



## CITIZENS LEAGUE THURSDAY NIGHT

Prominent Speakers are Expected to Address the Meeting—Candidates for City Commissioners—Reports of Committees.

The regular meeting of the Citizens' League will be held at the City Hall on Thursday night of next week and it is expected to be one of the most important meetings since the league's organization. It is anticipated to have several prominent gentlemen from out of town to address the meeting, and Judge Patterson will probably give us an address. This will be as soon as the business is over. It is hoped the committee will have something tangible to report to the body, especially on the gas situation.

But perhaps one of the matters that the people are most vitally interested in will be the discussion and probable endorsement of three candidates for City Commissioners. As this endorsement should be equivalent to an election, as the League represents a majority of the voters of Cisco. In this matter it is proposed that whatever action is taken the members will vote as a unit. But come out next Thursday night and help us put our program over.

## ROBERTS-MURPHY FISHING JOB IS NEAR COMPLETE

Mr. Geo. Roberts reports that progress is being made on the tedious and worrying job of fishing his drillers have been having out at the Roberts-Murphy and that the cause of the trouble—the bit, which got away from them, is now almost removed. The delay, for one reason, has been partially caused by their inability to get a tool that would hold the lost bit. All tools would break when it seemed that the work was practically at an end. A special tool has been secured, and it is believed this fishing job will be at an end before Monday.

Right at this time, when many are coming to this territory, the coming in of the Roberts-Murphy will mean much to Cisco. It is confidently believed that the pay is not far away, and the American is standing pat on the prediction that pay is only a week or ten days' drilling off. We have made this statement before, and had not this fishing job been of such magnitude, and caused so much delay, we believe we would now be telling the amount of production the Roberts-Murphy was doing.

But these mishaps cannot be foreseen, and all must be patient. It is the opinion of that the reward will make all recompense occasioned by this delay.

## EASTLAND COUNTY RURAL CARRIERS ARE ORGANIZED

The rural carriers of Eastland county met in Cisco on Wednesday of last week in the City Hall, and perfected a county organization with the following officers for the next year: W. L. Boyd, president, Cisco; D. C. Singleton, vice-president, Ranger; W. L. Underwood, secretary, Romney; A. N. Newell, treasurer, Ranger.

The association was named the Eastland County R. F. D. Association, and the following rural carriers of the county were in attendance: D. C. Singleton, A. N. Newell, W. A. Sharpe and John E. Bryan, Ranger; Frank Coats, W. L. Boyd and W. J. Tichner, Cisco; Floyd Merrett, Buford B. Sharp, Nimrod; W. L. Underwood, Romney.

The association will hold its next meeting at Ranger, May 30.

## SCHOOL TAX BEING PAID

Attorney S. W. Prat, who has been employed by the school board to assist in collecting the school tax, reports that payments are coming in most gratifyingly. Mr. Pratt stated that nearly all of the business men are paying promptly, and others are paying as fast as they can. He requests that the American state that it will be the policy to extend all reasonable time to deserving payers, and no levy will be made except where it is absolutely necessary, as all will be given an opportunity to pay their school tax without extra cost, other than the 10 per cent penalty, which is statutory.

## OIL MAN PREDICTS BIG OIL FIELD HERE

Cisco's Future as Oil Center Looks Large on the Petroleum Horizon, Pennant Oil Co. Man Thinks—Pioneer Proving Great Find.

No, they are not coming, but they are here. Go into the lobby of any of the leading hotels after dinner any of these evenings, and see for yourself. We speak of the oil operators, not the kind who work the curbstone variety of bunk, and do very little except sharpen pencils and shoot an unlimited supply of God-given gas.

But listen, the oil men that are here are the substantial kind, those with the extended frontispiece, and a ruddy glow of health shining in their faces. And, believe me, buddy, they talk very little, especially concerning their own business, but if they happen to have a good line of news on a brother operator, it is yours. Don't understand me to say that they violated any trade rules of this highly specialized profession, for they do not, for they all know what to give out for publication.

Just follow us and you will see what some of these gentlemen have to say regarding the other fellow's operations going on in the Pioneer field.

Mr. Litsinger and associates are getting real active in the newly developed field, securing lease and preparing for an active drilling campaign. We are informed. These gentlemen hail from Pennsylvania and the oil game. Other independent operators in the field are McCanlies of Illinois, Geo. Finley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, that city which Cisco hopes to emulate in the not distant future; Mr. Clarence Fry from West Virginia, another great oil section. These are only a few of the independents stopping at the local hotels, taken at random from the long list to show what attention this section of the world is attracting, the caliber of the men and from the widely separated points of the compass they hail from.

More interest is centering around the King well in the Pioneer field than any other, perhaps. This well is just two hundred feet over the sand and lying east of the Eakin as it does, is expected to establish one of two things: Either that the productive area extends east, as geologists believe, or will condemn this section and show that the strata extends in a northeast and southwest direction as some of the operators claim.

Mr. O. V. Goldrick, an extensive oil operator and driller, who has practically devoted his life to the oil business, is a strong believer in the Cisco field—not merely in the outlying pools, which have been and are being developed—but the field immediately adjacent to this city. Mr. Goldrick was seen at the Daniels yesterday, and in talking about Cisco and our future, stated: "I come from Oklahoma—the land of the big pay oil—but I must take off my hat to Texas. She does not only produce more oil than any state in the Union, but she will maintain this lead for generations, as the surface has been but scratched. Why, certainly Cisco has oil adjacent to her limits. Just where no one can tell at this time, but I am confident that good production will be found right at Cisco's doors. Cisco is surrounded by paying production and it cannot be far away.

"If I should desire to camp right here in Cisco there would be oil territory untouched in this very field when myself and boys have spent our lives in this campaign and passed on.

"They have uncovered an A-1 field at Pioneer, but this, as I see it, is only an indication of what we may expect when this vast territory in which Cisco is the center, extending in every direction to the south, west, east and north from developments when commenced. I see no reason why Cisco should not eventually come into its own, the best oil center in the demonstrated area."

The next well that is attracting special interest is the Scott & Brelsford lying to the northwest of Pioneer. This well is being drilled by the Black Eagle people, and the bit is setting on the sand while titles are being perfected.

We always keep what we consider the best until the last, so here goes. Mr. Goldrick is head of the Pennant Oil Company, who have drilled the

## SHALL MOVIES BE CENSORED?

Freedom of Speech not a License for Motion Picture Concerns to Place any Picture Before the Youth of the Land.

The Press is a free agent to express the ideas of men or organizations in any way so long as said statements are true.

Now comes the third, and we think one of the most powerful agencies in existence at the present time for good or evil. If properly directed there is no greater educational force for the childhood in the future than the motion picture, for every one is aware that the child mind literally absorbs knowledge if taught by illustrative pictures and drawings.

The Motion Picture Corporations are demanding the same freedom of expression and action that is accorded the pulpit and the press. They are denying that any government or organization has the right to establish over their business a censor board. And they are bringing every available force at their command to bear against any organization that is advising for such censorship in a final effort to drown out their voice and forever destroy any efforts in that direction.

It is said, and in many instances, history repeats itself. If this applies to the Motion Picture World, and we are to judge the future from the past, we would advise that no time should be lost in establishing a censorship in Nation, State and City. For we have had a half hearted effort at censorship for several years past, and the pictures are growing constantly more repulsive with each passing day. This being an undisputed fact what would the result be if the game was thrown wide open, that every producer could play as he saw fit.

The Motion Picture for the future will be one of the greatest lifting forces for humanity, or it will send more souls to Hell than all agencies combined, for its influence is centered upon the youth of the land.

## TREASURER OF DRURY PETROLEUM CO. HERE

Col. and Mrs. Cyrus Drury returned from the East last Friday, where they had been for the past fortnight—Col. Drury on business connected with his company, and Mrs. Drury to visit her parents.

Besides these, arriving next day, Cisco is now entertaining the treasurer of the company, Mr. Chas. G. Walker, of Highland Park, Mich. Mr. Walker has been here on previous occasions, but this time he is accompanied by Mrs. Walker, who brought with her as her guest, Mrs. Mary Davidson, whom we understand, is also interested in the Drury Petroleum Company. This is the first visit of these ladies to Cisco, and so far as we know, to Texas. Some real northeastern weather greeted them on their arrival, but now Old Sol is in a better humor, and is again smiling with his gladsome southern smile—bathing the earth with congenial sunshine, even lulling to an anaesthetic slumber the god of the northwind, who was holding high carnival on their arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Davidson are guests at the Daniels Hotel while in Cisco.

## PRESIDENT OF S. N. H. IN CISCO.

Col. Dell W. Potter, president of the Southern National Highway Association, whose home is in Clifton, Arizona, arrived in Cisco Tuesday last to confer with business associates here. Col. Potter has perhaps contributed more to the cause of better highways in the Southwest than any other man, and is an enthusiast on the subject of good roads, as well as an authority.

Teston wells in the Pioneer field, and are drilling others, is very enthusiastic over the outlook for this section of the country. The Pennant people are now engaged in a rush drilling campaign. The location has just been made for the Teston No. 5. One, two and three are making about 150 barrels after many months. Newton No. 1, owned by this company, southwest of the city, is furnishing gas for drilling purposes for the entire field. Other locations have been and are being made by this company.

## MUNICIPAL GAS PLANT REMEDY

Mayor Williamson Talks on Plans of City Administration—Municipal Gas Plant Solution for Cheap Fuel—Dam Contract Not Signed.

That Cisco's remedy for cheap fuel lies in a municipally owned gas plant, was suggested in an interview with Mayor J. M. Williamson Wednesday afternoon, when a representative of the American dropped in for a chat with the city's executive.

Cisco owns quite a block of acreage in the Britton property, and as gas is found in abundance all over this section, it is not a hazzardous presumption to believe that the city can put down wells on this property and pay for a gas plant in a reasonably short time, and afterwards furnish gas to the people of Cisco at much less than .75 cents per 1000 cubic feet—or 62½ cents (if you pay promptly.)

Before calling on the Mayor we had quite a lengthy and pleasant chat with Manager Campbell, of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company. Naturally our conversation turned to gas, for two reasons—the American is interested in procuring cheaper gas for the people of Cisco, and Manager Campbell is very much in earnest regarding maintaining the present rate of 75 cents. However, Mr. Campbell is rather particular about calling it 62½ cents, which rate is only secured by those able to pay their gas bills promptly. (Most of us are not able to get this rate.) But you can get this 2½ cents discount if you can afford to pay before the 10th of each month.

During our conversation Mr. Campbell stated that his company would sell its gas plant to the city.

However, it might be decided that the city would prefer building its own plant anew. Of course all are aware that the city has the right to take over municipal plants should it desire, but hardly at the value placed upon it in the report filed by this company. And, by the way, the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has filed a report, and the American will gamble a small sum that this is one report that will never get "displaced." But the American will have something to say about this report in a later issue.

## Mayor Talks Freely

We had quite a little talk with the Mayor Wednesday afternoon, and discussed a number of matters pertaining to the improvements of the city. Schools, street paving, water supply, oil and gas wells, and hospitals municipally owned.

The Mayor has a wonderful program outlined for the future, improvement of Cisco, but when we referred to the continuation of work or resumption of same on the new lake project, the Mayor's face brightened, and he was free to discuss his plans for the completion of the deal.

Because of the absence of members of the city commission from the city for the past few days the final agreement between the company and the city has not yet been signed.

