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COUNCIL IS CAUTIOUS ABOUT CITY OWNERSHIP

COMMISSION TAKES POWER PLANT PROPOSITION UNDER ADVISEMENT; SEE BOTH SIDES

No action was taken Monday afternoon by the city commission regarding the installation of an initial unit of a municipal power plant, which has been under consideration for several weeks. Just what will be the decision of the administration regarding the Fairbanks-Morse people yet to be determined, as the matter was taken under advisement by the commission, after hearing the report of the committee that visited other cities operating municipal utility plants with the Deisel engine system. The commissioners indicated that before taking any definite action in the premises it would be advisable to weigh the proposition from all angles, as there is much to be considered.

Mayor Berry and Commissioner Fee stated that it would be necessary to estimate the saving, if any, by the installation of a Deisel engine system over the cost of taking current from the West Texas Utilities company, which is now being done.

Current Rate Not High

"We believe," these gentlemen stated, "that the commission should not only consider from the view point of the saving in the cost of current, but also its effect upon the economic situation, and the probable confusion that the city might expect by competitive utility plants in operation. Cisco has little cause for complaint with the cost of current now being supplied the city, as the West Texas Utilities company has made consistent reductions from time to time in the prices for current furnished the city. In fact," they stated, "Cisco's rate of 1 1-4 cents per kilowatt for pumping water, is entirely satisfactory. We feel that this rate is reasonable, and the only rates that are particularly out of line with those rates of towns where municipal deisel plants are in operation are the rates charged resident consumers. But our plans do not contemplate supplying current to the resident consumers."

"With the installation of a municipal plant would necessarily mean reduction of force of the West Texas Utility company, and the removal from Cisco of several families, who now spend their earnings here.

W. T. U.'s Civic Aid

"Then we feel that the West Texas Utilities company has always cooperated with every progressive movement the city has inaugurated, and these matters should be carefully considered before any final steps are taken. There are many elements that enter into the proposition, and all these should be given that consideration they are entitled to receive. In other words, the commission must consider everything the city will lose by the installation of this power unit, as well as any saving that might be effected. After we have done

these things, and then if we arrive at the conclusion that the saving is worth while—more than the loss to the city—then the commission will be in a position to act intelligently. But it certainly would be unwise to take any step until we have weighed every factor that enters into the case.

Costly Building Needed

"While we were assured by the representative of the machinery company that the immediate cash outlay necessary to install the plant would not exceed \$3,000, but we question this. In the first place a greater cost would be required to erect the building in which to house the machinery, as it would be unwise to place machinery under shelter that was inadequate to properly protect it. Those cities visited had the machinery housed in substantial buildings, some of them must have cost at least \$10,000.

"Then another factor that cannot be overlooked, and that is the depreciation of the engines and equipment at the time the indebtedness is amortized and the plant delivered to the city. At Vernon we found one of the engines only six years in service, which had been practically discarded, and another machine purchased to take its place. We shall go into these details before any final decision is reached."

Title of "Master" Teacher Awarded Varnell of Cisco

In recognition of the splendid programs sponsored during the past year, E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturist of the Cisco chamber of commerce and high school, is the recipient of one of the highest compliments that can be awarded one in his special line of work. He has just been notified that he has been selected as the "Master Teacher" of Texas for the year, based on work accomplished during 1931. This honor was conferred by a committee composed of members of the state vocational department and the department of teacher training of A. & M. College. The award was made on Mr. Varnell's work the past year, including his work with the boys.

There are 240 or 250 vocational teachers of the state, of which those selected as the leaders in their profession submitted briefs, and it was from these that the "Master Teacher" was selected.

But it is some distinction to win in any contest over such a number of competitors, and the compliment just paid to Cisco's vocational agriculturist is not all his own, for he is a part of Cisco, and the distinction is also reflected on his home town. The Citizen congratulates Mr. Varnell, also Cisco, for he has brought honors to his

Bankrupt Petition Filed In U. S. Court Laguna Hotel Co.

While anticipating a change in the management of the Laguna, Cisco's leading hostelry, yet the news of bankruptcy proceedings, filed in the United States district court at Abilene Monday, was somewhat of a surprise to most Cisco folk. Manager Campbell was seen soon after the report reached Cisco Tuesday, and asked for some information regarding the hotel company's application to be adjudged a bankrupt, also his future status with the company. He said he knew nothing except the particulars appearing in the Abilene Morning News, and as to his future status with the company he was as much in the dark as anyone else. "I have received no instructions, but will continue as manager of the hotel until otherwise directed by the authorities of the federal court," he said.

