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Roberts-Murphy No.1 Strikes Showing Of Oil At 510 Feet

Deep Test of Cisco Field Making Good Headway Towards the Depth where the Pay is to be Found—Bit now Down Over 600 Feet

Out at the Roberts-Murphy well the drillers are pushing the bit down at the rate of 100 feet per day. At least that is the progress made Thursday. Wednesday the well was down to the 500 foot level, and yesterday they had passed 600.

But at the 500 foot level things began to happen. The formation looked good to the drillers, and when the bit had been sunken into the earth at 510 feet a showing of oil was found. About a quart of the fluid was taken out, and ever since this find the slush has contained a good showing of oil. Yesterday the American man went out to look at the well, and met Messrs. Benny and Clark, the drillers on the job, and these gentlemen stated it looked like an oil well to them. The formations they were passing through were the same as those found in the proven fields, and they would not be satisfied with less than a good producer, which they confidently expected.

There is at present, a considerable oil showing on top of the slush as it is emptied into the pit. Around the edges of the pit the oil is forming a thick scum, and soon will be spread over the entire surface of the slush pond. The writer watched the baler emptying the slush for an hour, and everytime the baler dumped out its slush there was a brown streak of oil flowing out onto the surface. This did not diminish all the time we watched the baler dump its load.

From the indications it seems that we are destined to have a real oil well in the Roberts-Murphy No. 1, and after all the predictions of Bill Murphy that it will come in a 15,000 gusher may not be surprising should this prophecy come true. There is no better geological forecast of any prospect than that of the Roberts-Murphy.

Unlike other locations this never had to stop on account of the dry weather. There is a splendid spring on the Farmer farm close by, and these springs furnish ample water for all occasions. There is no let up on the work, as three shifts are taking the bit right down to the pay as fast as it will go.

While some water has been found at different depths, it is not considered that the water will menace the completion of the well.

CISCO PECANS GOING TO EASTERN MARKETS

The Cisco Produce Company is building up quite a business in Cisco pecans. While in that establishment the first of the week we saw great stacks of pecans sacked ready to be loaded, and they were receiving inquiries from New York and other places asking for quotations. Monday this company sent out a car of our famous pecans to St. Louis—\$4,000 worth, which was paid to growers in the Cisco Country. In conversation with Mr. Byrne, manager of the Cisco Produce company, he stated that they were buying these pecans from the farmers on the shortest possible margin, as it was their desire to pay the farmers the highest possible price for all the pecans produced in this section. "In fact," said Mr. Byrne, "we are practically swapping dollars in handling pecans."

MARKET PLACE WILL BE A BENEFIT TO FARMERS

Mr. W. T. Maynard of Scranton, was a caller at the American office Tuesday, and stated that he appreciated the interest the American was taking in inducing Cisco to establish a market place for the farmers to sell their produce. Mr. Maynard stated it was almost the farmers only hope for emancipation from cotton. If we can gradually get away from cotton, then we hope to accomplish something. The best method to this end is to assist the farmer in disposing of his surplus produce, for his emancipation from cotton will be gradual, as none of us are in shape to give up a crop that we have raised all our lives, and depended upon as money crop, all at once. By gradual process we will finally get away from cotton before we fully know it, and then we will wonder why we ever stayed with cotton long.

COUNCIL PASSES RINK ORDINANCE

Roller Skating is Still Being Enjoyed—Ordinance will not go into Effect Until Ten Days After Publication.

At the regular meeting of the city commission last Monday night an ordinance was passed with the emergency clause, prohibiting skating rinks from being conducted within 300 feet of a private residence. The ordinance carried the emergency clause, but Attorney Butts stated it could not become effective until ten days after publication.

While this ordinance is a general one, and is supposed to regulate such places, in reality it is to do away with the rink now being operated in the Labor Temple by the Hot Wells Recreation company.

The American has no grievance in this case, personally, but it seems that the ordinance was unduly rushed through. The commissioners did not deliberate on the matter. There was evidently no "imperative" necessity for haste. The rink has been in operation for some time, and if the council had placed the measure upon its first reading, and given the commissioners time to investigate, the constitutional provisions then could have been dispensed with and the ordinance later placed upon its third reading and final passage.

Haste often works ill. In this case should this ordinance be allowed to become a law it will work a hardship on the Hot Wells Recreation company, which went to considerable expense and opened this place of wholesome amusement. It will especially work a hardship upon the Carpenters Local union which builded the labor temple. This body, at considerable cost erected this building, which is a credit to the town. At the time the building was erected there was no employment here for carpenters, and the local borrowed money and put up the building. Then they had an opportunity to rent it for the roller skating rink at a nice rental, and at additional expense placed a hard wood floor in the building. If the rink is forced to close, or move to other quarters, considerable of this financial outlay will be a total loss to the Carpenters Union. They will lose a tenant who is paying a nice rental, which is badly needed by these mechanics to pay off the indebtedness of their temple.

We can see the other side of the question. The American is informed that the only person aggrieved is J. J. Stephenson. The American can understand that the noise from the skaters will, and does doubtless prove annoying. Yet, the American is also informed that others living not quite so near, but within the annoying distance, (if the skaters are really annoying) say that they are in favor of the retention of the rink in its present location. These are living in the Foy Apartments, just across street. The American is also informed that the family living on the east side has not registered a kick.

Mr. J. A. Smith, manager of the Hot Wells Recreation company, states that he has paid for a license to the city to conduct a skating rink in the Labor Temple for twelve months, and if this be true there is some question (according to legal advice) whether the city has a right to pass an ordinance compelling him to close his resort.

But it seems that is an unnecessary stab at wholesome amusement, one that is becoming a popular diversion for the entire town, and if the noise is not of such a nature that it is a nuisance to Mr. Stephenson and family, we would like to see it continued, as it is conceded the place has been conducted orderly, and the best of order has prevailed.

Messrs. F. R. and Herman Reimers of Marble Falls, father and brother of F. C. Reimers of Reimer's Garage, were here the guest of the latter last week.

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

Labor Day



CISCO HAS WATER TO LAST TO APRIL

Will Supply Albany With Two Cars Daily—Will Divide as Long as Possible With Distressed Neighboring Towns.

At the meeting of the city commission last Monday night it developed that Cisco's water supply will last the city, without another drop of rain until April. However, all should conserve the water supply as much as possible.

Mayor Williamson read a request from the Mayor of Albany asking the Cisco commissioners to furnish that city with two cars of water daily. The commissioners granted the request, and ordered the water furnished Albany through the Katy railroad at the rates now charged that road for water for its locomotives. It was stated that the Katy road had been getting water and supplying their section houses along the line. The secretary was instructed to notify the local agent that the city could only furnish water to the road for its operating purposes, and not for other uses. The rate charged the Katy for water is 18 1/2 cents per 1000 gallons. This is the contract price, and this is the rate Albany will get water from Cisco, plus the freight charges.

Up to the present authorities have not called upon Cisco people to restrict themselves in the use of water, although other towns in this section of the state have been limiting water consumption for some time past. We are told that Abilene has been only furnishing water two hours a day for some time past. It is said that the big lake at Abilene is practically dry, although the town is not connected with the new reservoir. It seems that this water is not holding the water that was stored there when the rains came.

Even with our present stock of water we are supplied until April. The old settlers do not look for rain until then, but most of us have heard about the fellow who would prophesy about Texas weather. Anyway, we are all hoping these old settlers are wrong.

CISCO CLUB'S FIRST DANCE AT LABOR TEMPLE TONIGHT

The Cisco Club will give its first dance at Labor Temple tonight. This dance promises to be one of the most enjoyable occasions held at that popular amusement resort. The devotees of the Terpsichorean art have ever found the labor temple most ideal for this exhilarating pastime, and this dance tonight promises to be equal in enjoyment to any ever given there.

ARMSTRONG JURY IS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

Eastland, Nov. 16.—The jury which is trying W. P. Armstrong, charged with murder, gowing out of the killing of Grady Tarver near Sabanno last spring, was discharged by Judge Davenport today. This action was taken on account of the death of the mother of Mr. H. J. Jones, one of the jurors trying the case, in order that he might attend the funeral. As the defense refused to waive the separation of the juror from the others, the case will go over until the next term of court.

W. O. Kemper and G. Gordon of Cisco, were visitors in the city of Putnam Thursday. These gentlemen bespeak a bright future for Putnam as an oil center.

DENIES BEING A RUTHLESS RIDER

'Did Not Usurp Office of County Clerk—Did Keep Part of the Minutes of Commissioners' Court Purely as Accommodation.

Cisco American, Cisco, Texas.

Eastland, Texas, Nov. 14.—Patience has ceased to be a virtue. Governor Neff in a recent speech said "I have no patience with those citizens who stand on the street corners and criticize the government and will do nothing to better it." That statement certainly applies in this County and he was undoubtedly correct.

And in your paper of the 11th inst you say, "Why did Judge Starnes induce the County Treasurer to sign a receipt for money he knew the treasurer had never received." That statement is absolutely and wholly false.

At another place you refer to someone as a "ruthless rider" and that criminality or gross negligence has been in the saddle. If you refer to me that statement is wholly and deliberately false.

In your editorial column you carry this statement "but why do you allow Judge Starnes to dominate that body?" That statement is false and informant knew that it was when he made it.

Further you state "However we are informed that heretofore he has usurped the office of the county clerk and written the minutes until recently." Whoever told you this made a statement that was deliberately false and the statement is untrue.

I did keep part of the minutes of the Commissioners' Court purely as an accommodation of the clerk so as to save him the cost of keeping a deputy with the court all the time but I didn't usurp anything. All the minutes after they were written and every member of the court voted to approve same including Henry Stubblefield.

There are many more incorrect statement sin the two articles but they will be passed because they are immaterial or because I know who told you and the matter should be taken up with him.

Yours truly,
C. R. STARNES.

DALLAS BANK IS CHOSEN AS COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Eastland, Nov. 16.—Last Monday the commissioners court in regular session, designated the Dallas Trust & Savings Bank as depository for the school funds of the county, and the Guaranty State Bank & Trust Company of Cisco was designated by the Dallas bank as its agent to handle its funds locally. This contract covers the period from now until February 1923, and the funds are protected by a deposit of Liberty bonds in excess of the school funds. The depository will pay into the school fund 1 1/2% for the privilege of handling the school funds.

The Peoples State Bank of Ranger was designated as county depository on condition that it deposit with the Federal Reserve or some other solvent bank, sufficient government bonds to protect the county finances.

The followings Ciscoans are now in Putnam, doing construction work on buildings in course of construction: John White, E. H. Stubblefield, Mose Johnson, Presley Stubblefield, Ben Rushing and Roy Stubblefield.

East And West Road To Be Advertised December First

Eastland County Link of Bankhead Highway now Seems Possible—State Highway Engineer Instructs County to Advertise for Bids.

BETTER FARMING TO BE FEATURED

Eastland Chamber of Commerce Plans Agricultural Day at Eastland Tomorrow—Every Farmer and Others Should be Present.

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce sends out this week the following letter, calling a meeting of the farmers of Eastland County, and those interested in better agricultural methods, to meet at Eastland tomorrow, Saturday, for the purpose of furthering better farming in Eastland County.

Three months ago when the American sponsored the idea of working for the improvement of agriculture, and the rehabilitation of farming industry in the Cisco Country, this paper was practically alone. The management was told on different occasions that this was no farming country, and that we were barking up a cold trail. But the American was established for a specific purpose—to contribute all it could to the rehabilitation of the agricultural interests in this section, and do all in our power to improve the conditions of the working men.

This move on the part of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastland is hailed with joy, for it demonstrates that the American was on the right track, and being a paper with a policy we have pursued, and propose to continue to follow out the plan we have blazed. We gladly throw in with the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, as most all others will do, and lets all pull together to make the meeting at Eastland Saturday a big success.

