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CISCO MUNICIPAL GAS PLANT POSSIBLE

CISCO NOT POWERLESS IN ITS FIGHT FOR CHEAPER GAS RATE

Because of Cisco's heavy bonded indebtedness the impression prevails that a municipal gas plant for Cisco is practically an impossibility. However, it is now believed by some, and one member of the city commission particularly, that Cisco is not in such a deplorable financial condition that the erection of a municipal gas plant is impossible, but, on the other hand, a feasible proposition. Explaining his attitude the aforesaid commissioner stated:

"Cisco has some money, \$25,000 or \$30,000, in its general fund, and I am of the opinion that this money can be legally used as a nucleus for the establishment of a gas system in the city. This is a sufficient sum to make a start, and after we commence the erection of the plant the laws give us the right to mortgage the plant for the completion of the system, together with the franchise, should it be necessary to sell the plant for the payment of the indebtedness incurred in its erection. While I have not taken the matter up with parties who might be interested in financing the project, still I believe money could be readily secured for the installation of a gas system."

"I know many will exclaim 'we can do nothing on account of our heavy bonded indebtedness.' They do not consider that this debt can be incurred without pledging the revenues of the city. Under the statutes affecting the case cities have a right to mortgage the revenues of its municipal plants, and no such obligation will ever become a debt against the city."

Not Too Crippled to Fight
Well, why not get busy. Even as badly in debt as we are, Cisco still has the means of combatting the gas trust that is charging our people boom prices for their commodity. And, judging from policies adopted, or being attempted, in other towns, it is likely that increased rates for gas may be filed. You remember the threat of Mr. Chester May, of the Community Natural Gas Co., who told the city commissioners that if we would be good, and accept the rates without protesting in the form of a city ordinance, that it was probable the company would not ask an increase "at this time."

But the law justifies the statement of the commissioner quoted, that it is not only possible, but feasible, for Cisco to build and own its own gas system. The statute applicable to the case reads as follows:

Encumbered City Systems
Art. 1111. Powers.—All cities and towns operating under this title have power to mortgage and encumber their light systems or water systems, either or both, and the franchise and income thereof, and everything pertaining thereto, acquired or to be acquired, to secure the payment of funds to purchase same, or to purchase additional water powers, riparian rights, or to build, improve, enlarge, extend or repair such systems, or either of them, and as additional security therefor, by the terms of such encumbrance, may grant to the purchaser or under sale of foreclosure thereunder a franchise to operate the systems and properties so purchased for a term not over twenty years after such purchase, subject to the laws regulating same then in force. No such obligation shall ever be a debt of such city or town, but solely a charge upon the properties so encumbered and shall never be reckoned in determining the power of such city or town to issue bonds for any purpose authorized by law. (Acts 1911, P. 20.)

However, a town building or purchasing any utility system under this statute must submit the proposition to the qualified voters, whose approval, in a general or special election, is required. Making it plain that such a debt

TAYLOR COUNTY RETAINS COUNTY DEMONSTRATORS

The Abilene chamber of commerce, by underwriting the salaries of the county and home demonstration agents, enables Taylor county to continue this service. This action was taken after the commissioners court voted to discontinue the service December 1.

In insuring the service of county agents to the farmers of Taylor county the Abilene chamber of commerce can be credited with at least one piece of constructive work. In this advanced age, when agriculture has made wonderful progress under the direction of the county agent, and farm wives have learned new methods of living, county and home demonstrators are almost indispensable. No county can hardly afford to dispense with their services, especially when the A. & M. extension service pays more than half of the agents' salaries.

Action was taken by the board of directors, and if approved by extension authorities, will pledge the chamber to payment of \$2,000 annually to be added to \$2,800 paid by A. & M. Extension Service for agents' work in this county.

The decision followed several rallies held by rural folk and business men in effort to work out some solution. County officials agreed the work was exceedingly valuable, but maintained they could see no way to finance it from county funds. The chamber of commerce plans to raise the money through various clubs and individuals, as far as possible, and make up the balance from its own treasury. It once sponsored the work in this county.

CISCOAN REPRESENTS OIL WORKER SUING PHYSICIAN

J. Lee Cearley, Cisco attorney, is attorney for the plaintiff in a \$20,000 damage suit filed in the district court of Callahan county at Baird, against Dr. R. L. Griggs, practicing physician of that city.

