

The Cotulla Record.

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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1906.

\$1 IN ADVANCE

IMPORTANT DECISION HANDS DOWN.

COURT OF CIVIL APPEAL SAYS BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED BY JUDGE.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 31.—The Third Court of Appeals today decided a novel election case and stood out for a pure ballot without any chance of "ballot box stuffing." It occurred in a local option case from Lampasas County, where prohibition was defeated, though no fraud was charged on the part of any person, only technical violations of the law, which were declared loose and gave opportunities for manipulation of the ballots. The validity of the election was contested on several grounds, among them that illegal votes and ballots were cast, because many were not numbered and were not endorsed with the signature of the presiding judge of the election, which votes were counted, and if they had been excluded the result would have been different.

In three large boxes the ballots did not contain the signature of the presiding judge and were not numbered, which the trial court says invalidated the ballots and the election, as it would defeat the will of a majority of the voters; that the election judges were charged to know the law and conduct the election accordingly. The Appellate Court sustains the lower court, holding that Section 63 of the election law of 1895 makes it mandatory that the presiding judge at each election box shall sign the ballots, and that, therefore, he cannot delegate that power to another judge, even if all of the judges agree to it. The court says if it was permitted it would give an opportunity for the course of "ballot box stuffing" and that it should be rigidly enforced, and only the presiding judge sign the ballots; that any other arrangement would defeat the purpose and spirit of the law. Numerous authorities are cited in point as supporting the decision.

REPUBLICANS AT ENCINAL.

Meet and Elect T. J. Buckley Chairman of County Executive Committee.

Encinal, Texas, Jan. 29.—There was a meeting of the Republicans of LaSalle county held here today for the purpose of selecting a new chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion Jas. Breeding was elected temporary chairman.

On motion, Wm. Tutill an old time republican was elected secretary.

The following resolution was then introduced: "Whereas, the present Chairman of the Executive Committee is about to remove from the county it becomes necessary to elect a Chairman to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of W. A. Matthews, which the members of the organization regret, as Mr. Matthews was a good citizen, a good neighbor and a good Republican.

"It is moved that T. J. Buckley be elected Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of LaSalle county."

Motion was duly seconded and Mr. Buckley was unanimously elected.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

JAS. BREEDING,
Chairman.

W. M. TUTILL,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION —OF THE— STOCKMANS NATIONAL BANK.

AT COTULLA, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN 29TH, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$108,600.54
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	648.35
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	834.38
Bonds, securities, etc.	12029.23
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	17047.51
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1.55
Due from approved reserve agents	7439.85
Checks and other cash items	2442.74
Fractional paper currency, nickles, and cents	14.96
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	1202.45
Legal-tender notes	1250.00 2452.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
Total	\$167261.56

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$60000.00
Surplus fund	8400.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1613.93
National Bank notes outstanding	15000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	173.85
Dividends unpaid	160.00
Individual deposits subject to check	75913.78
Bills payable, including certificate of deposit for money borrowed	6000.00
Total	\$167261.56

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE, SS:

I, L. A. Kerr, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. A. KERR, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1906.

W. A. KERR,
Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:
T. R. KECK,
MRS. A. BURKS,
G. W. HENRICHSON,
Directors.

LAND DEALS.

B. Vesper bought yesterday from the New York & Texas Land Company through Ernest & Daniel two sections of land. He also bought 450 acres from W. L. Hargus. This land lies just above Mr. Vesper's ranch just over line in Dimmit county.

C. F. Hardy closed a deal this week with the New York & Texas Land Company for three sections of land in the northern part of the county. This deal was also made through Ernest & Daniel.

PROHIBITION LECTURER.

S. F. Bonsib, prohibition lecturer, lectured at the Baptist Church Thursday night. He went to Encinal yesterday, returning here today, and will lecture again at the Baptist church tomorrow night.

K. BURWELL

Shows New Goods in the Choicest New Styles!

ANYTHING YOU WANT;
EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

We have just received a number of new things in white Shirtwaist Goods that are the very latest for Spring and promise to be the most popular.

We learn from careful perusal of the fashion journals that 1906 is to be a famous White Goods season. All

more popular than before.

