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GAS COMPANY SEEKS TO INCREASE RATES

Corporate Greed Would Extort Last Farthing From Oppressed People, Who Barely Can Exist

The initial step was taken Tuesday night by the Community Natural Gas Co., subsidiary of the Lone Star Gas Co., preparatory to raising the rates for domestic gas to Cisco consumers from 67 cts. net for the first 1000 cubic feet consumed to \$1.60. Mr. Chester L. May, vice president of the Community, attended by Mr. Dyer, local manager and two other representatives, appeared before the city commission Tuesday night, when Mr. May, as spokesman, made an application for the commission to pass an ordinance permitting the increased rate.

Mr. May presented an array of figures, which according to his statements, the Community Gas Co. had lost in expenses for the past year the sum of \$12,248.99 less than receipts. However, if the new rates were authorized and charged, on the same basis of the past twelve months, the net earnings of the company for the ensuing twelve months would approximate the neat sum of something over \$74,000 after all expenses and taxes will have been paid.

The schedule of rates requested were slightly camouflaged with the sugar coating of reduced rates as low as 40 cents per 1000 feet provided the consumer used as much as 25,000 feet in any one month, and a graduating rate up to \$1.35 for the second 1000 feet. Naturally this would sound sweet to the average consumer of Cisco, whose maximum gas consumption will hardly be more than 4000 feet per month. This service is now costing the consumer \$2.68, but if the new rates are forced on the people (which they likely will be) the monthly charge for 4000 cubic feet will be \$4.65.

Reconnection Charge Of \$2

But this is not all. The ordinance would provide, if the proposed rates are inaugurated, a reconnection charge of \$2.00 will be made where the service has been discontinued through the inability of the consumer to pay of otherwise, and reconnected at same house. The company has previously increased the amount required for meter deposits from \$5.00, charged by the West Texas Utilities Co., to \$10. Nor is this all. The company does not hesitate to take out the old \$5 meter should the consumer get behind in his payments, and when reconnection is authorized, in addition to the reconnection charge of \$2.00, the new meter deposit fee of \$10 is demanded.

Importunes Commission To Act

Attorney F. D. Wright, who was present when Mr. May had concluded his remarks, and who was more or less familiar with the gas controversy, told the commission that in view of the fact that the matter was now pending in the courts and before the railroad commission, that he thought it would be unwise for the commission to adopt the ordinance requested. City Attorney Grantham also stated that he would prefer time to look into the matter before any action was taken. However, for some reason, Mr. May was rather importunate in his attitude to have the commission to act at once. But the commission decided to postpone consideration, when Mayor Berry promised to take the matter up at a called meeting, Mr. May suggesting it be not later than the first days of next week.

It seems that in spite of all that can be done the Community Natural Gas Co. is hell bent on forcing the people of Cisco back to burning wood, fuel oil or some other substitutes for fuel. They have about reached their ability to pay the arbitrary levies of the gas company, and no matter how inclined they may be to enjoy the luxury of gas as a fuel, their inability to meet these levies has been about reach-

ed. Mr. May spoke of the large reductions of gas meters, but he has seen nothing yet. Wait until the new schedule is adopted and consumers will adopt some other substitute than gas for fuel. The company will find that there will be withdrawals of the meter deposits such as they never have experienced.

One would think that men of affairs, such as should be at the heads of such business enterprises, might see the handwriting on the wall and not kill a business in which they have such considerable sums invested. But the greed and avarice of some corporations know no bounds, and cannot see that such procedure will eventually destroy their business.

Hard And Fast Policies

Not only is this manifest greed to further filch the people working to the undoing of the distributing company, but one cannot expect any favors or consideration at their hands. Perhaps the local force have no choice, and must adhere to the hard and fast rules laid down, but the matter of charging gross rate on account of a consumer being one or two days tardy in paying his payments, is hardly good business. One Cisco man whom we know, neglected to pay his April gas bill till May 11. When he arrived at the office it was a few minutes after 5 o'clock, and the office was closed. The following morning he paid his bill, but no discount was allowed on account of his being two days late. The same man paid his light bill the same day at the office of the West Texas Utilities Co., but there he found some consideration, for he was shown the courtesy of being allowed his account the same as if he had paid his bill on the 10th. No, not all utility companies are hard-boiled. Some are still human. More than once have we heard the remark "It was a sad day for Cisco when the West Texas Utilities Co. disposed of the gas distribution plant." Now it appears we have not yet seen the worst.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Rates are in line with other weekly newspapers and are as follows:

City	\$5.00
Precinct	7.50
County Com	10.00
County	12.50
District	12.50

City Appropriates Money for Cutting Weeds on City Lots

As a result of the discussion of unemployment the city commission Tuesday night voted an appropriation of \$200 for cutting weeds on property owned by the city, and to employ Cisco people now out of work. The motion to appropriate this sum was made by Clements, and seconded by Elliott.

No action was taken upon the request of a person, whose name was not given and who failed to come before the body, that an Alley in Olson addition be opened. It seems that this alley, which is on the city limits, had been partially closed by a Mr. Honea, the same having been planted in garden truck. After Mr. Honea explained that the alley was little traveled, and the commissioners stated that at this time every encouragement would be given citizens to grow their own vegetables, the commission decided to take no action, leaving its adjustment to the parties and the city attorney, Grantham.

On the application of Mr. J. E. Caffery, in behalf of the Cisco Country club, which is staging a golf tournament June 17, 18 and 19, the commission voted that the sanitary commissioner honor fishing permits to visitors who would care to enjoy the fishing at the lake. Also, Mr. Caffery solicited the cooperation of the city officials in the sales campaign being put on by the Humble Company. He was told by Commissioner Clements that he had adopted the policy of rotation in buying gasoline and oil for the street department, and the Humble service stations were listed for his June business.

