



## CITIZENS LEAGUE NAMES DIRECTORS

J. T. Berry, B. H. Lauderdale and Mrs. Crigler Paschall Named as Candidates for School Board—Seven are in the Race.

At the called meeting of the Citizens League last Monday night only small interest was manifested. Perhaps there were fifty present of Cisco's 8000 population, but those who turned out were representative citizens, and interested in the schools.

Owing to the small interest shown in school matters by the people of Cisco, as indicated by such a small number turning out, it was at first thought inadvisable to name candidates, but those present having the interest of school matters at heart finally decided that it would be best, as the League is the organized working force of the city, after considerable discussion, named J. T. Berry, B. H. Lauderdale and Mrs. Crigler Paschall as candidates.

It was learned Sunday that an organization of ladies had selected a committee to name two ladies for directors, and the Election committee of the League invited the ladies to co-operate with the committee, that the two might work in harmony, but it seems that the ladies had previously acted and endorsed Mrs. W. E. Ricks and Mrs. John Elkins. Mrs. Elkins, however, could not allow her name to be used, so she was not on the list.

### The Ticket.

The directors in called meeting Tuesday night, acting upon suggestions of bodies and individuals, have ordered election tickets printed with the following names:

- J. T. Berry
- Dick Starr
- Dr. F. E. Clark
- H. C. Bollinger
- B. H. Lauderdale
- Mrs. Crigler Paschall
- Mrs. W. E. Ricks.

There are to be only three elected so when you cast your vote scratch all the other names except the three you wish to vote for to serve on the board. Remember, this is no "preferential" ballot. You will not vote for first, second and third choice—just make all three first choice by scratching the other four, in the good old fashion way. The three getting the most votes will be elected.

## CISCO ONE OF THE BEST

Mr. R. E. Mitchell, of Mitchell Brothers, jewelers, came home for a brief visit to his family the first of the week, departing Wednesday night for Waco, where he is conducting auction sales of jewelry. Mr. Mitchell is an expert auctioneer, and is in demand all over north and central Texas. Since he left here several weeks ago, he has been in many towns of the state, but says Cisco ranks up in commercial importance with other towns he has visited, and was gratified to note the indications of business revival encountered upon his return.

## MISS MANCILL ENTERTAINS

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Miss Mancill's mother had also arranged for music and many numbers were played by Mr. and Mrs. Hittson, Miss Mary Baten, Mr. J. Warren and Sherman Mancill. Three tables were arranged and while the orchestra played, the following members of the Cressett club played at forty-two: Misses Lillian Smith, Lantha DeSpain, Olga Beard, Helen Holmes, Louise Smith, Bess Shelton, Venita Daniels, Vista Mae Mahan, Mrs. Bill McDonald and Miss Cleo Mancill; additional guests present were Miss Yeager, Mrs. J. Warren and Messrs. Bill McDonald, Glen DeSpain and Z. B. Edworthy. After the serving of refreshments the birthday cake was cut and intense interest was taken in the way of the various prophecies fell to those sharing in this festive custom. The completeness of the surprise and the pleasant and congenial associations of Cressett Club and its friends with the added charm of the delightful music throughout the evening, made this occasion one which will linger long in the memory of all its participants.

## GEOLOGIST O. K.'S ROBERTS-MURPHY

Same Structure and Formation of Breckenridge Field—Owners of This Stock Have Good Prospects for Big Profits.

"It is my opinion as a geologist, that those who have stock in the Roberts-Murphy are setting nice, and have best prospects for big profits," said Mr. J. W. Ward, renowned geologist, who was in Cisco last Monday. Continuing Mr. Ward said:

"I have great confidence in Cisco, and while here on business, partly of which is private, but also for the purpose of looking over the Roberts-Murphy well. In my opinion it is one of the best structures in Texas, and the formations I unquestionably pronounce the best. I would think myself fortunate if I owned a block of stock in this well. I see no reason why they will not strike the pay at usual depth found in Breckenridge field. The log of this well shows up good, and the formations are the same as the Breckenridge field, which made the world stand up and take notice.

"The drill ought to strike the oil when approximately 200 feet deeper than it is now, but that will be in the shallow pool, which all indications, as revealed by the log, are that the shallow pool is right now under the bit. But while I confidently expect to strike this shallow pool, yet I hardly expect oil in commercial quantities until the bit has reached the 3500 foot level. While it is possible that considerable oil may be found in the known shallow pool, yet I would not advise stopping the well there unless the quantity and quality is much better than I anticipate. The real pay will be found at the 3500 foot level.

"I gave the Roberts-Murphy well a thorough going over, and examined the log most minutely, and as a geologist who has been in the game many years, I pronounce it one of the best prospects I know, and believe this well is in one of the most valuable virgin pieces of prolific oil producing territory which can be found in the entire country, and I make the prediction that deep drilling will uncover an oil pool or strata of unusual gusher prolificities.

The log shows the bit in a sandy shale of a greasy formation, revealing the presence of oil in this sand forced up by the pounding of the drill."

Mr. Ward was with several of the big oil companies in the United States and Mexico for many years, until he started in the oil game on his own account, and is said to have never located a dry hole. He is now with the Square Deal Oil company, and has considerable holdings in Henderson county, where he says he expects to bring in a sensational field. Mr. J. A. Smith of this place, is connected with Mr. Ward in the Square Deal.

### Finished Fishing Job.

It will be gratifying news to the people of Cisco and those interested in the Roberts-Murphy to have such a report on this well from a man of Mr. Ward's reputation as a geologist. Also to hear that they have at last overcome their difficulties, and are again sending the bit down. They certainly have had all the trouble one should have with this fishing job, which has kept them from drilling for over two months but Sunday morning they fished out the lost bit, and have cleaned out and resumed work. The American is staying with its original proposition that they will strike the shallow pay in a few days. Everything looks good, and the prospects for a real well were never better.

### "A FULL FLEDGED AMERICAN"

The following letter is one of the many the American has received from distant places, ordering the American sent to their address, showing the wide circulation of the great weekly, and how it is appreciated by all who read it. We publish the letter as received:

"A short time ago I sent you fifty cents for a few of the papers. Now, I want to become a full fledged 'American,' and am sending enough to make the year's subscription. 'I find myself watching for the paper with great interest, and almost feel that I know Cisco.

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## TROPICS OR THE ARCTICS AT HOME

Capt. G. H. Judia's Latest Invention Cools or Heats a Building 17 Degrees—Is Termed the "Judia Cyclone Ventilator."

Perhaps everyone has heard something of the "Judia Cyclone Ventilator," and its wonderful workings. Anyone desiring to see this invention in action can do so by dropping in at the Judia annex building.

The invention is simplicity itself, in theory, but the application of the principles which have been long known, forms the invention.

The Ventilator is of drum shape, fifty-two inches in length by twenty-nine in diameter, and constructed of galvanized iron. The principle of action is a suction fan, drawing air over a drum that is heated either by gas or electricity, then drawn or forced through a heavy belt of sponge, saturated with water. By lighting the gas or heating the drum with "juice" this warm damp air is thrown into the room, seventeen degrees warmer than when it enters the room. Or by turning out the heat the air is likewise cooled seventeen degrees by passing through the process. Eighteen hundred cubic feet of air per minute can be handled by the process, and can be used either as a heating or as a cooling system.

These are other uses for this invention, in fact the uses seem unlimited. There are receptacles about the contrivance for holding a disinfectant or perfume, and by opening a valve the fumes of these elements are thrown into a sick room, church or theatre. But the greatest work of this contrivance perhaps is as an air purifying agency, for every impurity is taken from the air as it passes through the sponge filtration process, and the impurities pass into the sewerage as the waste is connected thereto. Also there is a direct connection to the water and gas mains. The invention stands seven feet above the floor on an ornamental iron pedestal.

It is not necessary for any windows to be open, thus admitting dust, noise or drafts from the outside, for any building to be properly heated, cooled or ventilated by this invention. One of the larger machines will be shipped to Dallas at an early date for demonstration purposes.

"The inventor," Capt. Judia, states "that with one of these ventilators installed in home church or office, the occupant could live in the swamps of Florida by merely turning a valve and pressing a key he could inhale the blossom laden breezes of California."

The writer witnessed a lengthy demonstration and is free to admit that it seems a wonderful contrivance, and should fill a long felt want in many different lines.

## PLANS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BEING MATURED.

Now that you have appreciated, you are trying to break your contract."

Owing to the enormous increase in the world's production of gold, following the Klondike discoveries and the development of the South African Rand, the question of bimetallism has had for some time merely an academic interest. By yielding up her golden treasure nature came to the relief of the world.

Plats of land that is included in the proposed property exchange, and which have already been signed up are 10 acres in the southern part of Rosewell Heights, J. E. Luse; 10 acres near sewage disposal plant, W. P. Pulley; 3 acres west of J. W. Ray residence, A. L. Mayhew; 5 acres in Olson addition, A. J. Olson. Other tracts have been promised but as yet not transferred.

These small tracts of land are to be presented to the city by these citizens as park sites, in exchange for the city transferring the Britton property for the college. This question will be presented to the citizens in the form of a ballot at Tuesday's election when they may vote "yes" or "no" on the proposition of trade or transfer. Every one should vote in this matter, so that the parties who have this matter in hand may know the sentiment of the people. We believe that all desire the college and that they should assist in procuring it.

I John, 3-4. "Sin is the transgression of the Law." Come and hear the Bible's doctrine concerning sin.—Grace Ev. Lutheran Church.

## POE IS IN FAVOR OF FINISHING DAM

Denounces Report That he is Opposed to Finishing Dam as Campaign Propaganda—Favors Economy in Municipal Affairs.

Mr. R. L. Poe, one of the candidates for City Commission, whose candidacy was endorsed by the Citizens League, published a denial in the daily paper a few days ago relative to a report that had gained circulation in some quarters, that he was opposed to finishing up the dam.

An American representative sought Mr. Poe, who emphatically denied there was any truth in the report, and stated:

"I am surprised that anyone who knows me would give credit to such a report. I realize that water is the greatest need we have, and while I might have opposed the building of a lake at such cost, but as a business man I certainly favor finishing the work already started. I would never give my consent to throwing away half million dollars already spent on the dam, which would be the case if work stopped out there now. But in the event a commissioner opposed this work, he would be powerless to void a legal contract, but I emphatically favor finishing the dam as originally started, and secure a water supply for Cisco for all time. This huge lake will mean a great real to Cisco, and lets speed up the work.

"My position on this project is to finish the work as we go. We have a shining example in our road system of unfinished work, and I favor constructing the dam as we go, and make a finish job of it as the work progresses. In other words, what dam we construct, if only ten feet high, finish it that far, and should financial difficulties arise, and money would not be available, then we would have a finished dam for impounding the capacity to the capacity of the dam then constructed.