The plan is to have many farmers attend and make short talks, telling their experience, and giving remedies for failures where such have occurred.

The Cisco American, Cisco, Texas.

Eastland, Texas, Nov. 16.—We are in receipt of a letter from the UNITED CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER AGRICULTURE, Nathan Adams, Chairman, and H. P. Schropshire, Secretary-Manager, wherein they state, among other things, the following: November 19th, as TEXAS LIVE AT HOME DAY, on which day we are calling on each individual farmer, merchant, banker and business man of every County in the state to meet at the County Court House at 1:00 p. m. for the purpose of discussing the agricultural problems confronting us and re-pledging ourselves to a sane, diversified agricultural program for 1922."

"The County Farm Bureaus and County Farmers Unions will be called by their state officials to meet on this date, in co-operation with every citizen of the County. Your County Chairman is H. P. Brelsford, president of the First State Bank of Eastland."

Persuant to the above call we conferred with several Chambers of Commerce of the County and decided to call the meeting and in co-operation with the Chambers of Commerce of Rising Star, Gorman, Cisco, Ranger and Eastland, not only to discuss fully the agricultural situation but also to discuss fully the suggestion that all the cities of Eastland County co-operate in a comprehensive campaign for the rehabilitation of the farms of the County and to discuss the proposed advertising campaign with reference to the oil and other natural resources of the County.

Many, with whom these matters have been discussed, were enthusiastic, and felt that the meeting offered an unusual opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the formulation of plans that may probably have a great influence upon the destiny of Eastland County.

You are urgently requested to be on hand at the meeting and bring as many of your neighbors as possible, and give as much publicity as you can.

Yours very truly,
O. M. CRENSHAW,
Secretary.

Mr. O. L. Hollywood made a business trip to Cisco, the little metropolis, Thursday.

Join the American family.

Eastland, Nov. 17.—The state highway engineer, R. J. Windrow, today wired County Engineer Eccles as follows:

"Advertise for bids on Eastland county project November 28 or any date thereafter.—Windrow."

This is what is generally known as the East and West road, and runs east and west through the county, via Ranger, Eastland and Cisco. It is the Eastland county project of the Bankhead highway.

Several weeks ago petitions were started circulation in Cisco petitioning the commissioners court to construct this highway, there being money available for this purpose, and state and federal aid having been also appropriated to supplement that which is available by the county, as this road was never included in the Fleming & Stitzer contract.

The engineer's estimate on this job is that it will cost approximately \$600,000 to complete this road, and its completion will be made in about six months.

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL IS CALLED TO HER REWARD

After a lingering illness of many months one of Cisco's pioneer ladies was called to her reward, when death claimed Mrs. J. M. Howard at the family home on South Main street, in this city, last Wednesday, aged 64 years.

Coming to Cisco in the long ago, she has lived here continuously, after her marriage in 1877, and reared a family who are honored citizens of this and other communities. Deceased was born in the state of Missouri in 1857. Before her marriage she was Mary Eppler, and relatives of the same name still reside in this county. Surviving are her husband, J. M. Howard, a son, Edgar L. Howard of Stamford, four daughters, Miss Ulala Howard, superintendent of public instructions of Eastland County; Mrs. H. A. McCandies of Eastland, Mrs. J. S. Yeager of Putnam, and Mrs. Kate Richardson of this city.

The funeral services were conducted at the family home Thursday afternoon by Rev. C. G. Howard, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which denomination she was a devoted and consistent member. The burial took place at the city cemetery immediately following the funeral services.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL STAGE LAUGHABLE COMEDY

The John William Butts Post, American Legion is planning to put on a play in Cisco on the nights of November 29th and 30th—two nights. This play is a most laughable comedy entitled "Oh, Oh, Cindy!" There arrive last night Mr. Baker, an experienced director, who will stage this play, and will instruct local talent. The cast contains 125 people—100 ladies will have interesting roles. Mr. Baker brought with him \$1000 worth of special scenery, which will be used in the play. A full description of "Oh, Oh, Cindy" will appear in next week's American. The young ladies of Cisco who can take part in this play, especially those from the high school are asked to do so. Those who can will please communicate with Mr. Crigler Paschall at his office. The first rehearsal will be tonight.

The following Cisco people were visitors in the little city of Putnam Thursday. Most of them were on business, if not, business soon developed after their arrival for that is a very busy little center at present: J. Carey Taylor; J. D. Mann; W. D. Elder; W. E. Elder.

WILL SHIP LIVESTOCK TUESDAY

The Pleasant Hill Marketing association will ship out two car loads of livestock to market next Tuesday. These cars will be made up of hogs and cattle. Those having livestock ready should confer with the officers of the association in time. T. L. Laster and N. S. Kinard, secretary and president of the association, were chosen to accompany the shipment.

H. O. Westerfeld and D. S. Rumph are in Avoca this week on business, leaving this morning.

Bush's Weekly Farm Pointers

County Demonstrator has Suggestions to Make Weekly to Farmers That Will be of Vital Interest—Goats and Soil Preparation.

By R. H. Bush, County Agent.

In Eastland County there are thousands of acres of brush land that is now serving only to hold the world together as far as live stock or agricultural production is concerned. This brushy and rugged land could be made very profitable by grazing it to goats and at the same time making it possible to grow grasses to grow a great number of other live stock. So long as this brush is so dense there is not a possible chance to realize anything from this land. These goats will consume brush and weeds and will thrive on them throughout the year. Too, while eating brush and weeds that are menaces to the growth of grass they increase 100% and the most beautiful part of it is that they do it on no cost, but instead increase the value of the land. They are particularly hardy and the little loss comes from disease.

Ordinary goats are profitable from a meat producing standpoint but it is as easy to stock the land with Mohair or milk goats and in my opinion the Angora is the better of the two types because they require less care. Too, we know less about the milk goat and probably would not succeed as well with them. Now think this thing over and let's get as much of this rugged land to work as possible and soon we are ready to grow in the same pasture with the goats a large number of all other types of animals.

Preparation of Soil

It is the time of the year to turn under our soils and begin the preparation of our seed beds for another year's crop. Of course we can do little toward plowing now but we can at least put our tools in first class shape so that when the wanted rain comes we will not lose any time in getting at it. Water is a most important factor in maximum production and we must if we are most successful save all that falls. To save it we must have broken soil to absorb it or it will run off of your land as free water leaving the soil to dry out readily, thereby causing our crops to suffer next summer when the drought comes. I don't mean to make the impression that fall breaking is all that is necessary but we certainly must have the well broken soil to absorb the water then continued shallow cultivation to keep it.

DOTHAN DOINGS

Special Correspondence.
Dothan, Nov. 15.—Mr. Daniel Langley and Miss Joyce Ellis were recently married at the Dothan school house. After the ceremony they were entertained with a wedding dinner at the home of the parents of the bride.

The Primitive Baptists held a two days meeting, commencing Saturday morning and closing Sunday night. This was their regular appointment.

Misses Ethlyne and Beulah Yarbrough and Clarice Surles were the dinner guests of Miss Lois Thames Sunday.

The singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Huesties Sunday night was largely attended by the young folk and greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Varner and children of Cottonwood, were the week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Walker Thames, last week.

Mrs. Janie Moore and two daughters of Putnam, were the dinner guests of Mrs. Jack Phippen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Birt and children, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huesties Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huesties of Breckenridge, have been the guests of their parents for several days while he was having his eyes treated by a Cisco eye specialist.

Misses Amy and Myrtle Short and Tilda Phippen attended the singing at Putnam Sunday evening.

Armistice Day was observed by the Dothan school and the pupils and teachers enjoyed a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farmer of this place, have a little visitor at their home, who arrived on Armistice Day. It weighed eleven pounds.

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The local merchant who buys home products, and home manufactured articles is worthy; he hands the dollar back to the producer to produce more products, or to the manufacturer to buy material.

The consumer who trades with a dealer who handles home products hands him a dollar to be spent for home products, and saves the freight.

If it was only made known to the commercial world that the Cisco people wanted only home products, there would be more wheat farmers, and a mill to grind our flour. A job for several money spenders.

There would be a cotton mill to weave our clothing, employing men

and women.

There would be an over-all factory to make workman clothes.

There would be a brick plant to mold our clay to build a city and save freight.

And an automobile factory to build your car.

There would be a well drilled for some oil, and a refinery operated to furnish our gasoline.

Buy home-made ice and keep cool. Buy home-made brooms to sweep clean. Buy home roasted coffee and stay awake. Buy home-made candy fresh and sweet. Buy home-made bread. Buy home grow nand home butchered meat. It saves the freight.

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RUMBLINGS FROM ROMNEY

Special Correspondence

Romney, Nov. 15.—Road work is still progressing in this community though the weather continues awful dry, and the roads are a fog of dust when traffic goes over them.

Messrs Guy McCoy and John Sheffy were in Rising Star Saturday.

Mr. Sim Maples was a Sunday visitor to Scranton. There seems to be some serious attraction.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox gave a dance last Saturday night in honor of their guest, Mr. Jack Namiet of Douglass, Arizona. Many were present, and the dance was a very enjoyable affair.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harrelson and children were Romney visitors Sunday.

Messrs. Herman Harrelson, Jack Cozart and Eugene Brown of Nimrod, attended the Maddox dance last Saturday night.

Omer Curtis of the Griggs Community, spent Saturday night with Charley White.

The young people enjoyed lawn tennis at the tennis court of Mr. Billie Freeland last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Homer Bowles and sister, Miss Virgie, were in Cisco Saturday, but returned in time to attend the Maddox dance.

Miss Gertie Lamb was the guest of her friend, Miss Opal Parsons, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cotton are Romney's residents now. They are warmly welcomed.

Those who attended the singing at Mr. Frank Webb's home last Sunday report an enjoyable time.

Several of our young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr.

Carlton at Griggs, last Sunday.

Mrs. Sheffy and daughter, Irene, were guests of Mrs. Roy McCollum at Griggs, last Sunday.

Misses Violet and Inez McCoy had as their guests last Sunday afternoon Miss Julia Purcell, Virgie Bowles, Lottie Harrelson, Lillian Webb and Alene White.

Several from here attended the party at Mr. Garland Lasater's home in the Pleasant Hill community Thursday night.

Misses Gertie and Ione Lamb had as their guests at their home in the Pleasant Hill community last Sunday Misses Nina Lockhart, Opal Parsons and Berta Schaefer; Rudolph Schaefer and Roscoe Abbott.

NEW QUARTERS DESIRABLE

The new quarters of Drs. Brice & Payne are just as desirable as one could wish. The American man dropped in to see one of these medical men recently, and found everything as conveniently arranged in their new offices in the Winston building, as one could desire. The reception room is large, lighted and well ventilated, while in the operating room there is plenty of space to dress a wound without running over each other. Here, too, there is plenty of daylight and artificial light will not have to be resorted to except on very cloudy days. Yes, Drs. Brice & Payne are most comfortably situated, and their new quarters are really ideal.

L. A. Murray was up from Wortham to spend the week end with his family. Mr. Murray believes there are great things ahead for the wise ones in the new oil field.

AN INSOMNIA CURE

Sleepless Victim Finally Finds Remedy.

Simple Little Trick Brings Sleep to Man Who Counted Sheep in Vain.

Insomnia is mainly due to gas pressure on the nerve centers. You cannot get restful sleep until you get rid of the gas. The gas is due to fermentation of food. This fermentation is caused by dietetic errors—by eating too much, or too quickly, or too often, or by eating indigestible food, or food in wrong combinations.

