

CHEAPER LIGHTS BY JANUARY 1ST

Chamber Commerce Goes on Record Demanding that Cisco Shall Have a Say in Fixing the Price of Gas, Lights and Phones.

As stated in the American last week the Cisco Gas & Electric Company has promised that the rates for electric lights would be reduced January first. The American has been assured that this reduction will be material, compared to present rates. This is indeed gratifying. When Cisco was prosperous, and money was plentiful, a little matter of a dollar or two more for electric lights was of small concern. We paid the bill, realizing the sky was the limit on most commodities, material and labor not an exception. But all that is in the past now. We must make a dollar go as far as possible if we would survive. When the bills come in now we scrutinize them very closely, and many are not able to pay.

The officers of the Cisco Gas & Electric company have been most obliging at all times, and there is not a person in Cisco that has a grievance against the personnel of the local office, but they are kicking like a pale gray horse against the rates they are paying for lights and gas. It is gratifying to know that there will be some amelioration of this burden so far as lights are concerned. But how about the gas? Many poor people are not able to use lights, but they must keep warm. Winter is upon us, and we must have fuel.

Last spring when the company, of its own volition, raised the gas rates 50% the people stood for it, because the depression had not begun to pinch quite as hard as at the present, though at that time there was quite an opposition against this increase, which none thought conditions warranted, though other commodities had been considerably reduced.

This dissatisfaction with present rates found an echo in the Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, when that body went on record demanding a reduction. It was stated in the meeting that the company propose to give a reduction in light service rates by the first of the year. A motion prevailed instructing the secretary to communicate with the local manager, the headquarters of the company and if necessary to take the matter up with the city commission. The secretary was instructed by the body to inform the company that it was the intention to demand some say as to the price the citizens of Cisco would pay for lights and gas. That the promise of a reduction in the price of lights was appreciated and gratifying, but the Chamber of Commerce would exact a material reduction. It was stated in the meeting that compared with other towns similarly situated that Cisco was within her rights in demanding cheaper lights and gas.

Among the cities quoted was that of Henryetta, Okla. In that city the electric light plant is owned by the same company which owns the Cisco plant, and the rates there are considerably lower than the rates charged in Cisco. Henryetta is situated in the midst of an oil and gas field, and fuel, labor and material are not materially cheaper there than here.

The people of Henryetta have been furnished electricity for general lighting at the following rates: First 25 kilowatt hours used per month, 13 cents; next 25 kilowatt, 10 cents; third 25 kilowatt, 9 cents; fourth 25 kilowatt, 8 cents; fifth 25 kilowatt, 6 cent; minimum charge, \$1 and a discount of 10%. Cisco's present maximum rate is 19 cents. Just what the reduction will be is not definitely known, but as the city commission of Eastland this week reduced the electrical rates from 20 to 15 cents, it is possible that Cisco will be given a similar rate.

Rates of Lights and Gas in Other Cities

Believing the rates of gas was out of reason in Cisco, the American has collected some data concerning the rates in other places. Cisco is situated in the heart of a gas field and as gas is one of our principal resources, we should reap the benefit of a home commodity. We are told that the Texas Company controls the gas in this field, and the price cannot be reduced for the reason of the present contract with that company to supply the distributing company with the gas we consume. The American does not believe that the Texas Company, or any other corporation or individual should be allowed to monopolize one of our natural resources.

BANKHEAD ROAD BIDS ARE READ

Commissioners Court Opens Bids on Construction of Eastland Link of Federal Highway—Nine Miles to be Built Now.

The commissioners court yesterday opened the bids for construction of the Eastland county link of the Bankhead Highway. The bids were for several classes of roads, but the majority of the commissioners favored the six inch concrete base with three inch brick surface. The lowest for this class of road was that of the McKinzie Construction company of San Antonio, \$440,870.16, for the completion of the nine miles of road which will be constructed at this time. However, Commissioner Stubblefield stated that he personally favored the Bituminous Type A road. In many respects there is much to be said in favor of this type of road. It is not near as expensive, and it is easy to repair. The lowest bid on this class of road being that of Hogan Construction company of Little Rock. Their bid for this class of road being \$247,166.69. Their bids were referred to the county engineer the federal engineer and the state engineer for tabulation and will finally be considered next Tuesday when the contract will be let.

The plans are for the construction of only nine miles of this highway at present—Three miles out of Cisco, Ranger and Eastland. The gaps to be filled in later by the county. This will give Cisco a good road for three miles out, while Eastland will have one and one half miles out on each side. This plan makes Stubblefield's choice more desirable, as more money will be available for the county to connect up the links.

Mr. T. A. Robinson, of Dallas, and an old friend of the editor of the American was a visitor to Cisco Tuesday.

As a member stated in the meeting Tuesday "you can never make Cisco a manufacturing town with the present rate for gas and electricity." But we are more concerned right now about fuel gas for the average family during the winter. Perhaps we can pass up the factories until next spring, but unless there is some relief, and some reduction in the price of gas some poor man's family is going to get mighty cold this winter.

Following are a few cities whose rates are given, just as a matter of comparison. The figures were obtained for the reason we did not know what was a proper rate, and certainly did not want our home institutions to become bankrupt. But if plants in these cities can make money, ours should not suffer, as we are right in the gas field, and as for cost of electricity it should cost no more to produce it here than in Tulsa or Little Rock:

- Henryetta, Oklahoma.—Electric Lighting—Maximum, 13 cents; minimum, 6 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 35 cents per 1000 feet.
- Shreveport, La.—Electric Lighting—Maximum, 9 1/2 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 25 cents per 1000 feet.
- Dallas, Texas.—Electric lighting—Maximum, 10 cents; minimum, 6 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 45 cents per 1000 feet. (Gas piped from Caddo, La.)
- Dallas, Texas.—Electric Lighting—Maximum, 6.32 gross, 6 cents net per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 75 cents per 1000 feet. (Oct. 14.)
- Tulsa, Okla.—Electric Lighting—Maximum, 10 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 42 cents per 1000 feet.
- Ardmore, Okla.—Electric Lighting—Maximum 14 cents; minimum, 8 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 50 cents per 1000 feet.

CISCO, TEXAS.—Electric Lighting

—Maximum, 19 cents per k. w. Gas—Domestic, 75 cents per 1000 feet. The above figures will prove quite interesting to the man who has to buy fuel gas to keep his family from freezing this winter, especially to him who has been without employment two thirds of the time. If the trouble lies with the Texas Company proper overtures should be made by the proper authorities to induce them to remove any obstacles that might be in the way of the distributing company from reducing the rates. The time now is when the people must have some relief. We submit these figures to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for his guidance in his efforts to get relief for our people.

FARMERS TO SEE MOVIE SATURDAY

Merchants Lease Broadway Show and Will Present Tickets to Visiting Farmers Every Saturday Afternoons Free.

Cisco merchants are appreciative of the trade of the farmers of the Cisco country, and as an evidence of their appreciation have decided to give the farmers, their wives and children, a treat every Saturday afternoon. In accordance with this plan arrangements have been made with the managers of the Broadway Theater for the visiting farmers to witness a picture show at this popular playhouse every Saturday afternoon. It will be necessary to have tickets, but these will be presented to you free by any merchant with whom you trade. The only cost will be the war tax, which is 3 cents for grown people and 1 cent for children. You can see a good show while in town for 3 cents. This is only the war tax. After you have finished your business get a ticket from your merchant for yourself and family, and go and see a good picture. You will enjoy it, and at the same time get a nice rest before leaving for home.

The managers of the Broadway Theater have arranged to have especially good pictures to be shown on Saturdays, and will exhibit pictures that you will like. No, this is not a catch scheme but merely to show you that the business men of Cisco want you to make this city your trading point.

The American is especially pleased at this evidence of appreciation of our farmer friends, and hope every farmer will call for the tickets as sometime the merchant might overlook the matter, and forget to give them to you.

The following merchants will give tickets to these shows, so don't fail to ask for them:

- R. C. Pass, groceries; J. H. Garner, dry goods; O. D. Bibby, dry goods and notions; City Drug Company, drugs and toilet articles; Ward-Gude Dry Goods Company, dry goods; Piggly-Wiggly groceries; Morris Simon, Gents furnishings and clothing; Rockwell Bros Lumber Co., lumber; Miley & Ledford, ladies wear; Babb's millinery and ladies wear; Cisco Grocery Co., groceries; Patterson-Vaughan Drug Co., drugs and toilet articles; E. J. Barnes Co., dry goods; Cisco Furniture Co., furniture; Dean Drug Co., drug and toilet articles; Smith Grocery Co., groceries; John C. Sherman, plumbing and supplies; Brocks Confectionary, quality candy.

ALUMINUM SALE STARTS SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

Say, did you know that Charley Gray of the Gray Hardware Company will put on a sale of aluminum ware on Saturday of next week? Read the advertisement in this issue of the American and you will see what wonderful bargains you can get in aluminum ware for only \$1.49. Save this paper, and be on time when the sale opens, Saturday, Dec. 10th, and get your choice of this indestructible ware. You can't afford to miss this sale if you are in need of these goods.

TAKING TESTIMONY IN INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS

Judge R. V. Davidson, special master in chancery appointed by Federal Judge Wilson to take the testimony in the dam injunction proceedings, arrived in Cisco Wednesday and is hearing the testimony in the case, which will be heard by Judge Wilson Dec. 8. Freidstadt was granted a temporary injunction restraining the city from interfering with the construction of the dam at Lake Cisco.

WILL ORGANIZE FARM CLUBS

County Demonstrator Bush will meet with the farmers at Dan Horn this evening at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing a farm club. At Sananton tomorrow, Saturday, he will meet with those farmers for the same purpose. In the afternoon Mr. Bush will give a poultry culling demonstration, and will address the farmers at night, when he will organize a club for better farming.

Simon reports a big sale. This demonstrates that fact that people know bargains and values, when the same is made known through the newspaper they read. Mr. Simon advertised in the Cisco American. This selling out sale will last 15 days longer.

TRUSTEES MAY BORROW MONEY

Superintendent Howard Advises Trustees—Law Provides Notes May Draw Interest.

