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OKLAHOMA GAS RATE IS 25 CENTS

But Companies are Seeking to Re-strain the Corporation Commission From Enforcing the Rate—Want Courts to Grant Rate of 35 Cents.

There is a gas fight on in Oklahoma also, but there the gas companies are more modest than our home company—they want a rate of 35 cents per 1000 cubic feet—less than half what Cisco people are paying for gas that the Texas Company is paying the producers 6 cents for, who in turn, deliver it to the corporate limits where the Cisco Gas & Electric Company takes it and torts the sum of 75 cents from its patrons—we say extortion, because the people have no relief. The commission has not acted to correct a decent rate, and no individual is able to take the matter into court to force a decent and reasonable rate. Truly, the people are the mercy of this public service company. The people being powerless to help themselves, and its representatives refuse to give them relief, should thank our stars that they do not raise the rate to a dollar. Hargraves told us that we should be glad to have such a cheap fuel "at a dollar it would be cheap wood." But did God give the service company a monopoly of gas? He placed in the earth seems that Mr. Hargraves would us believe so.

But then the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has been good to us. It is holding us up for years on the rate has magnanimously consented to reduce the price of lights to 25 cents per kwh, just one cent more than the most of the cities and towns have been paying for years past.

Cameroon, situated away from cheap fuel, gives its patrons a rate of 20 cents for the first 10 kwh, less on all electricity consumed for domestic lighting in Cameroon over 10 kwh is only 10 cents. Cisco pays 16 for the minimum charge, which is much larger than 20 kwh.

And there is Amarillo, a town about the size of Cisco—at least not a great deal larger—and its privately owned electric light company only charges its patrons 12 cents per kwh for lights. But this is not all—Amarillo people only pay 45 cents per 1000 cubic feet for the gas they burn, and Cisco people are made to stand and deliver 75 cents, or have their gas supply shut off. But Mr. Hargraves said "dollar gas was cheaper than wood," so if you don't like what the gas company is giving you, get out your old wood stove and fire up. But the people will not stand this imposition always. Ere long they will get fired up, and when that time comes they will be as militant as they are now meek, then the extortionists might well beware. These matters can be settled amicably and justly. The people have been known to take matters in their own hands and settle them forcibly. There was once a Boston Tea Party. Those who would exploit the colonists called those people traitors then—they would call them bolsheviks now.

But we are digressing somewhat. It was not the purpose of this story to rub it in on our people by telling them how impotent they are—how helpless and how thoroughly they are under the heel of the oppressor, but the American knows the people are being unjustly held up and having the welfare of the whole people at heart, we are trying to make them see that they are getting the short end of the stick in this log rolling. The subject that inspired this story was a short news item, published in the state papers telling of a legal contest over in our sister state of Oklahoma. They have a corporation commission over there, which fixes the rates of public utility companies. Over here we have a city commission that does not fix the rates—that is, so far as Cisco is concerned. The Corporation Commission wants to fix the rate for domestic gas in Oklahoma at 25 cents, while the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company wants a 35 cents rate. (Some difference in 35 and 75 cents.)

The Oklahoma Natural puts up the same plea they all do—the same plea Mr. Hargraves made to us in his pretty little tale—"the rate is inadequate and the company is actually losing money by operating under it." Funny how much money these public utility companies lose! But they can continue to operate and pay their stockholders 7 per cent on preferred stock—and the Lord only knows how much they declare on their common stock. (It is not on

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What we need in West Texas is from 200 to 500 standard bred hens on every farm. Then the drouth will no longer be a continual dread and thing to fear; because the flock of chickens will provide the family necessities and a small income besides.

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ERNEST JONES.

WHAT ARE YOUR 1922 PLANS?

Farmer friends, are you laying definite plans in regard to your farming operations during the year 1922? The day is here when the meat supply of the land must be raised in the pens, and poultry yards on the farms. Can't you do something to assist your wife in adding to and breeding up her poultry for the year just coming in? Do you remember that fat turkey or hen that you feasted upon this past Thanksgiving day and again Christmas? And again, you have been eating fried eggs and fried chicken throughout the past year, and have done very little to assist that little lady in providing better quarters for that bunch of chickens.

Has that little son said anything regarding that baby beef which he has a great desire to grow this year, and thereby perhaps, become one of the greatest breeders in the land from what he learns? He may produce a baby beef at a loss financially this first year, but the profits cannot be estimated in dollars what the experience will be worth to him in the future.

Or does Mary want to try her hand with a crop of chickens and cockerel this year? Encourage her in every way you can, fathers. Particularly regarding the work of the boys and girls over the county in this work the county agent, Mr. Bush at Eastland will be pleased to furnish much valuable advice along all these lines. Just a word to you boys—that is what Mr. Bush draws his salary for, to assist in developing some of the greatest agriculturalists of the land right here in Eastland county. Get in touch with him or persuade your father. He will be pleased to call and talk over any matter with you, and remember Mr. Bush is just a grown up boy who delights to work with the boys.

I just wonder what steps the farmers throughout the Cisco trade territory are taking at the beginning of this new year toward the homestead industry. You can well remember two or three years ago when you brought in those cream cans, filled to the brim, two and three times each week, and what it added to your financial status. Don't you think that any number of cows would pay you this year? The weather is cool and will be for the next three months, so that you can bring in or send your cream once each week, and you will always find a ready market for same in any quantity. Watch the American for price quotations each week for your cream and other produce.

Are you doing anything to change your city charter so that you may elect your commissioners for the job you want them to hold?

But if you think like we American fellows we need you in our bunch. There is strength in numbers.

The farmers throughout this country could add fifty per cent to the scenic beauty of their premises by the free use of paint at this season of the year. A farm home with a fresh coat of paint would add much to the beauty of the country side.

Is it too late to call an election to cancel the dam bonds and convert them into municipal light and gas bonds to free ourselves from the octopus by building our own light and gas plant? Other towns have solved the problem by similar action.

Do you endorse the policy of the American? Then become an American.

Most of us Americans are poor devils. That is the reason why we don't relish being fleeced out of 25 cents on every 1000 feet of gas we burn. If we had plenty of money we could stand it.

If you believe the American is for the common people come in and join the American family. It is a popular family and its circle is enlarging daily. You will be in good company unless you are one of those fellows who experience a thrill every time the special interests make you stand and cough up. If you belong to that bunch you will be lonesome in the American circle.

Those Oklahoma gas companies are modest. They are asking the courts of that state to restrain the Corporation Commission from enforcing its rates of 25 cents per 1000 cubic feet, and instead authorize the companies to fleece the people out of 35 cents per 1000. They should move their plant down to Cisco, and share in the 75 cent rate charged by their sister company—the Cisco Gas & Electric Company. Our home company should not be so hogish—pass the pie.

The American is not claiming the credit for the saving to our people the three cents per kw/h on their light bill, but the reduction was not made until the American started to tell the people how much more they were paying for lights and gas than other Texas towns. Rather we are content to say it was only the generosity of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company acting on orders from headquarters. It is not the credit the American is seeking, but relief for our people. They need it. We care not for the credit.

JUST LIKE A DYNAMO
 One of the Americans asked us the other day if we had not about said all we could say against 75 cent gas? Our answer was: "Lordy, no. The subject is just like one of those dynamos with which the Cisco Gas & Electric Company formerly generated 19 cent gas, but which is now only producing 16 cent juice—the more you turn it the more electricity it generates." But the American family is constantly enlarging, and it will require more juice to supply our fast increasing family. You know we Americans are a prolific family, and the end is not yet.