However, here is another contribution to the library of insomnia cures. It is from "Peeps at People," by Robert Cortes Holliday:

"For years I was a great sufferer from insomnia. At one time this dread scourge had so fastened its terrible fangs upon me that I could scarcely walk. My body became one mass of sleeplessness. I tried many remedies, but without avail, and my friends had all given me up for dead, when by chance, from a mere acquaintance, I heard of this great cure, which I would recommend to all who are afflicted as I was.

"I remember with horror the tortures I used to endure in agony, as I tossed to and fro on the hot pillow, going over in my fevered mind interminably the formulas of the so-called reliefs from this peerless disease. An unconscionable number of times I numbered a round of sheep over a stile. I counted up to 10, over and over again; and then up to 15, and then 20, 25, 30, 50, only to craze myself with the thought of the futility of this lunacy. I heard my dollar watch tick on the dresser until in madness I arose and placed it on the restraining pad of a clothes brush. I heard the clock in the next room relentlessly tell the passing hours; I heard a neighboring public clock follow it through the watches of the night. I heard my happy neighbor snore. I heard the sound of rats near by, and the creaking of floors, and the voice of the wind. I tried bathing my feet before going to bed. I tried eating a light lunch. I tried intoxicating liquors. But always I stared through the blackness of the fearful night, until an eerie color tinged my window, and then the dawn came up, 'like thunder across the bay.'

"It was when my spirit had become worn through my body like elbows through the sleeves of an old coat that I heard the remarkable recipe for insomnia: Think of the top of your head. That is what I was told to do. 'Think of the top of your head,' I said to myself with some disdain, in the awful grip of the night; 'now, how in thunder do you think of the top of your head?'

"Do you think of your hair?' I asked, turning my eyeballs upward in their sockets. 'Do you think of that lightly hidden baldness?' striving to put my hand, so to say, on the top of my head. 'How the Dickens-can-you-think-of—' but a drowsy numbness pained my sense as though of hemlock I had drunk, or emptied some dull opiate to the dregs. One minute passed and letherwards I had sunk. And I dreamed that quite plainly, as though it were some other fellow's, I saw the top of my head."

It is all very simple. The turning up of the eyes induces sleep.

Some Narrow Escapes.

Smith was a constant worry to his friends. They never knew when to and when not to treat him seriously, since, as he frankly admitted, he delighted in pulling other people's legs. One day he and Brown met casually in the street, and stopped, as friends often do, to gossip for a while.

"Big blaze—that fire at the factory in Johnson street—last night, wasn't it?" asked Brown.

"Yes," replied Smith; "I went down to have a look at it. And, my word, there were several mighty narrow escapes there, too!"

"Escapes!" cried Brown, excitedly. "But the morning papers said there was no one in the building."

Smith nodded.

"Oh," he said, "the firemen brought the escapes down with them! So long, old chappie!"

Russia's Three Soaps.

M. Alexander Schwartz, whose book, "The Voice of Russia," was recently published, brought back with him from his visit to Russia some pieces of soap, which illustrate the class conditions and discriminations now practiced there.

Like every other commodity, soap is distributed by the government. There are three kinds. "The first," says Mr. Schwartz, "is an oval-shaped cake of ordinary soap, such as one can buy in this country, intended for the commissars; the second is a rough chunk of gray substance for their assistants and for officers, and the third is a small cube, hard as stone, and black as ink, which is distributed to the proletarian workers. If you are below that rank you get none at all."

Railroad Disasters.

At the present time about 50 per cent of the total mileage of tracks in the United States upon which passenger trains are operated is protected by some form of block signaling, and it is on these lines that almost half of the collisions occur. However, it must be realized that a very much larger volume of business is hauled on these lines than on the unprotected lines.—Exchange.

BRING BACK PAST

Priceless Objects Used by the Early Egyptians.

Prof. Flinders Petrie Has Made Wonderful Discoveries, Soon to Be Placed on Exhibition.

Prof. Flinders Petrie and his experts are busy at University college, London, unpacking the ninety cases that contain thousands of interesting things dug up during the last two winters by the British School of Archeology in Egypt.

They will be exhibited before they are distributed among the British and foreign museums. Unfortunately many of the most precious finds are likely to be lost to Great Britain. The British school is far more generously supported by other countries than it is in England, and the arrangement is that the objects are distributed in proportion to the amount subscribed.

Before the war, says the Manchester Guardian, the exhibition of Prof. Flinders Petrie's discoveries used to be one of the London events of the year. He began work again in the winter before last in the tombs at Lahun, where in 1914 he had unearthed a wonderful collection of jewelry which is now in New York, for the reason given above. Last winter the school excavated a cemetery in the western desert, seventy miles south of Cairo. A rich harvest of objects belonging to the early dynasties, particularly the sixth and ninth was obtained.

A large number of tombs of the latter dynasty—which are entered by long stairways descending in the open desert to rock chambers—were opened, and a great many treasures that had escaped the thieves and despoilers of past centuries were found. Oldest of all was the body of a girl who lived (the experts say), about 8,000 years ago. The dry desert sand has extraordinary preservative properties, and this and other prehistoric bodies were in wonderful preservation.

The mass of the exhibition is formed of things that were buried with the dead. Among these is a beautiful "magic" jar of transparent alabaster found in the tomb of a daughter of King Senuzert II. It has an inscription saying that if she puts her hand into it she can draw out anything on earth or in the water that she wants. Some articles of copper are a very rare find, and one of the finest things is a stone cup carved in imitation of a lotus flower—a piece of most delicate workmanship.

Among the works of art there is a fine ebony statue of the sixth dynasty. It is to the ancient Egyptian belief that existence after death is a duplicate of this present life that we owe the little sculptured figures, usually in painted wood, which reproduce domestic scenes from the ordinary daily round of work on the banks of the Nile thousands of years before Christ. These fascinating statuettes are well known from earlier discoveries, but Prof. Flinders Petrie has added enormously to our knowledge of old Egyptian life by his latest finds. Carved and painted with surprising vigor and realism, these groups show a miniature granary filled with busy servants; a kitchen where one cook turns a trussed goose on a spit while another (his wig removed for coolness' sake) fans the fire; a sacrificial ceremony; the setting of a table; and high-powered boats with sails of brown linen, manned by crews of black-haired sailors. The stone headrests, sandals, toilet sets, tools and weapons deposited in the graves made it possible to reconstruct every detail of that long perished civilization down to the minutest particular.

Comforts Weather Prophets.

Some encouragement is held out to the "sure sign" observers who make long-range forecasts of the weather by the actions of animals in their back yard, by Dr. C. F. Brooks, meteorologist at Clark university and formerly a government forecaster. Doctor Brooks points out that American and European investigators seem to have established the fact that in ordinary times a season appreciably above or below normal in temperature is likely to be followed by one to three or more seasons having temperature departures in the same direction.

"Thus it may be that forecasters of mild or cold winters who rely on some biological signs in autumn may justly claim more than chance success, though for reasons different from those commonly advanced," he declares. "Five out of the seven winter predictions which came to me last fall from newspapers east of the Mississippi river were to the effect that last winter would be mild, according to indications afforded by birds, worms, squirrels, muskrats, frogs, and the like."

Both Strong Words.

Two French soldiers recently came to America and on to Indianapolis where they soon obtained American sweethearts. They were telling some American Legion men about them. "I go to embrace mine sweetheart and I am so awkward," began one but the other interrupted to explain that the word was not awkward but embarrassed.

Straightway they began to argue, when a big ex-soldier interrupted them. "Don't fight over that, fellows. Either term would suit you fellows, no doubt. But as for me," he drew himself up proudly, "it takes both of them to describe me on such occasions."

Universal Cry
is Rain! Rain!

Farming Operations Retarded, and Drilling Activity at a Stand Still Awaiting Expectant Precipitation—Many Wells Ready When Rain Falls.

By A. C. Briden

In our rounds of the oil field this past week we found renewed activity in almost every direction. New rigs were pushing their way skyward along the skyline, where the landscape has only been decorated for many months with old greasy rigs of former days. Locations are being rapidly made, new rigs are being constructed and in many instances the tools are being lined up, but at every stage of this game the orders are being issued from up the line, "Hang them up and await orders." This order is placed for many reasons with the drillers at different times but at this time the chief reason for same is "water."

Instead of tens of new rigs and re-claimations it would be hundreds if this much needed rain should fall. Just as operators are starting with a rush they are going to be held up real soon, if there is not rainfall.

The farmers are also greatly in need of rain, so that they may go forward with their farming operations. Much land is broken and much yet to prepare, but small grain cannot be sown or other land prepared until this much needed rain comes.

Also comes the report from Abilene and other nearby cities, that the water supply is limited for domestic uses. Building operations are temporarily held up in Abilene, as water cannot be had for mixing concrete on some of the jobs.

There is quite a supply of water in Lake Bernie as yet, but there are coming calls for water from neighboring towns and we must supply the call, just so long as we feel possible to do so, for water is a free gift from nature to man.

Mesdames Willis Gentry and Ben Whitesides of Harpersville, were Cisco shoppers Saturday last.

DOTHAN SCHOOL NOTES

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, Nov. 16.—On Hallowe'en night the teachers, pupils and friends of the Dothan school met at the school building for a party. However, to an on-looker, the crowd was composed of spooks, witches and various other bubbles of the earth. A most weird appearance greeted the comers, for the house had been well decorated dwith black cats, witches and jack-o-lanterns. Booths were seen on every side where spooks were selling sandwiches, pop corn, hot tamales and even cake. A few ghosts directed the guests thru "Lover's Lane," and a witch sat in her booth telling fortunes—"good luck" to all the guests. Real money was paid for all these favors, for the object of the party was to raise money to help pay for the new partition put into the school house just before school opened. A nice little sum was realized, for Dothan people never do things by halves.

Quite a number of people in the community have been quite liberal in their donations for work that had to be done for the betterment of the school this year. The morning school opened quite a number of patrons came and voluntarily made offerings to buy things needed for the school, since the county has no depository and no money can be obtained for running expenses from that source. Others will yet contribute, I am sure.

We are glad to say that our school is prospering under the direction of Miss Berta Bostick, principal, and Miss Lillian Meadows and Mrs. Maude Lisenbee, assistant teachers. All are capable teachers and the people of Dothan always give their co-operation in every way.

A BOOSTER

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howell have arrived in Cisco to make this place their future home. Mr. Howell is a son of Mrs. W. B. Hicks. He drove through from Memphis in an automobile, while Mrs. Howell followed by rail. Mr. Howell will likely go into

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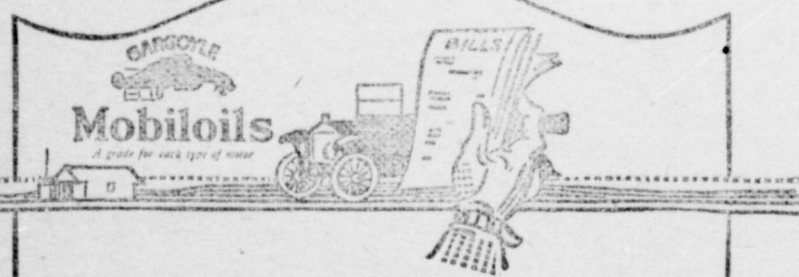
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JUDGE STARNES MAKES DENIAL

County Judge Starnes takes exceptions to some of the comments in the American on the manner in which the county finances and road operations have been conducted.

Personally the American is not as well posted on the true state of affairs as it would be were it published under the "eaves of the sanctuary."

In another page of this paper the American gives a review of the road work done, from the pen of Judge Starnes which came to us last week, but too late for that issue.

The people of Texas are the sovereigns, and those who are placed in the offices of the county and state for a brief season, are the servants of the people.

The matters criticized in the American are of general report in this section, and we have no hesitancy in saying three fourths of the people endorse much of the views expressed by the American.

