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GAIL, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MAY. 21, 1908.

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Plainview Community,

Plainview Community, May 11—We are needing rain in our community at this writing.

Messrs. Beach, Willis and Simpson have gone to Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Salyera spent last Monday with Mrs. Beach.

Mr. A. J. Warren made a business trip to Tahoka last Saturday.

Messrs. Moyers, Gleastine and Beach went to Tahoka last Thursday.

Mr. N. G. Berry of Tahoka Lake community was in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. Kimbol and Mrs. W. H. Miller called on Mrs. Beach Monday evening.

Mrs. John Berry spent last Sunday and Monday with Mrs. A. H. Berry.

Messrs. Bennam and Berry accompanied by Mr. Jones, and daughter, Miss Ethel, went to Gail last Monday.

Several from our community attend the Literary at Moor's draw last Saturday night.

A party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry's last

Friday night was a pleasant affair.

Mrs. Annie King spent last Saturday with her sister Mrs. Rains.

Miss Sallie Beach visited her sister Mrs. King several days last week.

General health of community good.

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas }
County of Borden } Taken up by A. R. Gray and Estrayed before J. A. Scarlett Justice of the Peace precinct No. 1, Borden county: One iron gray pony, about 4 years old, branded T on left shoulder, 4 N. E. on left thigh, 12 or 13 hands high. Appraised at twenty-five dollars.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 4 day of May, 1908.

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Bob Majors from near Tahoka was in Gail on business last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Pou—Hopkins.

On last Sunday morning Mr. J. G. Pou and Miss Myrtle Hopkins were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The marriage took place at the Durham church house, Reverent Childers officiating.

Mr. Pou is an intelligent young man, whose home is in Ballenger. He was here several weeks last winter, building the Gail Bank. The Gail people can highly recommend Mr. Pou as a nice energetic young man.

Miss Hopkins was one of Gail's prominent young ladies, and will be missed very much by the young people. She is well known in this part of the county as her home has been here for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pou left Tuesday morning for Post where they expect to make their future home. The Citizen wishes them all the happiness and success possible. Contributed.

Mr. Watson from Clarksville who has been in Gail several days went to Emma last Tuesday.

Mrs. D. E. Naylor, from Post City was in Gail visiting her parents and sister last Monday and Tuesday, returning home Wednesday accompany by her mother.

Dillahunty—Kennedy.

Mr. Mex Dillahunty, and Miss Lida Kennedy, both of Gail were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hale, brother and sister of Mr. Dillahunty, on last Monday evening.

Mr. Dillahunty is well known in Borden county, having been raised here, and has many friends among its citizens.

Miss Kennedy is a lovable young lady, and has lived near our town about two years, has become well acquainted with our young people who will feel very much interested in the happiness of their friend.

We are glad that we are not to lose the young people from among us, as they expect to make their home in Gail.

The Citizen extends to the bride and groom its sincere wishes for a long, prosperous and happy wedded life.

Mrs. Nisbett and daughters Misses Leila and Eunice were in town visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. T. W. Cotton on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jolly and daughter, Miss Myrtle were shopping in Gail last Monday.

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THE STATEMENT.

Whereas, in a speech delivered at Fort Davis on December, 18, 1905 (and in his other speeches delivered over the District since then) Candidate J. F. Cunningham, in speaking of the amendment to the National irrigation Act, which extended the benefits of the Act to the people of Texas living within the valley of the Rio Grande near El Paso, which Amendment had been passed through the efforts of Congressman W. R. Smith, made the following criticisms of that Amendment:

Mr. Cunningham said:

"The Amendment, you will observe, gives to the Secretary of the Interior unlimited discretion. He may build a dam if sufficient land can be supplied at a cost which will render the project feasible and return to the Reclamation fund the cost of the enterprise, and should all other conditions as regards feasibility be found satisfactory. The Amendment makes no provisions for hundreds of small irrigators now living in the valley of the Rio Grande. Neither is there any stipulation by which citizens may contract directly with the government for the water. The meagerness of the measure and its application to El Paso alone indicate that it was the intention of the author to have it strengthened or supplemented by other agencies; accordingly a nonresident corporation has been organized at El

