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Pioneer Yields To Summons; Friends Legion

The passing of J. A. Mashburn of 1609 Avenue C Tuesday removes one of the pioneer Citizens of Cisco and West Texas. His death terminated a brief illness of only a few days, as he was stricken last Friday with double lobar pneumonia. Owing to his advanced age his erstwhile robust constitution was incapable of withstanding the attack, as he had passed the 81st milestone on the highway of life when the death messenger came to summon him to his final reward.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. H. D. Tucker, pastor of the First Methodist church, owing to the illness at the time of both Baptist ministers. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery immediately following the church services, with the Wippen Funeral home in charge.

Active pall bearers were Birt Britain, J. P. McCanlies, Bolin Davis, S. G. Tomlinson, E. O. Hendricks and G. P. Rainbolt.

Many of the old friends of deceased were named as honorary pallbearers, who were G. L. Huestis, George Winston, John A. Stamps, H. J. Woodridge, Joe Kilborn, M. D. Paschall, M. H. Fleming, H. B. Rainbolt, R. F. Weddington, A. L. Mayhew, Jonah Donovan, John Tomlinson, R. L. Poe, Lee Owens, M. J. Brewster, of Moran, and J. D. Barton of Eastland.

The body was followed to the grave by a large number of former friends of deceased who paid this last tribute to their esteemed citizen and friend.

J. A. Mashburn was born in Macon County, North Carolina, in 1850, and was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Octavia Ramsey in 1871. He brought his family to Shackelford during the year of 1891, from there he removed to Cisco in 1901, which remained his home till his death last Tuesday. Since his residence in Cisco Mr. Mashburn has been engaged in the butcher and cattle business, and had probably covered more miles in the saddle than any man in this section. Only a few days before his last illness had looked after his business on horseback. He was an honorable and upright man, and enjoyed the esteem and friendship of all who knew him.

His widow, four children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren are his survivors. The children are Mrs. Will Malone, Mrs. Anna Brazzell, J. B. and Tom Mashburn.

The city commission meets Monday at 2 o'clock.

Sherman Roberts, of Clarendon, enjoyed a brief visit with his family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hooks, of Amarillo, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hooks, this week.

Miss Lucille Jensen, after a delightful visit with friends in Baird, has returned home.

Case Is Appealed Direct From J. P. To Federal Court

Chester L. May, vice president of the Community Natural Gas company, accompanied by Roy Coffee, attorney, was in Eastland Saturday afternoon.

They filed a motion in Justice Newman's court to transfer the suit of C. F. Shepperd, which was to have been tried Monday, to federal court in Abilene. They made bond to the court in a sufficient amount to cover all costs if case is remanded.

"We don't want to prosecute anybody here," said May, "but we don't like to be harassed with legal action on a matter that is already in litigation in the federal court. Those who are harassing us might be construed as in contempt of court if it were brought to the court's attention."

May handed a letter to C. F. Shepperd, Milton Lawrence and Justice of the Peace Newman, together with a copy of the restraining order issue out of Judge Wilson's court on November 2, 1931.

To quote from that order: "... That the defendants, and each of them, and ALL OTHER PERSONS, be and are hereby temporarily restrained from interfering with the plaintiff, Community Natural Gas company, in promulgating and putting into effect and collecting such reasonable and fair rates for domestic natural gas and domestic gas service as will prevent the confiscation and loss of plaintiff's property and give it a fair and reasonable return upon the fair value of its property devoted and dedicated to public utility service in the city of Eastland."

The defendants named in the order are: City of Eastland and each individual official.

Justice of the Peace Newman of Eastland rendered judgment by default in favor of C. F. Shepperd against the Community Natural Gas company for the sum of \$1.43 and costs.

The suit brought by Shepperd was to recover \$1.43 which Shepperd claimed he was overcharged on a bill for gas. Shepperd contended that the bill should have been figured on the basis of the rate in effect prior to December 20, while his bill was figured on the rate put in effect at that time.

The gas company had filed a motion Saturday to transfer the case from justice court to the federal court, but Justice Newman called the case for trial this morning and rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff.—Eastland Chronicle.

The above article shows what a strangle-hold the monopolies have upon the people of Texas. When the people have to take starvation prices for what they have to sell and the country is drained of all money, the monopolies collect the same old high prices for utility services, and threaten the people to double the price if they kick. In Eastland they did double the price, and if the city commission undertakes to interfere with their high-handed methods they go to a federal judge and get an injunction.

Ponder that over, people. A sovereign people at the mer-

cy of a heartless monopoly! And that in the "great State of Texas," where we think we are a free people.

Under these conditions, one naturally thinks that we should put in municipal utilities, or get some independent to come in and furnish utilities at a reasonable price. But the monopolies have looked after that. They have made independent capital to fear them by cutting down wherever necessary to ruin a small competitor, and charge higher price in other places to get back what they lose in ruining a competitor. Then you naturally say that the legislature should make it unlawful for these powerful, merciless monopolies to ruin a competitor, and make the people pay for the crime they commit. But again the monopoly is on the job. They elect men to the legislature who will not interfere with their robbery. While the people at home are trying to make enough money to pay their high prices, the monopolies are spreading propaganda and electing men to office who are favorable to "business," and to "business" means their business. They pick out good politicians, good hand-shakers and backslappers, who can make the people think that they are their friends and get them elected. But you see these good politicians have not made it unlawful for a monopoly to ruin a small competitor. What is the trouble? Reader, are you to blame for this condition? Think it over.

