

GAS & ELECTRIC FILES A REPORT

Gas and Light Consumers Charged for "Visible and Tangible" Assets of \$368,807.88—Claims has \$298,220 Invested in Cisco Buildings.

For the first time in several years so far as the American has been able to ascertain, the Cisco Gas & Electric company has at last made its report to the Mayor of Cisco, which is now on file with that official. As heretofore called to the attention of the public this company is required to file this report with the Mayor, the County Clerk and Secretary of State, but each of these officers stated that there had been no report filed for two years, with the exception of the Mayor's office, and there we were informed that the report had been "misplaced."

We are informed by the Attorney General that an investigation had been instituted to ascertain why the report had not been filed for 1920. Just what the Attorney General has uncovered is not known. But there is no mistake about the report being filed for 1921, and it is now on file in the Mayor's office, and you can bet that it will not be misplaced. The American has been camping on the trail of the Cisco Gas & Electric company, and so close that it was deemed best to obey the law in this instance, as it has dawned upon that foreign corporation that it might be a little expensive to ignore the law any longer, since the publicity given to their neglect had been brought to the attention of the Attorney General.

But this report discloses some things that many were not aware of. It tells us that we are a city of some importance; that we have a building in this city costing the handsome sum of \$298,220. The American wants all you Americans to go down and look at that magnificent near \$300,000 building. We presume it is located on East Fifth street and the Katy tracks, as that is the only building this company has inside the city limits, of any consequence, that we are aware of. But you did not know that the Cisco Gas & Electric company had such a costly building. But it must be the truth, because the law requires this report to be sworn to, and the City Commission is not stopping this utility company from collecting interest on this investment, in the shape of 75 cent gas, and 16 cent lights from the citizens of Cisco.

But the Cisco Gas & Electric company claims they are only making 7 1/2 per cent. Don't you think this company is generous, as well as modest? The law allows them to collect ten per cent. What is your honest opinion about this statement anyway? But here is another evidence that this must be true, for the reports of the Cisco Gas & Electric further claims, according to this sworn report, that the company owns in "visible and tangible" assets \$368,807.88, and they have paid out in taxes for the year 1921 the huge sum of \$10,560.72—state, county, city and income. Get your paper and pencil and figure out just what taxes on \$368,807.88 amounts to when the City ad valorem rate is \$2.10; City school, \$1.00; State and County, \$1.60; total, \$4.70 on the \$100 valuation. Either the report is incorrect, or the equalization board did not believe that the company had \$368,807.88 of "visible and tangible" assets. Some member of the Cisco Gas & Electric company swore to this report, and also to the property rendition.

However, this "visible and tangible" stuff does not seem to be quite so prominent in the renditions of the Cisco Gas & Electric. That company places the value of its property, for taxable purposes, at only \$158,050.00, not half of what its property is valued for revenue purposes. Yet the report filed with the Mayor states that they are only charging the citizens 7 1/2% on their investment, while if the value placed for taxable purposes is correct the Cisco Gas and Electric is making more than 15% on its gas and electricity. But the report says nothing about the revenue derived from the sale of ice. As a matter of fact the ice plant represents perhaps, the major part of the investment, especially as to the building, as it is known that this part of their business occupies more floor space than the gas and electricity. The same labor, in a large part takes care of all these departments. If the ice revenue are to be considered (which they must be in fixing the gas and

WANTS EXTENSION OF C. & N. E. ROAD

By Cross Plains, While Rising Star Sees Necessity of Good Highways to Promote Growth of Both Cities—Latter to be Realized Soon.

In discussion with one of the staunchest citizens of the little city of Cross Plains this week we learned some things that are real interesting. This gentleman was emphatic in his statement that Cisco and Cross Plains had some interests in common, and when we had listened to his explanation, we heartily seconded his proposition.

Said that gentleman: "Yes, an oil well now would help us very much good for a time, and we would be pleased to get it, but there is another proposition in which we have a much greater interest. The oil wells would be good for a season and pass, but if we could secure a north and south railroad, say that the C. & N. E. build through here, we would secure something that would be of lasting nature," and to this we said Amen.

The C. & N. E. is particularly an oil field road, and no doubt it will be extended to the south and Brownwood just so soon as oil developments will justify this extension. If Cross Plains happens to be located upon the feasible route we certainly hope that she reaps that lasting benefit by receiving this road.

Also, in talking with a banker of Rising Star, we find that city also holds forth an inviting hand toward Cisco. There is an immense rich trade territory lying between these two cities. They should provide accommodations for the people of this territory. This gentleman stated that all that both cities need at this time to advance them greatly as commercial centers, was a first class hard surfaced highway connecting them. This highway would accommodate the people living between the two points, but in other respects it would greatly benefit the southern city. For most all the applies for that city are hauled to that place by truck, also when any of their people desire to make a quick trip to the east or north, their best service by rail is to drive to Cisco and by our excellent rail connection, they are given good service. But the condition of the road at this time makes this travel both slow and expensive. This gentleman further stated that the people had much rather form closer relations with Cisco than with their neighbors to the south because we have better rail connection also more wholesale and warehouses.

We can assure the people of Rising Star that the wish for a fine highway to Cisco will be gratified at a very early date, for at present we have a man putting the surface to it at this end that gives instant results in the person of Mr. Pet Brown. No man can construct more and better road in a shorter time than can this gentleman. There is never but one thing that holds him up and that is for the money to be shut off. If the people of Rising Star will stand with us in demanding that money be kept coming we will all soon be traveling over a first class road.

We enjoyed a pleasant call last Saturday from Mr. Sam Yeager, of Putnam. Mr. Yeager is county commissioner of Callahan county from the Putnam precinct, and he is making a good officer.

electricity rate) it is perhaps true that we are paying the company a profit in excess of 20%.

But lets look about for this "visible and tangible" stuff. Most of you Americans know what visible means—something in sight, but that tangible phrase may have shot over your head. It is like another favorite phrase commonly heard when talking of gas reduction—amortize. But tangible, according to Dr. Webster, means something "perceptible to the touch." Now, is that quite plain to you—perceptible to the touch. That evidently means the gas consumers for the American knows nothing more applicable than the patrons of this company. They have been perceptible to the touch for over one year, and if it keeps up much longer these aforesaid patrons will be subject to amortization—for we are told that amortize means to extinguish, in the state of the dead, and then some of this "tangible" assets will no longer be "perceptible to the touch."

OKLAHOMA TOWNS FIGHT GAS RATES

Injunction Restrains Oklahoma Natural From Shutting Off Gas After Refusal to be Held up by Exorbitant Rates—Refuse to Pay.

There is a possibility that Cisco patrons of the gas company may refuse to pay the 67 1/2 cents charged by the Cisco Gas & Electric company if something is not done for the relief of the people. It has been advised by legal authority that this can be done. The alternative is that the company would likely shut off the gas, but since the injunction has been invoked so often by corporations, these creations of law could not complain should the people invoke the same process to safeguard their rights. For instance: The people are within their rights to refuse to pay the company but 50 cents per 1000 cubic feet, and should the company shut off their gas (which is certain) then a restraining order could be applied for and obtained (temporarily) to prevent the company from shutting off the gas supply.

The American does not say that this will be done—but such a course is within the range of possibility. In fact the people of Tulsa adopted that measure for relief. They refused to pay above what was deemed a reasonable rate—were shut off, then the people went into the courts and secured an injunction restraining the Oklahoma Natural from cutting off the gas until the application to make the injunction permanent was heard. This case will come up for final hearing today.

In the event the City Commission takes no action regulating the price of gas, the people of Cisco may refuse to pay but 50 cents—the former rate—and then if their gas is cut off ask for a temporary injunction restraining the company from cutting off the gas to the consumers of this city. The rate was raised without authority from the City Commission so why not all refuse to pay the 75 cents, or as Manager Campbell prefers to designate the present rate—67 1/2 cents. If it will work in Oklahoma, why not in Texas?

But a number of consumers will watch for the result of this case when the court hands down its decision after the hearing to make the order permanent.

Cisco Man Froze In Recent Storm

M. V. Hallmark Found Dead Near Clairmont Last Monday—Left Here a Week Ago to Visit Trade—Married Three Months ago.

Clairmont, Texas, March 6.—M. V. Hallmark of Cisco, who travels for a tobacco company, was found frozen to death this morning, fifteen miles west of Clairmont on the Clairmont and Post road. He left Clairmont about 5 o'clock Tuesday, Feb. 28, for Post City. It is supposed he had trouble with his automobile and worked until he was chilled. He left the automobile and walked about a mile toward Clairmont.

He was found near the road this morning, supposed to have frozen to death, as it was bitter cold. He had evidently been dead for several hours.

Nothing in his car had been disturbed and papers and money were found on his body intact.

Deceased was well known in Cisco, where he resided with his wife, having apartments at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Daniels, in the 600 block on 9th street. He was a traveling salesman for W. T. Blackwell Tobacco company and visited his trade in his car. On Monday last week he bade his wife goodbye, and started on his trip. Tuesday his wife received the daily letter, and nothing further was heard from him until his lifeless body was found as stated in the press report from Clairmont.

Mr. Hallmark always wrote to his wife every night while away, and Wednesday after his departure, not hearing from him, she became uneasy, and inquiry was started. Mrs. Hallmark is a sister of Mr. R. E. Grantham, who left for Clairmont Monday for the body, which was conveyed to Meridian for burial.

He was 37 years of age, and a consistent Christian, devoted to his wife, and a man of exemplary habits, and from the position of his body when found his passing must have been peaceful and tranquil as had been his life, for he was found with his head upon his arm, as though he

MIDLAND COLLEGE NEAR CERTAINTY

Trustees Confer With Citizens Monday—Proposition Acted Upon Favorably But Delayed to get Estimate of Cost of Repair.

Messrs Elkins and Ellis, trustees of the Midland College, of Midland, Texas, were in Cisco last Monday and conferred with the business men of Cisco among which were the local committee having the matter in charge. Mr. A. J. Olson, who is one of the most enthusiastic workers for the location of the college here, notified many of the business men to be present, and quite a number of the most representative business men of the city responded.

Cisco and Wichita Falls have been applicants for this college, but recently Wichita Falls dropped out of the race, leaving a clear field for Cisco.

The tentative proposition that has been favorably considered by Cisco and the trustees was the donation of the Britton College property with 100 acres of land, the buildings to be put in repair, and the maintenance of the property as a Christian Church school for 15 years. This proposition was slightly amended by the visitors, who stated that for fear these terms might jeopardize certain bequests that are contemplated they preferred the elimination of the 5 year clause, and instead the deed should recite that "in the event the property should cease to be used as school property at any time, the same would revert to the donors." It was further stipulated that Cisco would be expected to purchase certain college equipment now being used by the college at Midland for the sum of \$6,500, as it seemed to be the impression that Cisco was to equip the college. This equipment is said to be in good condition, and suitable for the use of the college here.

