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PYROTECHNICS FLARED AT COUNCIL MEETING

DONOVAN'S MOTION FOR FREE SERVICE DURING DEPRESSION BY COMMISSIONERS DEFEATED IN COUNCIL

What gave promise of being a rather short and dull session became a bit animated when the city commission last Monday took up the matter of setting salaries for the mayor and commissioners for the ensuing year. It all came about when Commissioner Clements moved that the salaries be fixed at the same figure as those now prevailing, to-wit: \$20 per month for all members except those putting in full time, whose salary to remain at \$150, as during the past year, but no commissioner's salary should exceed this sum. Commissioner Burnett voiced his second to Clements' motion. Commissioner Donovan then moved that all members, except the mayor, serve without compensation during the present depression. Then business began to pick up. Commissioner Fee seconded Donovan's motion.

After considerable wrangling over parliamentary rulings as to which of the motions should be voted on first Mayor Berry placed Donovan's motion before the body. In support of his motion Donovan stated that aldermen in other cities served free, and there was no reason why those of Cisco should not do so, as the city needed every dollar it could raise. "It will be very little time lost if we change our meetings to the evenings, when we won't have to lose time from our business. You might as well prepare to take a cut, for the time is coming when you will have to do so," Donovan told the body.

Won't Serve Free

But when the roll was called only Donovan and Fee favored serving without pay, as Clements, Burnett and Elliott defeated the motion by casting a negative vote.

Then the mayor put the original motion before the house which was adopted by the same vote as that which defeated Donovan's substitute.

Explaining their positions as favoring the original motion both Burnett and Elliott stated they did not believe the people wanted their commissioners to serve without pay, that some cities are paying more than Cisco is paying, Elliott stated. "I may never be a member of this body again after my present term expires," said Commissioner Burnett, "but I am perfectly willing that the taxes I pay should be used to pay city officials. I claim to be as patriotic as any man in Cisco, and am willing to serve without pay if the entire force of city officials are placed on the same footing. But I see no reason why we should serve without pay while others are remunerated for their services."

Embers Fanned Again

This for the time being, smothered the fire works that seemed likely to start, but the embers were fanned and again the pyrotechnics appeared about to flare when the matter of an overdraft by Commissioner Clements was brought up by Donovan. This matter had really been passed upon at a previous meeting, when it was called to the attention that Clements had been drawing his salary fortnightly, instead of monthly, at \$6 per day, and the excess had amounted to \$42. Clements explained then, and

again Monday, that at the mayor's suggestion to do so, and that the excess was occasioned by an error in computing his per diem. Addressing Donovan Clements said: "I heard that you said I owed the city \$42, and you was going to bring the matter up." Donovan replied: "Yes, you owe us \$42 and I propose to bring it up until it is settled." At the previous meeting, on motion of Elliott, Clements was allowed this sum in excess of his salary on up-keep of his automobile, as he said he had never charged this expense to the city. But for some reason this proceeding was never recorded on the minutes, so, as to keep the record Elliott again moved that this excess amount be allowed Clements for the purposes stated. Fee, Burnett and Clements voting for this allowance, while Donovan voted no. Thus ended the episode, and peace and harmony prevailed.

After the incipient conflagration had been extinguished the body again took up the regular business. The commission authorized the city secretary to publish a call for the city election, which is fixed by state statute for the first Tuesday in April. This date falls on April 5, and the call must be issued 30 days before said election.

No Tax Penalty Till July 1

Elliott, Clements and Donovan, who were appointed to lease the vacant land adjacent to Oakwood cemetery, were authorized to close a lease to run till Jan. 1, 1933.

On motion of Commissioner Fee the time for payment of taxes was extended from March 15 to July 1, without penalty. The motion carried with the understanding of all members that this would be the final extension.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fee Water superintendent Reagan was authorized to purchase 100 additional meters to replace those out of repair. The cost was stated to be \$1,332, less discounts provided they are paid for within 30 days, and plus 6 per cent interest if not paid for in 12 months.

After voting to invest \$10,000 of the sinking fund in additional federal bonds, the commission recessed. This will make \$25,000 of the sinking fund that has been so placed during this year.

Cisco Masons Honor Memory of George Washington 22d.

It was a beautiful setting, most artistically arranged and perfectly functioned, when Cisco Masonic bodies, assisted by the local chapter of the order of Eastern Stars, celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington Monday evening. An elaborate banquet of choice and appetizing viands was prepared for the occasion which was relished by one of the largest crowds that ever gathered around the banquet board in Cisco, of members of the Masonic fraternity and immediate relatives. Probably 300 enjoyed the feast and were edified by the splendid program rendered. The celebration was sponsored by Cisco Lodge No. 556, A. F. & A. M., and staged in the telephone building.

With Wm. Reagan, past worshipful master, acting as master of ceremonies and toastmaster, the program was opened with "America," led by W. Frank Walker, with the entire assembly standing and taking part in the national anthem, followed by the audible repetition of the "Flag Pledge."

Following the invocation by Rev. H. D. Tucker, pastor of the Methodist church, the members of the Eastern Star chapter served the banquet, which alone was a real feature of the celebration; and was the last word in the gastronomic art, and prepared all for the full appreciation of the splendid program which followed.