Amusement Co. In Local Hands

F. E. Harrell, F. D. Wright and Edgar Butts, representing the Lake Cisco Amusement company, appeared before the commission, and asked full cooperation in making lake Cisco, its parks, zoo and the Amusement company a greater asset for Cisco by the city working with the Amusement company in improving and beautifying the grounds at the lake. The Amusement company has recently been taken over by local people, with the exception of one of the probable directors, Charles Triplett. Those who are slated for directors, according to statements made by Mr. Wright, are F. E. Harrell, president of the company, Guy Dabney, F. D. Wright, Dr. Paul M. Woods, Dr. E. L. Graham, W. J. Armstrong and Mr. Triplett. Mr. Wright pointed out that the lake, its park, zoo and other attractions there were the most valuable assets left to Cisco, and hoped the commission would see to it that the largest measure of cooperation would be given the local company, which will operate the amusement features solely for the benefit of Cisco. The new contract entered into with the city provides that Cisco shall receive five per cent of the gross receipts, which Mr. Wright stated, guarantees the city an income from the property, whether anyone else gets a dime. He explained that Edgar Butts has been made manager of the company, who announced that the swimming pool would be open tomorrow, and that the company contemplates reduced prices for swimming. Mayor Berry announced that a favorable contract was now on file in the secretary's office.

At the request of Mr. Wright and Harrell the commission instructed C. O. Pass, chief of the fire department, to take one of the pumps out to the grounds and assist in cleaning out the pool, preparatory for the opening swim. It was stated that the pumper would clean

out the basin in about three hours.

In urging the commission to make certain improvements at the lake, notably at the boat landing, Mr. Wright stated that he knew of at least 15 families who maintained their residence here solely on account of the recreation afforded by Lake Cisco, and these families were possessed of independent means, able to live anywhere they desired. The consensus of opinion of the commission was that the city should render the largest cooperation possible as the company was now under local management.

The commission appropriated \$100 to defray the expenses of four members to the state firemen's convention and school of instruction, at Austin June 14-18, on motion of Elliott, after Henderson had stated he thought the firemen could make the trip on less than \$100.

No Action on Gas Hike

At this juncture representatives of the Community Natural Gas Co. were introduced when Vice President May requested the commission to adopt an ordinance permitting the company to raise its gas rates in Cisco, filing the following schedule which he asked be embodied in the ordinance after Mr. May had declared the company was losing money in operating the plant in Cisco.

\$1.60 net, and \$1.77 gross, for first 1000 cubic feet; \$1.35 net, and \$1.50 gross for second 1000 cubic feet; 85 cents net, and 94 cents gross per M for next 3000 feet; 50 cents net, and 56 cents gross per M for next 20,000 cubic feet; 45 cents net, and 50 cents gross per M, for all over 25,000 cubic feet. Minimum charge, \$1.60. Reconnection charge, \$2.00

The commission deferred action till later, Mayor Berry saying he would probably have a called session of the commission some time early next week.

The commission authorized the issuance of fishing permits to the ministers of the local churches and to John F. Patterson, a former mayor of Cisco, now one of the city's oldest citizens, in point of residence.

Mayor Berry notified the heads of departments to arrange their budget for the current fiscal year.

Disposition of the chamber of commerce was introduced by the mayor, who stated that the city's finances were getting short, and thought the appropriation should be curtailed. Henderson expressed himself as opposed to maintaining the chamber at its present cost. "We cut salaries on a few days notice, why not cut this," he said.

This completing the business transacted the commission recessed.

Democratic Scraps Show Old Spirit Is Still Alive in Land

Echoes from the presidential convention held at Houston this week savors big of the old time Democratic spirit. A Democratic gathering is tame indeed when the spirit of harmony hovers serenely over all its deliberations, for where there is a batch of political hair-pulling of partisan blood, the same may be classed as indicative of a stronger partisan spirit. It is only when aroused that the Democratic fighting blood is manifest, and when a political gathering stirs up a row you can expect an out-pour of Democratic votes at the polls in the elections following. True to this prediction we may expect a record vote in the primaries July 23, limited only by poll tax receipts held, where the voters will gather to express their views on the issues of the day as represented by the

Meeting of Eastland County Tax Payers Association to Be Held In Rising Star Next Saturday

Tomorrow afternoon, at the hour of 2 o'clock, the Eastland County Taxpayers association will convene in fortnightly session in the high school auditorium in Rising Star. It is hoped that a large delegation from Cisco and the surrounding communities, will avail themselves of this opportunity to attend this meeting and acquaint themselves with the objectives of the movement.

County and district candidates will be given opportunity to make a short announcement before the association. Cecil A. Lotief, of Cross Plains, candidate for flatorial representative, announces that he will make a public address at the close of the session in behalf of his candidacy. This alone should be an incentive for many to attend, as legislative candidates, this year, are the most important for voters to consider.

Much work is to be done by the legislature if the liberties of Texans are preserved, for unless legislative relief is had the hands of corporate greed will press heavier and heavier on the people. This was evidenced Tuesday evening when representatives of the Lone Star Gas Co., through its illegitimate offspring, the Community Natural Gas Co., appeared before the city commission of Cisco and applied for an ordinance authorizing the offspring to further filch the people of Cisco by higher rates for the service rendered for an essential utility. And unless legislative relief is obtained the rapacity of corporate greed will know no bounds.

