

# The Cotulla Record.

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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY

51 IN ADVANCE

## WEDNESDAY

### Ladies Belts and Neckties

We are prepared to show a big line of these goods including a large shipment of new

### Ladies Yorkies

that will be placed on display Wednesday.

The Biggest Line Ever

### Shown on Special Sale

popular

### Collars

special display and sale  
19. Don't fail to see them.

shown in Cotulla

# K. BURWELL.

### DEMAND FOR RIVER LANDS.

FIVE SECTIONS SOLD THIS WEEK SOUTH OF TOWN.

Local People are Purchasers—Some New Farms Will Be Opened At Once.

Although this is the time of the year when things are usually slow in real estate circles, there has been considerable activity around Cotulla the past ten days. A feature of this activity is that it is among the home people who are doing the buying.

Henry Beckwith bought section 20 of the Magill & Rugely land fronting the Nueces river on the South side. This is no irrigation proposition and the entire river front is overflow land for half a mile back. The purchaser owns two sections adjoining it on the North and is opening up two farms, and bought section 20 for grazing purposes. The price was \$8.

Judge F. B. Earnest sold section 15, fronting South side of Nueces two miles from Cotulla, to H. C. Lane of Millett. The price was \$15 per acre. Mr. Lane will improve the land.

Jno. M. Daniel sold sections No. 22 and 24 on the South side of the Nueces to Mrs. Inez Gilmer and W. A. Kerr. Price \$10.00 per acre.

Also section No. 12 on the East side of Nueces to Mrs. Inez Gilmer, W. A. Kerr and Henry Neal. This is one of the finest tracts of land on the river, and work will begin at once opening up a big irrigated farm on it.

Adams Kirkpatrick Co., sold the A. S. Burris place, 8 miles West of town to John Warrenberger of East Texas for \$12 per acre.

J. D. Motheral bought from A. Armstrong Sr., 375 acres of land fronting the Nueces river four miles above town. The price was \$11 per acre and the deal was made through G. H. Knaggs.

### STRUCK FINE FLOW OF WATER.

W. E. CAMPBELL BRINGS IN ARTESIAN WELL ON BURNS RANCH.

Best Well in the County—Flows Three Hundred Gallons Per Minute.

W. E. Campbell brought in a fine flow of pure artesian water last Friday on the Burns Ranch ten miles East of Millett. The depth of the well is 1500 feet.

Mr. Campbell has been drilling on this well since last December. He had bad luck and lost several hundred feet of drilling pipe after he was down over 1400 feet, but succeeded in getting it out after fishing for it nearly two months. After he had gotten the pipe out he only went a few feet further and struck the artesian water.

The striking of this water greatly increases the value of all land in that section of the county. It has always been thought that artesian water could be had in this section and now that it has been demonstrated values are sure to double within the next year.

H. C. Lane, whose ranch adjoins Mr. Burns wants Mr. Campbell to put a well down on his place.

### First Bale of Cotton Ginned

Hidalgo, Hidalgo county, today (Thursday) reports the first bale of Texas cotton. It was gathered on the farm of E. V. Ruthvent and will be shipped to Galveston this week. This is the earliest bale of cotton ever raised in Texas by about eight days.

The first bale last year reached Galveston on July 5 and was ginned near Brownsville about June 23.

The fact that that portion of southwest Texas is coming forward with the first bale of Texas cotton shows the fact that the industry is developing rapidly there.—S. A. Gazette.

### Cotton Wedding.

One of the most brilliant of the season's social events was the celebration of the first anniversary—the cotton wedding—of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Motheral, Wednesday evening, June 12th, from 9 till 11.

The lovely and happy home was ablaze with lights; the spacious rooms were artistically decorated; the color scheme was blue and white, and was everywhere in evidence. Promptly at nine o'clock the guests began to arrive and were received by the charming hostess, assisted by Mrs. Peyton A. Kerr. Each and every one was immediately conducted to the large punch bowl, presided over by Miss Florence Oliver, and served to delicious fruit punch.

A bevy of pretty young ladies, Misses Minnie Briscoe, of Devine, Daisie Carr, Lula Philipe, Florence Oliver, Christie Steele, Fannie Woolls and Carrie Knaggs assisted the hostess in entertaining, and there was but one way for the guests to spend the evening—and that was in a delightful way. Sounds of merriment came from every part of the house. The music and singing by Miss Oliver was especially enjoyed, as also were the soft and sweet strains of Mexican music that issued from behind a mound of evergreens and sweet-scented flowers in the corner of the parlor.

At ten o'clock some one of the doctor's friends procured a chair and placed it in the center of the large hall and informed him that he was expected to occupy that throne of honor for a few minutes and listen to a few brief remarks by Rev. T. G. Woolls. Rev. Woolls, in his always easy and graceful manner, began:

"Dear Doctor: Your friends desire to present some slight testimonial of their affection and well wishes. The selection of presents is very often the occasion of grave and anxious thought. A child will be pleased with a glittering

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peanuts at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

C. B. Jones is at Artesia painting a house for R. L. Henrichson.

Yesterday's Southbound train was four hours late.

Fresh candies, 15c a pound at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

May Goeth made a flying business trip to the Alamo City this week.

Postal card albums at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

J. H. Gallman made a business trip to San Antonio and Austin this week.

Geo. Copp Sr., left last week for Topo Chico Springs, where he will be for some time.

Miss Nellie Johnson of San Antonio visited at the O. N. Johnson Ranch this week.

Mrs. R. J. Jennings left yesterday morning for San Antonio where she will spend a few days.

Our Root Beer "out of the keg" is the drink of the season, Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mrs. S. F. Brooks has returned to Laredo after spending a couple of months here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. F. Hester, of Stockdale, returned home yesterday morning after a weeks visit to Mrs. R. A. Gouger.

