



ARBITRATION IS LANKFORD'S PLAN

At Final Analysis Matter Will Have to be Settled Men if this Litigation is Kept Up, so Muddle Should be Settled Amicably.

Editor American.
Cisco, Texas, Jan. 6.—I want to make a suggestion to all persons interested in Eastland county roads through the press of the county.

I have taken no part in the road controversy of the county, and think I can truthfully say that I have no fixed opinion as to the merits of the controversy now going on by the different factions, and am no more friendly to one side than the other, personally.

As a citizen and tax payer of the county, I am interested in having the roads finished so that we can use the roads that we have issued bonds for; and I take it for granted that every citizen of the county wants the same thing.

If we were to have a long wet spell of weather now, we could not use some of the roads without greatly damaging the work already done, at a great loss to the tax payers; and I am told that a further delay might cause a loss of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of government aid, which we are entitled to.

We all know that this matter can be delayed almost indefinitely if it is fought out in the courts.

The question is: can the citizens of Eastland county afford to have it done in that way? Can any man or set of men afford to take the responsibility of causing that delay, which will cost the tax payers a million dollars or more?

Another question is of equal importance: If the peoples' money is being wantonly wasted, can the people afford to let it go on without a protest?

If these millions of dollars and roads belonged to these contending factions personally, it would look foolish for them to waste it in litigation, but the rest of us could afford to let them "fight it out,"—it would be their business—but should the tax payers permit this "awful waste by a factional fight?"

My suggestion is this: Let us assume that every man connected with this road controversy is honestly doing what he thinks right. Let us assume that each one of them wants the people's money spent to the best advantage; and that the contractors want what is due them and no more. That all being true, each and all of them should be willing to select twelve good citizens of this county to arbitrate and settle the whole affair. Surely there are twelve men in this county who are intelligent, non-partisan and fair enough to hear the evidence and argument of all interested, and do what is right as to all concerned, and all parties abide by their judgment. Select the best men of the county for this purpose. Such a body of men would do the right thing, and we could go on with the road work. Even if it goes thru all the courts, just men will settle it in the end, so why not do it NOW as here suggested?

Yours truly,
EUGENE LANKFORD.

RED FRONT SOLD

A deal was consummated last week whereby Messrs. C. J. Lawery and W. W. Moore disposed of the Red Front Drug Store to Messrs. Paul J. Butler and Tom A. Maxwell. Mr. Butler comes here from Ranger, where he has been connected with the Sinclair Oil Co. Mr. Maxwell was born in this place, his father formerly owned this business of which he is now a partner. Mr. Moore will remain with the new firm as pharmacist, while Mr. Lawery will locate in another city.

LITTLE MOTOR KAR COMPANY.

Stockholders are receiving notices of a call meeting to be held at the factory on Friday, January the 27th. It seems from these calls that the company has been released by the receivers, as the meeting is to consider what disposition will be made of the properties as to whether they will be operated or liquidated, to elect new trustees or attend to such business as may come before the meeting. The call is signed by all the trustees. Suggest that you have your name and address at the American office if you are interested. You should go or send some one with your proxy to this meeting.

A call for a local meeting will be issued through the paper next week.
W. L. BOWMAN.

FINE STOCK SHOWN PUTNAM MONDAY

Callahan's Pure Bred Live Stock Owners Exhibit at Putnam—Horse Cattle and Poultry Make Creditable Showing.

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Then speaking of poultry, this was the heart of the show. The reason I suppose was that the women prepared for this division of the show, and women most always outdo the men in anything they undertake. There were a great number of coops of all breeds and classes shown in this division. They were gathered from all the largest and most up-to-date poultry ranches of the county, and there are some of the best breeders in the state that live in Callahan county. They were all so classy that all deserved to be prize winners, and the judges consumed quite a deal of time in making their decisions.

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ROAD COMPANY GETS THE BONDS

Cisco's Commissioner has no Voice in Order—Court Convenes After his Departure for Home at 5 O'Clock P. M.

Commissioner Stubblefield was in Eastland last Monday to attend a meeting of the Commissioners Court, but after waiting in the city all day until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, there was no meeting held. He stated he could not remain longer, so informed the county judge, and at the same time informed him that he would return Tuesday morning to attend the session should one be held.

Mr. Stubblefield states that Judge Starnes advised he had better "hang around for a few minutes, that the boys might come in and want to hold a session at night and go home." Put all the other three commissioners were in Eastland next morning, Mr. Stubblefield stated.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that when he returned Tuesday morning he ascertained that the court had held a session after his departure, at 5:30 o'clock and passed on an order declaring the county was indebted to the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company in the sum of over one half million dollars, and further recited in said order that the county judge, C. R. Starnes, be authorized to pass over to the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company 495 \$1000 good road bonds with accrued interest, aggregating \$591,846.71.

The order does not recite, according to the report of the proceedings published in the Oil Belt News, what disposition is to be made of the \$311,000 in script issued by the road building company. In fact Mr. Stubblefield stated that he was informed by the bookkeeper of the highway department that the order did not provide that the road building company should take care of the outstanding road script issued by the company. "But it was his understanding that as soon as the bonds were sold that the Road Building Company would take up this script."

Mr. Stubblefield stated that the bookkeeper also informed him that the order took no cognizance of the 10 per cent which the county is supposed to withhold from the road building company until the completion of the contract, nor was there any provision made to protect the interest of Eastland county for the \$190,000 advanced to the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company for the purchase of materials.

Upon his arrival at the county seat Tuesday, Mr. Stubblefield states that he dictated his objections to the order passed by the court, and had the clerk record the same at the foot of the order.

The American is not in a position to know just what the true status of the road affairs are, but everyone believes there has been gross mismanagement, to say the least, on the part of some one. The grand jury has had the matter up for investigation; the county-wide committee has given the affair some attention; legal proceedings have been instituted to oust the present county judge and three commissioners but it seems difficult to get the approval of either district judge to allow the process to issue, and nothing has come of the whole muddle. Viewing the matter as the facts exist, the American had about come to the conclusion for the sake of having road work resumed it might be just as well to give them free bit and full rein, and leave the matter to the verdict of the people in the July primaries, but such proceedings deserve some notice.

Citizens Committee a Safe Guard
In 1919, when the proposition was up for consideration to vote the four and one half million dollars for good roads, the Round-Up, and the writer as editor, advocated the establishment of a citizens' committee to act in conjunction with the Commissioners Court, with authority to O. K. all contracts and all matters pertaining to the building of the highways of Eastland county, and the expenditure of this road fund. We are informed by Judge Scott that such a committee was appointed to act in this capacity, but nothing has been heard from them. If that committee was ever appointed the members should have manifested enough interest in the affairs of the county to have been on the job. Many people were opposed to turning over such a vast sum to be expended by the commissioners court thought best as the building of this system of

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SHALL THE ROAD MONEY BE LOST?

Jingo Sees Prospect of Losing Bankhead Highway if the Wrangle Continues Over Highway—Efforts of Committee Unavailing.

By Jingo
The road proposition of this county is larger than all the County officials and the Citizens Committee. And more important.

For the past several months the road question of this county has occupied the minds of the tax paying citizens almost to the exclusion of all other public questions. All hoped that something could be done, some agreement reached whereby the road work could be started again.

There has been charges and counter charges made by and against committees and officials alike, with the circle of agitation constantly widening and extending. There has been an immense amount of agitation and mud-slinging done, but the question is,

"Has there been one mile of road constructed from the effects of this useless wrangle?"

We are one of the long suffering citizens, and have been strictly behind the late committee in their efforts to better conditions, but it seems that our wishes and their tireless efforts have come to naught. We believe with Judge Stubblefield and the committee that he heads, that there has been a very substantial misuse of funds, but as the grand jury and the courts of the county could not or did not do one thing with the proposition, it seems to us that it is time to reconsider and drop the suits or efforts to bring suits. We believe that if the officials have been guilty of misappropriation of public funds in the past that they have been given so much public airing that with a new trial they might settle down and do some real constructive work.

With farther delay we stand a good chance to lose all the Federal aid, and it is possible that we could lose the Bankhead Highway all together. For Stephens, Shackelford and Palo Pinto counties are going right ahead with their road construction programs while we fight among ourselves. The towns on this North Route, leaving the main route at Mineral Wells, have always done all in their power to draw the road their way, and at times they have made open fights for same, and we can rest assured that the public spirited men of these towns are not asleep to the proposition at this moment.

Some morning we will wake up and find that the North Route is the established route in the "Blue Book."

No doubt we have spent an immense sum of money in a useless way, but we believe if this agitation continues longer we stand a good chance to be a second great loser, as well as the road, and this we cannot afford to do, it matters not what has gone before. At the furthest it is only a few short months when the citizens will have a chance to call all public officials to a fair judgment. What do you say, lets lay aside this everlasting strife that has not won us one thing so far, and no prospects of it doing so, and get the road construction work under way at the earliest possible moment.

We heard a story this forenoon that well illustrates the affairs of this county at present. A fine building was on fire, and two men were fighting around the nearest fire plug. The fire fighting force came up and one of the fighters said: "Wait until we finish our fight, then you can make connections and put the fire out."

IRRIGATION EXPERT WILL INSPECT DAM PROPOSITION

Farm Demonstrator Bush while here last Tuesday, went over the country below the dam at Lake Cisco and made an inspection of the land with a view of establishing an irrigation district there if thought advisable. Mr. Bush was favorably impressed with the feasibility of the proposition, and stated he would induce the A. & M. College extension department to send an irrigation expert here about the first of February to look over the situation and make a report on the matter that could be relied upon.

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Doubt if he be now as if the world is ready to fight disarmament.

PETITION TO HAVE BOARD RECONVENE

Citizens Complain that Renditions of Property is too High and Petition Commission to Equalize Taxes.

The American has been handed the following petition signed by the names set out below, complaining at the valuation of property in Cisco, and requesting the Commission to reconvene the board of equalization that "unequal and inequitable" valuations may be equalized.

The American is informed that there are other copies of the petition in circulation, but this is the only copy to reach the American. Later, if possible to obtain these other copies the names will appear in a later issue.

Perhaps at no time in the history of Cisco are the people so thoroughly in earnest regarding the correction of certain oppressive conditions as exist at this time. Many claim that taxes are out of reason, and out of proportion to the demands of the expenses of the administration of the city government, and valuations are placed on property now which it could not be sold for. Just what merit there may be in these statements the American is not in a position to say, but we do know that there is greater unrest, and dissatisfaction with conditions as they exist today than has been the case in many years. This may be, in a measure, attributable to the present depressed conditions of the country. One gentleman remarked that "taxes are really the least of our troubles. We can pay the taxes, were it not for the high prices we are compelled to pay for other necessities—water, lights and gas. As I see it it is these necessities that are producing the hardships upon the people. Think of it—an ordinary family having to pay \$15 and \$20 for his lights and gas each month. It makes a fellow want to turn back to the old tallow dip, and the burning of wood. Certainly modern lights and fuel are better, and nicer to use, but at the rates the people of Cisco are paying for this luxury many in Cisco will not be able to afford these luxuries much longer."

It has been suggested that a mass meeting be called to take some action on the petition to the Commission for reconvening the board of equalization, but just what will be done is unknown to the American.

The following is the prayer of the people on the question of reconvening the board of equalization:
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS. We, the undersigned tax-payers, property-owners, and citizens of the City of Cisco, respectfully ask that your Honorable Body to order the Board of Equalization for the said city to re-consider on all the taxes upon which there has been an unequal and inequitable valuation placed, as we personally know property upon which valuations have been placed by the Board of Equalization to double the amount of reasonable market value of the said property on January 1st, 1921, which is an injustice to the citizens.

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CONNECT ENDS OF STAR ROAD

SOON TRAVEL WILL BE GOOD FROM CISCO TO RISING STAR C. OF C. INITIATES PROPOSITION TO INSURE ROAD.

There was a meeting of the Good Roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce today at which plans were put on foot which insure the completion of the road to Rising Star. There is a mile stretch of sand about nine miles from Cisco. To the sand bed a good road has been made. On the south end there is a completed road from this stretch of sand to Rising Star.

At the meeting today plans were perfected and agreements made by all parties, for laying this sand stretch, work to begin at once. Commissioner Robertson has agreed to furnish two-thirds of the cost of the laying of this sand stretch, and the Chamber of Commerce will finance one-third of the cost. A portion of the money was subscribed for this purpose the meeting. This road is insured.



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CISCO,

TEXAS

Local Post Pulls Big Social Event

Christmas Gaieties Topped with Terpsichorean Event par Excellence--Hall of Labor Temple Brilliantly Decorated.

By Jake

This was the final and crowning social feature of the Christmas holiday celebrations.

This was no doubt one of the very best social functions to be staged in the city of Cisco during the Christmas holidays. There were sixty couples present and enjoyed the dancing for the evening with the Local Post on the favorite dance floor at the Labor Temple. The hall was magnificently decorated for this occasion, with vari-colored paper streamers and lights.

Music was furnished for the occasion by the "Saxet Harmony Hounds" of Stamford, with their famous four piece band. Jazz music in general was the order of the evening. There being sixteen numbers on the program, with an intermingling of one-steps, fox trots and two steps. There were also added two specials to the program and a great many encores throughout the evening.

