

CISCO—Pop., 10,214; 1,620 feet above sea; good water; paved streets; 11 schools; 5 rail exits; minimum of malaria and typhoid.

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## Petitions Addressed to the City Commission Ask That Street Work Go Forward as Previously Planned

Petitions are in circulation and are being freely signed asking that the city commission proceed with the street paving program announced through the local papers some months ago. This program consisted of about sixty blocks of street pavement, on both the east and west side, and was the result of petitions filed with the city commission by property owners on the various streets.

The petitions now being circulated may be found at the following places: Patton & Williams, City Drug store, Red Front Drug store, Malberg's News stand.

The argument is made that street improvement is necessary work and that if such work is contemplated in the near future it would be of distinct value to the citizenship in general if same was carried forward during the usually more or less dull summer months.

The petition is as follows: We, the undersigned tax-paying citizens of Cisco, were pleased at the program outlined a few months ago covering the paving of some of our most important streets, because we believe the paving of the principal streets in any community is one of the most important matters of public administration and affects living conditions as much as any one thing.

We further believe that the advantages possessed by Cisco at this time will be largely minimized unless further improvements are carried on in advance of our neighbors—many of them are busier now than ever before—and that we will soon fall behind in the race for supremacy, and yield the enviable position we now hold.

We, therefore, petition your honorable body to push as fast as practicable the program of paving as heretofore outlined in our local newspapers.

## Three Are Now In Race For Texas Governorship and Many More Willing

CORSICANA, June 21.—A "Stroder for Governor" boom has been launched, according to a statement released by J. F. Balieu, of Frost. J. T. Stroder is representative of the fifty-eighth legislative district. His home is at Frost, Navarro county.

Representative Stroder came into the spotlight during the recent term of the legislature when he introduced and fostered his famous "Anti-Evolution bill" in the lower house.

In addition to Representative Stroder, the announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas now include W. E. Pope, of Corpus Christi, and Joe Burkett, of Eastland.

## \$500 REWARD!

On June 18 a fatal accident occurred near Abilene, when a piece of copper wire was thrown across the Abilene-Tuscola high voltage line of the West Texas Utilities company. One man was killed and two men suffered burns.

Vandalism of such a dangerous nature must be immediately stopped. The destruction of expensive property is secondary to the public risk incurred.

The high voltage lines of this company are of powerful construction and will not break from ordinary causes. But extraordinary causes are of too frequent recurrence, such as wires thrown across lines or the shooting of insulators from cross-arms, burn down lines, destroy service and greatly endanger human lives.

Every safety device known for the protection of life in emergencies is employed by this company, but complete success in the elimination of death hazards is paramourly dependent upon the cooperation of the public. We earnestly appeal to the public's sense of fair play in helping us prevent other fatal accidents.

A reward of \$500 will be paid to anyone furnishing conclusive evidence convicting individuals of throwing wires across the high voltage lines of this company, or of shooting insulators from cross-arms on the company's poles. WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

## Farmers of the Joyce Type Are Big-Adjunct In Developing County

Homer L. Joyce, who lives about 10 miles southwest of Cisco, was shopping in the city Saturday. He reports crop conditions in his section to be very fine. The grain crop turned out well, and the cotton crop looks promising. There will be considerable fruit, especially berries, which are turning out well. Irish potatoes made fairly good, while sweet potatoes are yet to be made. Peas are fine and are just getting ready for the market.

Mr. Joyce thinks the crying need of the farmer is a good market for what he may produce. He feels that the Cisco business men can help most by helping provide markets for what the farmer raises.

## L. J. Starkey Trial For Murder of Pet Brown Is Set for June 27, Eastland

Witnesses and jurors are being summoned and other preparations are being made for the opening of the trial of Louis J. Starkey, in Judge Davenport's court at Eastland, Wednesday, June 27.

Starkey, who is charged with the murder of Elmer D. (Pet) Brown, on the night of May 5, will be represented by Burette Patterson of Cisco, and Attorney Springer, of Eastland.

Mrs. Brown and the state, it is understood, will be represented by Dan J. Moody, of Austin, and R. N. Rosenquest and Joe Burkett, of Eastland.

Starkey is out on a bond of \$7,500 and is still serving as constable in the Cisco precinct.

As will be remembered, Mr. Brown, a road contractor and probably one of the most popular men in the state, came to his death as a result of a crap game staged by negroes employed by him on county road work. A few minutes after Deputy Sheriff Poe and Constable Starkey had arrested the negroes, Mr. and Mrs. Brown arrived at the camp with a negro workman they had taken to a local hospital for a minor operation.

Mr. Brown was summoned to the tent where the officers and negroes were assembled for the purpose of making bond for the men. During the discussion that followed Mr. Brown was shot and instantly killed.

## ISENHOFF IS OUT

Charles Isenhoff, who fell and received severe injuries while engaged in work on the new high school building, several weeks ago, is now able to be out on crutches, but is still suffering from a broken arch in his right foot. This injury does not respond to treatment as it should and Mr. Isenhoff may be incapacitated for some time.

## French Prepare For Most Drastic Ruhr Move—Must Work or Else Go to Jail

DUSSELDORF, June 21.—The French are preparing to confiscate and to requisition a force of Germans to operate all the Ruhr Valley industries, the output of which may be turned to account or reparations, it was declared here Wednesday. A decree to this end is in course of preparation and will be promulgated in a few days.

Jail sentences up to fifteen years will be the penalty for Germans who refuse to work in operating the plants. Sabotage may be punished with death sentences after trial by court-martial.

## Man Guilty of Murder Gets Only Five Years With Suspended Joker

SNYDER, June 21.—The trial of J. W. Burris, which was concluded here in district court, wherein the defendant was charged with the murder of Barney Hooper, the jury found the defendant guilty and assessed his punishment at five years in the penitentiary, but gave the defendant the suspended sentence.

## Shrevesport Man Kills Wife on Streets Cisco Then Commits Suicide

Fred Williams, age 30, a Choctaw Indian and a native of Oklahoma, killed his wife, Beulah Farley Williams, Tuesday morning, and then fired a bullet into his own brain. The woman died instantly and the man about two hours later. The shooting took place near the corner of Twelfth street and J avenue, in the Olson addition to the city of Cisco.

Mrs. Williams was born at Waco, was about 22 years of age and the daughter of W. T. Farley, now of Shrevesport, La. Two infant children, girls, are left and these little ones may be sent to the grandparents in Louisiana or placed in an orphanage.

From testimony of those who knew the unfortunates, as well as a letter left by Williams, it appears that the tragedy grew out of the woman's infidelity. Two Cisco men are known to have been more or less familiar with her during her short stay in this city, and Williams' letter, written June 3, refers to others. Be that as it may, the couple separated last January, Mrs. Williams coming to Cisco to make her home with her uncle, George Farley.

However, husband and wife seem to have kept in touch through correspondence, and recently Mrs. Williams wired her husband at Shrevesport, asking that he meet her in Eastland. Williams complied with this request and Monday they came on to this city and spent the night together.

Tuesday Mrs. Williams filed a complaint against her uncle, George Farley, in which she charged him with assault. Farley admitted he had threatened to spank her if she didn't mend her ways, and after hearing all the evidence offered, Justice McDonald dismissed the complaint. The double murder followed within an hour after Williams and his wife had departed from the city hall.

