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CITIZENS' TICKET SCORES BIG VICTORY

Good Samaritan Tale Re-Enacted By Local Citizen

Those who think there are no good Samaritans today, as there were in ancient times, according to the Bible narrative of the ministrations of him who succored the man who had "fallen among thieves," will only have to read of one who lives in Cisco.

A certain Cisco man was in financial distress. Everything he had on earth was pledged for a debt he contracted for funds to tide him over what he believed a temporary depression. But he failed to calculate the length of the depression, which continued on, and is still prevalent. In the meantime the debtor continued to pay, but all the time interest, etc., were accumulating and his payments hardly took care of the interest. Finally payday came, but an extension was requested and granted, which gave the debtor a few weeks of respite.

But all things come to an end, and the end looked dark and foreboding for the debtor when he was finally told that foreclosure proceedings would be instituted if the obligation was not discharged at a certain time. Visions of his life's work vanishing under the hammer was the cloud that made his days dreary and his nights a nightmare. He was finally forced to give up all hope after offering his security to every man whom he thought there was a possibility of coming to his relief when the good Samaritan hove in sight. With his last hope gone this good Samaritan came to him like a fairy in the dreams of childhood. After inquiring of his financial condition, and was informed of his present plight, the good Samaritan quietly remarked, "Well just go and pay it off."

Thinking no such good fortune could hardly come his way, especially unsolicited, and that possibly his benefactor was joking, or might change his mind, he suggested a meeting at his attorney's office the next morning. However, the good Samaritan was detained and failed to arrive on the day agreed, but true to his word soon after put in his appearance and ordered the attorney to write a check in favor of the creditor for the amount due, which he signed, and the debtor was again in possession of his property, the good Samaritan taking a new note for the amount of the indebtedness, payable at such a time when the creditor would be able to meet the payments.

Verily, there are still those living in our midst with hearts of gold, though their presence in amen corners of the churches are never conspicuous. Unfortunately these golden hearted gentlemen are rare, but that they really exist, even in Cisco, is proven by this transaction that took place last week. The good Samaritan was none other than our own fellow townsman, W. P. Pulley, who by this benevolent act demonstrated that his was a heart of gold, for truly he is a lover of his fellow man.

This publicity will be a greater surprise to the benefactor in this case than to most of those who read it, and the Citizen is risking a "bawling out" in writing this story, but we had rather be censured by him than not have the pleasure of broadcasting such benevolence to the world, and letting all know that today, as in Bible times, there lives the good Samaritan, one of whom Cisco has the honor to claim as a citizen.

UTILITIES SHOULD COURT NEW BUSINESS BY VOLUNTARY CONCESSIONS TO PATRONS. (An Editorial)

Rarely do we see an editorial in the Dallas News that we can approve in its entirety, superior newspaper though the News is conceded to be. But the leading editorial in Wednesday's paper, "Utility Rates," meets every approval of the Cisco Citizen, which we heartily endorse and reproduce below.

That the words of warning to utility concerns is timely no one can doubt. That it would be a wise policy for utility concerns to voluntarily reduce their rates to correspond with present conditions is unquestioned. No business, other than those of fixed charges where monopolies exist, has escaped the inevitable loss that must be met. All business concerns have charged off and readjusted their fixed charges to correspond with present depression prices. This rule has been adhered to by the West Texas Utilities Co., which has readjusted its charges locally from time to time to meet conditions as they exist. Unfortunately, the Lone Star Gas Co., from whose subsidiary Cisco receives its gas, has not seen fit to exercise this progressive, just, and we believe, wise policy of holding its patrons and gaining others by reducing rates to meet present conditions. To do so, would, in the opinion of the Citizen, add hundreds of new patrons and prove a most profitable procedure. Instead, Cisco is paying the same rate for gas that was charged in the boom days when everybody was working and had money. Instead of new patrons the gas company has lost hundreds who have been alienated and are burning wood and fuel oil for fuel. Eastland rates, as will be seen in another column have been increased beyond the ability of those people to pay.

But the Dallas News' editorial is timely, and is worthy of serious consideration by all utility concerns, and is as follows:

UTILITY RATES.

The importance of the question of utility rates to the average citizen can not be minimized. Water, light, heat, power, communication and transport are items in his every day living and their fixed charges must be met in his budget. He takes a livelier interest in their rates than in his taxes, for like other bills, they must be paid monthly and, unlike looser credit, when he can not pay he loses service. The current negotiations between the city of Dallas and the Dallas Power and Light company consequently interest the salary and wage earner who has watched his own pay check decrease under economic conditions, though his utility budget is kept at the level maintained for several years.

It would be absurd to contend that the customer's natural desire for lower charges should prevail over the many factors that enter into rate agreements under franchise terms. The element of fair return on the investment must be a material factor and is so recognized in the various utility franchises. Confiscatory rates would be as impracticable as they would be unjust. But under current conditions, the utility field has an opportunity for friend making in concessions to the lowered ability of its average customer to meet the present scale of charges. A voluntary decrease in rates might even prove profitable, for without it there must be a percentage of loss in business certain to be reflected in net returns for the year. Lowered rates call for more customers as well as for better satisfied ones.

The average utility franchise, while shutting out competition, is not flexible enough to deal with economic changes in the cities that utilities serve. Street railway transport supplies an example of the adverse effect of an inflexible franchise on the utility itself. When we reach the give-and-take attitude, in which both cities and utilities are anxious to be entirely fair, the American city will have solved one problem of living.

Retiring Members of School Board Named New School Trustees

Larger interest was manifested in the election of school trustees of the Cisco independent school district Saturday than has been demonstrated in many years. Two tickets were placed in the field for three vacancies, and this, it is believed, was the inspiration for the large vote polled, and the increased interest shown by the voters. When the footing of the vote was made it was seen that a total of 603 votes were cast, the largest ever brought out in a school election here in many years. This is a healthy indication, and if it was the opposition ticket that brought out this increased vote, the Citizen would suggest that a contest be put on at each year, for entirely too little interest is taken in school trustee elections. The schools are a city's chief assets and surely our people should be interested in that which pertains to the weal of the entire community.

