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## J. H. LATSON IS AWARDED LIBRARY CONTRACT

### Will Cost \$3,925 and Be Ready for Occupancy In First Part of Next July

J. H. Latson was awarded the contract Tuesday morning when the bids for the new brick building to house the Cisco Public Library were opened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reagan by the library trustees, members of the XXth Century Club, sponsors of the Cisco Library. The trustees are Mrs. Wm. Reagan, chairman; Mrs. J. J. Butts, Mrs. J. B. Cate, Mrs. C. H. Fee and Mrs. R. Q. Lee.

In discussing the contract Mrs. Reagan told the Citizen that only local bids were considered, as the Cisco Public Library is a local institution, and although one out of town contractor submitted a bid, yet only bids from local contractors were considered. Mr. Latson's bid was for \$3,925, with provision to be completed within sixty working days. This means that the new home of Cisco's library will be open to visitors about July 1.

#### Handsomely Appointed

One story in height, the new brick home of the library will be 42 by 46 feet in dimensions, with the large reading room forming the larger part of the building, and additional rooms and kitchenette. The outside walls will be finished in light two-color brick, Mrs. Reagan stated.

The new structure will be erected on the lot on West Sixth street, at Avenue G, recently acquired by the XXth Century club. Several days ago the small library building, formerly located in the middle of the 200 block, fronting on West Sixth street, was moved to the new location, and will still function as the library home until the new building is complete. Mrs. Reagan did not state what disposition will be made of the old building when the new home is ready for occupancy.

Several years ago the XXth Century club acquired two lots in the 200 block with the intention of some day erecting a building for the library in this location, and the funds for this purpose were being accumulated with this objective in view. When the government asked for a site for the proposed federal building, these lots were included in the half block offered, which was selected as the federal building site.

#### Dream of Years Materializing

With the funds received through this sale, augmented by monies previously accumulated, the dream of the members of the XXth Century club for a permanent home for the library became possible of realization. Previously, however, so anxious were the sponsors to give Cisco a public library, that the club made overtures to the city commission and other civic organizations to take over the project with a guarantee that a public library would be maintained. Their proposition included the donation of their two lots and some funds for the project. But none of these projects ever matured, and recalling the fable of the lark that build its nest in the former's wheat field, after none of their propositions were accepted, the XXth Century ladies decided to build a home for the library without the aid of other organizations. The result of this decision was the small boxed building which was located on the XXth Century club lots. There it has served for several years, and accommodated the reading public with its numerous volumes of choice reading matter.

Now the dream of a permanent home is about to be realized, a

demonstration devoutly wished for over a period of years, but a demonstration of what can be accomplished by determination and a fixed purpose, even if those sponsoring the movement are members of the gentler sex. The Citizen tips its chapeau to those noble women who have never wavered in their determination to give Cisco a public library worthy of their organization. The rest is up to the citizenry of the city, for theirs is the mission to give the XXth Century club ladies that whole-hearted support their untiring labors so richly deserve.

### A. & A. MOTOR CO. STILL LEADS IN USED CAR SALES

"The A. & A. Motor Co. is still going strong, and selling used cars as fast as the shop force can recondition them, so just keep the A. & A. advertising running in the Citizen," said E. D. Anderson, manager of Cisco's leading used car sales company.

Mr. Anderson recently made a trip to the East Texas oil fields, seeking used car bargains to supply the demand of the Cisco establishment, which still continues good despite the large number of cars that have been rolled out of their sales-room and the prevailing Hoover prosperity. But there is a reason why the A. & A. Motor Co. continues to lead all others in used car sales. They are persistent advertisers in the Citizen, and no car is sold until it is reconditioned by their expert mechanics, and when Anderson tells you the car is conditioned it means that it is delivered on a guarantee that counts.

Then, too, the liberal terms on which these cars are sold is another reason for their unprecedented sales. One monthly payment is all the cash that is required to get yourself rolling, and the buyer has eleven months to pay the balance, divided into eleven equal monthly payments. Also, these people are prepared to make loans to their patrons and customers.

#### JOHNSON APPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The senate judiciary committee Monday voted favorably on the nomination of C. W. Johnson, Jr., to be U. S. attorney, northern district of Texas. He will succeed Norman A. Dodge.

The new federal attorney's home is Graham.

#### MOST COMMENDABLE ACT OF PRESENT CONGRESS

Because 1,006 sections of the revised statutes are obsolete, the lower House of Congress, Monday passed the Harlan bill to repeal them.

Most of the old laws, Representative Harlan (Dem.), Ohio, told the house, are harmless but they clutter up law books to no good purposes.

The bill now goes to the Senate. It is to be hoped that this good work will not cease, but be perpetuated, and that it may become epidemic and spread to the legislature of Texas.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION S. M. N. MARRS DEAD

After lying in state in the senate chamber at Austin since his sudden death at College Station Monday, the body of S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction for the past ten years, was buried in the State cemetery at Austin Thursday. The death of Superintendent Marrs came as a distinct shock to the people of the entire state, which was due to an attack of the heart, brought about by acute indigestion. Death came about seven hours after being stricken while attending the annual judging contest at the A. & M. college.