Mr. Gracy, the traveling representative of the Magnolia Coffee Co., furnished and served free coffee for the occasion, for which the Legion wishes to thank this gentleman. Also they wish to thank the following firms who assisted in different and very substantial ways in making the occasion the success it proved to be: H. C. Romiger & Co.; Webster Wholesale Grocery Co.; Guaranty State Bank; Chamber of Commerce; and Humble Company.

This dance was given as a compliment by the Legion to their lady friends, who so ably assisted them recently in the successful staging of "Oh, Oh, Cindy," but these same ladies came back with another favor Saturday evening in the form of an ample supply of delicious sandwiches for this entertainment. Come on boys, it is your move next. A fine midnight luncheon was served in the club rooms of the Temple.

This was given as a novelty ball, but from the noise made from the conferred favors in the shape of Clax on horns and vap rap vap rap machinery, all of which made the occasion resemble a big time carnival dance. But be it a novelty or a carnival, all present spent a very pleasant evening.

Col. Mayfield raves every week in is weekly about the outlandish dancing of his people in the city of Houston. Well, we always knew that sin runs riot in the large cities, but we just cant see where it is nice for the Col. to tel tales out of school. We just wish the Houston gentleman could have been present at this ball Saturday evening and noted the absence of the many sins which he lists against his people. There was no "hip pocket silver flasks" present, or was there any visible signs that any of the gentlemen had been keeping company with such. And the famous "Check Parking" spoken of by the Colonel was notable for its absence.

BACK ON THE JOB

Geo. Roberts and family of Cisco spent Christmas here with their parents. George states that his Cisco oil well is now down 1400 feet, and that he believes he is going to get oil--Stephenville Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the kiddies returned home last Monday, and say they had a most enjoyable visit. Mr. Roberts was back in time to see work resumed on the Roberts-Murphy No. 1, after the Christmas vacation.

WANTS TO HEAR FROM FRIENDS

M. J. W. G. Werneberg returned to Cisco last Friday afternoon from an extensive visit to his son at Rotan. He was here just one day to look after some private matters, departing Saturday morning for Fort Worth, where he expects to spend the winter with near relatives.

"I wish the American would say for me that those having business with me can still address me at Cisco, as I have left my forwarding address, but my Fort Worth address will be 216 Carleton Ave. It will be a pleasure to hear from old Cisco friends while I am away."

IS BUDDHA'S HOLIEST SHRINE

Shwe Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon Attracts the Devout From All Parts of the World.

My Burmese friend Maung Ukin and I visited together the Shwe Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon, which springs like a golden flame to the height of 368 feet among its flame-bright trees. Holy and most holy, to it come all the Buddhist pilgrims of the world, for in its inmost heart lie hidden relics of the four earthly Buddhas--the staff of Kawkathau, the water filter of Gawnagong, the robe of Kathapa and eight hairs of the Gautama Buddha. Surely, the most gorgeous shrine of all

HAS TO LEARN HIS DUTIES

West African Monarch Is Not Born to Throne, as Are His More Fertunate Brothers.

If anyone wishes to see a real-for-sure king in this world, which is swiftly coming to democracy, perhaps the best place to go is the interior of the African west coast. For there, in the bush, dusky royalty is seen at its most interesting best, writes Temple Manning in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Each community of huts is ruled by a chief. This chief has powers which sometimes extend to life and death without the need of a court or a judge. In his own little village he is supreme. His lightest look, as well as his least word, is law.

These chiefs, for there is one for every village, have a chief over them. This paramount chief is king. He rules not only his own village, but the villages of all the chiefs in his particular tribe. When a paramount chief dies, the lesser chiefs begin to talk about electing a new paramount chief. But in west Africa it is one thing to talk and another thing to act.

At last, however, a paramount chief is chosen. He is sent into the bush to prepare for his high calling. Sometimes months are consumed in this preparation. The lesser chiefs visit the future king and instruct him in his duties, and "teach him some." As the future ruler is not yet king, his person is not sacred. So, if the future chief is slow in learning, the lesser chiefs thrash him, just as you might spank a backward schoolboy. It's painful learning to be a king in west Africa.

On a day appointed, the king is brought out of the bush and is introduced to his subjects. The plains are literally black with people. Not a sound is heard. They look upon their king in absolute silence.

One of the lesser chiefs, wearing a rafter and waving a rod, walks up and down before the king, blessing the various villages in the realm. Then the king steps forward and bows, and the silence is rent by wild yells of fealty.

The remaining ceremonies are those of dancing and of rejoicing. The king usually is so tired he falls asleep while his subjects do him honor. You may be sure he is glad it's all over. For now no one may touch him under penalty of death and he is the favored king of all the land.

Make Oil From Rubber Seeds.

It will doubtless come as a surprise to many persons that an oil approximating linseed in its qualities can be made by crushing the seeds of rubber trees, as will the further fact that, once the oil is extracted the remaining cake may be used for cattle fodder.

These discoveries were made a long time ago by the Dutch Imperial institute, but it has only been in the last year or two that the use of this oil has passed the experimental stage. Now, however, at least one mill has been established in Malaya for crushing the seeds, and small commercial consignments of the oil have been sold in Europe at good prices.

Whether it will pay the planter to supply the seeds to an oil mill depends very largely on the cost of their collection, a point on which experts differ.

There are, however, large quantities of the seeds to be had in the Dutch East Indies, and in view of the present need of exercising strict economy in connection with rubber plantations and the big demand for oils and food-stuffs, serious efforts will be made to utilize the seeds in the way mentioned.

Not a Rival.

Among the few royal pilgrimages recently reported from the presently depleted royal circles of Europe is a visit of the king and queen of Denmark to their expansive dependency of Greenland.

Greenland is the closest connecting insular link between the new continent and the old, and has a definite geographical interest for the people of America. The king of Denmark also happens to be a monarch of commendably democratic qualities.

Greenland has an area of over 800,000 square miles, five times that of California. But providence in its wisdom has seen fit to superimpose glaciers over 700,000 of those square miles. Therefore it ensures none of those menaces in respect of undesirable immigration that occasionally fret the citizens of this and other states.--San Francisco Chronicle.

Was That the Reason?

We all know that this is the age of socks for the little girls and of rolled stockings for the "flapper."

The boys and girls of the neighborhood were all congregated on Susie's front porch. Susie was a "flapper," and was recounting to her delighted hearers the story of how she had gone downtown a night or two before with her parents to take in a show, and with giggles and titters was explaining how she had managed, very adroitly, to squeeze herself in between mamma and dad when boarding the street car so she would be as inconspicuous, and (dare I say it?) as unexposed as possible.

Little Betty, who had been an attentive listener up to this time, suddenly asked:

"Was that the matter, Susie? Was mamma and daddy?"--Indianapolis News.

Wild Flowers.

Wild flowers are coming to the fore as the medium for wedding bouquets. At a recent wedding small orange trees glowing with bright-colored fruit were used with flame azaleas for church decoration.

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BLUFF BRANCH BRIEFS

Special Correspondence.

Bluff Branch, Jan. 3.--The Bluff Branch school reopened Monday after the week of Christmas holidays, which was appreciated by the students and teachers.

One of the social events of the holidays was a very enjoyable party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hallmark.

Our people enjoyed religious services at the Bluff Branch school house last Sunday morning. Rev. J. E. McDermott delivered a splendid sermon.

The young people of this community enjoyed a very pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Latham last Wednesday night.

Miss Vida Thames is recovering nicely from the operation for appendicitis, performed Dec. 19th last. It is stated that she will probably be up some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yeager are having their home remodeled into a nice little bungalow. It seems that, notwithstanding the dry weather, the country is prospering, as there are several new homes being erected, and old ones remodeled.

Little Master Howard Thames was the victim of a very painful accident last Friday evening, caused by stepping on a nail, which penetrated about an inch in his foot.

A very pleasant musicale was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeager last Saturday night.

Mr. B. H. Yeager and mother, Mrs. J. A. Yeager, were shopping in Cisco Friday evening.

Mr. J. W. Thames was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thames at their new bungalow in Cisco Friday night.

Miss Jewel Thames is on the sick list this week.

It is reported that Mr. R. F. Mitchell, who has been suffering with a very bad case of blood poisoning in his hand, is considerably improved. It is reported that it will be necessary to amputate the thumb of the right hand, which is affected.

Mr. Jack Horn and family, have moved from Dan Horn into this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Reed and little daughter Anna, have returned home.

Mrs. May Murray and Miss Nora, have returned to their home in Lubbock, after spending the holidays in this community.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Yeager were the dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Thames on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thames and children, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thames Saturday night and Sunday.

A very pleasant singing was enjoyed by the young people of this community last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. J. A. Yeager.

Mt. Pleasant will erect a canning factory in time to take care of the fruit crop of next year.

THE WINSTONS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Winston, after four months visit to the states east of the Mississippi, returned home Tuesday. They visited their son, Captain Barlow Winston and wife at Camp Meade, also spent some time in Baltimore, Washington City, and visited the old home of Mrs. Winston in Kentucky and then visited friends and relatives in Georgia. Both are in fine health, and seem to have enjoyed their trip immensely.

Messrs. R. G. Moody and son Claude and Roy Simmons returned from their hunting trip last Sunday. They reported very poor sport on this outing, as they failed to bag any thing bigger than a cotton tail.

Misses Francis Baugh and Alma Copeland, who have been in Cisco for the holidays, returned to Austin last Monday to resume their studies in the University.

Messrs. Frank Smith, Newton Cogburn, Dick Hittson and Odwin Cate, returned to their studies at the University last Monday after spending the holidays at home.

NEAT SHOE REPAIRING at Frank Jordan's Tin Shop. Bring your Shoes, Men's half soles, \$1.25. Ladies, \$1.00. 1305 South Avenue D. C. M. JONES

Messrs. W. H. Beard, Wm. N. Baker, Murray and W. L. Sanders, who are operating in the Mexia-Wortham field, came home for the holidays to visit home folk.

Mrs. Lutz, who came out two weeks ago to visit her son, Mr. H. C. Wipern and family, leaves today for Waco where she will visit a sister for a few weeks, then returning here where she will prolong her visit for some time.

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be the only early indication of dangerous tropical storms of small diameter forming over the Gulf stream, or as offshoots of larger hurricanes. The fire-colored sunset is quite different from the ordinary. It is an awe-inspiring spectacle, and is apparent to the most untrained in weather signs. An approaching hurricane may affect the atmosphere, and the light rays passing through it, for more than 1,000 miles.

Duralumin Motor Boats.

Motor boats constructed of duralumin are claimed to combine extraordinary lightness with great strength. This aluminum alloy is little heavier than aluminum itself and a third as heavy as brass; it resists corrosion and temperature changes. The new boats are designed especially for life boats. Small power is required, and a 4-cylinder, 14-horse power engine drives at 11 knots, on 9 1/4 pounds of gasoline per hour, a cabin cruiser 33 feet long and 7 1/2 feet beam, with a draught of 2 1/3 feet.

Passing the Post.

Kindly old woman--You give your little boy to give your little friend.

Youthful hard guy--Aw, he is my friend of mine.

"Then why did you give him the candy?"

"The Miss was botherin' me."--Youngstown Telegram.

Furniture Will Be Made in Cisco

Cisco Chair and Casket Company Places Trial Order with Cisco Planing Mill—Other and Larger Orders Later.

By Jake

It is possible that Cisco may increase her prestige during this year as a manufacturing city.

The Cisco Chair and Casket Company have let a contract to the Cisco Planing Mill Co. for the manufacture of two car loads of porch and lawn furniture comprising swings, settees and rockers.

Mr. Cagle, manager of the mill, says that this contract is to be filled by February 1st, and that the furniture will certainly be ready on that date. He has a force of men in his mill at present, where the machinery hums eight hours per day. If this contract is filled on time and is satisfactory to the company, a large contract is certain between these two Cisco parties in the shape of twenty-two cars of furniture in the first big order.

Heretofore this wholesale company of this city has purchased their stock from the larger manufacturing companies of the north and East. Their trade territory covers Texas, Oklahoma and a portion of Louisiana. There has been quite a deal of manufacturing done for this company at Guthrie, for their Oklahoma trade, but if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the

Cisco Planing Mill a large majority of this furniture will be manufactured in Cisco.

And Mr. Cagle says he expects to take care of any contracts that may come his way, if he has not ample machinery he knows how to add other equipment as fast as any man does, and that he fully intends to bring all work out in good shape and according to schedule.

A WATCH FOR THE BOYS

Boys, wouldn't you like to have an Ingersoll watch guaranteed to keep good time for a year.

You can have one free for securing three subscriptions to the Cisco American at \$1.50 each, or one that you can tell the time in the dark for only ten subscribers.—Address Circulation department, Cisco American.

MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONS

The following local unions meet at the Labor Temple, 206 W. Third street:

Carpenters Local No. 1410—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. W. J. Martin, president.

Painters Local—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. G. A. Wilson, Secretary.

Building Trades Council—J. C. Rupe, President.

Laborers' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. G. A. Love, secretary.

New arrivals in Spring Hats, at Mrs. Kennon's Exclusive Hat Shop.

Watch Party for S. M. U. Glee Club

Many Hear Visiting Vocalists at Methodist Church Saturday Night—Splendid Musical Program Rendered.

By Jake

Epworth Leaguers and their many friends enjoyed a "Watch Party" at Mr. J. J. Patterson's home on west sixth from eleven 'til two Saturday night.

There was quite a large assembly gathered at the Methodist church Saturday evening to hear the rendition of the excellent program presented by the Glee Club from S. M. U. This entertainment was put on by the Senior Epworth League and all think from many angles it was a complete success.