The guests were welcomed by Worshipful Master Fred Steffy, who was followed by Rev. E. S. James, pastor of the Baptist church, who delivered a masterly address on "Washington, the Mason." Few stronger talks on Washington as a Mason was never delivered in Cisco. Especially to Masons was his talk interesting and instructive, and to others it was highly appreciated. The speaker was in splendid voice, his delivery perfect, and all realized that much thought and preparation had been given the subject, as there was much historical merit in the address that all could appreciate.

With a voice of melody Mrs. Lee Clark favored the audience with two vocal solos preceding the address of W. Frank Walker, whose subject was "Washington, the Patriot," in which was painted a graphic word picture of the Father of his Country, giving many scenes of his patriotic acts from boyhood to his deathbed.

Rev. Stuard Pearce, pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, was called on to substitute for Judge D. K. Scott, who was absent, and who was on the program to speak of "Washington, the Statesman." While the speaker was talking extemporaneously, yet he evidenced a fund of information regarding the statesmanship manifested during the life of America's foremost and best beloved citizen of all times.

This perfect program was fittingly concluded with two vocal solos by Cisco's own silver voiced soprano, Mrs.

Boys' Lamb Project Will Be Exhibited Fat Stock Show

The exhibit of Varnell's vocational boys, which is being shown at the Eastland County Livestock show today and Saturday in the Mize building, will be shipped to Fort Worth for exhibit in the Fort Worth Fat Stock show. This project consists of 80 lambs, one baby beef, and one young heifer. The vocational boys exhibited at the Fat Stock show last year, in which they won two second cash prizes, aggregating \$160. These prizes were awarded in competition with other vocational boys from over the state, and the second was won for second best 50 lambs in open competition with all comers.

In addition to these vocational entries from Cisco in the Fat Stock show, 50 or 75 other entries will be made according to E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturist, who is assisting in arranging and collecting the exhibits here.

MAYOR COMPARES COST OF PAST AND PRESENT CITY ADMINISTRATION

According to Mayor J. T. Berry the cost of administering the city government of Cisco for the past nine months, covering the period of May, 1931 to Jan. 30, 1932, was \$32,000 less than the cost of preceding nine months. Mayor Berry did not go into details, or give the gross cost of either period. If these figures are correct, and we have no evidence to presume otherwise, this saving in city administration is considerable.

But, since the matter has been brought up, we are of the opinion that the state law requires the publication of a financial statement of the city at least once each year. Readers of the Cisco Citizen and other taxpayers and stockholders of the corporation of Cisco would be interested to have a full statement published.

CONDITION OF FRED DAVIES IS CRITICAL

Fred Davies, old citizen of Cisco, who sustained a fall about two weeks ago suffering injuries which has confined him to his bed ever since, was reported critically ill Thursday. His daughter arrived soon after the accident and is constantly at his bedside. It was stated that he was able to take very little nourishment, and that his recovery was despaired of.

Coe McLeRoy. Choosing a number familiar to all, but never sang to an unappreciative Southern audience, the melody of "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia," which was in perfect attune to her matchless voice, rang out clear and sweet as its strains filled the spacious building. For an encore and closing song, Mrs. McLeRoy closed the program with "The Star Spangled Banner." This brought to a close Cisco's splendid celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the American without a peer, in the estimation of his countrymen.

OWNERS ARE NOTIFIED TO MOVE ALL HOUSES FROM LOCATION OF NEW POSTOFFICE AND FEDERAL BUILDING

Confirming the statement from federal authorities, published in the Cisco Citizen last November, that the contract for Cisco's federal building would be advertised for bids about the middle of April, notice has been received here by the owners of the buildings on the site to be used for the structure, to clear the block within 60 days. It is also reported that owners will be required to furnish a bond of \$500 that the buildings will be removed within that time. The money for the purchase of the federal building site was paid about a week ago. This notice is indicative of the intention of starting the work in the near

future, and that the contract will be advertised for bids on schedule time.

Efforts have been made by Secretary Spencer, of the local chamber of commerce to expedite this project, but in the statement published in the Citizen, Mr. Spencer was informed that the project could not be expedited unless advanced over other and similar projects just as urgent.

So, it seems that Cisco's long cherished hope for a federal building is about to be realized. With the commencement of this work it is expected that many of the idle men in Cisco will be given employment.

Eastland County Livestock Show Gets Underway This Morning Mize Building, South Ave. D

As early as Wednesday morning many entries had already been made for exhibition in the Eastland County Livestock show, which will be held in the Mize building today and Saturday, according to Secretary E. H. Varnell. Final plans were completed last Monday when the committee having the arrangements in charge met in the chamber of commerce offices with all present, consisting of Lee Poe, president; E. H. Varnell, secretary; Dr. F. E. Clark, Jack Dennison, A. Z. Myrick, Frank Harrell, Dr. Chas. Jones and County Agent J. C. Patterson, committee men. The show opens at 10 o'clock this morning.

The list of entries reported Wednesday, while only a small part of those anticipated, evidences the large interest that is being taken in the show, despite the fact the past two weeks have been most unfavorable for preparing animals for the show stalls. Some good stuff will be shown, and those interested in livestock will find this show worthwhile.