Many things of our spring line are arriving.

HATS



We have just received a large assortment of Hats for Men and Boys. The best makes; the latest styles.

We have in and ready for your inspection the very latest in Embroideries and Insertions.

We have received many of our low-cut shoes in the latest styles and lowest prices.

We have a big line of Ladies medium priced Skirts for Spring on exhibition. See them.

Remember that we are selling all winter goods left in the house at greatly reduced prices.

BANNER PATTERN SHEETS FOR THE ASKING

If you are tired of Winter Clothes

Remember you can get the latest things for early Spring at

K. BURWELL'S.

WARNING TO DELINQUENTS.

Under laws enacted by the twenty-ninth Legislature I am compelled to seize personal property of all tax-payers who failed to pay their taxes up to Jan. 31st, and sell enough of said personal property to satisfy the amount due the county and State. I have two months (February and March) in which to levy and sell, and hereby warn all delinquents to call at my office and settle their taxes at once, and thereby avoid the necessity of seizure of their property.

If all taxes are not settled within a reasonable time, I will proceed as the law directs.

W. T. HILL,

Tax Collector, La Salle County.

L. F. Seed ordered the Record sent to his address at Millett.

NOT COLD IN NORTH.

Peculiar Weather Conditions in Canada This Year.

Mr. Roger Miller tells us that he is in receipt of a letter from his home, Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, which states that as yet no cold weather has prevailed this winter. The harbors which are usually frozen up early in the winter are yet open and at no time has the ice been more than three or four inches thick. Mr. Miller says that such conditions have never before occurred and the people are beginning to think about their ice supply next summer. In that country there are no ice factories as we have here the ice being cut during the winter and stored.

Remember that the Boynton Company will be at the Court House next Monday night.

The Marshall Field & Co., Idea.

"To do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way; to do some things better than they were ever done before; to eliminate errors; to know both sides of the question; to be courteous; to be an example; to work for love of the work; to anticipate requirements; to develop resources; to recognize no impediments; to master circumstances; to act from reason rather than rule; to be satisfied with nothing short of perfection."—Drygoodsman.

(NOTE—The article on the second page of this issue "Chicago's Great Merchant" should be credited to The Drygoodsman. Through an error the signature was left off.)

The Record added several new subscribers to its growing list this week.

PATRICK MAY YET GET A NEW TRIAL

New York, Feb. 1.—Albert Patrick may yet obtain a new trial, on the ground that there is new evidence that his death was not due to poison, and that Rice's valet, Jones, now in Texas, has told many people that his statements at previous trials were false.

The motion for a new trial, returnable February 9, alleges that Jones said he would return to New York and plead guilty to a charge of perjury if he was promised only a light sentence.

The notice includes affidavits and statements by physicians who signify their willingness to testify for Patrick if a new trial is ordered.

Court convenes at Carrizo Springs Monday and a number of our people have business there.

The Boynton Company, under auspices of the Cotulla Lyceum, at the Court House Monday Night. RESERVE YOUR SEATS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

The Cotulla Record.

C. E. MANLY, Editor and Publisher.
J. M. DANIEL, Associate Editor.

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SATURDAY FEB. 3, 1906

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce John T. Briscoe, of Devine as a candidate for the Legislature from this 97th district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Good roads and good streets are what we must have.

The total number of qualified voters in the State of Texas this year is estimated at 527,000.

W. M. Hanson will succeed himself as Marshal for the Southern district.

It seems that Lyon is King of the republicans of Texas. He's just about it at Washington.

The reappointment of James J. Haynes as Collector of Customs at Laredo port has been confirmed by the senate.

We're going to have lots of fat cattle this spring and if the onion crop is successful things are going to hum.

A San Francisco man killed himself after the arrival of the ninth child in ninth year of his marriage. Race suicide!

Word comes from El Paso that W. W. Turney, president of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association will not be candidate for re-election at the coming Dallas meeting.

The weather man has let us off with a very mild winter so far, but there's no telling what he will let loose on us before the present month is gone.

It is now unlawful to kill wild turkeys, doves or quail. The season closed February 1st and will not be open again until November 1st. Put up your gun.