On the first page of the American we give space to Judge Starnes' rejoinder. He denies all and singular the allegations made previously.

Our comments were made from information that even Judge Starnes will admit were reliable. He admits writing the minutes of the Commissioners' Court "purely as an accommodation to the county clerk to save him the expense of an extra clerk."

But inasmuch as he states these criticisms were not true, we will take his word for it and let it go at that, except the American desires to state that we always rather scatter perfume than to sprinkle bilge water, and will be found advocating "open diplomacy" in public affairs.

So far as the appointment of Mr. Overson is concerned we have nothing to say, for we do not know him, and there is not twenty-five men in Cisco who do. He may be a gentleman whose character is above reproach, and whose ability as an attorney is the peer of any one, but who knows it? We do know that at this time it would have pacified the people had the successor to Mr. Dunnam been a man known all over the county.

Such men, while not particularly applicants for this place, would have accepted it had it been tendered to them. In Cisco we have an attorney whose character is beyond question; whose ability as an attorney is recognized the length and breadth of the county, and whose appointment would have cemented all factions in the county as none other would, and we believe had the court seen fit to have tendered the appointment to Judge B. W. Patterson, for the sake of harmonizing matters, he would have accepted.

There is only one matter the American wishes to refer in which Judge Starnes makes special denial. That is the reference to Treasurer Ed S. Pritchard signing the receipt for money he never received. In the first place the American never made the assertion that Judge Starnes induced him to sign this receipt.

The American merely asked "Why did Judge Starnes induce Treasurer Pritchard to do so?" To substantiate this query (for such it was) the American had it from at least two reputable citizens that Mr. Pritchard stated that "he held up the receipt for four days before signing it, and that Judge Starnes told him that if he did not sign it no more road bonds could be sold."

RECENT ADDITIONS TO AMERICAN FAMILY

The names mentioned below have recently come in and joined the American family. The habit is still contagious, and the beauty about the habit is that all seem to get quite a bit of pleasure in it.

- E. D. Griffin, Cisco. G. H. Carter, Cisco. A. G. Ivie, Cisco Rt. 1. T. L. Lasater, Cisco Rt. 3. W. E. Lasater, Mathis. W. H. Whitworth, Desdemona. A. J. Howell, Cisco. Jim Johnson, Cisco, Rt. 3. J. R. Lanham, Cisco. I. J. Lamb, Cisco. J. M. Lawrence, Albany. R. H. Gresham McLean. E. A. Sessions, Roby. John Aycock, Sweetwater. M. M. Carter, Cisco Rt. 3. O. E. Gage, cf. U. S. S. Mississippi, San Francisco. Briggs Owen, Eastland. J. R. Stubblefield, Eastland. Lee Owens, Cisco. Archie D. Campbell, Ilderton, Ontario, Canada. Dan McLarty, Parkhill, Ontario, Canada. H. S. Stubblefield, Cisco. R. A. St. John, Cisco. Rockwell Bros., Cisco. Jack Coleman, Cisco, Rt. 2.

Already the political pot is beginning to simmer. Cisco will present to the county a candidate for the office of sheriff, according to reliable information reaching this office. He will be a man of courage, ability and integrity.

MARRIAGE CAUSES SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roberts were more surprised than any others when Miss Blanche, their daughter, announced her intention of departing for Mexia with her husband, Mr. W. M. Castile. The marriage had not been previously announced, and when Miss Blanche stated that she and Mr. Castile had been united in marriage while attending the fair at Dallas on October 14, the fact could hardly be realized by her parents.

GRAND JURY CONVENES TODAY

Eastland, Nov. 16.—The grand jury for the next term of court convenes today to look into infractions of the law of Eastland county. The jury commission selecting the jury was composed of Jno. H. Garner of Cisco, H. H. Hagaman of Ranger and Ira Underwood of Gorman.

Mrs. T. L. Cooper of Gorman, was shopping in Cisco one day last week.

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Depositions of Road Contractors

(Concluded from last week)

- b. Who delivered said bonds? b. City National Bank of Eastland Texas. c. To whom were they delivered? c. Harold G. Wise and Company of Houston, Texas. d. What price was paid for the same? d. Ninety cents and accrued interest. e. Give a description of the said bonds. e. Bonds numbered from 1 to 1,000, of value of \$1,000.00 each. f. Who bought said bonds? f. Harold G. Wise & Company of Houston, Texas. g. Where were they delivered? g. To Houston, Texas and Toledo Ohio. h. Who delivered the same? h. City National Bank of Eastland, Texas. i. Were any agents employed in the sale of said bonds? If, any, please name them and give their residence and business address, and what if any commissions were paid on account of the sale of said bonds and to whom were the same paid. i. Not that I know of personally. 20. If you state that Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company purchased from Eastland County any of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, then please state. 20. Yes. a. What amount of said bonds said parties purchased. a. Four million three hundred and twenty thousand dollars good road bonds, under the terms of a contract entered into between Eastland County and Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company on June 15, 1920. b. When they purchased the same. b. This is answered under a next hereinabove. c. What they paid for the same. c. Par and accrued interest under the terms of the contract. d. When any bonds were delivered to said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company. d. At various times between June 15, 1920, and June 1, 1921. e. Give a description of the bonds delivered to the said Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company. e. Series C and D, each series numbered from 1 to 1,000, of \$1,000.00 denomination each. f. How said bonds were paid for. f. County was credited with the funds received from the sale of the bonds and the difference between this amount and par value and accrued interest was taken out of our monthly estimates. g. State whether Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company actually paid in cash and in money of the United States for any of the said bonds. g. Yes, as answered in question f. h. Give the name of the party to whom any payments for bonds were made and tell how the same were made, whether by checks or in cash or by giving credit in any bank? Answer definitely and fully and tell all that you know about this. h. Ed S. Pritchard County Treasurer, was credited with the proceeds from the sale of the bonds. 22. What do you know of the sale of any of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas? a. Have answered fully in questions 19 and 20. b. If you have answered that you do know something about the sale of the bonds, then state the name or names of each and every agent or broker that has had anything to do with the sale of these bonds and give us their addresses. b. To questions b, c, b, e, f, and g, I do not personally know. 18. State what you know about the hypothecation of the \$50,000.00 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. a. They were part of the \$1,000,000.00 bonds shipped to the National City Bank 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 direction whatever to the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, with reference to said bonds, or did you give Sam D. Young any instructions with reference to the 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. 19. Please state whether Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company has sold approximately \$1,876,000.00 worth of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, and if you answer in the affirmative, then please state: Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company have sold \$2,000,000.00 worth of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, series Nos. C and D. Series C was sold to Harold G. Wise & Company of Houston, Texas. a. Whether you had anything to do with the sale of the bonds. a. Yes. 23. Do you claim to have purchased any good road bonds from Eastland County paying the cash par value thereof? If so, when, and to whom did you pay the cash for such bonds? Not personally. 30. Please state whether a note was executed by Sam D. Young, as president of the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, to the National City Bank of Chicago, on or about July 28, 1921, for the sum of \$35,000.00? In this connection please state: a. Whether any note for any amount was executed by the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, to the National City Bank of Chicago for \$35,000.00 or any other sum? b. If you answer in the affirmative then please state whose name is signed to the note. c. Who signed the name of the Security State Bank & Trust Company to said note? d. State whether said note was signed by Security State Bank & Trust Company with Sam D. Young as president. e. When was said note due, or to become due? f. What, if any, collateral security was placed on said note? g. State whether \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, were pledged as security for said note, and give a description of the said bonds, and fully identify the same. i. Who carried or sent said notes to the National City Bank of Chicago? j. Who was present when the said loan was made? l. Were C. R. Starnes and Sam D. Young present at the time said note was made? L. Were C. R. Starnes and Sam D. Young in Chicago at the time said note was made? m. If they were in Chicago at the same time, did they go to Chicago together, or on the same train? o. If they were in Chicago at the time said note was made, did they return from Chicago together? p. Whose bonds were hypothecated to secure the payment of said note, if any were? q. Were the bonds so hypothecated the property of the Security State & Trust Company? r. Were said bonds the property of the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company? s. If said bonds were not the property of Eastland County, when, where and under what circumstances had the County sold the said bonds and what price did they get for them and how were the paid for? t. How did the \$50,000.00 worth of bonds hypothecated to secure the payment of the said note out of the possession of Eastland County or C. R. Starnes? Tell all you know about the transaction inquired in this interrogatory, answering the same definitely and fully. To all of interrogatory thirty witnesses answer: I do not personally know. 31. Please state whether it is true that \$74,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas were left in the National City Bank of Chicago and were not hypothecated for the payment of any sum whatsoever? If you answer in the affirmative, then please state: One hundred and twenty four thousand should be in the said bank, but if \$50,000.00 have been hypothecated, then there ought to be \$74,000.00 left. a. Who placed said \$74,000.00 of bonds with the National City Bank of Chicago? a. I do not know. b. How were they transported to the National City Bank of Chicago? b. I do not know. c. At whose instance and request were they sent to the National City Bank of Chicago? c. At the request of Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company. d. Why were they placed in the National City Bank of Chicago? d. At the request of Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company. e. Why are said bonds permitted to remain in National City Bank of Chicago?

e. I do not know personally. f. Tell all you know about this transaction, and answer definitely and fully, and if you do not do so, why have you failed and refused to do so? f. I understand that Eastland County got credit for the \$50,000.00 bonds referred to, but I do not know personally, and I have answered as fully as I know. 32. Please state whether the County Treasurer of Eastland County on July 28, 1921, was given credit for the sum of \$42,664.58 on account of \$50,000.00 of Eastland County's good road bonds being hypothecated to the National City Bank of Chicago, and in this connection state whether Eastland County received anything for said \$50,000.00 of good road bonds of Eastland County, and if so, what amount it received, and how the same, was paid, and was it paid in cash or was it simply paid by giving the County Treasurer of Eastland County credit for the sum of \$42,664.58? Tell all that you know in reference to Eastland County getting credit in the Security State Bank & Trust Company for said sum of \$42,664.58 on account of the sum of \$50,000.00 of Eastland County's good road bonds being hypothecated to the National City Bank of Chicago. I do not know personally, but I understand the County got credit. 38. Please state whether you have paid any commissions, or any compensation whatever, or any expenses whatever on account of services rendered in the selling of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas and whether the Fleming & Stitzer Road Building Company incurred any expenses whatever in this connection. And, if you answer either question in the affirmative, then please state the amounts which you have paid; how you paid the same—whether by check or in money, and to whom you paid the same, and gave a full and complete accounting of any and all expenses incurred by either you personally, or by Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company on account of the said bonds being sold. Yes, paid \$2,500.00 to R. R. Mizell and \$2,500.00 to Sam D. Young. Same were paid by check. 42. Please state whether the Fleming-Stitzer Road Building Company, or you individually, ever gave to the Security State Bank & Trust Company of Eastland, Texas, an option to purchase any of the good road bonds of Eastland County, Texas, and if so, what were the terms, conditions and stipulation of said option, and in this connection state all that you know in reference to the facts inquired about in this interrogatory. We did not. DEATH OF MRS. SHEPARD CAUSES GENUINE SORROW The news of the death of Mrs. Jessica Hughie Shepard, wife of Mr. T. L. Shepard, manager of the Shepard-Nunn Drug Co., which occurred at the Humble hospital Tuesday evening following an operation for appendicitis, was received with genuine sorrow by the many friends of this estimable lady, as well as the friends and acquaintances of Mr. Shepard. The operation, which was the direct cause of her death, was decided upon as a last resort for her restoration from an illness from which she had suffered for some time. The funeral services were held at the family residence, Front and Seventh streets, Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. H. Greer, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, of which she was a member. The funeral was directed by Green & Gray, undertakers, and the body was laid to rest in the City cemetery. Deceased is survived by her husband, two children, a boy, John Lane, nine, ears, and a daughter, Jessica Jean, two and one-half years; her mother, Mrs. Gatliff of Brownwood, an two brothers and five sisters. The acquaintance and courtship which terminated in the marriage of deceased and Mr. Shepard began when both were students in the Denton Normal school twelve years ago. She was born in Colorado City, while Mr. Shepard was born and reared at Gunsight, near Cisco, where he lived until about twenty years of age when he moved here with his parents. After a residence in different places in Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Shepard returned to Cisco in July 1920, Mr. Shepard being brought back with what was thought a fatal illness from McAllen, from which he has completely recovered. After serving a short while as deputy tax collector this couple returned to Cisco from Eastland, and Mr. Shepard accepted the position as pharmacist with the Moore Drug company, which business he purchased a few months ago, and later taking in to the business Mr. Arthur Nunn and the business was changed from the T. L. Shepard Drug Co. to the Shepard-Nunn Drug Co. Order your Thanksgiving Turkey dressed, 30 cents per pound. Cisco Produce Company. Phone 109. 11-c.