Paso with a capital stock of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars to supply the land and render the project feasible. Owners of land are required to subscribe for stock in said corporation at the rate of forty dollars per acre and mortgage their lands to secure same. The contract provides for a forfeiture of all interest of the shareholder to the company on failure to comply with the rules and regulations applicable thereto. There is no provision for stay of proceeding in case of failure of crops or want of water. I see no good reason why a nonresident corporation should be used to induct Federal irrigation into this State; neither do I see any wisdom in the law that compels our citizens to contract with a corporation for water at forty dollars per acre, and the corporation with power to contract for water from the government at perhaps a much lower price and thereby open an avenue for graft such as now surrounds the construction of the Panama Canal. It seems to me that provisions could and should be made for the protection of the rights of private irrigators who without which will necessarily be absorbed or driven out. And again it occurs to me that our citizens should have a right to contract directly with the government for water, and not to be compelled to call in a nonresident corporation to aid them."

And, Whereas, the foregoing statements contain many gross

misrepresentations of fact and yet are so plausibly stated as to be likely to deceive many, now,

Therefore, to the end that the misrepresentations contained therein may be corrected and the facts may be known, we desire to set forth the following statement of facts:

First. It will be noted that the effects of the amendment which is denounced by Mr. Cunningham is to extend the provisions of the then existing irrigation law to the Rio Grande valley in Texas, with all its provisions and benefits, no more and no less.

It has justly been called the most beneficent work of legislation that has emanated from Congress in twenty years.

Let us see what provision it makes for the protection of the "small irrigators now located in the Rio Grande valley" who according to Cunningham, are to be "absorbed or driven out."

Section VIII of the law provides: "That nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or to in any way interfere with the laws of any State or Territory relating to the control, appropriation, use or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder. And the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing here shall in any way affect any right of any State, or of the Federal government, or of

any land-owner appropriator, or user of water in, to or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof: provided, that the right to the use of water acquired under the provisions of this Act shall by appurtenant to the land irrigated, and beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of the right."

A few words in regard to the "non-resident corporation," which according to Mr. Cunningham, has been formed for the purpose of Graft:

The corporation is formed under the command and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of acting as a common agent between the government and all the land owners, and every word of its charter is dictated by the Secretary of the Interior.

The sole and only reason for incorporating under the laws of the Territory of Arizona is that the incorporation of laws of Texas do not admit of the incorporation of details in the Articles, which were deemed advisable by the Secretary of the Interior, and each and all of which are inserted for the purpose of safe-guarding the rights of the individual land owner, and by incorporation in the Charter to put it out of the power of the Board of Governors to materially change the rights or obligations of the individual land owner.

No one can hold a share of
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Gail, Texas, May, 27 1908.

Make Yourself Agreeable

Do you realize how absolutely necessary it is that you make yourself agreeable?

[I know that there are times when it seems impossible and the effort too great. But make it.

None of us can afford to have moods. They are a form of self indulgence that no one can afford to cultivate.

Things may not be going to suit you. You may have to do many things that you wouldn't much like to do. But don't take it out on your friends. They are not to blame for the shortcomings in your life.

If you can't have the best that life affords, make up your mind to take the next best and be cheerful over it.

LET THE WORLD SEE YOU SMILE

As long as possible, turn a smiling face to the world.

I know a young woman who thinks she has cause for unhappiness and discontent. In her heart she has a right to mourn as much as she pleases, but she has not the right to impose her moods upon her friends, and that is just what she is doing. The result is that they are getting exceedingly weary of her.

There is just one thing that people will not tolerate, and that is, being bored.

As long as you have something to give out in the way of sympathy, sweetness or entertainment, you will be welcomed on all sides; but just as sure as you become morose and peevish you will be shunned.

Unhappiness makes us introspective, and we think of no one but ourselves and of nothing but our woes.

IT MIGHT BE MUCH WORSE

And, after all, the day always comes when we look with sane eyes upon our troubles and realize that they might have been much worse.

To be alive and healthy should make a great deal of happiness,

and yet we are not thankful for those two great blessings.

Look about you and see how many there are less fortunate than you.

Make all the friends you can, and hold them by gentleness and kindness.

