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## Life of Cross Plains Methodist Minister Says She Was Whipped By 3 Men Within 100 Yards Home

CROSS PLAINS, August 22.—After six days of investigation by the justices of Callahan county assisting the municipal officials of Cross Plains, no clues have been obtained in the whipping case which stirred the community.

Flora Jackson, wife of Rev. W. T. Hittson, a retired Methodist minister, says she is at a loss to account for the attack she has described and neither she nor her husband has a single enemy the family of which she told her story on the porch of her farm house a mile east of Cross Plains and her husband, F. M. Galin and R. A. Anderson, editor of the Cross Plains Review, went over the scene of the encounter step by step.

Flora Jackson said "the attack was on me soon after noon on Friday August 10, in the woods about 100 yards west of our house. My husband was in town on business and I went into the woods in search of my children who were playing. As I walked through the woods I heard a rustling sound and I saw a man and once I thought they were men. I stood there listening and I heard low voices. I was alarmed but before I could get a red cloth or blanket was thrown over my head and I was seized from behind. I didn't see any faces only one and the feet of two men. I heard them speaking while they held me. One man struck me over the head several times and shouted, 'Don't meddle with our business, will you?' They began whipping me. I was unconscious of the blows but I was reeling, the cloth had a strong and disagreeable odor. I don't know what I screamed or offered resistance. I was too dazed. I heard threatening to kill me if I made a sound. The next thing I recall was stumbling into the house. My husband was there. I sent them to my neighbor, Mrs. S. M. McDowell, and she immediately called the police. A few minutes after Mrs. Jackson entered her home her husband arrived. On being informed of the attack he hastened back to the scene and gave the alarm. In minutes more than 150 men gathered about the scene in search of the assailants but they were not found.

Jackson stated she was utterly at a loss to account for the attack as she had no enemies, but an offer was made by moonshiners. It is said that Mrs. Jackson had been in the company of moonshiners near her home. Jacksons came to Callahan county a year ago from Eastland county. They once owned the telephone exchange at Pioneer, an oil well 10 miles east of Cross Plains. Several years ago they resided in Callahan county where Jackson was a Methodist conference member. Jackson has a high standing in this county and the entire town of Cross Plains is most anxious to solve the mystery. Early reports were to the effect that the moonshiners wore masks and that they were committed at night in the home. These reports were not true and both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson asked that a true account be given. Jackson said "we don't want to go out that Cross Plains press community. On the other hand the officers have exercised the diligence and the sympathy of the community has been showered on us in an unmistakable way." Robertson, who was called in to see Mrs. Jackson, said she was on the left side from the front of the house. There were welts but the skin was not broken, indicating that the blows were struck with a light switch.

## W. T. Hittson Thinks He Can Beat Dan Smith When It Comes to Fruit Culture

W. T. HITTSON, vice president of the United States, would be his motto in the conduct of his office; and there has been no hint that to date he has ever overstepped the bounds of that idea. But a motto that, it seemed to be generally agreed, was eminently suitable then, may not fit in with the duties of a president of the United States of America. His own country, at the rest of the civilized world also are wondering what this silent, direct, tight-mouthed, God-fearing "Down Easter" is going to do. The key to his character, in the belief of the editor of the New York World is in his background: he is no farmer, but a "rock" farmer of New England, "born of a race which blessed mountains to grow their bread. Any one may gather a good deal about the president, adds this editor from the scene as "Calvin Coolidge stood with upraised hand before the Bit Bedford, special tax collector for the city of Cisco, has collected upwards of \$25,000 of delinquent taxes since April 1, and is still going strong. Mr. Bedford's energy and persistence have brought in many a dollar that would otherwise have two-stepped in an opposite direction from the city treasury, but not less than \$100,000 is still out.

## Special Tax Collector Bedford Has Corralled \$25,000 Since April 1

"The city plans to begin filing suits against property owners who fail to settle their municipal tax obligations," said Mayor Williamson, Thursday morning. "This step will be taken not later than September 1," the mayor added. For the benefit of those interested it may be well to state that the last legislature repealed the law making it necessary to advertise delinquent property through some newspaper.

## Fire Boys and Families Enjoy Barbecue at Ranch Home of F. E. Harrell

Cisco's volunteer fire department, their families and a few invited friends enjoyed a most delightful chicken and goat barbecue at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrell, Wednesday evening. Chief Bob Bettis being in Mexico on a business trip, Everett Hendricks was master of ceremonies. There were no speeches and other formalities, all present devoting full time to the tempting meal.

## DEATH OF JUANITA GRIST

Juanita, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grist, died at the city hospital Wednesday morning, following an operation. While the little girl was known to be in a precarious condition, her sudden death was a hard blow to the parents, three brothers and a surviving sister. The funeral was held at the late home this afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. B. Watts of the Methodist church. The body was interred in Cisco cemetery, Green & Gray being in charge of the burial arrangements.

## JUDGE S. W. PRATT

Judge S. W. Pratt was born near Cooper, Delta county, Texas, August 17, 1877. He attended the public schools and the East Texas State normal at Commerce. He first engaged in the mercantile business at Winters, Texas, in 1902. Four years later he moved to Stanton and went into the hardware business. Being elected justice of the peace, he decided to study law and was admitted to the bar in May, 1913. Like many others, it took several years for him to find his "calling." He was elected to the office of county attorney of Martin county for four straight terms. He came to Cisco in October, 1919. Judge Pratt was married to Miss Bertie Crowder in 1898. Three children have been born to them. They are J. B., Marie and Alyne. The judge is a member of the Missionary Baptist church and has been a Mason for 21 years. He is a very genial man and has many friends in the legal profession, as well as on the outside.

## Gas Drops to 11 Cents In Fort Worth—In Los Angeles It Is 6 Cents

FORT WORTH, Aug. 23.—While the price of gasoline soared to 16 cents a gallon in Dallas Wednesday, Fort Worth continued to enjoy 11 and 13-cent quotations. Posting of the increased price by the Magnolia company in Dallas was hailed as an indication that the "gasoline price war," which has been on for some weeks in Dallas, was ended.

## SIX CENTS IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, August 22.—Gasoline dropped to 6 cents a gallon at one service station here yesterday. Roy Gehr, the proprietor, explained that he was able to offer it at that price because he was interested in a small refinery which was experimenting with the new process of making the fuel. He said he could make a small profit at that price.

## 250 Members Methodist Sunday School Enjoyed Day at Lake Strickland

The Sunday school of the First Methodist church picnicked at Lake Strickland last Friday and, as is usual with the Methodists, all had a wonderful time. Some 250 were present and enjoyed fried chicken, cake, lemonade and many other good things to eat. Before and after dinner the men participated in various forms of amusement, pitching horse shoes being the most popular sport. At this game O. E. Umphries, J. J. Godbey, George Winston and Gideon Roberts clearly demonstrated their skill.

John Sherman was in charge of arrangements for the day and to his efforts and those of the ladies who provided the fine dinner is due the success of the outing. Rev. H. B. Watts, popular pastor of the church, was present and participated in all the festivities, including the attack on the fried chicken. This Sunday school has a total membership of 400 and J. J. Godbey is the superintendent.

## MOVING TO HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Finley and daughter, Miss Gladys, will leave soon for Houston, where they will reside in the future. The Ladies Aid of the First Christian church, of which Mrs. Finley has been president, gave her a goodbye "shower" Tuesday, at which this estimable woman was generously remembered. Mr. Finley has been employed by the Katy railroad at Cisco for nine years. He was recently forced to give up his position because of failing eyesight.

## PISGAH

The health of this community is reasonably good at this writing. R. L. Williams and family of Seaton were visitors in the L. A. Cozart home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Snoddy, of Seaton, attended the services at Pisgah Sunday and were dinner guests in the Oren Speegle home.

S. B. Parks and family of this place were guests in the B. Starr home near Mitchell Sunday.

Uncle Aaron Brown and daughter, Miss Mollie, of Seaton, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lane, Sunday.

H. H. Harding and family and Miss Claudie Ruth Trigg of Nimrod attended church at this place Sunday and were dinner guests in the B. F. Speegle home.

Rev. B. A. Snoddy of Grayson is spending the week with relatives and friends at this place and is helping in the meeting. He preached a fine sermon Monday night. We are having a good meeting. Brother Ellis has been doing some fine preaching. It is still dry and hot and water is getting scarce.