Eastland, Texas, Nov. 30.—Since the commissioners' court has designated a county school depository, and it seems that the only delay in getting our school money, or that part of it which is now available, is occasioned by the matter of getting a satisfactory bond approved, I am suggesting to trustees of rural school that they borrow money wherever possible, and pay their teachers in order that they may be sure of their money before Christmas.

In every district there is usually some one who has money to lend on good security and at a good rate of interest. There is no money which is more certain to be paid, I believe, than the State School Fund. The notes can be made payable on or before six months from date, and only a sufficient amount to pay the teachers to date, should be borrowed. A reasonable rate of interest is allowed by law to any who may lend money to pay these vouchers, or to those who will buy the vouchers outright and hold until funds are forthcoming. Instructions from the State Superintendent read in part as follows:

"The trustees should give a definite note for a definite amount for a definite length of time, to be paid from a certain fund. For example if you expect to receive by February 1, \$850 in your State Available Fund, and you will need \$750 before this time in order to pay the teachers, if you can borrow this amount on October 1, when you will need the money, and made payable from the State Available Fund of your district to run four months, with interest at a specified rate. Then you should have this \$750 credited to your State Available Fund and draw checks on it to pay your teachers. On February 1, you would pay the note and interest by a check and have the note canceled and attached to the check by filing."

We have a few trustees who are already making arrangements to borrow money and pay their teachers, and since this transaction has been made legal, the trustees need not be personally bound for the payment of borrowed money; only the school funds are bound.

Join Interscholastic League

We are very much in hope that every rural school will become a member of the Interscholastic League of the county. The schools which took a part in the county meet last year made an enviable record, and we would like very much to see every school in the county represented this year.

BE SURE and have a contestant from your school in every event possible at the county meet in April in Cisco. The rural schools should send spellers, declaimers, and essay writers, as well as contestants for the various athletic events.

The membership fee for rural schools is \$2.00. This should be sent in as early as possible to Mr. Hob Gray of Eastland, as he is in charge of that phase of the work. Let our schools be 100% enroll in this League.

ULALA HOWARD County Superintendent

65,000 POUNDS OF PECANS ARE SHIPPED FROM CISCO

The Cisco Produce company has distributed quite a bunch of money among farmers of the Cisco country. Last week we told of the money paid out for turkeys and chickens. Yesterday the Produce company shipped out its second car of pecans of 32,000 pecans, making a total shipment of over 65,000 pounds. In conversation with Mr. Byrne, manager of the company, he stated that they had paid out to the farmers in the Cisco country this year over \$15,000 in cash for produce. This money was spent right here in Cisco, that is, the greater portion was, and yet the Cisco Produce company is a modest institution, but it is growing, and soon the infant industry will be full grown.

BABY HAZEL DIES

Vivian, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hazel, living out on route two, died last Saturday, and was buried at the Corinth cemetery. This little boy had been ill for some time, but had recovered and his death was entirely unexpected.

COM. LOWERS LIGHT RATE

Eastland Electric Light Rate will be 15 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour, Former Price 20 Cents—Gas Rate Remains Same.

Eastland, Texas, Nov. 29.—The city commission in regular session last night ordered the electric light rate of Eastland to be reduced from 20 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents. A hearing was also held on reducing the gas rate, but no action was taken ordering the rates be reduced. The gas company submitted a statement showing that the company had invested \$72,905.91 and after five months of operation, deducting overhead, taxes and depreciation, there remained as profits to the company but \$375 for the entire five months ending November 1. These rates will take effect January 1.

CISCO'S PROPERTY VALUATION UNKNOWN

Last week the American, in commenting upon the tax proposition, stated that valuation of the city property was \$15,000,000. Secretary Odum of the school board, states that the valuation will not run anything like that amount, but when asked what was the correct valuation he stated that he did not know, that the valuations had never been footed up. In discussing the matter with one of the commissioners we were informed that he did not know.

The American will have to admit that it based its estimate of the valuation upon the general report common to nearly every citizen. This figure has been published as the correct valuation, and none had any reason to question its genuineness. But it seems that nobody seems to know just what the valuation is. In that case upon what could the city commission base their conclusion in fixing the tax rate for the ensuing year? The American has always entertained the opinion in fixing the rate of taxation the board must know to the dollar just what the total taxable property of the city amounts to. Without such knowledge it is absolutely impossible to fix a just and equitable tax rate.

The tax rate has been fixed at \$2.10. If no one knows just how much the city is worth how can they determine what tax rate to fix? At least one of the commissioners admitted to the American he did not know the valuation.

There are some matters the public would like to know. They pay the bills, and certainly have a right to know just where every dollar goes, and what it is spent for. No one questions the integrity of the administration. In fact we believe we have a fine and capable set of officers, but that is no reason the people should not know how the tax money is disbursed, and what is the taxable value of the property of the city, and just how the commissioners ascertained what to make the tax rate without knowing how much money there will be available for defraying the expenses of the city. No one should be taxed more than is necessary to support the government—either municipal, state or federal.

A systematic publication of the finances of the city would give the information.

G. M. ROBINSON DIED TUESDAY

Although intimate friends were aware of the fact that Mr. G. M. Robinson, whose home was at 509 W. 9th street, was in bad health, and for the past several days had been confined to his bed, yet when it was announced Tuesday that he had expired it created much regret and surprise. He was 54 years of age, and the malady which carried him off was Bright's disease.

Mr. Robinson had been a driller for many years, coming from the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and finally reaching Cisco, he builded a nice home where his widow resides. He has been a resident of Cisco for the past three years. No children survive him, but besides his widow he has a sister living in Pennsylvania. The remains were laid to rest in the City cemetery. The Green & Gray undertaking company had charge of the funeral.

Mr. W. L. Sanders came in from Mexia the first of the week, and has been at home ever since being detained by the illness of Mrs. Sanders. He will return just as soon as the condition of his wife will permit.

C. OF C. TAKES A SHOT AT PHONES

Secretary Instructed to get Assurances Regarding Drop Light System—Rates not Satisfactory to Members Present.

There was an interesting meeting of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday at the noon luncheon. Among other subjects that came on for discussion, phone service was given the once over. In discussions that arose there was not a member present who was satisfied with the present rates of phone service.

The body went on record demanding some relief. In regard to the phone service the secretary was instructed to take the matter up at once with the local manager, the district and state manager, also to confer with the city commission regarding some regulation of the service and a reduction in the prices which the people of Cisco are arbitrarily FORCED to pay to this corporation for the service they are not receiving—not receiving because the company has failed to live up to its agreement.

Back in the boom days the officials of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company appeared before the commission and asked permission to increase the rates from \$1.50 for residence phones to \$3; business phones from \$3 to \$5 per month, stating that the company proposed to install the drop light system as soon as material could be secured and the system put in. The commission, realizing that material and labor was high, and our citizens were prosperous, granted the request of the officials, the same to take effect upon the installation of the drop light system.

This was the last heard of our new phone system until about one year later, when the officials came again before the commission, and the same night appeared before the Chamber of Commerce. This time there was no request, but merely the notification that the rates would be promulgated. Even then, there was no serious objection to the increased rates, as the officials promised that they were at work and soon the improved system would be installed. Our people were still prosperous, and the people believed we would have a better phone system.

Some time elapsed filled with void of evidence of the realization of our dreams. But we were still hopeful, impatient and gullible. We looked for the better phone service. Then the aforesaid officials again appeared before the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting early in May with the positive assurance that the drop light system would be installed by October 1st.

In the Meantime

Prosperity had flown from the common people, and the improved system not having been installed the latter part of November, there has been quite a bit of restlessness among the people. They are now galling under the rates they are paying, and even with the installation of the drop light system there is no disposition to pay the present rates without a protest, and at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday the matter came to a head. There was not a member present who was not in favor of demanding a reduction of the present rates even with the improved service.

In response to this sentiment, which appeared unanimous, the secretary was instructed to take the action mentioned above. The secretary was instructed to take up the matter at once and demand something definite, some positive assurance as to when we may expect the company to fulfill its part of the contract, and in the event of his inability to get this assurance to take the matter up with the city commission.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Eastland, Nov. 30.—The following marriage licenses have been issued the past week:
F. A. Short of Cisco and Miss May E. Dehn of Walnut Springs
Luther T. Ruse and Miss Ruth Wyatt, both of Carbon.
Lawrence Forper and Miss Katherine Freeman, both of German.
W. L. Pippet of Dothan and Miss Bessie Lee Jeffry of Cisco.
Androa Capovilla and Mrs. Angela Zardo.
Geo. K. Reynolds and Miss Ora S. Hensen, both of Cisco.
Ural McCollum and Miss Loreta Ives, both of Carbon.
R. L. John and Miss Josephine Williams, both of Ranger.

DID THEY COME?

Well, I should say they did, and the way they bought the goods our **Great Selling Out Sale** proved that we did as we advertised. Such Bargains have never before been known in Cisco.

Remember this **Great Closing Out Sale** will continue but **8** days longer, so hurry and take advantage of it

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANT FARMS LISTED

Secretary Richardson of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, requests the American to ask all farmers who have farm land for sale to list the same with him, as the several chambers of commerce over the county will soon put on a campaign for more farmers to come to Eastland county. Mr. Richardson stated that at the meeting in Eastland last Saturday it was decided to go after farmers in the north and east, and let them know of the possibilities of Eastland county as a farming country. This will be done by sending descriptive literature into the sections from which it is desired to draw this emigration. In many sections these people can dispose of their farms for neat sums, and come to Eastland county and buy better land, with more genial climatic conditions, at about one fourth of the price for which they can dispose of their land. So if you wish to sell your farm, list it with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here, if you live in the Cisco Country, but if you live nearer to Rising Star, Eastland, or Ranger you can place it with the commercial bodies of those towns.

Mr. Richardson stated that this propaganda for more farmers would be waged in states similar in soil as this section, and it is believed by many can be induced to locate here.

With some new blood in every community in the Cisco Country new methods would be adopted, and soon those now living here would become inoculated and better farming would result.

This move is especially gratifying to the American. To accomplish what is now proposed by the four chambers of commerce of the county—more and better farms and farmers, is what the American has been fighting for since it was established three months ago. The American is published for the farmers and is doing all things in its power to rehabilitate the idle farms of the Cisco Country. When the American first came into existence nothing was seen in the papers of the county about "back to the farm," but every one now is spelling for the farmer.

