of view of the light and power customer there can be no argument about the advantages of holding company regulation. To him it will mean that his rates need no longer be large enough to cover unearned fees to half a dozen or so fellow subsidiaries in the holding company group. What advantages there may be in centralized

management will accrue to him, what abuses have been concealed in the hidden accounts of holding companies will be laid bare.

The power commission's conclusion that no real regulation can take place unless holding companies are regulated along with utilities is an inescapable one. Power executives with nothing to conceal will indorse it—Fort Worth Press.

MR. CHESTER MAY, GAZE AT THE CEILING

Competent engineers have made their report of the valuation of the properties of the Lone Star and its illegitimate spawn, the Community Natural Hijackers, in both Texas and Oklahoma. The engineers' valuation is just a little more than half that which those legal bandits placed for rate making purposes. The engineers' report place a valuation on the gas properties in the two states at \$42,000,000, while the gas companies have been charging an income on a valuation of \$72,000,000. Now, Mr. Chester May, gaze at the ceiling again when you read this, for it seems that even as calloused an highwayman as the chief of this aggregation of extortionists can't look his audiecen in the face when he is trying to put over something he knows is a lie.

The Citizen believes the people will have some relief when these legal bandits try to boost their rates before the railroad commission, with Ernest Thompson a member of that body. If Thompson doesn't tell them where to stop in their raid on the private purses of the people we will be badly disappointed in the man.

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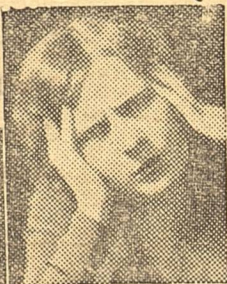
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Roosevelt Would Hold Government Ownership Club

Roosevelt as a campaigner is picking up. He is getting away from easy generalizations and the usual hokum, and becoming specific in his pledges. After his vague address on tariff and farm relief, he got down to a definite program in his splendid railroad speech. Now he has followed that with an expert and effective discussion at Portland of vitally needed reforms in the power industry. Few single economic issues are more important than this. And Roosevelt, in line with his record as governor of New York, comes out on the liberal side in sharp contrast to the reactionary Hoover policy:

In brief, the Roosevelt program, says the Fort Worth Press, calls for:

Full publicity for utility financing and interlocking relations; substitution of the prudent investment basis for rate valuation in place of the reproduction cost theory, and

regulation of security issues on this new basis; regulation of holding companies by the Federal Power Commission; and the use of public ownership, production and transmission, as a yardstick and a curb over competing private industry—such federal clubs to include the St Lawrence, Muscle Shoals, Boulder Dam and Columbia River projects.

In their studied attempt to brand Roosevelt as a red, doubtless the Republican campaign managers will hit upon this speech as dangerous doctrine. Of course, it is nothing of the kind. It is not radical. It does not propose general government ownership and operation. It asks only enough government regulation and operation to prevent private industry from committing hari-kari. In that sense it is intelligent conservation.

For, unless the Roosevelt type of program can be put into action very soon, it is apparent that the utility industry in its greed and blindness will kill itself.

Insull Monstrosity

The Insull monstrosity which wrecked so many small investors, the organized effort of the power industry to poison public opinion thru the schools and press, the industry's effort to block representative government and to control politics, the industry's evasion of effective state regulation and defiance of federal regulation, and the attempt to stick the public with the highest rates the traffic will bear on the basis of watered stock, inflated values, disguised profits and the holding company racket—all these indicate that this private industry in its present hands can be depended upon to force wholesale government operation, unless restrained by some such plan as Roosevelt offers.

When Roosevelt says: "I favor giving the people this right (of government operation) where and when it is essential to protect them against inefficient service or exorbitant charges," he is speaking for an overwhelming number of voters who have been the victims of the present set-up.

ENGINEERS WOULD CUT GALVESTON GAS RATES

GALVESTON, Sept. 22.—The engineering firm of Burns & McDonnell, in reporting on an appraisal of the Texas Cities Gas Company, said Galveston's gas rates should be reduced. In a report to the Galveston city commission, the engineering firm said it had found revenues of the utility company 10 per cent too high and proposed a lower scale of rates starting at 78c per 1,000 cubic feet, instead of 88c as at present.