## THE COST OF CRIME

According to statistics made public a few days ago, the United States pays \$3,000,000,000 a year to crooks. One-third of this huge amount is given voluntarily by the people in the form of investments in fraudulent stocks. The other two-thirds in one way or another is appropriated by the light-fingered gentry of the country. Though the toll to crime is thus enormous, based on estimates of the New York Custom House, the Stock Exchange, the National Association of Credit Men and police reports made public by the National Surety company, it is far from complete, as it does not consider the vast amounts paid out for protection of the people against criminals. As it is, it exceeds by \$500,000,000 the total imports of the country and is nearly as large as all the revenue of the government and equal to the cost of the government for ten months. An analysis of these losses shows that \$1,000,000,000 is taken on fake stocks; \$400,000,000 on credit frauds or fake bankruptcies; \$250,000,000 is the loot of burglars and lesser thieves; \$100,000,000 goes to the embezzlers; \$100,000,000 to the forgers; \$100,000,000 to the seaport and custom frauds; \$25,000,000 to railroad freight thieves; \$25,000,000 to home building frauds and \$1,000,000 to miscellaneous crimes. This is the estimate for 1922, a steady gain over previous years. That for the current year, it is believed, will be still greater. The outstanding causes seem to be disrespect for property rights, a growing tendency toward anarchy in some quarters due to the teaching of Bolshevistic doctrines; desire for luxuries, thriftlessness on the part of the people and dreams of easy money.

## Jury in Burns Murder Case Disagreed—Ten To 2 For Conviction

The jury in the case of J. W. Burns, on trial in the 91st district court for the murder of Spurgeon Hamilton, at Gorman, about a year ago, disagreed and were discharged at 9:30 o'clock this morning, after being out since 12:30 o'clock Wednesday. A death in the family of one of the jurors probably influenced Judge Davenport to discharging the jury at the hour named. Two ballots were taken, it is said, the first standing 8 to 4 for conviction and the second and last 10 to 2 for conviction. Elzo Bean, who assisted the state in the prosecution of Burns, made a telling plea for conviction, as did W. K. Cunningham, of Abilene, also for the state.

## City and Katy Railroad Settle Differences As To Crossings In City

Differences between the city of Cisco and the Katy railroad relative to the improving of railroad crossings within the city limits were settled Wednesday night by the railroad company agreeing to the city's requests in toto. Capt. J. D. Head, of Waco, who has been in the employ of the road for many years, and who is well known in Cisco, was here and conferred with the mayor and other members of the city commission. The matter of a new bridge at the Broadway viaduct was discussed, but this, said Captain Head, is a question to be handled by the engineering department.

## Business Men Offer Nice Prizes to Students Who Lead in Various Studies

E. B. Isaacks, principal of the grammar school, which will be composed of pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, has worked up a nice list of prizes to be awarded outstanding students at the 1923-24 term, which starts September 14. The prizes will go to students doing the best work in arithmetic, English, agriculture, history and civics, and there will be a special prize for the pupil making the best general average in all studies. At the close of school three business men will examine the final reports as submitted by Principal Isaacks and make the awards. The prizes and those who bestow them are as follows: Arithmetic, Cisco American; \$5. English, Cisco Daily News; \$5. Agriculture, Bleasle Motor Co.; first, \$5; second, \$3. History, John H. Garner; \$5. Civics, West Texas Utilities Co.; \$5. Best general average, J. M. Williamson & Co.; \$5.

The grammar school will be conducted in the old high school building, with the following teachers: E. B. Isaacks, principal; Frank C. Williams, Miss Sammie Mae Trigg, Miss Clara Hutchins, Miss Fannie Stephens, Miss Sallie Strother, Miss Ina Leveridge, Mrs. A. E. Baten, Mrs. Sherman E. Roberts, Miss Annie Lee Goen. Mr. Isaacks estimates the attendance at this school will be between 400 and 450 pupils.

## BROOKE SMITH BANK REOPENS

BROWNWOOD, August 21.—The Brooke Smith bank, which suspended business November 29, 1921, reopened Monday. In a statement made a few days ago, Mr. Smith said he had paid more than \$500,000 indebtedness since the bank closed its doors, that its liabilities are now something more than \$600,000 and that he has resources worth more than \$1,300,000.

## Coolidge Puts His O. K. On Creager—Full State Ticket Promised

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—R. B. Creager of Brownsville, Republican state chairman, who was referee for the Harding administration in Texas, is to continue in that capacity for the Coolidge administration. A significant feature of Mr. Creager's statement after he had been in conference with President Coolidge for more than an hour was that no indorsement for federal appointment in Texas would be given any person known to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The Texas state chairman said there would be no change whatsoever in the policy heretofore pursued, and was emphatic in declaring that the anti-klan policy would be continued. Mr. Creager said that Republican organization work in Texas, which has been actively pressed during his chairmanship of the party, would continue vigorously and uninterruptedly; that the Republicans would have a full state ticket in the field this coming year, with candidates for congress in each district, and would wage the most vigorous campaign ever conducted by the party in Texas.

## New York Has Coldest August Weather Since 1876—Wave Is General

NEW YORK, August 22.—New York Wednesday shivered in the coldest August 22 in the history of the weather bureau. The temperature was 53 degrees at 8 a. m., this being 2 degrees lower than the record of 1876.

The drop in the temperature to 48 degrees Wednesday morning at Omaha, Neb., was the coldest Aug. 22 on record there. Sioux City, Iowa, reported 43 degrees, the coldest in 32 years. Kansas City had 52 degrees, the lowest for this date in the history of the local weather bureau. St. Louis reported a drop from 91 yesterday to 56 today, with overcasts a common sight.

From Duluth came reports of frosts in several sections of northeastern Minnesota, nearly a month in advance of the average frost date for that section. Thirty-two degrees was reported from a point near Duluth.

## Mrs. Ford Makes Clear Her Dislike of Women Who Masquerade as Men

MARQUETTE, Mich., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Henry Ford publicly rebuked a number of women and girls wearing overalls and short stockings—the costume of the city resorters in the upper peninsula—when they besieged her at Michiganama, a resort town near here, Monday, with requests for her autograph. The Ford-Edison-Firestone party had just arrived from Iron Mountain and had pitched their tents when the feminine resorters surrounded the party and requested autographs. "You ladies and girls are showing very poor taste and worse judgment in coming into the town garbed as you are, without skirts or dresses," Mrs. Ford said. "I do not want to sign my name for you and prefer not to look at you. I resent your idea of dress."

## Albert S. Johnston Dead As Result of Accidental Wound From Small Pistol

Albert S. Johnston, 18 years old, died at the City hospital Wednesday morning as a result of a pistol wound inflicted by a cousin, who didn't know the 22-caliber weapon was loaded. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnston, who reside about 10 miles from Cisco, on the Breckenridge road. They have lived in this section many years and are well known in Cisco. The accident occurred Monday and the injured boy was at once rushed to the hospital in this city. The death came as a great blow to the family and friends, as the young man was a most lovable character. He professed religion about a year ago and planned to study for the ministry. The remains were interred in Cisco cemetery Wednesday afternoon with Rev. H. B. Watts of the Methodist church in charge of the funeral services.

## CUSTER IN PENITENTIARY

A letter to C. S. Looney from the department of justice at Dallas discloses the fact that Robert Lee Custer is now in the New Mexico penitentiary, at Santa Fe, N. M., where he is serving a term for the theft of an automobile. The last local episode in which Custer figured was his arrest here on the charge of bigamy, committed at Waco. He was convicted on this charge and given two years in the penitentiary, but managed to escape. According to Mr. Looney, he has arrested Custer on seven different occasions, on charges of car theft and forgery.

## New York-Frisco 28-Hour Mail Service Seems To Be An Assured Fact at Last

SAN FRANCISCO, August 22.—The westbound air mail test airplane arrived in Reno at 4:32 p. m. and departed for San Francisco, the last stop, at 4:34 p. m. Pilot Vance relieved Pilot Blanchfield.

NEW YORK, August 22.—Against unusual interference by exceptional fogs in the Cheyenne area, a practical success has been registered by the postoffice department's experiment of twenty-eight hours airplane mail service between New York and San Francisco, with the second day's flight under way in the five day test.