The two bodies were buried in Cisco cemetery in one grave Wednesday morning.

## Funeral Stopped When Hearse Driver Ordered Down by Union Agent

CHICAGO, June 21.—A funeral procession was stopped temporarily here when the driver of the hearse, a member of local 727 of the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Stablenmen's union, was ordered down by the business agent of the union.

The local is on strike for an increase in wages to \$42 a week if they do not wash their cars and \$45 if they do. They are receiving \$35.

More than an hour's delay in the funeral proceedings was caused before an independent chauffeur was found.

## Chicken Thieves and a Cisco Hunter Cause F. Harrell Loss and Worry

Thieves carried away more than 150 White Leghorn fryers from the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Harrell last Thursday night. Mr. Harrell had frightened the thieves away earlier in the evening, but they returned during the dead hours of the night and appropriated as much of his poultry as they could carry. No trace of the culprits has been found.

As evidence that trouble never comes singly, Mr. Harrell also suffered the loss of a fine cow one day recently. A Cisco hunter, probably a boy, became excited and mistook one of his best milkers for a wild animal of some description and emptied the contents of a gun into the gentle dairy cow.

Mr. Harrell has now posted his place and requests that hunting, fishing and picnic parties keep off the place unless invited thereon or permission is granted.

## PROPERTY VALUES

W. W. Johnston, Lee Owen and Ben McClinton are sitting as a special board of property valuation, appointed by the Cisco school board. In the past it has been the custom of the school board of an independent district to accept either the city or county valuation, but the Cisco board evidently believes a third board will be of advantage. The city equalization board will probably be appointed some time in July or August.

## ROGER FENLAW DROWNS

LONGVIEW, June 20.—Roger Fenlaw, 40 years old, justice of the peace at Ranger, was drowned about 10 o'clock Tuesday in Moody creek, eight miles east of Longview, when he attempted to swim across the creek while squirrel hunting. Mr. Fenlaw was camping near Lake Divernia, a Gregg county-creasure resort, with his wife and two children and his brother-in-law, S. N. Linsey, of Gilmer.

## Harris Avenue To Breck Pike Is Now Ready For The Topping of Macadam

Commissioner Blitch's street force has been busily engaged on Harris avenue this week. This street connects East Sixth with the Breckenridge pike and is now ready for the macadam topping, which will be placed early next week. In the meantime the rock crushers are working at full capacity and there will soon be sufficient crushed rock for general repair work throughout the city.

Commissioner Paschall, who will become street commissioner as soon as the city council meets and ratifies the mayor's appointment, is directing a crew of men in putting a new floor in the bridge on the Lake Bernie road, as well as providing for better drainage at that point.

Commissioner Blitch stated this morning that the city has just purchased a Monarch tractor of five-ton capacity and is now equipped for much better and quicker work. The tractor is of the latest type.

Commissioner Blitch is also authorizing for the statement that Pet Brown's crew this morning started breaking dirt on the last lap of the Bankhead highway. The highway, says Mr. Blitch, will be completed to Tenth street, a distance of five blocks, within three weeks.

## Man Born Without Arms Wins Struggle Against Odds—Successful, Happy

FORT WORTH, June 20.—I want to tell any man who is crippled that there is a place in the world for him. That he can be as successful as his more fortunate brothers and that his fight against apparently insurmountable odds will be an inspiration to others similarly afflicted.

"Too much maudlin sympathy is given to cripples and not enough encouragement. They need opportunity, not charity."

That was the statement made Tuesday by Aaron Smith, business and advertising manager of the Southern Florist, with offices in the King building.

Mr. Smith punctuated his remarks with vigorous nods of his head. That was his only method of stressing his points as he cannot pound the table like other men. He was born without arms, but over this physical handicap he has risen to his present position and affluence.

"I owe my success to the love and encouragement of my wife and my mother," said Mr. Smith. "My condition was a great grief to her, but she never lost her courage and from the time I was able to understand she filled me with hope."

"My boy," she used to say to me, "you will have a harder battle to fight than other men, but it is the mind that counts in this world and you will triumph if you persist."

"I believed her and even as a child I tried to do all the things the other boys did. I played marbles, wrote with my toes. I smoked cigarettes and played croquet."

Smith was born in Bright Star, Arkansas, in 1869, and went to Queen City, Texas, when he was six years old. He was one of a large family and his people were poor.

It was there he met Carrie Sweet, a little girl with blue eyes and golden curls and lost his heart.

To the love and encouragement of his mother was added the inspiration of this little pal and young Aaron was fired with the ambition to succeed.

At sixteen he began the study of law and at twenty he was admitted to the bar at Mount Pleasant, Texas. There he practiced law for three years.

"When I decided to study law I realized that I must learn to write some other way than with my toes," said Mr. Smith.

"I began to practice writing with my lips. It was awkward at first, but soon I had obtained considerable skill and when I look at Horace Greeley's signature I feel quite elated."

Mr. Smith attends to business like any other man. He has a specially constructed telephone that is operated with his foot; he handles books and papers with his lips and can turn the thinnest page as quickly with his lips as one can with their hands.

He married the little sweetheart of his boyhood days when he was twenty-five and has one daughter. He has a fine home at 1515 Fairmount, a comfortable income and what is more, is happy.

"Don't be discouraged. Fight, no matter what the odds" is the message he sends to those who through misfortune or physical deformity feel there is no chance for them in the world.

DUBLIN, June 20.—Crop conditions are looking good. Oats are out and will make a good yield. There is no wheat to speak of. Early corn is assured of being made owing to the recent rains. Cotton is growing fast.

## Cisco's Three Banks Are Strong and Stalwart and of Real Service to the City and the Country Surrounding It

### Betrayed By Dishonest Sea Captain, Chinese Take Toll of Sailors

NEW YORK, June 20.—From the ocean comes a story to make Stevenson of Treasure Island sit up in his grave on the hill. Twenty Chinese, one white captain, two white sailors and one negro sailor were on a small boat. The captain had agreed, for \$500 each, to smuggle the Chinese into the United States. He took their money and abandoned them and the smuggling schooner close to the line of rum ships, just off New York.

A fight began with knives, razors, revolvers, clubs. When police boarded the boat they found 15 silent Chinamen, several of them bleeding freely, but not complaining. Two white and one black sailor are at the bottom of the sea, with five Chinese keeping them company.

Sing Guey, his right hand half severed, told the story. It was Darwin's survival of the fittest brought down to date. Numbers counted as well as "fitness." Two whites and one black have five Chinamen to keep them company down below.

Fifteen Chinese were left, no white men, no negro.

What do you think would happen throughout the world if all the babies born in China lived, and the Chinese nation, grown to 1,500,000,000 should take more interest in flying machines and less interest in opium? What would become of the white men then?

### First Rum Fleet Appears Off Galveston—Painted Black; Loaded to Guards

GALVESTON, June 21.—The first appearance of a rum fleet in the gulf off Galveston was reported here Wednesday by incoming ship captains who declared a large steamer has been laying anchored about eight miles out in the gulf for the last ten days. Fleets of small boats were reported going to and from the steamer.

The mysterious steamer is described as a vessel of about 2,000 tons, painted black. She is anchored in about sixty fathoms of water, between Galveston and the Heald bank light ship and is slightly off the regular steamship lane.

