

Home Product May Make Cisco Famous

Products of Independent Mattress Factory Sold All Over Texas—Orders Received from Rio Grand Valley to the State of Indiana.

Perhaps it will be news to many Ciscoans when the American states that Cisco's manufactured products are sold in as far remote places from Cisco as Indiana, New Mexico and many other sections of the United States. But this is true.

Cisco has never boasted as a manufacturing town. In fact we have never spoken out loud of this place as a town whose products are known beyond our own corporate limits.

The Independent Mattress Factory, J. A. Cameron proprietor, commenced business in October, 1917, in a rented building that formerly stood where the B. & H. Motor Company is now located, by the present proprietor. Naturally he commenced business in a modest way, as his capital consisted of intelligence, good health and determination to establish a business of his own. But not relishing the idea of paying out his profits for rented quarters, Mr. Cameron soon purchased a lot at 508 East Broadway where he erected the present factory building. In this building he commenced the manufacture of the Slumber On mattress.

When first coming to Cisco, Mr. Cameron was employed by the Cisco Furniture Company, but mattresses was his hobby and he could not get mattresses off his mind. Instead of pushing furniture, etc., before he realized it he was talking mattresses to the customers, and it was not long before he was making a mattress that he could talk of without reservation, and guarantee its quality.

Since starting the Independent Mattress Factory Company Mr. Cameron has been quietly plugging along, putting his wares on the market, not "setting the woods on fire," but making a living, and getting his wares introduced. He has not catered to the wholesale trade, but contented himself with supplying those who wished a superior mattress on which to repose.

The Slumber On Mattress is turned out from the factory, which is made in three grades. The standard Slumber On is 45 pounds, staple cotton and is said by those who have used both to be superior to the Sealey mattress, which is known all over Texas. But the Standard Slumber On, while acknowledged to be as good or a better mattress than the Sealey or Haynes, is sold for a little less than half the price of the other brands. The standard or first grade Slumber On is sold for \$15, while the Sealey sells for \$35. Then the Independent Company makes two other grades of Slumber Ons, which are retailed for \$10 and \$5 respectively. These cheaper grades contain less cotton, and the ticking is not as high grade as the Standard Slumber On.

Unfortunately Cisco has not given the Independent Mattress company the patronage a home institution deserves. This is truly a home institution, and if we would have manufacturing establishments here we must give them our patronage and moral support. Starting from just such small institutions as this Fort Smith, Ark., has a factory district whose products run into the millions of dollars. What Fort Smith has done, Cisco can do, but we must not knock the small plants, but foster and encourage them until they grow into big concerns. When a manufacturing establishment is started here we must boost it, and insist on buying its products. Did you ever stop and think how big an institution the Independent Mattress company would be now if every mattress sold in Cisco since it commenced business had been a Slumber On? Well, it would have a pay roll that would make these panicky times look sick. But had that been the case the Independent would not be standing almost alone as Cisco's industrial enterprises. There would have been other plants manufacturing various kinds of products here. Men with capital would see in Cisco a town that supported its home institutions, and they would not have been slow to come here and invest their money.

The Independent Mattress Company supplies many individuals with beds, and enjoys a splendid local patronage, especially in neighboring towns and communities. But its fame is not confined to Eastland and surrounding country. These goods are shipped all over the state, and some to other states. In fact it

FLEMING-STITZER SELL INTERESTS

Road Contractors Seek to get From Under by Transferring Interests in Company to Former Manager—Bankrupt Proceedings.

Eastland, Texas, August 17.—As an aftermath of the disruption in the county road affairs, due to the institution of investigations looking to irregularities alleged to have been made in the management of the road bond fund, it now appears that the contractors, Fleming-Stitzer company would get for munder. An instrument, tiled to have been executed on the 13th day of July was filed for record with the county clerk on the 12th day of August, purporting to have transferred the entire interests of W. R. Fleming and Sanderson Gregg to George A. Davison, former manager of the company. It is alleged that F. E. Stitzer disposed of his interests in the company some time ago.

Wednesday J. M. Wagstaff and T. F. Grisham of Abilene, and Grisham Bros. of Eastland, appearing for the petitioners, filed bankruptcy proceedings in the Federal Courts at Abilene, alleging the above and the following facts as acts of vankruptcy.

The petition is signed by John M. Ross, F. D. Pierce, John H. Manrk and three other alleged creditors of said company, citizens of Eastland county. The petition alleges that Fleming-Stitzer Road Building company, a partnership, formerly composed of W. R. Fleming, F. E. Stitzer, G. A. Davison and Saunders Gregg is insolvent; that all of the members of said partnership recently transferred all of their respective interests in same to G. A. Davison, who was insolvent at the time of said transfer, and is yet insolvent; that a large sum of money was paid to Fleming, Stitzer, and Gregg in cash, out of the assets of said partnership and a lien was executed by the said Davison, in favor of his said former partners, which said lien covers all of the assets of said partnership; that said transfers of said large cash payments and the creation of the lien as above mentioned covering the assets of said partnership, was and is, an act of bankruptcy, and that said transactions were consummated by the members of said partnership for the fraudulent purpose of placing the funds and assets of said partnership, beyond the reach of their creditors, and for the purpose of defeating the laborers and other creditors of said partnership in the collection of their honest claims.

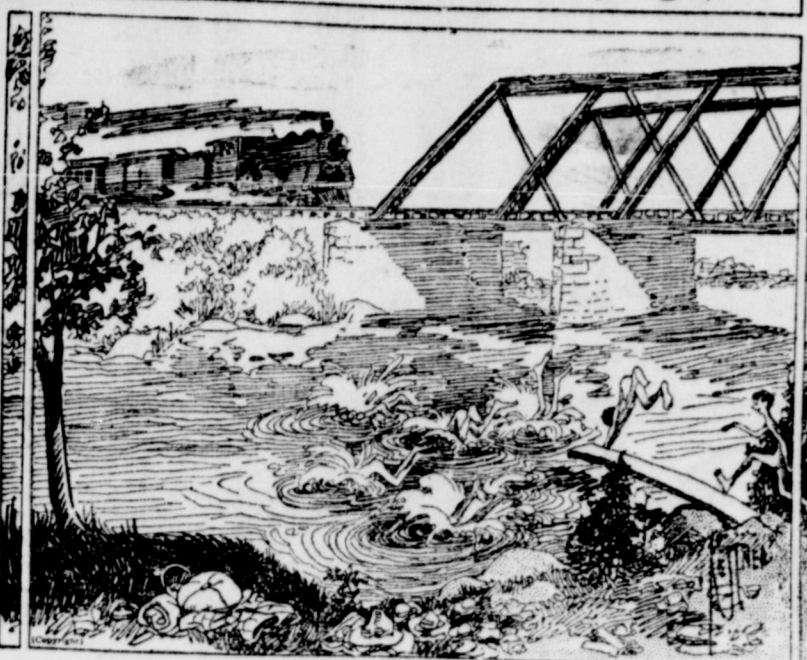
EPWORTH LEAGUE HOLDS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

The Senior Epworth League of the First Methodist Church held its regular monthly council meeting Wednesday evening and in addition to other business, planned the budget for the coming Conference Year. Among other items, one hundred dollars was pledged on the Missionary Fund and one hundred dollars on the church. The League is furnishing the basement of the church as rapidly as possible, having already installed a piano and other articles including seats, but the work will be continued until the large basement is completely furnished.

The league does not specialize in making a noise, but it is a great hand to keep shining in its little corner and after all is said and done, that is in itself an accomplishment of no mean magnitude.

seems that the Slumber On mattress is destined to put Cisco on the map. While in the plant this week we were shown orders for Slumber On mattresses from the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi, Texas; Winslow and Upland, Indiana; Saint Varaine and Estancia Valley, New Mexico, and other places. Mr. Cameron stated that he has numerous applications from parties wanting to handle these goods on commissions in other states, but has not yet decided to go into the wholesale business, being contented with his present capacity of taking care of his local and mail order business, the latter is now beginning to assume nice proportions.

Duck!! Here Comes the Forty-Eight



DUNNAM SUED BY COUNTY, ANSWERS FIRST 1921 BALE RAISED BY A LADY

Commissioners Court Alleges Count Failed to Account for \$1,000—Dunnam's Reply Denies Receiving Money.

Conditions growing out of the road muddle are most deplorable. The original investigation committee, of which County Attorney Dunnam has been one of the legal advisers, has declared it will be satisfied with nothing short of the resignation of County Judge Starnes, who declares by all the powers that he will hold on to his job until he is forced to vacate. Matters have not taken on a conciliatory aspect, and between these two factions there exists considerable feeling. Naturally both sides have their friends and supporters. To stem the tide of ill feeling that seems about to engulf the whole of Eastland city, and to jeopardize the interests of the whole county, so far as resumption of road work is concerned the citizens of the county have appointed delegates to a county mass meeting who in turn selected a committee of eight to conciliate matters, if possible, and to administer affairs under authority of the commissioners court insofar as resumption of road work is concerned. The plan is working well, but for the insistence of the original investigating committee, which is still demanding the scalp of Judge Starnes.

The plans proposed by the Committee of Eight to make a thorough investigation of matters, devise means of putting men back to work on the roads, audit the books and accounts of the county administration, and if there be those found guilty of wrong doing to institute proper persecution. All this has the sanction of the County Judge and commissioners court. So far matters seem to be working well. But the original committee has never receded from its first position, and is still demanding the scalp of Starnes.

The public is taking no stock in the original committee or in Starnes, but pinning its faith to the Committee of Eight, in whom all have confidence, who is not mixed or biased in the matter—not a member of which is hunting a job or trying to hold one—only serving their country from patriotic motives. It is believed that this committee will work out a plan to put men back on the road jobs, and choke off those belligerent fellows who are doing so little good and so much harm.

It may be that they are right. That Starnes should resign, or it may be that he is guilty of sufficient wrong to justify prosecution and conviction; even; but if we so believe this committee will find out, then it will be time to institute criminal proceedings.

No matter what turn affairs has taken one thing is certain—Eastland city is a divided city henceforth, unless one faction or the other moves away from that town. Then it is likely the harvest of the seeds of discord sown will be reaped for many years to come.

Matters came to a climax by getting on the court docket when the commissioners court, through the law firm of Burkett, Anderson & Orr brought a civil action in cause 8280, in the 88th district court, styled Eastland County, plaintiff, vs. W. V. Dunnam, defendant, in which the following petition is filed:

To the Honorable Judge of said court:

Comes now Eastland County, a duly organized and existing county in the State of Texas, acting by and through its duly authorized Commissioners'

Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough of Dothan, First to Bring in 1921 Cotton to Cisco—Gin Not Ready, Will be Ginned Today.

