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Depositions of Judge Starnes

In Litigations Growing out of the Road Bonds, Especially the Disposition of the \$50,000.00 Bonds Alleged to be Held in Chicago.

The American is publishing below a part of the depositions of Judge C. R. Starnes relative to his knowledge of certain transactions growing out of the road bond muddle. This testimony is given as it appeared in the Oil Belt News of Oct. 21.

Everything that will give light on the road question, or the disposition of the bonds will be of interest to the people. In fact the public should have all the information available. The tax payers of the county have to pay for every bond that has been issued, and have a right to know where and how every cent is spent.

The \$50,000.00 Transaction
 Question No. 40: Please state whether a note executed by Sam D. Young, as President of the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, to the National City Bank of Chicago, on or about July 28, 1921, for the sum of \$35,000.00; in this connection please state:

- a. Whether any note for any amount was executed by the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, to the National City Bank of Chicago for \$35,000.00 or any other sum.
- b. If you answer in the affirmative than please state whose name is signed to the note.
- c. Who signed the name of the Security State Bank & Trust Company to said note?
- d. State whether said note was signed by the Security State Bank & Trust Company by Sam D. Young as president.
- e. What, if any collateral security was placed on the note?
- f. State whether \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, were pledged as security for said note, give a description of the same bonds and fully identify the same.
- g. Who carried or sent said notes to the National City Bank of Chicago?
- h. Who was present when the said loan was made?
- i. Were C. R. Starnes and Sam D. Young present at the time said note was made?
- j. Were C. R. Starnes and Sam D. Young in Chicago at the time said note was made?
- k. If they were in Chicago at that time, did they stop at the same hotel?
- l. If they were in Chicago at the

gether on the same train?
 o. If they were in Chicago at the time said note was made, did they return from Chicago together?

p. Whose bonds were hypothecated to secure payment of said note, if any were?
 q. Were the bonds so hypothecated the property of the Security State Bank & Trust Company?
 r. Were the said bonds the property of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company?

s. If said bonds were not the property of Eastland County, when, where, and under what circumstances were sold the said bonds, and what price did they get for them, and how were they paid for?

t. How did the \$50,000.00 worth of bonds hypothecated to secure the payment of the said note get out of the possession of Eastland County, or C. R. Starnes? Tell all you know about the transaction inquired about in this interrogatory, answering the same definitely and fully.

To questions a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i and j deponent answered: "Of my own personal knowledge I do not know."

k. C. R. Starnes was not—Of my own personal knowledge I do not know whether Sam D. Young was there or not.

l. Of my own personal knowledge I do not know when the note was made.

m. In July I stopped at the same hotel that Sam D. Young did.

n. I went to Chicago in the latter part of July, 1921.

o. Of my own personal knowledge I do not know when the note was made. In the early part of August I came from Kansas City, Mo., to Eastland, Texas with Sam D. Young.

p. Of my own personal knowledge I do not know.

q. Of my own personal knowledge I do not know.

r. Of my own personal knowledge I do not know.

s. Not having any personal knowledge of the various transactions above inquired I cannot answer.

t. All of the last one million dollars of Eastland County's bonds were attached to drafts in various amounts payable to Ed S. Pritchard, County Treasurer, and drawn by Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company on the Security State Bank & Trust Company with authority to redraw on other banks or bankers within the United States with bonds attached, and all of last series of bonds were delivered by the proper officer in the same manner. How they came into various possessions thereafter I have no personal knowledge.

Question No. 50. Please state whether you left Eastland County, Texas, on or about the 26th day of July, 1921, and if so, will you please state:

a. Where you went to.

b. Did you go to Chicago?

c. How long did you remain in Chicago?

d. At what hotel did you register?

e. Did you see Sam D. Young on such trip if you made such a trip?

f. If you answer the last question in the affirmative then please state whether he left Eastland with you and in company with you, or on the same train?

g. Were you in company with Sam D. Young in Chicago on or about July 28, 1921?

h. If you answer the last question in the affirmative, then state the what hotel Sam D. Young registered.

i. Were you in Kansas City on or about August 1st, 1921, or at any other time, and if so, when?

k. Did you send any telegrams to the Oil Belt News, or any one else in Eastland with reference to road matters of Eastland County while you were in Kansas City? If so, what was the substance of said messages?

In answer to the 50th direct Int.: I think it was prior to the 26th of July when I left.

a. To Chicago.

b. Yes.

c. About a week.

d. Yes.

e. No.

f. Yes.

g. The LaSelle.

h. Yes.

i. I was there on August 3rd or 2nd, I have forgotten which.

k. Sent several messages with reference to the road matter—Can not recall the substance of any of the messages.

Question No. 51: Please state whether \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, were hypothecated in the National City Bank of Chicago to secure a note dated on or about July 28, 1921, for the sum of \$35,000.00. And if you answer in the affirmative, then please state:

a. Give a description of the said bonds.

b. Where were you at the time said bonds were hypothecated?

c. Were you present at the time said bonds were hypothecated?

d. When did you first hear or learn that said bonds were hypothecated?

e. Did Sam D. Young ever tell you that he had hypothecated said bonds to the National City Bank of Chicago?

f. If you answer the last question in the affirmative, please state when, where, and under what circumstances Sam D. Young told you about said transaction, and what he said to you.

g. If you have answered that you have learned that \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County have been hypothecated to the National City Bank of Chicago, then please state whether you claim that said bonds are the property of Eastland County, Texas, and if so, upon what facts you predicate said claim; and tell all that you know in this connection.

Texas, on or about the 26th day of July, 1921, and if so, will you please state:

- a. Where you went to.
- b. Did you go to Chicago?
- c. How long did you remain in Chicago?
- d. At what hotel did you register?
- e. Did you see Sam D. Young on such trip if you made such a trip?
- f. If you answer the last question in the affirmative then please state whether he left Eastland with you and in company with you, or on the same train?
- g. Were you in company with Sam D. Young in Chicago on or about July 28, 1921?
- h. If you answer the last question in the affirmative, then state the what hotel Sam D. Young registered.
- i. Were you in Kansas City on or about August 1st, 1921, or at any other time, and if so, when?
- k. Did you send any telegrams to the Oil Belt News, or any one else in Eastland with reference to road matters of Eastland County while you were in Kansas City? If so, what was the substance of said messages?

In answer to the 50th direct Int.: I think it was prior to the 26th of July when I left.

- a. To Chicago.
- b. Yes.
- c. About a week.
- d. Yes.
- e. No.
- f. Yes.
- g. The LaSelle.
- h. Yes.
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- c. Were you present at the time said bonds were hypothecated?
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- g. If you have answered that you have learned that \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County have been hypothecated to the National City Bank of Chicago, then please state whether you claim that said bonds are the property of Eastland County, Texas, and if so, upon what facts you predicate said claim; and tell all that you know in this connection.

In answer to the 51st Direct Int.: a. Of my personal knowledge I do not know

b. I do not know of my personal knowledge when said bonds were hypothecated and cannot say where I was.

c. No.

d. The day the Security State Bank & Trust Company failed to open which I think was August 4, 1921.

e. Yes.

f. When we arrived at Ranger, Texas, we saw Mr. Webb, the County Commissioner and I leaned out of the window and asked him what the situation was and he said that the bank had closed. Mr. Young had asked some one who was getting on the train the same question and they told him that the bank had closed. Between there and before we arrived at Eastland, Mr. Young said that the Security State Bank had bought and take up \$50,000.00 of said bonds and pledged them to the National City Bank of Chicago, Ill. and that was all of the personal regrets he had in the handling of the bank's affairs.

g. Believing that the best interest of Eastland County demanded that we claim everything for the advantage of Eastland County, I have stated that we decline to accept the credit and wanted the bonds back.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

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Cream, Per lb.	32
Packing Stock butter	15
Hens, per pound	14
Spring, 1 to 2 lbs.	20
Spring 2 1/2 and over, per lb.	10
Turkeys, per lb.	.20 to .23
Koosters, per pound	.05
Pecan (dry) market.	

Prices on peanuts will be quoted next week.

Judge Eugene Lankford is in Comanche the rest of the week on legal business.

Mother's Cook Book

Oh! this is prime! Chestnutting time
 Has come at last, and so,
 While fields are white with gleaming
 time
 Into the fields I go,
 A basket on my arm to bear
 The treasure that I gain.

Oh, who would harbor thoughts of care,
 And who deem life in vain,
 While merrily the crickets call
 And chirry the chestnuts fall?

CHESTNUTS.

THE chestnut is most popular in all parts of the United States, though it is not grown in all places. It is palatable in almost any form and is used from soup to confection.

To remove the shells, make a slit one-half inch long in the side of each nut, then put them into a pan with a little butter, a half teaspoonful to a cupful of nuts, and shake them over the fire to cover with butter and become hot. Place in the oven and bake five minutes. Remove and with a sharp knife take off the shells and the inner brown skin will come off at the same time.

Cream of Chestnut Soup.

Cook two cupfuls of shelled and blanched chestnuts in boiling water until tender, pass through a sieve and add two cupfuls of scalded milk. Cook two tablespoonfuls of chopped onion in four tablespoonfuls of butter, add two tablespoonfuls of flour, and when well cooked add to one pint of cream or rich milk with the chestnut mixture. Season with cayenne and cook five minutes until the flour is well cooked.

Chestnuts en Casserole.

Remove the shells and inner skin as above from three cupfuls of chestnuts, put into a casserole and pour over three cupfuls of highly seasoned stock. Cover and cook slowly three hours, then add two tablespoonfuls of butter and one of flour; mix with a little cold milk, add to the stock and cook until thick. Serve from the casserole.

Chestnut Balls for Soup.

Take a cupful of chestnut puree, add a few drops of onion juice, two well-beaten eggs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, the same of thick cream and salt and pepper to season. Shape into balls and dip in egg and crumbs and fry in deep fat. Serve two or three in a bowl of chicken soup.

Chestnuts cooked in a thick sugar syrup flavored with orange juice and rind make a most delicious confection to serve as a garnish for various dishes.

Nellie Maxwell
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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB
 I never am lonesome
 For long
 Though I'm living unsought
 and apart
 For I play with, surprising
 to say,
 A mysterious
 friend in my
 heart.

Inexplicable.

Mrs. North and Mrs. West were confiding in each other as to their respective husbands.

"John is such a funny man at times," Mrs. North stated. "Now, take for instance this afternoon. I have a new fall suit and hat coming out about four o'clock, but in spite of that John went off to the golf links as usual."—Kansas City Star.

PUTNAM PERSONALS AND LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Special Correspondence.

Putnam, Texas, Nov. 15.—Miss Mildred Sanders, who is attending school at Abilene, spent the week end with Miss Maurice Orr.

Mrs. George Harris of Waco, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Edgar, last and this week.

The Young People's Class at the Methodist Church, have organized on the basis of the Wesley Bible Class. Visitors have a cordial invitation.

On Armistice Day the Putnam girls played circles around the Scranton basket ball team. Score 34 to 13. We are not talking loud about the boys' team, however.

Armistice day was observed by all businesses in Putnam. Everybody enjoyed a "day off."

Putnam expects to put on a Trades Day, beginning soon. Three new business places will be completed by the first of the year, and things are looking good. Come to Putnam. Bring your produce. We will have something attractive. Watch us grow.

Order your Thanksgiving Turkey dressed, 20 cents per pound, Cisco Produce Company. Phone 109. It's

Where We Worship

First M. E. Church South
 Corner Broadway and Avenue H, Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor. Services Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; J. J. Godbey, Superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League 4 p. m.; Senior League, 6:15 p. m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially welcomed.

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

First Presbyterian Church
 Corner Avenue G. and Broadway, Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Pastor. Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; H. L. Winchell, superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:15 p. m.; Evening Service 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public. A warm welcome to all strangers and visitors.