Instead of following the example of our other utility company, the West Texas Utilities, which has constantly reduced its rates as depression bears more heavily on the people, the offspring of the rapacious Lone Star, like Oliver Twist, is constantly demanding "More." Disregarding the present conditions when every other enterprise is doing business at a loss, or barely making expenses (economically operated), the Lone Star's fake child is demanding a "reasonable return upon its investment," (including enormous overhead expense), under the state law which

provides "that municipalities have the power to regulate utility rates" but "all public service corporations are entitled to an income on invested capital of not over 10 per cent."

This clause in the statute should be the first act repealed by the next legislature. Individuals and other corporations are given no such favors. Why should public service corporations enjoy such beneficial legislation? Farmers are guaranteed nothing on their invested capital, neither are merchants, mechanics, manufacturers or men engaged in other walks of life. The individual who invests his money is entitled to the same consideration before the law as public service corporations.

Another statute should be enacted that will prevent public service corporations, when confronted with competition establishing reasonable rates, from inaugurating a ruinous rate for the sole purpose of killing this competition. A law should be enacted to compel any established public service company, who refused a community lower rates when so petitioned, from lowering rates after a competitor has come into that community, such lower rates being evidently intended to ruin this competitor and run him out of the community.

These matters deserve first consideration at the hands of the next legislature, and the Eastland county Taxpayers association, which is affiliated with the state organization, endorses this legislation, and it is the purpose of the members of the county organization to vote for men favoring their enactment. Attend the meeting at Rising Star Saturday afternoon and cast your lot with the people who are trying to help you to retain your liberties.

The meeting at Rising Star inaugurates a new feature in the assembling of the Taxpayers' association, that of alternating the fortnightly meetings in the several towns of the county, instead of holding all the meetings in Eastland. At Rising Star Saturday the association will name its next host town, which will be announced in next week's issue of the Cisco Citizen.

candidates offering themselves for political slaughter. With no common enemy worthy of our partisan steel to combat, Democrats must wage war on something or somebody, so the fight was within party council, with Democrat arrayed against Democrat, when representatives to the presidential delegate convention gathered at Houston Tuesday to pass upon national issues and name delegates to the National Convention in Chicago. But like all Democratic rows harmony prevailed when the delegates voted to submit the dry law to the states for ratification or rejection by the decisive majority of 851 to 564. But the dries fared better in the naming of the temporary chairman and keynoter, Congressman Sam Rayburn.

Unanimous For Garner

Everybody was for Garner, and the convention instructed its delegates to vote for the "Chevelier of the Chaparrals" until released by him, and the Texas delegation to vote as an unit. Eastland county fared well in being represented on the delegations to the national convention and on the list of presidential electors. Milburn McCarty, of Eastland, was named as one of the presidential electors, and Will St. John was honored by being chosen a delegate

to the national convention at Chicago. The delegates from the seventeenth congressional congressional convention are Sam McCallum, Joe Clark, Paul Trimmer, C. L. McCarty, Bob Haines, Silliman Evans, Mrs. Camp of Breckenridge and Will St. John of Cisco.

Eight delegates were chosen from each of the 18 congressional districts of the state, and 40 delegates-at-large were named.

Presidential Electors

Presidential electors chosen by congressional districts, in order as follows: R. T. Wilkinson, Jr., E. J. Mantooh, Carl L. Estes, J. W. Purcell, Charles McCombs, Scott Reed, Mrs. Theodore Stubbs, John T. Dickson, J. V. Frank, Ralph Goethe, E. C. Street, Frank Rawlings, R. J. Edwards, Arthur Seelings, H. P. Hornby, Robert F. Cunningham, Milburn McCarty, N. C. Outlaw. Electors at large chosen were Albert Sidney Johnson of Dallas, Charles I. Francis of Wichita Falls, Nat Gentry of Tyler, Mrs. John E. Shelton, Sr., of Austin, Mrs. John Davis of Dallas.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.—Ps. 16:6, 9.

"The happiest heart that can beat,
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet—
And left to him the rest."

There is not anything that will help the day to close with a keener sense of satisfaction than to start the day off with a smile and a song. It is the best medicine of the day, and cures all ills of the mind and gives invigorating force to the body. Christ (Jesus) was a man of good cheer. "Kindness is Christianity on foot, the symphony of the voice, the warmth of the hand, the sunshine of the eye."—Rev. Leslie J. Nevins

IDLE RUMORS CAUSE BANK RUN

The press reports give an account of a bank run that came near wrecking the strong First National bank of Port Arthur recently, all caused by an idle or malicious rumor that the bank was in a failing condition. Only with the assistance of neighboring banks and the federal reserve banking system rushing currency to the distressed First National by airplane, was the institution saved. Our local contemporary refers to the statute making it a felony to circulate a false report concerning the shaky condition of any bank, and says the rumor should be investigated. So say we. But—

There are two sides to every proposition, "even to a pancake," so why not look at the other side?

Are you surprised that depositors should lose their heads when a rumor is afloat that the bank in which repose their life savings is tottering? I am not. Who is responsible for this fear that grips the people under such circumstances? The banks are primarily responsible, and the state and federal banking departments are accomplices before the fact by reason of their lax methods in not thoroughly checking all institutions under their supervision.

Millions of dollars belonging to Texas people have been wiped out by bank failures in Texas in the past two years, due largely to loose and indifferent bank checking by state and national examiners. Yet few bankers are ever prosecuted in connection with bank failures. The people have lost confidence, and today I know of but one bank that I would care to deposit any considerable amount of money, were I so fortunate as to have any ready cash, and that bank is Cisco's own First National. Yes, there's a reason, and that reason is the careful banking methods practiced by the officers of the First National of Cisco. There is not within the confines of the State of Texas a bank official more conservative, more competent, or more careful of the funds entrusted to that institution than is Alex Spears. The policy of the First National is, and ever has been, to always have on hand sufficient securities to protect it in case of a run, which, should it materialize, the bank would be able to meet every obligation, and in less than the time it would take for the ink to dry on the withdrawal checks the Citizen would predict the depositors would see their mistake and the cash would be returned to that bank's vault for safe keeping.

