



# PIONEER FIELD SUPERIOR

One can hear many and varied reports of the quality and standing of the different oil fields that have been discovered in this state in recent years, though many of these statements are merely surmise and guess work. But when a man speaks who has worked right out in the field with the boys in each and every one of these fields, people very naturally hearken to his words.

E. M. Dorsey is at present associated with C. P. Smith and J. L. Thompson in an active drilling campaign in the Pioneer oil field, where they have fourteen hundred acres of choice leases, located seemingly in the line of production.

Says Mr. Dorsey: "I came to Ranger soon after the first well was drilled in and engaged in rig building for a time, then branched out in other lines of development work and production. I passed through the boom days of that little city and then moved to the Desdemona field, where for a time existed the snappiest little boom ever. Then next in the line of progress came the Breckenridge field.

"In my opinion there will be numbers of wells drilled in all these fields in the future; and wells that were abandoned and plugged because they were not making two or three thousand barrels will be opened, and made good producers. But in all those fields there were freak sands of evidence. For example, the sand was picked up at different depths and in point of productiveness the wells varied greatly. Then there were dry streaks right in production.

### Favors Pioneer Field

"In my opinion the Pioneer field is far superior to either of these old fields, in that the sand runs smooth throughout the now proven area, and so far there has not been a dry hole drilled in this proven field. Also, the wells run approximately the same in production. In fact, it is an all-round field, easily developed and the oil is of a very high gravity."

Mr. Slick and associates are drilling two wells, the Gooch No. 1 and the Tate No. 1 on part of the Dorsey acreage, at present. These wells are southeast of Pioneer one half mile, and should extend the field. Also the Drury interests, who are drilling the Luse No. 1, are also drilling a well on part of this acreage.

There are also two other strong points in favor of this wonder field.

The wells which were drilled in eighteen months ago are still good producers. And, best of all, the oil being forty-seven gravity, test is reported to be bringing a one dollar premium at present.

The Aiken No. 1, which has been drilled in only one month has already produced sufficient oil to pay the original drilling cost.

### Many New Locations

Buster Cook, an old timer who lives in the territory north of Pioneer, where oil interest is rapidly growing, seems to be sitting pretty, to use the slang expression. Mr. Cook moved to the Pioneer field several years ago and engaged in farming, and little thinking that one day in the not distant future he would be in the midst of one of the greatest oil fields in the state.

Mr. Cook owns 105 acres of land situated one-half mile north of Pioneer and has been offered fancy prices for royalty. This land has been under lease for some time.

The Invincible Oil Company has just erected a rig for the S. D. Nelson No. 1.

The Rainbow Oil Company rig is up and will spud in the J. D. Armstrong soon. This well is also one-half mile northeast of Pioneer.

Mr. Lightfoot, who drilled the Scott No. 1 for the Black Eagle Oil Company, has made a location on the Scott lease for the Scott No. 2 and the rig will be up shortly. The No. 1 was drilled in some weeks past and is a fair producer.

The rigs are on the ground for Branton Nos. 1 and 2, on the Branton lease, just northwest of Pioneer. Virtually all leases have been taken in this section at fancy figures ranging round \$500 per acre. Royalty is also bringing a fancy figure, a Mr. Smith in this section disposing of a half interest of his royalty at \$200 per acre.

There will be a rig on the place of Deputy Sheriff Lynn, one mile northeast of the oil city within two weeks, and this will mark the northern extent for new rigs.

The old Vestal well, three miles northeast of Pioneer, is being swabbed out preparatory to drilling deeper. The man who drilled this well stated that this would make an oil well with proper attention, as it made quite a little oil when first drilled and caused considerable interest at that time. It is very probable that the 2,445 foot sand was never reached in this test.

**Rain Causes Business Revival**  
Fort Worth, Texas, April 6.—Owing to the recent heavy rains many of the larger operators who have been making Cisco their headquarters have been in Fort Worth and other cities on business missions while the roads were in a condition

unfavorable to travel. But as the weather is clearing up, the larger hotel lobbies are again becoming social centers in the evenings. The oil business had started a good healthy revival prior to this rain but now things are expected to

## POE AND WOMACK SHOW THEIR HEELS TO OTHER COMMISSION CANDIDATES

### LIBERTY REFINERY TO OPEN

The report comes rather direct that the Liberty Refinery, located just off the M. K. & T. track on the east side, will be opened for business at an early date. The refinery is being purchased by outside interests, who contemplate extensive improvements in the plant.

The same people plan at once to lay a pipe line to the Pioneer old field and use the high gravity oil from that field in their refining business here. The reopening of this refinery will be another boost to the business revival that Cisco is already enjoying.

### NOTICE!

Hereafter the Cisco American will be printed on Thursday instead of Friday, as heretofore. Advertisers and others will please bear this change in mind.

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go forward with a bound.

A great many operators appear to be very optimistic over the outlook in southern Eastland and northern Brown counties. Many operators from Rising Star, Pioneer and Cross Plains have been in Fort Worth the past week and all are enthusiastic over developments in that district. The area immediately surrounding the town of Pioneer is particularly active. There are scores of wells drilling with many locations making ready to start work and heavy work is contemplated over much of that district.

That there will be considerable work started soon in northern Brown county is also indicated by preparations that are being made by owners of leases in that area. It is evident that new work will be going on at an early date in this county as far south as the Lamb-Kirkpatrick district, which has been producing for some years. Some operators believe that the Pioneer pool may extend that far south.

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company is the holder of very extensive acreage in north Brown county. However, no definite plans for the development of this acreage has been made public by the Prairie company. Many other large operating companies also have extensive holdings there and much new development is looked for within the next few months.

Many towns are feeling a new pulse beat since the starting of these operations in this district. Rising Star, Cross Plains, Cisco, Eastland and Ranger are all getting a lot of new business. Louis McFall of the Ranger Boiler Works, who is in Fort Worth, reports that Ranger has taken on new life as a result of this development. Similar reports are also coming in from Cisco, Eastland, Rising Star and Cross Plains. Several supply houses have recently been opened up in Cross Plains.

A movement is on foot by a group of Fort Worth business men for the immediate building of a 60-room hotel in Cross Plains. Plans for the building have not been definitely made, but it is considered very likely that the project will be carried to completion within a very short time.

Just at present Cisco is the principle gateway to this new district. This necessitates a 30-mile automobile drive to get to the seat of operations. Drives are being made to Pioneer Cross Plains and Rising Star. It is reported that the new gravelled road between Cisco and Rising Star will be ready for use within sixty days, which will probably turn much of the traffic directly to Rising Star.

## Road Work in Cisco Territory Is To Start On Extensive Scale

What gives promise of being one of the most active and extensive road construction campaigns is due to start in the very near future.

The announcement has just been made that one of the assistant county engineers will in a few days make his headquarters in Cisco and direct the work that is to be done around this city. This engineer will probably have an office in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The first work of importance will be the starting of the western leg of the Bankhead Highway out of this city. The American understands this is to be constructed of crushed rock with an asphalt surface similar to the road leading to Raylee, making one of the very best highways for heavy traffic, which is second only to the eastern section of this important artery for traffic, the latter being constructed of paving brick.

Pet Brown, who has for several weeks had his force working on the surface of the Raylee route, lacks only four days of having that system to a point where the traffic will be turned on for a time, after which the asphalt will be laid.

The rain has delayed Mr. Brown several days in completing this work to the northeast, but with a few clear days it will be completed. Then, with his entire force of men and equipment, he will transfer his efforts to the Rising Star route and, with his usual dispatch in road construction, will rush that much-needed road to completion.

### DEEP TEST FOR STEPHENS CO.

The Texas company has just spudded in the Houston No. 3 and will make a deep test for the Stephens county field, in an effort to determine whether or not, there exists a paying sand at a deeper level than has so far been developed.

This test is three miles northeast of Parks, and in the center of what is one of the best paying sections of the field as there are a great number of gushers around this new well.

So far in all this section of the field the chief pay sand has been connected with around thirty-three hundred feet. There has been tests made with sands at a more shallow level, but not with any great degree of success, and this is the first real deep test to be started.

### GOMER WILLIAMS SOUNDS THE CORRECT KEY NOTE

The Methodist conference, which met in Cisco last year, probably did as much to advertise Cisco as a real home town as anything that has been done since the city assumed a prominent position in this section of the state, said Gomer Williams in conversation with a representative of the Cisco American yesterday. Continuing Mr. Williams said: "The entire body of delegates who attended that memorable gathering were profuse in their praise of the hospitality of our people and of the sanitary condition of our city, and all those favorable comments that that representative body made has placed us in a very enviable position as a place to live. And now comes the Methodist Women's conference this week and next month the Wo-

### Dr. Mancill Is Rain Expert

Serves People Well by Keeping Accurate Account of Precipitation—Lake Now Well Supplied and Cisco is Certain of Sufficient Water Through the Summer.

Dr. W. E. Mancill, that well known and universally admired gentleman

who so accurately gauges the rainfall for the people of Cisco, informs the American that there was one and one half inches of rainfall early Monday morning. Again he gave out a report of precipitation for Monday and Monday night as five and seven eighths inches, making a total of seven and three-eighths, in forty-eight hours.

Adding this amount to the three and one-half, which fell some eight days ago, Cisco has become quite a seasonable country in the past two weeks. As one party remarked this week, this has become an ideal country for farmers and frogs.

Dr. Mancill is one of the oldest old timers of West Texas, and being still very active for his age, he takes quite an interest in public affairs. Mr. Scott, the gentleman who stores and then distributes the rainfall that Dr. Mancill gauges, gives fine reports concerning the volume of water that is being impounded out at Lake Bernie.

Since the drouth was broken by the rain some ten days ago the lake has added seven feet and eight inches but there is still room for an additional seven foot of water before the spillway is reached.

### LIFE INSURANCE CLAIM PROMPTLY PAID IN CISCO

One of the remarkably prompt settlements of a claim made by a Life Insurance Company was in the case of our friend and fellow townsman, the late John Edwards Keough of Cisco.

Mr. Keough had two policies with The State Life Insurance Company of Indiana. The day following the burial, Mr. M. K. Jackson, General Agent for the Company forwarded to the company complete proofs of the claim, and the very day that the proofs reached the Home Office the Company issued Mrs. Mary E. Keough, wife and beneficiary a check for the full amount. It was only four days from the time of Mr. Keough's burial till a check was issued to Mrs. Keough in full payment of the claim.

It will be very gratifying to the many policy holders of the State Life in Cisco to see how very prompt the Company is making full settlement of their claims.

For several months the State Life of Indiana has been represented in Cisco by T. M. Edwards and S. S. Smith.

men's Presbyterian and the Baptist women's gathering, all of which will bring a great many representatives of these bodies from various sections of the state. It consequently behooves us to use our best efforts to make the visit of these representative people a pleasant one. Let's do our best for them."