S. M. N. Marrs was one of the oldest and best known school men in Texas, having served as school superintendent in various towns of the state, his last place being at Terrell, where he held the position for 25 years. Going from Terrell directly to Austin to serve as high school supervisor and later as assistant superintendent under Miss Annie Blanton, then state superintendent of public instruction, whom he succeeded. He was a native of West Virginia, but came to Texas when a young man 20 years of age.

When the state legislature passed an act creating the Texas Technological college, Marrs was named one of the five members of the board to locate the school. While on this mission he visited Cisco with the other members, and from here to Fort Worth they journeyed and held their final meeting locating the college at Lubbock by an unanimous decision on the first ballot.

### Judge J. R. Burnett Drafted by Cisco Taxpayers League

In testimony of the esteem in which is held by his constituents, and a revival of an ancient custom now almost obsolete, Judge J. R. Burnett is the recipient of one of the highest compliments that could come to any man by being drafted for the office of county judge of Eastland county. This is a case of the office seeking the man, and a result of the deliberations of the Taxpayers' League of Cisco, held Monday night, April 18, when that body by resolution, unanimously adopted, proceeded to draft Judge Burnett as a candidate for the office of county judge.

The Citizen is not informed what action Judge Burnett will take, but knowing the man as we do, we feel sure that he will accede to the wishes of his constituents and accept the call so strongly made advocating his candidacy. The text of the resolution drafting him as a candidate, is as follows:

#### Drafting Judge Burnett

Believing that there should be a change in the office of county judge of Eastland county at the next general election of county officers in order that the affairs of our county may be administered on a more economical basis, and more effectively along many lines as well, the Taxpayers' League hereby endorses and insists that Judge Burnett's candidacy for the above place be announced, for the following reasons:

FIRST: Judge Burnett is a man well educated and eminently qualified for this office. He is one of our leading attorneys, a man of sound judgment and discretion, a good executive, a leader among

### XXTH CENTURY CLUB OF CISCO AWARDED PRIZE

At the closing session of the Sixth district convention of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs at San Angelo Wednesday, the XXth Century club of Cisco was given an award for the best year book. The prize for the best individual club report went to the Mitchell county federation. The Child Welfare club of Ranger, won the prize for the best social service work. The prize in the poetry department was won by Mrs. Sam Majors of Colorado for her poem, "Tumbleweeds."

The first prize in needlework, offered by the Eastland county federation, was won by Mrs. H. M. Quinn, of San Angelo, second by Mrs. Jean Day of Eastland, and the third by the Menard county federation. The convention prize for the best club report was won by the Art and Civic club of Goldthwaite.

The assembled delegates voted to endorse the resolution to celebrate the Texas centennial in 1936.

The prize XXth Century year-book is a home product, from the presses of the Commercial Printing company, of Cisco.

### "YES, THE FISH WERE BITING BEAUTIFULLY"

That was the unanimous verdict of a party who enjoyed several days fishing the latter part of last week, who announced that their destination were the waters of the Clear Fork, when they left Cisco. But "They were biting beautifully," Bob Mancill stated on his return from this joyous outing. And they "brought home the bacon" to prove their prowess, for not less than 100 pounds of choice channel catfish were taken during their stay, including those consumed in camp. But many friends enjoyed the fruits of their luck, and fish comprised the menus for many homes after their return.

Those in the party consisted of Bob Mancill, J. M. Williamson, L. B. Campbell, Joe Wilson, Louis Fleck and Henson Williamson. Among those who visited the camp were Bob Gillman, Andy Anderson and Carl Lowery.

men, and a christian gentleman.

SECOND: He stands for the rights of the people whom he serves, and will work untiringly for the best interests of the citizenship of Eastland county, if elected to this office, regardless of his own interests, or the interests of any person or faction who might try to change him.

THIRD: During his services with both the state of Texas and the United States government Judge Burnett made a splendid record for himself as a man of high attainments, integrity and honesty.

FOURTH: As an attorney and city commissioner of the city of Cisco, during the past few years, he has maintained his high standard of efficiency, just dealings, and devotion to principle. At the last city election, he led the ticket for city commissioner. The votes he received for re-election were much greater than the number of votes he received when he was first elected. Thus proving that he grows in favor of his fellow citizens whom he serves, and among whom he lives.

FIFTH: Judge Burnett favors the reduction of taxes and the reduction of valuations to the lowest possible minimum; he also favors economy and efficiency in every department of government.

Passed by unanimous vote of the Taxpayers' League, this the 18th day of April, A. D. 1932.