Messrs. J. T. Fish and C. E. Manly left Thursday for Minera. Mr. Fish is contemplating buying a good ranch on the Rio Grande in Webb County.

Mr. P. E. Moses, who has been employed at the I. & G. N. depot as day operator, left first of the week for San Antonio where he has accepted a better position.

Both the North and Southbound passenger trains have been late nearly every day this week. Wednesday's Northbound passenger was three hours late.

### Rains Up the River.

Several nights this week the lightning flashed in the West and Northwest all night long. Reports indicate that good rains have fallen at the head of the Nueces.

### Children's Exercises.

The Baptist Sunday School is to have Children's Exercises on Sunday evening, 16th inst., beginning at 8:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

### Married at Encinal.

Miss Etta Kuykendall and Mr. Chester Smith were married at Encinal last Sunday. Both the contracting parties are well known and popular in Encinal. They will make their home at Encinal.

### Quick Returns.

Many of the onion farmers have received returns from all of their shipments and know just "where they are at." The returns were made quicker this season than ever before. In a few weeks the Record will compile a report on this year's crop.

### Meet After Fifty Years.

Hammond, In. I., June 14.—After believing each other dead for years, Peter Hobt of San Francisco, aged 72 years, and C. H. Hobt of Hammond, aged 68 years, met by chance in Chicago today. Both men were waiting for a train in the La Salle street depot, and, happening to engage in conversation, found that they were brothers. They had not seen each other for over fifty years.

### TO APPEAR BEFORE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

And Show Why Their Assessments Should Not Be Raised.

The Commissioners' met Monday last as a Board of Equalization. The Assessor's slips were carefully gone over and out of the total of the renditions forty-five tax payers were notified to appear before the Board on the 28th of this month and show reason why their assessments should not be raised.

As a whole property owners gave in better renditions this year than ever before. Considerable money and notes were rendered which is seldom the case. The total valuations will be considerably increased and it is thought they will run to nearly three million.

### NOTICE.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, and opened at a meeting of the Commissioners' Court of La Salle County to be held at the Court House thereof in Cotulla, Texas, at 10 a. m. on the 28th day of June 1907, for the erection of a good iron fence and substantial construction thereof around the Court House Square, said square being 270 feet by 270 feet, together with all necessary gates; also a separate bid for the boring of a well on said square, and the erection of a windmill, tower and cistern, and also for the casing of said well and all necessary piping to irrigate said square, said bids to specify the quality and class of all material intended and agreed to be used. All material is to be furnished and all necessary work connected therewith done by the successful bidder or bidders. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

COVEY C. THOMAS,  
County Judge of  
La Salle County.

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J. M. DANIEL, Associate Editor.

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SATURDAY JUNE 15, 1907.

Yes, the good old summer time is here. Has anybody asked: "Is it hot enough for you?"

Some of the finest tomatoes ever grown in Southwest Texas are now being shipped from Cotulla.

Buy of your home merchants and you are increasing the value of your property. This is a fact, the better the town the more demand there will be for property.

The newspaper is a law book for the indolent, a sermon for the thoughtless, a library for the poor and an admonisher for the lawless. It may stimulate the most indifferent, but it cannot be published without cost and sent free to subscribers. This is no joke.

This year's cotton beginning to open in LaSalle. We're right up to the front with everything down here. The onion crop has been marketed and while we're waiting for the cotton crop to mature we're shipping watermelons.

Cotulla needs some more rent houses. Every week people come in looking for dwellings to live in until they can locate and build a home. This is true.

ly inadequate for the demand.

La Salle county was only a few days behind the first car of watermelons shipped out of the State this season. While we were not first, neither did we have our watermelons turned down at destination because they were green. When it comes to early truck of any kind La Salle is right there with the goods, and the stuff we send out is always first class.

If you want to play safe—invest in Cotulla property. Cotulla is going ahead. Nothing will stop her growth and values will double in less than five years. Business lots that sold for \$100 five years ago are now selling for \$1000. That's how things are moving in Cotulla and don't you forget but what they are going to keep moving.

A modern dude with narrow strapped clothes, saddle colored shoes, a loud necktie, hair parted over his nose, and smoking a cigarette, addressed his best girl thus: "If you was me and I was you, what would you do?" She hesitatingly said with a smile: "I would take off that hideous tie put that cigarette in the stove, part my hair on one side, then pray to God for brains."

Every young man should not be contented until he gets a home in Southwest Texas, the Eden of the world. With the Panama and Intercoastal canals completed, this section is destined to become the greatest truck growing regions on earth with a certain market right at our door for all we can produce. Just think of the immense quantity of stuff the ships that pass our coast alone will consume. Boys, Southwest Texas is the place. Tie to a piece of dirt and it will make you a fortune.

This section of Southwest Texas has had an exceptionally dry spring, but still we are better off than all of the Central and Northern part of the State where continued floods have devastated all crops completely. We have some crops and are enjoying the best of health. Doctor's bill are quite an item in many sections of Texas but in this portion where the fresh gulf breezes are laden with pure ozone, they come few and far between.

Yesterday we were asked if we even saw a baldheaded woman. We answered "No," we never did, nor did we see a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves with a cigar in her teeth, and running into every saloon she saw. We never saw a woman go fishing with a bottle in her pocket, sit on the damp ground all day and come home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and say she could lick any man in town. God bless her, she's not built that way."

Yes, our garden beds we rake and all manner of pains we take, to have them slick and nice and neat, in fact they simply can't be beat. We turn our backs and walk away and view them on the coming day—Horrors! those beds so span and spink are clawed and wolvered—we raise a kick; our neighbor's chickens running loose and garden making's but little use, and those old hens our garden looting may tempt us yet to do some shooting, and to alleviate our wrath we'll make dinner on chicken broth.