Eastbound plane No. 1 reached the Mineola field at 4:14 eastern standard time, only fifty-nine minutes behind the twenty-eight hour schedule established in advance. This performance, however, was marred by a fifty-mile hiatus between Laramie, Wyo., where the first lap plane was forced down by fog, and Cheyenne, Wyo., where the second lap plane departed at the time the delayed plane was to have arrived. Thus eastbound plane No. 1 did not have on board the mail that had left San Francisco twenty-nine hours earlier.

The westbound plane No. 1 was held up west of Cheyenne by the same unique mile high bank of fog and was forced to return, incurring an hour's delay. The sun broke through shortly afterwards, however, and westward plane No. 1 continued toward the Pacific coast.

While the first day's planes were still hundreds of miles from their goals, the second day's mail speeders took off at opposite ends of the continent. Eastward No. 2 left San Francisco at 5:26 a. m. Pacific Coast time, and was reported at Reno, Nev., and other points en route making satisfactory scheduled progress.

Westbound No. 2 left Mineola Field at 11:02 eastern standard time, flying under excellent weather conditions.

## Chicken Barbecue Given By Poultry Raisers Will Be Magnificent Meeting

Those who attend the chicken barbecue to be given by the Eastland County Poultry association, at Connelley park, Eastland, Saturday, will have a chance to meet large numbers of people from all over the county, and Cisco merchants and business men—if members of the poultry association—should take advantage of this fine opportunity to renew old acquaintances and form new ones. Much of the business of this bustling old world is carried on between those who are well known to each other, which is altogether natural and proper.

The barbecue is for members of the club and their families and preparations are being made to feed not less than 2,500 people. In addition to barbecued poultry, there will be barbecued goat, or chevon, to use the fashionable term. R. L. Poe, president of the association, says there will be plenty to eat and asks that every member be present, together with every member of his family.

Following the barbecue a carload of Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs will be sold at auction. It costs but \$1 to join the association, and any one of the following membership committee will be glad to issue membership cards to those who desire to attend the barbecue Saturday:

- Desdemona—F. M. Spurlen, Will Smith.
- Rising Star—G. A. Earp, Will Tune, Mrs. A. C. McBeth.
- Desdemona City—Mr. Nabors, R. A. Brown, C. K. DeBusk.
- Carbon—S. P. Rumph, E. Y. Boyett, T. J. Morris.
- Ranger, rural—Tim Woods, T. A. Sides.
- Pleasant Hill—E. F. Altom, I. E. Ramsey, T. E. Clark, all of Cisco.
- Scranton—Fred Sprawls, H. R. Sprawls.
- Eastland—T. L. Fagg, Jack Williamson, J. F. Little, A. F. Taylor, N. N. Rosenquest.
- Ranger City—D. W. Maloon, O. N. Murray, B. S. Dudley, Mrs. R. J. Taylor.
- Cisco City—P. Pettit, Roy Keathley, Bob Bettis, T. L. Shepard, Guy Dabney.
- Rising Star, city—Mrs. Bruce Eberhard, W. M. Koonce, Mrs. Wade Patterson, J. F. Robertson.
- Gorman City—H. L. Capers, S. V. Parker.

## ED HILL LEAVES U. S.

Judge E. A. Hill, of the 88th district court, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent largely in Tom Green county, where he enjoyed some good fishing along the Concho on C. U. Connelley's ranch. He went down to Del Rio and crossed into Mexico on official business, the first time he was ever outside the United States.



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**Brown of Near Gorman  
 Is Making a Success of  
 His Farming Operations**

T. Brown, of near Gorman, was in Cisco Saturday with a load of fine melons. He has about 7 acres planted in melons, but owing to the hot, dry weather his crop will be cut short this year.

Mr. Brown admits that he was born in Arkansas, but left there as soon as he could get away. He has been in Texas about 15 years and has lived near Gorman six years. The fact that he chose a good place like the Gorman country for his home almost makes up for his unfortunate birth place. Had he known of Cisco, doubtless he would have wiped out the entire stain by making this his home.

He has 85 acres of good land, on which he raises peanuts, cotton, melons and feed crops. He reports all his crops as suffering for lack of rain. He has 12 acres in cotton, but the yield will be light.

He raises a goodly number of chickens and in season sells lots of eggs. He also sells butter from his three milch cow.

He has a very fine quality of melons and will sell about \$300 worth this season.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We cannot express, adequately, our appreciation for the kindly messages of sympathy and for the lovely flowers sent by the fire boys, the Presbyterian church and Sunday school, and the many individual friends of Cisco.

These evidences of sincere friendship were as balm to our stricken hearts and we do pray the Good Lord's benediction upon you all.  
 MRS. H. L. WINCHELL  
 and DAUGHTERS.

At last America has something in common with the slav. Returned traveler reports that Russia has no bananas.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

NO. 10179

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
 Mrs. Alma Carr vs. Joseph E. Carr  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF EASTLAND COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Eastland, and 91st Judicial District, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summons Joseph E. Carr, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. 91st District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Eastland, at the court house thereof, in Eastland, Texas, on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1923, file number being 10179, then and there to answer the petition of Mrs. Alma Carr, filed in said court on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1923, against the said Joseph E. Carr and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Action for decree of annulment of the marriage between Mrs. Alma Carr, plaintiff, and Joseph E. Carr, defendant, and alleging that said Joseph Carr, at the time of the alleged marriage to plaintiff, was married to another woman in Detroit, Michigan, prays for annulment of her marriage with defendant on December 18, 1922, and also for change of her name from Mrs. Alma Carr to Mrs. Alma Murray, the name Murray being that of her first husband, and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in Eastland, Texas, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1923.

Attest: ROY NUNNALLY,  
 Clerk, District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

By Wilbourne B. Collie, Deputy.  
 Issued the 16th day of August, A. D. 1923.

ROY NUNNALLY,  
 Clerk, District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

By W. B. Collie, Deputy.  
 23-30-6-13

**KEEPING FARM WATER PURE**

(W. H. McPheeters)

The first essential of a supply of drinking water is that it be free from contamination and disease. Hence, if there is any doubt, it should be analyzed.

To keep the water pure the source of contamination should be removed and the well, spring, or whatever the source should be made as near proof as possible against the entrance of anything that would contaminate the water. In case of a bored or dug well there should be several feet of puddled clay packed around the walls eight to twelve feet deep. This insures that any surface water entering must be filtered through at least ten feet of soil. The well platform should extend ten or twelve inches above the level of the ground and should be made water tight, concrete preferred. If concrete cannot be had, use tongue and grooved planks. Be sure that the ground slopes gradually away from the well so that no puddles of water can stand.

I have seen in this state wells that were open and puddles of water next to the well where ducks and pigs wallow. This is a source of danger and should be corrected before it is too late. Out-houses and especially those with excavated pits and cess pools should never be placed near the well or spring. In fact, neither of these should be used. Either a sanitary toilet or a septic tank should be used instead.

It is only a matter of a little money and the use of some spare time to have the farm home sanitary and have a good, pure supply of water for drinking purposes.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. B. Smith by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county and 91st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Ninety-First District court of Eastland county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Eastland, on the first Monday in October, A. D. 1923, the same being the first day of October, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court as No. 10,241, wherein Daisy Smith is plaintiff, and W. B. Smith is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully and legally married on the 28th day of October, 1922.

Plaintiff alleges that she at all times managed her household duties with prudence and economy and always treated her said husband with kind and affectionate regard; that defendant, however, became unmindful of his marital vows and obligations and about two months prior to their separation began a course of cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment

toward this plaintiff until she finally separated from him on or about May, 1923.

Plaintiff alleges that defendant often became enraged and addressed her in the most opprobrious epithets and threatened personal violence and continued to do so until they separated.