#### THE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE.

G. M. McGlasson, Chair.  
G. W. Daniels, Sec'y.

### AMPLE RAINFALL REPORTED FROM W. TEXAS TOWNS

Though only three-tenths of an inch of rainfall was recorded at the city hall rain gauge during the showers that visited Cisco the first of the week, many localities north, east, and south of this city reported splendid rains. This rain, with the exception of in those localities visited by hail, will prove a salvation to grain and other crops that have been planted. And will enable farmers generally to proceed with their farming operations, as very few had planted the spring crops on account of the land being absolutely devoid of moisture.

North of Cisco 18 miles, in the vicinity of the Lauderdale farm, a three-inch rain was reported. A like precipitation was reported from Stephens county, but in that county considerable damage was done by hail that played havoc with grain and other crops growing in the path of the hail. M. D. Paschall & Son, who carry hail insurance risks in Stephens county, report many claims being filed. At Brownwood, San Angelo and points south heavy precipitation is reported. Even as close as Rising Star and vicinity a splendid rainfall is reported.

In Cisco Monday, Mrs. Henry Stroebel, who lives in the Lutheran Church community, stated that a splendid season fell in that part of the Cisco country.

No rainfall of consequence was reported from points due west on the Texas & Pacific, except at Colorado, where 1-1.3 inch rain was reported.

The rainfall in the immediate vicinity of Cisco was slight, but served to revive vegetation, and where the soil was broken will help gardens, flowers and lawn grasses. Though not sufficient here to be of material benefit, now that it has really rained after several months of exceedingly dry weather, all are encouraged, and believe that we will be visited by ample precipitation ere the rainy season has passed from us.

### Daughter of W. J. Armstrong Victim Of Railroad Crash

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Curly) Armstrong were busy Wednesday acknowledging the felicitations of friends who were rejoicing with them on account of the escape from serious injury of their daughter, Miss Jourdine, who was a victim of an auto-train crash in Clarkson, Ga., Tuesday evening. Inquiries came thick and fast, and the telephone at the Armstrong home was almost constantly ringing Wednesday following the arrival here of the Abilene Morning News, containing an account of the accident in which Miss Armstrong and Miss Ernestine Williams, with whom Miss Armstrong was visiting, were only slightly injured after their automobile was crashed into by a moving train in the Georgia city. The newspaper story stated that the car was struck at a grade crossing and dragged more than 100 yards. That both were not killed or maimed for life seems nothing less than miraculous.

Immediately following the accident Mrs. Armstrong was in communication with Mrs. Williams, mother of Miss Armstrong's friend and companion, having been called by the Georgia lady as soon as it was ascertained that the young ladies were not seriously hurt. Mrs. Williams assured Mrs. Armstrong that neither of the young ladies' injuries were serious, that Miss Armstrong sustained only a slight fracture of her arm.

Miss Armstrong had stopped over in Clarkson to visit her friend, Miss Williams, while en route home from an extended visit to relatives in the East. The two young ladies were en route to Atlanta to arrange for Miss Armstrong's trip home Saturday.

Mrs. Williams, in her telephone message to Mrs. Armstrong, stated that the accident was due to negligence on the part of the railroad employes, as the car was struck by a train switching in the yards at Clarkson.

We Won  
A Prize . . . .

We claim honors with the local XXth Century club in winning first prize on their Year-Book at the convention of the Sixth District in San Angelo.

One of the main points considered in awarding prizes for the Year-Book is the style and neatness of the printing.

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.—Lev. 26:11,12.

Let me be poised and calm and still,  
This is my prayer each day;  
Alert to hear and do thy will  
In thy appointed way.  
—Joy Bennett.

Acceptance of the principle of William Penn in his treaty with the Indians: "We are met on the broad pathway of good faith and good will, so that no advantage is to be taken on either side; but all to be openness, brotherhood and love," and applied in our international negotiations, would give us a new world. And it would give us, if adopted in business relations, a new economic order.—Huntington, W. V., Herald-Dispatch.

## FAVORS ADMINISTERING CITY LEGALLY

An active member of the Cisco Taxpayers association remarked to the editor of the Citizen yesterday, when asked for a subject for an editorial:

"There is a matter that has given me considerable worry that might furnish you something to write about. I am not pleased with city commissioners voting themselves into paying positions on the city payrolls. I regret to say that those commissioners sponsored by the Taxpayers' association are not immune. In the first place, I believe it wrong in principle, and I have been advised by some attorneys that such practices are illegal. We elect commissioners as our city legislators, and not to positions of emolument of their own creating. I know other administrations have pursued this course, but the Cisco Taxpayers' association meant exactly what they said when they announced they favored reform in municipal affairs.

"There has been a tendency, I have observed, on the part of the retiring administration to parcel out paying positions to its members, rather than placing others in jobs at the disposal of the commission. To my way of thinking this procedure savors too much of 'ring rule,' overlapping administration. The practice means each man checking his own work.

"I can't say that I like it, and repeat, it has given me considerable worry. The city charter provides that 'commissioners on full time may collect such fees as may be determined by the commission,' but does this mean that a commissioner may take over a job that is disassociated with the office of commissioner? I hardly think so."