Messrs. W. A. and C. L. Gilmore, father and son, living south of Cisco, were pleasant callers at the American office Wednesday, and enrolled their names as members of the American family. Also sending a membership certificate to Mrs. John Hardin, a niece of Mr. W. A. Gilmore at Olive Hill, Tenn. in the form of a six months subscription. Both of these gentlemen had lots of good things to say of the American, and we are glad to enroll them.

Where We Worship

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.

First Baptist Church
 Corner Avenue E. and Ninth street, Rev. C. G. Howard, Pastor. Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer Meeting, 8 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

First Christian Church
 Corner Avenue F. and Broadway, Rev. E. H. Holmes, Minister. Services next Sunday: Bible School, 10 a. m.; Morning Service 11 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:15 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Christian Science Society
 Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Avenue D. Services next Sunday: Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service, 11 a. m. (no evening service). Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend all 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.; Forning Service, 11 a. m.; Evening Service 8 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

East Cisco Baptist Church
 Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second, fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Lawrence. Preaching on third Sundays by D. B. DeGuire. Sunshine Society meets at 2:30 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Church Conference last Wednesday night each month.

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.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
 Notice is hereby given that the firm of Shepherd & Kelley, attorneys at law, composed of James L. Shepherd and W. F. Kelley, at Cisco and Eastland, was dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1921.
 JAMES L. SHEPHERD,
 W. F. KELLEY.
 Advt.-11-pd.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bills was buried in the City cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

R. T. McDade of Weatherford, the new owners of the Art Shoe Store, is here taking stock and rearranging this merchandise preparatory to putting on a sale in the near future.

RESIDENCE ON EAST EIGHTH IS DESTROYED BY BLAZE

The home of J. P. (Uncle Jimmy) Montgomery, located in the 400 block on East 8th street was totally destroyed by fire at four o'clock Friday afternoon. As the American was just going to press we were unable to learn whether or not any insurance was carried on the home.

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Marshall Gets Forty Cent Gas

Discards Texas Company and Gets Gas Cheaper—Cisco Gas & Electric Might Profit by Marshall's Example—Cisco Still the Goat.

It seems that Cisco is still the goat when it comes to paying gas bills. They are still charged 75 cents per 1000 feet for gas while other cities are getting their fuel for forty and fifty. Here comes Marshall, a town away down in East Texas, and gets her gas for forty cents. But then the Texas Company is not furnishing the gas to the "corporate limits" in Marshall any more—they formerly did, but they have discovered gas in the Marshall territory—like we have in Cisco territory, and those people do not seem to believe that Nature intended that the public service companies should have a monopoly, nor a divine right to charge what they will.

A friend recently handed the American a clipping telling about this forty cent gas—no, he was no bolshevik, but an ordinary business man. He, like many others, frequently hands into this office matters he is satisfied we would like to comment on, as he knows the American is waging a fight against those who are exploiting the people, and like the American, knows the common people are ill able to pay a reasonable gas rate this winter, and an unreasonable rate is almost prohibitive.

But this gentleman is not alone. He says I only pay gas bills indirectly but I want to see justice done, and I am with the people. Only last Monday, one of the most prominent business men of Cisco gave the American a valuable tip which we will work out later.

But here is the news item from Marshall which tells its own story of forty cent gas. Get out your seventy-five cent bill. Read it and weep:

Marshall, Texas, Jan. 12.—Under a contract between the Industrial Gas Company and the Marshall Gas Company, gas will be supplied to the latter by the new company through its pipe line from the Bethany fields. The pipe line owned by the Texas Company, between Mooringsport and Marshall will be abandoned.

The new arrangement will make a slight reduction to domestic consumers in Marshall by giving a rate of 40 cents per thousand cubic feet for homes in the city.

Last One Soldier Buried

Body of Fritz Wende, Arrived Friday and Was Buried Sunday in the Lutheran Cemetery—Given Military Funeral.

The members of the John William Butts Post, American Legion, paid their last duty to their fallen comrade, Fritz Wende, who died in France Feb. 22, 1918, of pneumonia, and whose body reached Cisco last Friday evening.

Upon the arrival of the body here the remains were taken in charge by the H. C. Wippen Undertaking establishment, and conveyed to the home of his parents Saturday morning to await the funeral services of the following day.

Deceased, who was one of the first to fall in France, was the last of the Cisco dead to reach home. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Lutheran church south of Cisco, under the auspices of the John William Butts Post, the members of which accord to their dead comrade full military honors, and the services were conducted by Rev. Gardner, a service man. Wende was among the early men to go into the service, was a private in Co. B. 216th Engineers, and was one of the first of the Cisco troops to make the extreme sacrifice. His mother, three sisters and six brothers survive him.

WHERE TO GET TICKETS

Cisco merchants are entertaining their country customers every Saturday afternoon by presenting them with a free ticket to the Broadway Theater. The merchants who give tickets away to their farmer friends change at times, as some drop out and others come in. Tickets can be had at the following stores until further notice:

- Everybody's Store, John H. Garner's, Vaughan-Patterson Drug Co., City Drug Co., The Model, Ward-Gude Dry Goods Store, R. C. Pass Grocery Store, Brock's Confectionery, Cisco Hardware Company, Piggy-Wiggly Grocery Company, Beckwell Bros. Lumber Company, Barnes Co., Walton's Stationery, Furniture Company, De Company, Variety Store, Sherman, and Comer Cash Company. Let's go.

Albany Should Keep the Baby

Should the Reynolds Orphanage be Put up to the Highest Bidder?—Albany Nurtured it and Other Towns Should Lay Off.

There is a move on foot for the permanent location of the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage, and we are just wondering if they are going to take our baby away from us.

About six years ago this institution was born in the city of Albany, and there was no one here but just home folks to celebrate the occasion. It was indeed a tiny kid, and it sure did have a struggle to get by the teething period. Dr. Gilmore Smith and his excellent wife were on the ground to do the nursing act, rock the cradle, etc. At that time, Fort Worth, Dallas, Weatherford, Waxahachie, and other applicants for the Orphanage did not put in an application to be its wet nurse. But now it has grown until it no longer wears swaddling clothes, can kinder stand alone and feed itself, minus a nursing spoon, now our big neighbors want to daddy it for Christ's sake.

When this institution opened up there were some five or six orphans to start with, and we can see the folks of Albany coming in with cooking vessels, tables and chairs, bedding, all the necessary articles for setting up house keeping. And all these years the people of the town and county have stood by it. We can see the folks coming from town and country with chickens and turkeys, kids and pigs, vegetables and all other things for the comfort of the children. Oh yes, bring in Jersey cows, and corn and hay and feed stuffs of all kinds. And as the years have come and gone, the Orphanage has grown from five or six, to a family of one hundred and thirty or forty. And we home folks have nursed it, and it is our pride and joy, and we do wonder if they will take it away? Why is it not already permanently located?

We have a splendid administration building up there that this community builded several years ago, and it could not be built now for less than forty or fifty thousand dollars. We own three hundred acres of land, part of it inside the incorporation, and the remainder outside the corporate limits of the city, well stocked with milk cows, sheep, hogs and chickens, and this property is all paid for, and Albany has dug up the lion's share of the money that paid for it. Then in addition to this, it is located in one of the healthiest countries in Texas, as evidence of the fact only one death in six years at the Home and that by accident. Then why is it not permanently located? Why take our baby away from us? Albany News.

It is the same old story Mac. You remember on many occasions in the past where parents would almost beg some one to take their dependent infant as their very own, and give it a home—for the child's sake, agreeing to relinquish all parental rights to the child. But there was another story just as soon as the kid grew big enough to take his place at the plow or drag a cotton sack. Those same parents suddenly found that their heart was breaking on account of their absent child, and it was simply impossible to be deprived of their child another day; they have just ascertained that the welfare of the child needs their loving and tender parental affections, and unless the adoption papers were court proof the foster parents, who had nurtured the fondling through the ages of

infancy and dependence, who had learned to love the child as their own, would suddenly find that their labors of love had been in vain, and their foster child would be given into the keeping of those who cared nothing for it until it had grown big enough for service.