The information became generally known here Tuesday, after the arrival of the Abilene News, which contained the story of the application being filed. The Abilene paper had the following concerning the filing of the bankruptcy petition:

"Petition for judgment in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court here Monday by R. W. Haynie, attorney, for the Cisco Hotel Company, operator of the Laguna hotel in Cisco.

"Financial schedule accompanying the petition, signed by W. A. Myrick as president of the company listed liabilities at \$237,717.86 of which \$224,997 was in secured claims, and \$12,140.86 was in unsecured claims; assets, including \$300,000 in real estate and \$55,700 in furniture and equipment, totaled \$358,200."

city as well as to himself.

One "Master Teacher" is selected each year, and in previous contests Mr. Varnell has always been "in the money," to quote a horse racing term, as his placing first this year follows two successive second places held by him for the years of 1930 and 1929.

This honor is usually accompanied by a material acknowledgement from the Nitrate of Soda Educational Foundation, who have previously presented the "Master Teacher" with a gold watch. The honor will be formally conferred on Mr. Varnell during the spring when the state judging contests are held at the A. & M. College.

The "Master Teacher" carries an additional distinction, that of being the Texas representative of the Southern Region of the nation. This region is composed of the states of Virginia, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas. One from each of these states won similar honors, and from these representatives one will be selected as the "Master Teacher" of the South. So, Varnell may bring further distinction on himself, Texas and Cisco, by capturing that honor. Why not?

City Beautiful Plan Of Citizen Indorsed By Women's Clubs

Following close in wake of the Citizen's editorial in last week's issue, advocating the planting of trees and shrubs to beautify Cisco homes the members of the women's federated clubs of the city gathered at the home of Mrs. C. H. Fee to discuss tree planting. The ladies present not only talked of planting trees and flowers in the yards of Cisco, but also discussed planting trees on the highways entering this city.

Naturally the Citizen is gratified that its suggestion was so soon fruitful, but we fear the ladies are taking in quite a bit of territory in planning the beautification of the highways. We would suggest that these plans, for the present at least include the beautification of the Lake road only, in addition to local premises. If these ladies mean to extend their program so as to plant trees on the highway, they will act wisely if this program extends over a series of years, taking only one part of a certain highway to be completed in a definite time.

They might start on Lake road, and have as their objective the improvement of that highway as far as Randolph college. If trees are planted to a certain point—say the curve in the road opposite the college—and give the trees such attention as will insure their growth, they will have accomplished much. Should they attempt to line the highway from the city to the lake the result would be that only a dozen or more trees would survive the summer. But if a few trees are planted and matured through the dry season, they will have accomplished something worthwhile. It is better to have 100 trees cared for until their living is assured, than to plant 1000 trees and save only a straggling few. Plant trees, but not more than can be properly cared for.

We repeat, it is very nice to contemplate Bankhead and highway 23 lined with shade trees, but don't take on more than can be properly cared for.

In the meantime, what about our city streets? Shade trees, properly cared for, would add much to the beauty of the streets of Cisco.

Another suggestion the Citizen would offer, is the caring for those trees and shrubs now growing on the premises of Cisco residents. A tree surgeon is badly needed in many places, and no better time to do the work exists than right now.

George Ruppert, of Ruppert's Bakery, has returned from an extended business visit to New York and other eastern cities.

T. M. Collie, deputy county clerk, and himself a candidate to succeed his chief in this office, was a pleasant caller at the Citizen office Monday. Mr. Collie says his formal announcement will be made in the newspapers of the county at an early date.

ENTHUSIASM PREVAILED AS COUNTY TAX PAYERS MEET SECOND SESSION SATURDAY

The Eastland County Tax Payers association reconvened in Eastland last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the 88th district court room. The meeting was principally to hear the report of the Eastland county delegates to the state convention, which convened in Fort Worth. These were George W. Daniels, of Cisco; R. F. Holloway, of Ranger; M. C. Franklin and C. C. Roby, of Eastland. Another object of the meeting was to further plans for the permanent organization of this county unit.

The reports of the delegates was delivered from typewritten pages, and at some length, showing that considerable had been accomplished in the state, and that the body was functioning in the interest of the people, rather than the politicians, who seemed a bit conspicuous by their inconspicuous absence, or having been relegated to the ranks.

At the conclusion of the report a committee of five on resolutions was named consisting of Judge Eugene Lankford, of Cisco; M. C. Franklin, of Eastland; R. F. Holloway, of Ranger; W. A. Tate of Carbon and W. C. Couch, of Bear Springs.