Our Natural Resources

It is a sorry commentary on the business ability of the citizens of this city and county to note that we are located in one of the greatest natural gas fields in the world, and yet most of the businesses in Cisco which would, under proper management, use gas as a fuel for their businesses, are using wood and fuel oil. And many offices and residences are using wood and other fuel because it is cheaper than gas.

A man who has a gas well has almost to give the gas to the gas company to dispose of it. Yet they send out propaganda to the consumer to be careful and economical with every speck of gas. That is for "sirology," as Andy says, to make the consumer believe it is scarce and precious, and therefore willing to pay any price to get it. It is precious when you have to buy it from them.

Any business that would have permanent success should be built up upon the principle of giving the greatest and best service for the least amount of money. But our utilities go on the theory that the railroads used to follow, "take all the traffic will stand." As the railroads are now crying for the national government to help them, so the utilities will not only cry for help, but will be taken over by the cities, and conducted for the benefit of the citizens and not for the benefit of Wall street bond holders.

As the first step in that direction, Cisco should install a lighting plant for Cisco, and pay for it out of the profits, which the city can do. We will soon be producing current cheap enough to use electric stoves for cooking and heating and be independent of any company trying to

monopolize fuel such as 6c gas, and fuel oil, which we can get, electric current can be produced for a fractional part of one cent per K.

As another step, we should elect men to the legislature and congress who will represent the people instead of the monopolies.

The people are not helpless. They are all-powerful, but they will have to wake up and look after their own interests. Don't depend upon the other fellow, for he is looking after his business. Cisco and surrounding country are blessed with wonderful natural advantages and resources. Cisco people, why not appropriate these blessings to your own use?

Telephone Monopoly

Telephones cost us as much as they did in boom days. Telephones have become a domestic and business necessity, yet many people have to do without them because of the lack of money to pay the boom-day prices.

Why should the State guarantee a telephone company a good, handsome profit at all times, when it will not help a farmer even if he starve? Is not the farming industry as necessary to society and civilization as a telephone company? Let our representatives who have been making our laws answer.

COTTON PRORATION UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Franklin, Feb. 1.—Judge W. C. Davis of the 85th district court today ruled the new Texas cotton acreage reduction law unconstitutional in the test injunction suit brought by County Attorney T. L. Tyson, against Fred L. Smith, Robertson county cotton farmer, and refused the injunction sought.

The ruling of Judge Davis will be appealed immediately to the 10th court of civil appeals at Waco. This court is composed of Chief Justice J. N. Gallagher and Associate Justices G. W. Barcus and James P. Alexander.

County Attorney Tyson asked the court for an injunction against Smith on the ground that Smith planned to plant more than 30 per cent of his 1931 cultivated acreage in cotton this year.

ZOTOLES BUYS ROAN STOCK OF GROCERIES

Mr. and Mrs. George Zotoles, of Wichita Falls, are now citizens of Cisco, who arrived a few days ago to take charge of the Farmers Cafe and Grocery, at the corner of D avenue and East Ninth street, which they recently purchased. This business was formerly operated by W. W. Roan and was recognized as headquarters for many local farmers especially those who lived near Cisco in the early days. Mrs. Zotoles will be in charge of the business, and respectfully requests a share of the grocery trade of the people of Cisco and surrounding country. They were just taking stock of the merchandise on hand when the Citizen man called Wednesday, as they explained, to ascertain what merchandise would be necessary to complete their stock, as they will carry a full line of staple groceries. On account of expensive overhead they are guaranteeing a saving of 10 percent on grocery needs.

Patterson In Race For Judge 88th Judicial District

The Citizen is authorized to announce Hon. Burette W. Patterson, of Eastland, as a candidate for judge of the 88th district court. Being a life-long Democrat and a native Texan, it is hardly necessary to state that he is making the race subject to the approval of the voters, expressed by their ballot, in the Democratic primaries of July 23.

Judge Patterson needs no introduction to the people of Cisco, for until his recent removal to Eastland he was one of this city's most prominent citizens, where he enjoyed the confidence of all. Then, he was reared and educated in Cisco, being the first person to graduate from Cisco high school. With the exception of a few years' residence in Pauls Valley, Okla., practically his entire life has been spent in Cisco and Eastland county.

Since his graduation from the University he has been actively engaged in the practice of law, and few barristers are more learned in this profession, sounder in judgment, a closer or a harder student of the law. Clean in life, upright in his dealings, of splendid executive ability, cool in judgment and perfect in mental poise, he possesses all requisites for the judicial position which he seeks.

There are no particular issues to be advanced in a race for judicial honors, as the office is without politics, and courts are hedged about by the rules of practice which no trial judge can override with impunity. But his energy and close attention to the office will enable him to expedite litigation with all possible dispatch, commensurate with all interests at bar, for too hasty action by a trial judge to expedite litigation would only bring his tribunal into contempt, as the law guarantees to all a fair trial, both civil and criminal, and undue haste would be cause for reversals by the appellate courts.