DANCING

Friday Evening at 9 o'clock Nov. 18 Cisco Club, Will Give a Subscription Dance at the LABOR TEMPLE Admission by Card Only Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lewis. Mr. Rob't A. Shepherd. Visits Putnam Is Captivated Representative of the American Falls in Love with Oil City of Callahan County—Quarterly Conference Monday—All Invited. Presiding elder W. M. Lane of the Abilene circuit will hold the first quarterly conference at Putnam Monday. Brother Lane will preach at the eleven o'clock service. There will be a dinner served on the ground and everyone is cordially invited. Conference will be held in the afternoon. Be sure and be there, for those Putnam folk just have a way all their own of making you feel at home. Strangers soon become well acquainted and acquaintance firm friends. If you don't believe this, attend this conference and be convinced. Say listen, those folk believe in attending prayer meeting also. More than half of their membership are in regular attendance. How about Cisco. Church services at the M. E. church Sunday morning, conducted by Pastor W. W. Edgar. Also Sunday school at ten o'clock, conducted by Bro. Jefferson. Religious services at the Baptist church every first and third Sundays. Religious services at eleven o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at ten o'clock, conducted by Supt. Buchanan. Services at the First Christian church every Sunday morning, everyone invited to attend these services. School House Burned On Nov. 3d, the Battle Creek school house located in district eight, in Shackelford County was totally destroyed by fire, leaving about fifty pupils without a school. The building was incomplete and had been in use only three weeks, when destroyed. The trustees were awaiting the arrival of some windows, before taking out insurance on the building. The district had just voted a bond issue of fifteen hundred dollars, for the construction of this building, and since the fire, are trying to duplicate the sum by popular subscription. We have faith in these people that they will put this deal over. Say, why don't some of you dough mixers look over the field at Putnam. Those people need a bakery and there is a splendid opening for same. And those good people will give you loyal support. Did you ever stop at the Mission Hotel in Putnam? They just make you feel at home, and that you want to remain at home forever. Live Chamber of Commerce Putnam Chamber of Commerce meets every Tuesday evening. There are many prominent men in the town who are not members of this great body, but they should be. Join and help make Putnam the town it is destined to be, have a part in this noble work. If you don't believe that Putnam is the most snappy, high stepping, little center in this section of West Texas at present, just step over there and spend a day with them. They have five first class mercantile establishments in new brick homes. Twenty new residences just finished and others building. Every one has that springy step which bespeaks prosperity, and it is so easy caught that the writer caught himself imitating the natives, after being there thirty minutes. Be an American. Enroll your name now.

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A Casinghead Gasoline Plant Probable for Putnam—Pipe Line Connected up With Tanks—Drilling Activity Increases.

(Mary Guyton)

Putnam, Nov. 15.—At last Putnam can boast of the pipe line connections to the shallow field. The Texas Company has installed the line, which was connected up with the tank field today. It is expected the first run of oil will be made Saturday. This line has been the dream of our oil men for some time, and now can expect real development in this shallow field. This is a two inch line, and will take care of present production.

Prospects are good for a casinghead gas plant here. The Magnolia Oil Co. have had their men in this field testing out the gas wells with a view to putting in a plant here, so there is probability of gasoline being made and shipped out of Putnam before long. A test of the gas at the Ungren & Simons No. 1 was 2 gallons of gasoline to the 1000 cubic feet of gas.

The Baird Development Co. have two wells about ready to be drilled in. They are setting casing today at 400 feet. It is hoped that they will add two more good wells to our list of production.

Henderson & Lane are setting casing at 330 feet. We will see results from this well also this week.

Ungren & Simons setting casing at 430 feet in their No. 3 well. We will be pleased if this is as good a well as either of the other two heretofore brought in.

The Snebolt & Thompson well is being drilled in today. They have a good gasser of this well, but hope to

get an oil well a little deeper.

The Erie Oil Co. is putting the bit down a little deeper in hopes of striking a deeper sand.

But it is Homer Peoples who can always be depended upon. Besides being the pioneer oil man of this field, and having his tank field and power plant soon to be in operation, he continues drilling, and has given the Putnam field a new well and increased the production a barrel an hour. Mr. Peoples has another well he will drill in today, and will also make a new location today. All of his new wells are coming south.

The Big Dave Oil Co. west of town is progressing with drilling operations. McKnight is also drilling west of town. His well is down 100 feet.

Mr. R. C. Aubrey with the Roxana at Breckenridge, paid us a visit today, and while here slipped off to the lake and brought back a few fish and some ducks.

Another 28 Star drill arrived in Putnam today.

Mr. Snebolt of the Snebolt & Moore oil operators, is also in the field today.

Mr. McElreth, on the R. D. Williams ranch, expects to get his gas well cased off and will drill to the second sand in the hope of getting an oil well as good as the gasser.

Mr. J. H. McGillis is to spud in on the R. F. Scott ranch five miles south of town in the southwest corner of section 36.

Contractor J. H. White of Cisco, has a full crew of men at work and is going right ahead with his three brick buildings south of the Mission Hotel.

The Farmers Gin Company expects to run one more day, then distribute the yearly dividends for the season. They are pretty sure of clearing 100% dividends this year.

A. P. Huntington, living out on Rt 1, was here Saturday.

PROGRESS OF THE GOOD ROAD WORK

As Outlined by Judge Starnes—\$162,639 Expended on Roads During August and September Despite Many Handicaps—\$60,000 in October.

The following account of work done on the highways of Eastland County reached the American last week too late for that issue of the paper, and same is published this week. The report is an exhaustive one, and goes into detail, showing considerable headway has been made.

Road Work Kept Up
In spite of all the handicaps, and there have been many, the Commissioners' Court has been able to keep the road work going forward at a reasonable pace. This was absolutely necessary in order that the work already done would not deteriorate and loose and the court is glad to submit to the people of Eastland County the report of its stewardship for the past three months.

During the months of August and September \$162,639 of work was done in this County. This amount of work being pretty well scattered and helping all parties of the County. The estimates for the month of October have not been all finally checked, there being some small sections not yet being figured but about \$60,000 worth of work should have been done during the month of October.

To take up the work that has been done more in detail we might say generally that there has been work going on in practically every part of Eastland County.

North of Cisco all of the grading has been finished since August, some bridges and culverts put in, and two and three-fourths miles of rock surfacing laid and ready for the asphalt and topping.

Between Eastland and Ranger the abutments for the Colony Creek bridge have been finished and the steel for this bridge will probably be in course of being put up when you read this communication or will be in a very short time.

The bridge over the Leon river near Eastland is having the concrete floor poured and that should be completed by the time this communication reaches you.

West of Ranger they have been working on finishing up the grade and that work should now be practically completed.

Between Cisco and Rising Star all of the concrete bridges and culverts were finished during the months of August and September and some rock work is going on at places on this road.

West of Rising Star work is being done in finishing up the putting the grade in a useable condition.

South of Carbon all of the grading has been finished and that road is ready to receive the rock all the way to Gorman. In addition to all of this the base course of road has been laid on this road for about a mile and one-half.

Between Carbon and Eastland the rock surfacing is now being laid with the industrial equipment at the rate of approximately one mile per week.

Many plans for the going forward the work and for the giving the people of Eastland County the system of roads that was contemplated is being made and the commissioners' court feels very hopeful now that these plans will begin bearing fruit in the very near future.

On account of the many law suits pending and threatened in which members of the Commissioners' Court are either parties of the plaintiffs or defendants or in some instances witnesses, has taken half or better of the time of the members and has therefore made the going forward of the work somewhat slower.

The Bankhead Highway between Cisco and Ranger is being delayed through no fault of the Commissioners' Court but through oversight of a subordinate employe who through inadvertence failed to forward to Washington an instrument which is known as a project statement. The fact that this paper had not been mailed was not discovered until the final plans and specifications were being approved in Austin and it was immediately mailed to the Federal Department of roads at Fort Worth, Texas and was followed up by a personal visit to the Federal Engineer to see that it was properly transmitted to Washington. It was found in Fort Worth that it had been sent to Washington and since that time telegrams have been sent once and twice a week and one sent by the County Highway Engineer yesterday urging that this be immediately passed on and the date set for hearing for bidding be set down. The court almost hourly expects to receive word to advertise this work for bidding but all citizens are familiar with the delays that necessarily occur in doing large public business where matters must be passed through several hands and several departments.

The Commissioners' Court feels that they deserve at the hands of the people of Eastland County considerable commendation for having done this much constructive work under all of the load and fight they have had to bear. The Court feels like it has done more than its full and legal duty and that it is entirely due the help the people of this County in putting Eastland County in the foreground in West Texas. One reason that constrains us to believe that we have done unusually well by Eastland County is the fact that right recently Stephens County sold \$1,400,000 of their bonds at a price which, after paying the commission and charges, netted them 80 cents on the dollar and these bonds were due serially from one to twenty-five years which would therefore make the discount against them considerable greater than if the same price was gotten for Eastland County bonds. It must be brought to mind that the Commissioners' Court got par and interest for the Eastland County bonds and that the work that has been done so far in Stephens County has cost more money both for crushing stone and for concrete structure than the same work has cost in Eastland County. This shows conclusively that the Commissioners' Court of Eastland County, Texas has saved the people of Eastland County between 20 and 25 per cent when we use Stephens County as a basis of comparison. We feel that Stephens County is the only County which is just and right to use as a comparison because it is the only one similarly situated.

In the next day or two I will give the press of the County the story of the many things that had to be done to get money to pay our bond interest and protect the good name of Eastland County in the business world. I will then follow with a full story of the County depository, a discussion of the laws under which the court acts and the reason and motive behind these actions which will show to every man, except a bitter partisan, that the Commissioners' Court not only acted honestly but acted intelligently and competently and Eastland County is going to save its money by reason of their foresight.

C. R. STARNES.

Commissioners In Fort Worth

Attending Federal Court Where the Freidstadt Injunction, is Being Heard—Old and New Commissioners Summoned.

Yesterday the injunction proceedings of the Freidstadt Construction company was scheduled to come up in the federal court at Fort Worth. All the present members of the old board of commissioners were summoned to appear, and left Wednesday night to be in Fort Worth yesterday morning. As the American goes to press Thursday evening it is hardly possible that anything will come up in time for this week's paper.

This action is brought by the Freidstadt company against the city, and a temporary injunction was granted about ten days ago against the city in favor of the Freidstadt people. The case was set to be heard yesterday for the court to determine whether the injunction shall be made permanent.

The Freidstadt company claims sell the city one dinkey engine and a bunch of steel rails, as well as a few cabins erected for housing its employes while building the dam. Had the commission taken over this property a recall election would doubtless have been ordered.