While the committee was deliberating many strong talks were made, including a rousing address from the chair, which was vociferously cheered when Hon. D. J. Neill drove home many telling points.

Committee Makes Report

After deliberating some time the committee made a report of tentative subjects, which had been handed into the body for formulation into resolutions, which Chairman Lankford explained were not ready for adoption, but which the committee desired be read to ascertain whether the principles met with the approval of the association. Evidently they were just about what those present wanted adopted, as their reading was marked by enthusiasm manifested from the floor. It was also explained that the committee desired further time to study the constitutionality of some of the suggestions, and to ascertain whether provision had been made for the submission of either of them in the constitution amendments to be voted on this fall. Also, the committee requested that two additional members be added. J. M. Parker, of Gorman, and Milton Lawrence, of Eastland, were the two added members. The committee was then instructed to report at the next meeting of the association, to be held at the same place, Friday, February 19, the meeting day being changed because it was believed many merchants and farmers, whose busy days are Saturdays, would be able to attend on Friday, where it would be a

sacrifice to do so on Saturday.

A motion prevailed that the tentative subjects for adoption be furnished the newspapers of the county, that the people might have an opportunity of studying them, and if thought advisable, to offer others, or enlarge on these suggested.

It was suggested that community meetings be held all over the county during the time intervening between adjournment Saturday and the date of the next meeting, February 19.

Subjects are Suggested

A synopsis of the suggestions read before the association is given below, in which no attempt is made to publish the full text of the subjects presented:

"That legislative candidates shall publicly agree to introduce and support bills favoring the abolishment of the fee system for all public offices and substitute a reasonable salary; if held unconstitutional by the supreme court to favor submission of an amendment to the people.

"A bill to abolish one of the district courts of Eastland county.

"The consolidation of the office of the county treasurer with county auditor; also that of tax assessor with the office of tax collector.

"One assessment of property for all purposes.

"That only real estate tax payers be qualified to vote on bond issues, except school bonds.

"Forcing rendition for taxation of all vendors' lien notes, deed of trust liens, and other liens and properties including intangible property of all kinds, and providing that such notes, liens, etc., are not collectable by law so long as they remain unrendered.

"That all properties of corporations and public utility companies shall be assessed at the same valuation they claim as a basis in computing the percentage of profits or charge for service."

P. W. Campbell, of Abilene, was greeting his many friends here Monday.

J. L. Kennedy, of Arlington, was greeting old friends in Cisco the first of the week.

H. L. Vann, manager of the Cisco J. C. Penny company store, has returned home, after attending the annual convention of the J. C. Penny company employes in Dallas during the past week.

CITY CHICKEN LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

Acting upon instructions of the city commission I will begin enforcement of the city ordinance prohibiting chickens from running at large within in the city limits. All are warned to keep their chickens and other fowls penned, or fines for failure to do so will be imposed.—C.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy . . . and girded me with gladness. O, God, I will give thanks to thee forever.—Ps. 33:11, 12.

"Then, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
For where love dwells, the peace of God is there:
To worship rightly is to love each other;
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

Until religious leaders come preaching the simple virtues of the teachings of Jesus and instructing their followers to live them, as well as exemplifying them in their own lives, the kingdom of God will be alien to the earth and the children of men will continue in sin, in darkness, and in misery.—Morning Press, Santa Barbara, Cal.

TAX REFORM, OBJECTIVE OF THE PEOPLE

The meeting Saturday of the tax payers of Eastland county, while not as largely attended as desired, yet those gathered there were patriotic, earnest and loyal citizens, with each countenance bearing the stamp of determination to right the present systems that impose the burdens of taxation upon those least able to bear the expenses of government. The rural and city real estate owner now pays 65 per cent of the taxes gathered annually, while the special privileged corporations are allowed to render their holdings at only a nominal portion of their value. "From a multitude of counsel issues wisdom," is a trite saying, and now that the tax reform movement has been launched there is every indication that the multitude that will rally under the flag of less expense in government some method of equalizing the tax burdens to save the private homes will be evolved.

Several subjects of advanced nature were presented to the resolutions committee, which are now being studied by the committeemen, and these, if thought advisable, and others will be embodied in the report of the committee to the association at its next regular meeting Friday, Feb. 19. In the meantime the association advised that each community hold meetings and discuss methods of reform for consideration of the association.

Those attending the meeting Saturday were practically unanimous in their determination to work for relief from present burdens that now threaten the home owner, and who expressed themselves as determined to vote for only those candidates who are in sympathy for these reform measures.

This gathering has a significance that means more than is apparent on the surface. It indicates that the people are aroused and propose to take over the government and see that it is administered in the interest of the sovereign people.