"What would one think of me if I started a crop, and after I had planted it, and worked it out one time, should suddenly abandon it and let it grow up in weeds, thus losing the considerable amount of money already invested? Or, suppose the bank with which I am connected should loan money to a stockman to fatten up a bunch of cattle, and his money should all be expended, but his cattle were not yet in condition for market, and it would be necessary to furnish him more money to put these cattle in shape for the bank to get their money already invested, would it be a wise policy for the bank to lose the money already in these cattle, or advance this stockman a few hundred dollars addition that we might get all our money? Anybody knows it would be foolish not to stay with the stockman, and stay with him until he could realize enough on his cattle to pay his debt to the bank, and possibly make a profit. These cases are similar to the dam project. We have half a million dollars invested out there now, and I am in favor of investing enough additional to secure a sufficient water supply for Cisco, and to realize a return to the city on the investment.

"If I am elected Commissioner I shall favor all constructive measures that are within the financial reach of Cisco. But I do not favor spending money needlessly, and will oppose wastefulness in municipal affairs at every turn. I want economy, but not at the expense of efficiency. Lets build a greater Cisco, but not at the risk of destroying the credit of the town we are building."

Mr. Poe is actively in the race for Commissioner, and those who watch the trend of elections, predict his election by a handsome majority.

Following is the card Mr. Poe placed in the daily, which gives his emphatic denial of the report that he opposed the dam:

To the Voters of Cisco

It having been called to my attention that it was my policy to stop work on the dam, if I am elected City Commissioner. This is but campaign propaganda, put out by those who would cause my defeat. No statement could be further from the truth, and I here brand this and any similar report that I am opposed to any constructive measures where same are needed for Cisco's progress, as absolutely false.

I am opposed to spending the City's money needlessly, and will oppose waste in public money as I would my own affairs. But first, last, and all time, I favor finishing

## MAHANEY DRAWS FOUR YEAR TERM

After Short Deliberation Jury Sentences G. N. Mahaney to 4 Years in Penitentiary for Assault With Intent to Murder.

The present week has been consumed in the 88th district court with the trial of G. N. Mahaney, who was charged with intent to murder upon L. J. Starkey on February 3rd, last. There were many from Cisco attending the trial all the week, up to the time the case was given to the jury, and even for some time after the jury had retired. But the evidence was only considered a short while before the verdict was returned assessing the defendant's punishment in the penitentiary for a term of four years.

The evidence introduced by the state was practically that which was published in the American at the time of the affray.

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It is presumed that the usual formalities of requesting a rehearing will be made, and an appeal made, though it is not stated.

The companion case against Mahaney for assault upon Ross Marchman is yet to be heard.

## DRURY NOW SETTING CASING.

Seems that at last there is action on the south side with the Drury well, pointing to an early completion of this well, that has been watched by Cisco citizens for so many months.

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of Tom the party was a complete surprise, so carefully had the arrangements been carried out that he was in perfect ignorance of any celebration, in which he was the central figure, until after all were invited into the dining room, where a table loaded with the choicest viands met his astonished eye. Even the birthday cake, with its 76 candles all lighted, put completeness upon the festive board. After partaking of this palatable feast, and each felicitating their parent upon having reached his 76th milestone in life's journey, he was presented with appropriate birthday gifts from his children.

They were present his five children and their wives and husbands, and children. Mr. Walker is the father of Commissioner Frank Walker of this city.

the dam. If elected I shall favor building the dam, and would favor finishing it by section, so if any unforeseen misfortune overtakes us, and we should be unable to complete it at this time, according to the original plans, I want what work that is done to be finished as it goes, so if for any reason we could not finish it up, we would have the dam built high enough to impound water up to the top of the finished dam.

Water is the most essential matter to Cisco's progress, and I favor, and will work for the completion of the dam at Lake Cisco before any other improvement is undertaken. This is the paramount issue, and we must finish the dam first, and take up other matters later.

You can say without fear of contradiction, that I favor the dam, and any report that I am opposed to necessary improvements is put out by those who wish to see me defeated.

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R. L. (LEE) POE.

## TRAIL BLAZERS OF EASTLAND COUNTY

Early Settlers Encountered Indians—Recovers White Man's Scalp From Dead Warrior—Mr. Farmer Was a Pioneer.

The following article was handed to the American this week by Mr. Van Farmer, son of the writer of same. The article was written for the Cisco Round-Up by Mr. Farmer several years ago and we are pleased to again publish this old time history of these early settlers in this section which was then termed "The Wild and Woolly West," by some.

### M. V. Farmer

"I was born in Shelby county, Tex. May 21, 1838. This country was very thinly settled at that date. People had to farm for a living, there being very little stock in the country. All settlers lived in log houses covered with three to four foot boards. We had no nails but used rib poles, laid the boards on them and then chimneys were put up of sticks and clay. Farm implements consisted of a bull tongue plow, a twisting shovel and a hoe, all made at the blacksmith shop. We broke the land with those plows, then laid it off, dropped the corn and covered it with the hoe. In those days corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkins and peas were the main crops. Money was very scarce and not much was needed, as we lived on what we raised, and as for our clothing, we planted one or two acres of cotton, the family picked the seed out with their fingers and the women carded, spun and wove it into cloth. We tanned our own leather, made our own shoes and hats. Our work stock consisted of oxen, and a horse in harness was scarcely ever seen in those days. We broke our land and cultivated our crops with oxen. We were a free people, had a free country, free grass and free timber. This is not so now.

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**PICOT EDGE WORK.** Indians. They did not do much stealing and killing until 1857. The first killing done by the Indians in Jack county was that of the Cameron and Mason families in 1858 in Lost Valley. The next was two families in the west fork of the Trinity river four miles north of Jacksboro, and happened in 1860.

"In 1861 I was married in Jacksboro to Mary Jane Buckner. A little later on I mustered into the Confederate service. We elected our own officers and was chosen lieutenant and put at the head of a scouting party. We had a little fight with the Indians and killed one. I took his bow and quiver off of him. I found a white man's scalp tied to his quiver. This was three miles from our ranch on Keechi. As we went back to the ranch we met some men following the trail of the Indians. They told us that the Indians had killed William Youngblood and scalped him. I told them I had the scalp and gave it to them. They carried it back and put it on him before they buried the body. They killed neighbors of ours all around us.

"At this time meat was no object but bread was. We had to go one hundred miles to mill. On account of Indians stealing them we had to buy horses from one to three times each year. We got tired of this and in 1867 gathered together a herd of eight hundred cattle and started to market. I took my family to Nav-

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### PIONEER FIELD CLASSED HIGH

Pioneer, March 30.—Many of the larger companies in the Mexia field which has been so good for the past six months are sending their scouts into the New Pioneer field, and scrambling for holdings, close into production.

So fast as sufficient acreage can be procured, rigs are rushed in and adorn the horizon as if by magic. Prices are soaring to heights undreamed of some weeks ago, in this section.

The Pioneer oil field has many advantages over most of the Texas fields. The oil is found in a shale which is from fifty to seventy-five per cent sand. The gravity of the oil is forty-three, according to operators, the oil commands a bonus to twenty-five cents. The sand is found at a comparatively shallow depth, about 2460 feet. The wells produce for a long period and a well can be drilled in about twenty-five days.

Eleven wells have been drilled in this field and eleven producers have been found. There are at present about forty rigs and locations, with a large number of proposed locations, according to local oil scouts.

Locations with timbers and rigs up reported at the last moment are the following: Roy Hickman, 1; Tate, 1; Moore, 1; Brown Oil Co., W. A. Eakin, 1; Block 29, townsite, 1; McClure by Humble, 3; Brown Oil Co., 14 acre townsite, 1; States Oil, 2; Harris, 1; L. King, 3; Baird Heirs, 1; Gooch, 2; B. F. Eakin, 5; W. J. Bryson Noco Oil, 1; W. J. Bryson Pennant Oil, 1; C. O. Moore on the Acker, 1; W. R. W. Smith, 1; Flip-pin, 1; Johnson, 1; W. J. Johnson 92 acre, 1; Teston, 2 and the B. W. Webb, 2.

Cross Cut is deemed to be on the southwest side of the structure if it is running northwest and southeast.

### NEW INTEREST IN

#### THE EASTLAND FIELD

Eastland, Texas, March 30.—Seems that new life is being injected into drilling operations in the Eastland pool, where a number of wells are expected to be drilled in this week.

Oil activity continues to increase in the Eastland field, with two completions during the past week. The first of these was that of the Plateau company on the Beard tract, about three miles northeast of town. This is a deep well and the Ranger pay was touched at 3,630 feet. A strong gas pressure was struck and a flow of oil that is estimated at 100 barrels per day or better. There was some water in the well, coming in from the top of the black lime, but this has been cased off.

This is on the same tract as the big well of the Plateau on the Beard, which is now producing more than 300 barrels daily after having been in for more than a year and which came in as a 1,000-barrel well.

The Lake district furnished one completion, that of Root, Rhodes & Sikes, on the Gibson. This well is 1,000 feet north of Brelsford's No. 3 which is the best producer around the lake. Very much to the surprise of the drillers oil was struck in the Gibson at a depth of 1,675 feet. It is making about 100 barrels flush production.

There are three more wells close to Eastland that should be completed within the next week. One of these is the Day & Davis, on the Davenport, which is now past 2,500 feet and which is in proven territory and would seem a sure shot for a good well. The Gulf Production Company's well on the Kinnebrew, three miles west of town, is now past 3,000 feet and is expected in within three or four days. This well has casing trouble at 2,200 feet and was delayed two or three weeks. It is on the western edge of production in the Eastland field, so far as a deep test is concerned. Should it be a producer it will be the cause of much further development in that part of the field.

The Donnelly Drilling Company, on the Burkett, a mile southwest of town, has the 6-inch casing set and is almost ready to drill in, barring unexpected trouble. This is an offset to the west of the Occidental Oil Company's big gasser on the same tract and it is a sure shot for either oil or gas. The prevailing opinion among oil men is that a big oil well will be brought in close to the big gas well on this tract. The Unit well, another offset to the Occidental to the east, was recently drilled deeper into the sand and responded with a flow of 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The pressure was so strong that drilling had to stop.

The Courtright well, on the Rosenquest, two miles east of town, is down 1,200 feet. This probably is the most important test going down in the Eastland territory, for if it should prove a producer it would open up thousands of acres of undeveloped land. This well lies midway between the big producers northeast of Eastland and the great gas fields lying south and southeast of town.

### 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 holden 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. 1913, 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 the 24th day of February A. D. 1922.

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

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

ROY NUNNALLY Clerk,  
By L. C. REED, Deputy.

### COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

second Sunday in April. Advertise same in the county papers, tell everybody to come and bring a well filled basket, also state that Sabanno will be prepared to entertain all county delegates that are present on Saturday evening.