The Mayor states that they have had offers for the last bond issue and no doubt they will be sold at an early date and thus with funds already on hand, the lake can be completed and still a substantial sum remain in the treasury.

So far there has been expended on this job, all told, \$285,000.00. The original contract called for a price a little the rise of \$900,000.00, but owing to the decline in the price of labor and material since the cessation of work the job can be completed, the Mayor thinks, at the highest figures for \$850,000.00, and he really believes that \$100,000.00 can be saved on the contract. This saving is due to the fact that there is a clause in the original contract giving the benefit of any decline of material or labor to the city. And if a wage scale can be agreed upon at this time there will be a substantial saving direct to the city.

The Mayor is confident that the completion of the lake will mean more for the future of Cisco than any other one thing could.

Next in importance, he thinks, would be for the city to contract for and have drilled a well on the city property in an effort to have a cheap fuel supply for all purposes in the future. The water problem of the city will, no doubt, be solved when the lake is completed, but there is a real problem existing that must be solved in fuel supply.

The Mayor states that there is no possible way of touching the Texas

## CISCO'S MATTRESS FACTORY EXPANDS

Independent Mattress Factory of Cisco Takes Over Olden Factory—In Wholesale Field, With Demand Great for the Entire Product.

One of Cisco's infant industries is coming to the front. Heretofore the Independent Mattress Factory of this city, has served only the retail trade, but the demand has been so great from dealers for the product of this factory that the management has finally decided to take the wholesale route in handling the products. It has been known for some time by individual users that the Slumber-On mattress, the premier product, has few equals in the south as a bed of ease, and now the wholesale trade is recognizing the merits of a bed that has been appreciated by the people for some time.

But the Independent is expanding. Besides the present customers taking this Cisco product, a deal is now pending to supply the ten stores of the Higginbotham company, and the Slumber-On will be a product that will yet make Cisco famous.

Mr. J. A. Cameron, manager of the Independent Mattress Factory of this city, closed a deal with the Direct Mattress Factory of Olden, whereby Mr. Cameron takes over the entire finished stock and raw material in the form of forty-nine bales of cotton of the Olden factory.

The Direct Mattress Factory will be at once moved to Orange, Texas, where they will go into business, as they follow closely the boom towns as they develop, and that city is receiving a deal of notice at present.

The capacity of the Independent Factory will be increased approximately five hundred per cent under the new arrangement. This will necessitate the employment of several additional expert mattress makers at once. The business will be confined strictly to a wholesale business in the future, with the exception that the repair department will be maintained for the accommodation of the old time customers.

Mr. Cameron at present supplies an immense trade at Breckenridge, Eastland and Ranger. He is now negotiating a deal with Higginbotham and company to furnish the mattresses for their chain of ten stores.

When Mr. Cameron was asked if he planned to put salesmen on the road or enter into an extensive advertising campaign, he replied that this was impossible, as he could not at present supply the demand.

## COMMUNITY SING-SONG

Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, March 10th, in the recreation hall at Humboldt, the Humboldt Choral Club will lead a popular community sing-song, followed by a secular musical program under direction of Mrs. Chas. W. Atkins.

The club has secured Eunice Gates Griswold, reader, and Miss Lelia Wild, pianist. Miss Wild will also be heard in voice numbers from "Car-men" and other numbers. Mr. Geo. Boyd will sing a group of songs by Cadman.

The club is fortunate in securing Mrs. Griswold at this time. Her numbers will be heard with keenest appreciation.

A cordial invitation is extended to Cisco to enjoy this program. Preparations are being made to accommodate all who desire to attend. No admission fee will be charged. A silver offering will be received at the entrance for incidental expenses.

Company to compel a reduction of gas, and if the local distributors only make seven and one half per cent—as their report shows—it would not be feasible to force a reduction upon them. Hence, as he views the situation, the only recourse for a relief for the people is for the city to drill their own gas well or wells, or buy a supply from other sources, after acquiring a municipally owned gas plant.

There has been so much talk and still more disappointments regarding the lake project, that we will be sure of resumption when work is under way. But the idea advanced by the Mayor of the city to own and control our own fuel supply, tickles us in a funny spot and we say "Sail in Mayor, we are with you 100 per cent on this point, for money paid out in this manner is the greatest and most unnecessary drain on our people today."

## CO-OPERATIVE SELLING PAYS

On Account of High Feed Farmers Turning from Dairying to Poultry in New Hampshire Hills—Poultry Marketed by Cooperation.

The farmers of the Cisco Country have a co-operative marketing association. Heretofore only cattle, sheep, goats and hogs have been shipped through the Pleasant Hill Co-operative Marketing Association, and recently the influence of this organization has been brought into play to assist the members in buying—they are buying co-operatively, and find it pays.

It is now being considered by the members of the association to include other than cattle and hogs in the list of livestock that is proposed to be shipped by the association, and poultry and eggs may be included in shipments in the near future. Here is where the business men of Cisco could be of material assistance to the farmers in procuring a market for everything the farmer has to sell. Farmers, as a class, are not in touch with the markets, and unlike New Hampshire and other states, Texas has no efficient department of markets which is assisting the farmers in other states in placing their produce in the best markets. The business men could find these markets, and through some member of the Chamber of Commerce, ship this produce charging a nominal sum to look after the sale and collections for the farmers. Such a procedure would do much to bring this farmer trade to Cisco.

## Market Poultry Cooperatively

In New England many of the farmers are turning from dairying to poultry raising, on account of the high price of feed. Here dairying is still profitable, as the cheapest feed can be produced in this section, but we are going to tell about cooperative poultry marketing up in New Hampshire, as given in the Country Gentleman, and those farming are finding that cooperative marketing pays:

"Hens are replacing dairy cows up here in our country because the farmers are finding it more profitable to produce eggs than to produce milk."

Such a statement by a county agent and published in his weekly news letter startles one. When I read it my curiosity got the best of me, and being interested in the possibilities and development of poultry raising as a means of bringing back New England agriculture, I decided to get the facts at first-hand from the farmers themselves.

So my wife and I stole a few days' vacation not long ago to visit the hills and valleys of Rockingham county, New Hampshire, and the people who are letting the cackle of the hen replace the low of the cow. We left our own herd and poultry flock in good care and set out to see if we could profit by applying Rockingham methods to Southern Rhode Island conditions.

Arriving at Exeter, the county seat of Rockingham county, we hunted up County Farm Demonstrator Frederick H. Robie, the author of the foregoing statement. He is a fine-appearing young chap, wrapped up in the work of helping to improve farming conditions in his own county. Robie is a graduate of the University of Maine, a farm-raised boy, and is planning for the time, not far hence, when he will give up public work and operate his own home farm.

He spent some time in Washington, and Oregon working as a laborer in the apple country, in order to learn something of Northwestern methods of packing and marketing fruit. During the war he was a lieutenant in the aviation service.

I asked him why dairying in the hills of Central New England was failing to pay the profits it had formerly shown.

## Costly Feed and Cheap Milk

"Low prices for milk are the greatest cause," he answered seriously. "We are putting great faith in the New Hampshire Co-operative Marketing Association, which is being formed largely through the influence of the state department of markets. It is a little early to prophesy the results, but we believe that cooperative selling is the only way to insure just and profitable returns."

"The price is not all," he added. "Our dairymen have been following the same old methods practiced for generations. We have very few

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after each culling is over he discusses freely with all present and topics of poultry management desired. There were fourteen of these demonstrations held last year with a total attendance of three hundred and sixty-four."

**A Remodeled Dairy Farm**

"If the policies being advocated by the extension service are followed, and every indication seems to show that they are, I look for our county to become one of the leading sections in the country in the breeding of Rhode Island Reds."

As I talked with Robie while we rode through the farming country of Southern New Hampshire, I could not but feel that the dairying must continue to play a leading role in the agriculture of the state, but that other specialties, like poultry, were inevitable.

Some truck crops, for instance, were proving especially profitable near the larger cities, while the development of commercial apple orchards was also much in evidence.

Mr. Robie had set aside two days for showing me the country. He took me to the 185-acre farm of Ray Holmes, who three years ago was making his main effort the production of market milk. Because of poor returns he sold his cows, remodeled his dairy barn into a henery, and last year wintered 1500 Red pullets. Mrs. Holmes looks after the growing of pullets, while he cultivates the farm and grows potatoes on the side. Mrs. Holmes conducted us through the ranges.

If you have ever seen 2000 well-developed Rhode Island Red pullets in one flock on one range along in July you will know what an inspiring sight the Holmes birds were. They were in a young apple orchard, the ground covered with a mat of heavy green grass. The birds are housed in ten-by-ten-foot colony houses, in which they had been brooded in colony stoves. To each colony house in attached a scratch shed so the youngsters can get out into the air in the late winter and early spring, when the snow is heavy.

"We built these houses to suit ourselves," Mrs. Holmes explained. "The ventilators in the back, the large opening in the front and scratch shed give our chicks the best possible brooding and rearing conditions regardless of weather conditions." The range was dotted with large self-feeding hoppers, and every pullet was vigorous and healthy. I have rarely seen such a uniform flock.

"We do not keep any breeders," Mrs. Holmes went on, "but each year we buy from 3000 to 5000 baby chicks. We put the pullets in the laying house along in September and by the first of October expect to have them laying 50 per cent or better. We force them for maximum egg production during the fall and winter. We begin culling in the spring, gradually getting rid of the poor birds as they stop laying, having every one sold by the middle of the summer. We have none of the cares of breeding."

"What methods do you use," I asked, "to force them for this heavy winter production?"

"Correct feeding and liberal use of lights do the trick," she answered. "We turn the electric lights on automatically at 4 a. m., starting them about the last of October. We generally run them until late February, at which time we begin to sell the hens off. The morning scratch feed is set out just after dark each night. We have a three-wire system and keep a five-watt carbon globe burning all the time in each water pan. This prevents the water from freezing."

**Not a Matter of Luck**

"We mix our own feed," she explained. "For our hens we use a mixture of two parts of bran, one of middlings, one of corn meal, one of ground oats and one of meat scraps. This mash we keep before the birds all the time in the hoppers. We feed a scratch grain of equal parts of wheat, cracked corn and oats, and, when available, an equal part of barley. To our young chicks we feed the hens' mash mixture, adding a little linseed meal and working the meat into it gradually."

"What production do you get throughout the winter?" I asked Mrs. Holmes.

"From 50 to 70 per cent," was her answer. Whereupon I could not help but say: "My, but you are lucky!" "It is not luck," she came back; "it's good care and trustworthily help and careful study of the birds with an effort to anticipate their every need."

Mrs. Holmes told how they came to go into poultry. "Six years ago we lived in Northham, nine miles from Rockingham," she said. "We kept a few Rhode Island Red hens and two aged Rhode Island Red hens. It meant an eighteen-mile round trip to get our products to market and bring back the raw materials we had to buy. We took the profits from our chickens for a year or two and put them into cows; but at last we

saw the folly of this and also the impossible conditions that were created by our distance from the market, so we came down here into the town of Stratham. With the aid of credit from the farmers' association for the first year we were able to buy this beautiful farm.

"We have many special customers in Boston, Lowell and Lawrence who receive our eggs in case lots. We realize, net, the highest quotation as given in the Boston Globe. We have a fine trade in the spring for water-glass eggs, and we never have any trouble in disposing of our broilers and hens at a very attractive price."