Donovan Leads Blitch in First Choice Votes, But Lacks a Majority of the Votes Cast—By Totaling First and Second Choice Votes Received by Him, Mr. Blitch Appears to be the Third Commissioner by a Majority of Fifty-two.

an annual meeting of the Texas an's Press association will be ichita Falls, May 24, 25 and 26. J. D. Alexander, past president e association, and chairman of ransportation committee, is in unication with railroad offi- for rates to this convention. The bers are looking forward to one ie best meetings held in years, many of the members have red themselves to be in attend- Mrs. Alexander is on the ram to extend greetings to the presidents of the association.

the annual meeting of the Rebe- kah Assembly I. O. O. F. exas held in San Antonio, March 1, and 23, Mrs. J. D. Alexander isco was elected vice president he assembly. J. Alexander ac- anized her on her trip, and went delegate from Good Will Re- h lodge of Cisco. With this ion Mrs. Alexander has served rder twenty-seven years, twen- ve as secretary, one as warden, the vice-president. At the annual session which will be in Dallas, March, 1923, she will be president of the greatest rnal organization in existence.

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### SNAVELY COMMITS SUICIDE

J. E. Snaveley, brother of George Snaveley local baggage master, committed suicide in a planing mill at Eastland at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon by shooting himself.

The body arrived in Cisco Thursday afternoon. Interment will be in the local cemetery Friday afternoon, in charge of H. C. Wipern, local undertaker.

Mr. Snaveley was a member of many fraternal organizations, an Odd Fellow, Mason, Woodman, Yeoman, and no doubt some of these organizations will conduct the funeral, but as yet arrangements have not been given out.



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**Exact Location of LaSalle's Texas Colony Determined**

**Guided by Spanish Records, University of California Professor Follows Lost Trail of French Pioneer**

Two of the most interesting points in the history of the French settlements in North America have just been cleared up by Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, head of the department of history of the University of California, in the finding of the exact location of the colony founded by Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle.

Dr. Bolton's research carried the American historian twice to the southeastern part of the Lone Star State, where he found that famous colony of French people, established by La Salle in the winter of 1684-85, was on the Garcitas River, and not on the Lavaca, as commonly believed and that La Salle was slain by his followers near the present site of the town of Navasota, and on the Brazos River's bank rather than on the Trinity or the Neches, as previously believed. These discoveries were brought about by the discovery, in Spain, by Dr. Bolton of records of Spanish explorers, who followed La Salle, and on whose diaries and records the historian based his personal investigations in Texas.

"In order to put these discoveries in their proper setting," said Dr. Bolton, "it is desirable to review briefly the main features of the record of La Salle's enterprise. In 1682, La Salle descended the Mississippi River to its mouth and conceived the idea of founding there a colony in the name of the King of France. In writing of his purpose, historians generally have laid the chief emphasis upon La Salle's desire to control and develop the valley of the Mississippi, and through that stream to establish connections with Canada. But La Salle had other purposes which were equally, or even more, prominent in his plans. French explorers in the interior of North America had long dreamed of finding a way to the much-talked-of mines of northern Mexico. France and Spain were continually at war, or on the verge of war, and, at the very time when La Salle descended the Mississippi, French buccaneers were scouring the waters of the gulf and making raids on the Spanish settlements of Florida. Thus, France and Spain were competing for the control of the northern shores of the Gulf of Mexico, and of this competition, La Salle's project was a part.

**A Base of Attack**

"When he returned to France, therefore, La Salle proposed to establish a colony on the gulf, not only as a means of controlling the Mississippi Valley and the northern gulf shore, but also as a base of attack, in case of war, on the Spanish treasure fleets and on the northern shores of Mexico. These purposes La Salle plainly set forth in his proposals to the King of France, and on these terms his plans were approved by Louis XIV.

"La Salle and his colonists left France in the summer of 1684, and in the autumn reached the West Indies. They made a landing near Pass Cavallo, on Matagorda Bay, in what is now Texas, but after reaching this point the expedition rapidly went to pieces. To make the best of a sad situation, La Salle moved his colony to a better site, near the head of Lavaca Bay, and began a series of expeditions to the eastward, in the hope of finding the Mississippi River, which he thought to be near. On his third expedition, it is known that La Salle made his way to the Ceniz Indians, on the Neches River, and to the Nasoni, north of Nacogdoches. Later he was forced to return to Matagorda Bay.

"Again the intrepid La Salle set forth, with a few companions, this time attempting to find a way to Canada. Crossing the Colorado River near Columbus, he made his way to the Brazos River, which he crossed, just above the mouth of the Navasota. Here a quarrel arose among his followers, in the course of which his nephew, Moranget, was slain by his companions while hunting for supplies cached by La Salle on a previous expedition. To save themselves, the slayers of Moranget in turn killed La Salle. Historians have always supposed that this act was committed near the Trinity or the Neches rivers, but evidence now available makes it quite clear that the spot was between the Brazos and the Navasota rivers, near the present city of Navasota. New light on the operations of La Salle at Matagorda Bay, and during his last expeditions is given by the declaration made before the viceroy in Mexico City by Pedro Muni (Pierre Meunier), one of the Frenchmen picked up by De Leon in Texas in 1690. Meunier, known to his Spanish captors as

Muni, had been with La Salle on his last expedition, and had remained in eastern Texas. Meunier's statement is contained in the little-known "Testimonio de Autos in Orden a las Diligencias y Resulta de Ellos para la Entrada por Tierra a los Parages de la Bahia re Espiritu Snto." This manuscript is in the Archivo General de las Indias, in Seville, estante 61, cajon 6, legajo 21, where I found it.

**Four Searching Parties**

"Meanwhile, the little colony, as to whose location there has been so much discussion, dwindled, and, finally, in 1689, four years after the colonists had landed, most of the survivors were slain by their neighbors, the Karankawa Indians. In the course of the next few years, five children and four men from the colony were picked up in various parts of Texas by Spaniards and taken to Mexico where they were imprisoned, or 'otherwise disposed of.' A quarter of a century later, two of the boys, Jean and Robert Talon, reappeared in Texas, as guides to the famous St. Denis, when he made his historic journey in 1774 from Natchitoches to the Rio Grande. Alonso de Leon, a Spanish frontiersman, made four expeditions in search of the site of La Salle's colony, and eventually found it, rescuing several survivors from surrounding Indian tribes.

"In 1690, De Leon reported the presence in Matagorda Bay of two buoys which had not been there the year before. The Spaniards, believing the buoys marked a channel in which French ships might be lying in wait, sent an expedition under Captain Francisco de Llanos, an officer of the West India fleet. With him went Gregorio de Salinas, who had been with De Leon on his last expedition, and who was put in charge of the land operations.

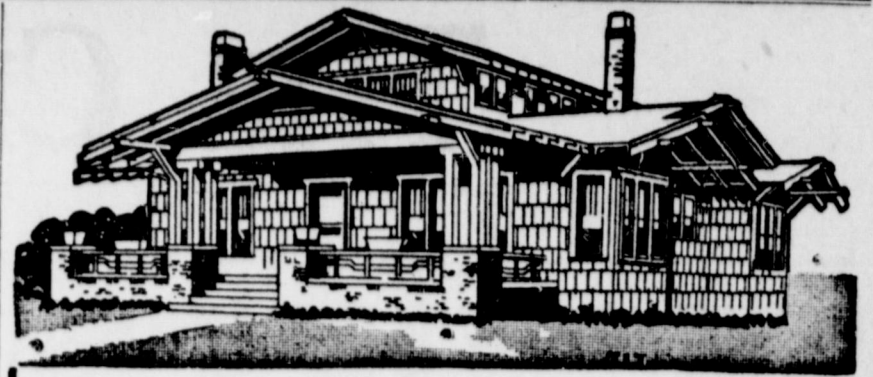
**The Cardenas Map**

"This Llanos expedition is of the utmost interest, because it seems hitherto to have been unknown to historians; because its records are of the first importance in determining the plans of the Spanish viceroy regarding Texas, and because it fixes definitely the location of La Salle's colony. The instructions provided that if the buoys marked the entrance to some river or passage-way it must be explored, but if that channel led neither toward the French fort nor toward the Neches missions, its exploration should be deferred to a later expedition, since the present expedition is directed solely for the purpose of learning which of the rivers coming from the province of Texas (Neches country), or passing near it and emptying into this lake, is navigable, and crosses the region between that province and the gulf." Cardenas was instructed to make a detailed map of the entire San Bernardo (Matagorda) Bay, its rivers and inlets, and to report whether or not Pass Cavallo could be closed. These records comprise correspondence, a diary, and the carefully-made Cardenas map. They are contained in the collection of documents entitled "Testimonio de las Diligencias Egecutadas para Quitar las Boyas," which re in the Archivo General de las Indias, in Seville, estante 61, cajon 60, legajo 21, where I found them.

"The bearing of the Cardenas report and the map on the location of La Salle's colony is obvious. They simply settle the matter once and for all without argument. The settlement on the Garcitas River, and not on the Lavaca, as has been supposed. This I realized as soon as I translated the documents and studied the map; but I had a curiosity to see the locality, and to test more minutely the work of Cardenas, and to see if perchance the site of the colony was still marked by archaeological remains and was known to local tradition. Accordingly I went to Austin, Texas, and thence to Ben West, on the Garcitas River. I found the site of the colony on the Keeran ranch, and, with the aid of Mr. Claude Keeran and his foreman, Mr. Charles Webb, went over the Cardenas ground, with copies of his map and the accompanying report in my hands.

**A Prairie Dotted With Buffalo**

"We found the site, depleted of all movable relics on the surface by curio-seekers, exactly where Cardenas' map shows the La Salle settlement to have been on the west bank of the Garcitas River, about five miles above its mouth, and on the highest point of a cliff-like bank of the stream. It is between Malden Mott and Lett's Mott, but considerably nearer the former than the lat-



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ter. The spot selected by the French soldier, explorer and colonist is the vantage point of all the country round about. To the south, west, and northwest stretch indefinitely the great level prairies, now sprinkled with a recent growth of mesquite, but in La Salle's day an open prairie dotted with buffalo herds. In front lies a beautiful little valley through which winds the Garcitas River, a good-sized stream from 100 to 150 feet in width and still navigable, by launch for a number of miles above its mouth. On the other side, the valley is hemmed in by a range of low hills, which off to the northwest fade away into the great plain lying east of Victoria.

"The archaeological remains of the settlement, so far as we ascertained, are not extensive, but they are palpable and of certain character. Before we went to the site, Mr. Keeran said that years ago there were distinct remains of an ancient wall, but feared they had entirely disappeared. He was mistaken in this, however, for we easily found the wall, then just visible above the surface of the ground, and, without any digging, were able to trace it for many feet. It is made of large, red, adobe-like blocks, apparently of baked red clay. Subsequently, Mr. Keeran found it to be 2 1/2 feet thick and to inclose an area 90 feet square. From the surface of the ground I gathered a handful of small fragments of antique blue and white porcelain.

"For two or three years after the destruction of La Salle's colony, its site was visited frequently, and occupied temporarily by the Spaniards as a basis of operations in interior Texas. Later on, in 1722, it became the site of what was intended to be a permanent Spanish settlement. A fort was built by Aguayo exactly on the site of the one erected by La Salle. Four years later, the fort was moved northwest to Mission Valley, near the present Victoria, and 1749 transferred to the San Antonio River, to become the nucleus of the present city of Goliad."

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home Sunday evening. A number of our boys and girls attended the Interscholastic meet at Cisco Friday and Saturday. Miss Veda Martin is spending the former part of this week with Miss Nell Carter in the Ballard Community. Mr. Bruce Lasater and Miss Eunice Black were among those who attended services at Long Branch Saturday night. Mr. J. F. O'Brien and sons, Harold and Clea, were attending the track meet in Cisco Saturday.