Fleets of motor boats were seen approaching the steamer which has a platform alongside for the convenience of the smaller craft. The crew of the steamer was said to resemble Filipinos and were of unkempt appearance.

The vessel flew no flag and ship captain were unable to identify her. Federal officers here had no report on the rum ship.

Ship captains who have seen the vessel say that she is of battered and rusty appearance with a black funnel and name obliterated.

One of those who saw the ship said that cases of whisky could be seen distinctly piled on her deck. They also saw cases being loaded into motor boats.

The vessel was said to be of the lake type, similar to rum ships which have been plying their trade off Sandy Hook. A white man in an officer's uniform was seen on deck.

### Imperial Wizard Evans Is Given Clean Bill of Health at Atlanta Meet

ATLANTA, Ga., June 21.—Resolutions expressing confidence in H. W. Evans as imperial wizard and his officers, were adopted at the meeting of the kloncilium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan here late yesterday, it was announced by officers of the klan today. The resolutions, it was stated, declared charges of extravagance and waste and maladministration of office, signed by Dr. W. E. Thompson of Atlanta and Minor Meriwether of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were thoroughly investigated and held to be unfounded.

Evidence to show that the charge that the imperial wizard had spent \$500,000 in a Chicago political campaign was unfounded, was introduced, officers said, and it was shown klan officials had not spent any money in the Chicago campaign.

Other allegations that Mr. Evans was charging all his personal and household expenses to the klan and was engaged in fee splitting with other imperial officers, also were refuted, according to the klan officials.

J. B. Pratt, of Stanton, is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. S. W. Pratt of this city. He is accompanied by Rufus Parks, an automobile dealer, of that city.

Mrs. J. P. Webster, of Dallas, is spending the summer with her son, A. A. Webster, in Humbletown.

### Cisco has three live banks.

Perhaps there are no stronger financial concerns in this section of the state, owing to the fact that the men who head these institutions are strong men, having the welfare of city and county sincerely at heart. They are men who believe in constructive uses of the country's resources and are willing to go the limit consistent with good banking principles that the city and surrounding territory be developed along permanent lines.

From the best information obtainable it appears that the Commercial State bank is in direct line of descent from the first bank established in Cisco. In August 1881—forty-two years ago—Col. G. H. Berry and J. R. Fleming opened a bank in the building now occupied by Cecil's Cash Store. It moved for a short time to the place now occupied by the Model Clothing store, but later returned to the Cecil building. It became a national bank in 1883, with J. H. Holcomb as president and F. C. le Veaux as cashier. This continued until August, 1899, when, following the death of Mr. le Veaux, the bank went into the hands of a receiver, being reorganized in 1902 as the Citizens National bank, with J. P. Webster as president; J. J. Butts, vice president, and A. H. Johnson, cashier.

About this time the bank moved to the quarters now occupied by the Commercial State bank and the old building was occupied by the post-office. November 17, 1917, H. P. Farris, of Missouri, bought the controlling stock and the name was changed to Guaranty State Bank & Trust company, with Judge D. K. Scott as president and H. L. Winchell, cashier. Probably a year later Mr. Farris sold his holdings to F. A. Blankenbecker and Grade Calloway, and on July 15, 1922, these gentlemen sold their stock to W. H. Morse and others. At this time the name was changed to Commercial State bank, with the following officers: D. K. Scott, president; W. H. Morse, active vice president; A. J. Wisdom, cashier; Goodner Bedford, assistant cashier.

The Cisco Banking company was organized in January, 1905, by Gus D. Ward, A. J. Ward and others, with a capital stock of \$25,000. For more than eighteen years this bank has been an unusually strong factor in both city and county affairs. It has financed many of the large buildings now gracing Cisco, and has loaned money freely to the farming and stock interests wherever a worthy loan was sought. It owns its big five-story brick building on Main street and has increased its capital stock to \$150,000. Gus D. Ward, who was widely known throughout the Cisco country, was the leading spirit of this business until his death two years ago. The officers are: R. Q. Lee, president, P. C. O'Loughlin, vice president; Guy Dabney, active vice president; J. W. Mancill, cashier, S. E. Hittson, assistant cashier. In addition to the above named gentlemen the stockholders are J. A. Lauderdale, J. D. Ward, Mrs. Gus D. Ward, Mrs. B. F. Jones, Mrs. C. Owen, Arthur A. Webster, Lee Owen and B. W. Patterson.

The First Guaranty State bank was organized November 20, 1917, by Charles H. Fee, John H. Garner, A. J. Olson and Alex Spears. The officers are Charles H. Fee, president; R. L. Poe, vice president; A. J. Olson, cashier; George P. Fee, assistant cashier; E. J. Poe, assistant cashier. The directors are Charles H. Fee, R. L. Poe, A. J. Olson, J. T. Berry and Alex Spears. Mr. Spears expresses the policy of the First Guaranty State bank in his slogan: "This is the Bank that Service Is Building." He says: "We wish to give service to all, even to the smallest depositor. No worthy seeker of a loan will go away without a hearing." Mr. Spears states that in 1918—when the farmer could not get cotton seed—his bank bought a car load of cotton seed and stored it in the directors' room, in order that the bank might be of real service to the farmers of this territory.

Service thus seems to be the watchword of all three of the Cisco banks. They have unquestionably been a very great help in times of financial need, and more than once they have financed necessary enterprises and, with their strong reserves, can and will be bulwarks for Cisco and her trade territory when finances are required for worthy business ventures. The far-seeing, guiding heads of each is a standing guarantee of this.

### BIG DAY AT EASTLAND

EASTLAND, June 21.—V. W. Williams and Bob Belcher were in the city today and perfected plans for the rodeo which will be staged here July 3, 4 and 5. The rodeo will be staged under the auspices of the American Legion Athletic club of this city.

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(Mary Frances Vivian)

"How," I wailed, as I sank before Clara's cheerful blaze, "do you keep your children good, while mine and those of every other mother in town are into goodness-knows-what mischief?"

Because I had known Clara so long, and because she knew that I was well aware of the difficulties which made her achievement so wonderful, I felt not only free to ask, but safe in following any plan she might recommend. The most lovable and brilliant of our set, she had never been able to reform her misguided husband, whose profanity and vulgarity flowed freely before his children. "How can they be so good?" I had asked myself hundreds of times, when my own had well-nigh driven me to desperation.

Clara carefully replaced the book she had been examining, while her eyes rested fondly upon the happy contented children outside. I saw that it was a child's book, as was the small shelfful where it found space. "None of the book and picture doctrine," I rebelled to myself. "No children in town have lovelier pictures or more carefully selected books than mine, yet my son is at this moment with the toughest crowd in town, if it is possible for any to be tougher than he."

Clara read my expression aright. "No," she replied half wistfully, "I'm not going to say that it was books or pictures that made my children as you say, 'good,' though I could not have had such satisfying results without both. Why, Laura, do you know that the old 'Rock of Ages' that hung on the walls at home has meant strength to me? The utter abandon of the clinging figure in that tempest of tossing waves has brought serenity to me in the midst of shipwreck."