We next drove to the farm of A. D. Roe, a neighbor of Holmes, who for ten years operated 110 acres devoted mostly to crop production. As we drove in the lane we saw in the large old orchard a fine flock of about 1200 Red pullets. Mrs. Roe showed us around.

A few years ago a serious illness left Mr. Roe with his right arm useless. Discouraged, he was planning to sell the farm. But his neighbors, the Holmes, were making such a fine success with Red pullets that he concluded to try his hand, and he has made good with them. Mr. Roe practices much the same methods as the Holmes. In fact, he developed the brooder house which Mr. Holmes has found so successful.

Tom J. Brackett, of Greenland, is a true chicken man.

"Give me good old New Hampshire," he said, "and enough land to handle properly about 1000 to 1500 Rhode Island Reds, and what more can a man want?"

"We like Reds because they are the best winter layers. They make the finest broilers and the most money of any breed."

Mr. Brackett has appreciated the need for a good Rhode Island Red breeding farm in his section and is developing one. He keeps about 600 breeders over each year, about 200 hens and nearly 400 early hatched pullets. The demand is for baby chicks, so he recently put in a mammoth incubator. He sold 600 baby chicks last spring; in 1922 he is planning to sell 20,000. His stock looks fine; and he has all his breeders tested for white diarrhea by the poultry department at the agricultural college at a very nominal cost.

**The Cackle of the Reds**

I want to present Tom Brackett as a genius. Here are a few of the proofs: An automatic moisture device on his incubator so that he can exactly regulate moisture to the proper quantity; the incubator trays leveled so that they register the proper degree of heat at every point of the tray; large feed bins in the front wall of his long laying houses that can be filled from a wagon at the front of the house, neat boxes about fourteen inches wide and six feet long, with no cross partitions, thus allowing more nests to a given space, doing away with broken or dirty eggs, and cheapening the construction. Dozens of little things which make it possible for one man to do two men's work and do it well and easily.

We found Ray Marsh busy in his asparagus bed. He laid down his hoe and took us for a turn through the poultry plant.

"Leghorns!" I said. "Why, I thought everybody up here kept Reds!"

"Yes," he said, "I keep about 100 Reds to supply a particular trade, but the bulk of my hens are Leghorns. I keep about 600 of the latter over every year. The eggs bring me in a fine return."

Have you ever seen a chicken lane. I had not, and was agreeably surprised to find how ingeniously Mr. Marsh had built one, consisting of portable wire frames, by means of which he was able to let his birds pasture long distances from his large laying houses and thus avoid excessive soil contamination close to the houses.

We found a few Leghorns in the western end of the county where the markets of Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell paid a handsome price for a high quality white egg, but throughout most of the county the Reds prevailed.

Red hens were cackling everywhere in Rockingham county. Where you hear the cackle you find the egg, and where you find the egg you find the dollars, which explains why Red hens are replacing dairy cows in this typical New England farming section.

Less diversification and more specializing is the solution of New England's farming problem. Watch Rockingham county; it is showing the way.

Next meeting of the Citizens League May 9. Better be there, if you are interested in Cisco. Besides regular business it is planned to have several prominent speakers for this occasion. The matter of candidates for city commissioners may come up for discussion.

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**VERNON PREPARING TO BUILD LIGHT PLANT**

Vernon, Texas.—Vernon Commissioners are proceeding with all expediency with their plan to provide the town with a municipal light and ice plant. Negotiations with officials of the Texas Public Service Company are not interrupting in any way with the carrying out of their primary purpose. In the event the public utilities company desires a deal satisfactory to residents here, it has been hinted, it will be necessary to achieve quick action.

City Commissioners entered into a general discussion with the officials of the Texas Public Service Company last week and made several tentative proposals upon which a settlement of interests might be made. Proposed schedules of light, cooking and power rates were submitted to the company officers, A. V. Foster, president, and J. W. Harbaugh, his associate.

**BALLINGER NOW OPERATES OWN ELECTRIC PLANT**

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 27.—This city is now generating its own electric current for pumping water and lighting streets. Next week the city will begin connecting 80 per cent of the private consumers with the city lines.

Several months ago the citizens became dissatisfied with the service of the old company, which is owned by a New York corporation, and voted 314 to 11 for a bond issue with which to build a municipal plant, and 80 per cent of the consumers signed contracts to use city current.

**PLEASANT HILL MARKETING ASSOCIATION MEETS MAR. 11**

The next regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill Marketing Association will be held at Pleasant Hill on Saturday of next week. President Kinard, of the association, has been in Cisco several days of this week, and requested the American to notify the members that the next shipment will like to go out on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in this month, and as many are signifying their intention to ship with the association this time, it is likely that several cars may be sent out. Already many are listing their cattle and hogs with the secretary, Mr. T. L. Lasater, to ship at this time.

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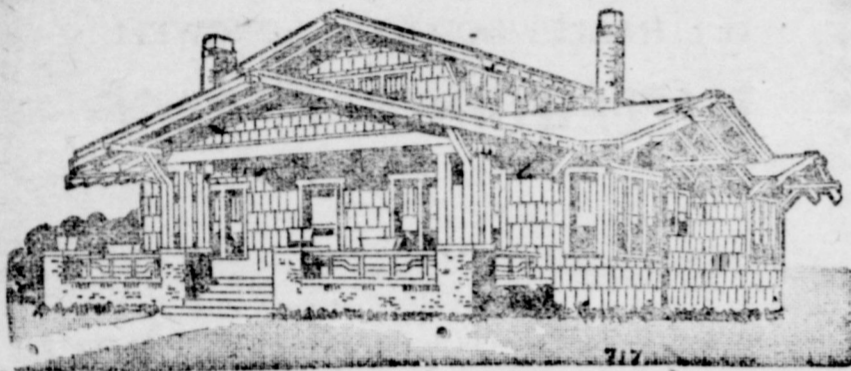
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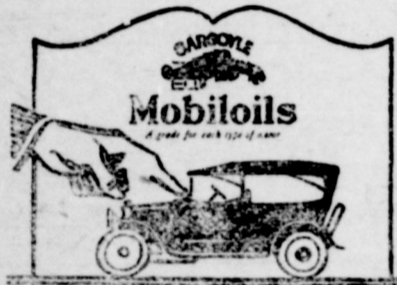


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## MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONS IN CISCO, TEXAS

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.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

This was an organization or fund created during the world war by large estates and men with means of a philanthropic turn for the entertainment of the soldiers in camp here and also overseas, in all branches of the service. After the signing of the armistice the creators of this fund, found that they still held an immense sum of the millions that had been contributed.

They decided to extend this service into cities or communities which would pay half of the original cost of introducing and maintaining of same. The working plans of the system are rather simple. At first a committee of five experts are sent in by the founders, a dramatic expert, an athletic director, musical director, an organizer for boy's work and a director of all work. After these experts remain in a center desiring the service for three months, a local director is appointed and the work is turned over to local talent.

An expert on this work is at present in the city by invitation of the Chamber of Commerce. Committees from most every organization of the city can confer with this expert this week with regard to the work of Cisco. The original cost to the city would be about eight hundred dollars. Mr. Richardson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is very enthusiastic regarding this work and thinks it would mean much in an entertainment way.

About twenty-five towns and cities of this state have taken the work among them Brownwood, San Angelo and Abilene.

## GRENFELS OFF TO ARIZONA

Mr. F. J. Grenfel, who has been trying for some time to start for Arizona, where he hopes to regain his health, left on the Sunshine Wednesday for this destination of hope. Mr. Grenfel carries letters with him from the Carpenters Local, The American Legion Post, the Red Cross Organization, and also from Dr. Gregory, of this city.

Several churches of the city took a free will offering for this deserving brother at their Sunday evening services, and quite a nice little fund was collected.

Mr. Grenfel has been a member of the Carpenters local for three years, and was business agent of the Building Trades Council for eighteen months until he was compelled to resign because of his physical condition.

This gentleman leaves a host of friends in Cisco who sincerely hope that he may regain his full health in the land to which he is going.

The spring hats are very smart. New arrivals at Mrs. Kennon's Exclusive Hat Shop.

## FOREIGN NEWS WITH A LOCAL INTEREST

We have at hand a copy of the Milingavie News published at Milingavie, Scotland, in which quite a lengthy article appears giving a short history of the life of one, Mr. Thomas McIntyre, in that city. And wherein same is touched with local interest, in that this estimable gentleman is the father of Mrs. Jack Duncan, who lives in Elfrehom Heights.

And here we wish to add a word, regarding the Duncan home. Two years ago, Mr. Duncan went to great expense to construct this home of vari-colored building stone for which Cisco is famed. Then, it was located away out there in the brush, and to find same was a task. Many of Mr. Duncan's friends called him a fool, choosing this location, but now the new Highway will pass in front of his door.

Mr. McIntyre was born at Cathedral Square, in Glasgow, on Nov. 14, 1856, his parents belonging to Kilmarnock. His first public service was his appointment on the local police force of Denny, in 1881, after three years of service, he was transferred to the Mugdock waterworks for special duty, against a roudy element. He served here in the capacity of a constable.

In 1891, he was made a police inspector, and one year later he was relieved from outside active duty, and made special prosecutor for the Burgh. The same year he was given additional honors by the Town Council of Denny, when he was made Inspector Surveyor, for the Burgh.

Mr. McIntyre, has since early boyhood been a devoted member of the U. P. Church, and has filled many notable places of trust and honor for his church.

Mr. McIntyre, after serving his country and town in filling numerous public offices, in his eventful life, will retire from active public life July 17, 1922 at the ripe old age of sixty-six.

## NEW ANECDOTE TOLD OF SAM HOUSTON

A razor was recently found at Bryan, Texas, which is believed to have been the property of General Sam Houston. A log house in which General Houston lived in the early 30's, following his defeat for the presidency of the Texas Republic, being torn down on the Dun Ranch near Bryan when a razor fell from between the logs. On the blade of the razor which was incised in a strong leather case, "Gen. Sam Houston" was stamped.

The above recalls an incident, often related in my presence when a boy, by the late Captain Dubart Murphy, a pioneer citizen of Kaufman county.

Captain Murphy when a young man engaged in driving horses and mules from Missouri to Louisiana and on one of his trips to the latter state in the early 30's for the purpose of collecting his money he met Sam Houston at Neosho when he was having a good time with some of his hilarious friends. Being informed that Mr. Murphy was headed for Louisiana Houston proposed to accompany him, to which he gladly consented and waited a whole day for him to get ready to proceed on the journey.

Finally growing impatient at the tardiness of his prospective companion Mr. Murphy resumed his journey without him. He had gone but a few miles when he looked back and saw Houston coming at a swift gallop, putting the rawhide to his charger.

They traveled together several days during which the future Texas hero unfolded to him his plans for the establishment of an independent government for Texas.

Just before they separated Houston, after shaving himself, held up his razor and said, "Murphy, the next time you see this razor, if you ever do it will have shaved the president of a great republic."

Capt. Murphy will be remembered by the old settlers of Kaufman county as a man of most extraordinary intelligence coupled with remarkable memory.—V. W. Grubbs.

## FLORIDA FRUIT BEING SOLD ON THIS MARKET

While coming a little dearer, yet all admit that there is quite a superiority in Florida fruit over that we get from California, and by reason of the cost little Florida fruit comes to this market. But owing to the recent freeze in California Goldman Bros., who pride themselves of keeping up with every demand, have been handling Florida oranges this winter.