Never think that you can afford to act as you please, for you cannot. We all hold the responsibility of making ourselves as agreeable as possible to those about us.

If you shirk that responsibility you are guilty of a great wrong.—Selected.

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A GOOD FRIEND ASKS US:

A good friend asks us to tell in this paper just why we have been so much opposed to the Cuban and Philippine wars, and we do not hesitate for one moment to say:

(1) That we believe with James Russell Lowell that unnecessary war is murder.

(2) By the testimony of President McKinley and his Secretary of State, John Sherman, the war about Cuba was entirely unnecessary.

Congressman Boutelle of Maine in an address to our Massachusetts Club on October 22, 1898, said that he had "personal conference with President McKinley day after day and if Congress had left the matter to the President, he would have secured everything wanted in Cuba without one drop of American or Spanish blood."

Secretary of State, Sherman said in the Boston Herald of Sept. 4, 1898, "It was not necessary for us to go to war with Spain. I had several consultations with the Spanish minister on the subject, and we could have adjusted difficulties without the loss of our blood or treasure. Why, we had progressed to that stage that I could have arranged a treaty

by which Spain would have retired peacefully from the island of Cuba. The blood of our men who went forth under the impulse of the moment to defend our flag is upon the heads of the men in congress who brought on the war and all of its consequent suffering."

(3) Upon this and other confirmatory evidence we believe the war about Cuba was unnecessary, and as a consequence we believe was murder from beginning to end—murder of our own soldiers—murder of the poor fellows compelled [compelled by Spanish armies] to fight and die there.

(4) So we believe the war against the Filipinos totally unnecessary, unjust and unjustifiable and simply and only murder—murder as before of our own soldiers and murder of the people whom they had been sent out to kill.

We believe the verdict of posterity on both these wars will be—murder.

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 ber.

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 Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

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 er in Charge.

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grasses being the needle and mes-
 quite.

The rainfall here is sufficient
 for abundant and successful
 farming. The products of the
 farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane
 Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat
 and oats have not been grown
 extensively in this county, but
 some parts are specially adapted
 to the raising of small grain. We
 find the gardens bedecked with
 beans, peas, turnips, onions rad-
 ishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts
 and watermelons. The orchards
 furnish peaches, pears, apples,
 grapes, plums and apricots. The
 wild fruits are grapes, plums and
 mulberries. At present orchards
 are comparatively few, but bear
 good and abundant fruit. Agri-
 culture is fast becoming the lead-
 ing industry. The lands which

only a few years since were trod-
 den under the foot of the buffalo
 and mustang pony, and the howl
 of the lobo and the yelp of the
 coyote were the only signs of life
 now are under fence and the soil
 beneath the plow. At present the
 whistle of the farm boy, the songs
 of the milk maid, the bark of the
 neighbor's dog, the rattling of
 wagons, and the hum of gins are
 some of the indications of life and
 civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading
 factor in the progress of our
 county. Borden county takes
 pride in raising some of the best
 horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry
 does extremely well in this local-
 ity.

The development of this county
 has been quite rapid the last six
 months. During that time there
 has been a nice little town built

up. The Methodists have erected
 a handsome church building at
 Durham in the South-Eastern
 part of this county.

Gail, the county seat is a
 small town but is building fast.
 There are eight business houses,
 besides a bank, two hotels, a
 restaurant, a livery stable and
 a wagon yard, two blacksmith
 shops and a new gin. Several
 of these improvements have
 been recently erected. Borden
 county is almost sure to average
 one-half bale per acre to all
 lands planted in cotton. I have
 lived in Borden county for eight
 years and have never witnessed
 a complete failure in crops. The
 lands about Gail have not here-
 to fore been for sale, hence the
 slow development. At present
 some of the pastures are for sale
 in small tracts.

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 twenty miles.

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 capital stock be paid in cash be-
 fore a charter is issued to a rail-
 road company and it is a sure
 thing the owners of this charter
 didn't put \$210,000 into it to lay
 idle. It will very likely cross the
 T. P. somewhere close to Stanton
 but if this town gets it she will
 have to make an effort.

We would like very much to
 see this road and the West Texas
 & Northern consolidate. By that
 means we would be sure to get it
 and think it would be a good
 turnk line to fish for.—Stanton
 Reporter.