He is now a member of the legal firm of Grissom, Patterson & Grissom, with offices in Eastland and Tyler. The firm has an extensive clientele, and enjoys a lucrative practice. But it is a laudable ambition for any lawyer to aspire to a position on the bench though in many instances, as with Judge Patterson, his election would probably mean a financial loss. But the potentialities for good are limited on the bench, when the jurist is able, conscientious and possessed of that charity for his fellowman that will prompt him to temper justice with mercy, a quality which Judge Patterson is by nature so richly endowed.

If elected to preside over the 88th district court he will bring dignity to the office, fairness to the litigants and add honors to himself by his unbiased rulings and correct interpretations of the issues involved. He presents his candidacy to the voters of Eastland county and will appreciate their support in the July primaries of the Democratic party.

Eastland Vote Strength '32 Is Over 7,000

According to figures given out by T. L. Cooper, county tax collector, the voting strength of Eastland county will exceed 7,000 in the July primaries. The number who paid poll tax is slightly more than 6,000, while those who will be exempt by reason of non-age, over-age and other statutory reasons, will exceed an additional 1,000.

Mr. Cooper also stated that collection of ad valorem taxes will approximate 50 percent of taxes due. This is rather a poor showing, as 25 percent delinquency is considered poor.

There is much food for thought in this small percentage of taxes paid. Only two reasons can be assigned for this shortage: Either the property owners could not pay the tax, or refused as a protest against present rates and valuations.

If the former, it is a reflection of the present depressed condition of the property owners, but if the latter reason is correct, and the principal reason why such a small collection was made, it is an indication that the people are going to insist on reduction of taxes, and a more economical administration of county affairs.

Some measure of relief could be inaugurated by the commissioners' court abolishing the office of county treasurer, and another small saving could be made by the purchasing agent of the county buying all supplies from Eastland county dealers. These are insignificant, we will admit, yet they are steps toward a more economical administration of the county's business. Other reforms could be mentioned, and when all are adopted, the whole would be worth while.

The Tax Payers association will reconvene tomorrow at Eastland, and probably some of these matters will be brought up for discussion, and probably adopted.

RANGER RETAINS C. C. EXECUTIVE HEADS

Ranger, Feb. 1.—W. D. Conway was re-elected president of the Ranger chamber of commerce Monday night at a meeting of the board of directors. Other officers elected were Roy W. Gilbreath, vice president, and Wayne C. Hickey, secretary.

The new directors who attended their first meeting since being selected by the city commission were: John Hassen, R. V. Galloway, A. J. Ratliff, Morris Leveille and C. E. May.

MRS. LASH RECOVERING FROM ACUTE ILLNESS

The Citizen is pleased to announce that Mrs. J. A. Lash is convalescing nicely from an acute attack of la grippe at her home, 509 West Fifth street. Her condition became alarming to the family at one stage, and her daughters, Mesdames George E. Cross, of Eastland, and W. T. Graham, of Dallas were summoned to her bedside. The crisis was passed successfully last Friday, since when her convalescence has been rapid.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Trust in the name of the Lord. Rest in his love. He will joy over thee with singing.—Zeph. 3:12,17.

"A living, loving, lasting word,
My listening ear believing heard,
While bending down in prayer;
Like a sweet breeze that none can stay,
It passed my soul upon the way
And left a blessing there;
And joyful thoughts that come and go
By paths the holy angels know
Encamped around my soul."

"We free ourselves from impatience when we learn to trust God. We do not look for chaotic conditions when we know that he will bring good to pass. We do not think that God will fail to come to our rescue when we learn to trust him implicitly."

WHY TAX PAYERS PROTEST

Prompted by patriotic motives and the laudable purpose of preservation of their homes, about 100 or more citizens of Eastland county gathered at Eastland recently in response to the call of D. J. Neil and others, to perfect permanent organization of the Eastland County Tax Payers association. In this gathering is seen the ominous cloud of discontent with present conditions, and should be taken as a warning by those in authority as a rebellion against present conditions that now threaten to make the small home owners slaves and serfs of corporate greed, aided and abetted by unbearable tax burdens that threaten the confiscation of the homes of the people everywhere. It is a matter of regret that so few of the leading business men of the county fail to see the threat that hangs over the heads of the people, as manifested by their disinterested attitude in such moves to lessen the burdens under which the average man now labors. Mr. Business Man, this is a part of your business. When you deprive a man of his home his buying power is reduced; when that state of man prevails your sales will drop correspondingly. A prosperous people is the hope of the State. Destroy the home owner and your business is gone.

But in the meeting January 23, there was manifest a patriotic spirit to lighten the burdens of the people, the first of which is the lowering of taxes, to be followed by just compensation for each office holder and employe; efficiency in office by all officials and employes; stop all extravagance in handling public money; see that all bond money is correctly handled and expended; see that value is given for every dollar paid out; keep the public informed about county and State affairs; see that no unnecessary employes are employed; just rendition of all taxable property so that equity may be with the tax payers.

THE INFAMOUS HOUSE OF "THEY"

Perhaps there is no agency so liberal in dispensing scandal, misrepresentation, villiany and infamous mischief; no other source more prolific in trouble-breeding, character assassination and ruined reputations than that which emanates from the portals of the house of "They." Stealthily as a thief in the night the reptilian form of scandal oozes through crevices of its own debased habitat, its slimy form worming its way in fetid iniquity it fares forth to poison God's pure atmosphere with its putrid stench to all who will give an ear to its insidious gossip. And is happiest when some poor benighted and unsophisticated being takes its bleatings as facts and repeats the words that come from the house of "They."