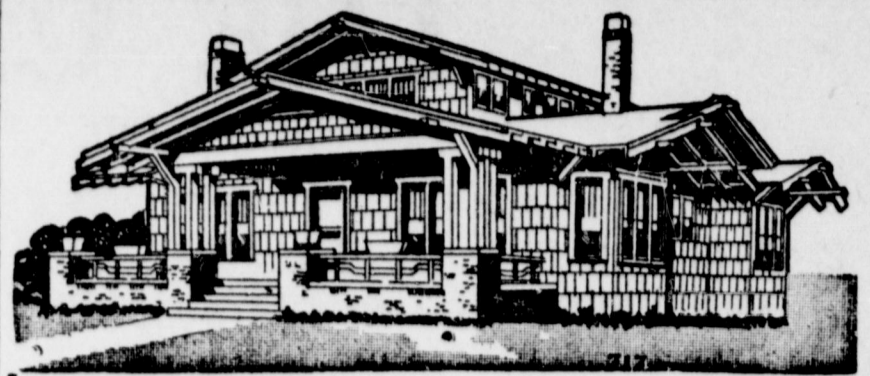
Mr. Spoon of the local class informs us that quite a delegation of local singers and lovers of music, expect to attend this convention on the date stated.

The Cisco class will have a representation of five delegates at this convention. These delegates have been appointed and will be present at the business meeting Saturday evening at 7:30. There will also a number of officers and leaders who are allowed to vote, attend this evening session.

The five delegates are Mrs Newman, Miss Ila Mae Munn, Miss Kate Chambers, Miss Clara Dudley and Miss Nora Briden. No doubt there will be a great number of Cisco people who will drive over for the excellent singing on Sunday.

Attorney S. W. Pratt was in Stamford and Odessa on legal business the first of the week.

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## Business Revival Thru By-Metalism

Might Solve Financial Muddle—Will the Country Call for a Bryan to Lead the People out of the Financial Wilderness?

The country is now experiencing some of the effects of an inflated standard of money values. Owing to the large increase of the supply of gold, supplemented by the unprecedented demand for the products of the country, due to the World War, prices went sky high during the past three years, but when the demand ceased, and through the manipulation of the commercial blood which supplies the arteries of business of the world, the purchasing power of our gold standard dollar as thrived in value.

Those of us who saw in the double standard to check upon such inflations of both commodities and money, were told that "we favored a dishonest dollar." But now, those who really profited by selling their wares on an inflated market for what is now proven a "dishonest dollar," are not saying a word when prices of commodities have reached the lowest figure in many years, while the purchasing power of the gold standard dollar is at its highest value, measured by what it will buy, or at least by what the farmer has to buy.

The American believes the manipulation of the Federal Reserve Bank System is largely to blame for the for present conditions certainly not the supply of money—rather it is the power to control this volume of money, which is now largely vested in the Federal Reserve Bank system, which by special edict curtailed the output of money to the people, forcing a liquidation of business so suddenly that financial wreck and ruin following closely upon the heels of the manifesto issued by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank system about one year ago.

And relief from the present situation is in the dim future. Is it possible that the country may turn to bimetalism for relief, and another Bryan called to lead the people out of the financial wilderness into which they have been plunged by those controlling the money of the United States who wished to increase the purchasing power of the money they reaped from inflated prices during the late war?

An echo of the fierce campaign for bimetalism is found in the following story from the Christian Science Monitor, when that paper reminds us of the charge brought against the farmers in the Free Silver Campaign, nearly a quarter of a century ago, when it defends the

### Honesty of the Farmer

When the controversy in the United States over the proposal to return to a bimetallic monetary standard was at its height about twenty-five years ago, it was the custom of the defenders of the single standard to denounce the advocates of bimetalism as dishonest debtors who wanted to pay their creditors in depreciated dollars. To the assertion that the supply of gold at that time was entirely too small to provide a sufficient volume of redeemable currency for growing business needs, the usual reply was: "You borrowed money or contracted debts in terms of gold dollars. Now that gold has appreciated, you are trying to break your contract."

Owing to the enormous increase in the world's production of gold, following the Klondike discoveries and the development of the South African Rand, the question of bimetalism has had for some time merely an academic interest. By yielding up her golden treasure nature came to the relief of trade and industry, long hampered for lack of a proper supply of money, with the result that, as anticipated, industrial and commercial conditions were greatly improved. If the course of prices has not always confirmed the views of those who hold to the quantitative theory of money, it has shown that an increased supply of the standard metal that is the basis of currency has been an important factor in facilitating the greater production and distribution of wealth. Not even the most orthodox banker or financier would now assert that to broaden the basis of currency and credit systems would be repudiation of debts.

The same argument, or lack of argument, that was used against bimetalism, that it was intended for the relief of dishonest debtors, is coming to the front again in connection with the movement among the American farmers for changes in the banking and currency laws that they believe will prevent such violent deflation in prices as that of two years ago. That the Federal Reserve Bank system is a great improvement over our former system is admitted by our farm leaders, but they do not concede that it is per-

fect, and are demanding certain amendments that they believe will benefit not only agriculture, but industry and commerce as well. Some of their proposals, such as that embodied in the bill introduced by Senator Ladd of North Dakota, providing for the issue of large amounts of irredeemable legal-tender currency direct to the people, are doubtless ill-advised, as tending toward currency inflation that would, through high prices, defeat its object.

But it is a mistake on the part of the banking interests, and newspapers speaking for them, to represent the farmers as merely actuated by a desire to repudiate part of their debts. The American farmer is honest. He believes in keeping his obligations. He recognizes that the recent enormous shrinkage in the value of his products to a great extent is his part of the economic loss and waste due to the World War. He bought costly implements and machinery on credit on the war-inflation basis, and finds now that he has to give far more of his crops in payment for what he owes. He is trying to find a way by which prices of what he sells and what he buys can be stabilized. If better banking laws, or the administration of the present laws more in the interest of the productive industry, will bring about this result, he should not be accused of dishonesty because his interests may at some points clash with those of bankers or financiers.

## WILEY HARBIN OF EASTLAND ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

In this issue we are authorized to announce Mr. Wiley Harbin of Eastland, as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Eastland county, subject to the Democratic primaries to be held in July.

Perhaps our readers are better acquainted with Mr. Harbin than the editor of the American, but he comes to us under the tongue of good report, and has resided in Eastland county for 32 years, and those who are not acquainted with this gentleman, we ask to investigate his qualifications before casting their vote.

Inasmuch as Mr. Harbin gives his platform, the American invites your attention to what he says, which we hope you will read carefully, and note the things he stands for:

"In announcing my candidacy for Sheriff of Eastland county, I do so with a firm belief that every public office is a public trust, and those upon whom the individual burdens fall should know and feel that these institutions of ours belong at all times to the people, and not to the individual officer, or to any one set or class of citizens. With this in mind, if I am elected, I expect to let all of my official acts reflect that the office is bigger than the man and that he is only a humble servant of a great many people composed of all classes and degrees of human make-up. My idea of service in the biggest and best way is to obey the will and wishes of all good people and to call upon them to help me curtail and control the actions of the lawless. This is what the office of sheriff was created for, and I still believe in the real and true wisdom of its creation.

"First of all, I stand for clean politics, clean methods of law enforcement and clean, manly ways of dealing with all with whom I shall have occasion to deal. I believe that the county as a whole can be made as clean and as law-abiding as any respectable community in it. If one part of our county is rotten it is not because the majority of the people of the county wish it and want it to be so. Isn't it because this portion is not under the best control of the law-enforcing bodies? Isn't the fault usually with the individual officers whose sworn duty it is to clean out the rotten element? This, in my mind, is what the office was created for, and what the majority of the people believe is true. If I am elected sheriff of Eastland county I expect and will clean out the rotten element, or else hand my commission back to the people who elected me and permit them to get some one who can.

"To those who do not know me personally, I wish to say that I have been raised in Eastland county. I have lived among you for 32 years. I am a married man with two children. For the last three years I have been working in the oil fields, and for this reason I feel that I am fairly well acquainted with the conditions as they have existed here since the oil boom. I have no patience with the general idea of some that an oil field is not a place for good people to live and raise their children.

"I expect to make a campaign absolutely free from personalities. I expect to be elected upon my own individual efforts and merits, not upon the merits or demerits of any man or any worn-out tired-bare issues that the people are tired of hearing and reading about. I solicit the vote and influence of all good people

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Mr. Latson, who has the contract for the construction of the round house and sheds for the C. & N. E. states that he will begin work on these structures within a week or ten days. The buildings will be constructed of brick and hollow tile.



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

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- For County Attorney:  
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(For Re-Election.)
- For Sheriff:  
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WILEY HARBIN.
- For County Treasurer:  
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- For Supt. of Public Instruction:  
ULALA HOWARD.  
(For Re-Election)
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6:  
J. H. McDONALD,  
R. W. H. KENNON.
- For Constable, Precinct No. 6:  
N. A. (RED) PENNINGTON,  
L. J. STARKEY
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
HENRY S. STUBBLEFIELD  
(For Re-election.)
- 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. He asks the consideration of the voters of the city.

For City Commissioner:  
We are authorized to announce R. L. (LEE) POE for the office of City Commissioner of Cisco, at the City election to be held April 4th, 1922.

The American is authorized to announce J. B. BLITCH for re-election to the office of City Commissioner of Cisco, at the City election to be held April 4th, 1922.

**THE CITIZENS' TICKET**

Before another issue of the American will have been published the election for City Commissioners will have passed and the results known. Believing in an economical administration, several hundred of the voters of Cisco have met and organized the Citizens League. This body has been functioning for some time, and at a recent meeting named three candidates for City Commissioners, in whom they have faith as economical, honest and upright gentlemen. These gentlemen are pledged to certain reforms and retrenchments that a majority of our people believe to be necessary. If you wish to see Cisco get from under the load she is carrying it will be your duty to vote the ticket endorsed by the League. A solid front of League members means their election, and the American hopes to announce that each of these men have received the majority of the votes polled.

We realize that the preferential ballot is a big obstacle, as many do not understand how to vote intelligently, but you have ample time to post yourselves, and see that you mark the X opposite the men you want to vote for, and be sure to place the X in the column—first, second or third, as you wish to vote. The candidates are J. B. Blitch, R. L. (Lee) Poe and W. A. Cunningham. In voting for these gentlemen mark an X in the first column opposite each of the names. Then, in the second and third column place an X opposite the other names in the second and third columns. But vote for those whom your League has endorsed. This means better government, and notice to the whole city that you are on the job.

**MAYHEW TAKES OVER ALEX WARD PROPERTY**

A deal was made this week whereby Mr. A. L. Mayhew becomes the owner of the Alex Ward property in the burned district on Avenue D, and Mr. Mayhew in turn sold his corner lot to Carroll Bros. Considerations are not given. It is understood that Mr. Mayhew will build a modern business house on the Ward property, and Carroll Bros. will build an up-to-date auto establishment on the Mayhew corner.