The "big head" is a popular way of expressing a common and very frequent ailment. It arises from various sources, but the real foundation is a lack of sense. A little money develops it in some people; a few good clothes gives it to others a little office, where a chance is given to exercise a little authority is often the cause of it, while others get it by being a

The one who became stuck up and stiff-necked from sources of any kind are weak in the intellectual caliber.

It is an old saying that the American people love to be humbugged. We are reminded of this by seeing agents canvassing our county with packages of dry goods. These packages are sold for various prices. People forget how extremely low all classes of goods are at the present time and fall easy victims to the traveling humbugs. They could buy a much better class of goods of our honest home merchants for less money. These city sharks travel through the country and make a fortune out of shoddy goods. A word to the wise should be sufficient. The goods they sell are dear at any price.

We presume that some people think newspaper men are persistent dunners. Let a farmer place himself in a similar position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raises a thousand bushels of corn, and his neighbor should come and buy a bushel, and the price was one dollar or less, and says, "I will pay the amount in a few days." As the farmer does not want to be short about the matter, he says, "All right." Another comes the same way, and another, until the whole thousand bushels of corn is trusted to a thousand different people and no one of the different persons concerns himself about it, for it is a small amount they owe the farmer and of course that will not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has frittered away his entire crop of corn, and that its value is due in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because his debtors treat it as a little matter. But if all would pay him promptly, which they could as well as not, it would be a large sum to the farmer and enable him to carry on his business without difficulty.

## THE

S. A. Gazette.  
Support  
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noon.

Or it may be the store or an men work

We will events, and magic cloak not be seen, these men, what they and what t envelops.

Here is a p. He is a fai has been for desk. He is furniture. He thing in the sa for 20 years, exceptional abe thought out a, but he works never loafing, n late, often stayi the rest have g has become a ha ger seldom gi thought. He faithful plodder.

The next man He is always success of the b tine for him. figuring out n looking for lea account. He fin saves the firm m appreciates it. comes, they reme accepts it quietly, ki was due him, that he In time they may mak er, and the first ye expenses 3 per cent receipts 5 per cent in a thousand.

But look at this th He is brilliant, f brains. His mind is a success—but it is his ow His selfish interest com everything, and he If another

is no real sentiment his life. His love is exclusively fo himself. He is perfectly willing to stant on the shoulders of his fellow. He is always planning, contriving, scheming—for himself. He knows all the "inside" gossip. Let the manager come in and he is the busiest man in the place. He sneaks and listens. For "the good of the house" he criticizes his fellow clerks to the manager, behind their backs. He is always watching for a chance to show his deep interest in "the business," suggesting whenever he dares, and then apologizing for interfering. He is a trickster—selfish, insincere, suspicious.

He is the office politician. The honest employe, who works honestly because he is honest, who thinks of the business and not of himself, who has no time for scheming and cunning, who can welcome a promotion for his fellow, and who is willing to work and wait for his own advancement, knowing that in time he is going to get just what he deserves—this is the man who win out in the end. The office politician may get ahead for a while—but sooner or later they will find him out.

The best man we have in our town for the general good of the town is the one you will always see on the front seat in the progressive "band wagon." He is the first one to extend an open and warm hand to greet the stranger and welcome him to the best town in the State. He will resent an insult to our town as quickly as he would a slur at a member of his family. He very politely invites the chronic croaker to "move on." He is ready to give his just proportion every public enterprise. He up our town at home and abroad and believes it the best place God's green earth in which to live and desires to be buried here when he dies. Let us all try and be this man for one year and see if a little city will take on new life improve as never before in history.

## Remarkable Free Offer

### Half Million Now Using Sal-Te-Na

The Mutual Drug Company of Cleveland, Ohio, have arranged with our local druggists to accept the TEN CENT COUPON printed below, the same as cash, in part payment for SAL-TE-NA, Effervescent Fruit Seltzer, their wonderful cure for Headaches and Constipation.

SAL-TE-NA is a safe, certain cure for these troubles and acts quickly. Take a dose of SAL-TE-NA before breakfast, and the bowels will move copiously in one hour. It doesn't gripe and is pleasant and agreeable to the most delicate stomach.

Children like to take it because it is pleasant to the taste and delightfully effervescent.

Every one of our readers should take advantage of the liberal offer of the Mutual Drug Company of using the 10 cent Coupon.

This offer is only for a limited time. The Coupon with 15 cents will pay for a 25 cent bottle of SAL-TE-NA. Cut out the Coupon at once and present it at your nearest drug store.

Act at once.

**10c TEN CENT COUPON 10c**

This Coupon, with 15 cents, will pay for a 25 cent bottle of

**Sal-Te-Na Fruit Seltzer**

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10c 10c

For sale at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

## Where do You Buy 'Em?

Do you get your groceries at any store, or do you trade in a certain place? Whatever you do we want you to make a note of our name. Our may not always be perfectly satisfied where you are, and then we'd like to have a try at satisfying you. If the best quality of goods, reasonable prices, and courteous treatment fail to satisfy you, you must indeed be hard to please.

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is in keeping just what the public taste demands. We have no room for unreliable goods, and we do not believe in handling anything for which there is no call. No matter what you buy here, you may feel assured of the quality. The prices assure you that you are getting your money's worth.

## D. L. Neeley

L. A. Kerr, President. T. C. Frost, Vice President. G. W. Henrichson, Cashier.

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**SAYS WORK WILL BEGIN SOON.**

**STRUCTION OF NEW DEPOT AT COTULLA.**

**Officials Here and Plan Improvements.**

Mr. Eads, Division Superintendent, Assistant Division Engineer and B. E. Mosher, General Superintendent of the Internal & Great Northern Railroad, were in Cotulla Tuesday over the ground for improvements. Work will immediately begin on a spur out of the Lumber Yard and also to Keek's Lumber Yard. The rails in the yards will be up and new ties and steel work.