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When one sees a nice shady lawn, he feels like going in and resting, and he never comes home, tired, hot and dusty from the day's work, if he has such a yard of his own, that he does not breathe an involuntary prayer of thankfulness for God's blessed trees.

Nothing so adds to the outward appearance of town as streets lined with trees. The stranger feels perfectly at home though he may not know a human soul, in the ordinary sense. It was a man of true feeling who wrote, "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Trees, nature's splendid exemplars, make the stranger wish to stay. Many Arlington people are adding to the comfort and the beauty of their homes, and at the same time doing a great good for the town. Get the tree planting habit.—Arlington Journal.

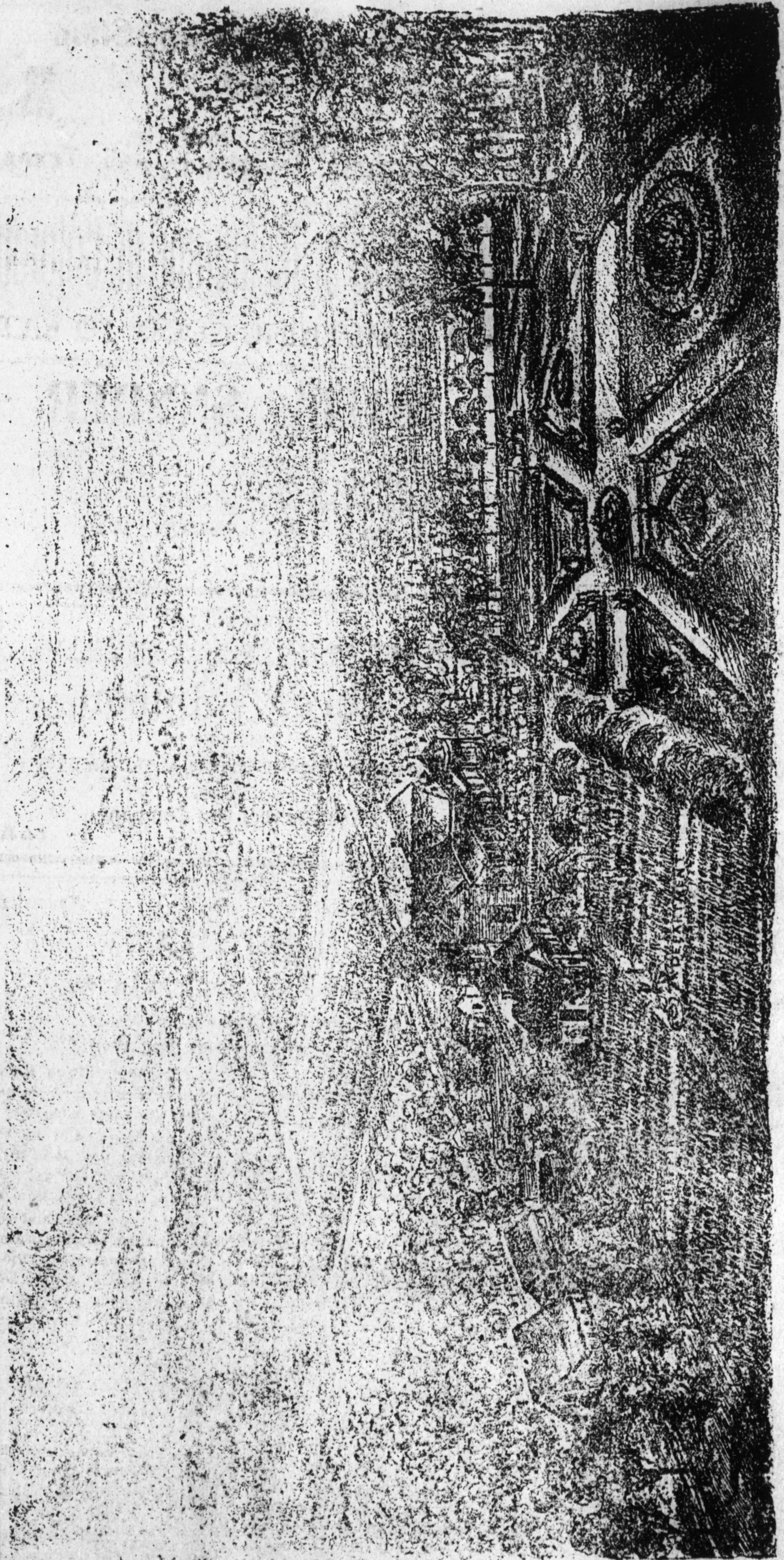
Farmer Barnes: I've bought a barometer, Hannah, ter tell when it's goin' ter rain, yer know!