The results of the voting showed that the retiring trustees had been returned by substantially the same majorities as the following figures will show:

Dr. F. E. Clark, 370 votes; J. E. Spencer, 375; F. D. Wright, 361; A. J. Olson, 234; Jack Winston, 234, and R. A. Richardson, 226.

Desdemona Teacher Indicted by Grand Jury for Murder

EASTLAND, April 7.—H. L. Forrester, school teacher at Desdemona, has been indicted here by the 88th district court grand jury on a charge of murder, in connection with the fatal shooting of Frank Gregory, 19 year-old youth, November 8, 1931.

Forrester was arrested November 9, and charged in the boy's death, but the grand jury, convening two weeks later, no-billed him. However, the spring grand jury of 88th court took up the investigations again, the indictment, returned March 16, resulting. Forrester was re-arrested last week. He has been released under bond to await trial.

Officers in their investigation of the case said they learned the youth called at the Forrester home on the night of the shooting, about 30 minutes after Forrester and his wife had retired. He had told Forrester he had called in reference to certain remarks the school teacher made about one of the high school girls. Officers said Gregory ignored requests to leave, and the school teacher went into the house, and returned, shooting.

Gregory was shot in the left side of the head, dying instantly. A .38 calibre pistol and five empty shells were found in the teacher's room after the shooting.

George Langston, Pioneer Ciscoan, Buried Saturday

The passing of George Langston removes one of Cisco's most esteemed and oldest citizens, in point of residence, and terminates a state of invalidism of over two years duration, during which time he had been confined to his home. Death came to release him from pain Thursday night, March 31. He was 69 years of age at the time of his passing. Funeral services were held at his residence, 308 West Broadway, Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. O. O. Odum, pastor of the First Methodist church, who was assisted by the presiding elder Rev. Cullom H. Booth, with Rev. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist church, invoking the blessings of the Almighty for the spirit of the departed. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery, with the Green Funeral Home in charge.

George Langston, then a young man, came to Cisco with the advent of the Texas & Pacific railway in 1881 as that railroad's first station agent, and after his fall on the ice, two winters ago, was a patient in the company's hospital at Marshall, where he was treated for his hurts that was the genesis of his invalidism that caused his demise.

At one time Mr. Langston was one of the largest resident property owners in Cisco, owning quite a number of apartments and other residential rental properties. But he was best known to the people of Cisco as the Texas & Pacific station agent, a position which he relinquished when he retired from the service of that road several years ago. After his retirement, he was occupied in looking after his private interests, but later became the local manager of the Postal Telegraph Co. when it opened its first office in Cisco, in which position he remained till the company closed the office a few years ago. But all who knew him held him in the highest esteem, as he was a man of high morals and conscientious scruples, believing largely in the golden rule, which was his guide to his faith and practice.

George Langston was born in Overton, Texas, where he attended the public schools, as a boy of 15 became connected with the Texas & Pacific in whose services he remained continually until his retirement.

He is survived by his widow, whom he married as Mrs. Carrie L. Cox in Citra, Fla., on January 31, 1893. A daughter, Joyce, now Mrs. Paul Schmitz, with her two sons, are his immediate survivors. Others are several brothers and sisters.

J. T. Berry, Alex Spears, W. E. Ricks, A. J. Olson, W. J. Donovan and J. B. Blitch were the active pall bearers, while the honorary list was selected from his closest friends and associates in life, who were Max Elser, G. W. Daniels, Will Reagan, M. D. Paschall, Sr., E. E. Kean, J. V. Heyser, B. W. Patterson, R. W. Mancill, B. T. Riddle, Leslie Moore, D. K. Scott, Alex Ward, B. L. Blitch, B. K. Ransome, J. T. Dean, H. S. Drumright, J. C. Talley, Dewey Moore, Dr. W. P. Lee, C. H. Fee, George D. Fee, H. J. Woodriddle, W. R. Simmons and Joe Wilson.

Cisco friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Locke have received announcements of the recent arrival of a baby boy at their home in Ballinger. This family were formerly residents of Cisco.

M. H. Flemming and son, Francis, are now on an extended visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Flemming, in El Paso. Their stay is indefinite.

Burnett, Winston and H. C. Henderson Given Decisive Majorities on Commission

Tuesday's municipal election was a clean, clear-cut victory for the Cisco Taxpayers' association, sponsors of the citizens' ticket, which was elected by decisive majorities. Starting with the opening of the polls, at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, the voting was steady and continuous during the entire day, and up to the last minute the polls were open the votes were being handed in, though all who appeared at the polls enjoyed the privilege of casting their ballots for their favorite candidates.

The results were a surprise to some, but those backing the citizens' ticket never doubted for a moment the final verdict of the people. Care was exercised in putting on the ticket men of unquestioned integrity, those in whom the entire citizenship placed implicit confidence, believing that their every official act would be in the interest of the whole community, and that every effort would be made to again place Cisco in her rightful place among the progressive cities of Texas.

Citizens' Ticket In Full Control

Now, those who have opposed previous policies of the city administration are in perfect control of the city government, and are in a position to carry out their policies of reform and retrenchment, which seems to be favored by the verdict of the ballots.