Allegation of Dunlap is that Dr. Griggs failed to have an ambulance sent to the scene of an oil field accident in which the plaintiff's leg was broken, and that transportation to Baird in a truck was a contributing factor to asserted permanence to the injury. The mishap occurred near Cross Plains about two years ago. Dunlap was subsequently treated in an Abilene and a Dallas hospital. He lives at Baird.

WOMEN CHASTISED FOR EXERCISING FRANCHISE

Spain has granted the women of that nation the right of franchise, but the lords of creation still claim the right to curtail this franchise, according to a report sent out from Morate de Tajuna, Spain, which relates:

"Womenfolk of this village Saturday nursed black eyes and broken heads, administered by angry husbands after the women attempted to assert for the first time, their equality under the new Spanish constitution.

"The husbands went to work Friday in the near-by fields, confidently believing they had ousted Mayor Antonio de la Torre, the village's perennial 'boss,' in favor of a Republican candidate. On returning at night they learned their wives had organized a mass meeting during the day in protest against their spouses' action. The husbands thereon agreed to a general chastisement, which was administered in homes and on the streets. Civil guards restored order."

SAN ANGELO—Feed prices throughout the range country are rising. Alfalfa is selling at \$18 per ton here, cotton seed cake at \$22, meal at \$22, oats 25c per bushel and wheat at 55c.

COLD POSTPONES GAS MASS MEET

On account of the encllement weather that prevailed Monday permitting only a small number of interested parties to be in attendance, the mass meeting called to assemble at the city hall auditorium to discuss the gas rates, was postponed till more favorable weather prevailed. However, there were some 29 or 30 patriots who braved the storm, and left their 75 cent gas fires to come out and protest, if necessary, against the injunction against the new gas rates promulgated by the city commission.

But those who were present perfected a temporary organization by the election of Judge J. D. Barker, chairman; R. W. H. Kennon, secretary; and the appointment of a committee on resolutions and advertising. The personnel of these committees are Judge Eugene Lankford, chairman; Judge J. J. Butts, B. A. Butler, R. W. H. Kennon, Mrs. J. B. Cate and Mrs. N. A. Brown, resolutions; H. A. Bible, chairman; W. D. Elder and Judge E. Lankford, advertising.

The chairman stated he would announce the date of the next meeting through the local papers as soon as the weather man indicates favorable weather, possibly Thursday evening, or Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Judge Barker urged that everyone interested in remedying the gas situation be present at the meeting when called, and let us discuss what action, if any, can be taken to stop the rapacity of those who seem determined to extract every cent of toll the traffic will stand, and then some.

Possibly it may be impossible to carry out the original purpose in calling this meeting, that is to change from gas to some other fuel, as a large per cent of the people are not financially able to convert their homes for wood or crude oil fuel, though quite a number have already done so.

SNOW FALLS IN MANY WEST TEXAS SECTIONS

The raw weather that prevailed over Texas the past week, being biting unpleasant even in the congenial Cisco climate, cold rain continued for several days, brought heavy falls of snow over most sections in West Texas. Reaching as far east as Abilene, with light falls in Cisco, the snow blanketed practically all sections in the western part of the state. Here the cold wave was accompanied by rain that was anything but pleasant. The southern part of the South Plains and the Big Bend country was snowed under, with heavy falls reported in many other places, including Alpine, Lamesa, Dawson, Tahoka, Brownfield, Crosbyton, Odessa, Post, Lubbock, the Trans-Pecos section and towns in the vicinity of Plainview.

LOBOES ELIMINATED BY ABILENE EAGLES

To the chagrin and disappointment of hundreds of Lobo fans the Big Dam pack went down in defeat and elimination from the grid-iron contest before the onslaughts of the Abilene Eagles in that city last Friday. The score that put the Lobos out of the running was 34 to 13. There are no alibis.

YOUNG COUNTY TO GET NEW \$75,000 BRIDGE

THROCKMORTON—An appropriation of \$75,000 has been authorized by the Young county commissioners court to be matched by \$100,000 from the state, to be used in constructing a bridge over the Brazos River near Newcastle. The route from Throckmorton county line to the bridge will be made an all-weather highway.

FORMER COUNTY AGENT IS GIVEN PROMOTION

The Eastland Record last week contained the following story of a former well known county agent of Eastland county, which will be of interest to many who remember Mr. Bush, and the splendid work he did while serving as agent of this county:

"Word has been received that Mr. R. H. Bush, formerly county agricultural agent of Eastland county and during the past few years associated with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, has been appointed special agent in pasture and feed crops work with the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College and the United States Department of Agriculture. H. H. Williams, vice director and state agent of the Extension service, has announced Bush's appointment will become effective Dec. 1.