Is not this the truth, in regard to your orphans? None of these big fellows wanted your baby when it was in its swaddling clothes and required nursing. It was a liability then. Now, it has grown to be quite a big boy, can follow the plow, or drag a cotton sack—in fact, big enough to help around the house and be generally useful, they all want to take him away from his cruel foster parents.

It seems a rank injustice to Albany to even try to take her baby away from her simply because the child can be of service now. As the News states Albany nursed the infant when it was an out-cast, now "the child welfare board" is looking for richer parents to adopt the kid. In fact these welfare people offered the child to Cisco—conditionally, or rather is putting it up to the highest bidder, but Cisco did not bid, the American is glad to say. We think it would be a rank injustice to Albany, and hope every town in Texas will turn a deaf ear to these orphan auctioneers, and let the child stay with the parents who loves it best.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Weiser of Copperas Cove, have been visiting relatives out in the Lutheran Community recently, the Wende families. Mr. Weiser returned home last week but Mrs. Weiser remained over a week longer. They are members of the American family, having enrolled this week.

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PUTNAM NEWS

PUTNAM DOYE

The business men of this town have gone to the expense and trouble of backing up a lyceum course that you might have the opportunity of enjoying first class entertainment with out the expense or trouble of going to some other town to get it. Now show these men your appreciation by turning out Tuesday night and attending this number. We are informed that it consists of a bunch of young ladies and is the best number of the course. If it is young ladies, of course, we would naturally expect it to be the best.

The writer dropped in to the Methodist church for prayer meeting Wednesday night and was surprised to find a good crowd of boys and girls organized into a junior choir. And say if you don't believe those youngsters can sing, just drop around to Sunday school some Sunday.

For some cause we failed to get Mr. Victor Gilberts name in our announcement column last week. Mr. Gilbert is judge of the Putnam court, but believes that he can render a greater service by being judge of the entire county.

Let the Enterprise print those cards or envelopes and letter heads—no better equipment anywhere.

One hundred hens and a jersey cow on every farm in Callahan county properly cared for will make the farmers independent in two years.

Don't forget to let the entertainment committee know what you will have to exhibit on Trades Day, February the 6th. Do it now.

For County Judge:
VICTOR GILBERT
For Tax Assessor:
W. L. BOWLUS

We are glad to state that the Putnam Mill Co. reports having ordered the needed repairs for their mill, and as soon as the railroad company can deliver same will be ready to run again.

On last Wednesday morning the stork delivered to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Burman a ten pound boy. We saw Mr. Burman on the streets Wednesday evening. He seems to be standing it pretty well.

Mayor Evans of Baird was a pleasant caller on the Enterprise Wednesday.

Medicated Throat Discs will help your cough or sore throat immediately. 25 cents at Y. A. Orr's.

Call at Y. A. Orr's drug store and get a free can of Great Lakes Spar Varnish.

The editor of the Enterprise regrets very much that he was unable to meet with the Callahan county fair committee at Baird Thursday night on account of sudden illness. However, we are glad to report that Callahan county is going to have a fair this coming fall.

Mr. Snebold of Snebold, Thompson and others were at the Mission Hotel Wednesday. Mr. Snebold is very optimistic about our Putnam shallow oil field.

Messrs. J. H. McGillis and Mike Clark were at the Mission Hotel on Wednesday evening. Mr. McGillis reports that they will case the water off in their well south of town and continue drilling.

Mr. R. A. Short and M. M. Little motored to Abilene and returned Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Henderson reports his Isenhour No. 1 drilling at 200 feet. Mr. Mike Clark of Cisco secured a lease adjacent to the town of Putnam this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons were in from the lease Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Ungen of Ungen and Simons, operators of the Putnam shallow field returned from New York Wednesday. Mr. Ungen reports conditions in the East improving and that they are looking to the Texas oil fields for an investment.

Mr. Sam Henderson made a business trip to Eastland Wednesday.

Mr. L. E. Brock was a business visitor to Cisco Wednesday.

Mr. Z. F. Brooks of Stephenville was looking the Putnam oil field over this week.

Mr. Tom McClinton, field manager of the Erie Oil Co., came in from the Mexia field Wednesday.

We are authorized to place before the voters of Callahan county the name of Mr. W. L. Bowlus of Baird as a candidate for the office of tax assessor. These Putnam boys that know Mr. Bowlus say that he is A-1, an old ex-service boy of sterling qualifications and will make the people of Callahan county a good officer. He should have a fair consideration of the voters of Callahan county.

Just two weeks until that great barbecue and livestock exhibition at Putnam. Are you making any preparations for same? What are you going to contribute to the success of this great and growing institution? Have you some fine pigs, cows, sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys or pigeons to put on display to make this occasion the success that it should be? It is yours as much as any one else if you live in Callahan county and want to see her a county of better and more livestock and her towns better places at which to trade. Now get this if you have anything that you want to enter Trades Day, see Mr. Armstead or some of the entertainment committee and let them know, for arrangements must be made before hand for each entry. Arrangements are being made by the committee for the greatest time and the greatest day in general of all the Trades Day we have yet had in Putnam. Let us each put our shoulder to the wheel and give this committee our full co-operation.

Mr. Sam Henderson returned from Sipe Springs Sunday.

Where do you want the county fair?

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE

The stockholders of the Farmers Gin Co. are hereby notified to be present at a stockholders' meeting to be held in Putnam on the first Saturday of February at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transacting any and all business that may come before that body.

W. A. KILE, Manager.

What do you think about Callahan county having a farm demonstrator?

\$11,283 AID FOR CALLAHAN CO.

Baird, Texas, Jan. 17.—Thirty-three schools of Callahan county have been conditionally granted a total of eleven thousand two hundred and eighty three dollars for the present scholastic school year.

This represents the greatest amount of aid ever granted this county, and also the largest number of schools applying for aid.

Grants for each school are as follows:

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| Tecumseh | \$600.00 |
| Iona | 215.00 |
| Eula | 350.00 |
| Pleasant View | 250.00 |
| Putnam | 500.00 |
| Dressy | 400.00 |
| Rough Creek | 135.00 |
| Erath | 375.00 |
| Colony | 470.00 |
| Lone Pecan | 225.00 |
| Zion Hill | 235.00 |
| Atwell | 640.00 |
| Leer Plains | 600.00 |
| Callahan | 475.00 |
| Turkey Creek | 170.00 |
| Rowden | 180.00 |
| Cedar Bluff | 300.00 |
| Caddo Peak | 195.00 |
| Burnt Branch | 250.00 |
| Gardner | 300.00 |
| Dudley | 355.00 |
| Cedar Grove | 250.00 |
| Gilliland | 400.00 |
| Denton | 215.00 |
| Hubbard | 175.00 |
| Union | 245.00 |
| Lanham | 100.00 |
| Enterprise | 385.00 |
| Oplin | 560.00 |
| Hillside | 180.00 |
| Cross Plains | 600.00 |
| Cottonwood | 433.00 |
| Clyde | 520.00 |

Inspection will be made at each school house within the next few weeks by a representative of the State Department of Education. The above grants, supplemented by the local tax and state and county apportionment will enable quite a number of the rural schools to run a term of seven months.

HART ECHOES.

Hart, Jan. 17.—We had a light shower last Monday night that was refreshing, but not much benefit to farming.

Mr. C. C. Morgan was transacting business in Moran last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reese spent Saturday night and Sunday with A. S. Reese and family of Scranton.

Misses Nova Yarbrough and Sazzie Ticker were guests of Mrs. Henry Grisham for Sunday dinner.

