

Delegates Of Central Texas Conference Invade Home City

They Gathered En Masse From That Vast Area of the State Known as the Central Texas Conference Embracing Forty Counties

By A. C. Briden

The Methodist of this section of Texas are literally in control of Cisco. The Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South having accepted Cisco's invitation to hold its annual session here, the invitation having been extended through the Chamber of Commerce, and accepted the keys of the city have been literally turned over to the followers of that saintly man, John Wesley. Nothing is too good for our visitors, and all are vying with each to make the stay of the stranger within our gates a memorable one.

Cisco promised the preachers that they would be entertained if they came here, and no one can say that we are falling down on our promise. Every home in the city has been opened to them, and there is hardly a home where there is a spare room that some Methodist guest is not "at home."

The session of the Central Texas Conference convened at the First Methodist church last Tuesday evening in its fifty-sixth annual conference since its organization. Distinguished ministers and laymen from all parts of the district are with us.

At the convening hour the conference was welcomed to Cisco by Mr. Claude C. Wolf, president of the Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of that body and Mr. John H. Garner welcomed the delegates to Cisco on behalf of the Methodists. The response was made by Bishop Ainsworth for the six hundred delegates and ministers who are with us.

I here want to state that the Judge gave me some sentence when he sent me up to cover up this great conference. I asked him just what he wanted and he complicated the deal by stating "everything of interest." And let me here inform those who have not been present at any of the sessions. They are all intensely interesting, and you are missing a spiritual feast when you stay away.

The session was temporarily opened Tuesday evening at seven thirty o'clock by Rev. Booth, pastor of the First Methodist church of Corsicana who is a polished speaker, and brought a real spiritual message founded on the faith of the fathers.

The conference was officially opened Wednesday forenoon at nine o'clock, with Bishop Ainsworth presiding. The conference was thoroughly organized and functioning by noon. The Bishop does not rush affairs of the conference unnecessarily, but he is business from seventy-three in the morning until nine in the evening. He works and every official member of the conference must follow suit.

Bro. Stonewall Anderson, general secretary of the Board of Education, spoke along educational lines of the church for fifteen minutes, telling how every church and every member of every church from the city pastorate on down the line to the little circuit church down at the forks of the road, were thoroughly organized in this great work, and presenting a solid front as never before in the history of this conference.

Bros. U. S. Sherrill, E. S. Cornell, C. S. Purket, F. S. Willhite and V. E. Stanford were examined and admitted to the conference by Bishop Ainsworth, at the forenoon session.

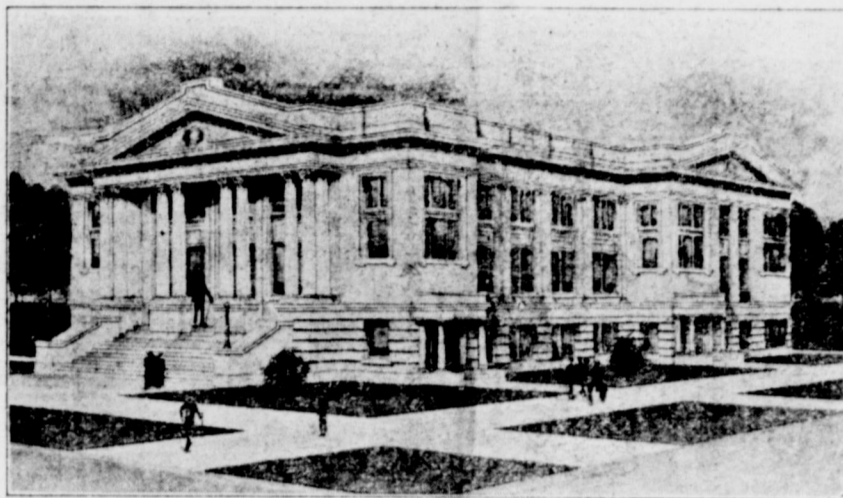
There are four hundred ministers in the city, many of them accompanied by their wives. Also eighty lay members, with an added number of visitors who are not members of the conference, but are here for the spiritual good of the conference.

Dr. Morrison, member of a Kentucky conference, preached at the forenoon sermon. His subject being "The salt of the Earth." Here is certainly a great old man, one who has delivered the Message of the Cross in every quarter of the globe. He gave a short but interesting and beneficial discourse. He will deliver a thirty minute address at every forenoon session throughout the conference, with the possible exception of next Sunday.

Brother Coleman, or better known as Dr. Coleman to many, delivered a very interesting sermon Tuesday afternoon at three thirty. The principal part of Tuesday afternoon was consumed by committee meetings of

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Headquarters of Central Texas Conference in Annual Meet Here



First Methodist Church

NO INDICTMENT IN LORENA MOB

Sheriff Buchanan Castigated by McLennan County Grand Jury, Which Declares He and Deputy Temperamentally Unfit to Hold Office.

Waco, Nov. 6.—Severely condemning methods employed by Sheriff Bob Buchanan and Deputy Sheriff M. Burton in endeavoring to stop the Ku Klux Klan parade at Lorena, which resulted in the death of Louis Crow of Waco and injuries to others, the McLennan County grand jury Saturday returned no indictments and concluded its investigation of the Lorena tragedy.

"This grand jury has not returned a bill of indictment," says the report filed with District Judge Richard I. Munroe, "believing that the best interest of the society at large will thus be served. However, we do desire to go on record as severely condemning the methods employed by Sheriff Buchanan and Deputy Sheriff Burton in the discharge of what they conceived to be their duty.

"A preponderance of the evidence that has been introduced before us convinces us that they grossly violated every law of humanity in their acts upon that occasion, and that they have conclusively proved themselves to be temperamentally unfit for the high offices they occupy.

Purpose of Report

"This grand jury does not presume to record itself as a defender of the knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and our sole purpose in submitting this formal report of our findings is that the public may be apprised of the conclusions to which our investigation has led us."

The report further stated:

"A careful review of the facts in this case has revealed that a Ku Klux Klan parade was to be held in Lorena on the night of Oct. 1, advance notice of which had been given the public, and that the Lorena citizens were desirous of seeing the parade, believing that good results would accrue to their community therefrom.

"The sheriff of this county, being apprised of the contemplated parade, accompanied by two of his deputies, went to Lorena in the late afternoon of Oct. 1, with the avowed purpose of stopping the parade.

"Upon arriving at Lorena the sheriff was met by many of the most substantial citizens of that community to whom he announced his purpose. They, as well as many other influential and respected citizens from other parts of McLennan County, urged that he would not interfere with the parade, stating to him that many hundreds of persons would be here to witness the parade and that no disturbances had accompanied similar parades elsewhere that foreboded trouble of any nature upon that occasion.

Sheriff Refuses Proffer

"The evidence before us has shown that scores of substantial citizens of Lorena agreed to assume personal responsibility for all unlawful acts and disturbances of the Klan, all of which assurances the sheriff refused to accept. The evidence further shows that he stated repeatedly to the crowds in the presence of creditable witnesses that if the parade should attempt to come through it would have to pass over his dead body.

"The sheriff was repeatedly urged by his friends to proceed to the place where the parade was forming and disperse it there if he would not permit it to pass unmolested, and thus not endanger lives of hundreds of innocent bystanders. This he refused to do, and the sad tale of life and physical suffering occasioned by that refusal already is known to the people throughout the country."

NOTICE

Members of the Cisco Band are requested to meet at West Ward School building today at 1:30 p. m. for purpose of playing in Pageant Parade

FATAL EXPLOSION MARKET SQUARE OF T. & P. ENGINE

Engineer Killed, Fireman and Brakeman Badly Injured—Parts of Boiler Thrown Fifty Feet in Air—Debris Hurdled One Third of Mile.

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 8.—R. Edwards, engineer, is dead, J. D. Jennings, fireman, is dead and E. B. Atwell, brakeman, are not expected to recover as a result of the exploding of locomotive No. 508 on the Texas & Pacific Railroad eleven miles east of Abilene.

Edwards died within forty minutes and Jennings and Atwell, physicians said this afternoon, could not recover, as each man has more than one-third of his body surface scalded. The engine, one of the largest in use by the Texas & Pacific, was pulling a freight train of fifty cars loaded with cattle and oil, east-bound. The explosion threw the boiler fifty feet into the air and when it struck the ground it turned end over end. Parts of the flying machinery knocked down fences and telegraph poles on both sides of the track, about 500 feet of telegraph wire being torn down.

The cab was blown back several car lengths.

Residents of the vicinity said the escaping steam covered several acres. Parts of the engine fell near the home of A. B. Weiden, a third of a mile away, while the home of C. H. Ellison, nearer the scene of the accident, was filled with smoke.

The bodies of the injured men were picked up more than 100 feet from the scene.

Edwards, the engineer, was scalded all over, sustained a crushed skull and a broken leg.

Jennings, the fireman, received scalds all over his body. Atwell's left leg was broken in three places, his right leg in one place, his left arm broken and his body scalded.

The body of Edwards and the two injured men were brought to Abilene. All three lived at Big Springs.

CISCOANS IN MEXIA

Mr. Wm. N. Baker, who went to Mexia about ten days ago, came in Wednesday for a brief stay, returning this morning. Mr. Baker stated business looked promising in the oil town, and that other Cisco people were holding their own with all comers down there. Messrs. W. H. Beard, W. L. Sanders Murry, are associated together in the oil business down there, and are doing very well, Mr. Baker stated. Mr. Baker will be located at Wortham when he returns to that oil field.

LUTHERANS BUILDING CHURCH

The Lutherans of Cisco are erecting a church building on a lot donated for the purpose by Mr. J. H. Blanken, on the corner of 16th street and Avenue F. Rev. A. Arndt, Lutheran missionary, will serve this church as pastor.

EASTLAND OFFICIALS RESIGN

Eastland, Nov. 9.—Cyrus B. Frost and Joseph M. Weaver have resigned as members of the City Commission, and a special election has been ordered for Nov. 26 to elect their successors.

WILL ENTERTAIN PLAYERS

The Crescent Club will entertain the foot ball players tonight with a skating party at the rink from 9:30 to 11.

MARKET SQUARE A PUBLIC NEED

City Needs Closer Cooperation With Farmers to Wax Strong and Great—Splendid Territory From Which to Draw Trade.

By A. C. Briden

The weakest point in the program for the future progress of the city at this time is no doubt that she lacks the support of our farmers living in the vast trade territory adjacent, and she must have this support if we will grow. Many cities are built by other industries as mines, manufacturing or as school or commercial centers. None of these, at this time, will greatly aid Cisco to any appreciable extent to become a city of importance.

More real cities are built from the agricultural districts surrounding them than from any other agency today. And a real understanding between the city and country will greatly aid all parties interested.

The farmers must go elsewhere for the supplies necessary for their work and comfort. Cisco has a vast trade territory from which she should and will do an enormous business if we will hold forth a few accommodations to these people. If they do come here for their supplies they should surely be offered a free place, or for a small license where they can park their produce wagons to dispose of their wares.

Just this past week a farmer in Mitchell community, told the writer that he had a number of baby beeves which he could butcher and dispose of at a saving to the people. True, at the present time he could peddle them from house to house, but this would perhaps require an entire day of his time and he would have no certain market.

Right now there is being shipped sweet potatoes from the East while hundred sof bushels of this excellent food of equal, if not superior quality is going begging for a market right in this county.