But the First National is an exception. Few there be of others so firmly established to withstand a run. Recently when the Cisco Banking Company and other banks were compelled to close their doors, Spears was wide awake. He did not get panicky, or get worried. He was ready, had a run been precipitated, for anticipating some might get frightened, which there was a possibility of developing into mass fear, that might cause a run, he had already arranged for sufficient currency to be transported to Cisco on a moment's notice by airplane. Fortunately everybody believed the First National could pass out every dollar it held on deposit on demand, and there was not a ripple. It moved along in the even tenor of its way, and so far as it was concerned, the only effect of the Cisco Banking Company, the Eastland Texas State bank closing was to add thousands of additional depositors.

But these bank runs, based on idle or malicious rumors, should be salutary, rather than condemned so readily. They point to sins of omission that should be an object lesson. They just emphasize the fallaciousness of our banking systems, both state and national. Any financial system so weak and unsound that an idle rumor can force the strongest banks to close their doors is not worthy of public confidence and should be abolished.

Do you wonder that the people should develop mass fear and start a run? I don't. My only wonder is that none of the officials are not publicly lynched, when the depositors are in such a frame of mind. They deport them-

selves splendidly, when one considers the provocation and temper of the people under such ordeals. They naturally become panicky when they see their life savings being wiped out, and in nine cases out of ten, the officials of failed banking institutions never alter their mode of living, but continue to be "robed in purple and fine linen," driving their limousines, sometimes with liveried chauffeurs, while their depositors are suffering for the actual necessities of life. Under such circumstances the wonder is that some of their victimized depositors do not take the law in their own hands and avenge their wrongs.

Our present banking system has long since fallen into desuetude, and the sooner some safer and saner system is adopted the better it will be for the people in general and the honest and sound banks, such as Cisco's First National, in particular.

Today the country is in a deplorable condition, not only on account of the world-wide depression, but in America, on account of the loss of confidence in our banking system. Some guarantees to protect the depositor must be enacted, for those few who are possessed of funds have no place to put it. They have no confidence in banks, and values have shrunk to such an extent there is no safe investment, save and except possibly one—real estate. Today the Citizen regards real estate investment the safest extant. Lands cannot vanish over night, like stocks and bonds, and though possibly of little cash value at present, there will be a time, as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, that lands will come back, and the wise man, who has cash to invest and able to await the return of normalcy, will reap a harvest "that will fill his storehouses to the bursting point," if he invests his funds in realty.

First Confederate Association Formed In Eastland County

Dr. H. B. Tanner, veteran physician of Eastland and efficient secretary of the Eastland chamber of commerce, is constantly digging into history and unearthing new things—rather reviving those matters that have passed and gone. The following tells of the first Confederate organization ever formed in Texas, which will be of interest to all readers in this county:

It is said that the "Eastland County Confederate Association" was the first organization of its kind in the state of Texas.

The preliminary meeting was held in County Clerk John T. Yeargin's office in Eastland on February 8th, 1886. Those present were Dr. S. H. Stout, Col George W. Shannon, John T. Yeargin, W. H. Day, Harry Hallum, J. T. Hammonds, C. R. Johnson, Capt. J. I. Steele and June Kimble.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted at a subsequent meeting held in Eastland ppp. 8, 1886. At this time more than 100 confederate soldiers met and described their names on this honor roll.

Later there were four hundred and ninety three names on the membership roll. This organization owned five and a half acres of land just north of the Texas & Pacific Railroad depot at Eastland. For more than twenty years the annual reunion and picnic was the most important event in the annuals of Eastland County. Finally dwindling numbers caused the association to disband and surrender their charter.

There is no doubt but what there are several hundred unmarked

graves of these confederate soldiers in Eastland County. The United States Government through the war department will now furnish a handsome headstone for any unmarked confederate soldiers' grave.

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B. L. Russell, Jr., Is in Race for District 107 Representative

Below will be found the platform on which B. L. Russell, Jr., of Baird, candidate for flatorial representative of the 107th district, is making the race. Mr. Russell outlines his position on vital questions now being discussed by the voters of Eastland and Callahan counties, and asks a careful consideration at the hands of the voters:

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district, a district composed of Eastland and Callahan counties.

"I am 34 years of age, married and have two children. Born, reared and educated in Callahan county in which said county I have lived all my life. I feel that I have had suitable training and experience and that I am fully qualified to be a representative in the state legislature, and if elected I promise a faithful, honest, efficient and economical administration. The most important questions before the people of not only this district, but the state of Texas, are the questions and problems of lower taxes and a general reduction of the expenditures of our state government in every branch. This can be brought about by the consolidation of the various departments of our state government, abolishing those departments not needed and a general reduction of salaries.

"There will be many bills introduced in the next legislature in reference to tax reform and the reduction of expenditures. Taxes must be reduced. They are going delinquent all over the nation, if elected I shall vote for and do all in my power to see measures adopted which will reduce the taxes levied on the citizens of this state. "It will be my purpose to see all the voters in this district, if possible, before the primary, however, I will have to make the race on as little expense as possible, and whether I see every voter or not I feel that my candidacy will be given the same consideration. "I assure you your vote and influence will be appreciated.

B. L. RUSSELL, Jr."

Victor Gilbert, now with the bus division of the railroad commission, has returned to Austin after a brief visit to home folk here.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS

If you have not already rendered your taxes to the city of Cisco for 1932, please call at the city hall before June 15th and keep your property off the unrendered roll.

