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Drop Shots

By Terry Denton

John D. Rockefeller, senior is of the opinion that the depression has reached its peak. "Howcum?" says Webster: "Depress, to press down peak, to raise, the highest point upward." In the light of this definition, where are the unemployed? Are they still going down or coming up? Perhaps Dante is a better authority than either Rockefeller or Webster, Dante whose "Inferno" described "depression's peak" graphically and luridly, as well as literally.

It is proposed that the farm board give 40,000,000 bushels of wheat to the unemployed. What would we all do with the wheat—roast it?

Divorces may now be obtained in Juarez, Mexico, in one day, drunk or sober.—(Advertisement.)

Heavy rains and backwaters are causing devastation in the Mississippi delta again. Thousands of acres of farm lands and crops, besides many prosperous towns, are threatened with destruction. Now where is that "great engineer" you fellows elected president so he could settle the Mississippi flood question once for all time?

1932—Just another year.

Austin is all excited over a man in a hospital with a lost memory. The legislature not being in session, this fellow's strange conduct is really news, but during sessions of the law making body I have known whole platoons of amnesia victims to parade the halls of the capitol in robust health and stately mien, or walk down Congress avenue unsuspected and unchallenged by the police.

"Alfalfa Bill" Murray accepts the verdict of the polls against four of his seven proposed constitutional amendments philosophically as a true Democrat. However, he promises to "drive straight ahead" to the goal he set for himself when he took control of the helm of state as governor of Oklahoma. He emerged with "a united militant following," he declared and he added, "it is yet time to win a complete success for economy in government and an adjustment of taxes, in proportion to ability to pay and service of government rendered." That program is the essence of statesmanship and Bill Murray has the ability and the support of enough loyal friends of liberty and sound government in his through during the three years that he has yet to guide State to put his program the destiny of Oklahomans.

CISCO OCTOGENARIAN'S XMAS IN FORT WORTH

Max Elser, popular Cisco octogenarian, left last Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter in Fort Worth. Before leaving Mr. Elser said he would return home early in 1932, to mingle with his numerous friends again after enjoying the yuletide with those dear to him by the ties of consanguinity. Despite his four score years this genial gentleman still wears a cordial smile for that local through whom he esteems as his friends.

Be a free man by paying your poll tax.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT HURTS CISCO WOMAN

BULLET FROM GERMAN LUGER WOUNDS MRS. J. F. COURTNEY

An accidental shot from a German luger pistol, penetrated a partition wall and plowed a furrow about four inches long in the shoulder of Mrs. J. F. Courtney Thursday forenoon. Mrs. Courtney was in the living apartment, back of the Nu Way Shu Shop, in the 500 block on D avenue, and the shot came from the sandwich shop next door operated by Mr. and Mrs. Hale, and was caused by the accidental discharge of the pistol which Mr. Hale was cleaning at the time.

It was stated that Mrs. Courtney was stooping while doing her household duties after breakfast Thursday, and owing to her position she was not seriously wounded, as the bullet only penetrated the flesh about one-quarter of an inch, emerging after passing under the skin about four inches. Had she been an inch or two lower the bullet would have passed over her body entirely. On the other hand, had she been in an erect position, the wound, in all probability, would have been serious, if not fatal.

Dr. E. L. Graham, whose office is in the same block, was summoned at once and gave immediate attention to the injured lady, who is now resting easy, and suffering only from the effects of a flesh wound.

KITTRELL KLAN IN HOLIDAY REUNION

There gathered around the family fireside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell for the Christmas feast every member of the family. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell and their three children, Laura Frances, Louise Wasson and Willam H. III, came in from Dallas; Miss Laura Kittrell, came in from Winters where she is assistant postmaster; Miss Lucy Kittrell, teacher in the Cisco schools, and Frank Kittrell, Cisco carpenter, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell completed the family circle. This family boasts of the unusual distinction of none of its members having taken a dose of medicine or had a physician in their home in 37 years.

M SYSTEM LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO BANK

Mr. L. A. Harrison has removed the stock of merchandise and fixtures of his M system store to the building formerly occupied by George Wisoh, and later by J. B. Cate next to the First National bank building. The M System has been located since it first opened for business in the Telephone building on Broadway and E avenue. The new location is considered one of the best in Cisco, as this is the only grocery store in that block.

HOLIDAY GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. C. DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Davis had the pleasure of entertaining as their guests for the holidays Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Fussell, and their sons, Aubrey, Jeff and John, all of Ozona. The Fussells formerly resided in Cisco.