"In his new work he will aid county farm demonstration agents in increasing the already large acreage being developed into rich, permanent pastures. He will also assist in demonstrations in which farmers plan and use better cropping systems with livestock as the outlet.

"Bush was reared on a Mississippi farm and received his college training at the A. & M. college of that state. He came to Texas soon after the termination of his army service in the World War to become associated with the Extension Service as Eastland county agent."

GRAND OFFICERS ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECTED

At the closing session of the annual meeting of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons at Waco Tues., officers for the ensuing year were named. Harvey Petty, of Terrell, succeeds E. C. Couch, of Weslaco, as grand high priest; G. R. Bryan, of Mineral Wells, was elected a member of the home for aged Masons at Arlington.

FILL COMMUNITY CHEST FOR NEEDY

The welfare drive for funds to fill the community chest to succor the needy of Cisco begins next Tuesday, under the direction of J. T. Elliott, chairman of the welfare organization. Be ready with your purse strings untied, and give as liberally as your financial condition will permit, and then some. Remember that "the Lord loveth a cheerful given," so give with a smile. And bear in mind that this is hardly a gift, for we are admonished in holy writ that "He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," who always pays with usury. That giving of your bounty is obeying the commands of God is seen in the numerous admonitions to feed the hungry, and in almost every command the giver is assured of ample reward. For instance:

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor."—Prov. 22:9

"He that giveth to the poor shall not lack."—Prov. 28:27.

"Deal thy bread to the hungry, and when thou seest the naked, that thou clothe him, then shall thy health spring forth speedily: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."—Isaiah 58:7 to 12.

So "seek your own in another's good."—Mary Baker Eddy.

Chairman Elliott says it is planned to close the drive in two days, so don't be a clog in the wheel of charity, as he asks full cooperation of all our people.

That at least 300,000 lambs are on feed in Texas is the estimate of G. W. Barnes, representative of the Texas Livestock Marketing Association. Feeders who have already sold their lambs made money and lambs are being well finished, he said.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM AT MASS MEETING

As the weather man decided to give the country a change of the brand of weather, the mass meeting, adjourned from last Monday night, was held in the city auditorium Thursday evening, when about 200 protestants against the high price of gas assembled, and adopted resolutions germane to the subject.

Chairman Barker called the meeting to order and stated its object in a strong address. Following Judge Barker, Judge Eugene Lankford spoke eloquently and patriotically of the injustices being inflicted upon the people of Oil Belt towns, and Cisco in particular. Vociferous applause greeted Judge Lankford's address, and after the resolutions were read all were adopted unanimously, with the exception of one lone no. Just who the partisan of the gas monopoly was, is not known, as his identity was not established, and he offered no explanation for siding against the people and in favor of those who supply a necessity at a price the traffic will hardly stand.

The principal resolution, after denouncing the methods invoked by the gas company, dealt mainly with the necessity of enacting laws that would prevent the utility monopolies from throttling competition by lowering prices below cost when independent utility concerns open business in opposition. The resolution pointed out this could be done by electing men to the legislature who could not be controlled by the monopolies, which are declared in the constitution as unlawful, and that this be made an issue in the next election.

Other resolutions favored the establishment of a municipal plant, and favored the city and district attorney taking steps to prosecute the pipe line and distributing companies under the state anti-trust statutes, as being a combination in restraint of trade.

The matter of canvassing the citizens with the view of ascertaining who would cut out their gas and burn wood, or some other fuel, was not pushed, as it was believed to be impracticable and financially prohibitive at this time. Many, it was believed, on account of the convenience of gas as fuel, would continue to use it as long as they could pay the prices enforced upon them.

While the gathering was not as large as was expected, yet the meeting was far from being a failure, as the 200 or more present were representative of the citizenship of the city, and what they lacked in numbers was more than offset in enthusiasm.

Personals

Miss Laura Kittrell of Winters, spent Thanksgiving here the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. West have as their guest Mr. and Mrs. John Heer of Colorado Springs, Colo.

After spending the Thanksgiving holidays here, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dabney, Miss Virginia Dabney has returned to Austin to resume her studies at the University.