After the amended propositions were put before that body, which convened in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the visitors retired and the matter was discussed at considerable length. The one thing that halted immediate action there was no data before the body as to the exact cost of putting the buildings in repair.

All matters were discussed at length, but it was finally decided that Cisco really wanted the college, and the final decision was that the proposition as amended, should be tentatively accepted, and the cost of repairing the buildings be definitely ascertained.

There was no question in the minds of those present at the meeting regarding the good to be derived from having the college located here, as it was stated by the trustees that the students had never fallen below 100 at Midland during the lean years, and taking into consideration the isolated location, in a sparsely settled section of the state, the attendance, if the college should be located in Cisco, would never fall below 250. Cisco, would never fall below 250.

A mass meeting has been called at the city hall for Tuesday night of next week, when the matters pertaining shall be discussed fully. If it is thought that the acquisition of this institution is worth the price, and the money necessary to repair and equip the college buildings and dormitory, Cisco is going to have a No. 1 Class A Junior college.

The acquisition of this school means much. Cisco should have thrown off her slumber years ago, now that opportunity is knocking. Will you admit her, or will you shut the door and wait her tardy return? If you want the school attend the mass meeting Tuesday night.

had quietly gone to sleep, never to awake in this world.

He was known to many here, having made this city his headquarters at one time before his marriage, and his gentlemanly bearing endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

When Mrs. Hallmark missed receiving the first letter Tuesday, she felt that womanly intuition that all was not well, and the presentment was so strong that she refused to sleep but little until the sad news of her husband's death was conveyed to her.

In her bereavement Mrs. Hallmark has the sympathy of her many friends here, who have endeavored to soothe her grief in ministering unto her.

CITIZENS LEAGUE TO MEET MONDAY

Wind Storm Prevents Usual Large Attendance—Call Meeting Monday Night—Important Business Will be up for Consideration.

The regular meeting of the Citizens League last night was adjourned to meet in called session Monday night. On account of the raw weather only a few were in attendance. This was regretted by every man having the welfare of Cisco at heart, as there were some important matters scheduled for consideration. The report of the Utility committee, and the report of the Committee on Finance were on the program to be considered. Besides these the matter of endorsing candidates for the city commission would probably have been considered.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a good sprinkling of those who are really interested in Cisco's development, were on hand but as this was out of the most important meetings since the League was organized it was deemed advisable to bring these matters up when the audience was composed of a full representation of the citizenship of the town, and the League was adjourned to meet next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone who wishes to see Cisco assume her proper place as a city of her class is urged to be in attendance Monday night. The principles for which the League stands are those that every loyal citizen of Cisco can endorse. If you are not present and take part in these deliberations you have no just grounds to complain of how your city government is administered. This is your fight. Do you want a clean city government, economically administered? If you do you should be present and take part in the deliberations of the League. These are the objectives for which the members of the League are working. This is your town, and if you do not look after your business you must put up with the way the other fellow is looking after it.

E. M. PASCHALL RUN DOWN BY TEXAS & PACIFIC TRAIN

Perhaps the saddest death recently was that which occurred yesterday afternoon when Mr. E. M. Paschall, one of Cisco's most highly esteemed citizens, was run down by the 2:10 Texas & Pacific passenger train. The facts leading up to this sad tragedy are substantially as follows:

Mr. Paschall was coming to town, and was walking close to the C. & N. E. track, when a switchman on that road told him he had better walk further away from the track, as they were switching. At the time the wind was blowing a gale, but the switchman stated that Mr. Paschall was walking in the clear, but about this time the T. & P. passenger was due to arrive, and the blowing of the whistle was evidently mistaken for that of an engine on the C. & N. E. road, and he evidently stepped too near the T. & P. track, just in time for the pilot beam on the engine of the 2:10 T. & P. train to strike him. When the switchman looked up he saw Mr. Paschall being hurled away from the speeding locomotive.

The accident occurred at the junction of the T. & P. track and the Breckenridge highway. The force of the impact of the engine with Mr. Paschall was of such force as to throw him violently against the rail of the C. & N. E., crushing his skull, and virtually scalping him. His body was badly crushed in the side, and other injuries, perhaps of which more than one would have proven fatal.

He was picked up and removed to the office of Drs. Lee, Howell & Scott and the best surgical and medical skill was exerted to save his life, but to no avail. He died a few minutes after being brought into this office.

Funeral services were conducted at the Paschall home on the Breckenridge road 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and the body was taken to Breckenridge for burial on the 3:30 train. By special orders of the management the train was stopped at the Breckenridge road crossing and the body placed aboard near the residence.

Deceased had lived in Cisco for many years, and was one of the most upright and highly esteemed men of the town. He was known for

CITY DADS SIGN NEW DAM PAPER

Light is Breaking on the Dam Horizon, and it Seems that Prospects are Better than Ever for Realization of Lake.

Light is breaking on the dam horizon, and if the head office of the construction company approves, work will be commenced on "Lake Cisco" within ten days.

It is believed that all trouble with the big Cisco dam project is at an end and the job, we are confident, will be underway within a few days.

At a called session of the City Commission last evening the city's representatives signed the new agreement, and we understand the local representatives of the construction company also signed the agreement this forenoon. Mr. Richardson leaves tonight for Chicago with the new agreement, where no doubt, some will be at once approved by the head officials of the company. Mr. Richardson stated this afternoon that he was confident that work would be underway within ten days.

Under the terms of the new agreement, we understand, there will be no sliding scale in any way, but the labor and material goes into the contract at a stated price, hence the people will know pretty well what the job is to cost.

The cost of the completion of the job figures \$720,000.00, but all believe the cost will be near \$800,000.00 when everything is rounded out. Hence, what has been done and what is to be done will rise above \$1,200,000.00. But we feel that this great lake is even worth this fancy figure when it is finished, but we feel that the people would be justified in urging action on the project if there was much further delay. But we feel over confident that we will see things step out at once. The city authorities have worked manfully on this tedious proposition for the past few days and done great service. We commend our city officials and think the people should get behind them.

Fire Department Picturized in Ad.

Kelley-Springfield Publishes Page Advertisement Illustrating Cisco's La France Truck No. 2, in Showing the Efficiency of Tires.

Advertising the Kelley-Springfield tires that company has a page advertisement in the Fire and Water Engineering Magazine, in which appears a large cut of Cisco's big La France Truck No. 2. On the seat is Fireman Jack Bowles with Fred Michael at the wheel, and Minter Womack, manager of the Womack Motor company, Cisco's agents of these tires standing at the rear.

The cut is a splendid illustration of the fire truck, and brings out the life likeness of the three men with the truck—especially Michael and Bowles, who could be easily recognized by anyone who know them.

The value of the advertisement locally is the fact that it shows in a national magazine Cisco's splendid fire equipment, and thus stamps this city as an up-to-date municipality. But the reason why this ad is run is the testimonial from Fire Chief Bettis as to the efficiency of the Kelly-Springfield tires, who states: "We have no difficulty in running this truck at the rate of 40 miles per hour, with the Caterpillar tires, and is done without fear of skidding."

his fair-dealing in all matters, and has been honored by our people in the past in positions of trust. He was a cousin of Mr. M. D. Paschall of this place.

He is survived by his widow, three brothers and a sister, who were present at the funeral, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Crowell and Miss Montie Paschall of Eastland. The name of the sister could not be learned, but the brothers are Stanley Paschall of Albany, Press Paschall of Wills Point, and a brother who lives in Colorado City. Mr. Will Foreman, a brother of Mrs. Paschall, of Fort Worth, was also present.

Ten or twelve brother Odd Fellows accompanied the remains to Breckenridge.

The undertaking establishment of Green & Gray had charge of the funeral arrangements.

TIMELY HINTS TO POULTRY RAISERS

Walter Burton of Arlington, superintendent of the poultry department of the Fort Worth Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, also a licensed judge of all varieties of poultry, has given out the following hints to those who contemplate going into the poultry raising business.

Mr. Burton said: Starting in the poultry business here many fail. They don't stop to consider. We know, we started ourselves. If I were to start I would not make so many mistakes. The first thing I would do would be to decide on what line I was going to try to make money out of. Then I would figure if my choice of breed would answer my purpose. Next I would consider the best location I could find. You know this means a lot. It is not every plot of ground that is suitable for poultry. You need a well drained soil sandy is better. I like soil that will grow plenty of green stuff, and grow it fast. All over the country you see farmers growing chickens, and most of them are making money out of poultry and furnishing the table with the best food on earth, good fried chicken and fresh eggs.

"But the poultry business should not stop with poultry on the farm. There should be a large commercial plant right here near Fort Worth. There is no better location on earth. Fort Worth with her many railroads, packing plant and cold storage is why I say this. If you could not sell in Fort Worth, you could ship. If you could not find a market good enough to sell or ship, you could store your products.

"Most everyone that will talk to you about a commercial plant says White Leghorns. I agree that White Leghorns are good birds for eggs, but I don't like them for eating past a broiler. If you use them at broiler age they are fine. But I am not going to tell you to take any one breed, but as I told you in

the beginning, to get your choice. First learn your choice, so that you will not be changing breeds.

"My choice chicken is a White Wyandotte. I made this choice twenty years ago. I like them because they are quick to mature, fine layers, and best of all, in the winter, the low rose combs makes them withstand cold weather without getting the combs frozen so easily. They are plump at any age, and fatten easy. All this is why I chose them.

"But there are lots of good birds, and any of them are good. I believe in a standard bred bird. They look better. The standard bred bird today will out lay the scrub. They will lay better, and they will sell better. It will mature quicker than the scrub and will pay the farmer more than the scrub. I say, away with these scrub chickens in Texas. We have no room for them. The record will tell you to breed all poultry pure to name The Texas Farm Bureau federation is planning to work out a market for the poultry producers in Texas. This is a good move, and they will make the poultry business a market in Texas, just like they have cotton. John Orr, president of the Texas Farm Bureau federation is a farmer that made good selling eggs, chickens and milk in Dallas, paid for his farm and is well fixed today. So when he makes his call for poultry products every poultry raiser should join the Texas Farm Bureau federation and pool with them their poultry and eggs, as it will be sure to make them money.

When you get ready to start breeding, get ready with standard bred stuff and keep the blood lines the best. Get them good enough to show in any poultry show. See that they produce well enough to win in eggs, but I don't like them for eating past a broiler. If you use them at broiler age they are fine. But I am not going to tell you to take any one breed, but as I told you in

ers start in the poultry business a success.

"Send out stuff that will breed true to form. Try to give a little better quality than you bought when you started. Be sure that your birds are mated to produce standard birds; birds that would not be disqualified under the standard. Be sure that they are good egg producers, and I venture that your poultry business will be the means of helping many get started in the poultry business. Don't overestimate your birds or your poultry business, rather underestimate it. Make starting in the poultry business easy. We need more poultry raisers in Texas, and lots of them around Fort Worth."