The first bale of 1921 cotton was brought in yesterday from Dothan, and was raised and gathered by a woman. The cotton is the property of Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough, who lives near Dothan. When the cotton arrived it caught the Cisco Gin Company unprepared to take care of it. Not anticipating the early arrival of the staple, the company has been making repairs, getting the machinery adjusted to take care of the cotton which may be brought here. When this bale arrived yesterday the gin had not commenced running, so Mrs. Yarbrough was compelled to store the cotton for the present. It is understood the cotton will be ginned today. It is probable the merchants of Cisco will give a premium to Mrs. Yarbrough, though this is not settled. This, however, was formerly the custom and as Cisco is doing all things possible to encourage farmers to bring their products here it is likely that a nice premium will be donated. In this case it should be done, as the cotton was raised and gathered by a lady.

Mrs. Yarbrough was a pleasant caller at the office of The American while in Cisco yesterday, and stated that she and her daughters had gathered this cotton alone. Her husband, Mr. J. D. Yarbrough has been sick nearly the entire year, but recently recovered sufficiently to seek employment elsewhere, his illness rendering him unable to perform farm labor.

LECTURE AND PICTURES AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH

The illustrated lecture delivered at the First Methodist Church Wednesday night, by Rev. J. E. Crawford of Waco, Conference Missionary Secretary of the Central Texas Conference, was well attended and was exceedingly instructive and interesting.

Pictures were shown illustrating numbers of cities and famous buildings as they were prior to the war and others showing the same scenes as they were left by war's devastation. Scenes were also shown illustrating various phases of the relief work that is being carried on in different parts of war torn Europe. It is inspiring to realize that even though Christianity was powerless to prevent the war, it is nevertheless making a magnificent effort toward binding up the wounds of that war in all nations alike, both those which were our allies and those who were our late enemies.

The speaker urged that subscribers to the Centenary fund make every effort to meet their payments as they become due, as the need for funds is very pressing.

Rev. Crawford was at one time pastor of the Methodist Church here and many friends were glad to greet him on his visit.

Home Products From Cisco Broom Factory

First Industrial Plant to Locate on Britton Property, Cisco's Factory Reservation—Cottages to be Built for the Employees.

ENGINEER HIRED BY COMMITTEE

John Mead, the New Engineer, Now Inspecting Work Done on County Roads Accompanied by Members of the Committee.

The Committee of Eight, having in charge the supervision of all matters pertaining to road work already accomplished, and the working out of plans for the resumption of road building, met in Eastland Tuesday morning with a full membership in attendance. The principal work accomplished at this meeting was the selection of John Mead of Fort Worth as engineer of the committee, who will make an engineering survey of the roads of the county, and check the engineer's estimates. Mr. Mead was selected by the sub-committee previously appointed for this purpose.

The new engineer is already on the ground, and has actively entered upon the work before him. Commencing Wednesday morning, Mr. Mead began a preliminary survey of the roads in company with Mr. Eccles, the present county engineer, arriving in Cisco, where they were joined by Mr. Frank Harrell, the Cisco member of the Committee of Eight, who accompanied them on their tour of inspection of the roads in this precinct. After finishing the Cisco district with Mr. Harrell, Mr. Mead will visit other districts in the county, and will be accompanied by the member of the committee as he inspects the roads in that committee's precinct. After finishing the survey in the Cisco precinct Mr. Boggs will accompany him over the Rising Star precinct; Mr. Cockrell in the Gorman precinct; while Mr. Cole will be his companion during the remainder of the survey of the county. After the survey Mr. Mead will then make a detailed check and investigation of the engineer's estimates, covering all the road work, and report to the committee.

Under the contract entered into with the new engineer he has authority to employ an assistant when necessary.

From the best information obtainable by The American, it appears that the Committee of Eight has acted wisely in the selection of Mr. Mead for the position. First, he is a gentleman of the highest integrity, as well as eminently qualified for the work in hand. Having spent his boyhood days at Rising Star he is familiar with Eastland county, and knows conditions prevailing here, many of the landmarks being well known. He was a student of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, from which institution he is a graduate. He then completed the full four years course at the A. & M. College. The past two years he has been engineer in charge of the construction work of the C. & N. E. Railroad. In 1916 and 1917 he had charge of the road building in Collin county, where \$450,000 was expended. Mr. Mead was Chief Civilian Engineer during the construction of Camp Bowie and laid out and supervised its roads. He was consulted by Dallas Interurbans were being built. Nearly all the railroads in Texas have employed him at some time or other in various capacities as a civil engineer. He is a man 57 years of age who has attained eminence in the engineering field in Texas, where he has been practicing his profession the past 35 years.

Auditor Harris Employed

In addition to engaging Mr. Mead as engineer the committee also employed Mr. Joe Harris, a certified public accountant of the firm of Hutchison & Smith of Dallas, whose duty it will be to audit all books having to do with the various phases of the present road contract, and prepare reports to be made to the citizens of the county. Mr. Harris has also actively begun the work, having commenced yesterday.

May Employ Fiscal Agent

The full committee will meet again at Eastland next Tuesday, August 23rd, at which time, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the delegates elected in the mass meetings held in the various towns of the county, will endeavor to employ a

The Cisco Broom Company, while in operation on a small scale at the present time, has yet a great deal of building to do to complete its plans for the immediate future.

In addition to the factory building and the bleaching room, which have been completed, a large warehouse for storing brooms and raw materials will be erected at once. Cottages will be built for the workmen as fast as needed, in order that they may be near their work.

As soon as the power machinery, which has been ordered, is installed, the plant will employ about twelve men inside and have a capacity of from forty to sixty dozen brooms a day, and will keep one man on the road the greater part of the time to dispose of the output.

Mr. Sherman Douglas, who will have charge of the shop as foreman, is a thoroughly experienced and practical broom maker, having been in the business on his own account in a small way. He is at present turning out a few brooms with the limited facilities which are on hand and they have been placed on sale with some of the local merchants. Mr. Owen, one of the owners of the enterprise, expressed the hope that the friends of home industry will make a point to remember and call for the Cisco broom when in the market for such household equipment. In this connection, it may be pertinent to observe that the Union label was noted prominently displayed on the finished brooms. There are many families in Cisco with whom this will have considerable weight, and none, it is believed, who will be uninfluenced by the fact that in supporting this industry, they are helping to build up the town as a whole.

The work is under the immediate charge of the owners S. A. Owen, formerly of the Owen Planing Mill, and H. L. Winchell who was formerly connected with the Guaranty State Bank & Trust Company of Cisco. Both are well and favorably known in Cisco, Mr. Winchell having been here since 1904 and Mr. Owen for the past three years.

Mr. Owen is making an effort to induce local farmers to produce at least enough broom corn to supply the local plant, and states that at present he is paying from \$125.00 a ton up, for the straw, depending upon the grade and length. Of course it is impossible to forecast what the market will be a year hence, but it may be stated that it frequently runs as high as double the figure stated, and that on the other hand, it is a profitable crop at very much less than that price.

The Cisco Broom Company is not a big factory, as big factories go, but it is one hundred per cent home industry and we bespeak for it the cordial patronage and support of the home people of Cisco and vicinity, and it might be well for consumers to make it a settled principle that as fast as other factories locate in our town, their products shall be given preference over all others, where other things, quality, price, etc., are equal. That is the way to build a town, and we might remark parenthetically in passing, that this rule should apply to the local producer of farm and garden products.

Upon leaving the plant, our representative was presented with a sample of the product, with the compliments of the owners, and on his behalf we acknowledge the same with thanks.

fiscal agent.

Now that the Committee of Eight has squared away, the public can expect some tangible results, as the personnel of this committee is of the highest integrity, serving their country from purely patriotic motives, and nothing short of the best results possible may be expected. This committee is not there to white wash any man, nor to persecute a living soul, but can be relied upon to do all things that will best conserve the public interests. At this time it is deemed of paramount importance that road work be resumed, and it is the purpose of those having the matter in hand, to make that desired consummation possible at the earliest date.

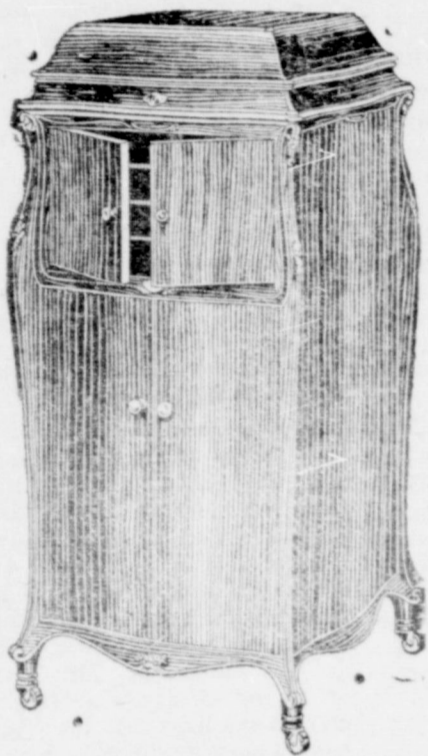
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IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN

THESE BEAUTIFUL PRIZES Be sure and go around and look at them next time you are in town. They are positively going to be given away without any strings tied to them, and you may just as well be the winner of one of them as anyone else

HOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



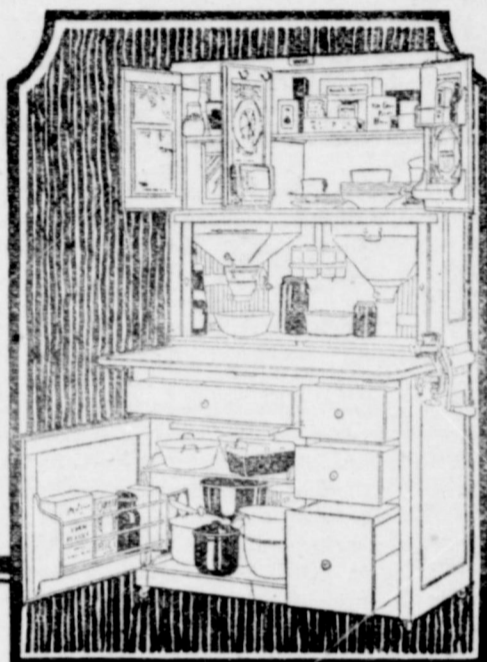
\$337.50 Victrola on Display at Nunn Electric Co.



At the day's beginning



When work hours finally end



\$75.00 Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet on Display at Cisco Furniture Co



\$300 Diamond Ring on Display at Haltom & Mitchell's

THE SOUL OF YOUR COMMUNITY

EVERY COMMUNITY, WHETHER URBAN OR RURAL, HAS AN INDIVIDUALITY, A PERSONALITY, IF YOU PLEASE, WHICH DISTINGUISHES AND SETS IT APART FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES AS TRULY DOES THE CHARACTER OR PERSONALITY OF A HUMAN ENTITY DISTINGUISH HIM FROM OTHERS.