The trouble is and has been the papers of the county, like many of the business men, have been asleep ever since the oil boom struck this county, but they are waking up, and it is the American that first threw

itself into the fight to restore agriculture in this section, and publish a newspaper in the interest of the farmers of the Cisco Country. Some of the business men of Cisco are still asleep on the proposition, or they care very little about the trade of the farmers, as they are not using the farmers' paper as an advertising medium. Say, you farmers who are interested in seeing a paper prosper which has your interest at heart be sure and do your trading with those merchants whose advertisements appear in your newspaper. If they want advertise in the paper that is published in your interest, they do not think your trade is of enough consequence to ask for it in the paper you read.

Owing to the ravages of the boll weevil and the drouth our farmer readers do not cut as big a figure as they will in the near future. These same fellows who told us that we were on a cold trail to publish a paper in the interest of the farmer will begin begging you to trade with them before another twelve months shall have rolled around, and will be glad to advertise in the paper you read. Some of the merchants appreciate your trade, and know we are on the right track, and are advertising in the American, because they realize that a country without the farm as a foundation is on thin ice, and sooner or later will fall into decay. Read their advertisements, and do your trading with them. They want your business enough to patronize your newspaper. You will find their prices lowest.

IS THE DROP SYSTEM IN SIGHT, OR A MYTH?

Cisco has been promised the drop system by the Southwestern Telephone company for so long that few now are looking for its installation at all. Perhaps they will surprise us some of these days, by giving us the system before we know it. But the American is really apprehensive about the results. We fear the coroner will have to work overtime, as most any morning we may hear of telephone subscribers being laid low by a shock, if it is their intention to give us a surprise. The American warns the telephone company not to try to pull that kind of a stunt—give us a warning beforehand. Imagine the average subscriber going to his phone and begin to crank, and before he has had time to do so, hear the sweet dulcet tones of Central's "Numb-e-er." What do you think would happen? We really fear the results of such an experiment.

Again the people are long suffering. The drop system was promised by October, and now December is upon us, and if there is a prospect of the installation before January there is little evidence in sight.

When it was first proposed to raise the price of telephone service in Cisco, the City Commission gave its consent for the raise when the system was installed. That was when

the cost of labor and material was year later here comes the telephone service was most intense. About a year later here come the telephone people and tell us that they had decided to put in force the increased rates without any assurance when we would get the service for which we were paying. When reminded of the conditions upon which they were to put in force the increased rates they informed us that we could not prevent the rate, as the law guaranteed them to make 8 per cent on the investment, and this station had been a losing proposition—so there you are.

But we have been paying the increased rate for most of this year, and perhaps the increased rate has about produced enough revenue to pay for the installation of the service, and before long we can have it. Will we?

PATIENCE IS GETTING THREADBARE ON PROMISES

The patience of the citizens of Eastland county is almost phenomenal. Here we have been patiently waiting for some solution of the vexed road problem for months with nothing tangible in sight except a demand that our county treasurer shall file a new bond. It seems that the commissioners court is zealous in this particular. Those interested in the county only regret that this interest did not manifest itself in time to save the county's real money, instead of using it as a vehicle to probably expend other money whose legality is in question.

From expressions of those interested we hardly think the present county treasurer need fear the results of public opinion regarding his bond, his efficiency or his honesty. The people are not feeling uneasy about Ed Fritchard's bond.

The American rather likes at least one British custom, and that is when the people question the efficiency of those in authority that they immediately hand in their resignations and go to the country for a vote of confidence—by standing for a re-election. Wonder what would happen if such a thing should happen in Eastland county? Perhaps the shock would cause the voters to drop dead.

But patience is getting threadbare, and some action looking for a solution of the problem may be taken sooner or later.

Wouldn't it be a graceful thing to see the present commissioners court and county treasurer hand in their resignations, and go to the people for endorsement. Then one could determine what the people think of the present situation. The American hardly thinks that the treasurer would object to such a plan. At least the people are not yet ready to accept another star chamber officer, and will back up Fritchard until they have an opportunity of passing upon his stewardship, or electing a successor.

The county judge has advertised for bids for constructing the Eastland county link of the Bankhead Highway. This road will likely be under the supervision of the Federal government, and it will doubtless be built.

Some people are naturally born lucky. Here the Oil Belt News laid a big damage suit for libel against it with little or no trouble.

Women Must Pay Their Poll Tax

Failure to Vote Does Not Exempt From Payment—Poll Assessed Against Property and Property Tax Cannot be Paid Alone.

Women are compelled to pay poll taxes. Failure to vote will not exempt them from payment. This is the ruling on poll tax payments. Women, now are in the same class with men. When the assessor assesses your taxes he paces your name down for a poll, then he places the name of your wife, all your daughters who are over 21 years of age and are not married, as well as your grown sons. Just think of the plight of a poor devil with a bunch of old maid daughters. Guess he is a very ardent suffragist when tax paying time rolls around.

Few had not thought of the suffrage question in this light. It was brought home to a Cisco man recently. He had written to Tax Collector Hart to send him the amount of his taxes. Mrs. Blank was assessed a poll, but the tax payer protested, saying his wife never voted, and did not care to vote. He was informed that his wife's poll was assessed against him, and would have to be paid when he paid his other taxes. The law provides that one can pay their poll taxes without paying their property tax but it does not provide for the payment of the property tax without the payment of the poll tax, so there you are.

It does not matter whether Mrs. Voter exercises her right of franchise or not, if she or her husband own property her poll must be paid—savvy?

Perhaps the unmarried daughters might be exempt, as no unmarried woman ever arrives at the age of 21. But look pleasant, and pay Mrs. Voter's poll, and next year have her go to the polls and exercise her right as an American citizen, and not hold her off from voting to save the price of a poll tax receipt.

MEETING OF CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATION

There will be a called meeting of the Pleasant Hill Co-operative Marketing Association at Pleasant Hill school house Saturday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. All members and others interested in the association are urged to be present. This meeting is called for the reason that the Christmas holidays will soon be upon us, and matters will come up for consideration that should not be postponed until the regular meeting.

The Pleasant Hill Co-operative Marketing Association is the only nucleus that is holding the farmers together, and every person who makes his living on the farm should give this association this heartiest co-operation. It is the nucleus around which we must build, so don't neglect this meeting, as it is YOUR BUSINESS.

T. L. LASATER, Sec.

Mr. G. W. Gardenhire and party, returned last Monday from Pecos, where they have enjoyed a weeks hunting. Mr. Gardenhire states that they were successful in bringing down two deer, one being the largest buck that he had ever seen and that he had killed quite a number in his time.

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The following items will prove to you that we are offering the greatest bargains in Furniture ever offered before.

- Arm Rockers as Long as They Last \$ 1.00
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- 36x72 Axminster Rug 6.35
- 9x12 Axminster Rug Alpine 26.95
- Solid Oak Chifferobe 22.50
- Solid Oak Extension Table 15.00
- 3 Piece Bed Room Suit 49.15
- 5 Piece Bed Room Suit, Old Ivory 67.85
- 3 Piece Mahogany Living Room Suit..... 82.50

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To Make Cisco the "Queen City of the West"—Cisco People Should Buy Everything They Can of the Farmers Who Should Cut out Mail Orders.

Do you want Cisco to be the "Queen City of the West?" If so trade at home.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Why can not the people of Cisco do this?

Farmers! Bring your produce to Cisco and do away with that ordering from Sears, Roebuck & Company and other places. Order from your home town.

Merchants! Patronize your customers by buying the poultry, vegetables and fruits raised at home rather than so much shipped from California and other states.

Is not Texas "The Lone Star State," the one we love? Then it so, patronize her and do not order from other states when you can get the same thing at home.

Just think for a minute of the industries of our home town and vicinity, then you will see why we should trade at home.

Think of Cisco's different manufacturing shops machine shops, broom factory, mills, cotton gins, candy factory, ice plant, steam laundry and our newspaper offices.

Show me a town the size of Cisco that publishes a daily paper and a weekly paper that contains eight pages, that is "brimfull of news of the most up to date kind."

During the war we were considered slackers if we did not do our part to help win the victory. So we are slackers now if we do not patronize our home merchants. For it is our duty, if we are true patriotic citizens of this city, to trade at home.

"There is a tide in the affairs of our town,

Which taken at the flood leads to victory,

But taken at the storm leads to defeat."

Therefore let us take it at the flood and lead our city to victory. For we want to be true patriotic citizens of the "Queen City of the West" "and we must hang together or we will hang separately."

The American has heard nothing of criminal action being started against bank wreckers in Eastland county. Doesn't the law apply in this county?

A Pittsburgh plant has a cafeteria which feeds 9,000 of its employees in an hour.

Be an American. Enroll your name now.

DOINGS OF DOTHAN TOWN

Special Correspondence.

Dothan, Nov. 30.—Cupid is still busy in Dothan. On Thanksgiving Day Mr. Roy Pippen and Miss Bessie Lee Jeffry were happily married. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock in the morning, and they departed afterwards to spend their honey moon in Haskell.

The showers that have fallen this week relieved the people some. Now if the precipitation would continue until enough rainfall filled up the tanks, the situation would be considerably improved. It has certainly been dry.

A singing was enjoyed by the young people at the home of Mr. Yeager last Sunday night.

Miss Gussie Short of Hale Centre, is visiting friends and relatives in Dothan.

A large crowd enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. Charley Pippen last Saturday night.

The following were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Surles in Cisco last Sunday: Reuben Zerl, Lester, Amy, Myrtle and Gussie Short, Leonard and Clarice Surles, Tilda Pippen, Ethlyne and Beulah Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pippen entertained their parents with a dinner last Sunday, celebrating the birthday of Mr. Pippen.

The basket ball teams of the boys and girls of the Dothan school played a Thanksgiving game at Scranton on the Scranton grounds last Thursday. The Dothan boys won, score 15 and 16. Our girls did not have their full team on hand so substituted part of the junior girls, and one of the teachers. The Scranton girls beat the Dothan girls two points the score being 10 to 12.