Mrs. Barnes: To tell when it's goin' ter rain! Why, I never heerd o' seech extravagance! What do ye s'pose th' good Lord give ye the rheumatiz fer?"

She: I see where a fellow married a girl on his deathbed, just so she could have his millions when he was gone. Could you love a girl like that? He: Sure, I could love a girl like that! Where does she live?

Californians are Alarmed.

San Francisco, Cal.—Believing that a proper presentation to the Administration at Washington of the necessity of naval prosecution in the Pacific will result in the maintenance of a formidable fleet of war vessels in the Pacific waters, the California promotion committee has taken up the matter through its various agencies and connection, not only of this state but through the commercial bodies of all the Western States and of Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines, advising that they co-operate in the matter of addressing a communication to the Secretary of the navy requesting the maintenance permanently in the Pacific of twelve first-class battleships and eight armored cruisers.—Terry County Herald.



Bird's eye view, showing the home of M. G. Black, known as the Vine Hill Nurseries, one mile north of Court House Mt. Pleasant, Titus County Texas.

THE MYSTERY

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE
And SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS

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As we made out a heavy black squall. Not knowing exactly what weight lay behind it, I called up all hands. We ducked the staysail and foresail, lowered the peak of the mainsail and waited to feel of it, a rough and ready seamanship often used in these little California wind jammers. I was pretty busy, but I heard distinctly Handy Solomon's voice behind me:

"I'll kill you sure, you greaser, as soon as my hands are free!"

And some muttered reply from the Mexican.

The wind hit us hard, held on a few moments and moderated to a stiff puff. There followed the rain, so of course I knew it would amount to nothing. I was just stooping to throw the steps off the staysail when I felt myself seized from behind and forced rapidly toward the side of the ship.

Of course I struggled. The Japanese have a little trick to fool a man who catches you around the waist from behind. It is part of the jiu jitsu taught the Samurai, quite a different proposition from the ordinary "police-man jiu jitsu." I picked it up from a friend in the nobility. It came in very handy now, and by good luck a roll of the ship helped me. In a moment I stood free, and Perdoma was picking himself out of the scuppers.

The expression of astonishment was fairly well done—I will say that for him—but I was prepared for histrionics.

"Senor!" he gasped. "Eet is you! Sacrosanta Maria! I thought you was dat Solomon! Pardon me, senor! Pardon! Have I hurt you?"

He approached me almost wheedling. I could have laughed at the villain. It was all so transparent. He no more mistook me for Handy Solomon than he felt any real enmity for that person. But, being angry and perhaps a little scared, I beat him to his quarters with a belaying pin.

On thinking the matter over, however, I failed to see all the ins and outs of it. I could understand a desire to get rid of me. There would be one less of the afterguard, and then, too, I knew too much of the men's sentiments if not of their plans. But why all this elaborate farce of the mock quarrel and the alleged mistake? Could it be to guard against possible failure? I could hardly think it worth while. My only theory was that they had wished to test my strength and determination. The whole affair, even on that supposition, was childish enough, but I referred the exaggerated cunning to Handy Solomon and considered it quite adequately explained. It is a minor point, but subsequently I learned that this surmise was correct. I was to be saved because none of the conspirators understood navigation.

The next morning I approached Captain Selover.

"Captain," said I, "I think it my duty to report that there is trouble brewing among the crew."

"There always is," he replied, unmoved.

"But this is serious," Dr. Schermerhorn came aboard with a chest which the men think hold treasure. The other evening Robinson overheard him tell his assistant that he could easily fill the box with diamonds. Of course he was merely ill-timed, the value of some of the treasure is not known.