The results upset the pre-election forecasts in one particular, for it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that W. R. (Bob) Winston would be the leading candidate in the balloting, but this honor fell to J. R. Burnett who led Winston by 30 votes. Burnett was the only candidate re-elected. Winston and H. C. Henderson both are new men, but men in whom everyone has the highest confidence as men of integrity and ability to put through those measures that will be for the greatest good to the greatest number. Judge Burnett is now serving his second term as commissioner, was the runner-up candidate for mayor one year ago, and only fell shy a few votes of being elected when that honor was awarded to Mayor J. T. Berry. Undoubtedly he will be a leading member of the commission, and if his leadership proves what his friends anticipate, his election as mayor one year hence is practically certain.

No Changes Announced

Just what changes will be effected, if any, in the personnel of the city hall employes, will not be known till the new commission is organized May 2. However, a new man will be at the head of the police department, which is now filled by Commissioner Donovan, who failed to be returned to the commission in the voting Tuesday, but it is not stated that the new police commissioner will make any changes in the police force.

Following are the results of the voting with number of votes cast for each candidate of the 952 votes cast:

J. R. Burnett, 587; W. R. (Bob) Winston, 557; H. C. Henderson, 489. The minority candidates received the following votes: W. J. Donovan for re-election, 421; J. H. Stamps, 331; George D. Fee, for re-election, 278; W. R. Simmons, 134.

With the organization of the new commission the citizens' ticket, sponsored by the Taxpayers association, will have four of the five members of the commission: J. R. Burnett, Joe Clements, W. R. Winston and H. C. Henderson. Commissioners J. T. Elliott and Joe Clements are hold-overs. Clements was supported a year ago by the Taxpayers association, but Commissioner Elliott was not supported by those interests.

Dividends of Over \$116,000 Paid W. T. U. Stockholders

ABILENE, April 1.—Distribution of \$116,790 as the total of the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the company's \$6 preferred stock was ordered at the annual meetings of directors and stockholders of the West Texas Utilities company, held here March 31. All officers of the company were re-elected.

Directors elected were Price Campbell, E. R. Hoppe, P. W. Campbell, J. M. Wagstaff, W. G. Swenson, R. M. Wolfe, Martin J. Insull, James C. Kennedy and Dempster MacMurphy.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting, the directors' session was called. All officers were re-elected, as follows: Martin J. Insull, chairman of the board; James C. Kennedy, vice-chairman, Price Campbell, president; E. R. Hoppe, vice-president; E. V. Graham, vice-president; Dan A. Gallagher, secretary-treasurer; Arthur S. Harker and N. Sjostrom, assistant secretaries; C. C. Sellers and G. E. Olmsted, assistant treasurers, and R. M. Wolfe, auditor.

Directors of the service annuity fund—a separate administrative organization for handling employes' pensions—were elected at the directors' meeting. In accordance with the by-laws of the company, three directors were elected by the board of directors, and two by the employes. Price Campbell, E. R. Hoppe and R. M. Wolfe were elected by the directors. Earl Morley, district superintendent at Ballinger, and Dan R. Junell, ice sales supervisor, Abilene, are the active employe representatives.

VOTE DISQUALIFIED AS LEADER; TALK TOMATOES

This editor has been asked why he does not get behind his favorite state and national candidates, giving them favorable publicity in this territory. Under the circumstances, that's a rather personal question, but we are answering it publicly.

We swallowed the fairy tales about Hoover and we voted for Mr. Sterling. We maintain that any man who would pick a pair like that has demonstrated that he is incompetent in matters political. It's probably all right to allow him to go to the polls and try to do better next time, but to pose as one qualified to give political advice to others—O, well, we had rather talk about tomatoes.—Sabine County Reporter.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We are told in Paul's epistle to the Romans: "Owe no man anything but to love one another." And Jesus admonishes us: "By their fruits ye shall know them." And the Psalmist says: "The king's strength also loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgement and righteousness in Jacob."

"Who seeks for heaven alone to gain his soul,
May find the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are."

One who is gaining this true sense of equity by learning to love his neighbor as himself will not incur unnecessary expenses, nor allow himself to indulge mere personal inclinations or desires while he owes his fellowman, if he is truly reflecting the love, equity, and judgment of the divine Mind, God, to see that he does not add to his brother's burden.—Christian Science Monitor.

THE JOKER IN CISCO WATER RATES

As the heated term is about to arrive the Citizen deems it proper to say a word regarding the water rates. Last summer the fact was published that Cisco's commission had reduced the water rates about 25 cents per month. In a measure this was true, but whom does this reduction benefit? It gives more water for the same minimum price by increasing the minimum water consumers may use. This cannot be called a reduction of water rates in a general sense, as it only exempts larger consumers from payment of water used above the minimum. This is of no benefit to the average citizen, who is rarely uses more than the minimum, and when he does it is better that he should pay a slight excess, than to give free water to those using larger quantities who are able to pay, as an increased minimum of water without charge reduces the revenues of the city.

If the city commission really wishes to give a reduction, reduce the rates. This will help the man less able to pay, while the owners of large yardage that must be watered, men who are really able to pay for the luxury of a green lawn, will add to the city's revenue by paying for the water used above the minimum.

The Citizen would like to see some measures adopted that will help the ones who really need it, especially when this can be done and not impair the revenues from the water department. This is the city's principal source of funds to operate the city government, and by increasing the allowable water for the minimum charge, these revenues are reduced with no material relief to the average citizen.

The Citizen realizes that it is nice to see beautiful lawns all over the city, and we hope such beauty spots will always exist, but the city needs the money that excess water brings. We hope the incoming commission will look at this matter from this angle.

ONE MONEY, ONE STANDARD

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON

Paris Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor

"If the populations of England, France, and America could understand where they are drifting with their non-productive, progressively increasing gold debts and taxes, they would act as follows: Their three great national banks would form an international reserve or clearing house. This clearing house would issue an international gold or metallic-based money of account with an invariable standard with which international balances could be cleared. This is the one way in which national and international balances could be approached intelligently today. There will be no solution of present confusion until we can grasp and apply the meaning of the words: One Money, One Standard."