"Yes," I said, after a moment, for I remembered Clara's happy childhood home, "but you were always good and you have no 'Rock of Ages' here. Clara, I am desperate. I know that my home life is wholesome, yet Richard is anywhere rather than at home and his language is shocking, while—"

"Well," resumed Clara, "since you have asked me, I hope you will not be offended if I seem to condemn the methods you have used. You are right. With the home and the husband you have, your boy should be a model of good conduct, while mine, according to the same standards, should be the town's black sheep."

"I'm not censuring Jack, but the very fact that he has failed utterly to amend his habits warned me that children must be started right. How? I saw everywhere children from the best homes loafing in the street, using foul language and showing propensities for criminality when they should have been finding satisfaction in work and play at home. I began seeking a reason for this, that I might be guided in dealing with my own."

I think that it was from you that I received my inspiration. I noticed that you simply would not allow Richard to be good. (Now, you promised not to be offended.) Once you asked him some trivial question and, before he had replied, warned him not to lie. At another time you accused him of loitering in town after school, when it developed that he had stopped at his father's office by appointment. Worst of all, was when he was a tiny fellow. He shopped for you and you accused him of stealing your change. You afterward found the coin in the lining of his coat, but nothing could erase the insinuation of theft. Perhaps he reasoned that he might as well play truant, steal and lie as to be falsely accused."

"But, Clara," said I, conscience stricken, "your children—"

**Trusted Them**  
 "If the suggestion of evil was making a criminal of your boy, why could I not adapt the same method to a better purpose?" said Clara softly. "You think my children dependable. I have marveled to them and in their presence that my trust in them was perfect. When they began school I praised them for making such good time on the homeward road, adjusting my own affairs that they might not find me absent. I stressed the fact that they were truthful always. Jimmie is in high school now and Ruth in the sixth. Their habits are so firm-

ly fixed that there is no longer any temptation to loiter."

"But profanity, Clara! The terrible foul words with which my son shocks my soul and which the babies are beginning to imitate! how did you work the marvel of preventing that?"

"That," responded Clara, "is my proudest achievement, so you will allow for any vanity. I loathe profanity and felt that I could not bear it if some mother should lead her child away from mine for fear of contamination. I knew that I must begin early, for they began young to ape their father's expressive language. Again, if you will allow it, I adapted the base to a worthy purpose, or at least borrowed the idea. Children take easily to slang and profanity, not because their moral nature is perverted, but because it is such a satisfying channel for the outlet of their stormy emotions, as well as for the allure of an all too obvious outlawry, clinging tenaciously to the habit once it is formed, because of its very tang of the forbidden."

**Diverted Attention**

"I had seen so many instances of punishment failing to erase this heart-breaking offense that when my first born soiled his lips with an evil word, I resisted the impulse to make a scene, or even to reprimand. In fact, I gave no evidence that I had heard, directing his attention to some diverting object, and to be sure that he forgot his new accomplishment and to satisfy his desire from the dramatic, taught him a new and engaging jingle. It worked so well that I kept a stock of rhymes and bright sayings on the tip of my tongue, as it were, attracting his attention by reciting one, before the transgression, if I was fortunate enough to read the signs. I was careful not to stress the forbidden word, lest the very earnestness of my effort at reform would impress it upon the mind. Children are great to catch the spirit of things and as they grow older and began to understand the game I was playing with them, I think that my very delicacy in shunning the blasphemous expression, even in correction was a most effective 'touch not.'"

"Honestly, dear, my method has a no more complicated foundation than this. And really it is the sentiment voiced by the Great Teacher when he said, 'Overcome evil with good.' Children are so responsive that there is little temptation to loaf on such a job. I watch for and commend each victory. In my satisfaction I may have seemed boastful—but you have been generous enough to call mine the best children in town."

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, to the sheriff or any constable of Eastland county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Grover H. Gandy by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county and 88th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Eighty-eighth District Court of Eastland county, to be holden at the court house thereof in Eastland, on the first Monday in July, A. D. 1923, the same being the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 10,978, wherein Mrs. Bertha Gandy is plaintiff, and Grover H. Gandy is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married in Howard county, Texas, on October 3rd, 1922, and lived together until two or three months ago, when the defendant left the plaintiff and has never returned, neither has he written to the plaintiff of his whereabouts.

Plaintiff alleges that defendant was affected with venereal disease and caused plaintiff great agony without giving or allowing her any medical attention.

That said abandonment by defendant was of no cause of this plaintiff, she treating him with love, esteem and consideration, nor was her con-

duct such that would justify the defendant in his conduct toward his wife. But that the defendant's cruel and inhuman treatment at and toward this plaintiff would forever prevent their again living together and that such would be incompatible with happiness.

That plaintiff's maiden name was Miss Bertha Marrow and she prays the court for judgment dissolving said marriage relations be given her, and that her maiden name be restored, and for other relief, special and general, as to the court may appear meet and proper.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Eastland this 28th day of May, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) ROY NUNNALLY, Clerk.

District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

By Wilbourne B. Sollie, Deputy.

**SHE ONLY BORROWS**

Mrs. Flatbush—"Who is that woman you just bowed to?"

Mrs. Bensonhurst—"Oh, she's my next-door neighbor."

"But she didn't return your bow."

"No, she never returns anything."

—Christian Advocate.

**NEW ROAD IS PLANNED EASTLAND TO BEDFORD**

EASTLAND, June 17.—Plans are being made by the chamber of commerce and commissioners' court to build a good road to the Bedford community, four miles northwest of town. Many farms will be benefitted by this, as it is a thickly settled section. The court has agreed to grade and gravel the road if Eastland citizens would secure the right of way from the property owners. This offer was accepted.

**UNDER SUSPICION**

One looking a stranger debarked from a train at a bustling town in the west and headed up the street. Finally he met a man who looked like a native.

"Pardon me," said the stranger, "are you a resident of this town?"

"Yes, sir," was the ready rejoinder of the other. "I've been here something like fifty years. What can I do for you?"

"I'm looking for a criminal lawyer," responded the stranger. "Have you one here?"

"Well," said the native, reflectively, "we think we have, but we can't prove it on him."—Washington Herald.

Amending a constitution is simple in comparison with amending the people to fit it.—Wall Street Journal.

Annexation of New York to the Bahamas would seem the proper caper.—Dallas News.

It is estimated that there is enough undeveloped oil land to keep the world in gasoline and hot water for 500 years.—Baltimore Sun.

A preacher urges that we get back to the standards of the Puritan fathers. The witches had better look out.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

**THE SCOTCH OF IT**

Sandy had just met his girl at the end of the street where she was

waiting for him. She was looking into a confectioner's window when Sandy made his presence known by remarking:

"Weel, Jennie, what are y' goin' to have the night?"

She, not inclined to ask too much, replied: "Oh, I'll just take what you'll take."

"Oh, then, we'll take a walk," said Sandy, as he led her away.—Pearsons Weekly.

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**TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO**

(August, 1899)

SCRANTON, August 14., 1899.—Scranton community is still progressing, in fact we are a progressive and energetic people out here. We are not praising ourselves, but only ask you to come and see for yourselves. We can't believe everything we hear in this day of the world, but when we see anything it can't be disputed.

It is getting very dry out in this part of the country, and cotton is needing rain.

S. F. Russell was circulating in Scranton last week.

Cotton is beginning to open in this community and ere long you will begin to see people humping themselves and going after the fleecy staple.