But the commissioners are in Fort Worth, and doubtless the case will be threshed out on its merits before the city dads return home, and we will soon know the decision. On the decision of the court in this case depends whether the dam will be completed at once, or the matter drag along indefinitely. Cisco people will await the decision of the court with more than usual interest, as we are anxious for work to begin on the dam, and it could be built in no better time than the present.

That the city is interfering with that company from completing the dam for Lake Cisco, while it is generally known that the company jumped the job of its own violation.

The American man has made considerable investigation in the matter and from the information obtainable it does not appear that the court will perpetuate the injunction, but in this we may be in error. We have only ascertained part of the contentions of the Freidstadt people.

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Cisco Pageant Brilliant Feat

Thousands See Cisco's Big Show on Armistice Day—Not a Bobble Marred the Program as Arranged—Many Attractive Floats.

Cisco was all in holiday attire on Armistice Day. Celebrating the signing of the armistice three years ago, that brought peace to the nations of the earth, and put the ban forever on war as a profession.

But the parade and historical pageant surpassed expectations. The several civic societies were represented with beautiful and appropriately decorated floats as were the different business establishments represented in the parade. The writer did not envy the positions occupied by the judges. Wisely they were chosen from persons living beyond the confines of this city, for at best it was hard to decide the winners in the contest, for many were entitled to be classed as first in the decorative art. However, the decision of the judges has been approved generally, but had there been prizes sufficient at least a dozen would have hotly contested for first place.

Wonderful! was the verdict of all who witnessed the parade. All stated that it would have been creditable to a city many times larger than Cisco, but then Cisco has a way of doing things right, when once she puts her shoulder to the wheel.

The first commercial prize went to Rockwell Bros. Their float being a miniature bungalow, complete in all details. After the parade this float was allowed to remain in the streets all day Saturday that it might be admired by those not present at the parade.

The float representing Texas under the French rule was awarded the prize for the historical section of the pageant. Mrs. Holcomb directed this float. Honorable mention was given the float representing the revolutionary period, which was under the direction of Mesdames Wild, Huey and McCrea.

Mrs. R. W. Mancill was awarded the prize for the best decorated automobile, while the American Legion was given the sweepstake prize for the best general entry. Miss Cora Harris, Mrs. P. Pettit, and Messrs. Crigler Paschall and Owen Barker directed this display.

But space is not available for anything like a general description of the floats in the parade, but as a whole it was beyond a doubt the most complete parade ever staged in a city no larger than Cisco.

LUHERAN COMMUNITY NEWS AND PERSONALS

Special Correspondence.

Lutheran Community, Nov. 16. Miss Martha Wende is visiting her sister Mrs. Carl Weiser, at Coperas Cove.

Mr. Carl Reich of Hamilton, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reich, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Weiser returned Tuesday last from a week's visit to their sons, Carl and Henry, at Coperas Cove.

Rev. George J. Beyer returned Tuesday from Abilene, where he attended the Lutheran Conference, which convened in that city last week.

Mrs. Wm. Eifert is spending a few weeks with relatives in Lee county.

Mr. Paul Wende had business in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel and children spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Gerhardt at Romney Sunday.

Messrs. E. J., Otto, Gus and Chas. Wende departed Sunday for an extended hunting trip in Mason county.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reich were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephens at Romney Tuesday.

Mr. O. P. Weiser made a business trip to Eastland Wednesday.

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Miss Ima Sprawls of Scranton, stopped over in Cisco Monday shopping, while enroute to Putnam where she will visit friends for several days.

Mrs. Barnsdell of Breckenridge Rt. 1, was shopping in Cisco Saturday.

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Last Scenes of M. E. Conference

Preaching of Dr. Morrison Feature of Conference—Some Conversion Worthy of Mention—Delegates Royally Entertained by Cisco.

By A. C. Briden

One of the most important meetings held in the city of Cisco came to a close Monday forenoon at ten o'clock when the Central Texas Conference completed its session here.

Some few incidents that transpired during the session are worthy of special mention. One of these is the wonderful preaching of Dr. H. C. Morrison of the Kentucky conference. Three saintly women of God have emphatically declared since the conference, that they could clearly see a halo of glory surrounding the head of this mighty servant of the most high, as he spoke from the pulpit during the conference.

We are not ready to offer personal comment on those statements even if they were given by three good women in different parts of the city. Let that be as it may, no one disputes the fact that this great preacher talks with authority possessed by a small number and he did invaluable good by his evening addresses.

At the Saturday evening session there developed rather an old time Methodist revival service. And here was another important incident of the conference. Several were converted at this service. Among them an old time acquaintance of the writer. We speak of (Uncle) Tom Cochran formerly a citizen of Breckenridge, from where he moved at the beginning of the boom, to this city.

Mr. Cochran is one of the oldest pioneers of this section of the West. He has always been considered a plain spoken man, but as staunch a friend, as was ever called by that name. His conversion at the age of seventy shows that mercy is free to all ages at all times by a loving father.

This conference will long be remembered by the people of Cisco, and we believe the visitors will go their way with the kindest feelings toward the citizens here for the entertainment given them while here.

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Cisco Preachers Retain Stations

Dr. Sensabaugh Presiding Elder, Rev. Stuckey Returned to First Church, and Rev. Sherill at Twelfth Street Church.

Answering the prayers of the members of the two Methodist churches here the local pastors were returned to their former charges. Rev. L. N. Stuckey, during his two and one half years pastorate of the First Methodist church, has made a very enviable record. Mr. Stuckey is very popular with not only his own members, but with those of other denominations as well as with non-churchmen. There is hardly a doubt that his re-appointment to this church is the one most desired by all our people.

Rev. U. S. Sherill has held the pulpit of the Twelfth street church since last conference, and is endearing himself to his congregation by his Christian fervor and lovable disposition. Perhaps no man could be more desired to fill the pulpit of that church than this zealous young minister. The Conference will meet at Weatherford next year.

The following are the appointments as read at the session of the Conference Monday morning:

Cisco District—Presiding Elder, O F Sensabaugh; Breckenridge, C E Lindsey; Bunyan and Harbin; R T Capps; Caddo, R H Boyd; Carbon, W B Martin; Cisco, First Church, L N Stuckey; Twelfth Street, U S Sherill; Crosscut, J L Oliver; De Leon Station, W B Vaughan; De Leon circuit, C E Lambert; Desdemona, E R Patterson; Dublin, J N Renfro; Eastland, R A Langston; Gorman, J W Cowan; Parks and Eolian, C E Wilkins; Rising Star, D H Chisholm; Scranton, Walter Griffith; S i p e Springs, P L Shuler; Wayland, A G Hulme; student Columbia University, Umphrey Lee; students Southern Methodist University, Z R Fee, Victor D Dow and Robert Butler.

Gatesville District—Presiding Elder, J B Berry; Brazos Valley Mission, B Boiles, supply; Carlton, W L Connell; Clifton, J H Walker; Coryell, A J Helms; Crawford, P W Layne; Evant, to be supplied; Fairy, J F Clark; Gatesville, T Edgar Neal; Gatesville circuit, Earnest Roper.

Cleburne District—Presiding Elder, W W Shuler; Alvarado, W J Haron; Barnsville and Cahill, Henry Frances; Bluffdale, W A Clarke; Blum and Rio Vista, A F Watkins; Cleburne, Anglin Street, J B Curry; Brazos Avenue, J D Ramsey; Main Street, W B Andrews; Covington and Osceola, Z L Howell; Duffau, S A Billingsley; Godley, J M Marshall; Glen Rose, R W Nation; Glen Rose Mission, Van P Morrison, supply; Granbury, W N Curry; Granbury circuit, L A Clark; Grandview, W C Hilburn; Grandview circuit, E P Page; Huckabay, W N Bird; Joshua, G A Shlueter, supply; Kopperl, H M Gaston; Stephenville, R B Hooper; Stephenville Mission, William C Davis; Tolra and Lipan, J N Vincent; Venus, E W Lightfoot; Secretary near East Relief, W B Wilson; conference secretary, American Bible Society, J M Armstrong.

Corsicana District—Presiding Elder, C A Bickley; Barry, I R Darwood, supply; Blooming Grove, W M Clark; Chatfield, G G Mitchell; Coledge, J U McAfee; Corsicana, First Church, D K Porter; Eleventh Avenue, A E Caraway; Corsicana circuit, J F Winton, supply; Dawson, H B Clark; Emhouse, C O Hightower; Emmitt, B S Crow; Frost, H B Huddleston; Groesbeck, Seba Kirkpatrick; Irene and Merton, W T Binslow; Kerens station, Elmer Crabtree; Kerens circuit, R E Briggs; Kirvin, J W Culwell; Mexia, Sam G Thompson; Mexia circuit, C A Wood; Munger, F Hollingsworth; Personville, C E Wade; Purdon and Harmony, G W Kincheloe; Rise Haynie Memorial, S P Nevill; Richland, A C Carraway; Thornton, W A Neill; Wortham, W J Boulware; chaplain United States Army, J F Isbell missionary evangelist for Corsicana, Waxahachie and Gatesville districts, D A McGuire.

Waxahachie District—Presiding elder, J H Stewart; Bardwell, S B Sawyers; Bethel, H E Landrum; Boyce, H W Williams; Bristol, J I Patterson; Britton, E M Baily; Bynum and Brandon, M F Bell; Ennis, J E Crawford; Ennis circuit, J Coy Sims, supply; Ferris, W H Cole; Forrester, F M Noe; Hillsboro, First Church, A D Porter; Line Street, T S Ogle; Italy, M D Council; Itasca, W J Morphis; Itasca circuit, C G Shutt; Mayperl and Auburn, S A Ashburn; Midlothian, J M Neal; Millford, J D Hendrickson; Palmer, F O Waddil; Pevoria, S P Gimmere; Red Oak, F A Ray; Waxahachie, First Church, L W P. (See Waxahachie circuit, D. L. Morten); L E Kish; conference evangelist, W T Veatch; student Southern Methodist University, Stuart Odell.

Weatherford District—Presiding elder, S J Rucker; Aledo, M M Smith; Azle, J M Hays; Eliasville, W B Gilleland; Gordon, R T Wallace; Graham, T E

Bowman; Graham Mission, P E Cantrell; Millsap, J W Leggett; Mineral Wells, C L Cartwright; Newcastle, R J Laprade; Olney, T H Burton; Olney Mission, A Wall; Palo Pinto, A W Franklin; Santo Mission, W O Johnson, supply; Springtown, E N Scarlett; Strawn, W G Baily; Thurber F L Wilshire; Weatherford, First Church, A W Hall, R J Tooley, supply; Courts Memorial, B F Alsop; Weatherford circuit, J W Cloud; Whitt, J C Grimes; Missionary evangelist for Weatherford, Biownwood and Cleburne districts, J M Wynne; Hamilton, W T Jones; Hamilton circuit, R H Heizer; Hico, H C Bowman; Iredell, C H Puckett; Jonesboro, J R Williamson; McGregor, B H Wagner; Meridian, C N Morton; Meridian circuit, Dr. McCaulley, supply; Moody, E M Wisdom; Moody circuit, C T Brockett; Morgan and Walnut, T G Storey; Oglesby, W G Gwaltney; Turnersville, J W Shepperd; Valey Mills, E W Bridges; president of Meridian College, J Hall Bowman.