Once an idle rumor from this source gains a bit of momentum it becomes like the avalanche of snow in its descent down an incline: It gathers in volume till it assumes huge proportions. Try as you will to nip one of the rumors in the bud you run up a blind alley, and the only satisfaction gained is that "They" said it.

The house of "They" has been busy in Cisco ever since the city was a village, perhaps, but more recent rumors traced to the house of "They" pertains to those unselfish and charitable folk who are conducting the welfare work for the benefit of the needy in our midst without hope of reward or expectancy of remuneration.

Some of the idle gossip, specifically affecting the welfare workers, which reached the Cisco Citizen, are that those unselfish men and women who are administering the welfare work are "paid salaries;" that "those who are given employment are forced to donate \$1.00 to the chamber of commerce," and many other just as false reports with as little foundation. When asked who said this was true, the answer invariably is "They" said it. That is just as far as one ever gets.

When anyone comes with a string of gossip to pour into your attentive ear, and begins by saying "They" said, just tell him "They" is a liar and walk away from him, if the rumor is one calculated to work ill or do hurt.

Regarding the welfare workers, everyone connected with this charitable organization has made liberal donations in money, and all are devoting their services for humanity without hope of reward or the expectancy of pay. Instead of trying to cover them with the slime of putrid gossip they deserve a mantle of praise.

A statement of the administration expenses of Eastland shows a gradual but material shrinkage under the city manager form of government. This saving in administering the affairs of a city causes one to wonder if the city manager plan is not best?

SPILLWAY
Under the Big Dam

BY TERRY DENTON

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PUTNAM'S POSITION

P O Box 654, Houston,
Jan. 25, 1932.

My Dear Denton:

Thanks for both the buff and the bouquet in last week's Cisco Citizen. They gave me a real belly laugh, and anything that can do that, these grim days, is a Godsend.

But I want to set you right about me running for governor in 1930. I didn't run. I didn't even walk. I made the campaign seated in my old Morris chair before an open window overlooking a garden in a Houston suburb. As an old-time political writer I knew of course that I wasn't going anywhere in that race. Making deuces beat aces is easy alongside of making the few hundred I was willing to spend match up against the fair roll Ross Sterling and his big corporation friends were spending for his campaign—to say nothing of the thousands each of the other dozen (or was it a hundred) candidates were reported to be turning loose. So, while they all were sweating up and down the State, I leaned back comfortably in the old chair and reread the Book of Job and brushed up on Shakespeare's plays, and read for the first time the mighty interesting five volume "History of Texas" written by Louis Wortham and Peter Molyneux several years ago.

At that, I didn't do so bad. Everything the winner has had done by the legislature has been or will have to be undone by the courts, and even his martial law dictatorship in East Texas, done without the consent of the legislature, is on the way to being undone; while of my two main planks, homestead tax exemption will win next November, as a constitutional amendment, and prohibition repeal, like prosperity, is "just around the corner."

As for me running for congressman-at-large, why, I have so many good old friends already in that race that it would be embarrassing for me to jump in against them. I can name you one of the winners right now—Mayor Thompson of Amarillo. Because he has youth, brains courage, character, sound democratic principles and more money than all the other candidates put together. I may not vote for him. I shall likely feel obliged by old friendship to vote for candidates I have known and liked and respected since Mayor Thompson was playing marbles. But I hope I can still recognize quality when I see it, and Mayor Thompson has it.

If I announce for governor again, it will be because no other serious advocate of prohibition repeal offers himself against Governor Sterling. I hope it won't be necessary. If it is, I aim to make a more active campaign this time, astraddle of a ten dollar pony, camping down nights with friends wherever I find them. Because I'm harder up this year than I was two years ago. If, as you say, I have been "setting bee bait near the wet places the past year"—and I admit I have been doing it—it was with this possibility in mind. I have been and still am trying to induce someone better fixed financially to carry the repeal banner in this year's governor's race, but thus far all I have approached have been too cagey to take the bait. They feel the time has not yet come when popular revolt against prohibition lawlessness, and against the total tax exemption of the hundred million dollar yearly liquor trade in Texas, is strong enough to overcome the combined opposition of the dry ministers and the bootleg industry.

Serious? I'll say I am. It angers me more every time I think about the six or seven hundred jobless men, boys, old women and other unfortunates now held inside Texas State prisons for selling or owning a little beer or whiskey-enough

CISCO'S FINEST ASSET

I have been out to Cisco lake. I have visited the zoo. I gave the monkeys and the black bear, the panthers, the big timber wolf, the wild cats, the raccoons and the other animals some candy and nuts, which they ate and greedily asked for more. It is a wonderful place. Nature provided in the rocky cliffs out there perfect dens for wild animals, which needed but little touching up by man to convert them into the most natural and ideal caves and retreats for these captive creatures that I have ever seen anywhere, and I have visited some of the most famous parks in the world.

Dr. Chas. Hale, executive head of the zoo, kindly took the two Citizen editors in his car Sunday afternoon for a visit to the lake, the zoo and the park. We spent over two hours there and could have spent two days advantageously in an inspection of Cisco lake and its environs, all of it being property owned by the city of Cisco. In my opinion, given off-hand, in almost complete ignorance of the local history of the place, the people of Cisco as a whole do not realize what a magnificent investment they have in this big and beautiful lake and its picturesque mountainous surroundings.