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

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

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

East Cisco Baptist Church
 Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second, fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Lawrence. Preaching on third Sundays by D. B. DeGuire. Sunshine Society meets at 2:30 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Church Conference last Wednesday night each month.

Church of Christ
 Services at the City Hall every Sunday. Bible study 10 a. m. Morning service 11:45 a. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited. —W. F. Cashion, Minister

Twelfth Street Methodist

East Twelfth Street and Ave. A. Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor. Services each Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; preaching first, second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by the pastor. Junior Epworth League each Sunday 3 p. m., Senior Epworth League 6 p. m., prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7 p. m.

Next Sunday, November 20, Rev. S. J. Vaughan will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Boyd at 7:15 p. m.

A WATCH FOR THE BOYS

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

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

Miss Eva Hodges of Parks, was singing in Cisco last Saturday.

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MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONS
 The following local unions meet at the Labor Temple, -206 W. Third street:
 Carpenters Local No. 1410—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. R. M. Johnson, president.
 Painters Local—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. G. A. Wilson, Secretary.
 Building Trades Council—J. C. Rupe, President.
 Laborers' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. G. A. Love, secretary.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
 Last year The American sold more Christmas Cards than all others.....
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LIVE AT HOME MEET SUCCESS

Interesting Talks on Better Agriculture—W. B. Starr Favored Vine Culture as a Money Crop and Soil Conservator.

By A. C. Briden

Organization formed at Eastland Saturday. Not the number present that was expected but all present were intensely interested in the many problems that are confronting the farmers at this time.

Senator Brelsford, county chairman of the Live at Home, called that body together at the district court room at Eastland Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This movement is more especially for the farmers and their interests, but also men from all walks of life can profitably take an active part in the work. Some regret the fact that the court room was not crowded to capacity, but if the body was lacking in numbers this surely was offset by the keen interest shown by those present.

So many interesting talks were made by many prominent men over the county it will only be possible to give a limited quotation from what we feel to be the most important, from the greatest number of subjects discussed.

"Best time on earth to break away from cotton farming."—County Agent Bush.

County Agent Bush expressed the opinion that there had never been a more opportune time than at present to jar loose from old "King" cotton, the gentlemen who have brought only sadness to his many subjects. For the past two or three years farming in this county has almost been at a standstill, and now as we are beginning almost anew, the agent advises strongly in favor of trying out some other of the many crops that are known to be suited to this section, to be tried out as a money crop.

"Farmers of the past have been ex-cow punchers, we must raise a generation of farmers, and these gentlemen will demand the modern convenience of his city brother."—Senator Brelsford.

The Senator brought out the fact that "farming in the past has been carried on in a very unbusiness-like method in many instances. The farmers did not properly study their soil from a chemical standpoint, to determine the best crops to be grown thereon. Terracing, conservation of moisture, diversification and rotation of crops. Commercial fertilizer and numerous other things which the present-day farmer should know had never been considered by farmers in the past to any appreciable extent. More definitely speaking, the farmer must get out of the rut, for a new age has surely dawned for agriculture."

"Vine Crops may not pay today, but listen for their message on the morrow."—W. B. Starr.

Mr. Starr brought out the important fact that the vine crop which it is so necessary to grow this country in order to keep the soil from blowing, may not be a visible money crop for the present, but they will keep the soil at home, and if turned under keep the fertility in this same soil for the generations that are to come. Many other intensely interesting topics of special interest were discussed by Mr. Starr, who is an active and practical farmer.

"To advertise the advantages of Eastland county as an agricultural country, in the North and East."—Commercial Secretaries Richardson and Peters.

These gentlemen, assisted by the heads of other commercial bodies plan to inaugurate an extensive campaign of advertising in the near future, setting forth the advantages of Eastland county as an agricultural country. This campaign will be carried on principally in the North and East, in an effort to get outside interest and capital interested in this rich farming section.

Other interesting speakers of the occasion were Judge Frost of Eastland, who was an active farmer on his place four miles north of that city until a few years ago. His talk was more especially in line of civic attractiveness as pertains to church houses, school houses and grounds and of farms and farm houses.

Mr. Andrew made an interesting talk along the line of home building, in making it an ideal place to live and that the making of money would be secondary, and would be provided for.

Many other interesting talks were

LEGION PLAY LOOMS LARGE

"Oh, Oh, Cindy" With Pretty Girls, Funny Comedians and Clean Catchy Songs will Interest Friends of the American Legion Nov. 29-30.

Theatre goers of Cisco and vicinity will be given a rare treat on the evenings of the 29th and 30th of this month when the John B. Rogers Producing Company stages their catchy musical comedy, "Oh, Oh, Cindy," under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion.

Miss Irene White will appear in the title role of "Cindy" and playing opposite her will be Frank E. Hills in the part of Stephen Craig, her betrothed. We are informed by the press agent that Miss White far outshines several of our best known movie stars. The part of Blanche Blondina, or "Goldy," offers a rare opportunity for Miss Ruth St. John to display her abilities as a dancer. She plays prominently in the production with the "Three Bears." One role which is certain to create favor with the audience is that played by Dr. Graham. The character is that of "Terrence O'Hooligan," manager of the "Follies" and affectionately known to the company as "Godmother." The role of Robinson Crusoe will be portrayed by Mr. Fullerton, whose antics at the rehearsals keep those participating in the play in a constant roar of laughter. "Friday and Saturday" are played by Tom Bristol and John Colquitt, respectively; and their work thus far bids fair to stop the show. "Lily" who acts as maid to "Cindy" and who later appears as a cannibal princess, will be played by Mrs. Nina Bristol. This part, under her interpretation, is one of the best and funniest roles in the entire cast. Miss Morim Haydon as "Le Crier" has an excellent opportunity to display her elocutionary abilities in this scene, while Mr. Buchanan as "Santa Claus" is all that could be desired.

Besides the ones mentioned, one hundred of Cisco's most popular and attractive young ladies will take part in the production. There will be a profusion of dances, catchy songs and everything else which goes to make a musical comedy a success.

The local post of the Legion is without funds with which to furnish a home and have taken this means to raise money to furnish and equip the club rooms in the Spencer building, so liberally donated to the use of the Legion by the Messrs. Spencer. This show is far above the ordinary show which visits Cisco and will be a real treat to all who enjoy a first class musical comedy.

FORMER EASTLAND COUNTY LADY DIES AT FORT WORTH.

Mrs. H. Merrill, who formerly lived near Cisco, but who has been living in Fort Worth for the past several years, died in that city Nov. 19th, at the age of 87 years. The remains were brought to Cisco last Monday and buried beside the grave of her husband who preceded her in death about twenty years ago. The funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. E. H. Holmes of the First Christian church, deceased having been a member of this church when she lived in Eastland county. Funeral was under the direction of the H. C. Wipern undertaking establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merrill, her son and daughter-in-law, and Mr. E. B. Mummert daughter and son-in-law, accompanied the remains to Cisco.

Deceased was well known to those who lived here before her departure from Eastland county, and the old Merrill home is known to many in and around Cisco, where she formerly resided. She was a devoted member of the Christian church, and was a leader in religious movements.

With aircraft for spotting purposes a battleship's gunnery is improved from 30 to 40 per cent.

made, but all seemed agreed that now was the time to deal Mr. Cotton a knock out blow, and they went on record as favoring a very material reduction in the acreage of this one crop in 1922.

There was another county meeting called to meet in Eastland at the same place on the afternoon of December 17, at 2 o'clock. All farmers are urged to be present at this meeting and any one else who might be interested.

FARMERS SHIP 2 CARS LIVESTOCK

Pleasant Hill Marketing Association Continues to Function—Seventeen Farmers Shipped Livestock on Co-operative Plan Last Tuesday to Worth.

The Pleasant Hill Marketing Association continues to function. The members of this association are banded together to get better prices for their livestock. Later on this organization will doubtless be enlarged to handle other farm produce, and then it will really become one of the most useful institutions for the betterment of the farmers' condition that can be instituted. At present the association handles only livestock. This has always proven profitable to those who have shipped on the co-operative basis. With careful management it will always prove profitable.

The American would like to see the association enlarged to take in all manner of produce. True, the farmer has little to sell now except livestock and sweet potatoes. There are many bushels of potatoes yet unsold, and by co-operation the entire crop can be disposed of profitably.

Last Tuesday there were seventeen farmers who availed themselves of the advantages of the association and pooled their livestock and shipped two cars to Fort Worth. President Kinard and Secretary Lasater of the association were both in town and these were elected by the association to accompany the cars to market, but on account of some indisposition Mr. Kinard was excused, and Mr. Bedford Mashburn was selected to go in his stead. Mr. Kinard stated that the market was slightly up Monday, and the shippers anticipated getting a good price.

The two cars that went out Tuesday were loaded with cattle and hogs. There were fifty-five head of cattle and seventeen head of hogs in the shipment, which were owned by seventeen farmers. These were Messrs. B. O. Speegle, Speegle, Sy Carmichael, S. B. Bowles, Joe Hearn, W. T. Leveridge, Red Hazlewood, G. W. White, E. A. Harrelson, Bedford Mashburn, Buck Myrick, Mrs. J. P. Dillon, E. Schorr, L. E. Clark, McElrath, M. H. McCanlies and one other gentleman whose name we failed to learn.

WILL DAM CADDO CREEK

Mr. R. Q. Lee, who has large holdings in the Caddo oil field, has just contracted with Mr. J. H. Latson to place two concrete dams across Caddo creek, north of the town of Caddo, for the purpose of storing water for drilling purposes.

Mr. Latson, accompanied by Messrs. W. D. Munn, R. L. Garrett, N. C. Haggerton and Chas. Calhoun departed Monday for the job, but burned the bearings out of their car before reaching Ranger, and had to return home, and the trip was deferred until Tuesday. They are now on the job.

SHADY GROVE TEACHER HAS PARALYTIC STROKE

The American regrets to note that the Shady Grove school is without a teacher. Mr. J. R. Bacon, secretary of the Shady Grove school board, was in Cisco last Tuesday and placed an advertisement in the American for a teacher to take this school. If you hold a first or second grade certificate get in touch with Mr. Bacon, and he will be glad to give you the particulars.

Mr. Elbert Murphy of Eastland, has been teaching this school, but was compelled to resign. He suffered a light stroke of paralysis, about two weeks ago, and was compelled to hand in his resignation, as he will be unable to teach again this year. The patrons regret very much to lose Mr. Murphy, as he was giving entire satisfaction, and all hope that he will speedily recover.

"HE THAT PERSECUTED THE WIDOW"

A certain man in a certain town got angry because a widow and her daughter rented a little corner in the same town and began buying chickens and eggs, this being their only means of support. He had been in the business several years, and he thought it was very wrong for them to buy as he had most of the trade. He complained and said bad things about them, until he lost out, that all contributed.

C. OF C. ELECTION TO BE HELD SOON

Only Paid Up Members Will be Qualified to Vote for Directors for Ensuing Year—Elimination Ballot Will Prevail—Pay Up.

The Chamber of Commerce forces are rounding up the new members, and putting on a quiet canvass for all those business men who have not lined up with the chamber, and to get the delinquents to pay up. This move should meet with a hearty response of every business man, and property owner in the city. A chamber of commerce can be just what you make it—the secretary can't do it all. While it is recognized that the burden of carrying the load rightfully belongs to the secretary and his assistants, but without the co-operation of the members he can do but little. He must have you on the committees, and you must not shirk when you are assigned to a task.