Speaking to the Record yesterday in regard to the spot Mr. Eads said: "Work will begin on the new depot in a short time. Our building is now at New Braunfels and will come direct to Cotulla. The Company is glad to see the Business Men of Cotulla take the steps they have, and the I. N. wants to join hands with them in the pull for greater progress. The new depot building is an addition on the North side of the present one, to extend about 80 feet. Here will be ticket office and waiting rooms. The present depot will be used exclusively for the freight department."

The Company contemplates making a number of changes in the yards preparatory for better handling things after July 12th, which date this will be a connection point for all local freight cars.

**SUBMARINE BOATS.**

Mr. Eads' efforts to acquire dominion over "the waters under the earth" are as old as his attempts to navigate the air. Both go back hundreds of thousands of years.

Destroying an enemy's fleet by an underwater attack suggested both by Aristotle and by Pliny; and being kept alive since their times by the improvements in diving apparatus and development of mines and torpedoes, has culminated in the modern submarine boat.

The dirigible, self-propelling submarine boat is the offspring of American inventiveness. The first successful structure of the kind, called "the American turtle," was devised and built by a Connecticut man named Bushnell, for use during the Revolutionary War. Two propellers, one working horizontally, the other vertically, gave power to advance or retreat, and to sink or rise. Both were driven by cranks moved by the single occupant of the boat.

Robert Fulton, in the early years of the nineteenth century, produced a submarine boat which gave good results in demonstration but which the inventor abandoned when he could induce neither England nor France to adopt it. During the Civil War a submarine boat in the possession of the Confederates was the means of sinking at least one vessel of the United States government; but it perished in the deed.

The modern submarine is a vessel ranging from one hundred to two hundred and fifty tons' displacement, driven by gas engines when running on the surface and by electric storage batteries when submerged; capable of maintaining a speed of nine or ten knots an hour above water, for a distance of five hundred miles, and a speed of seven knots an hour beneath the water, for a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles.

By the aid of a periscope—a sort of reflecting camera—its occupants can see all that is going on upon the surface without exposing any part of the vessel itself. The vessel can dive to a depth of one or two hundred feet. It carries a sufficient supply of air to enable its crew of eight men to live under water for at least a week, and its armament of five torpedoes is sufficient to sink a fleet.

Of such vessels the United States now has eight, and is building four more.—Youth's Companion.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Miss Kate Burwell was on the sick list this week.

J. M. Ramsey was in Cotulla one day first of the week.

Old papers for sale at this office.

Lots of drummers in town this week.

**For Sale**—One team good work horses—TALBOT & GUTHREY.

J. M. Rutledge of Florence, Texas, was in our city this week.

Miss Mary Baylor was up from the La Motta Ranch this week.

Joe Jennings was here a few days last week from Brackett.

Mrs. W. A. H. Miller spent a few days in San Antonio this week.

M. T. Davis left Monday for Gonzales to be gone several weeks.

B. Vesper was among the stock farmers seen in our city this week.

Miss Myra Foster of San Antonio is in the city visiting Mrs. C. C. Thomas.

White Star Laundry basket at Gouger's Store. Basket leaves every Wednesday morning.

G. B. Gouger of Stockdale returned home Monday after a visit of a week in Cotulla.

Mrs. Jim Bell was in town this week from the ranch the guest of Mrs. W. A. Kerr.

Miss Briscoe of Devine arrived on Tuesday's train on a visit to Mrs. J. D. Motheral.

Roland A. Gouger left Tuesday for Topo Chico Springs, to spend a month.

**For Sale**—One span of good big mules. For particulars see or write K. SCHROEDER, Cotulla, Texas.

Mrs. Otto Fischer of \_\_\_\_\_ spent a few days at the \_\_\_\_\_ Farm this week.

Miss Esther Burwell left Saturday last for San Antonio, where she will attend the summer Normal.

The young folks enjoyed a dance at the Skating Rink Monday night, given by the young men of Cotulla.

**For Sale**—June corn at two and quarter cents per lb. f. o. b. Eagle Pass. Sample at Record office. ED BUCKLEY.

Mrs. Taylor, who has been here for some time visiting her daughter, Mrs. Simon Cotulla, returned home first of the week.

Miss Edith Daniel came up from the Lake Grove Farm Saturday and spent Sunday in the city, with her sister Mrs. J. A. Landrum.

J. M. Robbins and wife returned to Cotulla Monday from Copperas Coal, Texas, where they have been for several months.

S. J. Jordan of Encinal was in the city several days this week. Mr. Jordan reports everything looking well in his section of the county.

**Lost**—Nickel plated watch thought to be lost between Post office and Neeley's store. Return to this office for reward.

Wm. Shaw, one of our prosperous onion growers, left Wednesday morning for Wichita Falls, to be gone about a week. Wichita Falls is Mr. Shaw's old home.

J. J. Irvin and J. W. Baylor were here the greater part of the week attending Commissioners' Court which met Monday as a Board of Equalization.

J. M. Scott of San Antonio, who has been here for several weeks surveying for Jno. M. Daniel, was called home Wednesday morning on account of the death of his little grandchild.

**"DIAMOND BRAND" OXFORDS**

Are made over special Oxford Leathers, and clasp the foot perfectly at all points, fitting snug up under the arch and at the heel, without unsightly bulging at the sides.

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**LOCUSTS DUE, SAYS PROPHET.**

Vandalia, Mo.—Frank Barnett, Vandalia's forecaster, observer and philosopher, says this will be locust year. The locusts, which visit this part of the country, he says, are of the thirteen-year species, while in countries the insects appear every seventeen years.