**TRAIN SCHEDULE**

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No. 2	11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
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No. 12	Makes up	11:00 p. m.

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

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

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No. 36	11:58 p. m.

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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Honoring Miss Mildred Pate

A pretty afternoon affair was given Saturday in honor of Miss Mildred Pate of New Mexico, who has been the guest of Misses Tommie and Esther Hale. Five tables of bridge were in play from 3:20 until 6:00 o'clock. The Easter color scheme was carried out in yellow and white flowers. After the games a dainty salad course was served to the following guests: Mesdames Grade Calloway, Paul Butler, A. C. Green, K. H. Pittard, Fleet Shepard, Misses Pate, Mary and Addie Fee, Nova Shelton, Beryl Huey, Lucille Brown, Frances Dorsey, Gussie Newcomb, Ruth and Helen Williamson, Juanita St. John, Lottie Beasley, Grace Riddle, Louise Cowan, Mary Elizabeth and Lettie O'Flaherty.

### Junior Twentieth Century

The Junior Twentieth Century Club met in the club room Wednesday afternoon with Miss Mary Elizabeth O'Flaherty as hostess. Roll call was answered with current events. The club is studying Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." Mrs. S. A. Williams gave an interesting paper on "Shakespeare's men in Disguise," and Mrs. Paul Butler gave a delightful character study of Portia.

A parliamentary drill was conducted by Miss Addie Fee.

Miss Katherine Pettit will be hostess to the club at their next meeting. Those present were: Mesdames Grade Calloway, S. A. Williams, Owen Barker, Paul Butler, L. G. Simon, Lloyd Winston, Misses Maybelle Daniels, Nova Shelton, Francis Dorsey, Mary Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Katherine Pettit, Mary and Addie Fee, Grace Riddle, Tommie Hale, Mary Jane Butts and Lettie O'Flaherty.

### Presbyterian Auxiliary

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the church, Tuesday afternoon with a large attendance. Mrs. F. C. Le Veaux and Mrs. B. S. Huey were elected delegates to the Presbyterian, which will meet in Cisco, May 1, 2, and 3. There will be prominent speakers on the program at each session. The ladies of the other church societies are invited to attend the sessions.

The members of the Auxiliary were divided into five circles and a chairman elected for each circle. The chairmen of the circles are:

Mrs. W. F. Watson, Circle Number 1.

Mrs. W. R. Simmons, Circle Number 2.

Mrs. Robert McCurdy, Circle Number 3.

Mrs. Charles Mount, Circle Number 4.

Miss Gussie Newcomb, Circle Number 5.

Circle Number 5 will have artificial flowers for sale. Daffodils at a dollar and sweet peas at fifty cents. Anyone wishing flowers is requested to phone their orders to Miss Gussie Newcomb.

After the business session, Miss Blanche Alexander conducted the study course on "Triumph of the Gospel in the Belgian Congo." Then the members enjoyed a social hour, and adjourned to meet in their respective circles next Tuesday.

### Two Hundred Visitors Expected

A district meeting of the Baptist W. M. U. will be held in the First Baptist church next Tuesday. About two hundred visitors are expected. An interesting program has been prepared, in which such prominent Baptists as: Rev. Jeff Davis of Abilene; Mrs. J. W. Beyers of Fort Worth Baptist Seminary; Mrs. A. F. Bendoe, Miss Bernice Green and Hal Buckner of Dallas will take part.

### Methodist Conference

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Texas Methodist Conference will hold its annual session in Cisco. The sessions will begin Sat. at 2:00, all being open to public, excepting the meeting of the executive committee. The closing sessions will be held Tuesday morning. About one hundred and seventy-five delegates are expected. Monday is named "Cisco District Day," and about three hundred women of the district are expected that day. Anyone wishing guests in their home are requested to phone Mrs. W. E. Ricks.

### Bazaar and Lunch

The ladies of the Baptist W. M. U. will hold a bazaar of household linens and wearing apparel in the Mancill building on Saturday, April 8. At noon they will serve lunch.

### Civic League

The members of the Civic League enjoyed an interesting program at their meeting Monday afternoon. The responses to the roll call were: "Famous Parks and Memorials." Mrs. Guy Dabney gave an instructive talk on "City Parks, and the Development of Public Sentiment for the Protection of Them." Work has been started on the Civic League Park on Avenue D. Shade trees, flowering shrubs and evergreens will be set out. If their present plans are carried out, the only flowers planted will be blue and gold flowers



PAUL M. BENNETT, EVANGELIST

Evangelist Paul M. Bennett, of Missouri, will open a revival at the city hall Friday, preaching his first sermon Friday evening.

Rev. Bennett has held very successful meetings in Missouri and Kansas and is now in Texas for a few months' evangelistic work. In all his meetings he has had overflow crowds by the hundreds. He was invited to Texas by Prof. G. E. Wright, a noted composer and choir leader of Texas, and other christian friends. His last meetings before coming to Texas, were in Kansas City, Mo., and Wichita, Kansas, where he met with wonderful success, and has just closed a great revival in Eastland, part of which was held in the Methodist tabernacle. At these services the large tabernacle was full, and on Sunday nights great numbers turned away. Many old-time Methodists of Eastland said it was an old-time revival and took great interest in the services. Old-time shouts were heard at times as the altar was lined with seekers. Bennett's grandfather was a class leader in the Methodist church and believed in holiness as taught by John Wesley.

Many people from Eastland and Olden, including members of the

in the shape of a large Rotary wheel.

Mrs. L. C. Williams was elected corresponding secretary. Mrs. L. H. McCrea, parliamentarian. Mrs. R. W. Mancill and Mrs. L. H. McCrea were appointed on a committee to collect used Victrola records from the members, to be sent to the Girls' Training School in Gainesville. The club will also send good books, magazines and Bibles to the Harlem penitentiary No. 2 in Richmond. They will assist in buying a Victrola for this penitentiary. The Forestry Committee—Mesdames Minter Womack, F. A. Bankenbeckler and R. L. Bettis will have charge of a flower exchange on the lawn of the Roscoe St. John home, 501 Avenue H from 9 to 11 on Friday morning, April 7. Everyone desiring to exchange plants is urged to be present at this time. There will be no charges. During the club meeting Mrs. C. F. Fath entertained the children of the members at her home on West Seventh.

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different churches, expect to attend the first service here Friday evening.

Prof. Ward Minkler of Kansas City, will be at the piano, Ross Minkler of Carthage, Mo., is expected to be here to lead the singing. The evangelist is also a popular soloist and will sing his favorite song, "When My Saviour Reached Down for Me," at the Friday evening service.

The young evangelist is only 24 years old, and oftentimes calls himself "the stripling," and takes his text from Samuel and calls his subject "David Slaying Goliath With His Own Slingshot." This will be his first subject in Cisco. He will also tell his experience how God saved him from a drunkard's grave in the Ozark mountains of Missouri, in answer to his mother's prayer. He tells the people if they can listen to this experience and disbelieve his sincerity and God's power there is no hope for a revival.

Rev. Bennett has just returned from Waco, where he has placed an order for a special gospel tent. If the interest here justifies he will have the tent shipped here to continue the revival. This tent will seat 2500 to 3000 people.

## PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. Cora Purvis is the guest of friends in Putnam.

C. V. Rominger was a recent business visitor to Olden.

Elbert Blease transacted business in Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss K. Love of Gorman visited friends in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Maggie McCracken of Rising Star, spent Sunday in Cisco.

Mrs. Roscoe St. John has returned from a pleasant visit in Dallas.

Miss Irene White of Carbon was in Cisco during the track meet.

Mrs. Nat Whitfield of Breckenridge spent Saturday in Cisco.

Mrs. P. C. Shackelford, of Putnam, spent Friday in Cisco, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter spent Sunday in Abilene, the guests of relatives.

Miss Helen Pheebus of Eastland was the guest of Miss Lucille Brown Wednesday.

Miss Isabelle Gutherie had as her week end guests Miss Mildred Wolfe, of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Little have as their guests, their daughter, Mrs. L. L. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. B. McDermott, of Big Springs, are spending a month in the city.

Mrs. Frank Bell spent Saturday and Sunday in Cross Plains with her husband.

The Delta-Eta club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Grade Calloway.

Mrs. Della Heath, of Rising Star, formerly of Cisco, spent Sunday here with relatives.

D. R. Shupe and family returned Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

L. C. Bills of De Leon spent Monday in Cisco, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Howard D'Spain.

Stuart Cate of Breckenridge spent Sunday in Cisco with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colquitt have moved into the Hilgenberg apartments on West 12th Street.

Miss Ethel Manning of Strawn, spent Sunday in Cisco, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning.

Mrs. M. Joyce and daughter and Miss Beulah Crowover, of Rising Star were in Cisco shopping Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brecheen returned from Bryan, Sunday, after a few weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Ruth Williamson returned to T. W. C. in Fort Worth, Monday, after having spent the week end with her parents.

Charles Hale, who has been attending school in Dallas, spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mr. Charles Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Angus have as their guests, their daughters, Mrs. Tom Riddle of Dallas and Mrs. Jacy Hale of West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Howard and children of Stamford, who have been guests in the J. M. Howard home, returned to Stamford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCandles of Eastland, and Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. Burke of Stamford.

Clarence Collom, who is connected with the C. & N. E. railroad, has for his guest at the Alexander hotel for a month his mother, Mrs. Collom, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. E. Wiseley of Roswell, N. M., who spent the winter in Cisco, with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Powell of West 9th, left Wednesday night for her home.

Miss Gladys Reagan returned to T. W. C. in Fort Worth, Monday morning after having spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan.

Mrs. M. D. Paschall returned home from Granbury, Texas, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Gaston, of that city. Mrs. Paschall reports a big rain in that section of the country.

Mrs. Lula Edwards of Merkle died Friday evening at eleven o'clock. The funeral was held at Midland Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Edwards was a cousin of Mrs. W. H. Kittrell of this city.

Mrs. Josie Kinkaid left for Dallas Thursday morning in response to a message that her mother, Mrs. Mary Van Deusen, had died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Van Deusen has visited Cisco many times and made many friends while here.

It is with deep regret that the serious illness of Mrs. Z. M. Taylor is announced. Her condition was very critical yesterday morning, with no

hopes of her recovery. Mrs. Taylor contracted a deep cold during the wet weather, resulting in pneumonia.

Mrs. Henry Stroebel and daughter, Miss Freda, and Miss Martha Miller, were shopping in Cisco Saturday, and made this office a pleasant call. Miss Freda is the correspondent from the Lutheran Community, and her news notes are always interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander will go to Abilene Tuesday afternoon to meet Mrs. Mary LaRocca, supreme guardian of the Supreme Woodmen Circle, and Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, supreme clerk of the same organization. A district meeting of the order will be held in Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Kennon returned yesterday from market, where she purchased an entire new line of late millinery and ladies ready to wear. Mrs. Kennon purchased the stock of the Woman's Toggery, and is adding a complete line of late styles in women's wearables.

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**IFE, AND GENERAL LINES**

The annual meeting of the Texas Woman's Press association will be in Wichita Falls, May 24, 25 and 26. Mrs. J. D. Alexander, past president of the association, and chairman of the transportation committee, is in communication with railroad officials for rates to this convention. The members are looking forward to one of the best meetings held in years, as many of the members have pledged themselves to be in attendance. Mrs. Alexander is on the program to extend greetings to the past presidents of the association.