Naturally, it is more pleasant to set back and do nothing towards pulling the load, and then cuss the chamber for never accomplishing anything. But were you present and helped with your suggestions and service to make it better? There's where you failed in your duty as a citizen. Every man should carry his part of the load. Everyone is benefited by any enterprise that the Chamber of Commerce can bring to Cisco, and if they spend your money and accomplish nothing, were you there to scotch the wheels when the vehicle was slipping? You may be needed just as much to hold back a bit as to push, but whether your function is pushing or pulling, get in harness and do your bit for your town.

There are many business firms not members of the Chamber of Commerce. There should not be one. These who have not aligned themselves with the Chamber of Commerce should do so now, and qualify to help select the best board of directors the chamber ever had. Right here is where you have a say. Vote for the man who will work for all that's good for Cisco, but be sure he will work A city's commercial body is, or should be, a working body—it is no place for drones.

MORRIS SIMON'S BIG SALE STARTS NOV. 30

We especially call the attention of our readers this week to the bare advertisement in the American of Morris Simon, the gents' furnishing man. He is putting on a genuine selling out sale—not going out of business, but absolutely offering every piece of merchandise in his house at prices that will interest the buyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon moved here about two years ago from Arizona, and instead of renting a building in which to do business, he purchased a business house, so he is a fixture, a realty owner and one of Cisco's leading citizens. You can rely upon every word in his advertisement, and the bargains he is offering the public are bona fide in every particular. This is not old stock, every piece of merchandise is new and seasonable. It is only the pressing need of cash that prompts Mr. Simon to make such a sacrificing sale as he is now putting on. But look over the advertisement, and you will be convinced that he is offering you merchandise at prices that you have never seen since the war began.

MODERN TAILORS AND HAT WORKS HAVE MOVED

Modern Tailors and the Cisco Hat works, formerly located at the corner of Ninth and Avenue D, have moved their establishments to the rear of the McCuiston barber shop—just across the alley from the post office. They have a very convenient location in their new quarters, so when needing their services look them up in their new location.

WANTS ROAD WORK RESUMED

Mr. J. W. Brogdon of Romney, made the American a pleasant call while in the city Monday. Mr. Brogdon was one of the grand jury that investigated road matters. He states the roads in most deplorable condition, due to their unfinished state, and state that the country generally, most desires the resumption of road work, at all costs.

The special advertised in this issue by Morris Simon is some sale. Look over the prices.

FARMERS HAVE MARKET PLACE

Lot in Front of City Hall and Back of Garner's Store Given as Market Place for Farmers to Sell Produce—Davis & Garner Donates Lot.

We have been talking to some of you people for some time about a public market, or as is generally termed in most places, a market square. Ours is not a square, but it is sufficient for the present.

This place is now ready to be used by the farmers of the Cisco Country as a place where they can offer their produce for sale. We hope that every farmer that has anything to sell will have something in town next Saturday, and bring it to this place and offer it to the people of Cisco. Let Saturday be your opening day. Just drive your wagons in the alley between the American office and Blessie Motor company, and back the wagons up to the walk on Seventh street in front and across the street from the city hall, and you will find buyers. Bring anything you think the people of Cisco will want, sweet potatoes, turnips, vegetables, sorghum molasses, pecans, peanuts, butter eggs, milk, dressed meats of all kinds, sausage, and in fact anything that you think you can sell, bring it in. We want the farmers to utilize this spot as a public market. Now if you will do that Cisco people will come around and look it over anyway, and you will have no trouble in disposing of what you have.

Now, don't forget this. Lets make it a big day. But any day you are in town with your produce be sure and stop on these lots, just across the alley from the American office.

We are indebted to Mr. S. F. Davis and John H. Garner for the free use of these lots, and to the City of Cisco for keeping them cleaned up.

Now, seriously. It does not seem you go downtown just make it convenient to go by the market and see what is brought in from the country. Even if you do not happen to need anything, stop and look at the produce anyway, as you may need something next time.

Now, the most important thing. Don't forget that any time the American can serve you, or add to your comfort or the progress of Cisco, or the Cisco Country, that that is just what we are here for.

W. L. BOWMAN.

Roberts-Murphy Still Showing

Drill has Reached 875 Feet, and is Now in the Black Lime—Two Additional Showings of Oil This Week—Reaming.

The drillers are still going down toward the pay in the Roberts-Murphy well, and every time the bit bites deeper into mother earth the indications grow stronger. Last week we told of the showing of oil found at the 510 foot level. Since then two additional showings have been made, each stronger than the one preceding. The first of these showings was made when the bit was at the 730 foot level, and the other one when they were down to the 840 feet. At the 840 foot level they struck the black lime, and have penetrated ten feet of this formation. At present the well has a reaming job on hand, but drilling will be resumed, probably by Saturday, stated Mr. Roberts.

The Seaborn well out on the Eastland road near Cisco, is drilling as fast as possible, and The American expects to be able to state that this well is promising as soon as the drill is down deep enough to make a showing.

NABORS MOVES UPTOWN

Mr. E. R. Nabors has moved his welding shop to the Short & Edwards garage, 107 W. 6th street. Mr. Nabors is an ex-service man, having lost a leg in France, and is deserving of your patronage. He is an electrical and mechanical engineer, and does acetylene welding, and has modern equipment to turn out the best class of work.

Attorney J. W. Barnes was over from Eastland last night, and dropped in for a chat with the night man of the American. Mr. Barnes states that the American is being appreciated away from home, as well as among its near neighbors.

CITY TAXES OF EASTLAND TOWNS

Cisco's Tax Rate \$2.10; Eastland's \$2.14; Ranger's \$2 — Property Valuation: Cisco, \$15,000,000; Eastland, \$6,000,000; Ranger, \$48,800,000.

The Ranger Times in an editorial on the comparison of the tax rates of Cisco, Eastland and Ranger is calculated to make one set up and listen. As the Times says, "paying taxes is just as pleasant as having the hijacker kiss you after he has taken your purse."

The Times goes on to show that Ranger has the lowest tax rate of any of the three large towns in Eastland county. This is not pleasant copy for the American to write. We prefer telling our readers of Cisco's low tax rate, but under the circumstances we can't do it. But this is not all. Cisco's property valuation is nearly twice as much as that of Ranger. Is the property in Cisco worth that much more than that in the city limits of the oil town? The American does not know. But it seems to us that this valuation is pretty high. We know that Cisco is the best town in the county, and for that matter, one of the best west of Fort Worth, but haven't we raised our sights a little high in shooting the tax rate?

The American cannot see the necessity of kiting both the tax rate and valuation. Did you ever stop and figure just what revenue a tax rate of \$2.10 will produce on \$15,000,000? Get your pencil and paper and figure it out for yourself, and then let us know what on earth the city administration is going to buy with that \$315,000 that is proposed to take from the people during the year of 1922? Surely we are not paying out that much to have ourselves governed? But this \$2.10 does not cover all taxes. In addition to this \$2.10 we pay the school tax, which is \$1.00, making a total of \$3.10 on the \$100 valuation, a total of \$465,000 the city and schools will cost the taxpayers next year. It may be possible that it will require all of that sum to finance our city government and schools but it is more than the people should pay. We are not getting the worth of that much money.

The American is not saying that the city government is inferior to any other, but that much money should be sufficient to finance a city twice as large as Cisco. Is this rate necessary because some do not pay their taxes, and others have to pay to make up the deficiency? We don't know, and this is for information. Certainly the people would like to know for what this money is spent, just how it is spent. Does any body know? All the people should know.

This is a time when money is scarce, and many are not really able to pay their taxes at all, but if the city rate is too high some measure of relief should be extended the people. We realize that we are a town in the building much improvement has been and is being made, and when the projects now under way are complete, we will have a city that we all will be proud of—if we are not made bankrupt in the building.

Isn't it about time the people were doing a little thinking? If this vast sum of money is actually needed to conduct the affairs of the city, it should be made plain to them. The people pay the taxes—they are the ones who pay every dollar that is disbursed for city betterments, surely they should know what the goods cost when they pay the bill.

The American believes in turning on the light. Let the people know just what every dollar is spent for. The law contemplates something of this kind when it states that disbursements and receipts must be published once each year. We are not attempting to quote the law exact, nor are we sure the present city charter so provides, but if it does not these items should be published anyway. Were these statements published in every town in Texas perhaps much adverse criticism would be avoided, and the people would appreciate their city officers more than is now the case.

In Arizona those people have one of the best laws on publicity, in our opinion, that has yet been proposed. In Arizona the full proceedings of the city commissions, as well as the commissioners courts of the state, are required to be published in some newspaper published in the county in which the cities are located, and the state laws fix the price of such publication.

**Harding Signs
Anti-Beer Bill**

Search and Seizure Provisions With Penalties for Searching Homes Without a Warrant—Brewers May Contest the Law.

Perhaps the status of the liquor question is settled until the court passes on the constitutionality of the last act in the prohibition drama, which is now occupying the great American stage, playing to an attentive audience. The country has had rulings, orders and interpretations so confusing that one did not know whether it would be a violation of the law to brew a cup of tea, for fear the minions of the law would be upon him, and yank him off to limbo. With the passage of the anti-beer bill by congress which has been signed by the president, we can now rely upon that till further notice. But here comes the brewers and say they will contest the law, and perhaps the courts may declare the act void, and in that instance we will be up in the air again. In the meantime the business of the bootlegger still thrives, and fools swig the poison decoctions put on the market by these illicit vendors. "Zo gaetes de velt."

Washington, Nov. 23.—President Harding today signed the anti-beer bill.

This bill, which now becomes law, prevents the sale of beer for medicinal purposes and immediately will check the operations of breweries which have been making beer for sale as medicine under regulations recently issued by the Treasury Department. The bill also limits the number of prescriptions of wines and liquors which may be issued by physicians.

It provides for search and seizure, but inflicts a penalty on any officer who searches a home without a warrant, and also provides a penalty for any person who searches a home with malicious intent while posing as a prohibition officer.

The bill extends prohibition to the Virgin Islands and other possessions of the United States.

Will Contest Bill.

New York, Nov. 23.—A court fight to test the constitutionality of the anti-beer bill just signed by President Harding, was forecast this afternoon by Hughes Fox, acting secretary of the United States Brewers' Association. He said the association would not as a body contest the law, but that individual brewers whose business is affected might.

"We don't feel that it is up to us as an association to make a fight," said Fox. "Even if the law were declared unconstitutional, we couldn't sell medicinal beer in many States because of their enactments. And from a material standpoint there isn't much money in it for, one big brewery could make enough medicinal beer for the whole country." "I have no doubt, however, that individual brewers whose business is affected by the new law will fight out its constitutionality," he added.

DOINGS IN DOTHAN TOWN

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, Nov. 21.—Misses Clarice Surles and Edna Birt were guests of Misses Beulah and Annie Yarbrough Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough and daughters, Misses Ethylene and Beulah, were shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Messrs. Lester Short and Leonard Surles spent last Sunday in Danhorn.

Mr. A. Birt and family were trading in Cisco Saturday.

Rev. Edwards of DeLeon conducted religious services at the Dothan church Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Mr. F. M. Short and family were shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Singing was largely attended and greatly enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Birt Sunday night.

Dothan will likely have a music class right away. Miss Sprawls, a teacher of music, was at the Dothan school Monday getting up a class.

The box supper at the Dothan school house Friday night was a decided success, both financially and socially. Everyone present enjoyed the festivities, and the proceeds amounted to \$62. Miss Ruth Huesties was awarded the cake as the prettiest girl present, while the booby prize, a cake, was voted to Mr. Charlie Phippen for being the ugliest boy there.