The movement is yet in its infancy, but the depressed conditions that now prevail make this an opportune time for action, and likely the movement will grow until every county in the state is organized and affiliated with the state association, and then other states will likely take up the work until the whole nation is organized.

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All our great men and statesmen, from the organization of the American republic down to the present day, agree that freedom of speech and an untrammelled press are our most precious rights. So jealous of these rights were our forefathers that they were careful to place strong safeguards about them in our federal constitution.

Those selfish, predatory corporations and monopolies of the land have made many and varied assaults upon these strongholds of the people, but our national supreme court has ever stood firm in upholding these sacred rights guaranteed in our constitution.

The most recent menace to the rights of the people are the various chain organizations that have been formed to over ride the rights of the people. But the greatest menace to free institutions, which threaten free speech and a free press, are the chain newspapers. Those who aid and abet these instruments of destruction of free thought not only send their money away from home to the owners of the chain newspapers in some other city, but they become accomplices in this assault upon a free press by helping these papers to form public opinion in their home towns by constantly issuing to their readers carefully and skillfully prepared propaganda in such doses as the nonresident owners think the people can stand without being nauseated. And if the chain papers can control the newspaper business of any town or city, they control the politics of that community. Then their victory over freedom of speech and freedom of the press is complete, for people absorb what they read, and the other fellow's opinion becomes their own after long and continuous readings. Then is when economic slavery begins. Then is when a republic commences to decay at the foundation. Texans, Americans: Think carefully before you give your support to a chain newspaper—whose only interest in your community is either that of profit or the moulding of public opinion through propaganda, dished out from one central head to be read by thousands who subscribe for their 20 or 30 publications, rather than to a newspaper owned and controlled by home people, whose every interest is identical with yours, whose opinions expressed are those for the weal of your town and community. "Know the truth and the truth will make you free."

POGUE FELICITATES CITIZEN EDITOR

Oscar Pogue, one of the best newspaper men of Texas, and a former editor of the Cisco Daily News when the Citizen editor was associated with that paper, has steered his editorial craft westward, and is now located at Fabens, El Paso county, out on the western rim of the Lone Star State.

The Citizen editor and Pogue worked side by side on the Daily News, before it became a chain paper, a few years ago, where a friendship was formed that still exists. Learning that Pogue had taken the advice of the late Horace Greeley, and located in the border town, he was placed on the Citizen's exchange list, and his newspaper, the Fabens Review, has been a welcome visitor to our exchange table ever since. The following is an editorial paragraph clipped from the Review, which is appreciated. As it is of a personal nature, we feel that it will be pardonable to reproduce it:

"JUDGE KENNON"

"The Review is glad to receive a copy of the Cisco Weekly Citizen on its exchange desk. The Citizen is edited by that veteran, "Judge" R. W. H. Kennon, with whom the Review editor was associated some years ago on the Cisco Evening News. The Review man was editor of the evening paper, and Judge Kennon was city reporter, and the best news hound it "Luck to you, Judge."

ATTORNEY'S QUESTION
REASON FOR MISTRIAL

Eastland, Feb. 3.—While witnesses were being examined in the trial of the case of Myrtle Richardson vs. Southern Ice & Utilities company for damages in the 88th district court, Judge Elzo Beene dismissed the jury, and ordered a new trial.

In questioning a witness one of the attorneys inadvertently brought some mention of the company's liability being protected by insurance in which case the only procedure for the court to follow was to dismiss the jury and order a mistrial in the case.

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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.
2-5-12-19-26

CISCO BOY EXHIBITS
FRAGMENT OF METEOR

Julian Flaherty, 13-year old son of G. C. Flaherty, of 900 Front street brought to the Citizen office recently what is believed to be a fragment of a fallen meteor. The specimen resembles iron ore in substance, color and weight. It is of cylindrical formation, though broken. The specimen was picked up by Julian at "Pop Rock," on the western suburbs of Cisco. He says many such fragments can be found where this was obtained. Those who have seen this specimen admit that it is what they think a fragment of a meteor resembled. If so, the meteor must have fallen on "Pop Rock" perhaps ages ago, but at that, this may be just how the rock became to be designated as "Pop Rock."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
CHURCH SERVICES

"SOUL" is the lesson-sermon subject in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 14.

The golden text is from Lamentations 3:25, 26. "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."

Passages from the Bible include these from Psalms 63: 1, 2: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have

seen thee in the sanctuary."

The service also includes the following from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy (p.390):

"It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony. Truth will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and pains of sense for the joys of SOUL."