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Humility and tolerance were outstanding virtues contributing to the achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, the Rev. Dr. Lyman P. Powell, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, New York City, declared in a public lecture at Symphony Hall, Boston, on "Mary Baker Eddy, Educator."

Dr. Powell was introduced by Dr. William Stidger, Sunday morning preacher of the Copley Methodist Church of Boston, who stressed particularly the need for religious tolerance. His own attitude in this matter, he said, he had taken from Dr. Powell, whom he described as exemplifying such tolerance inside and outside the church.

"In my humble fashion," he said, "I stand for a spirit of tolerance among Christian people and in the churches."

Dr. Stidger further discussed his relations with and admiration for Dr. Powell and his own interest in Mrs. Eddy and in Christian Science. He concluded by expressing appreciation of the opportunity to introduce the lecturer, with the approval of the Christian Science Church.

Mrs. Eddy met the first test of the real educator, said Dr. Powell, who also was formerly president of Hobart College.

"She had something to say," he continued. "Humility marked her thoughts and deeds. She set an example in her daily study and she required it of her students." To one student, he explained, she said, "Don't try it; do it." And it was done, he added.

The lecturer continued by saying that tolerance softened her

viewpoints, "and in the spirit of Christian cooperation she wrote in 1906 to Dr. Hamilton Holt: 'I love the prosperity of Zion, be it presented by Catholic, Protestant, or by Christian Science.'" Dr. Powell in his biography, "Mary Baker Eddy, A Life Size Portrait," as well as in the lecture, emphasized the practicality of Mrs. Eddy's work and teachings.

Practicality Guided Hands
"Her feet were always on the ground, her head high among the stars," he said. He referred to her definition of prayer and told how apparent it was that she judged greatness by goodness.

As an example of her tolerance the lecturer drew "from a quiver full of well-turned arrows" revealed in Mrs. Eddy's writings: "People like you better when you tell them their virtues than when you tell them their vices." Vices were examples of error about which another arrow had something pointed to say.

The arrows were flung with compassion and sincerity. "Home is the dearest spot on earth," she had written, "and it should be the center, though not the boundary, of the affections." No manifestation of loving service and devotion was too small to be recognized by the Leader who said: "I like small beginnings. First, the right thought, then right words, and words proved by the hand." For out of these small beginnings "just a duty performed each hour and each day, and at length symmetrical unity."

She aimed another arrow which pointed out the keystone of her doctrine—obedience which to her meant being faithful over a few things. With obedience and service went faith, and eventually came understanding of the conviction expressed by Mrs. Eddy in her book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "No loss can occur from trusting God with our desires," and that "Divine Love always has and always will meet every human need."

Possessed Rare Technique
Dr. Powell said regarding her technique as a teacher, "like all great teachers, she develops for herself in her voluminous writings a vocabulary of some 18,000 words; which places her ahead of Milton and not far from Shakespeare in word range. She placed inspiration above here information, permitting in her classes not even the distraction of note-taking. No trouble was too great to take to meet the needs of the inquiring individual.

"Emphasizing the healing of the sick," he continued, "Mrs. Eddy nevertheless, gives the word its largest meaning: 'Healing physical sickness is the smallest part of Christian Science. It is only the bugle call to thought and action, in the higher range of infinite goodness. The emphatic goodness of Christian Science is the healing of sin; and this task, sometimes, may be harder than the cure of disease; because, while mortals love sin, they do not love to be sick.'"

Years of Patient Effort
"By patient effort, covering long years, Mary Baker Eddy distilled her thinking into phrases recalled by more today than any phrases except those found in the Bible, to which she pledged her followers in the words: 'As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life.'"

"Mary Baker Eddy emerged out of the obscurity of a New England hill town to follow Jesus, to counsel her students to follow her 'only so far as she follows Christ,' and teach the incorporeality of God." Dr. Powell said that the religion

John Hart Seeks to Be Tax Assessor of County of Eastland

John Hart, whose name appears in the announcement column of this paper, is one of the best known of Eastland county's people. He is making the race for Tax Assessor and asks a careful consideration of his candidacy by the voters.

Having been honored by the people of the county in the past by being elected tax collector in 1920, and that he filled the office in a manner that was a credit to himself is proven by the record he left. This can be verified by the immense savings to the tax payers by re-checking the tax rolls and finding double renditions on the same property.

While tax collector Hart instituted a system of notification by sending out cards, advising the tax payer of the amount of his current taxes, also a poll tax order, thereby enabling him to fill out his poll tax order and pay his taxes through the mail. While this was a small matter, yet it proved a great convenience and saving to the tax payers, especially those that live away from the county seat and didn't want to make a trip there in person in order to pay their taxes. Especially was this true as to payment of poll tax, and many voters retained their privilege of voting by filling out one of the poll tax orders and dropping it in the mail.

Hart filled the office of tax collector so efficiently in correcting the tax rolls, thus saving huge sums to the county as well as to the tax payers, that when his tenure of office expired Eastland county people elected him sheriff, where his efficiency enabled him to make another record as a peace officer as credible as that which he left in the collector's office in a clerical capacity.

Biggest Murder Cases

While sheriff the most heinous murder cases in the criminal annals of the county, with the possible exception of the brutal murder of Hugh Maples. These were the Shook murders and the "Santa Claus" bank robbery, also the Carbon bank robbery. It was while John Hart was sheriff that those charged with the crimes were arrested, tried and convicted, each drawing a capital sentence. While the public gives much of the credit of convicting criminals to the prosecuting attorney, yet behind the prosecutor is the sheriff's department, which is never spectacular in the part it plays in being instrumental in the convictions but his is the part to gather up the evidence on which the prosecutor bases his prosecution and the pleadings to the jury that convicts criminals and protects society in the daily walks of life. Without an efficient sheriff your prosecutor could do but little, as he is the right bower to the district attorney in all law enforcement.