This is a striking passage in a remarkable booklet issued in Paris anonymously by the Vendome Press. Unquestionably the most striking point made is the enormous disparity that may exist between two sums of money, each described in precisely the same terms, yet belonging to different years.

In the United States it took \$2 in 1919 to buy what \$1 could buy in 1914. And it was on this new high-priced level that all values fixed in money such as debts of a long-term character were established. But prices soon fell, adding 50 per cent to the gold or dollar value.

The British agreed to pay their commodity war-paper debts in pounds sterling representing the same quantity of

gold as in 1913—that is to say, at more than twice its pre-war value.

It is pointed out that wheat in Chicago was at one time worth \$3.50 a bushel, and England bought millions of bushels at this rate. Now, wheat was recently worth less than 50 cents a bushel. Therefore, England owes the equivalent of seven bushels today for every bushel she received during the peak years.

To make the debts problem clear, the amount which England agrees to send America in 60 years is put at 2,221,000,000 pounds—Which is slightly more than the total gold stock of the world! But then, other nations are pledged to send a similar amount (over 2,000,000,000 pounds) to America as well—that is, double the world stock of gold!

Take the case of a farmer in the American Mid-west: If he borrowed \$3000 in 1919, he could pay it with 100 bushels of wheat. If he renewed his note, he would require 12,000 bushels of wheat today to pay the same debt, without counting accumulation of interest.

Obviously there is something wrong with money which is so elastic that it can represent at different times such vastly different things, and yet can make these vastly different things (such as one bushel of wheat and 12 bushels of wheat) pretend to be equivalents for purposes of repayment. That is why economists are seeking some scheme to remedy this deplorable situation.

ADVANCES PLAN TO 'SAVE OUR HOMES'

Editor Citizen:

I have been asked how to save our homes.

An equitable redemption law would help some. A moratorium would do some good, but these are temporary measures which only postpone the evil hour when sooner or later most of our homes, farms and ranches will pass to landed corporations and rich syndicates, unless cheaper interest and longer time can be obtained.

The debts and rates on interest on our lands are so great that we never can pay under present conditions.

Silver using countries and those countries that have gone off the single gold standard owe our government debts, the interest on which will aggregate Five Hundred Million Dollars annually. They cannot and will not pay this interest in gold because they have not enough gold with which to pay, but they would gladly pay in silver. Two years of this interest will aggregate one billion dollars.

Let congress pass a law permitting this interest to be paid in silver, then coin this silver and issue five billion dollars of silver certificates payable in silver. Make these silver certificates legal tender for all debts, taxes, export and import duties.

Pay off the Soldier's Bonus Certificates with these silver certificates and then loan to the farmers and ranchers and owners of homes in the cities the remainder of these silver certificates at three percent interest on fifty years time, with which our people can pay off their present indebtedness.

These certificates would be the best money in the world. They would have behind them the value of the silver bullion in the Treasury and the value of the homes, lands and ranches of those of our people who borrow this money. These loans should be made directly by the government to the people without intervention of banks or corporations, just as is now done in the loan for seed and feed to our farmers. The loaning should begin as soon as a considerable portion of this silver is collected into the Treasury.

The trouble in Washington is that in making these loans to aid the people, a huge corporation octopus is placed between the government and the people to distribute the loan. These octopus corporations feed on and otherwise dissipate most of the relief money before it reaches the plain people and what little does reach the small banks for the use of the plain people cannot be loaned to them because they have no collateral to put up as security.

Silver would immediately rise in value in every market in the world thereby increasing the purchasing power of all silver using countries, this would increase the consumption of our cotton and wheat by these silver using countries and might reach millions of bales of cotton annually.

The United States and Mexico have the largest silver deposits of any country in the world. These mines would begin to work immediately, thereby giving employment for hundreds of thousands of idle men. Billions of dollars would be taken from the mines and thrown into circulation and in a short while real prosperity would return on a scale never before seen.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM, Abilene, Texas.

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DIRECT BALLOTING IS TO BE DONE IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, April 4.—There is nothing in the United States constitution condemning the new Texas law giving voters the privilege of balloting direct on candidates for president and vice-president instead of party electors, First Assistant Attorney General Bruce W. Bryant told Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, in reply to her question as to its legality.

Judge Bryant said Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio have similar laws and cited a number of cases sustaining their validity. He said that even in the heated Hayes-Tilden presidential contest no challenge was made of the Colorado vote cast by electors who had been chosen by the legislature and not at an election by the people. He said that congress has never attempted to interfere with the method used by the states in selecting electors.

As a result, the names of the party candidates for president and vice president will go on the November ballots.

An answer was made to the Florida attorney general that Texas will retain its three additional electoral votes even though the legislature failed to redistrict the state and provide twenty-one separate districts. Florida also failed to redistrict.

After filing required intentions to marry license were issued to Tommie Burleson and Miss Mamie May Hamilton, both of Cisco, by the county clerk's office the past week.

REMAINS OF J. H. MARTIN BURIED IN CISCO MONDAY

Mr. J. H. Martin was born at Falkville Ala. Oct. 16, 1860. Died at Falkville, Ala., March 24, 1932.

The body arrived in Cisco from that state by rail Monday March 28. The funeral was conducted at the East Cisco Baptist church Tuesday, 3 p. m., March 29, by Rev. I. W. Lawrence, assisted by pastor James L. Smart. Rev. Lawrence, a former pastor and friend of many years, paid honor and a high tribute to the sterling worth of Mr. Martin as a man, citizen, christian and church member.

He came to Cisco during the year of 1901 and remained here until the year of 1911, when he moved with his family to Edna, Texas, at which place he resided for seven years. He was converted at the age of 37 and united with the Missionary Baptist church, and during his residence at Edna, was ordained as a deacon in the Red Bluff Baptist church.