On Friday night last, the members of our Sunday school assembled and went to the home of Mr. J. C. Ramsey, who is licensed to exhort, with a pouncing. The family received a number of essential things and on the side we served cocoa and cake. There were thirty present and the delightful occasion was enjoyed by all.

Miss Hattie Grisham visited Miss Kate Lee Wyllie Sunday.

Mr. Ascue Dodd and family were dinner guests of A. W. Warren and family Sunday.

C. C. Morgan and wife took Sunday night supper with our pastor's wife, Mrs. Annie Edgar of Putnam. She has been very sick, but we are glad to report her condition greatly improved.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Dick Pennington, is back on duty, after a ten days vacation.

Mr. Edd Huskey, the driller on well No. 1 on the English tract, is preparing to set casing this week. We may be able to report another shallow field in our community if this proves a good well.

Our Sunday services were very good this past Sunday. Forty-nine present at Sunday school. At 11 o'clock Bro. Basket preached an able sermon on "Predestination." The Epworth league service was good and on Sunday night we always have a splendid prayer service. Everyone is welcome. Come out and join us and help hold up the banner of a living faith in the world.

3 o'clock prayer service by Heart.

The spring hats are very smart. New arrivals at Mrs. Kennon's Ex-

WILLIAM LAFAYETTE VANCE

William LaFayette Vance, died at his home near Cisco, Texas, December 27, 1921, of heart trouble. He was the eldest of a family of nine children born to Pleasant and Sarah Sanders Vance, near Danridge, Jefferson county, Tenn., April 19, 1855, being 66 years, 8 months and 8 days of age.

He grew to manhood in his native state. At the age of 26 years he was married to Miss Martha A. Carter, near Morrystown, Hamilton county, Tenn. There were born to them ten children, four dying in infancy. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. M. A. Vance, and six children, eight grandchildren and four sisters. The children surviving are Mrs. Carrie McKinney of Abilene, Mrs. Lee Gray, Miss Amanda Vance, H. C. Vance, living near Cisco; his sisters are Mesdames Kate Damude, of Aledo, Ill., Amanda Gibbons, Talbot, Tenn.; Lizzie Milligan, Techeums, Okla., and Miss Hattie Vance of Rockwood, Tenn.

Deceased moved to Texas in 1891, settling near Cross Plains, then later moved to near Cisco in October 1901. Was a farmer and stock raiser, and well known in this place and in fact all over the county, where he had many friends who will regret to hear of his death. Mr. Vance was a man who made friends readily.

Thirty-six years ago he was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist church, and lived a consistent christian since his conversion. At the time of his death he was a member of the Corinth Baptist church, and was buried in the Corinth cemetery, the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Tennyson.

Just before his death he called his family around his bedside and related to them the beautiful experience that came to him at the time of his conversion, and expressed a willingness to go to the Father, and did so with that firm assurance that comes to those who love the Lord, and whose daily walk has been in His footsteps.

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP

After a long and useful life Mrs. Caroline Patterson quietly laid her Bible down and peacefully fell to sleep to awake on resurrection morn Saturday night. Her passing was as peaceful and tranquil as was her useful life. Her death occurred at the home of her son, Mr. W. C. Patterson, 608 W 5th street, from whose residence the funeral was conducted at 10 o'clock last Monday morning by Rev. E. H. Holmes. Interment in the City cemetery. Besides Mr. W. C. Patterson, she is survived by another son, L. F. Patterson of Dallas, and a daughter, Mrs. W. A. Shields of Breckenridge.

CLARA SMITH HAMON PICTURE

The management of the Broadway Theatre wishes to announce that they will show the eight reel photo feature picture, portraying the slaying of Jake L. Hamon, the Petroleum King, at Ardmore last summer, by Clara Smith Hamon. This feature picture will be shown at the Broadway Theatre three days next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY FOR SALE OR TRADE—One Splendid seven passenger Overland car, in best condition. Will take a smaller car or cattle. Will sell at a bargain. C. L. Gilmore, Cisco, Route 3. 28-3t-pd.

DOINGS OF DOTHAN TOWN

Dothan, Jan. 17.—Miss Ethylene Yarbrough and Amy Short were the guests of Miss Lois Thames in Cisco Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Marie Crouch of Danhorn was shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Mos. J. D. Yarbrough had as her guests last Sunday Mrs. A. Bint and children, Mrs. Milton Bostick and little daughter, Imogene.

A singing was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bint last Sunday night.

Misses Ethylene and Beulah Yarbrough, Amy Short and Clarice Surles were shopping in Cisco Saturday.

The following attended the Judia Theatre in Cisco last Saturday night: Mr. Leonard Surles, Misses Clarice Surles, Tilda Phippen and Beulah Yarbrough.

METHODIST PASTOR SUBMITS TO THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city had a very painful attack of appendicitis at an early hour Monday morning. He preached an able sermon at his church on West Broadway at the regular hour Sunday evening, then seemingly in good health.

In the forenoon Monday Mr. Stuckey considered undergoing an operation at Hubble Hospital, but after getting in communication with Mrs. Stuckey's father, who is a physician and surgeon residing at Decatur, that gentleman insisted that he come to Fort Worth.

Mr. Stuckey's father-in-law assisted in the examination and operation at the Harris sanitarium in Fort Worth Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Reports received later by wire stated that the pastor was resting nicely after the operation and no serious results are expected.

PUTNAM T. & P. TIME TABLE

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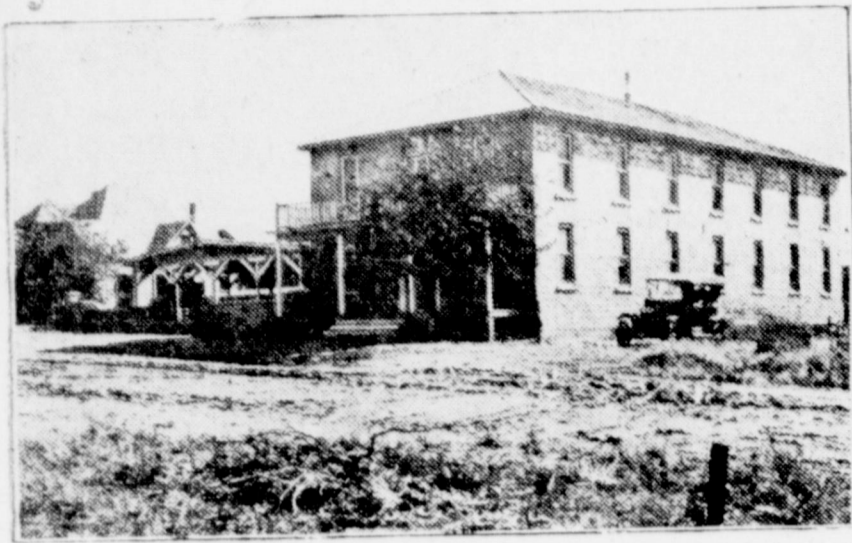
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Place on the barn floor as many bushels as you like—he usually treated ten or more bushels at a time—take thin lime—whitewash—and pour over the wheat. Then, with shovels, turn the wheat over. It takes readily and soon every grain will appear white. It dries quickly and can be bagged, taken to the field and sown at once. There can be no injury to the grain, even though it is not sown for days. It takes but very little time and the cost is but a mere trifle. Every farmer can treat his own wheat with the full assurance that he will not have any smut in his wheat fields.

As a proof, I myself bought my seed wheat from a neighbor who told me he had some smut. I sowed it after treating with the lime. Not a sign of smut could be found in my field, though his adjoining field—not treated—had plenty at harvest time.

No one need have smut, if he will use this simple and inexpensive remedy.