While never posing for notoriety, and wasting his time on persecuting petty offenders and allowing the big fellow to go free, he went after the chief offenders first and left the small ones to the constabulary of the county. Only after the precinct officers failed did he give his attention to misdemeanor cases. In other words, he was after the whales, and the minnows were safe until they got troublesome.

But aside from his officials record, which is one that any man could point to with pride, Hart may be classed as a self-made man, and he did not do so bad at that. A son of one of the most honorable couples of Eastland county, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hart, yet his parents were of modest means and not financially able to give him the educational advantages his ambition

which Mrs. Eddy founded, today is enrolling daily Bible readers well on toward a million. "The final proof of the educational effectiveness of her teachings is found in the results," the New York rector asserted, "and today the fruits of Mary Baker Eddy's teachings are those Christian Scientists who live up to their Leader's teachings. Their name is almost legion. The world over they are bringing an end to family discord by setting up a spiritual standard to which all can repair. They are eliminating worry and fear, and increasing efficiency in daily duty and in business."

IF I COULD HAVE MY WAY

By J. B. F. WRIGHT

If I could always have my way,
My sovereign sceptre I would sway;
I'd go about from place to place,
My bounds would be eternal space;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd own the land you have today;
And you would have to pay me rent,
Or up and move should you resent;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd make you tip your hat to me;
When I said go, you'd strike a run,
I'm sure I'd have a lot of fun;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd pay no mind to what you say;
Your likes and wishes I'd ignore,
No matter if it made you sore;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd move right in and there I'd stay;
And should you try to get me out,
Strange things would happen there
about;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd make you do just what I say;
With master mind I'd think and plan,
You'd take your dose just like a man;
If I could have my way.

If I could always have my way,
I'd be the meanest man today;
My household would be terrified,
When I come in they'd run and hide;
If I could have my way.

It's best I cannot have my way,
It's right that you should have a say;
It makes men feel they have a place
Upon this earth to run their race;
For this I'm glad today.

craved, so he attended school and paid his own expenses by such honest labor as he could find. Often this labor was most arduous, for whether it was janitor work for his tuition, farm work or cutting and hauling cordwood, he tackled each job in the same manner that he exercised in his official capacity—ever having as his motto: "Whatever is to be done should be done most efficiently."

After finishing school he secured a teacher's certificate and taught school for six years, then did postal work with the Cisco office.

Lure of the Farm

The call of the farm lured him, and after returning to the farm he was elected tax collector. Now Hart is asking the people

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 JUDGE:

CLYDE L. GARRETT
(Re-election)

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

W. C. (BILL) BEDFORD
TURNER M. COLLIE

FOR SHERIFF, EASTLAND CO.

VIRGE FOSTER
(For re-election)
W. M. (Walter) MILLER

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

JOHN HART

FOR TAX COLLECTOR:

T. L. COOPER
(Re-election, 2nd term)
E. C. SATTERWHITE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th FLOTORIAL DISTRICT:

CECIL A. LOTIEF
of Cross Plains
CLEVE CALAWAY
B. L. RUSSELL, Jr.

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. No. 4

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BIRT BRITAIN

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT NO. 6:

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

to elect him tax assessor. His experience, both on the farm and in the tax collector's office splendidly equips him for the office he seeks. He understands the technical features, by reason of his official experience, and having been born and reared on the farm, and being engaged in farming since retirement from public life, his practical knowledge of farm life and farm values will be splendid experience in enabling him to make equitable assessments of farm and other property values. He knows values, as they were in prosperous years, and as they now exist.

But his experience will enable him to properly appraise personal and intangible values, so if you elect John Hart you are assured you will have a tax assessor who knows his duty and who has the courage to do it.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

The lesson-sermon subject in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, May 29, is "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hyphotism, Denounced."

Proverbs 14:22 furnishes the golden text: "Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and thruth shall be to them that devise good."

Included in the lesson-sermon is the following verse from the Bible (Revelations 12:10): "And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

The service also embraces these citations from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy—pages 223, 380:

"Marvels, calamities, and sin will much more abound as truth urges upon mortals its resisted claims; but the awful daring of sin destroys sin, and foreshadows the triumph of truth. . . Nothing but the power of Truth can prevent the fear of error, and prove man's dominion over error."

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EASTLAND MAN ASKS FOR EXTRA SESSION

AUSTIN, May 23.—A special five-day session of the Texas legislature to relieve counties of highway bond indebtedness was proposed today by Representative T. J. Cunningham of Eastland.

Gov. Sterling recently said he favored taking a part of the gasoline tax to relieve counties of road bond burdens.

"I believe this could be put into law within five days, and would give the people of Texas the relief of some \$80,000,000 indebtedness," wrote Representative Cunningham to Gov. Sterling.

"If you will advise me that this relief will be submitted to the Legislature, and this one measure alone provided as many as two-thirds of the membership will so serve without pay, I shall at once take it up with each member and give this relief to the people of Texas before July tax payment time," Cunningham wrote.

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The CISCO CITIZEN

Formal Opening of Amusement Park to Be on June Second

CISCO, May 26—Cisco's big outdoor concrete swimming pool, largest of its type in the world, will be open to the public for the first time this season Saturday May 28. The formal opening will take place Thursday, June 2, when an all-day program will be held, featured by the presence of candidates for state offices, a number of whom have been invited.