Mr. Martin was called to his heavenly home on his mother's birthday. He was 71 years, five months and 8 days old, when death claimed him. No higher tribute could be paid a father than for his children to say of him that he was a consistent church member all the days of his christian life.

He was married twice. His first marriage was to Miss Sarah Jonnah Wilhite, Dec. 24, 1885, at Falkville, Ala. She preceded him in death Nov. 22, 1917. He was again married to Mrs. Jennie McMurray Oct. 16, 1924, at Falkville, Ala., who survives him.

To the first union ten children were born, two of whom have passed to the Great Beyond. His body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery of this city, to await the coming of his Savior. Those surviving are H. L. Martin, San Antonio; Mrs. H. H. Hagaman, Cisco; Mrs. B. F.

Trott, Loraine; Mrs. E. S. Williams, Amherst; Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Lohita; Mrs. E. J. Kinard, McCamey; Mrs. Lawrence Trott, Hermeleigh; Mrs. G. P. Poe, Cisco. Also 26 grandchildren.

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R. W. H. KENNON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of March, 1932.

J. Lee Cearley,
Notary Public,

(SEAL) Eastland County, Texas
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M. D. (Jack) Estes, 71 years of age, pioneer citizen of Baird, passed away March 30 in his home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hendricks spent Tuesday in Cross Plains.

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Eastland Loses Its Gas Fight With Community Natural

ABILENE, April 6.—Way was cleared yesterday or the Community Natural Gas company to promulgate a new sliding scale of domestic gas rates in Eastland, with the company winning in federal court here, dismissal of litigation brought by gas consumers of Eastland.

Plaintiffs in the case, George Parrock, George Bryant, J. H. Cheatham and C. F. Sheppard, filed in the state court at Eastland for an order restraining the company from instituting the new rates. An order was granted, and the case brought into the United States court on a motion by Community attorneys.

The same attorneys Monday filed motion for dismissal, and this was upheld Tuesday by Judge James C. Wilson.

Community last November secured and order from Judge Wilson restraining the city of Eastland from interfering with the company's rates, this in effect annulling a city ordinance setting a gas rate of 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. The Eastland rate has been a flat 67 1-2 cents net. The sliding scale rates are \$1.50 for the first 1,000 cubic feet; \$1.25 for the second thousand; 75 cents for the third; 50 cents per thousand from there on.

Community Natural also secured dismissal of a suit instituted by an Eastland customer, C. F. Sheppard. Sheppard won judgement, in justice court of Eastland, of \$153 against the gas company, on the claim that he paid that much excess on a bill. Writ of attachment on a water heater was secured to satisfy the judgment; but Community attorneys obtained a federal order removing the litigation to Judge Wilson's court and staying procedure pending a hearing in his court. He granted the defense motion for dismissal yesterday.

LANKFORD URGED FOR COUNTY JUDGE'S JOB

Concerning the drafting of Judge Eugene Lankford to become a candidate for County Judge, the Eastland Chronicle has the following:

A movement to draft Judge Eugene Lankford of Cisco as a candidate for county judge has been gaining much headway during the past few weeks. Judge Lankford has stated that he is not in politics and his friends say he is sincere in this statement. But, they say he is too patriotic to decline should the people desire him to become a candidate.

EAST CISCO BAPTIST ARE MATRONS ORGANIZED

The young married ladies of the East Cisco Baptist church met on Friday, April 1, in the home of Mrs. James L. Smart in a Sunday school social and business meeting, the ladies organizing their class.

The officers elected were: Mrs. A. W. Dawson, president; Mrs. Cecil Prickett, first vice president; Mrs. Jeff Coats, second vice president; Mrs. Mart Agnew, third vice president; Mrs. Reims, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Murry, treasurer; Mrs. D. L. Isbell, reporter.

Others present were Mrs. J. A. Smith and Mrs. Lanham. After the meeting delightful refreshments were served, every one enjoying the evening.

The ladies will meet next in the home of Mrs. J. A. Smith, West Eighth, May 12. Visitors are always welcome in our church and Sunday school.—Mrs. D. L. Isbell, Reporter.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS IRON WORKERS

Sealed bids will be received by J. B. Cate, City Secretary, for dismantling, moving and re-erecting a metal standpipe for the City of Cisco until 10 o'clock a. m., April 11, 1932. Specifications may be secured at the City Secretary's office upon a deposit of (\$5.00) dollars to be returned upon submission of a bona fide bid upon the work or by returning the specifications before bids are opened. 32-2tc

County Judge And Auditor Met With Taxpayers Ass'n

County Judge Clyde L. Garrett and Auditor W. S. Michael accepted the invitation of the Eastland County Taxpayers association and appeared before the body in the meeting at Eastland last Saturday. Both officials gave the association much valuable information regarding the county affairs, and each expressed their pleasure in meeting with a committee of the association to give the body just what information was most desired, and for this purpose the chair appointed Mr. Webb, C. M. Franklin and R. F. Holloway to confer with the county judge and commissioners. Also, Judge Garrett stated that the court would be glad to have a committee from the association to meet with the court when the budget of expenses is made up. Chairman Neil stated the people wanted and would demand a reduction in the budget expenses.

Speaking on the question, Auditor Michael said he was not settled as to the wisdom of changing from the fee to the salary basis for county officers, for at times like the present, the salary would likely be greater than the fees collected, and in that case the county would incur an additional expense. But the remedy might be in reducing the maximum permitted officers. At present county officers can retain \$4,800 of the fees collected, Michaels told the convention.

Following the reading by the chair of a letter from the secretary of the state association, requesting that delegates be sent to the state convention at Houston tomorrow, the association named Milton Lawrence and Jim Beard as delegates. A collection was taken up to defray the expenses of the delegates.