So there you are. This same gentleman said that the members of the Taxpayers' association had elected three commissioners on a platform of certain principles, all advocating more economy in administration of city affairs, and general retrenchment, but the policies advocated by the people had not been adhered to in all instances. This brings to mind the old saying that "those elected on a reform platform had better institute those reform measures or their tenure of office would be of short duration." This was demonstrated in the election April 5. The people felt that the administration had failed, no matter what alibi they offered, hence, there was a change.

The common law rule, which applies universally, except where specifically changed by statute, and the law requires that any special home rule privileges granted by statute must be strictly construed. This common law rule is that no official can vote himself compensation for any purpose while in office. Applicable to the above criticism the statutes and city charter provide that a "city commission, in January of each year, may prescribe the duties and fix the salaries of its members." This is interpreted to mean the incoming administration, which would obviate the possibility of members voting compensation for themselves.

So, reverting back to the original text: "Administering City Affairs Legally," it is the duty of each and every member of the incoming administration to ascertain what is the right and legal attitude in the premises, then proceed along those lines without hesitation, but if there is any question about the legality of any act they should proceed only after mature deliberation.

Expediency is never a substitute for legality. It only ends in chaos and confusion. Let's administer the affairs of Cisco legally, and if legal acts sends the city to hell, in the language of the Old Alcalde, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that it went "to hell according to law."

## "EYES OF CISCO" ON NEW ADMINISTRATION

The "eyes of Cisco" are now focused on the incoming city administration, and while all realize the commission cannot perform miracles, all will expect some effort be made to solve some of the problems that are now confronting the city. The Taxpayers' association, sponsors of those elected April 5, promulgated certain principles of reform that the members of the association will expect to be carried out. In the past, with only two commissioners loyal to those who placed them in office, and being a minority bloc, little could be expected in the matter of carrying out those reforms. Now all that is changed. The people, as expressed by their ballots, have given the incoming administration a vote of confidence, and those sponsored by the Taxpayers' association have a safe working majority. The "eyes of Cisco are on you." The incoming administration will be expected to bring some kind of order out of our present municipal chaos.

First and foremost in importance is some kind of ad-

vantageous settlement or adjustment of the bond muddle. If only this is effected on a basis that the outstanding bonds can be paid from our present decreased revenues from city taxes, other shortcomings will be overlooked, though there are several problems confronting the commission that should be adjusted—the final acquisition of needed water frontage on Lake Cisco and the possessing of title to the water, light and sewer systems at Humbletown, may be mentioned. But of paramount importance is the adjustment of the bonded indebtedness. Cisco must remain dormant until this is a reality. If there be those on the commission qualified to take over the problem and prosecute it to a final solution, and can spare the time necessary to accomplish it, well and good. But it is a matter that will require the services of one familiar with bringing two opposing factors together. To do this will require considerable diplomacy, and if the members of the commission feel, that for any reason, they are not qualified to effect this settlement, they should not hesitate to bring to their assistance, if needs be, some one capable of doing so. There is a man for every emergency. The Citizen doesn't know where to find him. But he can be located, and it is the mission of the commission to find him, if his services should be required.

But the first major problem should claim the attention is some sane settlement of our bonded indebtedness. This problem clearly eclipses every other matter, and the commission should appoint a committee to go into the question at its first meeting, and report its findings as a basis of work at the earliest date possible. Until this question is disposed of Cisco cannot advance, but will retrograde, as no city can stand still. We must move forward or backward.

Yes, the "eyes of Cisco" are on you, gentlemen. If these problems are solved your reign will be long and blessed. If you fail you may expect a repetition of the results of the election of April 5.

## Callaway Announces for Representative of 107th District

The Cisco Citizen is authorized to announce that Cleve Calaway, of Cross Plains, is in the race for legislative representative from the 107th floritorial district, composed of Eastland and Callahan counties.

The name of Calaway is not strange to the people of Cisco, as a brother of this gentleman, Gib Calaway, was once a practicing attorney at Eastland, and Oscar Calaway, also a brother, represented this district in congress several years ago.

This is merely by way of introduction to those who have never met Mr. Calaway, as he is making the race on a definite platform, which he believes, if enacted into law will be of material benefit to the people of Texas, and especially to those of Eastland and callahan counties.

Believing new blood an essential, and having never asked for political preferment, he requests a careful consideration of his candidacy, and the principles which he advocates.

A simplification of the present expensive and top-heavy state government, he believes, will bring relief to an oppressed people, as will a sweeping reduction and equitable distribution of the taxes of the state. His announcement is subject to the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Calaway is a native of this section of Texas, and therefore familiar with the needs of her people. He is in prime of manhood—too old for the legislative kindergarten class, but not old enough to be classed among those of the superannated and non-progressives—he is mentally and physically equipped to make the district an able representative.