W. B. STARR'S BREAKFAST FOOD PRONOUNCED FINE

Cisco needs more pay rolls. Cities are largely made by dinner pail brigades, factory hands marching daily to their work with lunches and the cheerful bantering of comradeship. A good friend of the Citizen has unintentionally done something that may be the beginning of a huge manufacturing business here one day. Last Saturday this office was visited by Mr. W. B. Starr, of the "Highland Springs Farm." He brought to the editor first, a mess of turnips that were grown on his farm. But that's not the industry meant, yet it is a mighty fine living, and the editor would be glad to have more of such gifts, from his friends on other farms. Mr. Starr brought something else, which was an especially prepared breakfast food, composed mainly of wheat with other cereals. Now the writer of this screed is not fond of cereal foods; as a matter of fact, he never eats so-called "breakfast foods." But this sample brought here by Farmer Starr was taken home and tried, and believe me, brother, it was sure enough good. It's fine. I like it. It's the only breakfast food fit to eat, in my opinion, and there ought to be a factory right here in Cisco turning out this Starr product by the millions of tons annually. And why not? Let's start a new industry—give Cisco a pay roll, and Ciscoans the best breakfast food ever manufactured.

VICTIM OF TRAIN ACCIDENT BURIED IN CISCO TUESDAY

Unavoidable was the accident that snuffed out the life of Tom E. Kennedy, city employe, who was almost instantly killed when struck by a Texas & Pacific locomotive last Saturday morning, according to the verdict of J. H. McDonald, who held an inquest on the body following the tragedy.

En route to town from his home about 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning Kennedy was struck by an east bound freight as he attempted to cross the track at the crossing between the East Sixth street crossing and the Texas & Pacific station. It was supposed he either did not see the approaching train, or thought he could gain the opposite side of the track before the train reached him. Being rather deaf, he evidently failed to hear the train approaching. Judge McDonald stated that the fatal wound was inflicted on his head, as his skull contained a wound about the size of a teacup, breaking the skull. Other wounds of a minor nature were on the body.

Engine No. 624, manned by Engineer Finn and Fireman Wait, was pulling an extra through freight in charge of Conductor Smiley, was just pulling out of the local yards, and had proceeded only a few blocks when the tragedy occurred. As soon as it was discovered that Kennedy had been struck the train was stopped, when the lifeless

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR INSTALL OFFICERS

Cisco Commandery No. 47, Knights Templar, held installation ceremonies at the Masonic temple Monday night, Dec. 28, inducting the officers elect into their various stations. I. Nicklson was the installing officer, who was assisted by Wm. Reagan acting marshal.

Those installed were Haywood Cabaness, eminent commander; C. S. Karkalits, generalissimo; George Boyd, captain general; R. C. Stidham, senior warden; Frank Walker, junior warden; W. P. Lee prelate; L. D. Wilson, recorder; O. V. Cunningham, standard bearer; W. B. Stat-ham, sword bearer; Joseph F. Donley, warden; R. E. Grantham, sentinel; W. H. Craddock, guard. Alex Spears, treasure-elect, was not installed as he was not present. He will be installed at a later meeting.

CISCO FLIER ON FURLOUGH HOME

Lieut. Chesley Kilborn now one of the air pilots of the United States army, is in Cisco visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kilborn. After graduating from West Point young Kilborn entered the air service, and got his wings at Kelly Field. At the expiration of his furlough February 4, Lieutenant Kilborn will report for service with the armed forces in the Hawaiian islands.

man was brought back to the station. The engine men stated that they saw Kennedy walking along the track, and saw him attempt to cross and apparently succeeded. Not seeing him after they passed the spot, they looked down the track where they saw the body where it had been tossed. Then the train was brought to a stop as soon as possible.

MARRIED 57 YEARS EVENT CELEBRATED

Few married couples live happily together so long that they have the privilege of celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary, but the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffy boast of this distinction. November 17, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Perdue, parents of Mrs. Steffy, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and last Sunday the fifty-seventh anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steffy, of Robert Lee, was celebrated. This event was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffy, while his parents were their holiday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Perdue were honor guests at the celebration Sunday, and at the conclusion of the feast prepared for the occasion, photographs were taken of the two venerable couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steffy were married in Fannin county December 27, 1874, and Mr. and Mrs. Perdue were married in Georgia on November 17, 1881. There are five of the Steffy children living, and seven of the Perdues.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE SALARY RAISE FOR INCOMING COUNCIL

In fixing the salaries of city officers for the ensuing official year, beginning May 1, 1932, all salaries, except those commissioners putting in full time, were raised. The mayor's salary was increased from \$150 per month to \$2,100 per year. The salaries of commissioners not giving full time, were increased from \$5 for each meeting to \$10. The salary of the water department clerk was raised from \$75 to \$100 per month, the later effective January 1.

Probably the services of these officials are worth just as much as the sum agreed upon, but the action of the commission in raising salaries at this time will not be enthusiastically endorsed by the tax payers of the city. The present administration was placed in office on a reform and retrenchment platform, but already rumblings are heard that indicate the public thinks the administration is spending quite a bit of money, and certainly to increase salaries at this time will hardly quiet the apparent disapproval that is already being manifested by the voters.