What has become of that fellow over at Seguin who recently got it into his head that he was cut out for a Congressman from the Fifteenth?

Congressman and Mrs. Jno. N. Garner are recipients of an invitation to the wedding of the President's daughter, and will probably be the only Texans present.

Tired of life and bad health caused one of San Antonio's leading business men to commit suicide this week. A. A. Wolf, of Wolf & Marx Company ended his life with a bullet. He was 70 years old.

The supreme court of New York has handed down a decision which says H. H. Rogers shall not be required to answer the questions which he recently refused to answer in the case the State of Missouri against Standard Oil Company.

CHICAGO'S GREAT MERCHANT.

Marshall Field was unquestionably the greatest merchant of his generation—by many he is fairly classed as the greatest merchant of all times. He was also one of the world's richest men, his wealth being estimated at about \$150,000,000.

He was a native of Conway, Mass., where he was born in 1835. His father was a farmer and Mr. Field obtained his education in the public schools of Conway. At the age of 17 he became a clerk in a general country store in Pittsfield, Mass., where he remained for four years. He came to Chicago in 1856 and began his career in that city as a clerk in the wholesale drygoods establishment of Cooley, Wabsworth & Co.

The great stores which he founded, claim the double distinction being at once the greatest wholesale store in the world and the greatest retail store in the world—which claim, we believe, is acknowledged by all who have had the opportunity of making intelligent comparison. The stores combined are undoubtedly the largest buyers in the world's markets in the lines they handle.

Through his business life Marshall Field was actuated by an idea that all merchants could and should emulate: To serve the people in the best possible manner with the best possible merchandise; to simplify every detail of every transaction; absolutely to satisfy every customer with every purchase; to consider always the customer's interest; to infuse into every transaction the essence of courtesy and good will; to sell only such goods as it would pay the customer to buy.

Perhaps a more poetic and comprehensive expression of this "idea" is not to be found in the firm's own formulation of it for the guidance of employees. This is reproduced on another page. At the close of the World's Fair in 1893, Mr. Field endowed with \$1,000,000 the museum now known as the Field Columbian Museum, for which a home valued at \$8,000,000 is shortly to be erected in the heart of the city. He later gave to the University of Chicago land valued at \$150,000, to be used for athletic purposes, and a portion of it is known to-day as Marshall Field. He was extremely charitable in other directions, never failing to contribute to a cause which he knew to be worthy.

The last act of Marshall Field in the world of local finance, in which he had become a dominant figure in recent years, was in connection with the impending failure of the Walsh banks. It was through his influence and at his suggestion that the Clearing-House Committee adopted the plan of liquidation which was put into effect when the institutions closed. Mr. Field prevented a financial crash and a panic that might have dragged down a score of local banking-houses.

Did you pay your poll tax? We presume you did from the way the totals stack up. Thirty-six more polls were paid this year than last election in La Salle county. The greatest increase was in this precinct where 229 polls were paid against 203 last election year. Including exemptions there will be about 300 votes in Cotulla precinct the coming election.

A commission man at Austin was recently convicted and sentenced to fifteen months labor in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., for using the mails in a scheme to defraud. One of the counts on which he was convicted was for purchasing a lot of cabbage from a Corpus Christi grower, and failing to pay for them. The mails were used in negotiating the deal.

A negro prisoner in the San Antonio jail recently convicted of murder makes an effort to cheat the gallows by concocting a plan to escape, but is headed off by the officers.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

La Salle Camp No. 125 Woodmen of the World elected and installed officers for the ensuing year, on Monday night of this week. They were: Daniel Smith Council Commander; Roland A. Gouger, Advisor; Lieutenants, W. A. Kerr, Banker; C. E. Moody, Escort; B. Wildenthal, Clerk; B. F. Claunch, Watchman; W. T. Hill, Sentry; C. B. Jones, G. A. Manly and H. Neal, Managers.

The Woodmen of the World is the third largest fraternal order in the country and at the rate this growing will soon be at the top of the ladder. In Texas alone there are 83,000 Woodmen in good standing representing insurance to the amount of \$123,963,500.