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Low Rail Rates Are Considered For Southwest

Western and Southwestern railroads have been considering for some time the reduction of the basic passenger fare rate of 3.6c a mile. The proposed cut would ask for just half this straight fare, or a base rate of 1.8c a mile, with corresponding reductions in Pullman rates and surcharges.

While this proposal has been under consideration throughout the summer at several gatherings of passenger traffic officials, new impetus is said to have been given the plan by the heavy response of the public to rail travel in the late summer and early fall on "bargain" excursion rates.

Effective last week the Katy Railroad put in an experimental rate of 1.8c between all points on the Texas Central division or from Waco to West Texas, Panhandle and Oklahoma points served by that division. This was done to attract as many cotton pickers as possible, the reduced rate being low enough, it is thought, to attract many pickers bound for the fields who otherwise would have gone by truck or auto.

Other lines in Texas throughout the summer have been experimenting on central divisions with similar reductions and results are said to be encouraging. The Texas & Pacific more than a year ago pioneered with low fares on certain trains west of Fort Worth. The Burlington Lines got permission some time ago to introduce similar low rates on the Wichita Valley division.

Major rail lines in Western territory have, with one notable exception, already been able to agree upon asking authority from the interstate Commerce Commission for an experimental period of reduced rates. If this one system overcomes its objections to the experiment, the reduction may be expected shortly.

Local railroad officials report that train travel in and out of Dallas during the latter part of July, August and September has exceeded all expectations. They say that the business picked up remarkably after the rise in the cotton market. The bulk of the business, however, was done on the extremely low round-trip fares, many of them good only for the week-end, which were the feature of passenger travel this season.—Dallas News.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

Following are the Democratic nominees for state and county offices to be voted for in the general election November 8. Those who take their Democracy, like they do their religion, and regard their political obligations like they do their religious, social and business promises, will not need a pencil when they cast their ballot except for service in voting for or against the constitutional amendments. (Intermediate state nominees omitted.)

Governor: Miriam A. Ferguson, Travis county.

Congress at large: Place 1—George B. Terrell, Cherokee county; place 2—Joseph W. Bailey, Dallas county; place 3—Sterling P. Strong, Dallas county.

Congress, 17th District: Thomas L. Blanton, Taylor county

Senator, 24th District: Wilbourne B. Collie, Eastland county.

Representative, 106th District: Oscar Chastain, Eastland county.

Representative, 107th District: Cecil A. Lotief, Callahan county.

County Treasurer: Mrs. May Harrison.

Judge 88th Judicial District: Burette W. Patterson.

District Clerk: P. L. Crossley.

Criminal District Attorney: Grady Owen.

County Judge: Clyde L. Garrett.

County Clerk: Turner M. Collie.

County Sheriff: Virge Foster.

Tax Collector: T. L. Cooper.

Tax Assessor: Thomas J. Haley.

Commissioner, Precinct 4: Arch Bint

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6: J. H. McDonald.

Constable, Precinct 6: Joe B. Hicks

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NEW PARCEL POST RATES BECOME EFFECTIVE OCT. 1

Increased rates on parcel post mail become effective Oct. 1

The postoffice department, calling attention to the new rates which were approved in February by the Interstate Commerce Commission, announces the increases were intended to cut into the annual deficit this class of mail was produced. Based on revenues and expenditures for 1930, the department figured parcel post was being handled at a net loss of \$15,000,000.

While there was a material loss on parcels in the first three zones, those beyond were handled at a profit. The new scales are designed to equalize the rates. No change is to be made on parcels for local delivery.

The increases will run from 1c to 3c, depending on weight and distance

The new rates are: First and second zones, 8c for the first pound or fraction of a pound and 1.1c for each additional pound or fraction; third zone, 9c and 2c respectively; fourth zone, 10c and 3.5c; fifth zone, 11c and 5.3c; sixth zone, 12c and 7c; seventh zone 14c and 9c; eighth zone, 15c and 11c.

The postage on parcels mailed on rural routes for local delivery will be 2c less than at these rates and

3c less when for other than local delivery.

