

## 12 IS SET FOR VOTE ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

### ALL THE VOTERS WILL HAVE A SAY

Matter of Raise in Rates Will Also Be Submitted to Voters at That Time.

### BOND ELECTION TO COME LATER

If Municipal Ownership Is Choice, Taxpayers Will Then Vote on Bonds.

Thursday May 12, the citizens of El Paso will decide what is to be done to relieve the present situation which confronts them in regard to the water. Every voter will be allowed to cast a ballot on one of two propositions.

The first proposition is to decide whether or no the present water company shall be permitted to raise its rates as recommended by ex-governor Sayers.

The second proposition is for municipal ownership and in the event that this carried, then a second election of ad valorem taxpayers will be held about June 27 or 28 to decide upon the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$400,000 to purchase the plant of the International Water company.

After mayor Robinson had made his report to the city council at Friday morning's session, the resolution calling for the elections was passed.

Next Wednesday an ordinance calling for the bond election will be presented to the city council for its first reading. The following day it will be placed on its second reading, probably adopted and the date for the bond election set for June 27 or 28, as it requires at least 30 days' notice after the passage of such an ordinance before an election for this purpose can be held.

The idea of the city council in calling the waterworks election as soon as possible is to dispose of this matter and have it settled at once. If municipal ownership is defeated then the only thing left to the city is to raise the rates of the present water company. The report of mayor Robinson and the resolution adopted follow:

**The Resolution.**  
Be it resolved by the city council of the city of El Paso: That there be submitted to the qualified voters of the said city the following propositions:

First—Do you favor a raise in the water rates of the city by the International Water company, as recommended by ex-governor Sayers, said rates to be provided for by the city council in an amendment to the franchise and contract existing between the city and said company, with such reasonable limitations upon the amount of earnings and income to the said company as may be mutually agreed upon between the city council and the representatives of said company.

Second—Do you favor the purchase of the International Water company's entire plant, properties and equipment for the sum of \$450,000 in 5 percent bonds of the city of El Paso and the assumption by the city of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the International Water company, aggregating the sum of \$475,000?

And it is herewith further resolved that an election be called for the purpose of issuing the necessary bonds to enable the city council to carry out the will of the voters in the event they favor municipal ownership.

The mayor is hereby directed to prepare and issue his proclamation for the purpose of carrying out the directions of this resolution.

Passed and approved this, the 6th day of May, A. D. 1910.

Attest: C. W. Fassett, City Clerk.  
W. F. Robinson, Mayor.

Upon a motion by alderman Clayton, this resolution was unanimously adopted, and Thursday, May 12, set as the date for the election.

**The Mayor's Letter.**  
El Paso, Tex., May 6.  
Gentlemen of the Council:

After careful reflection, I thought it judicious to present to you this morning my idea in reference to the water question.

The history of the past three years has clearly shown us that there are but

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### MORE TARGET RANGE AT FORT

Board Is Now Considering Addition to Present Range Means Bigger Post.

### ARMY NEWS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Fort Bliss target range will probably be enlarged. A board of officers is now in session at Fort Bliss considering the matter and, while the officers on the board are noncommittal, it is understood that the matter involves the acquisition of additional land west of the government range all the way to Mt. Franklin. This land is owned by R. B. Stevens and in times past, cattle ranging on it are said to have been endangered by the target practice. If the government can acquire this land, the range will then run back to the mountain and there would be no danger to anyone from the bullets. It would make one of the finest ranges in the country, military men declare. The government in the past held that the price asked for the land was too high.

If the land is acquired it will undoubtedly mean the further enlargement of the target range. The officers now considering the matter are: Capt. Thomas F. Schley and William H. Waldron, and 1st Lieut. Fred H. Turner, 23d infantry.

Upon recommendation of the chief surgeon of the department, privates Frank E. Brokaw and William H. Smith, hospital corps, have been sent by the commanding officer of Fort Bliss to Fort Clark for duty at the latter post.

Major Clarence E. Dentler, 23d infantry, has been assigned to temporary duty at headquarters, department of Texas, in charge of the general scheme of instruction of military officers of the organized militia in the department.

Says the Army and Navy Journal: "We have been requested to state that Col. A. C. Sharpe, 23d infantry, informed the war department that the effort to have the 23d infantry sent to an eastern station, as indicated in correspondence published in our issue of January 13, 1910, was made without his knowledge during his absence in China, and in direct disregard of his expressed disapproval."

The 19th infantry, lately stationed at Fort Bliss, now in the orient, has a new colonel. Col. W. T. Wood has been assigned to the regimental command.

Capt. Celwyn E. Hampton, 21st infantry, and Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, 25th infantry, have been ordered retired. Capt. Hampton is a son-in-law of Judge Thomas Paschal, of San Antonio, former congressman from that district. Capt. Macklin was formerly stationed here.