**PREACHERS SEEK SPIRITUAL LIGHT**

Some Correspondence to Eastland Paper by Ciscoans the Outgrowth of the Ministerial Work of Evangelist Bennett.

Cisco American.  
Will you give space to the article of Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey and my reply in your valuable paper. That the people of Cisco may be informed will say that Mr. Stuckey in a communication to the Oil Belt News, denying that he had tendered the use of the Methodist church to Mr. Bennett in which to conduct his meetings in Cisco, stated that he did "not believe in Divine healing as taught by Mr. Bennett."

In a communication to the same paper I requested Mr. Stuckey to state "just what kind of Divine healing he believed in." To which he replied, through the same paper, mailing me a copy of same.

W. H. KITTRELL, SR.  
Mr. Stuckey Seeks Illumination  
"If the Right Rev. Dr. Kittrell, Sr. elder in the church of the Living God, (Kittrellites) had written to a Cisco paper there would have been no necessity of my answering, for anything he writes answers itself with the good Christian people of Cisco. Dr. Kittrell appears to desire light, and I'll request a little illumination from him. I'll ask him to throw light on these two questions for the good people of Eastland: First, Dr. Kittrell, do you believe that a preacher who stumped the state of Texas for the open saloon and against prohibition, and who recently has written to a certain large paper in Texas articles against our federal prohibition amendment, has any power with God in prayer?"  
"Second: Do you think that a preacher who made open defense of Sunday picture shows, both in newspaper articles and in public speech, has any power with God when he prays for the healing of the sick? Really, Dr. Kittrell, don't you believe that quinine or castor oil would have more effect than the prayer of such a preacher? In order that you may be sure to read this Dr., I am sending you a copy through the mail. Now come clean and let the people of Eastland know where you stand and what you are. Give us light!"

With best wishes to everybody I am,  
"Sincerely yours,  
"LEWIS N. STUCKEY."  
Kittrell Comes Back at Stuckey  
Cisco, Texas, March 16.  
Editor Oil Belt News  
Have just read Mr. Stuckey's reply to my request to enlighten the public as to "the particular brand of divine healing" in which he believed. He vouchsafed no information in this line, and one is left to infer that an outward application of the surgeon's knife and internal remedies, such as he underwent for a recent operation for appendicitis, is "the brand" he advocates. This kind, however we fail to find in Jesus' ministry of healing.

As to the prefixes to my name of "Rt. Rev. Dr." let that go.  
"Elder," a scriptural term, is all I arrogate to myself.  
The designation "Reverend" which Mr. Stuckey uses in his letter heads

and envelopes, I find ONE time in the Scripture: "Holy and 'reverend' is thy name, O Lord" (Psalms 111:8)  
As to question No 1 as to why I opposed prohibition: I affirm absolutely that it is contrary to the teaching of the Old and the New Testament.

Moses in Deuter. 14-26 permitted the use of "Wine and strong drink." Solomon paid "Twenty thousand baths (9 gal. equal 1 bath) of wine to Hiram, King of Tyre, for timber to construct the "House of God." The temple was a type of the church.

Jesus made "the best wine" at the wedding feast which was "the beginning of miracles and manifested forth His glory."

Paul and Peter (or should I say the Reverend Paul and Peter) forbid the excessive use of wine.

These are my reasons for opposing a movement that condemned God, His prophets and His people.

As to the "Sunday picture shows" there is not one sentence in Matthew to Revelation which enjoins Sunday observance and as one who professes to teach as Jesus and the apostles taught, could not advocate what they did not.

As far as the laws of the land command the Servance of Sunday, I advocate its observance.

Now, Mr. Stuckey, as to the good Christian people of Eastland county think about my attitude, it has no impelling influence on me. If every man, woman and child with you at head with all the "Reverend" advocate measures contrary to God's word it would not deter nor over awe me from contending for the Truth of God's word.

There is a higher tribunal to which I appeal to decide between you and all who endorse you.

Let God's judgment decide. And Mr. Stuckey, he will do it in a decisive way. Don't forget this.

If you and your adherents are "on the Lord's side" he will make it known by "pouring out on me His indignation."

Let this be done is my prayer in Jesus' name.

Respectfully,  
W. H. KITTRELL, SR.

**BARN BURNS AT 809 W. 10TH**

The department responded to an alarm turned in from 809 W. 10th street yesterday evening, which proved to be the born at this number. The origin of the fire was occasioned by a small child throwing a lighted match into a pile of straw "to see it burn," as the child stated. The barn was a total loss. No insurance. The property was owned by Jewie Hooks and occupied by Mr. Ford.

C. W. Hock, living near, suffered a loss of \$300 to his barn, house, garage and car. No insurance.

**NEW SIGN ADORNS STORE**

Morris Simon has just had an attractive sign painted on the side of his building, which was the subject of comment from many. Painter George Bock, who has been quite ill for some time past, is out again, and did this job for Mr. Simon, and it is a neat sign, at that. Mr. Simon has just had the front of the building neatly painted. He is one who believes in improving his property, and doing those things which will enhance to its attractiveness and life. Mr. Simon is one of those enterprising citizens who tries to keep right up with the procession. When the edict went forth about a year ago that all awnings must be removed from the front of business property, he was one of the first to obey the order, and removed his awning, which was not of the regulation type—chain awning, but yet not an unsightly frontage.

However, there are still unsightly awnings in front of several buildings, and some have not thought it necessary to obey the ordinance which required their removal. The American thinks that if one is required to conform with an ordinance or regulation, all should be. We notice this applies especially regarding the sidewalk ordinance. Some have complied, but many have not.

Mr. Nannis has opened a Singer sewing machine office in the old Connor Bakery stand where he has a nice display of these favorite machines. Mr. Nannis was until quite recently, connected with the district Singer office at Ranger. This gentleman has moved his family to Cisco and expects to make his home among us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blalock of Clyde, are visiting their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gaddis. This couple have just returned from an extended visit to their children in Oklahoma.

**GOOD HAT FREE**

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arro county to stay until I came back. We went north, thinking we would find a better market. We drove about six hundred miles without seeing a road, no settlement and no person except at Fort Arbuckle and only a few soldiers there. The first settlement we struck was Abilene, Kansas, and only a depot, one store and a saloon was there. It took six months to make the trip.

"I never took my family back to the ranch until 1869. We thought the Indian troubles were over and we returned. I employed hands to gather some cattle to take to Shreveport. We got them gathered and was going to start with them on Monday. On Sunday I went to a neighbor's house and returned. I had not been back more than ten minutes when wife stepped out on the porch. She said: "Yonder is somebody driving horses." I went to the door and saw that it was Indians. They had the house surrounded. I secured my two seven shot rifles and commenced firing on them, but they succeeded in getting away with all our horses. If I had been a few minutes longer in returning they would have murdered my family. I secured a yoke of oxen, hitched them to the wagon, put my family in it and left there. I never took them back there to live.

"Wife and I went through all the Indian troubles together. She had many narrow escapes as well as myself, but we lived through it all and are still living. She has been a faithful companion. I have followed the Indians as long as eleven days without a bite to eat except what wild game we could kill on the trail, and this roasted on the camp fire without salt or anything else. While on these trips I have been caught in snow storms. Then we would kill buffalo and make tents of the hides, flooring them with the same material. We enjoyed it all, as we were accustomed to this kind of life. I have been in many fights with the Indians, and this is only a light sketch of frontier life in those days. What I have here stated is part of my own experience, none of it second hand.

"We left Jack county in 1889 and stayed away until 1879 and then sold out there and moved west. We located in Eastland county in March, 1879. This country was very thinly settled at that time. I settled four miles west of Cisco where I now live. Our nearest railroad was Fort Worth. I stretched my tent where I now live, cut logs and built a house, covered it with post oak boards and used the ground for a floor. As the summer came on the water gave out and we had to carry it one mile in buckets for house use. We drove our stock four to five miles to water. To avoid inconvenience we moved to Post Oak creek, near Deep creek, and stayed there until it rained. I brought a nice bunch of cattle to this country with me. I had a good rifle and knew how to use it. We never suffered for meat, milk and game. For a time I had to go one hundred and twenty miles for bread, but had done this before coming here. There were no wire fences here then, as everything was in the open and free, and I did not think that I needed any land as I had free access to it all anyway, but I took up 160 acres of school land. I put in a farm, which seemed useless in this dry country, but after the first year I made enough for my bread. This was the main item, though I had to take my wheat sixty miles to have it ground into flour. My crop was principally wheat. A good many people came to this country at this time and took up land but the drouth and crop failures caused them to leave and give up their homes. They would ask me if I was going to stay, and I told them that I came to stay.

"When I first settled here we had about two generaloundups a year, now we can have one every week. All we have to do is to step to the mail box and get it and sit down and round up the news of the country. I was one among the first to subscribe for the Round-Up—M. V. Parmer, Cisco, Texas.

"I want to add a little to my history as this has been written several years. This brings me up to the year 1922. My home is four miles west of Cisco where I settled in the spring of 1889 and if I may live to see May 21st I will be 84 years old. I never paid a fine, was never arrested by the officers or put in prison. If I have an enemy I do not know it. I now take the Cisco American. I like this paper because it stands for the right and that is what I stand for.

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At the evening service there will be a Lay sermon by Mr. B. F. Gaiter, whose ability as a speaker assures an interesting and enlightening discourse.

**Grace Evangelical Church**

Corner 16th St. and Ave. F, Rev. A. Arndt, pastor. There will be services on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sermon topic will be "Mankind Ruined." Visitors are cordially invited.

**Christian Science Society**

Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Ave. D. 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.

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### PUTNAM OIL NEWS

The Callahan county shallow oil field is getting the greatest play this week that it has gotten yet. There are more prominent oil men in Putnam looking after their wells, leases or securing leases than has been this year before. Messrs. Moore and Snebold are here with representative of the Texas Natural Gas department, looking over their big gasser brought in last week on Joe Neuman lease, near center of section 8. Mr. Snebold reports this to be the largest gasser that he has seen in this field. If arrangements are made with the pipe line company for connection, these people will turn their attention to gas entirely in this particular locality, as a gas well of the immensity of the one just drilled in is much more profitable than the usual oil well.

C. B. Cook et al. have repaired their machinery and are drilling again in same section as Moore and Snebold, just to the northeast.

Tremble and others let a contract Wednesday for an off-set to Moore and Snebold's big gasser on the north in same section, 8. This well is to be spudded in inside of the next few days.

Owens is drilling on Ramsey tract in section 2995, around 125 feet.

Fred S. Knisley spudded in on J. M. Cunningham lease, section 135.

McNight drilling in north field at 504 feet, struck gas at 494.

Baird Development company drilling at 396 feet. Expecting to drill in near this depth.