BLITCH-STARKEY

It seems that Postmaster S. John stands a good chance to lose a bunch of mighty good helpers, as Dav Cupid is making rather rapid requisition on his force. Two of the working force at the post office have recently fell victims to Cupid's darts.

On Thursday night of last week Mr. W. H. Morris, carrier on route No. 2, was happily married to Miss Myrtle McDonald. This marriage was a genuine surprise to their friends. However, few were prepared for the further surprise that was in store for the patrons of this office when it was announced Saturday evening that Miss May Starkey, one of the efficient clerks in this office, had been married that morning in Fort Worth, whether she had previously gone. The lucky man in this case is Mr. Mose Blitch. The couple were married by a Methodist minister in the Panther City soon after the arrival of the train, returning home Sunday.

The bride in this case is the daughter of Mr. L. J. Starkey, and is well known to all who are patrons of this office. Mr. Blitch is a son of Commissioner Blitch and is a young man of splendid ability. The pair have the best wishes of their host of friends here.

LIVINGSTON- MARCHMAN

Dr. A. E. Baten officiated at a quiet, but happy marriage Wednesday morning at his residence, when he joined in the bonds of marriage Mr. Ray Livingston and Miss Eva Marchman. As Dr. Baten is a minister of the gospel and justice of the peace, the marriage was both ecclesiastic and civil. Its legality can hardly be questioned.

LEAVES WIFE AND ELOPES WITH HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Marysville, Ky., March 6.—Two divorce suits are pending in the Mason County Circuit Court here because Carl Kellum, 23, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Addie Gallagher, 45, ran off together, according to the petition filed by Mrs. Ina Gallagher Kellum, 18, against her husband, and John Gallagher, 55, against his wife. Mrs. Kellum says she was married two years ago and was very happy on her husband's farm, four miles from here. A short time ago, she alleges, her mother, who lived at home on an adjoining farm, ran off with Kellum and never returned.

Gallagher's petition unfolds the same story. Kellum and Mrs. Gallagher are living together in this county now, the petitions charge.

B. Y. P. U. DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

The B. Y. P. U. devotional services, which were held at Mitchell school house all last week, terminating Sunday night with the organization of the Mitchell Union of twenty-five members. The last day's program embraced, among the other interesting features, a song service of unusual interest throughout the day, with a delicious dinner served on the grounds.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present are loud in their praises of the culinary abilities of the matrons of Mitchell community, as the viands served on this occasion were most palatable, and enjoyed to the fullest.

There was a large number of people attending these services, coming from Cisco, Rising Star, Gorman, and nearly the entire population from the surrounding country.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

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Fryers, 1 to 2 lbs.	.32
Fryers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs.	.16
Roosters	.08
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Stags, 3 to 4 lbs	.05
Ducks	.15
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CANDY FACTORY GLUTTED BY FIRE THURSDAY AT NOON

The fire alarm was turned in at noon yesterday, coming from the Cisco Candy Factory, located in the 300 block on Second street. The department responded promptly, and notwithstanding the wind was blowing a gale the flames were confined within the walls, and only the interior of the building was burned, which was badly gutted.

The fire is said to have originated from a gas jet under a pot of candy left cooking, while the manager was at dinner, at his home nearby.

The loss, as stated by Fire Marshal Carmichael, on the building, was \$3,500 which was owned by Bollinger and Petty, and \$5,500 on the contents. Insurance on building, \$2,000; stock \$4,000.

The loss of this factory is a loss to Cisco, as Cisco candy was being sold all over this section, and it will mean quite a loss to the owners and the city as well, as we have such few industrial plants that the loss of one will mean something. Mr. Chambliss, the manager of the factory, has not been interviewed, but it is presumed the factory will be rebuilt as soon as the insurance is adjusted.

WILL ORDER SOUDAN GRASS

Mr. T. L. Lasater, secretary of the Pleasant Hill Marketing Association, was a pleasant caller on the American last Monday, and stated that the association was preparing to make an order for Soudan grass seed for its members. Over 1000 pounds have already been listed, and others desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity of securing cheap seed should let Mr. Lasater know.

The association will meet next Saturday, March 10, and a full attendance is desired. Mr. Lasater stated he had very attractive prices on all kinds of seed, and the members could save money by ordering through the cooperative association. Preparations are going forward to make a good shipment of live-stock on the next shipping date—possibly two cars may go out.

A DOUBLE FUNERAL OF TWO ESTEEMED CITIZENS

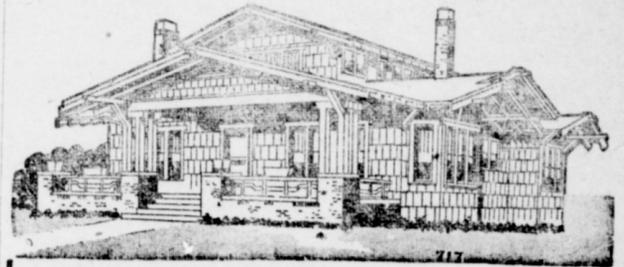
In the passing of Rev. Samuel Hull and Mr. Wilfred Harris, two aged and honorable citizens of the Mitchell community, whose deaths occurred the same day, two pioneers are called to their reward. The bodies were conveyed to the same cemetery together in the same vehicle. Both of these old gentlemen died last Monday, and were buried in the Scranton cemetery Tuesday.

Rev. Hull had been bed ridden for some time, while Mr. Harris, though not well, died while sitting in his chair.

Both were old and highly respected citizens of the Mitchell community, and ex-Confederate soldiers. The American will have a more extended mention of them next week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends who helped us so faithfully in our recent trouble, we will never forget you and your kind deeds. Especially do we want to thank the employees of the Humble Hospital, who gave us the best of care, the members of the American Legion,



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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson,
May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one of you.
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HICKS RETURNS HOME

Special Officer W. B. Hicks, of the City Police force, has returned from a trip to Tennessee, where he was summoned by telegraph, and left on Monday of last week hurriedly, for Trenton. Mr. Hicks returned home last Saturday night. He stated that the weather was so miserably cold while there, that little was doing, and aside from his business his trip was of no consequence. He is now back on the job, looking for those who would violate the laws of the land.

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

Clean Up-Paint Up Week

—Winter is going and Spring is approaching. All Nature will soon be taking on new coors, brightness and cleanliness.

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Turn The Calcium On Official Acts

People no Longer Satisfied to Take the Word of Officials that all is Well—Want to be Shown—County Issues \$80,000 Warrants.

The latest developments in the county road affairs is the issuance of \$80,000 county warrants for the Bankhead Highway, which County Treasurer Pritchard refused to pay.

Just why, and for what purpose these warrants were issued, the reasons given by the county judge, do not seem to satisfy the Ranger Times or the Oil Belt News. But the secrecy of official acts in Eastland county seems to be the brand of politics that are popular in this county. This applies to municipal as well as county officials. The people presume that the acts of our officials are patriotic, and that we have honest officials, but our public officers are the servants of the people, and the people are all from Missouri—they want to be shown.

Wonder what you would think if you employed a beekeeper and manager to conduct a private business for you and you were to request a statement of the business and he were to tell you that "it was all right, or none of your business. But if you were really anxious to know, and could not take his word for it, you might look over the books." How long do you think that man would be on your pay roll? That is exactly what the people are going to do with some of the officials of this county, and also some of the municipalities. They are demanding that the calcium light be turned on, and the public official who has grown bigger than his creator, is going to be relegated to the scrap heap.

But this story has to do with a recent issue of \$80,000 of county warrants to be used in building the Bankhead Highway. The Oil Belt News last Monday had the following to say on the subject:

The latest move of the Commissioners Court in issuing \$80,000 in road warrants is puzzling lots of people.

It had been presumed on all sides that all the good road system of Eastland county, the Bankhead Highway included was to be built from proceeds of the \$4,500,000 road bond issue. But now comes the Commissioners' Court and calls into being \$80,000 of road warrants to be used in the building of the Bankhead Highway.

It is true that the County Judge says the \$80,000 will ultimately be paid out of the proceeds of the \$4,500,000 bond issue. In fact, he says it will be paid out of the money recovered from the Security State Bank.

But the order authorizing the issuance of the warrants does not say so. If this is what is going to be done, would there be any harm in putting that into the bond order?

Neither do the warrants on their face say anything about this. If this is what will be done, where would there be any harm in having a statement to that effect put into the warrant?

Also isn't it a fact that the road bonds bear interest at the rate of 5 1/2%, while the new warrants are at 6%. Why the increase?

Also isn't it a fact that the warrants draw interest beginning over a month ago on the full \$80,000, although very little work has been done on the Bankhead Highway and it will be sometime yet before, in the natural course of events, the contractors will have completed sufficient work to receive \$80,000? Doesn't it seem odd that the interest should begin many weeks before the work is done, particularly since the warrants say nothing about the contractors paying the accrued interest?

These are a few questions that occur to us.

Of course, perhaps taxpayers have no right to wonder about these things and all that is necessary for them to do is to pay the bills.

The Ranger Times, too, is thirsting for information. The following editorial appeared in the Sunday issue:

"The Times has ever advocated the good roads program, to the extent that it wants to see the roads built and as much of them actually completed for as little bond issue as is possible.

"However, it is not an advocate of building roads merely for the sake of spending money. And it cannot favor any step that would even have the appearance of adding to the amount the County is already obligated to pay.

"Take this latest step of voting \$80,000 in warrants and placing them in escrow. What is the necessity for that? Why should warrants be used in part instead of bonds? Judge Starnes said it was because the bonds were to be used for other roads, as well as the could be under-

stood over the telephone. But that doesn't answer altogether the query. Why wouldn't it have been better to put up bonds and then see if necessity demanded warrants to complete the other roads?

"He also said that there would be no tax levy to provide for the warrants; that the County funds in the defunct Security State Bank would be more than ample to retire them. Then why should the tax levy be made? Was it because the commissioners had a doubt that this would come to pass? If they have such doubt, then they are a lot more enthusiastic about the bank's prospects than are a number of the County's tax payers.

"These are criticisms of the warrant issue that come to mind. It is highly probable that the issuance is perfectly legal. But it bears the fatal defect that has marked so many of the actions of the present commissioners' court. It is something out of the ordinary routine in the functioning of county financial bodies. While people expect honesty and efficiency from officials and generally get it, they also expect county business to be performed according to a routine which through many years by common consent, have come to be considered best. And when a departure is made from this routine, especially where it does not appear necessary, suspicion and opposition is aroused.

"A large part of the opposition to the present administration may be laid to the fact that the people have not been taken into the officials' confidence. They should see that all their decisions get publicity, and when they make a decision that could be cause for controversy, they should explain fully the reasons which prompted them. Thus there will be fewer misunderstandings, less opposition, and considerably more cooperation.