"The first locust crop I ever saw," said he, "was in 1842. The next were 1855, 1868, 1881 and the last in 1894.

"Often grasshoppers are termed locust, but there is a wide difference between the two species. Locusts never eat anything while they stay on top of earth while grasshoppers eat continually as long as they live. Another difference is that locusts move but a short distance, while grasshoppers travel over a wide range.

"I know next to nothing about entomology, but it seems to me that the most wonderful of the insect creation. Think of it! Thirteen years ago there was deposited in the small twig of a tree a mite of an egg. It stayed in the twig a few days. When life developed and it dropped out onto the ground and disappeared to return thirteen years later."

Barnett says the locust will appear about June 1 and stay forty days, which keeps up the incessant cry of "Pharaoh" as long as the little insect has strength to make a sound.

"Long ago," said the prophet, "it was believed that the locust would sting on rare occasions and that the sting was fatal, but it is certain now that they are perfectly harmless.

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This year will see new buildings for such exhibits erected, additional prizes offered for competition, a thorough field work to secure exhibits made, and a response by growers that will be gratifying.

Such a fair, apart from the social feature, the meeting together of people from a section bigger than the average state, and the industrial and manufacturing and commercial enterprises enlisted, has as its cause for existence the promotion of farming interests of all kinds. These interests are paramount in most parts of Texas.

This year also the Fair will be advertised through the press of Southern Texas as never before. Its features will be set before the people, and its increased attractiveness made manifest. Now as never before the press interests of this part of the state can and will unite in the building up of such a Fair. Work is going forward already in preparing for it. The premium lists are being sent out, and a systematic campaign of advertising, as well as of securing new and greater exhibits, has begun.

## THE RIGHT OF FREE CONTRACT.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has declared unconstitutional the nineteenth Legislature which prohibits the giving of trade checks by corporations in payment for service of their employees.

In delivering his opinion Judge Davidson says the act "interferes with the right of free contract between the citizens of the State in relation to their private matters."

Discussing the merits of the case under consideration where an employe was given a check for his service redeemable in merchandise, the court says:

"This law is not a sanitary measure nor is it enacted to protect infants or insane people, but it is only intended to prevent the laborer from selling his labor or time, either or both, to his employer for goods or merchandise. So far as this statute is concerned, he may sell his labor for any other consideration than goods or merchandise. As we understand the question, labor is property, and the laborer has the same right to sell his labor and make contracts with reference thereto as he would any other property he had. The Legislature has not authority to prevent the citizens of this country from making their own contracts, nor to interfere with the freedom of contract between workman and employer."

Does not the same principle or right of free contract apply to all citizens and to all interests the same as between employer and employe? Transportation, for example, is as much the property of the railroad company as is labor the property of the laborer. The advertising space in a newspaper is the property of the publisher. If the railroad manager and the newspaper publisher contract to exchange transportation for advertising space is it within the

power of the Legislature to declare such contract illegal without violating the fundamental law regarding the right of free contract?

"We are of the opinion," says the appellate court, "that the law under discussion is violative of the provisions of our constitution and that it infringes the right of the citizens of this country in their private matters to make contracts payable or dischargeable in such manner as they see proper and satisfactory."

The decision of the appellate court will be hailed with satisfaction by a great many people who think that paternalistic legislation has gone quite far enough in Texas.—Express.

The decision given above and commented on is to the point and we are satisfied that it meets the endorsement of the people of the state, who in demanding the enactment of an anti-pass bill never intended that the railroads should be forbidden to sell transportation for advertising space in the newspapers. In due time this matter will find its way to the courts for a test and the results should be the same as in the case referred to above.

## FRANK STANTON, POET OF OPTIMISM.

(By Annie Isabelle Small.)  
The hall mark of the true poet is the image of Iris, whose seven-hued veil hung in the heavens forms the archway through which we expectantly welcome the advent of Hope, goddess of Optimism.

The eye of the poet's imagination is illuminated spiritually and the invisible things of life, heart and immortality become real to his senses.

Frank L. Stanton is a poet and distinctly our poet of the South. His muse is to our manner born and the timbre of his pipes is riant with the reedy music of the sea-swept shores and more universally quoted in the soul is in his stanzas and the flower-steeped wine of our winds and calms are in his songs and sonnets.

No American verse writer is more English speaking press of the era. His vogue has rooted out of current literature and thousands look daily for a draught from his fountain or for a souvenir sentiment for the family scrap book. A century from now the familiar spirits of unborn men and women will be resurrecting and repeating the immortal epigrams of his optimistic soul.

Mr. Stanton is a South Carolinian, now in middle age. Like John Hay and James Whitcomb Riley, and other poets of almost equal fame, he began to trot his pony Pegasus in the local columns of a country weekly newspaper. The quaint and happy humor of his essays produced pleasant "thrills" in his old time "Thursday constituency" when the paper came out to catch the once-a-week mails of that era.

But the carrier pigeon of commerce—the evangelists of the grip and sample trunk found Stanton's lilt and lyrics good to clip and carry away to other circles, and so his fame grew and spread. He was called to Rome—not on the Tiber, but at the head of Coosa—and from her hill tops the shafts of his genius flew wider and further. Thence he was soon drawn to the aerie of the Atlanta Constitution, and from this vantage tower the torch of his vagarious goddess has flashed to the Pillars of Hercules and to the great wall of China.

Mr. Stanton has not and will not write a great epic. He will write no national anthem in stately staccato notes. He will tell no tale romantic of a "Lady of the Lake," or a "Prisoner of Chillon." Who knows them by rote or carries them in their hearts today. The wire grass fairy of the fluent note and the pliant wings that long ago made her nest in the soul of Stanton lives the joyous gospel of the Morning Song and the Evening Prayer. Jubilant with the joyous spirit of the passing day she can be reverent to the bedding birds at nightfall. For, ever and anon, in the simple lines of Stanton one discerns the soothing incense of the Larger Faith and the echo of the Eternal Hope.