After this program all members of the Epworth League and their host of friends from other churches and other organizations of the city, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Patterson on west sixth street and formed a watch party. There were over one hundred guests present. Many contests were entered into before the arrival of the hallowed hour of twelve where all present knelt for prayer, which was led by Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey for divine leadership he extended to all during the New Year. A nice New Year's luncheon was served at 12:30 a. m.

All members of the visiting Glee Club were present at the party and favored the young people with a number of selections during the evening. They remained over in the city until Sunday afternoon, when they left for Abilene to fill an engagement.

How many hours will a quart of gasoline burn in a Coleman 300 candle power lamp? Register your guess at John C. Sherman's. A Flash Light for the one guessing nearest. 24-tf.

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Livestock Men Here January 11

Experts in Livestock, Poultry, Dairying and Farm Exhibits Will Meet With Farmers and Discuss Better Methods.

Mr. Porter A. Whaley of Stamford, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, writes Secretary Richardson of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, that the itinerary of the livestock experts includes Cisco, and the party will be here next Wednesday.

It is desired that every farmer who can be here should meet this party of experts, who will have something to say that will be of material benefit to every farmer who wishes to improve his farm surroundings.

The following letter to Mr. Richardson from Manager Whaley is self-explanatory:

"We have just finally completed the itinerary for the fourth district poultry-dairy-livestock campaign. We will send this group of experts into Cisco on January 11th. There will be included in the party the following experts:

"Livestock: C. C. French, of the Fort Worth Stock yards.
"Poultry: Miss R. L. Murray, of A. & M. College.
"Exhibits: B. M. Whitaker, exhibit manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

"Dairying: J. W. Ridgway, of the Mistletoe Creameries.
"We are now having printed 200 special folders with Cisco's name on same and the date for the Cisco meeting. We will send these to you in the next few days and will ask that you put them out in proper places. We sincerely trust that you will do everything possible to get your farmers together and also your business men for this important meeting.

"The gentlemen who are on the team are absolutely the best known men in Texas for this work. Great good can be accomplished and we have selected Cisco as one of the points to be visited because we believe that you will appreciate having this work done. We also trust you will from time to time give notice of this meeting to your local papers. We will shortly send you a special publicity story for your local paper."

The American hopes every one of its many farmer readers and others interested in better methods of farming and stock raising, will be in Cisco next Wednesday. This meeting means much to the whole county, and a large attendance should be here on this occasion. Better farming and consequently better conditions of the farmers, has been the policy of the American since

the paper first came into existence. The state is spending vast sums of money to help the farmers over the state to better their conditions.

Everyone with enough land to keep a cow should be interested in dairying. The talk by Mr. Ridgway will be of much value in this respect. The Cisco country is especially adapted to the dairy industry, and when our farmers realize that there is big money in keeping dairy cows, and disposing of the cream, then we can date our prosperity from the moment of such realization.

The poultry expert will interest you. The Cisco country could produce enough poultry to supply the nation, and there is big money in the chicken industry. This fact has been brought home to our farmers in the past year more forcibly than ever before, and when they come to the full realization of the possibilities of this country as to producing dairy products and poultry, we will wonder why we thought we could not live without raising cotton.

A gasoline lamp is as safe as any light. See the Coleman lamp turning over and over, it burns upside down as well as upright. Steq into John C. Sherman's and register a guess on the Coleman lamp, you may win the prize. 24-tf.

Mrs. Kennon is the first to show advanced styles in millinery.

The spring hats are very smart. New arrivals at Mrs. Kennon's Exclusive Hat Shop.

See the "Sunshine of the Night," The Coleman gasoline lamp at Sherman's. It is just as safe upside down as in any position. Come in and register your guess and you may win the flashlight. 24-tf.

A fine thing about scenery is that you can not wear it out by looking at it.

Is a Gasoline Lamp safe? See the Coleman Lamp burning in any position at Sherman's. 24-tf.

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Removal Notice

—We are now open for business in our new location, 606 Main Street, next door to our old location, and will be able to better serve you in the coming year and we ask our friends and customers to call in and see us.

—We also take this occasion to thank one and all of you for your friendship and patronage during the past year and ask that you continue to let us serve you during 1922.

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THE CISCO AMERICAN

Published Every Friday by THE AMERICAN PRINTING CO. R. W. H. KENNON, Editor and Mgr. Subscription \$1.50 Per Year in Advance.

Application pending for admission as second class mail matter.

If our city authorities are permitting the public utility corporations to take a hundred or two thousand dollars from the Cisco people unlawfully, and do not make an effort to make them comply with the law, what are the people going to do about it? The people are the court of last resort.

Texas laws are especially favorable to utility companies. The law prohibits municipalities from placing rates so low that these companies cannot earn 10 per cent net on their investment, while the individual has to take his losses in hard times and not grumble. Yet some have preached that Texas laws are hostile to capital.

It is all right to make it unlawful to allow public utility companies to make 10 per cent on their investment but lets make the law work both ways. Why not have the law read if they make more than 15 per cent heavy penalties would result? But do you suppose the law would be enforced. They charge what they will now.

The American does not understand why the Cisco Gas & Electric Company did not place the rate at \$1 per 1000 for gas. Mr. Hargraves told us that at that rate it was cheaper than wood. Cisco people would have paid the \$1 as well as she is paying the 75 cents—as long as she could. Then they could demonstrate the truthfulness of Mr. Hargrave's statement—burn wood.

Mr. Geo. Davison, owner of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, has quite a lengthy statement in the Eastland Chronicle on the road situation. In this statement Mr. Davison states that "without intending to be arbitrary or mean I am going to stand up for my rights as they have been made." The American thinks it will hardly be necessary. Judging from a recent order of the commissioners court, Mr. Davison has "a friend at court" who will see that any exertion on his part is entirely superfluous and energy wasted.

The law declares that all unreasonable and extortionate charges for light and gas by the utility companies are "unlawful." If a poor devil who has no money or friends or favors to hand out steals a hog to feed his hungry babies, he is put in the pen; but a powerful corporation, furnishing lights and gas, etc., to "forty cities," can absolutely refuse to furnish the people a statement required by law and charge unreasonable and extortionate rates for lights and gas, and some of the victims of this unlawful rate will even defend them.

Are you an American?

WHY DID MR. HARGRAVES MAKE NO ANSWER?

It was a nice, smooth little talk that Mr. Hargraves, vice president and general manager of the Texas Utilities Company made at the Chamber of Commerce meeting several weeks ago. Those present thought that we might gain some information from him, as he very generously and courteously offered to answer "any questions you gentlemen wish to ask about the business," but the first ten questions asked him he flatly refused to answer. Wonder why? Mr. Campell, the local manager of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company stated "he knew he would not answer those questions to the editor of the American, that he could not afford to in justice to the stockholders." Funny that the general manager of a public utility corporation cannot afford to do that which the law says must be done under oath each year, before March 1st. The people have a right to know what a public utility corporation is charging them for service. Did Mr. Hargraves refuse to answer the questions asked him by the editor of the American because he did not want the people to know just how they are being trimmed.

WHY GAS WAS INCREASED

The Cisco Gas & Electric Company in its statement to its patrons or victims issued December 13 1920, gave as a reason for the rise in power rates was "because the cost of labor and material had advanced from 100 to 200 per cent and our increased rates were nowhere in proportion." In the first place the cost of labor and material was slightly on the decline at the time the statement was issued; in the second place, did the Cisco Gas & Electric Company increase the pay of their laborers even 50 per cent when they raised the rates? Granting this to be true the American can hardly agree with the statement when it says "our increased rates are no abundantly take care of the increase in the gas rate was 50 per cent, it is true, but this 50 per cent would abundantly take care of the increase in labor, if true, which is not admitted. The Texas Company increased the pay to producers for gas 100 per cent—from 3 cents per 1000 feet to 6 cents. Yet the American has heard of no producers getting rich from whom the Texas Company is buying 6 cent gas and distributing it to Cisco people through the Cisco Gas & Electric Company at 75 cents. The alibi is fishy.

17 CENT GAS PROMISED

Now don't get excited. No such rate is possible for poor folk. It is not your turn yet. You must wait until the quality eat. No, sonny, this reasonable rate quoted above is hardly possible until Cisco owns its own gas plant. You cannot expect the public utility company to jar away from such a nice, juicy plum as the Cisco public, when it can raise their rates at will and the people can have no say. You elect officers to look after your interest, but you are paying 75 cents for your gas, and other cities similarly situated are paying from 25 to 50 cents.

But seriously, the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has really promised a 17 cent rate, according to the

secretary, G. C. Richardson of the Chamber of Commerce. The rate has been promised to induce manufacturing concerns to locate here. Gas is the essential thing with glass factories, and this one item especially, they inquired about in seeking this city as a location.

When Mr. Hargraves made his pretty little talk before the Chamber of Commerce, which pleased many of the members who heard him, he promised that Cisco would have a cheap industrial rate if any concern desire to locate here. This is commendable. Cisco appreciates this concession to this industrial plant that is knocking at our door. At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday it was stated that this concern has Cisco seriously under consideration, and as this 17 cents is really an attractive rate, there is probability of the city landing this plum.

While this rate is attractive, yet the glass companies paid at Fort Smith only 7 cents for gas. But we still have hope, and should this rate be considered too high, there is a probability that a cheaper rate may be obtained, as Mr. Hargraves so sweetly put it—"the company would not block any industrial enterprise that may wish to locate in Cisco."

CISCO'S BONDS ADVERTISED

The following advertisement appeared in the New York Times of December 5, advertising Cisco's 6 per cent Water Works and Funding bonds. The wording of this advertisement may be of interest to our people, so the American, true to its policy, of publishing those matters which may be of interest to the whole people, is printing the advertisement in full, omitting the display features:

"\$350,000 City of Cisco, Texas, 6% Water Works and Funding bonds dated May 10, 1921, due serially as below. Coupon bonds denomination \$1,000, principal and semi-annual interest payable May and November in New York City.

"Maturities: \$15,000 annually May 10, 1921, to May 10, 1960, inclusive, \$50,000 May 10, 1961.

Financial Statement: ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY, \$16,000,000; Total debt, including this issue, \$1,862,000; sinking fund and water debt, \$1,221,000; net debt, (approximately 4%) \$641,000; population, 1921, 10,216.

"These bonds are a direct general obligation of the entire city, payable by ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property therein. The revenue from the sewer and water works system is sufficient in itself to retire both the principal and interest on the bonds.

"Price 100 and interest, to yield 6%.

"Legally approved by the attorney general of the state of Texas, and by Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Demsey. Descriptive circular upon request.

Signed:

"Brandon, Gordon and Waddell, ground floor, Singer building, 89 Liberty street, New York City.

"Miller & Co., members New York stock exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City."

"The information and statistics contained in this advertisement have been furnished us from sources that we consider reliable and are accepted by us as accurate, being the data upon which we based our purchase of the securities."

It seems that there was some grounds for the American stating that the taxable property of Cisco was placed at \$15,000,000. But we were informed that the American was in error—we were glad to hear it. However, the American has never been informed just what the taxable property of Cisco really was, but it seems that these New York bond buyers thought that \$15,000,000 was a conservative figure, as they placed the property valuation at \$16,000,000 and "this information was based upon what they considered reliable sources, and accepted as accurate, being the data upon which the bonds were purchased."

But there is quite a bit of dissatisfaction at the property valuation of the city, and petitions are being presented to the commission asking a reconvention of the board of equalization, for the purpose of revaluing the property in some instances.

But as burdensome as our taxes are, these would be infinitesimal were it not for the fact that everywhere we turn we are confronted with overcharges for the necessities of life from public service companies and we sit quietly by with no relief from the constituted authorities. If our officers won't act, why not the people? After all the people are the court of last resort.

Commissioner of Home W... where he is Blitch

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"EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMETH FROM ABOVE"

Editor American.

Cisco, Texas, Jan. 1.—We have begun another year, and what this year has in her womb for us we wot not, for very wisely and mercifully the Great Architect of our fortunes has veiled the future to His finite creatures.

Locally speaking we know that a strenuous year confronts Cisco. Failure of crops, stoppage of public improvements, high taxes do not present to us a very pleasing horoscope.

Where can we find a remedy for our ills? The answer that comes to the writer is: "Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

The first great essential is rain, and we have Jesus as authority that "your Father in Heaven sendeth the sunshine on the evil and the good, His RAIN upon the just and unjust."

On what grounds can we base our request to Him for the "Rain of Heaven?" This scripture is some encouragement:

"He that pity the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that he given him He will pay back again."

The "Good Fellows" did this as a crowning act of 1921, which should give us some faith to ask help of the Lord, but to be "good fellows" only once in 365 days is doing but little good. Why not 1000 "good fellows" say we will give 25 cents monthly, or \$250 per month throughout the year, and hand it in, without solicitation, the first of each month? Then we could renew our faith continually and "call down blessings on our heads."

Mayhap the Lord would direct the steps of those seeking places for investment to our midst; or might direct some one to the "mother pool" of the oil field in our vicinity.

In untold and unthought-of ways could He "build us up."

Moral and spiritual reformation would bring material prosperity. Who will pray to that end?

One year ago through the News the writer made the same request, but there was no voice nor any that regarded it.