Sam Roberts et al. are off-setting their own producer, 150 feet.

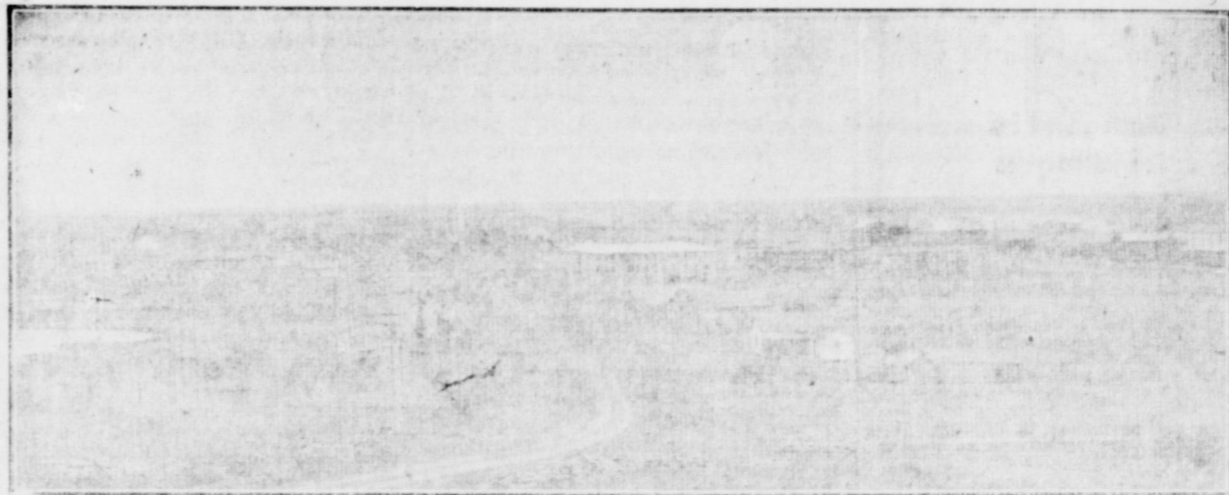
Ungren and Simon drilling at 150

Frank Ezzell well on R. D. Williams lease, T. & P. cleaned out at 500 feet and showing some oil.

Messrs. F. W. Kirk, O. A. Tibbetts and R. F. Scott, the former oil operators, of Fort Worth, Mr. Scott a banker and rancher of Paris, with Dr. Kennedy, geologist of Fort Worth are on the Scott ranch, four miles south of town this week working out the structure for several new locations. This section of the field is getting considerable interest at this time, from some very prominent operators.

Mr. Van Bebbler, west on the Grant lease, section A-124-T, off-setting the Ohio Cities 40,000,000 gasser, drilled about three years ago, are drilling around 300 feet.

J. L. Kennedy drilling about a mile east of the big gasser, and J. M. Tanner with a two mile strip up and down Deep creek to the northwest of the big gasser, has contract let for eight wells, one down below 400 feet in a hard lime. This territory with its vast amount of drilling operations, coupled with what has already been proven in this territory, promises to open up one of the greatest shallow oil fields in the



Do you know this town? It is Putnam way back in the "mineral water" days. You will no doubt be in our TRADES DAY exercises today. Keep this picture and we will try to get one of Putnam today for you in the near future so that you can compare them with Putnam two years from today.

country. The H. L. Mobley well on section 26 in this same territory is now 200 feet and drilling.

We are informed that a 1500 acre deep test drilling contract has been made by some Abilene parties to drill a deep test two miles west of Cottonwood.

### Putnam Locale By Honor Pupil

Marvin Jeffries.

Mr. W. D. Cinton and family have moved back to their old homestead near Scranton from South Texas, where they spent the winter.

Miss Lois Green of Crystal Falls is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Lawson.

Mrs. I. H. Jones returned home Tuesday from a visit with her mother at Comanche.

Putnam's junior boys' baseball team started the season right by defeating Seranton team at Seranton by a score of 4 to 3.

Uncle Tom Davis, who has been quite ill, is improving. A rig has been moved to a location on the John Isenhour tract just outside the western boundary of the city limits.

Mr. P. L. A. Jeffers of Dallas visited relatives here the past Sunday.

Mr. I. G. Mobley Jr., had the misfortune last Saturday of breaking the little finger of his left hand while paying ball.

Mr. L. L. Reese visited in Cross Plains last week.

Mr. Otis Grisham is visiting in Cross Plains this week.

Mrs. Maggie Cook of Baird has been visiting relatives here the past week.

Miss Gladys Eastern and Edith Ballons of Baird spent the week-end in Putnam.

Miss Annie Williams of Cottonwood spent the week end with Miss Irene and Lillie Mae Eubanks.

The U. S. B. Oil company, northwest of town have started a new well. Mr. W. A. Everett and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Rutherford of Cottonwood.

Mr. L. L. Shed has placed an oil rig on the Julia Smith survey, section 1, and will start drilling this week.

Mr. J. M. Tanner of San Marcus is visiting in Putnam this week.

Miss Kate Kennedy of Goree was visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. R. D. Williams left Monday morning for Fort Worth on business.

Mr. A. J. Hurst spent the week-end with relatives in Cottonwood.

Mr. A. J. Hurst has moved to the Isenhour addition.

The Methodist revival closed Sunday, March 26. Mr. B. F. Russell and Mr. J. W. Culwell joined the church.

There will be a home coming of the Missionary Baptist church on April 2, 1922.

### TO VOTE ON INCORPORATION

Judge J. R. Black was down from Baird Tuesday and ordered an election to be held on the second Tuesday in April, same being the 11th day of April, at the Mission Hotel, for the purpose of deciding whether the people desire to incorporate the town of Putnam, Mr. John Cunningham being appointed presiding officer of the election. This movement is being taken for the purpose of securing for the town an adequate supply of clean water and sanitary regulations.

Mr. R. D. Williams went to Fort Worth Sunday, returning Monday night with three car loads of cattle which he purchased there.

### CULLINGS FROM COTTONWOOD

Special Correspondence.

Cottonwood, March 27.—The nine months drouth was broken Friday night by a good rain. The rain came up at about 12 o'clock and lasted until daybreak. All farmers wore pleasant faces Saturday.

Friday night there was a mass meeting in which some oil drilling contractors made the people of the community a very interesting proposition. It is possible that there may be some test wells put down in the near future.

Cottonwood's street is a very busy place since the developing of oil in the Pioneer field. This being on the road to Pioneer and only about ten miles from the field.

The Chambers of Commerce of Abilene and Baird sent to Cross Plains Thursday quite a bunch of boosters. As they passed through our town they stopped and favored us with some splendid music from the brass band of each place. who really know, indicate. Also the recent advance in crude in different sections seems to bear out their propesy, as fairly correct.

A. J. Joenson, head of the well-known Stock Exchange house of A. F. Johnson & Co., and one of the best posted men in the financial and business world, is convinced that the outlook for the oil industry has definitely turned the corner and that it will not be a great while before his is reflected in advance in prices or crude in various fields.

### NEW BUSINESS HOME

The large brick airdome building—Mr. T. A. Coppinger, who has been sick for about three months, is reported to be slowly improving.

Mr. Harry Coppinger of Greenville, who has been visiting his brother T. A. Coppinger, returned to his home Friday.

Mr. S. N. Strahan has been real sick this week.

Commissioner Geo. H. Clifton has been having a new road tractor and grader demonstrated by grading some road up each of town.

The Chamber of Commerce of Abilene from Putnam last week.

Miss Mae Everett of Putnam, but formerly of Cottonwood, is visiting relatives and friends.

Cottonwood school closed Friday, the teachers will return to their homes in the next few days.

Mr. Victor B. Gilbert and Prof. Ben Russel of Putnam, were visiting in Cottonwood last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Brownlee left last Sunday for Stephenville where she will enter John Tarleton College.

Miss Beulah Whitehorn, who has been visiting friends at Putnam, returned to her home here Tuesday.

Mrs. Effie Falkenbury of Gorman, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bennett of this place.

### YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENTION!

A senior Epworth league has been organized, and the first meeting will be held Sunday, April 2, at 6:30 p. m., at the Methodist church. All young people of the town and community are urged to be present and are invited to become charter members, as this is the only society of its kind in Putnam. Come regardless of your church affiliation, and make it a community league. Program as follows:

Song—Miss Morine Orr, choirister  
Mr. Murphy Garrett, pianist.

Prayer—Mr. Ed Robinson.

Solo—Mary Mobley.

Scripture Reading—Mrs. Murphy Garrett, Willie Kennedy and Everett Williams.

Lesson—Ruth Mobley.

Prayer.

Male Trio—Messrs. Pierce, Shackelford, Frank Kennedy and Ernest Whitaker.

Reading of the constitution—Mrs. Clyde Longwell.

League Benediction—"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Signing of charter by members.

Welcome Committee—Mildred Sanders and Claude Cunningham.

Say, have you noticed how our political column is growing? Turn to it and see those new names that have been added.

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber of commerce meeting was well attended last Wednesday night. A new set of by-laws was adopted and the following officers were elected: President, L. E. Brock; vice-president, J. S. Yeager; secretary, John Burman; treasurer, R. D. Williams. Executive board: Y. A. Orr, W. W. Armistead, W. H. Narred, R. L. Clinton, M. M. Little and W. L. Bowman.

These meetings are taking on a great deal of interest again, and you will miss something good if you fail to attend.

Your monthly dues of one dollar are due and payable to Secretary Burman.

Don't fail to be on hand Tuesday night to help plan and boost for your town.

Mr. Clyde King is able to be out since having a spell of the flu.

Do you see anything in the Enterprise from your neighborhood? If not, why not write us the locals next week. We would be glad to have them from every community.

With the good ladies of Putnam for the Enterprise, watch her grow.

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CHAPTER IX.—The story comes to the spring of 1918 and the sinking of the Lusitania. The university is stirred to its depths. Faculty and "frat" societies alike wire the government offering their services in the war which they believe to be inevitable. Dora, holding the belief that all war is wrong, sees with horror the spirit of the students, which is an intense desire to call Germany to account. She seeks Ramsey and endeavors to impress him with her pacifist views.

CHAPTER X.—Miss Yocum's appeal somewhat disconcerts Ramsey, especially as the girl seems to place some real value on his opinions, and his feelings toward her are somewhat vague.

He stood irresolute, not sure that he wanted his dinner just then. It would have amazed him to face the fact deliberately that perhaps he preferred



**Don't Think People Have Very Much Appetite Today and Yesterday.** She Said.

being with Dora Yocum to eat. However, he faced no such fact, nor any fact, but lingered.

"Well—" he said again.

"You'd better go."

"I guess I can get my dinner pretty near any time. I don't—" He had a thought. "Did you—"

"Did I what?"

"Did you have your dinner before I met you?"