Entertaining Features

But cattle, hogs, sheep and goats will not be the only features arranged for the entertainment of the crowds that are expected while the show is in progress. The committee has arranged for several numbers that will furnish amusement for all who visit the exhibition. Among these will be concerts and vaudeville stunts each day by Park Brothers, at 7 p. M. this evening, and 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

Another novelty feature, which promises a full measure of amusement, and incidentally a valuable prize to the winner. A \$5.00 gold piece will be awarded the person guessing the nearest correct number of grains of corn that will be consumed by an old rooster, which has been put on a fast for the past two days. This will be a guessing

contest. This granddaddy chicken is old, ugly and tough; has a spacious craw, which is now empty, as he has not tasted food since Wednesday. He will be fed all the corn he can eat, and none will know how many grains will be spread before him except his keeper, who will serve the meal that will break his two-day fast. The one guessing the nearest number of grains consumed will be awarded the \$5 gold piece.

C. M. Evans, of Marshal, agricultural agent of the Texas & Pacific railroad, has been engaged to judge the exhibits. Among the exhibits will be the lamb project, by Varnell's vocational boys.

Following are the livestock entries handed to Secretary Varnell Wednesday, which is only a part of those that will be made from this and other sections of Eastland county:

Beef Cattle

Dr. F. E. Clark, 6 head; Bob Weddington, 5; Bobbie Thurman, 1; Carl Stroebel, 1; Frank Harrell, 4.

Dairy Cattle

Lee Farm, 5 to 10; W. J. Poe, 2; A. Z. Myrick, 3 to 5.

Sheep

Byron Ray and Chester Norvell, 20 lambs; Joe Bob and Bryan Lee Winston, 25 lambs; Bobbie Thurman, 8 lambs; Clarence Stroebel, 5 lambs; Ami Lee and Rayford Richardson, 20 lambs.

Goats

J. B. Long, Ranger, 5 to 15; Carl Hinson, 6; Bobbie Thurman, 2.

Hogs

A. L. Lockhart, 2; Ranger Vocational Boys, 6 to 20.

John Blitch, recently located in Los Angeles, arrived here recently and will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blitch.

Mrs. J. W. Hartman, has sufficiently recovered from an attack of flu to be out again.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.—Proverbs 28:3.

"The lives which seem so poor, so low,
The hearts which are so cramped and dull,
The baffled hopes, the impulse slow,
Thou takest, touchest all, and lo:
They blossom to the beautiful."

Any outward and material success that we may achieve by methods which the Christ-law of life condemns, is not success but failure. . . . We are far too servile in the presence of those who have heaped up huge sums of money. We worship riches, and bow and scrape before men who have long banking accounts, but seldom stop to consider the kind of character lying at the back of all this money-getting.—A. H. Moncur Sime, London.

COMMISSION'S ACTS ILLEGAL

There is no disposition on the part of the Cisco Citizen to assume the role of "trouble maker", or too harshly criticize those in authority, but certain facts have been called to the attention of the editor of the Citizen that are deemed detrimental to the general welfare of the city; certain acts of the administration are at variance with the state statutes and the city charter. Probably "ignorance of the law" is accountable for these acts that are classed as illegal, but "ignorance of the law" is inexcusable in the citizen, and certainly officials can hardly claim immunity on the ground of "not knowing the law." Certainly a city official should at least be familiar with the provisions of the charter under which they propose to enact ordinances for the government of the municipality.

"Every man is supposed to know the law," so says the statutes of Texas. However, there is one exception, that of justice of the peace, for he is specifically set apart from others in the statutory provisions of our laws when it is provided that "justices of the peace are not supposed to know the law," and a few do—at least when they take the oath of office—but if they make the officers they should, they do learn quite a bit about the laws of the state later.

But the acts of the city administration that have been called to our attention is the matter of accepting employment, while serving as commissioner, and receiving pay other than in the manner as prescribed by the state statutes and the city charter. The city charter provides that the mayor be ex-officio recorder, and the commissioners shall be paid a sum fixed by the body for attending the commission meetings, and those putting in full time shall be paid for their services the amounts provided in the salaries fixed by the body. In the case of full time pay the commissioners of Cisco placed the monthly salaries at \$150. But are our commissioners obeying their own ordinances? Let's read what the charter provides:

"Sec. 4. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS: The mayor and each of the city commissioners shall be resident citizens of the city of Cisco . . . shall not be indebted to the city, shall not hold any other public office of emolument, and shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for the city, or interested in the sale to the city of any supplies, equipment, material or articles purchased. Any member of the city commission who shall, after being elected thereto, cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required, shall forfeit forthwith his office and any such contract in which any such officer is or may become interested, shall be void."

Was this provision of the charter observed when one of the city commissioners was appointed delinquent tax collector, and his compensation or emolument placed at 10 percent, or the legal penalty charged delinquents? One commissioner charged that the "emoluments" enjoyed by the delinquent tax collector had amounted to \$600 in one month. If that be true he drew from the city treasury just \$350 more than he would have been allowed had he been employed for his full time under the ordinance fixing such salaries.

And again. A few months ago one of the commissioners was named judge of the city court. He qualified and pre-

sided over that court only one session, then handed in his resignation. The reason why he did so was stated to have been that he ascertained he could not hold this office and continue to serve as city commissioner under the inhibitions of section 4, of the city charter, and the more stringent provisions of the state statutes.