These and numerous other instances should be proof sufficient that we are greatly in need of a market of home grown produce. This system has worked with perfect success in other centers giving open competition to all alike, why should it not work here?

Let's get busy and prepare this place at once, a place close in and convenient to the shopping center where the women folk may buy home grown produce direct from the grower. Let's have better co-operation between the farmer and the business man, for in many ways their interests are mutual, they prosper or they fall in a way, together.

NEW BRICK BUILDINGS CONTRACTED IN PUTNAM

Special Correspondence.

Putnam, Nov. 9.—Cisco is profiting also by Putnam's prosperity, due to the activity in oil that is being developed here. Mr. White of Cisco, has been awarded the contract to construct three fine brick buildings for Dr. Britton. Work has already been started on clearing off the ground for putting in the foundations. This is only a starter for the business buildings to be built in Putnam, as the bringing in of the big gasser on R. D. Williams' ranch, three miles north of Putnam, has assured this being a proven shallow field. This well was drilled by Messrs McElreth and Fred Knisley.

Mrs. O. H. Thornhill of Baird, was the guest of Mrs. Charles Farquhar Saturday.

Head of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Company's Depositions

G. A. Davison, who Became Sole Owner of Road Building Company Soon After Failure of County Depository, Testifies in Road Case.

OIL INVESTORS INSPECT FIELD

Col. Cyrus Drury and Party of Prominent Canadians Inspect Oil Field—Interested in Luse No. 1—Drill-in to Start Soon.

Col. and Mrs. Cyrus Drury, accompanied by Messrs. Archie D. Campbell, of Ilderton, Ontario; Dan McLarty and John McDonald of Parkhill, Ontario, Dominion of Canada, arrived in Cisco last Sunday night, and departed Wednesday night for their northern homes.

Col. Drury, as most of our readers know, is the president of the Drury Petroleum Company, the company that is drilling the Luse No. 1 well, south of the city limits. The other gentlemen are largely interested in the company, and this trip is made for the purpose of inspection not only the Luse No. 1, and the Drury holdings, of which their interests embrace some of the best acreage in this section, but the party also visited this part of the North Texas field. In charge of Superintendent Gano they visited the wells in and around Eastland, Breckenridge, Caddo, Ranger, Rising Star, Pioneer and all other near by fields which have production. In speaking of this country Mr. Campbell stated:

"Your oil production is simply marvelous. I never knew that there could be as many oil wells in this country as I have seen on this trip. Why you have production everywhere and as far as Cisco is concerned, it seems that nature simply sat Cisco down in the centre of the whole business.

"Oh, I know that you have never brought in a producer in this immediate vicinity, but that argues little with me. You can't tell me that you have no oil here, when you are surrounded by producing wells. I found wells producing in paying quantities on the north, south, east and west of Cisco, and to me it seems that you are in the midst of production.

"It is also true that you may not bring in as big producers in this field as some to the east and north have been, but I believe the production will be more lasting, and hold up better than those big gushers that came in as such big producers. I also notice that some of these have gone out as meterorically as they came in.

"We are interested in the Drury Company, and just came out to look over the field, as we had never visited the Texas oil fields before. You can tell 'em that our expectations have been more than realized. The oil industry in this field we regard, as yet in its infancy. Why you will be producing oil around Cisco when all of us have gone to our reward.

"What do I think of Cisco? I think you have a wonderful town. I do not know of having visited any town of this size with as much paved street mileage as you have, and a thing you will not find in many places twice the size of Cisco, and that is your paved alleys. They look just as spick and span as a band box. Not a scrap of trash or waste paper to be seen.

"Another thing. You people are right in the middle of the most wonderful virgin field of oil and gas. With these two resources I see nothing to keep you from waxing fat and strong as a city in the near future. To say nothing of the oil, your gas field alone should make you great.

Every one will admit that gas is the best and cheapest fuel in the world, and with such an abundant supply you can offer manufacturers fuel gas at a rate that should be very attractive to factory building. Water and fuel are the essentials in inducing factories to locate with you.

"I am told you are well supplied, or soon will be, with water as you are with gas and oil. While gas and oil are your principal assets, especially gas, if you will supply it to consumers at the right prices, and I see no reason why your gas rate should not be the lowest in the country, for it is all around you in abundance. I have not yet visited your new artificial lake that you are building, but

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Eastland County's road muddle is again in the limelight. For a time it was thought that the County Wide committee would work out some plan whereby some solution of the vexed problem might be solved. But it seems that the County Wide committee rather contented itself with looking into the books, and not following up the good work they accomplished by proceeding to force a settlement of the matter.

Everybody expected that the books of the County would be found correct. Everybody knows that something is radically wrong. Everybody knows that quite a bit of public money is tied up, with little or no prospects of realizing on the security. Now what is to be done in the premises? This was a matter that the County Wide committee was supposed to attend to. This committee did recommend that the County proceed to take steps to recover the bonds for \$50,000 alleged to have been hypothecated with the Chicago bank, but it seems that the grand jury ascertained that this bank was in reality the owner of these bonds—having come into lawful possession of the same, and no action has been taken. Judge Starnes has publicly claimed that the title to these bonds has never passed from Eastland County, yet no steps have been taken to recover the bonds or the value thereof.

If these bonds are the property of Eastland County how did they pass to other hands without some remuneration accruing to the county? Were they wrongfully obtained? If so why has there been no criminal prosecutions instituted by Judge Starnes or his prosecuting attorney? These are some of the facts that the public would like to have some light upon.

Another fact, especially, that the public is interested in is why did Judge Starnes induce the county treasurer to sign a receipt for money he knew the treasurer never received? Little by little some of these facts are coming out in civil and criminal cases instituted in the courts of the County, and the public is being enlightened to some degree by these facts being published. The Eastland Oil Belt News has been turning on the light, and the American is republishing some of the testimony introduced in these trials, which have heretofore appeared in the Eastland News.

We are publishing this week the depositions of Mr. G. A. Davison, the new owner of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Co., and a ray of light has been shed. Next week the depositions of Judge Starnes concerning these road bonds will appear in the American, and later other testimony will follow.

The patience of the people has been worn threadbare on this subject. Some action must be taken. The American does not know the facts, but it is apparent that either criminality or gross negligence has been in the saddle of Eastland County for some time past, and there is no disposition to dismount. But there is a growing sentiment all over the County that this ruthless rider must be unhorsed, and if a solution is not reached according to due process of law drastic measures might result.

The people of Eastland County may demand the resignation of certain men, and this demand might be accompanied by certain forcible arguments that a refusal to comply would not be entertained. Surely Eastland needs a house cleaning.

What Davison Says

Following are a part of the depositions of Mr. Davison regarding the \$50,000 bond transaction:

11. Have you ever purchased any of the good road bonds from Eastland County? If so, when did you purchase them? From whom did you purchase them? And what did you pay for the same? Answer fully.

No.

12. Did the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company ever purchase any of the good road bonds of Eastland County? If so, when did they purchase them, and what did they pay for them? Answer fully.

Yes. They purchased them by reason of the terms of a contract

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DRY FARMING PROVEN SUCCESS IN SWEETWATER

Sweetwater, Texas, Nov. 7.—A thorough demonstration of dry farming was made in the Nolan and Dora communities this year, and the results are probably unequalled in the entire state. This section of Nolan County is what is known as the divide about twenty miles south of Sweetwater, and consists of black level land. The cotton is averaging better than a third of a bale per acre, some of which has had no rains since it was planted, and the balance since it was chopped out.

The Nolan gin will gin about 1,100 bales. The farmers in this section claim this to be the easiest and most profitable cotton crop they have ever made and gathered. Some of these farmers are sowing wheat and if rain comes within the next thirty days a good portion of the land will be planted to winter wheat. This is one of the best small grain sections in West Texas.

HAVE YOU EVER MET HIM?

Mayfield's Weekly.
I have a friend in Houston with whom I love to talk; love to be with because I always get a few good ideas from him. He is Cyrus W. Scott, millionaire manufacturer. He is probably the best fellow in town and certainly the closest.

We went to Galveston together one day last summer. He, a millionaire, and I, a poor country boy. At the station I bought the tickets while he fumbled in his pockets. At the Galvez I paid for the dinner while he smiled affably. At the bathing house I paid for the suits while he assembled his valuables; at the station on the return home I bought the tickets while he discussed a business proposition with a friend.

Back in Houston we had a root beer on Main street, and I started to pay for it, and he said, "No, Sir—rec, you have been paying for everything all day; I am going to match you for it."

GAS UTILITIES DIVISION OF RAILROAD COMMISSION

Austin, Texas, Oct. 16.—Organization of the gas utilities division of the Railroad Commission is rapidly nearing completion. Some time ago the commission appointed R. D. Carver of Austin chief engineer of the new division, and now the appointment of R. E. Potter, a gas engineer of note from Kansas City, Mo., has been announced. Mr. Potter is designated as gas engineer of the new division. He has had considerable experience in handling gas wells.

He was immediately assigned to gather expert data on two appeals now pending before the commission, one from Danison and the other from Coleman. The gas companies of those cities are appealing against the action of the city authorities for supplying gas to consumers. The companies desire higher rates.

This new division is maintained by a special tax imposed on the old companies. This tax also maintains the oil and gas division of the commission.

SICK PEOPLE CAN HAVE BEER AND WINE SOON

Washington, Oct. 24.—Regulations covering the use of wine and beer for medical purposes will be issued immediately by the Treasury, Secretary Mellon announced today.

The regulations, Mr. Mellon said, are drawn in accordance with the law as interpreted by former Attorney General Palmer and permit the manufacture and prescription of beer and wine for the sick. The regulations, he said, have been signed and transmitted to Commissioner Blair for promulgation.

The regulations, it was said, will make a case of beer the unit for prescription of that beverage.

The regulations, Commissioner Blair said, limited the amount of beer which might be prescribed at one time to two and one-half gallons but did not limit the number of prescriptions a physician might issue.

Prescriptions for the use of light wines for medical purposes, the commission said, were limited to two quarts at one time but were also without limit as to numbers.

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..... 2 1/2 and over, per lb.	17
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Roosters, per pound	05
Pecans (dry)	11

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PURE BRED LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION FORMED
 Two weeks ago the American published the call for a meeting of the owners of pure bred livestock to form an association in Callahan county. The call was issued by Mr. W. M. Armstead of Putnam. The organization has been perfected and the officers elected. Callahan will some day be proud of this organization, for its object is to improve the breed of livestock of every variety. There is no sane reason why anyone should produce scrub stock, and it applies to chickens as well as to horses. If you breed livestock, breed the best.

The following is the account of the organization of the Callahan County Pure Bred Association:
 Callahan County has many head of thoroughbred livestock, and the leaders in this industry realizing the importance of unity of purpose in keeping the various strains 100 per cent pure have organized the Callahan County Pure Bred Livestock Association, adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected the following officers: M. W. Armstead of Putnam, president; W. R. Hickman of Baird, first vice president; T. S. Hart of Baird, second vice president; Earl C. Hays of Clyde, secretary-treasurer; Tom Edwards and John Kennard of Clyde, R. D. Williams of Putnam, Will Appleton of Baird and J. N. Strahan of Cottonwood, directors.

The association will maintain an office in Baird, will establish auxiliary branches in the different sections of the county, and is discussing the possibility of holding in 1922 a Callahan County Livestock and Agricultural Fair.
 Miss Lula Martin, teacher at the Cottonwood school, was shopping in Cisco Saturday. Miss Martin's home is in the Pleasant Hill community, but has recently accepted the position as teacher of the Cottonwood school.