Will Staton has a boy at his house. We haven't learned his name, as he is a new-comer.

The Baptist protracted meeting under the supervision of Rev. E. M. Hunt commenced last Saturday and will continue a week or more.

Quite a number of the Scranton people are attending the camp meeting at Pisgah this week.

Commissioner E. E. Chunn's residence has quite an attractive appearance since it received a coat of paint.

Mr. N. M. Everett and wife are visiting near Cross Plains this week. PETE JUGGLENOT.

NIMROD, August 8, 1899.—Cotton is beginning to need rain though it is still green and growing.

Dr. and Miss Roxie Teague returned Sunday afternoon from a visit to old friends, in Stephens county.

T. W. Plummer and family, R. A. Ferguson and family, Dr. and Miss Rozia Teague started Monday morning for the Bayou and other points on a fishing expedition. They, of course, were well supplied with the proverbial snake antidote. It is hoped enough of the snake medicine will be saved over from this trip to supply your unworthy on a trip of the same kind as soon as the party returns.

We, your unworthy, is keeping a scold hall while the aforesaid has gone fishing and we are attending to various other duties, such as slopping the pigs, feeding the chickens, pulling the juice from the pers and attending camp meetings exactly all in one breath, but in twenty-four hours, or as often as we feel disposed to. Such is the sad but dignified lot of a bachelor. John Notgrass is the proud and smiling father of a fine small boy which arrived last week. "Monky" Wright and sons are overhauling their gin, getting ready for the ginning season.

S. L. Teague has about completed his residence near the gin where he expects to put in a stock of goods soon.

Messrs. Compton, Williams and Wilkerson started on a tour through the west prospecting last week.

Parkhill and family are on a visit to Jack county to see relatives.

Elder Green is conducting a protracted meeting at Moss school house.

Rev. I. D. Hull was again unanimously chosen as pastor of Monroe Baptist church at this place.

The Methodist meeting begins this week at Pisgah, seven miles south of Cisco.

Rev. J. M. Lane just closed a protracted meeting at Scranton, which was one of the most successful meetings ever held in these parts. Do not know just how many converts were gained at this meeting, but learn there were many. BACHELOR.

CARBON, August 8.—Mr. J. T. Morris, Mrs. W. Rankin, and Miss Rebecca White are visiting friends in Arkansas.

The Methodist protracted meeting conducted by Rev. Tooley, closed Sunday night with 62 conversions and 47 additions to the church. Rev. Tooley will begin a meeting at Gorman this week.

Mrs. Wm. Tate is quite sick with slow fever.

The Pleasant Valley singing convention meets here Saturday and Sunday. A pleasant time is expected. Come, bring your song book and a well-filled basket.

The Baptists will likely hold a protracted meeting after the convention. SOL.

**WENT WET**

The election was pulled off on schedule time last Saturday and everything passed off nicely as there were no ugly squabbles.

Cisco sent in a vote of 584—the pros 260 and the anties 324, a total of 64 for the anties.

Scranton rolled up a vote of 78, with only two anti votes.

The result is two in favor of anti-inhibition as given out by the ages.

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Married—Last night at 9:30 o'clock at the Methodist church in this city, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating, Miss Myrtle Grace Sherman and Mr. William G. Mancill. The bride is a refined young lady and has those charming and modest maidenly virtues that render sweet young womanhood so nearly divine, while the groom is the senior member of the firm of Mancill Brothers, one of the most progressive firms in Cisco.

The ushers were Messrs. Jeff Wells and Neal Turner. Miss Maggie Parkhouse presided at the organ, and the attendants were Mr. Robert Mancill and Miss Flora Robison, Mr. J. E. Elkins and Miss Katie Neal.

The church was beautifully decorated and the bride and groom stood beneath a large bell of evergreen.

The bride wore a white organdy and the groom the conventional black.

After the ceremony the bridal party was driven to the home of the bride's parents where refreshments were served. Presents were numerous.

**EASTLAND COUNTY TAX ROLLS OF 1899 SHOW**

Land	Value
Acres, 579,874 3-4	\$1,896,331
Town Lots	402,285
11,410 horses	170,685
21,358 cattle	221,095
93 jacks	2,960
59 sheep	84
399 goats	223
4,986 hogs	8,423
5 dogs	10
2,242 vehicles	49,326
Merchandise	215,023
Cash and credits	112,355
Miscellaneous	93,501
Total value	\$3,645,296
Increase in value over last year	\$ 158,028

The only decrease worthy of note was in horses, \$9,742.

There was a decrease in lands of \$57,347 on account of double renditions and different abstract numbers.

Twentieth Century—The following is the program for August 18, 1899—quotations from Pope, Lock, and Addison. One minute talks.

Lock—Mrs. Robison.  
Pope—Mrs. Kean.

Swift—Mrs. Winston.  
De Foe—Mrs. Langston.  
Berkley—Mrs. Ammerman.  
Addison—Mrs. Fee.  
Steel—Mrs. Butts.  
Followed by general discussion of each author.

Current Events—Club.

Ross Owens came near getting drowned while in bathing in one of Caradine's big tanks the other day. The little fellow went down for the third time and pulled his companion under, when the timely assistance arrived and pulled both the boys out.

Mrs. D. T. Evans of Fort Worth is visiting Mrs. G. S. Williams.

Joe Wilson has a 13-pound boy at his home that arrived Sunday morning.

Jim Porter, Jr., and Miss King were married last Thursday night, Rec. Rodgers officiating.

Ford Robinson has bought two lots in the Bedford addition on which he will erect another house.

A party of two enjoyed the hospitality of the big ranchman, John Chesley, last Saturday evening.

Postmaster G. S. Williams and his son, Stewart, left Tuesday for an extended visit in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Hodge who has been visiting Mrs. Boyle returned yesterday to Fort Worth accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and little Lottie Boyle.

Wm. Rickard, a drummer for H. G. Eppler, of Cisco, met with a misfortune last Tuesday on the road going to Baird. He was riding a horse and when about six miles west of here the animal was taken suddenly sick and fell to the ground dead. Mr. Rickard proceeded to Baird afoot and left by the next train for Eastland's metropolis.—Putnam Gazette.

Rev. Chas. T. Alexander reports that the Cisco association meeting at Eastland was a splendid one.

Dr. Oldham of Albany was practicing his profession in the city this week.

R. B. Greenwood and Will Moran of Breckenridge were in the city last Monday.

The Holiness camp meeting commenced at the arbor in the eastern part of town on last Friday night and will continue several days.

On August 26th the democratic executive committee will meet at Eastland and select a county chairman as successor to Dr. Bettis who has moved to Pecos City.

Mr. John Dyer of Wayland, Stephens county brought in the first bale of this season's cotton last Monday and sold it in the seed to the round bale people. Mr. Dyer will get

the little Apert for six months as a premium.

Mr. R. O. Jackson, who lives between Cisco and Rising Star brought in on Tuesday the first bale of Eastland county cotton which he sold in the seed at 2 cents. A premium was also made up for Mr. Jackson.

The wife of B. F. DeRossett died at 8:20 Tuesday morning and her remains were laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery at 2 p. m. yesterday. To the bereaved ones we extend condolence.

Mrs. Mollie Eddleman and her granddaughter, little Lillian Tobin, of Weatherford, visited Mr. Will Eddleman of the M. & F. bank last Sunday.