But he tells our readers of his platform principles, and a personal sketch, in the following announcement:

To the Citizens of the 107th Legislative District of Texas, Comprising Callahan and Eastland Counties:

Having been solicited by a number of representative citizens, and actuated by the belief that we need new blood in the legislative halls of this state, I have decided to enter the race for representative to the legislature.

It is my sincere belief that the people of this country, being sorely oppressed and harrassed by the top-heavy government and extortionate taxes, are sufficiently aroused from the dry rot of indifference, to take a deep interest in, and make a searching investigation of the men whom they send to the legislature this time.

Being a native product of the very soil of this immediate country, reared in a staunch Democratic family, educated in the University of Texas and envired by students of government, I think, qualifies me for this position.

In this, my platform, I have no new and fantastical ideas of legislation to put forward for the purpose of currying favors with any organization or group of people,

but it is my idea to represent all of the people fairly and justly, which is the kind of representation every patriotic and freedom-loving individuals desire. I am in favor of sweeping reductions in taxes and know no sound and permanent way in which to do that except through the reduction of government by simplifying and abolishing the unnecessary boards and commissions whose duties overlap, thereby complicating and rendering unenforceable the laws of this country.

Sincerely,  
CLEVE CALAWAY

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

The lesson-sermon subject is "Probation after Death" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, April 24.

"He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold," is the golden text taken from Job 23:10.

The service includes the following passage from the Bible (Matthew 27:1, 35):

"When the morning was come, all the chief preists and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. . . . And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots."

The following citation from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, is also included (page 44):

"The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from his foes, a place in which to solve the great problem of being. His three days' work in the sepulchre set the seal of eternity on time. He proved Life to be deathless and Love to be the master of hate."

## ALBANY ALDERMEN SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION

Rounding out a total economy program of a saving of city administration of \$4,000 annually, aldermen serving the city of Albany voted their services free to the city. Now the city fathers are doing their big brethren, who accepts an annual stipend of \$1 one better by serving without pay. Their former salaries were \$5 per month. The Albany News says the annual reduction in city expenses is now \$4,000. Cisco commissioners receive \$20 per month, and two are paid \$150 each.

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## J. F. CUNNINGHAM PREDICTS 3-CENT COTTON IN FALL

Judge J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, father of Oliver Cunningham, a strong friend of the cotton pro-rata law for the reason he believes legal restriction of cotton acreage is the only means to reduce production, and thereby keep the price of the staple within the range of the cost of production. Giving his views on the situation he sums up his forecast in the following letter to the Cisco Citizen:

We may differ as to the cause and as to the remedy, but there can be no difference as to the plain facts in regard to cotton and the price thereof.

### 18 Million Bales Visible

On August 1, 1931 there was a carryover of American cotton amounting to nine million bales. On February 1, 1932, the government report of cotton ginned showed 17 million bales. These amounts aggregate 26 million bales on hand, less the amount consumed during the first half of the cotton year, which is shown to have been six million bales, or an average of one million bales per month. Therefore on February 1, 1932, there were 20 million bales on hand and at the present time there are 18 million bales on hand to supply a world demand for only 12 million bales annually. Enough to supply the demand for one and a half years.

Under these conditions at this very moment all the cotton growing states are planting another crop with no evidence of any material reduction in acreage and no legal restriction on production except the Texas cotton law, and its enemies have crippled it by a decision of a district judge and a decision of a civil appeals court holding the law unconstitutional in the Brazos bottom country where the large plantation owners use mostly negro and Mexican labor. No appeal was taken and no decision by the supreme court has been rendered.

The supreme court of the United States in an unanimous opinion, held the state of California with a constitution almost exactly like that

of Texas had the power by law to limit the production of gas and oil. The constitution with reference to gas and oil is almost exactly the same as that with reference to cotton.

The supreme court of the United States and the supreme court of the state of Texas have not passed upon the question as to the limitation of cotton, but the constitution being the same, it is safe to assume that the decisions of these courts will be the same as to the limitation of the production of cotton as they were in regard to the limitation of gas and oil.

Texas has spent millions and rightfully so to hold down the production of oil and gas. We have used both the civil and the military authorities and the result is that in a few months the price of oil has risen from 10 cents a barrel to \$1 a barrel, thus proving that the price of a commodity can be increased by holding down production by the strong arm of the law.

### Proration Boosted Price

While this has been going on not one red copper cent has been used in Texas to limit the production of cotton except the money spent by Governor Sterling in the extra session to limit the production. The law was passed and cotton slowly rose \$7.50 a bale. The law was held unconstitutional by the Waco court of civil appeals and cotton has slowly fallen \$5 a bale since that time.

Had other cotton states joined Texas and passed laws similar to ours, cotton would now be 15 cents a pound. They failed and cotton is now five and one-half cents and slowly falling.

The governors of three states held the destiny of this measure within their own hands, namely, the governors of Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma. They failed to call the extra sessions in their respective states and today negro tenants in Georgia are planting the crop on a wage of 19 cents a day and boarding themselves and families out of that.

What the wage of the negro in the Brazos bottom is, I don't know.