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<p>Dean Drug. Co. Will Appreciate Your Business Phone 33 THE REXALL STORE</p>	<p>DON'T THROW THOSE OLD SHOES AWAY Ramsey Bros. WE WILL MAKE THEM AS GOOD AS NEW 421 Avenue D. In front of Piggly Piggly</p>	<p>—When its real home made or fancy chocolate candies and fountain service—Its always Brock's Confectionery Real Chili Mexican Style Phone 488</p>	<p><i>The Model</i> QUALITY CORNER Cisco's Largest Clothing Store</p>
<p>Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. The Bank of Friendly Service A GUARANTY FUND BANK</p>	<p>Letter No. 8 CO-OPERATION MEANS SUCCESS Without it a town or city will not prosper as it should. Live and let live is my "motto." To do this everyone must do their part. Consider both sides of the question. Give unto others the best you have and the best will come back to you. We must work together. Joint operation is unquestionably essential, if we are looking for best results. This includes every line of business. To be successful the business men and the farmer must co-operate. The farmer must have your support, if you expect him to stand by you. Every body, get together, work together and stay together, (don't side track) and watch your town grow. Co-operation helps every creature, from the wealthiest to the poorest. It builds. So lets co-operate and keep climbing. There is reason for co-operation It helps the world generally. Do something for the up-building of your county. This is one way to do it.</p>		<p>Glasses Scientifically Fitted J. A. JENSEN Jeweler and Optometrist 602 Main Street</p>
<p>Why Pay Rent? —We will furnish you Building Material on one, two and three years' time. See F. M. METCALF Powell Land & Lumber Co. Cisco, Texas</p>	<p>\$10.00 in Gold Anybody can compete for this prize. This contest will last ten weeks, so if you know of any reason why people should trade at home, write it down and at the end of the contest the advertisers will select three of their number to decide who gets the TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD. All stories will be numbered, and no one will know who writes any story that will be submitted. Tell your reasons in an article of not over 300 words.</p>		<p>For Battery Service Go To— The Electric Service Co. 912 Avenue D Hobb's Storage Batteries GUARANTEED Phone 460</p>
<p>Broom Corn Wanted We are in the market for all the broom corn we can buy grown in this section—either large or small quantities. If local people have any bring it in. We will pay the highest prices, as we want every straw that is raised in this section. Broom corn is always in demand, and will pay our farmers to grow it. Cisco Broom Factory</p>	<p>For Groceries See R. C. PASS at same old stand 721 Avenue D. Best of Home Killed Meats H. J. Wooldridge Market</p>		<p>Do Your Banking With— Cisco Banking Co. (Unincorporated) —A Good Bank Since 1905</p>
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**Nine Million
 For Road Work**

Recent Appropriation by the Federal Government to be Matched by Like Sum by States Will Give Work to 5000 Unemployed, in Texas.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
 Four and a half million dollars of the \$76,400,000 recently appropriated by Congress for the purpose, is available immediately for highway construction in Texas, according to a statement issued here Monday from the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

The Congressional appropriation, intended to furnish work for unemployed throughout the United States, will provide work for approximately 5,000 more men in Texas, according to estimates of Government engineers.

While \$4,500,000 is Texas' share of the Federal Government appropriation, the total amount available for road building under the "work-for-unemployed" program really will be in the neighborhood of \$9,000,000. This total amount will become available through the fact that the State must appropriate and spend as much as the Federal Government in the highway building projects.

Fine Roads for Texas

That the new appropriation, together with the \$16,000,000 allotted Texas in the 1917 program of Government highway construction, will give this State one of the best highway systems in the country was the prediction here Monday of George Fuller, senior highway engineer for the Government in the State of Texas, Arkansas Oklahoma and Louisiana. Up to Oct. 31, last, approximately \$6,000,000 of the \$16,000,000 of Government funds has been expended.

"The exact amount available for Texas' from the new Congressional appropriation has not yet been announced, but it will probably be near \$4,500,000," declared United States Engineer Fuller, and he added: "It will enable the State to undertake immediately many new road-building projects in addition to those already under way. The State and various counties in which highways will be built must 'match' the Government appropriation with equal amounts and the total available should be around \$9,000,000. One-third of the new appropriation becomes available immediately and the balance Jan. 1."

According to Engineer Fuller, 3,276 miles of highway are under construction in Texas a part of the joint Government-State program of road building.

Government Engineers Watch

All highway construction under the new Congressional appropriation will be in charge of the State Highway Department, but still under the watchful eye of Government engineers, Engineer Fuller said. Many counties, he declared, already have funds available for the building of roads and are only waiting for the Government to provide the 50 per cent share.

"People all over Texas are rapidly awakening to the benefits of good roads and no longer are showing reluctance in the voting of bonds for such purpose," the Government engineer said. "An instance of the changed attitude is the building several months ago of a five-mile stretch of paved road in a northwestern Texas county. People came from fifty miles around to see the new road and they spent hours in riding up and down the short stretch of pavement.

Parade on Sundays

On Sundays there was a continuous parade of machines from daylight to dark. They were so impressed with the road that a month ago they voted a \$70,000 road bond issue by a 10 to 1 majority."

It was said Monday at the Fort Worth headquarters of the United States Bureau of Public Roads that plans for expenditure of the \$4,500,000 just made available by Congress will be worked out as soon as Capt. J. D. Fauntleroy, district engineer returns from an inspection trip to Louisiana.

The American family is no secret order. Anybody can join. Nobody barred. Dues \$1.50 per annum.

Order your engraved Christmas cards at the American office.

"What's in a Name?"
 By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

BELINDA.

THE quaint and charming name of Belinda is derived from the Italian. Though most frequently applied in modern fiction to the sweetest of the sex, and pretty coquettes, Belinda means "a serpent." So beware, young men, of the baby doll who answers to the cunning, old-fashioned name!

How Belinda came to be evolved is not clear to etymologists. She simply appeared in Italy and is believed to have had her origin in the fashionable craze for names ending in "a" which swept Europe in Queen Anne's Augustan age. The first Belinda recorded in history was the wife of Orlando, a debut sufficiently prominent to spread the name far and wide. But greater vogue was to be hers, and when Pope chose Belinda for his heroine of "The Rape of the Lock" her permanence was assured.

In those days it needed only a famous author to immortalize a feminine name by putting her in a book and all the fashionable maids of the country adopted her for their own, just as today a screen favorite's coiffure and costumes are copied by adoring flappers.

Belinda flourished in England and Italy, but her popularity was negligible in France, and Germany refused her completely. Spain took her from Italy, but despite the vowel ending, she was a bit too harsh for Spanish ears. America welcomed her wholeheartedly, and she flourishes here today, both actually and in fiction.

Belinda's gem is the cat's-eye. It is a talisman against evil and disease and has a mysterious magnetic power which renders its wearer irresistible to those whom she wishes to attract. Friday is her lucky day and 7 her lucky number.

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HOW DO YOU SAY IT?
 By C. N. LURIE

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

"AUDIENCE" AND "SPECTATORS."

THESE two words are often used incorrectly or interchangeably, even by some writers and speakers who are careful otherwise in the use of words. Perhaps the confusion is due to the fact that an elementary knowledge of Latin is needed for the making of the distinction between the two words. "Audience" means an assemblage of persons gathered to hear something, since the word is derived from the Latin verb "audire" which means to hear. "Spectators" are those who have come together to see something; the word comes from the Latin "spectare," which means to see, to observe.

It is correct, therefore, to speak of the audience at a concert, and of the spectators at a horse race. An incorrect use of the word "audience" is found in the following sentence: "The audience held its breath while the aviator spun round in the air."

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 Roosters, per pound 4
 Pecan (dry) 11 1/2

AMAZED AT CISCO'S GROWTH

Mr. A. C. Stanton, a Cisco raised boy, but for some time past a resident of Morenci, Arizona, is visiting in the city, and renewing friends of his boyhood days. However, Mr. Stanton stated, he felt almost like a stranger in his old home town, as the vast improvement that has been accomplished since he left Cisco to seek his fortune in the Baby State, is beyond anything he anticipated.

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GRIST FROM GRIGGS

Griggs, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Oscar Lloyd was shopping in Rising Star Monday.

Miss Lula Hogan was a visitor to Rising Star Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Boggs of Rising Star, was the guest of Mrs. O. E. Jones Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walker of Oak Grove, were the guests of Mrs. Daugherty Sunday.

Misses Beulah Gryder, Willie Curtis and Frankie Anderson were shopping in Rising Star Saturday.

Tuesday was dipping day for cattle owners in this community. Cattle in this section, are being rid of the tick evil very rapidly. Soon Eastland county will be free from ticks if the present dipping process is kept up.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid White were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gryder Sunday.

Frank Gryder and Ernest Winburne were in Rising Star Saturday. Mr. John Gerhardt and John, Jr., went to Rising Star Wednesday.

LIVING AT HOME

Mr. E. Bennett, one of my demonstrators, reports that after supplying his table this year with butter, chickens, eggs and vegetables, he has sold to his local merchant enough to pay for all his supplies and still has a balance to his credit of \$75.00, advises W. A. Dulin, county agent in Colorado county, in his weekly report to the Extension Service. He further reports that feed crops are in excellent condition and early feed is assured at the time of report July 9th.

Just think of it! Produced a living at home and has \$75.00 clear money from butter, chickens, eggs and vegetables. How different from the man who placed his all on a cotton crop under the existing conditions in Texas cotton production.

Send in five cash subscriptions to the American, \$1.50 each, and the paper will be mailed to you free for one year.

Be an American. Enroll your name now.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Kind Friends and Neighbors of Mrs. T. L. Shepard and Our Sister and Daughter:

We sincerely extend our greatest heart-felt thanks for your kindness to her in her last afflictions and for your love and kindness to us in our sorrowful homes upon her departure from this earth to her home above.

And we especially thank you for your beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest rest and abide with each and every one of you, is our sincere prayer.

Respectfully,

Her Mother, Mrs. Gatloff.
 Her Sister, Mrs. W. H. Lucas of Brownwood.
 Her Sister, Mrs. S. S. Huffman of Snyder.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

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

(Westbound Arrive Depart
 No. 11.... 5:00 a. m. stops.
 No. 5.... 1:20 a. m.... 1:25 a. m.
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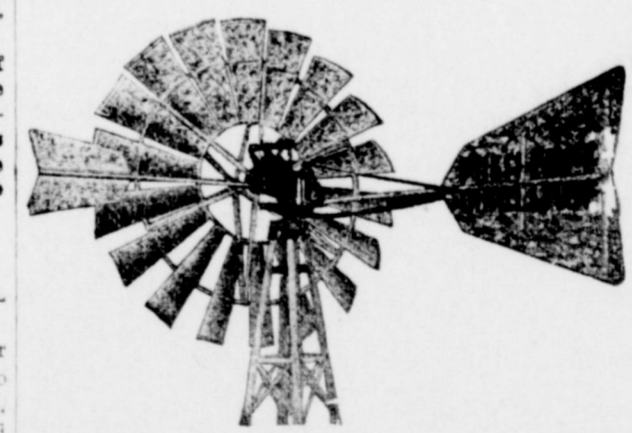
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FOR SALE Signs at American office

ROMNEY SAYS SO.

Romney, Nov. 21.—Everything is still dry in this community. Several good prospects but no rain yet.

Miss Virginia Freeman is on the sick list this week.

The dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George White last Saturday night was enjoyed by all in attendance.

A few gathered at the Romney tennis court again Sunday and enjoyed this fascinating outdoor sport.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ford were in Cisco Monday. Mrs. Ford went to visit the dentist.

Messrs. Dick and Houston Freeland were in Romney Monday.

Jack Gage attended court in Eastland last week.

Mr. S. A. Lamb was in Eastland last week on business.

Several of our citizens were trading in Cisco Saturday.

Garland Gage, who has been visiting relatives at Munday, has returned home.