A joint debate was participated in by Rev. Potts and S. F. Russell at Scranton on last Saturday on prohibition.

O. T. Maxwell sold his swift horse to R. E. Ayres last week just after he crumpled a buggy.

Tom Collie and Neal Turner have purchased the drug store of M. V. Mitchell, and wish to say to their friends that they will continue at the old stand.

Work commenced this week on the residence of J. J. Butts, which promises to be second to none in the city. Mr. Boon is the contractor.

Dr. Ellis of Millsap dropped dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. Anderson, last Saturday and his

remains were laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery.

Chas. Hartman returned Sunday from a trip to Fort Worth and says it is all a mistake.

Some say that popular government is still only a theory, and it must be admitted that no one has yet found a government that is popular.—Pittsburgh Sun.

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## OLD GLOOMY GUS

The sun's leaking gold and the summer is here, there's nothing to cause either worry or fear; and yet we are pestered with ominous tales, with weird, strident discords and pessimist wails. This world is a daisy, a darling, and more; the wounds are fast healing; yet pessimists roar and look for disaster and danger and doom and squint at all problems through glasses of gloom. The crops will be garnered, there's money in banks, the world's getting sanner, we're taming the cranks; and yet with forebodings and howls of despair, the boobs pessimistic still poison the air. The nations are climbing and swatting their woe, and singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow;" and yet on the breezes are borne the wild shrieks and gloomy forecastings of pessimist freaks. We've strength for our struggles, the future looks bright, the harvest is coming, the world is all right; and yet pesky pessimists view with alarm and give gloomy greetings and prophesy harm. The world has come smiling through many a fuss, though dark was the outlook to old Gloomy Gus.

Seeing that congress is not in session, it will be several months before the country starts spending that billion and a half that Germany is going to pay us some time.

## MILLION-DOLLAR INCOMES

Only twenty-one persons in the United States have reported themselves as receiving an income of \$1,000,000 or more during the year of 1921, according to figures recently made public by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. During 1920 there were twenty-three persons in the millionaire income class. Sixty-five reported in 1919 and sixty-seven in 1918.

At first glance these figures would seem to indicate a lessening in the prosperity of the United States. The statement of the Internal Revenue bureau, however, to the effect that this diminution in the number of persons receiving an annual income of \$1,000,000 or more is due to investment in tax-free securities and the like puts a different complexion on the case. And it brings to the fore an important problem.

If men with incomes in the million-dollar class can evade payment of their taxes by means of investing in tax-exempt securities, the unfairness of the system becomes apparent. It is not a subject which can be disposed of by hasty action. There is also something to be said on the other side. At the same time the matter is one that deserves careful consideration.

This is the time of year when some city men buy fourteen dollars' worth of wire fence to keep three dollars' worth of chickens from scratching up ninety cents' worth of garden.

## THE CHAMPION MILKMAID

An interesting milking contest between representatives from Missouri and Kansas, has just been won by Elsie Krasney, 19-year-old Kansas girl. In the two minutes allotted she filled her pail with good rich milk, extracted by the old hand method.

In these days of dancing marathons this may seem like a prosaic sort of contest, but at least it has some constructive merit. The ability to milk swiftly and cleanly is no small accomplishment, and one that is not any too common.

In addition to her skill with her hands, the young Kansas champion uses her head. She told reporters after her triumph, "We have ten cows at home, and I milk half of them every day. And it may be old-fashioned, but I think country girls should stay on the farm. I would rather be a good farmer's wife than anything else." If any dancing marathon winner has said anything as wholesome and sensible, it has escaped publication.

To be sure, the milking contest was one of skill, and not of endurance, but the little milkmaid has the best of it. Her dexterity and sound philosophy will serve her to good purpose for many years, while the marathon dancer is lucky if her muscular outburst does not wreck her for life.

It is a sad tale that is unfolded by Frederick C. Howe, former commissioner of immigration in New York, writer on national affairs and himself known at one time as a "professional uplifter." He laments the increase of uplifters, especially in the metropolis. They are increasing so fast, he says, that soon half the people there will be trying to uplift the other half. They come to New York, he explains, because it is easier to get an audience there and make a living in their chosen way. They are a queer breed, as he describes them, "suffering from a kind of word mania, and making a constant chatter with their tongues." "Oh," he concludes, "If some people could only realize that others want to be let alone!"

Fatty Arbuckle has gone back to the cabarets, "to begin life where he started," he says. Arbuckle in those days went big, it was the starting point of a fame that led to the pictures, inflated salary and high life. But is the cabaret audience today as easily pleased as it was in the yesterdays of the cheering cup? Will Fatty's lines get over as in the old days? His comeback attempt will be interesting as a study of reaction. The pictures have barred him. What will the near-beer cabaret crowds do?

These changing styles in dress are most confusing. What appears like a new flapper in the neighborhood, more often than not turns out to be Mrs. Nextdoor wearing her last year's short skirts "around home."

## GERMANY'S LATEST OFFER

Germany makes another reparation offer, and France and Belgium turn it down. And as usual nobody gets anywhere. Americans, bored with the interminable squabbling, pay very little attention to it, though Germany makes a deliberate bid for their attention and approval.

America in general may not have approved of French tactics, but she feels the essential justice of the French cause and shows surprisingly little sympathy for Germany. This fact itself may influence the German government sooner or later to change its front and make a bid for settlement that will be demonstrably sincere and sufficient.

Austria set a good example in that respect. Austria was as guilty as Germany in starting and waging the war, and suffered far more severe punishment. Austria took her medicine and acknowledged her fault and gave promise of repentance. Wherefore Austria's enemies came to her aid, and she is now getting on her feet again.

If Germany would stop whining and hedging and equivocating and passing the buck, and admit her guilt and indicate an honest desire to repair the wrong she has done, the deadlock would be broken and friends would spring up everywhere to help her work out her salvation. While she maintains her present attitude of sullen, self-righteous defiance, she can never hope to have many friends worth having.

## WILL THEY BAN CIDER?

A decision will soon be handed down by counsel for the federal prohibition department on the legality of cider production. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announces that the ruling will be made "before the cider presses begin to work."

Lovers of this delicious apple by-product feel an ominous foreboding. Cider is merely cider, they contend, a healthy and delicious product and utterly harmless. Proponents of the ban agree with this contention, but in the same breath cite the potentialities which have made hard cider famous. More prohibition complications seem impending.

## TAKE YOUR WATER WITH YOU!

The household columns are full of articles on foods and beverages for the picnic basket. Strangely few of these suggest taking along a supply of drinking water for the party. Yet this is one of the simplest ways for avoiding the dangers of the unknown water supply.



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**Louisiana Citizens Keep  
Idiotic Dancers on the  
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SHREVEPORT, June 27.—About 150 men and women in attendance at a Methodist-Presbyterian union church service Sunday night at Cedar Grove, a near-by factory town, went in a body from the church to a hall where a marathon dance was in progress, broke up the dance, so far as Cedar Grove was concerned and forced the dancers to leave town. The contest was launched Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the local American Legion.