The new regulation permit mailing matter up to seventy pounds in weight and as large as 100 inches in length and girth combined.

ENGINEERS REPORT SMALLER VALUATION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 26.—Prospect for gas rate decreases in 26 state cities were brighter when engineers submitted to the corporation commission an appraisal of Lone Star Gas Co. properties in Oklahoma.

The appraisal showed a reproduction value, less depreciation, of \$4,462,567 of the state's property of the Community Natural Gas Co., the Lone Star subsidiary.

It showed a value of approximately \$38,000,000 for the Lone Star property in Texas, making a total of about \$42,000,000.

When the rate case opened last February, Lone Star officials claimed a total valuation of \$72,000,000, on which they had been receiving a gate rate of 40 cents per thousand feet.

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Constitution And By-Laws of Cisco Taxpayers League

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be those only of the ordinary officers of any deliberative citizen body, controlled by the rules and usages of standard parliamentary law, and elected by a majority vote of all members present at a regular stated meeting, and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. In case of a resignation the vacancy may be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting. The time of election of all officers shall be the first regular meeting in September of each year. The time of regular meetings of this organization shall be the first and third Tuesdays in each month. A called meeting may be held when it is deemed necessary.

Article 2—Purpose. This is a non-partisan organization and seeks only to save our citizenship from penury, graft, starvation and greed, and to restore to the people our government, which we have lost, and keep our citizenship from political and financial serfdom, to better organize the forces who stand for law enforcement and who desire honesty and economy in our government, to induce the citizens and taxpayers of Cisco to study the needs and best interests of the city, and to familiarize themselves with their civic duties.

Sec. 1—We favor the scaling down of all salaries and expenses and accounts to the minimum consistent with efficiency and justice, to the extent that men will not seek the office for its emoluments, but the office should seek the man.

Sec. 2—We pledge ourselves to favor and work for the repeal of any and all poll tax laws as unconstitutional, and the registration method as a substitute is hereby indorsed, as is also the abolition, as far as homesteads are concerned, of all ad valorem taxation.

Sec. 3—We favor and will work for the submission to a popular vote a revision of our city charter or the substitution thereof of some other form of city government containing the initiative, referendum and recall at the earliest time consistently possible.

Sec. 4—We are unalterably opposed to any form of bonded debt, except it be for the sole purpose

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of scaling down our present bonded obligation, to the level of our ability to pay, and that to be first established by popular vote.

Sec. 5. We are opposed to our city commission employing members thereof, and fixing their own salaries to do outside work that is not legislative or administrative in its nature.

Article 3—Committee. An inside executive committee of 12 members (elected or appointed by the chairman,) shall have the initiatory handling of all political questions and membership applications, but no power to act finally on the same but shall report back to the main body their findings and recommendations, whereupon, at the first regular meeting after such reports are turned in, such action shall be taken as seems best adapted to the case. Candidates favorably reported at the next stated meeting, on signing roster of membership shall be deemed duly installed. All meetings of both bodies herein provided for, shall be executive, except by invitation of an accredited member.

Article 4—Quorum. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at a regular meeting and fifteen at a called meeting. A majority vote of the members at any stated meeting (provided there be a quorum) is all that be required in the transaction of ordinary business, but all indorsements, nominations, drafts and alteratoins of this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote, and no draft, nomination, or indorsement shall receive publicity without consent of all parties concerned. All nominees for public office within our city shall sign a questionnaire as prepared by the executive committee setting forth the recommendations as to the ideals of this League the needs of the city and that he will work to the achievement of such, agreeing that should he be elected, that he will not flaunt or turn his back on his friends on questions that are to the best interest of the city rather than to be dictated to when he knows which should be the right course to pursue.

Article 5—Obligation. Each and every member promises to abide by the rules and regulations of this organization, and if at any time, any member is found not to be in accord with the workings of this League, and is failing to conform with the ideals and principles as set forth herein, the chairman shall appoint a committee of three members to confer with the dissenting member on controversial points and endeavor to bring about a reconciliation, but in the event he still refuses to conform to the actions of this League, he shall be immediately dismissed from the roster of the League. Voluntary withdrawal from this League is left to the discretion of the individual member, he or she always having the inalienable right to follow the dictates of his or her own conscience. As an attest of this obligation, each and every members signs this Constitution and By-Laws. No officer or person supported by the Taxpayers' of this city shall be an active member of this organization, or have any vote in deciding any deliberations of the League.