Miss Esther Hale was an interested attendant at the S. M. U.-T. C. U. football game at Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cooles are in Fort Worth and Dallas this week.

W. J. Armstrong transacted business in Fort Worth this week.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Prove to me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing.—II Thes. 5:13.

Do you good to all.
As much as in you lieth. Hurt no man more.
Than you would harm your living, natural brother.
Of the same roof, same heart.

—Tennyson.

"To live nobly, we must be noble; and we become noble by resolutely banishing unworthy thought and feeling."

TWO CENTS FOR PANHANDLE GAS

It seems that the Lone Star is not the only avaricious offending monopoly that is filching the people by the right of might. Up in the Panhandle section the Texoma Natural Gas company is paying only two cents for gas at the wells, checks for which have been returned by the well owners in some instances as "unacceptable." Well owners, holding one-eighth royalty in the gas, have received checks from the gas monopoly at the rate of one-fourth of one cent per 1000 cubic feet. This gas, after being treated, is piped to Chicago by the pipe line companies, owned by the Insul interests, at a charge for transportation of \$1.50. That is some equality of interests, but the producers are given the worst of the deal, and those Panhandle land and well owners are rather peeved at the arbitrary division of the proceeds of their product. We wonder how long the people will allow themselves to be exploited by grasping monopolies? Probably until they awake from their sleep of indifference and elect men of ability as their representatives in the legislature, and men not affiliated with big business as their paid attorneys. It's time for action. Next year is election year, and before you cast your vote for a candidate for the legislature be sure he has not been retained as an attorney, and pledges himself not to accept a fee from any public service corporation during his tenure of office. This is your business, and you should select your representatives as you would a personal employe. Be sure he is loyal before you give any man your vote to make your laws.

ARE UTILITIES FILING REPORTS?

The matter of the utility companies filing their annual reports, as required by Article 1121, of the Texas statutes, came before the city commission at its recent meeting. According to the records of the city secretary's office the companies had not filed the report, though City Attorney Wright stated that it was his "opinion that such report had been filed in connection with the gas contract, but was not positive." The city attorney was instructed to notify the utility companies to file these reports if they have not been filed. In view of the fact that the Community Natural Gas Co. is charging the people of Cisco boom day prices for gas, produced at the city's back door, for which they pay the owners the munificent sum of three to six cents per 1000 cubic feet at the wells, this matter is vital, and if no reports have been filed the law prescribed a method of compelling a partial reimbursement to the city, if not to the consumers, in penalties for such failure.

The article referred to is as follows:

"Art. 1121 (1021) Reports—Any such company, corporation or person who may be engaged in furnishing to the inhabitants of any town any water, light, gas or sewerage service, shall, on or before the first day of March each year, file with the mayor of such city or town a written report, sworn to by the manager, secretary or president of such corporation, by a member of such company, and by any such person, which shall show:

"1. The amount of any lien or mortgage upon the properties composing such plant;

"2. All other indebtedness pertaining to such enterprise and the consideration thereof;

"3. The actual cost of the visible physical properties, date when installed and the present value thereof, and here in the lands, machinery, buildings, pipes, poles, circuits, mains shall each be treated separately;

"4. The annual cost of operating such plant, showing separate items, the amount paid for actual salaries, amount paid for labor of all kinds, fixed charges, including interest, taxes and insurance, giving each separately, amount paid for fuel, for extension and repairs, giving each separately, and particularizing the extension and repairs the cost of maintenance, amount paid for damages, identifying each claim or suit, amount paid for miscellaneous expenses, and if any machinery or equipment is abandoned, worn out or its use discontinued within the preceding year, the same shall be stated, the original cost, and the present value thereof shall be given;

"5. The report shall give the gross earnings from any such plant, including revenues from every source whatever, stating items separately, amount received by each department."

\$100 Per Day Penalty

"Art. 1122 (1022) Penalties—Any such corporation, or any member of such company, or any such person mentioned in this chapter, who shall for thirty days wilfully refuse or fail to report in the manner provided in this chapter, shall forfeit and pay to any such city or town the sum of one hundred dollars per day for each and every day during which it shall default; or, if any such corporation, or company, or person, shall file any report, knowing that the same does not truly report the facts about the matters mentioned herein, it shall forfeit and pay to such city or town the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for each such wilfully false report. Such forfeitures penalties shall be recovered at the suit of such city or town brought in the coun-

ty where such city or town is located."