An invitation has been sent to James E. Ferguson, whose wife, Miriam Ferguson, is a candidate for governor. Ferguson has not yet indicated whether or not he will accept, but Lake Cisco Amusement company officials were hopeful of a favorable reply.

The pool, under management of Edgar E. Butts, is expected this year to enjoy its most popular season. A material reduction has been made in swimming rates, a reorganization of the company has taken place and a general improvement made in the facilities available there. The pool is admirably located for an outing, with large groves developed into parks where picnickers will find every convenience for an enjoyable open air vacation without cost. Barbecue pits, with free wood, running water electric lights, sewage facilities, tables, benches, playground equipment and so forth have been furnished by the city and are located in these cool groves only a few steps from the big pool. Lake Cisco is just above. Fishing and Golfing near at hand.

A beach pajama parade, "Hard Times" tacky suit parade, swimming and diving contests, and a great variety of other features have been included in the program. Mayors of various cities about Cisco will be invited as guests of the management and as judges in the revues. Contestants will also be guests of the management for the day. An invitation is being broadcast to all this section for citizens to come to Cisco next Thursday and enjoy a real outing for a day. The Lake Cisco Amusement company is not a profit-making institution.

TRUCK LAW UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Texas' new truck law, limiting the size and load limit, was held valid by the U. S. Supreme Court, in a case brought by Ed Sproles and others, according to United Press reports.

The case was an appeal from the decision of a three-judge federal court at Houston. Sproles is a Ft. Worth operator.

The appeal contended that the regulations tended to deprive the truck companies of their property without due process of law.

The operators had bought equipment, to conform to a previous statute, which they will have to junk.

The law upheld limits the width to 96 inches, height 12½ feet and length to 35 feet. It sets the load limit at 7,000 pounds.

MRS. LASSITER HOSTESS TO BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the East Cisco Baptist Church met in a social and business meeting Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. A. Lassiter on the Breckenridge highway.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Jack Dennison and scripture reading by Mrs. Ira Robinson.

Refreshments of sandwiches and lemonade were served during the social hour. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames C. J. Elliott, L. E. Robinson, J. Rylee, John Elmore, A. W. Dawson, Jack B. Dennison, J. A. Smith, H. L. Jackson, M. H. Bethel, Agnew, Ingle, W. E. Lowery, H. H. Hageman, James L. Smart, T. E. Kennedy, J. E. Shirley, D. C. Heath, J. D. Hall, R. L. Garrett, R. E. McCord, Al Coats, O. A. Lassiter, Jeff Coats, I. W. Robinson, Misses Thelma Perdue, Willie Slaughter and Marthabelle Dennerson.

W. L. Foy, former druggist and owner of the Foy Apartments on West Third street, visited in Cisco this week. Mr. Foy is now making his home near San Antonio.

Cisco Cannery Makes First Run Wednesday Of Beans and Berries

The Cisco Cannery is now a reality, made possible by the contribution of funds by the chamber of commerce, and the activities of E. H. Varnell, agricultural vocationalist of the Cisco high school and chamber of commerce.

Mrs. E. M. Oney, a lady well experienced in the art of domestic science, especially the branch embracing the canning of meats and vegetables, is in charge of the cannery, which is located in the Telephone building, formerly occupied by the M-System. This building is being supplied, free of rent by the Telephone authorities, and was secured through Phillip Pettit, district manager.

Mrs. Oney told the Citizen that she began canning in tins back when this preserving was done with soldering irons, then with the capper and sealer, and later received instructions in modern canning from Miss Ramey, county home demonstration agent.

The first canning was done Wednesday when Mr. John Livingston brought in a batch of beans to give the equipment a tryout. Thursday berries were canned for George Ruppert and E. H. Varnell. Today Mrs. Oney said, quite a quantity of vegetables and berries will be taken care of.

Mrs. Oney is a home product herself, and not an importation, as her home is out on the Bankhead highway, just west of the overpass. Her ability to properly manage the cannery demonstrates that we have people right here at home who are capable of most any undertaking.

WILL OF MRS. AMMERMAN IS FILED FOR PROBATE

The Fort Worth Press has the following story in its issue of today, which will be read with some interest by Cisco people:

A son and two grandsons are beneficiaries in the will of Mrs. Lelie Barlow Ammerman, WCTU worker, who died May 13. The will was filed for probate yesterday.

W. B. Ammerman, the son is left the major part of the estate consisting of real estate in Fort Worth and several West Texas counties. The grandsons, W. B. Ammerman Jr., and Thomas Rugeley Ammerman and Edwin Forrest Ammerman, are left a trust estate to provide for their education. The son and grandsons are given the home

AGED FATHER OF MRS J. E. KINCAID BURIED FRIDAY

Mathew Henry Van Dusen, aged 93 years, father of Mrs. J. E. Kincaid and one of the last survivors of Hood's fighting brigade of Confederate veterans, passed away Thursday at Austin. The remains were conveyed to Dallas for burial, where last rites were said in a Dallas mortuary, interment was in Oaklawn cemetery of that city, Friday afternoon.

He was born in Philadelphia, April 13, 1839, but came to Texas in 1855, where he had resided continuously up to the time of his passing, with the exception of his service in the civil war as a member of Hoods brigade of the Confederate army. He had spent most of his latter days in Dallas, where he made his home with a son, M. W. Van Dusen, but often made extended visits here to his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Kincaid.

The funeral services were attended by Mrs. Kincaid, J. H. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kleiner, Mr. and Mrs. John Kleiner.