SWEET POTATO GROWERS ORGANIZE

The organization of the sweet potato growers in the Carthage and Beckville communities has aroused considerable interest in the county and is one of the accomplishments of my judgement, advises Mr. Foster County Agent in Panola county. In my judgement, advises Mr. Foster, this movement means much to our sweet potato growers, and we will continue this organization in other communities.

The important event of the week was the conference held in Longview to consider to commodity marketing of sweet potatoes in East Texas this fall, advises J. B. Snyder, County Agent in Titus county, in his weekly report to the Extension Service. An organization committee was appointed and instructed to get contracts printed and signed by the potato growers of this section. About fifteen counties were represented at this conference and a great deal of interest was shown in the project.

Mrs. E. B. Noel returned home Sunday evening after spending several days in Houston.

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PRITCHARD'S ACTION IS PERFECTLY REGULAR

County Treasurer Ed Pritchard was in Cisco last Monday, and made the American a pleasant call. While here Mr. Pritchard gave some of the details regarding the much-discussed transaction of the treasurer signing the receipts for money that he never received—the receipts for the million dollars worth of good road bonds. As Mr. Pritchard explains the matter to the American we can see nothing irregular on his part. He stated that the county judge had spoken to him regarding the signing of the receipts for money for the good road bonds and that the county judge had assured him that it was all right. This is virtually admitted in Judge Starnes' testimony in the false hearing prosecution. Mr. Pritchard stated that while perhaps he was not induced to sign the receipts by what the county judge said, as he exercised his own judgment in signing these receipts, and as the American sees it there was nothing improper or irregular on Mr. Pritchard's part. He stated he simply drew a draft for the amounts of these bonds, signed a receipt for the money, attaching the receipt to the draft and the bonds, and deposited these with the bank with instructions to deliver the receipts and bonds to the purchaser upon payment of the money. Such transactions are of daily occurrence. A deed to valuable lands is often made and attached to a draft, with a receipt for the purchase price, and delivered to some bank to deliver to the purchaser upon payment of the draft—nothing irregular about a transaction of this kind. If the money was not paid it was certainly not Mr. Pritchard's fault, and if the banker delivered the bonds without payment of the draft, the banker, and not Mr. Pritchard is to blame.

Mr. Pritchard stated that he signed receipts and drew drafts in various sums for one million dollars. Of this million dollars the county only received in actual cash \$785,000. Fleming & Stitzer was credited with the full million dollars, stated Mr. Pritchard, less \$74,000, and the commissioners court credited Fleming & Stitzer on his estimates with the difference—or \$141,000.

"It is true, as the American stated, that I held up signing these receipts for some days, and talked with Judge Starnes about signing them," said Mr. Pritchard, "and he assured me that it was all right, and unless I did sign these receipts it would be impossible to dispose of the bonds. While I cannot say that I signed the receipts wholly on his advice, yet I did sign them upon his advice coupled with my own judgment in the matter."

Speaking of the action of the court in demanding Mr. Pritchard file a new bond, or be fired by the court, he stated: "I think the court is within its province in requiring the county treasurer to file a new bond, which I will do. There is absolutely nothing illegal about my bond, and it is perfectly good. Perhaps the bond will be signed by the same sureties, as the bonding company is perfectly solvent, and the county funds are amply protected. I hardly think the court will have the pleasure of throwing me out and appointing some one else. I was elected by the people, and I hardly think the people will stand for a mere court order to oust me from office."

"It has been about a year since this bond was filed and the irregularity was not discovered until the treasurer refuse to pay the road warrants as ordered by the court."

Indians associated the beaver with the creation of the world and would not kill it.

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PROMISE OF REDUCTION IN ELECTRIC LIGHTS

According to a statement given out by Mr. P. W. Cambell manager of the Cisco Gas & Electric Company, there is a likelihood of a reduction in the price of electric light service soon. This is glad news, but why should the company stop at reducing the price of lights? Why not make the reduction to cover the gas rate, also? Winter is coming on, and many cannot afford to have plenty of fuel at the present rate. The American believes the gas rate can be materially reduced in Cisco without injury to the service, as before the last boost the price was 50 cents per 1000, a price higher than most places situated as Cisco charge.

Now, seriously. It does not seem to be to the best interest of the town that its principal resource should not be utilized to the best advantage. Owing to short crops and inactivity in oil, the resources of Cisco are not what they were in 1919. We have an abundant supply of gas. Even state officers had to come to this section and threaten owners of wells for letting gas waste, and these owners gave as their reason that they could not give it away. This does not apply to Cisco. If that fellow would pipe it over here he would find plenty who would pay him a handsome profit for a commodity that he states he cannot give away.

The American is informed that one of the obstacles to a reduced gas rate is that the Texas Company, with whom the distributing company have a contract, prevents such a reduction. The American does not believe that the Texas Company or any other corporation has a right to monopolize any of our natural resources. If the Texas Company is in the way some means should be found to remove this impediment. We hope the Cisco Gas & Electric company will have good news to offer the people by announcing a reduction in the price of gas, as well as electric lights—both are acknowledged to be out of keeping with the prices of other commodities. But the American serves notice that an immaterial reduction will hardly satisfy the people.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION SERVED ON CARPENTERS

Yesterday those interested were surprised to learn that Attorney J. L. Stephenson had applied for and been granted a temporary injunction against the Cisco Carpenters Local No. 1410, the Hot Wells Recreation company, and Elks Lodge, restraining these parties from staging a dance scheduled for tonight by the local Elks, and from operating a skating rink in the Labor Temple.

Mr. Stephenson is not a bad fellow, but it seems to an outsider that he is pushing the matter rather far. Only about 10 days ago he circulated a petition and presented it to the City commission, asking that an ordinance passed regulating skating rinks. This ordinance provided that no skating rink should be conducted within 300 feet of a private residence. Just what action will be taken on that matter is not known, but attorneys state the ordinance will not be enforced, as the Hot Wells Recreation company had been granted a license to do business. The Elks had planned to have a dance in the hall tonight, and as the American goes to press the information comes that permission has been granted by Judge Hill, before whom the case will come up for hearing, for the Elks to pull off their dance. Several members of the carpenters local are in Eastland today, where efforts are being made to have the injunction dissolved. The matter will be heard tomorrow.

MANAGER OF BARROW FURNITURE CO. WEDS

The friends of Mr. L. A. Short were taken completely by surprise when it was announced last Tuesday that he had departed for Walnut Springs, where, on that day he was happily united in marriage to Miss Dehn of that place. After the marriage the pair left for Dallas, where they will spend a short time, returning to Cisco Sunday.

Mr. Short will be accorded a cordial welcome to Cisco, where the husband is so well and favorably known. Mr. Short, since the Barrow Furniture company established its Cisco house, has been the resident manager, and has made many friends who offer him their heartiest congratulations.

A Pathfinder Visits Cisco

Carried Supplies Across the Continent to Albert Sidney Johnson When Stationed at Salt Lake—Hunted with Sitting Bull in the Black Hills.

One of the pathfinders of western civilization was the guest of Cisco last week; one who helped blaze the trail across the great American desert spent a week here, relates some of his experiences of a memorable journey he took across the continent of America, when he went with an ox train to carry supplies to the United States army, stationed at Salt Lake under the command of Albert Sidney Johnston, who later became one of the prominent generals of the Southern Confederacy.

Mr. W. S. Telford of Merkel, Texas, with his wife was in Cisco the past week, the guests of their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell.

The reporter found them a very interesting pair, of the old-fashioned class of Texans. Mr. Telford is 85, and Mrs. Telford is 79 years of age, both well preserved for their years. They travel quite a lot visiting their children and old friends.

Mr. Telford gave a very interesting account of his adventures of early days. At the age of twenty he left his home in northwest Missouri and went across the country with a supply train to Utah, to carry supplies to Albert Sidney Johnson's army, which was sent out in 1858 to quell the Mormon Rebellion.

Thirty ox teams composed the train which was loaded with army supplies, and it required months to make the journey of 1250 miles from the Missouri river to Salt Lake City, then a town of ten thousand people, but now more than one hundred thousand.

On the way they saw relics of a number of emigrant wagons, where the Mormons had burned all but one wagon and confiscated the substance of the emigrants, leaving one wagon and scant food to take them back to the states. This as true except at "Mountain Meadow" where they killed all the emigrants except three children.

The party with which Mr. Telford journeyed across the western wilds saw numerous bands of Sioux, Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians, but not at that time hostile toward the whites.

One band of Sioux Indians, of 800, had a lot of fresh Arapahoe scalps on spears, having just had a battle with them.

Mr. Telford and four companions—neighbor boys—went through together, and were paid \$40 per month and were discharged at Salt Lake, to get back home as best they could. Purchasing a mule each they began the homeward journey about December 1st. Mr. Telford bought his mule from the commanding officer of Brigham Young's "Destroying Angels" for \$100, traveling thirty miles to get it. Upon his return to army headquarters he found his companions had departed leaving word for him to follow as they would camp out about ten miles distant, and would wait for him.

Purchasing of the army commissary 35 cents worth of cheese and crackers he set out to join his companions, but the falling snow caused him to lose their trail, only to join them again at Fort Bridger, 120 miles ahead.

He stated the first four days he existed on the thirty five cents worth of cheese and crackers, then came upon the camp of a couple of Mormons who gave him a meal.

"I traded pants with one of the Mormons, getting a fine deerskin pair in exchange for those I wore, but I had to give my Bowie knife and Bible to boot.

"More dead than alive, leading my mule, I at last got to Fort Bridger, after sleeping on snow every night, with scant wood for a fire, and little to eat. During the trip my mule fared better than I, as he could find food in the sheltered spots where he grazed while I tried to sleep.

"My first attempt to eat after reaching Fort Bridge, resulted in a fainting spell. On the afternoon after my arrival at the fort my three companions hove in sight, and although they carried the provisions, they were entirely without food, and but little better off than I.

"After resting up a bit we set out for Fort Laramie, 140 miles distant. Before leaving we bought provisions for the trip, paying what seemed exorbitant prices, but with the exception of flour and corn, not as dear as we are now paying the packers for meat we use every day on our tables. We paid for flour, 18 cents, meat, 22 cents and corn 75 cents per pound.

"After many hardships we reached Fort Laramie Dec. 15, and were yet 850 miles from home, with a snow-covered desert to pass over. At Laramie, the commander of the Fort offered us a job at \$20 per month to take 400 government work oxen into the Black Hills for pasture. This

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offer we gladly accepted. We were given a covered wagon with plenty of provisions, and driving the oxen out into the hills we remained there until the following May, bringing in the work oxen all fat and sleek.

"During our stay in the hills Sitting Bull and his warriors often came to our camp and hunted game with us at different times. Among noted Indians who visited us, and with whom we were on intimate terms were "White Antelope," "Black Bear," "Eagle," and "Little Mouse."

"In after years these same warriors participated in the Custer Massacre in which that gallant officer and his band were wiped out.

"While in the hills we had neither razor nor scissors, and when we returned to Fort Laramie our hair hung down upon our shoulders, and our faces were covered with the several months' growth of beard. After each getting a shave and a hair cut, and donning new clothes we had to be introduced to each other as we met around the camp.

"After drawing our pay for herding the oxen all winter, and with plenty of money and fresh mounts and amply provisioned, we set out on the last eight hundred mile lap of our homeward journey; but being in the spring none of the privations of the first lap of the homeward trip were encountered, and the trip was just a pleasant jaunt.

"After an absence of thirteen months we reached home, "safe and sound" with our scalps, in the summer of 1859.

Mormon Temple Just Begun

"The construction of the great Mormon Temple in Salt Lake, which was forty six years in building, had just begun, when we were in Salt Lake in 1858, but Brigham Young's "Bee Hive House," with rooms for fifteen wives, was complete, as was "The Lion House," in which he lived with "Anna Eliza," his sixteenth.