ROOSEVELT-GARNER MEDALIONS ARE OUT

The Roosevelt-Garner bronze medalions are now ready for those who wish to contribute to the national Democratic fund. Will St. John, national district committeeman from the 17th congressional district, is wearing the first of the medalions to be seen in Cisco. They make a handsome lapel button, and can be had for \$1. The profiles of Roosevelt and Garner are embossed on the face of the medalion. Texas has been allotted 100,000 of these medalions to help pay the campaign expenses in Texas of the national candidates. How's your patriotism? The medalions will show that you are a supporter of the national Democratic ticket. Get one and help elect John Garner vice president, and F. D. Roosevelt, the next president.

The case of Gene Squires, murderer, set for trial last week in the 91st district court, was continued indefinitely on account of illness of the defendant. A special venire summoned to try the case was notified not to appear. Squires is charged with murder, in connection with the death of Joe Pugh, in Ranger, last May. Squires is said to be suffering from an infected foot, and not able to appear in court.

PETITION---

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Near Settlement of Twin Lakes

Judge Burette W. Patterson, attorney for Mrs. Minnie Craddock, plaintiff in the controversy over the 21 acres of land on which the Twin Lakes are situated, read the text of a proposed agreed judgment, which if adopted, would settle this controversy which has been pending for two years. The agreement provides for the city holding the property for water purposes until a new settling basin is built, and that a time limit be fixed not later than September, 1938, after which the property should revert to Mrs. Craddock, with the court cost assessed against the plaintiff. Commissioner Elliott moved that the agreed judgment be adopted, but the motion died for want of a second. Clements, who objected to the motion, stated that he had rather the matter be settled by a court trial. Commissioner Henderson said he preferred a little time to read over and study the agreement and give the matter further thought before taking final action, and thought the commission could reach a decision at the conference of the commissioners next Saturday morning. Judge Patterson stated that he was not urging an immediate decision, but would like to know the mind of the commission in time to try the case before he assumed the office of judge of the 88th district court. Mayor Berry and Commissioner Clements thought to have the controversy decided by the courts would relieve the commission of all responsibility of the settlement. Commissioner Burnett thought that the agreed judgment was about all the city could expect to gain, but it might cause adverse criticism, as some people were liable to charge that the city had given away 21 acres of land. But the matter was deferred till next Saturday morning when the commission would come to a definite conclusion whether they would authorize the agreed judgment or contest the case in courts.

Harvey Woodward, who was awarded the garbage contract for next year, with the provision that he would post a security bond for \$3,000, submitted a personal bond after telling the commission that he had arranged for the surety bond, but at the last moment was advised that the company declined to perfect the bond. The personal security was not accepted as the contract provided for a surety bond. But as the time limit would not expire until Sept. 29 he was allowed until next Saturday morning to make the bond required in awarding him the contract. The next lowest bidder was J. A. Dill, who will likely be given the garbage contract should Woodward fail.

H. L. Kunkle applied for an adjustment of his taxes, stating that he had made sewer connection for a house owned by L. A. Turner, on the advice of the sanitary commissioner to accept a check on the Cisco Banking Co. and endorse it to the city in payment of his 1931 taxes. This, he said, he had done by tendering the check to Secretary Cate, who refused to accept it in payment for taxes due, and that Delinquent Tax Collector Grantham had sent him a notice for past due taxes, with penalties. Elliott stated that he ordered the house be connected with the sewer, and proposed that Kunkle be given his receipt and if Turner failed to redeem the check that the amount be charged against the property. The matter was turned over to Elliott for settlement.

City Will Plant Shrubbery
J. B. Ely, at a previous meeting, agreed to supply the city shrubbery in payment of his past due water rentals. Clements moved that the city accept shrubbery for the entire account. A motion by

Prize Winners of Cisco Country At County Farm Fair

Farm ladies of the Cisco country gathered in quite a batch of the prizes offered for the best exhibits at the Eastland county farm fair, held in Eastland during the past week.