Millions of dollars have been spent in the effort to develop and beautify and make attractive various parks, summer resorts and camping grounds in other States, and the names of these fortunate places have become known through-out the length and breadth of the land. But at Lake Cisco nature has relieved man of the necessity for spending millions of dollars to make it a playground of the first order. All that is really needed is a little expense money to advertise it to the world. The world is hungry for just such places as this, right here at the door of the city of Cisco.

Undoubtedly if a million dollars or even a half million, were available for developing this property as it is capable of being developed, Cisco would very soon become one of the most famous resort cities in the United States. The town would take on new growth. All kinds of business would thrive. The population would quickly double and double again. Prosperity and contentment would dwell among the people of this community and all would be happy and proud of their city.

I don't know, and it may not be my privilege to say so, but being a stranger and ignorant of local facts, I do not hesitate in rushing madly in, fool-like, and saying that if the city is financially unable to improve and develop Lake Cisco, and contiguous property in the manner that it deserves, then the property ought to be sold to a strongly financed corporation who would take it over and make the necessary improvements and advertise it properly. It is a shame and a blunder to allow this splendid property to remain in its present raw state, when it could easily be converted into the biggest asset for the city possible to be had.

world war soldiers among them to organize a big Legion camp.

Your friend,
Frank Putnam.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in 1932. Candidates who have previously announced in this column will be carried in the run-off primary, whether for city, precinct, county, or district offices, without additional fees.

All announcement fees are payable in advance. With each announcement a brief courtesy news write-up will be published free.

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er weekly newspapers and are as follows:

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EASTLAND, Jan., 23—From shining shoes to making laws in the halls of Congress will be, in brief, the career of District Attorney Joe Jones of Eastland, Texas, if he is able to realize his ambition announced today, to represent the 17th district in Congress.

Jones, whose spectacular life has included prosecution of some of the most famous cases in West Texas in recent years, earned his first money as a shine boy on the streets of Gorman, Texas. After completing high school and working his way through law college he has advanced by rapid stages from City Attorney to County Attorney, to County Judge and now at the age of 35 is serving as District Attorney of the 88th and 91st Judicial Districts of Texas.

The office to which Jones today announces his candidacy has been held for 13 years by Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene. It is interest-

ing for Jones to recall that as a lad he frequently shined Congressman Blanton's shoes when the latter was a visitor in Gorman.

"Another vivid memory was during my high school days when Judge Blanton made a speech to my class in which he told us boys to study hard and apply ourselves that some day some one of us would have to take his place. Since the taxpayers have kept Judge Blanton on the pay roll for 21 years and he has drawn approximately the sum of \$150,000.00 in salary and mileage, I am willing to take him at his word and take his place at this time, provided the voters will agree to it." Jones declared.

Born and reared in Eastland County, Jones comes from a pioneer family. He is the nephew of the late Tom A. Jones, deputy sheriff who was shot to death by Marshall Ratliff the Santa Claus Bandit.

Among the noted cases prosecuted by Jones were those of Henry Helms, one of the gunmen of the Cisco holdup, who was electrocuted; Will Fritz who was electrocuted for the murder of D. W. Hamilton; Clyde Tompson, the boy who shot two men to see them kick and who was saved from the electric chair by the governor; E. V. Allen serving a life sentence for the robbery of the Carbon Bank and the Danny Leach case in which the defendant was convicted of the "Gravel Pit Murder."

"The farmers of America by hard work and the blessings of Providence have produced bountiful crops and are unable to sell them, while millions of men are walking the streets without employment and unable to purchase food and the other necessities of life," Jones declared. "The livestock man finds his product selling at the lowest price in history. The oil man can sell only a small fraction of his output and that fraction at a ridiculously low price, while he sees daily thousands of barrels

of crude oil produced by pauper labor in foreign countries brought into this country by the billionaire Secretary of the Treasury, Andy Mellon, and other plutocrats, in unfair competition with the American oil man and American labor.

"Business men have lost their holdings, thousands have had their homes taken from them, the savings of many have been swept away and this government grants a moratorium to foreign countries on the money they owe Uncle Sam, while there is no moratorium for the suffering tax payer who has seen his burden increase year by year. Millions of young men my age answered the call of their country when Europe was ablaze with war; they faced shot and shell and even death to defend the flag of this country. Now thousands of these men broken in body and shaken in mind, are jobless and are fighting a battle to survive. This government owes a sacred duty to these men who left their homes, their families, and their jobs to defend OLD GLORY, at least to see, while issuing moratoriums, that no veteran, no veteran's mother, wife or child suffers for the want of food as long as the flag which they defended floats on the breeze of Heaven.

"With these conditions confronting us and the battle for existence being waged throughout this District, to send a fresh soldier to the forum at Washington, with new ideas and a chance for greater influence, might do some real good at this time. At any rate with all the empty purses and hungry stomachs in this District a CHANGE IN WASHINGTON WON'T HURT."

University Worker Gathers Relics For Tex. State Museum

J. Evetts Haley, who represents the Texas State University, was in Cisco Saturday collecting historical relics and antiques for the University museum.