Waco District—Presiding elder, C H Booth; Abbott and Vaughan, H T Fort; Acquilla and Elmott, J T Sanders; Big Hill and Ben Hur, W Vinsant; Bosqueville, T D Ellis; Bruceville, W D Gaskins; Springs, W F Smith; Eddy and Moorville, P S Gates; Hewitt and Spring Valley, J A Walkup; Hubbard, W W Moss; Lakeview, Reisel and Axtel, B B Edmaitson; Lorena, W W Ward; Malone, T D Tucker; Mart, J W Wayne; Mt. Calm, E P Swindell; Penelope, C N Buttrel; Prairie Hill, M L Boone; Waco, Austin Avenue, Robert E. Goodrich; Clay Street, R A Walker; Elm Street, O O Odem; J Fred Patterson, supply; First Church, E E White; Herring Avenue, H B Thompson; St. Johns, W M Rader; West, M M Chunn; Whitney, M L Story; Sunday School field secretary, R F Brown; Chaplain United States Army, S B Knowles; Y M C A secretary, J V Baid.

Georgetown District—Presiding elder, John M Barcus; Bartlett, J A Sisloff; Belton, J A Whitehurst; Copperas Cove, J G Harwell; Florence, O O Moore; Georgetown, E P Williams; Georgetown circuit, A C Haynes; Granger, M H Hotchkiss; Holland and Bell Plains, C F Bell; Hutto and Round Rock, J W Patison; Killeen, W J Mayhew; Midway and Cedar Creek, Horace Poteet; Nolanville, T W Patterson, supply; Oenaville, G R Wright; Rogers, J F Adams; Salado and Jarrell, C B Diltz; Taylor, S L Munger; Temple, First Church, E B Hawk; P T Stanford and C S Fields, supply; Thrall and Lawrence, J W Sharbutt, Troy and Pendleton, J T Ferguson; president Southwestern University, C M Bishop; associate Sunday School editor, E Hightower; student southwestern University, A L Long.

Fort Worth District—Presiding elder, F P Culver; Arlington, Alonzo Monk, Jr. Burleson, G F Korngay; Euless, P E Lancaster; Boulevard, J F Luker; Brooklyn Heights, L U Spellman, supply; Central, W H Coleman; Diamond Hill, David Irvin; First Church, J W Bergin; J. R. B. Hall, supply; Greenwood, J M Bond Hemp-hill Heights, R O Sory; Highland Park, J A Bell; Missouri Avenue, Gid J Bryan; Mulkey Memorial, C Q Smith; Polytechnic, P E Riley and A T Culberson, and T W Ellis, supply; Riverside, W S P McCulloch; Sagamore, F L Meadow; Sycamore, M K Little; Stanford Memorial, L L Felder; Weatherford Street, A C Bell; Forest Hill and Kennedale, A E Turney; Grapevine, C W Irvin; Handley, M A Turner; Haslet, J S Bowles; T L Sorrels; president Southern Methodist University, H A Boaz; president Texas Woman's College, H E Stout; commissioner, Methodist Hospital, W H Matthews; Conference secretary of education, C R Wright; Conference missionary secretary, J J Creed; field superintendent, Methodist Orphanage, W T Gray; superintendent intermediate Sunday school work, E R Stanford; agent supernannuate homes, D L Colie; State secretary Sunday school League of America, R C Armstrong; State superintendent Anti-Saloon League, Atticus Webb; assistant general secretary Epworth League Board, Ralph E Nollener; Conference evangelists, W E Hawkins Jr., J T Bloodworth, J A Dozier, M W Bowden, E V Cox; student Methodist University, S E Frost, Jr.; Fort Worth city missionary, L G White; district evangelist, W J Whitley.

Brownwood District—Presiding elder, T S Barcus; Ballinger, C E Simpson; Bangs, G W Renfro; Blanket, J W Holt; Bronte, W T Veatch; Brownwood, F E Singleton; Coleman, T S Armstrong; Coleman circuit, W W Noble; Comanche, J R Morris; J D Smott, superintendent; Comanche circuit, J D Kersell; Gus-line, Marsh Bolles; Indian Creek, North Brownwood, P F Bumbleloe; May, W E Anderson; Norton, J N Lester; Novice, J L Ray; Proctor, Preston Broxton; Robert Lee, R B Young; Rockwood and Goldbusk, J F Tyson; Santa Anna, R A Crosby; Talpa, W H Keener; Winchell, F C Ferguson; Wingate, T J Justile; Winters, J H Baldrige; student North-

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Putnam Field Like Rockdale

D. T. Ives Returns From Shallow Field Near Rockdale, and Tells What He Saw in Milam County's Producing Area—Many Small Wells.

Mr. D. T. Ives of this city has just returned from the shallow field around Rockdale. When seen by the American man after his return he stated:

"There are about twenty from Ft. Worth with spudders and two standard rigs at work. The standard rigs are going in for a deep test. The field is a shallow pool, the wells running from 450 to 700 feet, and are making from five to thirty barrels. The best well is near Minerva, owned by McCamey Bros., and is making thirty barrels.

"This field is more of a shale formation, with all the wells producing some oil. One well near Minerva drilled by a rotary, 1700 feet, is standing full of live oil.

"This field is similar to the Putnam field, and is really no better. At the Rockdale field they are getting about the same production and at the same depth that oil is found in the Putnam field. In fact I regard the Putnam field as a good buy for anyone who cares to operate in the shallow field, and it is right at home."

OFF AFTER BIGGER GAME

Messrs. A. W. Balfanz, G. W. Gardenhire, and Charley Hartman left last week for a ten days deer and turkey hunt in the South Texas country. Of course they will bag plenty of game.

Messrs. P. O. Neel and party, who left here about three weeks ago for the Davis mountains on a hunt for big game have returned. They report all kinds of good luck, and the hunting fine. In fact it was no trouble to bring down a ten point buck, and the party succeeded in slaying the legal number. The party consisted of Messrs. P. O. Neel, J. C. Neel, Cy Dawson, Cecil Hobler, Floyd Cooper, Jess Roe and Claud Greer. The last three are from Moran.

MEET AFTER MANY YEARS

Capt. J. E. Binkley of Graham, was a delegate to the Methodist Central Texas conference last week. While here Capt. Binkley again met one of his friends of his youth, Judge J. L. Shepherd. These two have been separated since young men, and both recognized each other when they met here.

FOR SALE Signs at American office

GINNERS' REPORT CREDITS EASTLAND WITH 1763 BALES

No one can say that Eastland County has not decreased her cotton produce, whatever may be said of the acreage. As to the acreage the American is not informed, but there is no doubt about the decreased production. Whether this due to the drouth, boll weevil, or decreased acreage, certainly no one can say that our farmers are guilty of over-production of cotton.

J. W. Gay, special agricultural reporter, states that the ginnings prior to November 18 of this year were 1763 bales, as compared with 4364 up to the same date last year. In other words our farmers fell short 838 bales of producing even half as much cotton this as last year, according to the ginnings report. This might be changed slightly, as some of the cotton produced in Eastland County was ginned outside of the County. For instance, Putnam is just over the line, and Cross Plains, Moran and other places, where gins have been operated. This year the gin in Cisco has made no attempt to take care of the cotton, and buyers have been indifferent, so much cotton, produced in Eastland County has not been ginned and sold in Eastland County. Say, Mr. Business Man, does this sound good to you? The farmer generally spends his money where he sells his cotton, and other produce. Do you want the money he makes on his farm products? If so, you had better provide him a market before next season. He will have quite a bunch of money to spend next year.

DESDEMONA JUSTICE JOINS THE AMERICANS

Judge W. H. Whitworth, justice of the peace at Desdemona, while in Cisco last Saturday, came around and enrolled his name on the rolls of the Americans. Speaking of the oil development in that section Judge Whitworth said:

"Oil development in our section of the county is rather slow at the present. Big companies are securing the leases on all lands and shutting down the rigs. I think that development in our section in the future will be gradual, but nothing exciting is looked for. Some of the larger companies are forfeiting their leases for which they paid handsome sums eighteen months ago. Altogether the oil outlook is not flattering, though there will be some production for years to come, just as the big fellows wish."

Bro J. E. McDermott will preach at the Liberty Hill school house Sunday at eleven a. m. Liberty is two miles north-west of the city. Everybody invited.

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E. M. WILLIAMS DISCHARGED APPRECIATIVE TO PEOPLE

Mr. E. M. Williams, who was recently operated upon at the Humble hospital where he had his leg amputated, has been discharged and is about on crutches. Mr. Williams stood the operation splendidly.

Mr. Williams asks the American to express his thanks and appreciation to all the people, especially Mr. W. P. White, who made it possible for him to become a patient at this hospital, by contributing money to defray his expenses.

He is especially grateful to Drs. Brice & Payne who performed the operation without cost, and to Dr. Rumph, who administered the anaesthetic.

Of course he will have to go through life without his left leg, but he will not be handicapped with a diseased limb. He is looking and feeling fine, and will soon be fully restored to health and strength, though his left arm will probably remain permanently stiff.

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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	
No. 12	5:15 a. m.	
No. 2	7:00 a. m.	
No. 4	8:20 p. m.	

Southbound—from Breckenridge		
Arrive		
No. 2	6:50 p. m.	
No. 1	10:30 a. m.	
No. 11	10:45 p. m.	

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Oratory of The Curbstone Kind

Generally Terminates in Discussing Gas Rate Situation—Suggestion Made That Mass Meeting be Called to Take Some Action.

By A. C. Briden

Every afternoon especially, you hear very interesting discussions of public questions along the curb of the city streets. Everyone seems agreed that there are a few things in the city which surely need adjustment.

The discussion starts in many ways, but it usually centers upon the Cisco Gas & Electric Company, being allowed to continue to charge very exorbitant rates for their wares.

There has been a great cry gone up for the past several months regarding the high rents. This has been corrected and rents have declined as much as fifty per cent, in many instances. The merchants were harangued by the public as being profiteers. Labor, was given not a gentle rap and they reduced their working scale all along the line.

Now if this public service corporation has a grip on the city of sufficient strength as a franchise or otherwise, that we cannot break away, then is it only up to us poor devils to walk up and pay the fiddler. But on the other hand, if the city commission could prevent this high handed game from proceeding further, and still allow said company to thus charge the public any old price they select, we have no thanks or regard for such commission; who are pledged upon their word of honor to protect the interests of the public, whose paid servants they are.

The same thing would aptly apply to the local telephone company, and some few other things which we could mention, but at present we are after the gas and electric people.

But let us here say that the method of shooting this curb stone oratory is no way to adjust matters that concern every citizen of the city.

Why not some public spirited citizen get behind the matter and call a mass meeting to discuss the matters of interest. This will give force to the deal and will also be the gentlemanly way of doing the thing.

RAYS FROM RISING STAR

Special Correspondence.

Rising Star, Nov. 15.—Mesdames J. F. Robertson, Wallace and McCrackin, teachers of the Rising Star school, were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Commissioner Robertson and son, J. F. Robertson, have gone on an extended hunting trip.

Guy Brogdon of Romney, was a visitor to Rising Star Friday.

Several citizens of Rising Star attended the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was held in Cisco last week.

Miss Ransome, who is a primary teacher in the public schools, spent the week end with her parents who reside in the Cooke community.

The Civic League of Rising Star is giving a series of dinners for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. Armstrong, an optometrist of Brownwood, examined the eyes of the school children two days of the past week. The Civic League was instrumental in securing her services.

The senior girls and high school boys' basket ball teams of Maytown, met the Rising Star teams at Rising Star on Armistice Day. The score of the girls' game was 19 to 13 in favor of May. The score of the boys' game being 19 to 12 in May's favor. This is the first defeat this term for the boys of Rising Star.

Mr. Wiley Whitten spent Saturday and Sunday in Brownwood.

Misses and Canifax, teaches of May, visited their parents the past week end.

The young men and young ladies' class in the M. E. Sunday School were entertained with a picnic Friday. The boys prepared dinner, which was served in regular army style.

The members of the U. G. Club met with Miss Tunnel last Thursday evening.