DIED OF PARALYSIS OF THE HEART.

S. H. Ratcliff died at 10 o'clock Monday morning at his home in Cotulla from paralysis of the heart.

Deceased had been sick a day or two. Early Monday morning he had a severe spell and Dr. M. V. Ratcliff was sent for, but by the time the doctor arrived he had expired and seemed to be all right. The doctor prescribed for him and left but had not been away from the house more than a few minutes when he took another spell and died.

Sam Ratcliff, as he was generally known, was a big strong man, weighing perhaps 200 pounds and carried no surplus flesh. To look at him one would think that he never was sick a day in his life, but for the last two or three years he has been effected with the trouble that carried him off and the spells became worse all the time. About three weeks ago he remarked to his brother, M. V. Ratcliff, that he did not think he would live long.

Deceased was in his 45th year, and was born and raised in La Salle county. He came to this city about fifteen years ago.

He survived by his wife and one child, seven boys and one girl, and a brother and sister. M. V. Ratcliff of San Roque and Mrs. Laura Reynolds of Tilden. The funeral took place at 4 o'clock Tuesday evening, Rev. W. H. Gilstrap conducting the funeral services. The body was laid to rest in the Cotulla cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

EILER'S BIG SHOW.

Why not attend a first class entertainment when you have an opportunity, it costs no more. This company producing the great play of Rip Van Winkle under canvas. Also including between each act specialties that are of the very best. Ben Beyer, the world's greatest trick bicycle and unicycle rider, doing the most wonderful work on a single wheel ever attempted. Miss Anna Eising, Chicago's favorite opera singer, Riley Blair in impersonations, and others making a continuous performance. The press, wherever they have appeared, pays them the compliment of having the best show ever seen under canvas. So confident is the manager of this company of pleasing the people that he guarantees to refund the money to anyone not satisfied, and our people can rest assured that they won't regret the fact they attended, as their show will be fully up to the expectation of all, at Cotulla, February 5th.

Dr S. L. Stallings,

DENTIST.

PEARSALL, TEXAS.

High Grade Work, Reasonable Prices. Work guaranteed and kept in repair.

Will visit Cotulla on special dates.

Land Wanted!

Having made arrangements to represent Messrs. Adams, Kirkpatrick & Nicholson (THE TEXAS LAND MEN) at ARTESIA, TEXAS, I am in a position to place your land at an advantage.

Am having quite a lot of inquiry about La Salle County lands and if you want to sell write me at ARTESIA, TEXAS. I will give your letter prompt attention.

We are making some nice sales and expecting a lot of NORTHERN HOMESEKERS during December; so do not delay.

If you have anything else for sale perhaps we can place it for you; let us hear from you.

A. C. DAUCHY, Local Agent.

I WANT YOUR

Fruit, Candy and Cigar trade. My prices are right and I will treat you white.

S. COTULLA,

Blue Front on Front Street.

DON'T WASTE MONEY.

Hundreds of dollars are wasted every day in buying things to eat. Sometimes the waste comes from paying too much—sometimes from paying too little. Sounds paradoxical, but it's true. You can waste money by paying too little—by buying things so cheap that you have to throw them away on account of impurities, adulterations, undesirability. You can waste still more by paying too much. Any grocer who charges more than we do is simply getting money that ought to remain in your pocket. Try and match our prices anywhere else. No waste at all if you buy here.

Soles & Neeley.

T. R. KECK,

THE LUMBER MAN.

LUMBER, SHINGLES, WINDMILLS, WAGONS, TINWARE, BRICK, HARDWARE, FARM IMPLEMENTS.

COTULLA, TEXAS.

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GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND FURNITURE.

Our motto: "Best Value for the Least Money."

We sell the Famous Walkover Shoes.

IT WILL PAY YOU

to come in here and look around. It's hard work to sit down at home and think up things for tempting meals, but if you come in here, you'll see scores of suggestions—lots of things you feel that you must have right away.

Everything is fresh and pure, and every price is a modest one.

G. PHILIPPE.

WHAT WE KEEP

We handle a full line of staple and fancy groceries, including Vienna Sausage in oil, Bologna Sausage, Ashland Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Keg Pickles as well as Hay, Corn, Oats, Chops and Bran. Give us your trade and we will give you value received.