WANT ADS

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

Six room home, 2 lots, double garage, garden, well located to trade at bargain price. Box "A" Citizen.

WE WILL TRADE Musical instruments for your surplus cattle.—Denman Music Co. 22-tfc

110 acres in Fisher county, 90 acres in high state of cultivation, good house, well and mill on highway, 1 mile of county seat. Trade on easy terms. Box L, Citizen.

FOR RENT—Modern dwelling house and seven acres of land, suitable for truck farming, located on Lake road. Want responsible party to occupy the house and work the land, even if only to care for the property. See M. E. Goldburg, at Blanche's, next to postoffice 23tfc

FOR TRADE—For 80 acres anywhere south of Cisco, sandy land preferred, 16½ acres, two miles of Cisco, six room house, four acres can be put under irrigation, plenty of timber, electric lights in house, on gas line, and two public roads. Clear title given and demanded. Even trade is what's wanted. 21-tf

SPONGE RUBBER SEATS

A few of those easy sponge rubber chair cushions left. To dispose of these the prices have been marked down to \$1.25 and \$1.50. They won't last long at this price. Perfect chair ease is afforded.—Commercial Printing Co.

DR. GHORMLEY

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Commission Hears Prosper Campbell On Power Costs

The city commission formally received the report of the committee that visited several of the West Texas cities operating Deisel engine municipal plants at its meeting Monday, and discharged the committee. By invitation of Mayor Berry, P. W. Campbell and P. P. Shepard were present to hear the report as representatives of the West Texas Utilities company, who gave its reading most careful consideration.

Acting as spokesman for the Utility company, Mr. Campbell said he questioned the accuracy of some of the information given the committee, as well as the ability of the plant to amortise its indebtedness in the space of time promised by the Fairbanks-Morse representative. This, Mr. Russell told the commission when making the proposition, could be done in six and eight years, depending upon whether the street lighting should be done in connection with the pumping power plant. He stated he hardly thought this could be done from the amount the city had been paying the West Texas Utility company, and maintain the cost of operation. "To do so, in my opinion, would be the deliverance to the city of a run-down plant," Mr. Campbell said, "on which the maintenance cost will have just begun

City Current Reduced
"The West Texas Utilities company has, from time to

time, made the city substantial reductions on the current furnished, these reductions have been reduced from \$12,000 to \$9,000 annually, and the reduction of the cost of the smaller street lights, in the resident district, from \$1.25 each to \$1.00. We have reduced the cost of current for pumping water and operation of the sewage disposal to 1½ and 2 cents per kilowatt, which all of you agree is as low as you could expect. Now, as I see it, the only call to install a municipal plant is the street lighting, which amounts to \$377.00 per month. This, to me, appears to be insufficient reason to go to the expense of installing a municipal plant," he continued.

"Cisco really has a cheaper rate for pumping water than that which is charged in Lubbock, as the municipal plant charges that city 2 cents per kilowatt, while Cisco is only paying 1½. Then, Lubbock collects no city tax, of course from its municipal plant, while the West Texas Utility company pays Cisco one tenth of its receipts in city taxes.

"The statement given your committee that Lubbock's utility plant had earned \$93,000 is contrary to the figures furnished by that utility company which we have recently received. Charging a depreciation cost of 10 per cent on the plant, would amount to something over \$80,000, which would reduce these asserted earnings to an insignificant sum.

"Lubbock has a bonded indebtedness of \$2,400,000 I assume that a portion of this bonded indebtedness repre-

sents cost of the utility plant, as it was installed in 1918, before the Fairbanks-Morse plan started. It is probable that these sums, given as earnings of its power plant, may have accrued at the cost of some other higher rates, or one department of the city government borrowing from another.

"I see your committee was told that the tax rate had been reduced to 50 cents. The report we received gives the rate at 95 cents. We made some comparison in Lubbock and San Angelo values. Similiar property, we found, carried a much higher valuation in Lubbock than the same class was valued in San Angelo. So there are many angles that must be considered to arrive at the true status of affairs.

Monopoly Not Abused
"I am mindful of the fact that our franchise gives us a monopoly, but we have never abused that power by exercising high-handed procedure; have endeavored to cooperate with Cisco in every progressive move that has been inaugurated, and have tried to render the best service possible and meet every requirement. In the past the West Texas Utility company has consistently reduced rates without coercion, amounting to 61 per cent. We have maintained the local power plant solely as a protection to Cisco, which makes this city the best equipped town of the entire system. We have an investment in Cisco that cannot be moved, and will be compelled to operate it."