"No."

**PLEASANT HILL PARAGRAPHS**

Peasant Hill, March 27.—Farmers are all under in this community, because of the fine rain which fell Friday night.

A large number from this place attended the closing exercises of the Shady Grove school Friday night.

Tuesday of last week was shipping day for the Pleasant Hill Marketing Association. The highway from this place was well thronged throughout the day with wagons loaded with swine and other domestic animals being carried to the market.

Mr. Parks Poe spent the week end at Brownwood, where he went to visit one of our young preacher boys, Albie Hardin, who is doing ministerial work in Howard Payne College.

Mr. Lee Duke, of Long Branch, spent Saturday night and Sunday in this community the guest of the Messrs. Kinard.

Mr. Baxter Bennett and little daughter, Lottie Mae, of Eastland, visited the J. F. O'Brien home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carter, Mr. Treuley and Miss Nell Carter, of the Ballard Community, were dinner guests at the A. A. Abbott home Sunday.

Mrs. H. V. O'Brien has been quite ill with influenza.

Mesdames N. S. Kinard, and B. F. Trott were afternoon callers at the J. M. Harris home Monday.

Misses Mabel Kinard, Eunice Black, Messrs. Bruce Lasater, E. J. Kinard and Lawrence Trott, were entertained by the Misses Martin Sunday.

Messrs. I. J. Lasater and Dick Bacon were business visitors at the metropolis Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Poe returned Thursday from Fort Worth where he had been with a shipment of hogs for the Marketing Association.

Miss Virgie Hardin of Nimrod is spending the week with relatives in this community.

Mr. Cecil Weaver of Carbon spent Friday night with his cousin, Prof. Vernon Weaver, at the N. S. Kinard school having been closed at Shady Grove.

"Well, aren't you—"

She shook her head. "I don't want any."

"Why not?"

"I don't think people have very much appetite today and yesterday," she said, with the hint of a sad laugh, "all over America."

"No; I guess that's so."

"It's too terrible!" she said. "I can't sit and eat when I think of the Lusitania—of all those poor, poor people strangling in the water—"

"No; I guess nobody can eat much, if they think about that."

"And of what it's going to bring, if we let it," she went on. "As if this killing weren't enough, we want to add our killing! Oh, that's the most terrible thing of all—the thing it makes within us! Don't you understand?"

She turned to him appealingly, and he felt queerer than ever. Dusk had fallen. Where they stood, under the young-leaved maple tree, there was but a faint lingering of afterglow, and in this mystery her face glimmered with and sweet; so that Ramsey, just then, was like one who discovers an old pan, used in the kitchen, to be made of chased silver.

"Well, I don't feel much like dinner right now," he said. "We—we could sit here awhile on this bench, probly."

Ramsey kept very few things from Fred Mitchell, and usually his confidences were immediate upon the occasion of them; but allowed several weeks to elapse before sketching for his roommate the outlines of this adventure.

"One thing that was kind of funny about it, Fred," he said, "I didn't know what to call her."

Mr. Mitchell, stretched upon the window seat in their "study," and looking out over the town street below and the campus beyond the street, had already thought it tactful to ambush his profound amusement by turning upon his side, so that his face was toward the window and away from his companion. "What did you want to call her?" he inquired in a serious voice. "Names?"

"No. You know what I mean. I mean I had to keep calling her 'you'; and that gets kind of freaky when you're talkin' to anybody a good while like that. When she'd be lookin' away from me, for instance, or down at the river, or somewhere, and I'd want to start sayin' something to her, you know, why, I wouldn't know how to get started exactly, without callin' her something. A person doesn't want to be always startin' off with 'See here, or things like that.'

"I don't see why you let it trouble

**CHAPTER X.**

Now come clean and let the of Eastland know where you and what you are. Give us a best wishes to everybody I

"Sincerely yours,  
"LEWIS N. STUCKEY."

**Well Comes Back at Stuckey**

Cisco, Texas, March 16.

Oil Belt News

Just read Mr. Stuckey's rem- request to enlighten the, as to "the particular brand of healing" in which he believed, vouchsafed no information in.

"Just nothing at all. I started to call her something or other a hundred times, I guess, and then I'd balk. I'd get all ready, and kind of make a sort of a sound, and then I'd have to quit."

"She may have thought you had a cold," said Fred, still keeping his back turned.

"I expect maybe she did—though I don't know; most the time she didn't seem to notice me much, kind of."

"She didn't?"

"No. She was too upset, I guess, by what she was thinkin' about."

"But if it hadn't been for that," Fred suggested, "you mean she'd have certainly paid more attention to who was sitting on the bench with her?"

"Get out! You know how it was. Everybody those few days thought we were goin' to have war, and she was just sure of it, and it upset her. Of course most people were a lot more upset by what those Dutchmen did to the Lusitania than by the idea of war; and she seemed to feel as broken up as anybody could be about the Lusitania, but what got her the worst was the notion of her country wantin' to fight, she said. She really was upset, too, Fred; there wasn't no puttin' on about it. I guess that ole girl certainly must have a good deal of feelin', because, doggoned, after we'd been sittin' there a while if she didn't have to get out her handkerchief! She kept her face turned away from me—just the same as you're doin' now to keep from laughin'—but honestly, she cried like somebody at a funeral. I felt like the damndest fool!"

"I'm not laughing," said Fred, but he did not prove it by turning so that his face could be seen. "What did she say?"

"Oh, she didn't say such an awful lot. She said one kind o' funny thing though; she said she was sorry she couldn't quite control herself, but if anybody had to see her cry she minded it less because it was an old school-mate. What struck me so kind o' funny about that is—why, it looks as if she never knew the way I always hated her so."

"Yes," said Fred. "It wasn't flatterin'!"

"Well, sir, it isn't, kind of." Ramsey agreed, musingly. "It certainly isn't when you look at it that way."

"What did you say when she said 'hat'?" Fred asked.

"Nothin'. I started to, but I sort of

balked again. Well, we kept on sitting there, and afterward she began to talk again and got kind of excited about how no war could do anything or anybody any good, and all war was wicked, no matter what it was about, and nothin' could be good that was founded on fear and hate, and every war that ever was fought was always founded on fear and hate. She said if the Germans wanted to fight us we ought to go to meet them and tell them we wouldn't fight."

"What did you say?"

"Nothin'. I kind o' started to—but what's the use? She's got that in her head. Besides, how are you goin' to argue about a thing with a person that's crying about it? I tell you, Fred, I guess we got to admit, after all, that ole girl certainly must have a lot of heart about her, anyway. There may not be much fun to her—though of course I wouldn't know hardly any way to tell about that—but there couldn't be hardly any doubt she's got a lot of feelin'. Well, and then she went on and said ole men made wars, but didn't fight; they left the fighting to the boys, and the sufferin' to the boys' mothers."

"Yes!" Fred exclaimed, and upon that he turned, free of mirth for the moment. "That's the woman of it, I guess. Send the ole men to do the fighting! For the matter of that, I guess my father'd about a thousand times rather go himself than see me and my brothers go; but Father's so fat he can't stoop! You got to be able to stoop to dig a trench, I guess! Well, suppose we sent our ole men up against those Dutchmen; the Dutchmen would just kil the ole men, and then come after the boys anyway, and the boys wouldn't be ready, and they'd get killed, too; and then there wouldn't be anybody but the Dutchmen left, and that'd be one fine world, wouldn't it?"

"Yes," said Ramsey. "Course I thought of that."

"Did you tell her?"

"No."

"What did you say?"

"Nothin'. I couldn't get started anyway, but, besides, what was the use? But she didn't want the ole men to go; she didn't want anybody to go."

"What did she want the country to do?" Fred asked, impatiently.

"Just what it has been doin', I suppose. Just let things simmer down, and poke along, and let them do what they like to us."

"I guess so!" said Fred. "Then, after while, when they got some free time on their hands, they'll come over and make it really interesting for us, because they know we won't do anything but talk. Yes, I guess the way things are settling down ought to suit Dora. There isn't goin' to be any war."

"She was pretty sure there was, though," Ramsey said, thoughtfully.

"Oh, of course she was then. We all thought so those few days."

"No. She said she thought it probly wouldn't come right away, but now it was almost sure to come sometime. She said our telegrams and all the talk the brand so much feeling and everything showed her that the war thought that was always in people somewhere had been stirred up so it would go on and on. She said she knew from the way she felt herself about the Lusitania that a feeling like that in her would never be absolutely wiped out as long as she lived. But she said her other feelin' about the horribleness of war taught her to keep the first feeling from breaking out, but with other people it wouldn't; and even if war didn't break out right then, it would always be ready to, all over the country, and sometime it would, though she was goin' to do her share to fight it, herself, as long as she could stand. She asked me wouldn't I be one of the ones to help her."

He paused, and after a moment Fred asked, "Well? What did you say to that?"

"Nothin'. I started to, but—"

Again Fred thought it tactful to turn and look out the window, while the agitation of his shoulders betrayed him.

"Go on and laugh! Well, so we stayed there quite a while, but before we left she got kind of more like everyday, you know, the way people do. It was half-past nine when we walked back to town, and I was commencin' to feel kind of hungry, so I asked her if she wasn't, and she sort of laughed and seemed to be ashamed of it, as if it was a disgrace or something, but she said she guessed she was; so I left her by that hedge of lilacs near the observatory and went on over to the Teria and the fruit store, and got some stuffed eggs and olives and half-a-dozen peanut butter sandwiches and a box o' strawberries—kind of girl-food, you know—and went on back there, and we ate the stuff up. So then she said she was afraid she'd taken me away from my dinner and made me a lot of trouble, and so on, and she was sorry, and she told me good-night—"

"What did you say then?"

"Noth— Oh, shut up! So then she skipped out to her dorm, and I came on home."

"When did you see her next, Ramsey?"

"I haven't seen her next," said Ramsey. "I haven't seen her at all—not to speak to. I saw her on Main street twice since then, but both times she was with some other girls, and they were across the street, and I couldn't tell if she was lookin' at me—I kind of thought not—I thought it might look sort o' nutty to how to her if she wasn't, so I didn't."

"And you didn't tell her you wouldn't be one of the ones to help her with her pacifism and anti-war stuff and all that?"

"No. I started to, but— Shut up!" Fred set up, speaking. "Go she thinks

you will help her. You didn't say anything at all, and she must think that means she converted you. Why didn't you speak up?"

"Well, I wouldn't argue with her," said Ramsey. Then, after a silence, he seemed to be in need of sympathetic comprehension. "It was kind o' funny though, wasn't it?" he said, appealingly.

"What was?"

"The whole business."

"What 'whole bus—"

"Oh, get out! Her stoppin' me, and me goin' pokin' along with her, and her—well, her crying and everything."