Goldman Bros. also brought in the first shipment of 1922 strawberries last week. They found ready sale at 40 cents per pint, retail. Mr. Goldman says they were put out to the dealers right after being received.

## NOTED FARMER TALKED TO RISING STAR FARMERS

W. B. Starr, that noted farmer near Cisco, was a visitor in Rising Star last Saturday and on invitation made a talk on sweet potato culture to the Potato Club. Mr. Starr is a successful farmer and makes a specialty of sweet potatoes of the Highland Beauty variety and of the registered Holstein cattle. He has a sandy land farm and said he finds commercial fertilizer profitable and that its value is greatly increased when the land is also built up by vegetation. Mr. Starr has agreed to furnish an article for our readers occasionally. He brought along with him Saturday a few bushels of his famous sweet potato seed and left them at local grocery stores for sale.—Rising Star X-Ray.

## GOOD FELLOWS ACTIVE

The Goodfellows did a great work during the holidays when they contributed the substantial part of the support of two hundred families for a time, and far into January carried on this great program of giving clothing and much money. Even now the committee is contributing to over one hundred families. They agreed that no money would be used out of the city, but recently a woman with a number of children was sent to East Texas where they had relatives and where the lady was sure she could provide for herself and children were she there. Also a great amount of money has been expended for noble causes, such as needed surgical operations and like work.

We feel that this is a great work, backed by the proper spirit to continue this work for a period after the holiday spirit of giving has passed.

## WATER TO BE DISPENSED WITH IN DRILLING WELLS

Science has never discovered a practical way to create rainfall but they are discovering ways by which this element will not be absolutely necessary in different lines of work as it was thought to be up until a few years past.

We notice in the daily press that the Oil Belt Electric Company, which has a mammoth power plant out on the Leon River, south of Eastland are extending their high power line from Breckenridge into the Curry pool, seven miles southwest of that city. This power will be used for drilling purposes on a number of wells that are soon to be begun in the old "reliable" section.

By this method of drilling there will no longer be any necessity for a water supply in drilling operations. One of the most powerful and beneficial forces of nature will be used to extract one of the richest minerals from the bosom of mother earth. There will be no need of a boiler any longer around these wells, and the large amount of water used in creating steam in them. The drillers will only need water for the slush, and we are informed that salt water is as suitable for this purpose as pure water, and that an ample supply is struck in most of the wells at a very shallow depth. So that a tank of water for spudding in of the wells will be all that is necessary in the future, when the "magic juice" is used in drilling operations.

## RADIOPHONE SERVICE

Mr. Richardson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, states that a wireless radiophone receiving service will be installed in the office of this organization at an early date. This service will give free daily service reports of crop conditions and markets from the entire nation. A copy will be released for publication, and a bulletin board will be maintained in the post office if the postal authorities will permit.

This service being given to the farmers by the State department of Markets and local Chambers of Commerce are acting as distributors of the service free. The reports will be sent from the State University by radio experts.

The cost of installation of this service will be very small, Mr. Richardson thinks in comparison to the good that will be derived therefrom.

This station at present will only be a receiving station but no doubt the sending service will later be added if the public need demands same. This will no doubt mean much to our loyal farmers in many ways if they avail themselves of this service.

Miss Irma Powell and Mesdames O. B. Rider and Bonnie Culbright of Baird, are shopping in Cisco today.

## OFF TO MARKET

Mr. O. D. Bibby, proprietor of Everybody's Store, departed Tuesday night for St. Louis and Chicago to visit the markets and purchase goods for his popular establishment.

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TEXAS & PACIFIC		
(Eastbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 16	2:47 a. m.	2:47 a. m.
No. 2	11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
No. 4	12:22 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
No. 12	Makes up	11:00 p. m.
(Westbound)		
Arrive	Depart	
No. 11	5:00 a. m. stops.	
No. 5	1:20 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
No. 23	2:10 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
No. 1	7:15 p. m.	7:15 p. m.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS		
(Northbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 35	3:00 p. m.	3:15 p. m.
No. 37	3:35 a. m.	3:40 a. m.

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN		
Northbound—to Breckenridge	Leave	
No. 12	5:15 a. m.	
No. 2	7:00 a. m.	
No. 4	8:20 p. m.	
Southbound—from Breckenridge	Arrive	
No. 2	6:50 p. m.	
No. 1	10:30 a. m.	

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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 County Treasurer:  
 T. W. TOOMBS
- For Supt. of Public Instruction:  
 ULALA HOWARD.  
 (For Re-Election)
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6:  
 J. H. McDONALD.
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
 HENRY S. STUBBLEFIELD  
 (For Re-election.)
- For Tax Assessor:  
 W. J. (Bill) HERRINGTON.

**GIVE LABOR A SQUARE DEAL**

We are firm believers in the time honored doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. The county commissioners did great service to the public recently when they succeeded in straightening out the road muddle that had been threatening the completion of the road building program for many months. Also they took a very important step in the proper direction when they had a verbal agreement with the new contractors to employ nothing but home labor, so long as same could be procured in sufficient numbers to meet their demands. This latter clause could not be written into the contract as it is stated, would be a violation of the anti-trust laws of this state, but we feel that the verbal agreement will be sufficient. But we do feel that the Commissioners should have gone one step further in this agreement and settled with the contractors upon a minimum scale for labor.

We admit that the wage being paid of two dollars for ten hours work is better than many of the working men have been doing for the past several months, but in justice to labor we cannot see any reason or justice in labor being compelled to work these long hours for a wage that they will have to use every precaution to barely exist upon.

We have good authority for the statement that the new contractors could pay three dollars per day for eight hours on all the work of the entire road program, and still be on velvet in carrying out the work. We do believe that the contractors should make a good profit on the work they do, but also we do believe that if there is any extra money to be made on the deal it should be divided, at least, with the men who do the work and will be compelled to pay taxes or settlement of the bills in the future. At least they should have a fair wage out of the deal, and not be compelled, thru absolute necessity and need in abnormal times like these, to put up with a mere scant get-by wage, given by an outside contracting firm. Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

**TWO-TWO TWO'S AND TWO MORE TWO'S, TOO**

Two-two two's and two more two's, too.  
 No, not a catch phrase, but merely the date. Wednesday the twenty-second day in the second month of the twenty-second year. Hence 2-22-22.  
 Can you figure when it will ever happen again?—Carbon Messenger.  
 Yea, brother, that's easy. It will happen just 100 years from the above date; for instance, February second, two thousand and twenty-two, thus: 2-22-22. Is that clear?

**EDUCATION IN JAPAN**

We of the United States boast of our great system of education and of the large per cent of the children which really attend these schools even though we have a compulsory attendance law in the majority of the states.  
 But Japan, the active little republic of the Orient, really has a much higher per cent of attendance than we have in this country. The children of the elders in the New Re-

public are so keen for an education that without a very great pressure ninety seven and one half per cent of all the children of Japan are attending some school.  
 The system of that country is divided and planned pretty much as the system of the United States. A kindergarten for children from three to six years. Elementary ages from six to ten, and the high school ranges in ages from ten to eighteen years. Then the several colleges of the nation. But one peculiarity of the system of Japan there is no provision made for the education of the women in the colleges, and here comes a place where the mission schools are doing great work.

**DIVINE GIVEN KNOWLEDGE**

Many of the leading business men of this and other nations are firm believers in the power of prayer and institute same along in their different business transactions.  
 Henry Ford in a recent interview for a popular publication, made the statement "that the main elements in the prayer of the busy business man should follow the general outline for Divine Wisdom and Knowledge."

If any man possesses Knowledge Divinely given of his every transaction and follows closely this outline in his actions and dealings with his fellow men he cannot go far wrong. It has been said that knowledge is power. Admitting the truthfulness of this statement, but realizing that there exists a right and a wrong in all matters even in knowledge, one should be sure that this knowledge which he possesses comes from a Higher power than that bestowed by man. If one really possesses this higher quality of Knowledge of which Mr. Ford speaks, he is rightfully due a high place of leadership among his fellowmen.

**NEW PARTNERSHIP FORMED**

The grocery firm of Johnston & Rardin is no more. Opening this business immediately after T. H. Ravenscraft went out of business, they began to do a nice business from the start, but Mr. Rardin decided to retire from the firm, and Mr. L. B. Norvel, realizing the possibilities of a real live grocery business at this stand, decided it was a good buy, and that a good business could be transacted by associating himself with a live wire like Mr. Johnston. Both are experienced grocery men, and have a large circle of trade friends who are extending them a nice patronage. Mr. Norvel has been in business here for some time, and his friends will be glad to know that he is again where he can serve them.

This business is located at the intersection of Ave. D and Broadway, and members of the new firm will appreciate any and all business, large or small.

**REICH RUMBLINGS**

Special Correspondence.  
 Reich School House, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Jim Dillon has been very ill but is some better at this time.

Mrs. F. O. Schaefer surprised her husband with a most delectable dinner for his birthday. Mr. Schaefer was 50 years old last Tuesday, and his many friends wish for him another fifty years of as happy life.

Mrs. T. R. Frye is reported to be very ill at her home in this community.

Mr. Tom Frye has returned from Strawn, where he assisted his son-in-law to move a house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark were guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. R. N. Jackson, last Sunday.

Mr. Boss Jackson, who has been quite ill with asthma is somewhat improved.

Mr. Frank Zeibr and Miss Willie Mae Holt attended the singing at the home of Mr. Britton last Sunday night. A pleasant time is reported.

**DOINGS OF DOTHAN TOWN**

Special Correspondence.  
 Dothan, March 1.—We are still having bad weather in this community, which we suppose is general, throughout the state. The snow and ice will help farm conditions generally.

Messrs. Oscar and Lester Short and Miss Tilda Pippen spent the day with Miss Lois Thames at Cisco, Sunday.

Miss Kathrine Surlis of this place, was the guest of Mrs. L. M. Surlis in Cisco, Saturday night.

Mr. Smith Huesties of Breckenridge, and Miss Ulala McCanlies of Cisco, were quietly married last Sunday.

Messrs. Lester and Oscar Short, and Misses Lois Thames and Tilda Pippen, formed a pleasant theatre party and attended the Victory Theatre in Cisco last Saturday night.

Miss Amy Short was in Cisco Saturday.

If you believe in Cisco, your place is in the Citizens League.

**BAIRD CHILD FATALLY BURNED**

Baird, Texas, March 1.—Four year-old Franklin Alexander, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander, was burned to death at 9:30 this morning in the bathroom of his home where he was playing when his clothing caught fire from an open gas heater. The screams of the child were heard by his nurse who ran to the bathroom and found him in flames.

Her frantic cries brought W. W. Kirby to the scene, who smothered the flames and extinguished an incipient fire that was licking up the base boards in the bath room. By that time the boy was dead. Interment was made this afternoon in Ross cemetery.

A pathetic incident of this accident is the fact that Mrs. Alexander is desperately ill and the physician deemed it dangerous to inform her of her baby's horrible death, but finally did, and it was necessary to administer opiates to quiet her.

**THE ICE WAS SLIPPERY**

Several of Cisco citizens are nursing bruised limbs and bodies as a result of falls on the ice while the earth was so treacherous. In fact it was difficult to walk anywhere on the streets. A few of those who are victims of the ice are as follows:

While walking in front of the Cisco Banking company building on Tuesday, Mrs. J. D. Alexander fell and painfully sprained her arm. She is still suffering somewhat, and had to call in a doctor to minister unto her.

