

DISASTROUS FIRE TAKES BIG TOLL

Half Block Goes up in Flames When Two Big Dry Goods Stores Burn Tuesday Morning—Near \$200,000 Loss with \$100,000 Insurance.

Tuesday morning at three-twenty the shrieking alarm sounded forth on the morning air, a sound that always gives the citizens a nervous feeling. For we know that the demon fire is abroad in the land. Especially were the nervous tremors felt throughout the city when the alarm was sent forth for the second time, thirty minutes later, giving forth that piercing, moanful, continuous sound, which meant that this fire was of a very destructive nature. Many that had not heeded the first call, but turned over in the warm bed for another nap, were suddenly brought to attention by the second warning, hurriedly dressed and rushed forth to aid in any way they could.

The fire which was of unknown origin, caught in the Nime Dry Goods store, and had a good headway before being discovered. The discovery was made by Mr. J. H. Blanken, who was leaving on an early train, and by a lady in a room on the second floor of the Gude Hotel. These gave the alarm.

The loss and insurance of the different firms are as follows: Mayhew building occupied by Ward-Gude Mercantile Company and Pass and Son Grocery Company, total loss \$35,000, insurance, \$7,000; Pass & Son, stock total loss, \$4,000, insurance, \$3,200; Ward-Gude, stock total loss, \$40,000.00, insurance, \$28,000; Mrs. Ida Kennon, millinery in Ward-Gude store, total loss \$3,000.00, insurance \$1,000.00; Ward building, a total loss, valued at \$35,000.00, insurance \$25,000.00; Nime Dry Goods Company, stock, a total loss, valued at \$60,000.00, insurance \$20,000.00.

Mr. Nime, proprietor of the Nime Dry Goods Company, left for Fort Worth on the Oil Field Special at 11:30 Sunday evening hence was out of the city when this great misfortune overtook him. He was called by phone early Tuesday forenoon, and notified of his enormous loss.

R. C. Pass & Son lost very few hours in opening up their grocery business in new quarters. Early Tuesday morning saw several men carrying groceries into the rear of the building recently vacated by the Smith Grocery Company, and by noon Mr. Pass was ready to begin transacting business and his many old customers had begun to gather in.

Mrs. Kennon re-opening her millinery store today in the building formerly occupied by Babb on the East side of Main street. We have not learned what the plans of Mr. Nime and Ward & Gude are for re-entering business, but no doubt these enterprising business men will be ready to serve their many customers at an early date.

Mr. A. L. Mahew, who owned the corner building that was a total loss, states that the work of cleaning away the debris will be started at once, closely followed by the erection of an up-to-date store building as speedily as possible.

Mr. Ward states that at this time he has no plans for rebuilding, as it will require several days for adjustments before he can make any definite plans. But as this is one of the very best business locations in town no doubt we will soon see this half block of Main street front adorned with a modern business building.

It is certainly horrible to meditate upon the enormous loss to these fine business men, the major part of whom were lifetime friends of the writer, and the American extends sincere sympathy.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The public is hereby notified that the Board of Trustees of the Cisco Independent School District in accordance with the State Laws, have called an election for the purpose of choosing three members to serve the above named district as trustees for the ensuing two years. The election will be held in the city hall of the city of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, Saturday, April 1st, 1922.

The names of all the candidates should be mailed to the secretary at the earliest date available.

M. D. ODUM,
Secretary.

LEAGUE HOLDS HARMONY MEET

Report of Utility Committee Convinces Even Utility Company Laws Have not been Complied With—Three Candidates Endorsed.

Another windy, blustering night greeted the members of the Citizens League in their adjourning meeting, but that did not prevent a creditable number from attending, as it was realized that there was business of importance at hand. As all deliberative bodies should have Divine guidance, this meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S. J. Vaughan, former presiding elder of this district.

The report of the committee on finance and taxation only made a brief report, as the chairman, Mr. Geo. W. Daniels, had been out of town for the past two weeks, and had only returned home that afternoon from Oklahoma, but was confined to his bed with a nice case of flu.

Judge B. W. Patterson, chairman of the utility committee, made the report orally, but it was a most interesting resume on the committee's findings. Judge Patterson spoke at length on the laws governing utility companies, and convinced everyone present that the report was not what was required to be filed with the mayor. In fact the manager of the utility company was even convinced, for the daily paper states that the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has "filed a supplementary report in which each item of the property owned by the corporation is given separately" (not that it is required by law to do so.) Those who heard the case presented by Judge Patterson are sure that it was not required to file this report (for they could risk the penalty of \$100 per day, which the law fixes for their fail to do so.) However, it is presumed that the Cisco Gas & Electric concluded that it was cheaper to file, than to risk having a civil action against them.

A feature of the evening was the musical program rendered by the little children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ely, of the Cisco Floral Company. This indeed was a rare treat. The two eldest children, aged 10 and 8, rendered a violin and piano duet, and responded to the encore with a comic vocal duet which was vociferously encoored. These little girls both evidenced rare talent, as well as training by a master hand. Mr. Ely is an accomplished violin instructor. The last act on this program was the two youngest children of Mr. Ely, who sang a duet. These little tots—the youngest could not articulate plainly—brought down the house.

Candidates Endorsed

During the deliberations a motion was made to endorse three candidates for City Commissioners, and the body, by a large majority, endorsed the following gentlemen to fill the vacancies on the commission caused by the expiration of Commissioners Blitch, Walker and Donovan:

Messrs. R. L. (Lee) Poe, J. B. Blitch and W. A. Cunningham. The names of these gentlemen have been filed with the city secretary, who, the mayor stated, would prepare a list of all the candidates in due time and secure the requisite number of signatures to insure their names appearing on the official ballot.

Leaguers Want Old Ballot

A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting that the approaching election be held under the general election laws of Texas, rather than the complicated preferential ballot provided in the charter. This resolution was the most popular act of the session, as the preferential ballot has no friends among the league membership.

BRUCE CARROLL BUYS GARAGE AND FIXTURES

Mr. Bruce Carroll has purchased the building and fixtures that he now occupies, from Mr. L. Wolters and leased the lot for three years. Mr. Carroll has now an establishment in the city where he expects to keep his garage business up to the high standard he has maintained in the past, and improve same in the near future.

Miss Lula Martin, who has been teaching school at Cottonwood, was in Cisco today. Miss Martin is now at the home of her parents in Pleasant Hill.

CARMAN WHIPPED BY UNMASKED MEN

Taken from Car on Avenue D and Conveyed South of City Where Victim Was Beat With a Board—Two Men Placed Under Bond.

That Cisco has not escaped the stigma of the decree of Judge Lynch came to light Monday evening when C. A. Carman reported to Deputy Sheriff C. S. Looney that he had been kidnapped from his car while on Avenue D, in the ten hundred block by five unmasked men, and placed in another car and conveyed to a point about a mile south of Humboldt where he was whipped most severely, according to his statements made to Deputy Looney. Mr. Looney stated that his back was perfectly black from the blows administered, seemingly, by a 1x3 board.

The foregoing and following facts as to the occurrence was given to a representative of the American by Mr. Looney:

Two local men, Mr. Ollie Bailes and Mr. John Aston are held under bond on two charges, awaiting the action of the grand jury. Bailes' bond on the whitecapping charge, was fixed at \$1,000.00, and for the aggravated assault charge, \$200.00. Aston, for whitecapping, \$500, aggravated assault \$100.00.

Both Aston and Bailes deny any knowledge of the party having been pulled off. Mr. Bailes is a carpenter and is highly respected by a host of friends of this city where he has lived for three years. Mr. Aston is also held high in esteem by a large acquaintance. He is a laborer.

Mr. Carman states that his "hosts," on Monday evening, insisted that he had been guilty of wife beating, and of bootlegging, both charges he strongly denies.

CITY BUYS FINE PUMPER ENGINE

Will Add Best Equipment to Fire Department and Reduce Rate One and Three Quarter Cents—750 Gallons per Minute Capacity.

At the meeting of the City Commission last night that body purchased one of the latest and most modern fire apparatus made by the LaFrance people, and one of the best fire engines known. This new pumper is known as the LaFrance 75 Pumper, of the highest type. It has a capacity of throwing, through four lines of hose, 750 gallons of water per minute, and will reduce Cisco's key rate one and three quarter cents. It is estimated that this engine will pay for itself in five years, and as the terms are "run four years, it will be an economical investment.

The members of the fire department are feeling real chesty today, as they are assured of the proper equipment in combatting fires. This is the right spirit, and this act of the commission will be commended by all, as every facility should be provided to enable our volunteers to do their work properly.

WILDERNESS OF DERRICKS MARKS OIL FIELD SCENES

Were you ever in a forest after a cyclone had passed that way, leaving only the stumps standing that were once the mighty giant oaks of that forest? What was the feeling that passed over you? Did you feel thrilled or subdued?

I traveled one day this week over a large part of the oil field lying between Eastland and Ranger, known as the Pleasant Grove section where two years ago there was raging one of the strongest cyclonic drilling campaigns that has ever raged in any part of Texas.

Today there stands hundreds upon hundreds of derricks, as far as the eyesight can carry, as dumb monuments to fortunes that were made overnight, and in many instances, lost almost as quickly. It was no uncommon sight to see small streams have a sudden rise, not of water but pure "fluid gold" when some mighty gusher was drilled in and pipeline connections could not be made at once.

Many of the larger companies who have holdings in that section are planning to plug these old wells and give them a shot at the 1400 foot level, where there exists a very good oil sand and try for a paying proposition at this shallow level.

FAVOR VOTING UNDER OLD LAW

Citizens League Unanimously Adopts Resolution Favoring Voting for Commissioners Under State Election Law.

At the meeting of the Citizens League last Monday night the resolutions committee submitted a resolution strongly condemning the use of the preferential ballot in the coming election, and requests the City Commission to hold the approaching City election under the general election laws of the state. Perhaps there is no part of the new city charter that has been so strongly denounced as the preferential ballot. It has given rise to more confusion, and caused greater dissatisfaction than all other provisions in the charter. It is claimed that none can understand it sufficiently to vote intelligently under its provisions. It is stated that even the attorney who drew the charter containing this provision failed to understand it, and his vote was not counted. If this be true even the author should want its abolishment.

The constitution of the state states that no man shall be disfranchised except for certain purposes, and not understanding how to mark a complicated ballot is certainly not one of these provisions.

The resolution which was unanimously adopted is as follows:

WHEREAS we are informed by competent lawyers that the present method of voting in the city of Cisco, known as the "Preferential Ballot" conflicts with the Constitution and General Election laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS at the first and only election held under said Preferential Ballot, we are informed, about one hundred and fifty citizens and electors of the city of Cisco were disfranchised because their ballots were not in compliance with the complicated requirements of said Preferential Ballots; and

WHEREAS we are informed that at said last election, the lawyer who drew or framed said Preferential Ballot law was not able to make out his ballot correctly, and his ballot was thrown out and not counted,

And WHEREAS in order for any voter who has not studied the law closely, (and few of the citizens have done this) it is impossible to make out one of the so called "Preferential Ballots" correctly without expert assistance;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Citizens of Cisco in Mass Meeting assembled, that the Mayor and City Commissioners of Cisco hold the approaching city election under the general election laws of the State of Texas, and prepare the ballots for said election according to the provision of said law.

J. L. STEPHENSON,
Chairman Resolution Com.

MORRIS MALBERG MOVING TO CORNER 5TH AND D

The Morris Malberg news stand, formerly conducted at the Shepard-Nunn Drug store, is moving into new quarters, the stand at the corner of Avenue D and Fifth street, formerly occupied by the shoe store.

Mr. Malberg will conduct a news, cigar and tobacco store, and will also carry a complete line of candy and confections, making his place the most complete news and book store in this section. All kinds of periodicals will be kept on hand, and his line of cigars, cigarettes, tobaccos and confections will be the best class to be had. He is preparing to take care of the wants of the trade, and if in his line Morris will have it. Call around and see him in his new home.

GOES TO VISIT SISTER

Mr. David Jones, carpenter, who has resided in Cisco for the past three years, left Thursday morning for his old home at Madisonville, Ky. Mr. Jones was called to the bedside of his sister, Miss Jesse Jones, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Jones has been away from his old home for five years, and in that time he has traveled over and worked in many of the western states, at last arriving in Cisco, he was so well pleased with the city that he spent three years of the five in our midst. He has made a host of friends and we hope he shall return.

PIONEER PROVING A GOOD OIL BET

Bringing in of "Lucky 13" Causing Oil Men to set up and Listen—New Producer Making Sixty Barrels per Hour.

All is hustle and hurry in Pioneer and there's a reason. "Lucky 12" was drilled partially in early Wednesday evening, and began making two hundred barrels with the drill only two feet in the pay. Thursday drilling was resumed and as the bit proceeded into the depths the flow accordingly increased until at one o'clock Thursday she was flowing sixty barrels per hour steady under the government gauge used by capable hands.

It will be permitted to flow thus for a few days when probably the hole will be drilled again, when it is expected to see one of the best wells in this section.