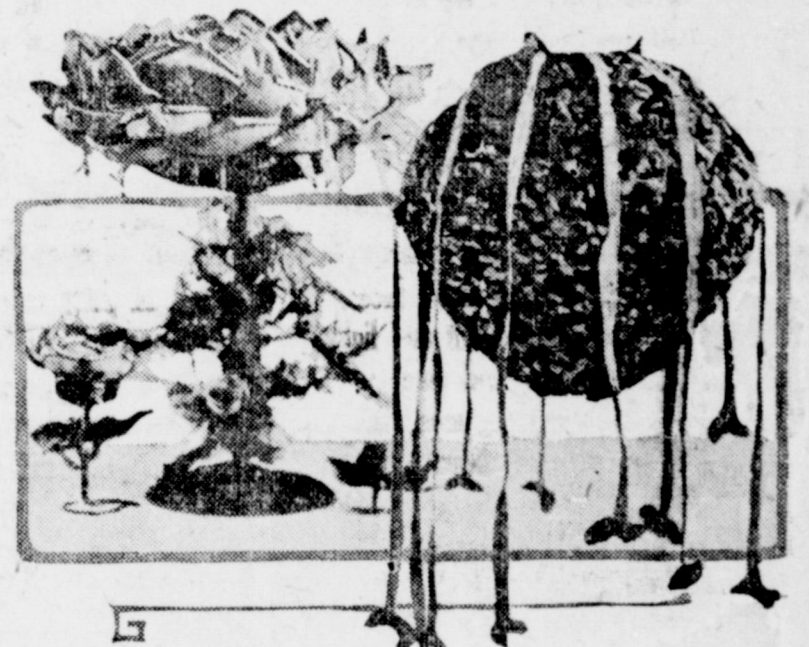
Then we had prosperity. What is the condition now?

Solomon says: "For the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." Were the Ciscoans of that class? Will they continue to be so?

Yours for the moral, the spiritual and material prosperity of Cisco. W. H. KITTRELL, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. ... and children of Rising Star spent last Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. ... L. Burghhead. Mr. Falls reports what improved, especially in oil circles. He looks for a good field in the south part of the county.

PAPER AIDS THE HOSTESS IN MANY CHARMING WAYS



IF PHOTOGRAPHS could only portray color and light one might gather something of the beauty of the many household decorations that are made of paper. There is an amazing number of things with which the countenance of a room may be so changed that it is transformed. And there are many small permanent furnishings that are made at home of paper, possessing as much beauty and more individual charm than those same things as found in the shops. Lamps and lampshades, candle-holders and candle-shades, wall panels, portieres, vases, baskets and small lanterns or electric light shades are among them. To these the home-maker and the hostess add many pretty ornaments, as occasion calls for them, that have their brief and beautiful day and are replaced by something new.

In the picture above decorations for a table are shown, together with a shade for electric lights. The rose is the inspiration for this pretty scheme, and crepe paper in the American beauty and lighter shades serve to carry it out.

As a centerpiece for the table, a wire standard fastened to a cardboard base supports a cardboard box. This is round and has a cover. The

Julia Bottomley

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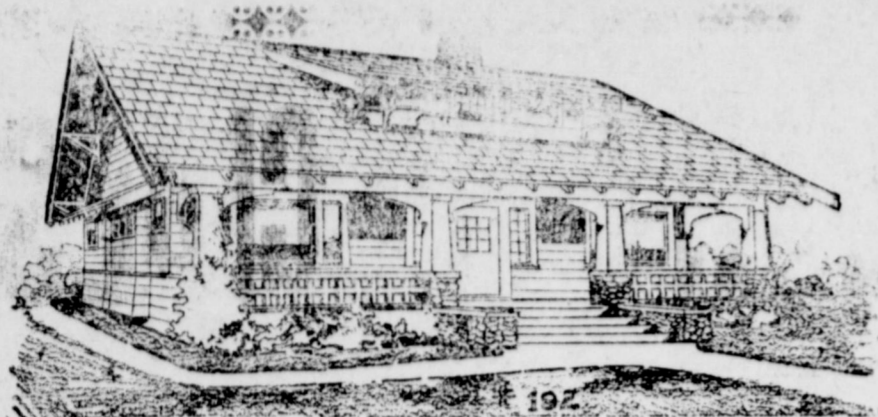
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The Glad Yuletide

By Darius Earl Maston

TALK about the joyous May-time with its blossoms on the trees,
 With the strumming and the humming of the little busy bees
 Rioting in all the sweetness of the orchard over there,
 And the summer breezes talking little love words everywhere.
 Yet there's something more heart-entrancing in the Yuletide's silver chime
 Calling all hearts to be merry for the joyful Christmas time.

Of the sweetly scented summer with its breezes soft and mild,
 And the laughing little brooklet dancing like a happy child,
 And the shimmer of the sunshine over all the happy land,
 Tossled grasses in the meadow, leafy wood so green and grand
 Make you think there's nothing grander—summer is just superfine!
 But it doesn't stir your pulses like the happy Christmas time!

Of the happy days preceding, when there's secrets everywhere,
 Love-light beaming in all faces, drowning out all petty care;
 There's a love and flit and lightness that no poet has expressed,
 There's a harmony and gladness that the summer never guessed,
 There's a something most appealing in the Yuletide's silver chime
 That makes every heart beat happy for the joyful Christmas time!



MOVED!

Cisco Hardware Company has moved to 604 Main Street and now open for business with a complete stock of hardware and sundries, and wishes to take this occasion to thank all of our friends for their patronage in the past and asks that they will continue to favor us with their business during 1922. Remember our new location, 604 Main Street.

Cisco Hardware Co.
 PHONE 450 604 MAIN STREET

R. C. PASS

Royal Owl Flour, (same as Oriole) 100 lbs. \$3.50
 50 lbs. 1.75
 This price holds good as long as this supply lasts.
 1 peck Coffee 1.00

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PAY CASH

To keep you delivering, we will give 5 per cent
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BUSINESS GROWING RAPIDLY
 AND PEOPLE CROWDING INTO
 ALL SECTIONS

DEPARTMENTS OFFERING AID

Bureau of Industry, Commerce and
 Labor Urges Interested Parties
 to Write.

Assured that revolutionary conditions in Mexico have been adjusted and that the country is entering upon an era of prosperity and rehabilitation business in the Southern Republic has been showing an enormous increase and all trains running to principal points in Mexico have been crowded for months.

Credit ratings have been adjusted and freight congestion has been enormous that in past months as many as two thousand cars of freight have been waiting at the border for movement. Enormous lines of credit have been extended to the Government and rolling stock, engines, etc. purchased in large numbers for the railroads.

Foreigners Acquire Land
 Notwithstanding the persistently circulated statements that the laws of Mexico forbid any foreigner to acquire title to lands without first becoming a Mexican citizen, some 2,923 citizens of other countries as a matter of fact bought lands in various portions of the Republic in the year 1920.

The only requirement as a condition precedent to the acquisition of lands in Mexico by foreigners, is that they shall first sign a pledge to abide by the laws of Mexico and in all matters pertaining to the lands in question shall be considered as on the same basis as Mexican citizens. This is the tacit requirement of all foreigners acquiring real property in the United States, the only difference being that in this country a foreigner naturally abides by the laws, and no written pledge is exacted while in Mexico many foreigners, presuming upon their position in the family of nations, have the presumption to demand extra consideration and extra privileges as against the native of the country. Hence the necessity for the law in question.

Mexico Not Distant
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The Mexican parcels post business with the United States, as well as the money order business, is increasing very fast. It is a very good indication of the growth of commerce between the two countries. The United States Postoffice Department has just notified the Mexican Postoffice Department that \$100,000 has been placed at the disposition of the Mexican Department, which is due to the Mexican service in the balancing of accounts. This is parcels post business. The United States Postoffice Department also owes the Mexican Department money on money order business which they intend to remit. During the last three months the number of postal packages from the United States received in Mexico postoffices were more than 85,000 packages, which is ten times the number received during an average period of three months during the year 1912.

Department Furnishes Information
 The Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican government welcomes any questions as to conditions in Mexico with reference to any commercial or industrial pursuit. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the department and they will then be referred to the proper departments. There has been much information advanced with reference to Mexico that has not been authentic and the department is desirous of giving first hand information to any person interested.

Edwards Proves Sleuth Ability

Cashes Telegraphic Money Order for
 Wrong Man, but Overtakes Would-be
 Swindler and Recovers the
 Coin.

Mr. C. H. Edwards, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co., at this place, came near being the victim of a \$500 swindle last Friday. The facts of this near swindle as related by Mr. Edwards, are as follows:

Last Friday a well dressed man came into the local office and sent a draft by wire to Burkburnett for \$500, signing the name of C. H. Day. In the course of time the draft was honored, authorizing the Western Union to pay to Mr. C. H. Day the amount of the draft—\$500—but instructed the operator to "demand personal identification." The party was soon on hand and when he appeared for the money Mr. Edwards was convinced that he was Day by the party exhibiting the Masonic pin and receipt of C. H. Day, and knowing him to be the party who sent the wire, he was not particular in following instructions to "demand personal identification," so the money was paid over, and there remained no suspicion in Mr. Edwards' mind that he had been victimized.

Nor was he any wiser until a few hours later when the real Day came in to send a wire to stop payment on a draft that he, Day, thought he had lost. After reading the wire presented for transmission Mr. Edwards remarked: "I just sent a message for a man giving his name as C. H. Day." Inquiry developed the information that the other party had forged the name of Day to the telegraph draft.

As to the possession of Mr. Day's Masonic receipt and pin it is supposed that the man purloined them from Mr. Day's coat at some time, or found them. At any rate both Day and Edwards got busy right now. They ascertained at the ticket office that a man had purchased a ticket to Wichita Falls answering the description of the forger. Two more tickets were bought to Wichita Falls, and Edwards and Day reached that city on the train following the one on which the forger ad left Cisco.

Arriving at Wichita Falls they secured the services of an officer and went to the hotel, and there the clerk told them that the four last persons on his register had just arrived. A visit to the rooms of these arrivals was made and the third room visited Edwards found and recognized his man. The recognition was mutual, and the man greeted Mr. Edwards most affably.

He had registered at the hotel as R. L. Wingate, and when Edwards told him he had come for the money he obligingly paid over all that remained of the money Edwards had given him. He stated he had spent \$100. This money was turned over to Mr. Day, who presented Mr. Edwards with \$50 for his vigilance in the matter.

Complaint was filed against Wingate, who will be brought to Eastland for trial.

Manager Edwards has established his reputation as a sleuth, and also has learned a valuable lesson, he declares.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

TEXAS & PACIFIC

(Eastbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 16	2:47 a. m.	2:47 a. m.
No. 2	11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
No. 4	12:22 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
No. 12	Makes up	11:00 p. m.

(Westbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 11	5:00 a. m.	stops.
No. 5	1:20 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
No. 23	2:10 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
No. 1	7:15 p. m.	7:15 p. m.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS

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

(Southbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 8	8:28 a. m.	8:38 a. m.
No. 36	11:58 p. m.	12:15 a. m.

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN

Northbound—to Breckenridge	Leave
No. 12	5:15 a. m.
No. 2	7:00 a. m.
No. 4	3:20 p. m.

Southbound—from Breckenridge

Arrive	
No. 2	6:50 p. m.
No. 1	10:30 a. m.

PUTNAM T. & P. TIME TABLE

East Bound	
No. 6	2:20 a. m.
No. 4	11:50 a. m.
West Bound	
No. 5	1:53 a. m.
No. 23	2:38 p. m.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PREVAILED IN FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.
 Friendship, Jan. 3.—Hello, to everybody. As Friendship has been silent so long I hope this will escape the waste basket.

The people in this community have certainly enjoyed Christmas, and dear old Santa remembered every little tot in this community.

A wonderful dinner was served at Friendship school house Xmas day. It was a dinner long to be remembered. The afternoon was spent in singing and congenial social communion.

This community, like the rest of the country, is badly in need of rain. Farm operations are at a standstill. Mrs. Vada Agnew of Dallas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Mrs. Velza Penn left Wednesday of last week for Brownwood to visit her mother. Just before her departure she entertained the young people with a very pleasant party Tuesday night, and many of her friends enjoyed her hospitality.

The musicale and ball at the home of Mr. Link Huntington last Friday night was one of the real events of the holidays in this community.

Mr. Will Harris visited his little daughters at Rising Star during the past week, at the home of their grand mother, Mrs. Hammet of that place. Mr. John Miles of Fort Worth, spent Xmas with his relatives, the Farmer families.

Master Aubrey Farmer spent Xmas with his uncle, little Master Travis Farmer. He reports having spent a grand time, as Old Santa brought each of these little fellows an air gun and an automatic pistol.

Mrs. Jesse Hitchens is visiting her daughter at Marathon this week.

The thoughtlessness of some one attending the party at the home of Mr. Velza Penn is causing that gentleman quite a bit of trouble. Some of the guests coming to the party, or on their departure, left his gates open, and his horses went out to hunt fresher grazing. As a consequence Mr. Penn had to spend the day hunting his stock. All are requested to please close the gates the next time. Your thoughtlessness may cause more trouble, and possibly the loss of stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mangum of Humbletown, spent Xmas with their father, Mr. Will Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Phillips of Bluff Branch, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Farmer Christmas Eve.

Friendship is progressing nicely with the Sunday School. Everybody is welcome. Come help us work for the Master.

WILSON BROS'. CORNER

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CAN HELP YOU

—We extend to you our
 Hearty Good Wishes
 for a Merry Christmas
 and a Happy
 New Year.