Amid these dark hours of gloom and despair the poor of Texas can get some consolation out of the fact that one governor of the south and

of Texas tried to help them, even though he had to brook the opposition of every daily newspaper in the state except the one he then owned.

### Predicts 3 Cent Cotton

Before the leaves fall from the cotton stalks the price of cotton will fall to three cents and the disaster which will follow is known to none save God.

The fall in cotton has carried down the price of milk, eggs, butter and many other farm products. The reason being that cotton brings more money from foreign countries to our country than any other agricultural product, and this money comes directly to the south. The price is so low, that when taxes are paid, the cotton money is gone and there is none left to buy the milk, butter and eggs, hence their price falls for want of a sufficient market price.

The enemies of this measure oppose it on the ground that it is an act of communism.

As for me, I had rather meet the ghost of Lenin of Russia than to meet the living skeletons of millions of our own educated Christian people trekking the highways with their wives and children begging for bread as they look with glazed, sunken eyes on those more fortunate. J. F. CUNNINGHAM.

### COUNTY AGENTS FORMED BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

Eastland, April 20—County Agent J. C. Patterson and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ruth Ramey have completed their work of organizing the boys and girls 4-H clubs of the county, there being eight in all. In addition to the eight 4-H clubs there is a boys' club at Scranton and a County Club. The County Club is composed of members who formerly have been 4-H club members but who are not in position to affiliate with those clubs.

The boys and girls 4-H clubs are located as follows: Bullock, Alameda, Grandview, Flatwoods, Okra, Pleasant Hill, Cook, Romney.

These clubs will carry out the regular program of demonstrations in crop production, livestock and poultry, with special attention being given to sub-soiling.

### GRAHAM MAN APPOINTED U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

C. W. Johnson, Jr. of Graham, Wednesday was nominated by President Hoover to be United States attorney for the northern district of Texas, succeeding Norman A. Dodge.

Mrs. R. B. Carswell, who operates a millinery establishment next to the Erwin Novelty shop, has returned from a buying trip to the wholesale houses in Dallas.

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in 1932. Candidates who have previously announced in this column will be carried in the city, precinct, county, or district offices, without additional fees.

#### FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

JUDGE J. D. BARKER  
BURETTE W. PATTERSON  
FRANK SPARKS

#### FOR DISTRICT CLERK:

W. H. (BILL) McDONALD  
(Re-election)  
P. L. (LEWIS) CROSSLEY

#### FOR COUNTY CLERK:

W. C. (BILL) BEDFORD

#### FOR SHERIFF, EASTLAND CO.

VIRGE FOSTER  
(For re-election)

#### FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. No. 4

ARCH BINT  
BIRT BRITAIN

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th

FLOTORIAL DISTRICT:  
CECIL A. LOTIEF  
of Cross Plains

#### FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

PRECINCT NO. 6:  
R. W. H. KENNON  
J. H. McDONALD  
(Re-election)

## 2 Eastland Judges Fill Assignments On Other Benches

Eastland, April 20.—Both Elzo Been and Judge G. L. Davenport were assigned to sit as special judges on other benches than their own during the past week. Judge Been was assigned to a case pending in the district court at Longview, and Judge Davenport was assigned to the 88th bench to dispose of the Frank Bida arson case.

Acting on the authority of his appointment by presiding Judge P. A. Martin of Wichita Falls, Honorable George L. Davenport sitting as temporary judge in the 88th district court in the absence of Judge Been Monday ordered the trial of Frank Bida continued until such time as Judge Been returns to his bench and re-arranges the case on the docket.

Judge Been was appointed by Judge Martin to sit as a special judge in the court at Longview to hear some oil litigation cases. He was detained there and found it impossible to return here to open his court Monday.

Judge Been informed Judge Martin that it would be impossible for him to be present and Judge Martin appointed Judge Davenport of the 91st district court to sit temporarily in the 88th court this week.

Judge Davenport's court had already arranged for the trial of some cases this week and Judge Davenport recessed his own court this morning long enough to go in to the 88th court and pass the order postponing the Bida case.

It is said to be a rather unusual procedure but nevertheless quite legal and the only course available under existing circumstances.

Chief of Police John Guinn of Temple accompanied by D. Q. Baskin of Temple were in Eastland at the trial where they were to appear in the interest of Baskin's brother, Sam Baskin, in connection with the charges against Baskin and Frank Bida arising from the explosion and burning of the Bida Service Station in Eastland.

After the announcement of the postponement of the trial, Guinn and D. Q. Baskin returned to Temple and Sam Baskin returned to Edgewood where he is now making his home with his parents.

### MIDWEST RECEIVERSHIP DOESN'T AFFECT W. T. U. CO.

In a statement given out by President Price Campbell, of the West Texas Utilities Co., from his Abilene office, says the friendly receivership of the Middle West Utilities in no way involves the West Texas Utilities.