Operators got real busy after the drilling in of the Eakin, but speculation is mounting skyward with each passing hour since this new addition to the field. There are perhaps seventy-five rigs up all told in this field, with as many new locations and new rigs are going up, and stakes are being driven all the time for new locations.

All the larger companies of the state and many other states have holdings, or are purchasing acreage at rapidly increasing figures. Mr. Gus Hutton purchased the Methodist church lot, 600x600 feet, where he expects to spud in a well in the very near future. Many other local men are also picking the plums while the picking is good. All prophesy that Pioneer is a second Desdemona. The life may not last long but she will have the kick for quite a time.

The people are coming by the thousands, regardless of the fact that there are very few accommodations. Also buildings are being erected almost overnight, with dozens of takers for every finished house regardless of price.

PASCHALL & TRIPLET GO TO SEE NEW WELL

Messrs. Paschall and Triplett who purchased sixty acres of land from Mr. Eakin, adjacent to the town of Pioneer, it seems, are in real luck this time.

This land has been laid out in town lots as an addition to the new oil town, and many of them have already been disposed of, and since the drilling in of the "Lucky 13" Wednesday, they have sold like the proverbial hot cakes. These gentlemen left for Pioneer Wednesday evening at eleven o'clock for Pioneer, when they heard of the new well coming in.

Before leaving Mr. Triplett said: "This well coming in just ruins our townsite proposition—yes like a bird flies backward."

SIMP. LOONEY LANDS A COUPLE OF BURGLARS

The general store of Jno. Huestes of Dothan, was entered Monday night and a quantity of merchandise stolen. A phone call came to Deputy C. S. Looney the day before to be on the lookout for two boys who were wanted for entering a store at Weinert one night last week. The number of the car which the parties were driving was given, and using this as an identification Officer Looney located the parties at Breckenridge. They had property in their possession when arrested which was identified by Mr. Huestes, the Dothan merchant, as belonging to him. The boys, Johnson and Boyd, were escorted back to Haskell by officers from that place, and a charge also awaits them in this county.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY APPROVES DAM CONTRACT

Mayor Williamson received a wire from Mr. Richardson Thursday afternoon to the effect that the head official of the H. F. Friestedt Construction Company had approved the new contract between the city commission and said company pertaining to the dam job.

Seemingly all matters are settled at last as regards this proposition. Mr. Richardson is expected in this city Saturday and the Mayor thinks perhaps work will be begun Monday.

Born last Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heyser, a boy.

CISCO SCHOOLS MAKING RECORD

"Visit the Schools Week" Attracts Many—Efficiency Shown in all Departments—Children Taught to do by Doing.

This is visitors week at the schools of the city, and every one who has failed to avail themselves of the great opportunity of making this visit and seeing what they are really doing in the schools, have certainly missed a treat, for they are doing things in these institutions.

Courteous and efficient guides have been provided throughout the week to show visitors through and entertain them while they cared to remain. Wherever one went all scholars were at their "knitting," as the freak saying goes. They were attending strictly to the business in hand, showing careful training and showed that they did not feel that their services were required to entertain the visitors.

I first visited the excellent library where a book lover could linger in happiness and forgetfulness for hours. One finds volume after volume that go into the making of a first class library. Classics, reference books on history, from the ancient to the present days. Also reference books and encyclopedias for references in all departments. Then the best fiction of the present day so dear to the hearts of the average school girl and boy. These showed frequent thumbings.

Then down in the basement to the departments of mechanical drawing and manual training, under the able management of Prof. R. E. Herndon. The writer possesses sufficient mechanical knowledge to know good work when he views same. And those boys are turning out cedar chests in their workshop second to none found in stock in this city. Many other articles of furniture of a useful nature equally as good. If any citizen desires a plan drawn for a new home, give those young architects a chance, and be convinced of their ability.

Passing on to the domestic science and home economics departments in charge of Miss Tucker, we viewed many other interesting things. Dainty dresses made by girls of her department were hanging on every side and other articles so dear to the feminine heart.

As we were visiting just after the lunch hour we could detect the lingering fumes of a lunch which surely must have been appetizing, judging from the lingering aftereffects. Assuring Miss Tucker that we would return in the future—and we expect to make this visit at the lunch hour if possible—we took our departure from where many receive a dainty lunch every day prepared by the school girls.

The chemistry department in charge of Prof. W. H. LaRoque, was also a place of pleasant sojourn in this visit. But I claim no knowledge of the work that these ladies and gentlemen are doing, but they were all busy doing something, and seemed intensely interested in this work. Different fluids and solids were being weighed and measured and poured from one long necked bottle to another where they would splutter for a time and then pass into silence. We have never seen a still in operation but we pass a tip on to you jug suckery—you might find something on the second floor of the high school that would interest you.

Then on to the commercial department in charge of Prof. P. L. Kelly. There a battery of typewriters are never silent during school hours, for a class of seventy-five ladies and gentlemen pass that way every day. Some of their work will pass muster with any inspection as it is as perfect as is possible. Some of these students are used as typists to do the business correspondence of the school.

We peeked into the large study hall where hundreds were gathered, though we opened the door without giving warning of our approach very few raised their eyes from their work. Here Miss St. John ruled the hosts, and it seemed a slight task, for she was engaged in preparing a lesson for her English department which would take her time for the next period.

Oh, well we could use up this sheet telling of the wonderful things that are transpiring in our temple of learning, but space forbids and we

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R. L. (LEE) POE ANNOUNCES FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

The American is authorized to place before the citizenship of Cisco the name of Mr. R. L. (Lee) Poe, as a candidate for the office of City Commissioner of Cisco, at the coming municipal election to be held in the city when three commissioners are to be elected April 4.

Mr. Poe needs very little introduction to our readers, or to the citizens of this city. He has made this city his home for many years, and has lived in and near Cisco for the past twenty-seven years. His record is an open book. During his residence in this county he has been prominent in farming and business circles, and was one of the first to improve the breed of hogs in this county, as prizes taken at the State Fair testify.

Perhaps the candidacy of Mr. Poe gives more nearly universal satisfaction than any other man who has announced for the office recently. His honesty and integrity is unquestioned, and all believe he will be firm in his stand for the right upon all questions. Having managed his own business successfully the people believe he will look after the business of the people in a like manner.

Mr. Poe lives on South Avenue D, and owns considerable property in this city. At present he is vice-president of the First Guaranty State Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions of Cisco.

In no sense was Mr. Poe a self-seeking office holder, as this is his maiden effort, and perhaps the idea of running for this office was not thought of until the demand from

his friends became so insistent that he felt it his duty to respond to their wishes.

In regard to his candidacy this gentleman has the following to say:

"In announcing my candidacy for city commissioner, I do so with a firm belief that every public office is a public trust, and those upon whom the individual burdens fall should know and feel that these institutions of ours belong at all times to the people, and not to the individual officer, or to any one set or class of citizens. With this in mind, if I am elected, I expect to let all of my official acts reflect that the office is bigger than the man and that he is only a humble servant of the people.

"If consistent with the public interest, I am in favor of the lower rate of taxation for Cisco. The only way I can see to secure a lower taxation at this time is for a more economical administration of our municipal affairs, and should you select me as your commissioner, I shall oppose all measures of extravagance."

WILEY HITTSON AT HOME

The many friends of Mr. Wiley Hittson gave him a cordial welcome upon his return home this week from El Paso, where he has been in the Federal hospital for several months. Mr. Hittson was gassed over in France, and was not doing well, so he went to the Federal hospital for treatment, and is greatly improved.

Mr. F. F. Swan of the Word community, was trading in Cisco Saturday.

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DAVISSON PAYING OFF PUBLIC ROAD SCRIPT

Eastland Texas, March 13, 1922
To the Script Holders and Other
Creditors of Fleming-Stitzer Road
Building Company:

Arrangements have been made by Mr. G. A. Davisson, for the payment of all script issued by Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, whether the same has been reissued upon by Eastland County or not.

Parties holding this script will receive payment therefor, by presenting the same to the Highway Department of Eastland County on the 14th day of March 1922, or any time thereafter until these obligations have all been paid. In the event the script is not presented by the person to whom it was originally issued it will be necessary for it to bear the endorsement of such original holder.

Mr. G. A. Davisson has made arrangements also to pay all other outstanding bills of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company in a like manner. All parties who have bills against said company will receive payment in full therefor, by presenting them to the Eastland County Highway Department, after the same have been audited and approved by M. J. Kelly, bookkeeper for said company, who will be present and ready to check up all bills that may be presented.

The Commissioners Court deem it nothing but common justice to state that the arrangements for the payment of the script and accounts have been made only by a very material financial sacrifice upon the part of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company. On account of pending litigation it has been and is impossible to sell the Eastland County Road Bonds, which necessitated the negotiation of a loan by Mr. G. A. Davisson, the sole owner of the said company, which of course will entail the payment of many thousands of dollars in interest.

Mr. Davisson to take this loss and pay not only all script, but all other outstanding obligations as well, for a number of reasons; prominent among them being that he has known for many months the dire necessity of many of the script holders and has been actually grieved because they could not be paid sooner. Another reason which actuated Mr. Davisson in taking this step was, that since he has sold his road contract to Smith Bros. and these gentlemen are anxious to proceed with the construction of the roads with all possible speed, he was anxious to clear away all the obligations of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, in order that the new contractors might not be handicapped or embarrassed in the prosecution of their work.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

BY C. R. STARNES, County
Judge.
FLEMING-STITZER ROAD
BUILDING COMPANY
By G. A. Davisson.

CAUGHT A WILD DUCK WITH HIS BARE HANDS

Cisco, March 12—En route to town from his farm, Louis F. Barbour noticed the peculiar actions of a flock of wild ducks, (flying around in circles, gradually closing the circle, and flying lower and lower until reaching the ground. Barbour got out of his car and walked toward them. As they did not show signs of flight, he walked into the flock and picked up one of the ducks. To his surprise, he found that all of them had been blinded by the sand and dust that had been blowing all day.

The above is a clipping from a Fort Worth paper, sent out from Cisco. Representatives of this paper have sought Mr. Louis F. Barbour, but have been unable to locate him. The clipping states that there were a flock of ducks, and a flock means many, of course, but we are anxious to know just why Mr. Barbour failed to get more than one, as the average American citizen could hardly be expected to be satisfied with one little measly duck when there were a flock within his grasp—and all blind! Think of it—a flock of blind wild ducks—all fat and toothsome, and an able bodied man taking only one. There is something wrong, therefore we tried to find Mr. Barbour. Perhaps he has only one arm? Had he been driving in a buggy, or horseback, one would conclude that he had to hold his horse while gathering this lone mallard, but the report said he was in his car. Not being able to locate Mr. Barbour, and not satisfying ourselves as to his physical disability to catch but one lone duck, the American is forced to the conclusion that his salt ran out, for had he plenty of salt he would have loaded the whole flock in his car, and Cisco would have feasted on mallards or canvas backs for some time.

New up-to-date cloth dress hats,
only \$2. Morris Simon. 36-1tc.

"DUG" BARTON ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF TO AMERICANS

The American takes pleasure in calling the attention of the large American family, and the public in general, to the announcement of Mr. J. D. Barton, which will be found in the American's announcement column.

"Dug" Barton, as he is affectionately known by a large circle of friends all over the county, is no stranger to most of the people, as his life, for the past twenty-eight years, has been spent within the confines of Eastland county. He is one of her people, having tilled the soil, lived upon the fruit of his labor, contributed to the support of her institutions, and helped in the building of the county and develop her resources to the present magnificent proportions, and done all those things which a loyal and worthy son should and could contribute to his home county.

He now asks the people to support him in the coming race for the nomination for the office of sheriff in the July primaries, promising, if entrusted with this position of trust to faithfully perform the duties incumbent upon him in a manner to his credit, and an honor to the county.

The American has made some inquiries regarding the character of this man who is asking for the important position of sheriff of your county—for this office is indeed one of the most important to be filled at the next election. There is much the sheriff can and must do to make Eastland county a fit place in which to live. There are certain elements that must be told to go, and there must be no mistaking the language that is spoken in speaking of this class. It is known that the county has a number of undesirables now that could not profitably ply their avocation unless they had protection from the officers of the county or cities. If bootleggers and gamblers were vigorously prosecuted in any county they would soon find it unprofitable to remain, but it is a known fact that we still have them within the borders of Eastland county, as evidenced by the fact that occasionally some officer rounds up a bunch of this lawless element. We are told that "Dug" Barton is the kind of a man that will make it rather uncomfortable for those who would profit by violating the laws. We are told that he is a man of unimpeachable character, and one that "easy money" has no tempting influence. This information comes from one who has known him since both were boys together, and who has been in close touch with him since they have reached manhood's estate.