What is the Leading Characteristic of your Community?

Whatever it is, whether it is beauty, spirituality, intellectuality, modernity, progressiveness, conservation, neatness, or what not, it gets that characteristic from the men and women, especially the women, who live in it.

Now you, friend reader, are requested to cast about in your mind and determine what in your opinion is the ruling spirit of your community, and cast your vote for the woman who most nearly typifies that spirit or characteristic.

We feel that it would be a greater compliment to a lady, for her friends and associates to vote her the most nearly representative woman of her community, than to vote her beauty, cleverness, popularity or any single attribute that could be named, though she may, and doubtless does, possess all these.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

ANY LADY IS ELEGIBLE AS A CONTESTANT, EXCEPT AN EMPLOYEE, A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AMERICAN, OR THE MOTHER, WIFE, DAUGHTER OR SISTER OF SUCH EMPLOYEE.

ONE HUNDRED VOTES WILL BE GIVEN WITH EACH YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WEEKLY AMERICAN AT \$1.50 PAID IN ADVANCE. TEN VOTES WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE COUPON PRINTED IN EACH COPY OF THE PAPER. IT WILL BE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE EACH ISSUE.

The Victrola and The Diamond Ring, being of approximately equal value, will both be regarded as first prizes. One will be given to the lady living in Cisco, who receives the largest number of votes. The other will be given to the lady living outside of Cisco, receives the most votes. At the close of the contest, the leaders in these two groups will meet and decide by mutual agreement which prize shall go to each.

The second prize, a seventy five dollar Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet, will go to the lady, who receives the greatest number of votes after the winners of the first two prizes.

As a guarantee of the perfect impartiality which should characterize a contest of this nature, the ballots will be safeguarded in the following manner.

(a) A ballot box will be placed in the Guaranty State Bank and Trust Company at Cisco and sealed with the seal of the bank. All ballots will be placed therein by the voter or some person representing him.

(b) At the close of the contest, each contestant will be invited to have a representative to witness the opening of the ballot box and the counting of the ballots.

(c) Each ballot must be presented at the office of the American for record, before being voted.

(d) Votes are positively not transferable. Once placed in the ballot box they will be counted as cast.

CASH AWARDS

IN ORDER THAT THOSE WHO ASSIST US IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND FAIL TO RECEIVE PRIZES, MAY NOT FEEL THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS HAVE BEEN LOST, A CASH AWARD OF TWENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR EACH SUBSCRIPTION PERSONALLY TURNED IN, WILL BE PAID TO THOSE CONTESTANTS FAILING TO RECEIVE PRIZES.

Cisco American Circulation Contest

Nomination Coupon

I nominate Mrs. _____
Miss _____

whose address is _____

as the most REPRESENTATIVE lady in the _____

Community.

Signed _____

This coupon, if presented by a subscriber, is good for 1000 votes for the lady nominated hereon, in addition to the votes given for the subscription, if not previously nominated.

Five Dollars in Gold

WILL BE PAID AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST TO THE PERSON FIRST PLACING IN NOMINATION, THE LADY WHO ULTIMATELY WINS EITHER OF THE TWO FIRST PRIZES IN THIS CONTEST.

Buy a Home in the Shallow Water Belt

RAISE HOGS AND ALFALFA

—We have farms in Tracts of 80 acres and up. Will take some Trade on many of these farms

SLONEKER & McINNISH LAND CO.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

THE PARABLE OF THE RING AND THE FISH

By G. B. WILSON

They was a man
 Going across the
 Atlantic Ocean to
 'Elp knock the 'ell
 Out of Kaiser Bill
 And he was standing
 Leaning over the rail
 On the forth day out
 Thinking about his
 Bride of a month
 Who had kissed his
 Goodbye when he
 Marched on board
 And wondering when
 He would see her again
 If at all and he was
 Wearing her diamond ring
 On his little finger
 And it fitted so tight
 That he could hardly
 Get it on when it was
 Off or off when it was on
 And he was idly playing
 With it and trying
 To pull it off just
 Like you and I have
 Often done and all at
 nce it did come off
 Blooy and dropped
 Right in the big middle
 Of the ocean where it
 Was nine miles deep
 Nearly and the man sure
 Was sorry about losing
 It but it couldn't be
 Helped and the ship just
 Sailed right on without
 Even stopping to look
 For it and the man went
 On too and played the hero's
 Part and fourteen months
 Later when the world had
 Been saved for democracy
 The man was coming back
 On another transport
 And he was feeling bully
 About getting home again
 And him and his buddy
 Was fishing over the side
 Of the ship and all
 At once he got a dandy bite
 And his cork went clear

Out of sight and he pulled
 Out a great big fish and
 Went down to the galley
 With it (that's what they
 Call the kitchen on ships)
 And asked the cook would
 He cook the fish for him
 And sea cooks are lots like
 Mess sargeants kind hearted
 But rough spoken and he
 Told the man to get to hell
 Out and clean the fish and
 The man was cleaning it and
 His knife struck something
 Hard and he got it out
 And there was his diamond
 Ring that he had dropped
 It to you.
 When he was going across
 Before with his wife's
 Name and everything
 And we bought the ring
 On purpose to give it
 To the lady who gets
 The most votes and
 Represents her community
 Best. Reader dear this
 Is not a little white
 Lie like you think it is
 But merely a parable
 Invented for the
 Occasion so to speak
 And the diamond that
 Is to be given away
 Is lots nicer than the
 One the fish swallowed.
 If you don't believe it
 Go to Haltom & Mitchell's
 Jewelry store and Mr.
 Mitchell will show
DO SOMETHING FOR CISCO
 Go to church.
 Build a house.
 Say a kind word.
 Smile, dammit, smile.
 Kick a banana peel off the sidewalk.
 Subscribe for The American.
 Trade at home.
 Read the ads.
 Invent a story with the smut left out.
 Join the Chamber or Commerce.
 Read the Bible every day.
 Pay a bill.
 Those who can do none of the above can move.
 That would help some,
 Subscribe for The American.

Dunnam Sued; Files Answer

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Court composed of C. R. Starnes, the duly elected, qualified and acting County Judge of said Eastland County and E. H. Webb, J. W. Camp, M. G. Robtson and H. S. Stubblefield, the duly elected qualified and acting County Commissioners of said Eastland county, hereinafter referred to as plaintiff, complaining of W. V. Dunnam, a resident of Eastland County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as defendant and for other cause of action respectfully represents and states

That defendant, W. V. Dunnam, is the duly elected and acting County Attorney of said Eastland County; that by reason of his said official position and in his said official capacity he is empowered and entrusted with the collection of certain monies for the use and benefit of said county

That on or about the 22nd day of January, 1921, said defendant, then acting in said official capacity, received and collected from one J. W. Humphrey the sum of \$1,000.00 as is more fully shown by the following copy of the receipt given therefor:

"Eastland, Texas, January 22, 1921 \$1,000.00."

"Receipt of J. W. Humphrey one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars in money in full settlement of all cases now pending against said J. W. Humphrey, Abe Enloe, and Earnest Enloe, in the 88th District Court of Eastland County. I agree that all the cases now pending against them will be dismissed in consideration of the above amount of fines herein paid, it being understood that the above amount is paid in as misdemeanor fines and that this department will no further prosecute the cases Nos. 3960, 3961, 3956 and 3962 formerly pending against them.

(signed) W. V. DUNNAM.
 County Attorney, Eastland County, Texas.

That said \$1000.00 when so collected became the property of said Eastland County, except so much thereof as said County Attorney was entitled to as a commission for making such collection, as is more particularly shown by the laws of the State of Texas quoted from the Revised Statutes thereof as follows:

"Whenever a district or county attorney has collected money for the state, or for any county, he shall, within thirty days after receiving the same, pay it to the treasury of the state, or of the county to which it belongs after deducting therefrom and retaining the commission allowed him thereon by law. Such district or county attorney shall be entitled to ten per cent commissions on the first thousand dollars collected by him in any one case for the state or county from an individual or company, and five per cent on all sums over one thousand dollars, to be retained out of money when collected, and he shall also be entitled to retain the same commissions on all collections made for the state or for any county; provided that ten per cent shall be allowed on all such sums heretofore collected since the adoption of the Revised Statutes. This article shall also apply to money realized for the state under the escheat law."

That although said amount of money less the commission thereon has been due plaintiff since February 22, 1921, the same has not been and is withheld from plaintiff and defendant still neglects and fails to pay to said collection to its damage in the sum of \$1,000.00.

That the said Eastland County is in need of its said fund and that the same should be paid without delay in order that said county may be better enabled to meet its obligations, and that because of all the above enumerated reasons said Commissioners' Court at its meeting duly held on the 9th day of August, 1921, by its order No. 2, requested the law firm of Burkett, Anderson & Orr to bring suit for the recovery of said amount and that plaintiff hereby sues for the recovery of said amount due said Eastland County from said defendant and for interest thereon since the date same became due.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendant be cited in terms of law to appear and answer herein and that upon final determination hereof that plaintiff have its judgement against defendant in the sum of \$900.00 with interest thereon from February 22, 1921, until paid, for all the costs in this behalf be expended and for such other and different relief general and special as in law and in equity it may appear entitled to receive.

BURKETT, ANDERSON & ORR
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dunnam Answers
 That American readers may read both sides of the controversy we give below the answer of the defendant, denying all the facts alleged and says same is done for the purpose of muddying the waters.

Comes now, the defendant, W. V. Dunnam, in above styled and numbered cause and waives time, and offers to submit to trial at once, and

for answer herein says:

1. Defendant denies all and singular the allegations in plaintiff's petition contained, and demands strict proof of same, and of which he puts himself on the country.