Besides individual honors the Cisco country won distinction when the community agricultural exhibit of Pleasant Hill was awarded first place in community exhibits. Reagan, another community in the Cisco country, was fourth in this contest. Others' positions were Flatwood, second; Morton Valley, third, and Olden, fifth.

Individual winners in the Cisco country include the following:

Womens's Department

Mrs. F. J. Zeihr—Kitchen apron, first; in canning: carrots, first; okra, second. Pickles and relish: cucumbers, first; bread and butter pickles, second. Cooking: loaf white yeast bread, second; loaf brown bread, second.

Dora Wende—Canning: peaches, first.

Mrs. Paul Wende—Canning: plums, second; berries, second; tomatoes, third.

Mrs. E. M. Oney—Canning: berries, first and third. Preserves: peach, first; strawberries, first.

Mrs. Charley Wende—Preserves: strawberries, second. Pickles and relish: peach, third.

Mrs. Roy Ashburn—Cucumbers, first.

Mrs. E. F. Altom—Pickles and relish: Beet, first.

General Exhibits

Charles H. Wende—White corn, first; cotton bolls, first; clover, first; potatoes, second; bale peanut hay, first; dry beans, second.

A. H. Lockhart—White corn, second; Bloody Butcher corn, first and second.

J. C. Thurman—Yellow corn, first. Grain sorghum heads: darso, second. Grain seed, gallon: wheat, first; oats, second; barley, first; field peas, second; dry beans, first; sorghum, first; kaffir, second; milo, second; feterita, first; green corn, first; green peas, second; puhaw, first.

Edgar Altom—Popcorn, first.

Bobbie Thurman—Feterita, first. Grain seed: wheat, second; barley, second.

J. T. Graves—Grain seed: oats, first; turnips, first.

Aubrey Holt—Grain sorghums: hegari, first.

Albert Shcoor—Cotton bolls, second.

N. B. Gray, Carbon—Peanuts, second.

Wayne Thurman—Grain sorghum: milo, first; pecans, second.

Henderson was adopted to this effect, and Commissioners Henderson, Clements and Elliott were named as a committee to select the varieties of shrubbery desired, which will be planted in the cemetery and parks of the city.

Clements suggested that an additional tier of lots be plotted on the southeast side of the cemetery and offered for sale, and requested the commission take some action on the matter at the next regular session.

The commission, by motion, decided to accept tax payments in two installments, up to Dec. 31 and May 31, without penalty.

The city secretary was instructed to collect past due rentals of city lands leased to J. V. Heyser for grazing purposes.

Water Commissioner Winston was authorized to work out his program for collecting from all persons in areas for water rentals, the largest account being the Cisco Country club, of approximately \$200. However, the commission was informed that the Country club si soon to be refinanced, when all its obligations will be taken care of.

Alvin Wende—Peppers, first.
Paul Wende—Onions, first; carrots, first; egg plant, first.
Mrs. Ira Hooker—Green beans, first.
Ira Hooker—Apples, second.
F. J. Zeihr—Molasses, first.
J. E. Lucas—Pecans, first.
Shannon Ramsey—Boys club: milo, first.

JUDGE ORDERS FLORIDA CITY OFFICIALS JAILED

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Eight municipal officials of Hollywood, Fla., including the city commission, were sentenced to 30 days in the Broward County jail, by Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingsworth on a contempt charge growing out of their alleged expenditure of city funds since the filing of a mandamus suit by A. L. Spitzer, Toledo, Ohio, bondholder.

Those sentenced are Mayor William L. Adams, City Commissioners T. L. Norfleet, B. L. David, James A. Lewis and M. S. Worland, City Manager Fred Macready, City Clerk Frank A. Cooke and City Tax Collector Arthur A. Surber.

The specific charge was that they had failed to heed the mandamus obtained by Spitzer, requiring that the city pay him \$1,500 interest on bonds long overdue.

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Miss Rita Troxell left Tuesday for a short visit with friends in Austin.

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