At the annual meeting of the State Rebekah Assembly I. O. O. F. of Texas held in San Antonio, March 20, 21, and 23, Mrs. J. D. Alexander of Cisco was elected vice president of the assembly. J. Alexander accompanied her on her trip, and went as a delegate from Good Will Rebekah lodge of Cisco. With this election Mrs. Alexander has served the order twenty-seven years, twenty-five as secretary, one as warden, now the vice-president. At the next annual session which will be held in Dallas, March, 1923, she will become president of the greatest fraternal organization in existence.

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## HALF TIME AND HALF PAY

To many it may appear a far cry from geology to coal strikes, but the report of the geological survey on the soft coal industry clearly explains a good deal of the coal miners' discontent, we think.

The survey makes clear that during the last thirty years the coal miners have lost an average of ninety-three working days a year. This is bad enough. Suppose the ordinary business or professional man or railroad man was forced to remain idle, without compensation, three working days out of every ten.

Lately it has been much worse. The mines were shut down 118 working days in 1919, 84 days in 1920 and 138 day sin 1921, says the survey. Last year, then, the miners worked a little more than half time. One week's pay had to be stretched over nearly two weeks.

In such a situation, wage scales obviously cannot be taken at their face value. A miner and his family have to be content with what they are working or not. It is certainly a starvation wage.

In mind when arriving at an end of the big coal strike now by the strike, but it helps to bring the mood of the strikers. Early. It is not higher wages work per miner—or fewer

The industry is unquestionably in a badly muddled state, with no rational adjustment of labor to production, of wages to profits or of profits to prices, and with a huge overhead expense carried through long periods of idleness, to be paid for by the public.

What the coal industry needs is not a labor war, but industrial statesmanship, to revamp the whole business.

## THE DIVISION IN IRELAND

Nothing that has happened in Ireland is more saddening to Ireland's American friends than the outbreak of guerrilla warfare on the Ulster border. Irishmen are shooting at each other, burning buildings and destroying bridges. Every bit of destruction adds to the cost and trouble of reconstructing Ireland physically, before Ireland can prosper as Irishmen have long hoped and prayed. Every bit of blood she sheds adds to the difficulty of that mental and spiritual reconstruction which is Ireland's hardest problem.

A divided country gets nowhere. Moreover, it always invites invasion and foreign domination. It was because the Irish were divided among themselves that the English were able so long to hold them in subjection. That division also gave the English what little moral justification they professed to have. "If we got out," they always said, "the Irish would start right away fighting among themselves." And now, with the English actually out, in preparation for the establishment of an Irish free state, the Irish seem about to fulfill the English prophecy.

Surely the Irish cannot be so blind and reckless as to continue this course. If Ulsterites and South Irish, Catholics and Protestants, Free Staters and bitter-end Republicans, are to continue killing each other, there will be nothing left but for the British to come again, with military forces strong enough to compel peace.

## WHAT WILL THEY DO NOW?

Fashion experts arriving from Europe with the latest creations in feminine dress are said to be showing gowns from Paris which are decidedly longer than those worn the last few seasons. Except for sports wear, fashionable skirts are said to clear the ground by a few inches only, and even the sports models are longer than formerly.

Far be it from the ignorant male to carp; but it will be amusing, after all the wordy battles fought in behalf of the feminine gender, to see whether the long skirts will be adopted, now that it has the sanction of Paris.

Critics of the briefer dresses were told that they were light in weight, comfortable, sanitary and smart. Women did not wear them because they were fashionable—nay, nay, and far from so! They wore them because they had acquired wisdom in dress. From now on women would be free and unhampered in body as in soul and citizenship.

What will become of these convincing arguments if the long skirt is adopted now as the standard for feminine attire.

## LEADING IN ILLITERACY

The southern states have made a notable showing in the reduction of illiteracy during the decade from 1910 to 1920. According to the 1920 census report Georgia has reduced its percentage of illiteracy from 20.7 in the former year to 15.3 in the latter; Alabama has gone from 22.9 per cent to 16.1 per cent in the same time; Louisiana from 29.0 to 29.9 Mississippi from 24.4 to 17.1 South Carolina from 25.7 to 18.1 and North Carolina from 18.5 to 13.1.

Other states, however have not done so well, and the fact remains that 25.2 per cent of all the illiterates in this country are native whites. Negroes and immigrants, it is seen, do not furnish the whole problem.

The total number of illiterates over ten years of age in the United States in 1920 was 4,931,905, or six per cent of the population. This illiteracy means inability to read and write, not only in English but in any language.

At present only .13 of 1 per cent of all federal expenditures for one year goes to public education, and the United States bears the reputation of being one of the most illiterate of the greater nations. It is not a leadership to be proud of.

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BUT THE war's OVER.

AND IT'S time TO TURN the gas OFF NOW.

THE GAS of suspicion and PROFITEERING AND SLANDER.

I MEAN.

AND PESSIMISM too. YES ESPECIALLY pessimism.

I WAS WONDERING IF PESSIMISM isn't ABOUT THE gassiest GAS THAT gasses.

I "GAS" it is.

AS I say when I'M IN

YANKEEDOM.

THE MAN that TALKS THAT way is A POISON gas-er.

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BUT HIS gas IS THE worst KILLER OF business

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THAN A pessimist.

A SKUNK shoots ONLY WHEN he's ATTACKED.

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

IF YE OBEY:—If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine; and ye shall be unto me a kingdom for priests, and a holy nation.—Exodus 19:5, 6.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

Habits of temperance and lust have ruined many a bright tomorrow.

A man's tomorrow is made by the habits of today.

Habits, whether good or bad, gain power through repetition.

Religion in action is the great need of the present day.

The glory of the Gospel is that it furnishes something to live by as well as something to die by.

Selfishness is back of all sin.

The pagan idea of ownership of wives still survives in the minds of many men.

Religion is God-made, theology is man-made. Beware of the dogmatist.

The Brotherhood of Man is accepted in principle by us all, but in its practical operation, we destroy its meaning by attaching reservations.

## ROSS FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Tip Ross, of Gorman, in this issue of the American, announces for the office of county judge of the commissioners court, subject to the action of the voters at the July primary. Mr. Ross is 48 years of age, was raised at De Leon and is well known throughout Eastland county and a large part of West Texas.

He is an able, well educated man and his moral and political record is as clean as a hound's tooth.

He was educated in the De Leon schools and Howard Payne college, at Brownwood. Mr. Ross served in the 31, 32d and 33d sessions of the Texas legislature from Commanche county and is now a member of the Democratic executive committee of Eastland county.

All who know Tip Ross speak of him in the highest favor, and his father was also well and favorably known in Eastland and surrounding counties, having been pastor of the He was educated in the De Leon twenty years.

That Mr. Ross will be one of the chief contenders for the office of county judge is generally admitted, as it is also admitted that if elected he will serve the people fairly, impartially, progressively and economically.

## FAREWELL, AMERICANS

The Cisco American comes to you this week under new management.

Believing that the agricultural interests of Eastland county had been neglected, I conceived the idea of establishing a weekly newspaper in Cisco, whose object was the rebuilding of the farming interests of the Cisco country, and that I had the correct conception of the need of just such a newspaper has been proven by the loyal support of the farmers living in this trade territory.

The American was started as a paper with a policy, and that policy has always been to champion the cause of the people. As to whether I have adhered to that policy, the paper speaks for itself. At all times I have pursued that course which my conscience dictated was right and just, and never intentionally have I said that which was not what I believed to be the truth, and at the same time trying to be fair and just to all.

It is with a sad heart that I am bidding you farewell now, for my work has been a labor of love, which I believed would ultimately prove profitable as well as pleasant.

But for financial reasons alone I am forced to part with the paper, as I am not financially able to carry on the campaign I have laid out. Every reader of this paper I feel to be a part of its very existence, but it requires money to conduct a newspaper, and having heavy obligations to meet I did not see the way clear, and have sold the entire plant to Mr. A. B. O'Flaherty, who is now editor and publisher.

Mr. O'Flaherty needs very little introduction to you Americans, as he has lived in Cisco for the past three years, and is well known to all.

My settlement of the La Salle colony is obvious. They settle the matter once and all without argument. The settlement on the Garcitas River, not on the Lavaca, as has been supposed. This I realized as soon as I saw the map; but I had a curiosity to see the locality, and to test minutely the work of Cardenas and to see if perchance the site he colony was still marked by geological remains and was in local tradition. Accordingly I went to Austin, Texas, and re to Ben West, on the Garcitas River. I found the site of the colony on the Keeran ranch, and the aid of Mr. Claude Keeran his foreman, Mr. Charles Webb, over the Cardenas ground, copies of his map and the accompanying report in my hands.

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We found the site, depleted of notable relics on the surface by seekers, exactly where Cardenas map shows the La Salle settlement to have been on the west bank of the river. About five strict attention to the county's affairs. Mr. Britain says he has not been a seeker of further official honors, but entered the race only after many friends and property owners had insisted that he do so. Mr. Britain was born in Dallas county

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For Sheriff:  
J. D. "DUG" BARTON.  
WILEY HARBIN.

For County Treasurer:  
T. M. TOOMBS.  
For Supt. of Public Instruction:  
ULALA HOWARD.  
(For Re-Election)

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6:  
J. H. McDONALD.  
R. W. H. KENNON.

For Constable, Precinct No. 6:  
N. A. (RED) PENNINGTON.  
L. J. STARKEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
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For Tax Assessor:  
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For Sheriff:  
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## ROTARY LUNCHEON

Cisco Rotarians and their visitors, about 35 all told, thoroughly enjoyed the regular noonday luncheon yesterday. Pansy Crawford presided. Among the visitors was County Attorney Overson, who made a short talk and complimented the members on their organization. John H. Garner was selected as a delegate to a meeting to be held at El Paso, with J. P. Flynn as alternate. Both gentlemen will probably attend the meeting. The question of dividing the Eighteenth Rotary district, which at present consists of the State of Texas, was discussed and the club went on record as being opposed to the plan. President Campbell was instructed to extend a genuine Rotary welcome to the recently organized Lions club, and express the desire that the two clubs work together whenever it is advantageous to do so.

## AUTO TOP SHOP

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Mr. W. L. Bowlus, of Baird, wrote the editor, asking that we inform our readers that it was impossible for him to be with us Trades Day as he was looking after the construction of a couple of buildings. We congratulate both him and Baird for having houses to build.

Read the ads in this issue.

## EVENTS OF ATHLETIC MEET

Friday and Saturday were great days in Cisco for lovers of good sport, as some twelve schools were represented here in the county interscholastic literary and track meet.

Eastland won first place in this contest in the Class A schools with 127 points. Cisco took second place with 70 points chalked up, and Gorman third with 54 points and Ranger fourth with 11 points.

The tennis matches, which were participated in by many contestants and attracted much attention, were played on the excellent concrete courts at Humboldt. These matches were played Friday afternoon and evening.

The track and field events were held at Harrell park in the western part of the city, on Saturday. Large throngs of people were attracted to the field throughout the day.

Follows a list of the contests and of points won by different schools:

In Class B, Desdemona finished first, with 53 points, Olden second with 43 points, Carbon third with 42 and Rising Star fourth with 7.