—Please accept our Sincere
 thanks for your
 past Patronage, and
 we trust our Service
 has merited a continuance
 of the same.

ASK THEM

Phone 109

Troxell Stand Cisco, Tex.

Mr. Melvin Farmer and Mrs. Vada Agnew of Dallas, were among the jolly throng that assembled at the home of Mr. Frank Penn Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Farmer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mangum of Humbletown last Sunday night.

Wishing everyone a prosperous New Year, and may God bless our editor.

CISCO'S LIGHT RATE HAS BEEN REDUCED

As stated by the American several weeks ago, the Cisco Gas & Electric company has published their reduced rates for lighting. Instead of the rate being 19 cents, as formerly, the rate now is 16 cents per kw-hr—or just one cent higher than the large majority of the towns of Texas are charging. We should be very thankful that we are given this beneficent (?) hand-out by our generous (?) public service company.

We are about getting ready to tell the ice man what we think of him.

FARMERS---LOOK!

—You know the John Deere Farming Tools. We sell them. Harness, Saddles and Shelf Hardware too.

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 CISCO, TEXAS

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If our city authorities are permitting the public utility corporations to take a hundred or two thousand dollars from the Cisco people unlawfully, and do not make an effort to make them comply with the law, what are the people going to do about it? The people are the court of last resort.

Texas laws are especially favorable to utility companies. The law prohibits municipalities from placing rates so low that these companies cannot earn 10 per cent net on their investment, while the individual has to take his losses in hard times and not grumble. Yet some have preached that Texas laws are hostile to capital.

It is all right to make it unlawful to allow public utility companies to make 10 per cent on their investment but lets make the law work both ways. Why not have the law read if they make more than 15 per cent heavy penalties would result? But do you suppose the law would be enforced. They charge what they will now.

The American does not understand why the Cisco Gas & Electric Company did not place the rate at \$1 per 1000 for gas. Mr. Hargraves told us that at that rate it was cheaper than wood. Cisco people would have paid the \$1 as well as she is paying the 75 cents—as long as she could. Then they could demonstrate the truthfulness of Mr. Hargrave's statement—burn wood.

Mr. Geo. Davison, owner of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, has quite a lengthy statement in the Eastland Chronicle on the road situation. In this statement Mr. Davison states that "without intending to be arbitrary or mean I am going to stand up for my rights as they have been made." The American thinks it will hardly be necessary. Judging from a recent order of the commissioners court, Mr. Davison has "a friend at court" who will see that any exertion on his part is entirely superfluous and energy wasted.

The law declares that all unreasonable and extortionate charges for light and gas by the utility companies are "unlawful." If a poor devil who has no money or friends or favors to hand out steals a hog to feed his hungry babies, he is put in the pen; but a powerful corporation, furnishing lights and gas, etc., to "forty cities," can absolutely refuse to furnish the people a statement required by law and charge unreasonable and extortionate rates for lights and gas, and some of the victims of this unlawful rate will even defend them.

Are you an American?

WHY DID MR. HARGRAVES MAKE NO ANSWER?

It was a nice, smooth little talk that Mr. Hargraves, vice president and general manager of the Texas Utilities Company made at the Chamber of Commerce meeting several weeks ago. Those present thought that we might gain some information from him, as he very generously and courteously offered to answer "any questions you gentlemen wish to ask about the business," but the first ten questions asked him he flatly refused to answer. Wonder why? Mr. Campell, the local manager of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company stated "he knew he would not answer those questions to the editor of the American, that he could not afford to in justice to the stockholders." Funny that the general manager of a public utility corporation cannot afford to do that which the law says must be done under oath each year, before March 1st. The people have a right to know what a public utility corporation is charging them for service. Did Mr. Hargraves refuse to answer the questions asked him by the editor of the American because he did not want the people to know just how they are being trimmed.

WHY GAS WAS INCREASED

The Cisco Gas & Electric Company in its statement to its patrons or victims issued December 13 1920, gave as a reason for the rise in power rates was "because the cost of labor and material had advanced from 100 to 200 per cent and our increased rates were nowhere in proportion." In the first place the cost of labor and material was slightly on the decline at the time the statement was issued; in the second place, did the Cisco Gas & Electric Company increase the pay of their laborers even 50 per cent when they raised the rates? Granting this to be true the American can hardly agree with the statement when it says "our increased rates are not abundantly take care of the increase in the gas rate was 50 per cent, it is true, but this 50 per cent would abundantly take care of the increase in labor, if true, which is not admitted. The Texas Company increased the pay to producers for gas 100 per cent—from 3 cents per 1000 feet to 6 cents. Yet the American has heard of no producers getting rich from whom the Texas Company is buying 6 cent gas and distributing it to Cisco people through the Cisco Gas & Electric Company at 75 cents. The alibi is fishy.

17 CENT GAS PROMISED

Now don't get excited. No such rate is possible for poor folk. It is not your turn yet. You must wait until the quality eat. No, sonny, this reasonable rate quoted above is hardly possible until Cisco owns its own gas plant. You cannot expect the public utility company to jar away from such a nice, juicy plum as the Cisco public, when it can raise their rates at will and the people can have no say. You elect officers to look after your interest, but you are paying 75 cents for your gas, and other cities similarly situated are paying from 25 to 50 cents.

But seriously, the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has really promised a 17 cent rate, according to the

secretary, G. C. Richardson of the Chamber of Commerce. The rate has been promised to induce manufacturing concerns to locate here. Gas is the essential thing with glass factories, and this one item especially, they inquired about in seeking this city as a location.

When Mr. Hargraves made his pretty little talk before the Chamber of Commerce, which pleased many of the members who heard him, he promised that Cisco would have a cheap industrial rate if any concern desire to locate here. This is commendable. Cisco appreciates this concession to this industrial plant that is knocking at our door. At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday it was stated that this concern has Cisco seriously under consideration, and as this 17 cents is really an attractive rate, there is probability of the city landing this plum.

While this rate is attractive, yet the glass companies paid at Fort Smith only 7 cents for gas. But we still have hope, and should this rate be considered too high, there is a probability that a cheaper rate may be obtained, as Mr. Hargraves so sweetly put it—"the company would not block any industrial enterprise that may wish to locate in Cisco."

CISCO'S BONDS ADVERTISED

The following advertisement appeared in the New York Times of December 5, advertising Cisco's 6 per cent Water Works and Funding bonds. The wording of this advertisement may be of interest to our people, so the American, true to its policy, of publishing those matters which may be of interest to the whole people, is printing the advertisement in full, omitting the display features:

"\$350,000 City of Cisco, Texas, 6% Water Works and Funding bonds dated May 10, 1921, due serially as below. Coupon bonds denomination \$1,000, principal and semi-annual interest payable May and November in New York City.

"Maturities: \$15,000 annually May 10, 1921, to May 10, 1960, inclusive, \$50,000 May 10, 1961.

Financial Statement: ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY, \$16,000,000; Total debt, including this issue, \$1,862,000; sinking fund and water debt, \$1,221,000; net debt, (approximately 4%) \$641,000; population, 1921, 10,216.

"These bonds are a direct general obligation of the entire city, payable by ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property therein. The revenue from the sewer and water works system is sufficient in itself to retire both the principal and interest on the bonds.

"Price 100 and interest, to yield 6%.

"Legally approved by the attorney general of the state of Texas, and by Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Demsey. Descriptive circular upon request.

Signed:

"Brandon, Gordon and Waddell, ground floor, Singer building, 89 Liberty street, New York City.

"Miller & Co., members New York stock exchange, 120 Broadway, New York City."

"The information and statistics contained in this advertisement have been furnished us from sources that we consider reliable and are accepted by us as accurate, being the data upon which we based our purchase of the securities."

It seems that there was some grounds for the American stating that the taxable property of Cisco was placed at \$15,000,000. But we were informed that the American was in error—we were glad to hear it. However, the American has never been informed just what the taxable property of Cisco really was, but it seems that these New York bond buyers thought that \$15,000,000 was a conservative figure, as they placed the property valuation at \$16,000,000 and "this information was based upon what they considered reliable sources, and accepted as accurate, being the data upon which the bonds were purchased."

But there is quite a bit of dissatisfaction at the property valuation of the city, and petitions are being presented to the commission asking a reconvention of the board of equalization, for the purpose of revaluing the property in some instances.

But as burdensome as our taxes are, these would be infinitesimal were it not for the fact that everywhere we turn we are confronted with overcharges for the necessities of life from public service companies and we sit quietly by with no relief from the constituted authorities. If our officers won't act, why not the people? After all the people are the court of last resort.

Commissioner of Public Safety, where he is Blitch.

JANUARY SPECIALS

All Ladies' Suits, Ladies Silk Blouses, **1 2** PRICE

Silk and Wool Dresses **1 3** to **1 2** Off

Shoes for Men, Women and Children **25 PER CENT OFF**

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Where The People Speak

"EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMETH FROM ABOVE"

Editor American.

Cisco, Texas, Jan. 1.—We have begun another year, and what this year has in her womb for us we wot not, for very wisely and mercifully the Great Architect of our fortunes has veiled the future to His finite creatures.

Locally speaking we know that a strenuous year confronts Cisco. Failure of crops, stoppage of public improvements, high taxes do not present to us a very pleasing horoscope.

Where can we find a remedy for our ills? The answer that comes to the writer is: "Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

The first great essential is rain, and we have Jesus as authority that "your Father in Heaven sendeth the sunshine on the evil and the good, His RAIN upon the just and unjust."

On what grounds can we base our request to Him for the "Rain of Heaven"? This scripture is some encouragement:

"He that pity the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that he has given him He will pay back again."

The "Good Fellows" did this as a crowning act of 1921, which should give us some faith to ask help of the Lord, but to be "good fellows" only once in 365 days is doing but little good. Why not 1000 "good fellows" say we will give 25 cents monthly, or \$250 per month throughout the year, and hand it in, without solicitation, the first of each month? Then we could renew our faith continually and "call down blessings on our heads."

Mayhap the Lord would direct the steps of those seeking places for investment to our midst; or might direct some one to the "mother pool" of the oil field in our vicinity.

In untold and unthought-of ways could He "build us up."

Moral and spiritual reformation would bring material prosperity. Who will pray to that end?

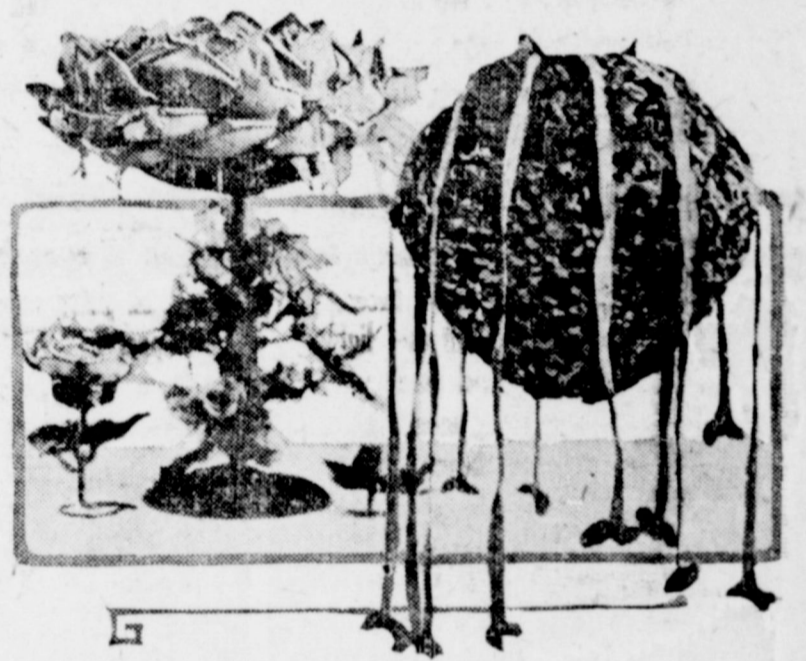
One year ago through the News the writer made the same request, but there was no voice nor any that regarded it.

Then we had prosperity. What is the condition now? Solomon says: "For the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." Were the Ciscoans of that class? Will they continue to be so?

Yours for the moral, the spiritual and material prosperity of Cisco.
 W. H. KITTRELL, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Falls and child, of Rising Star, spent last Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burghard. Mr. Falls reports what improved, especially in oil circles. He looks for a good field in the south part of the county.

PAPER AIDS, THE HOSTESS IN MANY CHARMING WAYS



IF PHOTOGRAPHS could only portray color and light one might gather something of the beauty of the many household decorations that are made of paper. There is an amazing number of things with which the countenance of a room may be so changed that it is transformed. And there are many small permanent furnishings that are made at home of paper, possessing as much beauty and more individual charm than those same things as found in the shops. Lamps and lampshades, candle-holders and candle-shades, wall panels, portieres, vases, baskets and small lanterns or electric light shades are among them. To these the home-maker and the hostess add many pretty ornaments, as occasion calls for them, that have their brief and beautiful day and are replaced by something new.

In the picture above decorations for a table are shown, together with a shade for electric lights. The rose is the inspiration for this pretty scheme, and crepe paper in the American beauty and lighter shades serve to carry it out.