There is nothing in the above requiring city officials to notify utility concerns of their negligence in complying with the laws of the state in making public their reports of transactions with the public. The statutes are mandatory, and when such reports are made it should be the duty of the tax assessor to accept renditions for taxes on the valuations sworn to in these reports.

There should be another statute enacted in this connection, providing that the valuation of the properties of such utility companies for the purposes of taxation should be the basis in fixing charges of such companies for commodities supplied the public. In other words utilities should be required to pay taxes on full valuation they place upon their holdings on which they base the rates to be charged for the service sold to the public. The charges fixed by the utility companies are in the nature of a tax on the public, as the law protects them from confiscatory rates. Certainly it is only fair and just that they should be willing to pay taxes on every dollar's worth of property claimed in basing the rates to be charged for the service they give.

THE SPIRIT OF TEXAS

By EUGENE LANKFORD

This "Empire of Texas," tradition relates,
Was made by the heroes from all other states.
In old covered wagons—their families too—
Came pioneer spirits,—with principles true—
Like Austin and Houston, to this virgin soil,
And founded this "empire" with blood and with toil.
Then o'er this fair land where those heroes repose,
The "Spirit of Texas" and Lone Star arose.

The "Spirit of Texas"! Let's cherish it then,
Because it ennobles our women and men.
No greater love ever has any man known
Than that which our heroes of Texas have shown
For freedom of Texas and Liberty's cause—
Our great institutions, traditions and laws.
With character stalwart, and purposes true,
They builded far better than even they knew

This spirit led Crockett of Alamo fame,
Who glorified Texas. We honor his name.
He fought for our liberty, died for a cause,
Which gave us our freedom, and merits applause.
In great open spaces where bluebonnets grow—
On mountains, in valleys—wherever you go—
You find this great Spirit in Texans from birth,
Which makes them our heroes—"the salt of the earth."

The glory of Athens, the pride of all Greece,
Its culture, and triumphs in war and in peace,
Were founded on justice and Liberty's creed,
And not upon selfish and tryannous greed.
Her glory in ruins, by selfishness wrought,
Is food for all Texans' most serious thought.
The "Spirit of Texas" all systems indicts,
Which value the dollar above human rights.

No armies could conquer the legions of Rome,
When Romans were fighting for honor and home;
But Rome became greedy for power and wealth,
And avarice weakened her national health.
Then crime and corruption, the fruit of all greed,
Soon followed in sequence, as corn from the seed.
So Rome fell a victim to Vandals of Gaul,
And Romans and riches went down with the fall.

Then listen, my countrymen: listen, I urge;
And from this fair land all monopolies purge.
Our land is o'er flowing with corn and with oil,
Yet Texans are starving mid fruits of their toil!
Mark well these suggestions: I warn you in time,
Lest grim revolution engulf us in crime.
When statesmen surrender—monopolies thrive—
The "Spirit of Texas" must fight to survive.

A POEM OF DEATH

LAMESA.—The spectacle of a Christian nation taking the life of a convicted murderer is bemoaned in a poem written by Ira McKee, who was sentenced to die Jan. 8, 1932, following his conviction on a charge of killing W. R. Billingsley. The poem, entitled "Law and Justice," declares he is innocent of the charge of killing Billingsley the night of May 1, 190 at Sparenberg. Part of the poem reads:

O, Lord, I'm not a murderer.
My God, the life of man,
How can they break the Ten Commandments,
Just to carry out their plans.
If their object in this killing,
Is to teach a lesson stern,
Why not have their killings public,
So the whole, wide world can learn.
Bring your mothers, bring your sisters,
Bring your women folks to see
How this so-called Christian nation
Shames our Lord from Galilee.

O, how I hate to leave my loved ones,
For they are so dear to me,
But this song is my last letter,
'Tis the last of Ira McKee.

BUCKS FIGHT TO THE DEATH; HORNS LOCKED

KEERVILLE.—A struggle to the death between two buck deer was witnessed by A. B. Barnart, cattleman, in a pasture west of Kerrville

recently.

Horns of the two combatants were locked. Ground was torn up for yards around by their hoofs where they milled and plunged.

One of the bucks died a few minutes after he arrived. He lassoed the other and killed it with a knife.

RHINELANDER, Wis.—A dead and a living buck deer, their antlers interlocked, were discovered near Butternut Lake by Conservation Warden Louis Oshefsky. The warden shot the victorious buck, which was exhausted from dragging its victim about the woods.