The points made in the ward school were Cooper ward, Ranger, 32; Central ward, Ranger, 23; West ward, Eastland, 16; West ward, Cisco, 15; South ward, Eastland, 10. Dothan made 10 points in the rural school contests by default, being the only rural school qualifying.

Nine loving cups and 46 gold medals were awarded in the county meet.

In the literary events, there were two judges from Daniel Baker college, two from Howard Payne, two from John Tarleton, two from Weatherford and two from Breckenridge. In the track and field meet, Coach H. D. Martin of Simmons College, Abilene, officiated.

The winners of first place in the literary events and the winners of first and second places in the track and field events will go to Comanche next Friday and Saturday to participate in the district meeting.

The winners in the county meet were as follows:

Girls debating—Carbon 1 Eastland 2, Ranger 3.

Boys debating—Eastland 1, Carbon 2.

Girls senior declamation—Cisco 1, Rising Star 2, Eastland 3.

Boys senior declamation—Cisco 1, Eastland 2, Gorman 3.

Junior girls declamation—Gorman 1, West Ward, Cisco, 2, Young Ward, Ranger, 3.

Junior boys declamation—South ward, Eastland, 1, Desdemona 2, Cisco 3.

Essay Writing—No decision. (Papers sent away for grading).

Spelling—No decision. (Papers sent away for grading).

Volley Ball—Desdemona 1, Eastland 2, Ranger 3.

Tennis, Boys Singles—Eastland 1, Cisco 2.

Tennis, Girls singles—Desdemona 1, Gorman 2.

Tennis, Boys doubles—Eastland 1, Gorman 2.

Tennis, Girls doubles—Gorman 1, Cisco 2.

**Class A Athletics**  
120 yard high hurdles—Eastland 1, Eastland 2, Ranger 3.

100 yard dash—Eastland 1, Gorman 2, Eastland, 3 Ranger 4.

One mile run—Eastland 1, Gorman 2, Eastland 3, Cisco 4.

220 yard low hurdles—Eastland 1, Eastland 2, Ranger 3, Ranger 4.

440 yard dash—Cisco 1, Eastland 2, Eastland 3, Cisco 4.

220 yard dash—Gorman 1, Eastland 2, Eastland 3, Cisco 4.

880 yard run—Eastland 1, Eastland 2, Cisco 3, Eastland 4.

One mile relay—Eastland 1, Cisco 2.

Pole vault—Cisco 1, Eastland 2, Eastland 3, Cisco 4.

Running broad jump—Eastland 1, Cisco 2, Gorman 3, Cisco 4.

Discus throw—Cisco 1, Cisco 2, Eastland 3, Cisco 4.

Running high jump—Eastland 1, Eastland 2, Cisco 3, Ranger 4.

Shot put—Cisco 1, Cisco 2, Cisco 3, Ranger 4.

**Class B Athletics**

120 yard high hurdles—Cooper ward by default.

100 yard dash—Olden 1, Cooper ward 2, Desdemona 3, Carbon 4.

One mile run—Olden 1, Carbon 2, Olden 3, Carbon 4.

440 yard dash—Olden 1, West Ward, Cisco 2, Central, Ranger, 3, West Ward, Cisco 4.

50 yard dash—Cooper Ward, Ranger 1, Olden 2, Desdemona 3, Carbon 4.

220 yard dash—Desdemona 1, Olden 2.

880 yard run—Olden 1, Olden 2, Rising Star 3, West Ward Cisco 4.

Mile relay—Olden 1, West Ward Cisco 2, Cooper Ward Ranger 3.

Running broad jump—Desdemona 1, Desdemona 2, Cooper Ward Ranger 3, Olden 4.

Shot put—Desdemona 1, Desdemona 2, Cooper Ward 3, Cooper Ward 4.

Discus throw—Olden 1, Cooper Ward 2, Olden 3.

Pole vault—Cooper Ward 1, Cooper Ward 2.

High jump—Desdemona 1, Cooper Ward 2, Cooper Ward 2, Olden 4.

**Junior Athletics**

50 yard dash—Gorman 1, West Ward Eastland 2, West Ward Eastland 3, Carbon 4.

100 yard dash—Gorman 1, West Ward Eastland 2, Central Ward 3, Gorman 4.

440 yard relay—Gorman 1, Carbon 2, West Ward Eastland 3, Central Ward 4.

Running high jump—Gorman 1, Desdemona 2, West Ward Eastland 3, Eastland 4.

Broad jump—Gorman 1, West Ward Eastland 2, Carbon 3, Cooper Ward 4.

Pull up—Central Ward 1, Central Ward 2, Central Ward 3, West Ward Eastland 4.

As will be seen by the summary, Cisco was the big winner in the field events, while Eastland carried off most of the honors in the track events.

Among the point winners for Cisco were the following:

Girls' declamation, Ruby Kate Richardson; boys' declamation, Bert Waters; junior girls' declamation, Bessie Olson; tennis singles, Garland Shepherd; girls' doubles in tennis, Bessie Stephens and Doris Hunt; 440 yard dash, Waymond Westerfeldt; mile run, Melvin McCanlies; 880 yard run, John Loving; pole vault, Garland Shepherd; running broad jump, Garland Shepherd and Ernest Wilson; discus throw, Eugene Smith, Frank Turner and Other Bivins; high jump, Garland Shepherd; shot put, Waymond Westerfeldt, Frank Turner and Other Bivins.

The youngsters of the county certainly enjoyed the occasion, as the nip of spring was in the air and everyone was feeling fine. Gay banners and colors were displayed everywhere and hundreds of yards of ribbon called into use in order to properly decorate cars.

Ranger had in attendance one of the finest aggregations of athletes to be seen on the field, composed of twenty specimens of well developed, young manhood, but they finished a poor fourth in the contest.

James Matthews, of west ward, Eastland, was rather a notable character in this meet in the high jump. Being an exceptionally heavy lad, he looked out of place in the high jump. However, he made some of the feather weights work for the place.

The following parties authorized us to send the Enterprise to their address for another year: M. F. Ramsey, Putnam; S. M. Eubanks, Cisco; S. A. Black, Atwell; W. R. Short, Putnam; J. E. Green, Putnam; E. P. Whitaker, Putnam. Watch us grow.

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## DRURY INTERESTS ACTIVE

The Drury interests are making fine progress with their test in the Southern part of the city in the Luse No. 1, since drilling was begun last week. These people have some hope of picking up the Pioneer sand in this well at around twenty-five hundred feet.

But even though they are compelled to seek the deep pay the well can be expected in at no great distant day, as the gentleman in charge expect to rush this test to completion with all possible dispatch.

This company is also just starting two other tests, one in the Sipe Springs field and another in the Desdemona country.

## AMUSEMENTS

Manager Judia of the Judia Theatre, has invited every school teacher in Cisco, to attend a special performance of Lois Weber's "The Blot."

The story of "The Blot" deals with a question that has recently caused considerable debate, namely—salaries of school teachers. It illustrates this profession has to undergo. It points out the fact that in order to exist they have to make many sacrifices.

The production inspired Manager Judia and he immediately sent out invitations, which were accepted by every teacher in the city.

## A NEW BUSINESS

**FOR CROSS PLAINS**

E. N. Dorsey, independent oil operator, who is at present making Cisco his headquarters, reports he has great hopes for the Pioneer oil field to become one of the best in this state. This gentleman who has a broad experience in rig construction in different fields, is opening a lumber and oil field supply yard in Cross Plains. W.D. Conway, of Ranger, is also opening an oil field machine shop in Cross Plains.

## ELECTION APRIL 29

The American carried a news item last week in which the statement was made that the question of the city transferring the Britton property to Christian college would be voted on in the city election on April 4th.

This was an error, as a special election has been called for this purpose, which will be held April 29th. At this time it will be determined whether or not the city will transfer the Britton buildings, and fifty acres of land to the Christian College, for school purposes, with the understanding that certain citizens will reimburse the city in a large degree by donating small tracts of land to be used by the city, for parks and pleasure sites.

## LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.  
Lutheran Community, April 7.—Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller and Miss Hulda Miller of Romney, spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Stroebel Saturday.

Rev. George Beyer returned from Altenbury, Mo., Friday.

The young people of this community had singing practice Sunday evening. It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Freda Stroebel, accompanied by Misses Martha Miller and Alma Jents, went to the Bible class Wednesday evening, which met at the Lutheran church at Cisco. They enjoyed the hour.

Mr. Otto Wendt had business in Cisco Saturday.

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Attorney L. W. Green of Baird was seen on the streets of Putnam Monday.

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# Ramsey Milholland

by Booth Tarkington

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When the debates and the verdicts were concluded, the orator appeared, and Fred's compassion extended itself so far that he even refrained from looking inquisitively at the boy in the seat next to his; but he made one side of a wager, mentally—that if Ramsey had consented to be thoroughly confidential just then, he would have confessed to feeling kind of funny.

Dora was charmingly dressed, and she was pale; but those notable eyelashes of hers were all the more notable against her paler. And as she spoke with fire, it was natural that her color should come back quite flamingly and that her eyes should flash in

shelter of the lashes. "The Christian Spirit and Internationalism" was her subject, yet she showed no meek simplicity of a Christian Spirit herself when she came to attacking war-makers generally, as well as all those "half-developed tribesmen" and "victims of herd instinct" who believed that war might ever be justified under any circumstances of atrocity. She was eloquent truly, and a picture of grace and girlish dignity, even when she was most vigorous. Nothing could have been more militant than her denunciation of militancy.

"She's an actual wonder," Fred said, when the two had got back to Mrs. Meigs' afterward. "Don't you look at me like that; I'm talkin' about her as a public character, and there's nothin' personal about it. You let me alone."

Ramsey was not clear as to his duty. "Well—"

"If any person makes a public speech," Fred protested, "I got a perfect right to discuss 'em, no matter what you think of 'em"—and he added hastily—"or don't think of 'em!"

"Look here—"

"Good heavens!" Fred exclaimed, "You aren't expecting to interfere with me if I say anything about that little fat Werder girl that argued for Germany, are you? Or any of the other speakers? I got a right to talk about 'em just as public speakers, haven't I? Well, what I say is: Dora



"Well, What I Say Is: Dora Yocum, as an Orator, Is Just an Actual Perfect Wonder. Got Any Objections?"

Yocum as an orator is just an actual perfect wonder. Got any objections?"

"No."

"All right then," Fred settled himself upon the window seat with a pipe and proceeded. "There's something about her, when she stands there, she stands so straight and knows just what she's up to, and everything, why there's something about her makes the cold chills go down your spine—I mean my spine, not yours particularly! You sit down—I mean anybody's spine, doggone it!" And as Ramsey increased the manifestations of his suspicions, lifting a tennis racket over the prostrate figure, "Oh, murder," Fred said, resignedly. "All right, we'll change the subject. That fat little Werder cutie made out a pretty good case for Germany, didn't she?"

Ramsey disposed himself in an easy chair with his feet upon the table and presently chuckled. "You remember the time I had the fuss with Wesley Bender, back in the old school days?"

"Yep."