Auditor Michaels told the association that it was patent that Eastland county could never pay her bonded indebtedness, and something should be done to readjust or refund these bonds that the county could get from under these obligations.

Chairman Neil told the convention that the people would have to get some relief or revolution would engulf the land in the bloodiest conflict the world has ever known. That the plans of the Taxpayers association sought, through legal means, to avert this calamity.

O. L. Russell, in an impassioned talk, stated that under present conditions it required 500 bales of cotton to pay Tom Blanton's salary, and 260 bales to pay the salary of one county officer, at \$3,000 per year.

The next meeting will be held April 16.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

The subject of the lesson-sermon is "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, April 10.

Psalms 68:20 furnishes the golden text: "He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death."

The following passage from Bible (Romans 8:2) is included in the lesson-sermon: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Embraced in the service are also the following citations from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy—pages 278, 283:

"All that we term sin, sickness, and death is a mortal belief. Matter and its effects—sin, sickness, and death—are states of mortal mind which act, react, and then come to a stop. They are not facts of mind."

LOCAL MAN DRILLING IN DESDEMONA OIL SECTION

Will St. John, of Cisco associated with W. D. Gallagher and O. G. Lawson, of Desdemona, are preparing to drill a test well on Cogburn farm, five miles south of Desdemona.

BOOM DAY RATES KEEP LONE STAR PROFITS UP

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Lone Star Gas corporation today reported for the year 1931 net profits of \$4,627,561 after depreciation, taxes, preferred dividends, and other charges had been deducted.

H. L. Mobley Manager Of Laguna Hotel As Opened Wednesday

With H. L. Mobley in charge as manager, the Laguna, Cisco's newest and most modern hostelry, was re-opened Wednesday for the reception of guests, after being closed since March 18 by order of the referee in bankruptcy. The Laguna coffee shop served its first meals Thursday morning after being re-opened by Mrs. Agnes Daniels, the former manager of this cafe.

The resumption of business by the Laguna is under the direction of the Southern National Hotel corporation, a subsidiary of the American National Insurance company, purchasers of the hotel property, which was sold by the bankrupt court March 30, at Abilene, and follows the closing of a deal for the furnishings of the hotel, sold at the same time to other parties holding a lien on this property.

The reopening of the Laguna was without ostentation, merely a reopening of the doors for the reception of guests, and rearrangements of the guests' rooms for the traveling public.

Judge Franklin Canady, president of the Southern National Hotel corporation, who was here to supervise the reopening of the hostelry, stated that the Southern National Hotel corporation was coming into Cisco, not as a foreign concern operating a local institution, but as a Cisco enterprise, part and parcel of the Cisco, whose manager would identify himself with the community, taking its part in all local civic and business movements for the betterment of the community.

The Laguna now becomes a member of the Southern National Hotel corporation, owners and operators of a string of hotels in many states of the South, as far east as Virginia and extending west to New Mexico. A number of those with which the Laguna will be associated, and from which guests will be directed here are those in Texas: The Jean Lafitte and Buccaneer, at Galveston; Brownwood, Kilgore, Longview and Settles, at Big Spring. Also the Thomas Jefferson at Birmingham, Ala., and Clovis, N. M.

H. L. Mobley, the new manager of the Laguna, is too well known in Cisco and the Oil Belt to need any introduction, as he was the original manager and owner of the Mobley hotel here, and later the Denslow during the oil boom days, and has operated hotels at Abilene, Breckenridge and Eastland, and other towns in this section. When engaged as manager of the Gude he was also operating the Sager at Breckenridge, which until a few years ago, was the leading hotel in that city. His selection as manager of the Laguna is a guarantee that the hostelry will be conducted on the highest plane of excellence and decorum. Also when it is known that he is in charge of Cisco's modern hotel many will journey here to be the guest of a hotel over which he presides, as his acquaintance with the traveling public has a wider range, perhaps, than any other hotel man in West Texas.

WALTON'S BABY CONTEST GETTING UNDER HEADWAY

The 14th semi-annual baby contest, of Walton's Studio, is now under full headway with many entrants already in the race, and new entrants are coming in at the rate of ten of twelve a day. Mr. Walton stated that indications are that there will be 80 or 100 entrants before the contest closes. Those who have not brought in their babies for pictures, and expect to enter them in this contest, are urged to do so at once.

The contest will be in three classifications, with prizes in each class, the winners to be picked by out of town judges. Perhaps no event has become such a feature as these baby shows, as mothers are anxious to have their little ones participate in the event. But others have always shown marked interest in Walton's baby shows.

Mrs. J. M. Heist was a pleasant shopping visitor in Cisco Saturday from the Heist lease north of Putnam. This lady is always welcomed by her Cisco friends.

Reported Theft Of Overcoat Gets Two Blacks In Trouble

Reporting to police headquarters that another negro had stolen his overcoat was the cause of getting two negro hitch-hikers into trouble when Police Chief Miller arrested F. L. Smith and Rufus Wilson last Saturday. Indiscriminating each other the two blacks told enough to lead Miller to hold them for Abilene and Fort Worth officers to answer charges of burglary recently committed in those cities.

Already the police department had information of the burglaries committed in Abilene, and getting in communication with Fort Worth officers Chief Miller learned that the negroes were wanted there for burglary of a residence when several silk shirts, a watch and six-gun were stolen. Going to a house in the negro settlement Chief Miller found the stolen loot which was all recovered. Both were turned over to Abilene officers for disposition before they will be delivered to Fort Worth to answer charges pending against them there.

BRICK BUILDING WILL HOUSE CISCO LIBRARY

The XXth Century club will likely let the contract for a brick building on their recently acquired location, West Sixth street and G avenue, April 18, when bids for this structure will be opened, as the permanent home of the Cisco library.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZED BY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Monday night the board of school trustees, in first meeting since the election Saturday, elected Dr. F. E. Clark president to succeed H. S. Drumwright, resigned. W. J. Armstrong was elected vice president, and J. E. Spencer secretary.