MERKEL CALVES WIN K. C. SHOW TOP AWARD

Kansas City—Awards in livestock classes exhibited at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show announced here included: Herefords: Pair of calves, one bull and one heifer, to be bred and owned by exhibitor, first to C. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel, Texas.

DESDEMONA MAN IS GIVEN YEAR ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Tom Brown, of Desdemona, charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary in the 91st District Court Monday.

Brown was tried on the same charge in september but the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

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SCHOOL DIPHTHERIA BAN BEEN LIFTED

The ban has been raised and children were given permission to return to the West Ward school last Monday, H. H. Goss, principal of the school announced. About 120 children in the school were denied the school privileges because their parents would not permit the injection of diphtheria anti-toxin during the scare that prevailed here several days.

It is rather a drastic step, necessary, perhaps, to force a child to submit to certain health regulations or be denied the benefits of school privileges. Some parents have conscientious reasons for their attitude. Others may not have the required medical fee. This was the case of a patron of the school who told the Citizen that he did not have the \$2.50, as he was notified that he must send this sum to have the anti-toxin administered or keep his children home. He stated he would take them to his former home where the injection would be made without charge. If this regulation is compulsory the injection should be free.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WILL WORSHIP SUNDAY

The subject for all Christian Science services next Sunday will be "God the Only Cause and Creator."

Golden Text: Deut. 6: 4, 5—Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord with all thine heart, and with all thy might. Responsive readings will be from portions of chapters 12 and 26, of the book of Job.

A Bible citation will be Isaiah 45: 12.—"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts have I commanded.

A citation from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, will be: In the infinitude of Mind matter must be unknown. Symbols and elements of discord and decay are not products of the infinite, perfect, and eternal ALL. From love and from light and harmony, which are the abode of spirit, only reflections of good can come. All things beautiful and harmless are ideas of Mind. Mind creates and multiplies them, and the product must be mental.

TEXAS & PACIFIC PUT ON CENT AND QUARTER FARES

The Texas & Pacific railroad Co. announces the inauguration of one and one-quarter cent rate on all passenger trains except the Texan and Sunshine Special. This rate is good all points between Texarkana and El Paso. So far as the writer is informed this is the cheapest rate ever inaugurated by a railroad company. The new rate is practically one-half of that which prevailed before boom prices were established during the world war. Those who have to go places, or like to do so for pleasure of the diversion, may now ride at ease in luxurious passenger coaches for a comparably small bit of outlay of the coin of the realm. But if you are in a hurry you can take the Texan or Sunshine Special at the old rate—three cents per mile.

PRICE PULLEY WILL IMPROVE PROPERTY

Price Pulley, who spent last week in Comyn visiting a son living in that place, stated just before his departure that he will finish up quite a bit of new improvements on his property on the Lake Road north of the city. He stated that he contemplates placing several houses on this property, all will be modern, and will be for sale on easy terms. "If all who are financially able to would improve their property by building modern homes, this would give people employment and supply homes on easy terms for those who will be in the market just as soon as business resumes normalcy. Yes, we may expect a revival of business, very likely the coming year. A revival always has followed stagnation in business, and history invariably repeats itself," is the way he looks at the situation, and if all others would take the same optimistic view the revival would soon be here.

Helen Hayes' Screen Debut Makes Big Hit

A star, long popular on the Broadway stage, became one of the "first ladies" of the screen with her first talking picture. "The Sin of Madelon Claudet," initial Helen Hayes film vehicle, will be the feature at the Palace theatre Sunday, where it will continue for two days.

Helen Hayes became the greatest money-making star of the New York stage with "Coquette," "Dear Brutus" and "What Every Woman Knows. In her initial screen appearance, she displayed to the full the distinctive charm and acting ability which have made her the toast of New York.

In her first talkie role, Miss Hayes is seen as Madelon Claudet, a young French girl who elopes to Paris with an American artist only to be bitterly disillusioned in love. When her lover deserts her, Madelon works in a laundry to support her child. Her subsequent experiences, in which she first tastes the delights of a life of wealth and luxury and is subsequently thrown into prison because of her connection with a Count who turns out to be a jewel thief, make for a narrative which keeps its audience on the alert every second.

Underlying the plot is a stirring theme of mother love, for when Madelon comes out of prison she resorts to the most drastic measures to prevent her record as a "jail bird" from ruining her boy's career.