2. Specially answering herein the defendant says, that the receipt declared upon by the plaintiff in its original petition never became operative for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

That the Honorable G. G. Hazel, acting as counsel for Joe Humphries, Abe Enloe and Earnest Enloe on or about the 22nd day of January, 1921 said parties being then and there under indictment for the offence of operating a gambling house, but who were then and there at large and not arrested and as this defendant was then and there advised and believes were refugees from justice in the State of Oklahoma, and whereupon the following matters were further considered:

Said parties had fled the country and the witnesses by whom the State acting through this defendant as County Attorney, expected to sustain charges against said parties had also scattered and removed from the State of Texas and to parts unknown to such an extent that the state by her process, in the opinion of this defendant at said time, was unable to obtain the attendance of necessary witnesses to support a conviction for the offenses with which said parties were then and there charged. The said G. G. Hazel proposed to the said defendant herein, that he, the said Hazel, acting for said parties would plead guilty to a number of gambling cases sufficient to aggregate in fines and costs the sum of \$1000.00. Deeming it advisable in the premises so to do, this defendant agreed to permit the said Hazel to appear before a court of competent jurisdiction and enter the pleas of guilty and pay the fines in said aggregate sum. The said Hazel presented to this defendant certain travelers checks aggregating the sum of one thousand dollars, and requested this defendant to execute to him a receipt therefor, which this defendant did, and the receipt copied in plaintiff's petition is the one so executed by this defendant; that said receipt was delivered to the said G. G. Hazel, with the understanding that he the said G. G. Hazel should go to the Guaranty State Bank of Eastland, Texas, and reduce the said checks to currency and that he, the said G. G. Hazel should go before the Hon. Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. one, of Eastland County, Texas, and fines as agreed upon in the premises. When said checks were presented by the said Hazel, the Cashier of the said bank, or one of the officers thereof, to-wit: P. S. Wolfe, made inquiry as to the validity thereof, and received information that checks were in some matter of substance or form irregular and that same should not at that time be paid. He said defendant herein returned to his office and before the checks were paid ascertained the whereabouts of certain witnesses which in the opinion of this defendant could be used to prove the case against the said Humphries as charged in said indictment. Immediately this defendant went to the said G. G. Hazel, and advised him of the discovery, and called off said agreement in all things. This defendant knowing that said receipt could serve no further purpose gave the matter no further attention, and supposed the Hon. G. G. Hazel had simply destroyed the same until the institution of this suit. This defendant did not receive one cent, directly or indirectly, as represented by the said receipt, nor did he receive any moneys, directly or indirectly from the said Humphries, Abe Enloe or Earnest Enloe, except as hereinafter set forth:

Some days after the negotiations with the said Hazel as above set forth, this defendant agreed that said G. G. Hazel might appear in the justice Court of Precinct No. one, and pay fines for the said Abe Enloe and Earnest Enloe, and the said G. G. Hazel did appear in the said Justice Court and pleaded guilty for each of the said defendants, and they were fined an aggregate sum of Four Hundred dollars thirty cents (\$400.30) which sum covers the amount of their fines and costs; that this defendant did not receive said money or any part thereof, but same was collected by the Justice of the Peace, and said matters have been fully reported by the said Justice of the Peace to the Plaintiff herein, in due course of official business.

Abe Enloe and Earnest Enloe were never apprehended, or arrested, on the felony cases above mentioned and have since been slain, and the case against the said Humphries is still pending and undisposed of in the 88th District Court.

Defendant would further show that plaintiff knew the facts as above set forth in this answer at the time this suit was instituted, and that this suit was instituted for the purpose of intimidating and to suppress his investigation, now being conducted, of the Hon. Commissioners' Court of East-

land County, its County Judge and its Commissioners.

Having fully answered, defendant prays, upon final hearing that he may go hence without day together with his costs in this behalf expended.

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LOCATED IN CISCO

Some time ago Mr. W. D. Elder was in Cisco, and while here purchased some realty including the rooming house on 9th street known as the Hodnett rooming house. Mr. Elder leased this property, after thoroughly renovating and remodeling same, which is now leased and being conducted as the Miller Hotel. Mr. Miller, the proprietor, is also opening a cafe next to the Ray-Turner old stand now the Ravenscraft Grocery Store. At the time of Mr. Elder's first visit, when he purchased this property, he thought of the purchase simply as an investment. The town appealed to him, however, and he decided to locate here. Last week he arrived to make it his home, his family accompanying him. He came from Carrollton, Hamilton county.

PARCELS DELIVERED

"Those having lock boxes at the post office are not expected to have parcels and C. O. D. goods delivered, yet this is possible," stated Postmaster St. John yesterday. Even if you have a box, if you will request that all parcels and C. O. D. mail be delivered to your street address, this service will be extended you by simply calling at the post office and making your desire known, leaving your address with one of the clerks. This extra service will be a convenience to many who are too busy to go to the office in person for these parcels.

Raise Broom Corn For Self Interest

Cisco Broom Factory Should be Supplied by Home Grown Straw—Ship Produce in Manufactured Form.

There is a broom factory in Cisco, which for the present will have to ship in broom straw to operate on. That condition casts no discredit upon the community this year, but to let that be necessary another year, would be an economic enormity.

The American printed last week, the concluding installment of an article on the culture and curing of broom corn, and hopes that it may result in a number of farmers giving the crop a thorough test. This portion of the state is said to be ideally situated to the production of broom corn and any further information which may be desired in regard to its culture, may be procured from R. H. Bush, Eastland County Demonstrator, Eastland, Texas, or from the Extension Department A. & M. College, College Station, Texas, or from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Let there be at least enough broom corn produced in the Cisco County the coming year to supply the local plant.

This is just one step in the right direction. One way to beat the high freight rates is to establish small factories at home that will finish our raw materials, thus saving freight two ways, going out in form of raw material to the manufacturer and coming back as finished products to the customers. Self interest would seem to suggest that the farmers give serious thought to the question of supplying the raw material for this local enterprise, and we may add parenthetically, that there need be no fear of an overproduction as the demand has exceeded the supply in the broom corn market for several years past. Subscribe for the American.

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CO-OPERATION COMMUNITY'S NEEDS.

The Cisco American asks your support on one ground, and on one alone. Namely, that it is worth that it costs you. The fact that it is actually worth more than it costs, is aside from the point and has nothing to do with the argument we are setting forth. Any excess value that you may receive is merely the heaped up, pressed down and running over measure of Scripture.

The community of interest between the man in town and the man in the surrounding country is so obvious as to require no elaboration here, and so close that to ignore or neglect it would be folly of the most puerile type.

This common interest being conceded, it follows that any agency which tends to draw the two nearer together, which reaches and represents both, champions the interests of both, co-ordinates their efforts, unifies and synchronizes their aims and ambitions, is of vast if imperceptible value to the joint commonwealth.

Cisco is fortunate in having a medium of publicity which adequately covers the town and we believe, is faithful to the interests of the town as far as its scope extends. We are glad that this is true. She could not be the progressive, up-to-date community that she is without such a medium. Nevertheless we must not let this cloud the issue. If Cisco is to realize her true destiny and reach her greatest development, she must maintain a close, personal touch with the territory by which she is surrounded and which is naturally tributary to her. The thoughts, aims and objects of her people and of the people surrounding her, must be thoughts and aims in common. To this end there is no medium of exchange of thought and viewpoint equal to the Cisco American. Subscribe for it. Read it. Contribute to it.

We do not know the specific enterprises which are best calculated to develop our common interests. We are not prophets. We hope to suggest some of them from time to time, but our chief function is to provide a medium through which the constructive ideas of the best minds from both the town and country can reach the public. Subscribe for the Daily too. It is as patriotic as The American and as necessary to the fullest development of the town, but don't fall into the childish assumption that when you have subscribed for it, you have done your full duty to the local medium of publicity. Neither of your local papers are eleemosynary enterprises devoted solely and unselfishly to the upbuilding of your community. Both are primarily business propositions. They are worthy of your support and will give bigger returns on it than almost anything else you can think of that costs no more.

In a subsequent article we shall undertake to show that the town and the country are each creatures of the other, and that the distributing function of one and the producing function of the other, are of equal importance, but for the present it is our purpose to stress the fact that they are both here and for the fullest development and most symmetrical growth of either they must grow and develop together and the one biggest factor in the wise co-ordination of that growth is the local newspaper. Support it.

Support it not merely with your subscription and advertising patronage, though they are essential, goodness knows, but in addition to that, when you feel the urge of the pig idea, a constructive innovation or a thought which will be of value to the public, write it up and hand it in. Get in the game. Put on your thinking cap. Do your bit. Boost a little. One more shoulder to the wheel will help a lot. Subscribe for the American.

VISITING CISCO STORE

Mr. G. M. Brown, general manager of the Richardson-Brown stores in Texas, spent part of this week here visiting their Cisco store and looking over the situation. The parent house of the Richardson-Brown company is at Athens, where Mr. Brown resides. He departed Tuesday for Ranger to visit their store there.

Pullets Fill Gap While Hens Rest

The Commercial Poultryman Must Depend Upon the Pullets for His Fall and Winter Eggs When This Produce is Highest.

The Cisco country is a land where poultry raising could be profitably engaged in from a commercial standpoint. Most of us who engage in poultry raising do so in a haphazard manner—paying little attention to the fowls—letting them roost in the trees, old sheds or where they will, and go egg hunting in the weeds and grass when we want a nest of eggs, or wish to gather up a few dozen for a little ready money. Chicken raising is a profitable industry when intelligently followed. He who applies himself to poultry raising will have little time to think about hard times, and it will be the fellow who has to buy his chickens and eggs who will be cursing old H. C. L.

Since the beginning of the world war all manner of country produce, especially chickens and eggs, have commanded a fancy price, and now eggs are selling at 35 and 40 cents per dozen and chickens are bringing 25 and 30 cents per pound in the Cisco market. Unlike cotton, hogs, hay and other produce, the transportation charges are not of much consideration by reason of less weight, hence, when the Cisco market is glutted (which has not been the case for three years) this produce can be shipped to advantage. By reason of certain crops which make the best chicken feed being indigenous to this section, the expense of feeding is of little concern.

The Country Gentleman has a good story this week calling attention to the necessity of caring for the pullets, which we reproduce, and which will profit poultry raisers to read carefully:

Pullets, not hens, are the birds which keep you from digging down in your right-hand pocket for money to pay the grocery bills during the fall and early winter—that is, so far as eggs are concerned, for yearling hens are resting at this time. The duration of that vacation and the time it begins depend upon the kind of hens you are handling and how they have been handled, but it is a safe bet that hens' eggs will be about as scarce as hens' teeth from some time in the fall until near the first of the new year. There is one solution—and only one—for the empty egg basket at this time. It is the use of properly matured pullets to fill the gap while the old hens are resting.

The commercial poultryman of experience realizes that he must depend upon his pullets for his fall and winter eggs. He works to bring his pullets off the range in a vigorous, well-matured readiness for work in the fall and strives to have some place to put them where they can work to the best possible advantage. Those of the Corn Belt pay less attention to this very important phase of poultry work, and this is the reason of their inability to have eggs when eggs are eggs.

The three essentials to pullet production, feed, water and range, to which might be added the important matter of range shelter, have been discussed fully and frequently. There are incidentals of shade, vermin and manner—as well as matter—in feeding that must be recognized and looked after. Otherwise the most carefully and plans in breeding and selection for flock improvement will be lost in the very generation where it was supposed to do the most good. Unless pullets can be started to produce eggs before the beginning of cold weather it is extremely difficult to start them at all until late in the year after much valuable time has been lost and high total production for the year is impossible. This is expensive and keeps poultry profits down in not only a disheartening but rather unnecessary manner. There must be a steady and vigorous growth from the chick stage to the laying house.