Capt. Thos. G. Hanson, of the 19th infantry, recently stationed at Fort Bliss, has been promoted to major of the 8th infantry.

Capt. Hugh A. Drum and Capt. Thos. L. Brewer, of the 25d infantry, have been ordered to Fort Leavenworth to enter the officers' school. Capt. Drum is stationed at Fort Bliss.

**POSTOFFICE BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE.**  
Washington, D. C., May 6.—Carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$241,000,000, the postoffice appropriation bill passed the senate today.

**FIRED AT BY ASSASSIN.**  
Mount Pleasant, Tex., May 6.—While Zek G. Gilroy was making a bed on the floor at his home last night a shot was fired at close range through the door. The powder burned his face and he narrowly escaped death. His home is 10 miles east of here. The shot was imbedded in the floor.

### BALLINGER IS UNDER CROSS FIRE

Attorney Objects to Prosecution's Questions; Warm Exchange of Words.

### FAVORITISM FOR SECRETARY SHOWN

Washington, D. C., May 6.—The cross examination of secretary Ballinger before the Ballinger-Pinchot committee this morning was enlivened by a number of sharp clashes between the secretary and attorney Brandeis.

Finally representative Denby broke in impatiently and objected to Mr. Brandeis further wasting the committee's time with irrelevant questions.

Mr. Brandeis retorted that Mr. Vertrees had taken up four days with his cross examination of Mr. Glavis and spent all the time he wanted "on one question."

"What I want is fair play," said Mr. Brandeis. "This witness has with extraordinary swiftness made any number of statements, not only led by Mr. Vertrees, but dragged in by Mr. Vertrees. Vertrees was on his feet instantly, and said that statement was known to be deliberately false. I have stood here a long time," he continued, "and seen witness after witness offended by insolence in this cross examination. The time has come when the committee should protect gentlemen from such insolent imputations."

### EVIDENCE STRONG FOR HYDE NOW

Testimony in Kansas City Murder Trial Favorable to Defendant.

Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—A new point was scored by the defence in the Hyde murder trial today when Dr. Walter M. Cross, city chemist, declared that by mingling formaldehyde and ammonia, hydrocyanic acid, the active part of cyanide, would be formed.

Ammonia, said the witness, was present in large quantities in all bodies. "Could these changes take place in a human body?" asked Mr. Brewster. "I am convinced that they could," said Dr. Cross.

By a hypothetical question the defence was able to get before the jury the alleged unsanitary conditions at the Swope home, which the defence claims caused the typhoid epidemic. Dr. Cross said undoubtedly these conditions caused the fever.

### GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANTS WILL ENGAGE IN DEBATE?

Plans Made for Joint Meeting at Austin of Johnson, Poindexter, Colquitt and Davidson to Settle Questions.

Austin, Texas, May 6.—Announcement was made here today that plans are being formed for a joint debate between the four gubernatorial candidates—Johnson, Poindexter, Colquitt and Davidson—here in June. The announcement created a stir in political circles here, and if the debate materializes, thousands will come from all parts of the state. Several challenges have been heretofore hurled by the various candidates, but have not been accepted.

### COMPANY PLANS START OF SEWER WORK IN JUAREZ.

Representative of the contracting company awarded the work of draining Ciudad Juarez, have arrived in the neighboring Mexican city and established temporary offices and store rooms. Work will be commenced next week under the direction of jefe politico Portillo.

### ARMY OFFICER RETURNS.

Col. Emiliano Corolla, in charge of Mexican troops stationed at the Juarez garrison, has returned from a prolonged visit to the City of Mexico. His return relinquishes command from major Castro, one of his staff.

## EARTHQUAKE KILLS HUNDREDS

### BRITAIN'S KING MAY BE DYING

Great Britain Frightened at Serious Illness of Its Ruler.

London, England, May 6.—An atmosphere of great depression surrounds Buckingham palace today.

The suddenness of the transition from yesterday morning, when the king was receiving politicians, to the present, when it is believed he is critically ill, has shocked the country.

Business and politics are at a standstill. The prince of Wales arrived at the palace at 10 o'clock and entered almost unobserved.

A bulletin issued this morning said: "The king passed a comparatively quiet night, but the symptoms have not improved and his majesty's condition gives rise to great anxiety."

"Very bad," said the archbishop of Canterbury, as he emerged from the palace gate and was questioned regarding his majesty's condition.

The king's age and corpulence and the well known weakness of his heart, which is attributed chiefly to constant smoking of strong cigars, all have served to weaken his powers of resistance.

From political and other points of view the death or long illness of the sovereign will be particularly disastrous, as the greatest constitutional crisis in generations hangs over Great Britain.

King Edward's first serious attack of bronchial trouble was experienced a year ago. Since that time his majesty has suffered several recurrences of the malady. Each attack has proved worse than the preceding one.