Mr. Barton wishes the people to know that he is making the race upon his own merits, and is asking the support of Democrats upon his qualifications to discharge the duties of the office.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF W. M. EPPLER

The Commissioners Court last Tuesday, in session at Eastland, appropriately adopted the following resolutions on the passing of Mr. W. M. Eppler, a former honored member of that body, which were certified to by the County Clerk:

Whereas the allwise maker of this universe in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our most esteemed fellow citizen and friend W. M. Eppler of Cisco, Texas, and

Whereas during many years and against extraordinary opposition he was a beacon light, always steady in his fidelity and earnest in his enthusiasm and labor for good roads and progress of Eastland County, and

Whereas he served Eastland County faithfully and well for 16 years as a County Commissioner and by his counsel, advice and labor made Eastland county a better place to live in and added to the sum total of human happiness, and

Where his going away is an irreparable loss to Eastland county and every citizen thereof and more especially to the Commissioners Court of said county.

Now, therefore be it resolved that we, the Commissioners Court of Eastland county, Texas, in regular session assemble do hereby add our lament to the loss of this most valuable man and offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family and do direct that the Clerk of this court dedicate one full page to the minutes thereof and spread their resolution and he furnish a properly certified copy to the family of our friend and co-worker and to the press of the county.

C. R. STARNES,
E. H. WEBB
J. W. CAMP
M. G. ROBERTSON
H. S. STUBBLEFIELD.

State of Texas,
County of Eastland,
I, Earl Bendor, County Clerk of

WATCH OUR 15 Cent Sale

Friday and Saturday

Everybody's Store
Cisco, Texas

Don't Throw Those Old Shoes Away

They have a value at NOTGRASS' SHOP.
Best work for the money. A pair of strings and a shine FREE with each pair of shoes repaired here.

the said county and exofficio clerk of the commissioners court do hereby certify that I have complied with said order and spread said resolution on the minutes of said court and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 14th day of March A. D. 1922.

EARL BENDER, County Clerk.
By J. D. HILTON, Deputy.

POULTRY CULLING IN TARRANT COUNTY

Reports received from Miss Sally F. Hill, Home Demonstration Agent in Tarrant county, show that twenty-three culling demonstrations have been given and that two hundred and four farm flocks containing a total of twenty-six hundred hens have been culled. The demonstration brought out the fact that there was sixteen hundred culls found among the flocks which were sold at an approximate total of one thousand two hundred and eighty dollars. After disposing of these boarders, thus saving the amount of food they had been consuming without producing any valuable returns, it has been found that the one thousand hens left, produced practically as many eggs as had formerly been gathered from the entire flocks which has resulted in quite a saving to the poultry producers of Tarrant County.

Mr. J. H. Blanken of the Blanken Auto Supply, was a visitor to the fat stock show in Fort Worth this week. Mr. Blanken stated that it was a great show, and one that all Texas can be proud of.

Womack Motor Co.

KELLY-SPRINGFIELD tires got their reputation the same way Methuselah got his—by outlasting their contemporaries.

912 MAIN STREET



J. W. Gresham, who is one of the American family, was seen on the streets of Cisco Saturday.

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DEAN DRUG CO., Cisco; HARMON DRUG CO., Breckenridge;
CITY DRUG CO., Eastland Y. A. ORR DRUG CO., Putnam

It Went Up In Smoke!

Yes, we were completely wiped out by the fire Tuesday morning, but we believe in the old adage, "Where one loses a thing, that is the best place to find it."

So we are open for business at the old Smith Grocery stand with a complete and strictly fresh line of groceries just from the wholesaler.

Listen, park your cars south of Gray Hardware company or in the ally back of the Quick Service Garage, brick and concrete pavement everywhere.

Will pay highest prices for COUNTRY PRODUCE at all times.

BEST FLOUR, \$3.90 PER HUNDRED
SUGAR, \$6.00 PER HUNDRED
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OUR MOTTO—PAY CASH AND PAY LESS

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PHONE 201

COULD SUCH BE POSSIBLE WITH CISCO GAS METERS?

That even the mayor and members of the city commission are not exempt when gas meters go on a rampage and sometimes fail to register in true form, is shown by a report submitted Thursday morning by City Electrician Guy Robertson, who said that the meters of Mayor Richards and Commissioner Lemke were registering fast.

Of 12 meters tested by Mr. Robertson, they registered at an average of from 10 per cent fast to 5 per cent slow, he reported. The local gas company manager was invited to appear at the meeting of the commission next Monday afternoon and explain the cause of the condition.

The above was clipped from a Waco paper recently. It is possible that Cisco gas and light meters may need testing. There has been numerous complaints of discrepancies in gas and light bills among Cisco patrons of our utility companies. Some using one or two stoves have complained of very high gas bills, while others with a large number have no complaint, as their gas bills have not seemed higher than they reasonably would be with gas at 75 cents. Gas, like taxes, should be equalized. If there is anything wrong with the meters they should be tested.

As soon as this matter of unequal registration of the meters over in Waco came to the notice of the city authorities the City Electrician was ordered to test out the meters, with results as given above.

Even the Mayor of Waco was not exempt, as his meter registered fast. And Waco is the one town in Texas that our utility companies point to with a higher gas rate than Cisco. But then the meters are not to blame. Any kind of mechanical device will get out of repair.

MAHANEY CASE PASSED UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 27

G. N. Mahaney, who is under indictment for assault with intent to murder on the person of L. J. Starkey, entered a plea in Judge Hill's court Wednesday for a change of venue.

The plea of the defense was that owing to the wide notoriety given to the case which occurred in front of the Daniels Hotel in this city February 3, through the press, that the defense could not obtain a fair trial in this county. After hearing testimony of witnesses from all parts of the county, the court denied the plea of the defense, and the case will come up for trial in due form the 27th of March.

Some witnesses from Cisco were of the opinion that perhaps Mahaney could not be given a fair trial if it were left to the citizens of Cisco to decide the case, but we differ with them. As one able witness stated who lives in Eastland, in giving his opinion of the people of Eastland county, he said: "I believe there are enough honest men in Eastland county to give any man a fair trial." This we also believe of the Cisco citizens, even though they are justly warmed up over this deplorable occurrence. One hundred and fifty special veniremen have been called from which to select a jury for this trial.

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER OFF TO REBEKAH MEET

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander will leave tomorrow for San Antonio, where they will attend the 27th annual convention of the Rebekah State Assembly of Texas, which convenes in the Alamo City next Monday.

Mrs. Alexander, who served as secretary of that body for twenty-five consecutive years, was, at the last essemblage, elected warden, and at this meeting will be made vice-president, and at the 1923 convention will be placed in the president's chair thus she will have twenty-eight years of continuous service in the Rebekah Assembly to her credit. This is a record probably not equalled by any fraternal order in the state, and one of which Mrs. Alexander can justly boast.

There are few who have given so much time and thought to their favorite fraternal organization. Mrs. Alexander has ever held dear this organization, which she has seen grow from truly an "infant industry" to one of the largest, and most powerful fraternal orders in the state.

Besides being prominent in the State assembly, she has often been a delegate to the National assembly, and conspicuous in the deliberations of both the state and national bodies.

Messrs. A. A. Abbot and H. V. O'Brien of the Pleasant Hill community, were business visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith of the Ballard community, were in Cisco last Saturday.

Hell Hounds Are Infesting Pioneer

Alleged that Jordan, of Ranger Fame is Playing his Trade of Vice in the New Oil City—Gambling and Prostitution Openly Conducted.

We do not have any desire to rob Pioneer of any legitimate business that may exist there. On the contrary, we wish to boost the little city when we can, and have been doing this, for oil development there has meant much to this city and we really think it has just begun.

But listen. There are two things we wish to be found standing for when Gabriel toots his horn, and these are telling the truth in these columns—and we think we are—and soaking the devil in the vital spot every time we get in reach of him.

We have been informed by three of the best citizens of Eastland—and we are prepared to give names if asked to do so—that the devil has opened up one of the vilest hells in Pioneer that has ever existed in Eastland county.

This is the story as it was told to us, and we believe every word of it to be true. Three above mentioned citizens being in Pioneer Wednesday and having heard of a hell hole, proceeded to investigate first hand second floor building. At the head they went up a side stairway to the of the stairs there were some three or four small rooms on either side of the hall, and women emerged from them who were conspicuous because of their economical dress and extravagant use of paint. Proceeding toward the rear they entered quite a large room and what they met surprised their gaze! Twelve or fifteen tables were surrounded by men playing every game known to the gambling fraternity, and the money was stacked, literally stacked, and being passed over the board as they gambled for high stakes. At least seventy-five men were in the room, and so fast as one player vacated there were others anxiously waiting to take his place. And in addition the place was no desert isle.

Our informant stated that he was told that the proprietor of the place was named Jordan, said to be once an associate of "Queen Isabella" of Ranger fame.

The sheriff visited the boom oil town last week and made the statement that Pioneer was a model oil town, and that Deputy Erwin was capable of handling the situation. We agree to both of these statements, but we cannot see why every town that develops oil must be made into a hell on earth, whose flames, in a way search every man who goes there, and every GENTLEMAN are compelled, because of business, to go that way.

No doubt the deputy is capable, but the fact remains that he is permitting things to run wide open. My God, is there no relief for the people who want to see Eastland county a decent place in which to live? Will they be compelled to sit still while they are knocked down and run over and trod into the earth by a clan that are the very imps of hell and our peace officers tell us "he cannot see these things." We cannot believe it though it seems it is being done. The Pioneer affair is a disgrace to all who retain any self-respect.

As one man said, whom we heard speaking today: "I have done jury service in Eastland county for 30 years and if I were to go abroad I would be ashamed to admit that I was from Eastland county. To this we say AMEN."

BUILDING HIGH POWER LINE INTO THIS CITY

The Texas Utilities Company has a company of ten men in the field placing stakes preparatory to extending the high power line from Putnam to Cisco. The men have reached a point East of Dothan in their work. The little city of Putnam recently let a franchise to this company to enter the city and install a lighting system. This last link to Cisco will complete the high power line from their mammoth plant at Abilene to Cisco. This will give a great reserve power and light to this city, if the local plant is also maintained, which will be almost necessary, as the light line must be cut off in some manner.

Maps also show that a branch line will be run to Albany for service in that little city and no doubt Moran will also be served in this way.

We are informed that this company owns a number of lots in the "Y" in the local railroad yards, where they plan in the near future to erect additional units to enlarge the ice plant.

Mr. O. P. Weiser, one of the earliest members of the American family, was in Cisco Saturday interviewing the merchants who advertise in the great family weekly.

My New Spring Stock Has Arrived

—IT WILL PAY YOU TO STEP INTO MY STORE, AND LET ME CONVINCING YOU THAT I CAN SAVE YOU MONEY, ON YOUR SPRING NEEDS IN CLOTHING, GENTS FURNISHINGS, HATS AND SHOES.

MORRIS SIMON

Clothing, Gents Furnishings, Hats and Shoes
615 MAIN STREET CISCO, TEXAS
"THE UNDERSSELLING STORE"

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Earl W. Collins by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 91st Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 91st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the First Monday in April A. D. 1922, the same being the 3rd day of April A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of June A. D. 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6660, wherein A. L. Mayhew is Plaintiff, and Earl W. Collins, and William Spicer are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

Heretofore to wit, on the 16th day of Oct. A. D. 1913, defendant Collins executed and delivered to W. T. Scott his five certain promissory notes in writing, each of the said notes being for the principal sum of \$200.00, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, with interest on each of same notes at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date, both principal and interest payable at Ranger, Texas, to W. T. Scott, or order; said notes were given in part payment for a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Stephens county, Texas, and being 50 acres of land out of the southwest corner of the East one-half (½) of the West one-half (½) of Section No. 2, Elect

B. Certificate No. 708, T. & N. O. School Land, that said notes were made due and payable on the 15th day of November of each of the following years: 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, respectively, and that all of said notes have been paid, except Note No. 5. That note No. 5, has two credits as shown by endorsements on the back thereof, the first credit being for the sum of \$100.00, dated January 5th, A. D. 1916, and the second credit being for the sum of \$40.00 dated May 31st, A. D. 1916. There is now due and unpaid on note No. 5, a balance of \$60.00 and plaintiff sues for said amount due, interest and attorneys fees and for foreclosure of his vendor's lien, plaintiff now being the owner and holder of said note, having acquired same for a valuable consideration before maturity of said note.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Eastland this the 24th day of February A. D. 1922.

ROY NUNNALLY Clerk,
District Court, Eastland County.
By L. C. REED, Deputy.

Issued this the 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1922.

ROY NUNNALLY Clerk,
By L. C. REED, Deputy.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES
Corrected by Cisco Produce Co.

Hens, 3 lbs. and over	14
Fryers, 1 to 2 lbs.	.30
Fryers, 2½ to 3 lbs.	.14
Roosters	.05
Stags, 3 to 4 lbs.	.06
Stags, 3 to 4 lbs.	.05
Ducks	.15
Geese	.15
Turkeys	.28
Butter, free from mold	.10
Eggs	.15
Cream per lb.	.27

Dress-Up By Painting Up

—Winter is going and Spring is approaching. All Nature will soon be taking on new coors, brightness and cleanliness.

—You will need Paint, Oil, Varnish and Wall Paper, we have a very complete line at POPULAR PRICES.