Then, any apparent extravagance shown by the administration will not help to solve the problem created by our bonded indebtedness. Already the Order of Railway conductors have filed suit in the district court against the city, and a judgment is inevitable. When this judgment is recorded demands will probably be made for payment, and a refusal, on account of no funds, may further complicate the situation. Certainly the plea of poverty will not ameliorate the situation in the face of the fact that salaries have raised. Many cities have mayors and commissioners who draw no pay for their services.

The commission decided to appear and answer the suit of the Railway Conductors in the 88th district court on January 4th.

FUTURE JOURNALIST HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Dick West, now in the midst of his first year at the University, came home for the holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. West. Dick expects to major in journalism during his university career, a profession for which he developed considerable talent, even while in high school in Cisco. This talent was rather pronounced as a sports writer, for Dick often reported sporting events for the Cisco Daily News, as our sub., while the editor of the Citizen was reporting for the daily, as our talent did not run to sports, and for which we care for very little, while Dick liked sports and had a natural talent to report those events in a readable manner.

Naturally we feel gratified that this talent has already been recognized by the managing editor of the Daily Texan the University publication, for Dick has already contributed sports stories for the Texan and been added to the staff of sports writers. What ever success he attains in this profession we shall share a part of the glory, for it was the Citizen editor who discovered him.

MOORE HELD FOR ATTEMPT TO ROB SAFE OF THEATRE

Early Sunday morning an abortive attempt was made to burglarize the safe of the Palace theatre, after it was discovered that the office of Manager K. N. Greer had been entered, the knobs of the safe hinges removed, and an attempt had been made to prize open the door with a screwdriver. Investigation revealed that only some loose ancient coins had been taken, as the previous day's receipts were in the safe, which could not be opened by the burglar. Later, however, a search of a house revealed a quantity of dishes used by the management in previous entertainments were found. Chief W. M. Miller and Police man W. H. Craddock arrested Mike Moore, negro porter at a local barber shop, who afterwards made full confession of the crime, and was taken to Eastland to await the action of the grand jury on burglary charges.

The loose coins, which were of ancient and nondescript mintage, were later discovered where Moore admitted he had secreted them.

This quick work in apprehending the right man only a few hours after the crime was committed, is creditable to the police department, and puts the criminal element on notice that Cisco officers are on the alert, for be it remembered that there has not been a successful burglary committed in Cisco in many months, where the guilty party evaded the law.

A few days previous to the theatre burglary police recovered a quantity of fireworks that had been taken from the Leach store, and three young boys were arrested for the offense.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy.—Rom. 14:17.

"Gather the sunlight aglow on the way;
Gather the moonbeams, each soft silver ray.Bury thy sorrow, let others be blest;
Give them the sunshine, tell Jesus the rest."

Is not making others happy the best happiness? There is a sort of religious joy in helping to renew the strength and courage of noble minds.—Amiel's Journal.

THE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In anticipation of important improvement and expansion, to be inaugurated early in 1932, the Cisco Citizen has secured the services of James T. Denton, well known newspaper man, who has come to Cisco to be associated with the present editor in making the Citizen that good local weekly newspaper contemplated and planned when it was taken over by the present management.

Mr. Denton is no stranger to the newspaper fraternity in Texas, Oklahoma and some other States, where he has been associated with some of the best newspapers of these States in various capacities as editor, publisher and feature writer. Before going to Arkansas and Oklahoma, Mr. Denton was connected with daily newspapers of Sherman, Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur and elsewhere. From Port Arthur he was elected to the legislature, representing Jefferson county, and served with credit and distinction through several important sessions, being nick-named "the balance wheel" by his colleagues of the committee on appropriations.

Recently Mr. Denton has been connected with newspapers in West Texas, still having financial interests in Ward and Upton counties, where he also has a directory publishing business under way. In Pyote an acquaintance and friendship of thirty years was renewed last year between the editor of the Citizen and Mr. Denton, and when it was determined to inaugurate an expansion program he was persuaded out of the desert and wind-swept plains and induced to join the Citizen's staff in putting over this program.

Any courtesies extended to Mr. Denton will be appreciated by the editor.

MUNICIPAL EFFICIENCY

The following editorial in the Dallas News of a recent date is worth reading by the officials of every city, town and village in this nation. Not only should they read the editorial, but it is worthy of study with the intent to "go thou and do likewise." That municipalities can be operated within the bounds of their incomes is being demonstrated by many city governments, most of them finding that municipal-owned utilities have proven sources of revenue, and therefore an asset rather than a liability.

Recently the Citizen called attention of the public to a method whereby Cisco could build a municipal gas plant. The suggestion was offered by a member of the city commission, and the editor of the Citizen at once saw the feasibility of the plan, then looked up and published the law relative to municipal ownership of public utilities. We have been expecting to see the proposition introduced for consideration by the city commission, but nothing has yet developed. Where cities and towns have established their own municipal plants, and operated them in the interest of the community, economically, they have not only proven revenue savers to the tax payers, but REVENUE PRODUCERS for the citizenship.