Mr. Campbell promised to furnish the commission a statement showing his company's receipts and disbursements, and at the conclusion of his remarks the commission gave its attention to the consideration of other business.

The committee's report of conditions revealed by their visit to Seymour, Vernon and Lubbock was read by Engineer Reagan.

NEW HEALTH DOCTOR MAKES FIRST REPORT

Dr. W. P. Lee, recently appointed city health officer filed his first monthly report since his appointment before the city commission Monday. In addition to his written report the doctor supplemented this with an oral report, showing his semi-official activities since taking over the duties of his office, in which he requested the commission's wishes as to his filing these reports monthly? In answering Dr. Lee in the affirmative Mayor Berry thanked the new health officer for the report made, saying, this was the first report the city administration had ever received from the city health officer, and the commission would be pleased to be informed monthly of the activities of the health department.

Dr. Lee's written report stated that 112 health certificates had been issued by his department to those handling food. That he and the sanitary commissioner had visited all the eating places in the city, and with the exception of a few instances, had found conditions excellent. "There were a few cases where improvements were suggested," the report stated, "but in each instance all promised to act on the suggestions of the department. It is the desire of the department to make Cisco the healthiest city in this section." The report concluded.

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COMMISSION EXTENDS REMISSION PENALTY ON TAXES TO MCH. 15

During the closing hours of the session of the city commission Monday the date for payment of city taxes without penalty was extended till March 15, the former extension having expired Wednesday. This action was on the motion of Commissioner Burnett, seconded by commissioner Clements, and was the only proceeding that precipitated any opposition.

Mr. Elliott spoke against extension, with Burnett defending his motion. Commissioner Fee stated that he did not really oppose extension, but that a few of the larger tax payers had promised to pay their taxes this week, and asked that this extension be voted on at a later meeting to be called for that purpose. A record vote of this proceedings showed Burnett, Clements and Donovan favoring the extension, and Elliott and Fee voting against the motion.

The contract between the city and Jesse Penn for constructing a hangar at the municipal airport was approved.

At the suggestion of Mayor Berry a motion prevailed that the city attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance compelling owners of property burned in the city to remove the debris within 30 days after the loss has been adjusted.

Mrs. M. E. Aycock was appointed collector of delinquent cemetery accounts and given authority to collect amounts due the city for lots and sexton services. This contract to be in force for the next six months unless revoked by the commission.

Secretary Cate informed the commission that his office would assume the duties of assessing the taxes of 1932, a duty that has heretofore been performed at an additional cost to the city.

P. L. Ullom was elected a director of the chamber of commerce to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Homer Slicker.

The commission, on request of C. O. Pass, granted permission to use ten acres adjacent to the cemetery as a community garden. Mr. Pass stated that he had been requested by others to place this matter before the commission. The city will furnish the necessary water to be used for irrigation. Commissioner Donovan, while voting for the grant, stated that the soil was hardly adapted to gardening, "as it could only be cultivated during the noon hour. It was always too wet to cultivate before noon, and too dry in the afternoon."

Secretary Cate reported that he had invested \$15,000 of the sinking fund in government bonds, as instructed by the commission at a previous session.

A motion prevailed that the buffalo, at the city zoo, be given to the city of Lubbock, that city having agreed to come after the beast. It was stated that the reason for getting rid of the buffalo was on account of the animal breaking through the fence, and often let out the deer and elk in the enclosure. Dr. Hale who takes quite a bit of pride in the zoo, and gives Cisco's menagerie considerable of his time, has been desirous of getting this animal out of the zoo, as he is the only disturbing element among the animals now in captivity there.

The Fire Marshall was instructed to enforce the law prohibiting chickens from running at large.

The commission recessed after adjusting a few tax matters.

El Paso city employees are to take a reduction in salary of 10 per cent. This will apply to every employe above the class of common labor.

GAS STOVE SEIZED IN GAS RATE SUIT

A beautiful white porcelain gas range is on display in the office of Justice of the Peace Newman this morning.

It is there as a result of a writ of execution issued out of that court to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$1.43 plus court costs against the Community Natural Gas company. It will be sold to satisfy the judgment on February 12.

The court rendered the judgment by default on January 25 when the case was up for trial on the court docket. C. F. Shepperd was plaintiff, and sues for \$1.43 which he claimed he was overcharged in final settlement of a gas bill.