"All the flubdub this Werder girl got off tonight puts me in mind of the way I talked that day. I can remember it as well as anything! Wesley kept yelpin' that whoever mentioned a lady's name in a public place was a pup, and of course I didn't want to hit him for that; a boy's got a reg'lar instinct for tryin' to make out be' on the right side in a scrap, and he'll always try to do something, or say something, or he'll get the other boy

say something, to make it look as if the other boy was in the wrong and began the trouble. So I told poor ole Wes that my father spoke my mother's name in a public place whenever he wanted to, and I dared him to say my father was a pup. And all so on. A boy startin' up a scrap, why, half the time he'll drag in his father and mother if there's any chance to do it. He'll fix up some way so he can say, 'Well, that's just the same as if you called my father and mother a food, or something like that. Then, afterward, he can claim he was scrappin' because he had to defend his father and mother, and of course he'll more than half believe it himself.

"Well, you take a government—it's only just some men, the way I see it, and if they're goin' to start some big trouble like this war, why, of course they'll play just about that same old boy trick, because it's instinct to do it, just the same for a man as it is for a boy—or else the principle's just the same, or something. Well, anyhow, if you want to know who started a scrap and worked it up, you got to forget all the talk there is about it, and let each side say, and just look at two things: Who was fixed for it first, or thought they were, and who hit first? When you get the answer to those two questions everything's settled about this being 'attacked' business. As near as I can make out, this war began with Germany and Austria's startin' to wipe out two little countries; Austria began shootin' up Serbia, and Germany began shootin' up Belgium.

I don't need to notice any more than that, myself—all the girls in the country can debate their heads off, they can't change what happened and they can't excuse it, either."

He was silent, appearing to feel that he had concluded conclusively, and the young gentleman on the window seat, after staring at him for several moments of genuine thoughtfulness, was gracious enough to observe, "Well, old Ram, you may be a little slow in class, but when you think things out with yourself you do show signs of something pretty near like real horse-sense sometimes. Why don't you ever say anything like that to—to some of your pacifist friends?"

"What do you mean? Who you talkin' about? Whose 'pacifist friends'?"

"See, here!" Fred exclaimed, as Ramsey seemed about to rise. "You keep sitting just where you are, and don't look at me out of the side of your eye like that—pretendin' you're a bad horse. I'm really serious now, and you listen to me. I don't think argu'ing and debating like that little Frau-lin Werder's does much harm. She's a right nifty young rolyoly, by the way, though you didn't notice, of course."

"Why didn't I?" Ramsey demanded, sharply. "Why didn't I notice?"

"Oh, nothing. But, as I was saying, I don't think that sort of talk does much harm; everybody knows it goes on among the pro-Germans, and it's all hot air, anyhow. But I think Lincoln's sort of talk does do harm, probably among people that don't know much; and, what's more, I think Dora Yocum's does some, too. Well, you hit Lincoln in the snoot, so what are you—sit still! My lord! You don't think I'm askin' you to go and hit Dora, do you? I mean: Aren't you ever goin' to talk to her about it and tell her what's what?"

"Oh, you go to bed!"

"No, I'm in earnest," Fred urged. "Honestly, aren't you ever goin' to?"

"How could I do anything like that?" Ramsey demanded explosively. "I never see her—to speak to, that is, I probably won't happen to have another talk with her, or anything, all the time we're in college."

"No," Fred admitted. "I suppose not. Of course, if you did, then you would give her quite a talking to, just the way you did the other time, wouldn't you?" But upon that, another resumption of physical violence put an end to the conversation.

### CHAPTER XII.

Throughout the term Ramsey's calculation of probabilities against the happening of another interview with Dora seemed to be well founded, but at the beginning of the second "semester" he found her to be a fellow member of a class in biology. More than that, this class had every week a two-hour session in the botanical laboratory, where the structure of plants was studied under microscopic dissection. The students worked in pairs, a special family of plants being assigned to each couple; and the instructor selected the couples with an eye to combinations of the quick with the slow. D. Yocum and R. Milholland (the latter in a strange state of mind and complexion) were given two chairs, but only one desk and one microscope. Their conversation was strictly botanical.

Thereafter it became the most pressing care of Ramsey's life to prevent his roommate from learning that there was any conversation at all, even botanical. Fortunately, Fred was not taking the biological courses, though he appeared to be taking the sentimental ones with an astonishing thoroughness, and sometimes, to Fred's illarious delight, Ramsey attempted to turn the tables and rally him upon whatever last affair seemed to be engaging his fancy. The old Victorian and pre-Victorian blague word "petticoat" had been revived in Fred's vocabulary, and in others, as "skirt." The lightsome sprig was hourly to be seen, even when university rulings forbade, dilly-dallying giddily along the campus paths or the town sidewalks with some new and pretty skirt. And when Ramsey tried to fluster him

about such a matter Fred would profess his ardent love for the new lady in shouts and impromptu song. Nothing could be done to him, and Ramsey, utterly unable to defend his own sensibilities in like manner, had always to retire in bafflement. Sometimes he would ponder upon the question thus suggested: Why couldn't he do this sort of thing, since Fred could? But he never discovered a satisfying answer.

Ramsey's watchfulness was so careful (lest he make some impulsive admission in regard to the botanical laboratory, for instance) that Mr. Mitchell's curiosity gradually became almost quiescent but there arrived a day in February when it was piqued into the liveliest activity. It was Sunday, and Fred, dressing with a fastidiousness ever his daily habit, noticed that Ramsey was exhibiting an unusual perplexity about neckties.

"Keep the black one on," Fred said, volunteering a suggestion, as Ramsey muttered fiercely at a mirror. "It's in better taste for church, anyhow. You're going to church, aren't you?"

"Yes. Are you?"

"No. I've got a luncheon engagement."

"Well, you could go to church first, couldn't you? You better; you've got a lot of church absences against you."

"Then one more won't hurt. No church in mine this morning, thanks! G'by, ole sax; see you at the 'frat house' for dinner."

He went forth, whistling syncopations, and began a brisk trudge into the professor's office, where was a professor's daughter who also was not going to church that morning and she lived a little more than three miles beyond the outskirts of the town. Unfortunately, as the weather was threatening, all others of her family abandoned the idea of church that day, and Fred found her before a cozy fire, but surrounded by parents, little brothers and big sisters. The professor was talkative; Fred's mind might have been greatly improved, but with a window in range he preferred a melancholy contemplation of the snow, which had begun to fall in quantity. The professor talked until luncheon, throughout luncheon, and was well under way to fill the whole afternoon with talk, when Fred, repenting all the errors of his life, got up to go.

Heartily urged to remain, for there was now something just under a blizzard developing, he said no, he had a great deal of "curriculum work" to get done before tomorrow, and passed from the sound of the professor's hospitable voice and into the storm. He had a tedious struggle against the wind and thickening snow, but finally came in sight of the town, not long before dark. Here the road led down into a depression, and, lifting his head as he began the slight ascent on the other side, Fred was aware of two figures outlined upon the low ridge before him. They were dimmed by the driving snow and their backs were toward him, but he recognized them

with perfect assurance. They were Dora Yocum and Ramsey Milholland.

They were walking so slowly that their advance was almost imperceptible, but it could be seen that Dora was talking with great animation; and she was a graceful thing, thus gesticulating, in her long, slim fur coat with the white snow frosting her brown fur cap. Ramsey had his hands deep in his overcoat pockets and his manner was wholly that of an audience.

Fred murmured to himself, "What did you say to her? 'Nothin'. I started to, but—' Then he put on a burst of speed and passed them, sweeping off his hat with operative deference, yet hurrying by as if fearful of being thought a killjoy if he lingered. He went to the "frat house," found no one downstairs, and established himself in a red leather chair to smoke and ruminate merrily by a great fire in the hall.

Half an hour later Ramsey entered, stamped off the snow, hung up his hat and coat, and sat himself down defiantly in the red leather chair on the other side of the fireplace.

"Well, go on," he said. "Commence!"

"Not at all!" Fred returned, amiably. "Fine spring weather today. Lovely to see all the flowers and the birds as we go a-strolling by. The little bobolinks—"

"You look here! That's the only walk I ever took with her in my life. I mean by—by asking her and her saying she would and so forth. The other time just sort of happened, and

you know it. Well, the weather wasn't just the best in the world, maybe, but she's an awful conscientious girl and once she makes an engagement—"

"Why, of course," Fred finished for him, "she'd be too plous to break it just on account of a mere little blizzard or anything. Wonder how the weather will be next Sunday?"

"I don't know and I don't care," said Ramsey. "You don't suppose I asked her to go again, do you?"

"Why not?"

"Well, for one thing, you don't suppose I want her to think I'm a perfect fool, do you?"

Fred mused a moment or two, looking at the fire. "What was the lecture?" he asked, mildly.

"What lecture?"

"She seemed to me to be—"

"That wasn't lecturing; she was just—"

"Just what?"

"Well, she thinks war for the United States is coming closer and closer—"

"But it isn't."

"Well, she thinks so, anyhow," said Ramsey, "and she's all broken up about it. Of course she thinks we oughtn't to fight and she's trying to get everybody else she can to keep working against it. She isn't goin' home again next summer, she's goin' back to that settlement work in Chicago and work there among those people against our goin' to war; and here in college she wants to get everybody she can to talk against it, and—"

"What did you say?" Fred asked, and himself supplied the reply: "Nothin'. I started to, but—"

Ramsey got up. "Now look here! You've got the 'frat' passed a rule that if we have any more furniture in this house with our scrappin' we'd both be fined the cost of repairs and five dollars apiece. Well, I can afford five dollars this month better than you can, and—"

"I take it back!" Fred interposed, hastily. "But you just listen to me; you look out—letting her think you're on her side like that."

"I don't—"

"You don't?"

Ramsey looked dogged. "I'm not goin' around always arguin' about everything when arguin' would just hurt people's feelings about something they're all excited about, and wouldn't do a bit of good in the world—and you know yourself just talk hardly ever settles anything—so I don't—"

"Aha!" Fred cried. "I thought so! Now you listen to me—"

"I won't. I—"

But at this moment they were interrupted. Someone slyly opened a door, and a snowball deftly thrown from without caught Ramsey upon the back of the neck and head, where it flattened and displayed itself as an ornamental star. Shouting fiercely, both boys sprang up, ran to the door, were caught there in a barrage of snowballs, ducked through it in spite of all damage, charged upon a dozen besweated figures awaiting them and began a mad battle in the blizzard. Some of their opponents treacherously joined them and turned upon the ambushers.

In the dusk the merry conflict waged up and down the snow-covered lawn, and the combatants threw and threw, or surged back and forth, or clenched and toppled over into snowbanks, yet all coming to chant an extemporized battle-cry in chorus, even as they fought the most wildly.

"Who? Who? Who?" they chanted. "Who? Who? Who says there ain't goin' to be no war?"

### CHAPTER XIII.

So everywhere over the country, that winter of 1916, there were light-hearted boys skylarking—at college, or on the farms; and in the towns the young machinists snowballed one another as they came from the shops; while on this Sunday of the "frat" snow fight probably several hundreds of thousands of youthful bachelors, between the two oceans, went walking, like Ramsey, each with a girl who could forget the weather. Yet boys of nineteen and in the twenties were not light-hearted all the time that winter and that spring and that summer. Most of them knew long, thoughtful moments, as Ramsey did, when they seemed to be thinking not of girls or work or play—nor of anything around them, but of some more vital matter or prospect. And at such times they were grave, but not ungentle.