But in the face of this information, only a few weeks subsequently, a majority of the commission confirmed one of their members as "delinquent tax collector"—not at a salary fixed for full time service, but on a contingent fee of 10 per cent of his collections.

But let's see what the criminal statutes in such cases made and provided, have to say on the subject. Quoting Title 8, Chapter 6, and Art. 376, we find to read as follows:

"County or City Officers Becoming Interested in Contracts—If any officer of any county in this state, or any city or town therein, shall become in any manner pecuniarily interested in any contract made by such county, city or town, through its agents or otherwise, for the construction or repair of any bridge, road, street alley or house, or other work undertaken by such county, city or town, or shall become interested in any bid or proposal for such work, or in the purchase or sale of anything made for or on account of such county, city or town or who shall contract for or receive any money for property, or the representative of either, or any "emolument" or advantage whatsoever in consideration of such bid, proposal, contract, purchase or sale, he shall be fined in a sum not less than \$50 nor more than 500."—Acts 1874, page 7.

The Citizen is not fighting any man in this statement, but simply calling attention, not only to the violations of the city charter, but of the criminal code of Texas, in hope that these erroneous proceedings will be corrected, and that the compensation paid the delinquent tax collector in violation of the authorities quoted, may be refunded to the city treasury. When this is done, should it be deemed advisable to name one of the city commissioners as delinquent tax collector, or for any other duties requiring his full time, his "emoluments" be placed within the legal limits fixed by the commission.

But there is considerable adverse criticism of this procedure by interested citizens and taxpayers. They complain that those elected to make laws for the city were not elected to become employees of the municipality at fat salaries; that there are too many now unemployed for the commission to parcel out the salaried jobs to their own members, instead of reducing the idle hords by giving others employment, who would be glad to do the work, and just as efficiently, for much smaller "emoluments" than those which the commission has voted as their own pay. Nor does the public subscribe to that policy laid down by one of the commissioners in nominating a brother commissioner for city recorder, when he said:

"It has been the policy to give out these positions to members of the commission." This policy may be legal, but it is not popular with the tax-paying voters.

Sen. O. Cunningham Outlines Platform On State Measures

Oliver Cunningham, of Abilene, yesterday announced that he was a candidate to succeed himself as state senator of the 24th senatorial district, and submitted his candidacy on the record he has made in that body during his first four-year term. He speaks particularly of his part in the cotton acreage control legislation, which he introduced in the senate.

Senator Cunningham advocates the payment of interest and sinking fund on county road bonds out of the state treasury, as part of the highway income from gasoline.

The Abilenean's formal announcement follows:

I shall ask of the people of the 24th senatorial district a second election to the Texas senate.

Theodore Roosevelt once said that he had rather do something and be wrong a part of the time, than to do nothing all of the time. It is something akin to that spirit of progress which has brought man from barbarism to the civilization we know. And whatever else my record shows, it does not show inaction and a willingness to drift with the tide.

High taxes are the necessary result of large public expenditures and the passage of huge appropriation bills. And the fight to keep taxes down should be made when budgets and appropriations are considered. Because, of laws are passed appropriating certain monies out of the treasury, and no laws are passed levying taxes to bring those monies into the treasury, the warrants issued in pursuance of the appropriation laws cannot be paid, and the state is in about the same moral situation as a "cold-checker," who gives people checks which he knows will not be paid. Therefore a high ad valorem tax rate and the imposition of additional special tax laws, such as occupation and franchise taxes, and cigarette taxes, are simply the inevitable result of a search to meet the burdens of huge appropriation laws.

Opposed Big Appropriations

Before I had been forty days in the senate, I was involved in a controversy over the appropriation bills. The senate finance committee recommended passage of bills totaling \$65,000,000 which was \$8,000,000 more than the expected revenue for the two years. In the face of the taunt that we were standing in the way of progress and the threat of political defeat if we incurred the animosities which such a course involved, a few of the members, including myself, tried to reduce those bills to an amount no greater than the expected revenues. We failed; the bills were passed;

the governor vetoed them, and was compelled to call a special session of the legislature to force a reduction. The then governor will tell any who ask that I went immediately to his office and commended him for his action.

A vigorous effort was made some three years ago, to move the penitentiary to a place near Austin. I opposed the movement with all the power I had, because the removal would have meant the junking of the prison properties at Huntsville; the sacrifice sale of more than seventy thousand acres of fine prison farm land; the purchase of new land at high price, and the construction of new prisons, at a cost to the taxpayers of many millions of dollars. The recent use of the old prison properties in such a way as to make the institution as nearly as possible self-supporting, under a new management backed by a liberal parole policy, has demonstrated that there was no necessity to move the system.

Favored Salary Cuts

Last spring it became evident that the treasury would go on a deficit. With this as a moving argument, those in the legislature who desired economy sought to cut expenses by a reduction of the salaries of all state employees receiving more than \$1,800.00 a year. I helped all I could in this effort, because it would have made a reduction of nearly two million dollars in the budget, or a saving of that amount to the tax payers.

As a measure of economy, I have fought against the creation of any more district courts, even when it was embarrassing to me at times to do so. There are 126 district courts in Texas, which is 25 or 30 too many. The creation of several new district courts every time the legislature meets, just for the convenience of lawyers, is an unnecessary burden on the tax payers, and is an expensive practice which ought to be stopped.