This week's state papers carried the report that Federal Judge Wilson of Abilene had issued an order restraining Justice Newman from going further in the gas rate case until Judge Wilson can have time to look into a motion filed by the attorneys of the gas company. Justice Newman said Thursday he had no notice of the order.—Eastland Chronicle.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJUSTED MANY TAXES

At a recent meeting of the Eastland county commissioners court, a contract was entered into with W. J. Herrington and Geo. Brogdon, both of Eastland, to collect county and state delinquent taxes for 1930 and all prior years. This contract takes the place of one formerly held by W. J. Herrington and E. S. Pritchard which, the court order recites, was terminated by mutual consent.

More than 100 orders reducing the taxable values heretofore placed on Eastland county lands were passed by the court.

The court also passed an order allowing County Judge C. L. Garrett an ex-officio of \$3,200 for 1932, the order providing that the amount is to be paid in equal monthly installments out of the general fund provided the said amount plus the fees earned by the county judge for that period of time does not exceed the maximum compensation allowed by law.—Eastland Chronicle.

FOR RENT—Modern dwelling house and seven acres of land, suitable for truck farming, located on Lake road. Want responsible party to occupy the house and work the land, even if only to care for the property. See M. E. Goldberg, at Blanche's, next to postoffice 23tfc

INTENTIONS TO MARRY AND LICENSES ISSUED

Notice of intention to marry: Ernest Hobbs, and Mrs. Pearl Beach; John Theford Simms and Miss Ruth Elizabeth Caldwell; J. E. Michael and Miss Pearl Reeves; G. A. Swinson and Miss A. Tension; R. L. Allen and Mrs. Beatrice Toliver.

Marriage license issued: Jack Vaught and Miss Ezma Miller; Buster Pendleton and Miss Bertha Lee Rust; E. V. Lippard and Miss Jewel Patterson; Ernest Hobbs and Mrs. Pearl Beach; John Theford Sims and Miss Ruth Elizabeth Caldwell; G. A. Swinson and Miss A. Tension; R. L. Allen and Mrs. Beatrice Oliver.

TAX EXTENSION GIVEN BY EASTLAND TRUSTEES

Eastland school board recently passed an order extending the date of payment of 1931 school taxes to March 1, without penalty. Those in arrears will be permitted to pay one-half during this month, and the remainder March 1, after which the tax will go on the delinquent list

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.

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

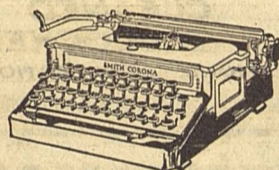
RATES	
City	\$ 5.00
Precinct	7.50
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County	12.50
District	12.50

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

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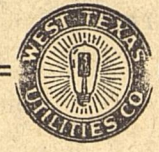
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Murdered In Cisco
Mr. All Cash and Mr. Low Price are charged with killing Old Man Depression. Dr. W. I. Ghormley, Optometrist, 1503 Ave. D, Cisco, Texas, is charged with being accessory to the crime. Dr. Ghormley is charged with fitting glasses for \$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.



YOUR ELECTRIC RATE IS ALWAYS GOING DOWN

YOUR electric rate has been going down—never up! Commodity prices go down, then up . . . and even yet have not reached the level of 1913 prices. On the other hand, the unit cost of electric service has declined steadily, and on the West Texas Utilities Company properties has been LOWERED SIXTY PER CENT during the last nine years, with the average rate to residential service alone showing a REDUCTION OF FIFTY-FOUR PER CENT! Commodity prices must decrease more than sixty per cent even below present low prices—a long, long way to go—before they approach the path blazed by electric rate reductions.

The cost of electric service today is determined more by the customers who use it than by the company which produces it. As more power is used, over more hours of the day, its unit cost becomes less. Thus, the modern rate schedule is designed to share with you immediately the benefit of the economies resulting from a greater use of electricity.

The rate per kilowatt-hour declines as more kilowatt-hours of electricity are used. Additional uses of service reduce the average price per unit, to where now it is possible to cook with it economically. That is, the average customer, using fifty kilowatt-hours per month, now can increase his use of service to THREE TIMES that amount for only 10 cents a day additional cost on his electric service bill—or for the cost of only one medium-priced cigar a day!

Today's customer in the larger towns, living in the averaged-sized home and using fifty kilowatt-hours a month, pays a rate of only 7.8 cents per kilowatt-hour. Smaller towns cost more to serve, yet the highest rate for this same amount of service, in any town served by the West Texas Utilities Company, amounts to only 1.3 cents more.

Customers having major appliances (ranges and refrigerators) earn a rate of approximately one-half that amount for all service used in the home—which includes lighting. The average rate for all residential service sold at this time is only 6.3 cents per kilowatt hour, as compared with 13.7 cents in 1922.