Miss Flora Farley and Thuce Peters of Cisco, were the guests of Misses Annie and Odesa Yarbrough on Thanksgiving, remaining over Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Yarbrough is on the sick list.

The Dothan scrub basket ball team played Putnam Thursday. The score being 31 to 15 in Putnam's favor.

You don't have to buy a gun to enjoy a few days hunting. We will rent you a gun and have the kind of shells that you like best. CISCO HARDWARE COMPANY. Advt. 1t.

Buy a fliwer for the children for a Christmas present. CISCO HARDWARE COMPANY. Advt. 1t.

Messrs. R. O. Sutton and U. Spoon killed two grey wolves last week while hunting in the Fee pasture.

BEFORE XMAS. SALE

An opportunity to buy a Xmas present that will be used and appreciated Twenty Years, as each piece is Guaranteed for Twenty Years.

...Nothing Will Make a More Appreciated Gift...
than a piece of Quality Brand Aluminumware.

Down they Come

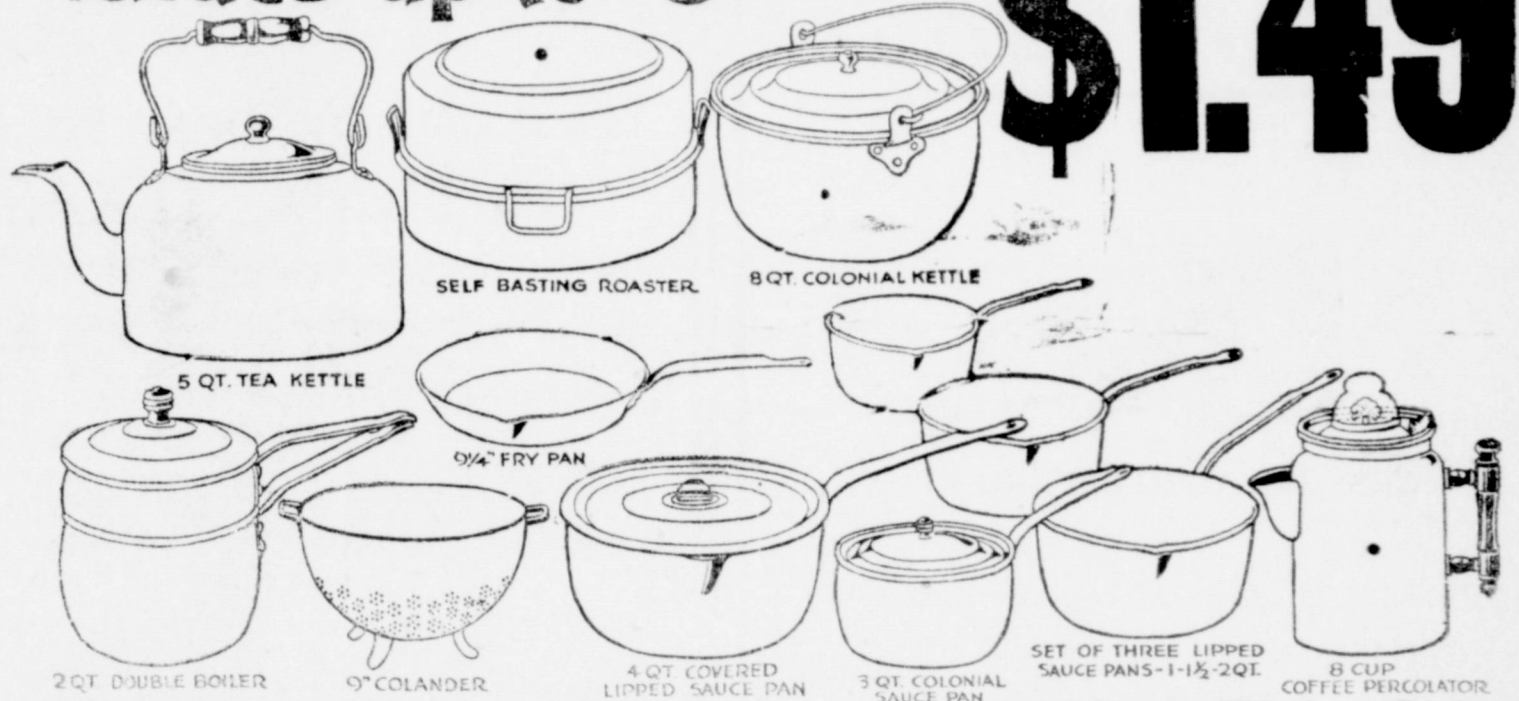
SPECIAL SALE

Aluminum Ware Prices Tumbling

A One Day Special Sale of Guaranteed "Quality Brand" Aluminum - Come Early While the Selection is good

Values up to \$3.50 each

\$1.49



No Telephone or Mail Orders During This Sale
All Ware Guaranteed to be Genuine
QUALITY BRAND ALUMINUM WARE

The Quantity is Limited - To Avoid Disappointment We Urge You To Shop Early - No Ware Set Aside - It Must Be "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED."

These Low Prices Will Attract Crowds of Buyers

Sale Starts 9 a. m., Saturday, December 10th.
DON'T FORGET THE DATE AND COME EARLY

Gray Hardware Co.

R. C. PASS
The Place Where You can Buy the Cheapest
I HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF EXTRA HIGH PATENT FLOUR AT
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PER 48 POUND SACK
THREE POUNDS BEST COFFEE, "ADMIRATION" AT
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CISCO
BROADWAY AND MAIN STREETS

P. O. Box 57 Phone 128
Let me help you plan that home Bungalows a Specialty
J. H. LATSON, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

BOYS PIG CONTEST IS INAUGURATED

As a forerunner to the boys pig club, as an inducement to the boys of Callahan county, there will be a contest beginning Friday Nov. 25th, and ending Friday, December 9th, 1921, which any boy under 18 years of age will be eligible to enter. And the two winners will be entitled to one gilt. The gilts will be one Duroc Jersey and one Big Boned Poland China Pig. State in your letter which breed you prefer.

The rules governing the contest will be as follows,

For the two best letters written on the following subjects and containing not more than 300 words. 1st. Why I wish to enter this contest.

2nd, What I will do with a pig should I be the winner. 3rd, The advantages as I see them, of raising pure bred hogs.

The only cost there will be to the winners will be one dollar which will go for registration papers.

The winners will be required to sign up the membership card which will make him a member of the pig club of Callahan county. While the cost to him will be nothing for membership, yet he will be required to conform with all the rules laid down by this club. Each contestant and each boy must have his parents' approval for entering this contest.

All letters must be mailed to reach Earl C. Hays, Clyde, Texas who is the Sec. and Treas. of the Callahan County Pure Bred Livestock As-

sociation, not later than Friday, Dec. 9th, and the winner will then be declared by the officers of the association Dec. 10, 1921.

The pig club will be formed and published before long and we hope that we will see a large membership for the club, as there will be some fine prizes offered for the best showing at the fair next fall.

Duroc pig contributed by Scott Ranch, Putnam; Poland China by Mr. Tom Edwards, Clyde, Texas.

R. C. Poe, for many years a citizen of Eastland county but who now lives in Kansas City, arrived here Monday for a few days visit. He reports that financial conditions are showing considerable signs of improvement in his section of the country.—Eastland News.

BUSINESS REVIVING

Mr. A. P. Ashton, who has been a resident of Cisco for three years and general construction foreman for the Claude Oliver Construction Company, one of the largest building concerns in Houston, for the past five months, returned in from Houston Friday night for a short visit to the home folks. Mr. Aston states that business is very good in Houston. The building permits for last month were \$225,000. This amount does not include \$1,500,000 contract on the municipal wharf. Business seems to be getting better generally over the country and the lack of a good rain is the only thing that is keeping this western country from coming into its own.

We are determined to make Putnam one of the best Trading Points in the country. For TRADES DAY, December 5th, we offer the following prices on Absolutely First Class Merchandise:

Specials

7 yds. good grade outing	-----	\$1.00
10 yds. percale	-----	1.00
5 yds. percale, 36 inches	-----	1.00
Overalls	-----	1.00
70x80 Blankets	-----	2.15
Mens sox, per pair	-----	.10
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 STETSON HATS
 ALL SHOES, BOOTS AND
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BRING YOUR EGGS, BUTTER, CHICKENS, TURKEYS—
 ANYTHING IN PRODUCE—WE WILL PAY THE BEST PRICE
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MAKE OUR STORE HEADQUARTERS. IF YOU DON'T
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MEN'S CLOTHING, SUITS AND OVERCOATS

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 Putnam, Texas

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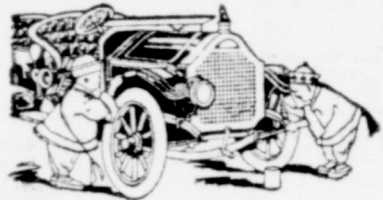
15 lbs. sugar	-----	\$1.00
Wamba Coffee 3 lbs.	-----	1.00
4 pkgs. Arbuckles Coffee	-----	1.00
10 cans salmon	-----	1.00
5 lb. can Calumet baking powder	-----	1.00
5 cans, 25 oz. K C Baking Powder	-----	1.00
35 lbs. Fresh Potatoes	-----	1.00
3 pkgs. Mothers Oats with Aluminum kitchen utensil	-----	1.00
6 cans hominy	-----	1.00
6 cans kraut	-----	1.00
6 cans good corn	-----	1.00

ALL OTHER GOODS AT
 ATTRACTIVE PRICES

FRESH SHIPMENT COTTON \$2 Per
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HIGH GRADE LUBRICATING OILS AND
 GREASES. AT YOUR SERVICE DAY
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Trades Day Program

**BIG RODEO FROM
 WEST TEXAS**

**First Monday, December 5th
 PUTNAM, TEXAS**

1 P. M.

No. 1. Auto tournament race. 1st. prize, \$10.00. 2nd. prize,
 30x3 1/2 inner tube given by J. L. Cook's garage. 3rd.
 prize, 30x3 1/2 tube by Hazlewood garage. 4th. prize, \$3.00
 in trade given by Oil Supply Company.

2:30 P. M.