For the past four years, I have vigorously and actively opposed the proposal to issue from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 of state road bonds, and I am proud enough to take to myself a considerable portion of the credit for its defeat. To increase the public bonded debt by hundreds of millions of dollars, to make more borrowing when we can scarcely pay the interest on debts we have already made, is not economy. And such a course will not result in lowering the huge total of governmental expenditures. I am anxious to shift the burden of road building from a tax on land to a tax on gasoline. And this can be done by simply appropriating out of the state highway fund each two years, enough money to pay the annual interest and sinking fund of the local county and road district bonds. The money can be paid directly from the state treasurer to the county treasurers, and the law can be made to provide that it cannot

be used to divert to any other purpose under strict penalties. This action would require about \$6,000,000 a year, and would reduce the highway department fund from approximately \$34,000,000 a year to \$28,000,000 a year. Such a course would quite simplify and effectively shift the burden of road building from a tax on land to a tax on gasoline. If an increase in the tax on gasoline should be made to appear absolutely necessary by this action, then I should prefer that to a huge bond issue.

I cite these instances because they are the larger items in a course I have tried to consistently follow, of holding down the ever-mounting cost of government.

Authored New Law

Many Texas towns and cities face a time when they may be unable to meet the annual requirements of their bonded debt. It was my pleasure to introduce and pass a law which will prevent bond-holders from obtaining a receivership for such cities. Before the passage of this law, bond-holders could go into federal court, and have a receiver (possibly a Yankee from Chicago) appointed, who, because of his control of the city's finances, could practically suspend the city government and act in the capacity of dictator.

I introduced the first bill ever tried to be passed in the Texas senate seeking to conserve the soils of the state and to temporarily check the ruinous over-production of cotton. Against the opposition of nearly all the big daily newspapers and those big business interests which see "socialism" in every law, which does not help and protect them, I lacked only four votes of passing this bill in the senate during the first extra session. The public demand for the measure was such that Governor Sterling called a second special session for that purpose alone. Representative Olsen, himself a well-to-do cotton farmer of South Texas, and I, introduced identical measures in the house and senate. Amended, they became the law and are on the statute books. Large plantation owners are trying to destroy this law in the courts upon constitutional grounds. I hope they will not succeed. If they do it will be necessary to proceed to the same end by making some changes in the bill. Unless the law throws the

arm of protection about the industry of agriculture, as it has protected practically all other industries and professions, farmers must resign themselves to a condition of pauperism. Some so-called experts some of whom are being paid a salary of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year by the state from taxes wrung from farmers' labor, say that farmers must learn to produce cotton cheaper. Think of it! In a long newspaper statement, full of words and recently published, one of them said exactly that—nothing more. But lower production costs mean either lower land values, a greater per acre yield on worn-out land, cheaper labor and cheaper living, or the increased use of machinery and large-scale farming. That last ends in corporation farming. Take your choice and be consoled by his words if you can.

On my record, which is here only briefly stated for lack of space, I again submit my candidacy to your wishes. I hope that you will approve it. Respectfully,

OLIVER CUNNINGHAM

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Eastland

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of S. E. Clark, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of S. E. Clark, deceased, late of Eastland county, Texas, by C. L. Garrett, judge of the county court of said county, on the 11th day of January, 1932, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law, in the town of Cisco, in Eastland county, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 26th day of January A. D. 1932.

C. C. CLARKSON,

Administrator of the estate of S. E. Clark, deceased.

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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
CHURCH SERVICES**

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 28.

The golden text is from John 3:17. "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Scriptural passages include the following: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:5)

The following from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be read as a part of the service:

"Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was endowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, without measure. This accounts for his struggles in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and this enabled him to be the mediator, or way-shower, between God and men. Had his origin and birth been wholly apart from mortal usage, Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal mind as 'the way' " (P. 30).

George Flournoy, city marshal of Stamford, was in Cisco Sunday, a guest of his brother, James M. Flournoy.

Guy Austin has recovered from an attack of flu and is back at his duties with the West Texas Utilities Co.

A NATIVE TEXAN

**MURRAY
FOR
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Wm. H. MURRAY, ("Alfalfa Bill") Governor of Oklahoma

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Four per cent of the American people rule the other 96 per cent. They reign supreme with an Iron Hand---Merciless and Destroying, Body and Soul.

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**POLITICAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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RATES	
City	\$ 5.00
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County Com	10.00
County	12.50
District	12.50

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

JUDGE J. D. BARKER
BURETTE W. PATTERSON

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

W. C. (BILL) BEDFORD

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th

FLORIA DISTRICT:
CECIL A. LOTIEF
of Cross Plains

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE, PRE-

CINCT NO. 6:
R. W. H. KENNON

After a visit to her parents, Judge and Mrs. D. K. Scott, Mrs. Sam Hines and children have returned to their home in Dallas.

DR. GHORMLEY

Will fit glasses in exchange for wood.

**"She," Who "Was
Friend to Man,"
Leaves Monument**

Death is the great leveler of all human kind. This is recalled in the announcement of the death, last Monday, of Mrs. W. I. Cook, which recorded her passing from the portals of the Cook Memorial hospital at Fort Worth, built by this woman philanthropist, as a memorial to her husband at a cost of one million dollars, who passed across the great divide in 1923.