"The "wander lust" had me in its grip, so soon after reaching home I departed for Texas, reaching Travis county in the fall of the same year I reached home. On my way to Texas I overtook a family also going to this state, whose name was Pennington, with whom I fell in, and also fell in love with the daughter of the family, pretty little Lou, "just sweet sixteen."

He later became engaged to be

married, but the Civil (or uncivil) war came on and they postponed the marriage until he could whip the yankees. Which failing to do, he returned to Travis county and there they were duly married in 1865, and after fifty-six years of joy and sorrow they have faced the world together, rounding out a happy and useful life. And this same "pretty Miss Lou" accompanied Mr. Telford on his visit to Cisco, and the two were as loving and gentle as when their wooing began on the long trail to Texas sixty-two years ago.

Five children survive, one son and four daughters, all married, and with whom this happy pair spend much of their time.

In their declining years they have a competency, after making liberal provision for their children. Both are members of the Christian Church, and have been for many years, and are calmly facing the future awaiting the Master's call.

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Telford is not without local color. Just forty-one years ago Mr. Telford bought a piece of property from Dr. W. E. Mancill, in the edge of Stephens county, and when told that Dr. Mancill was still hale and hearty, Mr. Telford was very desirous of meeting him, and renewing the friendship of long ago.

Mr. Jack Kohlbrenner came in from Abilene for a brief visit last Wednesday.

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WESLEY BIBLE CLASS ORGANIZED AT PUTNAM

Special Correspondence.

Putnam, Nov. 22.—The Putnam Methodist church organized a Wesley Bible class last Sunday, under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. Edgar. The following officers were elected: B. F. Russell, president. Miss Maurine Orr, vice-president. M. E. Garrett, secretary. R. D. Williams, treasurer. This class is putting on a membership campaign that will make the other Wesley classes set up and take notice.

Notes and Personals

The Putnam Lyceum number was filled last night by Mr. Frank B. Logan, a noted overseas cartoonist. Quite a number enjoyed the entertainment of this chalk-talk artist. Mr. Frank Kennedy was chosen as the subject of the evening, just ask him. Mr. Hazlewood motored over to Cisco, today.

Mr. George Connor of Cisco, was doing business in Putnam Tuesday. Mr. H. F. Mobley, formerly of Cisco, but now living at Abilene, was in Putnam today looking over this shallow field, particularly recent developments.

Messrs. J. C. Clark of the Apex Printing Company, and W. L. Wilson, a former partner of the same establishment, were in Putnam today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Gude were the Thanks-giving guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gude at their apartments at the Gude Hotel. Mrs. Merrill is a sister of Mrs. Gude.

Mrs. Whetstone and Baby James returned Tuesday night from an extended visit to relatives in Mississippi.

MEETS BROTHER IN CISCO PROVES PLEASANT SURPRISE

On coming to Cisco to do some shopping last Saturday Miss Lula Martin was given a most pleasant surprise. While on the streets she ran face to face with her brother, H. L. Martin, whom she thought was in California, but who arrived in Cisco Friday night. Mr. Martin has been living in Fresno, Calif., but recently traded his California property for a ranch in Bee county, Texas, and was enroute there.

Miss Lula, whose home is in the Pleasant Hill community, but who is now teaching at the Cottonwood school, came in Saturday just to do a bit of shopping, and expected to return that afternoon. Meeting her brother here changed her plans, as together they went to the parental home in Pleasant Hill where a joyous reunion was held.

TWO SERMONS AT LIBERTY

Those living near Liberty school house enjoyed two sermons last Sunday. In the morning Mr. J. E. McDermott preached a very instructive sermon, at 11 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. W. H. Kittrell delivered a very interesting discourse. Sunday school was organized with Mr. J. D. Mann as superintendent.

Next Sunday at 11 o'clock Mr. Kittrell will preach at Liberty school house, taking as his subject "The Second Coming of the Lord." He will also preach at the city hall next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the same subject.

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More Light on Road Matters

By Judge Starnes While Testifying in the False Swearing Prosecution Against Briggs Owen and E. L. Reid.

Following are the salient figures of the testimony of Judge Starnes introduced in the trial of Briggs Owen and E. L. Reid, whom he was prosecuting for false swearing. Inasmuch as the testimony deals entirely of the bond and road muddle, and as Judge Starnes is perhaps the only man in the county who is acquainted with the intricacies of this question, the American is devoting considerable space to this testimony, in order that the facts can be brought to light. The American family is interested in road matters, perhaps above any other question.

Everybody is waiting to hear the word that road work has been resumed as the present condition of the highways of the county is most deplorable.

Had the contractors finished the road as they went, the money would have been well spent, regardless of the cost, but in their present state the roads are in most as-bad-a-shape as they were before anything was done, while a lot of work has been put in on the roads.

Q. Whose property were those bonds? The \$50,000 that were hypothecated there? To whom did they belong?

A. Our attorneys have advised us that they belonged to Fleming & Stitzer, and that the title had passed.

Q. I will ask you to state, Mr. Starnes, explain to the court how those bonds transactions were handled? You previously sold one million dollars worth, and this was the second million, was it not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. All right?

A. In the delivery of bonds there are certain papers which are title papers, just like abstract of land, and there are certain other papers like a deed and the release of vendors lien note to land. In the first million dollars worth of bonds, it is my recollection that about \$300,000 or \$400,000 worth of them were paid in Toledo, Ohio, and were paid at about the same time. The bond houses that bought the bonds would notify Fleming & Stitzer what numbers they wanted. * * * scattered, may be over a series of years, shipped to Chicago, New York or wherever they wanted them shipped. We would get these bonds together, and get up the treasurer's receipt to go along with these bonds and the non-litigation receipts and signature certificates, and get a statement of the bank of Mr. Pritchard, and have him certify that he knew our signatures, and that these were our signatures. These are the delivery papers. * * * These papers go along with the bonds, ordinarily attached to the draft, not for delivery but for inspection. * * * We would get up all these papers and put them in the Security State Bank. The same bank was always used. We put them in that bank with drafts attached, and sent them on to where they said, some times these drafts were paid and sometimes they were not, and we generally put in a letter that went along in with it that if it stayed there more than 15 days that it comes back; this \$500,000 of which the \$125,000 and \$50,000 are parts, were handled in the same way, except, in this one particular. In this instance the bonds were carried, in the other instances the bonds were shipped by insured express. When there are as much as \$500,000 it is cheaper to carry the bonds than to ship them.

Q. I will ask you to state if at that time you carried the \$500,000 worth of bonds to Chicago, in what capacity you were acting.

A. As county judge.

Q. Under what authority?

A. In the bond order itself it says that the bonds shall stay in possession of the county judge until delivered to the purchasers, and I was delivering them to the purchasers.

Q. With reference to the hypothecation up there I will ask you what Eastland county received for those bonds? (the \$50,000.)

A. Mr. Pritchard testified they got 42,000 some odd dollars in this bank. (Defendants object.) Mr. Pritchard will be here. I don't know of my own knowledge.

Q. Under your arrangement with the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company did the county receive par value and accrued interest?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you receive it on the \$50,000 transaction?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was the county of Eastland defrauded out of one cent of money by reason of the hypothecation of these \$50,000 bonds in Chicago?

A. Not any more than all the other bonds sold. The money is tied up in the bank.

Q. Was it by reason of the hypothecation or by reason of the failure of the bank?

A. By reason of the failure of the bank. But I don't think we have lost it. Our attorneys advise us that we have a cinch to get our money. I never discussed the hypothecation of these bonds with Mr. Young, until we got to Ranger, when Mr. Young said "I just regret having put up \$50,000 worth of bonds," and that was the first I knew about it. I talked over the phone from Kansas City, with some of them. At the time the \$50,000 worth of good road bonds were put up the title had passed out of Eastland county.

In reference to the sale of the bonds to Stacy & Braun Mr. Starnes testified: In April I was called into the bank. Road work was about to shut down because their money was too scarce. We refused to pay Fleming & Stitzer for the work they had done unless they sold more bonds and we told them we would not pay them any more, and we had been riding Davission day and night to sell more bonds. Mr. Young had a telephone conversation with Stacy & Braun in Chicago, in which Mr. Stacy said he wouldn't trade with Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company, that they had not lived up to their contract about the sale of some bonds for some other folks; that they had violated their contract, and he wouldn't buy from anybody at a good price or at a bad price who violated the contract they had made, and if the bank would buy them they would buy them from the bank. I was over there and Young called this to our attention. Davission said "what about it?" Young said "we will buy it and it will be a washed matter, and we will sell them to Stacy." This letter came later about buying them from the bank, and not from Davission. Mr. Stacy told me in Chicago about the contract that had been made with Harold G. Wise in the first million that Davission undertook to jump, that he wouldn't live up to it, and he wouldn't buy the bonds from a man who wouldn't live up to his contract.

Q. The bank was buying them from Fleming & Stitzer and selling them in Chicago?

A. At the same price. Just a washed matter, to satisfy Stacy & Braun. It is my opinion his motive was otherwise. The county sold \$500,000 to Fleming & Stitzer, and they sold them to the bank, and the bank sold them to Stacy & Braun.

Q. Had the county anything to do with the price Fleming & Stitzer sold the bonds?

A. Nothing. We didn't care if they sold them for 50 or 40 cents on the dollar as long as we got 100 cents.

Q. Quotes Portion of the Contract

Read portion of the contract as follows: Said party of the second part agrees that they will take and pay for said bonds upon the following terms and in the following manner, not to exceed two million of par value of said bonds with accrued interest thereon, on or before Jan. 1st, 1921. The bonds shall be taken by said contractors in amounts not less than the estimates due for work done, plus an additional amount necessary to care for engineering, right of way, and general overhead. Said party of the first agrees it will sell and deliver said bonds in such amounts and at such city or cities within the United States as said parties of the second part may demand after reasonable notice given free of expense."

Q. How were Fleming & Stitzer paid for their work?

A. They were paid in money, or bonds if we didn't have the money.

Q. Previous to your visit to Chicago did you discuss with Sam Young whether it was advisable to put any more money in the bank?

A. He advised us that the bank was alright, but, about the early part of July we didn't believe the bank was alright, so we sought legal advice of Burkett, Anderson & Orr regarding whether or not we could get the county under the state guaranty fund. They advised us that we could by doing certain things. On July 12th the court entered an order to that effect. The bank was notified of the court's action. That we had found their bond insufficient, and if they waived that, then we could be put under the guaranty fund. Testifying further Judge Starnes stated: "I had no suspicion that Young was going to hypothecate the \$50,000 of oad bonds. If I had such suspicion would have telegraphed to Stacy & Braun not to pay them; the \$50,000 was a part of the \$124,000 that were in Chicago and had not been paid for; Sam Young never acted for Eastland county. It is not true that I confederated with Young to put money in the Security State Bank; we were trying to get our money out of it; after seeing the statement of the bank of June 30 I saw they only had \$100,000 in cash and knew they

could not pay all the county's deposits.

Knew About Receipt Concerning the receipt for \$1,000,000 signed by Treasurer Pritchard, Judge Starnes testified:

Q. You do know that receipts showing \$1,000,000 of bonds of series D had been made by Ed Pritchard?

A. Two sets of them. That is two million dollars in receipts are out, if that receipt is correct. I did not prepare that receipt; I know about the receipt for \$500,000, and the \$200,000, and the \$100,000. My recollection the only one we discussed in the Security State Bank when Pritchard was present was the \$500,000. The receipt was incorrect and came back and I prepared a new one. It was discussed with Ed Pritchard in the bank and shown him. I discussed them with him in his office and other places.