For the long strain was on the country; underneath all its outward seeming of things going on as usual there shook a deep vibration, like the air trembling to vast organ pipes in diapasons too profound to reach the ear as sound; one felt, not heard, thunder in the ground under one's feet. The succession of diplomatic notes came to an end after the torpedoing of the Sussex; and at last the tricky ruling Germans in Berlin gave their word to murder no more, and people said, "This means peace for America, and all is well for us," but everybody knew in his heart that nothing was well for us, that there was no peace.

They said, "All is well," while that thunder in the ground never ceased—it grew deeper and heavier till all America shook with it and it became slowly audible as the voice of the old American soil, a soil wherein lay those who had defended it aforetime, a soil that bred those who would defend it again, for it was theirs; and the meaning of it—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—was theirs, and theirs to defend. And they knew they would defend it, and that more than the glory of a Nation was at stake. The Freedom of Man was at stake. So, gradually, the sacred thunder reached the ears of the young men and gave them those deep moments that came to them whether they set in the classroom or the counting-room, or walked

with the plow, or stood to the machine, or behind the ribbon counter. Thus the thunder shook them and tried them and slowly came into their lives and changed everything for them.

Hate of the Germans was not bred; but a contempt for what Germany had shown in lieu of a national heart; a contempt as mighty and as profound as the resolve that the German way and the German will should not prevail in America, nor in any country of the world that would be free. And when the German Kaiser laid his command upon America, that no American should take his ship upon the free seas, death being the penalty for any who disobeyed, then the German Kaiser got his answer, not only to this new law he had made for us, but to many other thoughts of his. Yet the answer was for some time delayed.

There was a bitter Sunday, and its bitterness went everywhere, to every place in the whole world that held high and generous hearts. Its bitterness came to the special meeting in the "frat hall," where there were hearts, indeed, of that right sort, and one of them became vocal in its bitterness. This was the heart of Fred Mitchell, who was now an authority, being president of the Junior class, chairman of the Prom committee, and other things pleasant to be and to live for at his age.

"For me, brothers," he said, "I think I'd a great deal rather have been shot through the head than heard the news from Washington today! I tell you, I've spent the meanest afternoon I ever did in my life, and I guess it's

been pretty much the same with all of us. The worst of it is, it looks as though there isn't a thing in the world we can do. The country's been betrayed by a few blatherskites and boneheads that had the power to do it, and all we can do—we've just got to stand it. But there's some Americans that aren't just standing it, and I want to tell you a lot of 'em are men from the universities, just like us. They're over there right now; they haven't said much—they just packed up and went. They're flying for France and for England and for Canada; they're fighting under every flag on the right side of the western front; and they're driving ambulances at Verdun and ammunition trucks at the Somme. Well, there's going to be a lot more American boys on all these jobs mighty soon, on account of what those men did in congress today. If they won't give us a chance to do something under our own flag, then we'll have to go and do it under some other flag; and I want to tell you I'm one that's going to go! I'll stick it out in college up to Easter, and then if there's still no chance to go under the Stars and Stripes I'll maybe have to go under the flag my great-great-grandfather fought against in 1776, but, anyhow, I'll go!"

It was in speaking to Ramsey of this declaration that Dora said Fred was a "dangerous firebrand." They were taking another February walk, but the February was February, 1917; and the day was dry and sunny. "It's just about a year ago," she said.

"What is?" Ramsey asked.

"That first time we went walking. Don't you remember?"

"Oh, that day? Yes, I remember it was snowing."

"And so cold and blowy!" she added. "It seems a long time ago. I like walking with you, Ramsey. You're so quiet and solid—I've always felt I could talk to you just anyhow I pleased, and you wouldn't mind. I'll miss these walks with you when we're out of college."

He chuckled. "That's funny!"

"Why?"

"Because we've only taken four besides this; two last year, and another week before last, and another last week. This is only the fifth."

"Good gracious! Is that all? It seemed to me we'd gone ever so often!" She laughed. "I'm afraid you won't think that seems much as if I'd liked going, but I really have. And, by the way, you've never called on me at all. Perhaps it's because I've forgotten to ask you."

"Oh, no," said Ramsey, and scuffed his shoes on the path, presently explaining rather huskily that he "never was much of a caller"; and he added, "or anything."

"Well, you must come if you ever care to," she said, with a big-sister graciousness. "The Dorm chaperon sits there, of course, but ours is a jolly one and you'd like her. You've probably met her—Mrs. Hastings?—when you've called on other girls at our old shop."

"No," said Ramsey. "I never was much of a —" He paused, fearing that he might be repeating himself,

and too hastily amended his intention. "I never liked any girl enough to go and call on her."

"Ramsey Milholland!" she cried. "Why, when we were in school half the room used to be talking about how you and that pretty Milholland—"

"No, no!" Ramsey protested, again too hurriedly. "I never called on her. We just went walking."

A moment later his color suddenly became fiery. "I don't mean—I mean —" he stammered. "It was walking, of course—I mean we did go out walking, but it wasn't walking like—like this." He concluded with a fit of coughing which seemed to rack him.

Dora threw back her head and laughed delightedly. "Don't you apologize!" she said. "I didn't when I said it seemed to me that we've gone walking so often, when in reality it's only four or five times altogether. I think I can explain, though: I think it came partly from a feeling I have that I can rely on you—that you're a good, solid, reliable sort of person. I remember from the time we were little children, you always had a sort of worried, honest look in school, and you used to make a dent in your forehead—you meant it for a frown—whenever I caught your eye. You hated me so honestly, and you were so honestly afraid I wouldn't see it!"

"Oh, no—no—"

"Oh, yes—yes!" she laughed, then grew serious. "My feeling about you—that you were a person to be relied on, I mean—I think it began that evening in our freshman year, after the Lusitania, when I stopped you on the campus and you went with me, and I couldn't help crying, and you were so nice and quiet. I hardly realized then that it was the first time we'd ever really talked together—of course I did all the talking;—and yet we'd known each other so many years. I thought of it afterward. But what gave me such a different view of you, I'd always thought you were one of that treacherous sort of boys, always just bursting for a fight; but you showed me you'd really never had a fight in your life and hated fighting, and that you sympathized with my feeling about war." She stopped speaking to draw in her breath with a sharp sigh. "Ah, don't you remember what I've told you all along? How it keeps coming closer and closer—and now it's almost here! Isn't it unthinkable? And what can we do to stop it, we poor few who feel that we must stop it?"

"Well—" Ramsey began uncomfortably. "Of course I—"

"You can't do much," she said. "I know. None of us can. What can any little group do? There are so few of us among the undergraduates—and only one in the whole faculty. All the rest are for war. But we mustn't give up; we must never feel afterward that we left anything undone; we must fight to the last breath!"

"Fight?" he repeated wonderingly, then chuckled.

"Oh, as a figure of speech," she said, impatiently. "Our language is full of barbaric figures left over from the dark ages. But, oh, Ramsey!"—she touched his sleeve—"I've heard that Fred Mitchell is saying that he's going to Canada after Easter, to try to get into the Canadian aviation corps. If it's true, he's a dangerous firebrand, I think. Is it true?"

"I guess so. He's been talking that way, some."

"But why do you let him talk that way?" she cried. "He's your roommate; surely you have more influence with him than anybody else has. Couldn't you—"

He shook his head slowly, while upon his face the faintly indicated modelings of a grin hinted of an inner laughter at some surreptitious thought. "Well, you know, Fred says himself sometimes, I don't seem to be much of a talker exactly!"

"I know. But don't you see? That sort of thing is contagious. Others will think they ought to go if he does; he's popular and quite a leader. Can't you do anything with him?"

She waited for him to answer. "Can't you?" she insisted.

The grin had disappeared and Ramsey grew red again.

He seemed to wish to speak, to heave with speech that declined to be spoken and would not rouse up from his inwards. Finally he uttered words. "I—I—well, I—"

"Oh, I know," she said. "A man—or a boy!—always hates to be intruding his own convictions upon other men, especially in a case like this, where he might be afraid of some idiot's thinking him unmanlike. But Ramsey—" Suddenly she broke off and looked at him attentively; his discomfort had become so obvious that suspicion struck her. She spoke sharply. "Ramsey, you aren't dreaming of doing such a thing, are you?"

"What such a thing?"

"Fred hasn't influenced you, has he? You aren't planning to go with him, are you?"

"Where?"

"To join the Canadian aviation."

"No; I hadn't thought of doing it."

She sighed again, relieved. "I had a queer feeling about you just then—that you were thinking of doing some such thing. You looked so odd—and you're always so quiet, anybody might not really know what to think. But I'm not wrong about you, am I, Ramsey?"

"They had come to the foot of the steps that led up to the entrance of her dormitory, and their walk was at an end. As they stopped and faced each other, she looked at him earnestly; but he did not meet the scrutiny, his eyelids fell.

"I'm not wrong, am I, Ramsey?"

"About what?" he murmured, uncomfortably.

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**ANOTHER MILLION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

Special to the American.  
 Dallas, April 1, 1922.—A big effort is being launched in Texas to increase the membership of all denominations, in the SunDay Schools and classes, during the year ahead, with the ultimate aim of reaching another million members in Texas Sunday Schools.

Plans for reaching this goal begin with rallies to be held throughout the State to enlist all the Sunday Schools to simultaneously put on similar efforts to increase their membership, increase the attendance, plan greater efficiency in organization and teaching, reaching the standards of efficiency set up by the various denominations, and renewed constant efforts in soul winning.

The chief Rallying Point for these efforts is to be the State-wide gathering of leaders from Sunday Schools of all denominations from the 254 counties of Texas.

These leaders are to include the pastors, superintendents, officers, teachers and members of any school in the State, all of whom are eligible to attend as delegates, and will be entertained free in the homes of the people on the Harvard plan, for lodging and breakfast, provided advice is sent into the committee in time.

Dallas is making big preparations to that end, and twenty-five committees were appointed this week, headed by the live wire O. Samuel Cummings, until recently the International Secretary of Kiwanis Clubs of America, and other big leaders from the various denominations in Dallas.

The meetings are to be held in the City Temple, beginning on Wednesday afternoon May 3rd, and running through to Sunday night, May 7th.

In preparation for the convention Dallas County SunDay Schools begin this week on a series of five special days to be observed on consecutive Sundays, the first being April 2nd, Church Members Day, the 9th being Family Day, the 16th being Easter and Everybody Day, the 23rd Friends Day, the 30th Neighbors Day, and the 7th of May Organized Class Day.

Teams of workers have been selected to go out to towns and communities and hold rallies during the last few Sundays before the convention.

Every county in Texas is asked to call a conference of interested workers and arrange for similar rallies to be held in every Sunday School in their county, calling attention to the big campaign for increased membership and attendance during the year, and each school and each class above 12 years of age sending delegates to Dallas, to get the inspiration and go back home and put on the campaign.

"It will be easy to reach another million members," said General Superintendent William Nehemiah Wiggins, if all the schools work at the job at the same time, and everlastingly at it."

The State Committee also urges all the schools to put on similar plans such as the special days being observed in Dallas during April, and at the same time selecting big delegations to come to Dallas for May 3rd to 7th, which is to be a mobilizing camp for the aggressive program being set up and worked out during the year.

The officers of the State Sunday School Association are in part: Judge Joseph E. Cockrell, LL. D. President; M. H. Wolfe, Past President; A. E. Thomas, of Fort Worth, Executive Chairman; Charles L. Harty, Chairman Board of Trustees; W. M. Williams, Administrative Chairman; S. J. McFarland and J. Barney Davis, Treasurers; Wm. Nehemiah Wiggins, General Superintendent and a large number of vice-presidents and committeemen from the various counties of Texas.