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ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE FOR LEGISLATIVE ROLLS

Old methods are fast going into the discard. The dilatory practice of ordering the roll call when a measure is before the legislature will be abolished, and the solons will respond by electricity. We do not know how it will work, but the same device is installed in the House and Senate at Washington, so we are informed, but anyway, it will cost Texas \$30,000 and that is sufficient reason why it should be tried out.

The report from Austin says: "When the next session of the Texas Legislature convenes there will be no more time consumed in the tedious and cumbersome method of taking roll calls, for there will be installed an electrical device such as in operation in Congress which will give the result of a record vote in less than one minute.

"The installation of this electrical voting machine is now in progress in the House of Representatives and will be ready for operation within the next ninety days, it was stated. At the last session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature a House resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of five House members to look after the installation of the machine. This committee, headed by Representative Dinkel of Hunt, met here and decided to proceed with the installation of the machine. The machine is being installed by a representative of the Universal Indicator Company of Milwaukee, Wis. The cost of the machine is \$30,000, but under the terms of the resolution the company is to be paid \$3,000 for the installation of the device and after it has been tested and proved satisfactory, then it may be purchased. The funds are to come from the contingent fund of the House.

"The installation and use of this electrical device for recording votes will save two weeks' time of an average session of the Legislature," said Representative John T. Smith of Travis, secretary of the Legislative Committee. Under the present system of calling the roll about seven minutes is required, while with the new device less than one minute is consumed."

E. L. BURKHEAD'S FATHER DIES AT RISING STAR

The passing to his eternal reward of Uncle Alex Burkhead last week took from the Rising Star community one of her best citizens. He was born March 26, 1854, in Stanley County, North Carolina, died Oct. 24, 1921; was married to Miss Laura Misner about 1874, came to Texas about 1876 and settled at Gatesville, Coryell County, where he lived for two years. He then moved with his family to Wheatland, Texas, where he lived until 1904, when he came to Rising Star. He was the father of four children, three of whom survive him: Mrs. A. P. Mauk of Midlothian, E. L. Burkhead of Cisco and Mrs. C. F. Falls of Rising Star. His other son, W. E. Burkhead, died in 1909. Mr. Burkhead was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and a citizen loved by all who knew him. His remains were laid to rest at Wheatland, near Dallas, where his wife was buried in 1891.—Rising Star X-Ray.

Mr. E. L. Burkhead of this place, is the proprietor of the College Hill Dairy, and his friends extend sympathy in his bereavement by the death of his aged parent.

FOR RENT Signs at American office

Diana Allen


This is a face of a prominent "movie" star familiar to thousands of regular visitors to the motion picture houses. She is the charming Diana Allen, recently starring in a big production constructed from a story by a very prominent author.

Peanut Pietro

 RAYLEN GRIER

I AM so mad lasa week could fighta Jess Dempsey one hand. One guy cheata me for tree bucks and make me sore sama time. I no care for losa da money so moocha as when he try make fool weeth me.

You know seence da heat was worka overtime I no feels good. Every night I gotta trouble sleepa steady. And when I do make da sleep somating go on da bum. Tree, four night I sleep and walka round sama time. I dunno wot's matter, but one my frien tella me I walk een da sleep.

So I go see doctor aska wot's matter I do dat. I tella heem every night I walka een da sleep and wanna heem feema me up before I gotta trouble some night.

Well, dat guy geeva me somating een leetele box. I shake dat box and he make noise. So I geeva heem tree dolla and go home so can taka dat stuff.

But dat son-of-a-gun foola me too mooch. I open dat box weeth expect finda somating wot make me quiet walka een da sleep. But only ting een dat box was leetele note and fiva cent piece.

I reada dat note and he say, "go on to sleep, Pietro, you no gotta walk tonight—here ees da carfare."

Nexa day I go looka for dat guy weeth my seex shoota gun. But he was gone on da vacash weeth my tree dolla.

Jusa between you and me and no for spreda round, I dunno no eef I am smarta guy or eef I dunno somating.

Wot you tink?
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How It Started


THE MODERN NEWSPAPER.
 IN ANCIENT Rome military events, results of elections, etc., were written on tablets and posted under the head of Acta Diurna (daily acts). This was the antecedent of the newspaper. In China the Peking Tching-Pao (News of the Capitol) has appeared since 718 A. D. These examples, however, were not true journals. The first regular newspaper was the Frankfurter Journal, published by Egenolph Emmel in 1615.

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How's the Old Porch?
 Do you know a man whose porch is continually rotting out? asks the American Forestry Magazine. It could easily be made to last as long as the rest of the house by proper preservative treatment, and at an expense far less than the renewal cost.

A LINE O' CHEER
 By John Kendrick Bangs.
ETERNAL SLEEP.
 IF DEATH were an Eternal Sleep, As some have said, why should we weep, Since Sleep brings sweet forgetfulness Of tribulations and distress, All lightened by the cheering gleams Of lovely dreams In which we seem to walk, and cease Right glorious restlesse.
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Crude Passes January Hope

Expected Price of \$2 for North Texas Crude by January First Already Realized—Prairie Announces 50 Cents Advance.

The hope of North Texas crude reaching \$2 by January first, which was predicted several months ago, was more than realized when the Prairie Oil and Gas Company last Monday announced a 50 cent advance in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas crude. This advance made North Texas crude \$2.25 per barrel.

Owing to the continued dry weather in this section of Texas this advance does not mean as much to Cisco as it would if there was plenty of water. At present drilling is suspended, not so much by reason of the low prices that has prevailed during the summer, but by reason of the continued dry weather, and the consequent scarcity of water. Reports in oil circles are to the effect that there are many prospects which would become realities right away if it were possible to secure water for drilling. A number of locations have been made but work is at a standstill as there is no water. A rain now would be worth much to this section, for it is predicted that operations would begin right away.

But Cisco's outlook is bright, and all are confident that we will see good times come back in the near future.

Concerning the last advance in crude oil the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Tuesday contained the following, which will be of interest to everyone in the Cisco Country:

The expected advance in the price of North Texas and other Mid-Continent grades of crude oil came Monday morning. The first announcement of the advance was made by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company from its office in Independence, Kansas, the announcement carrying advance of 50 cents a barrel on Texas Kansas and Oklahoma crude. This advance had been confidently expected by North Texas operators since the advance of 50 cents a barrel in Pennsylvania crude last week. This brings North Texas oil to \$2.25 and Oklahoma and Kansas oil to \$2.

Soon after the announcement by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company it was learned from Tulsa and the Sinclair Company and the Cosden Company had met the advance. It was announced at noon by the Fort Worth office of the Texas Pipe Line Company that it had met the advance and its new price for crude at the wells would be \$2.25 a barrel in North and Central Texas fields.

This is the most substantial advance in the price of crude since the slump in prices started last year and will do more toward stimulating development than anything that has happened in many months, operators believe. One leading Stephens County operator stated just before the advance came Monday that he would not drill any more wells for \$1.75 oil but stated that he would start operations immediately in several of his properties as soon as an advance was made.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company of Oklahoma adhered to its policy of paying a premium for high grade oil and posted a price \$2.25 for Kansas and Oklahoma oil of 38 degrees gravity. It also posted a price of \$2 for oil under that gravity.

Headton and similar oils of heavy grades are not yet affected by the new price.

BAPTIST CONGREGATION AT MITCHELL REBUILD

The Mitchell Baptist church which was recently destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt and is being furnished with the necessary seating and other essentials. The Congregation will endeavor to purchase an organ for their church as soon as possible. The American is requested by those people to extend their thanks to all who came out and voluntarily assisted them in building the church with their labor, also those who contributed money to make it possible for those people to have a house in which to worship.

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ST. JOHN—McCARTY NUPTIALS A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT

A pretty wedding was that which was solemnized at the First Baptist church last Saturday evening, when Rev. C. G. Howard read the impressive marriage service, and the contracting pair took the vows that made them husband and wife.

This event was one announced in advance, and numerous friends had been anticipating for some time, because of the popularity of the couple soon to wed, and the high standing of the two families joined by this affinity.

It was the uniting of the families of two of Cisco's most popular and respected houses; the joining together of the names of those known and honored by all our citizens,—that of St. John and McCarty. Perhaps two more honorable names could not have been linked together for by the marriage of Mr. Ralph R. St. John to Miss Mary McCarty this union of these two honorable houses was consummated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCarty, a young lady of rare womanly charms and intellectual accomplishments—one richly endowed with those feminine graces that will qualify her as a true helpmeet of the honored gentleman who has chosen her as his life's companion, whose popularity is attested by the numerous pre-nuptial receptions at which she was the honor guest in this, her native city.

The groom is the youngest son of Postmaster and Mrs. R. A. St. John, who has grown from boyhood to manhood here, and has climbed the ladder of success in the business world, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a host of life-long acquaintances. At present he is the manager of the Breckenridge house of the Goldman Bros. produce business.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, forming a beautiful setting for this happy event. Ferns and Killarney roses constituted the floral decorations.

The attendants were: Miss Ann Beesley of Lancaster, cousin of the bride, with Mr. McCrea; Miss Myrna Buckner of Waco, also cousin of the bride, with Mr. Everett Davis; Miss Juanita St. John with Mr. J. T. McCarty.

CARTY; MISS VELMA ST. JOHN, MAID OF HONOR; MR. CARL LOWERY, THE BEST MAN; MRS. R. E. WILLIUGHBY, MATRON OF HONOR; LITTLE ELIZABETH SPENCER, RING BEARER; LITTLE MARGARET SPENCER, FLOWER GIRL, WHO PRECEDED THE BRIDE SCATTERING ROSE PETALS IN HER PATH.

Following the wedding an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCarty, where pink and white brick cream was served, with the initials, "M and S" done in pink and white mints.

The brides favors were, to the attendants: old rose and gold doris boxes. To the ring bearer and flower girl: bracelets.

Mr. and Mrs. St. John departed on the 11 o'clock train for a wedding trip, and upon their return will be at home in Breckenridge.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORE AT GORMAN FAILS

The Farmers' Co-Operative store of Gorman closed their doors Saturday night to open no more, it is presumed. They have filed a voluntary petition in the federal court on bankruptcy and they are now in the hands of the court. The management made a hard fight to save themselves, and were putting on a sale in an effort to raise money to meet their bills, when the crash came they had to close out. We regret their misfortune, hope they can recover from it.—Gorman Progress.

\$75,000,000 RALLY AT THE EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

The members of the East Side Baptist church will hold a rally at their church tonight to outline the work for the \$75,000,000 campaign being put on by the Baptist denomination. Every member of the church, and all interested are requested to be on hand. A most interesting program is promised.

Mr. W. R. Chick and family are recent additions to Cisco. They have just arrived, and will make Cisco their home. They are from Carlton, Hamilton County.

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OUR NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY

Eastland county has a new county attorney. His name is Ove E. Overson. His home has been up to the time of his recent appointment, at Ranger. He is a new comer, and a man not generally known in Eastland county. The information goes that he was before his appointment, an attorney for the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company, (and some attorneys have been known to retain their clients after accepting public office.)

Mr. Overson was appointed during an executive session of the commissioners' court. No one knows just why he was appointed—except possibly Judge Starnes. It is more the manner of his appointment than who he is that concerns public now; it is more the manner of his appointment that causes the public to prick up its ears and smell a nigger in the woodpile.