This is the infirmary which she erected three years ago, as a refuge for working women of limited means. It is fitting that her last days should have been spent under the roof of the infirmary which owes its existence to her generosity and financial assistance.

But there is also another story in connection with her passing and the building of this memorial, which is written in the petroleum history of Shackelford county. For, after all, it was the product of a West Texas county, coupled with the philanthropy of this generous woman, that made it possible for the building of this memorial hospital. Mrs. Cook was the owner of the Cook ranch, on the border of Shackelford county, which was leased to Roeser & Pendleton of Breckenridge, wildcat drillers, who uncovered a rich pool of oil. The operations continued for several years, and the royalties paid to Mrs. Cook, made her financially independent, and enabled her to leave this fitting memorial that will redound to her honor and glory as the years go by. Long after the discovery of petroleum in Shackelford county has been forgotten, those who have profited by her bounty, will point to the Cook Memorial Hospital, and say: "This Christian woman made it possible for working women to have hospital conveniences, when other infirmaries were closed to their kind." What more fitting tribute, like that to Abou Ben Adhem, could crown her memory than to say: "She was the friend of Man."

The discovery of oil on the Cook ranch several years ago

was the petroleum sensation of this section, and the bringing into the forefront of the oil world the entire section of Shackelford county, which up to this time, had been known as an oil area only by the shallow wells developments in the Moran field. In fact, geologists had condemned all of Shackelford county north of the ten mile designation of the city of Moran. Petroleum made Roeser & Pendleton and Mrs. Cook rich. To know that part of this wealth was diverted to the cause of humanity is the only thing worth while. Riches fade, fame is forgotten, reputations may be assassinated, but he who is the "friend of man" will have his name, like that of Abou Ben Adhem, emblazoned on the book of life, heading the list of all immortals.

Notice, Tax Payers

Abilene, Tex., Feb. 16
Cisco Citizen:

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file federal income tax returns the undersigned, a deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at Cisco, Texas, with headquarters at the First National Bank on March 4, 1932, to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing income tax returns should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest. Income tax returns for the calendar year 1931 shall be filed not later than March 15, 1932, with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer resides or has his principal place of business.

It would be appreciated by this department if you will give this matter as much prominent display as is possible in your paper.

C. E. VICKREY
Deputy Collector

Judge Eugene Lankford has returned from Longview, where he attended to some legal business that called him to that city.

We have farms ranging from 80 acres to 320 acres to trade for other property, Box 355, Cisco, Texas.

**INTENTIONS TO WED
AND LICENSE ISSUED**

Notice of intention to marry—Elmer Lisenbee and Miss Stella Oretha Pippen.

Marriage licenses issued—A. W. White and Miss Florence Wink.

Jack Edmiston and Miss Eula Bell Talbott.

Reuben McCoy and Miss Willie Mae Jones.

Jack Sparks and Miss Lola Galloway.

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Murdered In Cisco

Mr. All Cash and Mr. Low Price are charged with killing Old Man Depression. Dr. W. I. Ghormley, Optometrist, 1503 Ave. D, Cisco, Texas, is charged with being accessory to the crime. Dr. Ghormley is charged with fitting glasses for \$12.80 All Cash that faithfully represent the same service for which he received \$30.00 during the years of 1919 to 1929. All other prices for his services reduced in proportion. He is also charged with the promise to allow One Dollar off for gasoline used by any person coming over thirty miles to have glasses fitted. Dr. Ghormley is doing this as his bit toward the res-

urrection of that popular citizen known as Prosperity. He makes the positive assertion that he is fitting glasses now cheaper than at any time during his twenty-nine years experience in his chosen profession. This is the fourth reduction in prices in the last two years and he believes it will be the last. Dr. Ghormley has moved his office to his residence, 1503 Ave. D, where parking space is plentiful, and has cut Office Expenses to the minimum. He declares he will pass this saving along to the patient, and that he is going to stay in his office all the time now that he can be found there day and night. His telephone number is 337—Adv.

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Eastland County Tax Payers Enunciate Declarations Their Principles of Government

Abolition of the payment of a poll tax as a requisite for the exercise of the voting franchise; making vendor's lien notes and other securities uncollectable unless rendered for taxation; abolition of the fee system and consolidation of county offices were some of the measures favored by the Eastland County Taxpayers association at its meeting in Eastland last Friday.

The meeting was for the purpose of hearing the report of the resolutions committee, and while the weather was exceedingly enclément, an average attendance was noted. The weather, however, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of those present, and every section of the report of the committee was adopted practically unanimously.

Chairman D. J. Neil, of Gorman, was present and presided, and Milton Lawrence acted as secretary in the absence of Judge Parker. **New Members on Committee**

After the committee on resolutions had made its report a motion to discharge the committee was defeated, and a counter motion to make this a standing committee with the addition of three new members, was adopted. The chair named as the new members of the standing committee on resolutions, Lee Poe, of Cisco; S. W. Bobo, of Ranger, and W. H. Mullens, of Eastland.

The next meeting of the association will be held Friday, March 4, at Eastland. **Committee's Report Adopted**

Judge Eugene Lankford, chairman of the resolutions committee, read the report, which was adopted section by section.