"Now as to those warrants: Why not use bonds for the same purpose? Why the tax levy if the bank is going to pay for them? And is the bank going to pay for them?"

Provision Made to Take Care of Warrants

As stated in the foregoing article the public presumes that our county officials are acting on the square in all particulars—at least their intention is to do that which is right, but in all cases the public has not been taken into their confidence. However, in regard to the above \$80,000 in warrants the public is fully advised in an order passed by the Commissioners' Court last Tuesday morning. The American is indebted to Commissioner Stubblefield for a copy of the order, which clears up the matter, as it makes provision for taking care of these warrants. The order is styled

Order No. 1

"It is understood and agreed by and between the members of the Commissioners' Court that provision be made for the payment of the \$80,000 in Road Warrants by setting aside \$80,000 out of the funds derived from the sale of Eastland County Road Bonds."

This order is certified to by the County Clerk, and its genuineness is not to be questioned.

A. H. JOHNSON APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT EASTLAND

A. H. Johnson of this city has been nominated by President Harding for the position of postmaster of this city. It will take some little time to prepare the papers necessary and have his bond approved but he will probably be checked in some time during the present month.

Mr. Johnson is a well known and popular citizen of Eastland and his appointment as postmaster meets with the hearty approval of our citizens. For many years Mr. Johnson was engaged in the abstract business in this city but sold his interest a year ago and has not been in active business since that time.

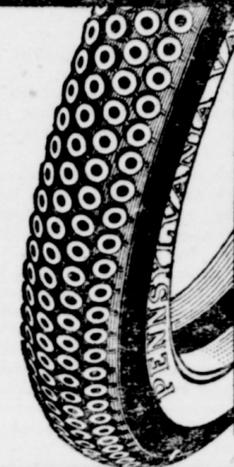
The term of Postmaster Van Green expired last August, so there has been no undue haste in changing from a Democratic to a Republican postmaster.—Oil Belt News.

TO PREVENT A COW FROM SUCKING HERSELF

"We have never discovered anything that will break a cow from the habit of sucking herself," advises C. M. Evans, Livestock and Dairy Specialist, Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas. "There are two ways of restraining a cow, which are fairly successful; viz., one, to attach two sticks about four feet long, one on either side of the cow, to the ring of her halter and fasten the other end to a ring attached around the cow's neck. This plan only one stick is placed under the front of another plan that seems to work fairly well, is to place an iron frame collar about 16 inches long on the cow's neck. This will prevent the bending of the head to where the cow can reach her udder.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CISCO B. P. O. ELKS

At a recent meeting of the Cisco Lodge, B. P. O. Elks No. 1379, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chas. Gray, Exalted Ruler.
E. T. Gunther, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Poe Greer, Esteemed Loyal Knight.
Hoyt L. Agnew, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

R. H. Dorsey, Secretary.
F. J. Huey, Treasurer.
A. B. O'Flaherty, Trustee.
Byron Sartz, Tiler.

The Cisco Lodge is one of the most flourishing fraternal orders in Cisco, and their beautiful club rooms is a most inviting retreat for its members when they wish a quiet hour

of rest and recreation. The grounds at the Elk's home, at the corner of Avenue E and Fifth street, are attractive and well kept. When the summer foliage clothes the trees and shrubbery in green this place is looked upon as one of the beauty spots of Cisco.

When the Elks took charge of their new home the building was completely remodeled for a real modern lodge home, and nothing was omitted to add to its comfort and attraction.

Cyrus H. Drury, president of the Drury Petroleum company of Cisco, accompanied by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker, treasurer of the same company, and Mrs. Mary Davidson of Detroit, spent the day in Breckenridge on business, stopping at the Miller hotel while in the city.—Breckenridge American.

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RAIN! RAIN! RAIN!

To the American.

The following notice with the above heading was offered the daily paper for publication, but for reasons sufficient to itself it did not appear. The call was for last Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Will the American publish it?

Rain! Rain! Rain!

All are invited to meet at the City Hall Saturday, March 11th, at 7:30 p. m., and discuss the subject: "Rain, from a Bible standpoint."

"Men ought always to pray and not faint."—Luke XVIII, 3.

"What if some believe not, does their unbelief make the faith of God of none effect? Yea, let God be true though every man (who does not believe) be a liar."—Rom. III, 3-4.

Signed

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD By Elder W. H. Kittrell, Sr.

RETURNS FROM UNIVERSITY

Frank Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, returned from Austin last Tuesday night. Frank, who was one of the brightest graduates of the 1921 class of the High School was a student at the University, but several days ago he and a party were out in the woods, and Frank encountered a bunch of poison ivy, which necessitated his confinement in the hospital for quite a while. He was discharged Tuesday, and came home at once. This will likely interfere with his career at the University for the present session, at least.

Mr. M. W. Armistead, the pure bred livestock man of Putnam, was a pleasant caller last Tuesday, while in the city. Mr. Armistead believes in raising the best livestock, and organized the Pure Bred Livestock Association of Callahan county.

Read the ads in this issue.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following have authorized the American to announce their names for the several offices under which their name appears:

- For County Judge of Commissioners' Court: ED. S. PRITCHARD
For County Attorney: L. J. FLEWELLEN
For County Clerk: ERNEST JONES, EARL BENDER
For County Treasurer: T. W. TOOMES
For Supt. of Public Instruction: ULALA HOWARD
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6: J. H. McDONALD
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: HENRY S. STUBBLEFIELD
For Tax Assessor: W. J. (Bill) HERRINGTON.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American is authorized to announce MINTER WOMACK as a candidate for the office of City Commissioner, subject to the will of the people of Cisco. Election April 4.

Over at Sapulpa, Okla., they have a big gas fight on, and there the people have won out, but it was necessary to adopt a new charter to do so.

Those who are apologists for the utility company's excessive gas rate are not idle. They, measuring in their own measure, are putting out the report "that the American is not really interested in a lower gas rate, but is taking up this fight for the people against the corporation, for the selfish purpose of boosting the American."

Mr. P. P. Barber informs the American that he has just learned that the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. A. Brashere, living at Tahoka, was burned last Sunday.

Cisco Invaded Pioneer Tuesday

Excursionists Advetise the Home City in the New Oil Town—Found a New Metropolis Springing up Over Night—Many There.

Approximately twenty-five cars, loaded to capacity, left from the City Hall at 9 o'clock Tuesday forenoon for the trade excursion put on by the local Chamber of Commerce into the new oil fields.

The first village in the line of march was Scranton, located in one of the very best farming sections of the county, but no stop was made there. The first stop for the day was made at Cross Plains, a little city in the edge of Callahan county, which has felt the effects considerably of the oil developments at Pioneer.

A slight stretch of sand at times caused certain cars to hesitate but they were persuaded to move on, by men boosting from the rear. In route to the next city, Pioneer, the real oil field was encountered, where two weeks ago there was some half dozen rigs, today there are forty or fifty rigs in every stage of construction, and new ones are being erected every day.

If one enjoys action he only has to make Pioneer, for there they are stepping lively. People are coming so rapidly that it would be impossible to keep any trace of the population, for they are arriving all the time, day and night. Leases and royalties and town lots are rapidly changing hands, as the price advances where one month ago a lot could have been purchased for two hundred today is selling for fifteen hundred.

Leaving Pioneer at two o'clock for Rising Star, we encountered another deep sand bed, right in the edge of Pioneer, which was some two hundred yards in length. Some trouble was experienced in navigating this stretch of road, but upon doing so we reached the Rising Star highway, which is new and in excellent condition, permitting of fast driving.

Rising Star is an ideal little city and is deriving great benefit from the oil field as she has a good hotel for the accommodation of the operators, and a good road over which they can reach the field.

These people are wide awake to their advantages and opportunities and even though the field doesn't develop up close to their door, they expect to extract some rich fleece from the lamb in the shearing.

The business men of the Star are very strong in urging closer business

relations between the people of that city and Cisco business men.

All members of the trade commission returned after they had spent a very pleasant and profitable day, and with a longing that one of these days would come again at an early date.

A. W. BREIHAN, CIVIL ENGINEER

Mr. A. W. Breihan has recently purchased the engineering equipment and electric blue printing machine of County Surveyor George R. Logan, and will maintain his office in the same place—in the Gray building, over the Vaughan-Patterson Drug Store.

Mr. Breihan is an experienced and capable civil engineer, and guarantees perfect satisfaction in all his work.

The Cisco Gas & Electric Company are charging you on an investment in buildings of nearly \$300,000. Are you satisfied to pay your gas bill on this basis? If not, be at the City Hall Monday night.

Mrs. J. E. McDermott, who has been in Mexico for the past month, returned home Friday forenoon.

If you want an economical administration, come and help us Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sherry have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. A. V. McDonnell of Dallas.

If you believe in Cisco, be at the City Hall Monday night.

If you are in favor of relief from high gas rates, be at the City Hall Monday night.

Mr. Roy Little returned to Cisco from Groesbeck this week, fully satisfied to remain in this city.

Try Bruce Carrol's Garage for the lowest prices on Ford tires.

ATWELL NEWS

Special Correspondence. Atwell, March 7.—This place has just been visited by one of the worst cold spells of the season or for the past four years, but Monday was a cool spring like day.

Miss Laura Williams spent last week with friends at Mitchell, also attended the series of services while there.

Mr. E. F. Maddux left Thursday for Coryell county to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook are with Mr. Cook's parents while their baby is under the care of Dr. Lightfoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Brashears visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Thate of Burket, Saturday and Sunday.

Singing was enjoyed at Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hutchins Sunday night. Several from here were at Putnam Monday and enjoyed the day, especially the basket ball games.

Charley Jones and father, visited Baird Monday in the interest of Company for which Charley will begin drilling an oil well at an early date.

Mrs. Fred Agnews of Portersville, California, came in Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. Stephens and other relatives.

Miss Alice Ellis was over from Deer Plains, where she is teaching school, to visit her parents Saturday and Sunday.

A. B. Childress visited his family in Abilene Saturday and Sunday. He is working for the Dudley Oil and Development Company.

T. O. Nally and John Garrett have returned from Coleman county with their cottonseed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones entertained night, as it was the closing night with a party.

Several of the young folk attended the Haskell school program Friday night, as it was the closing exercises of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rouse visited Mrs. Rouse's parents in East Cisco Saturday and Sunday. Milton returned Sunday night but Mrs. Rouse remained for a few days with her parents.

BROWN EYES

Table with 2 columns: No. and Time. No. 6 at 2:20 a. m., No. 4 at 11:50 a. m., No. 5 at 1:53 a. m., No. 38 at 2:38 p. m.

WORKED BENEATH THE EARTH

Discovery in Jerusalem Solves Much of Mystery Connected With King Solomon's Temple.

How often great discoveries spring from trifling incidents! The trite reflection comes to mind naturally on hearing how the quarries of King Solomon were found.

For many many years, says Doctor Moore, travelers and archeologists were puzzled to know where the enormous blocks of stone still standing in the ruins of Solomon's temple at Jerusalem were quarried.