Because of such treatment aforesaid, plaintiff prays that she be granted a divorce, for judgment and decree of the court dissolving said marriage relations, her maiden name of Daisy Rawson be restored to her, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, specified in law and equity, that she may justly be entitled to.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return

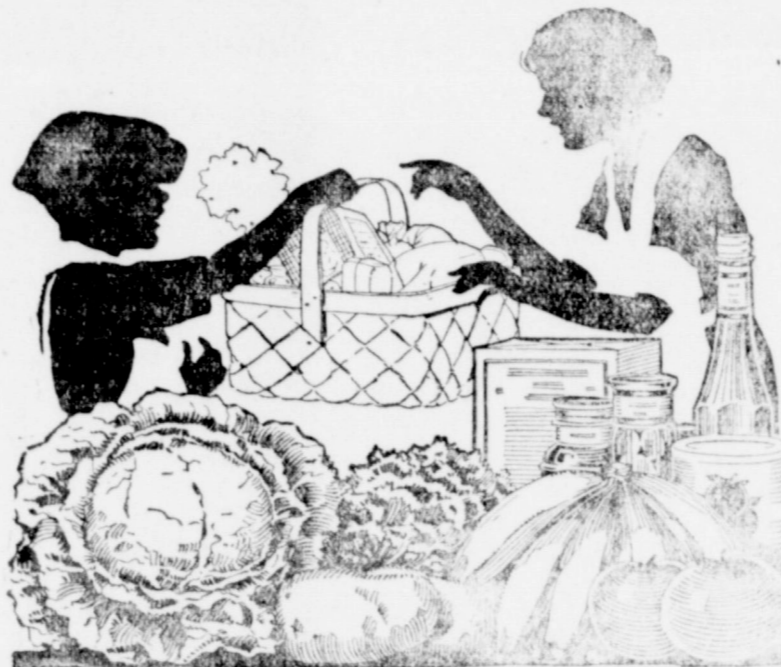
thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Eastland this the 7th day of August, A. D. 1923.

ROY NUNNALLY, Clerk,  
 District Court, Eastland County, Tex.  
 By Wilbourne B. Collie, Deputy.  
 9-16-23-30

The difference between peace and war is that in time of war you hate the enemy and in time of peace you hate your friends.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Political leaders are learning that to keep control of the ship of state they must hold their grip on the tiller—of the soil.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.



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**OUR ENIGMATIC NEW PRESIDENT--AND WIFE**

(Literary Digest)

"Silence and discretion," remarked Calvin Coolidge some year ago, when he was informed that he had been elected vice president of the United States, would be his motto in the conduct of his office; and there has been no hint that to date he has ever overstepped the bounds of that idea. But a motto that, it seemed to be generally agreed, was eminently suitable then, may not fit in with the duties of a president of the United States of America. His own country, and the rest of the civilized world also, are wondering what this silent, discreet, tight-mouthed, God-fearing "Down Easter" is going to do. The key to his character, in the belief of the editor of the New York World, is in his background: he is no dirt farmer, but a "rock" farmer of New England, "born of a race which blasted mountains to grow their bread." Any one may gather a good deal about the president, adds this editor, from the scene as "Calvin Coolidge stood with upraised hand before his father, the village notary, in the sitting room of the Vermont farmhouse with its wood stove and flickering kerosene lamp," taking his oath of office. The house in which he stood was only a short distance away from the old house in which he had been born. He was in the beginning, and he still, concludes the New York editor, "is a true New Englander, with all the Down Easter's faults and virtues, all his tenacity and grim conscientiousness, all his reserve and deliberation."

The editors of the land, almost with one accord, recall his stand in the Boston police strike by way of getting at the sort of man he is. He was widely saluted as an imposing statesman then, and perhaps the chorus of praise is even more complete today, now that he has stepped into the presidency. The common criticism seems to be that there is a Puritanical streak in him, so pronounced that, according to one commentator, he belongs almost in the class of men who may be counted on "to do the right thing, no matter how wrong it is." At the same time, as the correspondent of the New York Evening Mail, among others, observes, there is a humorous glitter in the presidential eye, which, in spite of the fact that the presidential mouth is very rarely known to smile, bespeaks good sense of balance and expediency. Mrs. Coolidge, who is as close to her husband and as important a member of the firm as Mrs. Harding in the conduct of her husband's life, must also be reckoned with in any estimate of the Coolidge disposition; and Mrs. Coolidge, on the best of authority, belongs to the same warm human class of women who come "from quiet and unspoiled homes in the type of small towns described as the backbone of the country." Mrs. Coolidge is described as one of the best proofs of "Calvin Coolidge luck," which is supposed, according to a correspondent of the New York Tribune, to have followed him ever since his birthday on the lucky date of July 4, fifty-one years ago. The same writer goes on to sketch something of the president's career and character:

Calvin Coolidge entered political life in 1899, when he was twenty-seven years old. Like many American boys he had, even before he was able to vote, shown a deep interest in the political history of his country. In his senior year in Amherst college in 1895, just before his graduation with high honors, he won the first prize, a gold medal, awarded by the Sons of the American Revolution for the best essay outlining the principles of the American war for independence. Undergraduates in all American colleges entered this competition and the prize consequently represented a distinguished victory. Following his graduation from Amherst, he studied law in the offices of Hammond & Field in that city and was admitted to the bar in twenty months after he began to prepare. It is not recorded that Calvin Coolidge became a great lawyer. Possibly the groundwork laid qualified him to rise in his profession, but his experience has proved what has been shown again and again that the law demands singleness of purpose and unwavering application. Great lawyers have become politicians, but few politicians have ever become great lawyers.

In the years between 1901 and 1907, Mr. Coolidge practiced law, it is true, but he did not often appear as an advocate in the higher courts in important cases. His first election to a political office was as a member of the city council of Northampton, Massachusetts, which was his city when he was chosen vice president of the United States in 1920.

In 1900 and 1901, he was city solicitor of Northampton. He served in the lower house of the state legisla-

ture in 1907 and 1908 and then was elected mayor of Northampton, serving two years. Immediately following this he was sent to the state senate. He served conspicuously there, gaining a state-wide reputation. During the last two years in the senate he presided over its deliberations.

In the years 1916-1918 he served as lieutenant governor of Massachusetts. His election as governor in November, 1918, and his reelection a year later were natural sequences in his political career.

Although it is a distinction to serve as governor of Massachusetts for two terms, it is not certain that even the friendship of so influential a person as former Senator W. Murray Crane would have been sufficient to compel national recognition of Mr. Coolidge's qualities had not the Boston police strike occurred in 1919, the last year of his first term as governor.

That, however, was precisely what happened. On the night of September 9, at the height of the state campaign, about three-fourths of the members of the Boston police force deserted their posts. The night, says report, "was the most hideous ever experienced in Boston":

Lawlessness, hoodlumism, thievery and every form of crime ran riot. There was little or no restraint. The few loyal members of the department who remained at their posts were powerless to restore even a semblance of order.

Edward U. Curtis was police commissioner. He had forbidden the affiliation of the policemen's union with the American federation of labor and he was supported by Mayor Peters, a democrat, who stood shoulder to shoulder with the governor in the crisis. The issue has never been more definitely drawn between law and order on the one side and lawlessness on the other. Perhaps Governor Coolidge could not have won the battle without Curtis and Peters. It is certain that the city officials would not have been able to handle the situation without his support.

The issue was one which promised to make or break the political fortunes of Governor Coolidge. He was warned by some friends that opposition to the policemen's union would end in his defeat in the approaching gubernatorial election. His reply was characteristically brief and to the point. He said: "It doesn't matter whether I am governor of Massachusetts again or not." That is the keynote of his character. He is quoted as having said upon an earlier occasion: "You know politics do not differ especially from anything else. In politics nothing is worth having unless you can have it in the right way."

All this is according to the generally accepted record of Mr. Coolidge's course at this critical time. By a queer coincidence, however, one strong jarring opinion appeared a few days before he became president. This attack was written while he was still the inconspicuous vice president of the nation. It forms part of a scathing attack upon Boston journalists by Oswald Garrison Villard, radical editor of the radical Nation. In his issue of August 1st, Mr. Villard fulminates:

Take that midget statesman, Calvin Coolidge, vice president of the United States, for instance. Every honest Boston journalist knows the inwardness of the police strike and how little, if any, credit Mr. Coolidge deserves for his part in it. I happened to be sitting among the Massachusetts journalists at the Chicago convention when Mr. Coolidge was nominated as vice president. Their astonishment and their disgust were amusing to witness. Returning later to the Congress hotel I found two of the most influential editors in New England in excited conversation about Mr. Coolidge's nomination. Never have I heard more vigorous profanity; each sought to outdo the other in his epithets. "Never," said the elder, "in years of political experience have I met a man in public life so despicable, so picayune, so false to his friends as Cal!"

This idea of being "false to his friends," it is said, has proved bothersome to numerous politicians, journalists, and others, in the course of Mr. Coolidge's career. He never believed in paying for a newspaper puff by giving the writer a political plum, and the opinion is general that he will make no journalist an ambassador in return for a series of favorable magazine articles.