No. 2 Rodeo. Where the skill of the cow boy will be displayed
 and there are several prizes offered in riding and roping.
 1st. prize Jno. B. Stetson hat by B. L. Boydston. 2nd.
 prize, pair boots by Perry Clements & Company.

10:30 A. M.

No. 3. 50 yard free for all hobble race. Prize \$1.50 tie.
 Geo. Pearce.

10:45 A. M.

No. 4. 100 yard free for all dash. Box of cigars. Mays
 Meat Market.

10:55 A. M.

No. 5. 50 yard fat man's race. \$2.00 in trade at Geo. Gas-
 kins.

GOAT ROPING AT 10:00 A. M.

The Putnam Cafe

GIVES YOU SERVICE THAT SATISFIES

A. J. HURST, PROPRIETOR
 PUTNAM, TEXAS

HAIR CUT	-----	\$.40
SHAMPOO	-----	.40
TONIC	-----	.35
SHAVE	-----	.25
TOTAL	-----	\$1.40

Trades Day, all for \$1.00

PUTNAM BARBER SHOP
 C. C. KING, PROPRIETOR

For Good Eats

GO TO THREETS CAFE

R. F. THREET, PROPRIETOR
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Trades Day Bargains

WILL BE OFFERED IN ALL OUR LINES, INCLUDING

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WE ASK THAT YOU LOOK THEM OVER BEFORE MAKING
 YOUR BILL—YOU NEED THE GOODS. WE NEED THE
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MULE MILLINERY.

OUR LINE OF HARNESS GOODS WERE BOUGHT ON THE
 LOW MARKET AND OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.

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DON'T FORGET WE HAVE AN UP TO DATE LINE AND IN-
 VITE YOU TO INSPECT AND PRICE IT.

Glass and China Ware	Michigan Salt
Aluminum and Enameled Ware	Brooms
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Sausage Mills	Screen Wire
Lard Cans	Poultry Netting

COME TO SEE US WHETHER YOU NEED ANYTHING OR
 NOT—WE HAVE PLENTY OF SEATS AND DRINKING
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It is indeed a very pleasant feeling to know that your
 funds in a Bank, are safely guarded, and pro-
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 management; we solicit new accounts on these
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**The Farmers State Bank
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"A Guaranty Fund Bank"

Capital	-----	\$25,000.00
Surplus	-----	\$30,000.00

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READY READY CHRISTMAS SALE!

We are ready with our Annual Christmas Sale beginning Saturday the 3rd, and lasts until 10 o'clock p. m. Christmas Eve day. The holiday goods you want are here in abundance and variety—Toys, Dolls, Ornaments, Neckwear, Hosiery, House Slippers, Chinaware, Aluminumware; in fact everything handled by this store will be included in this one big Christmas Sale.

It is generally known that our sales mean lower prices; not only on a few items, but on everything—nothing reserved with goods 25 to 60 per cent cheaper than last year, and the further reduction we make for this Sale will enable all to buy freely.

We urge everybody to buy early and get the choicest selections. Space is reserved whereby we will hold all purchases requested until called for with the assurance deliveries 100 per cent perfect. Contrary to past methods of introducing Sales we will not list prices in this one.

WE INVITE YOU ONE AND ALL TO COME IN AND LOOK OVER THE PRETTY THINGS. EXAMINE THEM AND BUY IF YOU LIKE. YOU ARE WELCOME.

18—BIG SPECIALS—18

WE WILL HOLD ONE HOUR SPECIAL SALES EVERY DAY FOR 18 DAYS, BEGINNING MONDAY 5TH.

18 Days of 18 One Hour Specials. Watch Paper Every Day for Announcements. . .

OUR BIG CHRISTMAS CIRCULAR WILL BE READY FOR MAILING SOON. WATCH FOR IT.

EVERYBODY'S STORE

710 MAIN STREET
CISCO, TEXAS

EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION

We had meetings at Duck Creek and Dickens for the purpose of getting wheat acreage increased, reports R. B. Johnson county agent in Dickens county. At Duck Creek we had fifty-two people present. A set of slides dealing with the treatment of wheat smut was shown and Mr. W. B. Lee, vice-president of the Spur National Bank delivered an address in which he pledged the farmers who wished to take up the wheat proposition that sufficient funds would be furnished them to put it over. In fact, we have the co-operation proposition between business men and farmers down to a fine point, and through this co-operation we have been able to prepare and market \$75,000 worth of hogs and chickens during the past year.

TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

DESTROY COMMERCE

To move a ton of corn over one railroad line from Ft. Worth to Dallas now costs more than it did seven years ago to move the same commodity from Amarillo to Beaumont over two or more lines.—Farm and Ranch.

This is an example of the benevolent assimilation of federal paternal protection. Since the Interstate Commerce Commission has assumed all authority, not only over the interstate traffic, but over intrastate traffic as well, agriculture is languishing and commerce is throttled.

Previous to this benevolent assimilation, when state railroad commissions regulated our transportation facilities, it was possible for farmers to ship their produce to market and reap a profit on their labor. That condition has vanished from the earth

so far as the south and west are concerned. While farm produce rots in the fields, or is burned for fuel, the stark form of famine stalks up and down the land. Farmers in Iowa are burning corn for fuel because it is cheaper than coal, and coal miners' children go to bed hungry because the price of coal will not stand transportation charges. Transportation lines were supposed to have been built for the development of commerce. The I. C. C. has reversed the order of things and are using them for the destruction of commerce. Just what the end will be is easy to tell, unless there is a reversal of policy on the part of the I. C. C. Ruin and stagnation faces agriculture, and when agriculture perishes, so perishes our institutions. A halt must be made of the country goes to the devil.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

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

(Westbound)		
Arrive	Depart	Stops
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.

CISCO & NORTHEASTERN		
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.	

Are you an American?

PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTIL LOYALTY

Means More Than Politics—Must be Loyal to Home, Town, County, State and Nation to be a Perfectly Loyal Citizen.

Every loyal son and daughter of the United States delights himself on being a citizen of our great commonwealth.

The spirit of patriotism and love for the Mother Country has been instilled in their hearts at home. It is now being taught in our schools and I dare say in our Sunday schools and churches. It is our duty to be loyal. One is not a real citizen of his country unless he is loyal to it.

Patriotism begins at home. Let us be loyal to our home town, our county, our state, and last but not least this great nation of ours.

Being loyal to one's country includes other than the political side. We may be commercially loyal. We should wholeheartedly give our aid to further all that is being done for the betterment of our home town.

The merchant who sends to a foreign market for produce and material that can be supplied by the home people is not loyal to his town.

The farmer who ships his farm products to a foreign market because of a few cents more offered by the foreign merchant, this gain usually being lost in shipping, is not loyal to his town. When we refuse to employ our home talent we are not loyal to our town.

Let us trade at home with each other, and thereby establish a relationship with many and far reaching results. Give our town an opportunity to establish her own factories and foundries, which will give her prestige not only in the commercial world, but along educational and social lines also. Then her prestige will extend to the adjoining country in such a way that the number and convenience of rural homes will be increased; it will give us more taxable property, thereby giving us more and better schools. Our own fair sons and daughters may be educated at home, and be taught to love and appreciate home.

I believe we should trade at home, and that our love and loyalty for our home town should reach out in service to each other for "He prophets most, who serveth best"

L. G. M.

Party Visits Luse Well No 1.

Col. and Mrs. Drury Here Last Week and Visit Oil Fields—Prospects Most Flattering—Cisco's Future Bright.

Col. and Mrs. Cyrus Drury spent last week in Cisco, accompanied by Messrs. Chas. G. Walker of Highland Park, Mich., Hugh Johnson, Samuel Reeves and C. J. Ready of Arkona, Canada. Mr. Walker is a director of the company, but this is his first visit he has ever made to look over the holdings of the Drury Petroleum company. His home is in Highland Park, which is, in reality, a part of Detroit.

Mr. Walker expressed himself as being amazed at the opportunities in this section of the country for safe investment of capital, and looked for a wonderful influx into this section from the north, next Spring. "Times are tight, but there are plenty of men with a little money which they would like to invest when shown there is good prospects for the investment proving profitable," stated Mr. Walker.

"We drove over the oil field considerably during our stay here, and we do not know any other section of the country where the opportunity will equal the Cisco Country as an investment proposition. Your oil field is a virgin one, and as soon as this field is proven up I am looking forward to big things for Cisco."

"We are all well pleased with the outlook for the Luse No. 1 to strike the pay just as soon as drilling resumes and the bit it sent down to the proper depth. The Drury Petroleum company, as you know, has considerable oil holdings around Cisco and other places, and we will develop these holdings just as fast as possible. Mr. Gano is working to get the rig on the Luse No. 1 in shape for drilling which will be resumed just as soon as these repairs have been made."

The party returned North last Thursday night. The fact that this company has its headquarters in Cisco, and its holdings within this field, will mean much for the development of this section. Every person interested in the Drury Petroleum company makes them indirectly interested in Cisco, which cannot help but prove of advantage to this section.

Mr. J. L. Kennedy of Putnam left the first of the week for Mexico to get into the oil game.

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Why worry with Old Tires when You can buy the following Standard Brands so Reasonable.

GOOD YEAR TIRES

30x3 Plain Tread	\$10.23
30x3 All Weather Tread	12.83
30x3 1/2 All Weather Tread	15.32
30x3 1/2 Modled Tread	11.39

UNITED STATES TIRES

30x3 Plain Tread	\$10.18
30x3 1/2 Nobby Tread	18.58
30x3 1/2 Chain Tread	15.48

HENDERSON AND OLDFIELD TIRES

30x3 Non Skid	\$ 9.25
30x3 1/2 Non Skid	10.00

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DRILLING REPORT FROM CROSS PLAINS OIL FIELD

Cross Plains Review.

The middle of this week reveals the greater portion of interest centering upon four of the dozen or more wells that are drilling in what is practically the Cross Plains field, the Atwood, by Crabb & McNeal, Webb No. 1, by Stone & Co., Harlow, by Crabb & McNeal, and Adams by Arizona-Texas Co., the latter being located on the Bayou near Burkett.

The Atwood well is drilling at about 2 600 and has exceeded depth of the Webb and Teston producing wells; but nothing so far has developed to discourage the belief that a good producer will be brought in. They may complete it in the Gootch sand at a greater depth of incline than was expected, or may encounter the Hilburn strata.