His master, coming to the opening, peered down in vain. He called, and to his amazement his voice came back as from great depths. He summoned assistance, and a passage was opened into immense subterranean quarries.

"And don't you remember," asks Doctor Moore, "that we are told in our Bibles that the temple was built without sound of saw or of hammer? The fact that the quarryman worked underground partly explains that."

GROUSE LIVES LIKE ESKIMO

In Cold Weather the Bird Finds a Safe and Warm Retreat in Snow House.

In the temperate months the grouse has an excellent choice of food consisting of a great variety of berries, small fruit, seeds, buds, clover, beech-nuts, grasshoppers and a multitude of young, tender leaves.

Fortunately, whenever the temperature is far below zero the sky is usually clear and the grouse are active and unconcerned, but if the days and nights are dark and cold or the air filled with merciless pellets, they have the habit of plunging into deep snow-drifts, where a foot below the surface the heat and weight of the body form a globular retreat, in which they remain comfortably until the storm clears or hunger forces an exit.

Sometimes in winter or the early spring there may come a rain or a warm day that melts the surface snow followed by severe weather, and then thousands of grouse are imprisoned and the heretofore safe retreat becomes their tomb, should weeks pass by before the seal is broken.

Who Made the Alphabet?

If it takes a genius to make great words, it was also a genius who made the alphabet which makes the words. The pedigree of our alphabet can be traced continuously for nearly 3,000 years, and then comes a hiatus, says a recent writer.

Down on the Farm.

A young man spending a vacation was walking about the country lanes in an endeavor to hide from himself entirely all town life or anything which reminded him of town life.

Chancing across a country postman, he stopped him and asked what time it was.

Pulling out his watch, the postman deliberately replied: "It's four o'clock in the afternoon by the railway time."

"By railway time?" ejaculated the young man. "I should say that you country folk, living in the open air, in the heart of the country, as you do, would take your time from the sun."

"What for?" asked the rural postman. "Beant' we much closer to the railway—even if it be 12 miles—than we be to the sun?"—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Wye Island Home.

The original home of the Paca family on Wye Island, Queen Anne county, passed at a recent sale of the estate of William B. Paca, the last male descendant of Governor William Paca, to an owner not connected with the family, for the first time since long before the Revolutionary war.

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"VISIT SCHOOL WEEK"

PUTNAM NEWS

PUTNAM TRADE DAY

Everybody seemed to have a good time in spite of the weather for the past few weeks keeping the program committee, from meeting and getting out a program. To make things worse the chairman of our program committee got Ford bound about four miles south of town on the Scott ranch until about four o'clock. He finally induced his flivver to run again and arrived in town at the above stated time.

There were something like 500 visitors present to enjoy the day, and some important business attended to, of which Mr. Walter Agnew was here representing the "Bank of Dothan" in closing out a mortgage for them on a team consisting of one mule and one horse, no questions being asked concerning their age. As no feed went with the team Mr. Agnew was offered only two dollars for it. Stating his bank was unable to take such a loss that he would have to withdraw the team from the sale.

We had quite a number of candidates with us of whom were Messrs. Oral D. Strahan, Tax Collector, Cottonwood, W. C. Martin, Baird.

Sheriff
G. H. Corn, Baird.

C. E. Bray, Bell Plains.

Tax Assessor

Wm. J. Evans, Cottonwood.
W. L. Bowles, Baird.
John E. Tatum, Bell Plain.
Willie Wilcoxon, Cottonwood
G. E. Printz, Baird.

County Judge

W. E. (Gene) Melton, Baird.
Victor B. Gilbert, Putnam.

District Attorney

L. W. Green, Baird.

County Attorney

B. F. Russell, Putnam.

County Clerk

Grady G. Respass, Baird.
County Com. Precinct No. 3.
M. M. Little, Putnam.
J. S. Yeager, Putnam.
Sam McClelland, Admiral.

And Mrs. J. Roy Jackson of Baird, candidate for Treasurer. Mrs. Jackson was reared in Putnam and met many of her old friends and made many new ones.

Yes, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Zerbel, the snake-man was there giving the people free exhibitions and lectures on snakes and the use of snake oils as liniments. But best of all was that basket ball game between the Dothan school girls and the Putnam girls. This was the snappiest and hardest contested game that the

writer has witnessed. Dothan team consisted of Misses Tilda Pippen, Bill Jones, Stella Jones, Irene Sublett, Beulah Yarborough and Gladys Compton, Miss Lillian Meadows, referee.

The Putnam team consisted of Misses Lois Kennedy, Blanch Cunningham, Lillie Mae Eubanks, Edith Park, Golda Pritchard, Alma Hurst, Supt. J. N. Williams, referee.

Last Monday night God's messengers came into the home of our brother, W. A. Everett, and transferred to that home of "Many Mansions," prepared by the hand of our Blessed Saviour for those that love him, the beloved wife and loving mother. Oh! how precious that two words grow to us as the years go by. Yes, dearer and dearer each day. Sister Everett has suffered long and patiently. Patience, service and suffering polishes the life into a shining gem for Jesus. The home is broken, the hearts of these loved ones almost so. While we have not met some of them but our heart goes out in sympathy to them. This is one of God's ways of tying our hearts onto heaven with great cords of love. The funeral was held in the Christian Church.

Interment at Putnam cemetery Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock.

EVERY WOMAN TAKE NOTICE

We insist that every woman and girl in Putnam and surrounding community will attend the gathering to be held at the Methodist church Monday the 13th, in honor of the womans work of GOD'S kingdom. Mrs. Rollins, "our great leader of womans work" who is just home from Memphis, Tenn. inspiring and soul filled message will be a great uplift to us. Also our Dist. Sec. Mrs. Brooks. Every lady who fails to come will miss a treat. Especially do we want all of the girls with us. Lets give these women a congregation and a welcome that will be a credit to Putnam. Program to begin at 2:30. Song service led by Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Peek. Devotional by Mrs. Edgar. Welcome address by Mrs. S. J. Hyser. A spiritual foundation for womans work and a survey of the field. Mrs. Rollins. Reading, Mrs. Gilbert. Why I am a Missionary Woman by Mrs. Brooks. The beautiful garden of prayer, by Juniors. The great need of organized womans work in Putnam by Mrs. McElreath, Mrs. Blade, Mrs. Butler and others. Today is the opportune time and not tomorrow, Mrs. Edgar.

Closing aftermath, lunch.

NOTICE

To Our Friends and Customers:

We have been instructed by the State Banking Department not to permit any more overdrafts or hold checks as cash items, and we kindly ask that you be sure that you have the money in the bank to pay your checks before giving same, and in this way we will not embarrass you by having to return your check. We are forced to comply with the Examiner's orders, and will thank you for your cooperation in these premises.

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Last Friday night our efficient deputy sheriff I. B. Roberson caught two boys from the epileptic colony at Abilene and returned them to constable R. D. Williams, also Sunday he caught another one and carried him back Monday himself.

PUTNAM OIL NEWS

Putnam's shallow oil field has been creating quite a lot of interest this week. Mr. F. W. Kirk of Fort Worth and Mr. Ira Cribbs of Mineral Wells, are both out and busy bringing in their well No. 1 on the Scott ranch, four miles south of town. They hit the sand at 637 feet. This is an offset to the Texas Cities' well, and in the neighborhood of the Ohio Cities big gasser. They are expecting a good well here.

The Martin, Oldham and Brown well, on the John Isenhour lease just west of town, is on the sand.

A new well was spudded in on the J. J. Clark ranch Wednesday where H. L. Mobley lost a well some two weeks ago after getting to the sand.

The Frank Ezzell well, three miles north of town on the R. D. Williams lease, is drilling below 400 feet.

The J. L. Kennedy well on the Jackson lease, near the big gasser south of town, is going fine at 600 feet.

Arthur McElreath spudded in a well for Arthur Webster and others of Cisco, on the B. J. Camp lease, Section No. 3159.

Fred S. Knisley made a location this week in the north west corner of the T. & P. Block-1-7. An offset to well drilled some time ago and came in a 6,000,000 feet gasser.

Moore and Snebold spudded in on the Neuman tract this week, Section No. 3. S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4.

Erie Oil Company is spudding in on the Joe Neuman tract, Section 8, N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4.

McElreath is moving material on to Wheeler tract to spud in for J. M. Tanner, Section No. 26.

George Howard and others, operators from Oklahoma are blocking some acreage near Putnam and will begin operations at once.

Frank Dutton of Ranger, started cleaning out the old Cathey well one and a half miles south east of Putnam, Monday. Mr. Dutton ordered out material for a new derrick and will begin operations on a new well at once. Mr. Dutton will drill four wells on this lease to the 1700 foot sand.

A rig was moved onto the Ramsey tract north of town Monday.

THE STOLEN CAR

There was a time when a man wanted to make money faster that he went into the insurance or real estate business as his own ability was the only limit to the amount of business that he could do or the amount of commissions that he could take in. For the past few years it has been gt in the oil business but now it seems to be stealing cars. When the writer was a boy, for a time this country was infested with horse thieves as it is now infested with auto thieves. The people grew tired of horse stealing as they are now tired of car stealing and the people proceeded to take measures to stop this imposition on the people by hunting the horse thief down and hanging him as they would kill a mad dog and as we now should the car thief. Some such drastic measures must be adoted and the Enterprise suggests a law compelling the issuing a bill of sale with each and every transfer of a car signed by the maker of such bill of sale and sealed by his finger print. It may be easy to sign a fictitious name but hard to borrow some one else's seal. Now somebody say Amen.

METHODIST REVIVAL MEETING TO START MARCH 16 AT 10 A. M.

We feel ourselves fortunate in securing Evangelist R. B. Freeman, of Abilene, and singer to be with us in a ten day meeting at Putnam. They held a great meeting for the Baird people a few weeks ago. Everybody is invited to come. All Christians are invited to be with us the first service. Commence with us—pull with us—work with us and pray with us for the salvation of souls.

The Pastor and His People.

We had an opportunity to see the county's large road machinery in operation on the new road between here and Baird last Wednesday. County Commissioner Yeager informs us that he is moving dirt for the county at a cost of less than 2 cents per yard. That is what we call making the county's money build more roads.

Corner of E. Ave. D and 23rd st. for fresh meal at all times.

Last Monday Mr. Went Harriss, 82 years of age, died while sitting in a chair at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Bradshaw west of Cisco. Also Mr. Sam Hull, age 78, who has been suffering some malady for some time passed away at his home. Mr. W. B. Starr and Mr. Ivan Lasater came to Putnam and bought both caskets and shrouds from Mr. W. H. Narred, local undertaker.

We are authorized to announce the name of Mr. Sam McClelland of Admiral, as a candidate for the office of County Com. of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next July. Mr. McClelland was raised in this county, is 43 years old, been stock raising and farming practically all his life. He has had ten years experience in road work and it qualified to give the people of Precinct No. 3 an economical administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Melton of Baird attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Everett Tuesday.