"I am very sorry to say," said one of the king's entourage this morning, with a shake of his head, "that the papers have not exaggerated his majesty's condition. His condition is very grave."

A bulletin issued this afternoon by King Edward's physician says his symptoms became worse during the day, and his condition is now critical.

The archbishop of Canterbury telegraphed all the bishops of England and Wales this afternoon: "Prayers by the church and people of England are desired on behalf of his majesty, king Edward, in his grave illness."

### STRIKE TIES UP THE SAN ANTONIO BREWERIES.

San Antonio, Texas, May 6.—With 250 brewery workers on a strike here, the plants all closed this morning. The men demand an increase of \$2 a week, the brewers offering to compromise on \$1.

Louis Kemp, international secretary of the union, is here conducting the strike. All brewery workers except the cooperers are affected. The men decline to accept a compromise and say the fight is on to a finish.

### STATE ATTEMPTS TO STOP WASTE OF GAS

Shreveport, La., May 6.—Attorney general Gulon filed an injunction suit this morning against the Caddo Gas and Oil company from permitting its gas wells to run wild. It is a test of the state law for conservation. If successful it will stop other waste and possibly prevent the piping of gas out of the state. Millions of feet of gas have been lost daily in this well.

### FOR THE BABIES' FUND.

D. T. White, Jr., sends \$1 to "Help save the babies." The work is going on successfully and a great deal of good has already been done. More money is needed in order to carry on the "school for mothers," the district nursing and the baby clinic throughout the summer.

### NEGRO WOMAN ARRESTED FOR A MURDER COMMITTED IN 1901.

Austin, Texas, May 6.—Strangers today arrested a half breed Indian negro accused of being Ada Neal, who has been wanted at Lufkin for murder since 1901. Capt. Rogers will communicate with Lufkin officials. The woman asserts her innocence, and says she has lived here since childhood and that she knows nothing of the crime.



KING EDWARD VII.

London, Eng., May 6.—Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty.

These words fell from the lips of king Edward VII. in a waking interval late this afternoon. His majesty's condition is declared critical by attending physicians. A gloom has settled over the city and provinces following the issuance of tonight's distressing bulletin.

All members of the royal family have been summoned to the palace. The end of the king seems near.

### APACHES ATTACK HOME; BEATEN OFF BY MINER

Globe, Ariz., May 6.—Drunken Apaches attacked the ranch of Daniel Mahen, four miles east of Globe, last night in the quest of Mahen, who killed an Apache several months ago.

Mahen is now in an asylum, and only his wife and 16-year-old daughter were at the ranch.

Eugene Barrows, a prospector, rescued them after a hard fight. Using an empty revolver as a club, Barrows fought his way through the Indians, who numbered half a dozen, and, with the women, succeeded in reaching the Sixty Six ranch, half a mile away.

One of the Indians attacked Barrows with a knife, and Barrows broke his revolver on his head. It is believed the Indian was killed.

### RIVER FALLING NORTH OF CITY

Flood Stage Is Stationary at El Paso—Present Flood Seems Past.

It appears as if fear of flood soon will be past in this locality. Friday's reading at the local government gauge showed the waters still at the 15.6 foot mark, exactly the same point reached Friday. Following the steady 0.2 of a foot rise of the last few days, the river strongly indicates that the flood crest has reached the city, and that soon the gradual fall will begin.

Reports received by the local offices of the reclamation service say that the joya, between San Marcial and Albuquerque, Thursday afternoon, the river was falling at Engle, but was stationary at Selden.

Reports made to the office of the district engineer of the service Friday morning state that the river has receded one-tenth of a foot at Engle and two inches at Selden.

### GOOD RAIN FALLS EAST OF CITY; MAKES GOOD SEASON

Reports from down the T. & P. and G. H. east of El Paso, are that a heavy rain fell there Wednesday night. About Toiyah on the T. & P. the rain was extremely heavy and it extended south and east and included a great deal of G. H. territory. It will greatly benefit the range and will put a season into the ground for the farmers.

### COSTA RICA INHABITANTS SUFFER

Entire City of Cartago Is in Ruins and Death List May Reach 2000 Souls.

### NICARAGUA FELT THE SHOCK ALSO

Even Fresno, California, Is Shaken—Survivors Suffer Greatly For Food.

San Juan Del Sur, Costa Rica, May 6.—Reports from San Jose, Costa Rica, today state that no habitable houses remain in Cartago, which was visited by a series of earth shocks Wednesday night.

Late reports say 400 bodies have been taken from the ruins, and the injured will add several hundred to the casualties.

Martial law has been declared to prevent disorder and looting. The authorities are making efforts to relieve the injured and destitute.

The victims who survived their injuries are being removed to San Jose, 14 miles distant.