Whatever may be said on both sides of the controversy over the policemen's strike, observes the Boston Herald, and whether or not Coolidge got the credit for what belonged to Edwin U. Curtis, as many believe today:

There is no question that it was

the terse reply to Samuel Gompers that "there is no right to strike against the public safety, any time, any place or in any way," speeding across the wires from one end of the nation to the other that at once directed the attention of the people toward the governor of Massachusetts.

Those who merely meet Coolidge and know him slightly, writes an old acquaintance in the Providence Journal, often wonder wherein he has been able to gain such a host of friends, with his calm, almost frigid manner. He is a true scion of the Coolidges of Vermont. Colonel John Coolidge, his father, a former farmer of Plymouth, is described as the "power behind" that guided Calvin in forming his ideas of honor and industry. The father, "a stern religious man," is said to be "known throughout Vermont as a man of sagacity and strength." Calvin Coolidge's most striking characteristic, says the writer, is illustrated by a small framed legend that hangs over the fireplace in the Coolidge home in Northampton, Mass. The legend reads:

"A wise old owl lived in an oak;  
The more he saw, the less he spoke,  
The less he spoke the more he heard,  
Why can't we be like that old bird?"

Silent and a half mysterious individual, the former governor of Massachusetts gives even the most hard-boiled old-time political reporter a thrill of wonder and questioning. He is described as thinking thrice before speaking. He is slow to commit himself, so slow at times, in fact, that he disconcerts many. But when he does say something it is very much worth while. His book, "Have Faith in Massachusetts," is recognized as outstanding among masterful state papers for its logic, diction, pure English and pure, unadulterated common sense.

But in the matter of taciturnity and grimness, the writer goes on, Calvin Coolidge "is well balanced by his better half." Grace Coolidge, already known to the country as one of the most popular women in Washington,

and one of the best friends of Mrs. Harding, "has a smile and a hearty laugh that would stampede a convention of glooms." The Boston Globe says that the president and his wife constitute a good study in opposites. The writer in the Providence Journal makes this chatty report of her and her ways:

She has grace and charm that, because of her warmth and simplicity, have won her a host of friends in Washington, despite her avowed disinterest in social splendors. Mrs. Coolidge has the knack of making a stranger welcome within the gates. She is essentially a home body, who has been so happy in making her home a place of content and comfort that she has had no time for any fads of the day.

If the home life of the Hardings at Marion, Ohio, and even in the stately white house, for that matter, has been simplicity, then the home

life of the Coolidges, certainly, at Northampton, has been the quintessence of the simple life. Try to imagine a governor of such a commonwealth as Massachusetts and a vice president of the United States living in the half of a double frame-house, paying \$32 a month rent and declining to move or having no desire to locate in more pretentious quarters as he progressed successively from city solicitor to mayor, to the state legislature, to the position of lieutenant governor, to the gubernatorial chair itself, and then to the vice presidency.

"The Red Cross is the only thing to which I belong," says Mrs. Coolidge, in discussing her field of activities. "I'm not a member of clubs or societies. I suppose a lot of women get enjoyment out of these things, but I never cared much for them. I have had my two boys and my husband to look after."



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## BUSINESS PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

A remarkable amount of worry has been noted in various parts of the United States this summer regarding the state of business.

On the whole, sales have been very good in nearly all lines and collections have been good. Consumption has kept up, and continues steadily, on a tremendous scale. Even among the farming population the buying has been generally good, as is evidenced by the heavy automobile, farm machinery and mail order sales.

Retail stocks are low. Manufacturers have big orders ahead. The crop outlook is good; and even if the wheat producers do stand to lose a little, wheat is only 7 per cent of the farm output. Cotton bids fair to make an average crop, with much better than average price. Everybody is working at good wages. Dividend payments are excellent. Business failures are declining. Savings deposits are increasing.

As fall approaches, the outlook, which never was bad, becomes still brighter. Foreign troubles are mostly discounted and ignored by practical men. There is no serious cloud on the business horizon that any normal observer can see, in spite of the vagaries of the New York stock exchange.

The fact is that American business men got so into the habit of worrying during the last slump, that now they do not seem able to enjoy prosperity when they have it. Nothing seems likely to make times bad again in the near future unless it is this worrying state of mind, which tends to paralyze effort and enterprise.

President Coolidge is a man of few words. It is perhaps the most splendid equipment a president could have to counteract congress. The man who can keep still usually discovers that the talker is weaving his own rope.

## COST OF THE VETERANS BUREAU

Director Hines of the Veterans' bureau, according to his statement, will be "greatly disappointed" if the expenses of the bureau are not curtailed by \$20,000,000 next year. Expenditures, he tells newspapermen, have passed their peak and further reductions can be looked for.

The director frankly admits that between March 1 and July 1 11,000 men had been released from training, and there is no indication that this figure will be reduced in a corresponding period next year. The average cost to the government is \$150 per man, or \$1,800 a year apiece. Based on the director's figures, the national saving through this reduction in student personnel alone is \$18,000,000.

Can the director mean that the actual saving from the inauguration of a business-like administration will amount to only \$2,000,000? This is what his figures would seem to indicate.

## EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Gifford Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania, is determined to end the fallacy that public jobs are "snaps." He walked into the rooms of the state board of health at Harrisburg at 8:10 o'clock in the morning and found four of a large office staff at their desks. Shamefaced stenographers walked past the state's executive 15, 20 and 25 minutes late. Even the department heads struggled in after the governor had terminated his unexpected early morning visit.

Governor Pinchot is learning first hand the minor conditions which go to place obstacles in the way of efficiency in running a government. While it may seem a bit picayune to quibble over a few minutes tardiness in starting the day's work, the import of this infraction of state rule if followed by every employe in the state can be gleaned by multiplying the minutes lost by the number of men and women in the state's employ.

There is little essential difference between a state government and a business institution, where efficiency is the heart of that particular enterprise's success, and there is even less excuse for inefficiency in governmental work than there is in business, where leakages are the matter of personal concern only. Governor Pinchot has thrown a scare into his health department's forces, and the little visit will bear fruit.

England has a little prohibition law all its own. There is said to be considerable feeling on the island against the edict prohibiting ice cream sales after 9:30 o'clock at night. The plaint that "the rich man can get it and the poor man can't" is heard there as here. Just why ice cream is more dangerous after 9:30 than before isn't quite clear, but perhaps this strictly American delicacy is running English tea a close race for gastronomical popularity.

## DR. LOVEJOY HAS RIGHT IDEA

Believing that relief work should receive as nearly as possible one hundred cents return for every dollar invested, Dr. Esther Lovejoy, chairman of the executive board of the American Woman's hospital in Europe, has sailed across the Atlantic in steerage accommodations. The relief fund which she represents, and which is applied to the maintenance of twenty-one hospitals in Greece, is perfectly willing that Dr. Lovejoy should travel first class. But this practical medical woman believes that money can be better expended in helping suffering refugees than in expensive staterooms.

Dr. Lovejoy's is, perhaps, an exceptional case. She may be going further than necessary in subjecting herself to the inconvenience of the steerage, but the example set is one that should rebuke many relief workers who accept a job because it can be made easy work at a profitable salary.

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Henry Sullivan, a native of Lowell, Mass., is the third person to complete a swim across the English channel. He was successful on his seventh attempt to traverse this turbulent body of water, after swimming fifty-six miles in slightly more than twenty-eight hours.