The Dallas News editorial follows:

"Milwaukee, it seems, has paid all of its bills, put a good many hundred thousand dollars in relief work, and has \$4,000,000 in the bank to start the new year. As a result, Milwaukee can cut its tax rate and save its citizens tax money. The mayor of Milwaukee is a Socialist. So are a few of the aldermen. But the Milwaukee specific for corporate fiscal soundness is not socialism; it is merely efficiency.

"City Controller Louis M. Kotecki told the Associated Press that there are four reasons for the Milwaukee financial condition: An industrious citizenship, profitably employed and demanding good government; a budget system that is practice, not theory; a taxation readjustment plan that puts all departments on a cash basis; a debt amortization fund that is rapidly retiring all civic indebtedness.

"Any city can fill that prescription when it tries. The oddity about Milwaukee is that while the efficient Socialists who look into things and keep the government running straight are largely responsible for the state of affairs, the conditions put Milwaukee further away from upheaval and socialism." (Which statement shows the abysmal ignorance of the editorial writer on the Dallas News, as regards the intent and principles and policies of socialism, or a wilful purpose to discredit that theory of government and mislead the

public as to the true meaning of socialism. Under a balanced and controlled socialist community there can be no such thing as an economic upheaval; if you want to see that sort of thing look about you anywhere under capitalism—there are "upheavals" and distressed conditions a plenty in Dallas. Wonder if there is any "oddity" about that? The News' editorial continues:

"Milwaukee with 578,249 people on the 1930 census, and Cincinnati with 451,160, are in the list of the twenty leading cities of the United States. Mere size is no argument against good government. These two cities, one under the aldermanic plan and the other city manager, believe bigness is an argument for good government—and prove it."

REMONETIZING SILVER PROBABLE

Naturally when England suspended the gold standard the eyes of the world turned to silver and its possible restoration to the mints of the nations of the earth. When England held the gold stocks of the world other countries, in an effort to stabilize their financial systems, adopted the gold standard. In this act advocates of the double standard pointed out the natural disaster that would follow the adoption of a standard of values of any metal inadequate to supply the arteries of the world with a medium of exchange. Some of the calamities predicted that would follow the adoption of the single standard failed to materialize as soon as prophesied, but there be those who charge the present depression to what they called the "crime of 1873," which was followed by the act of the United States congress in denying silver equal privilege at the mint with gold.

While the fight was made on a sixteen to one ratio, those favoring the double standard only held to that ratio as the most equitable, and one that would show least fluctuation.

But whether the present depression is due to the demonetization of silver, it was undoubtedly a contributing cause.

Gleams of hope by those who still believe in the white metal is glimpsed in recent acts of public men. Recently Chairman Smoot, of the senate finance committee, proposed to the upper house that this country accept silver in payment of the war debts due by European nations. While this is considered a step toward the rehabilitation of silver, yet it did not appease Senator Dill, who proposed, in lieu of the Smoot proposal, the establishment of a monetary conference committee to meet with other nations for the purpose of establishing silver as a basis for world exchange. Straws, verily, but they indicate the direction of the breeze.

RECENT CITY AUDIT NOT YET PUBLISHED

Quite a number of Cisco people have asked the question: "When will the recent audit of the city of Cisco be published?" Having no information on the subject, the Citizen could not answer. It was rumored that this audit was held up pending the disposition of the suits being litigated in the federal court at Abilene. Now that these suits are disposed of, for the present, there seems to be no reason why the publication of the audit should be delayed longer. When the auditors finished their work copies of the report were submitted to the printers and publishers for prices, and there the matter seems to have stopped, as nothing else has been said about its publication. This is a matter of interest to every person in Cisco, and should be made public. If nothing more, certainly the city can afford to publish the recapitulation of the findings of the auditors.

BEWARE OF THE RAISED CURRENCY, IS ADVISED

The secretary of the Retail Merchants' association has sent out a warning to the business men to look out for raised currency. But so far as our information goes, the raised bill artist has not yet reached Cisco. In fact, were he to do so, he would doubtless find Cisco a virgin field, so far as victims are concerned, as currency is not closely scrutinized during these times. We are too eager to get it.

SHORT NEWS BRIEFS GATHERED IN CISCO

Friends at Gorman have been advised of the death of W. M. Gleason, formerly of that community, which occurred Dec. 4 at his home in Lone Wolf, Okla.

Mrs. Oscar Warren died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sanford Lemley, in the Gorman community, Dec. 9.

INTENTIONS TO WED AND LICENSE ISSUED

The following have filed their intentions to marry and license issued by County Clerk R. L. Jones.

Notice of intention to marry: W. I. Hunt and Miss Fannie Lloyd, Arthur Vaughan and Miss Olga Ruth Mitchell, Ollie Hughes and Miss Loeta Halloway, W. H. Kennedy and Miss Sallie Deal, J. B. Hagan and Miss Lucy McGaha, L. M. Griffice and Miss Dessie Milstead, Kenneth Garrett and Miss Mabel Oglesby, Cyrus Lyerla and Miss Hazel Oglesby, Lester Kind and Miss Rena Mae Brown, J. C. Dick and Mrs. Carmen Hodges, W. S. Barnett and Miss Nedra Gray, J. N. Morgan and Miss Beulah Howell, W. T. Stapp and Miss Leota Irene Parish, Truett B. Carroll and Miss Mary Elliott, Hulon Lasiter and Miss Mayvis Jay, Aubrey Lillard Anderson and Miss Bertha Lea Taylor, Thomas D. Shaffner and Miss Rachel Brown, E. T. Tennyson and Miss Carmen Johnson.