The business office of the board has been moved to the fourth floor of the Cisco Banking Co. building.

JOHN G. HIGHTOWER DIES AT HOME IN EAST CISCO

With Masonic honors the remains of John G. Hightower were buried in the Scranton cemetery Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the Cross Plains lodge, with which deceased was affiliated. Members of Cisco lodge were requested and attended the funeral and took part in the burial service of the order.

Mr. Hightower died at his home in East Cisco Wednesday morning following an illness of several days. He was 86 years of age at the time of his passing, and was one of the oldest residents of Cisco.

The religious services were held at the Scranton church, conducted by Rev. James L. Smart, pastor of East Cisco Baptist church, at the conclusion of which the body was turned over to his Masonic brethren, who had charge of the services at the grave.

Wippert Funeral Home prepared the body for burial and directed the funeral arrangements.

Deceased is survived by his widow and one son, Charnel Hightower, and several brothers and sisters.

A. S. NABORS RE-ENTERS BUSINESS ON BROADWAY

A. S. Nabors, for many years in the used furniture business in Cisco, has again re-entered business after several months of inactivity, during which time he has been improving his farm home on the Rising Star highway. Mr. Nabors has leased the store room at 208 West Broadway, where he is engaged in used and new furniture business.

WEATHERBY RECOVERING

George Weatherby, who was seriously slashed at his tourist camp on South D avenue two weeks ago, is reported to be recovering from his wounds at his home here. Tim Ingram, charged with slashing Weatherby with a knife, is in jail at Eastland awaiting results of injuries inflicted on his victim.

Mrs. Denman is attending the bedside of her sister, who is quite sick at her home in Phoenix, Arizona. As soon as her sister can travel she will return home, bringing the sick lady with her to remain here till recuperated.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All announcement fees are payable in advance. With each announcement a brief courtesy news write-up will be published free.

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

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

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:

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

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

W. C. (BILL) BEDFORD

FOR SHERIFF, EASTLAND CO.

VIRGE FOSTER (For re-election)

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. No. 4

ARCH BINT
BERT BRITAIN

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th FLORIDA DISTRICT:

CECIL A. LOTIEF of Cross Plains

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT NO. 6:

R. W. H. KENNON
J. H. McDONALD (Re-election)

J. F. COX TAKES OVER BUTTER KIST BAKERY

J. F. Cox, who operates the Palace cafe on West Broadway, has taken over the Butter Kist Bakery and will operate that bake shop in the future. This week he is straightening out matters, but expects to turn out his first batch of baking tonight, and will likely tell his plans through the Citizen next week.

NEW CITIZENS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Starling, formerly of Winnert, Haskell county, are new citizens of Cisco, having arrived a week ago, and are domiciled in W. E. Brown home, 309 West Tenth street. Mr. Starling is associated with Mr. Brown in the operation of the Home Furniture Co.

W. H. HURD'S CONDITION IS REPORTED IMPROVED

W. H. Hurd, Cisco poultry dealer, who suffered a paralytic stroke last Friday, was reported to be improving Thursday at his home, 810 West Twelfth street. The reports stated that only the attending physician's orders kept him in bed, as he is impatient to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lash had as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Cross and son, Jack, of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Graham and little daughters, Glenna and Mary Cathering, of Longview.

John H. Garner and son, Turner Garner, of Dallas, were here this week visiting the Cisco store and greeting old friends.

Mrs. Carswell has removed her style shop from the Winston building to the Strickland building across avenue D, next to Miss Erwin's novelty store.

Tom Lisenbee, living in East Cisco, was reported to have suffered a stroke of paralysis last Monday.

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What Is Commission Doing To End Our Bond Debt Muddle?

Now that the city election has definitely decided who will administer the affairs of the city for the next twelve months, it seems to the Citizen that some steps should be taken to settle Cisco's most vital problem, a problem which in importance transcends all other issues with which the city is confronted, and one that calls for immediate and most careful consideration. If not settled a time will come when this matter will rise to vex us on every side, and until adjusted will retard the city's growth and development to such an extent that no progressive advancement is possible.

Yes, we were referring to our bonded indebtedness. We have to meet this issue some time, and the Citizen believes NOW is the most opportune time to effect a settlement on a basis that will enable the city to get from under this cloud that is pressing us to the ground. Times are hard, and the owners of Cisco's bonds know our taxable values are inadequate to pay these bonds, or pay any considerable part of the interest. Then, why not issue refunding bonds and exchange these for the old bonds, and thus get from under the load we are carrying? It is believed this can be done. First we should ascertain the extent of our bonding powers, which, for convenience, we will place at one million dollars. Also for this illustration, we will say there are five million dollars in bonds outstanding against the city. Why not issue one million dollars in refunding bonds, have them approved by the attorney general with the understanding that they are for retiring the outstanding bonds. Place the new issue with the comptroller with the understanding that when five of the old bonds are presented to give in exchange one of the refunding bonds for five of the old issue.

We know that some have held to the idea that Cisco can repudiate about half of

the outstanding bonds. Grant, for the sake of argument, that this can be done. Then we know that at least half of the bonds are legal, and some settlement, some day, is inevitable. Even though we can cancel half, or two and one-half millions of the bonds, we will still have a like sum that all admit are legal. But if we can settle the entire issue outstanding for one million dollars we will free the city of the stigma under which she is now laboring, and save four-fifths of the debt held against us. And, in addition, not have to defend law suits for the next ten years. This is a question with which our commission should concern itself, and no time will be better than NOW.