J. T. HALL,

The New Grocer on Front Street.

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WE SELL FOR CASH
If you drink whiskey
drink the best. Call
for the celebrated

Vendome

and take no other.

NEAL BROS.

Sole Agents.



You will hear and see Artists of exceptional talent if you go to the Court House Monday night. Reserve seats on sale at Earnest & Daniel's office.

LOCAL NOTES.

Bob Williams was in town from Prairie View one day this week.

Miss Nell Jennings has returned from a three week's visit to San Marcos.

Judge Gaines of Austin and a party of prospectors were here this week.

An unusual large number of denunciations down the line this week.

We call attention to the ad of the Yale dentists in this issue of the Record.

D. L. Neeley, center street merchant, in company with Marshall McMahon, made a trip to Tilden this week.

Mrs. H. F. Christian and children have returned from a visit of several weeks at the La Motta Ranch.

Two deaths occurred in our little city this week. Two deaths within one week is quite an unusual occurrence.

See Beyer in his free bicycle and unicycle exhibition during Rip Van Winkle Band Concert at noon Thursday February 8th.

Mrs. Jos. Cotulla has been ill for a month and is still confined to her bed. She is reported improving at this writing.

Don't fail to see the Boynton Company, the best number of the Lyceum Course, at the Court House Monday night.

D. T. Williams was a pleasant caller at the Record office one evening this week and left a wheel for another year's subscription.

Wednesday was the last day of grace. If you didn't pay your poll tax up to that date you will be deprived of voting in any election this year.

Green Holland of Pearsall was here first of the week to see if he wasn't the owner of an animal the Record has been advertising. He lost a mare nearly two years ago and located her through this paper.

Guilford Gilmer came in Tuesday from Austin, where he is attending the University. He was called to the bedside of his brother who died a short time after he arrived.

DISTRICT COURT.

District Court convenes at Cotulla on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, which will be March 12th.

GOATS FOR SALE. I have a bunch of about 75 head of Spanish goats all ages for sale. Price \$1.25 per head. For further information call on or write, S. F. MOFFETT, Dilley, Texas.

Jack Falbot is convinced that advertising in the Record pays. He wanted a man and woman to work on his farm and inserted a 15c local in this paper. He did the work.

Letter to E. L. Campbell,

Cotulla, Texas.
Dear Sir: You want a cheap job of paint for a cheap house, don't you?

It's Devoe. It's the regular thing in Devoe; there's nothing in all paint, so cheap as Devoe.

Oh, yes, you can paint with mud; but that isn't paint; you want it to look about right or a month or two.

Paint Devoe; can't do it for less there's nothing so cheap; say nothing of wear, there's nothing so cheap as Devoe.

It goes so far; save gallons; no matter about the price, save gallons. A gallon of paint put-on, cost \$4 or \$5; save gallons.

Devoe is your paint; save gallons. Devoe is your paint.

P. S. T. R. Keck sells our paint.

"A FRIEND IN NEED"

is truly a friend indeed, and your money in the bank will always be your unfailing friend in times of need.

In selecting your depository, do not overlook the advantages offered by

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PAINLESS DENTISTRY We have every modern dental equipment. Our

EXTRACTING IS ENTIRELY WITHOUT PAIN

And our DENTISTRY is artistic and durable. We guarantee in writing for 10 years. 21k Gold Crowns \$5; Set of Teeth \$5; Bridge Work \$5; Filling 50c up; Extracting 50c.

TO THE PEOPLE.

We desire to thank the good people of Cotulla for the kind services rendered at the death and funeral of our deceased brother, husband and father.

M. V. RATCLIFF,
Mrs. S. H. RATCLIFF AND FAMILY.

WANT A WELL? If you want a well drilled figure with me. If you haven't the cash, I will take live stock for payment. My prices are the lowest. Write me.

W. H. ROBBINS,
Cotulla, Texas.

IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache, and Texas People Know it.

A bad back is always bad—Bad at night when bedtime comes.

Just as bad in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?

Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill? If you don't, some people do. Read a case of it:

Mrs. A. Sanderson, of Galveston Island, says: "I had kidney complaint off and on for nearly three years, and it could only at times be described as excruciating torture. To stoop or raise after stooping hurt severely and I could scarcely refrain from yelling. It was hard for me to go up or down stairs or even to lift a light bucket of water. I was always worse in damp and wet weather, or if I caught cold. I wore mustard plasters and tried home remedies, but never found anything to give permanent relief until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. I felt their direct effect on my kidneys the very first night, and in less than a week's time the pain in my back, disappeared. A friend of mine was also benefited by using Doan's Kidney Pills. I never met with such a prompt, reliable and effective remedy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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WHEN YOU SHOOT
You want to HIT what you are aiming at—be it bird, beast or target. Make your shots count by shooting the STEVENS. For 41 years STEVENS ARMS HAVE earned the PRIME HONORS for ACCURACY. Our best:
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Ask your Dealer for a copy of our Catalog. If you cannot visit, we will send you a copy free. We also have a complete line of sporting goods. Beautiful three-color Aluminum Hanger will be forwarded for 10 cents in stamps.
J. Stevens Arms & Tool Co.,
P. O. Box 4096
CHICOPEE FALLS, MASS., U. S. A.

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION.

"Down by the Rio Grande"

Many years ago the citizens of Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating George Washington's Birthday, (February 22) by suitable "Mexican-American" fiestas, and from a small source this has grown to a Magnificent Annual Event unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by any of a similar nature ever held in Texas.

International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are such that this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the celebration will consist of five days' continuous festivities, February 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, and the program will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Cattle Roping Contest, Naval Fire Works on Rio Grande River, Gen. Washington Crossing the Delaware, Military Drills, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower Carnival, U. S. and Mexican Bands.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs arrangements have been made for the sale of excursion tickets to Monterey, Mexico, with ten (10) days' limit, permitting stop-over at Laredo to witness the International Celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents, or write,

D. J. PRICE, GEO. D. HUNTER,
G. P. & T. A. Asst. G. P. & T. A.
"THE TEXAS RAILROAD."
Palestine, Texas.

Robt. H. Hall.
Your Optician and Jeweler,
Graduate of Philadelphia College of Optology.
A very complete line of Jewelry and Silverware. Can get you anything you want that I haven't in stock on short notice. First Class Engraving.
Your eyes scientifically examined and Glasses fitted. I guarantee to cure Headache, Neuralgia and Nervousness caused by defective eyesight.
COTULLA, TEXAS.

L. W. Gaddis and the Record man took dinner Sunday at the trap on the Woodard Ranch here the deep well is being sunk. There is a miniature city of tents here. Besides the white men, Messrs. Davidson, Antwright, Oliver, Long, Hugo and McLeaden, who are in camp there, here are about fifteen Mexicans. The majority of these Mexicans are grubbing land. Favorable progress is being made on the well. It is now 943 feet and an eight inch hole. The water stands within a few feet of the top and is good water. The last vein will be used off and the drill sent on down with hopes of getting a strong flow. Quite a little farming will be done on this ranch this year. Already several hundred acres have been cleared and three disc plows are running regularly.

Notice.

I am permanently located in Cotulla and all parties desiring lands surveyed will call at Earnest & Daniel's Real Estate office, where I will make my headquarters.

S. L. CHALK, Surveyor.

Wanted—Two gentlemen board—\$15 per month.
SIMON COTULLA.

R. A. GILMER

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Goods handled in carload lots.

Prices as low as Goods can be sold for.

Shipments arriving every day.

COTULLA, TEXAS.

FULLERTON'S FEED STORE

Cor Center and Main Sts.
CORN, OATS, HAY, BRAN
CORN CHOPS,
COTTON SEED MEAL
W. H. FULLERTON,
Proprietor

Millett Mercantile Company....

—DEALERS IN—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
LUMBER AND
WIRE.....

Wholesale and Retail

Give us your patronage and we will treat you right.

MILLETT, TEXAS.