Why there should have been an executive session to fill the vacancy in a public office is not apparent unless there should have existed something that the powers that be desired to cover up. Democracy needs no secrecy, and if those responsible for this secret session in making an appointment that is vital to the whole county have something to conceal the sooner they are ousted from their jobs the better for the county.

The American does not believe in star chamber proceedings. They savor of crookedness, and those who transact the public business behind closed doors should not complain when the charge of crookedness is laid to their doors. They court such charges.

When our former townsman, W. E. Morris, was president of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce a reporter asked what part of the proceedings should be omitted from the press? Mr. Morris' reply was characteristic of the man: "We have no star chamber proceedings. Print everything that transpires. We want the public are not afraid of the light of Judge Starnes measure up to this high standard of manhood when administering the county's affairs? Those who have nothing to conceal from the public are not afraid of the light of day. The press today is the source of information to the public, and when an official gets too big to let his acts be known to the press it is time to prune that official and relegate him to the oblivion from whence he sprang.

Just why Mr. Overson, a comparative stranger, was chosen over better known, and as equally able men, of course is not apparent to the public, for the public does not know, and the press was not allowed to gain this information. But there were many applicants for the job; many able attorneys, but they never had a look-in. But why should the court allow Judge Starnes to dominate that body? He is but the advisory head. However, we are informed that heretofore he has usurped the office of the clerk and written the minutes of the court until a recent date. This being true it is natural that the minutes would show only that which he desired it should.

But, in speaking of the county attorney, there is another side to the matter that many have overlooked. Mr. W. V. Dunnam was elected by the people to serve two years. He quits in the middle of the road, and thereby makes it possible to thwart the will of the people who elected him for a specified term. In justice to his constituents he should have filled his contract with the people until they could have had an opportunity of selecting a successor to their elected servant. The American does not like a quitter. We believe it was incumbent upon Mr. Dunnam to have served out his term, and then the people would have had a voice in selecting their own county attorney. The public reposed confidence in Mr. Dunnam. The public believed he was one man among those holding office in Eastland County that was doing all things possible to enforce the laws and protect the public from the onslaughts of those who might wish to exploit the people. While it was admitted that his abilities were limited, yet he had the confidence of the people, and should never have quitted his post at this time.

Now, we have a new county attorney, and he may administer the affairs of that office in the best possible manner—we hope he will, but the manner of his selection argues ill for such results. But the public does not approve of star chamber appointments, and naturally look with suspicion on all things that are done in

the dark.

The American has had many expressions of approval on the story published in last week's issue regarding the request for the resignation of the entire bunch that now occupy Eastland County's court house. There are really some good conscientious officers in the county, but the pendulum swung forward, and at the next general election the slogan will be "Make a Clean Sweep," and these faithful ones will walk the plank with those who have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

LET'S SAFE-GUARD THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Or rather the building of the High School building.

Last week we stated that we regretted the fact that the school board did not award the building to local contractors. We stated in our last week's editorial on the subject that "we were not condemning the school board for its action, but from the angle we view it the result is not favorable to Cisco." Then we proceeded to state some of the reasons why the awarding of the contract was unfavorable to Cisco. Most people are familiar with this editorial, so we shall not reiterate here.

We do not condemn the school board, for the reason we are not familiar with the details. It is doubtless true that the board could not have acted otherwise than it did. We once knew a gentleman of authority who was asked if he observed civil service regulations in making his appointments. He replied: "Strictly. But I always find that my friends are more competent than the others." Another gentleman who has handled big jobs, and let several contracts, recently stated that the lowest bid was not always the most acceptable.

But the contract has been awarded, and it goes to an outsider. We voted the bonds largely because it would give home people employment. Had it been known that the contract would have gone to other than Cisco people it is doubtful if the bonds would have carried, for there was considerable opposition at this time. However, the town was full of idle men, and one of the slogans was to give employment to our people. Is there a chance? We hope so. We are informed that the contract so specifies. Mr. Balfanz has already secured a nice job to build the Baptist church at Mexia. He was one of the bidders for this job.

As stated the object of the editorial was not to condemn, but to point out to our people that outsiders get the grapes, and Cisco people cultivate the vineyards. A Cisco architect was not employed when the plans were being prepared. Since then two good men have moved away.

But what shall we do in the premises? The only sane thing that seems possible now is to employ a home man to superintend the construction of this building. The architect is an outsider; the contractors are outsiders. Neither are interested in Cisco. Let's get a home man, one identified with Cisco, and place him in charge of superintending the construction of this building. Let's at least insist on a first class job. If this is done we can count on the building being properly built. We believe this money will be the best money spent on the job.

We do not know the Johnson Construction Company; we do not know the architect. These gentlemen are doubtless men of high character. If they are they will sanction this move to put a local man in as superintendent. If they object the school board then should insist on employing a home superintendent.

We do know that a little less cement in the concrete will not be noticeable unless an experienced man is on the job; we do know that a few pounds less steel in the reinforcement will go unobserved unless there is one to look after it; we do know that a little less cement in the mortar that holds the brick in place can be left out if the contractor so orders, should there be none there to insist that these requirements be observed. We also know that if these things are shorted the building will not be what we are paying for, and are entitled to.

An illustration: When the Cisco Bank building was constructed, two of the large concrete cornices were broken in handling. The party in charge insisted on new cornices being made and put in. In discussing the incident with a person connected with a construction firm this attaché said: "It was not necessary to make new ones. We always repair the broken ones." In other words there are so many little details that can creep in whereby the cost and efficiency would be considerably lessened if the proper man is not superintending the job. Johnson and Balfanz constructed the Cisco Bank. The concrete cornices were made out of town.

This is not written with any other motive than for the best interests of a Cisco enterprise, and for Cisco peo-

ple. We pay the bill, and the people should have every safe-guard to insure the best results.

There are competent men in Cisco that can be secured to superintend the construction of this building. Will the school board employ one of them?

Now comes Mr. Edwin P. Hobby and files his answer in the cause pending wherein County Judge C. R. Starnes is suing to recover on the bond given by the defunct Security State Bank, and says that his signature to the bond is unauthorized, and S. D. Young was without authority to place his name on the bond. Now, what do you know about that! What will these protectors of the people do about it? Will Mr. Young, of necessity, have to intervene to save himself from criminal prosecution, or will it matter? If Mr. Young was without authority to place Mr. Hobby's name to the bond, it seems to us that he is guilty of forgery, and forgery is a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary.

Everybody has had a day or a week. We have special days set apart for most any and all kinds of purposes, but until the present no one has thought of putting on a home paper week. But it has come at last. Some wise guy started it, and now the country press all over the state is advertising the home paper week. It is not a bad idea. Of course the home paper does not need it, but it is a good time to subscribe for your home paper and send it back to your friends in the old home. It will help advertise the new home in which you live.

Recently there was a big bank failure in Cleburne, Texas, and there, as was the case in Eastland County, the road funds were in that bursted bank. But the banker skipped and now he is a fugitive from justice, with several indictments against him. The road work in Eastland has been suspended for the same reason, but we have not heard of anybody being indicted.

Isn't it about time some of those responsible bank failures in Texas should serve a term in the penitentiary? It seems that nothing short of the pen will put a stop to this careless handling of public funds.

THE AMERICAN BECOMING A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY

Mrs. Gus Lenz, who lives out on Route 2, was in the city shopping Tuesday and while here called around to the American office and ordered the paper sent to the Lenz home for the coming year. "We are highly pleased with the American," stated Mrs. Lenz, "and thank you for the several sample copies you have sent us. It has become a household necessity, and we would not be without it. I have reminded Mr. Lenz of calling and subscribing for the paper every time he came in, but he has neglected it, so I came in myself today and want you to send it regularly. We are all pleased with it. Even the children read it through every week."

The American greatly appreciates the words of commendation from Mrs. Lenz, and hope she will always find the great people's paper of interest, for it is the policy of the American to make it the great home paper of Eastland county, and at the rate they are coming in and ordering the American sent to their address it will not be long before the American is in every home in the Cisco Country.

THE ROBERTS-MURPHY IS SETTING CASING

Work is progressing on the Roberts-Murphy well No. 1, stated Mr. George Roberts, one of the owners of the well, yesterday to the American man. We are going right down towards the pay, and hope ere long to have a nice tale to tell the world. We are now setting the 15 inch casing in the well.

MAYHEW COMPANY MAKES \$100,000 PROPERTY DEAL

Mr. A. L. Mayhew recently closed quite a big real estate trade, wherein the Judia theatre passes to Spencer Brothers, who conveyed two sections of land on the Plains to the Southland Life Insurance company. The consideration being \$100,000.

To get at some liquor a Brownwood man had in his automobile, the sheriff, and his deputy had to get a set of tools and take the bed of the auto apart. 'Tis futile to endeavor to put liquor away in such a manner that it will not tempt the average officer to try and get it. Whiskey's influence is certainly baleful, and many otherwise good officers succumb to its exhilarating charms.—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

Rev. Canifay and son, Mr. Floyd Canifax, and Mr. John Smith of Rising Star, are conference visitors.

Where The People Speak

THINKS GAS AND LIGHTS ARE MUCH TOO HIGH

To the Editor of the Cisco American: I read the article in last week's American, by Judge Lankford in regard to the exorbitant price we are paying for gas and electric lights in Cisco.

I had been thinking about the same thing for some time, and wondering why we are all so "easy" in permitting the price of gas to go up when everything else is going down. I wish you would tell us more about this, and tell us why this is.

I think the people of Cisco, should appreciate your paper because it seems to be independent enough to publish such things. I think the freedom of speech and the press is one of the greatest assets America has, and when the time comes that big corporations get powerful enough to rob the people and then put a quietus on the press so that the people cannot be told about it, then it is time for the people to wake up. The people will make a mistake if they do not appreciate your paper and support you in running a paper for the people.

Respectfully
G. W. DANIELS.

WHY SUCH UNNECESSARY EXCHANGE AND EXPENSE

Nimrod, Texas, Nov. 7.—Why should we have so much unnecessary hauling over railroads of produce and manufactured articles that can be produced at home?

Why tie up railroad cars in Chicago and St. Louis for miles and pay bonus for the cars besides high freight rates for products that can be manufactured at home?

Why continue to raise boll weevils and let the things that we can raise at home go unnoticed?

The time is at hand when we must make a change to meet the conditions of the evolution of time, and it will require the best of thought of physics and chemistry and science in general, to meet the evolution of time.

Why continue so much waste when concentrated effort—which means co-operation—can adjust matters for the betterment of all? The answer, some will say, is the lack of confidence, which is a very good answer. But why should we break that confidence? It is for the lack of understanding of the science of nature.

Why not take a lesson from the ants and bees and birds and get back to nature, and use our intelligence that we have gained over them, thru chemistry and other branches of science, and not to be separated, but to unite and make unity the problem of the hour?

W. G. HARRELL.

FARMER BOY ENJOYS A. & M. HOSPITALITY

Will Joe Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starr, who was designated by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce to be the guest of the A. & M. College at the Boy's Educational Encampment at the Dallas Fair, gives the following interesting account of his trip and his stay in Dallas:

"On Monday morning, October 10, I started to the Boy's Educational Encampment at the State Fair at Dallas. I went to Eastland that morning where I joined our County Agent Mr. R. H. Bush who had our Eastland County Boys in charge, also I joined Lynn Trimble, representing Carbon, Rudolph Haile of Gorman, Clyde Cox of Rising Star and June Hargus of Eastland. We left Eastland about 12:45. We were joined by Harvie Coffman at Ranger. We got to Dallas, boarded a special street-car to fair-grounds where we registered and were assigned our rooms.