The Rev. H. L. Johns, pastor of the Methodist church referred to the dance briefly at the morning service. At the conclusion of the joint service in the evening, W. C. Ford, a layman, suggested there be held immediately a meeting of those assembled to discuss the dancing. It was declared dancing was a desecration of the Sabbath and that the marathon contest was undesirable to many citizens. The assemblage was not long in reaching a decision to stop the dance. Male members of the party which went to the dance hall entered and a spokesman told the dancers: "This dance is over; get out." The dancers went to Agurs, another suburb, and continued their contest, but the Agurs authorities Monday afternoon ordered them to move and at last reports they were en route to Eureka park, several miles north of Shreveport.

**Cisco Auto Men Report  
Excellent Sales During  
June—Always On the Job**

Am... Womack of the Womack Motor company, F. A. Blankenbecker of the B. & H. Motor company, J. V. Heyser of the Heyser Motor company and Phil Keelan of the Central Motor company, report auto sales for the month of June as most encouraging. In fact, the biggest problem with Cisco automobile dealers is to get cars in time for prompt delivery. Womack sells the Chevrolet, Blankenbecker the Studebaker, Heyser the Overland and Hupmobile and Keelan the Dodge.

Just whisper: "I would like to have a new car," and some of these gentlemen will be at your elbow, instant. And it certainly is a pleasure to glide along Eastland county's fine roads these wonderful nights.

**MITCHELL COMMUNITY  
(Dan Horn)**

The crops are looking good, though we are needing another shower. Rev. John Moore and family and Miss Veda Livingston attended church at Friendship Saturday night. Mr. Myrick, a singing teacher, of Rising Star, was at Mitchell Sunday for the purpose of organizing a singing school and we sure had some good

singing. We did not decide for sure about the school, but will do so next Sunday. Everyone that would like to attend or would send someone, be at singing next Sunday evening and let us know.

Mrs. Ogle Brandon of Putnam was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin, last week.

Mr. Lester Horn and sister, Stella, and their cousin, Miss Fay Horn, were visiting relatives at Breckenridge Sunday.

The musical will be given at Mr. A. H. Belevs next Saturday night. Everybody invited.

**CUTTING OFF THE FLAG**

They plan to cut Old Glory off. The banner is too long. The artists say it is ill of shape. In fact, it is all wrong.

Some arts commission says the flag. Must needs be standardized. It's awkward now and hurts the eye. Well, well, I am surprised.

It seems to me that through the years. Amid the shot and shell. That old ungainly Stars and Stripes Has done almighty well.

The boys who marched beneath its folds. All set to do or die. Did not observe its many faults With keen artistic eye.

The world knows well its record of Achievement and of spunk. But I suppose we'll cut it down. This is the age of bunk.

**USEFULNESS**

If our officials feel that they are able to go over and straighten out Europe, what can they do for the United States. Usefulness should begin at home. This country has a number of problems to solve and it does not look well to run away from them nor to obscure them with the smoke-screen of foreign politics. A swing around the country would reveal that nearly every section has a serious, unnecessary and unjust burden to carry. Not merely a political dissatisfaction, a partisan prejudice nor a conversa-

tional grouch, but a daily painful burden originating in some form of government action or neglect of action—and nothing is being done about it. While Europe is getting into the shape where it will accept the only kind of help that will really help it, our officials should keep their hand in by doing something for the United States.

—HENRY FORD.

**CISCO AMERICAN  
READERS**

J. H. Surles is a new subscriber to the Cisco American.

S. A. Owen has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

Dr. E. J. Bettis has paid his subscription for another year.

Homer McDonald is one of our new subscribers.

Mrs. E. T. Gunther of Coffeyville, Kansas, is a new subscriber to the American.

Dr. J. W. Howell has paid his subscription to the American for the next two years.

J. J. Moates has renewed his subscription to the American.

H. M. Lytle has paid his subscription for another year.

W. H. Hurd has renewed his subscription for another year.

The Bell Telephone company has renewed its subscription to the Cisco American.

Leroy M. Drown has renewed his subscription for another year.

H. L. Winchell is a new subscriber to the Cisco American.

Gus Murrain has renewed his subscription for another year.

E. G. Walker, of 208 E. Ninth, is a new subscriber to the Cisco American.

Sam Ellis has renewed his subscription for another year.

J. C. McKelvin has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

I. Lamb has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American, and wants the paper sent to Glenrose, where he will be the next two months.

J. Baker Prichett has paid his subscription to the Cisco American for another year.

**Texas' First Bale of  
Cotton Brought Owner  
Neat Sum of \$1,375**

HOUSTON, June 27.—Texas' first bale of cotton for the 1923 season brought the growers \$1,375 on the floor of the Houston cotton exchange Monday morning. Anderson, Clayton & Co. were the purchasers.

The bale will be sent to Harve, France, according to announcement made by W. L. Clayton immediately after the sale had been completed. It will leave by the ship channel in a few days. In Harve the cotton will be auctioned off and the proceeds devoted to French charities.

The bale was grown by A. J. Thomas, of Welasco, in the Rio Grande valley.

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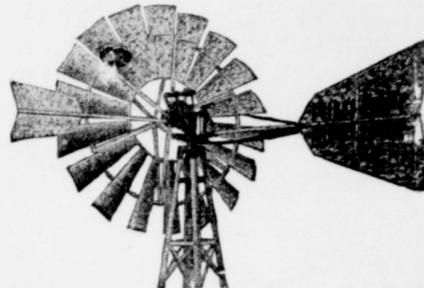
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## CURRENT EVENTS

**Elections in Egypt.**—The first elections in the history of Egypt are taking place. There are reported to be 4,000 candidates fighting for 400 seats in the parliament. One of the great differences between this and an ordinary election is that the electors are not being appealed to but are being bullied. The difficulties of getting the ignorant electors to register their votes are said to be almost insuperable. They are even too frightened to register themselves on the electoral rolls, believing that such a process is a trap set to catch them as conscripts for the army.

**In the Face of the world's unrest and dissatisfaction today** the testimony of the secretary of war, Hon. John W. Weeks, before the conference on religious and moral training, is worthy of serious consideration. He says: "I feel personally, as all men must who have passed the meridian of life, a growing inclination towards religion and religious life. I speak in the broadest sense of course. I am fearful about the results that have come and are coming from the late war. Civilization is not, as I see it, as stable a quantity as it was before the war. The civilization of the world is threatened. Nothing will hold mankind better together or be of as much benefit to men of all nations as unselfish religion."

**The Illinois Senate** on June 13, by a vote of 32 to 13, killed the Marks bill to repeal the state prohibition enforcement act. At the same time in the other house, by a vote of 78 to 70, the O'Grady repeal bill was taken off the table and restored to the calendar on order of second reading. The measure is described as less drastic than the New York repeal bill, which was recently passed, in that it would submit the idea to a referendum.

**The Twenty-Ninth International Christian Endeavor convention** will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, July 4 to 10. The official convention program was tentatively announced on June 12. A chorus of 500 picked voices will make its first appearance at a patriotic demonstration July 4. President Warren G. Harding will probably address the convention on the evening of this date. William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury; James L. Wilson, secretary of labor; Sir Lionel Fletcher, London evangelist; Sherwood Eddy; Gipsy Smith and Wayne B. Wheeler, national counsel for the Anti-Saloon league of America, are included among others of note on the tentative convention program. Dr. Francis H. Clark, president and founder of Christian Endeavor, will deliver his address on July 5.