The well is on the Harlow farm, and Stone & Co.'s Webb No. 1 are drilling in good shape and reaching a depth that forecasts their early completion. The Adams was delayed in drilling in the first of this week on account of boiler trouble. Four other wells are reported drilling around a depth of 709 feet each, and a number of new rigs will be completed this week.

After being shut down several months, work to drill in the Adams well, located on the Bayou near Burkett, was commenced last week. This well is owned by the Texas-Arizona people and a good showing of oil and gas was struck at a depth of 3 300 feet and according to information given out at the time, the shut down was made to await preparations for handling the output. The well was securely plugged with cement

and mud and it has required several days to clear this out, which was completed Sunday afternoon. It is believed the first days of this week will reveal the value of this production. Other reports from that part of the country name four new locations by the Magnolia and Tidwell et al, on the Morris and Babington tracts. The well on the Dibrell land is fishing at a depth of 2554 feet and the well on the Overall tract is under-reaming at 950 feet.

EASTLAND ELECTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Eastland, Nov. 29—The city commission last night elected E. L. Woods as chief of police to succeed O. H. Burkett, whose resignation was tendered to the commission yesterday. Mr. Burkett will go to Groesbeck, where he will accept a position as one of the deputies of the sheriff of Limestone county.

At the same meeting City Manager Lander tendered his resignation to take effect Nov. 30. The vote of the recent election was canvassed, and John Matthews and P. L. Parker were declared elected. To these were administered the oath of office.

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Corrected by Cisco Produce Co.	
Cream, per pound	30
Packing Stock butter	15
Hens, 4 lbs. up	13
Fryers, 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 lbs.	20
Fryers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs.	15
Turkeys, per lb.	24
Roosters, per pound	4
Pecan (dry)	9

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I am offering my entire stock of Ladies Hats at greatly reduced prices. The season has been backward, and you can secure your winter hat now and save money.

Winter is just beginning and you will have many opportunities to wear your winter hat before spring.

Come in and look over my stock. I have the Latest and Best Line of Hats West of Fort Worth. Others fail to meet the prices I have placed on every hat in stock.

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CISCO MARKET PLACE NOW READY FOR FARMERS

The American is glad to announce that through Mr. Bowman, who has had charge of the matter, that a place for a public market has been located. Heretofore the farmers who brought produce to Cisco had to peddle it from house to house. This will not be necessary if all the farmers will bring their produce to Cisco and will drive up in front of the American office and some one will direct you how to get to the lot. The American has been working for a public market for the country people, but it was difficult to get a suitable location, one that came near enough to the business section. But Messrs. Davis and Garner come to our rescue, and

donated the use of the lots for purpose. They only make two conditions—that the city will keep the lots clean and that no one will be charged a cent for the use of these lots. The American will advertise the fact that you will have produce to sell there, so all you have to do is to bring in something to sell—we will help you sell it. At first this may not be all we desire, but in course of time the people will learn to know that they can buy something to eat on the market, and will look you up.

Rocky Mountain Steve, of Atlanta, Texas, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and a pioneer of the west, entertained some of the citizens of Cisco Monday with a bit of fancy shooting.

Steam Vulcanizing!

ANY SIZE HOLE IN THE TUBE
 VULCANIZED FOR 25 CENTS

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U. S. Accepts Ford's Offer

To Take Over Muscle Shoals Property—Will Employ Million Men—Promises to Revolutionize Agriculture in the South.

The government has decided to accept Henry Ford's proposition to take over the government plant and the entire property at Muscle Shoals, for the purpose of developing the wonderful water power there. Mr. Ford is undoubtedly the foremost industrial promoter and developer in the United States, and it is predicted that he will accomplish wonders with this property. Certainly he has done more to elevate labor than any other one man in America, and at the same time has amassed a huge fortune.

It is really surprising that the powers that be ever consented for him to take over this property, for Ford is not popular with the captains of industry, and there is no denying the fact that those pirates have a strangle hold on the United States of America, whose methods of controlling their employes is entirely at variance with the Ford method.

Here are some of the things Ford said he would do if the property was turned over to him. The country will watch him redeem his pledges:

Will Give Employment to Million

"I will give employment to a million men in the south. I will establish factories that will have a beneficial effect not only upon the South but upon the whole nation. I will extract from the air nitrates that will be sufficient in quantity to fertilize the entire cotton belt.

"Thomas A. Edison has been ready for the past month to go with me to Muscle Shoals and give me expert advice with regard to the nitrate plant. Mr. Edison and I will start south the moment the government decides to turn the property over to me.

"If the government will let me go to work at Muscle Shoals, I will establish a great aluminum plant in which aluminum will not only be extracted, but manufactured into machinery parts. I will establish plants in which cotton will be spun and woven into cloth. I will put to work every horsepower that I can wring out of Muscle Shoals, no matter how many plants it may take to consume it.

"From my experience in other paces I have learned that one man is employed for each horsepower of mechanical energy in a plant. Muscle Shoals is good for 1,000,000 horse-power. That is why I say that if the government will let me, I will put a million men to work.

"I will give the whole nation an object lesson, not only in modern agriculture. The country is full of unused water power that should be harnessed and put to work. There is a fall 400 feet in the Mississippi River between St. Louis and New Orleans, and not a dam on the river. There should be at least a dozen dams on this great stream. No land worth anything need be flooded.

"I have nine dams on a little river thirty feet across that runs through my farm at Dearborn, Michigan, and from this small stream take from between 300 and 500 horsepower. My little stream furnishes light and heat for my home and buildings, and the rest of the current is wired over to my Dearborn plant.

"How many homes could the Mississippi heat if its power were converted into electricity? How many states could be fertilized with the nitrates that could be extracted? How many industries could be established? How many millions of men could be employed?

"I tell you it is time we awakened to the neglected opportunities that our country presents. It is time that we should do something more than complain of unemployment. It is also time that we paid some attention to modern methods of agriculture.

"Farmers may not know it but the old methods of agriculture are about ready to go. The farmers of the very near future are going to be bright, snappy young men from the cities. They are going to make more money while devoting a fraction of their time to agriculture than the old-fashioned farmers put in.

"Fully ninety percent of the farmers work to-day is unnecessary. They do not sufficiently fertilize their soil and they do not use enough machinery. I harvested 3,000 acres of wheat on my Dearborn farm last summer and the operation just required four days. Twenty days a year is enough to do the work on any farm if it is done with machinery and in the right way.

"The farmers of the near future will be men who will divide his time among three occupations. Twenty days of each year will be devoted to agriculture. Five or ten days more he will devote to transportation during which he will load his products on motor trucks and whirl them over good roads to his market. The

rest of the year he will devote to industry, by which I mean, that he will be employed in a factory near his home.

"These factories at present do not exist to any great extent, but they are coming. I have 17 factories in little Michigan towns in which I have been able to develop water power, and am building more all the time. In these factories some of the minor parts of automobiles are made. It is a common thing for one of the workers in these factories to say what time he wants to lay off for a day or so to dig his potatoes or harvest his wheat. We always let him off, and are glad to do it, because, contrary to the common belief, our men do not spend their lives doing the same thing. We are constantly shifting them about so that each man knows how to do many things. It is, therefore, no trouble to let anybody off at any time, because we have plenty of men trained to take his place.

"The farmers' day is just about to dawn. Farmers in the very near future will live in villages and have homes in which will be all the modern comforts and conveniences. The old desolated life, with a farm house here and another away off over the hill somewhere, is about over. There is no longer any reason why any family should live on their own farm. So long as a farmer has an automobile, what difference does it make to him if he lives 20 miles away from his farm? It is only a pleasant little ride to go 20 miles.

"Another thing the modern farmer will do, if he even has a creek on his farm,—he will dam, put in a water-wheel and get enough power, perhaps, to light and heat his home, cook his food and operate saws, feed grinders and other machinery.

"To get back to Muscle Shoals, I am not interested in it because I want to make money. I am interested in it only because I want a chance to work. I want to show the South, and the whole country, for that matter, what can be done with one of the many water powers that are now going to waste."

COTTONWOOD CRUMBS

Special Correspondence.

The young people of this community enjoyed a singing at the J. A. Barnhill home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Qualls were the noon guests of the A. E. Yeager home Sunday.

Miss Lillian Parmer spent Saturday night with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Manning of Cisco.

Mrs. J. A. Barnhill and son, Cecil were transacting business in Cisco Saturday.

J. M. Dyer and family left this week for Oklahoma, where they will make their future home. We regret very much to lose this good family, but our loss is some other country's gain and we wish them well in their new location.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Yeager and Mrs. C. R. Jackson attended the funeral services at the Howard home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Parmer motored over to Eastland Wednesday of last week on school business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huestis of Dothan, visited the Van Parmer home Sunday. They were accompanied by his little daughter, Tince, who will spend the week.

Misses Jewel McClellan and Rubey Spivey spent Tuesday night at the Robert Cozart home.

Thanksgiving Day, at the Cottonwood school was spent very profitably. Four swings were put up by the school boys, and plans are underway for more school ground equipment. Ye scribe appreciates this move by the teacher and pupils. We feel that it is a profitable undertaking.

Mr. C. E. McClellan was a business visitor to Cisco Thursday.

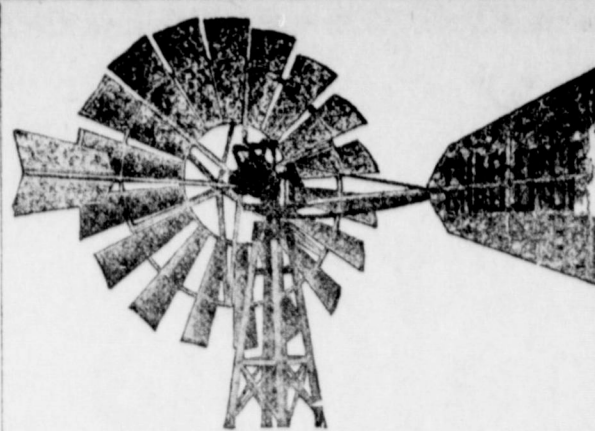
Miss Lula Martin spent from Thursday night until Sunday with relatives at Pleasant Hill. We understand that her brother and family from Fresno, California, have been guests of the Martin home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFadden spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. McFadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Yeager.