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COME AND GET YOURS

As the Heliotrope flower seeks the sun do people seek the famous HELIOTROPE FLOUR. We have it in EXTRA HIGH PATENT at \$2.00 per sack.
CISCO BLEND COFFEE one lb., 35 cents, three lbs., \$1.00 and all other brands.
Complete line of fresh canned goods. Full line of Swifts meats.
Swifts JEWEL lard, \$1.35. Sweet potatoes, 5 cents per lb. Irish potatoes, 4 cents per lb.

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609 AVENUE D
—Cleaning, Pressing, Alterations—Suits Made to Order.
J. W. PENN
FOR SERVICE
PHONE 216
Work Called for and Delivered

Mr. L. J. Terry leaves tonight for California, in response to a message announcing that his mother is not expected to live. He stated he would return in time to vote for the Citizens League candidates for Commissioners.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

TEXAS & PACIFIC

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

(Westbound) Arrive Depart

No. 11..... 5:00 a. m.	5:00 a. m.
No. 5..... 1:20 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
No. 23..... 2:10 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
No. 1..... 7:15 p. m.	7:15 p. m.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS

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

(Southbound) Arrive Depart

No. 8..... 8:28 a. m.	8:38 a. m.
No. 36..... 11:58 p. m.	12:15 a. m.

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN
Northbound—to Breckenridge

No. 12.....	5:15 a. m.
No. 2.....	7:00 a. m.
No. 4.....	8:20 p. m.

Southbound—from Breckenridge

No. 2.....	6:50 p. m.
No. 1.....	10:30 a. m.

DRILLING OF LUSE SEEMS VERY LIKELY

Seems that at last there is to be renewed action on the south side by the Drury Petroleum company, but we have stated before that work would be resumed at once when we thought we had definite information, and so far there has been no drilling done, so we are saying at this time—we believe so.

All of the six inch string of casing is on the ground, having been brought from Raylee this week, also the eight inch casing is on the way, and we are informed will be on the ground by Saturday night. This company has had trouble in procuring casing, and as same is here we sincerely believe drilling will be resumed at an early date.

The Star Bakery

I HAVE LEASED THE STAR BAKERY AND WILL PERSONALLY CONDUCT THE BUSINESS IN THE FUTURE, AND WILL FURNISH CISCO WITH THE

BEST BREAD

THAT CAN BE BAKED. WHEN YOU BUY BREAD CALL FOR STAR BAKERY BREAD.

DICK BOLLINGER

WHOSE BIRTHDAY COMES IN MARCH?

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"

SMITH FLORAL COMPANY
115 West Broadway
Cisco, Texas

Home again--Come to See Me

After an absence of two years I have returned home and opened the

FLOYD COOPER CAFE

In the same old stand next to the Cisco Furniture Co. Come in and see me when you want the best there is to eat.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

For County Judge of Commissioners' Court:

ED. S. PRITCHARD

For County Attorney:

L. J. FLEWELLEN

For County Clerk:

ERNEST JONES,

EARL BENDER

(For Re-Election.)

For Sheriff:

J. D. "DUG" BARTON.

For County Treasurer:

T. M. TOOMBS.

For Supt. of Public Instruction:

ULALA HOWARD.

(For Re-Election)

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6:

J. H. McDONALD.

R. W. H. KENNON.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:

HENRY S. STUBBLEFIELD

(For Re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:

W. J. (Bill) HERRINGTON.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American is authorized to announce MINTER WOMACK as a candidate for the office of City Commissioner, subject to the will of the people of Cisco. Election April 4. He asks the consideration of the voters of the city.

For City Commissioner:

We are authorized to announce **R. L. (LEE) POE** for the office of City Commissioner of Cisco, at the City election to be held April 4th, 1922.

The American is authorized to announce **J. B. BLITCH** for re-election to the office of City Commissioner of Cisco, at the City election to be held April 4th, 1922.

THE EDITOR "IS SOLICITED"

Yes, the editor of the American has been "solicited." A delegation called upon us one day this week and requested that the editor, R. W. H. Kennon, enter the race for Justice of the Peace, subject, of course, to the democratic primaries. After giving the matter some thought I have decided to "place myself in the hands of my friends." (God protect me from my enemies—if there be any).

In permitting my name to be used as a candidate for this position I am not breaking any new ground, or treading unfamiliar paths. In previous years I held this position for twelve years, and am familiar with the duties of the office. It is a position which appeals to me, because I like the work. I feel that I can mete out the same justice to my enemies, (if there be any) as I would my own brother.

Then, this petty office is one where it is possible to do a great deal of good to those who are not financi-

ally able to employ counsel to defend them. A justice of the peace, who is really conscientious, and not ruled by mercenary motives, will not allow an innocent man mulched into a fine because he is too poor to employ an attorney to defend him.

I desire to state if the people elect me as their justice, and at the same time elect a constable who will enforce the laws, it will be to justly to apply the avocation of bootlegging and gambling in Cisco, to any appreciable extent. But I do not believe that the precinct officers should confine their efforts to punishing bootleggers, gamblers and prostitutes, but enforce all the laws, not forgetting to show mercy in meritorious cases. In other words, I am not too strong on technicalities, especially with the youths of the land. I believe the "rule of reason" should prevail.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those who have "solicited" me to enter the race, and assured me of their support. Should I be elected it will be my one purpose to make you the best officer that in my power lies. I believe I know how. I believe in prosecuting all violators of the law—high or low—but in no sense will I permit a man to be persecuted. Malice has no place in the mind of an officer.

R. W. H. KENNON.

MARKETING ASSOCIATION WILL SHIP TWO MIXED CARS

The Pleasant Hill Co-Operative Marketing Association will ship two mixed cars of livestock to the Fort Worth market next Tuesday. Mr. T. L. Lasater, secretary of the association states that there is possibly room for a few non-members to get in on this shipment, but naturally members will have preference. Mr. Lee Poe has the list of shippers, and if others desire to ship they can see him.

Messrs. W. J. Poe and G. W. Hines will accompany this shipment to market.

Mr. Lasater stated that he had orders for members of the association for approximately 2,500 pounds of Sudan grass seed, and a small quantity of maize. Many of the farmers will plant Sudan grass this year, Mr. Lasater stated.

AUTO WRECKING PLANT

Messrs. Surles and Short have opened an Automobile Wrecking House in the 1000 block on Avenue A. This will be a great addition to the business activities of Cisco in that there will be a market for second hand cars where they will rebuild and put in first class condition.

Mr. Surles comes from the state of Colorado where he has been in the business for some time. Mr. Short has been in the garage business on fifth street for some time past.

COMMENDS CISCO AMERICAN

Mr. W. R. Tomlinson who is at home from the Mexia country this week, states that he is for Cisco stronger than ever. That Mexia would be greatly improved if she had within her borders a newspaper that would stand up and slug straight from the shoulder for the city as does the American for Cisco and her best interests.

MRS. HARRY GRINDER

Mrs. Harry Grinder died at the family residence in North Cisco last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, interment in the City Cemetery Saturday at 4 p. m. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lewis N. Stucky.

Where We Worship

Christian Science Society
Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Ave. D. Services next Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; Morning service 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening service, 7:30 p. m. (no evening service). The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Church of the Nazarene
Corner Avenue A. and East Broadway, Rev. E. H. Greer and wife, pastors. Services next Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Evening Service 8 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Corner 16th street and avenue F, Rev. A. Arndt, pastor. Services on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. "Christ, Our Saviour," will be the theme for the sermon in the morning. The sermon on "Fundamentals" in the evening will be on "The cordially invited.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM AT TWELFTH STREET CHURCH

Tonight, Friday, March 17, the following program will be rendered at the Twelfth Street Methodist Church by the Senior Epworth League:

Song, "Loyalty to Christ."
Prayer.
Song, "True-Hearted, W h o l e-Hearted."

Address—The object of the Epworth League—B. F. Gaither.

Address—All for Christ—O. F. Sensabaugh.

Our League Emblems—Lela Latch.

Why every young person in the Church should be a member of the Epworth League—Emmit Loyd.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Benediction.

After the program lunch will be served. Don't miss it.

FORMER COMMISSIONER EPLER DIED MONDAY

The many friends of the family were shocked last Monday morning when the news came that Mr. W. M. Eppler had died at the family residence two miles east of Cisco.

Mr. Eppler's death came very suddenly, as he had been about his regular labors the previous week, and while getting along in years, and not enjoying the best health, yet none were prepared for the shock that news of his death occasioned.

Mr. Eppler is survived by his widow and the following children: Mesdames Evelyn Hart, Lilly Richardson, Willie Johnson, Ruby Coleman, and Zora Terry; Grover, Hulon, Dorothy and Arna Ray Eppler. Brothers and sisters surviving are Sol and Gilford J. Eppler of Cisco, and Rufus Eppler of Gorman Mrs. Joe Kilborn and Mrs. May Stockton. He was 66 years of age, and a member of the I. O. O. F. order, the Cisco lodge having charge of the funeral, the sermon being preached by Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor of the Twelfth Street Methodist church.

Uncle Bill Eppler, as he was affectionately known, was for many years County Commissioner from this precinct, a position he filled with credit to himself, and satisfactory to most of his constituents.

The remains were buried in the City Cemetery Monday evening, the funeral arrangements being in charge of the H. C. Wippen Undertaking company.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

It is with hearts filled with gratitude that we attempt to express our sincere appreciation to each of our loving friends who so tenderly ministered unto us in our recent sudden bereavement. To each of you we want you to know that every act is remembered with love, and we can ask no greater boon than when you are thusly bereaved that you will have as tender and loving friends to soothe your sorrows as that which you have given us.

To those who remembers our dear husband and parent with floral offerings, and to the management of the Cisco & Northeastern railroad, we especially desire to tender our thanks. It was indeed a delicate consideration on the part of the railroad managers to have the train stopped near the home for the reception of the remains, and one that will not be forgotten.

Gratefully,
Mrs. E. M. Paschall,
Miss Montie Paschall,
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Crowell,
Stanley Paschall,
Press Paschall,
G. A. Paschall,
W. C. Foreman.

Mr. J. M. Carter was making arrangements here Saturday, and looking up a few of our advertisers.

CLASSIFIED

Classified Rates

All notices will be inserted under this heading at 1 cent per word, each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. All notices must be paid at time of insertion except with those having accounts with this paper.

FOR SALE—Full blood Barred Rocks' eggs, guaranteed to be pure bred, 15 for \$1, the lowest price for some time. Will be found at Pass' grocery store. T. E. Clark, Cisco, Tex., route 3. 34-3t.

FOR SALE—Latest maps of Putnam's shallow oil field. "Flowing wells" "dry holes" and "gassers" Up to date. Price \$1.00. Write or call Mrs. Mary Guyton, Mission Hotel, Putnam, Texas.

Read the ads in this issue.

Specializing on pure bred White Leghorns, English strain commencing on February 25th, we will book orders for eggs at \$1.50 per setting. Also day old chicks.—R. F. Scott Ranch, Putnam, Texas.

FOR SALE—One pump, winchester shot gun, 12 gage, hammerless, in excellent condition. One pump winchester shot gun with hammer, good shape. Would trade for good rifle. Write M. E. Garrett, Putnam, Texas.

WILL SELL OR TRADE—Two forty acre leases, Putnam shallow field, section 17 and 22. Callahan County. Address; Jacob P. Awalt, 819 W. T. Waggoner Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas. 34-4tc.

LOST—A lilly stick pin with a small chip diamond some where in Putnam Wednesday morning. Return to Enterprise and get reward.

RAMSEY'S LINE of shoe repairing is made up of style, plus quality in workmanship and material to meet the demands of the general public which means you. 500 Main and Fifth Streets. RAMSEY BROS., J. A. Ramsey, manager. 35-4tc.

FOR RENT—Good farm, near Nimrod. See E. P. Crawford, rear of First Guaranty State Bank. 35-tc

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PUTNAM NEWS

AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We had an interesting meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday night. We hope that all will be out next Tuesday night as there will be matters of great importance to come up before the body, and if you don't come something is liable to be slipped over on you. Don't stay at home until it is all over with then—ake about it.

Don't forget the Revival meeting that is going on at the Baptist church. This meeting was advertised to be held at the tabernacle but on account of the weather conditions and through the courtesy of the good Baptist people, we have been informed that it will be held at the Baptist church. Everybody is urged to attend these services.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to our friends and especially the ladies our heart felt thanks for the faithful attention and loving kindness shown us during the lingering illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.
W. A. Everett and children.

Subscribe for the Enterprise and keep up with the local news.

Just returned from market where we bought our spring stock of dry goods and notions. Bought right and the price will be right. Everett Bros., Putnam.

The Abilene Gas & Electric Company expects several car loads of poles, insulators and other equipment to arrive in Putnam at any time now.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubry were guests at the Mission Hotel Monday night.

Messrs Pierce Shackelford, M. Cowan, and Henry Orr motored over to Cross Plains Tuesday.

See our spring hats for ladies at Everett Bros., Putnam.

Mr. J. R. Jones of Atwell attended the fat stock show at Fort Worth the first of the week.

Clyle is now enjoying her electric lights.

Get the best shoe for your children—the Rel Goose Shoe of Everett Bros., Putnam.