Q. Were you instrumental in seeing that receipts went back to Chicago?

A. I was attending to that.

Q. When Ed Pritchard signed this receipt you knew that the county had not gotten money for?

A. We knew the instructions were out, that they would pay or they would not get this receipt.

Q. You knew when this receipt was sent back up there that it wasn't true, didn't you?

A. No, sir, I knew it was true.

Q. That these bonds had been sold?

A. That that receipt was deposited in escrow and before that receipt would be delivered, the bonds would all be paid for.

Q. This receipt shows that Ed Pritchard received the cash by Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company?

A. This was handled like the other two million, on the same kind of paper letter for letter, and figure for figure. The same bond transaction and handled like two million dollars of Eastland county's road bonds were paid for.

Q. Do you claim that Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company own the entire four and one half million road bonds?

A. They have a contract to buy

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them and they will own them when they pay for them. I believe the contract excepts sufficient to take care of Federal Aid. I think first and last our Federal Aid projects will cost the county \$500,000, and that is excepted from theirs.

Q. You know that the contract provides that all of the work will go to them, don't you?

A. The Federal Aid work doesn't go to them, and is so provided.

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What one firm did with poultry this month is but an indication of the possibilities of raising poultry for market in the Cisco country. The Cisco Produce company, which commenced business about three months ago, has been buying and selling country produce since it came into existence.

During the Thanksgiving season the Cisco Produce company shipped to El Paso one ton of dressed turkeys alone besides the chickens shipped and poultry sold locally and in other places. The turkey purchases alone means that this company has distributed approximately \$1,000 among the farmers of Cisco's trade territory, in addition to the money spent in buying chickens, eggs, butter, cream, pecans and other produce. This company has also shipped out 5000 pounds of live chickens to the different markets during its existence. The Cisco produce company promises to be a factor in developing diversification in the Cisco country. It is but in its infancy, but already is putting more money in the farmers' pockets than any other institution in the city. Most of us are consumers—that is, we buy outside and sell to home people. The produce company sells outside and buys from home people. Do you see the difference? Don't you think an institution of this kind deserves the support of every man in Cisco? We do.

INTERESTING DAY FOR BAPTIST

There was a very pleasant and profitable day spent Tuesday by the First Baptist church people at their church on Ave. E at 9th street. There was an all-day meeting held by the good ladies of the church, who served basket lunch to all present. This was general church workers day also. All present enjoyed the day with its interesting program.

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CLUBS TO BE ORGANIZED

County Farm Agent Bush reports that he will begin the work early in December of organizing the boys' clubs throughout Eastland county, and will try to have three clubs functioning by the first of the year. These will be livestock and agricultural clubs as outlined by the department at College Station. These clubs will be organized and started out in their work through the different schools.

TEACHER WANTED FOR SHADY GROVE SCHOOL

Shady Grove, in Ward district No. 13, Eastland county, wants a teacher. Teachers with first grade certificates preferred but will consider teachers with second grade certificates. Applicants address or call on O. P. Weiser, president; or J. R. Bacon, secretary Shady Grove School, Route 3, Cisco. Position must be filled at once. adv.

SKATING RINK STILL POPULAR WITH YOUNG

The skating rink is still a popular resort for the young people. Last night they enjoyed a masked skate, and tonight they will have with them Mr. Fred Martin, the world's champion fast skater. Mr. Martin comes from Fort Worth, and will show the visitors tonight some fast sprinting on wheels. If you want to see him in action go out tonight and witness his feats.

NO TROUBLE TO GROW TRUCK

Mr. J. M. Little brought in a bunch of onions, grown in his garden in this city. They were fresh and crisp and were just nice eating size for young onions. Mr. Little stated that the sets of these onions were put out just 44 days before being pulled, and to the tops from the roots was 23 inches. He stated he has never found it difficult to grow truck in Eastland county. Up to about five years ago he has been farming all his life, he stated.

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HARD TO EXPLAIN

Happenings in Life Stranger Than Fiction.

Odd Coincidences of Wrecks, and in the Careers of the Ex-Kaiser and Emperor Napoleon.

Coincidences in life are stranger than anything in fiction.

There used to be two steamers called the Romulus and the Remus. A few years back the former was lost in the English channel. Within three weeks the Remus was wrecked a thousand miles away from the scene of her sister ship's disaster.

Many reliable authorities regard the following as the most amazing coincidence on record, says London Answers. More than 200 years ago, Dec. 5, 1664, a boat crossing the Menai straits with eighty-one passengers encountered a terrific gale and foundered. The only man to escape death was a Hugh Williams.

More than 100 years later, Dec. 5, 1780, another vessel, with a large number of passengers, sank in the same circumstances, and in the same spot. All the passengers were drowned except one. His name was Hugh Williams.

Again, Dec. 5, 1820, a boat carrying thirty people, sank in the same spot. The sole survivor was a Hugh Williams.

The figure 9 has a peculiar connection with the career of the ex-kaiser. He was born in the fifty-ninth year of the century, entered the army in 1869, and completed his university career in 1879. The dates of his birth and marriage—Jan. 27 and Feb. 27—both make nine, if two and seven are added together. And the same number figures in his defeat and exile. That occurred in 1918, which contains one figure "9" and two figures that added together make "9." Also, he was 59 years old when his career as ruler ended.

It has often been pointed out that the letter M, for better or worse, dogged the footsteps both of Napoleon the Great and Napoleon the Little. In the case of Napoleon I, it was Marboeuf who first recognized his genius at the military college, Marengo was his first great victory, Morlier was his best general, Moreau betrayed him, Marat died for him, Marie Louise shared his fortunes, Moscow marked the turn in those fortunes, Metternich beat him in diplomacy.

His first battle was Montenotte, his last Mont St. Jean. He stormed Montmartre, took Milan; Marmont deserted him. His right-hand man was Monteseu, his last resting place in France, Malmaison. He surrendered to Captain Malhand, and his companions at St. Helena were Montholon and Marehand. His marshals were Massena, Moutier, Marmont, MacDonald, Murat and Momey, and no fewer than twenty-six of his generals had names beginning with M.

Napoleon III, married the countess of Montijo, and his most intimate friend was Morny, and his tutor Morelthe of Montellinar. His greatest military successes were the capture of the Malakoff and the Munselen tower. His biggest battle was Montebello, and MacMahon won Magenta for him.

He drove the Austrians out of Marignano, and made his triumphal entry into Milan. He was repulsed before Mantua, in his last war driven back to the Moselle and his fate settled by Moltke at Metz.

Octogenarian Pedestrian.

Viscount Bryce, at eighty-two, is giving Americans in the Berkshire hills an object lesson in pedestrianism which our auto-bound and front-porch-loving race would do well to heed, a writer stated recently in the Cincinnati Times-Star. The distinguished visitor seldom uses a motor car unless the distance to be covered is too far to negotiate on foot, or unless speed is a necessity. Viscount Bryce prefers to hoof it. He is covering the hills and dales of the Berkshires with a stride so robust as to out distance most of his companions. His health is excellent and his appetite perfect. For these blessings Lord Bryce gives walking, constant, daily walking, the credit. He is a living example of the virtues of using one's legs for the purpose which nature intended.

The English are great pedestrians. Even in the larger cities, where transportation is frequent and comfortable, they flock along the pavements from the sheer delight they find in using nature's first means of locomotion. In America we go in a great deal for sports, and find much pleasure and health in these diversions. But we are not a walking race. We are passing up one of the simplest, easiest and cheapest forms of exercise known, and our digestions and tempers are paying the price of our pedal laziness.

The Oldest Donkey.

A cat is said to have nine lives. How many has a donkey?

According to Sam Weller, "nobody ever saw a dead donkey," but donkeys do die, and the claim of a Camberwell coster that his donkey, aged forty, is the oldest donkey in the world may be true. Only one centenarian donkey has ever been recorded. He is stated to have lived in Cromarty for 106 years, and then died from a kick of a horse.

There is another story of a man who once expressed a desire to live to two hundred.

"Two hundred!" exclaimed his companion. "You must be an ass!"
But that, of course, was a different kind of an ass.—London Answers.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE NUMEROUS IN MEXICO

POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCREASING DAILY.

DEPARTMENTS WILL HELP

Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Urges Inquiries on All Questions.

Consular reports compiled show that more than thirty thousand people recently crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico from the United States upon the occasion of the celebration of the Centennial Exposition of that country. Those who have been following closely the commercial and industrial situation in Mexico believe that this is the indication of a development along these lines unprecedented in Mexico's history. Business conditions in Mexico have more or less reflected similar conditions in the United States but during the past few months Mexico has been visited by some of the most important financiers in the world with the result that possibilities for an early recognition of that country have been growing brighter each month.

Adjustment of matters pertaining to oil holdings, the extension of long lines of credit by some of the most powerful commercial organizations in the world the possibility of an early payment of interest on national debt have all contributed to the advance of Mexican interests.

The United States has been offered an opportunity of developing a strong commercial field in Mexico and many manufacturers and exporters have been taking advantage of the opportunity. During the year 1920 the trade between the two countries amounted to \$388,945,272, of which Mexico bought from the United States \$207,854,197 and sold to the United States \$186,191,075. This has been increased during 1921 so that the total business between the two countries for the twelve months ending June 30, 1921, was \$422,262,520, of which Mexico bought \$267,299,356 and sold \$154,963,164.

Mexico bought during these twelve months \$7,581,133 worth of automobiles and parts; \$4,474,078 worth of locomotives; \$841,418 worth of sewing machines; \$6,087,735 worth of lumber for building; \$3,514,576 worth of flour; \$5,416,544 worth of corn and \$387,423 pounds of barbed wire. The sale of lumber and barbed wire indicate the fact that ranching is coming back strong.

Exports to Mexico jumped from less than \$50,000,000 prior to 1917 to \$280,000,000 in 1921. The fact that thousands of Americans are daily going into Mexico that the trains are running through Pullmans and that a finer service has been inaugurated indicate the belief of many Americans in the future of Mexico.

President Obregon Very Popular.

Mexico recently celebrated its Centennial. One hundred years ago the country became an independent nation and although it has been torn many times by internal strife there is every indication that the period of revolutions has passed and that Mexico is settled upon an era of commercial and industrial growth. That Mexico has safely passed the crisis in this possibility is most plainly shown in the open manner in which President Obregon participated in the festivities incident to the Centennial celebration and the fact that no uprising of any kind was even rumored.

September 27th when 15,000 soldiers passed in review before the President and his staff would have been an admirable opportunity for some person to have made the effort. Nothing occurred however, and following the ceremony, without escort of any kind President Obregon with his children rode through the streets to Chapultepec. He was greeted on every side in a manner most cordial. To any observer this more than belied the rumors that Mexico is ready to cast him aside, which have been constantly circulated by persons and interests to whom the Mexican government have failed to make concessions.

Mexico expended in the United States last year for meats and meat foods \$7,184,899, of which amount more than five million was expended for lard and lard compounds and the balance for hams, bacons and sausages. Fresh meat is being imported into Mexico on the hoof and every day several trains of cattle from Texas arrive in Mexico City or other points of slaughter.

There is a good market in Mexico for dairy cattle and many haciendas are stocking their ranches again with cattle to replace those destroyed during the revolutions.

A decree has been issued providing for a fifty per cent decrease in the present import and export duties of cattle effective September 1st. While the decree is especially aimed at increasing the import of stock for meat and breeding purposes it also aids American livestock owners by enabling them to pasture in Mexico.

Department Furnishes Information.

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



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Humble Company in Mexia Field

Buys Property of the Occidental Oil Company, and Goes After Production in the Mexia Field—Pure Oil Company Already in.

Mexia, Nov. 21.—Announcement from New York that the Humble Oil and Refining Company, a Standard subsidiary, had acquired 176 acres of the Occidental Oil Company, along with its two producing wells in this field, was not entirely a surprise here.