"Before going any farther I must tell you of the fine dormitory the Fair Association has built for the farm boys and girls of Texas. It is a one story building containing an office, library and a dining room seating 160 people at once; also 14 bed rooms with fine mattresses and steel cots. It is also equipped with lavatories, toilets and shower baths. It cost the Fair Association \$5,000 and we sure ought to appreciate it.

"The Y. M. C. A. furnished wall charts and magazines for the library; also equipment for indoor and outdoor games.

"We had fine meals all the time. Besides getting our meals and bed free we got in the grand stand free one night; we also saw "Smiles of 1921" at the Coliseum. At the grand stand they had several small acts including some dog and pony, trapeze, tumbling, tight rope walking and ice skating acts. Then came the great pageant "Montezuma" or "The Last Days of the Aztecs"; and finally the fire works. These were the most magnificent fire works I ever saw.

"While at the fair I saw kind of fine live-stock; and also kinds of improved farm machinery. We saw some mighty fine county

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Cisco Shoe Hospital

Mrs. Adran Boshears was among the Cisco shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deyrl Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lamb attended services here Sunday.

Miss Lula Martin spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. E. S. Williams, who resides at Cottage No. 38, in Humbletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Parmer motored over to Cisco Friday to meet the teacher of the Sandy School, Miss Annie Shelburne, from Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Yeager and Mrs. C. R. Jackson and children were transacting business in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Dora Bell Yeager spent the week end with parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McClelland were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday, and attended church.

Game seems to be plentiful this season as the fields were full of sportsmen from Cisco and other towns Sunday.

Mr. Walter Dore returned last week from a business trip out West.

Mrs. J. M. Knox and daughter, Mrs. William Heyer of Eastland, were shopping in Cisco yesterday. These ladies are recently from West Virginia, and they are pleased with Texas.

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Depositions of Road Contractors
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made and entered into between Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company and Eastland County on June 15, 1920. They purchased them from Eastland County at par and accrued interest.

13. Did you ever see the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company or any member of said company in possession of any of the good road bonds of Eastland County and if so, when and where did you see them, and what were they doing with the said bonds?

Eastland County delivered \$2,000,000 worth of the \$4,320,000 to Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company in accordance and under the terms and provisions of a contract between Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company and Eastland County. They were in the City National Bank of Eastland, Texas, and the Security State Bank & Trust Company at Eastland, Texas. Fleming & Stitzer were delivering them to the bank to be shipped on their instructions.

14. Did Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company within your knowledge turn over to the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, prior to April 25, 1921, \$2,000,000 worth of the good road bonds of Eastland County?

Eastland County delivered \$200,000.00 of bonds to the Security State Bank & Trust Company on order of the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company prior to April, 25 1921.

15. Did the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, or any member of the said company, within your knowledge turn over to the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, \$500,000 worth of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, prior to May 7, 1921?

Eastland County delivered \$500,000.00 of bonds to the Security State Bank & Trust Company on order of Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company prior to May 7, 1921.

16. If you have answered either of the foregoing questions in the affirmative then state what instruction you gave said bank with reference to said bonds, and if said instructions were given in writing, and you have said writing, then attach a copy of same to your answer hereto, and if you do not have said writing, then state substantially as best you can the instructions that were given said bank, if any.

Drew draft on Security State Bank & Trust Company in favor of E. S. Prichard, County Treasurer of Eastland County. I gave no further instructions to the bank.

17. State what you know with reference to the transmission of the good road bonds of Eastland County to the National City Bank of Chicago, and in this connection state the amount of the bonds so transmitted to said bank. When were they transmitted and by whom were they transmitted?

Bonds were transmitted to the National City Bank of Chicago in accordance with our instructions by Judge C. R. Starnes at various times between June 15, 1920, and June 1, 1921. I do not know how they were transmitted. The total amount of the bonds transmitted to the National City Bank of Chicago was \$1,000,000.00.

18. State what you know about the hypothecation of the \$50,000 good road bonds of Eastland County with the National City Bank of Chicago, on or about July 28, 1921. In this connection state what amount of money was secured for same, and state all you know about said transaction.

I know nothing of such transaction personally. I don't know.

a. Do you claim said \$50,000.00 worth of bonds or have you ever claimed them?

1. They were part of the \$500,000.00 bonds shipped to the National City Bank of Chicago if same was hypothecated, according to my understanding.

b. If you have answered that you have purchased same, when did you purchase them? From whom did you purchase them? And what did you give for them?

b. Purchased them from Eastland County as answered in question 12.

c. Did you give any directions whatever to the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, with reference to said bonds, or did you give Sad D. Youny any instructions with reference to same? If so, attach a copy of such instructions, if in writing, and if not in writing, then state as best you can the substance of said instructions.

c. Drew draft on Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, with bonds attached. No further instructions were given.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)
Mr. G. Fisk of the Abilene Times, was a pleasant caller while in the city Tuesday.

Are We Sincere On Disarmament?

Preaching and Practicing not Consistent—Ninety-Four per cent of Taxes for War Purposes, Six per cent for all Others.

By A. C. Belden

We spend ninety-four per cent of the taxes of this nation in the preparation for future wars or to pay the cost of wars that are past and gone.

This is not a fictitious statement of a befuddled mind or the pipe dream of anyone, but the plain facts brought to light by government statistics. We claim to be a Democracy in its purest state and a peace-loving people, if so we are taking part to the world at large. While the leading men of the nation are calling the government heads of the earth together in a great conference for the avowed purpose of reducing the armies and navies, we go right ahead appropriating more monies for these very purposes than we have ever done before. If we really have an honest desire at heart to take this burden from the back of the taxpayer why do we preach against a thing and at the same time make all preparations to that end. For if we are prepared to fight we will fight, if not we cannot fight this stands proven.

Why should the great nation that we surely are, spend nine-four per cent of all money paid in for taxes for war purposes only leaving six per cent for the support of the government improvements and all other laudable purposes. This matter has surely gone for enough and public sentiment should be moulded so very strong against it at once that the law makers will be compelled to listen and change the practice.

VICTIM OF MUNDAY TRAGEDY RAISED IN EASTLAND COUNTY

One of the victims of the disastrous fire which occurred in Munday last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was an Eastland County man. The fire which ended in this sad tragedy destroyed considerable property, and it was while attempting to save merchandise in the burning building that the explosion occurred, which resulted in the death of two, and the injury of several.

One of those who were killed in this fire was Mr. H. O. Henson, son of Mr. G. A. Henson, who resides out on route 2 out of Cisco. His remains were brought here Sunday, and taken in charge by the local lodge of Odd Fellows, deceased having been a member of that order.

The other victim of the disaster was named Walter West, and it was reported that he, too, was a Cisco man, as Walter West formerly of this place, was well known, and it was known that he had moved to some place in the vicinity of Munday. However, this proved to be erroneous, as he was a native of Munday.

The remains of Mr. Henson were buried in the Corinth cemetery Sunday, and many were present to pay the last sad respect to their former friend. His old pastor, Rev. J. W. Tennyson, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, who baptised him and officiated at his marriage, preached the funeral sermon.

Several ladies accompanied the body and the widow to this place, and to these and other friends the bereaved relatives desire to express their appreciation and thanks.

Mr. G. A. Henson, the father, reside east of Cisco, and has lived in Eastland County since 1898.

NOTES FROM DOTHAN

Special Correspondence.
Dothan, Nov. 7.—A crowd of young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Donaway last Friday night.

Misses Amy and Myrtle Short were shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jeffreys and son Earl, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough Sunday.

Misses Amy and Myrtle Short had as their dinner guests last Sunday Messrs Leonard Surlis, Lester Short, and Neil Moore, and Misses Ethlyne and Beulah Yarbrough, Clarice Surlis, Eva Moore, Rev. Smallwood, Mr. Eli Short and Mr. Woods.

Mr. F. M. Short and family, Messrs. Leonard Surlis, Lester Short, and Misses Beulah and Ethlyne Yarbrough and Clarice Surlis attended church services at Putnam Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Baker and family have moved from Dothan to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pippen have moved onto Grand Pa Short's farm, where they will live the coming year. Little Albert McKinney is reported on the sick list.

The singing school started at Putnam Monday morning, Nov. 7.

Mr. J. T. O'Brien came over from Ranger to visit here folks Tuesday.

OLD AND PLEASANT CUSTOM

As This Writer Points Out, the Practice of Kissing Has Much to Recommend It.

Kissing is an established custom in all countries inhabited by white people who refrain at times from eating onions. It is a practice that insures the longevity and universal distribution of germ life and encourages the habit of matrimony.

Some one who didn't know much about kissing said years ago that stolen kisses are sweetest. The opinion is still quoted, but all persons who have had any experience of kissing know better. A kiss is never wholly satisfactory unless the kisser and the kissee show an equal degree of enthusiasm.

Kissing a pretty girl does not afford the unalloyed bliss it is commonly supposed to afford. If she has never been kissed before, her performance is crude and lifeless and, therefore, a little bit disappointing, and if she has been kissed too often she displays a degree of technique that robs the kiss of its flavor. In the old days the flavor of a kiss was imaginary; you couldn't taste anything but girl. But frequently the modern girl's kiss has the stale and unprofitable flavor of rouge. Some day a shrewd manufacturer will put out a line of rouge in all the popular flavors—vanilla, strawberry, lemon and the like—and then each girl can offer her young man the flavor he prefers.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

Russian Musician Makes Noise.

Charles Henry Meltzer, the American critic, writing from Europe, where he is in touch with European musical movements, in an article published in the Forum magazine, says of Igor Stravinsky that he "is today the most discussed, most advertised, most detested and most eulogized of musicians. To some he seems another Bach or Berlioz. By others he is viewed as an impostor. In London and in Paris his more recent works are being lauded to the skies, and torn to tatters. And, on the strength of the abuse which has been heaped upon him, his noisy worshippers have founded a new cult."

Of Stravinsky's opera, "The Rite of Spring," Mr. Meltzer says:

"Some of the folk-songs, which were freely used, impressed one, although rite, by their strange character. But these were incidents in an amazing work which sought to shock, distress and terrify the ear. The 'tonal values' juxtaposed by the composer were at times so awful that they recalled the noises of a modern boiler factory. The players banged on the percussion instruments. The wood-winds and the brass blasphemed to heaven. The strings let loose weird floods of anarchy. The effect was Bolshevistic, brutal, bestial."

Japanese and Americans.

American life is realistic, utilitarian, epicurean, more inclined toward comedy than tragedy, rational, and, above all, a life of common sense. Japanese life, on the contrary, is eccentric, sentimental and essentially pessimistic.

Japanese life is local, provincial, insular. It is in no way international. One proof of this is that when the country people come to town it is usually possible to tell from the patterns of their clothes, the stripes in them and from their methods of speaking just what particular part of the country they come from. In America no one can tell a country person from anyone else.

The fourfold division of society—samurai, farmer, artisan and merchant—which prevailed from early days in Japan has so stamped the members of each group with class individualities that even today it is very easy to tell to which hereditary rank a person belongs.—Atsushi Matsuzawa, in the Japan Advertiser.

Sunflower Silage.