Captioning the report as a "Declaration of Principles, Polices and Purposes of the Eastland County Taxpayers Association," the report endorsed the platform of the State Taxpayers Association. The preamble set forth at length the abnormal conditions of a bountiful harvest

with people actually starving; control of natural resources by monopolies and a self-constituted plutocracy, forcing the burdens of taxation on farms and homes until conditions have become intolerable, which our representatives in congress and the legislature have refused to correct by the adoption of such constructive and economic laws and policies as will remove the cause of present conditions, the report declares these to be the principles and policies of the Eastland County Taxpayers association, a synopsis of which are printed below, as space is not available to publish the report in its entirety.

Association Demands

We demand that candidates who seek our support for the offices of state legislature and senate shall publicly and specifically declare that they will do all in their power, if elected, to bring about the following reforms:

1. Abolition of the fee system for all public offices and the substitution therefor reasonable salaries.
2. Abolition of one of the district courts in Eastland county.
3. Consolidate the offices of the county treasurer and county auditor; the offices of county tax assessor and collector.
4. Transfer of a portion of the gasoline tax to retire county road bonds.
5. One assessment of taxes for all purposes.
6. Only real estate tax payers be eligible to vote in bond elections.
7. Amend Art. 1121, of 1925 revised civil statutes, so as to include telegraph and telephone companies; and provide that all properties of corporations engaged in public utilities be assessed for taxes at the same valuation which they place on said property as a basis for computing the rates charged for such utility service.
8. To prohibit by law any corporation or individual, engaged in public utilities, who deny reduced rates when demanded by municipalities, from establishing unreasonably low rates to kill competition when competing companies may be induce to establish plants

CITIZEN ADS BRING MANIFEST RESULTS

"Let my ad ride again this week," Eldon Anderson, manager of the A. & A. Motor Co. "I closed a nice deal yesterday that was the result of that ad."

The first time the A. & A. Motor company's ad appeared in the Citizen Mr. Anderson said it brought him three good prospects.

All of which is very gratifying to the Citizen publisher, for it demonstrates that the people do read the Citizen, and those who advertise in its columns get direct results. This is especially true when the product advertised has such merit as the used cars Anderson handles, and are so reasonably priced that results are inevitable when brought to the attention of the public through an advertising medium which the people read. Verily, Citizen ads get the grapes.

to give the people relief from what is deemed exorbitant charges, when said unreasonably reduced rates being made solely for the purpose of killing such compensation. When such tactics are resorted to that the corporation so offending be liable for damages to the injured company that in such a sum as may be established by such unfair competition.

9. That no corporation shall own or control any subsidiary company or business to do that which the controlling corporation cannot do under its charter.

10. That all property, tangible and intangible, except that which is exempt by the constitution, be taxed equally, and proper provision be made to make the law effective; indorsement of the tax survey committee in formulating plans for this purpose.

11. Demand a state income tax that will distribute the burdens of taxation upon those best able to pay.

12. Indorsed the amendment to be voted on in November elections exempting homesteads up to \$3,000 from state advalorem taxes.

13. Demand a popular vote in primary elections on the nomination of candidates for the president and vice president.

14. Demand the redistricting of the state senatorial and judicial districts, that West Texas, may have fair representation in the Texas senate, and that the number of district courts in the state be reduced.

15. Demand a law providing for the impeachment of public officials—state, county or city—who may actively favor or oppose any measure in which they are directly financially interested.

16. Demand a law providing for the impeachment of legislators for failure to attend sessions in which the pending legislation is of general interest to the public.

Other Measures Favored

Other demands offered from the floor which were adopted include a demand that the commissioners court of Eastland county arrange for refunding the county's bonded indebtedness on a basis of 25 cents on the dollar, and the issuance of refunding bonds for this purpose.

Opposed the custom of the commissioners court of employing persons to collect delinquent taxes.

Commending Attorney General Allred for the manner in which he is prosecuting the major oil companies for violating the state anti-trust laws.

Demand that holders of vendors lien notes, deeds of trusts, bonds and other securities, be rendered for taxation, and that a law be enacted making such securities uncollectable until they have been so rendered and the taxes that may be due have been paid.

Poll Tax Amendment

Enthusiastically the body adopted a resolution by Frank Judkins demanding that the legislature submit to the people an amendment to the constitution for the abolition of the poll tax amendment, requiring a poll tax receipt as a requisite to vote in the elections of the state.

Proceedings of Court In Eastland; New Cases Are Called

"The following cases were disposed of in the 91st district court at Eastland during the past week:

Fred Tarver, possessing a still, hung jury and mistrial decreed.

J. M. Ray, violation of prohibition laws, plea of not guilty, verdict of acquittal by jury. Ray was defended by Judge Lee Cearly, of Cisco.

Dave Malone, possession of still, plea of guilty, judgment of one year in penitentiary, but sentence suspended.

Harry Byers, felony theft. Plea of guilty in two cases, with judgment of four years in the penitentiary in each case.