PUTNAM OIL NEWS

Putnam, Texas, March 15—Mr. Fred S. Knisley and others of Breckenridge have contracted with Seward Bros. to drill a well on the T. & P. Survey No. 1, R. D. Williams lease. This well will offset the five million gasser brought in some three months ago by Arthur McElreath. Seward Bros. are shipping in a big cyclone machine from Mexia to drill this well with. The sand was found at five hundred and seventees feet in the well drilled by Mr. McElreath so Mr. Knisley expects to get the sand around that depth.

The Frank Ezlell well on the D. D. Williams tract about a mile south of the Knisley location is drilling around five hundred feet and is looking good.

Sam Henderson's No. 1 Isenhour is making gas without striking the sand, and this well is expected to make a good well.

Lewis and Lehman are coming along nicely on the Pippen lease east of Putnam.

Arthur McElreath spudded in a well Thursday for J. M. Martin of San Marcus on Wheeler lease about three miles south west of Putnam.

The Noel et al well on the Clark lease two miles west of town is drilling again after losing well from cave trouble after it had hit the sand. They are about one hundred feet deep.

J. L. Kennedy is going nicely on the Jackson lease about 5 miles south west of town.

Frank Kirk's well on the Scott ranch is drilling again after being shut down for a say or two for boiler repairs.

Mr. Charles Dutton expects to have the Cathey well pumping again in a few days. This well has mate as high as fifty barrels and has been on the pump for the last three years until recently.

The Charles C. Noble company of Oklahoma is blocking some leases just east of Putnam for the purpose of putting down a 1700 feet test.

Quite a number of oil men from Fort Worth, Oklahoma and other sections of the country have been looking the shallow field over this week.

Messrs. C. C. Love, W. A. Martin, L. H. Hightower and E. C. Harkrider of Eastland were looking over our shallow oil field Wednesday.

Trades Day will be held on the first Saturday from this on instead of Monday.

If you want the best flour get the Clover Leaf, every sack guaranteed at Everett Bros., Putnam.

Messrs. Y. A. Orr and E. L. Joy motored over to Cross Plains Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Denny of Graham is looking after the interest of the Erie Oil Company in this vicinity this week.

Messrs. L. L. Shead, M. M. Jackson and C. B. Cook of Fort Worth are looking after leases in the Putnam shallow field this week.

Read the ads in this issue.

Pritchard Speaks To Nimrod Voters

Would Abolish Many Useless and Costly Employees—Favors General House Cleaning in County Affairs and Would Peddle the Jitneys.

Mr. Ed S. Pritchard who is making the race for County Judge, delivered an address at the school building in Nimrod Monday evening to a very enthusiastic little audience, there not being as many as was expected owing to the inclement weather.

In opening his address for the evening Mr. Pritchard expressed his appreciation to the Nimrod people for their loyal support two years past when he made the race for county treasurer, when he only lost six votes in the Nimrod box, even though he had an opponent who lived in that precinct.

"The only complaint that the Commissioners' Court have against me is that I have been bull headed just because I would not be led around as if I had a ring in my nose. I have not been bull headed further than I thought was necessary to protect the interests of the people who elected me. And if you want a man in the County Judge's chair who can be swayed or dominated by a certain faction, you had better draw your vote from me now. For, exclaimed Pritchard in strong tones, "No one has a ring in my nose or will they have if I am elected."

Continued Mr. Pritchard: "I have been between a rock and a hard place. People were condemning me for not paying off script held by Fleming-Stitzer road hands, whose claims were just, but there was no money in the road fund, and to pay these bills from any other fund would have subjected me to criminal prosecution, and worked an injustice to the people. I want the road program to go forward, but it must be done in a legal way so long as I have any connection with the affairs of the county."

Mr. Pritchard was high in his praise for Commissioner Stubblefield, the Oil Belt News and the Cisco American for what they have and are standing for in the affairs of the county. This gentleman thinks that there has not been sufficient and a proper kind of bond furnished in the past for officials and banks that are depositories for the county funds, and he promises to correct this and many other things if elected.

Some of these corrections will be abolishment or dismissal of the road supervisor who draws \$200 per month, and let each Commissioner do the work as of old; the immediate peddling of the fleet of jitneys now owned by the county, which, are a constant drain on the treasury for maintenance; dismissal of so many certified accountants of "imported brains" who have drawn as high as \$20 a day. A finance committee could meet and do this work once each year. The condemnation board are phrased Pritchardly "Damnation Board" to be abolished, for they have been drawing salaries since 1919, and have heard two cases. The officer, who is termed Right-of-Way manager, who draws \$300 per month, is to go. Also to cease importing legal talent from Dallas and Austin who are only after the high salaries paid. "More imported brains." Two court reporters at \$200 per month when they could be replaced for \$125 per month; five stock inspectors still drawing good salaries, while there has been no dipping done since August. The County Judge at present must have a private stenographer at \$150 per month; a county traffic officer whose chief business is to harass the public, when his work rightfully belongs to the deputy sheriffs of the county.

Mr. Pritchard insists that he is not conducting a mud slinging campaign, as he is accused of, but he must tell a few things he expects to abolish and correct, as the county has been charged extortionate rates for many things, such as \$142 per mile for locating routes for highways by engineers, also \$1,200 per mile for checking up the work when finished by the same force, when the officials of the A. & M. College give \$200 per mile as an average figure for locating highway routes. Why should the county engineer receive \$666 per month when a man that could be hired for \$150 would answer our purpose?

"Yes, the Fleming & Stitzer script is being paid off now after henchmen have traveled over the county and bought up a load of this paper at from fifty to ninety cents on the dollar, again justice to the laboring man by a bunch of imported brains," Mr. Pritchard declared.

Referring to the squabble of the past few days over the issuance of \$80,000 additional road funds to add to the already tax burdened people Pritchard speaks no 2----- without consulting them, he con-

sidered an insult, and that he would never sign such warrants.

Mr. Pritchard promises, if elected, to try to correct wrongs and not try to unite any factions, as this will take care of itself for he is no referee in any contention between the factions, but out for the best interests of the county at large. He says if four farmers were elected for Commissioners as usual, and a shrewd lawyer put in charge of the court as Judge, as many are advocating, this county would again have a lovely combination. He asks the question "why not elect five old common sense farmers to run the county's financial canoe and make him the fifth farmer by electing him judge? For he is just a plain country farmer boy, and exceedingly proud of this point."

NOTICE

To Our Friends and Customers:

We have been instructed by the State Banking Department not to permit any more overdrafts or hold checks as cash items, and we kindly ask that you be sure that you have the money in the bank to pay your checks before giving same, and in this way we will not embarrass you by having to return your check. We are forced to comply with the Examiner's orders, and will thank you for your cooperation in these premises.

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COMRADES

The young people of the Wesley Bible class of the M. E. church, South, spent a very enjoyable evening at the Putnam Hotel Friday night, March 10th. Only those that gave the pass word were admitted; the pass word being the name of any Bible character. These games and contests, which were very amusing, together with the delightful music by Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Garrett and Mr. Whittaker, and reading by little Miss Lillie Belle Edgar brought the evening to a close all too soon. Another interesting feature was the fortune telling stunt by the "Wise Man" who chanced to be Mr. Fred Heyser. He told some sad but true facts to those who had their fortunes told. Delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate, were served to about twenty-five guests, after which Mrs. Edgar expressed her appreciation of her "fine, good looking" class. Bro. Edgar made a short and interesting talk, closing the evening's exercises with prayer. The success of the entertainment was due to Mrs. Edgar and her very able committee, composed of Mrs. E. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Bob Clinton, Miss Ruth Mobley and Mr. E. P. Whitaker. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Jeffers, who so graciously opened their house to the "Comrades" and assisted in many ways in carrying out the program. Miss Mobley is to be commended for her untiring efforts in behalf of the class. We are fortunate in having Miss Mobley as a member. She is such a rustler of good times.

UNSIGNED.

We were over to Baird Wednesday and that Hi-Line is coming right on down the road. There will be a bunch of work in Putnam in a few days putting up the poles and wire as soon as it arrives.

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CARBON HIGH NAMES TRACK ASPIRANTS

Carbon, Mar. 15—The high school inter-society track meet was held here Friday for the purpose of selecting contestants to enter the interscholastic county meet to be held in the near future at Cisco.

Rivalry between the two societies, the Yankees and the Confederates, in all the different events, was acute. The Confederates won by a small margin.

The American enjoyed a pleasant call Monday last from Mr. J. D. "Dug" Barton, who is making the race for sheriff of Eastland county, and Mr. T. M. Tombs, who is seeking to be the next treasurer of Eastland county. Both of these gentlemen live at Gorman, and are now making a canvass of the county in the interest of their candidacy.

J. A. Bratcher, another member of the American family, who lives in the Ballard community, was here Saturday.

Miss Eleanor Hardy, stenographer in the C. & N. E. offices, will spend a short vacation with her sister in Dallas, leaving tomorrow.

Mr. L. A. Murray, who has been visiting his children, returned to Wortham Tuesday.

President N. S. Kinard of the Pleasant Hill Co-Operative Marketing Association, was in Cisco Saturday.

Read the ads in this issue.

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CHAPTER VII.—Shortly after Milha's cure, her friend, Sadie Clews, in Ramsey that his innamorata has been married to her cousin and is not coming back, so that little romance is ended. Within a few months Ramsey and his closest friend, Fred Mitchell, go to the state university, Ramsey's chief feeling being one of relief that he has got away from the detested Dora. To his horror he finds she is also a student at the university. Induced to join a debating society Ramsey is chosen as Dora's opponent in a debate dealing with the matter of Germany's right to invade Belgium. Dora being assigned the negative side of the argument. Partly on account of his feelings toward Dora, and his natural nervousness, he makes a miserable showing and Dora carries off the honors. A trashy youngster named Linski objects to the showing made by Ramsey and becomes personal in his remarks. The matter ends with Ramsey, in the university vernacular, giving Linski a "punch on the snoot."

CHAPTER VII

He never saw her again. She sent him a "picture postal" from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, which his father disengaged from the family mail, one morning at breakfast, and considerably handed to him without audible comment. Upon it was written, "Oh, you Ramsey!" This was the last of Milha.

Just before school opened, in the autumn, Sadie Clews made some revelations. "Milha did like you," said Sadie. "After that time you jumped in the creek to save her she liked you better than any boy in town, and I guess if it wasn't for her cousin Milha up in Chicago she would of liked you the best anywhere. I guess she did, anyway, because she hadn't seen him for about a year then."

"Well, that afternoon she went away I was over there and took in everything that was goin' on, only she gave me promise on my word of honor I wouldn't even tell Albert. They couldn't get any wire from the uncle about the touring car; it was her cousin that jumped on the train and took her down and fixed it all up for Milha to go on the trip, and everything. You see, Ramsey, she was turned back a couple of times in school before she came in our class and I don't know how old she is and she don't look old yet, but I'm pretty sure she's at least eighteen, and she might be over. I didn't think such a great deal of this Milha's looks myself, but he's anyway twenty-one years old, and got a good position, and all their family seem to think he's just fine! It wasn't his father that took in the touring car on the debt, like she said she was writing you; it was Milha himself. He started out in business when he was only thirteen years old, and this trip he was gettin' up for his father and mother and Milha was the first vacation he ever took. Well, of course she wouldn't like my tellin' you, but I can't see the harm of it, now everything's all over."

"All—ah—over? You mean Milha's going to be—be married?"

"She already is," said Sadie. "They got married at her Aunt Jess and Uncle Purv's house, up in Chicago, last Thursday. Yes, sir; that quiet little Milha's a regular old married woman by this time, I expect, Ramsey."

When he got over the shock, which was not until the next day, one predominant feeling remained: It was a gloomy pride—a pride in his proven maturity. He was old enough, it appeared, to have been the same thing as engaged to a person who was now a Married Woman. His manner thenceforth showed an added trace of seriousness and self-consideration.

Having recovered his equanimity and something more, he entirely forgot that moment of humble admiration he had felt for Dora Yocum on the day of his first prostration. When he saw her in the classroom, smiling brightly at the teacher, the morning of the school's opening in the autumn, his humility had long since vanished, and she appeared to him not less than as the scholar whose complete proficiency had always been so irksome to him.

"Look at her!" he muttered to himself. "Same ole Teacher's Pet!"

Now and then, as the days and seasons passed, and Dora's serene progress continued, never checked or even flawed, there stirred within him some lingerings of the old determination to "show" her; and he would conjure up a day-dream of Dora in loud lamentation, while he led the laughter of the spectators. But gradually his feeling about her came to be merely a dull oppression. He was tired of having to look at her (as he stated it) and he thanked the Lord that the time wouldn't be so long now until he'd be out of that old school, and when all he'd have to do he'd just take never to walk by her house. It was easy enough to use some other street when he had to go down town.

"The good ole class of Nineteen-Fourteen is about gone," he said to Fred Mitchell, who was still his most intimate friend when they reached the senior year. "Yes, sir; it's held together a good many years, Fred, but

after June it'll be busted plum up, and I hope nobody starts a move to have any reunions. There's a good many members of the ole class that I can stand and there's some I can't, but there's one I just won't! If we ever did call a reunion, that ole Yocum girl would start in right away and run the whole shebang, and that's where I'd resign! You know, Fred, the thing I think is the one biggest benefit of graduating from this ole school? It's never seein' Dora Yocum again."