Sunflower silage, in places where large tonnage of corn for silage cannot be produced, is reported by the United States Department of Agriculture to have given varying results. In some sections it seems to compare favorably in palatability and feeding value with corn silage, but in certain districts of the Northern Great Plains, where the growth of sunflowers is rank and succulent, the resulting silage is often not very palatable. Reports from the Huntley experiment farm in Montana show that, while 25 to 30 tons of sunflowers per acre may be produced, the silage is not as much relished by live stock as that from corn, which yields less than half as much per acre.

Starved.

The other day I was called from home suddenly about 11 o'clock. I took daughter Jane to the library and gave her some picture books with which to amuse herself until my return, which I expected would be in time for lunch. Not having time to give her luncheon first I gave her three cookies as I was leaving.

I was detained and when I entered the library it was almost two. Regardless of all rules of silence, Jane greeted me loudly with: "I'm just starved to death. Do you spec me to make a living off of free cookies?" We fled amidst the laughter.—Chicago Tribune

Trials of the Week.

Mrs. Penfield—I married a poet and he accuses me all the time of jarring his sensitive soul.

Mrs. Niblick—My husband plays golf and I can't do or say a thing without being blamed for putting him off his game.—New York Sun.

Cisco to Stage Monster Parade

Floats, Trucks and Decorated Cars to be in Line—Program and Order of Parade, Which Begins at 2:30 This Afternoon.

For the past several weeks Cisco's Rotary Club has been making preparations to stage a monster parade and pageant in this city on Armistice Day, which is today. The time has arrived and a more fitting time could not have been selected. Besides this being the great national holiday—the day we, in a measure, will attempt to do homage to those heroes who made it possible for many of us to enjoy the blessings of a great land, we have with us the Methodist of the Central Texas conference in its annual session. There is already a town full of people, and reports from near by towns indicate that the half has not been told.

Tomorrow morning a special train will arrive over the C. & N. E. bringing in hundreds from Breckenridge, South Bend, Graham, Parks and Raylee. This train will reach here about 9:30 this morning, and Secretary Richardson of the Chamber of Commerce, requests the American to ask everyone who has a car to meet that train with their cars, as it is desired that at least fifty or seventy-five cars be at the station.

Then Ranger and Eastland will be with us in the largest majority. In fact it is indicated that those towns will be practically depopulated today. Ranger is planning to have about forty cars with Rangers over to witness the pageant.

In this celebration the Rotary Club had the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, and the secretary and his able assistant, Miss Beatrice Farquhar, has been untiring. This, like the conference, the secretary has succeeded, as in that he has worked most harmoniously with the committees of the Methodist church. Not a hitch has marred the proceedings.

Mr. Claud C. Wild prepared a very comprehensive program, but reached the American too late for this issue.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY LOCALS

Special Correspondence.

Lutheran Community, Nov. 9.—The young people of this community had a singing at Lutheran church last Sunday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Minnie Stroebel was out from Cisco for a brief visit to the home folk last week.

A large crowd attended the singing at the Ward School House last Sunday night.

Mr. Oscar Reich was called to Eastland last Monday to serve on the jury, but returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Stroebel and son, Herman, are transacting business in Cisco today.

Mrs. R. W. Zeihl is spending the week with relatives at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luker were in Cisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt and family of Romney, were trading in Cisco Tuesday.

While a load of Chicago politicians and lawyers were engaged in a scuffle in an elevator, the boy lost control and the elevator dropped to the bottom with a thud. With so good a start in the direction most of them will eventually go, the elevator shaft bottom merely proved an obstacle to continuous passage.—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

Miss Beatrice Farquhar will leave tonight for Abilene, where she goes as a delegate to the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school convention of this district, representing the Cisco B. Y. P. U. Rev. C. G. Howard and others will go over in their cars to attend this convention today and tomorrow.

Mr. Morris Simon, the popular gents furnishing store proprietor, is in Dallas this week on business of importance. He will likely return home tomorrow.

Mr. J. W. Triplett has returned from a business trip to the plains country.

Mr. Cecil Eager of Abilene, was here Sunday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eager.

Mr. W. D. Lummins of Moran, was here yesterday.

Mr. A. L. Mayhew is in Cross Plains this week.

Order your engraved Christmas cards at the American office.

Mr. B. Carter has returned from an extended visit to his old home at Chattanooga, Tenn., and is again at his post at the Gray Hardware Company.

FOR SALE Signs at American office

Peoples Town Putnam Annex

McGillis and Associates Preparing to Sink Another Well South of Putnam—Oil Holdings Changing to Other Hands in Shallow Field.

Special Correspondence

Putnam, Nov. 9.—Considerable activity is still being manifested in the Putnam shallow field. Messrs. McGillis and Yarbers of Cisco, are soon to drill another well five miles south of Putnam. It is confidently believed that Mr. McGillis will open up a real field south of town.

Mr. Smith of Midlothian has just closed a contract with Mr. Phillips to drill a well on the Boatwright farm west of Putnam.

Contractor Longwell brought in a nice gasser on the Neuman tract this week. This well belongs to Messrs. Thompson and Seibolt of Fort Worth.

Mr. Homer Peebles is coming right along with his development. A visit to the field will show you his holdings without being pointed out. His rigs, tanks and tower plant is painted grey, and in fact it is a regular miniature oil town in itself. He is being importuned to make a location and spud in a well within the corporate limits. No man deserves more praise for developing the Putnam field than does Mr. Peebles. He found it.

Ungren & Simons are going down with their third well. We hope to be able to report the bringing in of this well by the first of the week.

RICHARDSON'S STORE BURNED

Fire destroyed the suburban grocery store of J. T. Richardson at 1004 Avenue A, last Friday night. Loss is placed at \$2750, with about \$1500 insurance.

Daddy Evans, who conducted a shoe shop adjoining, also lost his shop and contents. His loss is not known.

The Richardson grocery business is now being conducted from the Richardson confectionery, where they are taking care of their customers until they can rebuild, which is contemplated just as soon as possible.

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STRAYED—One bay horse 15½ hands high, left hind foot white, roached mane, has yellow eyes, no brand. One brown mare mule, 14 hands high, weigh about 800 pounds. Last seen at Romney. \$10 reward for information leading to the recovery of the above described stock. J. C. McKelvine. 16-2t-pd.
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SCRANTON NOTES

Special Correspondence.

Scranton, Nov. 8.—Ocie Yeager had the misfortune to break both of his arms last Wednesday evening. The accident was sustained when he fell from a wind mill.

Mr. Alton Sprawls returned from Lamesa Sunday morning.

Miss Esther Bradshaw was the dinner guest of Misses Zoe and Lela Brown last Sunday.

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Miss Mabel Sprawls returned home from Oklahoma last Thursday.

Miss Moore, the primary teacher of this place, visited in Cisco from Friday evening until Sunday.

Alton Sprawls is suffering from a broken arm, due to the kick of his car while cranking it.

Mrs. Etta Harlow entertained a number of the young people with a social gathering at her home last Friday night.

SIX YEAR OLD COW BOY HURT WHEN HORSE FALLS

"Yes, he was a good rider, and a crackerjack cow boy for a little fellow," said Wiley Hittson Tuesday evening, after they picked up little Billy Daniels, whose horse fell with him as he attempted to turn at the flag pole. Billy is only six years old, but he is a natural cow boy, and can ride after cattle with many older than he, and do the work better. Billy was riding a strange horse Tuesday, and evidently pulled his mount a little too hard, and the horse turned at once, but the payment slipped from under his feet, and the steed and young rider both went to the concrete.

It was thought he was pretty badly injured at first, as he fell upon his back, and he was unconscious for several minutes. He was picked up and rushed to the office of Drs. Brice & Payne, where he soon came around, and was carried home. Billy is the little son of Mr. Jasper Daniels.

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BURKETT WILL CONTEST DEAN DRY LAW OF TEXAS

Joe Burkett is tackling the constitutionality of the Dean dry law. We are afraid the Senator is on a cold trail, not that he is not right, but that his position is unpopular. He must remember that Bill Davidson is dead, and there are few jurists who hold that the rights of the people are paramount to popular prejudices. Texas people are acquainted with decisions being rendered according to popular opinion during the Harper-Predergrast incumbency, and that spirit is not yet dead.

When the time comes when a judge will be unafraid to go against a popular wave, and keep the constitution and the bill of rights before him, then we can expect people to have some consideration, and decisions be rendered without the court having its ear to the ground. The following press notice from Austin says that Senator Burkett is attacking the constitutionality of the law from a new angle. Most people hope he will win, for it seems that the federal law should be sufficient to cover the case.

Austin, Nov. 2.—Senator Joe Burkett of Eastland is here today to attack the constitutionality of the Dean prohibition law from a new angle in submitting an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals. He announced that he would attack the law from a conflicting standpoint, holding that back in 1909 the Legislature passed a law declaring it a misdemeanor to "unlawfully sell intoxicating liquors."

At that time, he said, local option was in effect in numbers of counties of the State and the law was passed primarily to make the unlawful sale of liquor punishable, but that law has never been repealed and the Dean law does not carry a clause repealing all laws in conflict with it, he pointed out. Thus Burkett's conclusion is that there are two laws against selling intoxicating liquors now on the statute books of the State, one making it a misdemeanor and the other declaring it a felony.

He will present his case to the court this afternoon. He is representing clients in Eastland County.

TO METHODIST CONFERENCE

Puite a large number of citizens without regard to denominations request that you pray God who controls "the rain of heaven," thereby "giving us life, breath and all things" to send upon the drouth stricken regions of this state, the rain from Heaven, giving relief to the suffering, which is becoming intense in many places.

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BUT HE BACKSLID

Aunt Nancy's "Gorilla" Forgot His Religion.

Which Explained the Necessity for Taking Up a Collection in the Camp Meeting.

The camp at East Fork has not only developed some marvelous fishermen, but it has brought some hitherto undreamed-of powers of imagination among the staid business men in the party. Some half dozen tents shelter the men and women folks and the children, and there is a special cooking tent for Aunt Nancy. They call it the studio, for there the real art work is done, Aunt Nancy having inherited her unusual capability from her mother, who lived and toiled on the old plantation until freedom came.

Grouped about the camp fire the other night the members of the party told and listened to marvelous tales of adventure and mystery. Nancy, the cook, an eager listener, sat back in the shadows until someone spoke up good naturedly: "Now, Nancy, it's your turn. Can't you tell us a ghost story?"

The black woman got up and came a little closer to the fire.

"It's pap's story," modestly explained Nancy. "I heard him tell it a dozen or eight times. I reckon 'Long toward the end of the war—the war to free the slaves, you know—they was holdin' a big camp meetin' down on Sugar creek bottoms, in Randolph county, pap said. Folks was gettin' awful tired of the shootin' and killin' and stealin', and they just nachurly took to ligion. All the benches was full and big crowds standin' up. Brother Jerry Harlover, pap said, was doin' the exhortin' and you could a-heard him a mile the way the road runs."

"Towards midnight they was all worked up, some singin', some shoutin' and goin' on like they does when the Dimmykrats held a county convention up at the cot house. Then a tall, thin man with long hair and a white face gets up and walks forward. They said he was a gorilla—"

"A what," asked one of the auditors. "A gorilla. They said he'd been with Colonel Bill Anderson and Frank and Jesse James and Mr. Quantrell and them other gentlemen what rode so hard."

"I see."

"And when this gorilla gets in front where the preacher was he pulls out two big guns and a butcher knife and lays 'em on the altar."