Marriage license issued: James Foster and Miss Velma Taylor, Guadalupe Sosa and Miss Marie Rois, I. N. Branton and Miss Bernice Mathew, Leonard Wright and Miss Alpha Mae Collins, Presley Key Neal and Miss Mollie

Woods, W. I. Hunt and Miss Fannie Lloyd, Bruce Butler and Miss Ruth May, Odell Haltom and Miss Dorothy Winshel, Ollie Hughes and Miss Loeta Halloway, L. M. Griffice and Miss Dessie Milstead, Bryan H. Atchison and Miss Leila E. Johnson, Cyrus Lyerla and Miss Hazel Oglesby, Kenneth Garrett and Miss Sallie Deal, Arthur Vaughan and Miss Olga Ruth Mitchell, J. B. Hagan and Miss Lucy McGaha, Claude N. Adams and Mrs. Thelma E. Harrell, W. S. Barnett and Miss Nedra Gray, Lester King and Miss Rena Mae Brown, J. N. Morgan and Miss Beulah Howell, W. T. Stapp and Miss Leota Irene Parish, J. C. Dick and Mrs. Carmen Hodges, Truett B. Carroll and Miss Mary Elliott, Aubrey Lillard Anderson and Miss Bertha Lea Taylor, T. D. Shaffner and Miss Rachel Brown.

PASTOR EASTLAND BAPTIST RESIGNS

Rev. W. T. Turner, pastor of the Baptist church at Eastland has tendered his resignation to the congregation of that church, which was to become effective Dec. 30. Mr. Turner has accepted a call to the Park Place church at Houston.

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BARTERING OUR LIBERTIES TO GRATIFY OUR STOMACHS

Are we bartering our liberties for the gratification of our stomachs? This seems to be the opinion of W. B. Starr, one of Eastland county's best informed citizens. In commenting upon the lead editorial in the Cisco Citizen of December 22, Mr. Starr gives his views on present conditions and attempts to arouse the people from that state of lethargy into which most American folk have lapsed. His letter printed below is a clarion call to the people to man the watch towers of our liberties less the propaganda published in the capitalistic press pollutes the mind of the masses, who would allow the high priests of big business to run rough shod over the people, defying our laws and exploiting our resources, simply because they bring big capital into the state. The larger papers who are promulgating this rot, "frightening capital," in defending the unlawful acts of trusts and combines, care little for the independent operator or the future of the people, but would give the malefactors of commerce a free hand so long as money is coming into Texas. Truly, it seems, we are "bartering our liberties to gratify our stomachs." Mr. Starr's letter follows:

Editor Citizen:

Highland Springs Farm, Eastland County—Have read with much interest the lead editorial in the issue of the Citizen of the 22nd, and I wish to say that it meets with my approval. In endeavoring to remedy the situation, as outlined in your editorial we should try earnestly to eliminate from our minds any personal antagonism or hatred. If conditions are bad, we should blame ourselves.

Our forefathers, some one hundred and fifty years ago, after much suffering and bloodshed, obtained for us our political liberty. If we have not secured our economic liberty, it is our fault. As sovereign voters, we have failed in our public duty. We have not studied the situation, with an eye to the welfare of those who are to follow us. We have been more interested in the "full dinner pail," that emblem of "prosperity" that has been dangled before our eyes by the big business interests. They have promised in political campaign to fill our stomachs, if we would elect their candidates, and we have elected them, when a little careful study would have shown us that for a full stomach we were bartering away our children's interests. We have allowed a condition to develop which through resentment and hatred threatens bloodshed. We may yet see our children lying dead before us covered with blood. A heavy price for our indifference and ignorance.

The writer believes in a God—a God of Love, who will some day, give to his children a civilization in which want and bloody revolution will never enter. It is probable that Christ's statement: "The poor ye shall have with you always," is true, because it will take human nature a long time to outgrow the effects of our present unjust conditions in which we have developed an ever-increasing percentage of poor people. It is possible that Christ meant the spiritually poor, for God knows that many today, who possess material wealth, are poor in the matter of eternal riches, those attributes of the mind that go to make up the durable satisfactions of this fleeting life, as well as the life to come. One week ago was Christ's natal day. Nine-

teen hundred and thirty one years ago the message rang out: "Peace on earth; good will to all mankind," which today seems an almost empty phrase. If I could wish my countrymen a Christmas present, it would be that God in his power might open their eyes to the realization that there can be no economic peace or security until we have swept from our hearts all selfish greed, and base our political action on the needs of our children and the babes yet unborn. In no other way can we hope to build a staple government. If the fathers at this time are sullen and indifferent, I hope the mothers on their bended knees will pray for their children's welfare, and taking advantage of their new political opportunities work accordingly.