This was again his theme as he sat by the same friend's side, in the rear row of the class at Commencement, listening to the delivery of the Valedictory. "Thinks she's just so-blime, don't she?" he whispered morosely. "She wouldn't trade with the President of the United States right now. Never mind! Just about a half-an-hour more and that's the last of you, ole girl! Yes, sir, Fred; one thing we can feel pretty good over; this is where we get through with Dora Yocum!"

Ramsey and Fred had arranged to room together at Greenfield, the seat of the state university, and they made the short journey in company the following September. They arrived hilarious, anticipating pleasurable excitements in the way of "fraternity" pledges and initiations, encounters with sophomores, class meetings, and elections; and, also, they were not absolutely without interest in the matter of Girls, for the state university was co-educational, and it was but natural to expect in so broad a field, all new to them, a possible vision of something rather thrilling. They whispered cheerfully of all these things during the process of matriculation, and signed the registrar's book on a fresh page; but when Fred had written his name under Ramsey's and blotted it, he took the liberty of turning over the leaf to examine some of the autographs of their future classmates, written on the other side. Then he uttered an exclamation, more dull than dolorous, though it affected to be wholly the latter; for the shock to Fred was by no means so painful as it was to his friend.

Ramsey leaned forward and read the name indicated by Fred's forefinger.

DORA YOCUM.

When they got back to their pleasant quarters at Mrs. Meigs', facing the campus, Ramsey was still unable to talk of anything except the lamentable discovery; nor were his companion's burlesquing efforts to console him of great avail, though Fred did become serious enough to point out that a university was different from a high school.

"It's not like havin' to use one big room as a headquarters, you know, Ramsey. Everything's all split up, and she might happen not be in a single one of your classes."

"You don't know my luck!" the afflicted boy protested. "I wish I'd gone to Harvard, the way my father wanted me to. Why, this is just the worst nuisance I ever struck! You'll see! She'll be in everything there is, just the way she was back home."

He appeared to be corroborated by the events of the next day, when they attended the first meeting to organize the new class. The masculine element predominated, but Dora Yocum was elected vice president. "You see?" Ramsey said. "Didn't I tell you? You see what happens?"

But after that she ceased for a time to intrude upon his life, and he admitted that his harassment was less grave than he had anticipated. There were about five hundred students in the freshman class; he seldom saw her, and when he did it was not more than a distant glimpse of her on one of the campus paths, her thoughtful head bent over a book as she hurried to a classroom. This was bearable; and in the flattering agitations of being sought, and even hunted, by several "fraternities" simultaneously desirous of his becoming a sworn Brother, he almost forgot her. After a hazardous month the roommates fell into the arms of the last "frat" to seek them, and having undergone an evening of outrage which concluded with touching rhetoric and an oath taken at midnight, they proudly wore jeweled symbols on their breasts and were free to turn part of their attention to other affairs, especially the affairs of the Eleven.

However, they were instructed by the older brethren of their Order, whose duty it was to assist in the proper maneuvering of their young careers, that, although support of the "varsity" teams was important, they must neglect neither the spiritual nor the intellectual by-products of undergraduate doings. Therefore they became members of the college Y. M. C. A. and of the "Lumen Society."

According to the charter which it had granted itself, the "Lumen Society" was an "Organization of male and female students"—so "advanced" was this university—"for the development of the powers of debate and oratory, intellectual and sociological progress, and the discussion of all matters relating to philosophy, metaphysics, literature, art, and current events." A statement so formidable was not without a hushing effect upon Messrs. Milholland and Mitchell; they went to their first "Lumen" meeting in a state of fear and came away little reassured.

"I couldn't get up there," Ramsey declared, "I couldn't stand up there before all that crowd and make a speech, or debate in a debate, to save my soul and gizzard! Why, I'd just keel right over and haf to be carried out."

"Well, the way I understand it,"

said Fred, "we can't get out of it. The seniors in the 'frat' said we had to join, and they said we couldn't resign, either, after we had joined. They said we just had to go through it, and after a while we'd get used to it; and not mind it so much."

"I will!" Ramsey insisted. "I couldn't any more stand up there on my feet and get to spoutin' about sociology and the radical metaphysics of the metempsychic bazoosum than I could fly a flyin' machine. Why, I—"

"Oh, that wasn't anything," Fred interrupted. "The only one that talked like that was that Blickens; he's a tutor, or something, and really a member of the faculty. Most of the



"What on Earth's the Matter, Ramsey?"

others just kind of blin-blah-bled around, and what any of 'em tried to get off their chests hardly amounted to terribly much."

"I don't care. I couldn't do it at all!"

"Well, the way it looks to me," Fred observed, "we simply got to! From what they tell me, the freshmen got to do more than anybody. Every other Friday night, it's all freshmen and nothin' else. You get a postal card on Monday morning in your mail, and it says 'Assignment' on it and—and—then it's got written underneath what you haf to do the next Friday night—oration or debate, or maybe just read from some old book or something. I guess we got to stand up there and try, anyway."

"All right," said Ramsey. "If they want me to commit suicide they can send me one o' their ole 'Assignments.' I won't need to commit suicide, though, I guess. All I'll do, I'll just fall over in a fit, and stay in it."

And, in truth, when he received his first "Assignment," one Monday morning, a month later, he seemed in a fair way to fulfill his prophecy. The attention of his roommate, who sat at a window of their study, was attracted by sounds of strangulation. "What on earth's the matter, Ramsey?"

"Look! Look at this!"

Fred took the card and examined it with an amazement gradually merging into a pleasure altogether too perceptible:

ASSIGNMENT
 Twelve-Minute Debate, Class of 1918.
 Subject, Resolved: That Germany is both legally and morally justified in her invasion of Belgium.
 (Debaters are notified that each will be held strictly to the following schedule: Affirmative, 4 min., first. Negative, 4 min., first. Affirm., 2 min., second. Neg., 2 min., second.)
 Affirmative, R. MILHOLLAND, '18.
 Negative, D. YOCUM, '18.

Concluding his reading, which was oral, the voluble Mitchell made use of his voice in a manner of heathenish boisterousness, and presently reclined upon a lounge to laugh the better. His stricken comrade, meanwhile, recovered so far as to pace the floor. "I'm goin' to pack up and light out for home!" he declared over and over. And even oftener he read and reread the card to make sure of the actuality of that fatal coincidence, "D. Yocum, '18."

"If I could do it," he vociferated, "if I could stand up there and debate one o' their darn ole debates in the first place—if I had the gall to even try it, why, my gosh! you don't suppose I'm goin' to get up there and argue with that girl, do you? That's a hot way to get an education; stand up there and argue with a girl before a couple o' hundred people! My gosh!"

"You got to!" his prostrate companion creaked, weakly. "You can't get out of it. You're a goner, ole Buddy!" "I'll be sick, I'll be sick as a dog! I'll be sick as the sickest dog that ever—"

"No use, ole man. The frat seniors'll be on the job. They'll know whether you're sick or not, and they'll have you there, right on the spot to the minute!"

The prediction was accurate. The too fatherly "frat seniors" did all that Fred said they would, and more. For the honor of the "frat," they coached the desperate Ramsey in the technique of Lumen debate, told him many more things to say than could be said in six minutes, and produced him, despairing, ghastly and bedewed, in the large hall of the Lumen society at eight o'clock on Friday evening.

Four other "twelve-minute debates"

preceded his and the sound of these, in Ramsey's ears, was the sound of Gabriel practising on his horn in the early morning of Judgment day. The members of the society sat, three rows deep, along the walls of the room, leaving a clear oblong of green carpet in the center, where were two small desks, twenty feet apart, the rostrums of the debaters. Upon a platform at the head of the room sat dreadful seniors, the officers of the society, and, upon benches near the platform, the debaters of the evening were aligned. One of the "aternal" seniors sat with sweltering Ramsey; and the latter, as his time relentlessly came nearer, made a last miserable squirm.

"Look here, Brother Colburn, I got to get out o' here."

"No, you don't, young fellow."

"Yes, I do!" Ramsey whispered, passionately. "Honest, I do. Honest, Brother Colburn, I got to get a drink of water. I got to!"

"No, You can't!"

"Honest, Colburn, I got to!"

"Hush!"

Ramsey cast his dilating eyes along the rows of faces. Most of them were but as blurs, swimming, yet he was aware (he thought) of a formidable and horrible impassive scrutiny of himself, a glare seeming to pierce through him to the back of the belt round his waist, so that he began to have fearful doubts about that belt, about every fastening and adjustment of his garments, about the expression of his countenance, and many other things jumbling together in his consciousness. Over and over he whispered gaspingly to himself the opening words of the sentence with which a senior had advised him to begin his argument. And as the moment of supreme agony drew close, this whispering became continuous: "In making my first appearance before this honorable membership I feel constrained to say in making my first appearance before this honorable mem—"

It had come. The chairman announced the subject of the fourth freshman twelve-minute debate; and Dora Yocum, hitherto unperceived by Ramsey, rose and went forward to one of the small desks in the open space, where she stood composedly, a slim, pretty figure in white. Members in Ramsey's neighborhood were aware of a brief and hushed commotion, and a fierce whisper, "You can't! You get up there!" And the blanched Ramsey came forth and placed himself at the other desk.

He stood before the silent populace of that morgue, and it seemed to him that his features had forgotten that he was supposed to be their owner and in control of them; he felt that they were slipping all over his face, regardless of his wishes. His head, as a whole, was subject to an agitation not before known by him; it desired to move restlessly in eccentric ways of its own devising; his legs alternately limbered and straightened under no direction but their own; and his hands clutched each other fiercely behind his back; he was not one cohesive person, evidently, but an assembled collection of parts which had relapsed each into its own individuality. In spite of them, he somehow contrived the semblance of a bow toward the chairman and the semblance of another toward Dora, of whom he was but hazily conscious. Then he opened his mouth and, not knowing how he had started his voice going, heard it as if from a distance.

"In making my first appearance before this honorable membership I feel restrained to say—" He stopped short, and thenceforward shook visibly. After a long pause, he managed to repeat his opening, stopped again, swallowed many times, produced a handkerchief and wiped his face, an act of necessity—then had an inspiration.

"The subject assigned to me," he said, "is resolved that Germany is morally and legally justified in Belgium—Belgiums! This subject was assigned to me to be the subject of this debate." He interrupted himself to gasp piteously, found breathing difficult, but faltered on again: "This subject is the subject. It is the subject that was assigned to me on a postal card." Then, for a moment or so, he had a miraculous spurt of confidence, and continued, rather rapidly: "I feel constrained to say that the country of Belgian—Belgium, I mean—this country has been constrained by the—invaded I mean—invaded by the Imperial German Empire and my subject in this debate is whether it ought to or not, my being the informative, affirmative I mean—that I got to prove that Germany is morally and legally justified. I wish to state that—"

He paused again, lengthily, then struggled on. "I have been requested to state that the German Imp—Empire—that it certainly isn't right for those Dutch—Germans, I mean—they haven't got any more business in Belgium than I have myself, but I—I feel constrained to say that I had to accept whatever side of this debate I got on the postal card, and so I am constrained to take the side of the Dutch. I mean the Germans. The Dutch are sometimes called—I mean the Germans are sometimes called the Dutch in this country, but they aren't Dutch, though sometimes called Dutch in this country. Well, and so—so, well, the war began last August or about then, anyway, and the German army invaded the Belgian army. After they got there, the invasion began. First, they came around there and then they commenced invading. Well, what I feel constrained—"

He came to the longest of all his pauses here, and the awful gravity of



He Came to the Longest of All His Pauses Here, and the Awful Gravity of the Audience Almost Suffocated Him.

the audience almost suffocated him. "Well," he concluded, "it don't look right to me."

"Four minutes!" the chairman announced, for Ramsey's pauses had worn away a great deal more of this terrible interval than had his eloquence. "Opening statement for the negative; Miss D. Yocum. Four minutes."

As Dora began to speak, Ramsey experienced a little relief, but only a little—about the same amount of relief as that felt by a bridegroom when it is the bride's turn to "respond," not really relief at all, but merely the slight relaxation of a continuing strain. The audience now looked at Ramsey no more than people look at a bridegroom, but he failed to perceive any substantial mitigation of his frightful consciousness. He had not the remotest idea of what he had said in setting forth his case for Germany, and he knew that it was his duty to listen closely to Dora, in order to be able to refute her argument when his two-minute closing speech fell due; but he was conscious of little more than his own condition. His legs had now gone wild beyond all devils, and he had to keep shifting his weight from one to the other in order even to hope that their frenzy might escape general attention.

He realized that Dora was speaking rapidly and confidently, and that somewhere in his ill-assembled parts lurked a familiar bit of him that objected to her even more than usual; but she had used half of her time, at least, before he was able to gather any coherent meaning from what she was saying. Even then he caught only a fragment, here and there, and for the rest—so far as Ramsey was concerned—she might as well have been reciting the Swedish alphabet.