The following cases have been filed for litigation in the district clerk's office:

88th district court—Agnes Dakan vs. C. B. Dakan, divorce and injunction. Bernice Lee vs. Earl Lee, divorce. City of Eastland vs. Dee Williamson et al, injunction. In re, liquidation of Texas State Bank, Eastland, to approve expense account. Grace Shields vs. Frank Shields, divorce. E. M. Howard vs. Carlton Meredith, collect notes and foreclosure. City of Ranger vs. R. A. Disney et ux, foreclosure paving lien. W. H. Norris Lumber Co. vs. B. H. Lancaster, collect note. James Shaw Banking commissioner, vs. Belya Oil et al, suit on note. Jewel Berry vs. Marshall Berry, divorce. V. L. McCleskey vs. M. L. Agnew et al, collect note and foreclosure. In Re: Liquidation vs. Texas State Bank, Eastland, sell Fort Worth spudder. Mrs. Alice E. Derrick vs. Soverign camp of the Woodman of the World to collect insurance policy. Mrs. Maye Getts, vs. R. P. Getts, divorce.

91st district court—Evelyn Roberts vs. T. B. Roberts, divorce. James Shaw, banking commissioner, vs. J. A. Dunnam et al garnishees, garnishment. Anna Ray Courtney vs. A. J. Courtney y, divorce. Lila Byers vs. Harry Byers, divorce. Mrs. Dora Kennedy et al vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Co., damages. E. G. Harper vs. American Employers Insurance Co., appeal from ruling of Industrial accident board. Ex Parte W. F. Skillman, receiver vs Farmers National Bank, Cross Plains, to sell 40 acres of land.

County court—The Warren Co. vs. Traders Grocery and Market, note. Clay Lumber Co. vs Oakland Gas Prod. Co., account. J. M. Moore vs. John H. Killer, note.

**L. H. BLACKSTOCK
DIED THURSDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Warren received the sad news Thursday of the sudden death of Lawrence H. Blackstock, brother of Mrs. Warren, which occurred at Gladewater, where he was employed by the Ostein-Warren Production company, of that place. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble, according to the information contained in the message. His death occurred at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren left at once for that place to attend his body which will be taken to Levita for burial, probably today.

He was stricken with a similar attack last spring, and it was thought that he had entirely recovered. He is survived by his widow and two children. Mr. and Mrs. Blackstock formerly resided in Cisco, where they have many friends.

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J. H. Stamps First To Announce For City Commission

Opening the city campaign J. H. Stamps, one of the pioneer citizens of Cisco, this week announces his candidacy for the office of city commissioner. Mr. Stamps needs no introduction to the people of Cisco, for this is and has been his home for the past 28 years, and most of the time he has been indentified with affairs of the city that especially qualifies him for the office he seeks, for he knows Cisco and her people. He has seen the city in adversity and prosperity. Was here when Cisco people suffered from the drouth that blighted this fair land years ago. Then he was here when the discovery of oil sent values hiking to the limit that caused a state of frenzid speculation to boost property values beyond previously anticipated possibilities. Then he has lived till the blight of the present depression has caused the shrinkage of boom time values back to those that reigned when the drouth devastated all of West Texas so that we are now back where we started before the oil boom lulled us into that fancied security that Cisco would continue to grow until it would be the metropolis of this entire section.

Surely a man of this extensive knowledge of the affairs of Cisco must indeed be able to know and understand what is best for his home city.

Even before the removal to Cisco he was a resident of this part of Eastland county, having come here in 1881, and all the while has claimed Cisco as his home town.

Removing from his ranch into the city he invested in city property, and is, therefore, a resident property owner. While he has never been an office seeker, he has at all times taken an interest in affairs of the city, ever doing those things which he deemed best for the people, especially the schools. So far as we are informed Mr. Stamps has never sought office at the hands of the people, and his motive for doing so at this time is because he believes he can be of assistance in putting the town back on the road to better times.

If elected he promises his full cooperation with other city officials, and public spirited citizens, in working the city out of the present tangle in which we have become emmeshed.

His platform will be the conducting of municipal affairs on the basis of strictest economy consisted with efficiency, and will insist on every dollar the city disburses performing a dollar's worth of service. It is on these issues he solicits the votes of the men and women of Cisco, and if elected your commissioner his promise will be kept inviolate to give his best thought and energy to those things alone which will redound to the welfare of the entire citizenship, and shall

METHODIST PASTOR QUITS PULPIT FOR COMMERCIAL LINE

Giving as his reason pressing financial obligations, requiring increased opportunities for larger income, Rev. H. D. Tucker, pastor of the First Methodist church, surprised his board of stewards by handing in his resignation as pastor Tuesday night. At the same time he announced that he was leaving the ministry for the time being.

In furthering his plans to quit the ministry the pastor handed in his credentials to the presiding elder after he had concluded his services last Sunday evening. Few, if any, other than Presiding Elder Booth, knew of his intentions to resign or leave the pulpit until he had announced his purposes to the board of stewards. This was his second year as pastor of this church.

The news was a surprise to practically all Cisco folk, as no friction was known to exist, nor was there any, with his congregation.

It is stated that Mr. Tucker has made connections with the Great Southern Life Insurance Co., and will take over the agency at Waco, where he will remove his family next week.

Bishop Hay, it is reported, has appointed Presiding Elder Booth as pastor of the church until a successor of the former pastor can be named.

vigourously oppose any and all measures that may work ill to the corporation of the city or her people, as he holds that a people whose government, state, county or city, most economically administered is best governed.

WARRENS RETURN TO THEIR CISCO HOME

Mr. L. A. Warren and family have returned to Cisco, and are again occupying their beautiful home on West Seventh street. He is still operating in the East Texas fields, near Gladewater.

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