You are right, when you say that great care must be exercised in seeing for whom we vote. Thomas Jefferson, that great statesman of his day, said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty." Let this injunction sink deeply into our minds to day.

I wish to touch on one other matter before I close. I think that most Americans will agree that the "dole", or public charity, is a sorry substitute for the opportunity and right to work for those things necessary to sustain life. No able-bodied man, who accepts charity, can ever again have quite the same degree of self-respect. The good, warm-hearted people, of Cisco, who have raised the few thousand dollars (the city should give a like amount) for charity, should arrange for the city government to give the able-bodied, needy men work—there is much that the city needs done. Let them pay these men with orders on the local welfare association. Let the association use the joint funds to buy at wholesale the needed groceries and dry-goods, and from the shelves in their present headquarters in Cisco honor the orders on them given to the workers by the city government. I believe this action would meet the approval of every honorable working man, whose family is in need of help at this time. In addition to a better morale for our people, there would accrue to the citizenship of the city the benefits of the work performed.

The country press in times past has been a bulwark of defense for public interests. May your pen never grow weaker in that cause.

Your friend,
W. B. STARR.

SPONGE RUBBER SEATS

A few of those easy sponge rubber chair cushions left. To dispose of these the prices have been marked down to \$1.25 and \$1.50. They won't last long at this price. Perfect chair ease is afforded. —Commercial Printing Co.

RANGER SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE JANUARY 20th

The citizens tax committee of Ranger is mailing out pledge cards to the property owners of that city whose school tax are delinquent, urging prompt payment by all in arrears. The pledge cards are accompanied by a letter notifying the property owners that unless sufficient funds are paid in the schools will positively close January 20, end of the present semester.

You may want to have a say in your county and city politics in 1932. The only weapon you have is your vote. This you deny yourself if you poll is not paid.

POWER FIRM RETURNS \$175,000 TO DEPOSITORS IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Approximately \$175,000 has been distributed over the state by the Alabama Power Company in returning deposits to its old customers who had established their credit. The last of the checks were mailed by Lamar Aldrige, treasurer, Tuesday.

When the company decided to refund these deposits, Mr. Aldridge said, the checking and bookkeeping was rushed through so that the checks would reach the company's customers during the holiday season.

Refunds were made to the customers of two years standing who had made all payments promptly during that period. This will become an established policy of the company, it was stated. Eight per cent interest was added to the deposit when the checks were made out.

Pay your school tax—if you can. But pay your poll tax.

HOUSTON'S DAUGHTER BURIED AT ABILENE

Abilene—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Houston Morrow, daughter of General Sam Houston, were held here Tuesday afternoon with burial beside the grave of her husband, J. S. Morrow.

Mrs. Morrow, 81, died on Monday night at Stamford, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. McDonald. Before her marriage to Morrow, at Georgetown, April 11, 1871, she was Mary Willie Houston.

On account of Morrow's health the two moved to Abilene in 1885, but he died a few years later. Soon after his death, Mrs. Morrow was appointed postmaster of Abilene in 1889 and she held the position until she resigned in 1911.

Among the survivors are two daughters, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. J. B. Heitchew, of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Bringham of San Antonio; a brother, Andrew Houston, La Porte, and three grandchildren, Miss Meredith Morrow, El Paso; Houston Reitchew, Abilene, and Miss Mary Louise McDonald, Stamford.

If you swat the grafter and This you deny yourself if your poll is not paid.

A RESOLUTION

The following is another resolution adopted at the mass meeting held at the city hall in Cisco Thursday night, December 3, when about 200 citizens gathered for the purpose of protesting against the injunction against the enforcement of the ordinance passed by the city commission placing rates for domestic gas at 50 cents per thousand cubic feet:

Whereas: All reasonable means have been exhausted by the city commission of the city of Cisco in their endeavor to have the utility company to lower its gas rates; and,

Whereas: The said utility company has arrogantly refused and threatened to raise the present rate; and,

Whereas: There is a pressing need for competition in the distribution and sale of gas and electricity in Eastland county, and particularly in Cisco; be it therefore

RESOLVED by the citizens of Cisco, in mass meeting, that we recommend to the city commission of the city of Cisco that said commission use its best offices to induce another company to enter Cisco for the purpose of furnishing and distributing gas and electricity to our citizens, or, if necessary, commence the erection of municipal plants by pledging the incomes of such plants to defray cost of construction

Annual School For Water-Sewer Plant Operators

L. A. Grimes, president of the Texas Water Works Association, has announced that the Fourteenth Annual Water Works School will be held in Mineral Wells, January 18-21, 1932, inclusive. This is a combined school for water and sewer plant operators, water superintendents and city officials of Texas towns to acquaint them with the solution of problems of operation and management of water and sewer plants.

