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**WHAT OIL PRORATION  
DID FOR ONE PLACE**

Ed. Placke is visiting old friends and relatives in Giddings this week. He is an electrician and was recently with the Texas Power and Light Company at knobs, New Mexico. Last October that place was a thriving little city with about 30,000 inhabitants, and a good producing oil field. The main business street was a mile in length with every business location taken. Since that date, oil proration has been put into effect and people have moved away until now there are about 3,000 persons there, with vacant buildings and other signs of inactivity. His company had just completed installing a new electric light plant at the cost of many thousands of dollars, and not a wheel has been turn-

ed since the new plant was completed. He says many men have been cut off temporarily with no prospect of being re-employed soon. The proration requires only a few men to operate the shut-off valves daily.