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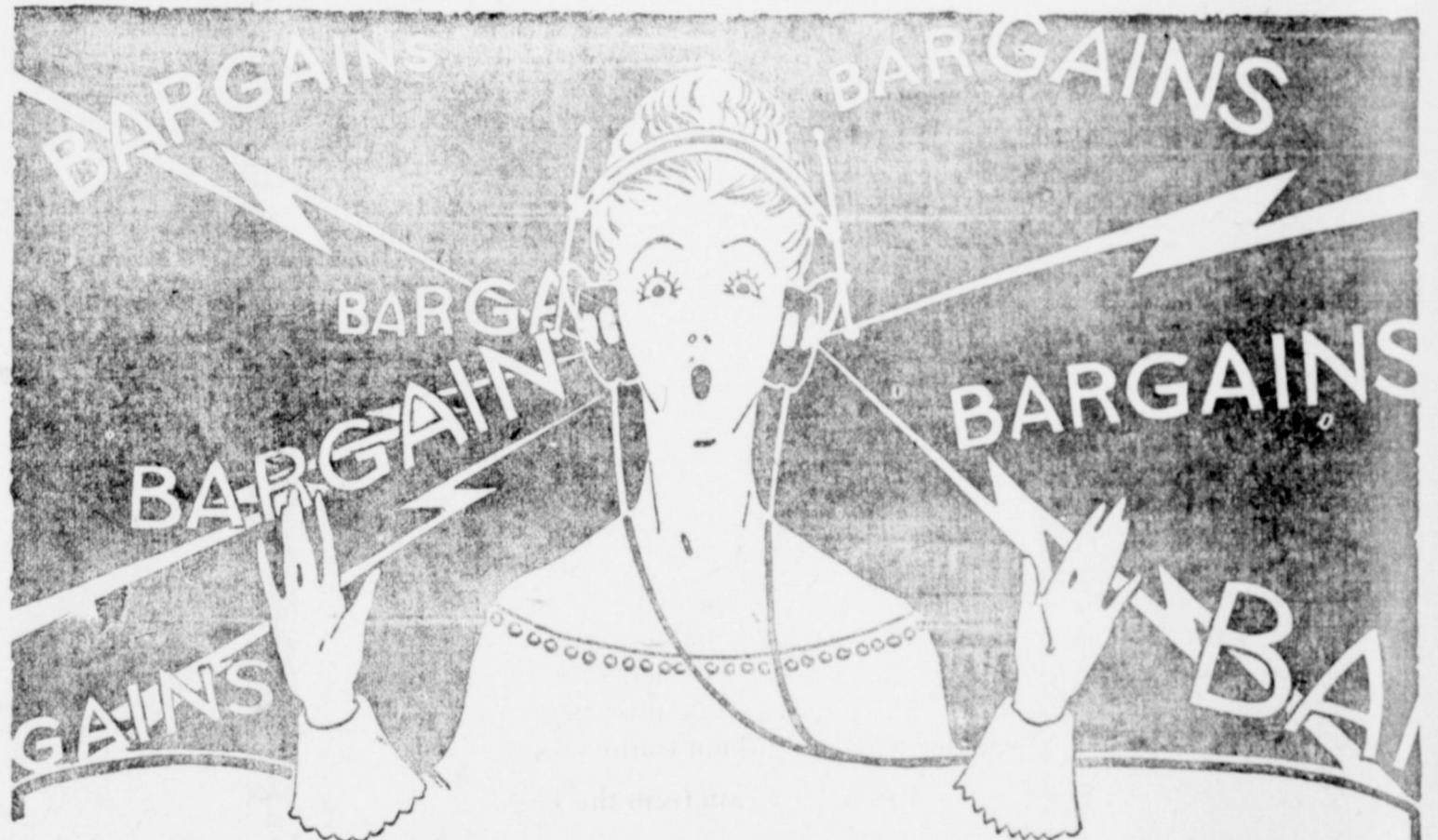
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Last Saturday's norther reminded us that winter is approaching and farmers are not yet through gathering cotton. The "Monkey" Wright gin has put up 650 bales and still cotton continues to roll in.

J. P. Wright sold his house and lot to Mr. Benson in Nimrod and has bought a farm in the Star country.

Mrs. Kate Hart and daughter, Emma, of Houston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson.

Work begins this week with G. E. Coffey as chief carpenter. It is the talk that a Mason's hall will be built in Nimrod in the near future, though there is nothing certain about it.

Rev. Lamb preached at Monroe church Sunday.

Austin Tunstall and Miss Eulah Compton were married Sunday evening. Your reporter did not learn the particulars, so we can not say who performed the ceremony.

W. M. Stovall bought an organ last week from J. L. Hall Music Co., Dublin, Texas.

Maj. Munn will build a new residence soon near his place of business.

Plummer Bros. sold their interest in the blacksmith shop to their father.

The citizens of Nimrod are talking of a Christmas tree at the school house.

**TOBE.**

**GORMAN, November 10.**—Cotton, cotton, cotton can be seen on the streets at almost any time. Picking will very likely last for a couple of weeks yet.

Some three of four new dwellings are under construction now and business houses are in demand.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller made a flying trip to De Leon Friday.

Some of the New Hope class came down to assist in singing Sunday.

Rev. Reynolds of Carbon filled his stand at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Boon is convalescing from a continued case of fever.

Mrs. Theo. Crance called on friends at Carbon Saturday.

**NOCUS.**

**Election Returns**  
We give below a brief summary of the returns in Eastland county:

Democratic electors, 2205; populist electors 441. For governor, Joseph D. Jayers 1987; J. T. McMinn 718; R. E. Hannay 441. For representative, Courtney Gray 1951; J. T. Wilbar 1161. For county judge, J. R. Stubblefield 1611; G. W. Dakin 1486; J. T. Hammons 62. For county attorney, G. L. Davenport 2112; B. B. Whitehead 959. For district clerk, E. E. Wood 1958; J. A. Kinard 1240. For county clerk, Ed T. Cox 2086; C. C. Reynolds 1139. For sheriff, J. L. Noble 1770; J. W. Hague 1431. For tax collector, D. E. Jones 1767; Sam Bryant 1480. For tax assessor, W. C. Moore 1821; H. C. Richardson 1397. For treasurer, W. B. Clegg 1751; M. A. Wood 1446. For surveyor, R. R. Wells 1643; Sam D. Jobe 1508.

For commissioner, prec. No. 4, T. M. Collie 386; H. Dennis 288. For justice, prec. No. 6, G. W. Graves 435; W. C. Pulley 239. For constable prec. No. 6, T. M. Jones 429; C. M. Pilcher 184. Public weigher, W. C. Lovelady 299; T. E. Johnson, 128; Sam Yeager 299; Wm. Knight 30; J. M. Daniel 25.

The republican vote for the following people who attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simmons, have re-

Fort Worth this week to see her brother, W. A. James, who is reported seriously ill.

Mr. T. W. Worley and Miss Alta Huddleston were married at Okra last Sunday evening.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Berry was laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery last Saturday evening at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Maud Gray and Captain June Kimble are the deputies under County Clerk Ed T. Cox.

Mr. Prickett and wife, Mrs. L. D. Smith and Mrs. Jessie Glascock are guests in the home of Mrs. George Langston this week.

There is some talk of converting the old Paschall rock building into an opera house.

G. W. Rose and wife left for their home at Sherman, Texas, last Sunday, after several days visit with friends and relatives in Cisco.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a social at the home of Mrs. J. J. Winston, tonight, Nov. 29th—Thanksgiving. There will be a musical program, and refreshments will be served. Everybody invited. Admission 10c.

Marcus Leveridge and wife were in the city this week on their return from conference.

Eugene O'Brien and family will return to Cisco to reside about the first of the month.

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The insurance business is a big business and grows bigger each year. This applies to all varieties of insurance—life, health, accident, fire, tornado, hail and even rain insurance. In these days it is nothing uncommon for the proprietor of a picture show to insure against rain when he has a costly film scheduled for a certain date. At least one Cisco picture house makes this a practice.

In 1921 fire insurance written in Cisco totaled \$23,000,000. While not so heavy the last two years, the total still reaches a tremendous figure and far exceeds the tax rendition, because people do not render property values like they buy insurance. It is common for a man to claim his household furnishings do not exceed \$400 in value and yet carry \$1,500 insurance on the goods in question. The state law, however, demands that all property be rendered at its full value.

In the matter of life insurance there seems to be no limit. The harder the agents work, the more business they develop and write.

There are nine insurance companies in Cisco and all seem to thrive. The local firms and individuals engaged in this highly necessary business are as follows:

### John I. Chesley

In the matter of John I. Chesley we can do no better than quote from B. B. Paddock's History of Texas:

"John I. Chesley.—The modern age is rich with the achievements of young men, and the big development in north and west Texas today are usually inspired by youth and enterprise. An interesting example of this is the career of John I. Chesley of Breckenridge.

"Mr. Chesley was born on the Chesley ranch in the southwest part of Stephens county in 1892. His father is John E. Chesley, of Cisco, who began ranching in Stephens county in 1884 and until recently was one of the leading Hereford cattle raisers in the county. The story of this prominent rancher and cattleman is told on other pages of this publication.