But the dominant strain of optimism that runs like the thread of gold through all his writings. He sings to cheer the heart, or to stir the mind on good in all and follow very humane ideals of worship—on his that has his squarely on Highway.

Mr. Stanton has the modesty of the born poet, with a wonderful memory, and the fibres of his nature are and are jarred and by any right of sense. Yet his soul shrinks from the spiritual license of the melancholic gravitations of the submerged Poe.

It was well for Mr. Stanton that he refused to sell his personal service to the North and of sight of "The Old of Georgia, bereft of wind's music in the bed of the cries of the and the riotous rollicking of the mocking bird—the "Don Cade" of Dixie—Stanton would have been a sluggish with spirit.

## HAWKS AND OWLS.

Prejudice is accountable for many errors done the farmer, surveyor, and the farmers' prejudice against the hawk and for the partiality of the gophers and other small animals of the rodent family in denunciations about his orchards.

Let a hawk sail into sight and the result. Many farm-tom and the old trusty long locality of the hawk becomes the atmosphere in the so surcharged with lead that the hawk has to make a run for it, if he escapes that easily.

If the farmer is a good hunter it results in a great case for a purblind indiscrimination.

One has to study the habits and the birds to know them more they are studied or esteem they will be instead of being made error of their lives made to hunt the of the tree girdling other expensive ro-

nson hawk is especially valuable in the North steals and rabbits, will reputation in the jack which it has been a fond hunter.

The desirable hawks are the Shinned hawk, and the sharp hawk, and nothing said of either, but of the hawks and be classed as the man, and not to be with impunity.

Observation of this is has proven that of destructive rabbits destroyed beyond computation. endowed the owl each of peculiar manner of di- owl enables one act number of ro- by any speci- searching under he bird for "pel-

The owl swallows the bones, as well as the the animals it de- action of the di- separate the nu- hair and bon- vating them in where they are d into a little action of the surrounds with the sharp edges covered.

In this jar, said Dr. Fisher, jar filled with teeth, skull of field mice, ar- sets of jaws, re- kill of one owl for short six months example in view the short of crim-

world knows him best so valuable a bird wantonly, as is frequently done.

Meadow mice have been known to destroy large nurseries of young fruit trees and in one instance the damage done amounted to \$100,000 in one section during one season. Some species burrow below the ground and eat the roots of trees while others eat the bark from around the tree, thereby girdling it, and causing it to die. Birds, mammals and reptiles prey upon these destructive animals and as a result where the destruction is on an average with the increase by breeding, there have never yet been any herds of these pests accumulated in the United States, as frequently in Northern Europe, bringing disaster to the locality infested.

Of the hawks, the kites, marsh, red tailed, red shoulder, broad winged, rough legged, pigeon and sparrow hawks prey upon the rodents; of the mammals, the coons, badgers, 'possum, skunk, mink, weasels and shrews are mice catchers; crows, herons, bitterns and cranes do their share toward keeping the mice in subjection.

## SHIPMENT OF FRUIT.

Mention was made recently by the daily press of the state that a reform had been inaugurated at Jacksonville in the shipping of fruit and vegetables. The first undertaking in this respect was the adoption of a rule by all the large shippers requiring each shipper to stamp his name on every crate in order that the packer of dishonest goods may be detected and punished. Another reform has been decided upon. A joint board of inspectors will be employed and no goods will be loaded in any car until they have been thoroughly inspected and approved by this board. Disinterested parties will be selected to serve as inspectors who will be required to pass impartially upon produce submitted. Heretofore there has been a very sharp competition in the shipment of this class of goods, and as each shipping agency employed its own inspectors, a great temptation was frequently offered for the inspectors to be lenient with the shipper in order that his trade may be secured. It is believed that Jacksonville will reap a rich reward by reason of using of truck sent out from

place will be perceptibly raised. Such action on the part of the shippers will attract buyers, for it is a known fact that they flock to the station where inspection is the best and strongest.

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Every toll gate had its keeper, and its scale of charges—so much for each traveler; so much for each vehicle. Who does not recall, with a sweet Bob Taylor smile, the story of the gate keeper who was suddenly called upon for a statement of the rates by two self-reliant young women from the backwoods—their vehicle being a one horse rattle-train, drawn by a sad-eyed sorrel? "What's the charge?" hailed the travelers. As he swung the gate open, the gate keeper answered, nonchalantly, "Fifty cents for a man, and twenty-five cents for a horse."

"Well, we pass free then," sang out the rural ladies, "for this turnout is just two gals and a mare. Get up, Nance!"—clucking to the horse.

Before the dumb-founded official could think of a suitable reply to the argument the gals and the old mare had passed serenely on.

These closed roads or turnpikes were never popular. They violated the universal, instinctive longing for "the open road." They were felt to impose restraints upon that freedom of movement which has always been a portion of the personal liberty of the individual.

Consequently there was constant friction between the traveling public and the officials of the turnpikes. This antagonism the river banks of Georgia and the Carolinas. The tang of the often cropped out in the establishment of a parallel road, roughly laid out and badly maintained, which gave the poorer people an outlet to market, free of charge. These roads having been built for the purpose of securing an escape from the tolls which had to be paid on the "pike, were sometimes known as "shun-pikes."

In the mountainous regions of Virginia, you will find many of such roads known to this day by the old name of "the shun-pike." They are monuments to the determination of the traveling public to have an open road.

In the course of time the turnpike went to join the flint and steel musket, and the highway free to all—the lord and the yeoman, the prince and the pauper, the sage and the simpleton—became the universal rule.