City Barber Shop.
R. E. Robinson,
Prop.
Haircuts in the latest style
Everything up to date
Hot and Cold Baths
Center Street
COTULLA, — TEXAS

The Cough Habit

is more dangerous to your life than the drink, cocaine or morphine habits, for it soon ends in Consumption, Pneumonia and Death. Save yourself from these awful results of Coughs and Colds, by taking

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Don't Fail to see the Boynton Company, the best Show of the Lyceum Course at the Court House, Monday Night, Feb. 5th. Select your seats beforehand.

FEBRUARY CLEARING

All Winter Goods Going at Prices way Down Low.

The Price axe has been at work here and there has been an awful slaughter—a slaughter of prices on all Winter Goods. We have a good many on our shelves and they simply must be gotten out of the house. Our spring goods will be coming in soon and we are bound to have them in the room. Extremely low prices will prevail on these goods all this month, but

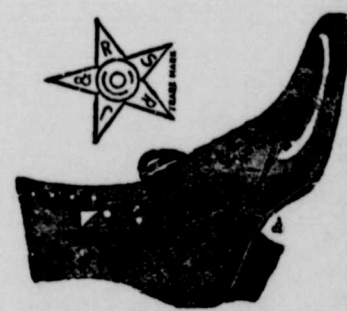
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LOCAL NOTES.

Fresh light bread at S. Cotulla's.

Leather souvenir postal cards at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

The Onion Growers are in session today.

D. J. Woodward was down from San Antonio this week.

Lemons, oranges, bananas and apples at S. Cotulla's.

Your Winter Suit--Reed

Books to rent—10 cents a week. Gaddis' Pharmacy.

St. Valentine Day is near at hand.

Souvenir postal cards, at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Leave your laundry bundles at the RECORD office.

M. H. McMahan now has charge of the Exchange Hotel.

Valentines! Valentines! Valentines at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Hear the free band concert by Elier's Rip Van Winkle Show at noon Thursday February 8th.

The latest in fancy box paper, just received at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

All parties owing me will please call and settle as I need same. S. Cotulla.

John Robuck of Artesia was here this week to see his sister, Mrs. Franklin, who is very sick.

Mrs. L. F. Seed of Millett was in the city one day during the early part of the week.

Just received at S. Cotulla's another shipment of fancy candies.

We regret to announce that Mrs. T. G. Woolls, who has been sick for some time, is reported no better. Her condition is very serious.

Wonder if the proprietor of the City Barber Shop knows the price of PAINT. But he's not alone—there are others.

Jesse Hill came up from Laredo this morning.

Mrs. J. W. Hargus and children left this morning for Pearce, where Mrs. Hargus will visit her brother, Rev. Jesse Pearce.

H. F. Everts took about a half a car load of Mexican laborers to Millett this week to grub land for Fullerton & Landa.

While you think about it, better go to Earnest & Daniel's office and secure your seats for the show at the Court House Monday night.

Sheriff Will Wright of Wilson county and County Atty. Brown were here yesterday on their way to Carrizo Springs.

Tax Collector Hill issues a warning in this issue of the RECORD for delinquents to call and settle their taxes promptly or he will levy on their personal property.

R. O. Gouger returned this week from his ranch near Tilden. Said very fair rains had fallen in that section and everything was looking good.

Ed Dustin of Laredo came up on this morning's train.

Miss Lou Russell is now day operator at the Southwestern Telephone office.

Chas. Shoemaker of Tomlinson's Bridge Gang was here a day or two this week.

A large number of the onion growers are in town today to attend the meeting of the Association.

Prof. Daniel Smith and J. J. Burris were among our subscribers that were raised a notch on our subscription books this week.

Judge F. B. Earnest is still "under the weather" from the fall he sustained several weeks ago. The Judge denies the charge that he fell off the "water wagon."

Jack Baylor was up from the La Motta Ranch Wednesday and was wearing a big smile in consequence of the big rain a week ago. Jack says the fall was an inch and a half in their Pentas pasture.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend. The offering at the evening service will be for Local Home Missions. F. A. Barnes, Pastor.

H. H. Mills of Dilley was in the city last Saturday squaring accounts with the Tax Assessor. While in town Mr. Mills paid the Record office a pleasant call and advanced his subscription another year.