J. T. BARTLETT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Baird, Texas, January 17.—I take this method of placing before you my "application" for the office of Tax Assessor, and I sincerely trust that you will give such "application" due and careful consideration.

Regarding the office of Tax Assessor, permit me to say, that it is NOT a position—it is a job, for the Tax Assessor is busy twelve months in the year, and too, the office requires of a man something besides going over the county and getting each man's rendition of property. It requires a man who is conversant with property values, with the different school and road districts and the ever-fluctuating values of livestock, etc. It requires a man who is capable of assisting the Property Owner in rendering a true and fair rendition. It requires a man capable of compiling and tabulating the thou-

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Britain Owes Great Debt to Charles Dibdin for His Work in Popularizing the Navy.

Charles Dibdin did more to gain recruits for the British navy in the naval war between France and England than all of the press gangs combined, and to him belongs the credit of typifying the British sailor as a being of reckless courage, generosity and simple-heartedness. He sang his patriotic songs with a fervor which was contagious and his notes were caught up and repeated throughout the land, especially those which referred to Admiral Nelson. For this the government gave him a pension of £200 a year. He was paralyzed about a year before his death, which occurred July 25, 1814. The great mass of his songs, however, are now forgotten, although some of his operas still infrequently are heard, and his melody and sweetness are excelled by few. Dibdin wrote a dozen novels, a history of the stage and an autobiography. He was the eighteenth child of a Southampton silversmith, and his mother was nearly fifty years of age at his birth in 1745. Dibdin's parents designed him for the church, but he would have none of the life of the cleric and ran away to London to be near the theaters. When only sixteen he managed to bring out one of his operas, "The Shepherd's Artifice," at Covent Garden, the very theater which made him musical director some years later.—Chicago Journal.

DELVING INTO MOTHER EARTH

Man Has Gone Far Underground in Search of Riches That She Has Concealed.

For centuries man has been engaged in burrowing his way deeper and deeper into the crust of old Mother Earth, in order to extract the minerals which she hides beneath her surface. A century ago 1,000 feet was thought to be a stupendous depth for any shaft; for in those days there were no engines capable of pumping from greater depths, and no system of ventilation had been devised which would make it possible to work in galleries at a greater distance from the surface. Coal pits over 3,000 feet deep are now fairly common in England, while Belgium has two which exceed 4,000 feet in depth. But coal is not alone in having deep pits. There is in Australia a silver mine whose bottom is 3,500 feet below the surface, while a gold mine at Bendigo, in Australia, has been sunk to 4,300 feet. A famous Transvaal gold-mining company is sinking a shaft which, when complete, will measure more than 7,000 feet.

Cawdor Castle.

The coming of age of the fifth earl of Cawdor recalls the tradition of the building of Cawdor castle, an ancient, most-situated castle approachable only by a drawbridge, which is perched upon a low rock overhanging the bed of a rushing stream near the town of Nairn. In a dream, so it is told, the founder of Cawdor castle was commanded to load an ass with gold, turn it loose, and follow it until it rested and there build a castle. The ass came to halt beneath the branches of a hawthorn tree, so upon this spot was built Cawdor castle. The trunk of the hawthorn tree, with its roots branching out beneath the floor and its top penetrating the vaulted arch of stone above still remains within the tower to argue for the truth of the story, and, in further allusion to the picturesque legend, the Gaelic salutation to the roof-tree of the Thanes of Cawdor is "Freshness to the hawthorn tree."

Breathing Under Water.

If a swimmer is three minutes under water he is looked upon as a prodigy, but M. Theoris, a French doctor, declares that a man could remain half an hour if he only knew how to handle the carbonic acid in his system.

A man proved recently to a body of medical experts and scientists that it was possible to remain under water and laugh at the audience surrounding a 12-foot deep aquarium, eat cherries, take out the stones, pull a wry face when the cherry proves sour, and smile when a pretty woman touched the glass with a cigarette.

The secret of all this lies in using a special method of natural breathing as soon as you are under water, to exhale the carbonic acid gas. This requires some practice. When this is done you stop the nostrils, thereby keeping off all inhalation. If of the carbonic acid in the blood, a man is able to remain much longer under water.

End-of-the-World Prophecy.

The morning of December 17, 1919, the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune came into alignment in the heavens; that is, all the planets, with the exception of the earth, lay in an approximate line with the sun and all of them, except Uranus, were on the same side of the sun. They were strung along in the same plane and approximately the same line, like so many points on one spoke of a wheel. Meanwhile Uranus was on the same line but on the other side of the sun, like the point of the spoke directly opposite. The arrangement had been foretold by astronomers and certain prognosticators predicted the end of the world. However, the sun rose as usual on that day and the weather was normal.

THOUGHTLAND.

Wandering back in Thoughtland, It seems but yesterday We trod the flowery paths of youth, Passing the time away. Without a thought of the time to be We glided out to sea, Drifting along on the flowing tide To the harbor of liberty.

Wandering back to Thoughtland Through the mists of years, Life was one long golden dream, Free from cares and fears. When hearts were young and tender, Laughter was our share, Around us buds and blossoms, Growing everywhere.

Wandering back to Thoughtland, The sky was ever blue, Every cloud was silver-lined, Every heart-throb true. Building castles in the air Every five-long day, Life was but a fairy dream— We thought it was for aye.

Wandering again in Thoughtland, All things tinged with gray, We tread the daily path of life Secure, since it's the way; Love gladdens every step we take, Helps us bear each load, Trusting the way we're traveling Will some day lead to God. —Toronto Mail and Empire.

EARLY-DAY POSTAL SERVICE

Devices Employed Seem Somewhat Crude Now, but They Served the Purpose Centuries Ago.

Most people regard the post as a modern institution; yet this is not so, for regular postal services have existed for more than two thousand years. One of the earliest systems for the delivery of letters was established by Persia more than two centuries before the Christian era. In those days letters were not written on paper. They took the form of short sticks, on which a message was inscribed either by means of paints, or by burning it on with a kind of primitive poker-work outfit. These letters were delivered by regular relays of postmen over thousands of miles of country. Even the telegraph was in use in a crude form. Messages could be sent in an hour or two over distances of hundreds of miles by means of a system of shouters, who passed them on from one to the other.

Georges Wears a "He Corset."

Georges Carpentier has adopted the "he corset"—the newest thing in wear for men, according to a Paris dispatch in the New York Sun.

From time immemorial Frenchmen have worn the old-fashioned "galuses." During the war they discovered the advantage of the belt as worn by Americans. But the manufacturers went the American a better, and are making them about four inches wide, in fancy stamped leather or embroidered canvas and advertising them as "a great aid to the manly form."

Maurice Chevalier, the comedian, has also adopted the new style.

Hours Without Chimneys Planned.

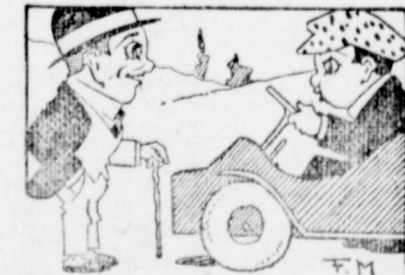
In a housing scheme which includes the building of a number of five-roomed houses to be let at 25s a week each, in one of the northern English towns, it is proposed entirely to eliminate chimneys.

The money saved will be spent in installing electric equipment, consisting of fires, kitchen range and the like. The kitchen range will possess an elevated oven, so that no stooping is necessary.

There is already a "chimneyless" colony on the outskirts of Glasgow, the houses being occupied chiefly by artisans.

Hen Paid for Her Passage.