Robinson thinks and has made the others think that the chest contains something to make diamonds with. I am sure they intend to get hold of it. The affair is coming to a head."

Captain Selover listened almost indifferently.

"I came back from the islands last year," he piped, "with \$300,000 worth of pearls. There was sixteen in the crew, and every man of them was blood hungry for them pearls. They had three or four shindies and killed one man over the proper way to divide the loot after they had got it. They didn't get it. Why?" He drew his powerful figure to its height and spread his thick arms out in the luxury of stretching. "Why?" he repeated, exhaling abruptly. "Because their captain was Ezra Selover. Well, Mr. Eacen," he went on crisply, "Captain Ezra Selover is their captain, and they know it. They'll talk and palaver and git into dark corners and sharpen their knives and perhaps fight it out as to which one's going to work the monkey doodle business in the doctor's chest and which one's going to tie up the sacks of them diamonds, but they won't git any farther as long as Captain Ezra is on deck."

"Yes," I objected, "but they mean business. Last night in the squall one of them tried to throw me overboard."

Captain Selover grinned.

"What did you do?" he asked.

"Hared him to his quarters with a belaying pin."

"Well, that's all settled then, isn't it? What more do you want?"

I stood unheeded.

"I can take care of myself," he went on. "You ought to take care of yourself. Then there's nothing more to do."

He mused a moment.

"You have a gun, of course?" he inquired. "I forgot to ask."

"No," said I.

He whistled.

"Well, no wonder you feel sort of lost and hopeless. Here, take this; it'll make a man of you."

He gave me a Colt's 45, the barrel of which had been filed down to about two inches of length. It was a most extraordinary weapon, but effective at short range.

"Here's a few loose cartridges," said he. "Now, go easy. This is no warship, and we ain't got men to experiment on. Lick 'em with your fists or a pin if you can, and if you do shoot, just wing 'em a little. They're awful good lads, but a little restless."

I took the gun and felt better. With it I could easily handle the members of my own watch, and I did not doubt that with the assistance of Percy Darrow even a surprise would hardly overwhelm us. I did not count on Dr. Schermerhorn. He was quite capable of losing himself in a problem of trajectory after the first shot.

CHAPTER XIII.

I CAME on deck one morning at about 4 bells to find the entire ship's company afoot. Even the doctor was there. Everybody was gazing eagerly at a parrow-mountainous island lying slate colored across the early morning.

We were as yet some twenty miles distant from it and could make out nothing but its general outline. The latter was sharply defined, rising and falling to a highest point one side of

the middle. Over the island and raggedly clasping its sides hung a cloud, the only one visible in the sky.

I joined the afterguard.

"You see?" the doctor was exclaiming. "It iss as I haf said. The island iss there. Everything iss as it should be!" He was quite excited.

Percy Darrow, too, was shaken out of his ordinary calm.

"The volcano is active," was his only comment, but it explained the ragged cloud.

"You say there's a harbor?" inquired Captain Selover.

"It should be on the west end," said Dr. Schermerhorn.

Captain Selover drew me one side. He, too, was a little aroused.

"Now, wouldn't that get you?" he squeaked. "Doctor runs up against a Norwegian bum who tells him about a volcanic island and gives its bearings. The island ain't on the map at all. Doctor believes it and makes me lay my course for those bearings. And here's the island! So the bum's story was true. I'd like to know what the rest of it was." His eyes were shining.

"Do we anchor or stand off and on?" I asked.

Captain Selover turned to grip me by the shoulder.

"I have orders from Darrow to get to a good berth, to land, to build shore quarters and to snug down for a stay of a year at least."

We stared at each other.

"Joyous prospect," I muttered. "Hope there's something to do there."

The morning wore, and we rapidly approached the island. It proved to be utterly precipitous. The high rounded hills sloped easily to within a hundred feet or so of the water and then fell away abruptly. Where the earth ended was a fantastic filigree border, like the fancy paper with which our mothers used to line the pantry shelves. Below the white fringes flung themselves against the cliffs with a wild abandon. Thousands of sea birds wheeled in the eddies of the wind, thousands of ravens perched on the slopes. With our glasses we could make out the heads of seals

fishing outside the surf and a ragged belt of kelp.