POSTOFFICE FORCE WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Next Monday, May 30, being memorial day, which is a national holiday, will be observed by the local post office officials and employees. As the post office now closes at noon Saturdays the office will remain closed from Saturday noon till Tuesday morning, according to W. H. Craddock, local postmaster. The lock boxes will be worked as usual, and mail will be received and dispatched, but no stamps or money orders will be sold, nor will any mail be delivered by carriers. The general delivery window will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. Take stock of your postage stamps, and if shy get them Monday morning.

Teaching Faculty Of Public Schools For 1932-33 Named

Following the rule of proration, that is retaining only one or two from a family where more than one was employed, the board of trustees of the Cisco public schools named the teaching faculty at a meeting of the board Wednesday, but only announced the first of the present week. No new teachers were named, and several of the old teachers were not re-elected, due to the retrenchment policy of the board, and anticipated reduced scholastics for the ensuing school year.

While the new faculty has not yet been assigned, the listings are in accordance with their assignments for the term just closed, as they will probably be assigned, in the main, to their old positions. The 1932-33 faculty will be as follows, subject, of course, to possible non-acceptances and resignations that may occur:

High school—H. Brandon, principal; E. H. Varnell, Mrs. E. L. Hazelwood, Miss Elizabeth Dial, Miss Ella Andrus, Miss Marian Chambliss, Miss Alma Wells, Miss Lucile Robinson, Miss Travis Watson, Mrs. Lucretia Irby, Miss Willa Mae Snyder.

Grammar school—O. L. Stamey, principal; Mrs. Edward Lee, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Esther Bradshaw.

East Ward—T. C. Williams, principal; Miss Lucy Kittrell, Miss Lucille Spruill, Miss Fannie Stevens.

West Ward—Howard Goss, principal; Mrs. H. B. Allen, Miss Byrd Bacon, Mrs. R. L. Grantham, Mrs. C. W. McAfee, Miss Thelma Nall, Miss Ruby Swift, Miss Attie Stevens, Mrs. Graham Connally, Miss Mamie Estes, Mrs. Sherman Roberts, Mrs. Irene Hallmark.

Negro school—Rachel Smith.

Randolph College Graduates 29 For Term of 1932-1933

Rev. Grover C. Shurman, of Brownwood, will deliver the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of Randolph college Sunday morning, at the First Christian church.

The commencement address by Rev. L. D. Anderson, of Fort Worth, and the awarding of diplomas to the members of the graduating class will be Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Christian church.

Members of the class of 1931-32 are: Statham Storey Ricks, Jennie Fae O'Neal, Louise Regina Simon, Doris Ada Stephens, Lois Creg Sisson, Helen Horton, Roma Lee McGehee, Doris Powell, Leonidas Shockley, Travis La Rue, Lillie Watson, Charles Roberts, Kathleen Connally, Mary Farley, Anne Greenlee, Virgil Murphy, Laura Jo Asbury, Ocie Chism, Mary Beth Langston, Cleon Cogswell, Eunice Bradshaw, Hunter Miller, Darius Justin Holmes, Horace M. Latson, Joseph A. Clark, Irene Fulford, Dorothy Esther Clark and Dalia Evelyn Surles.

Mazelle Thomas will be graduated from the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lash have returned home from a pleasant trip to Ponca City, Okla. At Dallas they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Graham and little daughters who accompanied them on the trip. Mr. Lash reports a delightful visit, and a trip made over splendid highways, especially through Oklahoma.

A. B. O'Flaherty, former publisher of the Cisco Daily News, is spending a few days in Cisco, arriving Wednesday, via. Brownwood.

FORMER CISCO CITIZEN PASSED AWAY AT GOREE

D. L. Camp, former Cisco man, passed away at his home in Goree May 18, and was buried in that city May 19. Mr. Camp was the grandfather of the elder children of Mr. Fred Steffey, who attended the funeral of their grandparent. He was the father of Mr. Steffey's first wife, and lived many years in Cisco in other years.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffey May 19. The little fellow is now a week-old youngster of most promising proportions.

Cisco's Suspension To be Called in the 88th District Court

The suspension of Cisco high school from participating in football activities during the 1932 season will be heard in the 88th district court of Eastland county, where it is believed the action of the district and state interscholastic leagues will be overruled and injunction granted restraining the playing of any football game in which the Cisco Lobos are not participants. Also it is believed that the Cisco school will be restored to its rightful place in the league.

Pleas for these remedies are embodied in the petition filed Wednesday in the district clerk's office by Butts & Wright, attorneys for the board of trustees of the Cisco independent school district, plaintiffs in the litigation.

In the petition filed the district interscholastic league, the University interscholastic league, the members of the league individually, and John M. Houser, are named defendants in the petition.

The plaintiff prays for cancellation of orders of the district and University interscholastic leagues, the restoration of the Cisco high school to its place in district No. 3, and that the district league be enjoined from arranging any football schedule in which the Cisco school is not included. As damages against the individual members of both interscholastic leagues, and against John M. Houser, plaintiff prays for the sum of \$5,000 exemplary, and such other damages as they may sustain, and for such other and further relief in law and equity as it may show itself justly entitled to receive.

The allegation contained in the plaintiff's petition of six pages, will prove rather interesting revelations, but is too voluminous for the space available in the Citizen. An early setting of the case will be urged.

Mrs. W. J. Parsons is in Woodward, Okla., where she was called last Monday, to attend the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Z. M. Owens, 82 years of age, who suffered a broken leg in a fall from the steps at her home. She will remain with her parent until the crisis is passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGeehe and daughter, of Fort Worth, were week end guests of their mother, Mrs. A. C. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Erwin, whose home on West Fifth street was badly damaged by fire recently, are domiciled at the Broadmoor apartments.

Judge Z. M. Taylor of Fort Worth, former justice of the peace of this precinct, was a visitor here this week.

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