Messrs. C. C. King, Henry Orr and O. E. Galbraith motored over to Cross Plains Tuesday.

Mr. Ed Aycock, owner of the Cisco marble works, was in Putnam Wednesday.

Mrs. N. A. Meyers and sons were down from Henderson & Lane lease Monday.

Ungren and Simons are preparing to drill another well at Sipe Springs. Messrs E. A. Ungren and L. E. Brock motored over to Sipe Springs Tuesday for that business.

The electric lights were turned on at Clyde Wednesday.

LOST. A lilly stick pin with a small chip diamond, somewhere in Putnam Wednesday morning. Return to Enterprise and get reward.

Mrs. J. H. Cunningham of Abilene, visited the homes of her children, I. B. Roberson and J. H. Cunningham, Jr.

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CHAPTER V.—The acquaintance ripens, Ramsey and Milla openly "keeping company," while the former's parents wonder. His mother indeed goes so far as to express some disapproval of his choice, even hinting that Dora Yocum would be a more suitable companion, a suggestion which the youth receives with horror.

CHAPTER VI.—At this period our hero gets the thrill of his "first kiss." Milla being a very willing partner in the act. Her flippancy over the matter disconcerts Ramsey immensely, but shortly afterward the girl departs for a visit to Chicago. She leaves an endearing message for Ramsey, which adds to his feeling of melancholy.

The next morning Ramsey came into his father's room while Mr. Milholland was shaving, an hour before church time, and it became apparent that the son had something on his mind, though for a while he said nothing.

"Did you want anything, Ramsey?" "Well—"

"Didn't want to borrow my razors?" "No, sir."

Mr. Milholland chuckled. "I hardly supposed so seriously! Shaving is a great nuisance and the longer you keep



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"Yes, sir." (Mr. Milholland's razors were safe. Ramsey had already achieved one of his own, but he practiced the art in secret.)

"What is it you really want, Ramsey?"

"I guess I don't want anything."

"Money?"

"No, sir. You gay' me some Friday."

Mr. Milholland turned from his mirror and looked over the edge of a towel at his son. In the boy's eyes there was such a dumb agony of interrogation that the father was a little startled.

"Why, what is it, Ramsey? Have you—?" He paused, frowning and wondering. "You haven't been getting in to some mess you want to tell me about, have you?"

"No, sir."

His tone was meek, but a mute distress lurked within it, bringing to the father's mind disturbing suspicions, and forebodings of indignation and of pity. "See here, Ramsey," he said, "if there's anything you want to ask me, or to tell me, you'd better out with it and get it over. Now, what is it?"

"Well—it isn't anything."

"Are you sure?"

Ramsey's eyes fell before the severe and piercing gaze of his father. "Yes, sir."

Mr. Milholland shook his head doubtfully; then, as his son walked slowly out of the room, he turned to complete his toilet in a somewhat uneasy frame of mind. Ramsey had undoubtedly wanted to say something to him and the boy's expression had shown that the matter in question was serious, distressing, and, it might be, critical.

In fact it was—to Ramsey. Having begun within only the last few hours to regard hubbards as of vital importance, and believing his father to be possessed of the experience and authority lacking in himself, Ramsey had come to get him to settle a question which had been upsetting him badly. In his own room, since breakfast. What he wanted to know was: Whether it was right to wear an extra handkerchief showing out of the coat breast-pocket or not, and, if it was right—ought the handkerchief to have a colored border or to be plain white? But he had never before brought any such perplexities to his father, and found himself too diffident to set them forth.

However, when he left the house a few minutes later he boldly shoved an inch of purple border above his pocket; then, as he saw himself about to encounter several old-fashioned plans, he blushed and thrust the

kerchief down into deep concealment. Having gone a block farther, he pulled it up again; and so continued to operate this badge of fashion, or unfashion, throughout the morning; and suffered a great deal thereby.

Meantime, his father, rather relieved that Ramsey had not told his secret, whatever it was, dismissed the episode from his mind and joined Mrs. Milholland at the front door, ready for church.

"Where's Ramsey?" he asked.

"He's gone ahead," she answered, buttoning her gloves as they went along. "I heard the door creak a little while ago. Perhaps he went over to walk down with Charlotte and Vance. Did you notice how neat he looks this morning?"

"Why, no, I didn't; not particularly. Does he?"

"I never saw anything like it before," said Mrs. Milholland. "He only has three neckties, but I saw him several times in each of them. He must have kept changing and changing. I wonder—"

"I'm glad he's begun to take a little care of his appearance at last. I'll have to take a look at him and give him a word of praise. I suppose he'll be in the pew when we get there."

But Ramsey wasn't in the pew; and Charlotte, his sister, and her husband, who were there, said they hadn't seen anything of him. It was not until the members of his family were on their way home after the services that they caught a glimpse of him.

They were passing a church a little distance from their own; here the congregation was just emerging to the open, and among the sedate throng descending the broad stone steps appeared an accompanied Ramsey—and a red, red Ramsey he was when he beheld his father and mother and sister and brother-in-law staring up at him from the pavement below. They were kind enough not to come to an absolute halt, but passed slowly on, so that he was just able to avoid parading up the street in front of them.

In hoarse whispers, Mrs. Milholland chided her husband for an exclamation he had uttered. "John! On Sunday! You ought to be ashamed."

"I couldn't help it," he exclaimed. "Who on earth is his clinging vine? Why, she's got lavender tops on her shoes and—"

"Don't look round!" she warned him sharply. "Don't—"

"Well, what's he doing at a Baptist church? What's he filching at his handkerchief about? Why can't he walk like people? Does he think it's obligatory to walk home from church anchored arm-in-arm like Swedes on a Sunday Out? Who is this cowed fat girl that's got him, anyhow?"

"Hush! Don't look round again, John."

"Never fear!" said her husband, having disobeyed. "They've turned off; they're crossing over to Bullard street. Who is it?"

"I think her name's Rust," Mrs. Milholland informed him. "I don't know what her father does. She's one of the girls in his class at school. It would be pleasanter if he'd taken a fancy to someone whose family belongs to our own circle."

"Taken a fancy!" he echoed, hooting. "Why, he's terrible! He looked like a red-gilled goldfish that's flopped itself out of the bowl. Why, he—"

"I say I wish if he felt that he had to take girls anywhere," said Mrs. Milholland, with the primmest air of speaking to the point—"if this sort of thing must begin, I wish he might have selected some nice girl among the daughters of our own friends, like Dora Yocum, for instance."

Upon the spot she began to undergo the mortifications of a mother who has expected her son, just out of infancy, to look about him with the eye of a critical matron of forty-five. Moreover, she was indiscreet enough to express her views to Ramsey, a week later, producing thus a scene of useless great fury and no little sound.

"I do think it's in very poor taste to see so much of any one girl, Ramsey," she said, and, not heeding his protest that he only walked home from school with Milla, "about every other day," and that it didn't seem any crime to him just to go to church with her a couple of times, Mrs. Milholland went on: "But if you think you really must be dangling around somebody quite this much—though what in the world you find to talk about with this funny little Milla Rust your poor father says he really cannot see—and of course it seems very queer to us now when your mind ought to be entirely on your studies, and especially with such an absurd looking little thing—"

"No, you must listen, Ramsey, and let me speak now. What I meant was that we shouldn't be quite so much distressed by your being seen with a girl who dressed in better taste and seemed to have some notion of refinement, though of course it's only natural she wouldn't, with a father who is just a sort of ward politician. I understand, and a mother we don't know, and of course shouldn't care to. But, oh, Ramsey! If you had to make yourself so conspicuous why couldn't you be a little bit more fastidious? Your father wouldn't have minded nearly so much if it had been a self-respecting, intellectual girl. We both say that if you must be so ridiculous at your age as to persist in seeing more of one girl than another, why, oh, why, don't go and see some really nice girl like Dora Yocum?"

Ramsey was already miserably disoriented, as an effect of the abrupt part of her discourse, and the word "fastidious" almost exploded him; but upon this climax, "Dora Yocum," he came up with a shattering report and, in a panic Ramsey wondered if he had made a fatal mistake.

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Usually the quartet had no destination; they just went "out walking" until ten o'clock, when both girls had to be home—and the boys did, too, but never admitted it. On Friday evenings there was a "public open-air concert" by a brass band in a small park, and the four were always there.

Milla hung weightily upon his arm, and they dawdled, drifting from one side of the pavement to the other as they slowly advanced. Albert and Sadie, ahead of them, called "good night" from a corner, before turning down the side street where Sadie lived; and then, presently, Ramsey and Milla were at the latter's gate. He went in with her, halting at the front steps.

"Well, g'night, Milla," he said. "Want to go out walking tomorrow night? Albert and Sadie are."

"I can't tomorrow night," she told him with obvious regret. "Isn't it the worst luck! I got an aunt comin' to visit from Chicago, and she's crazy about playin' 'Five Hundred,' and mama and papa said I haf to stay in to make four to play it. She's liable to be here three or four days, and I guess I got to be around home pretty much all the time she's here. It's the worst luck!"

He was doleful, but ventured to be literary. "Well, what can't be helped must be endured. I'll come around when she's gone."

He moved as if to depart, but she still retained his arm and did not prepare to relinquish it.

"Well—," he said. "Well what, Ramsey?" "Well—g'night."

She glanced up at the dark front of the house. "I guess the family's gone to bed," she said absently. "I s'pose so."

"Well, good night, Ramsey." She said this, but still did not release his arm, and suddenly, in a flutter, he felt that the time he dreaded had come. Somehow, without knowing where, except that it was somewhere upon what seemed to be a blurred face too full of obstructing features, he kissed her.

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bert Paxton the more swiftly. This creature, a ladies' man almost professionally, was found exercising with an electric iron and a pair of flannel trousers in a basement laundry, by way of stirring his appetite for the morning meal.

"See here, Albert," his friend said breathlessly. "I got a favor. I want you to go over to Milla's—"

"I'm goin' to finish pressin' these trousers," Albert interrupted. "Then I've got my breakfast to eat."

"Well, you could do this first," said Ramsey, hurriedly. "It wouldn't hurt you to do me this little favor first. You just slip over and see Milla for me, if she's up yet, and if she isn't, you better wait around till she is, because I want you to tell her I'm a whole lot better this morning. Tell her I'm pretty near practickly all right again, Albert, and I'll probly write her a note or something right soon—or in a week or so, anyhow. You tell her—"

"Well, you act pretty funny!" Albert exclaimed, fumbling in the pockets of his coat. "Why can't you go on over and tell her yourself? But just as it happens there wouldn't be any use your goin' over there, or me, either."

"Why not?"