The petition was filed on behalf of the Lincoln Printing company of Chicago, a creditor claiming an \$8,000 account due for printing. It has been long understood that the Lincoln company is very close financially to the Middle West Utilities company, besides doing a large part of its printing.

The West Texas Utilities company, a member of the Middle West system, is not affected in any way by the receivership proceedings, Price Campbell, W. T. U. Co. president says. Mr. Campbell's statement is as follows:

"We are a Texas corporation, purely local, and an operating company only, owning no properties out of Texas and having our obligations in Texas.

"And we are paying our way. On April 1 we paid our quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on the company's six-dollar preferred stock, as well as interest due that date on company bonds.

"Last week this company's output of electrical energy in kilowatt hours was 22 per cent above the previous week and one per cent above the same week of 1931. This was due to drilling activities by major oil companies operating in West Texas. These companies are increasing their lease holdings. The recent 15-cent increase in the price of crude oil is already reacting favorably on West Texas, and we look for a progressive increase from now on in purchase of electrical energy.

"Inherently in a sound position financially, the West Texas Utilities company feels it has nothing to fear in the present situation."

### BUILDING BEING MOVED OFF FEDERAL P. O. SITE

The buildings located in the 200 block on West Sixth street, the site for the new federal building, are being moved off the site. The library building was moved Thursday to the corner of West Sixth and Avenue G, recently purchased by the XXth Century club, where it will serve its present capacity till the new brick library home will have been constructed.

The brick store building of Mrs. W. P. Slater has been demolished and the lot cleared. Mrs. Slater's residence is still standing on the corner of Sixth and E, but it is presumed it will be removed probably today, as she has purchased the Ada Winston lot on West Sixth street and F avenue.

The old home of Wm. Reagan is being dismantled and will be moved to rebuild another house. The buildings on this lot were purchased by R. L. Murphy, who lives on East 16th street.

A. J. Edwards, of the Cisco Battery and Electric Co., has returned from an extended visit to Clovis N. M., and West Texas towns. Partly for the benefit of his health, also on business, was this trip taken. He was gone two weeks.

The Citizens Mutual Insurance association has moved its offices in the Garner building to the Spencer building. The former offices of the school board are occupied by the Citizens Mutual.

While returning to the University at Austin after a visit to his mother here, J. B. Farmer was slightly hurt in an auto crash Sunday. His hurts were immaterial, however.

## Court Affirmance Recalls Million Dollar Mail Job

Among those cases affirmed by the criminal court of appeals as announced Wednesday, were those of Cole Oglesby and Joe Newton. Both have long records in criminal courts, both state and federal. Possibly the conviction for which the court has just announced its affirmance was for the burglary of the Satterwhite hardware store at Eastland. As we remember the case these two were arrested, following this burglary, at Fort Worth for violation of the traffic ordinances. Merchandise from the Satterwhite store was said to have been found in the car which they were driving.

But Joe Newton, with two of his brothers, was charged with being implicated in the million dollar mail robbery at Roundout, Ill., five or six years ago. We are not clear, but possibly he was convicted and served a term in federal prison for this crime. Both Newton and Oglesby are natives of Eastland county, and have figured in numerous acts of a criminal nature.

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IN NEW OFFICES

Judge Eugene Lankford is now comfortably located in the Cisco Banking Co. building, having moved his law office from the Jensen building about ten days ago. The Lankford offices are located on the fourth floor of the building, right in the mouth of the elevator, the most accessible and convenient suite on that floor.

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## Varnell's Judging Team Hardly Up to Their Usual Form

Cisco's farm judging teams failed to score in their usual form at the annual state judging contests held at the A. & M. college this week. Usually Varnell's boys are in the first or second money. However, their record was not so bad, but it is known that they were not in the first five of each team in the contests, which required a score of 2400 points as a minimum, and will likely be in the second brackets.

Leaving Cisco Sunday afternoon, and returning Tuesday, E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturist, took three teams of three each and an alternate to contest in the divisions held there. Those competing in the contests were as follows:

Dairy Team—Albert Wende, Bobbie Thurman and Avery Holt.  
Livestock Team—James Matthews, Bryon Ray, and Ami Lee Richardson.

Plant Production Team—Clarence Stroebel, Roy Kinard and Joe Bob Winston. Van Dowda, alternate.

Varnell stated that for the first time in many years all of the big winners were from East Texas, except the Breckenridge team, which was in the money.

There were 1200 boys participating in the contests this year.

Varnell was awarded his diploma as Master Teacher during the judging contests.

Mr. Varnell was present when Superintendent Marrs was stricken, which he said followed his consuming a big dinner, and hearty meals the day preceding. He was stricken while on the steps of the main building where he was going to attend a conference.

### MR. HERBERT SEAL GOES WITH MOTHER TO HOUSTON

Mrs. J. T. Griswold, wife of Dr. Griswold, pastor of the Methodist Church, left Wednesday for Houston where she will be under the care of her son, Dr. C. M. Griswold, for sometime. Mrs. Griswold has been ill for the past five months. Mrs. Griswold was accompanied to Fort Worth by her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Seale, of Cisco, and her son, Dr. Griswold, met her there and accompanied her to Houston.—Baird Star.