Among the outstanding papers scheduled for the Mineral Wells meeting are such items as demonstration of centrifugal pump efficiencies, factors effecting corrosion of service mains, ammonia chorine treatment of water, evaluation and water rates, use of activated carbon for water purification, and taste and odor control in public drinking water supplies. Papers on well water pollution, water sanitation, satisfactory water for ice making, boiler feed and water softening, as well as discussions on common practices in making service installation and meter corrections, installation of water mains, and pipe jointing compounds are features of the program. The recent work of the United States Geological Survey in Texas will be discussed under the title of "Cooperative Federal Investigations of the Underground waters of Texas," also problems of mineral water production and handling of bottled waters. Reports on recent developments in sewage disposal, sewage sludge digestion, and installation of sewer pipes are some of the papers scheduled for the sewer plant operators' session.

Among the prominent speakers at the meeting are Dr. J. C. Anderson, State Health Officer; E. L. Filby, of Kansas City, Mo.; O. A. De Celle of Chicago; W. J. Orchard of New Jersey and Walter M. White of Washington. Many prominent water and sewer plant authorities from Texas, also are scheduled to take part in the meeting and to present papers.

EASTLAND C. OF C. APES EX-TEX. LEAD

And now comes the Eastland chamber of commerce, in the wake of the East Texas chamber, and passes a resolution at its meeting last week, protesting the action of Attorney General Allred in his prosecution of the major oil companies for alleged violations of the state anti-trust laws. It appears to the Citizen to be a sorry spectacle when a representative civic body of any city in Texas goes on record protesting against a constitutional officer who is endeavoring to enforce the laws of the land. Wonder if the attorney general was seeking to prosecute some penniless individual would the Eastland chamber raise its voice? Well, hardly. Just another instance of fawning at the feet of wealth.

The resolution says: "The oil companies have developed the state's greatest resource and will aid materially the prosperity of the state if they are successfully maintained."

But they did not say provided the officers of the state would not interfere with their piratical policy of starving every individual connected with the oil industry unless they come under the protection of the majors. The oil trust, and so the courts will designate them, are not content with ruining every independent operator who dares to carry on without their consent, but have reached down and throttled the indi-

vidual filling station operator.

A civic body that dares to denounce an officer in performing his sworn duty, because the culprit happens to be rich and influential, is an enemy to the community in which it functions, and is without excuse of existence.

Probably nine-tenths of the people of Texas would endorse this prosecution if called upon, and no doubt will do so at the polls next year. "Remember the Alamo!" Remember the Hogg-Clark episode. Texans are not ready to "Turn Texas Loose" to the oil pirates and disloyal chambers of commerce.

WANT ADS

480 acre stock farm South east of Cisco, to exchange for good rental property. Box 353, Cisco, Texas.

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA FOR BARKERS

Christmas by the sea was enjoyed by the Barker family, as Judge and Mrs. J. D. Barker, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Sherman Roberts, left early in the week for Galveston, where they were holiday guests of their son and brother, Attorney Owen D. Barker, and family. They are expected home early next week.

GENE OYLER ABLE TO RETURN HOME

Gene Oyler, prominent Moran business man, who was stricken with paralysis while visiting here about two weeks ago, has sufficiently recovered to be removed from the Laguna Hotel to his home in Moran.

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MADISON COUNTY CLUB PROPOSED

The new year offers its gifts, let's take them and enjoy them while we may. There's a new face at the door of civilization today—a buoyant and hopeful new year—and a brand new club, bright with social promises, in the offing for Cisco. "The Madison County Club" is in process of being formed in this city soon. It is not known just how many former citizens of "the free State of Madison" now claim Cisco and Eastland county as their home, but without a doubt there are enough to form a good sized organization, if they can all be corralled. The roster will be headed by Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell, followed in point of Cisco resi-

dence by Judge J. R. Burnett. The newest Cisco citizen entitled to membership in this newest club is the writer hereof, James T. Denton. There are others, many others eligible to join this new club now living in Eastland county. The membership roll is started: Will Kittrel, Jim Burnett and Jim Denton. All former Madison county residents are earnestly requested to give their names and local residences to the tentative secretary, James T. Denton, at the Cisco Citizen office, or else write to him and signify their desire to join the brand new club. Membership is free, there will be no costs except such as one may voluntarily impose upon himself. But the social privileges and pleasures are many and inviting. Now, all you "Free Staters," let's hear from you at once. The meeting place is in this office, any time at your convenience.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY CISCO W. O. W.

At the annual election recently of officers for Cisco Lodge No. 500, Woodmen of the World, the following secured a preferential vote of the members present:

L. A. Martin, consul commander; R. D. Midgley, advisory lieutenant; J. E. Proctor, banker; F. E. Shepard, financial secretary and clerk; E. L. Wisdom, escort; E. J. Bates, watchman, and H. L. Kunkel, auditor.

Let's Go!

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PERSONALS

Mrs. J. L. Shepherd spent the latter part of the holidays with relatives in Houston.