The cornfield, the orchard and the wood-lot take care of the shade problem on the average farm. If they do not it will pay to arrange artificial shade of some sort, for shade is an important factor in raising pullets. Pullets crowded into an ill-smelling, poorly ventilated house at night are going to become natural prey for the thirty-seven varieties of insect pests that make chicken life miserable, and two pullets perching where there is but room for one is one of the surest ways of handicapping winter egg production that I now anything about.

There are so many feeds and combinations of feeds which answer the same purpose that to lay down any

set ration or manner of applying it to maturing pullets would invite trouble. Prices also vary greatly, so every ration and application of it should be aimed at the accomplishment of the desired end and at least cost.

There can be no doubt that profits can be materially increased on the average farm by a better understanding of feeds and feeding and a more careful application of them. Pullets are usually underfed rather than overfed and the open hopper of grain and mash where the birds are on free range comes nearest to being the solution of the feeding problem of any yet devised. Under any system of hand feeding the strongest birds have the advantage, and the uniformity of growth among the whole flock is not accomplished so easily and so economically as where the feed is before the birds whenever they care for it. It is a mistake to compel the pullets to hunt for their own living during the summer—even on farms where considerable livestock is kept and where range feed seems abundant—and thus lose the results of proper maturity and rapid growth that can be insured by providing hoppers containing a ration of the right sort.

A mash composed of equal parts of wheat bran and shorts with a grain ration of six parts cracked corn and four parts wheat will meet the Corn Belt requirements of cheapness and availability and prove very satisfactory where milk is kept before the birds constantly. Where milk is not available it will be necessary to add one-fourth part meat scrap to the mash ration, for vigorous growth depends largely upon the amount and kind of animal feed given. In this connection it may be well to remark that, to my own mind at least, buttermilk—either direct from the churn or in some of the commercial forms—ranks as the highest form of animal feed and tankage as the lowest for growing chicks. The latter is preferable for use in the laying house rather than with the youngsters. Wherever possible, buttermilk should be used; and for Corn Belt purposes it is preferable to cheapen the ration by decreasing the wheat and increasing the amount of corn rather than through substituting tankage of a low grade for the milk in order to lessen the cost of feed. As 100 pounds of milk equal approximately seven pounds of meat scrap and six pounds of high grade tankage, a basis of figuring the relative cost of these feeds on your market may be found.

Grit and charcoal should, of course, be available for the chicks, and the ration can very often be further cheapened by using ground oats placed in separate hoppers. Some poultrymen object to oats because of the great amount of fibre, but many farms feed oats with the best of results. They are great bone builders, and their feeding value has long been underestimated by the folks who produce to bulk of the crop. If it were not for the fact that chicks need variety and must have it I would have no hesitancy in attempting to bring maturity with ground oats and corn alone, keeping buttermilk before them at all times and providing plenty of range. The addition of ground oats and buttermilk will make an enormous improvement on farms that depend wholly on corn and feed picked up on the range, as is so often the case. However, the best practice is to provide the variety and depend upon the crops grown at home as much as possible—provided they furnish the elements necessary to growth.

We are on the farms of the Middle West, with practically unlimited range at hand and we very often make the mistake of rearing our pullets on the same ground year after year. Fresh, clean range is one of the secrets—which, like most poultry secrets, is no secret at all—of successful pullet production. With the various devices for providing several days' supply of feed and water, which costs but little and with which most of us are acquainted, there is little reason for leaving the colony houses year after year on the same location. Besides this, removal to new soil has added advantage of keeping the pullets away from the old stock; this in itself is no small factor in avoiding evils and bringing about a normal and vigorous maturity.

FUNDERBURK-NORTHCUTT

The friends of Mr. John E. Funderburk were somewhat surprised last week, when he came in Thursday from DeLeon, accompanied by his bride. The ceremony was performed in DeLeon Wednesday, when Mr. Funderburk was married to Miss Minnie Northcutt of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk spent several days here the guests of Mrs. S. E. Funderburk, mother of the groom, on Avenue J, departing last Sunday for their home in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Mr. Cecil Lotief of the Famous Store, left Tuesday for Dallas and St. Louis to purchase goods for the Famous.

ORIENTAL GRAPES DO WELL HERE

Climate Similar to That of the Valley of the Eschol Where Clusters a Yard Long and Weighing 16 Pounds are Grown.

That the Cisco country is the home of the grape one only has to visit a few of the vineyards growing in this territory. Previous to the adoption of the dry amendment, grapes were grown for their commercial value as a wine crop. In fact it was predicted from one end of the country to the other that the adoption of the dry amendment was confiscation of the property of those grape growers, who depended upon their production of wine as the cotton planter relied upon the south's staple crop. Results have proven the contrary to be true. Since it is no longer lawful to press grapes into wine for commercial purposes, the grape growers of California are reaping a richer harvest, and one more profitable, from their grapes as a table commodity than the revenue derived from their wine. This being true why is it not possible, and would it not be possible, for the farmers in the Cisco country to grow grapes for table use? The American believes this crop would be a source of profit to our farmers.

As the American is always looking out for some means of bettering the condition of the farmers of the Cisco country we have taken the pains to look into this subject a bit.

We learn from Mr. H. L. Owens of Burlington, Iowa, recognized authority on grape culture climatology who writes "that the center climate for grape culture east of the Rocky Mountains, is located in the Cisco country. This climate is similar to that of Palestine, the native home of the grapes. Asiatic varieties, such as the Palestine, or Valley of Eschol, should thrive in this territory. These vines sometimes bear clusters or bunches weighing sixteen pounds, and measure over a yard in length. In Jerusalem these varieties are highly esteemed as table grapes."

There are so many possibilities for the Cisco country that one wonders why the word hard times is ever used. The fact is where intelligent application is applied the worst is not known.

Perhaps the transportation problem is a greater hindrance to the development of the whole country than any other cause, and once this is adjusted agriculture will again come into its own. But in the meantime we can not be idle or rely upon cotton. We must diversify and take up the growing of other crops. Perhaps grape culture might not be a paying proposition at first for the lack of a market, but once it becomes known that the Cisco country is producing grapes weighing five pounds to the cluster the demand will come.

But, grape growing, like growing of broom corn, will create its own demand once the world knows we are producing the crops. Buyers will bid for our produce, and we can look back and wonder why we ever relied upon cotton as our money crop.

WILL LEAVE FOR ANSON

Attorney Lon D. Brooks and family will leave for Anson next week for an extended stay. Just how long they will be absent from Cisco, Mr. Brooks could not state, as he has some improvements to make on his farm, which is situated near "old Jones' county seat," after which he expects to return here.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

One Dodge motor complete, nearly new. Short & Edwards Garage, opposite steam laundry. (adv.) 1t-c.

Mr. A. D. Barton, formerly with the Cisco Hardware Company, who recently disposed of his interests in that company to Mr. Roy Keathley, is again back in Cisco. Mr. Barton visited several other Texas cities, but states he found nothing that looks so good as Cisco, and will likely again embark into some kind of business in this city.

J. W. Babb of the Babb's ready to wear store, is home after three weeks absence in New York and other markets which he visited selecting goods for his establishments.

Messrs. H. E. Stuard of the Gain-a-Day Laundry, and George Allison, returned Monday from a two weeks motor trip through the plains country of Texas and New Mexico.

Mr. R. H. Dorsey, general freight of the C. & N. E. railroad, is in South Texas this week on business.

Miss Lucile McGraw, who has been visiting friends in Baird, returned home Monday.

Daddy Evans, 1604 Avenue A, best and cheapest shoe shop in town. Half soles 75 cents to \$1.00. Twenty years pegging. Advertisent. 4-4tpd.

Mrs. W. R. Tomlinson and children are visiting her father, Dr. J. A. Lynch at Pendleton, in Bell county.

A ten pound girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neel, 802 West 9th street, August 11.

Prizes for Best Farm Products

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We are offering a few prizes to our farmer friends for best samples of farm products. These samples to be brought to our place of business, where they will be labeled and placed on display. This is a free contest, no strings on it. All you have to do is to bring in your sample as soon as possible. Contest closes September 21. OPEN TO ALL.

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MR. MONTGOMERY WEDS

At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hayes of Dallas, Mr. Oscar Montgomery and Miss Margaret Hayes were happily married. After the ceremony a beautiful reception was tendered the happy pair. They are spending their honeymoon at Gulf resorts.

BACK FROM MARKET

Messrs. John H. Garner and H. S. Drumwright have returned from an extended tour of eastern markets, where they purchased goods for the fall and winter trade for the John H. Garner Stores.

Tramps sleeping in the building is believed to have been the cause of the burning of the ten room apartment house on Mancill avenue, Harrell addition, this morning at about 4 o'clock. The building was owned by Mr. F. E. Harrell, and valued at \$8,500. It was a total loss.

Jack Kolbrenner of the Art's Shoe Stores, will leave Sunday for eastern markets for the purpose of selecting goods for the Art's stores at Cisco, Eastland and the new store at Abilene.

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CISCO PARENT TO BRANCH BUSINESS

Parent Concerns are Worth More to Cisco Than Branch Establishments—Young Blood Reaching Out for New Customers.

Heretofore many branch houses of business establishments, whose headquarters are elsewhere, have been doing business in Cisco. While we welcomed these branch concerns, many helped to make Cisco great, yet there has always been recognized that there are certain disadvantages, as the branch houses are supplied from their home base, making Cisco establishments a feeder to the parent concerns. There is beginning to be noted a change in this arrangement, as Cisco men are branching out and establishing or taking over places of business in other cities. As Cisco grows they will become more numerous and before many years doubtless many concerns will have their base in Cisco.

Among those who are maintaining branch houses in other places, with Cisco as the parent concern, are Goldman Brothers, who were the first to open up places in other cities. The first to be thus catalogued was the establishment of a subsidiary house at Eastland, by Cisco's growing produce house. Then Breckenridge began to assume city airs, and Goldman Brothers put in a house in the oil town.

The next to follow was Arts Shoe Company. The Kohlbrener boys are live wires, and Eastland looked good, so they secured a prominent stand in the capital city and began to do business there, where they are supplying the county seat with their high grade shoes and hoisery. We are told that now is the time of retrenchment. The Kohlbreners do not see it in that way, as they are expanding still further, and last week opened another

store in Abilene, and this, like the Eastland house, is being supplied from the parent house at Cisco. Mr. Jack Kohlbrener will leave for market Sunday, going direct to Boston, where he will buy shoes for all three establishments. However, as his purchases, by reason of supplying the three concerns, will be considerable, if the market is not right in Boston he will visit other markets.