Mrs. H. F. Christian and two children left yesterday morning after a visit here two months to her brother, W. A. Kerr and family. They went from here to Big Springs where they will stop a while with Monroe Kerr, also a brother of Mrs. Christian. From

there they will return to their home, Carlbad, N. M.

E. L. Armstrong was here yesterday from the Yaeger Ranch where he had just moved a bunch of cattle from Millett. He expects to make his headquarters at the Yaeger Ranch hereafter as land around Millett has become too valuable to graze cattle on. In speaking of the rain in the lower country about ten days ago Mr. Armstrong said it was good on the Yaeger Ranch, all creeks running and the river bank full. The range is excellent and cattle fat. The slow rain Wednesday was also very beneficial.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS.

La Salle will poll her full vote in the elections this year. When the Tax Collector's office closed Wednesday night 438 polls had been paid against 396 in 1904. (Last year very few poles were paid as there were no elections.) The greatest increase was in Cotulla precinct. In 1904 the number of polls paid here was 203 against 232 this year. Encinal made a gain eleven. Following is a table showing the number of polls paid in each precinct this year and also in 1904.

Cotulla,	193	194
Encinal,	232	203
Artesia,	105	94
Millett,	47	42
Sauz,	38	38
Dull Ranch	6	10
	10	9
	438	396

Seven exemption certificates were issued to young men who made affidavit that they would be 21 years of age between now and November election. Six of these were in this precinct and one at Millett. There are about 40 voters over age in Cotulla precinct and if the full vote turns out next election, the vote of this precinct will be about 300.

MONEY TO LOAN.

On Farms and Ranches. Vendor's Lien Notes bought. FOR SALE.

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CHARLES E. GILMER.

Charles Elmer Gilmer, age 25 years, died at his home in Cotulla at 2 o'clock Tuesday evening, Jan. 30th. Although his death was not unexpected it came as a shock to the numerous friends and wide circle of acquaintances of the young man.

Deceased was born March 30th, 1880 at Mt. Airy N. C., and came to Cotulla with his parents when but a small boy. He grew to young manhood in Cotulla and here was his home all the days of his brief life.

Charlie Gilmer was a high-minded and noble young man—a young man of unusual intelligence and keen ambition, and had it not been for his sad affliction would have forced his way to prominence among his fellowmen.

As a boy at school we knew him as a studious scholar; eager to attain knowledge and quick to grasp it. Just as he was budding into young manhood he became affected with tuberculosis and realizing that learning was valueless as compared to health, turned his thoughts and attention to the latter. He took up an outdoor life, and put up a noble fight to stay his affliction, and no doubt did prolong his life many days—probably several years—but it gradually sapped his life-blood

STRUCK FLOWING WATER.

Well of Fine Water Brought in On Woodward Ranch.

Flowing water has been struck in the deep well that is being sunk on the Woodward Ranch. Just what the flow is cannot be determined yet as about fifteen feet of the hole at the bottom has caved in. As it is, the flow is only a few gallons per minute and the water will run up in the casing eleven feet above the ground. The hole is 950 feet deep and the water is good, containing not a particle of salt.

Mr. Woodward is after a strong flow and is determined to get it. This well at the bottom is an eight inch hole. The drillers, Davidson & Antwright, will clean it out and if the flow from the present strata is not sufficient, the drill will be sent on down.

Mr. Woodward is now confident that an abundance of water will be had—so confident is he that he started a deal for 12 more sections of land adjoining his ranch, and it is expected this deal was closed yesterday. If it was, eighteen sections of land changed hands in that section of the county his week.

ATASCOSA-ALDERMAN CASE.

George Thomas informs us that he has notice from the Supreme Court that a re-hearing was not granted in the Atascosa County Alderman land case. Our readers are familiar with this case. It was tried in the District Court here a year ago and a verdict rendered in favor of Alderman. An appeal was taken and the Court of Civil Appeals affirmed the decision of the lower Court. The case was then carried to the Supreme Court, and now that body refuses a re-hearing. This will probably settle the suit and all of the costs will fall to Atascosa county to pay.

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