Thus, automatically and instantly, electricity becomes cheaper every time you increase its use. Think of the many advantageous services by which you can benefit—without a material increase in your electric bill—through a more active use of your lighting and your appliances, or through the addition of major appliances!

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STOP!
The Great Battle of 1932 Is On!
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Four per cent of the American people are Money Mad and Drunk with Power. They reign supreme and Rule the other Ninety-six per cent with an Iron Hand—Merciless and Destroying, Body and Soul! **THE CHAINS OF GOLD MUST BE BROKEN!** There is but one way out for the "Submerged" Ninety-six per cent, and that is—capture the Presidency and the Congress. Elect men who are Honest, True, Tried and Competent to Administer the People's Government. And there is only one man in America who measures to the required test—One Hope!—Wm. H. Murray, "Alfalfa Bill," Governor of Oklahoma. The admirers and supporters of Governor Murray are urged to meet in the lobby of the Daniels Hotel next Tuesday Night, February 16th, for the purpose of organizing

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PUTNAM-MORAN POST MASTERS CONFIRMED

Confirmations of James M. Cottle, Moran, and Willie L. Kennedy, of Putnam, as postmasters of those places reported from Washington.

W. A. Myrick of Lubbock, spent several days in Cisco this week on business connected with the Laguna Hotel Co., of which he is president.

Max Elser leaves today for a visit to Fort Worth.

J. H. Erwin will leave Sunday for Dallas to resume his position as salesman with the J. I. Case Machinery Co.

ALTMAN BUYS GENTRY CASH GROCERY STORE

S. W. Altman, of Abilene, has purchased the Gentry Cash Grocery store, and already taken charge. Mr. Gentry, who will remain with the firm for a few days, contemplates removing to Breckenridge. F. B. Altman, son of the the new proprietor, is in charge of the business.

Court Proceedings And New Causes of Action Just Filed

The following cases were disposed of in the 91st district court by Judge George Davenport:

Alberta Johnson, negress, of Ranger, charged with murder in connection with the death of Eula May Armstrong, another negress, was given a suspended sentence of three years.

Mike Moore, burglary, plea of guilty, given two years suspended sentence.

K. Reynolds, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to one year, suspended.

J. E. Williams, alias Orval Montray, burglary, plea of guilty, gets two years hard labor in penitentiary. No suspension.

Juan Romero, Mexican, had charges against him dismissed because the grand jury had voted to no-bill him. His charge had been placed on the docket through habeas corpus proceedings.

Suits Filed—88th Court
Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association vs. F. A. Blankenbeckler et al, suit on note and foreclosure.

W. H. Norris Lumber Company vs Tom Russell, suit on note.

James Shaw, Commissioner, vs S. J. Knepley, collect note and for foreclosure.

L. J. McMillen vs Suncrest Oil and Gas Company, attachment and foreclosure of laborer's and mechanic's lien.

W. D. Conway vs L. C. G. Buchanan, collect note, etc.

W. D. Conway vs. Commercial State Bank, Ranger, Garnishee, garnishment.

E. M. Howard vs. C. O. More, suit on open account.

James Shaw, Commissioner, vs. C. W. Porter, et al, suit on notes.

Fronia Ames vs. J. B. Ames, divorce, injunction.

John Shertzer vs. T. H. Davis, et al, collect notes and for foreclosure.

Eula Mae Jameson vs. J. E. Jameson, Jr., divorce.

Cases Filed—91st Court
J. M. Williamson vs. Colonial Building and Loan Association, try title and for damages.

Mrs. Dora Kennedy et al vs. Texas Pacific Railway Company, damages.

Bernie Jeffs vs. W. F. Jeffs, divorce.

John Hassen vs. National Fire Insurance Company, et al, collect insurance policy.

I. J. Killough vs. D. K. Williamson et ux, injunction.

John Chancellor vs. Postal-Telegraph-Cable Company, collect damages \$20,000, personal injuries.

In re liquidation First State Bank, Carbon, order to pay dividends.

Chester Barnhill vs. Ruby Barnhill divorce.

In re liquidation Brownwood State Bank, Brownwood, approve December expense account.

In re liquidation First December expense account.

LEGION PLAY BEING REHEARSED FOR 15TH

The musical comedy, "Sweetheart Town," which will be staged February 15, for the benefit of John William Butts Post, American Legion, with Legionnaires and local girls forming the cast, is now being rehearsed. Miss Vera O'Halloran, who is directing the staging of the play, has arrived and is putting the cast through the stages to have them fit when the play is presented.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gude, and Mrs. Roy Lee Gude and Sonny Boy, of Mertzon, were guests at Hotel Gude this week.

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FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:
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