In spite of the rather startling feebleness of her opponent's statement, Dora went at her task as earnestly as if it were to confute some monster of casuistry. "Thus, having demonstrated that all war is wrong," she said, approaching her conclusion, "it is scarcely necessary to point out that whatever the actual circumstances of the invasion, and whatever the status of the case in international law, or by reason of treaty, or the German oath to respect the neutrality of Belgium, which of course was grossly and dishonorably violated—all this, I say, ladies and gentlemen of the Lumen society, all this is beside the point of morals. Since, as I have shown, all war is wrong, the case may be simplified as follows: All war is morally wrong. Quod erat demonstrandum. Germany invaded Belgium. Invasion is war. Germany, therefore, did moral wrong. Upon the legal side, as I began by pointing out, Germany confessed in the reichstag the violation of law. Therefore, Germany was justified in the invasion neither morally nor legally; but was both morally and legally wrong and evil. Ladies and gentlemen of the Lumen society, I await the refutation of my opponent!"

Her opponent appeared to be having enough trouble with his legs, without taking any added cares upon himself in the way of refutations. But the marvelous Dora had calculated the length of her statement with such nicety that the chairman announced "Four minutes," almost upon the instant of her final syllable; and all faces turned once more to the upholder of the affirmative. "Refutation and conclusion by the affirmative," said the chairman. "Mr. R. Milholland. Two minutes."

Therewith, Ramsey coughed as long as he could cough, and when he felt that no more should be done in this way, he wiped his face—again an act of necessity—and quaveringly began: "Gentlemen and ladies, or ladies and gentlemen, in making the refutation of my opponent, I feel that—I feel that hardly anything more ought to be said."

He paused, looked helplessly at his uncontrollable legs, and resumed: "I am supposed to make the refutation of my opponent, and I feel that I ought to say quite a deal more. In the first place, I feel that the invasion has taken place. I am supposed—anyhow I got a postal card that I am supposed to be here tonight. Well, in talking over this matter with a couple of seniors, they told me I was supposed to claim this invasion was morally and legally all right. Well—" Here

by some chance, the recollection of a word of Dora's flickered into his chaotic mind, and he had a brighter moment. "My opponent said she proved all war is wrong—or something like that, anyhow. She said she proved it was wrong to fight, no matter what. Well, if she wasn't a girl, anybody that wanted to get her to fight could probably do it." He did not add that he would be the person to make the experiment (if Dora weren't a girl), nor did the thought enter his mind until an hour or so later. "Well," he added, "I suppose there is little more to be said."

He was so right, in regard to his own performance, at least, that, thereupon drying up utterly, he proceeded to stand, a speechless figure in the midst of a multitudinous silence, for an eternity lasting forty-five seconds. He made a racking effort, and at the end of this epoch found words again. "In making my argument in this debate, I would state that—"

"Two minutes!" said the chairman. "Refutation by the negative. Miss D. Yocum. Two minutes."

"I waive them," said Dora, primly. "I submit that the affirmative has not refuted the argument of the negative."

"Very well." With his gavel the chairman sharply tapped the desk before him. "The question is now before the house. Resolved, that Germany is both morally and legally justified in her invasion of Belgium." All those in favor of the—

But here there was an interruption of a kind never before witnessed during any proceedings of the Lumen society. It came from neither of the debaters, who still remained standing at their desks until the vote settling their comparative merits in argument should be taken. The interruption was from the rear row of seats along the wall, where sat new members of the society, freshmen not upon the program of the evening. A loud nasal voice was heard from this quarter, a loud but nasal voice, shrill as well as nasal, and full of a strange hot passion. "Mr. Chairman!" it cried. "Look-a-here, Mr. Chairman! Mr. Chairman, I demand to be heard! You gotta gimme my say, Mr. Chairman! I'm a-gonna have my say! You look-a-here, Mr. Chairman!"

Shocked by such a breach of order, and by the unseemly violence of the speaker, not only the chairman but everyone else looked there. A short, strong figure was on its feet, gesticulating fiercely; and the head belonging to it was a large one with too much curly black hair, a flat swarthy face, shiny and not immaculately shaven; there was an impression of ill-chosen clothes, too much fat red lip, too much tooth, too much eyeball. Fred Mitchell recognized this violent interrupter as one Linski, a fellow freshman who sat next him in one of his classes. "What's that cuss up to?" Fred wondered, and so did others. Linski showed them.

He pressed forward, shoving himself through the two rows in front of him till he emerged upon the green carpet of the open space, and as he came, he was cyclonic with words.

"You don't put no such stuff as this over, I tell you!" he shouted in his hot, nasal voice. "This here's a free country, and you call yourself a debating society, do you? Lemme tell you I belong to a debating society in Chicago, where I come from, and them fellas up there, they'd think they'd oughta be shot for a fake like what you people are tryin' to put over, here, tonight. I come down here to git some more education, and pay fer it, too, in good hard money I've made sweatin' in a machine shop up there in Chicago; but if this is the kind of education I'm a-gonna git, I better go on back there. You call this a square debate, do you?"

He advanced toward the chairman's platform, shaking a frantic fist. "Well, if you do, you got another think comin', my capitalists' friend! You went and give out the question whether it's right fer Choinmy to go through Belgium; and what do you do fer the Choinmy side? You pick out this here big stiff—he waved his passionate hand at the paralyzed Ramsey—"you pick out a boob like that fer the Choinmy side, a poor fish that gits stage-fright so bad he don't know whether he's talkin' or dead; or else he fakes it; because he's a speaker so bum it looks more to me like he was faking. You git this big stiff to fake the Choinmy side, and then you go and stick up a goll agains' him that's got brains and makes a pacifist's argument that wins the case agains' the Choinmys like cuttin' through hog lard! But you ain't a-gonna git away with it, mister. Lemme tell you right here and now, I may be a mix blood, but I got some Choinmy in me with the rest what I got, and before you vote on this here question you gotta hear a few words from somebody that can talk! This whole war is a capitalists' war, Belgium as such as Choinmy, and the United States is sellin' its soul to the capitalists' right now, I tell you, fakin' sides agains' Choinmy. Orders

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fer explosives and ammunition and guns and Red Cross supplies is comin' into this country by the millions, and the capitalists' United States is fat already on the blood of the workers of Europe! Yes, it is, and I'll have my say, you boorlaw faker, and you can hammer your ole gavel to pieces at me!"

He had begun to shriek; moisture fell from his brow and his mouth; the scandalized society was on its feet, moving nervously into groups. Evidently the meeting was about to dis-



"I'll Have My Say!" the Frenzied Linski Screamed.

Integrate. "I'll have my say!" the frenzied Linski screamed. "You try to put up this capitalists' trick and work a fake to carry over this debate against Cholimny, but you can't work it on me, lemme tell you! I'll have my say!"

The outraged chairman was wholly at a loss how to deal with the "unprecedented situation"—so he defined it, quite truthfully; and he continued to pound upon the desk, while other clamors began to rival Linski's; shouts of "Put him out!" "Order!" "Shut up, Freshman!" "Turn him over to the sophomores!"

"This meeting is adjourned!" belated the chairman, and there was a thronging toward the doors, while the frothing Linski asserted: "I'm a-gonna git my say, I tell you! I'll have my say! I'll have my say!"

He had more than that, before the hour was over. A moment after he emerged from the building and came out, still hot, upon the cool, dark campus, he found himself the center of a group of his own classmates whom he at first mistook for sophomores, such was their manner.

As this group broke up a few minutes later, a youth running to join it, scenting somewhat of interest, detained one of those who were departing.

"What's up? What was that squealing?"

"Oh, nothing. We just talked to that Linski. Nobody else touched him, but Ramsey Muhlolland gave him a peach of a punch on the snoot."

"Whoopee!"

Ramsey was laconic in response to inquiries upon this subject. When some one remarked: "You served him right for calling you a boob and a poor fish and so on before all the society, gits and all," Ramsey only said: "That wasn't what I hit him for."

He declined to explain further.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

John Hilscher was in Cisco interviewing American advertisers Saturday.

FRIENDSHIP FLASHES

Special Correspondence.

Friendship, March 15.—A light rain fell in this community Monday, which was very much appreciated, but very little stock water was caught in the tanks.

Mrs. Martin Parmer and children spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Sanders.

We regret to state that Miss Pearl Parmer has been quite ill with influenza.

Some one "borrowed" the Ford belonging to Mr. Will L. Parmer, last Sunday night, which is causing that gentleman considerable uneasiness, as they failed to leave their name and address. We hope they will soon return the car to Mr. Parmer, but as the car was freshly stocked with gas and oil, it is probable it will be some time before the car is returned. However, Mr. Parmer is making a diligent search, as he has sent out cards in every direction, and is offering a reward of \$25 for the return of the car, and \$25 additional for conviction of the party or parties who took this machine without his permission. The number on the engine of Mr. Parmer's Ford is 5,259-604, so if any of our readers see a couple riding in a car of this number on the engine, and with an L shaped patch in the back curtain, let the chief of police of Cisco know about it, and call on Mr. Parmer for the reward, which will be paid over just as soon as the car is returned.

Mr. James Harris has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lem have returned to Oklahoma after a few weeks visit in the homes of the Parkers and Mr. and Mrs. Lenk Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huesties of the Dothan community were the guests of the Sanders home last Sunday.

Mrs. Velza Penn entertained a large crowd of young people at her hospitable home last Sunday.

Mrs. Archer of Rising Star, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Parmer.

Melvin Parmer of Cisco, spent Sunday night with his father, Mr. W. L. Parmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penn were the guests at the home of Mr. Will Harris Sunday.

Many of the young people from this community attended the closing exercises of the Bluff Branch school last Friday night, and all say the exercises were entertaining and very creditable.

REICH SCHOOL HOUSE

Messrs. Boss Jackson and Ray Frye motored to Breckenridge last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Dillon has been visiting her daughter at Pisgah for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Reich, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dillon and Mrs. F. O. Schaefer visited Mr. Lester Clark at his home in the Pisgah community this week. Mr. Clark is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Jewel Andrews of Dallas, is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Dillon, at the home of Mrs. Boss Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley McCollins were the guests of Mrs. A. C. Alvey last week.

There will be singing next Sunday at 2:30. We hope all will be in attendance and participate in the singing.

BLUFF BRANCH BRIEFS

Special Correspondence.

Bluff Branch, March 15.—Everybody has a smiling face this week, as a nice rain fell Monday, which filled all the tanks, affording ample water for stock, and making crop conditions more favorable.

The meeting of the Literary Society at the school house last Friday night, was a most enjoyable occasion, and there was a large number present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thames entertained the following as their dinner guests last Sunday: Messrs. Bill Pool and David McClelland, and Misses Nellie and Alta Mae Thames.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Thames and children of near Putnam, visited relatives in this community this week.

The Bluff Branch school closed its present term last Friday with a school picnic. A nice dinner was served, and baseball was the principal attraction of the afternoon.

Mrs. White, who has been teaching this school, departed Saturday for Morgan, where she will visit her parents, and later join Mr. White at Dublin, and after a short visit with relatives in that place they will go to Ranger, which will be their home in the future. Everyone wishes them abundant happiness in their new home.

Messrs. Elton Smith, Bill Pool and David McClelland, Misses Pearl Yeager, Nell and Alta Mae Thames were guests in the McClelland home in the Cottonwood community Sunday afternoon, and attended the singing at the Van Parmer home Sunday night.

Mr. J. A. Yeager of this community, is visiting her daughter in Moran this week.

There was a most enjoyable singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeager last Sunday night, at which a large crowd were in attendance.

J. B. BLITCH'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

In announcing for city commissioner I am making a great personal sacrifice and do so upon the urgent request of my many friends. Those who know me know my position on public affairs, they know my record as a public servant and builder. The work done on the streets shows for itself, though accomplished under trying circumstances during a period when all was bustle and hurry and with the lack of proper machinery.

I stood firm against and am yet opposed to building the addition to the City Hall and the hospital until the Lake Cisco dam is complete. This I consider the most vital problem of the city of Cisco, and I am unalterably opposed to the issuance of any securities for any purposes until this is an accomplished fact. Never before have we seen or felt the need of an inexhaustible supply of water as we do now. Cisco's future depends upon this and this alone, for without water she would perish. When we have water all other things will come to us. If we are not able to finish the dam lets build it as high as possible and finish it later. Which we can do when prosperity returns to our city.

Labor—I believe in giving labor a fair wage for it is the capillary of business. If the laboring man receives nothing, how can the business man hope to prosper? All are laborers who receive a salary or the small wage. I also believe in giving home labor the preference and if it cannot deliver the goods it will have no right to complain when outside labor steps in. I believe in white supremacy. This is Americanism.

Taxation—I stand for a reduction of taxes when it can safely be done, and to do this every official should watch his department and trim it to the lowest point compatible with the public welfare.

Finances—I believe in issuing financial statements as often as the law requires, and in a clear and comprehensive manner, so that the tax payers may know what is being done with their money.