Now comes the Connor Baking Company, an incorporated concern, which was first to put in a modern bakery here, and which has been operating under the latest improved methods, sees in the future more business and better times if one will place himself in position to get the grapes when they are ripe, has taken over another bakery. Two weeks ago the Connor Baking Company absorbed the Ranger bakery, which is being operated with Cisco as headquarters.

This expansion by Cisco concerns is healthy, and will ultimate in good. A noteworthy feature of this expansion is that the young fellows are doing it. None of the three firms who are boosting Cisco by branching their business from here have reached the thirty mile post in life's brief span. The American congratulates these young fellows on their enterprise, and bespeaks for them success in each venture.

We believe that they are on the right track. While all the world is croaking hard times, they are going after the business—neither of them are standing idle, waiting for business to come to them, but all three are pushing ahead seeking business by reaching out for new customers, and this expansion is one of their tactics.

Mr. A. P. Slater is erecting a nice brick building on his lot on Avenue E, between Fifth and Sixth street, and when complete will move his grocery store to the same. He is now located opposite the Daniels Hotel on Avenue D.

County Fairs Are Great Civilizers

Vermont Fairs, Besides Great Recreation Feats, are Profitable Institutions—Horse Racing Always Strong Drawing Card.

There has been some talk of organizing a fair association in Cisco. The main idea is to stimulate agriculture, horticulture, poultry, swine and stock breeding, as well as other lines that have fallen into innocuous desuetude. To bring back those essentials to prosperity is the one aim of the American. We believe in agriculture and all that goes with it, for it is the mull of prosperity, the cap-sheaf of culture and refinement. To better agricultural conditions should be the one aim of every loyal American citizen. County fairs are agencies in this endeavor. Most of us admit this, but we are so obsessed with the idea of serving self now that we overlook those matters that build for the future.

While county fairs stand for the best in all that makes the rural population great, they do more. They are great civilizers. Perhaps we think that we have achieved much as a civilized nation, and so we have, but the tendency of late years has been too much for self and not sufficient attention to the welfare of the country as a whole. Conditions have almost degenerated to the survival of the fittest. By reason of the mingling together of people we come to know them, and learn of them. In other words the intercourse with our fellow man has a civilizing influence upon us, and to a limited degree county fairs are great institutions in this direction.

When you become intimately acquainted with your neighbor who tills the soil (as you will at county fairs) you learn to know him better, and understand his problems. The farmer gets acquainted with his merchant and learns to know him for what he really is, he finds he is not such a bad fellow after all; that he is not a legal highwayman, seeking to hold him up every time he comes in his place of business, but a fellow-being, who wants to help him in bettering his business, and one who is willing to do all things possible to find a better market for his produce.

The American believes in county fairs because they pay big return on the investment. Not always in dollars and cents, but in numerous other ways, but as a matter of fact a well conducted fair is a financial success. The writer knows of an instance where a county fair association was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000 and only 50 per cent of this stock was ever paid—the gate receipts paid the expenses and paid out the remainder.

The Country Gentleman has an interesting story, which we publish below, regarding fairs in Vermont, which will interest all who are considering the matter of a fair for Cisco. We get some good ideas from the Vermont way that would prove profitable should we adopt them.

The Land of Good Fairs
One of the prevailing complaints against American fairs is that there is a deadly sameness to them. That doesn't apply to Vermont fairs. The Rutland Fair and Horse Show only has advertised and made good its claim of "being the fair that is different." But a lot of other Green Mountain fairs are also different.

In a 150-mile stretch the fall-wayfarer can enjoy a one-day fair, a two-day fair, a four-day fair and a six-day fair; a couple of street fairs and half a dozen held in parks that are ringed with mountains and shadowed with pines; fairs that are as up to date as the fashion display on Main Street and yet have features that carry back to a time when leading citizens wore powdered wigs and ruffled waistcoats. These fairs pay their way. That means they draw crowds of satisfied folks who return next year, which, after all, is the acid test of a fair.

The Rutland County Agricultural Society has to hold a fair every year unless prevented by "an act of God." The forty-odd acres in its fair ground were given some 70 years on that condition—if a fairless year passes without good cause, the grounds revert to the heirs of the original owners. The Rutland people decided that if they had to have a fair they might as well have a good one. That they have had a continuous surplus since 1908 and finished \$10,000 ahead is a good indication of their success. It is a six-day fair, one of the few in the country, outside of state fairs.

"Those six days constitute the best insurance we can get," Secretary W. K. Farnsworth told me. "Anything like six successive days of bad weather is practically unknown in this section in the fall. So if we have two or three bad days we still have plenty to catch up in. Moreover, the length of the fair cuts down overhead and is attractive to concessionaires. Last year we got \$1,152 from our midway and other concessions. With transportation and labor costs so high,

they want as long a run as they can get without moving."

The Rutland Fair knows the value of service-to-the-farmer features. One such is an egg laying contest. In times past the poultry exhibit contained as many as 4000 birds, but many of them were the property of "string men"—fellows with flocks of show birds that made one fair after another and cleaned up the prizes. Such an exhibit wasn't of much use to the farmer who wanted to get a line on a good laying strain of hens. So the premiums for strictly exhibition fowls were reduced and the biggest prize money diverted to the egg-laying contest.

This is a five day affair, and an entry pen consists of six hens of any one variety, any age.

"It demonstrates the utility quality of the chickens, the point which concerns our farmers most," said Mr. Farnsworth. "There is sure to be a good demand for the winner's eggs or from some of his flock. I myself entered a pen—and finished last. But I learned a lot. We look for a big entry list this year."

Future Plans
Rutland's fair maintains a butter production contest, for Vermont is a great creamery state. Prizes ranging from five dollars to fifty-five dollars, along with a handsome loving cup are offered. Cows entered in the contest are milked dry in the presence of the management, and the next twenty-four hours thereafter constitutes the time of the test. The contest is open to any cow of any breed, wherever owned, is sure to bring a big list of entries.

A new dairy building that will be a combination model dairy and creamery is planned by this fair, which has taken a twenty-year look ahead and glimpsed the direction of Vermont agriculture. A model sugar house and apiary also are included in the plans for the future.

The Valley Fair at Brattleboro is only a two-day fair; it does not charge any fee for livestock entries; it never has charged any fee for crop exhibits; it does not have an evening carnival—and it long has had a surplus in the treasury.

Years ago this fair had a policy of "everything free inside the gate." The only charge was for admission. That policy paid for a long time, but changing conditions made it impossible to maintain. The fair is still deaf to all requests for a night show.

"It is difficult to keep degrading phases out of a night show," said E. H. Chapman, superintendent of concessions.

The annual drawing contest, an old-time feature of New England fairs, still thrives at the Valley Fair. It's a day-long affair with a big crowd always gathered about the oxen and the draft horses tugging at the stone boats with their loads of granite blocks.

This fair pays more than the ordinary amount of interest to fruit and field crops. While liberal with its premiums it always has been strict with its rules. As long ago as 1888 it enforced this rule: "All exhibits offered for premiums must be grown by the exhibitor, correctly named, and labeled with the true name or the variety and the place where grown."

Certainly few fairs can command a lovelier surrounding than this one. High up on a wooded eminence, well shaded by tall pines, it is encircled by the mountains like jewels in a great setting of emerald and topaz.

"At first glance it would seem that a two-day session would constitute a liability, since there is always the danger of being rained out both days," remarked D. E. Tasker, veteran secretary of the fair. "But a two-day fair is flexible. We hold ours on Tuesday and Wednesday. If bad weather comes on those two days we can move the dates of the fair on to Thursday and Friday and still come out all right. We cleared \$2000 in 1919 and above \$4000 last year."

On the other hand, the Addison County Fair at Middlebury is the four day sort, and it has had between \$3,000 and \$10,000 surplus for the last dozen years. So perhaps it is the quality and class of a fair, rather than the length of time, that determines its success or failure.

Changing Phases of Agriculture
At this fair are to be seen most significantly the changing stages that have come upon Vermont agriculture. Once Addison County was in the center of the great Merino sheep belt. In that county the traveler can see a \$10,000 barn that old timers tell was built by twenty Merino sheep—sold to Australia. But the Merinos have moved on toward the setting sun, and last year the once great sheep building at the fair was turned over to the farm bureau for the boys and girls' exhibit, a product of the new era. This boys and girls' exhibit is an important thing with Vermont fairs. One finds big buildings devoted wholly to it with exhibitors running up into the hundreds. A four hundred dollar premium list is being offered the youngsters by the Addison County Fair this year. The Rutland Fair has a prize list of around \$500

for the boys and girls to compete for, and the Valley Fair is likewise putting up an increased premium list.

The Morgan horse, once the pride of Vermont fairs, is following in the wake of the fading flocks of Merinos. But no Vermont fair is a real fair without its exhibit of Morgans, and so the Valley Fair last year scouted round most all of New England to gather up a respectable exhibit in this department. At Rutland the horse show long has been one of the main features in the fair, and to preserve interest in its riders and mounts are being obtained this year from Fort Ethan Allen.

The Rutland Fair has found that a fish and game department is a good drawing card. It offers no premiums but everybody bringing in an interesting exhibit of animals, fish or birds is paid a reasonable sum for his trouble. It is a great boon to the small boys who fetch in foxes, chipmunks, woodchucks, hawks and the like. They get a ticket of admission if nothing else.

Contrasting Methods
The Rutland Fair has a strong racing card and offers \$2,500 in prize money each year. Mr. Farnsworth told me the \$10,500 in purses offered at the five-day racing program last year was well spent; all those dollars came back at the gate and brought some friends with them. The Valley Fair takes a somewhat unusual tack in handling its races. It charges no entrance fee, but deducts 5 per cent from the winners' purses.

The Valley Fair limits its livestock entries to the three counties from which it draws most extensively, but its poultry exhibit is open to all comers. The Addison County Fair, on the other hand, throws its livestock entries wide open but limits its poultry exhibits to Vermont.

Both the Rutland and Addison secretaries believe in the efficacy of the small reading notice in newspapers. They consider it more economical and effective than display or billboard advertisements. The Rutland Fair advertises in sixty-five newspapers and depends largely on the few-line "reader" to attract visitors.

"We never exaggerate in our advertising; it doesn't pay," said Secretary Farnsworth. "The fair that claims to be the greatest in the world, with extraordinary and marvelous features, is apt to do itself harm thereby. People dislike being misled."

The Rutland Fair paid \$6872 for its free attractions last year and considered it a good investment. Most of these were put on in the evening, twenty-five cents admission being charged.

"People will pay more attention to the educational features during the day if they know there is going to be a good evening show with lots of amusement," said Secretary Farnsworth.