One Saturday night a few weeks ago, a minister stayed overnight at a farmhouse in Brockville, Ont. The next morning when he was about to leave, he found a hen in his buggy, he put her out, then got his horse and hitched up and drove to Green Bay, about ten miles, and tied his horse in the church shed. After service he got into the buggy and drove to a near-by home for dinner. When he went to get the halter out of the buggy, he was surprised to find Mrs. Hen sitting there with an egg under her.



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Remarkable Leghorn.

A White Leghorn that crowed like a rooster after laying an egg was owned by a Vancouver man. The bird laid two eggs a day, one normal egg in the morning and one, without a shell, in the afternoon. Every third day it didn't lay. So constant and weird was the crowing that the hen had to be killed, as it frightened the other fowls.

Statues of Women.

Only four statues of women, with the exception of royal effigies, are to be found in England. They are Sister Dora, in Walsall; Florence Nightingale, in Waterloo place, London; Sarah Siddons, on Paddington Green, and Nurse Cavell, in St. Martin's place, London.

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BLUFF BRANCH BRIEFS

Special Correspondence.

Bluff Branch, Jan. 17.—Notwithstanding the light snow which fell two weeks ago, it is still very dry in this community. The rain produced enough moisture to bring up what grain that was sown, but unless there is more rain in the near future, this shower will be more detrimental than good to the young grain.

The "storm" party at the home of Mr. J. W. Thames last Saturday night was a most enjoyable occasion. There was a large crowd present, and not a wall flower to be seen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hallmark, entertained the following as their dinner guests last Sunday: Mrs. W. M. Hallmark, Mr. Adrain Hallmark, Misses Gladys and Ishmael Hallmark, Eunice Wadley and Nelle and Alta Mae Thames. Mr. and Mrs. Hallmark are most genial hosts and hostesses, and an invitation to die with this hospitable family is eagerly accepted, as a feast is waiting, and a most pleasant afternoon is always the reward.

A very pleasant literary entertainment was enjoyed by a number of the Bluff Branch folk last Friday night. These entertainments will be a feature every Friday night hereafter, during the school term. We meet at the school house and hope everyone in this community will be present, as a pleasant evening awaits you. There is always some good music and recitations at each entertainment.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Killough was the scene of a very pleasant singing last Sunday night, and a large number of our young people were present.

LETTER FROM WORTHAM

The American received quite an interesting letter from one of the former Cisco boys this week, Mr. George (Red) Farley, who was up until a few months engaged in the building industry in Cisco, and who is now located in Wortham. His letter is self explanatory:

"I came here thinking I would resume my old trade but found that carpenters were as thick as black birds almost, and most of them I'd have just purchased and will run one of the largest wholesale and retail produce house in this little city. I receive the American each week and must say you fellows are improving the sheet all the time. Let the good work go on."

Send in five cash subscriptions to the American, \$1.50 each, and the paper will be mailed to you free for one year.

CRUMBS FROM COTTONWOOD

Special Correspondence.

Cottonwood Community, Jan. 17.—A light rain fell over this community Monday night, which was greatly appreciated by the farmers and stockmen.

Messrs. Harris Coats and W. L. Yeager returned Tuesday from Aspermont, where they have been assisting C. R. Jackson with his hauling, in moving to his new location. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Yeager, entertained the young people with a very enjoyable singing Sunday night.

Misses Thelma Boatman and Lula Martin were the noon guests of the S. L. Yeager home Sunday last.

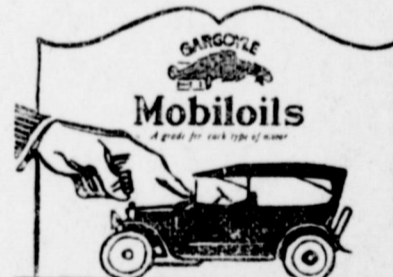
Mrs. Nettie Yeager, from Bluff Branch, has been the guest of the C. E. McClellan home the past week. Messrs. R. H. and S. L. Yeager, J. M. Pence and Harris Coats motored over to Eastland Saturday on a "tax paying tour."

Misses Lillian, Anah and Leona Farmer were shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Lula Martin was called home Saturday to be at the bedside of her father, who has been quite ill for the past week. We are glad to report his condition much improved.

Miss Jewel McClellan delightfully entertained a number of her friends and school mates at her home Thursday night.

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To Invalidate All Road Bonds

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state of Illinois, and also sue as Defendants all and every, the unknown owners and holders of any of the Eastland county road bonds, of whatever name, whether natural or artificial, and wherever located or situated, and with respect show the court:

That on and about the 21st day of August, 1919 the commissioners court of Eastland county in response to a petition signed by 250 of the tax paying, property owners and voters of the said county, ordered an election to be held at every voting box in Eastland county, for the purpose of determining whether or not said county should issue its bonds in a sum not exceeding \$4,500,000.00 for the purpose of constructing maintaining and operating of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes in aid thereof.

That in pursuance of said order, said election was duly held in every voting box in said county, on the 27th day of September, 1919, and that thereafter, and in the time and manner required by law, the said commissioners court met and canvassed the returns of the said election and declared by an order entered upon its minutes, that said proposition had carried by a two-thirds majority vote, said election purporting to have been held under and by virtue of articles 637A, 637B and 637C of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

That on and about the 5th day of November, 1919, the said Commissioners court, acting by virtue of authority granted by the tax payers at said election, ordered the said four and one-half million dollars worth of bonds issued, in three series, viz.

\$130,000.00 to be known as Series

"A" to run for a period of not more than 40 and not less than 10 years, and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

\$50,000.00 to be known as Series "B" to run not more than 40 nor less than 10 years and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

\$4,320,000.00 to be known as Series "C" to bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2%, to mature at such times, serially or otherwise, as the commissioners court might determine, not to exceed 40 years and not less than 5 years.

That pursuant to said order the said commissioners court, in the year 1919, ordered all of Series A and B to be printed and sold and also bonds of Series C to be printed and sold to the extent of one million dollars. That accordingly said Series A and B and said one million dollars worth of Series C have been issued and sold.

That subsequent to the year 1919, the said commissioners court had caused the entire issue of four and one-half million dollar bond issue to be approved by the Attorney General of this state and to be registered by the Comptroller of this state, to be signed and counter-signed by the county clerk, county judge and the county treasurer of Eastland county and have sold all of said bond issue, save and except the sum of two million dollars worth of Series C.

That your petitioners are unable to locate the purchasers of said bonds, save and except the firm of Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company and the firm of Stacy & Brown and the firm of Harold G Wise & Company, Defendants herein, but that the exact amounts so sold to said Defendants are unknown to Petitioners.

That in order to provide funds with which to pay the interest on said bond issue and to create a sinking fund sufficient to pay off said bonds at their maturity, the said commissioners court are about to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property of these Plaintiffs situated in Eastland county and upon all the taxable property in said county, which said tax levy, these Plaintiffs represent to the court, will necessarily far exceed the constitutional limit imposed by the Constitution and laws of this state.

That in order to pay the interest and create said sinking fund, the said commissioners court, on November 5, 1919, levied a special tax upon all the taxable property of Eastland county, in the sum of 34c per \$100 of the taxable value of said county.

That for the year 1921 said court has levied and largely collected a special tax of 45c upon each \$100 of the taxable value on all property in Eastland county, and that unless restrained said court will early in the year 1922 levy a tax of at least 50c

on each \$100 worth of taxable property in Eastland county, to pay interest and create a sinking fund to take care of said four and one-half million dollar bond issue.

Plaintiffs show the court that said bond issue is excessive, is unconstitutional, illegal and void, and that the tax levy heretofore made and which will shortly again be made, for the purpose of paying the interest and providing for a sinking fund to take up and pay off said bonds, is excessive, unconstitutional, illegal and void, for the following reasons and in the following respects to-wit:

That the Constitution of this state, by Article Three and Section Fifty-Two, provides that counties or subdivisions of this state, may issue bonds for any sum not in excess of one-fourth of the assessed real value of the property within said county or subdivision of the state, for the purposes of "The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof."