"Parson," says he, 'I see been a awful bad man. I'd shoot and kill and burn and steal and do everything that was low down and mean. Then I got a bullet or two in me and had to go home till I got well. While lyin' on the sick bed something said to me, 'Jake, you been a awful bad man, and if you don't quit your cussedness you'll die and go straight to h—l. I'll give you just one more chance. You go down to Parson Harlover's meetin', tell him how bad you been, and hand him your six shooters. Then maybe I'll forgive you.'"

"The preacher held out his hand, but just about that time three men in uniform got up and started for the gorilla, with pistols in their hands."

Nancy paused.

"What happened then?" was asked.

"Well," sighed Nancy, "after the muss was over they sung a hymn, and took up a collection."

"A collection? What did they do that for?"

"To pay for buryin' the three sojers," replied Nancy composedly. "You see, the gorilla—he backslid."—Kansas City Star.

Doubted If She Could Make It.

At a recent gathering of musicians Lieut. John Philip Sousa told the following story:

"We musicians have one thing, we give solace or joy to those who listen," he said. "Sometimes, possibly, we take ourselves too seriously. I recall giving some concerts in St. Louis some years ago, and every morning I went down to my breakfast at the hotel I saw a woman scrubbing the steps and working away very hard. Finally, thinking that possibly a concert would be very enlightening and elevating for her, I stopped her on the stairs one morning and said, 'By the way, would you like to go to a concert tomorrow night?' thinking, of course, she knew me. However, she did not know me. She looked up at me and said: 'Is that your only night off?'"—Musical Courier.

Can Curve Torpedoes.

A new system of torpedo fire control by which the firing of torpedoes in a curved course is automatically controlled has been perfected by John Hays Hammond, Jr., he announced.

By means of this system, he said, a battleship or submarine could fire a torpedo at a target in any direction without changing the course of the vessel. Submarines equipped with the system could attack two targets at the same time.

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Pulse Of Oil Game Elusive

From Peculiar Sources Sometimes the "News Gathering Hound" is Compelled to Nose Around for the Dope he Desires.

By A. C. Briden

If we want to know something regarding farming in this section, we generally seek out the tiller of the soil, to glean our information of the stock raiser regarding the points of the different breeds of cattle.

This method generally holds good, but there are many exceptions to the rule. For example, this week we began to seek for information regarding the report that has been going the rounds for the past few days, that business had again began to hum out in the oil fields, especially in Stephens county.

Well, the oil men did not seem to know one positive fact regarding this report. If so, they were not putting out anything for the public. So we were compelled to resort to other sources for the wanted information. I nour hotel lobbys, we can hear the jitney drivers talking every evening with their friends. One of them was saying last evening "I have made every oil town in this field in the last twenty four hours on my drives, and believe me, there is more real work going on and beginning than there has been in the last eight months. Ereckenridge, for example. You are forced to elbow you way along the sidewalk. Things are beginning to look very much like they did in the oil center last winter."

And the little waiters, in these oil centers, at the cafes as they place a lunch for the customer. If they were asked for a formal interview, they could not or would not talk for publication, when they are innocently doing this very thing as they answer a few simple questions of a customer. In this way, the writer gleaned some interesting facts while dining at a certain cafe in the northern part of the oil field one day recently. They always express their honest opinions, and at last that is the only news of real value we get.

Operations seem to be rather slow in this immediate vicinity, but if activity gets lively in nearby sections of the field, Cisco will benefit indirectly from same, for this is no doubt the distributing center of this entire field.

THE PLIGHT OF THE PIDDLER

You will often find a farmer in the community who is eternally piddling around the place, currying his stock, fixing shelters and feeding places, removing the refuse and so while his neighbor is busy with his cotton crop. When the fall season comes the piddler does not have a great deal of cotton to sell, while his neighbor has, so he still has time to piddle quite a lot.

But if you could see the financial statement of the two you would usually find that the man who raised the big cotton crop owes nearly all his cotton will bring, while the piddler owes little or no debts and what cotton he sells is invested in stock or banked waiting for a good investment.

While he was piddling around the place he was selling a bit of cream, a few chickens and eggs now and then, so that he practically paid his store purchases with these things as he went along, and in the fall found that he had more stock, more and better chickens and had accumulated something over what he began the year with.

There are lots of broke men cutting a rather large swath, and many men who are doing nothing particularly spectacular in a business or commercial way who are getting ahead every year.

Which think you is the most contented and the best citizen of the town?

THIS WORLD FIRST

There is an English church where a box hangs in the porch. It is used for communications with the pastor. Cranks put their notes in it, but occasionally it does fulfill its purpose. Recently the minister preached by request a sermon on "Recognition of Friends in Heaven," and during the week the following note was found in the box: "Dear Sir—I should be much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on 'The Recognition of Friends on Earth,' as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."—Christian Register.

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In speaking of the copper industry of Arizona he stated that it was again coming into its own. That Clifton, his home town, where Col. Potter owns one of the prettiest country homes in the state, promises to come back. Clifton, as all of the copper camps in Arizona, has been absolutely dead since the world hostilities ceased, has one of the largest copper plants in the state. It has been the home of the Arizona Copper Company, but recently the Phelps-Dodge interests acquired the Arizona company, are planning some extensive improvements that will place Clifton again in that prominent place it occupied before the war.

But speaking of Col. Potter's home. This estate is situated in the bend on the San Francisco river, and on land which he reclaimed by constructing dikes, and on which a commodious brick residence, surrounded by folwers, fruit and shade trees, and being protected from the winter's blast makes the place semi-tropical, and all manner of fruits are grown upon his grounds. Should you visit this spot in late winter, you will feel that you have reached an oasis in the desert.

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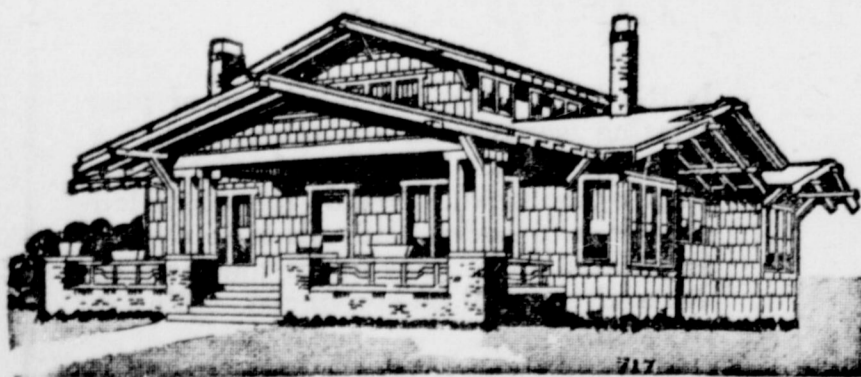
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No. 2	11:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
No. 4	12:22 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
No. 12	Makes up	11:00 p. m.

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

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS		
(Northbound)	Arrive	Depart
No. 35	3:00 p. m.	3:15 p. m.
No. 37	3:35 a. m.	3:40 a. m.

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

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

Southbound—from Breckenridge		
Arrive	Depart	
No. 2	6:50 p. m.	
No. 1	10:20 a. m.	
No. 11	10:45 p. m.	

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

JUNKING BATTLESHIPS

EVERY little while we read of the junking of obsolete battleships. When the old veterans, scarred and worn from strenuous service, are thus brought to disgrace, there are among the sailors who knew them traces of sorrow.

These shrewd boys in blue, loyal till death, think back to days that are gone and fancy the ships in the smoke of battle.

With what speed and might they cleft the foaming sea!

The attachments that grew and warmed themselves in the sailors' warm hearts are very dear.

There is a common note of sadness among them, especially among those who stood by the guns in the heat of conflict, which, through bravery of men and staunchness of ship terminated in triumph.

But now all this is changed. New emotions crowd the mind.

The sailors realize that they, too, are getting closer to the time when some of them may be "junked" to make room for the stronger and more efficient.

They wonder whether it was always so; whether the weak gave way to the strong. Upon reflection, they decide it was.

It seems a cold-blooded thing to do, this "scrapping" of the impotent, but it is the human way of doing things, of keeping up strength, productiveness and ascendancy, so essential to growth and progress.

Unlike battleships, men can retain their power and capacity, and become more capable as the years advance. To those who keep rubbing off the rust, there need be no fear of the scrap heap.

But to those who are indolent, malicious, inconsiderate of others, the scrap heap is reaching out its scrawny arms, certain of a final embrace.

Do you think of these things, turn sick at heart and hint that it does not matter?

It is good to ponder, but please do not think that "it does not matter." For it does matter. So there ought to be no compromise with laxity or indifference. Face about and see another skyline and different stars overhead. Hold fast all the while to hope!

Keep pressing with this boon companion toward the hill-tops, keep in tune with modern changes, keep young in thought and in spirit, avoid vanities on which life turns—and the scrap heap will never get you.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"MISS NANCY."

TO STATE that a person is a "Miss Nancy" is now equivalent to declaring that, if a man, he is effeminate or, if a woman, that she is prudish and affected—a custom which had its origin in the person of Mrs. Anna Oldfield, a celebrated actress, who died in 1730 and who was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Mrs. Oldfield, known to all her associates as "Miss Nancy," was extremely vain about her dress and the appearance of her hands and hair. As her body lay in state, attended by two noblemen, she was attired according to her last wishes in "a very fine Brussels-lace head-dress, a Holland shift with a tucker and double ruffles of the same lace and a pair of new kid gloves." The actress' wishes in the matter of the clothing of her corpse provoked considerable comment at the time, particularly as an Act of Parliament had decreed that, in order to encourage the manufacture of woolen cloth, the dead should be buried in woolen shrouds. But her instructions were followed to the letter and Pope, in his "Moral Essays," referred to the matter in the following lines: "Ostious! In woolen? 'Twould a saint provoke! Were 'the last words that poor Narcissa spoke." (Copyright.)

Strategic Sentiment.

"When Josh went to school," remarked Farmer Cornstout, "I gave him a fountain pen and made him promise to use it every time he wrote to us dear old folks at home."

"That was nice and sentimental." "Kind of practical, too. That fountain pen 'll be wore out in a week or so, an' then Josh is goin' to find it slow an' troublesome to write home for more funds."



THE IDEA
Well I declare, I didn't know Sunny went in for aviation.

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

FOR THE DANCE ESCORT

If it is not seemly, do it not"—Marcus Aurelius.

JUST because a young woman has accepted your company as escort to a dance is no reason to believe that she wishes to give you any more dances than she does to any of the other young men whom she knows who are present. But it is the escort's duty to see that the young woman has a reasonable number of dances taken, and this result he achieves, even when she is not one of the most popular of the young women present, by introducing her to other young men.

Usually the escort requests the young woman he escorts for her supper dance—if there be one—at the beginning of the evening; but he has no ground for taking offense if she gives this to some one else. However, he is not privileged to take his supper dance with another young woman unless he sees that the young woman he has escorted has a partner for that dance.

It is customary for the escort, after taking off his own hat and coat, to await his companion in the hall or corridor before going into the ball room or reception room. It would be most inconsiderate of him to start filling out his own dance order before she had arrived.

Before beginning the evening's dancing, the escort should inquire of his companion how long she wishes to remain. If she expresses her wish to leave after the first half of the dances are over—or anywhere else on the program—he should make a mark through the section in the dance order beyond this point, as a reminder not to engage any dances after that time. If she signifies her desire to leave before the time she suggested it is clearly the duty of the escort to leave with her even though in doing so he has to cancel dances promised to other young women with whom he has engaged these dances who, if they are familiar with society usage, will take no offense.