Then came that other step in human progress, the iron highway. Here, again, individual energy and enterprise were necessary. It may be doubted whether any government would ever have evolved our modern system of railroads. The initiative of mankind, collectively, is always less than the initiative of individuals and of small, compact groups. To the development of our railroad system, we think that individual initiative was absolutely necessary. The task was so gigantic, the obstacles to be overcome were so varied and so immense, that individual selfishness, as a factor in the success which finally won, cannot be overestimated.

After the individuals have shown the way, governments may safely follow; just as a very commonplace sculptor can chisel you out a fair copy of a piece of statuary which he could no more have originated than he could fly.

In view of these admissions, are we not inclined to waste time quarreling over the liberality of Congress and the State Legislatures to the corporations which offered to build our railways, although these governmental grants were too lavish, and were often obtained by fraud and corrupt means? When we remember that the private individuals who constructed railroads in Florida got 7,000 acres of land for every mile of road, we readily agree that the grant was excessive. In Arkansas, the corporations got 3,900 acres of land for every mile of railroad; in Alabama, 3,385 acres; in Louisiana, 7,000 acres; in Wisconsin, 5,400 acres. Even in Illinois they got 1,965 acres of land for every mile of road.

In donations of one sort and another—land grants, cash subscriptions, bond endorsements,

special exemptions and privileges—the public paid every dollar of the actual cost of building the iron highways—the modern turnpikes.

But while it may have been wise and necessary, forty years ago, to stimulate individual enterprise to undertake the toll and the risk of oulting the railway lines—just as it may have been wise and necessary to grant the turnpike charters—the time has come when we must have the open road. The natural, irresistible pressure of the traveling public against the toll gate found its first expression in a flank movement—"the shun-pike." But this dodging of the issue of the obstacle could not satisfy the cravings of a great people for unobstructed highways. The antagonism to the closed road finally resulted in laws which do not tolerate gates of any kind across the public road.

In like manner the interests of the private individuals who now monopolize the iron turnpikes must yield to public necessity. If they are wise in their generation, they will recognize the inevitable and bow to it. Nobody seeks to do them injustice. Their interests must be bought out in a fair, legal, peaceful manner—but the public must have "the open road." It is intolerable that the highways of the mightiest republic the world has ever seen should be closed to the people by the chiefs of six great corporations. It is unendurable that eighty-five millions of people should have the toll gate and turnpike principle fastened upon them in perpetuity.

The natural evolution which first brought forth the improved highway, the turnpike, and which then cleared it of the toll gate—opening it up to the use of the public as a public road—will move right on in its inexorable march, until the iron highway is also a public road.

Politicians may shuffle and dodge, corporation managers may bribe and bulldoze, but they can no more arrest the progress of the demand for the open road than they can half the law of gravitation.—Tom Watson.

STATUS OF THE JAPANESE PLUM.

(By L. R. Johnson.)

The coming of the Japanese plums about sixteen years ago marked a new era in plum culture in the United States. Their introduction was accompanied by the appearance of the San Jose scale, which was first brought from California to the Eastern States on Japanese plum trees, and from there disseminated on nursery stock throughout the West. No prejudice, however, existed against the new plums on account of the baneful insect that they brought with them. They were given a fair trial on their merits. It was the variety Baton that first attracted attention and brought the whole family into great popularity. This variety on account of its early and profuse bearing was rechristened as Abundance, and soon being planted in every part of the Union.

Not Entirely Satisfactory. As must always happen, it required the lapse of years to intelligently gauge the real merits of the new plums, and added to this there was for a time a sad confusion of names. Time has now cleared away all points of controversy and a verdict may be pronounced with some prospect of unanimity among fruit growers. It will hardly be denied that the Japanese plums have proved a disappointment and that they have not fulfilled the high anticipations aroused when they were placed on trial.

At first it was thought by many that the death knell of the native plums had been sounded and that they would be entirely superseded by these foreigners with their beautiful colors and juicy solid meat. They seemed equal in size and flavor to the European family that we had vainly attempted to grow, and it appeared probable that henceforth the markets would be filled with fine plums at very low prices.

Susceptible to Disease. But it was soon discovered that they were extremely susceptible to the rot and scale, and as rot and scale are now prevalent from the Atlantic to the dry zone of the West, it meant their condemnation throughout the greater portion of the United States. But apart from these weaknesses, which to some extent could be overcome, other defects became apparent. They were found to

overbear, and to be remedied by thinning, it meant considerable labor and expense, which were not thought of at the time.

Rot, however, readily present, and appear for some time, and the early bearing qualities of the Abundance were to many some reason the cherry markets did not take very kindly to the Japs, and growers who had held on to the old reliable wild goose native plums the better seller. This was largely due to the brilliant red of the natives, in the case of the Ben Davis apple, is more potent with buyers than quality.

Summing up the present condition of the Japanese varieties, it may be said that the East has discarded them on account of rot and scale. In some sections of the South they are still a commercial crop, and are shipped to northern markets, but they do not appear to be gaining ground throughout the Middle West they are no longer planted commercially, but some varieties do well for local markets.

In Southern Missouri I have rejected all except Red June and Earliest of All. These varieties, on account of their earliness, are not so susceptible to rot. The Red June, in my opinion, is the most beautiful plum of the family. It averages larger than the Abundance, because it is not so profuse a bearer, and is highly colored, with a heavy bloom. It is solid and meaty and equal to the Abundance in flavor. It blooms late, and thereby escapes early frosts. The Earliest of All is well named, for of all the varieties on my place, it is the earliest to ripen. Last year it began to ripen by June 10. It is of good size and color and a perfect free stone, but in size and flavor it is inferior to Red June. It is the surest bearer of the plum, on account of its late blooming, being the last of all the Japs.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

The commencement exercises of the University, which occupy the three days from June 9 through June 11, will be inaugurated Sunday.