Mr. J. W. Shepard was also a victim, falling Wednesday, from which he is nursing a bruised shoulder.

While standing on the tiling in front of the Variety store last Tuesday, kicking the snow from her feet before going into the store, Mrs. Katie Richardson of the Variety Store, slipped and fell, receiving painful bruises—no bones broken. But she remained away from the store all the rest of the week.

Mr. Shaffer of the Star Market & Bakery, was perhaps the most seriously injured of those Cisco people whose heels decid on a toboggan slide. In his fall he sustained two broken ribs.

The first victim reported, but an out of town lady, was Mrs. C. H. Irwin of DeLeon. While changing cars here, enroute to Breckenridge, slipped as she was entering the Depot Cafe, fell and broke her leg. Dr. Graham was called and set the broken member, and she was sent to her home.

**VALUABLE ADDITION TO PIONEER ON THE MARKET**

Messrs. M. D. Paschall and J. W. Triplett, two leading real estate brokers of this city have just closed a deal for sixty acres of land in fee, lying close up in the business section of the little city of Pioneer. This acreage is being laid out as a townsite for business and residence purposes and placed on sale. These gentlemen only purchased the surface rights on this property, but we understand that there will be drilled a number of wells on same.

This acreage was purchased from Mr. W. E. Eakin, owner of the large gusher which was recently drilled in just southwest of Pioneer.

This will make an ideal addition to the busy and fast growing city of Pioneer. A number of the lots that lie close in, have already been disposed of.

Many local men are looking toward this field as an ideal place for investment, and many of them have already purchased a number of the leases, and some good royalty deals have been closed.

Town lots are rapidly changing hands and a number of business houses are being erected in the thriving little center.

**MORRIS-McDONALD**

The friends of the contracting parties were somewhat surprised today when it was learned that W. H. Morris and Miss Myrtle McDonald were quietly married at Abilene last night.

The bride, who is a trained nurse with Drs. Brice and Payne of this city, was in Abilene, where she has a patient, and Mr. McDonald went to that city to claim his bride.

Mr. Morris is city letter carrier, on route No. 2, and is quite popular with a large circle of friends who will congratulate him on winning such a charming lady as his bride.

They will make their home in this city.

**NOTICE**

Mr. Horace Winston wishes to state to the public that at present he is disabled by a spider bite, and anyone desiring to see him, will find him at home.

**PUTNAM LOCALS**

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, on February 18, 1922, God, in His infinite wisdom has gathered unto His bosom our late brother and friend, Rev. B. F. Barrow, who has been a zealous, consecrated co-worker in our church and whose life among us, though handicapped by his old age and infirmities, has been a guide and inspiration to us, His place in our midst is vacant; his voice in our praises is silent and his advice in our council is absent, yet like a beautiful sunset, his influence and the good he did will live on to bless and cheerish the cause he loved so well,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Missionary Baptist Church of Putnam extend to Sister Barrow and her family our heartfelt sympathy, in this, her season of sorrow and bereavement.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be tendered Sister Barrow, a copy for publication and a copy spread on the minutes of the church.

R. L. BUCHANAN,  
 MRS. W. H. NORRED,  
 MRS. J. L. KENNEDY,  
 Committee.

**ALMOST READY TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS**

Clyde Enterprise:  
 As the Enterprise closes its forms for this issue the wiring of Clyde for electric lights and power is nearing completion. It seems that the transformer has been delayed in shipment. Just as soon as it arrives it will be installed and the lights will be turned on. It is possible to have everything completed by Saturday night or by March 1st at the outside.

The Enterprise hopes to run off its next issue by electric power. The house has already been wired and motor is here ready for installation.

Last Tuesday Mrs. G. G. Bennett had the misfortune of falling on the ice and sustaining very painful injuries.

The Clyde Enterprise last week carried a notice of the death of Mr. John T. Morgan of Eula. Mr. Morgan was 79 years old.

What are we doing with our county fair?

If you want the news subscribe for the Enterprise.

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For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:  
 J. S. YEAGER.

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 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.

First M. E. Church  
 Corner Broadway and Avenue H. Rev. Lewis N. Stucky, pastor. Services Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; J. J. Godbey, Superintendent. Morning Services, 10:45 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League, 4 p. m.; Senior League, 6 p. m.; Evening Services, 7 p. m.; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Everybody cordially welcome to all our services.

Twelfth Street Methodist Church  
 East 12th Street, U. S. Sherrill, pastor. Regular services as follows: Sunday School each Sunday 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. every first, second and fourth Sundays by the pastor, U. S. Sherrill. Junior Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Senior Epworth League every Sunday 6 p. m. W. M. S. meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7 p. m. Strangers and visitors to the city especially invited to any or all our services, others expected to be present.

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At the Methodist church last Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, Dr. H. E. Stout, President of T. W. C. filled the pulpit and preached a splendid sermon on John 12-32.—"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."  
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# PUTNAM NEWS

## TRADES DAY

In spite of bad weather, we have had splendid crowds every first Monday up to date. We are not announcing any program for next Monday but we will all have a good time if the weather is favorable.

We are going to have one of the biggest days trading that we have ever had around Putnam. Whatever you have to sell or trade, just bring it along. Somebody else will bring just what you want to trade it for. Then we will have quite a number of speeches that day as there are many out for office that would like to tell the folk of their qualifications for the respective office that they are running for. If you will take the names of some of the best qualified men in this county to hold the offices that they are running for and if you are not acquainted with them, be sure and get acquainted with them and find out what their qualifications are for yourself. We want good men for office and you will find their names in these columns. And they will be on hand Monday for you to get acquainted with. Meet them.

## WHO AM I?

I am the guy that kicks on everything in the town.

I warn ever ystranger not to move here.

I tell him the taxes are high, the water is bum, and the merchants are robbers.

I never vote, especially if it is a city election.

I don't care who is elected, for I always knock whoever is elected.

I never subscribe to the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross, or any other fund.

I am not a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

I am a KNOCKER!

## BAIRD BONDS CARRIED

The election held in Baird on last Tuesday to decide whether that the city authorities should be authorized to issue \$60,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of securing an abundant water supply resulted in 276 votes being cast for the bond issue, and 71 against. Baird has a natural fall for her water of 185 feet, which will give Baird one of the most up to date water systems in the country when it is completed.

## PUTNAM OIL NEWS

With the clearing of the storm the oil men are beginning to get out to their rigs again. Charles Dutton of Ranger was up Monday with his rig builders to start a new derrick on the Cathy lease about one and one half miles southeast of town. Will clean the old well out and go right to drilling.

Mr. Neal McCrabb of Cross Plains removed the standard rig and derrick from the Pippe lease near Dothan Sunday. This derrick is being moved to the Cross Plains field.

The Mobley well on the J. J. Clark lease is down below 450 feet and is having some cave trouble. It is reported that they had a nice showing of oil.

The Homer Peoples interest had a new well in Monday, reported to be making 20 barrels.

Frank Kirk well on the Scott ranch is drilling below 450 feet.

Mr. J. M. Tanner is in Putnam to start a well on section No. 26.

Mr. Arthur McElreath drilling around 585 feet on the Pippen lease.

Mr. Sam Henderson is making preparations for going on down, he is around 550 feet.

J. L. Kennedy is drilling around 400 feet and going nicely. This part of the field seems to have attracted considerable attention in the last few weeks, as there were no other locations in this part of the field when Mr. Kennedy moved his rig in.

Messrs. Geo. Fee, J. B. Blitch and J. T. Anderson of Cisco were in Putnam this week looking over their lease and well on the J. J. Clark ranch.

Mr. Frank Kirk, operating on the Scott ranch, was up from Fort Worth Monday.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Enterprise is authorized to announce the name of J. S. Yeager as a candidate for county commissioner for precinct No. 3. There is no use trying to tell you anything about Mr. Yeager, as he has been a resident of Callahan county for 16 years. He helped to assess the taxes of this county for four years and has served the people faithfully and judiciously, including this term, for six years as your county commissioner, meeting and disposing of the most perplexing problems that comes before any of the county's official family. The Enterprise believes the commissioners office is the most important office connected with our county government. They are the custodians of the county's assets. If they either willfully, negligently or from lack of ability allow the funds of the county to be dissipated, the people of that county comes to grief. Mr. Yeager is offering his candidacy upon his past record and his proven ability. He will later give his platform in full.

If every farmer had a few tons of feed to sell now, it would be of great benefit to both farmers and stock men. Suppose we have more feed this year.

Mr. Chles Worthy, road contractor, is rushing to completion the fills or approaches to the three new bridges on the Baird road.

## HART ECHOES.

Hart, Feb. 27th.—We are still having light showers and damp weather, but no rain to put out water. A large percentage of the people of this community are having to haul water for their stock.

Miss Willie Tucker of Cross Plains is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. Yarbrough of this place.

Mr. Ed Huskey and nephew, drillers on the English tract, spent Saturday and Sunday in their respective homes in Cisco and Moran.

On Tuesday last our second quarterly conference for the present year was held at Hart. We had a splendid sermon at 11 o'clock by our beloved Presiding Elder W. M. Lane. In this we received spiritual food. Then, at the noon hour we served dinner on the ground and every one seemed to enjoy it so much. The time was pleasantly spent and in the afternoon the conference session was good. Brother Lane also preached Monday and Tuesday nights. Our community was indeed spiritually blessed by having this series of services at our church.

Mr. C. C. Morgan visited his mother, Mrs. N. A. Morgan, Saturday afternoon.

Misses Hazel Respass and Hazle Black of Cottonwood were here for the conference session last Tuesday.

Mr. Andrew Wylie entertained the young people Saturday night.

Mr. W. P. Yarbrough and family were dinner guests at Mrs. C. A. Grishams Sunday.

Several came out from Putnam to attend the quarterly conference Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Edgar visited in the home of W. P. Yarbrough Tuesday afternoon after the conference session.—Happy Hearts.

## 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 co-operation in these premises FARMERS STATE BANK, Adv. Putnam, Texas.

## OIL MAN DIES

Last Tuesday morning the remains of Mr. John G. Jackson were transported through Putnam enroute to Abilene for burial.

The deceased was in the oil business in the Cross Plains field and was at the Phoenix & Jackson well when he was injured by a piece of 2x6 timber getting caught in the cable on the bullwheel and being thrown into his side which later resulted in his death. His home was in Abilene, but we have been unable to secure any further information concerning him.

## CALLAHAN COUNTY MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Clyde Enterrise, Feb. 24: The Callahan County Mutual Aid Insurance Association has been organized at Clyde with the following officers:

C. L. Tyson, president; T. J. McIntosh, vice-president; Thos. T. Haney, secretary; E. G. Hampton, treasurer.

Messrs. Haney and Hampton are bonded.

The association will comply with the laws of the state governing mutual insurance association. A charter has been applied for.

The plan is to secure 1000 members for the association and when a member dies each member of the association is assessed \$1.00 which is paid to the beneficiary of the deceased member.

A fee of \$5.00 is paid when application is made to join the association. Applications are being received daily.

## CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED

Cross Plains Review, Feb. 24:

At a meeting of the business men and other citizens of the town, numbering about one hundred attendants held in the offices of the Higginbotham Stroe last Monday night, a Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce was organized. F. M. Gwin was elected secretary and Taylor Bond treasurer. The next meeting of the organization will be held in the same offices on Friday night of this week.