Unless a young man is engaged to a young woman or is her brother and hence regards himself as her guardian, he has no right to dictate to her regarding the young men with whom she should dance. At a small private dance, the fact that the young men have been invited by his hostess should be guarantee enough as to their good manners. To suggest to his companion that she should not dance with them would be a discourtesy to the hostess. At a public dance he should introduce her only to young men he can vouch for, but even if his own worst enemy were present he would have no right to expect her to decline to dance with him.

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THE SUBSTRATUM

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LYRICS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

YOU AND I AND THEY.

A SIMPLE thing, humanity— Just You and I and They; And You and I and They are We, Companions on the way.

Together we must walk the years, Together rise or fall, In all our smiles, in all our tears, Companions, after all.

A simple thing, humanity— Yet certain as the star 'Tis not a world of merely Me, For other men there are, I cannot walk the way alone, However I may try, For other millions climb the stone Ascent as well as I.

A simple thing, humanity— 'Tis not a world of You, But You and I together we Have comrade work to do, For close beside us travel They Who need our help and hand— Oh, life's a rather simple way To those who understand.

A simple thing, humanity— We cannot walk apart, For we a help or hurt will be To every human heart— Will lift or jostle, crush or aid, The other ones who climb; For God one brotherhood has made All men for all of time.

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Protecting the Pets.

"You permit tenants to have pet animals in your apartment house?" "Yes," replied the landlord. "Some of them are fine specimens and exceedingly valuable." "But you won't take children." "No. We are afraid the children might worry the pets."

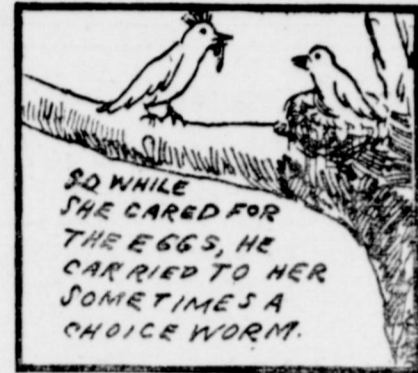


THE REDBIRD'S COLOR

ONCE upon a time the redbird, or Summer Tanager, was not red all over, as he is now, but, like his little wife, the upper parts of his little body were yellowish-olive green and the underneath parts of the orange-yellow shade.

One day while he was singing in an orange grove and thinking of beautiful things, which, of course, made his song very sweet, he wondered if he had a red coat if the picture would not be more beautiful.

So away he went to the dell where the fairies reveled at night, and when the Queen drove over the mossy car-



pet he flew to her pearl carriage and alighted on the back of it.

He almost tipped it over, for he forgot he was much heavier than the Queen and her little carriage together, but, of course, the Queen forgave him because he felt so badly about it.

Then he told the Queen about his plan and that he wished to have a red coat of feathers, because they would look so beautiful in the orange grove with the golden fruit and green leaves and the blossoms.

"But how about your little mate?"

asked the Queen. "It will not be safe for her to wear a red dress when she has the nest and the babies to care for. She should not be too easily seen by those who are not kind of birds."

Mr. Redbird had not thought about that, so off he flew to ask his wife what it was best to do.

The next night he returned to the dell with his little mate, who told the Queen she would continue to wear her modest dress and care for the nest and her babies.

So the Queen called for the tinting fairy and let Mr. Redbird select the color he wished to have for his coat, and while the fairies danced around him and his little wife, the Queen changed his feathers to red, wings and tail and body.

"Oh, isn't he beautiful!" said his little wife. "I am proud of you, my dear; I shall never tire of looking at you."

They then thanked the Queen and flew away, and while Mr. Redbird could not often visit his mate while she was on the nest because of his red coat, he did not forget how unselfish she was and did not make a fuss because she could not have her dress changed to the color of his coat.

So while she cared for the eggs, he carried to her sometimes a choice worm, or blossom or berry, and always, where she could hear him, he sung to her his very sweetest song.

And that is how the Redbird got his red coat, and just as he did long ago, all the Redbirds today sing to their mates and carry choice morsels to them because the dear little mother bird of long ago was willing to wear her old dress, so she could take care of the nest and the birdlings while her husband wears the red coat that everyone admires.

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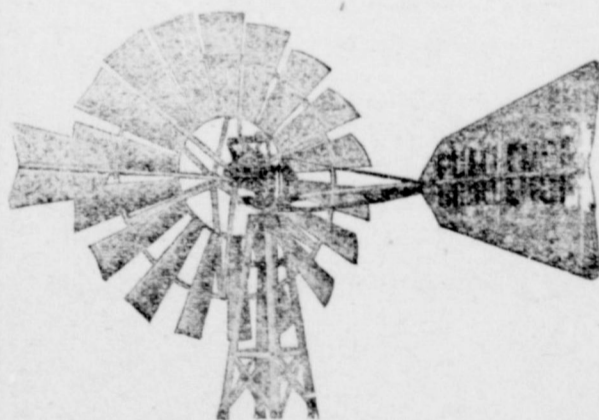
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different departments of the church work, such as Board of Education, Board of Missions, etc.

Thursday's Session
 The session now being held here makes the fifty-sixth session since its organization, but only the twelfth session under the name of the Central Texas Conference, for it was divorced from the North West Texas conference in 1910, becoming a separate body.

A large number of young ministers in the first, second and third year's work were passed on up the line one year by the conference Thursday morning without an exception.

This conference being due a representation of eight ministerial men and eight lay members to the general conference to be held in Washington in May of next year, the matter of electing these delegates was taken up yesterday. Results of this balloting will be announced at the Friday forenoon service with the following result. Only three of the Ministerial delegation were elected and a like number of lay members:

Ministerial: F. P. Culver, Ft. Worth, 159 votes; A. D. Porter, Corsicana, 126 votes; H. A. Boaz, Dallas, 120 votes.

Lay members: G. W. Barcos, Waco, 33; E. W. Williams, Ft. Worth, 34; J. H. Garner, CISCO, 60.

An hour was given to the old Superintendent preachers for their personal experiences along the gospel firing line, during the many years gone by in the discharge of their ministerial duties. They are present at this conference one dozen in number among them many notable characters forming landmarks along the trails of bygone Methodism. A short address of commendation was given by the Bishop of the notable characters.

Methodists may be an emotional sect but this is not for one moment to their discredit, for there is certainly something in their actions which is inexplicable by mere man as they gather in the altar clasping hands and sending up shouts of victory.

A ten minute address was given by Dr. Selectum of Dallas, at this time concerning a ten million fund during the next four years for the construction of suitable homes for those old ministers who have been placed on the shelf, using a common Methodist expression.

Dr. C. H. Morrison delivered another interesting address Thursday forenoon from 12 to 12:30. Bishop Abisworth will deliver his first general address before the conference Friday, which no doubt, will partake of a patriotic nature as the American Legion members will be the guests of honor at this service.

The announcement of appointments for the ensuing year will be made by the Bishop at the close of the Sunday evening service, which will be his last and final official act at this conference. This act, as is always the case, will bring happiness to many who desire to return to their former charges and are returned. While it will on the other hand bring sadness and disappointment to many. Their appointment lays solely with the Bishop and his cabinet. Their decision is final.

In many ways this conference has already been a great blessing to the little city of Cisco. No doubt our people will be left on a much higher plane spiritually by these many Godly people having met and mingled with us.

Many learned men who are authority on Methodism have spoken at different times giving our people opportunities many of them have never had before.

A masque carnival at the skating rink is the feature for Monday night. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

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 "Mortals and Immortals" 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

E. V. LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Services at 3 p. m. in Labor Temple on 3rd St., between Aves. E. and F. Subject of sermon: "The Chief Blessing of the Reformation." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.—A. Adrant, Pastor.

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False Swearing
Case Dismissed

Against two Old and Respected Citizens Who Have Resided in Eastland County for Many Years—Own Case Postponed.

We Cisco people by reason of living away from the county seat, miss much of the real sport and comedy that is from time to time being enacted at the county capital. There is now pending a cause wherein Judge Starnes has brought criminal action against two of the county's respected citizens, men who are long and favorably known. The cause is but an examining trial before magistrate Horn, of Eastland, and has been on trial some days. The evidence so far presented has failed to establish the charge of false swearing filed by Judge Starnes against Briggs Owen and E. L. Reid, in the opinion of Judge Horn, the two who signed the complaint to oust Judge Starnes from office. The allegations in both complaints are the same, and after going into the case at length Judge Horn dismissed the case against E. L. Reid, and on account of illness the case against Owen was postponed until the latter part of the week.

Those who witnessed the trial say that the comedy was really fine, and those who missed it really missed a treat.

Concerning the men charged with false swearing the Oil Belt News recently had the following to say, but parenthetically the American wishes to state that Briggs Owen, one of the defendants in the case, is a brother of Mr. Lee Owen of Cisco: "Complaints were signed Wednesday charging E. L. Reid and Briggs Owen with false swearing in connection with allegations which it is said they swore to in a suit to have County Judge Starnes ousted. Starnes signed the complaint against the two men.

"Mr. Reid has been living in Eastland county for 45 years. He came here as a child and he has been here ever since, helping to build up this section of the state. For most of that time he has been on the farm, though for seven years he was in the mercantile business in Eastland and Caddo.

"After that he returned to the farm and for 12 years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Nearly two years ago, however, he moved back to town. Mr. Reid is a man who by industry and thrift has accumulated a competency and he numbers his friends by the hundreds.

"Briggs Owen has resided in Eastland county for the past 34 years. He, too, has helped build up this county. He has shared alike in its good fortune and in its reverses during that stretch for more than a quarter of a century. He, too, is a man of means as the result of energy and application, and he likewise has many friends.

"The man who signed the complaints against these two pioneers has been in Eastland county less than three years. He had hardly landed in Eastland county before he jumped into public office and has been there ever since.

"Under his administration the affairs of the county have reached the acme and climax of confusion and disorder. The county funds to the extent of three-quarters of a million dollars, in round numbers, are tied up in a defunct bank. This institution failed three months ago and yet no steps have been taken to recover any of the county money except the school funds, which are only about one-ninth of the public funds in the bank.

"There is a personal bond signed by a number of men which is presumed to protect this huge sum of money but no suit has been filed against them. There are supposed to be some bonds made by surety companies to cover a part of the public funds but there has been no suit brought against these companies.

"There has been considerable talk about bringing a suit to collect the money from the State Guaranty Fund but talk is all there has been so far. Oh, yes—we were about to forget. Eminent attorneys who are not accustomed to donating their services have been consulted by the county in this connection. A firm at Dallas and another firm at Austin rendered their opinion on the subject. It would be interesting to know how much they charged the county for this advice.

"Our understanding of the law is that a newspaper is not permitted to discuss a case pending in the courts so we will not discuss the case against Reid and Owen. We merely place a few of these facts before our readers for their consideration."

Mr. L. P. Hensley of Cross Plains, was a pleasant caller at the American office Tuesday. Mr. Hensley formerly edited the Cross Plains Review.

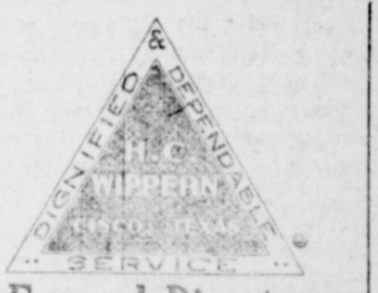
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