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El Paso	\$52.68
Waco	31.14
Dallas	21.10
Houston	19.44

El Paso seems to be paying a great deal more to educate her pupils in the public schools than any other city in Texas.

It is costing El Paso this year more than twice what it cost for that city in Houston last year.

On the basis of the attendance in the schools at present, the cost per pupil per year in the El Paso schools is \$52.68. On a basis of the highest number of pupils in attendance at any time this year El Paso is paying \$42.59 per pupil per year.

Last year it cost Houston \$19.44 per pupil to give the children of that city their education.

In Dallas in 1907-08, it cost that city \$21.10 to educate each pupil.

In Waco, the same year, it cost \$31.14. The figures for later years for Waco and Dallas are not available, but these are sufficient to show how the average runs in the other cities and to show also that except in one instance (that of Waco) El Paso pays more than twice as much to educate a pupil as either of the other cities in Texas. It is true that salaries are somewhat higher here for teachers than in other Texas cities, but it does not begin to make up all that difference in cost.

El Paso's School Expense.

The estimated expenditures for the support of the El Paso schools for 1909-10 is \$235,330.29. The pupils in attendance on March 4 numbered 4453. On this basis, the per capita cost for each student for the year is \$52.68. The total enrollment so far this year is 5523.

The per capita cost is indeed large as compared with the financial reports of schools in other Texas cities, notably Houston. An official statement recently issued for the year 1909, shows a total expenditure of \$231,635.56 for the accommodation of 11,916 pupils, which nets a per capita cost of \$19.44. The expenditures at Houston for 1909 do not include any permanent improvements, such as buildings.

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VOGUE STORE SITE OFFERED FOR A HOTEL

Owners Are Willing to Take Price of Property in Stock in Hotel.

The hotel committee of the chamber of commerce is holding another meeting this afternoon to consider the offer of George Look, Z. T. White and others to furnish a site for the proposed new hotel. The site which is being considered by the special committee has a frontage of 73 feet on El Paso street, where The Vogue store is now located, and will have a frontage of 274 feet on West San Antonio street when it is opened through Esquivola.

The proposed plan is to build the first floor of the hotel building 73 by 274 on El Paso, West San Antonio and Santa Fe streets, and to make the remaining nine stories of the ten story building 50 by 274, which would give all the rooms above the first floor an outside elevation.

It is said that the owners of this property are willing to take the entire amount of the sale price of this property in stock in the new hotel and the committee is considering the offer seriously.

five minutes. It is no secret that 15 percent is kept by "the house" from every board. This is the business of the game. According to frequenters of the houses, "days" average from \$29 to \$35 an hour at least. It is not necessary to cheat the player at keno. The player does that himself when he plays. The player merely gambles with each other's money and the "house" gets a percentage for operating the game.

BOOTLEGGERS ESCAPE FROM A LOUISIANA CONVICT CAMP

Shreveport, La., March 18.—Authorities here today requested the governor of Louisiana for requisition papers on Texas to secure Louis Bergman, arrested at Fort Worth and wanted here for escaping from a convict camp while serving a four months' term for violation of the prohibition laws.

Bergman owned a saloon and is well known.

CONFERS WITH TEXANS ON HOOK WORM CAMPAIGN

New Orleans, La., March 18.—Wycliffe Rose, field secretary for the Rockefeller sanitary commission, which will use the \$1,000,000 fund to exterminate the hook worm in the southern states, left here today for Houston, where he will confer with the health officers.

He will then visit other Texas cities.

FIRE IN TEXAS TOWN IS PUT OUT BY RAIN

Walmart Springs, Tex., March 18.—The Cunningham building occupied by the Williams hardware company, was destroyed by flames late yesterday, causing a loss of \$8000. A hard rain prevented the flames spreading. Many farm implements were ruined. The origin of the fire is unknown.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT HEARING POSTPONED

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Owing to conditions prevailing in the house, where a memorable fight against the house rules is still going on, it was impossible to secure a quorum in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee this morning and adjournment was taken until 10 tomorrow morning.

Far below Chihuahuita, across wastes of rubbish and sand, close by the muddy, stotful river, is Ciudad Chamizal. It is so called in jest, for only a dozen winnowed adobe shacks compose the little "city" in this disputed zone, where only the poorest of the poor attempt to live.

In the first of the adobe houses, as the pedestrian reaches a spot a mile or more down the railroad right-of-way from the nearest bridge, lies a man on his deathbed, so it is believed by all of Ciudad Chamizal. The man is Ramon Soto, a laborer.