As a centerpiece for the table, a wire standard fastened to a cardboard base supports a cardboard box. This is round and has a cover. The base, standard, box and lid are covered with green paper, the lid only on the inner side. Big rose petals are pasted about the inside edge of the box and the upper side of the lid. Altogether they form a huge, full-blown rose, as pictured. Small half-open buds and asparagus ferns are twined about the standard. Single roses on wire standard make pretty holders for almonds and candies, and place cards are still smaller rosebuds with rose leaves and the name on white cardboard fastened to the standard.

There are many little surprises in favors that may be concealed in the centerpiece. The globe for lamp or electric light has a wire frame for its foundation, covered first with tissue paper or crepe paper. Little rose petals are pasted all over this, and streamers of paper having petals at their ends fall from the top of it. These are only suggestions for a rose luncheon—there are many ways for making the light shades and using the rose petals.

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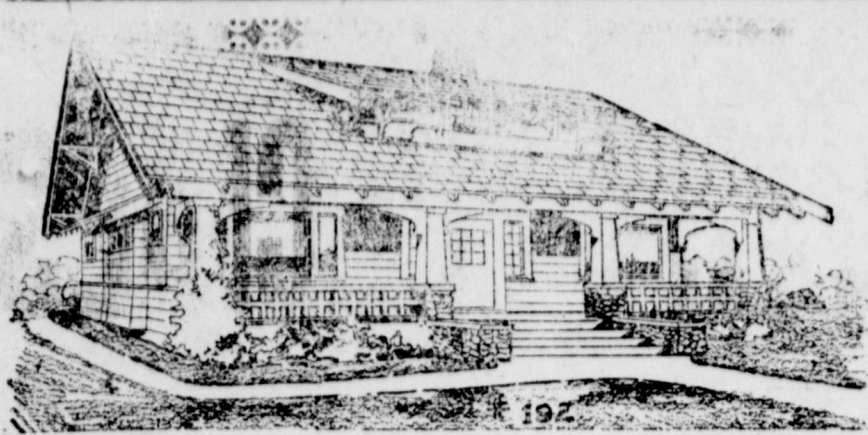
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The Glad Yuletide

By Darius Earl Maston

TALK about the joyous May-time with its blossoms on the trees, With the strumming and the humming of the little honey bees Rioting in all the sweetness of the orchard over there, And the summer breezes talking little love words everywhere. Yet there's something more heart-thrilling in the Yuletide's silver chime Calling all hearts to be merry for the joyful Christmas time.

Oh the sweetly scented summer with its breezes soft and mild, And the laughing little brooklet dancing like a happy child, And the shimmer of the sunshine over all the happy land, Tossed grasses in the meadow, leafy wood so green and grand Make you think there's nothing grander—summer is just superfluous! But it doesn't stir your pulses like the happy Christmas time!

Oh the happy days preceding, when there's secrets everywhere, Love-light beaming in all faces, drowning out all petty care; There's a love and lit and lightness that no poet has expressed, There's harmony and gladness that the summer never guessed, There's a something most appealing in the Yuletide's silver chime That makes every heart beat happy for the joyful Christmas time!

MOVED!

Cisco Hardware Company has moved to 604 Main Street and now open for business with a complete stock of hardware and sundries, and wishes to take this occasion to thank all of our friends for their patronage in the past and asks that they will continue to favor us with their business during 1922. Remember our new location, 604 Main Street.

Cisco Hardware Co.
PHONE 450 604 MAIN STREET

R. C. PASS

Royal Owl Flour, (same as Oriole) 100 lbs. \$3.50
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DEPARTMENTS OFFERING AID

Bureau of Industry, Commerce and Labor Urges Interested Parties to Write.

Assured that revolutionary conditions in Mexico have been adjusted and that the country is entering upon an era of prosperity and rehabilitation business in the Southern Republic has been showing an enormous increase and all trains running to principal points in Mexico have been crowded for months.

Credit ratings have been adjusted and freight congestion has been so enormous that in past months as many as two thousand cars of freight have been waiting at the border for movement. Enormous lines of credit have been extended to the Government and rolling stock, engines, etc. purchased in large numbers for the railroads.

Foreigners Acquire Land

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The Mexican parcels post business with the United States, as well as the money order business, is increasing very fast. It is a very good indication of the growth of commerce between the two countries. The United States Postoffice Department has just notified the Mexican Postoffice Department that \$100,000 has been placed at the disposition of the Mexican Department, which is due to the Mexican service in the balancing of accounts. This is parcels post business. The United States Postoffice Department also owes the Mexican Department money on money order business which they intend to remit.

During the last three months the number of postal packages from the United States received in Mexican postoffices were more than 95,000 packages, which is ten times the number received during an average period of three months during the year 1912.

Department Furnishes Information

The Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican Government welcomes any questions as to conditions in Mexico with reference to any commercial or industrial pursuit. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the department and they will then be referred to the proper departments. There has been much information advanced with reference to Mexico that has not been authentic and the department is desirous of giving first hand information to any person interested.

Edwards Proves Sleuth Ability

Cashes Telegraphic Money Order for Wrong Man, but Overtakes Would-be Swindler and Recovers the Coin.

Mr. C. H. Edwards, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co., at this place, came near being the victim of a \$500 swindle last Friday. The facts of this last swindle as related by Mr. Edwards, are as follows:

Last Friday a well dressed man came into the local office and sent a draft by wire to Burkburnett for \$500, signing the name of C. H. Day. In the course of time the draft was honored, authorizing the Western Union to pay to Mr. C. H. Day the amount of the draft—\$500—but instructed the operator to "demand personal identification." The party was soon on hand and when he appeared for the money Mr. Edwards was convinced that he was Day by the party exhibiting the Masonic pin and receipt of C. H. Day, and knowing him to be the party who sent the wire, he was not particular in following instructions to "demand personal identification," so the money was paid over, and there remained no suspicion in Mr. Edwards' mind that he had been victimized.

Nor was he any wiser until a few hours later when the real Day came in to send a wire to stop payment on a draft that he, Day, thought he had lost. After reading the wire presented for transmission Mr. Edwards remarked: "I just sent a message for a man giving his name as C. H. Day." Inquiry developed the information that the other party had forged the name of Day to the telegraph draft.

As to the possession of Mr. Day's Masonic receipt and pin it is supposed that the man purloined them from Mr. Day's coat at some time, or found them. At any rate both Day and Edwards' got busy right now. They ascertained at the ticket office that a man had purchased a ticket to Wichita Falls answering the description of the forger. Two more tickets were bought to Wichita Falls, and Edwards and Day reached that city on the train following the one on which the forger had left Cisco.

Arriving at Wichita Falls they secured the services of an officer and went to the hotel, and there the clerk told them that the four last persons on his register had just arrived. A visit to the rooms of these arrivals was made and the third room visited Edwards found and recognized his man. The recognition was mutual, and the man greeted Mr. Edwards most affably.

He had registered at the hotel as R. L. Wingate, and when Edwards told him he had come for the money he obligingly paid over all that remained of the money Edwards had given him. He stated he had spent \$100. This money was turned over to Mr. Day, who presented Mr. Edwards with \$50 for his vigilance in the matter.

Complaint was filed against Wingate, who will be brought to Eastland for trial.

Manager Edwards has established his reputation as a sleuth, and also has learned a valuable lesson, he declares.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

TEXAS & PACIFIC

(Eastbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 16	2:47 a. m.	2:47 a. m.
No. 2	11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
No. 4	12:22 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
No. 12	Makes up	11:00 p. m.

(Westbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 11	5:00 a. m.	stops.
No. 5	1:20 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
No. 23	2:10 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
No. 1	7:15 p. m.	7:15 p. m.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS

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

(Southbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 8	8:28 a. m.	8:38 a. m.
No. 36	11:58 p. m.	12:15 a. m.

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN

Northbound—to Breckenridge	Leave
No. 12	5:15 a. m.
No. 2	7:00 a. m.
No. 4	3:20 p. m.

Southbound—from Breckenridge	Arrive
No. 2	6:50 p. m.
No. 1	10:30 a. m.

PUTNAM T. & P. TIME TABLE

East Bound	West Bound
No. 6	2:20 a. m.
No. 4	11:50 a. m.
No. 5	1:53 a. m.
No. 23	2:58 p. m.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PREVAILED IN FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.

Friendship, Jan. 3.—Hello, to everybody. As Friendship has been silent so long I hope this will escape the waste basket.

The people in this community have certainly enjoyed Christmas, and dear old Santa remembered every little tot in this community.

A wonderful dinner was served at Friendship school house Xmas day. It was a dinner long to be remembered. The afternoon was spent in singing and congenial social communion.

This community, like the rest of the country, is badly in need of rain. Farm operations are at a standstill. Mrs. Vada Agnew of Dallas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Mrs. Velza Penn left Wednesday of last week for Brownwood to visit her mother. Just before her departure she entertained the young people with a very pleasant party Tuesday night, and many of her friends enjoyed her hospitality.

The musicale and ball at the home of Mr. Link Huntington last Friday night was one of the real events of the holidays in this community.

Mr. Will Harris visited his little daughters at Rising Star during the past week, at the home of their grand mother, Mrs. Hammet of that place.

Mr. John Miles of Fort Worth, spent Xmas with his relatives, the Parmer families.

Master Aubrey Parmer spent Xmas with his uncle, little Master Travis Parmer. He reports having spent a grand time, as Old Santa brought each of these little fellows an air gun and an automatic pistol.

Mrs. Jesse Hitchens is visiting her daughter at Marathon this week.

The thoughtlessness of some one attending the party at the home of Mr. Velza Penn is causing that gentleman quite a bit of trouble. Some of the guests coming to the party, or on their departure, left his gates open, and his horses went out to hunt fresher grazing. As a consequence Mr. Penn had to spend the day hunting his stock. All are requested to please close the gates the next time. Your thoughtlessness may cause more trouble, and possibly the loss of stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mangum of Humbletown, spent Xmas with their father, Mr. Will Parmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Phillips of Bluff Branch, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parmer Christmas Eve.

Friendship is progressing nicely with the Sunday School. Everybody is welcome. Come help us work for the Master.

Mr. Melvin Parmer and Mrs. Vada Agnew of Dallas, were among the jolly throng that assembled at the home of Mr. Frank Penn Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parmer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mangum of Humbletown last Sunday night. Wishing everyone a prosperous New Year, and may God bless our editor.

CISCO'S LIGHT RATE HAS BEEN REDUCED

As stated by the American several weeks ago, the Cisco Gas & Electric company has published their reduced rates for lighting. Instead of the rate being 19 cents, as formerly, the rate now is 16 cents per kw-hr—or just one cent higher than the large majority of the towns of Texas are charging. We should be very thankful that we are given this beneficent (?) hand-out by our generous (?) public service company.

We are about getting ready to tell the ice man what we think of him.

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WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CISCO BY EXPERTS

Wednesday, January 11, 2:30 p. m.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Cisco Chamber of Commerce

This meeting should prove to be one of the most largely attended and important meetings in the history of the county.

Having for its purpose the stimulation of the poultry industry, thru increased production and better breeds; the propagation of practical plans for the importation of dairy cows, and successful plans for the feeding of the sorghum grains to livestock and baby beef; the experts on the team are expected to bring a message to the people here of commanding importance.

LIVESTOCK

C. C. French, representing the Stockyards Co., and who is a member of the party, is well known as one of the foremost experts in the United States on cattle feeding. For more than 30 years he has been both a student and practitioner of the art of cattle feeding. He delivers a practical, comprehensive address.

DAIRYING

J. W. Ridgway of the Mistletoe Creameries Co., of Amarillo and Fort Worth, is a graduate of the A. & M. College, and an expert in dairy cow development. His address always brings response.

POULTRY

Miss Murray who will talk on poultry and Mr. Whitaker who will talk on Exhibits are both able speakers and know their subjects.

DOINGS OF DOTHAN TOWN

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, Jan. 4.—Mr. Winnie Harris, who has been spending the holidays with relatives, has returned to his studies at Canyon. Mr. Clifton Harris also returned to his school in Fisher county Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pippen has as their dinner guests Christmas day Mr. Neal Agnew and son Lester, Mr. Neal Pippen and family, Mr. Surles and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coats, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pippen, Mr. Ben Short and Miss Beulah Yarbrough. Messrs. Leonard Surles and Lester Short spent Christmas at Bunson.

A fruit supper was enjoyed by a large number of young people last Wednesday night.

Mr. Walker Thames has moved to a place about two miles north of Cisco.

Mrs. Vida Thames, who has been quite ill for some time, is much improved.

The Christmas festivities included enjoyable social affairs at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Camp Monday night, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Pippen Thursday night, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Duncan Friday night. All were largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Miss Ellen Surles of Cisco, is visiting a sister in Breckenridge.

Miss Annie Yarbrough was the dinner guest of Miss Katherine Surles Sunday.

Mr. Lowell Short visited relatives and friends in Dothan Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Jeffreys, who has been in Cisco with her son and family, has returned to Dothan, and is now with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough.

Mr. H. C. Kinsey of Trenton Tenn., brother of Mr. R. B. and nephew of Mr. G. H. Kinsey, is concluding a pleasant visit to his relatives here.

Mr. W. J. Hines of near Carbon, was a visitor to Cisco Monday.

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FOR SALE—Direct Actica garage for \$40.00. Almost new. Cost \$65.00. Other furniture.—E. E. Maples, East 18th. Free. Addition. Route 2. Box 10.

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BREED OR STRAIN?