"No, I mean it; you ought to," Fred insisted, earnestly, and as his room-mate glared at him with complete suspicion, he added, in explanation, "You ought to go next Callers' Night, and send in your card, and say you felt you ought to ask if she'd suffered any from the night air. Even if you couldn't manage to say that, you ought to start to say it, anyhow, because you— Keep off o' me! I'm only tryin' to do you a good turn, ain't I?"

"You save your good turns for yourself," Ramsey growled, still advancing upon him.

But the insidious Mitchell, evading him, fled to the other end of the room, picked up his cap and changed his manner. "Come on, ole bag o' beans, let's be on our way to the 'Frat house'; it's time. We'll call this all off."

"You better!" Ramsey warned him; and they trotted out together.

But as they went along, Fred took Ramsey's arm confidentially, and said: "Now, honestly, Ram, ole man, when are you goin' to—"

Ramsey was still red. "You look here! Just say one more word—"

"Oh, no," Fred expostulated. "I mean seriously, Ramsey. Honestly, I mean seriously. Aren't you seriously goin' to call on her some Callers' Night?"

"No, I'm not!"

"But why not?"

"Because I don't want to."

"Well, seriously, Ramsey, there's only one Callers' Night before vacation, and so I suppose it hardly will be worth while; but I expect you'll see quite a little of her at home this summer."

"No, I won't. I won't see her at all. She isn't goin' to be home this summer, and I wouldn't see anything of her if she was."

"Where's she goin' to be?"

"In Chicago."

"She is?" said Fred, slyly. "When'd she tell you?"

Ramsey turned on him. "You look out! She didn't tell me. I just happened to see in the Bulletin she's signed up with some other girls to go and do settlement work in Chicago. Anybody could see it. It was printed out plain. You could have seen it just as well as I could, if you'd read the Bulletin."

"Oh," said Fred.

"Now look here—"

"Good heavens! Can't I even say 'oh'?"

"It depends on the way you say it."

"I'll be careful," Fred assured him, earnestly. "I really and honestly don't mean to get you excited about all this, Ramsey. I can see myself you haven't changed from your old opinion of Dora Yocum a bit. I was only tryin' to get a little rise out of you for a minute, because of course, seriously, why, I can see you hate her just the same as you always did."

"Yes," said Ramsey, disarmed and guileless in the face of diplomacy. "I only told you about all this, Fred, because it seemed—well, it seemed so kind o' funny to me."

Fred affected not to hear. "What did you say, Ramsey?"

Ramsey looked vaguely disturbed. "I said—why, I said it all seemed kind o'—"

He paused, then repeated plaintively: "Well, to me, it all seemed kind o'—kind o' funny."

"What did?" Fred inquired, but as he glanced in seeming naivete at his companion, something he saw in the

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Eggs	16
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Since the fire which destroyed the entire stock of hats of the Exclusive Hat Shop, Mrs. Kennon has received the late spring styles which were ordered some time before the fire, but, fortunately, failed to arrive. Their lateness in arriving enabled her to recommence business with an absolutely fresh stock, as nothing was saved from the fire. This season Mrs. Kennon is featuring the well known

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# Petroleum News From State and Local Fields

What the People are Doing to Increase the Petroleum Production in Texas—Facts Gathered of Interest to Oil Men.

This week we are inaugurating "the oil section," an entirely new department of the American for Americans. In this section we will endeavor to give reliable information at all times concerning operations in the different fields of the state, especially newly discovered fields. In no respect will this be a "boom page" but we will endeavor to give unpolished facts at all times. We will appreciate oil news from any source at any time. We care nothing for long drawn out reports from any certain field, but do desire condensed reports from all growing fields every week. But we again insist that any correspondent or informant confine their remarks to absolute facts for the foundation of this page will at all times be "truthfulness."

### DEEP TESTS FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY

Baird, Texas, March 30.—For the past three years the operators of Callahan county have seemingly been satisfied with the shallow pay, and have paid very little attention to the deep sand, which was known to exist in that field. But recently there have been contracts signed, and four deep tests will be made in widely separated sections of the county this year.

The Dudley Oil and Gas Company will at once begin placing equipment on the ground where they have made a location fifteen miles southwest of Baird.

The Lincoln Oil Company is making arrangements to sink a deep test in the northern part of the county, over near the famous Moran shallow pool, where it is thought that there exists a rich pool of oil, at a depth as yet unpenetrated.

The Clyde Callahan Oil Company, who have been drilling near Clyde for some months, have sold and transferred their holdings to Mr. C. M. Edgett, an independent operator, from Wyoming, who will rush this well to completion, we understand.

The Powell Oil Company are also placing material for another of the deep tests in the northwest corner of the county, where they hope to uncover a pool, as yet in strictly wild cat territory.

### BRECKENRIDGE NOW A REFINING CENTER

Breckenridge, Texas, March 30.—Breckenridge is coming into the limelight in the past few months as a gasoline refining center.

Reports given out during the past week show that for the month of January there were manufactured in the Breckenridge field a total of 1,184,381 gallons of gasoline. Of this amount there were shipped out 1,038,122 gallons. This represents in cash to the local plants about \$185,000.

There are twenty gasoline plants here, the latest in the field being the Roesar & Pendleton Gas Co., with a daily capacity of 6,000 gallons. This plant will be in operation in full capacity in a few days. It is located in the Curry pool and is the first to be built in that important field.

It requires 1,400 tank cars per month to handle the shipment of gasoline, or about forty-six trainloads. Most of the gasoline is billed to California and Eastern points.

All of the twenty plants manufacture casing head gas only. All of them are operating at full capacity, and still the raw material lacks a great deal of being handled.

### WELLS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Local people are watching the territory to the southwest of Cisco with great interest some twelve miles, where the Feensland people are starting a real active drilling campaign.

Some geologists insist that the sand that has been picked up in the McBride well, is the Pioneer sand, and it seems they have strong reasons for this statement, when they are to be found at approximately the same depth.

If this is true, there may be one great oil territory lying between Pioneer and this city throughout the wide expanse of sandy territory.

Two more tests are to be made very soon in the territory 12 miles southeast of here which was opened up several months ago by the Charley McBride well. The Feensland test, which is located three-quarters of a mile northwest of the McBride well, is now at a depth of about 1,100 feet.

The McBride well hit the pay at 2,472 feet and is making about 125 barrels of oil daily through a bridge which has never been cleaned out. It is predicted that this well will be good for 700 barrels easily when cleaned out. The Feensland well gives every promise of being a producer. One of the new tests will be made about one-half mile southwest of the McBride well, and the material is already on the ground preparatory to building the rig.

### EX-MAYOR OF FORT WORTH VISITS THE PIONEER FIELD

Pioneer Oil Herald:

Mr. W. D. Davis, ex-mayor of Ft. Worth was a visitor here most of the week, going to Cross Plains in the evening for the nights.

He was here looking over the field and is materially interested but may get heavier into the oil business in this field.

Talking about the sand storms and the local conditions he says that it doesn't worry him, as he was raised up out near here and he is at home in this vicinity as much as most of the folk.

Might be a good idea for Pioneer to get a hustle on, get incorporated and invite Ma Davis to become its first mayor, eh?

### FAMOUS POOL EXTENDED

Breckenridge, March 30. — The Currie pool section has been receiving more attention in the past few months than other sections of Stephens county.

Much interest has been aroused by the bringing in of a 300-barrel well by the A. E. Landreth Company, which makes an extension of the Currie pool approximately one mile to the west and is arousing much interest in oil circles today. Currie pool has been the center of attraction to oil men for the past several months because of the excellent producers secured from wells drilled in that vicinity.

The new well is located on the H. J. Dodd lease on the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of section 81 of the Blind Asylum survey, and the pay was struck at a usual depth for the territory around 3,100 feet, it is said.

The well has never been given a shot and preparations are under way for a shot of nitroglycerine that will be placed in the hole in an attempt to make it flow more abundantly.

Wofford Camp and Lewis and others have a new producer on the Brown lease No. 4 in the Currie pool good for 300 barrels. A shot of nitroglycerine has been placed in the hole and the flow has increased to 500 barrels per day.

### GOOD WEEK IN MEXIA FIELD

Mexia, March 30.—New pep was injected into the operators of the Mexia field last week when the report went forth that The Texas Co. had declared a twenty-five cent advance on Mexia crude. This advance was instantly met by the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Nine new gushers with a total flush production of over 28,000 barrels is the record established by the Mexia field for the week just ending.

The Mexia field started the week with two wells. The Elk Hills Consolidated Oil company's Koenig No. 3 came in early Monday morning for 6,000 barrels flush. This is perhaps the best Fish Pond well that has come in for some time.

Humphreys Berthelson No. 12 is in the main field and up on new acreage. However, it is conservatively estimated at 4,500 barrels.

Humphreys Oil Company's No. 3 Thomas 3,000 barrels.

The Humphreys Oil Co. brought in two new producers Tuesday. They are the Humphreys Berthelson No. 17 and the Humphreys Gamble No. 4. The Berthelson is credited with making 1,500 barrels, while the Gamble is listed as a 2,000-barrel producer.

The Prairie Hill well was reported as gassing heavily at 1,155 feet Tuesday night. Its depth reached 1,260 feet. The well is the Baker No. 1, being drilled by Arthur Davidson et al.

Six new producers with a total flush production estimated at over 18,000 barrels daily, have been reported completed in the Mexia field since Wednesday at noon.

The new wells and estimated production are:

The Sun Company's Sherrer, 5,000 barrels.  
Humphreys Oil company's No. 11

## PROF. J. H. SURLS Scientific Masseur

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Humphreys Oil & Refining company's No. 7 Koenig, 2,000 barrels.  
Plummer's Creek well on the J. I. Thompson tract was swabbed for fourteen hours Wednesday and approximately 850 barrels of crude taken from the top of a sand at 3,025 feet, according to reports. The hole will be cleaned out and drilled deeper, it is said.

### BRIGHT FUTURE FOR INDUSTRY

Many of the larger operators and financial experts of the nation see a bright future ahead for the oil industry, and the men interested in petroleum, as statements from men who really know, indicate. Also the recent advance in crude in different sections seems to bear out their prophecy, as fairly correct.

A. J. Jeonson, head of the well-known Stock Exchange house of A. J. Johnson & Co., and one of the best posted men in the financial and business world, is convinced that the outlook for the oil industry has definitely turned the corner and that it will not be a great while before this is reflected in advance in prices for crude in various fields.

### NEW BUSINESS HOME

The large brick airdome building, at the intersection of Sixth and Main, is now in the hands of workmen making same into a modern building. This structure is owned by Mrs. Holcomb, who is having a roof put on and a concrete floor laid preparatory to letting it to one of the larger local motor firms, we are informed for their business home.

### "33" INCHES IN LAKE BERNIE

Mr. Scott, active manager of the Cisco water department, informs us that the recent rain put thirty three inches of water in Lake Bernie which with proper conservation, will perhaps add a 60 day supply to what we already have. Soon we hope to see the lake full and every body able to use all the water they care to.