The sale had been gossiped about for some time and it was figured that as long as the Magnolia, another Standard subsidiary, also the Gulf, the biggest independent, had entered the field, it was only a question of time until the Humble would have to come in as a producer also.

It was known when Frank Smith, president of the Occidental, left here, for New York on "important business," that something was on tap although it was not generally suspected that the Humble had its eye on the Occidental properties. The understanding here is that the Humble paid \$1,000,000 for the Occidental holdings.

This is the third big deal for Mexia properties involving the larger interests. The first purchase of the big group was when the Magnolia took over the Desenberg well and the 48 acres on which it was drilled, for \$1,100,000. This was followed by the transaction in which the Pure Oil Company acquired a minority interest in the Humphreys-Mexia and Humphreys-Texas companies for \$7,000,000, paying on the basis of three and one-half to one for the Humphreys stock.

The property involved in this last deal consists of 76 acres lying on the northern side of the pool and which contains two wells making about 600 barrels a day and 100 acres on the south end of the field with one gas well drilled. The first tract offsets the Houton Oil Company's Life wells.

Details of the sale will probably be made known here early this week upon the return of Smith. It was also reported in various circles that Walter Teagle, president of the Standard of New Jersey, and several other high officials of the group would be here to look over the field but this could not be verified.

The acquisition by the Humble of the Occidental properties makes it a contender for first production honors—now held by the Humphreys interests. It is said that the Humble plans 28 55,000-barrel storage tanks on a farm near Wortham and an eight-inch line to the "farm" to take the crude to the Gulf coast.

BOTH MEMBERS OF KLAN

An amusing incident happened here during the recent visit of Jesse James to this city when his picture was shown at the Judia. One of Quantrell's men resides in this place, an while in conversation with James the talk naturally drifted to guerrillas, and other matters of civil warfare, and incidents connected therewith. The ex-follower of the intrepid Quantrell remarked that he was a member of the original Ku Klux Klan right after the war. James was not following him closely, but caught the last part of his remark, and he rather spiritedly replied: "So am I, patner, shake."

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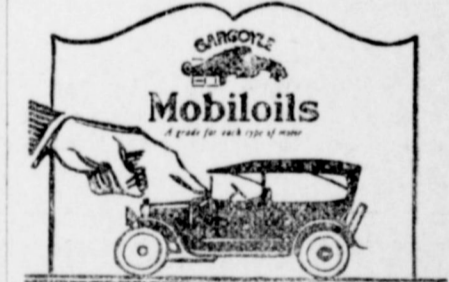
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LOST—Black folding purse containing three one dollar bills and some silver. Annual I. O. O. F. receipt and a note for \$100.00 payable to G. H. Carter. Keep money and return balance to this office. Lost between Cisco and Breckenridge.

Mr. George Roberts made a flying trip to his old home in Stephenville this week. Mr. Roberts believes in telling of Cisco's advantages, so he sends the American to his father, Mr. L. F. Roberts at that place.

City Taxes of Eastland Towns

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

lication. The people pay the bills, and should know the cost.

But read what the Ranger Times has to say, and do a little figuring: **A Tale of Three Cities**

"Criticism of the \$2 tax rate is being voiced by some taxpayers. That is natural. Taxes, in the average mind, mean the paying out of money for nothing. An increase in taxes is just as pleasant as being kissed by a hijacker after he has taken one's purse.

"Yet before too severely condemning the city administration for setting a \$2 rate when only \$1.75 was collected last year, a dispassionate review of the situation should be made. That done, the Ranger taxpayer will thank his stars that he is living here, where both rate and valuation are reasonable.

"Ranger's rate is \$2, and school tax will be 50 cents.

"Cisco's rate may go nearly to \$2.50, with \$1 school tax.

Eastland's rate has been unofficially set at \$2.14, with \$1 school tax.

"Those figures give Ranger a lower tax rate by at least 64 cents on the \$100 than either of the other two principal towns of the county. Rather favorable for us, one would think.

"Ah, but what about the valuations? is the doubters comeback.

"Well, here's what:

"Ranger's assessments this year are on a total valuation of \$8,800,000 Eastland's will be about \$6,000,000, while Cisco decides that it is worth about \$15,000,000. Now consider the relative population of the two towns; consider the same conditions have affected all of them; consider the numerous industries here in comparison with the other two. Is it possible to conceive that Cisco is worth nearly twice as much as Ranger? Certainly not.

"Think it over. Taxes may be high. But when they are lower, both as to rate and assessed valuation, those of other towns, the situation would seem to have a distinctly sunny tinge. More than that, remember most cities in Texas approximate a \$2 tax rate, and Ranger, furthermore, is still paying for a year of boom-day administration, during which the city did not collect one cent of taxes.

Putnam C. of C. Town Builder

Conflicting Dates Makes Attendance Light—Trades Day December 5th—Want Sunshine to Make Putnam Step—Committees on Trades Day.

Special Correspondence.
Putnam, Nov. 23.—On account of an oversight on the part of some one in placing the date of the Lyceum number on the night of the chamber of commerce, there were only about fifty present at last night's meeting. A large number is expected at the next meeting next Tuesday night, as there are no conflicting dates.

Under the leadership of Mr. J. S. Yeager, president and Mr. Vick Gilbert, secretary, the chamber is going to do great things for Putnam.

Listen. Now don't forget the date—Monday, December 5th.—Putnam is going to have a regular Trades Day, and there is going to be some big things doing on that day, and if you want to have the biggest time in your life, you don't want to fail to be in Putnam on that day. Say we could tell you more about it now but Putnam is going to have a new news paper of its own by then so we will just let it tell you all about it. Don't forget the date. Monday, December 5th. Among many present was Mr. M. W. Armstead, president of the Callahan County Pure Breed Stock association. Mr. Armstead made a splendid talk and the writer would be glad to see every farmer and stockman take a special interest in the work that Mr. Armstead is doing in Callahan county. His talks are very instructive and will mean much wealth to Callahan county in a few years if our producers in live stock will keep wise to what this organization is doing. Be at the chamber of commerce next Tuesday night and we will try to get Mr. Armstead to tell us something more about this splendid organization.

We commend the chamber of commerce on its action in helping its own home people in securing the work that the railroad company is now giving to outside people.

Messrs. Everett, Brooks and Nard are the general committee on Trades Day. M. W. Armstead, S. W. Jobe, and J. M. Little were appointed as a committee entertainment.

Want Sunshine Special

The chamber of commerce voted unanimously to ask the co-operation of the Cisco chamber of commerce with the Putnam chamber in its efforts to induce the Texas & Pacific receivers to order the Sunshine Special to include Putnam in its stops, which service will be of mutual benefit to both Putnam and Cisco.

Stephens' Boom No 2 Important

Will be Founded on More Stable Foundations of Sane Drilling, Agriculture and Stock Raising—Good Roads Started.

By A. C. Briden

If the oil fields of Stephens run true to form then Stephens county is soon to undergo operation number two in the form of the second boom caused from the discovery in that county. The first boom was just one big bustle and hurry to see who would be the lucky fellow in discovering the "liquid gold" first.

Many of the old time settlers in the county strongly maintain that it would have been better all round had oil never been discovered. Many people were benefitted by the boom for a time, and many will reap a lasting good from same, but in many instances people increased these gains unwisely and lost all, leaving them in much worse condition than before the boom.

Now, that things are getting back to normal in a way, the people have regained their balance on the raft of life; old Stephens county will advance as of old.

The farmers, when they received a little bunch of money from the oil game they immediately left their farms lying out to move to some town or to work for some oil company. The cattle man sold his herds because he could not keep his fences in repair, on account of oil traffic. And he would never need the cattle again anyway. Road work and other public improvement, absolutely ceased.

Things are now getting back on a more sane basis after many months of depression. Oil operations are rapidly opening up again, and with a good rain throughout this country development would regain normal conditions shortly, and no doubt in time, surpass the first boom.

This second boom, as we have before called same, can not be in truth, classed as a boom, for it will be conducted by the large companies only, and the operations will be carried on in a strictly scientific scale. Wells will perhaps, in this field, be placed on to each twenty acres of land, just in sufficient numbers to provide for the proper dreaning of territory as proven by knowledge of certain formations. All the old time waste of money and material will be eradicated in this way. The field will be developed in strictly a business and scientific manner by men who know the game. In this way the life of the field will be many years instead of months, and the people will read lasting benefit from them.

If you go through the field at present you will see the smoke rising from that little farm home off there in the cove of the mountain which no man has called home for two or three years. It has known no inhabitant except when some company of "skinners" took possession for protection against the weather. You will see the cow man as he replaces or rebuilds his fences in preparation for the beginning of business again. When his fences are up again he then gathers in his herds, and turns the "strays" in the public roads or pasture lands still lying out.

The county voted four millions of dollars three years ago for the construction of good roads, but owing to every one being so busy for the past three years, no road work has been done. Now, as things are getting back to almost normal again, grading has recently started in many sections of that county, in preparation for the good road system these people will no doubt have completed in the near future.

So, we see that the second boom of which we spoke at the beginning, is not merely a resurrection of the oil business, but a renewing of all business activities all along the line for which that old county was once known. It is indeed another boom, and we think, will mean very much more to the county and its people than the single instance of discovering oil ever did.

GOT HIS WIRES CROSSED

Monday is regular Dollar Day at the E. J. Barnes Co. store. This sale has become a feature with the buying public, who are watching for the bargains this company puts on sale on their regular dollar days. The holiday coming just on the eve of the American going to press is the reason there is not a display advertisement in this issue of the Working Man's paper—Mr. Barnes got his wires crossed, and got Thanksgiving day confused with Sunday.

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Read the bargains in the page advertisement of Morris Simon in this issue. Don't confuse this with other so-called sales. Everything as advertised. adv.

Where We Worship

First M. E. Church South
Corner Broadway and Avenue H, Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor. Services Sunday: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; J. J. Godbey, Superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Intermediate League 4 p. m.; Senior League, 6:15 p. m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially welcomed.

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

First Presbyterian Church
Corner Avenue G. and Broadway, Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Pastor. Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; H. L. Winchell, superintendent; Morning Service, 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:15 p. m.; Evening Service 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 8 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public. A warm welcome to all strangers and visitors.

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

Christian Science Society
Odd Fellows Hall, 709 1/2 Avenue D. Services next Sunday: Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service, 11 a. m. (no evening service). Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Subject Sunday "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Renounced." The public is invited to attend all these services.

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

East Cisco Baptist Church
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second, fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. L. W. Layrence. Preaching on third Sundays by D. B. DeGuire. Sunshine Society meets at 2:30 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Church Conference last, Wednesday night each month.

Church of Christ
Services at the City Hall every Sunday. Bible study 10 a. m. Morning service 11:45 a. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. All cordially invited. —W. F. Cashion, Minister

Twelfth Street Methodist
East Twelfth Street and Ave. A. Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor. Services each Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; preaching first, second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by the pastor. Junior Epworth League each Sunday 3 p. m., Senior Epworth League 6 p. m., prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7 p. m.

Next Sunday, November 20, Rev. S. J. Vaughan will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. J. W. Boyd at 7:15 p. m.

Cost is lost sight of in the big sale now being staged by Morris Simon. Read the advertisement in this issue. adv.

Briggs Owen was the guest of his brother, Lee Owen, here last Monday.

Mr. D. Roberts, who is taking a post-graduate course in the science of geology at the John Tarleton A. & M. college at Stephenville, is spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts.

Miss Beth Slaughter of Stephenville, is the week end guest of Miss Lucille Roberts at the H. G. Eppler home on Broadway, where the Roberts have apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mummert of Fort Worth were the Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gude.

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