MR. AND MRS. FOARD LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Foard left last Monday for Beaumont, where they will reside in the near future. Mr. Foard has accepted an editorial position on the Beaumont Enterprise. For the past several months Mr. Foard has been doing editorial work on the daily paper here, and has been giving the city a newsy paper. Some of his editorials appearing in the daily have been unusually forceful, and been favorably commented upon. The American wishes the Foards happiness in their new home.

Mr. A. D. Estes of Stanton, is visiting his brother, Mr. S. L. Estes of this city.

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BLouses DELIGHT THE EYE WITH NEW ENCHANTMENTS



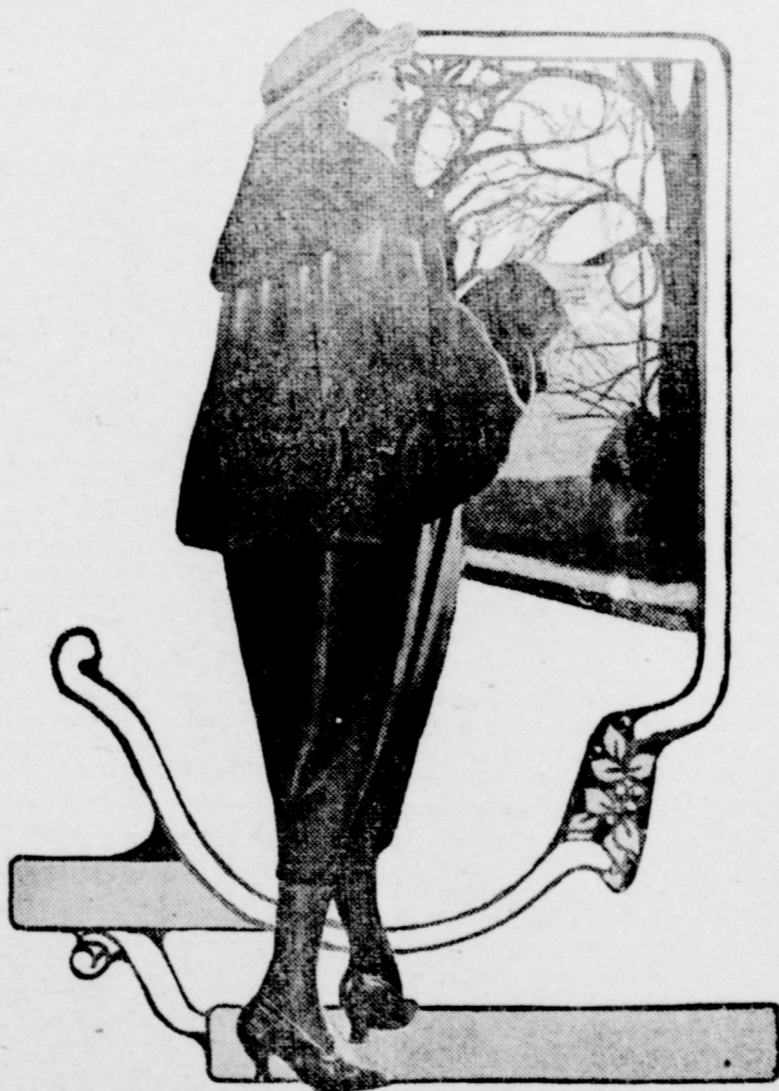
ALL womankind is straying shopward these days, making endless journeys and excursions among the new displays of hats and blouses. The milliner has a rival now, for blouses grow and grow in importance and delight the eye with new enchantments of beautiful color or exquisite, intricate garnishments. Going shopping is about as inviting as walking in a garden of wonderful flowers, but not so safe for the pocketbook. However, it is time now to make a choice among hats and blouses for fall—there never was a better time—and the first showings are apt to be the best.

Crepe de chine and other crepes appear to have seized upon the imagination of women almost to the exclusion of other materials, when they consider blouses. These lovely fabrics make all the fancy blouses and many of the plainer ones. It is always summer in their realm; at least there is nothing about them that betrays a concession to wintry weather. But they manage nevertheless to be gay harbingers of the new season by flaunting

its colors and its embellishments. Many of the new blouses combine two colors and two materials, as cotton crepe and georgette or crepe de chine and georgette. This last union of beautiful materials appears in the blouse pictured, of sapphire blue crepe de chine and black georgette. Like nearly all the fancy blouses it is cut with a peplum which in this case is of the georgette and extended above the waistline where it is joined to the body of the blouse under a row of French knots. The peplum is elaborately trimmed out at the bottom, across the front, where bead fringe calls attention to its eccentricities. Beads with braid embroidery and a little extra stitching of silk make this a splendid bit of finery. It is a slip-over model cut in the kimono style and has a narrow sash of the georgette.

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COATS IN SEVERAL STYLES LOOK TO FUR AND EMBROIDERY



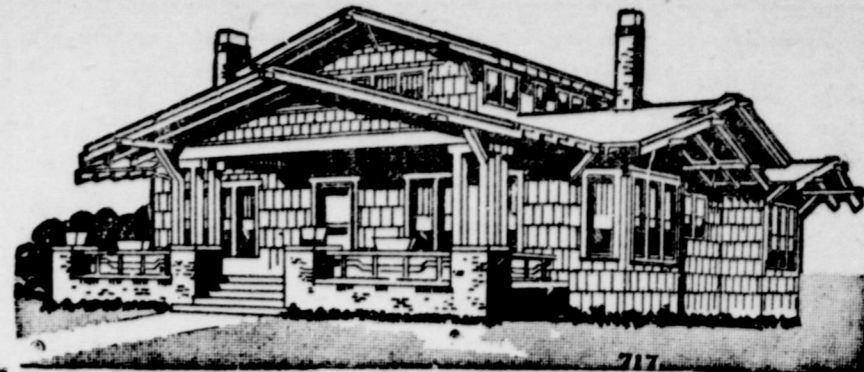
THE creators of coat styles, having agreed to disagree in the matter of the silhouette for fall, presented at the beginning of the season coats that hang straight from the shoulder, coats that are belted, others with a close-to-the-figure bodice and capes or cape-like coats. It appears that fashion decrees that there is room for all of these varieties and the individual may follow her own sweet will be choosing whichever style she finds most becoming and most suited to her needs. In addition to these new modes the season takes a glance backward—a "ligering, longing look behind," evidently, and presents coats like the wrappy affair pictured above. In all of these styles sleeves are capacious and fur and embroidery used in an infinity of ways for trimming.

Sleeves and collars in coats, as in suits, appear to have focused much of the designers' attention on themselves. They are emphasized by embroideries and by emplacements of fur

and endless variations in shape. The wide sleeve, flaring at the waist, is most important and is never without some embellishment.

Embroidery and fur are more or less conspicuous on coats for street wear. In the coat pictured they are used with fine moderation on a coat of brown duvetyne with wide collar and cuffs of sealskin. It has capacious dolman sleeves and contrives a short cape across the back, of which the sleeves form a part. Embroidery is required to make the most of this design, and it appears in the same color as the coat and of the much-admired braid variety. This is one of few coats that appear to narrow toward the bottom and it is one of those handsome and quiet models that is equal to almost any time or place.

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Daddy Evans, who lost his shoe shop in the fire which destroyed the Richardson store recently at 1004 Avenue A, reopened for business last Tuesday.

WILL PREACH AT LIBERTY HILL

Mr. J. E. McDermott will preach at Liberty Hill school house next Sunday, Nov. 20, at 11 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to hear him.

FOR SALE Signs at American office

School Board Purchase Park

Harrell Park Now Property of the School Board—Sale Consummated Monday—Commissioners Officially Close Streets in Park.

At the meeting of the city commissioners Monday night Secretary Richardson notified that body that the school board had purchased Harrell Park, and a request was made that the commissioners order the streets in the park closed, so that the grounds could be fenced and kept in a body. This was done by special ordinance, with the provision that if there was no legal objection by those who might have purchased lots in the park.

The school board will reserve the park for athletic purposes, and be used as a play ground for the entire city. The action of the school board in taking over this property is generally approved by all who have expressed themselves, for this is one subject on which there is little division, as most people agree that more parks and playgrounds are needed.

Mr. W. E. Lasater of the Pleasant Hill community, left Wednesday night for Mathis, Texas, where he will work with a bridge gang. Before leaving Mr. Lasater called around and ordered the American to follow him, as he desired to retain his membership in the American family, and keep tab on the rest of the Americans.

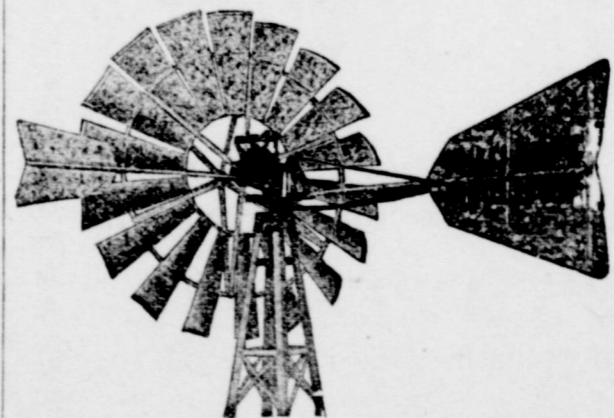
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bryant of 200 East 16th street recently had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bryant of Dallas and Mrs. Ella McDermott of Kelleyston, Ala., for several days.

R. R. Thames of Dothan, was traded in Cisco Saturday.

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Depositions of Judge Starnes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. Where you went to.

b. Did you go to Chicago?

c. How long did you remain in Chicago?

d. At what hotel did you register?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. To Chicago.

b. Yes.

c. About a week.

d. Yes.

e. No.

f. Yes.

g. The LaSelle.

h. Yes.

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

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

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

a. Give a description of the said bonds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a. To Chicago.
- b. Yes.
- c. About a week.
- d. Yes.
- e. No.
- f. Yes.
- g. The LaSelle.
- h. Yes.
- i. I was there on August 3rd or 2nd, I have forgotten which.
- k. Sent several messages with reference to the road matter—Can not recall the substance of any of the messages.

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

- a. Give a description of the said bonds.
- b. Where were you at the time said bonds were hypothecated?
- c. Were you present at the time said bonds were hypothecated?
- d. When did you first hear or learn that said bonds were hypothecated?
- e. Did Sam D. Young ever tell you that he had hypothecated said bonds to the National City Bank of Chicago?
- f. If you answer the last question in the affirmative, please state when, where, and under what circumstances Sam D. Young told you about said transaction, and what he said to you.
- g. If you have answered that you have learned that \$50,000.00 of the good road bonds of Eastland County have been hypothecated to the National City Bank of Chicago, then please state whether you claim that said bonds are the property of Eastland County, Texas, and if so, upon what facts you predicate said claim; and tell all that you know in this connection.

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

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

c. No.

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

e. Yes.

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

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

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

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Cream, Per lb.	32
Packing Stock butter	15
Hens, per pound	14
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Turkeys, per lb.	.20 to .23
Koosters, per pound	.05
Pecan (dry) market.	

Prices on peanuts will be quoted next week.

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

Mother's Cook Book

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

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

CHESTNUTS.

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

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

Cream of Chestnut Soup.

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

Chestnuts en Casserole.

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

Chestnut Balls for Soup.

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

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

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

Inexplicable.

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

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

PUTNAM PERSONALS AND LOCAL NEWS OF INTEREST

Special Correspondence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Where We Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Twelfth Street Methodist

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

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

A WATCH FOR THE BOYS

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

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

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

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 Painters Local—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. G. A. Wilson, Secretary.
 Building Trades Council—J. C. Rupe, President.
 Laborers' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. G. A. Love, secretary.

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