"Milla ain't there," said Albert, still searching the pockets of his coat. "When we went by her house last night to tell her about your headache and stomach and all, why, her mother told us Milla'd gone up to Chicago yesterday afternoon with her aunt, and said she left a note for you, and she said if you were sick I better take it and give it to you. I was goin' to bring it over to your house after breakfast." He found it. "Here!"

Ramsey thanked him feebly, and departed in a state of partial stupefaction, brought on by a glimpse of the instabilities of life. He had also, not

relief, but a sense of vacancy and loss; for Milla, out of his reach, once more became mysteriously lovely.

Pausing in an alley, he read her note.

"Dearie: Thought I ought to call you up but over the phone is just fix for explanations as Mama and Aunt Jess would hear everything and thought I might seem cold to you not saying anything sweet on account of their listening and you would wonder why I was so cold when telling you good-by for a while maybe weeks. It is this way Uncle Purv wired Aunt Jess he has just taken in a big touring car on a debt and his vacation starts tomorrow so if they were going to take a trip they better start right, why so Aunt Jess invited me. Now dearie I have to pack and write this in a hurry so you will not be disappointed when you come by for the B. C. to-night. Do not go get some other girl and take her for I would hate her and nothing in this world would make me false for one second to my kiddo boy. I do not know just when home again as the folks think I better stay up there for a visit at Aunt Jess and Uncle Purv home in Chicago after the trip is over. But I think of you all the time and you must think of me every minute and believe your own dearie she will never no not for one second be false. So tell Sade and Alb good-by for me and do not be false to me any more than I would be to you and it will not be long till nothing more will interrupt our sweet friendship."

As a measure of domestic prudence, Ramsey tore the note into irreparable fragments, but he did this slowly, and without experiencing any of the revulsion created by Milla's former missive.

He was melancholy, aggrieved that she should treat him so.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

DICK BOLLINGER A BAKER NOW

Mr. Dick Bollinger has assumed charge of the Star Bakery, which he has acquired by lease, and will operate that establishment in the future. Mr. Bollinger has been connected with this bakery for some time, and by reason of his large number of friends and acquaintances he has a large list of patrons to go with, as all his friends will be glad of an opportunity of eating Bollinger's Bread, which could not be an inferior food, for they know that Dick Bollinger would never put out a loaf of bread unless it was the best. He tells the Americans about his bread in this issue.



Pausing in an Alley, He Read Her Note.

CAR STRIKES DOG AND THROWS OCCUPANTS OUT

While driving in front of Mr. Ben McClinton's residence last Saturday Messrs. Lee and John Elkins had a narrow escape from death as their car turned over in passing the house Mr. McClinton's dog ran in front of the car, and in trying to avoid the dog the car ran over the dog killing it, but the car was turned over and threw both occupants to the ground. Mr. W. L. Elkins escaped without injury, but Mr. Lee Elkins' heel struck the ground with such force as to render him unconscious for some time. He was hurried to town and given surgical and medical attention, and is said to be getting all right again. Mr. Elkins also sustained a broken nose.

Mr. John Wagley, living in the 600 block on 12th street, is reported seriously ill with a complication of ills. He requires attendance constantly. The American is informed that he was subjected to an operation yesterday, with the hope of giving him material relief.

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.	

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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.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, to summon Earl W. Collins by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 91st Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 91st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the First Monday in April A. D. 1922, the same being the 3rd day of April A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of June A. D. 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6660, wherein A. L. Mayhew is Plaintiff, and Earl W. Collins, and William Spicer are Defendants, and said petition alleging

Heretofore to wit, on the 16th day of Oct. A. D. 1918, defendant Collins executed and delivered to W. T. Scott his five certain promissory notes in writing, each of the said notes being for the principal sum of \$200.00, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, with interest on each of same notes at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date, both principal and interest payable at Ranger, Texas, to W. T. Scott, or order; said notes were given in part payment for a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Stephens County, Texas, and being 50 acres of land out of the southwest corner of the East one-half (1/2) of the West one-half (1/2) of Section No. 2, Block B, Certificate No. 708, T. & N. O. School Land, that said notes were made due and payable on the 15th day of November of each of the following years: 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, respectively, and that all of said notes have been paid, except Note No. 5. That note No. 5, has two credits as shown by endorsements on the back thereof, the first credit being for the sum of \$100.00, dated January 5th, A. D. 1916, and the second credit being for the sum of \$40.00 dated May 31st, A. D. 1916. There is now due and unpaid on note No. 5, a balance of \$60.00 and plaintiff sues for said amount due, interest and attorneys fees and for foreclosure of his vendor's lien, plaintiff now being the owner and holder of said note, having acquired same for a valuable consideration before maturity of said note.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Eastland this 24th day of February A. D. 1922.

ROY NUNNALLY Clerk, District Court, Eastland County By L. C. REED, Deputy.

Issued this 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1922.

ROY NUNNALLY Clerk, District Court, Eastland County By L. C. REED, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO THE SHERIFF or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon L. H. Coleman, by making publication of this citation once a week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your

county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas, to be held at the City Hall, in the city of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922, then and there to answer this suit filed wherein F. D. Lavoie is plaintiff, and L. H. Coleman, et al s defendants being Number 2546, on said docket of said court, plaintiff's demand being a suit upon a promissory note bearing a date of the 15th day of March A. D. 1921, for the sum of \$105.00 payable in sixty days after date thereof to F. D. Lavoie, providing for 10% interest from date thereof, and an additional of 10% as contingent fee if collected by suit, etc.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1922, the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing you have executed same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal this the 22nd day of February A. D. 1922.

A. E. BATEN, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas.

Issued this 22nd day of February A. D. 1922.

A. E. BATEN, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 6, Eastland County, Texas.

HI-JACKERS ARE AGAIN OPERATING IN RANGER

Ranger, March 6.—J. F. Dill, store keeper at 716 South Rusk street and his wife, were set upon by hi-jackers Saturday night about 8:15 o'clock on leaving their store and robbed of more than \$300 in checks and of a small amount in currency. One of the robbers struck at Dill's head with his revolver when the store keeper offered resistance and the pair of them, despite the loud cries of their victims for assistance kept the couple covered with their revolvers until Dill's pockets had been rifled of the checks and currency.

The robbers then backed around the corner of the store and disappeared in the darkness, while residents of the thickly settled section, startled by the cries of the couple, but awed by the revolvers of the hi-jackers, remained behind closed doors. Police and county officers were called to the scene but were unable to find any trace of the men.

Dill stated last night that he was unable to say just how many checks the hi-jackers had secured but that they would total in the neighborhood of \$300 and that many of them were oil company checks, which he had cashed for employes trading at his store. On account of the darkness, neither Mr. or Mrs. Dill were able to furnish a detailed description of the men. Both, however, are said by the victims, to be young men, unmasked and wearing rain coats. One is described as low and heavy set and as wearing a cap; and the other as of slighter build and wearing a hat. One of the men presented a blue steel, large calibre revolver and the other had a nickel plated revolver. They had little to say beyond the customary "stick 'em up" and orders to "keep quiet" and to walk away, which the victims refused to do. Both men had apparently no desire to shoot as a last resort.

DOINNS OF DOTHAN TOWN

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, March 7.—Mr. Otis Compton and sister, Miss Gladys, were visitors in Dothan Saturday and Sunday.

Those attending the show at the Judia last Saturday night were Messrs. Lester and Zearl Short, Leonard Surles, Otis Compton, and Misses Amy Short, Gladys Compton, Clarice Surles, Beulah and Ethelene Yarbrough, Matilda Pippen, chaperoned by Mrs. Cleo Brownlee.

The Dothan senior girls basket ball team went to Putnam Monday, trades day, to play Putnam. The score was 15 to 14 in favor of the Dothan team. This was one of the closest games played in this section for some time. Prizes of \$2.00 were awarded to the winning team, donated by Messrs. Cook of Putnam, and Huesties of Dothan. The fact that the Putnam team was defeated is no disparagement to that team, for that bunch really play a splendid game, but the fact is that the Dothan team is a real team.

Miss Clarice Surles was the guest of Miss Beulah Yarbrough Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Surles and daughter Katherine, visited relatives in Baird Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Hazlewood and Misses Berta Bostick and Lillian Meadows, visited in Breckenridge last Sunday.

Misses Mavis and Corilla Crouch, assisted by Miss Ruth Hatchet, were hostesses to Messrs. Lester Short, Otis Compton, and Leonard Surles, and Misses Amy Short, Gladys Compton and Beulah Yarbrough, last Sunday night.

STEPHENS COUNTY HAS ADOPTED ROAD SYSTEM

Stephens county under the new road building program, will have abandoned the use of the old time road overseer. Under the new program there will be a party known as patrolman, who will have under his control and direction a certain section of road. He will be paid a specified sum for his services and will be responsible for the condition of his section of road direct to the Commissioners.

All men who live along this road will be required to work said road under the same rules and regulations as they have done in the past or pay the sum of five dollars as of old.

Also the road system will be divided into three grades or classes, known as first, second and third class. The first class roads will embrace the pikes of the county. The second class roads will embrace those that are graded and are having some attention in the new program. The third class are the narrow lanes and the bridge paths, away out in the rural districts, where very little traveling is done and are never worked.

The county will be divided into districts, and the road funds apportioned accordingly and equally among the four districts. No district of the county, at the completion of the road building program, is to have less than eight miles of the first class road and no district is to have more than twenty miles of his same grade of road.

The patrolman will be constantly looking after the improvement of his section of the road to see that same is kept up to a high standard of improvement. This patrolman must keep a correct set of books covering every department of his road work, and make reports to the Commissioners court at specified intervals.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THE TAXES DUE CISCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

The School Board of the above mentioned school have employed me to assist M. D. Odum, Tax Collector of Cisco Independent School District, in the collection of all delinquent taxes due said School District. It is not necessary for me to say that the taxes are needed, for everyone should know this as the school is now being run partly on borrowed money.

Article 7624 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. FORCED SALE TO BEGIN WHEN—If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law, until the first day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment roll, the collector of taxes shall by virtue of his tax roll, seize and levy upon and sell as much personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with all cost accruing thereon.

As above stated the taxes are due and must be paid or the levy and sale will be made as above provided; will therefore request that YOU who have not paid the said School Taxes call at the office of M. D. Odum and pay same at once and do not have any more expense added to your taxes, or the levy made for if same is not attended to we will be compelled to do as above stated.

S. W. PRATT.

Advt.

BLUFF BRANCH BRIEFS

Special Correspondence.

Bluff Branch, March 7.—Notwithstanding the rain and snow last week it is dry again, and some of our farmers are still hauling water for their stock.

Many base ball fans from here witnessed the ball game at Pueblo between the nine of that place, and Bluff Branch's nine last Saturday. Our home team failed to down the Pueblo boys, as the score stood 11 to 6 in Pueblo's favor.

Misses Nellie and Alta Mae Thames and Mr. Bill Pool attended the singing in the Cottonwood community last Sunday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris.