C. J. Daniels, now of Longview, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daniels.

Baker Prickett, who has been the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Prickett, has returned to his duties in Houston.

Wilbur Westerfeldt, high school coach of Fredericksburg, was a Christmas guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Westerfeldt.

F. A. Blankenbeckler, and Frank, Jr., are in Plainview this week where Mr. Blankenbeckler is receiver for the closed Plainview National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Olson have as their holiday guests their son, Marion Olson, of San Antonio, and daughter, Miss Bess Olson, of Victoria.

Mrs. Ida Lee Bell arrived recently to be the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. Shelton, and sisters, Mesdames R. W. Mancill and E. L. Graham.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones and children, of Amarillo, are visiting relatives here. Dr. Jones is a brother of Mrs. Alma Keough, while Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Mr. Arthur Grist.

Miss Titia Belle Simmons has returned from Houston after a visit there with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Simmons, who returned with her to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simmons.

J. H. Blanken, former business man of Cisco, but now residing in Shawnee, was a pre-Christmas visitor here for a few days. This visit was purely business, but several of his friends of other days gave him a cordial welcome. Blanken formerly conducted an auto parts store at the corner of D venue and Ninth street.

SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME; BACK TO BOOKS

The following students of various colleges and universities, were among those who spent Christmas with home folk, and will be returning to their alma maters this week end:

Charles Lankford, Texas University, Austin; Byron Lovelady, S. M. U., Dallas; Ben Miley, University, Austin; Bill Smith, University, Austin; Miss Agnes Bearman University, Austin; Miss Ida Mae Collins, University, Austin; Ray Miller and Roy Chambless, Rice Institute, Houston; Miss Virginia Dabney, University, Austin.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

The lesson-sermon subject is "GOD" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, January 3.

The golden text is from Joel 2:27. "Ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."

The passages to be read from the Bible include the following from Psalms 103:2, 3. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: . . . Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

The service also embrace the following citation from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 166). "To ignore God as of little use in sickness is a mistake. Instead of thrusting Him aside in times of bodily

Citation By Publication

STATE OF TEXAS) County of Eastland) To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. Lee Hull, 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, and 91st Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Eastland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1932, the same being the 1st day of February, A. D. 1932, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1931, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 15,123, wherein Carrie Hull is plaintiff, and M. Lee Hull is defendant and the cause of action being alleged as follows:

The plaintiff has resided in Texas more than twelve months and in Eastland county more than six months before the filing of the petition. Plaintiff was lawfully married to defendant in Eastland county, Texas, December 4, 1904, and lived together as husband and wife until September 14, 1921, at which time the defendant, without cause or reason, abandoned and deserted the plaintiff. At this time, they have one minor child. Plaintiff says she is a proper person to have the care and custody of the minor. That there is no community estate between the plaintiff and defendant. She prays for divorce and for the custody of the minor.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Eastland, Texas, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1931.

W. H. McDONALD, Clerk District Court, Eastland County, Texas. By DOROTHY WATSON Deputy.

Jan. 1-8-15-22 Pay your school tax—if you can. But pay your poll

trouble, and waiting for the hour of strength in which to acknowledge Him, we should learn that He can do all things for us in sickness as in health."

PALACE

New Year's Day ROBERT MONTGOMERY and NORMA SHEARER in "Private Lives"

SUNDAY--MONDAY, JAN. 3-4 JOHN BOLES in "GOOD SPORT"

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SUITS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Following are recent filings of litigation in the office of the district clerk for disposition in the two district courts of Eastland county:

88th district court—Wm. Reagan vs. City of Cisco; J. R. Stubblefield vs. J. A. Pritchard, et al, title and possession of land; R. W. Stuard vs. Pearl Stuard, divorce; Du Bose, Rutledge and Miller vs. T. F. McManus et al, suit on note; DuBose, Rutledge and Miller vs. National Fire Insurance company of Hartford Conn., garnishment; Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., vs. C. U. Norton et al, collect notes; in re Liquidation Texas State Bank, Eastland, sell safety deposit boxes; M. T. Parton et al, vs. W. B. People, collect notes and foreclosure; N. Winkler vs. London Petroleum corporation, garnishment; Order of Railway Conductors vs. City of Cisco, collect bonds; James Shaw, Commissioner, vs. J.

A. May, et al, suit on notes and stock assessment; Cisco Banking Co., vs. Hugh Smith, collect notes; Cisco Banking Co. vs. L. Waterbury, Jr., collect notes; in re Liquidation Texas State Bank, Eastland, sell office furniture; Joe F. Tow et al, vs. Mozzle Oil corporation, collect notes.

Suits filed in 91st district court: Ex Parte Ruth Helen Stinson et al, declare children dependent and neglected; W. M. Isenhower vs. H. B. Paulette et al, collect notes and foreclosure; West Texas Construction company vs. Snow Frost et ux, foreclosure paving lien; in re Liquidation vs. First State Bank, Carbon, sell stenographer's desk and gas stove.

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