In this connection, Plaintiffs show the court, that the assessed valuation of all real estate in Eastland county, for the year 1919 was the sum of \$11,854,430.00 and that said valuation did not justify a road bond issue to the extent of four and one-half million dollars, and that measured by this article of the Constitution alone said bond issue is more than one million, five hundred thousand dollars in excess of said constitutional limit.

Plaintiffs further show the court, that said bond issue is in contravention also of Article Eight, Section Nine of the Constitution of this state as amended by proclamation of January 7, 1907, which said Article and Section reads as follows, "No county, city or town, shall levy more than 15c on the \$100 valuation for roads and bridges; Provided the legislature may also authorize the levy of an additional ad valorem tax to be levied for the further maintenance of the public roads, provided that a majority of the property tax paying voters may so vote, not to exceed 15c on the \$100 valuation in said county;" and in this connection Plaintiffs show the court that the taxable values of Eastland county for the year 1919 was, in round numbers, the sum of \$24,000,000.00 and that a special tax of 15c on the \$100 valuation, will not authorize a bond issue in excess of five hundred thousand dollars, and that the said bond issue, in so far as same is in excess of half a million dollars is null and void.

These Plaintiffs further show the court, that said four and one-half million dollar bond issue is null and void and illegal, in that same is in direct contravention of the act of the legislature of this state, creating a road system for Eastland county,

which said Act was approved and became affective on June 17, 1920, and which is the law under which a large part of the said road bonds were issued, and sold, provides in Section Twenty-One of said Act as follows: "Provided that in no case shall the said (commissioners) court, issue bonds under this Act, for a greater sum or amount, than a levy of 15c on the \$100 property valuation of said county, will yield sufficient revenue to pay such interest as it accrues, and will at the same time create a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal of such bonds at maturity," and these plaintiffs show the court, that said Act provided for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of building roads in Eastland county and that by the direct provisions of said law, the said bond issue is illegal, null and void to the extent of its excess over said statutory limitation, and that said bond issue to all over and above the sum of one-half million dollars, is null and void, and that the said tax levy on any sum over 15c to pay interest and create a sinking fund, is null and void, and is and constitutes a taking of property and money from these Plaintiffs and from every tax payer in Eastland county, without due process of law, and is violative of these Plaintiffs' rights, under that section of the Constitution of the United States which guarantees that these Plaintiffs' property shall not be taken from them without due process of the law.

Plaintiffs submit to the court that Article Eight of Section Nine of the Constitution of this state applies to all bonds issued for road purposes and should be construed with Section 52 of Article Three of the said Constitution, and that Section 21 of the special road law for Eastland county, above quoted, should also be construed so as to harmonize with both said parts of the Constitution, and prays that Defendants be cited in terms of law, and that on final hearing, all of said bond issue in excess of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, be canceled and declared null and void, and that the commissioners court of said county be forever restrained from levying or collecting from these plaintiffs, or from any other tax payer of Eastland county, any tax in excess of 15c in the \$100

valuation, for the purpose of paying interest or creating a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity, for their costs, for general and special relief, general and special, legal and equitable, for all of which they will ever pray.

O. F. CHASTAIN,
FRANK JUDKINS,
C. P. CHASTAIN,

Plaintiffs.

And in the alternative, and only in the event the court shall hold that Article Eight, Section Nine of the Constitution does not apply to the bond issue contemplated by Article Three, Section 52 of the Constitution of this state, and shall hold that the Constitution places no limit as to the rate of taxation which can be assessed to care for such bonds as Eastland county has issued, then these Plaintiffs show the court, that the amount of bonds which can legally be authorized by the election held under said Article Three, Section 52, is limited to one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in said county, for the year 1919, the year in which the said election was held, and cannot validate a bond issue in excess of one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in said county, and say that all of said bond issue, in excess of one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in Eastland county, as heretofore stated, is excessive, unauthorized, unconstitutional, null and void, and pray the court for judgment canceling said excess bonds, and for a writ of injunction, restraining said commissioners court and said tax collector, from levying or collecting any tax against these Plaintiffs' property, to pay interest and create a sinking fund for such excessive and unconstitutional purpose, for all other relief, as prayed for above.

O. F. CHASTAIN,
FRANK JUDKINS,
C. P. CHASTAIN,

Plaintiffs.

Mr. Walter Rose of the Fort Stockton Pioneer, came in this week for a visit to home folks. Mr. Rose says it is very dry in his section of the country, and the general cry of hard times is heard in the land.

Did you know this was poll tax month?

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tator, but with all due modesty we believe the manager of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company will some day find out that "what the American says" will amount to more than he is bargaining for.

The American does not take stand on any position unless it honestly and conscientiously believes its position is right. In the stand this paper has taken in crying out against our public service corporation in its unjust overcharges we are perfectly satisfied, and know we are right. Knowing this we have no apology to offer anyone for the position we occupy. For the present, at least, this paper is being conducted along the lines its editor believes to be right, and as long as the present management owns and controls the paper it will pursue that course. It is not our inclination to assail any institution of our town—we had rather praise than condemn, but when a community is being overcharged for a necessary commodity and being discriminated against, the American will be found registering a vigorous protest. There are none who would more readily praise our public-service corporation than the American if it was giving the town a square deal, but when they charge us 75 cents for gas that other towns similarly situated are paying from 35 to 50 cents, and 16 cents for lights when the same corporation is charging a sister city only 14 cents, we feel that Cisco is being made the goat, and it is time for somebody to protest. Up to this good hour the American has been the old newspaper to condemn these unjust and unreasonable charges for gas and lights—commodities which are indispensable to the people, and of which the Cisco Gas & Electric Company have the exclusive monopoly.

FLASHES FROM FRIENDSHIP

Special Correspondence.

Friendship, Jan. 17.—This community was visited by a small shower on Monday night of last week, and everybody was pleased but would like to see a real rain.

Mr. Martin Parmer has followed his father's example and builded a cement trough behind his tank dam. The trough will water there in future instead of tramping through the tank.

There was a large congregation at the Friendship church last Sunday.

Misses Susie Penn, Ola Carey and Messrs. Ted Huesties, John and Lum Carrey of Dothan, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Velza Penn last Sunday.

The Misses Marchman had as their dinner guests last Sunday Messrs. Life Sanders, Albert and James Harris and John Lineston and Miss Perlie Parmer. After dinner they composed a kodaking party, taking views of the interesting spots in the locality.

Misses Andie and Verdie Huntington, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parmer and children, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Sanders last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parmer, Mrs. Thompson and little Travis Parmer attended church in Cisco Sunday.

Quite a number of Cisco people attended church at this place last Sunday.

Mr. Martin Parmer is suffering considerably from a fall from his horse, occasioned by the saddle girth breaking, allowing the saddle

to turn, while riding beyond the speed limit, last Sunday.

Mr. Link Huntington is having several wells sunk on his premises. This will be a convenience to himself as well as his renters. We have all felt the necessity of providing plenty of water, this year.

Mr. Will Parmer is grinding feed for Mr. Arch Bint in the Dothan community, this week.

Little Laverall Parmer has been suffering with a rising in her head during the past week.

Mr. Bill Moss was th guest of his friend, Mr. Will Harris this week.

RED CROSS AND LEGION EXCHANGE FELICITATIONS

The John William Butts Post, American Legion, and the local Red Cross officials exchange felicitations on the commencement of the new year.

John William Butts Post No. 123 American Legion, Cisco, Texas.

"In the beginning of this a new year, I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial support and cooperation accorded the Red Cross by the American Legion through out the past year.