We are having inquiries for Putnam property. If you want to sell lots or houses and lots, list it with me.—W. L. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Aubrey were in Putnam Wednesday and Thursday.

## Putnam Locals By Honor Pupil

Items Published Under this Heading are Prepared Weekly by an Honor Pupil of the Putnam High School.

By Onie Everett.

Miss Essie Butler was visiting her home folk last Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Everett is still very ill.

Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mr. Walter Francisco, Miss Reba Pruitt and Mrs. W. E. Pruitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubanks.

Mr. Jay Purvis of Cottonwood was in Putnam Sunday.

Miss Emma Rutherford of Cottonwood is visiting relatives in Putnam this week.

Mr. P. P. Gattis of Scranton spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

Mr. Willie Brock went to Pioneer Thursday, where he is now working.

Miss Fae Eubanks returned home Saturday. Miss Eubanks has been teaching north of Clyde.

Messrs. Melton Crosby, Carl Jobe, and A. J. Hurst motored over to Cross Plains Sunday.

Misses Jewel Hudson, Alma Hurst and Rossie McWhorter were guests of Mrs. Janie Moore Sunday.

Mrs. M. T. Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting relatives at Putnam this week.

Mrs. Geo. Biggerstaff returned Monday afternoon from Longview, where she has been visiting relatives.

The Lone Pecan school district voted bonds for a new school house which carried by a large majority.

Mr. C. C. Peek of Clyde will open a tailor shop in the old Mays meat market building.

Mrs. Gus Brandon has been very sick for the past week, but is convalescent.

Misses Aura Clinton and Maye Broughton spent the week end in Abilene.

Mr. Homer Varner of Baird was in Putnam Sunday.

Misses Andrew Mayes and Virginia Brock were pleasant visitors to Miss Nellie Jobe last Sunday.

Miss Elva Purvis, who is teaching school at Callahan City, was visiting friends and relatives in Putnam Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Goda Pritchard, who has

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been visiting in Abilene the past week, returned home Saturday.

Miss Ida Doshier of Breckenridge is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buchanan of Putnam this week.

A report of the death of Mr. C. J. Ogleby at his home February 17th, age 75 years and having lived in Callahan county for 45 years, was carried by the Cross Plains Review last week.

Mr. J. C. Free was in town Tuesday with a nice bunch of pigs. That man nearly always brings something to town to sell.

Mr. G. L. Jennings of Abilene was in Putnam Monday and Tuesday.

# To The People of Putnam:

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF EASTLAND

By virtue of an Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 9th day of February, 1922 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. M. Radford Grocery Company vs. Smith and Butler, Garnishees, No. 4559 on the docket of said Court, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the 9th of March, 1922, at the store building in the town of Carbon, Eastland County, Texas, known as the Blacklock building, the following described property, to-wit:

All of the entire stock of groceries, hardware, show cases, fixtures,

furniture and all property of every description used in connection with the business formerly owned by Smith & Butler and Cox Mercantile Company, said business having formerly been operated in said building, and consisting of the following:

Entire stock of groceries and hardware, three show cases, one cash register, one safe, one pair computing scales, one Oliver typewriter and one check protector.

The above described property having been levied upon as the property of Smith & Butler, a firm composed of L. M. Smith and G. C. Butler, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$481.61, with interest at ten per cent per annum from November 1, 1921, and costs of suit in favor of J. M. Radford Grocery Company, a corporation.

Give under my hand this the 21st

day of February A. D. 1922.  
SAM NOLLEY, Sheriff  
Eastland County, Texas,  
By C. S. LOONEY, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO THE SHERIFF or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. H. Colemma, by making publication of this citation once a week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas, to be held at the City Hall, in the city of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922, then and there to answer this suit filed wherein F. De Lavoie is plaintiff, and L. H. Colemma, et al. is defendants being Number 2546, on said docket of said court, plaintiff's demand being a suit upon a promissory note bearing a date of the 15th day of March A. D. 1921, for the sum of \$105.00 payable in sixty days after date thereof to F. D. Lavoie, providing for 10% interest from date thereof, and an additional of 10% as contingent fee if collected by suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922, the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing you have executed same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal this the 22nd day of February A. D. 1922.

A. E. BATEN,

Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas.

Issued this 22nd day of February A. D. 1922.

A. E. BATEN,

Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas.

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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Earl W. Collins by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 88th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 88th District to appear at the next regular term of the 88th District Court of Eastland County, to be above date, and said notes each of the sum of \$200 and due on the 15th day of November each year 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and the first four of said notes have been paid and note number 5 in the sum of \$200.00 bears a credit of Collins on one certain promissory vendor's lien note, executed by defendant Collins on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1913, payable to order of W. T. Scott. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Collins made delivered and executed 5 certain notes of \$100.00 dated Jan. 5, 1916 and a second credit bring for the sum of \$40.00 dated May 31st, A. D. 1916. Said note No. 5 bears interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date, and also provides for attorneys fees at the usual and customary fee holden at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1922, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of January A. D. 1922, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 8716, wherein A. L. Mayhew is Plaintiff, and Earl W. Collins and William Spicer are Defendants, and said petition alleging

Plaintiff sues defendant Earl W. of 10%. That there is now due and paid on Note No. 5 the sum of \$60.00 and attorneys fees, and said note is due and unpaid and plaintiff is the owner and holder of said note and sues for his principal and interest and attorneys fees, and said notes

were given in part payment of the following described land to-wit: Being 50 acres of land out of the Southwest corner of the East one-half (½) of the West one-half of Section No. 2, Block B, Certificate No. 708, T. & N. O. School land, situated in Stephens county, Texas Plaintiff asks that defendants be cited to appear and upon final trial hereof he have judgment for his debt, interest and attorneys fees and for costs of suit and for foreclosure of the vendor's lien upon the above described property and for general and special relief.

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

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Eastland this the 20th day of January A. D. 1922.

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

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

ROY NUNALLY, Clerk,  
By L. C. REED, Deputy.  
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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

You are Hereby Commanded to summon R. B. Mixon by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 88th District; but if there be no paper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 88th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the 88th District Court of Eastland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1922, the same being the 6th day of March A. D. 1922, then and there, to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of January A. D. 1922, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 8706, wherein Mrs. Alma M. Mixon is Plaintiff, and R. B. Mixon is Defendant, and said petition alleging Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 5th day of May A. D. 1920, and at said time defendant had a venereal disease which was unknown to plaintiff, and that by reason of said disease plaintiff was deceived. Plaintiff alleges that by reason of defendant being infected with said disease their living together as husband and wife is insupportable. Plaintiff sues for divorce, for general and special relief and cost of suit.

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District Court, Eastland County  
By L. C. REED, Deputy.  
Issued this the 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1922.  
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By L. C. REED, Deputy.

TO THE PEOPLE  
OF EASTLAND COUNTY

I take this method of announcing to the people of Eastland county that I am a candidate for the office of County Judge of the Commissioners' Court.

This is a great office and gift of the people. I do not believe it should be handed out for friendship or a mere gift. I believe any one asking for this place should state the principles upon which he bases his claims and issues for which he will stand if elected. I appreciate the friendship of the voters of this county but do not ask you to vote for me because I am your friend. If you do not believe the things for which I stand are just and right, I ask you to support some one whose issues will be different and I will still be your friend.

Throughout the entire campaign I expect to make a fight for the things for which I stand and the principles which I believe to be right and just.

This position has largely to do with the financial affairs of the county. The question of properly and economically managing the business of this county for the next few years is a vast problem. Many things must be met which have not been had to compete with in the prior history of this county. Approximately \$359,100.00 must be raised each year to meet the interest and Sinking Fund of the four and a half million dollars good road bond issue. The county owes approximately \$36,000 on its court house. That interest and Sinking Fund must be met.

It also owes approximately \$66,000.00 on road warrants which must be paid from the Road and Bridge common funds. These are the warrants which were issued several years ago when the county spent \$100,000 for road improvement.

The Commissioners are now employing a road supervisor and furnishing him an automobile at the expense of the county. This I think is an unjust disbursement of the county's funds. I think it is the duty of each commissioner to supervise the road work in his precinct. Surely this commissioner has or should have more interest in the upkeep of the roads than a road supervisor who is employed by the Commissioners' Court. This is an expenditure which I bitterly protest and will use every effort to abolish this office if I am elected by this county.

There is today an enormous expense being paid by the tax payers of this county in the upkeep of county highway automobiles. The county owns and pays the expense of automobiles for employees of this county to use. I believe that many of the employees who have automobiles use them recklessly and this makes it very expensive to the tax payers of Eastland county. I favor selling all of these cars and will use my influence to bring about the sale of every county car if I am elected County Judge. The first cost of these automobiles is not so bad, but the upkeep of these cars is very burdensome to the county. If elected, be it understood that I will do everything in my power to bring about the sale of these automobiles and put the proceeds of the sale back into the treasury of Eastland county. This one item will not only bring some money back into the treasury but will also stop the heavy and continual drain of the funds of the county.

I also believe that the strictest attention should be paid to the bonds of all county officials. As a present official of this county I do not wish to hold office without being bound to the county for faithful performance of my duties. I do not believe that the best diligence has been used in seeing that some of the county officials are properly bound. I also believe that carelessness in accepting bonds of depository banks of the county has been very disastrous and destructive to the tax payers of this county. I believe that the Commissioners' Court should follow the statute of this state in accepting the bonds for county depositories for the funds of this county. Banks that are not financially able to make bonds which will protect the county's money are dangerous institutions in which to place funds of the county. This is a duty given only to the Commissioners' Court by law. The children's school money is at stake and should have proper protection placed around it.

I believe that the county is spend-

ing too much money in general. I believe that the Commissioners' Court is disbursing more money than the county is financially able to spend. Under the present administration this county spends more money some months than it spent in a whole year when I went into office three years ago. Normal times are here and the county must be put back on a normal basis of expense. I believe the lid should be put on the treasury of this county is facing bankruptcy.

I furthermore believe in patronizing our home people. I believe the tax paying citizens of this county should be given a chance at all our labor and employment expended by the county. I also believe that the responsible positions of this county should be given to the home people. I believe that this county has an efficient man who can successfully take care of any office, appointment or position which this county has. I am tired of having brains imported into this county to manage its affairs. I would like to see Eastland county furnish its own brains for the next two years.

When I went into office three years ago the financial committee of this county met once a year and checked the officials of this county in about two weeks, and were paid three dollars a day for their services. I think. Today we have two experienced auditors working the year round and in addition to their services the county has hired certified accountants to assist the auditors in checking the officials of this county. Those certified accountants cost the county approximately \$5,500.00 since the first day of June 1921. I believe this has been an unnecessary expense on the county. I realize the fact that there has been a great increase in the volume of business of this county, but I also believe that the County Auditor with his efficient assistant, should be able to check all the county officials and save this enormous expense of imported intellect in the form and under the name of Certified Accountants.

The Commissioners' Court is spending thousands of dollars in employing attorneys to represent the county. It is a legal duty of the County Attorney to represent the county in civil matters. Only in rare cases do I think that it is right and necessary to employ attorneys for the county. I protest against this expenditure as an unjust disbursement of the county's funds since the County Attorney is the lawyer for the county.

A Condemnation Board of three has been maintained since 1919 for the purpose of condemning right of way for good roads. I think that is an unnecessary board and that these men should be taken off the county pay roll. I have no personal grievance against any man on the board but I am opposed to the Condemnation Board because it is an unnecessary expense to this county.