There is no wife to nurse the falling workman; the wife has been dead a year and more. But there are many children—five in all—and children are the sunshine of life, even to the poorest. But the five daughters of Ramon Soto cannot live. Usuvia Soto, almost a woman, must nurse the dying father and care for four little sisters, the smallest almost a baby.

Since the father fell sick, two weeks ago, struck by an unknown, barrowing malady, there has been no money in the household purse, and no food in the household larder. A daily allowance of tortillas and black beans, proffered by poverty stricken neighbors,

COURT MAY INCREASE RATES TO E. PASO CONSUMERS OF WATER

Order of Judge Maxey to the Master in Chancery Instructs Him to Gather Data With That End in View If It Is Necessary—Hearing Opens in El Paso With W. E. Anderson on Witness Stand.

The hearing of testimony in the El Paso water company receivership case opened in federal court today, ex-governor Jos. D. Sayers presiding in his capacity of master in chancery, under appointment of federal judge T. S. Maxey.

The receivership, as The Herald pointed out months ago, is liable to be a two-edged affair, for the master has been ordered by the court to take testimony relative to rates and to ascertain and report to the court if present returns are inadequate, what rates should be charged to operate the plant and pay a just return upon the investment and create a sinking fund for the payment of all indebtedness. In other words the court assumes the power to increase the rates regardless of the city franchise provision, if the present rates are considered inadequate, just as The Herald pointed out would be the case in the event of a receivership, and as mayor Sweeney warned over a year ago.

City officials—acting mayor Robinson and city attorney Caldwell—admit that this is possible, but officially they refuse to admit that the court has such a right. In a signed statement, these two officials say in part:

"The governor's instructions from Judge Maxey seem to direct him among other things to hear testimony as to what the water rates should be in order to earn a fair dividend on the capital necessary to supply the city with water, the rates fixed by the water company's charter from the city not to be the basis of the investigation but rather what the rates ought to be in order to yield a reasonable profit. While the city does not for one moment admit that the law will allow the rates to be raised beyond the charter maximum in order that the water company may make even a reasonable profit, yet the improvements should be made in the plant of said company to enable the receiver to efficiently discharge his trust, and as to what rate would necessarily be charged to enable the receiver to make the said improvements and to yield a just return upon the investment, and to set aside a safe and reasonable sinking fund to protect the property, and to make such extraordinary repairs, renewals and replacements as may be made necessary by the growth

and development of the city, it is the order of the court:

"That Joseph D. Sayers, esquire, of Austin, Travis county, Texas, be and he is hereby appointed a master in chancery, with instruction to take such testimony as will enable the court to fully and properly consider and determine the matters and things herein involved, and to that end, the master may also, and in addition to such testimony, procure and submit statements from the proper authorities of other cities in this state, as to the manner and the expense involved of supplying such cities and the residents therein with water facilities, and the cost to the takers of water, with such information as may be pertinent.

"The master will submit his report, which shall include his findings and recommendations, together with the testimony taken, to this court at the April session thereof, at El Paso, Tex., and on or before April 15 next.

"The receiver will pay the expenses (duly itemized) actually incurred by the master in the performance of his duties—the fixing of the master's compensation being reserved until the conclusion of his services and his final report.

"The clerk will duly enter this order of record at the El Paso division of the court and deliver to the master a certified copy thereof.

Ordered at chambers at Austin, Tex., this 24th day of February, A. D. 1910.

"T. S. Maxey, Judge."
(Ent. Order Book 1, page 117.)

Evidence for Court.

The evidence which will be taken in this hearing will be submitted to Judge Maxey, together with the master's recommendations and the attorney's objections at the April term of the United States court held here on April 15. Witnesses will be introduced by the defendant water company, the association which is called the water users' association, the attorney for the receiver of the International Water company and the attorney for the city. Should it be necessary in order to obtain all the facts in the water case, other witnesses will be called by the master in chancery in order to obtain a report to submit to Judge Maxey as is possible to obtain.

The hearing opened this morning with the attorneys for the various interests present and with Judge Sayers presiding. The International Water company was represented by W. H. Burzee; for receiver J. M. Wyatt, Capt. W. R. Brack was present; Judge J. M. Gosselin, George E. Wallace and P. E. Gardner appeared for the Water Users' association. W. M. Caldwell represents the city.

Ordinance Read.

The two city ordinances, the original one and the one which was amended and which stipulates the terms of the contract between the International Water company and the city, were introduced at the morning session as exhibits A and B.

General manager W. E. Anderson, of the Water company, was the first witness called by the attorneys for the company. Judge Caldwell, representing the city, questioned the general manager of the water plant as to the conditions at the mesa and Watts plant, the quantity of water each produced and quality of the water from each well. The amount of solids in the products of the two plants, their value for domestic and manufac-

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