"John I. Chesley grew up on his father's ranch and made the best of his opportunities in local schools. His early tendencies were strongly in the direction of business and commerce, and his business faculties were recognized when he was a mere youth. He was only twenty-two when he was elected a county commissioner of Stephens county, having the distinction of being the youngest county commissioner in the state. During his second term of office he resigned, and in 1916 became identified with the Guaranty State bank of Breckenridge, of which he was cashier. He has taken a leading part in the development of the great oil industry in and around Breckenridge and has organized some of the most successful oil companies in that region. Breckenridge has become a real city within two or three years, and the name of John I. Chesley is intimately associated with practically every important movement contributing to this result. He is a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal church."

Mr. Chesley has only been established in Cisco with his present business for a few months, but being widely known, his prospects are very flattering for an extended business.

gleaned by multiplying men and women in the state.

There is little essential government and a business the heart of that particular is even less excuse for ine than there is in business, w personal concern only. C scare into his health depart visit will bear fruit.

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### SWIMMING THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

Henry Sullivan, a native of Lowell, Mass., is the third person to complete a swim across the English channel. He was successful on his seventh attempt to traverse this turbulent body of water, after swimming fifty-six miles in slightly more than twenty-eight hours.

Sullivan's feat, however, has been excelled before, from point of time. Captain Webb, an Englishman, in 1875 covered the distance in twenty-one hours and forty-five minutes, while W. T. Burgess, another Englishman, did the long swim in twenty-two hours and thirty-five minutes, having traversed sixty miles. Scores of swimmers have attempted the feat, but these three only have accomplished it.

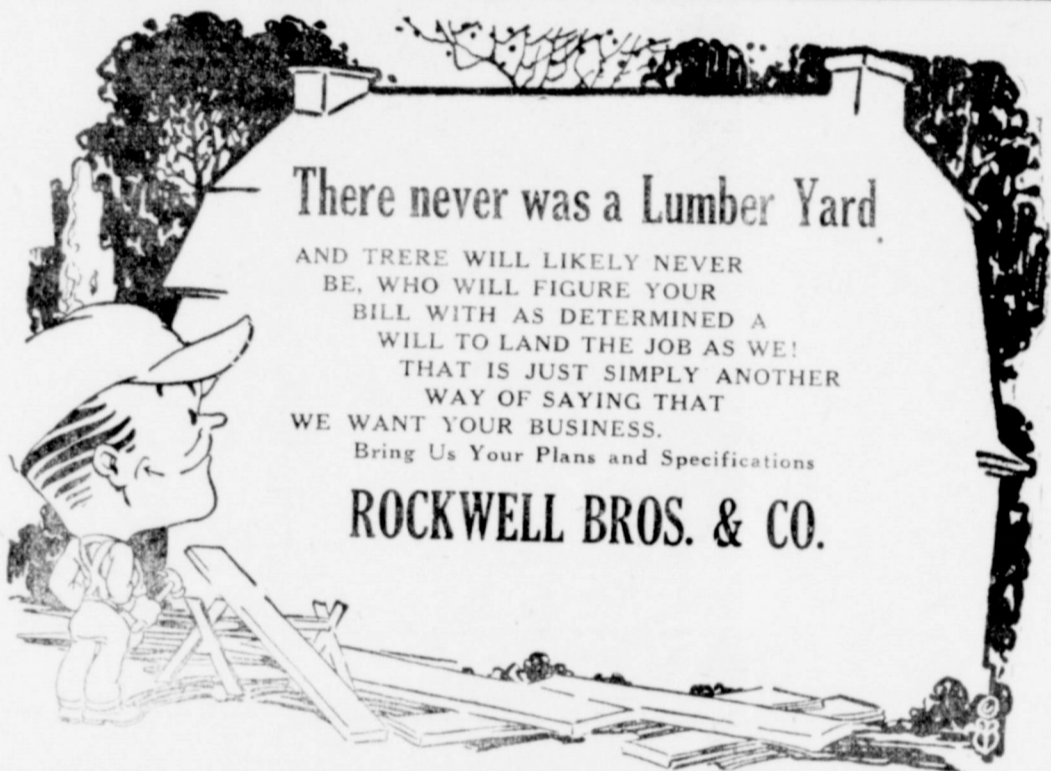
Sullivan is the first American to successfully perform the feat, which calls for the utmost stamina and courage.

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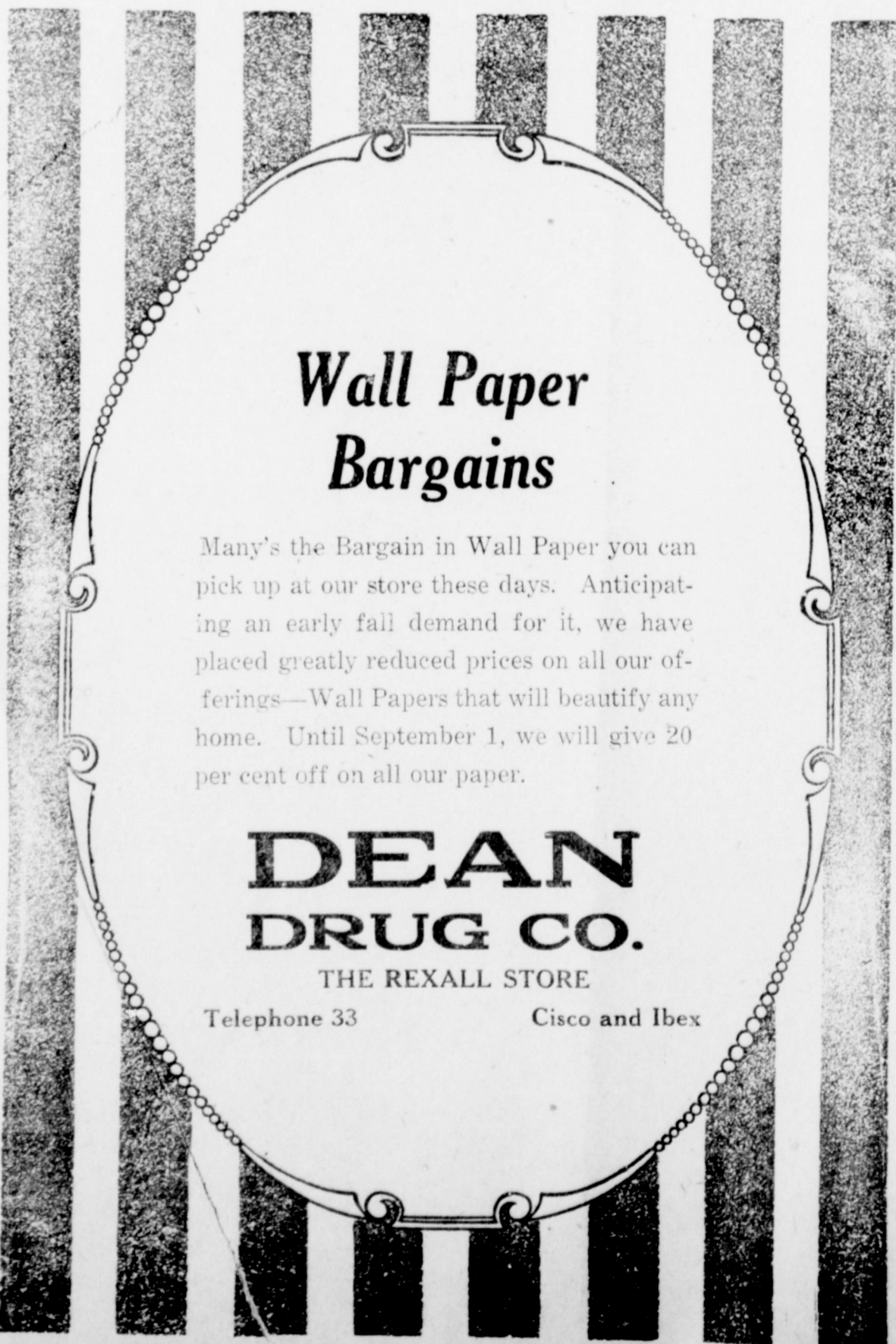
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**TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO**

(November, 1900)

**NIMROD, November 25.**—Mr. L. Welch, of Clyde, is delivering the P. E. Blackstock bill of fruit trees at Nimrod, Curtis, Rising Star and other points in Eastland county.