From Mrs. George Langston he secured a copy of her History of Eastland County, also two other valuable old volumes. From the Red Front Drug Store, old prescription books, 50 years old, with many prescriptions written by Dr. C. S. Vance; also a pair of physician's saddle bags once the property of Dr. Nash, a former practicing physician of Carbon, who bought his drugs from the Red Front. The history of the saddle bags is tragically associated, as they were left at the drug store by Dr. Nash, after buying an assortment of drugs, and that night is said to have committed suicide.

From W. H. Kittrell he obtained an old bayonet, which was buried with the bodies of the last 80 members of the "Magee Expedition," who were captured, killed and buried near the Trinity river in (now) Madison county in 1813. During the year 1842 Dr. Patrick Hayes bought the land, not knowing anything about the massacre, and in making a brick kiln, excavated the old bayonet along with other relics. After some years Yokum's history was published, and from which he learned the facts, and that he had excavated the grave of the victims of the Magee massacre. The bayonet is the only relic known to be in existence, and was the property of Hugh L. Hayes, of Midway, now 83 years of age, born several years after the excavation. Mr. Hayes recently sent the relic to his boyhood friend, Mr. Kittrell, who presented it to Mr. Haley as a gift from H. L. Hayes, by his friend, W. H. Kittrell. Mr. Haley expressed his appreciation of the relic by saying it was one of the most valuable he had obtained in all his searches.

He came especially to Cisco to obtain the journal of Mr. Kittrell's father, containing 182 pages, begun in 1851, the year of Mr. Kittrell's birth in Huntsville. He desired to obtain this journal for the reason that Dr. W. P. Kittrell, who kept it, was also the author of the "Bill to Establish a University" in the state, which became a law Feb. 1855. Governor Throckmorton named Dr. Kittrell one of the first seven "administrators" of the University, as they were then designated.

By the way, Hugh L. Hayes yet lives within two miles of the grave of the last 80 survivors of the Magee expedition.

Chairman Collins reported that he and Secretary Spencer had corresponded with the federal authorities in regard to expediting commencement of construction of the federal building, but had nothing definite to report regarding the letting of the contract, but had been advised that the plans are being drawn, and would likely be let some time next spring.

Have client for good home in Cisco 5 to 6 rooms. Must be bargain. Box 355, Cisco.

No Benediction For Poverty Offered In Christ's Teachings

(Selected.)

Jesus Christ has no benediction for the poverty which leaves children without adequate food, clothing, shelter, and joy; no benediction for our tenements and slums, or for that modern hypocrisy which leaves masses of our people weltering in discomfort, disease, and want of the amenities of life; no approbation for a civilization that produces not for service but for profits, not in fellowship but in competition, not to supply men's needs but to manipulate our markets. Further, he reserves his sternest condemnation, in his picture of the "Judgment of the Nations," for those communities which fail to provide justice and equality in material things.

The apostolic church followed his principle and attempted an immediate communism. The attempt failed; but its significance lies not in the failure but in the attempt. Some day poverty, as here defined, will pass away, as incompatible with justice, and with the will of God. Meanwhile, we ought to fight poverty, as we should fight disease. Poverty, side by side with incredible wealth is irreconcilable with the kingdom of God.

The pith of his (Jesus') teaching is that the deliberate pursuit of riches, and dominion over others, is evil. It is not enough that one can say, "I have possessed myself of wealth," or "I inherit wealth and am independent." The question remains—How, when, where and by what means did you get this wealth? By fair means or by foul? By truth or by falsehood? By labor or by usury? By the exploitation of other persons or other classes of society, or by sharing justly with them appropriate increments of common effort in a common service? St. Basil wrote fifteen hundred years ago, "What is your own? Whence did you get it and have it for your own?"

Idolatry of riches pervades the civilization of the West, and is bringing it to ruin. Betting and gambling pollute our sport; sweepstakes support hospitals. Incontinent luxury flaunts its excesses before the face of the poor. Industry and commerce are honeycombed with the money passion. Competitions, within and without the nations, threaten humanity with the horrible arbitrament of war.

The charge of Christ (Jesus) to his servants, in every class or nation today, is what it was of old—to stand clear from the idolatry of riches; to avoid all gross luxury and pretense; to live as simply as possible; to do justice to the poor and weak; to uphold Christian standards of worth and dignity; and to transform society into the likeness of his kingdom.—Rev. J. F. Donaldson, London

VITAL STATISTICS OF CISCO COMPLIMENTARY

Cisco's vital statistics for 1931, according to the state health department, are rather complimentary and above the average city of Cisco's class. The report just received here shows there were 180 births and 90 deaths in Cisco during the year just closed. For the same period neighboring cities of Ranger and Breckenridge show 186 births and 93 deaths in Ranger, and 227 births and 113 deaths in Breckenridge.

110 acres in Fisher county, 90 acres in high state of cultivation, good house, well and mill on highway, 1 mile of county seat. Trade on easy terms. Box L, Citizen.