EASTLAND ELECTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Eastland, Nov. 29.—The city commission last night elected E. L. Woods as chief of police to succeed O. H. Burkett, whose resignation was tendered to the commission yesterday. Mr. Burkett will go to Groesbeck, where he will accept a position as one of the deputies of the sheriff of Limestone county.

At the same meeting City Manager Lander tendered his resignation to take effect Nov. 30. The vote of the recent election was canvassed, and John Matthews and P. L. Parker were declared elected. To these were administered the oath of office.



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Rising Star X-Ray.

E. E. Alexander who owns a good farm a few miles west of town is a firm believer in the pecan industry for this sand country, and is making a special study of the pecan propagation. He now has 100 pecan sprouts eighteen inches high in a row in his garden which have grown from nuts he planted last spring. He plans later to set them out and by grafting or budding he says they will begin producing much younger than the native trees. Mr. Alexander has just returned from Bend, San Saba county, where he visited his brother J. N. Alexander who is a noted pecan grower in that noted pecan section. He brought home with him some samples that were grown by his brother, J. N. and they are excellent. On one native tree J. N. has five different varieties of pecans, just to show what can be done.

The pecan growers at Bend this year organized and are getting an average of two cents more per pound for their pecans than those who sell on the local market. Mr. Alexander said that on his visit last week it was interesting to see a farmer drive up with an ordinary wagon loaded with pecans and receive therefor about five hundred dollars.

SUGGEST POTATOES FOR A MONEY CROP

"In the years gone by we have tried peanuts for a money crop and found that it was not best for the land, we have tried peas and hogs; in fact we have tried many different things in the Rising Star section during the past few years, and I believe would be a good time to try sweet potatoes," said Raymond Gray to the editor in conversation. Mr. Gray is a progressive farmer living a few miles west of town and is anxious that all the famers join in a move to get a better money crop for this country. He said the experience with peanuts, peas, hogs, etc. convinced him that a few of each of them every year was a mighty fine way to make a living at home.—Rising Star X-Ray.

Stephens county has just let the contract for a million dollar road. Perhaps Stephens will profit by the mistakes of Eastland and really get a road built.

Mr. H. M. Sage living out on Route one, brought in a load of maize last Tuesday, which he sold readily.

Mr. C. M. Erwin of the Nimrod community, was a business visitor to Cisco Monday.

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SOCIETY IN RISING STAR ENJOY SEVERAL FUNCTIONS

The following news letter from Rising Star only reached the American the letter part of last week. Inasmuch as it bore the postmark of Pioneer it is presumed that the writer, mare the common mistake common women, of entrusting the mailing of a letter to a man, and as might be expected the man simply forgot to mail it. It should have reached the American early last week:

Rising Star, Nov. 21—The Eastern Star chapter entertained the families of the members with a banquet Monday evening, November 14. After the hall had been cleared, the regular meeting was held, at which four new stars were added to the membership by initiation.

The Saturday Club enjoyed one of their delightful social evenings at the home of Mrs. Fred Gray. Mesdames Keith Wallace, Will Henderson and Gray were hostesses. Rook was the game of the evening, while an interesting feature of the entertainment was a contest engaged in by all present. Mrs. Martin Joyce and Mr. Curtis were the winners of the

prize offered—a box of candy given to the lucky couple. Late in the evening delightful refreshments, consisting of minced turkey and cranberry jelly, fruit salad, coffee and angel food cake were served. All present reported a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. J. F. Robertson entertained the Saturday Club at its regular session, November 19th. The parlors were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, autumn leaves and pumpkins. A beautiful centre peice of fruits and nuts, surrounded by candles, adorned the dining table. Bret Hart was the author discussed. In cutting for the prize, Mrs. Fred Gray was the winner—a thimble with case. Refreshments were served which were exceedingly attractive and deliciously palatable. The favors were especially appropriate for the Thanksgiving season.

Mr. Karl P. Schafer, brother of Mrs. J. A. Smith, who has been the guest of his sister for the past two weeks, departed last Tuesday for his home in New York, stopping enroute in the Ozarks

Doctors Elect At Ranger Meet

Eastland County Medical Society Promulgates Program for Meeting in Ranger, December 13, at Rooms of Chamber of Commerce.

The Eastland County Medical Society will meet in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms at Ranger December 13, at which time officers of the society for the ensuing year will be elected. A splendid program has been arranged for the next meeting, and a large attendance of the medical men of the county is expected. Visiting physicians are welcome.

At a meeting of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday a cordial invitation was extended the society to hold their next regular meeting in this city.

The secretary, Dr. J. W. Gregory, has sent out the following invitation and program to the medical profession:

Cisco, Texas, November 28, 1921
Dear Doctor:

You are cordially invited to attend a regular meeting of the Eastland County Medical Society in Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Ranger, Tuesday evening December 13, at 2 p. m.

A splendid program has been worked out for this occasion. Subjects to be discussed are those met in every day work of the physician and dentist.

The annual election of officers for the next year will take place at this meeting and each member will want to have a part in the selection of your officers for the coming year. The Ranger Medical Society has authorized the County Secretary to invite the members of the Stephens County Medical Society to meet with us at the Ranger meeting. A good number from that society will be present to assist in making this meeting one of special interest. The Society will be held rain or shine. If the roads are "MUDDY" ? ? ?, then go on the train.

PROGRAM

Invocation—Rev. Stubblebine, ger.

Address of Welcome—J. E. T. Peters, Chamber of Commerce, Ranger.

Response to Welcome Address—Dr. C. H. Carter, Eastland.

Paper—"The Necessity of Water in Acute Diseases of Infancy and Childhood"—Dr. M. L. Stubblefield, Gorman.—Discussion opened by Dr. J. H. Caton, Eastland and Dr. D. Ball, Cisco.

Paper—"Acidosis"—Dr. Jack F. Perkins, Dallas.—Discussion opened by Dr. W. E. Payne, Cisco, and Dr. R. C. Ferguson, Eastland

Paper—"Medical and Surgical Treatment of "Otitis Media," Dr. G. W. Griswold of Cisco.—Discussion opened by Dr. W. H. Guy, Carbon, and L. C. H. Buchanan, Ranger

Paper—"Intra-Spiners Injection of Air in the Diagnosis of Brain Lesions"—Dr. Claud Uhler, Dallas.—Discussion opened by Dr. E. L. Graham, Cisco and Dr. M. C. Holland, Ranger.

Paper—"Pyorrhea and Its Relation to Medicine"—S. D. Terrell, D. D. S., Ranger.—Discussion opened by Paul Wood, D. D. S., Cisco, and Dr. Truman Terrell, Fort Worth

Luncheon—The visiting physicians will be given a six o'clock dinner by the members of the Ranger Medical Fraternity

H. D. WHITTINGTON, M. D. President, Ranger.

JOSEPH W. GREGORY, M. D. Secretary, Cisco.

SECRET BENEVOLENCE RELIEVING DISTRESS

A gentleman came to the writer on the streets the other day and asked: "Do you know who those people were that came to your house the other night and inquired where I lived?" It was dark when they came, too dark to distinguish features so the interrogation received a negative answer.

No, of course, this is not interesting to you, but it was to that man, for you know that there has not been much work in Cisco lately, and that man had a little wife at home, and yes, somebody else, too. That night a big old auto rolled up to that man's house, and after it had departed this little old man, and that sweet little old wife and that somebody else found a great, big basket full of fine food. Say, wouldn't you have been interested, too?

That isn't all, either. That same animal's tracks have been found in quite a number of Cisco yards lately, and I am going to say right out loud that I think more of it now than I ever did. I have a kinder suspicion that—Well, He that preached that sermon on the Mount said: "Let not thy left know what thy right hand doeth," and suspicious don't count, anyhow, but:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren ye ave done it unto me."—JESUS

Religion of Abe Lincoln

"Little Pigeon" Church Records Establish the Fact That Martyred President was Reared a Primitive Baptist.

Baptist Trumpet.

Lincoln City, Ind., Nov. 30.—Rolling back the mist of a century and offering the deer-skin bound records of Little Pigeon Baptist church, near here, as the missing link of Abraham Lincoln's religion Thomas B. McGregor, assistant attorney general of the state of Kentucky, has given to an appreciative substantial evidence that Abraham Lincoln was reared in the simple faith of the "hard-shelled" Baptist church.

Much of the mystery of Lincoln's religion and that of his parents, for over a half century a mooted question, has been evaporated by the findings of Mr. McGregor in the little old deer-skin book of Little Pigeon church.

There is no record of Abraham Lincoln's affiliation with any church denomination, but Mr. McGregor's story of Tsomas Lincoln, moderator and pillar of the Little Baptist church proves conclusively Mr. McGregor says, that the Lincoln family were Baptists.

"The parents of Abraham Lincoln deserve a fairer estimate than has been allotted them by most of the biographers of Lincoln," said Mr. McGregor, "and the story as told by the records that are still to be found in the archives of Little Pigeon church, near Lincoln City, Spender county, Indiana, of the devotion paid by the parents of Lincoln to Him who guided the lad of Pigeon Creek in the hour of the nation's travail, goes to give them their estimate. In fact they were well-to-do-pioneers in their day; of sturdy ancestral stock, owned a farm, domestic animals, tools and a family Bible; neighborly, sacrificing and active church going members.

Pigeon Creek church was founded on June 8, 1816, the year that Thomas Lincoln and his family moved from Kentucky and settled on Little Pigeon Creek in what was then known as Warrick county, Indiana Territory. It was then, as now, the chief church in that vicinity. When the meeting house was built, in site was selected about a mile west of Thomas Lincoln's home, the church building today occupying practically the same place, when Lincoln's mother died she was buried between their home and the church, the graveyard at that time not having been started at the church, but when Lincoln's sister, Sarah Grisby, died in 1828, she was buried at the church burying ground, where her grave is yet to be seen, marked by a rough stone.