If there are none on the commission capable of coping with the situation, surely the present members, or their successors, are big enough to see the advantages that will accrue to the city, and are shrewd enough to get some one to engineer a settlement along the lines suggested above. There are men in the country who could take up this question, and the Citizen believes, effect a settlement in less than six months, and that at about one-tenth of the money outlay it would cost the city to defend lawsuits for the next ten years, should we attempt to cancel those bonds we believe to have been illegally issued.

The Citizen will be glad to have the opinion of every man now in the race for city commissioner on this subject, for there is no question of greater concern to all our people than Cisco's bonded indebtedness. Verily a bad compromise is better than a good lawsuit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Campbell and daughter Mrs. Louise White and baby, were here Monday. Mr. Campbell came to attend the barbecue, while the ladies were visiting friends in Cisco.

Roscoe St. John of Abilene, came down Monday to attend the "depression barbecue."

Mayor and Mrs. J. T. Berry visited their son, Phil Berry, in Stanton this week.

Birt Britain in Race for Re-Election County Commiss'or

Birt Britain, present county commissioner for Precinct No. 4, authorizes the Citizen to announce his candidacy for re-election, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 23.

Everybody knows Birt Britain, as he has held this office for several years, and his record is one which he points to with pride. Perhaps one of the paramount projects that Commissioner Britain has achieved, and one that stands out as the most beneficial to the people of Cisco, and this section of the precinct, is the completion of highway 23 from Cisco to the Callahan county line, and his influence in getting the strip of Callahan county finished to the Shackelford county line, all ready for the asphalt topping by the highway commission. This work was done at a saving of \$13,000 less than the highway commission's estimates, and money used for completion of this road was from proceeds of funds recovered from the deposits in the closed bank at Eastland. Only local labor was used in completing this highway.

Mr. Britain has also built, since his incumbency of the office, nearly 150 miles of lateral, or rural highways, and all are in first class condition. He has contended for and received the precinct's proportion of the road funds which have been expended under his personal supervision on the roads in Precinct No. 4. The law permits a county commissioner to employ a road supervisor to work under his direction, but to save the county this expense he has performed this service himself. This saving, he says, is more than his salary as county commissioner.

On this record he is asking an endorsement at the hands of the voters, and if chosen again to represent this precinct promises the same efficient services that he has given in the past.

In a prepared statement he announces his candidacy in the following:

In making my announcement as a candidate for the nomination of county commissioner of Precinct No. 4, I do not deem it necessary to make a detailed statement of my acts as a member of the commissioners court of Eastland county. The records of the proceedings of the court are open for inspection by any voter who may desire to examine them.

The public roads in Precinct No. 4 show for themselves what I have done as road supervisor in the way of construction and maintenance. In putting down the base on highway No. 23, north of Cisco, using local labor, I completed the job for approximately \$13,000 less than the estimate made by the engineers of the state highway department, thus saving the county this amount.

As a taxpayer I feel the burden of taxation as other taxpayers

feel it. All are agreed that every reasonable means should be used to reduce the expenses of the government and lighten the burden. Our tax levies for the various county funds for this year are as follows: Jury fund, 8 cents on the \$100 valuation; road and bridge fund, 15 cents; general fund, 25 cents; courthouse and jail fund, 10 cents; courthouse interest and sinking fund, \$1.20; and special hospital maintenance fund, 2 cents, making a total levy for the county purposes of \$1.86. Sixty cents of this total is for the general running expenses of the county and the remaining \$1.26 is for bonded debts. It is evident that our real tax burden lies in our bonded debt from which it is hoped that our next legislature will give us some relief. In the meantime I shall use my best efforts as a member of the commissioners court to reduce to the minimum the operating expenses of the county government.

I invite you to examine my official record without bias or prejudice and if you find I have made you an efficient and faithful commissioner your influence, as well as your vote at the coming primary, is earnestly solicited, and I assure you will be highly appreciated.

NEW SUITS FILED IN DIS. CLERK'S OFFICE

88th district court—Mrs. E. S. Maury vs. W. F. Warren, et al, suit on note.

Ex Parte, W. F. Skillman, Receiver, First National Bank, Rising Star, application to sell notes.

91st district court—Stockyard National Bank, vs. Jim and W. A. Dolberry, suit on note.

In Re Application of Bill Stephen Smith to change name of minor.

K. H. Pittard vs. City of Cisco, remove cloud from title; foreclosure of lien, etc.

Mary E. Roach vs. William H. Roach, divorce.

Mable Lee Nickelberry vs. Willie T. Nickelberry, divorce.

NEW TENANTS OCCUPY BIG MONKEY QUARTERS

The large and commodious monkey house at Lake Cisco zoo is now inhabited by the latest addition to the zoo monkey denizens. Dr. Chas. Hale, chairman of the zoo committee of the chamber of commerce, secured this pair from Snake King, of Brownsville, importer of snakes, birds and wild animals. Finding the appropriations for the zoo exceedingly limited Dr. Hale devised the scheme of organizing a zoological society, charging a nominal membership fee, and from these fees and other contributions has collected sufficient money to add this monkey family to the zoo. Previous to acquiring these specimens a large cage had been erected in which they are now domiciled. The new monkey family will prove quite an addition to Dr. Hale's collection.

A. A. Hutton, of Littlefield, was in Cisco Wednesday. He was accompanied by G. F. Sentell of Snyder. Mr. Sentell is a candidate for representative of his district.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Herndon had as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Herndon, of Longview.

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OSCAR PRIVET GIVEN 50 YEARS FOR MURDER Oscar Privet, charged with murder in connection with the death of Melvin Dunson in Ranger last May, was convicted by a jury in the 91st district court last Friday morning and sentenced to serve a term of 50 years in

the penitentiary. The verdict concluded the trial that consumed all of last week up to the hour the verdict was rendered. District Attorney Joe Jones, assisted by Grady Owens, conducted the prosecution. The defendant was represented by Frank Sparks and L. H. Flewelling.

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