It is agreed that the first estimate of 500 dead at Cartago was conservative.

The finest structures in the town are in ruins. Among the number was the palace of Justices, erected by Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$100,000.

**GREAT SUFFERING.**  
Panama, May 6.—The earthquake shocks of Wednesday night in Costa Rica caused much suffering, not only in Cartago, but in towns along the railroad line from Cartago to Port Llanos.

Shocks were also felt at several points in Nicaragua, near the Costa Rican frontier. Reports reaching here state that there has been much suffering and destitution at Cartago, consequent upon the disaster. There is no food.

**2000 MAY BE DEAD.**  
New Orleans, La., May 6.—A special cablegram from Cartago, Costa Rica, this morning states:

"It is now believed the death list in the earthquake which destroyed the city yesterday will be above 2000."

"Already more than 400 bodies have been taken from the ruins."

"Every structure of any extent is wrecked. Appeals for aid have been sent to Nicaragua."

### CALIFORNIA IS SHAKEN.

Fresno, Cal., May 6.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here this morning shortly before 9 o'clock. The vibrations lasted more than a minute.

### KILPATRICK WILL ASSIST IN COMPILING DISTRICT CENSUS

Goes to Big Springs, Work Being Completed Here; Difficultly Experienced in Obtaining Chinese Enumeration.

John B. Kilpatrick, chief clerk of the census bureau of this district, has been selected by supervisor John Little to assist him in completing the census enumeration and the compilation of the returns. He will leave Monday evening for Big Springs and will take charge of a large part of the census work of the district as assistant supervisor.

The census for El Paso closed Friday with the completion of the enumeration in the congested Second ward district, for which an extension was granted by the supervisor.

The greatest trouble the enumerators had was in counting noses in the South Oregon street, where the Chinamen hid, the inborn fear of the custom officers looking for opium and the immigration inspectors looking for smuggled Chinese, causing the orientals to be a bit reticent. Finally, Wong Aloy, formerly connected with the immigration service as interpreter, and at present a Chinese lawyer and interpreter, was secured to assist in the census taking. Wong explained to the enumerators in the Chinese line of thick talk just what was wanted and succeeded in getting every inhabitant of the Chinese quarter listed on the census sheets.

### BANKERS WILL BE HERE ON MONDAY

Headquarters will be opened in the chamber of commerce building Monday morning for the Texas Bankers' association, the convention of which opens here Tuesday. A number of the east Texas bankers are expected Monday morning on the regular Sunset and Texas & Pacific trains, and the remainder on the two bankers' specials over these two roads.

The bankers will register at headquarters, where the official program and other information will be supplied by the local reception and entertainment committee. Monday evening the Elks will entertain the bankers at their club on Myrtle avenue. The business sessions of the convention will open Tuesday morning at the chamber of commerce at 10 o'clock.

The White Way Southern society, the only organization of its kind in this or any other world, will have its annual meeting here during the sessions of the Texas bankers. The society has a set of rules, regulations and bylaws which are more rigid than the regulation on overdrafts, one being to the effect that each member must take home the program of the church services he attended while at the convention. The White Way Southern society has a button, a membership certificate and a complete roster of officers. It will hold a business session and banquet here during bankers' week, in addition to leading the fun for the money changers.

### HALF MALE POPULATION OF A TOWN MEETS DEATH IN A MINE

Palos, Ala., May 6.—The little mining village of Palos is in mourning today. More than half its male population is believed to have perished in yesterday's explosion of mine No. 3 of the Palos Coal and Coke company.

About 200 men, of whom 45 were white, are thought to have been killed. By 8 o'clock this morning 19 bodies had been recovered, but the rescuers at that time had not reached the 2300 foot level, where the largest body of men was working at the time of the explosion.

Numerous cave-ins were caused by the explosion and families of the entombed men are hoping that some may have found refuge from the deadly black damp behind them, but mine officials and experts hold out no hope.

The explosion is supposed to have been due to a miner carrying a gas pocket with a lighted lamp. Among the bodies recovered is that of C. H. Stansberry, assistant mine foreman. H. A. McCarle, whose brother is president of the Amalgamated Association of Tin and Steel Workers in Pennsylvania, is supposed to be dead in the mine.

### HOW TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTION

The official ballot for the school election Saturday was issued at noon Friday. The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. Saturday. The voting places and precinct boundaries were printed in The Herald Friday so that voters may know where to go to cast their ballots.

The official ballot follows:

### OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES INDEPENDENT DISTRICT, EL PASO, TEXAS

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| CITIZENS' TICKET. | GOOD SCHOOLS TICKET |
| J A KRAKAUER      | JOHN H HARPER       |
| J H McBROOM.      | E H IRVIN           |
| H. E. STEVENSON.  | W H WINTER          |