"Nothing brings men or women so close together as a common interest in a great cause, and I am sure in spite of the terrible suffering, heart aches, and sacrifices caused by the late war we shall one day in looking back realize that they are well worth while. Worth while because of the lessons in unselfishness which we, as a nation and individual have learned. Worth while because of the great principle of universal brotherhood and love which have become a part of our religion. Worth while especially in the co-operative work of the great American Red Cross and the American Legion in being able to lay the hand of loving comradeship and pity on the naked quivering heart of the stricken world, and feel again the "divine truth it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"We have been one in a great cause may we continue to be one in kindly interest, unselfish appreciation and a fellowship which shall rise above the selfish things of life. You came through an unpeakable tragedy together and can therefore regard each other in a new light of comradeship and affection. When you received your honorable discharge from the greatest army of the greatest nation on the earth it was only to enlist for life in the service of American citizenship. A service that will try you out in the dull routine of unappreciated duty and determine what manner of men you are. May you live to see the glory that will come to the world through your sacrifice and know in the deepest consciousness of your being that it was supremely worth while. The Red Cross is to-day as in the past ever ready to render service to the men who so well served their country. A very successful, prosperous, and happy New Year to each of you as an individual and to your organization as a whole."

Your friend,
MRS. PHILIP PETTIT,
Exec. Secy.

Mrs. Philip Pettit, Executive Secretary, Red Cross, Eastland County Chapter, Cisco, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Pettit:

This will acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of January 12th, tendering the American Legion the goodwill and co-operation of the American Red Cross and of yourself personally during the coming year.

Knowing as we do the splendid service of the Red Cross under your direction among the wounded and afflicted soldiers who have drifted to this country, we keenly appreciate the spirit manifested in your letter. Truly we are facing a new set of problems since the close of the Great War; we are facing the task of aiding in the moral, spiritual and material welfare of the world. The task is greater than the mere overthrow of a great imperialistic war machine; it involves a struggle with the unseen and intangible forces of vice, starvation and ignorance.

The Great Red Cross Mother fearlessly prosecuted the work of alleviating suffering and distress during the war; and is waging war on forces of death just as fearlessly during this era of peace. It is one of the great organizations that has resolved itself from vague, general theories of brotherly love into an actual, material, operating agency of human service.

The members of the Local Post are aware of your work in this country, and ask that you command us either as an organization or as individuals when we may assist the Red Cross.

Very sincerely,
JOHN WILLIAM BUTTS POST
AMERICAN LEGION,
Crigler Paschall,
Post Commander.

Attested
F. F. Fullerton,
Adjutant.

Road Making On Better Plans

Permanent Concrete Culverts Have Supplanted Lumber and Corrugated Iron in Making Road Drainage in Eastland County.

At last the men in this section of the state who have had and who have charge of the construction of our road system have awakened to and are inaugurating into this work the most important factor necessary to successful road construction or rather lasting construction. In days past it seemed that the only object that the road overseer had in view was just to wash the mud off for service and merely put in their time as demanded by law and did not care whether this work was worth a whoop or not. It was a culvert to be in they threw down two or three little slabs with wood cross bars to support same. The draw was in most-cases entirely too small to carry off the flood waters, so the drain was flooded and became choked up and the slight grade overflowed and was washed away.

It seemed that most always the high dry places on the roads were graded down into the valleys and there the water permitted to spread and form mud holes which were impassible. The men that did this work were not at fault but the officials who provided the scant material for properly working the country highway.

And the most important factor which we referred to in the beginning is lasting bridges of concrete or stone with a proper drainage under them. And today all culverts are being constructed of these two indestructible materials, hence we think the most important factor in road building is at last forging in the front.

As we heard some one say some time back "If he was building him a home he would first build a bath-house and afterward add his home to same." The same with the roads if we were only able to construct proper culverts we would do so and afterward add the roads.

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Badger Fight For Canadians

Part of the Canadian and Northern Capitalists Interested in Drury Petroleum Company Visit and Inspect Entire Cisco Field.

Chaperoned by Mr. Chas. G. Walker, treasurer, and Mr. A. L. Galbrath, secretary of the Drury Petroleum Company, a party of forty-one gentlemen reached Cisco the first of the week, coming on a tour of inspection of this oil field, as most of the party are interested in the Drury company, or are prospective stockholders. Celebrating their coming drilling was resumed on the Luse well, which is being put down by the Drury company, but whether this operation will be continued to completion is not stated, but every one of the party are pleased with what they saw and heard while here, and ideal Texas weather prevailed during their entire stay. While the last day of their stay yesterday, was far from ideal, yet it was a reminder of home, and perhaps made many homesick. Previous to the norther, which swooped down upon us Wednesday night, the weather was warm and balmy, making overcoats entirely superfluous. During their stay they have been really the guests of the city and many of the different organizations.

Those accompanying Messrs. Walker and Galbrath here were Messrs. Nichol, Johnston, Herring, Toles, Prady, Herridge, Ballantyne, Furse, Hadden, Bindner, Coughlin, Pickering, Spencer, Yourex, Spencer, Braithwhite, Gasier, Johnstone, Lusty, Monroe, Hunt, McWilliams, Griffith, Monroe, O'Brien, Digman, Wilson, Hunt, Woods, Brady, Hoffner, Doyle and W. A. Brown, father of Mrs. Drury. With the exception of the latter, all these gentlemen are from Canada. Mr. Brown's home is in Pigeon, Mich., where he is engaged in truck farming.

They covered practically all of the oil field by automobiles, with Cisco as headquarters from which to work. They came by special car Monday, over the Texas & Pacific.

Every evening of this week there has been some special feature given in honor of our distinguished visitors. The Elks and Knights of Pythias have been especially active in furnishing entertainment for our guests, and private homes have been open to them.

With the party came the Buongwick Entertainers, a trio possessing rare musical talent, and whose evening entertainments at the Hotel Daniels and Judia Theatre were real treats. My "Jock" Ballantyne, the splendid tenor and Scotch comedian of his celebrated trio of entertainers says that he never experienced such an universal welcome in all his travels as has occurred in the city of Cisco. And it seems that he speaks the sentiment of the majority of the large party.

Wednesday evening, the last for the party to spend here was a very busy one in a social way. First at 6:30 o'clock Mr. Ballantyne expressed a desire to have the honor of pulling the badger for the fight staged at Main and Broadway, between a large bulldog belonging to C. R. Pass and the badger owned by Mr. Bob Mancill. Mr. Ballantyne took the little "Texas joke" all good natured and received the badger as a souvenir of the event. It seemed that of all the mementos and souvenirs received by the entertainers, a western beaver cowboy hat presented to each of them by the local Elks Lodge was appreciated the most.

A banquet was served for the visitors at the American Cafe Wednesday evening at 8:30 p. m. by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce. Also there was given a dance at the Labor Temple, beginning at ten o'clock as the final entertainment for the visitors, at which the Schaefer orchestra furnished the music.

The party left for the north at eleven o'clock Thursday forenoon, direct to Canada with a half a day. The majority of the party will return soon over in the city of Detroit. Mr. Hadden and three other members of the party will return by way of the springs, where they will remain until Sunday, then on to Chicago for two or three days.

Attorney Eugene Lankford returned today from Eastland, where he has been all the week practicing in the district court.

Farmers' Bulletins

THE AMERICAN HAS ON HAND A LARGE NUMBER OF FARM BULLETINS

Which we wish to give out to the farmers living in this section. We will be glad to give you as many as you want of these bulletins free if you will call at the American office, and look them over, and see just what you most desire. We have bulletins relating to most everything the farmer should know. Call and get them. These bulletins are sent out free by the A. & M. College Extension Department, and will not cost you a cent.

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