**Supreme Court Acts on West Virginia Gas Case.**—West Virginia lost in the supreme court in its effort to restrict the exportation of natural gas, the decision being handed down in June, 12. Ohio and Pennsylvania separately brought original suits against West Virginia, contending the latter state could not restrict the exportation of natural gas across its borders. Although the law complained of has been upon the statute books of West Virginia for several years it has not been enforced because the supreme court issued an order holding it in abeyance until the court could consider the complaint and determine its jurisdiction in the matter. West Virginia challenged the jurisdiction of the court on the ground that its public service commission had not acted under the law authorizing the restriction of the exportation of the gas, and that the cases had

been prematurely brought. The court did not uphold this contention and decided it had jurisdiction to decide the cases on their merits. Justice Holmes, McReynolds and Brandies dissented from the majority opinion of the court.

**At Least Seven Persons** were killed and more than twoscore were injured in New York City Monday afternoon when a two-car train plunged from the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit elevated structure and was smashed into matchwood. In falling the train crushed two automobiles beneath it. As the cars crashed to the street they carried with them a mass of high-tension electric wires and these, spitting sheets of blue flame, ignited the shattered wreckage of the antique wooden cars. Firemen fighting amid terrified and screaming passengers soon checked the flames.

**In a Speech** at the opening of the agricultural exposition in Koenigsburg, East Prussia, Sunday, Chancellor Cuno referred to the Ruhr and reparations problems in words considered to show little disposition on the part of the government to compromise. The chancellor declared the spirit of resistance and the will to resist were as firm as ever among the Ruhr population.

Nothing had been left undone to find a reasonable, supportable and final solution of the reparation problem, he declared. The German memorandum had achieved on the whole what was expected, namely, that it would convince the world of Germany's honest desire to live at peace with her neighbors and not only to promise reparations but to pay them by the exercise of the utmost strength of the German people on condition that the Germans should be able to say: "At the conclusion of these deliveries stands freedom."

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### CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of the American, we desire to return our warmest thanks to the kind people of Scranton, Cisco and the surrounding country for the kindness and sympathy extended to us when our dear husband, father, son and brother died and was laid to rest.

While death has drawn a veil of sorrow over our lives that can never be removed, yet as we think of the many deeds of love and kindness of our neighbors and friends, it gives a silver lining to the dark cloud left by his death. There are hours that come into the lives of some, when every impulse of the heart is buried under a weight of sorrow. We stand there today, yet we would fain give expression to the gratitude that wells up from the depths of our hearts as we remember the kindness of those who have done so much to comfort and brighten for us a starless sky. We thank them again and again.

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## Luther Davenport Loses Life While Teaching a Young Girl How to Swim

**EASTLAND, June 27.**—Luther Davenport, one of Eastland county's best known citizens, lost his life while swimming at Leon lake Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Kretz had taken a party of about 30 young people out to the lake for a swim and picnic and a number of them were in swimming at the time. Mr. Davenport was teaching Veda Williams, a 13-year-old girl, to swim and it seems had gradually gone into deeper water. The first that was known of any trouble the girl had screamed and Mr. Davenport had gone under the water. Scott Kretz immediately went to their rescue and caught the girl before she sank. Loss Wood who had been sitting on the bank talking to Mrs. Davenport, went to them with his clothes on and Kretz passed the girl to him and Wood took her to safety.

Messrs Kretz, Wood and others immediately began working to rescue the body of Mr. Davenport but it had sunk in water some seven feet deep and it was about twenty minutes before the body was found. By that time there was no sign of life and all effort to resuscitate him proved unavailing, including the use of a pulmotor, which was rushed to the scene from Eastland.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether Mr. Davenport's death was from drowning or whether he had an attack of heart failure which caused him to lose consciousness and sink beneath the water. He is said to have had an attack of acute indigestion about a month ago and it is possible that this might have been the cause of his death. He was an excellent swimmer and abundantly able to take care of himself in the water under ordinary conditions.

When the news of his death reached here it cast a pall of gloom and

sadness over the city. Luther Davenport was a genial gentleman, hail fellow well met, with a hearty greeting for everyone. In his home, in business, in the social affairs of life he was a man marked for his courtesy, kindness and consideration for others.

Davenport is survived by a wife and four children of his immediate family. He leaves a son, Horace, age 15, and three daughters, Joe, age 13, Katherine, age 10, and Madge, age 7. All were in this city at the time of his death.

Four brothers and three sisters and a half brother and half sister and a number of other relatives also survive him. Three of his brothers reside at Ranger. They are John Davenport, Mills Davenport and Henry Davenport. Fred Davenport, his other brother, lives in Eastland. The three sisters are Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Jack Ratliff of Ranger and Mrs. R. H. (Dick) Hodges of Abilene. Vol Davenport and Miss Elsie Davenport of Ranger were his half brother and sister.

Mr. Davenport was formerly chief of police at Ranger, but had lived in Eastland for some time.

### NAZARENE MEETING

The Nazarene meeting begins at the Oak Grove school house June 29. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Cagle will conduct the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Cagle need no introduction to our people as they conducted a successful meeting in this community last year. Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Campbell of Sweetwater, will have charge of the song service. Mr. Campbell has had ten years experience as song evangelist. God has wonderfully blessed this man's labors in the state of Oklahoma and also in Texas. One and all have an invitation to come to the meeting, enjoy the preaching, help with the singing and get blessed.

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### BONDSMEN SURRENDER

#### CADDO BANK EMPLOYEES

**BRECKENRIDGE, June 27.**—L. J. Brian and Roy Smith, out on \$5,000 bond each on a charge in connection with a shortage of \$27,000 in the affairs of the First National bank, Caddo, were both given up by their bondsmen. Brian and Smith formerly were employed by the Caddo bank. Brian has been in jail here for two weeks in connection with a contempt of court case, and still is being held. Smith was arrested here and returned to his bondsmen at Abilene, the sureties for both men living there.

### HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Douglas Herring, of Waco, and Dr. C. W. Griswold, of Cisco, had a narrow escape from death last Friday night when the car occupied by these two gentlemen and another Waco man collided with a Ford car on the Bankhead highway, near the Blackwell road. The Ford car was demolished and the car driven by Mr. Herring turned over twice before it came to a standstill. None of the party received permanent injuries, although all three were bruised and shaken up.

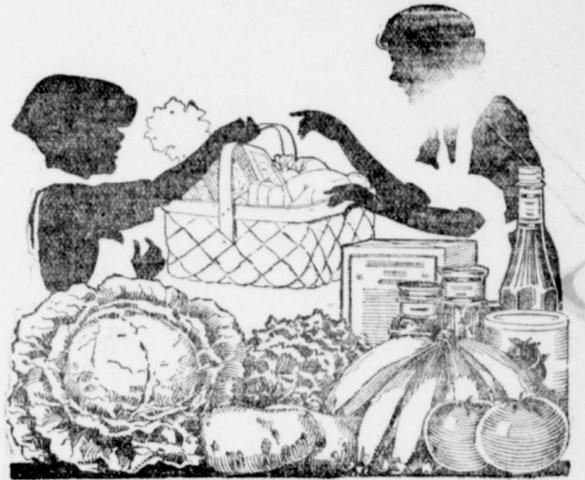
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