When within a mile we put the helm up and ran for the west end. A bold point we avoided far out lest there should be outlying ledges. Then we came in sight of a broad beach and pounding surf.

I was ordered to take a surf boat and investigate for a landing and an anchorage. The swell was running high. We rowed back and forth, puzzled as to how to get ashore with all the freight it would be necessary to land. The ship would lie well enough, for the only open exposure was, broken by a long reef over which we could make out the seas tumbling. But inshore the great waves rolled smoothly, swiftly, then suddenly fell forward as over a ledge and spread with a roar across the yellow sands. The fresh winds blew the spume back to us: We conversed in shouts.

"We can surf the boat," yelled Thrackles, "but we can't land a load."

That was my opinion. We rowed slowly along, parallel to the shore and just outside the line of breakers.

I don't know exactly how to tell you the manner in which we became aware of the cove. It was as nearly the instantaneous as can be imagined. One minute I looked ahead on a cliff as unbroken as the side of a cabin; the very next I peered down the length of a cove fifty fathoms long by about ten wide, at the end of which was a gravel beach. I cried out sharply to the men. They were quite as much astonished as I. We backed water, watching closely. At a given point the cove and all trace of its entrance disappeared. We could only just make out the line where the headlands dissolved into the background of the cliffs and that merely because we knew of its existence. The blending was perfect.

We rowed in. The water was still. A faint ebb and flow was

against the tiny gravel beach at the end. I noted a practicable way from it to the top of the cliff and from the cliff down again to the sand beach. Everything was perfect. The water was a beautiful light green, like semi-opaque glass, and from the indistinctness of its depths waved and beckoned, rose and disappeared with indescribable grace and deliberation long feathery sea growths. In a moment the bottom abruptly shallowed. The motion of the boat toward the beach permitted us to catch a hasty glimpse of little fish darting, of big fish turning, of yellow sand and some vivid color. Then came the grate of gravel and the scraping of the boat's bottom on the beach.

We jumped ashore eagerly. I left the men very reluctant and ascended a natural trail to a high sloping down



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over which blew the great trades. Grass sprung knee high. A low hill rose at the back. From below the fall of the cliff came the pounding of surf.

I walked to the edge. Various ledges sloping toward me ran down to the sea. Against one of them was a wreck, not so very old, head on, her afterwork gone. I recognized the name Golden Horn and was vastly astonished to find her here against this unknown island. Far up the coast I could see, with the surges dashing up like the explosion of shells and the cliffs and the rampart of hills grown with grass and cactus. A bold promontory terminated the coast view to the north, and behind it I could glimpse a more fertile and wooded country. The sky was partly overcast by the volcanic murr. It fled before the trades, and the red sun alternately blazed and clouded through it.

As there was nothing more to be seen here I turned above the hollow of our cove, skirted the base of the hill and so down to the beach.

It occupied a wide semicircle where the hills drew back. The flat was dry and grown with thick, coarse grass. A stream emerged from a sort of canyon on its landward side. I tasted it, found it sulphurous and a trifle worse than lukewarm. A little nearer the cliff, however, was a clear, cold spring from the rock, and of this I had a satisfying drink. When I arose from my knees I made out an animal on the hill crest looking at me, but before I could distinguish its characteristics it had disappeared.

I returned along the tide sands. The surf dashed and roared, lifting seaweeds of a blood red, so that in places the water looked pink. Seals innumerable watched me from just outside the breakers. As the waves lifted to a semitransparence I could make out others playing, darting back and forth, up and down like disturbed tad-

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Misses Bee and Ruby Burnett were visiting Mrs. Bostic of this city last Thursday and Friday.

Messrs. John Pou and Charlie Morrow from Post City arrived in Gail last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holler of Gail were made the parents of a fine baby boy last Sunday. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Mr. Jim Cathey, who has been out in Mexico prospecting for the last few months, has returned to Gail once more.

Mr. Cathey reports that he has traveled over some fine country in Mexico.

Miss Grace Hopkins, who has been attending college in Dennison for some time, has now completed her study and returned to her home in Gail.

SEE J. D. McDonald Dealer in New and Second Hand Goods, Big Springs, Texas.