### JUDGE WILSON DECIDES IN COMMUNITY'S FAVOR

The federal court at Abilene seems to take the view that the Community Natural Gas Co. can do no wrong, as Judge Wilson decided every point in favor of the gas company against the city of Eastland last week. This action was taken in dissolving the injunction of Eastland people, granted by the 88th court, to prevent the gas company from collecting the new rates promulgated by that company, and the overruling motion to dissolve the injunction restraining the Eastland commission from interfering with the promulgation of a "fair and equitable" gas rate for that city. This "fair and equitable rate" is \$1.50 for the first 1,000 feet, and \$1.25 for the second. "Fair and Equitable!" The term is a travesty on equity. It is prohibitive. Had Judge Wilson given the matter a moment's unbiased consideration, provided he gave any consideration at all to the rate the Community is seeking to extort from the people of Eastland, he could not possibly have detected anything "fair and equitable" in the new rates unless he was looking at the matter purely through the spectacles of the Community gas company.

The story of the legal proceedings, as published in the Abilene News, is as follows:

The court Friday handed down two decisions to clear up litigation involving rates of the Community Natural Gas company at Eastland. Judge Wilson overruled a motion by attorneys for the city to dissolve an injunction secured by Community, restraining Eastland officials from interfering with the promulgation of a "fair and equitable" domestic gas rate. Effect of the decision will be to allow the company to continue with a sliding scale of rates instituted late last year.

The new rate, which supplants a 75 cents per 1,000 cubic feet flat charge, is: \$1.50 for the first 1,000 feet, \$1.25 for the second, 75 cents for the third, 50 cents for the next 17,000 feet, and 45 cents for all gas used in excess of 20,000 feet.

Judge Wilson dismissed a case against Community brought by George Bryant, an Eastland customer. Bryant has secured an injunction in the 91st district court at Eastland, to restrain the company from charging him more than 75 cents flat per 1,000 feet. He also asked \$2,500 damages because his gas was cut off. An order removing the case to the federal court later was granted.

## J. R. Stubblefield Died in Eastland Last Sunday A.M.

News reaching Cisco Sunday of the death of Judge John R. Stubblefield, who passed on at Eastland at 4 o'clock that morning, was a distinct shock to his many friends and acquaintances here. Burial services were held Monday, which were attended by several from this city. The local bar was represented by Judge D. K. Scott and J. Lee Cearley.

The following notice of Judge Stubblefield's death was sent out from Eastland.

John Rich Stubblefield, 65, one of Eastland's most prominent citizens for forty-six years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. M. Wilson, here at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, following an illness of almost a year, during the last two months of which he was confined to his bed continuously. Judge Stubblefield was one of the largest land-owners of the county, and had practiced law in Eastland since his graduation from the University of Texas in 1894 and is mourned by a large circle of friends who have repeatedly expressed their regard for him by electing him to public office. Judge Stubblefield has served the county both as county attorney and county judge.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church at 2:30 p. m. Monday, by his pastor, the Rev. George W. Shearer. Surviving are an only son, William Tilman Stubblefield, and two sisters, Mrs. Pattie Towler of Big Spring and Mrs. T. M. Wilson of Eastland.

### FLOWERS WERE FRAGRANT

Mrs. M. E. Townsend and Gene Oyler, both prominent people of Moran, were Cisco visitors Saturday. Mrs. Townsend extended her subscription to the Cisco Citizen, and stated that she enjoyed reading a paper whose editor had an opinion and expressed it, regardless of the fact that she might not agree, at all times, with his views. "But it is refreshing to read a newspaper now that is not afraid to say what it thinks, and oppose those policies that are inimical to the public welfare," was the neat compliment she paid to the Cisco Citizen.

Cleve Calaway, of Cross Plains, candidate for flitorial representative, was meeting the voters in the Cisco country Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Lee Bell, who spent several days here guest of relatives, has returned to Houston. On her return she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. W. Mancill, and Mrs. Bell's little son, Bobbie.

### RANDOLPH DAY IS OBSERVED BY RANDOLPH COLLEGE

The students of Randolph College, Thursday, observed their annual Randolph day. The school turned out for the whole day, and the largest part of the morning was devoted to a baseball game between the boys that live in town and the ones that live in the country or out of town. The game was hotly contested, and the town boys

eventually winning 13-9. The afternoon was spent in various contests held on the campus. Thursday night, Mrs. Ina Mary Querry, dean of women at the college, presented an interesting program at the auditorium of the college. The choice of performers of Cisco rendered their services to the school.

Cecil A. Lotief, of Cross Plains, flitorial candidate for the legislature from the 107th district, was here Monday greeting old friends and electioneering for the office he seeks. Lotief says he could hardly ask for better encouragement than that which he is receiving from the voters of Eastland and Callahan counties.

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