I am in the race to stay and I am willing to stand or fall on these principles. There are many things which I should like to mention but cannot here on account of space. I expect to make an active campaign and speak in every precinct in Eastland County. I have many other facts which I think will interest the voters of this county.

Yours truly,  
E. S. PRITCHARD.

WILL BOOST CISCO  
AS THE HOME CITY

Just so soon as weather conditions will permit the Trade Commission which planned to visit the Pioneer field will make the trip. Great preparations are being made to advertise Cisco as the Great Home City on this trade excursion.

One of the most important arrangements being made is for the Commercial Secretary to remain in that field with a number of the leading business men for several days to carry out the trade ideas to the fullest. Great stress will be given to the fact that Cisco is an ideal place for people to purchase homes and educate their children. Many feel that the most important connecting link with the boom oil city at present, would be a good road, and work is being rushed with all possible dispatch on the Hillburn route at present, but this has been somewhat delayed for the past few days by bad weather.

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PLEASANT HILL PARAGRAPHS

Special Correspondence.

Pleasant Hill, Feb. 13.—We are hoping that these early "March" winds will bring forth an abundance of April showers.

Our school is progressing nicely at present. Practice on the close of school exercises is under way and in five or six weeks we expect to show to the public that there is some excellent stage talent in Pleasant Hill.

The Junior boys basket ball team went to Cisco Friday afternoon and demonstrated to their brilliant team just how a skunk is administered. Though they played oversize men from both wards, the Pleasant Hill boys made monkeys of them. The final score was: Pleasant Hill 15, Cisco 0. The flashy playing of Poe and Lasater of the home team, could not be scoffed at by Cisco as "country ball playing" as is usually the case.

Bruce Lasater and C. O'Brien, went to Okra with the Romney team last Thursday and helped to defeat that school.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. that met at Pleasant Hill Sunday, was largely attended by representatives from Cisco, Gorman, Rising Star and East Cisco. Talks by Joe Nations of Rising Star, Asa Skiles and Rev. C. G. Howard of Cisco, Miss Mayo of Gorman, and F. W. Roberts of Rising Star, were very inspirational to the young people here. The next meeting will be at Mitchell.

Miss Bess Shelton of Cisco, one of the B. Y. P. U. representatives, had the misfortune of getting her arm hurt very seriously, while at the home of Edgar Altom Sunday.

Omar Curtis, D. Freeman and Emory McBeth of Romney, were visitors in this community Tuesday afternoon.

CRUMBS FROM COTTONWOOD

Special Correspondence.

Cottonwood, Feb. 16.—Health in this community seems to be improving, as we have heard of no new cases of illness.

Mr. and Mr. Edgar Harris entertained the young people with a very enjoyable singing Sunday night of last week.

Drilling was suspended on the H. Yeager water well Thursday, Feb. 23, at a depth of 257 feet, about 130 feet of water is standing with a good showing of gas. Plans are under way now to have the gas connected with the house for heating purposes.

Miss Pearl Yeager of Bluff Branch spent the week with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Yeager.

Miss Jewel McClellan spent Friday night with the Misses Farmer.

Miss Dora Yeager, who is attending school in Cisco, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Yeager.

The teacher and pupils of this school enjoyed a picnic in the woods on Feb. 22, from 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Owing to the short term of school it was thought best not to prepare a program for the holiday.

Several from this community attended the Literary Society at Bluff Branch Friday night.

The steam engine belonging to L. Yeager was brought out from Cisco Thursday, where they had for some time, been employed in moving several buildings at the place.

Miss Lula Martin spent from Saturday until Sunday with homefolk at Pleasant Hill, and enjoyed the Associational B. Y. P. U. meeting with the church at that place.

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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 (1/2) of the West one-half (1/2) of Section No. 2, Block 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.

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# Ramsey Milholland

by Booth Tarkington

Illustrations by Irwin Myers

CHAPTER IV.—At a class picnic Ramsey, to his intense surprise, appears to attract the favorable attention of Miss Milla Rust, a young lady of about his own age and the acknowledged belle of the class. Milla has the misfortune to fall into a creek while talking with Ramsey, and that youth promptly plunges to the rescue. The water is only some three feet deep, but Milla's gratitude for his heroic act is embarrassing. He is in fact taken captive by the fair one, to his great consternation.

### CHAPTER IV.

With Wesley Bender, Ramsey was again upon fair terms before the winter had run its course; the two were neighbors and, moreover, were drawn together by a community of interests which made their reconciliation a necessity. Ramsey played the guitar and Wesley played the mandolin.

All ill feeling between them died with the first dust of spring, yet the linking they made had no cause to soothe the savage breast of Ramsey whenever the Teacher's Pet came into his thoughts. He day-dreamed a thousand ways of putting her in her place, but was unable to carry out any of them, and had but a cobwebby satisfaction in imagining discomfitures for her which remained imaginary. "Just once!" he said to Fred Mitchell. "That's all I ask, just once. Just gimme one chance to show that girl what she really is. I guess if I ever get the chance she'll find out what's the matter with her, for once in her life, any way." Thus it came to be talked about and understood and expected in Ramsey's circle, all male, that Dora Youcum's day was coming. "You'll see," said Ramsey. "The time'll come when that ole girl'll wish she'd moved out of this town before she ever got appointed auditor of our class! Just you wait!" They waited, but conditions appeared to remain unfavorable indefinitely. Perhaps the great opportunity might have arrived if Ramsey had been able to achieve a startling importance in any of the "various divergent yet parallel lines of school endeavor"—one of the phrases by means of which teachers and principal clogged the minds of their unwarned auditors. But though he was far from being the dumb driven beast of misfortune that he seemed in the schoolroom, and, in fact, lived a double life, exhibiting in his out-of-school hours a remarkable example of "secondary personality"—a creature fearing nothing and capable of anything; blue-eyed, finely roined and anything but dumb—he was nevertheless without enjoyment or attainment great enough to get him distinction.

He "tried for" the high-school eleven, and "tried for" the nine, but the experts were not long in eliminating him from either of these competitions, and he had to content himself with cheering instead of getting cheered. He was by no means of means athletic, or enough of anything wise, to put Dora Youcum in her place, and so he and the great opportunity were still waiting in May, at the end of the second year of high school, when the class, now the "10-A," reverted to an old fashion and decided to entertain itself with a woodland picnic.

They gathered upon the sandy banks of a creek in the blue shade of big, patchy-barked sycamores, with a dancing sky on top of everything and gold dust atwinkle over the water. Hither the napkin-covered baskets were brought from the wagons and assembled in the shade, where they appeared as an attractive little meadow of white tapers, and gave both surprise and pleasure to communities of ants and to other original settlers of the neighborhood.

From this nucleus or headquarters a picnic, various expeditions set forth up and down the creek and through the woods that bordered it. Two excited boy fishermen established themselves upon a bank up-stream, with hooks and lines thoughtfully brought with them, and poles which they fashioned from young saplings. They took snails from the shallows, for bait, and having gone to all this trouble, declined to share with friends less energetic and provident the perquisites and pleasures secured to themselves.

Albert Paxton was one person who proved his enterprise. Having visited the spot some days before, he had hired for his exclusive use throughout the duration of the picnic an old row-boat belonging to a shanty squatter; it was the only rowboat within a mile or two and Albert had his own uses for it. Albert was the class lover and, after first taking the three chaperon teachers "out for a row," an excursion concluded in about ten minutes, he disembarked them; Sadie Clews stepped into the boat, a pocket camera in one hand, a tennis racket in the other; and the two spent the rest of the day, except for the luncheon interval, solemnly drifting along the banks or grounded on a shoal. Now and then Albert would row a few strokes, and at no great any time when the populated

shore glanced toward them. Sadie would be seen photographing Albert, or Albert would be seen photographing Sadie, but the tennis racket remained an enigma. They were sixteen, and had been "engaged" more than two years.

On the borders of the little meadow of baskets there had been deposited two black shapes, which remained undisturbed throughout the day, a closed guitar case and a closed mandolin case, no doubt containing each its proper instrument. So far as any use of these went they seemed to be of the same leisure class to which Sadie's tennis racket belonged, for when one of the teachers suggested music, the musicians proved shy. Wesley Bender said they hadn't learned to play anything much and, besides, he had a couple of broken strings he didn't know as he could fix up; and Ramsey said he guessed it seemed kind of too hot to play much. Joining friends, they organized a contest in marksmanship, the target being a floating can which they assailed with pebbles; and after that they "skipped" flat stones upon the surface of the water, then went to

join a group gathered about Willis Parker and Heinie Krusemeyer.

No fish had been caught, a lack of luck grossly attributed by the fishermen to the noise made by constant advice on the part of their attendant gallery. Messrs. Milholland, Bender, and the other rock throwers came up shouting, and were ill received.

"For heaven's sakes," Heinie Krusemeyer demanded, "can't you shut up? Here we just first got the girls to keep their mouths shut a minute and I almost had a big pickerel or something on my hook, and here you got to up and yell so he chases himself away!

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Why can't nobody show a little sense some times when they'd ought to? A fish isn't goin' to bite when he can't even hear himself think! Anybody ought to know that much."

But the new arrivals booted. "Fish!" Ramsey vociferated. "I've bet a hundred dollars there hasn't been even a minny in this creek for the last sixty years!"

"There is, too," said Heinie, bitterly. "But I wouldn't be surprised there wouldn't be no longer if you got to keep up this noise. If you'd shut up just a minute you could see yourself there's fish here."

Ramsey leaned forth over the edge of the overhanging bank, a dirt precipice five feet above the water, and peered into the indeterminate depths below. The pool had been stirred, partly by the inept pokings of the fishermen and partly by small clobs and bits of dirt dislodged from above by the feet of the audience. The water, consequently, was but brownly translucent and revealed its secrets reluctantly; nevertheless certain dim little shapes had been observed to move within it, and were still there. Ramsey failed to see them at first.

"Where's any ole fish?" he inquired, scornfully.

"Look!" whispered the girl who stood nearest to Ramsey. She pointed. "There's one. Right down there by Willis' hook. Don't you see him?"

Ramsey was impressed enough to whisper, "Is there? I don't see him. I can't—"

The girl came closer to him and, the better to show him, leaned out over the edge of the bank and, for safety in maintaining her balance, rested her left hand upon his shoulder while she pointed with her right. Thereupon something happened to Ramsey. This touch upon his shoulder was almost nothing, and he had never taken the slightest interest in Milla Rust (to whom that small warm hand belonged), though she was the class beauty, and long established in the office. Now, all at once, a peculiar and heretofore entirely unfamiliar sensation suddenly became important in the upper part of his chest. For a moment he held his breath, an involuntary action—he seemed to be standing in a shower of flowers.

"Don't you see it, Ramsey?" Milla whispered. "It's a great big one. Why, it must be as long as—as your shoe! Look!"

Ramsey saw nothing but the thick round curl on Milla's shoulder. That curl was shot with dazzling fibers of sunshine. He seemed to be trembling.

"I don't see it," he murmured huskily, afraid that she might remove her hand. "I can't see any fish, Milla."

She leaned farther out over the bank. "Why, sure, gossie!" she whis-

pered. "Right there."

"I can't see it."