But, in contrast, there is the successful Valley Fair which has no night show and mingles its free attractions with the day's program.

"What makes a good fair?" I asked all three secretaries.

Their answers differed in detail but not in purport. Summed up they were about like this:

"A good fair serves its community by encouraging agricultural progress, by advertising its advantages and by satisfying the human longing for recreation. If it meets this three-fold purpose it will pay its way."

FRUIT AND GREEN

GOODS STORE

Mr. F. S. Montgomery of Waco, has moved to Cisco and leased a section of the building occupied by the Kuykendall Electrical company, in which he has opened a fruit and green goods store. Mr. Montgomery proposes to handle a full line of California fruits and vegetables to supply the Cisco market with something good to eat at all times.

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The residence occupied by Mr. M. D. Looney and family at 902 West 8th street was consumed with its contents, Thursday morning. The alarm being turned in at 3:30. The house was the property of John P. Stamps, and was valued at \$4,000, with \$3,500 insurance. The contents, which were also a total loss, were valued at \$4,000, only \$2,500 insurance. Origin of the fire unknown.

The house adjoining at 900 West 8th street, also the property of Mr. Stamps, was damaged about \$1,000, but covered by insurance. No one was living in this building, but Mr. Stamps was sleeping there to hold the insurance until the tenant moved in.

The residence occupied by Dr. J. H. Brice, and owned by Eli Ward which was also next to the burned building occupied by Mr. Looney, but on the other side from the house in which Mr. Stamps was sleeping, was slightly damaged, not over \$50. This was fully covered by insurance.

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ALCOHOL MELONS ARE NOT SUCCESS

"Young Burbank" of Nolan County,
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Alcohol Melon.

Sometime ago we mentioned some of the "Burbank" experiments, being carried on by Kirby Kinsey in his father's watermelon patch. In experiment after experiment he tried to produce a melon of a certain color, but instead of the two colors making a green colored melon, Kirby declared, it was a regular pied color, of yellow blue and green, owing perhaps to, too much of one color and not enough of the other.

However, his faith in Mr. Burbank was not lessened in the least.

In the flavoring experiment, Kirby says the flavoring taste faded out, owing to too much Texas ozone perhaps, but he says that he surely grew a bunch of highly perfumed vanilla and pineapple, watermelons, af-

ter they had absorbed about two bottles each. After his own experience in changing the natural tendencies of watermelons, Kirby hasn't much faith in the yeast cake experiment, where a North Texas man is expecting to raise an acre of "alcohol watermelons."—Sweetwater Reporter.

The Reporter fails to give its readers the method employed by this modern Burbank, which is really the most interesting feature, as many would like to know upon what lines he experimented with yeast cakes to produce the alcohol melon. Perhaps if many had a line they might be able to improve Young Kinsey's experiments and really produce the real thing. At any rate the idea is not a bad one, for sooner or later some genius may strike it, and then we will have the enforcement officials sampling every melon patch in Texas, and pulling up the vines and taking them to the court house for evidence.

But Young Kinsey succeeded in producing the flavored melons, by the simple method, doubtless, of slitting the stem next to the melon and inserting a wick, which is placed in

a vessel containing the extract of the desired flavor. This has been tried before, with success, and evidently this modern Burbank failed on his alcohol experiment because he did not use the proper extract. Judging from the number of empty bottles labeled Dove's Extract that can be found in the alleys of the average town, were he to use this brand in sufficient quantity his success might be more marked.

EINSTEIN

Don't you understand Einstein's relativity theory? Well, you are way behind the times if you don't.

You know the world mopes forward very fast, these days, and one should keep up with the procession or get run over, that's all.

You know there was a time when people thought that the world was flat. Well, a big part of it IS flat, at this writing; but they thought that a great sea of water extended around this flat world, and the water was boiling hot out about the jumping-off place, so that no human being could reach the point where the sky came down to let the sun slide down in the west. Over behind that jumping-off place was where God manufactured the thunder and lightning, etc. The scientists came along and cleared up all that mystery; but they left several things unsettled. One of these things is relativity, and while you may not know it, relativity is one of the main things, and should have been looked into long ago.

You know the universe is filled with that universal fluid called ether, which you may either believe or not, because we cannot prove it. Now, this ether either stands (or sits) still or moves, nobody knows which, but everything that moves must go thru this ether to get anywhere and when a moving body moves very fast the ether either passes through it or it passes through ether, no one seemed to know before Einstein told us. According to Einstein, when a ray of light passes through the ether going when the source of light is either standing still or going east, the ray of light will not go so fast as it would, if it were going the other way. That is plain enough.

And so, if a ray of light starts from Halley's comet going in a westerly direction along the milky way, should enter the perihelion at right angles to the zodiac, with a temperature of zero at sea level, the violet rays would be deflected 45 degrees to the east while the rest of the spectrum would either go straight on or be absorbed by the free gases and converted into heat. That makes the weather hot in the summer. Now,

when this violet ray passes through the rarefied stratum of atmosphere enveloping the apælion of the seventh sun of the Big Dipper, there is a slight quiver, when the law of gravitation gradually gets in its work. How it does it, the Lord only knows, but it does.

This is relativity in its first stages. All you have to do is to follow up this hypothesis to its subjective, psychological termini, exceptis excipiendis, and you have relativity, pure and simple. Plain enough.

SATISFIED TO REMAIN HERE

Mr. George Bock and family have just returned from an overland trip to Wichita Falls, accompanied by Miss Ott, who returned home after spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Bock.

Going and coming Mr. Bock passed through all towns enroute, at which place he observed business conditions. "In no town," stated Mr. Bock, "did I find conditions more favorable than those prevailing in Cisco. We may think our town is slow, but those who have this notion should get out of their own yard once in a while. While we know that business is quiet, even for Cisco, but this cannot be laid at the door of our town, but to prevailing general conditions.

It certainly makes one feel proud of Cisco when he leaves home. No other town I have visited has such substantial improvements, such a cleanliness and such a vast amount in splendid paved streets. So far as I am concerned I am satisfied with Cisco, and expect to remain here."

PLANT A GARDEN

Plant a fall garden. Get your seed now. Have your ground ready. What to plant? Oh, lots of things. Beans, peas, lettuce, onions, radishes and especially turnips and other varieties of winter greens. Did you know that rape is almost as good greens as mustard, after the frost falls on it? It is extensively grown as a winter pasture for hogs, but don't let the hogs have all of it unless you have so much else in your garden that you don't need it. Collards are the winter greens par excellence in the south, but they must be planted early in the season. Get the garden habit. It will save you dollars. This suggestion doesn't cost you a cent. The Cisco American costs you only one dollar and fifty cents a year and you will get good ideas from every issue. Subscribe for it.

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The Cisco Country depends on no one crop for its support. Besides being the home of truck, melons and grapes, peanuts and all ordinary crops all varieties of fruit thrive in this God-favored section. Apples, especially, do well in this section. Last week Mr. F. M. Webb, who lives near Romney, was in Cisco with a load of very fine apples, which found a ready sale at very good prices. Mr. Webb stated that he and his brother, J. B. Webb, and his father F. P. Webb, have forty acres in orchard—five in apricots, fifteen in peaches and twenty in apples.

Most years the fruit yield is satisfactory, Mr. Webb stated. The 1919 crop was good, and that of 1920 fair, while this year's crop of peaches was not up to the average on account of the late freeze, but apples did well up until the day weather, and now are needing rain pretty badly. However, the Webb apple orchard will produce more than the family can consume for canning and table use, leaving a nice surplus to dispose of in the Cisco market.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hobson have returned from an extended visit to towns on the plains, where they were guests of relatives. They were accompanied on their return by their nieces, Misses Lee and Ruby Gore, of Knox City, who will spend some time here. Mr. Hobson stated that crops were unusually fine on the plains this year.

See the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet at Cisco Furniture Co. It is to be given away. Read particulars on page 2.

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**First Association
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In this Section of Texas, Was the Red Gap Association in 1877—Albert Stephens' Father First Missionary Baptist Preacher.

Away back in the '40's, Rev. G. C. Stephens and his young bride, settled "way east", as we call it, in Titus county, this state, and there reared their family, living in that and Upsher county until 1879 when the "lure of the west" drew them and their married children, Mrs. N. C. Green and husband, Mrs. Phoenesa Sparks and husband and A. C. (Albert) Stephens and wife, found them at what is now Cisco and environments.

Here they found conditions similar to what Brother Stephens found them in Titus county in the '40's. The woods abounded in wild game, the antelope, deer and turkey, also the black bear and the panther. Albert the only one of the family still alive tells of killing four black bear in the canyon north of Britton College.

Brother Stephens built a log hut in the rear of what is now the City Cemetery, in dry weather hauling water from a well on the bank of Sandy creek, near (now) Lake Bernie.

Albert built where the Wallace place now stands, and put ten acres in cultivation, which he planted in corn. This corn grew rapidly, and when about to silk and tassle was killed by a heavy frost on the 10th day of June, 1877. There were no farms in this section then. Stock raising being the life of the country—rather cattle raising.

As people came in south, north and west, they rode this section gathering up cattle, and finding Brother Stephens was a Missionary Baptist preacher they induced him to preach for them.

As a central point between Deep Creek and Leon Creek settlements, they selected a place 400 yards west of what is now Canyon Lake, west of Albert Stephens' shack, and all gathered and built a brush arbor.

This was in 1877, and people came in wagons drawn by horses, oxen and mules, some on horseback, and some on foot. They brought bedding and provisions, and held the first meet-

ing ever known in this region. Only a few years previous, (as late as 1873) the Comanches made their raids on the light of the moon, and where perhaps, "the Scalp Dance" of the aborigines was held a few years before, old Brother Stephens and Cobb, and Hightower from the Leon section, "told the story of the Cross."

Albert, the only one living who attended the meeting said it was the old fashioned kind, and as they made the welkins respond with "I am Bound for the Promised Land," and "The Old Ship of Zion-Hallelujah," brethren made the canyon ring with shouts of "Glory to God." One, Danvers, was leader of the shouters, and could not "keep from shouting," as he expressed it.

Thus began the Baptist meetings, but quite different from the methodical, precise way of the present.

Afterwards Brothers Stephens, Cobb and Hightower kept alive the work.

Red Gap Baptist Association
A small log house, 12x14, was built near Red Gap, one mile west of Cisco, and there was organized the Red Gap Missionary Baptist Association. Dr. Carroll of Waco, came out one hundred and fifty miles from Waco to organize it. There being no railroad he came by private conveyance of some kind. So here it was that the pioneers of religion planted the doctrine of Jesus the Christ in the wilderness of the cattle country.

Rev. G. C. Stephens kept the post office at his home, which later he turned over to W. T. Caldwell in 1888, who moved it to Cisco when the railroad reached here.