Murdered In Cisco

Mr. All Cash and Mr. Low Price are charged with killing Old Man Depression. Dr. W. I. Ghormley, Optometrist, 1503 Ave. D, Cisco, Texas, is charged with being accessory to the crime. Dr. Ghormley is charged with fitting glasses for \$12.80 All Cash that faithfully represent the same service for which he received \$30.00 during the years of 1919 to 1929. All other prices for his services reduced in proportion. He is also charged with the promise to allow One Dollar off for gasoline used by any person coming over thirty miles to have glasses fitted. Dr. Ghormley is doing this as his bit toward the res-

urrection of that popular citizen known as Prosperity. He makes the positive assertion that he is fitting glasses now cheaper than at any time during his twenty-nine years experience in his chosen profession. This is the fourth reduction in prices in the last two years and he believes it will be the last. Dr. Ghormley has moved his office to his residence, 1503 Ave. D, where parking space is plentiful, and has cut Office Expenses to the minimum. He declares he will pass this saving along to the patient, and that he is going to stay in his office all the time now, that he can be found there day and night. His telephone number is 337—Adv.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ISSUE FUNDING BONDS

A recent session of the Eastland county commissioners court, says the Eastland Chronicle, that body passed an order arranging for the deferment of the payment of a portion of the county's bonded indebtedness, which are due for retirement in 1932 and 1933. The Chronicle says:

"There are \$312,000 due to be paid in the next two years but due to the drop in assessed valuations in the county as well as the great sum involved in delinquent taxes, the court thought it advisable to arrange with the Brown-Crummer Investment company to issue \$150,000 in refunding bonds which will serve to extend the payment of nearly half the 1932-33 accruals. By the new arrangement, \$50,000 will be due and payable on the first of August in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

"The court ordered that a tax of 20 cents on each \$100 valuation be levied to meet the payments of the refunding bonds. The county treasurer was ordered to set aside

\$4,125 out of funds on hand at present in order to meet the interest payment becoming due August 1, of this year."

RISING STAR REBEKAH OFFICERS INSTALLED

On the occasion of the installation of the officers of the Rising Star Rebekah lodge, the work was conducted by the degree team of the Cisco lodge, who went to that city by invitation. Those inducted into their stations were Mrs. Clyde Heald, noble grand; Mrs. William King, vice grand; Mrs. W. H. Ware, chaplain; Mrs. Tom Proctor, secretary; Mrs. Walter Vaughn, treasurer; Mrs. Rose Johnson, conductor; Mrs. H. E. Sprayberry, warden; Mrs. Lucy Lewis, musician; Mrs. W. M. Ghormley, right support to noble grand; Mrs. Wade Clark, left support to noble grand; Mrs. Signa Ware, right support to vice grand; Mrs. Frank Anthus, left support to vice grand; Mrs. Frank Heald, inside guard; Mrs. Edith Hall, outside guard; Mrs. Walter Looney, prompter for noble grand.

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H. L. Vann, manager of the local J. C. Penny store, attended the convention of Penny employes at Dallas this week.

Mrs. J. N. Farquahar, arrived Monday from San Angelo to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Farquahar.

Meeting of the Cisco Tax Payers League will be held Monday evening, 7:30 o'clock in the Cottage hotel dining room, 104 West Tenth street.

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The Story of Cisco

Cisco is in Texas. Texas area is 265,000 square miles. Cisco is near the center: Ninety miles of geographic center and seventy-five miles from the population center. To Brownsville south is 600 miles. To Orange east is 500 miles, or 100 miles farther across than from New York to Chicago.

Cisco lies between 98 and 99 longitude and 20 miles south of 32 latitude.

Cisco is 1740 feet above sea level.

Two national highways, "The Bankhead, or Broadway of America" and highway 23 from the Canadian line to Corpus Christi intersect at Cisco.

Cisco has the largest hollow concrete dam in North America, 1200 feet long and 125 feet high. It cost one and one quarter millions of dollars.

Cisco possesses the largest artificial swimming pool in the world, 1000 cubic feet larger than the one in San Francisco.

Cisco has the tallest concrete vehicle bridge in the Southwest. It is 135 feet above the bottom of the stream.

Lake Cisco has a potential capacity of twenty-two billion gallons of water. Lake Cisco abounds with bass, perch, and catfish. The second largest fish hatchery in the State lies just below the lake.

Cisco's zoo is one of the best in the State. Bear, lions, foxes, wolves, buffalo, elk and deer, monkeys, birds, and numerous other specimens. Rock caves with iron cages in front for the bear, wolves, and lions.

Cisco is in the midst of the Lone Star gas field, second largest in the world. Thousands of oil wells throughout the country, and one fine gas well in town and one oil well. Three coal mines in the suburbs of the city.

As to health—"Death rate second lowest in State—seven and one-half per 1000". Cisco has no mosquitoes. Climate—73 fahrenheit aver-

age for summer and 43 fahrenheit as a winter average. "Zero" has only occurred a few times, lasting only a few hours.

Cisco has ten Protestant and one Catholic church. Has splendid school buildings—free schools. Randolph College with \$200,000 buildings is situated in Cisco, with field glasses from roof of the college, which makes four county sites visible with clear atmosphere.

Cisco has 100 miles of paved streets. Cisco has 28 miles of sewerage ditches, and an abundant supply of pure water. Cisco has fine hotels six brick structures. Cisco has 6,000 population.

In addition to fine fishing in the lake, four miles long, is the boat riding. Ideal camping grounds are prepared near the lake, with all conveniences, ten minutes ride from the city. Cisco is in the midst of one of the finest agricultural sections in the State, also horticulture such as peaches, plums, apricots, apples, and pears, grapes and all berries flourish.

Cisco has to offer manufacturers, cheap gas, abundant water, ample transportation, three railroads: the Texas and Pacific, the Katy, and the Cisco & North Eastern.