The recent annual gatherings of the association were at Fort Worth in 1921, when 3000 to 5000 people attended some of the sessions, Waco and Galveston in 1920 and 1919, respectively. Dallas will expect from 3000 to 5000 outside delegates this year.

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 Mr. Ira Pilcher, an old time Cisco boy but now a resident of Idaho, is visiting his brother, Mr. Gomer Pilcher, in the city at present.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETS**

The school board met Tuesday evening, and elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. D. S. Rumph was elected president, E. J. Barnes, vice-president and M. T. Turnes, secretary.

Two new members, Dr. F. E. Clark and Dick Storr, were recently elected and J. T. Derry was re-elected. These members were given the oath of office at the meeting Tuesday evening. M. D. Odum was also re-elected secretary of the board for this year.

J. J. Godbey was recently re-elected as superintendent of the Cisco schools for the ensuing year, making his third term as official head of the Cisco schools.

**NOTICE**

To all the citizens of Cisco:  
 The dry season is at an end and mosquito season is upon us, and all who have not secured garbage cans are advised to do so at once. All tin cans and other articles that would hold water should be placed in the garbage cans, and the latter kept closed. This is required by a city ordinance and all the rules of good health.

This ordinance must be complied with.

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**LETTER FROM GRENFELL**

Frank Grenfell, who recently went to Phoenix, Ariz., for his health reports that he is gaining in strength since moving to that state. We print his letter in full.

Cisco American,  
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Dear Sirs:  
 Will you please give me the following space in your paper. To my many dear friends in Cisco: I have been unable to write you on account of sickness, but am feeling better now and will write to all if I continue to improve. I don't want anyone to think I am neglecting them, as I have received so many kindnesses at their hands that it would be impossible for me to forget them, and I long to write personally to all of them.

Yours truly,  
 FRANK J. GRENFELL.

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**COTTONWOOD**

Special Correspondence.  
 The people of this community have been very busy this week planting and getting ready for planting. Prospects are very encouraging for a bountiful crop this year.

Mr. Wess Everett moved his family to Baird the first of the week, where he has a position with the T. & P. railroad as night watchman at that place.

Messrs. Clarence Ramsey Jr. and Doris Moore who are now working in Breckenridge visited home folks here visited the new oil city while at home.

Mr. Louis Ulrich and daughter, Miss Mary, from Lampasas, were in town Friday returning home Saturday with Miss Ora Ulrich, who has been teaching in the public school here for the past term.

Mr. John Hembree of Abilene has been in town quite often of late, going to and from the oil field.

Miss Lavada Houston, who has been teaching in the Scranton school, returned to her home here, school having closed at that place.

Mrs. Rufus Whitehorn, who has been visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Irb Davis of Cisco, returned to her home near Cottonwood Sunday. Mr. Davis is suffering from a broken limb.

Prof. C. R. Fulton, who has been teaching in the Erath school, is at home now to help his father farm, his school having closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Thompson of Abilene were visiting relatives here the latter part of last week.

Mr. Thaxton Evans and family moved to Cross Plains Saturday, where he will follow the carpenters trade. Mr. Ralph Brock will live on the farm left by Mr. Evans.

Messrs. Lewis and Marvin Murdock of Trent, Texas, but formerly of this place, visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Brother Lawrence of Abilene, the pastor of the Baptist church of this place, filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, but was almost water bound Monday morning. A heavy rain fell Monday morning.

The sickness of the community in some homes is better, but some are real sick at this writing. Mr. S. N. Strahan's sickness has developed into pneumonia but he is doing very well.

**LION'S LUNCHEON**

The Lion's club met in regular session Wednesday noon at the American cafe, with President H. I. Stock presiding. Short but interesting talks were made by Messrs. B. W. Patterson, Dr. D. Ball, M. D. Odum, G. C. Richardson, W. B. Statham, C. E. Yates, Guy Dabney and others. The club went on record as being heartily in favor of the establishment of a tourist park or a rest place and the members pledged themselves to get behind the movement and make the park a certainty.

The club now numbers twenty-two members, with several applications to be acted on by the executive committee.

Present at Wednesday's luncheon were Messrs Guy Dabney, K. H. Pittard, D. Ball, P. J. Butler, C. C. Jones, H. I. Stock, J. H. Chambliss, S. A. Williams, Lloyd Winston, W. B. Statham, C. E. Yates, Charles Hale, G. E. Darden, M. D. Odum, O. D. Bibby, B. W. Patterson, G. C. Richardson and A. B. O'Flaherty.

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#### BOLES TO THE PENITENTIARY.

C. B. Bowles, under indictment on two charges, one for larceny and one for theft, in connection with the robbery of the Radford Wholesale Grocery company, plead guilty to both counts in Judge Hill's court this week.

Bowles also plead guilty to eight other charges of theft from box cars and otherwise, by agreement of counsel and court that the sentences were to run concurrently. Under this agreement Bowles will serve only two years and may get off with eighteen months for good behavior.

Without question, Bowles is a bad, shrewd hombre, and a great deal of shoe leather and mental effort has been expended by the local officers in bringing him to justice.

#### ICE CREAM FACTORY

Ewell W. Cook, formerly with the Broadway Theatre as manager, has purchased a plant and will conduct a first-class ice cream factory in Cisco. He is located in the rear of Breck's Confectionery. Mr. Cook promises service of the right kind and it is hoped this new business will receive the support of the home people and become a permanent, substantial institution.

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### Methodist Women Meeting in Cisco

Twelfth Annual Gathering of Missionary Society to be Held Here Saturday, Sunday and Monday—Attendance Will Total 350.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Central Texas Methodist conference will be held in the First Methodist church, Cisco, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder for the Cisco district, expects not less than 175 delegates, with a total outside attendance of probably 350. Mayor Williamson has been invited to address the conference Saturday night, welcoming it in behalf of the citizenship.

Following is the official program: April 8th. 9 a. m. Meeting of the Executive Committee. 2 p. m. Session of Committee on Credentials. 3 p. m. Opening session. Devotional, Mrs. J. H. Stewart. Appointment of committees. Committee meetings. 7:30 p. m. Special music, Cisco choir. Conference hymn, No. 515. Prayer, Rev. L. N. Stuckey. Welcomes, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh. Response, Mrs. E. P. Williams. Pageant, children and young people under the direction of Mrs. Frank Seidell and Mrs. A. W. Hall.

Informal Social Hour April 9th. 11 a. m. Special music by Cisco choir. Address, Miss Bell Bennett. Sacramento of the Lord's Supper, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh. P. E., Cisco District, assisted by Rev. L. N. Stuckey and visiting ministers. 3 p. m. Devotional, Miss Eugenia Smith. Report from the Woman's Missionary Council, Mrs. E. P. Williams. Special music by Conference. Pledge.

7:30 p. m. Music by Cisco choir. Devotional, Mrs. J. C. Grandberry. Address, Miss Bell Bennett. Bible and Public Schools. Presentation of plans for Methodist Dormitory of State University—Mrs. J. H. Stewart and Mrs. E. P. Williams.

April 10th. 8:30 a. m. Devotional, Miss Lilla Black. Special music. Message from Vice President, Miss Posey. 8:50. Report of Corresponding Secretary. 9:00. Reports of District Secretaries: Brownwood, Mrs. R. A. Smith; Cisco, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh; Cleburne, Mrs. Ed Hutchins; Corsicana, Mrs. Sam G. Thompson; Fort Worth, Mrs. C. F. Andrews. Hymn. Gatesville, Mrs. M. B. Winston; Georgetown, Mrs. W. R. Tyler; Waco, Mrs. W. S. Mayes; Waxahachie, Miss Gladys Brigs; Weatherford, Mrs. Ben Hartley. 10:00. Report of Committee on Extension Work. 10:15. Report of Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Perry. Report of Finance Committee. 10:30. Report of Superintendent of Young Peoples' Work, Mrs. R. W. Hall. Report of Committee on Young Peoples' Work. 10:40. Report of Superintendent of Children's Work, Mrs. Frank Siedell. Report of Committee on Children's Work. 10:50. Report of Superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. R. O. Spry. Report of Committee on Study and Publicity. 11:00. Report of Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. J. S. Callicut. Report of Committee on Social Service. 11:15. Supplies, Mrs. R. A. Smith. Report of Committee on Supplies. 11:20. Report of Agent of Voice, Mrs. B. T. Stribling. Report of Committee on district record books. 11:30. Rev. W. H. Mathews, Hospital Commissioner. 12:00. Centenary Representatives—Pledges for Family Altars. 2 p. m. Devotional, Miss Connie Fagan. 2:10. Reports from Fort Worth City Mission Board, Mrs. E. H. Beal, V. P. 2:15. Re-

#### OUTSIDE OPINION OF PIONEER OIL FIELD

One of the leading oil journals of the state had the following high tribute to pay the Pioneer oil field in their issue of last Sunday.

Pioneer, Texas, April 6.—The Pioneer field has become the greatest sensation of the Southwest, and never since the early days of Ranger and Desdemona, has the popular fancy been drawn so quickly to any particular locality. Oil men operating in all fields have jumped the chance to buy cheap leases in the new field where production may be had at a reasonable cost. The town, composed originally (three weeks ago) of some twelve to fifteen farm houses has grown into a thriving oil field city.

Hotels have been moved in sections, hundreds of oil field houses have been built, and the tented caravans have pitched their camps.

The Western Union Telegraph company is now considering plans for an office. The post office has been enlarged. Railway side trackage is inadequate to handle the enormous consignments of oil field equipment. The oil is being bought at a price of \$1 a barrel over the price of any other Texas oil.

Production is had at a depth of 2,450 feet. The oil comes from a formation which is largely sand and shale. The producing depth is 300 to 400 feet less than that at Desdemona. No dry holes have been drilled. The field has been extended two miles west already.

Stone & McMurray's No. 1 Eakin, hardly a month old, has already paid for itself. This well has made more than \$50,000 worth of oil and cost less than \$35,000 to drill.

Pioneer oil has a specific gravity of 43. It carries a very high gasoline content, showing 40 per cent gasoline on refinery tests.

The field now has a two inch pipe line. A six inch line will be completed at an early date.

#### HANKINS IN RACE

J. F. Hankins, of Gorman, called at the American office Tuesday, ordered some candidate cards and stated he was in the race for county judge. He has not yet placed his name in the official announcement column, but will probably do so at an early date.

Mr. Hankins was born in Arkansas, but has resided in Eastland county the past 26 years. He is well known and his reputation is beyond reproach. Mr. Hankins established the Hankins Normal college at Gorman, 20 years ago. The school flourished for some seven or eight years and then discontinued. During this period, Hankins Normal performed a great and good work for Gorman and the surrounding country in the able manner in which the large student body was handled.

ports from the Waco City Mission Board, Mrs. W. J. Wigley, President. Hymn. 2:30 Report of Memoirs Committee. Selection of place of Meeting. Unfinished business. 7:30 Special music, Cisco choir. Devotional. Business session. Report of Resolution Committee. Election of officers.

Tuesday morning, April 11th. 8:30 a. m. Devotional. Delivering the Keys. Executive Session of new officers. Benediction.

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