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NOTICE  
The Eastland County Singing Convention meets with the Sabanno Singing Class, the second Sunday and Saturday night before in April. We have given everyone a cordial invitation to come and meet with us, especially singers.

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"THE UNDERSELLING STORE"

#### THE FORD AS A BAROMETER OF BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Take the Ford car as a barometer of business, and you won't go far wrong. The Ford is also a good measure of values. When times are good Ford sales increase, for the Ford is the poor man's buggy. The Irishman said: "The rich, they ride in chases, and the poor, they walk be jases." That is all changed. The rich they ride in limousines, but the poor they ride a Ford.

But as a measure of value, the Ford is not bad. Take for instance the Ford as a comparison of values—what produce it takes now to buy a Ford, compared with 1913. Some statistician has compiled the following, which will indicate that at least Fords have kept pace with most commodities in price reductions. It takes just about half as much farm produce now to buy a Ford as it did in 1913. Look at these figures:

- buy a Ford car.
- 1922—5 bales of cotton would buy a Ford car.
- 1913—1270 bushels of corn would buy a Ford car.
- 1922—776 bushels of corn will buy a Ford car.
- 1913—690 bushels of wheat would buy a Ford car.
- 1922—415 bushels of wheat will buy a Ford car.
- 1913—1587 bushels of oats would buy a Ford car.
- 1922—1037 bushels of oats will buy a Ford car.

#### DO YOU WANT A NEW HAT?

Morris Simon will give you one. Look up his advertisement in this issue. It is no joke, no fake. He will give the hat to everyone just as he advertises.

Romans, 7:7. "By the law is the knowledge of sin." Come and hear of this use of the law.—Grace Ev. Lutheran Church.

#### STARKEY ANNOUNCES FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 6

The American is authorized to make the announcement that Mr. L. J. Starkey is a candidate for the office of Constable of this Precinct No. 6, subject to the democratic primaries.

In introducing Mr. Starkey we hardly feel that we are introducing a stranger, for he has made Cisco his home for the last several years, and is well and favorably known to many of our readers. Up to the time of the unfortunate affray in which he was severely wounded, he was engaged in the service car business, and doing special work for the legal department of the county. At one time he was special guard for the mails between Cisco and Breckenridge, holding a federal commission while so employed. This employment was significant in the fact that the government authorities require intelligence, discretion and courage. These Mr. Starkey has, and such qualifications he will carry into the office if elected.

Mr. Starkey is not popular with those who make a practice of violating the laws, and if you make him your Constable he promises to see that Cisco will be too unhealthy for this class.

Many look on the precinct offices as of little consequence, when as a matter of fact greater care should be used in the selection of men to fill these offices than many of the county positions. If you have proper men in the precinct offices the grand jury will have little to do in that precinct, and there will be no necessity of deputy sheriffs thronging the cities. Your Constable and Justice should apprehend and dispose of all misdemeanor offenses, and the felonies should be thoroughly investigated, and the evidence preserved for the grand juries, to the end that little work should be required by that body in finding its indictments.

Mr. Starkey comes to us from the county of Collingsworth, and lived in Wellington before coming to Cisco. The best way to tell who and what a man is should be gauged by the opinion of those who know him best, and for the people to become perfectly familiar with his past life he submits the two letters from his former associates, most every one of whom is a business man:

**To Whom It May Concern:**  
Wellington, Texas, March 20, 1922.—We, the undersigned citizens of Wellington and Collingsworth county, having our attention called to the fact that there was being an effort made to secure or manufacture evidence derogatory to the character of L. J. Starkey, a former citizen of our county, hasten to denounce said effort, and freely state that L. J. Starkey, during all the years of his residence among us, dating back almost to boyhood, was an upright, honest and law-abiding citizen, standing for the things that make for good citizenship, and we have unbounded faith in him, and believe he will be found standing for the things that are right under all circumstances. Furthermore: He was exempt from the military service in the late World War but volunteered for service, was accepted and was in France when the war ended.

C. B. Myers, M. C. Somerville, Roy Dobbs, Austin O'Neil, Jno. Bevers, J. R. Collins, E. F. Lewis, Lee N. Gregg, J. E. Leggett, M. S. Carpenter, R. H. Coker, R. L. Templeton, R. H. Templeton, S. M. Pedigo, C. E. McKinney, P. W. Myres, C. J. Glenn, W. W. White, A. Y. Bell, S. K. Parsons, Thomas H. Speight, H. A. DeLamar, G. W. M. Earley, John L. Anderson, F. Watkins, F. H. Royal, W. R. Moore, R. H. Royal, E. C. Scott, H. E. Sherwood, J. C. Dean, J. E. Christoph, J. J. Bowen, H. M. Longino, J. T. Howell, J. R. Benson, C. B. Anderson, J. M. Shields, O. L. Couch, J. A. Vaughan, Tom Bell, H.

B. Worley, M. D., J. W. Payne, J. T. Payne, Clifton Cook, W. A. Cook, Percy Wells, J. A. Leach, J. V. Lankford, L. M. Reynolds, C. H. Claperton, W. W. Neeley, Joe Hardy, J. T. Goode, R. W. Dickerson, J. C. Wells, H. C. Couch, C. W. Roberts, T. E. Bengel, J. M. Fuller, H. R. Fleming, E. B. Haralson, A. L. Moor and E. C. Parsons.

At the time of the difficulty Mr. Starkey states, the following letter was in his pocket:

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Wellington, Texas, January, 17, 1922.—It has come to our notice that L. J. Starkey has been solicited to act as peace officer at his place of residence, and we take this means of expressing our confidence in his fitness for the duty. We have known him for years, and we know him to be fearless, and to possess the other qualifications that go to make a good officer.

- J. E. Leggett, president crottem City Council.
  - J. V. Lankford, sheriff.
  - C. E. McKinney, deputy sheriff.
  - R. H. Templeton, Mayor.
  - Jas. O. Mahan, county attorney.
  - J. M. Fuller, county clerk.
  - B. G. Young, tax assessor.
  - J. A. Wood, postmaster.
- (Political Advertisement)

#### THEFT OF AUTOMOBILES AS WHOLESALE BUSINESS

A recent issue of the Ballinger paper contained an account of the arrest of Gordon and Lewis, and in his confession Lewis is alleged to have told something of the plans adopted in carrying on the wholesale traffic in stolen cars. The account as appeared in the Ballinger paper is as follows:

"Jack Gordon is in the Ballinger jail charged with auto theft, and a man by the name of Lewis, alleged to be an associate of Gordon, is in jail at Belton charged with stealing autos.

"As a result of the arrest of the two men, a half dozen autos alleged to have been sold in this county by Gordon and Lewis, are in the hands of the local sheriff, and others are due to be delivered here pending their identification by parties at different paces in the state who have lost cars within the last few weeks.

"It is alleged that in his confession Lewis told the officers that he and Gordon and others were associated together in stealing and selling stolen cars. They operated a garage in Fort Worth, according to the confession of Lewis, where stolen cars were carried and prepared for sale. The number plates on the engines were chiseled off and other numbers were substituted. Lewis stated that Gordon had charge of West Texas territory and was assigned Brady as his headquarters. Brady being designated as branch headquarters for this district.

Gordon and Lewis carried regular blanks for making transfers of cars when they made a sale, always giving a bill of sale to the cars. It is alleged that Gordon had some of the blanks in his possession when arrested.

The officers declare that in the arrest of Gordon and Lewis they have uncovered one of the most gigantic wholesale gang of auto thieves ever to operate in Texas. For several months cars have been disappearing from various cities in Texas, and never heard of again, and the efforts of the officers to run down the thieves failed. Other arrests will follow.

(Note: The above is part of an article appearing in recent issue of the paper at Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. A. C. Sellers will soon leave for Abilene, where he has accepted a position with the Abilene Light & Power Co.

Mrs. S. E. Hittson is visiting friends in Dallas.

## .....Mitchell Bros.....

### OFFER

A high class line of Jewelry, Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Etc. at the right prices.

#### ....SERVICE....

—is our watchword—that means when you buy an article at this store that it must be right or we make it right.

—Service also applies to our Repair Department.

#### WHY TAKE THE CHANCE?

#### ....SERVICE....

## MITCHELL BROS.

JEWELERS

## Beckham's Laundry

STILL DOING BUSINESS AT THE SAME OLD STAND

### Phone 639

#### TRACTOR DRILLS WELL

The Blease Motor Company recently sold to Mr. C. W. McElreath a Fordson tractor, and states that the new owner of the Fordson is finding the machine a very efficient implement. Besides the service of pulling loads, plowing and ordinary uses, Mr. McElreath used his Ford-

son to drill a well on his farm, and it takes the place of a steam engine in many ways, and is also using it to run his dynamo to generate electricity.

Mrs. O. R. Walton and father, Mr. Bennett, and her little son, left yesterday for a visit to their sister and daughter in Dallas.

## Common Sense

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## Red Tape

Which is the less expensive or trouble in the two following examples—we will leave it to you:

For instance, if we would give an orange away, we would say: "We give you this orange." But if you received the aforesaid orange by one versed in the intricacies of red tape, and high sounding phrases, the giver would be accompanied by the following verbosity:

"I hereby give, bequeath, convey, demise all and singular my right, title, claim of and into the aforesaid orange unto John Doe, his heirs and assigns forever, with full power and authority to bite, cut, squeeze, suck, or otherwise, eat, devour or consume same; and I do grant unto the said John Doe full power and authority to reconvey, give, bequeath, transfer, or sell the aforesaid orange to whomsoever he will, with or without the peel, rind, skin, juice, pulp, pits or seed, to have and to hold the same forever; and I do warrant and defend the title to aforesaid orange, free from any encumbrances whatsoever."

Our business is conducted on the Common Sense Plan—Free from Verbosity and Red Tape, and therefore can save you Money on your Auto Supplies.

Come and do business with us on the Common Sense Plan.

## Blanken Auto Supply

900 MAIN STREET CISCO, TEXAS

## WATCH OUR STORE

YOU MISS A WHOLE LOT IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUR SPECIALS THESE DAYS

—Step in the very next time you are down town, NEW GOODS coming in regular and being placed on SALE.

—WE intend to offer the trade some SPECIALS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK and it will pay you to WATCH OUR STORE. Here is a

### SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

10 QT. ENAMELED WATER BUCKET AT

## 38 CENTS

## Everybody's Store

O. D. BIBBY, Proprietor

## For One Hour Only

From 3 to 4 p. m. Saturday, April 1st, we are going to sell 10 dozen Silver Ring Wash Boards at **35c EACH**. Cheaper than before the way. Only one to a customer.

Nothing Charged, Wrapped and Set Aside, Nor Delivered

## Gray Hardware Co.