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

Mr. J. W. Thames was the guest of his nephew, Mr. W. A. Thames, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yeager will move into their new home this week. This home was recently remodeled quite a bit, and is now a very comfortable home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Qualls were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeager last Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wedley Sunday night.

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MINTER WOMACK FAVORS TURNING ON THE LIGHT

In this issue we are authorized to announce Mr. Minter Womack as a candidate for City Commissioner* of the City of Cisco.

Mr. Womack has been a citizen of Cisco for the past three years, and ever since his coming here has been closely identified with the business interests of Cisco. When he first came he was connected with the Fulwiler Electric company, but soon after taking over the business which was changed to the Womack Motor Company, with himself as its head and manager. He has demonstrated his business ability in the management of this business, and believes in adopting the same business methods in conducting municipal affairs.

In speaking of his candidacy Mr. Womack stated to a representative of the American: "I am not asking for the office of City Commissioner because I believe I am better fitted for the job than many others in Cisco but because I believe at this time it is the patriotic duty of some to make the sacrifice for the interest of the city. I have known places where the business men assumed the offices of their town as a duty. When one would serve a reasonable time, others would be chosen as a duty they owed their city. This is the kind of patriotism I favor. If one believes he can be of service to his town, it is his duty to serve—not because he is self-serving, or for any financial gain.

"It is my opinion that now is the time when some man should make the sacrifice of his personal interests to serve Cisco. We have the construction of the dam as the paramount problem. To do this means the expenditure of a vast sum of money, and the best business qualifications and integrity are required if this money is legitimately and properly expended. All are vitally interested in this matter.

"Then there is the subject of taxation. All are laboring under the burden of heavy taxes, and high renditions. Naturally we are compelled to raise a certain sum to meet the interest and create a sinking fund for our bond issues, but expenses of the government may be reduced where our taxes might be lessened. I believe in the same economy in the administration of municipal affairs that I would demand in the conduct of my own business.

"The officers of the city are the servants of the people, and as an employe of the people of Cisco, if I am elected as your Commissioner, I shall favor making the reports of the condition of the affairs of Cisco as often as possible, and believe in

the greatest publicity of financial and other matters of municipal affairs to the end that the public, may be informed as to the true conditions of the city.

"This is a time when it requires the cooperation of all the people, and we should all work together for the betterment of conditions generally. The City Commission should work to safeguard the interests of the entire citizenship. There is too much at stake to take an indifferent position. It is time for positive action, and the very best business talent of the City should be drawn upon to place Cisco on her feet."

BRICK REPLACES WOOD

It has been said, that fires are great town builders. Whether this be true or false, it is observed that often a better building replaces the one licked up by the flames. This is true in regard to the Cunningham Filling Station, at the corner of East Sixth street and Avenue A.

Recently fire destroyed the filling station belonging to Mr. Cunningham at this location, but in an incredibly short time there appeared on the burned site a handsome brick structure. The new building is now occupied, where Mr. Cunningham is selling gasoline at 20 cents, and has a full stock of Ford accessories, as well as being the distributor of the celebrated Motor Seal lubricating oil in this city. He plans, in the near future, the erection of a ladies' rest room, where ladies traveling can find a comfortable place to rest and doll up before coming into town, while their male escorts are getting the supply of gas and Motor Seal oil.

Mr. Cunningham is asking the Americans to stop at his filling station when coming to town, and restock their cars. Air and water free.

RATTLESNAKES AT 50 CENTS PER POUND

Many things are put on the market, but for the first time were we aware that rattlesnakes were marketable in this section. One day this week Mr. Doyle, living about 12 miles out of Cisco, brought in 50 rattlers, for which he was offered 50 cents per pound, but we were informed that he was holding the reptiles for 80 cents. These rattlers measured from 2 to 5 feet, according to the information given the American.

We were told that, Mr. Arnold captured this entire bunch from under a boulder out in his neighborhood.

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HART ECHOES

Special Correspondence.

Hart, March 6.—The ice and snow of last week was hard on the stock, and some last cows during the spell. This is as cold a spell as we have experienced in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Butler and little daughter, Bonnie Wayne, of Abilene, visited Mrs. C. A. Grisham Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morgan were guests in the home of W. P. Yarbrough last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Calie Bowers was shopping

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 Services next Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; Morning service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening service, 7:30 p. m. (no evening service). The public is cordially invited to attend 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.

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.

Twelfth Street Methodist Church
 Last 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 Saturday 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. Services on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Topic of sermon will be: "Holy Trinity." Visitors are cordially invited.

Potato Diseases And Prevention

Black Rot Propogated by Bad Selection of Slips—Careful Selection of Seed Potatoes Necessary—Care Must be Used Curing and Storing.

There are some diseases of sweet potatoes which are doing considerable damage to the potatoes in the field and while in the storage houses. The worst of these is black rot which is being scattered over the state by infected slips and unless potatoes are carefully selected and treated, it will become worse from year to year. Black rot is usually carried from the seed bed to the field by infected slips. From the field it is brought to the storage houses, where it may spread and from there it is taken back to the seed bed unless the potatoes are selected and treated.

For these reasons all growers of slips whether for home use or for commercial purposes, are urged to use the following method in order to grow good healthy slips.

Before bedding, be sure to carefully select the seed potatoes and discard all that show any black spots or other signs of diseases. Then dip all of the sound potatoes for ten minutes in a solution containing one ounce of bichloride of mercury (corrosive sublimate) to eight gallons of water. This solution will kill the disease germs on the surface of the potatoes, but cannot reach those which have already gone through the skin and hence it is very important to select the potatoes carefully before being dipped.

The dipping can easily be done in a shallow vat or in barrels or half barrels. Wooden vessels should be used as the bichloride of mercury is corrosive to metal. This solution is poisonous and should not be left where livestock or children can have access to it.

A handy way to do this dipping is to place the potatoes in bushel baskets and then immerse them in the solution for ten minutes. They are then ready to be placed directly in the seed bed, after the solution has drained off. While they are being bedded another lot can be dipped.

This method is very simple and extremely important to keep down serious diseases.

FOR SALE—AN up-to-dte electrical shoe repairing machine, Good condition. A bargain. Price, \$125.00.—W. L. Bowman, Putnam, Texas.

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

Read the ads in this issue.

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All notices will be inserted under this heading at 1 cent per word, each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. All notices must be paid at time of insertion except with those having accounts with this paper.

FOR SALE—Full blood Barred Rocks' eggs, guaranteed to be pure bred, 15 for \$1, the lowest price for some time. Will be found at Pass' grocery store. T. E. Clark, Cisco, Tex., route 3. 34-3t.

FOR SALE—New six room, new large lot. Near Humblet. Sixteen hundred dollars cash, balance notes for Briden at this office.

FOR RENT—Four room house and hall. 408 W. 3rd. street. Collins Saddlery Co. 27-tf-e

FOR SALE—Latest maps of Putnam's shallow oil field. "Flowing wells" "dry holes" and "gassers" Up to date. Price \$1.00. Write or call Mrs. Mary Guyton, Mission Hotel, Putnam, Texas.

EGGS FOR SALE—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorn Eggs, Johnston Strain, at 60 cents per dozen or 75 cents per setting of 15. Special prices for larger quantities. E. F. ALTON, Cisco, Texas, Route 3. Pleasant Hill Community. 33-3t-pd.

Specializing on pure bred White Leghorns, English strain commencing on February 25th, we will book orders for eggs at \$1.50 per setting. Also day old chicks.—R. F. Scott Ranch, Putnam, Texas.

FOR SALE—One pump, winchester shot gun, 12 gage, hammerless, in excellent condition. One pump winchester shot gun with hammer, good shape. Would trade for good rifle. Write M. E. Garrett, Putnam, Texas.

WANTED—To buy a few Bronze turkey hens for breeding purposes. Phone 109.—Cisco Produce Co.

FOR SALE—A brand new 5 room house in Putnam, garage, gas and water, close in. Cash or terms. W. L. Bowman.

FOR SALE—60 acre lease adjoining and north of the Mobley well on J. J. Clark section 26. W. L. Bowman, Putnam, Texas.

WILL SELL OR TRADE—Two forty acre leases, Putnam shallow field, section 17 and 22. Callahan County. Address: Jacob P. Awall, 819 W. T. Waggoner Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas. 34-4t.

LOST—A Billy stick pin with a small chip diamond some where in Putnam Wednesday morning. Return to Enterprise and get reward.

FOR SALE.—50 acre lease a mile and a half south west of Putnam, \$5.00 per acre. 40 acre lease adjoining Neuman tract now drilling \$30.00 per acre.—W. L. Bowman, Putnam, Texas.

RAMSEY'S LINE of shoe repairing is made up of style, plus quality in workmanship and material to meet the demands of the general public which means you. 500 Main and Fifth Streets. RAMSEY BROS., J. A. Ramsey, manager. 35-4t-c.

FOR RENT—Good farm, near Nimrod. See E. P. Crawford, rear of First Guaranty State Bank. 35-te

PRICE OF MILK REDUCED

We see in the Fort Worth papers that the dairy men of that city favor reducing the high cost of living. They have announced a reduction in the price of milk to consumers. Hereafter the public will pay ten cents per quart, and five cents per pint for milk. Wouldn't it be nice if the Cisco dairy men could throw the life line to their patrons?

WANTED CHICKENS

Market higher on chickens today than for the past three years. Cull out those old hens that are not laying. Don't look for this high market to hold up. Come and see us before you sell.

CISCO PRODUCE CO
 Phone 109 Old Troxell Stand

Mr. Ed Pritchard, candidate for County Judge, was a Cisco visitor last Monday, while enroute to Sabanno, where he addressed the voters of that place in the interest of his candidacy.

If you believe in Cisco, your place is in the Citizens League.

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LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.

Lutheran Community, March 9.—The hope of everyone in this community is that the high March winds, which have been blowing a gale, will terminate in a general rain.

The young people of this community had a practice singing Sunday afternoon, which was enjoyed by a small crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luker of Romney, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wende were visitors to Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel, accompanied by their son and daughter spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller at Romney Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Eifert, who has been quite ill for some time, is reported to be some better.

Mr. Dan Wende was transacting business in Cisco Tuesday.

"VISIT THE SCHOOL WEEK"

All next week the High School and ward schools will keep open house to all the people of this city. It is designated as "Visit the School Week." The public is invited to visit all of the schools during this week, and inspect the exhibits on display, showing what is done in training the young minds of Cisco in our public schools.

Come any time during the school hours. Visitors will not interfere with the regular routine of study and classes. The faculty is anxious that everyone who can take advantage of this week to visit the schools so that they can see for themselves just what progress is being made by the children of this city.

Mesdames Exa Bowden and G. W. Foster were over from Eastland last Tuesday shopping.

Misses Reba Cathey and Johnie Kennedy of Putnam, were shopping in Cisco Wednesday.

Womack Motor Co.

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