This church, with its continuous existence since 1816, has only two books containing its records and minutes; the first covering the period from 1816 to 1840. It is in this book that we find Abraham Lincoln's father, stepmother and sister were active members of the hard-shell Baptist church of Pigeon Creek, and this book with its deer-skin cover, the hair still remaining, not only reveals in its crude historic way the true religion of Lincoln's parents, but gives us the best insight yet found to his own religious views.

"Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married by a Methodist minister by the name of Jesse Head, but shortly afterward they were united with one of the churches of Baptist Licking-Locust association of regular Baptist churches in Kentucky, and when Nancy Lincoln died in Indiana, Abraham, by his own efforts, had their Kentucky pastor, Elder David Elkins come to their wilderness home and preach his mother's funeral.

"After Thomas Lincoln had married Sally Bush Johnson he sent back to his Kentucky church and obtained his letter of fellowship and as the minutes on June 1, 1823 show, he united with the Pigeon Creek church by this letter and his wife by experience. From that date until they moved to Illinois in 1830, their names appear frequently in the minutes of the church proceedings, Thomas being one of the pillars of the church, acting as moderator, on committee to investigate conduct of brethren and sisters, and messenger to associations, bearing the letter of Pigeon Creek to her sister churches.

The historic minutes which records the affiliation of Thomas Lincoln and this little pioneer church, follows:

"June the 7" 1823.

"The church met and after prayer proceeded to business.

"1st inquired for fellowship.

"2nd invited members of sister churches to seats with us.

3rd" opened a dore for the reception of members.

"4th received Brother Thomas Linkhon by letter and x x x x x

"7th received Brother John Wire by relation and Sister Linkhon and Thomas Carter by experience."

"Thomas Lincoln was not in such

poor circumstances but that he always donated to the needs of his church," said Mr. McGregor in offering the following copy of an agreement to build a new chimney on the meeting house:

"We, the undersigned do agree one with another to pay the several sums next four names in produce this fall to be delivered betwixt the first & 20 of December, the produce as follows: Corn, wheat, whisky, soft linnen, wool or any other articles a material to do the work with, the produce will be delivered at Wm. Barker's in good mercantile produce."

Signed with other names is: "Thomas Lincoln, white corn, manufactured—pounds—24."

"Thus," continued Mr. McGregor, "we have revealed to us the religion of Abraham Lincoln's parents, his sister, Sarah, and of himself. He was raised in the simple hardshell faith, which in after years never left him.

"We have no record of Thomas Lincoln or his wife ever uniting with any other church after they moved to Illinois in 1803."

TRACK MEET TO BE HELD IN CISCO NEXT SPRING

Details of the county interscholastic oratorical and track meet, to be held in Cisco on March 31 and April 1, 1922, were worked out recently in Cisco at a meeting of the Eastland County Interscholastic league.

Supt. J. J. Godbey as director general of the University Interscholastic League, presided.

The Cisco schools have arranged to supply all medals and ribbons for the winners of the various contests it was announced at the meeting. This action on the part of the Cisco school will set a precedent to be followed by the schools of other towns where the meets may be held in the future, it is stated.

An agreement was reached where the schools of Ranger, Cisco, Gorman, Eastland and Rising Star will each furnish a loving cup for the winners in the boys' and girl' debate; girls' volley ball and a "sweepstakes cup" for the highest point winner of the whole meet. In order that a cup may be permanently won by a school it must be captured three consecutive years.

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the first of the year will count toward the elimination of a team from the county or district championship race, it was agreed at the meeting. Basketball schedules will be made irrespective of the dates set for the county meet and winners of basketball games will not be allowed to count points toward the winning of the county meet, it was further decided.

Mr. W. W. Alkire, the oil well driller, passed through Cisco Monday enroute to Eliasville from Kaw City, Okla. Mr. Alkire stated that things are moving better in Oklahoma and operations have revived considerably. He formerly lived in Cisco.

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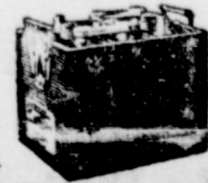
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League Growth Most Wonderful

Summary of Forecast for Senior Epworth League of Cisco of November 20.—Most Wonderful Growth Having 125 Members:

At this time the beginning of the Church Conference year, the League has just completed a wonderful growth, having now 125 members, with a fully organized and operating group of departments and officers and 14 members in the Life Service Volunteer Band, so that to make a forecast of accomplishments for the remaining half of the League Conference year allows but until the last of May, 1922 to accomplish a great work in this Church and Community, and as a goal or forecast of accomplishment, we will work toward attaining a membership by the first of June, 1922 of not less than 150, with at least 20 Life Service Volunteers, with a delegation of at least ten to go to the Life Workers Conference in the Spring and with at least 30 to go to the Summer Conference of the Epworth Leagues.

Within this time the remaining \$75.00 of the \$100.00 Missionary pledge, the \$5.00 Conference dues, the \$100.00 pledged to Church Building Fund and the \$100.00 due on League Room furniture must be met. In addition to this there will be the necessary current expenses for printing, decorations, social service activities and the social occasions, of which there will be an average of at least one each month, except during the holiday season when there will be several additional.

It is the hope of the League Council to enroll every member of this organization in the Quiet Hour Covenant and also to organize the Life Service Workers so they will hold regular meetings and plan for the spiritual advancement of the entire League.

The League now has 20 subscribers to the Epworth Era, this we hope to double very soon. All departments are now fully organized and it is the desire of the heads of these departments to increase their activities and efficiency at least 100% before the end of the League Conference year. The League now is a great power among the Young People of Cisco and it is our hope and prayer that we may reach out in our influence and be the means of leading many of the young lives of our community to Christ and to make more zealous those already in our forces. Let us always remember our motto "All for Christ."

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INTERESTING NOTES OF LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Special Correspondence.
Lutheran Community, Nov. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. John Hilscher.

Miss Freda Stroebel is keeping house for Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock, who is still confined to her bed on account of a recent operation performed on her.

Mr. Mike Miller was a guest at the home of Mr. Henry Stroebel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wende were shopping in Cisco Saturday.
The young people of this community enjoyed a singing on Thanksgiving Day, and many were in attendance. Rev. George J. Beyer held Thanksgiving services at the Lutheran church. Both of these services were largely attended.

There was a pretty wedding last Sunday, when Rev. George J. Beyer united in marriage Mr. David Hubert, of Albany, and Miss Clara Wennecke of Giddings. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wende, the bride's sister. The following were in attendance. Rev. Geo. W. Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wende and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wende and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Wenge and children, Mr. Dan Wende and Mother Wende, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroebel and son, and Miss Freda Stroebel. After taking a honey moon trip to Lee county in their car, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert will return and make their home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Wenge and Rev. George J. Beyer were in Cisco on business last Saturday.

The little shower of rain which fell here today was greatly appreciated.

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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 m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

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

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.; Forning Service, 11 a. m.; Evening Service 8 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

East Cisco Baptist Church
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second, fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. 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.

First Baptist Church
Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. G. Howard, who is attending the Baptist convention in Dallas, Mr. J. E. McDermott will preach at the morning hour. There will be no preaching at the evening hour, but there will be a special program rendered by the B. Y. P. U.

W. H. Kittrell will preach at Liberty Hill Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at the City Hall in Cisco Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will take as his subject "Jesus and the Devil." All are invited to hear him.

FARMERS MEET BUSH HERE
A few farmers in this vicinity attended the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last Saturday and listened to an interesting talk on farming by County Demonstrator Bush. At this meeting it was decided that Mr. Bush would visit the several communities and organize farm clubs. Next year will show a greater impetus in agriculture than has been in this county in several years and the organization of these clubs is timely.

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GRAND JURY INDICTS SIX FOR AUTO THEFT

Eastland, Nov. 29.—Six indictments were returned up to yesterday for theft of automobile, auto parts, auto accessories and receiving stolen property. Those whose names have been made public are:

G. B. Hinkle, receiving and concealing stolen property (two cases.)
J. B. Fosset, theft of an automobile

Clarence Taylor, theft of seven auto casings.

Roy Wells, receiving and concealing stolen property.

Clarence Herd theft of an automobile.

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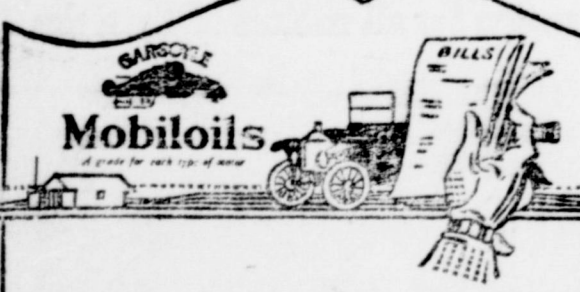
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Special Correspondence.
Romney, Nov. 28.—Our school has had a short holiday. School dismissed Wednesday morning an opened Monday morning.
Mr. Charley White was in Eastland Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Sid White have moved to Spur.
Mr. C. H. Henley, Romney school teacher, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Fort Worth.
Mr. Earl Lasater was a Romney visitor Saturday.
The little social affair at the home of Mrs. Wilson last Thursday evening proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.
Miss Alene White was a pleasant visitor to Pleasant Hill Sunday.
Misses Lottie and Mamie Harrelson spent Thursday and Friday in this community.
All who attended the singing at the home of Mr. Hall last Sunday night report a nice time.
Mr. Elmer Grubbs from Carbon, attended the social at Mrs. Wilson's Thursday evening.

Several of the young people of Romney attended the candy breaking at the home of Mr. McDonald, in the Cook community, Saturday night.
Mr. John Freeland and two sons, Houston and Dick, spent Thanksgiving in Stamford.
Mr. Jess Taylor and family have been the guests of Mr. S. A. Lamb and family during the past few days.
Mr. L. G. Jackson of this place, visited relatives at Horn Flat.
Misses Julia Purcell and Dora Gage spent Thanksgiving with Misses Inez and Gertie Lamb at their home in Pleasant Hill.
There seems to be a famine on turkeys in Cisco, but Mr. C. H. Reimers states that the woods are full of them down in Mason county. They were so thick that he killed two at one shot a distance of a hundred and seventy five yards. Mr. Reimers, Mr. R. T. Moody, Mr. A. L. Brewer and Mr. Austin returned last night from a weeks trip to that country.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Noel and children made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.

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