Last Saturday's norther reminded us that winter is approaching and farmers are not yet through gathering cotton. The "Monkey" Wright gin has put up 650 bales and still cotton continues to roll in.

J. P. Wright sold his house and lot to Mr. Benson in Nimrod and has bought a farm in the Star country. Mrs. Kate Hart and daughter, Emma, of Houston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson.

Work begins this week at school house. Work begins this week with G. E. Coffey as chief carpenter. It is the talk that a Mason's hall will be built in Nimrod in the near future, though there is nothing certain about it.

Rev. Lamb preached at Monroe church Sunday.

Austin Tunstall and Miss Eulah Compton were married Sunday evening. Your reporter did not learn the particulars, so we can not say who performed the ceremony.

W. M. Stovall bought an organ last week from J. L. Hall Music Co., Dublin, Texas.

Maj. Munn will build a new residence soon near his place of business.

Plummer Bros. sold their interest in the blacksmith shop to their father.

The citizens of Nimrod are talking of a Christmas tree at the school house. **TOBE.**

**GORMAN, November 10.**—Cotton, cotton, cotton can be seen on the streets at almost any time. Picking will very likely last for a couple of weeks yet.

Some three of four new dwellings are under construction now and business houses are in demand.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller made a flying trip to De Leon Friday.

Some of the New Hope class came down to assist in singing Sunday.

Rev. Reynolds of Carbon filled his stand at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Boon is convalescing from a continued case of fever.

Mrs. Theo. Crance called on friends at Carbon Saturday. **NOCUS.**

**Election Returns**

We give below a brief summary of the returns in Eastland county:

Democratic electors, 2205; populist electors 441. For governor, Joseph D. Jayers 1987; J. T. McMinn 718; R. E. Hannay 441. For representative, Courtney Gray 1951; J. T. Wilbar 1161. For county judge, J. R. Stubblefield 1611; G. W. Dakin 1486; J. T. Hammons 62. For county attorney, G. L. Davenport 2112; B. B. Whitehead 959. For district clerk, E. E. Wood 1958; J. A. Kinard 1240. For county clerk, Ed T. Cox 2086; C. C. Reynolds 1139. For sheriff, J. L. Noble 1770; J. W. Hague 1431. For tax collector, D. E. Jones 1767; Sam Bryant 1480. For tax assessor, W. C. Moore 1821; H. C. Richardson 1397. For treasurer, W. B. Clegg 1751; M. A. Wood 1446. For surveyor, R. R. Wells 1643; Sam D. Jobe 1508.

For commissioner, prec. No. 4, T. M. Collie 386; H. Dennis 288. For justice, prec. No. 6, G. W. Graves 435; W. C. Pulley 239. For constable, prec. No. 6, T. M. Jones 429; C. M. Pilcher 184. Public weigher, W. C. Lovelady 299; T. E. Johnson, 128; Sam Yeager 299; Wm. Knight 30; J. M. Daniel 25.

The republican vote for the electors in the county was 482, and in Cisco precinct 102.

excused by the court. It is presumed that both the state and the defense were trying to save their challenges.

**After 34 Years, Brogdons Visit Scenes of Childhood Days in Dear Old Alabama**

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brogdon, of Romney, have returned from a three weeks' trip to their former home in Alabama—their first visit to the familiar scenes in 34 years. The Brogdons went to Wetumpka, Equity, Mobile and Montgomery. At Wetumpka they visited Mrs. Brogdon's mother, who is 77 years of age.

Mr. Brogdon found good crops in the sections visited, but is convinced Texas is far ahead of Alabama, both from farming and other viewpoints. They use lots of fertilizer and engines are good when everything works right. This year the boll will be dealt cotton farmers a severe blow, cleaning out most of the cotton in some parts of the state.

Mr. Brogdon was 27 years old when he came to Texas. He is now located in Brown county, 28 years ago lived in Eastland county 25 years and on his farm at Romney 25 years. He has 160 acres, so of which is rented this year. Corn, sorghum, maize, watermelons and cotton are being cultivated on the remainder.

**PRESBYTERIANS START**

The contract for the completion of the basement of the new Presbyterian church has been awarded to Mitchell and Phillips, Eastland contractors, and the work started this morning. When the basement has been finished it is thought necessary to push the building to completion will be ready.

Fort Worth this week to see her brother, W. A. James, who is reported seriously ill.

Mr. T. W. Worley and Miss Alta Huddleston were married at Okra last Sunday evening.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Berry was laid to rest in the Cisco cemetery last Saturday evening at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Maud Gray and Captain June Kimble are the deputies under County Clerk Ed T. Cox.

Mr. Prickett and wife, Mrs. L. D. Smith and Mrs. Jessie Glascock are guests in the home of Mrs. George Langston this week.

There is some talk of converting the old Paschall rock building into an opera house.

G. W. Rose and wife left for their home at Sherman, Texas, last Sunday, after several days visit with friends and relatives in Cisco.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a social at the home of Mrs. J. J. Winston, tonight, Nov. 29th—Thanksgiving. There will be a musical program, and refreshments will be served. Everybody invited. Admission 10c.

Marcus Leveridge and wife were in the city this week on their return from conference.

Eugene O'Brien and family will return to Cisco to reside about the first of the month.

The little daughter of W. H. Fair, less, who lives south of town, died last Sunday morning.

John Crossett, formerly a commission merchant of this city has been elected sheriff at Midland.

Ernest Gude has purchased some choice resident lots on 9th street where he contemplates building a new home.

Capt. T. W. Neel was chosen by the city council as successor to W. B. Clegg as city assessor and collector.

W. H. Eddleman of Weatherford was in the city last Saturday inspecting his banking interests.

Jeff Wells has purchased the Gardner residence in the southwest portion of the city of steam whistles.

Messrs. Lee and Ed Eager, brothers of our townsman, J. J. Eager, and Jim Thomas from McLennan county, stopped over in the city last Sunday prospecting, but continued their journey to the Abilene and Stamford country, before locating permanently.

Mrs. Dean and children are guests of Mrs. Frank Langston.

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### The Course of True Love Never Did Run Very Smooth, Anyhow

EASTLAND, August 22.—The romance of H. E. Luce, Eastland youth, and his bride, whom he married Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, got into the courts within a few hours after the ceremony. Mrs. Luce, formerly Miss Ada Smith, of Eastland, went with her husband to the home of her husband's mother after the marriage. Within a short while the bride's mother and sisters appeared on the scene. Then the girl's father arrived and Mrs. Luce was taken back to her parent's home. The young husband applied Sunday evening to Judge Davenport for a habeas corpus hearing whereby his wife might be restored to him.

The hearing was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning before a crowded courtroom. There was some testimony that the girl's father took her back to his home by the use of force but the young lady testified that persuasion was the only measure used. Her father, R. B. Smith, admitted that he was angry Sunday when he heard of the marriage and that had he encountered young Luce then, he might have attacked the young man. However when the father went for his daughter Sunday afternoon, Luce was not there.

It was contended that the girl was not yet 18 years of age. There was

other testimony however that she was 20.

After hearing the evidence, Judge Davenport granted an injunction restraining the parents from interfering with the young couple.

Luce may have won only a legal victory for his bride stated on the witness stand this morning that after giving the matter consideration she had decided she did not want to leave her parents who had been good and kind to her and that she did not want to be Luce's wife. However, Luce may be able to re-win her.

The young couple had a rapid courtship, as they met less than a month ago.

Later—Mrs. Ida Luce filed suit Tuesday asking that her marriage to H. E. Luce be annulled.

### PLEASANT HILL

The rain which fell here the latter part of last week was very much appreciated by the farmers of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Tucker spent the week end in Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wende and family spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Herman Reich.

Mr. J. H. Martin left in company with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams last week for a motor trip through New Mexico.

W. J. Poe and son, Parks, were Cisco visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Altom were

visiting in the Long Branch community Sunday.

Miss Ruth Martin spent Sunday night in Cisco.

Lawrence Trott is ill at this writing.

R. L. Poe was in this community Sunday.

Lee Duke, of Long Branch, spent Saturday night with the Messrs. Kindard of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lasater spent Sunday at Romney, the guests of relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles McMillan were among those who attended religious services at Long Branch Sunday.

B. F. Trott was a Cisco shopper Monday last.

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