The question of what breed of poultry to raise may be important. It is important, but not nearly so much as is the strain within the breed. Unquestionably, the White Leghorn is the most popular egg-laying breed in this country today, but there are White Leghorn hens, purebred or nearly so, that are not paying their feed bill. On the other hand, there are many that are returning handsome profits to their owners for the investment. Some of the heavier breeds, frequently referred to as dual purpose breeds, while acknowledged to be inferior to the Leghorn as strictly egg-producers, show particular strains that will yield more heavily than some of the less desirable strains of the egg-producers. A Plymouth Rock, for example, that has been bred with a view of high egg production will lay more eggs than a White Leghorn that has not been bred with a view to high production.

Hence, what ever breed one may select he should see to it that the high producer within the breed is selected and bred up for higher production.

Unquestionably, if one desires hens solely for egg production, he should select one of the lighter, strictly egg laying breeds. If, however, he wishes a dual purpose fowl that will produce both meat and eggs, one of the heavier breeds of reasonably good laying qualities should be selected.

The old fellow who always predicts a hard winter is on his rounds again.

We are about getting ready to tell the ice man what we think of him.

Where We Worship

First M. E. Church

Corner Broadway and Avenue H. Rev. Lewis N. Stucky, pastor. Services Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., J. J. Godbey, Superintendent. Morning Services, 10:45 a. m., Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League, 4 p. m.; Senior League, 6 p. m.; Evening Services, 7 p. m.; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Everybody cordially welcome to all our services.

First Baptist Church

Corner Avenue E. and Ninth street. Rev. C. G. Howard, Pastor. Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer Meeting, 8 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

First Christian Church

Corner Avenue F. and Broadway. Rev. E. H. Holmes, Minister. Services next Sunday: Bible School, 10 a. m.; Morning Service 11 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:15 m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Christian Science Society

Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Avenue D. Services next Sunday: Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service, 11 a. m. (no evening service). Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend all these services.

Church of the Nazarene

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

East Cisco Baptist Church

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second, fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Lawrence. Preaching on third Sundays by D. B. DeGuire. Sunshine Society meets at 2:30 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m.

Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Church Conference last Wednesday night each month.

Twelfth Street Methodist Church

East 12th Street. U. S. Sherrill, pastor. Regular services as follows: Sunday School each Sunday 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. every first, second and fourth Sundays by the pastor, U. S. Sherrill. Junior Epworth League each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Senior Epworth League every Sunday 6 p. m. W. M. S. meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7 p. m. Strangers and visitors to the city especially invited to any or all our services, others expected to be present.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Corner 16th street and Avenue F. Rev. A. Arndt, Pastor.

There will be services on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "The Voice of Human Authority in Religion," using as text John 7:40-53. Visitors are cordially invited.

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Geese	15
Turkeys	25
Butter, free from mold	08
Eggs	31
Cream, per lb.	30

MEETING OF PLEASANT HILL CO-OP. ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill Co-Operative Association will be held in the Pleasant Hill School House tomorrow, Saturday, January 7. Mr. Bush will likely be present and discuss the Water Melon this county. Every farmer is requested to be in attendance.

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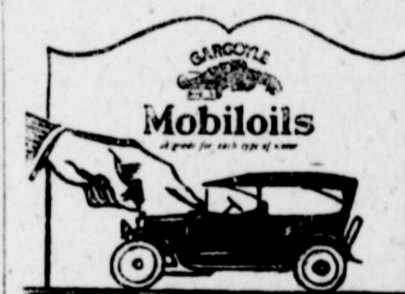
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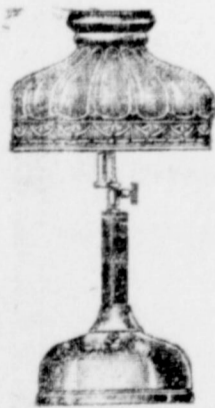
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PUTNAM NEWS

PUTNAM TO HAVE AN OIL WELL RIGHT IN TOWN

Mrs. Mary Guyton reports to us that she has just secured from Mr. John Isehour, a 200 acre lease in Section No. 2978, for Mr. H. L. Brock. Mr. Brock has been in Putnam for the past few days stopping at the Mission Hotel. This location is right in town and we are glad to be able to report activity so close to town. We understand that Mr. Brock will start to drilling immediately. Keep your eye on Putnam.

PUTNAM OIL NEWS

Mr. E. A. Ungren of the Ungren & Simons Co., operating in the Putnam shallow oil field, is spending the holidays in New York, both for pleasure and business. He is expected home in a few days.

Mr. L. E. Brock made a business trip to Fort Worth Tuesday night.

The Commissioners court of Callahan county have caused to be placed over Dinner branch, between Putnam and Cisco a steel bridge, for which they have the thanks of both places.

Mr. Tom McClinton, field manager for the Erie Oil Company has returned to Putnam after an inspection of the Mexia field during the holidays.

Mr. J. L. Kennedy and others have made good Mr. Kennedy's promise in our last issue by spudding in their Jackson No. 1, Shipman survey, six miles southwest from town, last Saturday.

This well is one mile south east of the Ohio Cities' big gasse. This Company is starting off like it meant to do things and we predict that they wont disappoint us if we just keep an eye on them.

ROY JACKSON DIES AT BAIRD

It is with sadness that we record the death of Mr. Roy Jackson, which occurred at Baird last Sunday. Funeral services were held Monday evening. Mr. Jackson was born and raised in Callahan county; was thirty-eight years old. He was married in Putnam thirteen years ago to Miss Eve Clifton, daughter of Mr. Jim Clifton.

Mr. Jackson worked for Mr. J. L. Cook of Putnam, for two years. Since that time he has been employed by Mr. B. L. Bodystun at Baird. The widow, a boy twelve years of age, a girl nine, besides his mother, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, his sisters, Miss Flessie Jackson of Strawn, Mrs. Harry Abbott and Mrs. Pat Haley survive him. Mr. B. L. Bodystun, who has known the deceased for many years, stated to the writer that he never knew a man with a better disposition or deeper friendship, a man that practically numbered his friends by his acquaintances.

Our heart goes out in sympathy to these friends and loved ones in their hours of sadness.

Mrs. Mary Guyton, proprietess of the Mission Hotel, was a business visitor to Baird Monday.

GILBERT FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Hea. Victor Gilbert has asked us to announce to the voters of Callahan county that he is a candidate for the office of County Judge subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Gilbert was born and raised in this county, was educated in its school, Baylor and State Universities.

He is an over seas boy, having enlisted in the U. S. Navy shortly after the war started and served until some time after the armistice was signed. After being discharged Mr. Gilbert returned to his old home county and again entered the mercantile business, in which he has been engaged the most of his life. Knowing Mr. Gilbert as we do, we feel that he will make us a good and efficient officer, and is entitled to the fair and earnest consideration of the voters of Callahan county.

Mr. Gilbert will shortly place before the voters of Callahan county his platform and try to see each voter personally.

Misses Ruth Westbrook and Lucile Morris and others of Sipe Springs, were up Tuesday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brock. Misses Maggie Beula Morris, Jewel Morris and Louise Westbrook returning home with them.

Mr. M. F. Ramsey of Clyde is stopping here with his son, Mr. T. L. Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey informs us that he will open up a shoe shop just north of the Mission Hotel next Monday. We are glad to have this added enterprise.

Mr. B. R. Hargraves and family came up from Cottonwood Trades Day and spent the day with the family of Mr. A. J. Hurst. Mr. Hargraves says that he will bring his saddle horse next time.

If you don't believe advertising in the Putnam Enterprise pays just ask Mr. Andrew Hurst. He believes that everybody that read his ad for Trades Day left it up to him to prepare lunch for them that day.

Mr. J. H. Blanken of Cisco has been coming to our town this week, helping his brother in law, Mr. H. H. Fick, get his garage business started O. K.

Last Saturday Mr. Geo. M. Conner and family returned to their home in Fort Worth Mrs. Conner spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Brittain.

Mr. J. M. Harvard and grand daughters, Euby Kate, Gladys and Glenn Richardson, of Cisco, visited the family of Mr. Howard's daughter, Mrs. J. S. Yeager, last week.

Miss Modene Belew left for her home in Midlothian Tuesday. She has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Brittain during the holidays.

Miss Ida Clark is visiting her parents here this week, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clark.

TO SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS

Has your class a basket ball? If not, the Putnam Enterprise will give you a thirty dollar basket ball for getting only thirty subscriptions to the Putnam Enterprise for one year at one dollar per year. You can do that in a few days and secure one of the very best basket balls and not be out one cent of money. We have cheaper balls for a less number of subscriptions. There is no use to be without a basket ball or a foot ball if you want it. Just go after it and write the editor.

SPECIAL TEACHER'S EXAM.

Examination for teachers' certificate will be held at Baird, Friday and Saturday the 3rd and 4th of February.

B. C. CHRISMAN, Supt.

BANK ELECTS

The stockholders of the Farmers State Bank, Putnam, Texas held their annual meeting Jan. 3rd, and elected the following directors for the ensuing year:

C. T. Hutchison, Y. A. Orr, S. W. Jobe, J. A. Clements and R. L. Clinton.

Mr. W. P. Clements, one of the principal owners of the Perry-Clements Company who has been in an El Paso sanitarium for some time, was stricken Wednesday very suddenly with acute appendicitis. Friends at that time were expecting it to be necessary for an operation.

Mr. R. C. Aubrey, scout for the Roxana Oil Company spent the night at the Mission Wednesday night. Mr. Aubrey reports that the creeks in Brown county have been dry so long have done the unusual thing and have commenced to run, providing water in a time of great need.

Mr. W. C. Frances of Fort Worth came by Putnam to get a supply of Putnam's wonderful mineral water. Mr. Francis is one of the thousands that contribute his existence at this time to this water with its life extending values.

Shoe Repairing in building, north of Mission Hotel.—M. F. Ramsey.

We have some communications that we are very sorry that we cannot publish this week on account of them coming in too late.

We are glad to learn that Mr. O. L. Hazlewood thinks that Putnam is the best place to live, although he has sold his business here.

Mr. H. H. Fick has bought the garage business of Mr. O. L. Hazlewood of this place, taking it over the first of the year.

Everett Bros are moving into their location in the new Brittain block. Mr. W. W. Everett comes from Cottonwood.

Mr. Dave Ramsey sold his farm to Mr. C. K. Peak and moved to Putnam, and is domiciled at the Gunney place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford and Miss Tassie Jackson of Putnam, attended the funeral of Mr. Roy Jackson at Baird Monday.

Mrs. T. H. Connor, Jr., returned to her home in Fort Worth Tuesday, after spending Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Brittain.

Mrs. W. E. Garrett of Waxahachie, is visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Garrett.

Mr. Will Orr of Cross Plains, visited the families of his father and brother here the first of the week.

Miss Mary Yeager returned to her school last Monday after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Coats of Jayton, were visiting their sister, Mrs. W. H. Narred, here this week.

Mr. O. L. Hazlewood and Mr. H. H. Fick motored to Baird on business Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Scivils of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Brock, of this place.

Mr. Lesley Hays, Clyde's efficient druggist, was giving Putnam the once over Trades Day.

Mr. Pierce Shackelford was doing business in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. W. A. McLaney of Moran, was visiting Putnam Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Elzay is stopping with his brother, Mr. C. C. Elzay.

If you want the news, subscribe for the Enterprise.

Farmers Warned to Stand Ground

Senator Ladd of North Dakota, Tells Them Opposition is Determined to Defeat their Bloc Activities in Congress.

Christian Science Monitor.

Agricultural and Labor interests need to be alert during 1922 if they are to hold what they have gained and advance their cause, is the warning given by Edwin F. Ladd, Non-partisan Republican, Senator from North Dakota.

The approaching legislative year more than any other, will mark the test of supremacy between the agricultural bloc on the one hand, and interests representing Capital on the other, Senator Ladd declares.

In an open letter to the farmers of the northwest, Mr. Ladd claims that the "Old Guard" in Congress, having failed to prevent the growth of influence on the part of agricultural and labor interests, are getting behind a legislative program for 1922 that would be a serious setback if allowed to be carried out.

"Here is what rumors assert is included in this program," said Mr. Ladd:

"First, they say the statistical and marketing work is to be transferred from the Agricultural Department to another department, where it can better serve the industrial interests."

"Second, the collection of data and information on the part of labor, cost of living expenses, wages, etc., can be done better in some other department than that of labor, and can be made more useful to manufacturers and commercial interests if the transfer is made."

"Third the work of vocational education Prussianized by military influence."

It is evident that conservative forces in Congress, aided by financial and commercial interests, are determined to make a drive to break up the agricultural bloc during the coming year. Administration leaders see in it a dangerous weapon that is beginning to take power over legislation out of their hands. They are beginning to regard it, not so much as a geographical group as a political movement that may bring about another upheaval in the Republican party unless its progress is blocked.

Instead of showing signs of disintegration as a result of recent onslaughts made against it by leaders in the Republican party, the agricultural bloc is perfecting its organization, and is prepared to take a leading part in the forthcoming fight on the tariff bill. That it will dictate the terms of that measure where it affects the farming interests is practically conceded at the Capitol, a fact for public schools, it is claimed, can be transferred with advantages to some other department, instead of remaining a separate, bureau and what has not already been made inefficient by methods of management already adopted, can be better controlled possibly by stifling initiative and the workers made more effective automatons.