She leaned still further, bending down to point. "Why, right th—"

At this moment she removed her hand from his shoulder, though unwillingly. She clutched at him, in fact, but without avail. She had been too amiable.

A loud shriek was uttered by throats able to vocalize, just then, than Milla's, for in her great surprise she said nothing whatever—the shriek came from the other girls as Milla left the crest of the overhanging bank and almost horizontally disappeared into the brown water. There was a tumultuous splash, and then of Milla Rust and her well-known beauty there was nothing visible in the superficial world, nor upon the surface of that creek. The vanishment was total.

"Save her!"

Several girls afterward admitted having used this expression, and little Miss Floy Williams, the youngest and smallest member of the class, was unable to deny that she had said, "Oh, God!" Nothing could have been more natural, and the matter need not have

been brought before her with such insistence and frequency, during the two remaining years of her undergraduate career.

Ramsey was one of those who heard this exclamation, later so famous, and perhaps it was what roused him to heroism. He dived from the bank, headlong, and the strange thought in his mind was "I guess this'll show Dora Youcum!" He should have been thinking of Milla, of course, at such a time, particularly after the little enunciation just laid upon him by Milla's touch and Milla's curls; and he knew well enough that Miss Youcum was not among the spectators. She was half a mile away, as it happened, gathering "botanical specimens" with one of the teachers—which was her idea of what to do at a picnic.

Ramsey struck the water hard, and in the same instant struck something else harder. Wesley Bender's bundle of books had given him no such shock as he received now—and if the creek bottom had not been of mud, just there, the top of his young head might have declined the strain. Half stunned, choking, spluttering, he somehow floundered to his feet; and when he could get his eyes a little cleared of water he found himself wavering face to face



She Had Risen Up Out of the Pool and Stood Knee Deep, Like a Lovely Drenched Figure in a Fountain.

with a blurred vision of Milla Rust. She had risen up out of the pool and stood knee deep, like a lovely drenched figure in a fountain.

Upon the bank above them, Willis Parker was jumping up and down, gesticulating and shouting fiercely. "Now I guess you're satisfied our fishin' is spollit! Why'n't you listen me? I told you it wasn't more'n three foot deep! I and Heinie waded all over this creek gettin' our bait. You're a pretty sight!"

Of Milla he spoke unwittingly the literal truth. Even with her hair thus wild and sodden, Milla rose from immersion blushing and prettier than ever; and she was prettiest of all when she stretched out her hand helplessly to Ramsey and he led her up out of the waters. They had plenty of assistance to scramble to the top of the bank, and there Milla was surrounded and borne away with a great clacketing and tumult. Ramsey sat upon the grass in the sun, rubbed his head, and experimented with his neck to see if it would "work." The sunshine was strong and hot; in half an hour he and his clothes were dry—or at least "dry enough," as he said, and except for some soreness of head and neck, and the general crumpledness of his apparel, he seemed to be in all ways much as usual, when shouts and whistlings summoned all the party to luncheon at the rendezvous. The change that made him different was invisible.

Yet something must have been seen, for everyone appeared to take it for granted that he was to sit next to Milla at the pastoral meal. She herself understood it, evidently, for she drew in her puckered skirts and without any words made a place for him beside her as he driftingly approached her, affecting to whistle and keeping his eyes on the foliage overhead. He still looked upward, even in the act of sitting down.

"Squirrel or something," he said feebly, as if in explanation.

"Where?" Milla asked.

"Up there on a branch." He accepted a plate from her (she had provided herself with an extra one), but

he did not look at it or at her. He continued to keep his eyes aloft, because he imagined that all of the class were looking at him and Milla, and he felt unable to meet such publicity. It was to him as if the whole United States had been scandalized to attention by this act of his in going to sit beside Milla; he gazed upward so long that his eye-balls became sensitive under the strain. He began to blink. "I can't make out whether it's a squirrel or just some leaves that kind o' got mixed like one," he said. "I can't make out yet which it is, but I guess when there's a breeze, if it's a squirrel he'll probably hop around some then, if he's alive or anything."

It had begun to seem that his eyes must remain fixed in that upward stare forever; he wanted to bring them down, but could not face the glare of the world. But finally the brightness of the sky between the leaves settled matters for him; he sneezed, wept, and for a little moment again faced his fellowmen. No one was looking at him; everybody except Milla had other things to do.

Having sneezed involuntarily, he added a spell of coughing for which there was no necessity. "I guess I must be wrong," he muttered thickly. "What about it, Ramsey?"

"About it's bein' a squirrel." With infinite timidity he turned his head and encountered a gaze so soft, so halting, that it disconcerted him, and he dropped a "drumstick" of fried chicken, well dotted with ants, from his plate. Scarlet he picked it up, but did not eat it. For the first time in his life he felt that eating fried chicken held in the fingers was not to be thought of. He replaced the "drumstick" upon his plate and allowed it to remain there untouched, in spite of a great hunger for it.

Having looked down, he now found himself looking up, but gazed steadily at his plate, and into this limited circle of vision came Milla's delicate and rosy fingers, bearing a gift. "There," she said in a motherly little voice. "It's a tomato mayonnaise sandwich and I made it myself. I want you to eat it, Ramsey."

His own fingers approached tremulously as he accepted the thick sandwich from her and conveyed it to his mouth. A moment later his soul filled with horror, for a spurt of mayonnaise dressing had caused a catastrophe the scene of which occupied no inconsiderable area of his right cheek, which was the cheek toward Milla. He groped wretchedly for his handkerchief but could not find it; he had lost it. Sudden death would have been relief; he was sure that after such grotesquerie Milla could never bear to have anything more to do with him; he was ruined.

In his anguish he felt a paper napkin pressed gently into his hand; a soft voice said in his ear, "Wipe it off with this, Ramsey. Nobody's noticing."

So this incredibly charitable creature was still able to be his friend, even after seeing him mayonnaised! Humbly marveling, he did as she told him, but avoided all further risks. He ate nothing more.

He sighed his first sigh of inexpressible relief, had a chill or so along the spine, and at intervals his brow was bedewed.

Within his averted eyes there dwelt not the Milla Rust who sat beside him, but an iridescent, fragile creature who had become angelic.

He spent the rest of the day dawdling helplessly about her; wherever she went he was near, as near as possible, but of no deliberate volition of his own. Something seemed to tie him to her, and Milla was nothing loth. He seldom looked at her directly, or for longer than an instant, and more rarely still did he speak to her except as a reply. What few remarks he ventured upon his own initiative nearly all concerned the landscape, which he commended repeatedly in a weak voice, as "kind of pretty," though once he said he guessed there might be bugs in the bark of a log on which they sat; and he became so immediately personal as to declare that if the bugs had to get on anybody he'd rather they got on him than on Milla. She said that was "just perfectly lovely" of him, asked where he got his sweet nature, and in other ways encouraged him to continue the revelation, but Ramsey was unable to get forward with it, though he opened and closed his mouth a great many times in the effort to do so.

At five o'clock everybody was summoned again to the rendezvous for a ceremony preliminary to departure; the class found itself in a large circle, standing, and sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Ordinarily, on such an open-air and out-of-school occasion, Ramsey would have joined the chorus unobtrusively with the utmost bluntness of which his vocal apparatus was capable; and most of the other boys expressed their humor by drowning out the serious efforts of the girls; but he sang feebly, not much more than humming through his teeth. Standing beside Milla, he was incapable of his former inelegances and his voice was in a semi-paralyzed condition, like the rest of him.

Opposite him, across the circle, Dora Youcum stood a little in advance of those near her, for of course she led the singing. Her clear and earnest voice was distinguishable from all others, and though she did not glance toward Ramsey he had a queer feeling that she was assuming more superiority than ever, and that she was icily scornful of him and Milla. The old resentment rose—he'd "show" that girl yet, some day!

When the song was over, cheers were given for the class, "the good ole class of Nineteen Fourteen," the school, the teachers, and for the pic-

nic, thus officially concluded; and then the picnickers, carrying their baskets and faded wild flowers and other souvenirs and burdens, moved toward the big "express wagons" which were to take them back into the town. Ramsey got his guitar case, and turned to Milla.

"Well—g'by," said Milla. "Anyway, not yet. You can go back in the same wagon with me. It's going to stop at the school and let us all out there, and then you could walk home with me if you felt like it."

"Well—well, I'd be perfectly willing," Ramsey said. "Only I heard we all had to go back in whatever wagon we came out in, and I didn't come in the same one with you, so—"

Milla laughed and leaned toward him a little. "I already 'tended to that," she said confidentially. "I asked Johnnie Fiske, that came out in my wagon, to go back in yours, so that makes room for you."

"Well—then I guess I could do it." He moved toward the wagon with her. "I expect it don't make much difference one way or the other."

"And you can carry my basket if you want to," she said, adding solicitously, "unless it's too heavy when you already got your guitar case to carry, Ramsey."

This thoughtfulness of hers almost overcame him; she seemed divine. "I—I'll be glad to carry the basket, too," he faltered. "It—it don't weigh anything much."

"Well, let's hurry, so's we can get places together."

Then, as she maneuvered him through the little crowd about the wagons, with a soft push this way and a gentle pull that, and hurried him up the improvised steps and found a place where there was room for them both to sit, Ramsey had another breathless sensation heretofore unknown to him. He found himself taken under a dove-like protection; a wonderful, inexplicable being seemed to have become his proprietor.

"Isn't this just perfectly lovely?" she said cozily, close to his ear.

He swallowed, but found no words, for he had no thoughts; he was only an incoherent tumult. This was his first love.

"Isn't it, Ramsey?" she urged. The cozy voice had just the hint of a reproach. "Don't you think it's just perfectly lovely, Ramsey?"

"Yes'in."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

TO MY MANY CISCO FRIENDS:

I adopt this method of extending thanks to a people for whom I have so much admiration, or is love the word? I believe so.

During the three years that I have lived among you, and as business agent for the Building Trades, I have made many staunch friends.

And when I was compelled to retire from active work, to my little home out on the south side, these friends did not forget me, and many others whom I had never met, also came out there and ministered unto me. By encouraging words they greatly alleviated my suffering, and helped me to pass what would have been lonely hours, if not for these visitors, with pleasure and temporary relief.

As I go forth to this land where I sincerely believe I shall regain my health, I realize I am leaving a real Christian people who have demonstrated same by assisting a less fortunate brother. They have done much for me as individuals and organizations. To the Red Cross organization and the American Legion Post, I give thanks for aid extended to me, and urge the public to support these organizations for they stand for the highest things in life.

And a word for my own trade brothers and members of other organized crafts: I have not words to express my heart felt thanks to you. And a personal word for Mrs. Pettit and Dr. Gregory, those two noble people shall hold a warm spot in my heart always.

And the ministers of the city and the people who made this trip possible May God's richest blessings be upon you. You have done all that you could, and when I regain my health I shall return here to make my home among the greatest people on earth.

F. J. GRENPELL.

Mr. R. Alsbrook is now with the Gray Hardware Company in the capacity of salesman. He takes the place of Mr. S. B. Carter, who left several weeks ago to return to his old home in Tennessee. Mr. Alsbrook is well known in this section, and will be glad to have his many friends call upon him at his new position.

Mrs. M. E. Mitchell of Kaufman's, is in the city the guest of her sons, Messrs. Emmett and Will Mitchell and their families. Mrs. Mitchell will leave tomorrow, after a two weeks stay here, and return home. Enroute she will visit a daughter at Santa Anna before going home.

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