To sum it up Cisco has wonderful attractions for all classes of business.

TOURIST: When you reach Cisco, inquire the way to Lake Cisco (3½ miles), north, fine highway, and spend a pleasant time, fishing, bathing, or boat-riding, and don't fail to go through the Big Dam, a sight worth seeing. Come once and you will be sure to come again and bring all your friends with you.

Write to the Cisco Citizen or Chamber of Commerce for further information regarding Cisco, "The Flower of the West." The west begins at Cisco, five miles to line of Callahan—first West Texas county.

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DR. GHORMLEY

Will accept certified checks on Cisco Banking Co. in payment for glasses.

W. C. BEDFORD WILL BE CO. CLERK CANDIDATE

W. C. Bedford, of Desdemona, but formerly a citizen of Cisco, was a pleasant caller at the Citizen office Monday while renewing old friendships with Cisco folk, with whom he once came in daily contact. Mr. Bedford stated that he had definitely decided to enter the race for county clerk, and would formally make his announcement at an early date. His qualifications are admitted, and he has a host of friends, and retaining a public office, two requisites for winning.

J. T. Loftin, operating in the East Texas fields, came in the first of the week for a brief visit to his family here.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Eastland
To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of S. E. Clark, deceased:
The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of S. E. Clark, deceased, late of Eastland county, Texas, by C. L. Garrett, judge of the county court of said county, on the 11th day of January, 1932, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law, in the town of Cisco, in Eastland county, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 26th day of January A. D. 1932.
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Municipal Plants Give Satisfaction Commissioners Say

Mayor J. T. Berry, Commissioners Joe Clements, Geo. D. Fee, J. T. Elliott and Engineer J. G. Reagan have returned from their trip of inspection of municipal plants, operated by Deisel engines. The party visited Seymour, Vernon and Lubbock, and at each place made a careful and thorough investigation. Engineer Reagan is now preparing a report of the committee's findings, which will be presented to the commission in its regular meeting next Monday, Mayor Berry said.

"In the main," Mayor Berry stated, "we found the cities operating their own utility plants were well pleased, but there are other things to be considered, which will be embraced in the report. We had a delightful trip, with the exception of an accident in which I was the victim at Seymour, the first town visited. While starting for the power plant my hand was caught in the door as it was shut, mashing off the nails of two fingers. The pain incident to this mishap made my part of the trip anything but agreeable."

Some findings of the committee was given the Citizen by Engineer Reagan:

"Every city we visited we found the plants were giving satisfaction, though the old utility plants are operating in competition, which is rather stiff. The prevailing rates charged in practically all of the towns graduated, and have \$1.50 minimum, with rates at 9 and 8 cents for the first bracket, ranging down to 3 and 2 1-2 cents. All say the plants are making money despite competition of the older plants. Seymour claims their plant has saved the citizens \$20,000 in the two years it has been in operation. This, however, is reflected in the reduction of taxes. Lubbock has the lowest tax rate, 50 cents on the \$100 valuation. These cities claim they could make a cheaper rate, but prefer to hold the rates up and give it back to the citizens in reduced taxes. At Lubbock they told us that they expected to eventually make their utility plants pay all expenses of the city government. At Vernon the utility company and the municipal plants have agreed on a rate of 8 cents, graduated down to 3 cents.

"Our investigation reveal-

ed that the patrons were considerably divided, though the municipal plants having the larger number, the proportion being 60 to 75 percent in favor of the municipal plants.

"But all of the towns are charging higher water and sewer rates than those charged in Cisco. These charges are about two-thirds higher than those prevailing here.

"The report of the committee, in the main," Mr. Reagan said, "will be favorable, that we found the Deisel engines capable of doing those things represented by Mr. Russell, of the Fairbanks-Morse Co. Of course, I cannot say what action the commission will take, as the committee will make its report, finding that the Deisel engine plants are doing the work satisfactory, and it will be up to the commission to decide whether Cisco should build its own municipal plant to make electric current for pumping the water and lighting the streets."

Mrs. M. D. Heist, of near Putnam, was shopping in Cisco Thursday. She was a pleasant caller at the Citizen office.

FOR RENT—Modern dwelling house and seven acres of land, suitable for truck farming, located on Lake road. Want responsible party to occupy the house and work the land, even if only to care for the property. See M. E. Goldberg, at Blanche's, next to postoffice 23tf

Board Re-Elected R. N. Cluck Monday Night; Pay \$3,600

R. N. Cluck was re-elected superintendent of the Cisco public school system, at a salary of \$3,600, at the meeting of the school board last Monday night. This election is for the school year of 1932-33 beginning July 1. This reduction from \$4,800, the present salary of the superintendent, was at his own suggestion. It is not generally known that the present salary of the superintendent included and absorbed other expenses for which the board has been at an extra expense. But even at that, the new salary of the superintendent is rather out of line with the present conditions or with the salaries paid other members of the faculty—at least most of them—who are under paid. The sum the board will pay the superintendent is equal now to a salary of \$4,600 three years ago, on account of reduced living expenses. The Citizen believes the board could have made an additional cut to that agreed to by Mr. Cluck and then tried the salaries of some of the under paid teachers, would have been more in line, and given more satisfaction to the public.

Other measures were adopted, affecting economies, by which it is believed the schools will be able to continue the full nine months' term.

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