Mr. Hester and daughter, Miss Eva were shopping in Gail last Thursday.

J. I. Wilbourn of Garza county was in town several days this week.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court will sit as a Board of Equalization the second Monday in June, the same being the 8th day of June A. D. 1908

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of May, 1908.

RODWAY KEEN,
County Clerk.

Misses Cora McCorcal and Cordie Coats were shopping in Gail last Thursday.

Mr. Walter Jolly had business in Gail last Thursday

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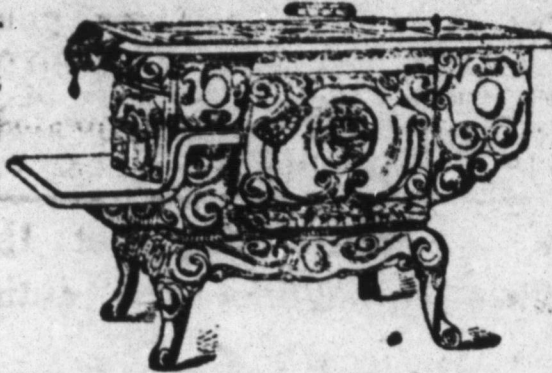
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stock unless he be a land owner in the valley, irrigating land from the project, and then he can hold but one share of stock for each acre of land, and the maximum holding permitted under the law is one hundred and sixty acres.

It will be seen that this "non-resident corporation" which is such a fright to Mr. Cunningham, is non resident in name only, and that it is exclusively owned and controlled by farmers in the Rio Grande valley.

But Mr. Cunningham thinks that the land owner should be allowed to contract with the government direct, and not with a corporation as agent, and fears that the corporation will charge the farmer the price for water while paying to the government a less price.

Congressman Smith could not possibly control the policy of the United States Government in deciding on its method of dealing with the water users, and no more can any other congressman in any other district of the United States.

The method pursued in Texas

is exactly the same as that required in every other State where the systems are being established, and the fear that the corporation may charge the land owner one price and pay the government another is answered two ways

In the first place, the corporation is made up entirely and exclusively of the land owners themselves, each acre having one vote, and no man allowed to hold more than one hundred and sixty acres, thus requiring a majority of the owners of farms in this valley to agree to any proposed course of action, and in addition to this, the charge for water rights is paid to the government, and not to the corporation, and when the receipt of the government is produced, the shares of the stock are fully paid for.

If this contract with the government, through the Water Users' Association, is a bad thing for the farmer, the people in the Rio Grande valley are slow in finding it out. With perfect freedom to pledge their lands or not, as they saw fit, they have practically unanimously done so, and when the contract

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It should be known that the price of forty dollars is based on the maximum estimated cost of the irrigation project, and that the Articles of Incorporation provide that if the actual cost of construction shall be less, that the cost per acre shall be reduced in proportion.

The total price per acre will be divided into ten equal installments without interest; and after that the cost to the landowner, it is estimated, will not exceed seventy-five cents per acre per year.

When it is considered that the cost of water per acre per year, under the most favorable circumstances, under the existing systems of private irrigation, is not less than seven dollars per acre per year, some idea of the value of this law to the farmers of this valley can be found.

Only recently was this matter brought to our attention, and because of the grossness of Mr. Cunningham's misrepresentations of the real facts in the matter, we feel that it is but an act of simple justice to ourselves as well as to Congressman Smith to promptly

prepare, publish, and distribute the foregoing statement of such facts:

(Signed)

A. Courchesne, President El Paso Valley Water Users' Association, El Paso Texas

J. W. Magoffin, Vice President, El Paso, Texas.

Felix Martinez, Chairman Executive Committee, Secretary and member Board of Governors, El Paso, Texas.

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A young man that says he can not succeed in such a country as this with all its magnificent opportunities is the poorest kind of a stick. Why, there are men today who, when they see a young man has the right kind of pluck, are willing to advance him a start. These are the young men, however who stick, dig and save. What others have done can be performed today by our young men. They are in a great measure architects of their own fortunes. Upon themselves alone rests the responsibility; they have it in their power to either make or unmake and every young man should earnestly and seriously ask himself which shall it be.—Plainsman.