Albert Stephens says he remembers only his father, who was one of the original members of the church, and Mr. Danvers, the great shouter. The membership consisted of a dozen more, but he knows none alive today.

Old Brother Stephens died at the age of 86 years, and his good wife some years later, and both sleep in Cisco cemetery, the west half which Brother Stephens gave to the city.

Thus in this little log cabin began the Missionary Baptist work in this section, which still goes on, largely minus the shouting, aroused by "The Story of the Cross" as told by these old cornfield preachers, Rev. Stephens, Cobb and Hightower.—W. H. KITTRELL, SR.

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The foundation of the gown pictured is a crepe weave, high-luster silk with drapery of Gulpure lace. The lace forms an overskirt and a graceful sort of mantle, ending in panels that are finished at the edges with a piping of silk. The bottom of the overskirt is also finished in this way. The neck of the silk underdress is round, with five narrow French folds forming a band about it. The lace overskirt is higher at the back than at the front, where there is no definition of the waist line, and a girde of wooden beads emphasizes the classic lines of the dress. A very simple and modern rosette of satin ribbon is posed at the right side. One can imagine the elegance of this model in black lace and white silk, or in dyed lace over harmonizing colors. It is an ideal dinner gown, adapted to all sorts of evening wear. Its lines are flattering to all figures.

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THREE names, world-renowned in the realms of fashion are signed to these three wraps for summer wear. It is easy to see at a glance that each of them is made to be a practical protection in climates that are not always genial, even in summer time, and that they embody styles that are not too fleeting. Paris has presented many wraps of many kinds this summer; the late arrivals among them foreshadowing a changed silhouette for fall. With all the instability of styles, transitions cannot be too abrupt and the wise French know it.

The graceful coat at the left can never be entirely out of style. It is made of light weight wool coating in tan color, with long semi-fitted body and moderately full skirt portion. The military collar, front facing and border at the bottom are of dark brown fur. The plain coat sleeves set snugly to the arms and are finished with a row of round, covered buttons on the forearm. The skirt of this coat is open at the front, disclosing the dress under it.

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Heretofore our farmers have been busy collecting rentals on leases and royalties to give much attention to their orchards and truck interests, and at times much fruit has perished on the trees. While the crop this year was not as good as in some years past, yet there is considerable fruit that will be marketed this year. Also, what fruit and produce that has heretofore grown in the Cisco Country and brought to Cisco, has found a ready sale—in fact the supply has not been equal to the demand. Conditions have changed, and while the consumption is not greatly reduced, nor has the supply materially increased, but more attention is being paid to bringing Cisco fruit to market. Goldman Brothers are ready to pay the highest market price for marketable stuff, and are anxious to buy everything they can use that is produced by farmers in this section.

NAZARENE TENT MEETING

Commencing August 26, and continuing until September 11, there will be a meeting of the Nazarene Church in Cisco, and Rev. H. C. and Mary Cagle, of Peoria, Arizona will be in charge.

- Come—To get converted if you are not saved.
- Come—To get reclaimed if you are back-slidden.
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- Come—To get healed if you are sick.
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CALLED TO SAN ANGELO

Mr. Chas. Farquhar and daughter, Miss Beatrice, were called to San Angelo Wednesday by the serious illness of the grand mother of Miss Beatrice. Mrs. Farquhar has been at the bedside of her parent for the past two weeks, and this summer of Mr. Farquhar and daughter is indicative that the illness of their parent is serious. Miss Letha Eager is acting as assistant to Secretary Richardson at the Chamber of Commerce during the absence of Miss Beatrice.

NEW AUTO ACCESSORY HOUSE

Mr. O. R. Turner, formerly with the Ray-Turner Grocery company, having sold his establishment to Mr. T. H. Ravenscraft, will reembarc in the tire and accessory business. He will be located at the Moody Garage, where he has leased store space, and is expecting his stock to arrive daily.

Mr. C. F. Lehman visited his family here the first of the week, leaving yesterday for South Bend. Mr. Lehman and Mr. L. V. Hoyt are operating a portable pipe threading machine in that field and according to their reports are doing nicely.



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The big moonlight picnic staged by the Masonic Fraternities of Cisco last Tuesday was all it was anticipated. About two hundred Masons and their families, were at Bettis Grove on this festive occasion, and there was fun for all and food in abundance. The arrangement committee left nothing undone to make the occasion a success.

The grove, a beautiful place, is an ideal spot for just such affairs. One visitor stated that if it was just a little nearer to Cisco nothing could be more appropriate than this spot for outdoor gatherings.

Many left here early in the afternoon and spent the time in games and other amusements. The groves consists of pecan trees, affordinf ample shade, through which a nice breeze cooled the air, making the setting and the occasion all that could be wished.

Ample transportation was provided by Masons owning cars for all who were without conveyance, and there was no reason why any Mason and his family could not attend, unless it was indisposition of business interference—certainly not for lack of transportation. All carried well filled baskets, which were supplemented with barbecued goat, and when this repast was spread there was enough to feed a multitude.

Mrs. W. C. Shelton has returned from Abilene where she has been attending her son, James Shelton, who has been quite ill for some time. She was accompanied home by her son and wife, who is now convalescing.



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First M. E. Church South

Corner Broadway and Avenue H, Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor. Services Sunday: Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. J. Godbey, Superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League, 4 p. m.; Senior League, 7:15 p. m.; Evening Service, 8:15 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m. The public is cordially welcomed.

First Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

Corner Avenue G. and Broadway, Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Pastor. Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., H. L. Winchell, superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:15 p. m.; Evening Service 8:15 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public. A warm welcome to all strangers and visitors.

First Christian Church

Corner Avenue F. and Broadway, Rev. E. H. Holmes, Minister. Services next Sunday: Bible School, 10 a. m.; Morning Service 11 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 7:15 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Christian Science Society

Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Avenue D. Services next Sunday: Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service, 11 a. m. (no evening service). Wednesday Evening Service, 8 p. m. Subject next Shnday "God." The public is cordially invited to these services.

Church of the Nazarene

Corner Avenue A. and East Broadway, Rev. E. H. Graer and wife, pastors. Services next Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; Forning Service, 11 a. m.; Evening Service 8 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Senators Loath To Give Up Job

Redistricting Bill Finally Becomes a Law, But With a Proviso That it Does Not Become Effective Until 1924

There seems to be a powerful incentive for Texas senators to hold on to their jobs. Previous to election we were told by those who would sacrifice their business and personal interests to serve the country, that it was indeed a sacrifice to devote their time and talents (?) to their constituents by accepting the office of senator or representative. Their action and declarations are at variance. There has been much interest displayed over redistricting the senatorial districts of Texas, but under pressure of public opinion the senate finally agreed to a redistricting bill, but tacked on the proviso that the measure should not become operative until their term of office expires, making the bill effective in 1924.

It seems that being a public servant is not such a sacrifice, after all, as hold-overs, whose terms do not expire for two years yet, still want to feed at the state's expense. And yet, the people were asked to increase their pay! For what? Is it customary to increase pay of an inefficient employe when he is anxious to serve you at his present wages. Our representatives promise no better service should the people have been foolish enough to increase their pay—on the contrary, judging the future by the past, we might expect inferior work, for had the per diem been raised to \$10 per day instead of the present wage of \$5, the chances are that the same bunch of small fry would infest the state capitol and fritter away more time that they might draw more money from the state treasury.

The American believes the per diem wage is not conducive to the best service, as small men will seek the positions and draw their per diem and consider themselves well paid, as most of those who represent us make less than the per diem and perquisites they receive while in Austin. Should the compensation be placed at so much per annum they would transact the business of the state, adjourn and go home, as they would receive no more for thirty than sixty days' service. Then better men would be candidates—men with larger experience and greater talents, as they would feel confident that the legislature would meet, transact business and go home, and they would not be taken away from their private business for such a length of time. If this were the case men of influence and men who have business of their

own to look after, could be induced to make some sacrifice and represent us in the legislature, while under the present conditions the small fry we send as our representatives care not how long the sessions last, as they get so much per day.

But we have a redistricting bill. However, so far as senatorial districts are concerned, it may be but a delusion after all, as the next legislature may repeal the whole thing, and pass a new bill before this one becomes operative. The bill redistricting the representative districts was killed because the same had never been printed.

As passed the bill provides for the constitutional maximum of thirty-one members.

The Line Up of Counties

Following is the line-up of counties in the new senatorial bill:

1. Bowie, Marion, Cass Morris, Titus.
2. Harrison, Gregg, Rusk, Panola, Shelby.
3. Cherokee, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Angelina, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Tyler.
4. Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Liberty.
5. Grimes, Montgomery, Trinity, Leon, Houston, Polk, Madison, Walker, San Jacinto.
6. Navarro, Henderson, Anderson, Freestone, Kaufman.
7. Camp, Wood, Upshur, Smith, Van Zandt.
8. Lamar, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Red River.
9. Coke, Grayson, Fannin.
10. Rockwall, Collin, Hunt, Rains.
11. Dallas.
12. Johnson, Hill, Ellis, Hood Somervell.
13. McLennan, Falls, Limsetone, Milam.
14. Bastrop, Lee, Burleson, Washington, Brazos, Robertson.
15. Fayette, Lavaca, Colorado, Austin, W.ller.
16. Harris.

17. Wharton, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Brazoria, Galveston, Chambers.

18. Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, DeWitt, Victoria, Goliad, Live Oak, San

19. Blanco, Hays, Comal, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales.

20. San Saba, Lampasas, Llano, Burnet, Williamson, Travis.

21. Bell, Erath, Bosque, Hamilton, Coryell.

22. Montague, Jack, Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker

23. Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Wilbarger, Baylor, Wichita, Archer, Young, Clay

24. Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Haskell, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Throckmorton.

25. Comanche, Mills, Brown, Coleman, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Concho, Runnels, Coke, Tom Green, Schleicher, Irion, Sterling, Gillespie, Kimble.

26. Kerr, Kendall, Bexar, Bandera.

27. Maverick, Zavalla, Frio, McMullen, Lasalle, Dimmit, Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron.

28. Tarrant.

29. El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Reeves, Loving, Winkler, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Reagan, Upton, Crane, Crockett, Sutton, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Valverde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Uvalde, Medina.

30. Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Andrews, Martin, Howard.

31. Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress.

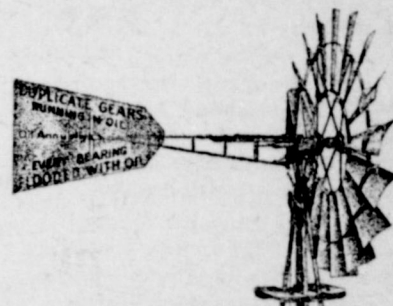
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