Publicity—I believe in giving the citizens all the information possible about public affairs. The city of Cisco is no private corporation. The officials, from the mayor to the commissioners, are public servants, put in the offices by the people to

do business for the people, and to report to the people of all the transactions done by them. I have always been ready to talk with the citizens on any subject, I have no secrets concerning my official acts or do I want any.

J. B. BLITCH

SWEET POTATO STORAGE CIRCULAR IS NOW READY

Owing to the fact that the sweet potato is becoming very important as an agricultural crop in Texas and that proper storage methods are essential to a realization of the greatest profits, a circular has been prepared by E. A. Miller, Sweet Potato Specialist of the Extension Service which should prove very valuable to those interested in sweet potato production. This circular is for free distribution upon individual request. Parties desiring to give this circular to friends or neighbors should send in the names and addresses and copies will be mailed from this point.

This pamphlet treats of the desirable varieties suitable to Texas conditions and stresses the importance of seed selection, while selection and treating sweet potato seed against diseases is discussed at some length and the precautionary methods against sweet potato weevils are discussed. Bedding for slips is given special consideration, while the kind of soil, planting in the field, vine cuttings, cultivation, harvesting, etc., are given considerable attention.

Write to the Extension Service A. and M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas, for a copy, or send in list of names and addresses, should you desire to have this circular sent to other parties.

When ordering request Circular C-18, "Sweet Potato Storage."

TREE SURGERY IN CISCO A BEAUTIFYING AGENCY

That there are many trees in Cisco that would be greatly improved were they subjected to the "surgeon's knife," or rather, in this instance, the surgeon's saw, for tree surgery is practiced more with a saw than with a knife. Tree surgery is the aesthetic term for trimming trees. But whatever you should designate the term, it may be classed as a profession, as it is not everyone that understands the art of trimming trees. Some one did a pretty good job on the trees on the lawn of the Elk's home, and those trees will present quite a different appearance next spring. These grounds are very attractive in the spring, and if the tree surgeon completes his job it will be more so. The thrifty hedge in front of this home has not felt the surgeon's knife yet. And right here we want to remark that it is a mighty hard matter to cut a hedge sufficiently.

Every hedge should be cut back each spring as low as the first bush, and kept trimmed during the summer to make a thick and perfect hedge. This will not only give you a better hedge, but will give life to the plants and increase the foliage.

But speaking of trees, Cisco is full of beautiful shade trees, which are allowed to grow at random, with little or no care. Without trimming they grow too much at the top, and the hard winds break them and blow them down because the trunk is too weak to support the foliage.

Everyone having shade trees should get a tree surgeon to operate upon them, and soon Cisco will be known as one of the prettiest towns in this section.

CLARK WELL DOWN 150 FEET

Mr. E. B. Noel, one of the owners of the Clark well in the Putnam shallow field, informs us that the new well being put down on that lease is now down 150 feet. The old well was lost when it caved, losing the baler. This was at first known as the Mobley well, but the lease was acquired from Mr. Mobley by several Cisco gentlemen, including Messrs. Noel, Fleming, Pass and Blitch. They expect to strike the pay in a few weeks.

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LIVEZEY'S CASE AFFIRMED

New Orleans, March 10.—The United States circuit court of appeals today affirmed the conviction and sentence of William Livezey, former president of the Little Motor Car Company, who was convicted in February, 1921, in Dallas, for using the mails to defraud. He was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth.

This decision of the court will doubtless meet with the approval of many in Cisco who subscribed for the Little Motor Car stock, who still believe that it was a good investment, but the resources were squandered by Livezey and other officials. If a few more such as Livezey were sentenced to hard labor, it would not be so difficult to for meritorious industrial companies. But too many are following the route that Livezey trod, and sooner or later some of them will be gathered in and made to do time. It is now getting so wildcat schemes are being more rigidly scrutinized.

Mrs. Halcomb, owner of the Air-dome property on the corner of 6th street and Avenue D, is having it improved by converting it into a garage.

Cisco Schools Making Record

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have only skimmed the deal, taking an average of all departments. So go out and see for yourselves.

East Ward

The faculty of the East ward is composed of eight able teachers, including the principal, Prof. E. B. Isaacks, who is directing well the destinies of four hundred pupils of the East side, including grades from 1st to the 7th inclusive.

The principal part of the instruction in these grades, especially the lower grades, is done by the mode of drawing and illustrating. As pictures appeal to the child mind, it has been determined by the best educators that this is by far the best method to follow.

We cannot mention one tenth of the interesting things which we viewed. Special stress is being given to agriculture and animal husbandry in the sixth and seventh grades. Landscape gardening and beautifying of the home are other interesting subjects that are being taught. And always, there is being good work done in English, mathematics and other subjects.

West Ward

Prof. Williams, principal of the West ward, reports that they have had a host of visitors throughout the week, and all seem intensely interested in the work that is being done. Mr. Williams states that he has six hundred scholars to watch. Surely they cannot be as much trouble as the professor, for it takes eight lady teachers to watch him.

As it is the idea of this story to discuss something not seen every day, we were especially impressed with the drawings of house plans made by the low seventh.

If any person desires to polish up slightly on the history of Cisco and Eastland county visit the 6th grades for they have this information written out in a clear and concise form.

Then the high seventh, or the seniors, are doing an interesting course in entomology and its relations to modern agriculture.

South Ward

We are very sorry to state that because of lack of time we were unable to visit the south ward and the Liberty Hill school house for we are confident they are doing equally as interesting work as anyone. We intend to in the near future visit these schools and give them special mention in our columns. Visit them when they are not dressed up for visitors and are confident of finding them measuring up with the best.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.

Lutheran Community, March 16.—Miss Esther Bernstein of Albany, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. W. Ziehr.

Miss Edith Holt was shopping in Cisco Saturday.

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. H. last Saturday night.

Mr. F. W. Stroebel has accepted a position in one of the garages at Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Weiser were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel last Sunday afternoon.

The singing practice was enjoyed by a small crowd at the Lutheran church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. F. W. Stroebel and sister, Miss Freda Stroebel, accompanied by Mr. Mike Miller, Misses Martha and Hulda Miller of Romney, attended the service at the Lutheran church in Cisco last Sunday night, and listened to the sermon by Rev. A. Arndt, the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wende and children, accompanied by Mr. Dan Wende and Miss Minnie Stroebel, enjoyed a trip to Lake Cisco Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ziehr attended the Lutheran services at Cisco last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reich spent last Sunday with Mrs. Reich's mother, Mrs. Wm. Stroebel.

MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONS IN CISCO, TEXAS

The following local unions meet at the Labor Temple, 206 W. Third street:

Carpenters Local No. 1410—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. W. J. Martin, president.

Painters Local—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. G. A. Wilson, Secretary.

Building Trades Council—J. C. Rupe, President.

Laborers' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. G. A. Love, secretary.

R. B. McCuistan was a Fort Worth visitor this week, taking in the fat stock show.

Pritchard Talks \$80,000 Warrants

County Judge's Statement on Issuance of Road Warrants Which Treasurer Refused to Register, and Pritchard's Reply.

In last week's American we had an editorial from the Oil Belt News and Ranger Times regarding the issuance of the \$80,000 road warrants by the Commissioners Court, and the order of the Court setting forth how said warrants shall be taken care of. But the public is interested in all the facts, inasmuch as Treasurer Pritchard refused to register these warrants. Therefore the American is publishing what is purported to be the statement of the County Judge to the Ranger Times, and the statement of Mr. Pritchard giving his reasons for his action:

Statement of the County Judge

"The \$80,000 road warrants which County Treasurer Pritchard yesterday refused to sign and register were to be placed in escrow in the F. & M. bank at Fort Worth and were to be withdrawn only at the order of the commissioners court, County Judge Starnes said this morning in a telephone talk. "These, with the \$368,000 bonds, were to be placed there because the federal government insists upon such a step in order to insure completion of any project on which federal aid is given.

"The warrants were ordered issued at the same time the contract was let, on Jan. 13 or 14, Mr. Starnes said, and the tax levy was made at the same time. Both actions were taken in open court with several citizens present from Ranger and other towns, and no comment or objection was made by anyone.

"Asked why the warrants were to be placed in escrow instead of the same amount in bonds, Judge Starnes said that there were other roads to be provided for and the remaining bonds were being devoted to them.

"These \$80,000 in warrants, he said, will be retired out of the county's money recovered from the Security State bank—which is certain to yield more than enough to retire them, and possibly as much as 50 per cent, even if it is found that the county deposits are not protected sufficiently, either by the bond or the guaranty provision." In this way, the money will be put to use without any delay, and there will be no increase in taxes, the judge asserted.

"No estimates have been submitted by Smith Bros., although the warrant states that they are issued for labor and material furnished. This, the judge asserted, was perfectly proper, for the reason that the warrants were in escrow and would not be turned over to Smith Bros. until such a time as the work has been performed and estimates submitted.

"Judge Starnes designated Pritchard's refusal to register the warrants as 'more politics,' but did not know what steps would be taken in the matter. A mandamus could be sought to compel registration, he said, as has been done in several other cases, but the commissioners do not expect to take such action. If it is taken, it probably will be done in the name of the contractors."—Ranger Times.

Pritchard's Reply

"Ranger Daily Times, "I have read your article of March 3, 1922, concerning your conversation with Judge Starnes and note that he says among other things that these \$80,000 Road Warrants will be put in escrow in the F. & M. Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, and that they will be drawn out by order of the Court. As I understand escrow agreements, both parties to the contract must agree to the withdrawal of the escrow papers. Some one else would have a say as to how and when the papers would be withdrawn.

"He also says that they will be redeemed from the proceeds of the defunct Security State Bank of Eastland, Texas. If his statement is true, then the records of the Commissioners Court are false. The warrants are also false. The warrants state among other things that there was at the time of the making of said contract, a special fund designated "Eastland County, Texas Road Warrants, Series January, 14 1922," created and a tax of a rate sufficient to pay said debt and interest thereon, was ordered levied against all taxable property of said county, assessed and collected and placed to the credit of said special fund and appropriated exclusively to the payment of said debt and interest thereon, by order of the Commissioners Court. If the Commissioners Court will cancel the order creating the special fund and levying the special tax, and will also change the warrants to make them redeemable only from the proceeds of the defunct Security State Bank without further recourse against the county, then I am willing to register the warrants.

"The warrants draw interest at

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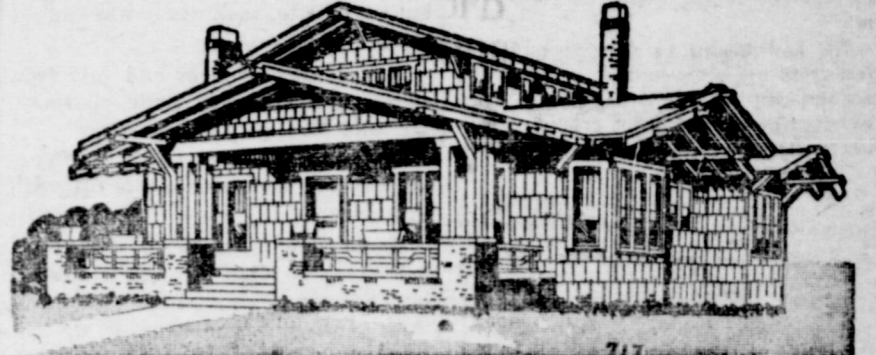
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the rate of 6% payable semi-annually from the first of February, 1922 The full \$4,500,000.00 of the Good Road Bonds are also drawing interest at the rate of 5 1/2% except \$180,000.00 which are drawing only 5% If this is not an additional debt, but only to finance the \$4,500,000.00 Good Road Bond issue, as the Judge says it is, and then be redeemed from the bond issue, then the county is indirectly paying 11 1/2% on the bonds which is a violation of the law.

"He also charges that my action in refusing to register and sign these warrants is "more politics." In this connection, I wish to say that I believe in the local rights of the people as pertaining to the tax question. I believe if a debt is to be created which the tax payers must pay, that they should have a voice in the creation of the debt. I believe the Commissioners Court, before making this debt, should call an election of the qualified voters of this county and see if the ones who must pay this debt wish to create another obligation at this time. If this be politics, give us more politics and less of "JUDGE STARNES' MODERN BUSINESS METHODS." Here, I wish to say that I do not hold office thru the pulling of political stunts. I hold office through the confidence of the sovereign voters of this county, that I will discharge my official duties and protect the rights of this county. Because I aspire, through the sovereign vote, of this county, to gain his "IMPERIAL THRONE" and convert it into a "DEMOCRATIC COUNTY JUDGE'S SEAT" he cries "More Politics."

"I think it is not my duty to register and sign these warrants and shall continue to refuse until I am shown that I am in error.

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stands for fair play, and stands for the interest of Eastland County, I respectfully request that you give this letter the same publicity that you gave the statement of Judge Starnes.

"Thanking you in advance for the favor, I remain,

"Yours truly,

ED S. PRITCHARD,
County Treasurer.

Mr. George Farley was called to Burleson last Saturday by the serious illness of his father. A letter received today states that his parent is not expected to live.

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