"Fourth, it is rumored that the Bureau of Education might be attached as the tail of public health kite, and the educational system more Representatives of the agricultural bloc have already outlined a legislative program for the next year that is for the purpose of putting the farmer on his feet again. Any attempt to destroy the usefulness of the Department of Agriculture as an agency for the benefit of the farmer,

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as proposed in Administration circles is sure to result in a real test of strength between the industrial east and the agricultural west and south.

Mr. W. E. (Gene) Milton was in Putnam Monday, and while here made the Enterprise a very pleasant visit. Mr. Milton is a candidate for the office of county judge. You will find his platform in another part of this issue.

Sheriff Corn was in Putnam Monday.

Mr. Geo. Houghton, one of Cisco's prominent paint and paper contractors, and G. P. Rainboldt, finished the painting on the Dr. Brittain buildings that Mr. John White of Cisco has just completed.

Mr. Lawrence Garrett, F. M. Yell, J. S. Yell and Mr. Wood of Mineral Wells were in Putnam the first of the week and became identified with our shallow oil field.

Mr. P. D. Gilbert from Lamesa, spent the night at the Mission Wednesday night. Mr. Gilbert is an oil well driller and is looking Putnam over.

Mr. John C. Sherman, of Cisco, accompanied by Mr. W. F. Elkins, his father in law, made Putnam a business visit Wednesday.

Jaeg Rabbit Splits is the name of Putnam's famous Mineral Water. If you would like to use this water write the Putnam Enterprise.

Mr. Vick Gilbert made a business trip to Baird Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Henderson spudded in his J. M. Isehour No. 1 Thursday.

In spite of the high wind and dust the Trades Day Entertainment program was a success anyway.

Mr. Oral D. Strahan from Cottonwood, who is making the race for tax collector, dropped into the Enterprise office while in Putnam Monday.

Mr. T. B. Wood, inspector for the Texas Natural Gas Dept. was registered at the Mission Monday.

"Raising Peaches is a Gamble" is the heading of an article in the Farm & Ranch. True, and so is raising cotton and drilling for oil.

The first Monday in February is going to be Trades Day again, and Putnam is going to have a big barbecue and we have got every thing provided except the bread and the coffee—How about it. Rupperts Bread and Cisco Coffee House Coffee. Drop the Enterprise a line.

Mr. M. W. Armistead, manager of the Scott ranch was back in Putnam Trades Day after spending an enjoyable time down in Bee county. Mr. Armistead reports they are having spring down there now.

WOODMEN WILL ENTERTAIN

The members of the Cisco Camp W. O. W. No. 500, will hold a social meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 19, at which time they will entertain Woodmen, and the members of the Woodmen Circle. All W. O. W. Sovereigns and their families, members of the Woodmen Circle and their families are invited to be present.

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Road Company Gets the Bonds

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highways was a stupendous undertaking, and required the best business minds of the county. Had this committee acted, and functioned as it was intended, probably the whole middle would have been avoided.

Davison Gets the Bonds

The Oil Belt News of Tuesday contains the following story regarding the famous order passing over to the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company over \$500,000 of the good road bonds, and at a time when it is claimed the company is indebted to the County in the sum of \$100,000:

Almost half a million dollars worth of Eastland County Good Road Bonds were turned over to the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company by an order of the Commissioners court, passed late Monday afternoon. County Judge Starnes and G. A. Davison, latter owner of the road building company, are out of the city today and the full significance of the order cannot be ascertained. Whether this action means that Mr. Davison assumes liability for the script issued several months ago by the county to the order of the road building company is not known. From one source, however, it was stated that one of the conditions of the transaction is that the script is to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the \$495,000 worth of bonds, turned over to the company.

This script totals in round numbers \$311,000. When the Security Bank failed, the county was unable to pay the road company for its work. Therefore the company could not pay its men. To meet the condition script was issued. Some of the script was accepted in payment for merchandise but it is understood that thousands of dollars worth of the script is in the hands of road laborers.

The order passed yesterday afternoon recites that the county is indebted to the road building company in the sum of \$501,846.71 for work done during July, August, September, October, November and December, 1921, and recites that the company has agreed to accept 495 road bonds, each worth \$1,000 face value, at par and accrued interest.

Commissioner Stubblefield of Cisco was not present at the meeting. At the foot of the court minutes appears a note to the effect that Mr. Stubblefield, after reading the minutes, objected to passing of Order No. 3, which is the order covering the half million dollar deal.

Following is the order in full: "Wherefore, Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company and Eastland county, on June 15, 1920, entered into a written contract for the construction of certain public highways and roads in Eastland county, Texas, and by the terms of which Eastland county covenanted and agreed to pay unto the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company for such road construction on a unit basis and in amounts set forth and specified in said written contract and the plans and specifications made a part thereof; and,

For Short spent Christmas at Bun-her-son.

A fruit supper was enjoyed by a large number of young people last Wednesday night.

Mr. Walker Thames has moved to a place about two miles north of Cisco.

Miss Vida Thames, who has been quite ill for some time, is much improved.

The Christmas festivities included... months and which estimates have been duly allowed by the Commissioners court and Eastland county to now due for said services performed and materials furnished by the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, as shown by said estimates.

and under the terms and provisions of said contract covering said months the sum of \$501,846.71, over and above certain deductions heretofore made under the provisions of said contract; and,

"Whereas, approximately \$400,000.00 of the good road funds in the possession of Eastland county, Texas, under the terms of said contract and realized from the sale of road bonds heretofore made is now tied up in the Security State Bank & Trust company and not available for the purpose of liquidating said indebtedness; and,

"Whereas, the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company has agreed to accept 495 Eastland county Good Road bonds at par and accrued interest to the date of said delivery; and,

"Whereas, it is the opinion of the Commissioners court of Eastland county that such offer of the said Fleming Stitzer Road Building Company should be accepted and that such offer is for the best interest of Eastland county;

"Now, therefore, be it ordered by the Commissioners court that the county judge, C. R. Starnes, be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company 495 Eastland county Good Road bonds of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, taking its receipt therefor and that the county auditor and the auditor of the County Highway department of Eastland county, Texas, be and they are hereby directed to charge the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company with par value and accrued interest due on said 495 bonds at the date of their delivery and credit Eastland county with such sum, taking the receipt of the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company for the full amount shown to be due on said bonds at the time of such delivery."

RUMBLINGS FROM ROMNEY

Special Correspondence.

Romney, Jan. 3.—After the Xmas vacation the spring term of the Romney Public school again convened last Monday, with most of the pupils in their seats.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harrelson and children were visiting in Romney Sunday.

The dance at the home of Mr. Maddox was largely attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Billy Sheffy, who is a student at the A. & M. College, spent the holidays with his mother in Romney.

Many of the young folk attended the party at the home of Mr. S. S. Bowles last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Almus Blackwell and son James, of Stamford, were the guests of Mrs. Blackwell's parents in Romney during Christmas.

The dance at the home of Mr. W. A. Whites Tuesday night was enjoyed by a large number of the young folk. Many were present from Carbon.

Mrs. Nellie Webb and children spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. LeClair, at Olden.

Quite a number of the young people gathered at the Purcell home Christmas night and enjoyed a sing-ling.

The old-fashioned "tackey" party at the home of Mr. Maddox was a pleasant occasion. The ludicrous costumes of the guests created a great deal of laughter, as some of them were certainly "tackey."

Misses Violet McCoy and Lottie Harrelson spent Sunday night with Miss Julia Purcell.

Mr. H. J. Bradfish of Weatherford was here this week on business. Mr. Bradfish is in the wholesale grain business at Weatherford, of which the Cisco Grain and Elevator company is a branch. He was here visiting the Cisco house, and was well pleased with the splendid showing made by the managers of the local establishment.

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Petition to Have Board Reconvene

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izens and tax-payers, and is injurious to the general welfare of the city.

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- A C Fricke
- A B Wilson
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- S C Wright
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- W E Wade
- G C Snavely
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- J E Brinson
- N W Noell
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MEXICO'S STABILITY INCREASES BUSINESS

CUSTOM HOUSE TRADE REPORTS SHOW TREMENDOUS DECREASE.

EDUCATION SHOWS INCREASE

Prominent Bankers and Magazines Investigate—Oregon Expresses Views.

Custom house reports indicate a growing business with Mexico. This business increase has been noticeable in every line of trade and has been developed on a large basis in the Mexican Republic while business in the United States was quiet. Because of the possibility of increasing their business in foreign countries the largest business houses in the United States have sent their agents into Mexico to make investigations with the result that the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico City reports that many American business houses which formerly did no business in Mexico are establishing branches in that city and are preparing to make an intensive drive for Mexican business. The same source reports all factories and mills operating at full capacity and with a degree of labor unrest smaller than in many years.

The cotton industry in particular is being operated at high pitch. Mexico has about 120 cotton mills, of which about 85 per cent, calculated by output are in or near Mexico City. The staple used for manufacturing is the home-grown product.

New York Bank Investigates

The Foreign Trade Record of National City Bank of New York says: "The purchasing power of Mexico shows a less decline than that which characterizes conditions in many other countries. Exports to Mexico in the fiscal year which ends with next month will, according to a statement by The National City Bank of New York, be double those of the preceding year and six times as much as the annual average prior to 1918 when her great oil outturn multiplied her purchasing power.

"Exports from the United States to Mexico," continues the bank's statement, "which averaged less than \$50,000,000 a year prior to 1917, suddenly jumped to \$107,000,000 in the fiscal year 1918, \$120,000,000 in 1919, \$144,000,000 in 1920, and will be approximately \$280,000,000 in 1921. This tremendous growth in our exports to Mexico in the very recent period and especially the current fiscal year has continued down to the latest moment despite the fact that exports to nearly all other parts of the world show for the latest month a decline. In fact no other country shows this unique record of having more than doubled its takings of United States merchandise in the fiscal year 1921.

"On the import side, the growth has also been large, though not so great proportionately as in exports. The total imports from Mexico, which prior to the ill period averaged about \$75,000,000 a year, were \$112,000,000 in the fiscal year 1917, \$158,000,000 in 1919, and will be about \$170,000,000 in 1921."

People Want Land

Thousands of inquiries are being received weekly by the various departments of the government in Mexico asking information as to the requirements for owning land, the localities where land is available for all purposes from mining and oil to timber and agriculture. The departments are glad to answer any bona fide inquiries and are rapidly preparing information printed in English that they feel will be of interest to those making inquiries.

There is much land in Mexico available for all purposes. The government requires that persons owning such land conform to the laws of the country, which is the same that is demanded elsewhere in the world. The government offers every protection possible to foreigners locating in Mexico.

Special inducements have been made for persons locating in Mexico as to freight rates for household goods, and in order to insure the re-stocking of the country with cattle and sheep and other herd animals the government is assisting by waiving many import restrictions.

Educational Campaign

The campaign undertaken against illiteracy by the correspondence branch of the National University is being constantly intensified. This work not only affects the children of the middle-class, but teachers have also been appointed to carry on the labor of educating the Indians.

Many people have become interested in this campaign and are enthusiastically cooperating in the establishment of national schools, the circulation of books and the organization of educational programs.

President Oregon's View.

"I believe that Mexico today offers absolute security for business investment and enterprise. The country is at peace, a stable government has been established; every effort will be made to give guarantees to all business men who come here with the object of making investments, and every facility will be granted them for the development of their projects," says President Oregon.

Department Furnishes Information.

The Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor of the Mexican government welcomes any questions as to conditions in Mexico with reference to any commercial or industrial pursuit. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary of the department and they will then be referred to the proper departments. There has been much information advanced with reference to Mexico that has not been authentic and the department is desirous of giving first hand information to any person interested.

Farmers' Bulletins

THE AMERICAN HAS ON HAND A LARGE NUMBER OF FARM BULLETINS

Which we wish to give out to the farmers living in this section. We will be glad to give you as many as you want of these bulletins free if you will call at the American office, and look them over, and see just what you most desire. We have bulletins relating to most everything the farmer should know. Call and get them. These bulletins are sent out free by the A. & M. College Extension Department, and will not cost you a cent.

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You go doubt read my announcement for the office of County Judge some three weeks ago.

It is not my purpose to enter into an active campaign for a few months, but after that time I hope to see and talk to each of you personally. However I feel that it is my duty to express to you in public print some of my ideas, intentions and purposes.

I have not made my announcement unthoughtfully, nor have I failed to go over and over again in my mind the duties and great responsibilities of that office.

I fully realize that the man who sits at the head of the County's finances in the days we are now passing through, where the farmers are scarcely making enough money to pay their taxes, and the cow man has seen his cows drop in price from seventy-five dollars per head to twenty-five dollars, and the merchant is putting forth every effort to save only a part of his original stock, should be a man who is wide awake to these matters of much importance to our people, and should see that our tax burdens are levied at the lowest possible penny and to see that the peoples' money is expended in the most judicial manner.

If I am elected your County Judge it will not only be one of my duties, but I assure you that it will be my pleasure to execute that duty.

It shall be my purpose to devote my entire time and to put all of the ability I possess into the discharge of the duties of that office.

Your knowledge of my private and political life since having lived in the county thirty-three years refrains me from saying anything of my

qualifications.

I will be glad to express my views on any matters that pertain to the duties of County Judge at any time.

Wishing for each and all of you much happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

25-2t W. E. (GENE) MELTON.

H. S. Dossett has moved his tailor shop from the Broadway Theatre building and fitted up commodious quarters in the Connor Bakery building.

Ramsay Bros.' Shoe Shop is now located in the rear of the building on the corner of Avenue D and 5th street, occupied by the Arts shoe stock.

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