The brilliant direction of Edgar Selwyn is apparent in every scene in this picture, which exemplifies a perfect handling of suspense, surprise climaxes and a rare feeling for moving and poignant situations.

First honors in Miss Hayes' supporting company go to Lewis Stone whose characterization as the bogus count is the best he has ever done, with the possible exception of his portrayal of the gangster lawyer in "The Secret Six." Neil Hamilton as the artist who kisses and runs away, does excellently by an unsympathetic role and Robert Young as the son in the later scenes of the picture proves himself a player well worth watching.

Many laughs are supplied by Cliff Edwards and Marie Prevost, who, as a newly-wedded couple, are al-

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ways quarreling, have numerous opportunities for some riotous scenes. Jean Hersholt, who can always be depended on for a fine characterization, scores as the doctor.

ATTENDS FUNERAL OF UNCLE AT IOWA PARK

Dr. Lee Clark, president of Randolph College, was called to Iowa Park Monday to attend the funeral of an uncle, Dr. Frank Clark, who died in that city Saturday. Dr. Clark, brother of the dead man, Mrs. R. F. Holloway and husband, also attended the obsequies. Mrs. Holloway is a niece of deceased. The Holloways, with whom Dr. Randolph Clark makes his home, reside in Ranger, but were former residents of Cisco.

LAREDO WANTS LOWER DOMESTIC GAS RATES

LAREDO.—Recommendation that a 40 per cent production per 1,000 cubic foot be made in gas rates here was made by A. J. Neff, employed by the city to investigate the gas rates. His recommendation was based on a survey of the books of the Texas Border Gas Company.

BIG SPRING.—More than 960 lambs are being fed on the A. K. Merrick farm in Howard County. They were bought in Glasscock County.

STERLING CITY.—Some 3,000 steer calves have been shipped through here in the last week, many of them bringing as high as 6c and weighing less than 400 pounds.

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My faith in the goodness of the universe is unimpaired. By the faith that I am emboldened as I face defeat and despair. The prayers my mother taught me and the faith in God instilled in me by a devout father remains as priceless treasures no depression can touch.

No nation becomes great by becoming rich. Neither does a man find enduring satisfaction in life by owning something—only by becoming something. The most degrading poverty is that which results from killing the spirit that the body may be served.

This depression is a challenge, not a catastrophe. A generation that has conquered the air and sent giant planes circling the globe, which has plunged into the deeps and disported on the ocean's floor, which has climbed above the clouds and lived in the stratosphere, is now faced with the challenge to rise above its dependence on mere things and seek an emancipation of the spirit of man.

The last six months have been for many men a thrilling spiritual adventure through which they have discovered their real wealth. Bereft of dividends and profits, they are discovering the sustaining powers of a strong religious faith, the abiding values of courage, heroism, honor, charity, and trustworthiness.

A financial crisis can wipe out profits and bring business to a standstill, but character is beyond its reach. It can rob us of all we have, but it cannot effect what we are. . . .

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Personals

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Students at universities and colleges who spent Thanksgiving with home folk in Cisco included Miss Agnes Bearman, Calhoun Anderson, Ben Miley, Miss Ida Mae Collins, Miss Velma Morrison, Dick West and Miss Beryl Gallagher.

Bill St. John and Leonard Hill saw Chapman's football machine in action at Lubbock when they trimmed the Pampa Harvesters.

After spending several days here Hugh White, of the Southwestern Motor Co., has returned to East Texas.

Miss Helen Williamson and Henson Williamson were in Dallas this week.

John Howell, former well known Cisco boy, accompanied by his son, have returned to their home in Dallas after a visit here to his mother, Mrs. J. W. Howell.

Mrs. E. J. Poe is hostess to her sister, Miss Verta Mae Tucker, of Carbon.

W. H. Powell of Freeport, who was called here by the death of his father, the late C. B. Powell, Sr., has returned home after visiting his brother, C. B. Powell and family.

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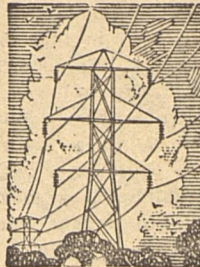
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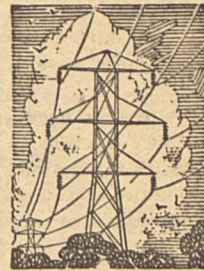
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