The services in the audience hall, conducted by Bishop Kingsley of Austin, and the commencement sermon will be preached by Bishop Sessums of Louisiana. The sermon is looked forward to with much interest, as Bishop Sessums is well known in Texas, having been stationed in Houston for a number of years, where he was recognized as an unusually strong man and a very eloquent preacher.

Monday is Alumni Day, and the chief interest will center about the exercises under the auspices of the Alumni Association, which will consist of a business meeting at 10 a. m., and the address of the Alumni orator at 11 a. m. The address this year will be delivered by Hon. C. C. Clark, Master of Laws, University of Texas, 1895, Brooklyn, N. Y. An informal reception will be tendered the Alumni at the Woman's Building on the evening of the 10th. There will also be held Monday morning at 11, the annual meeting of the Texas Academy of Science, where a number of papers, some strictly scientific and some more popular, will be read, and the result of the annual election of the officers of the Academy will be announced.

The exercises of commendation day on Tuesday will be of the usual character, consisting of the most part in the conferring of degrees on graduates of the various departments of the University. It is not yet determined whether a speaker from without the University will appear on this occasion. If not, the only address of any extent will be the concluding words to graduating classes by the president of the University. The customary social events will take place as usual.

Farmers' bulletin No. 279, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, entitled, "A Method of Eradicating Johnson Grass," is ready for distribution. This bulletin is a result of several years' work of the department's study of the habits of the grass, and the method now outlined for killing it seems very simple and easy. Anyone interested can obtain a copy of the bulletin by applying to the office of Farm Management, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. W. J. Spillman, Agriculturist.

SUGGESTIONS TO BEGINNERS IN SELECTION OF BUDS AND BUDDING PECAN TREES.

Read by Fernando Miller, of Lampasas, Texas, before the Texas Nut Growers' Association meeting at Austin.

If we are to be successful in budding, there are certain requirements which we must necessarily heed, and none is of more importance than the selection of the buds. Nearly all the pecan budding done heretofore has been accomplished with buds taken from the shoots of the current season's growth. There are those who still hold to the opinion that these buds are best, but my experiments have proven to me, at least, that the older ones are much preferable. The government expert at Washington, Mr. Oliver, whom I believe was the first to recommend the use of these mature buds, regardless of their ages instead of stopping with recommendations of those of the previous year's growth. These dormant buds ranging in age from one to several years, may be seen on any pecan tree at any time of the year, and I believe their proper use in budding will revolutionize the propagation of pecans.

It has been my experience that June is the best time for pecan budding, and at that time of the year the new shoot have made considerable growth, and for every stick of dormant buds, we must cut off a new shoot. Since buds of fine varieties of pecans are very scarce, not nearly enough to supply the demands for them, it surely would be advantageous to us if we could use these new buds successfully. Last year in an article which I prepared on this subject and which was published in Farm and Ranch, I gave some of my experiments in treating these new buds with a view of preparing them for successful use. Thinking that perhaps it may be of interest to those here and hoping that it may not be considered as thrashing over old ground, I will offer these suggestions again.

If the leaves on the young shoots are clipped off just before they begin to spread, leaving the leaf stalk about three or four

inches long, and if during the two or three weeks these leaf stalks will have been so prepared by nature's laws that the buds found near them may be used successfully. The treatment above referred to should be continued throughout the months of April and May, and by the middle of June from one-half to two-thirds of the buds on each shoot may be developed to the extent that their use in budding will be followed with satisfactory results. I sincerely hope that those who are interested in pecan budding and who have access to pecan trees will try this experiment, for if it proves a success with others, it would assist materially in the pecan growing industry.

There has been so much written and spoken on the various methods of pecan budding that I feel anything that I might say on this part of my subject would add nothing to the stock of knowledge already known, but I will say in this connection that I have budded pecans from March to July, inclusive, and as already stated, have found June to be the best time, for it is then I have found everything to be in the best condition for that operation. Pecan trees which have been topped in February will, by June, have grown shoots large enough to bud and besides the shoots on trees topped the previous year are then not too large to be budded. It is my opinion that no one, however skilled as a budder he may be, will ever have satisfactory results if he is to depend upon his buds coming through the mails. The first step then to be taken is to have a few bearing pecan trees coming on one's own ground so that the buds can be gotten fresh from the trees, unless it be an effort to get a start of a new variety.

As to the mechanical part of budding, such as cutting the buds, tying, covering with waxed cloth, shading, etc., I shall not take the time to mention here, but would respectfully refer to the numerous articles which have already been published on the subject.

It will not perhaps be out of place for me to say in conclusion that I have made quite a number of experiments along the lines above indicated, and I shall continue them during the coming

years, and should I make any discoveries which would be of interest to others, I would be pleased to tell them of it, that I might thereby encourage, in a feeble way at least, the growing of pecans, and thus bless the world long after I have ceased to work.

FRUIT TREES EXHAUST THE SOIL.

In considering the reasons why apple and other fruit trees do not bear as many or as fine apples as they did in the early days, writes Professor H. G. Gorman, of Kentucky Experiment Station, I have been impressed with the importance of supplying the trees with fertilizers as the soil becomes exhausted, and am satisfied that the greater relative difficulty experienced nowadays in keeping fruit trees in good condition is in part due to an exhaustion of the soil.

Trees forage more widely than smaller plants, and may not show the effects of starvation as suddenly or as soon, but they must show it in time if grown long on the same land without anything being returned to the soil to replace materials removed by the trees. In this relation I was struck recently by a statement which I encountered in Professor Voorhees' interesting little book on Fertilizers. He says that twenty crops of apples of 15 bushels per tree, and 35 trees to the acre, equal 1337 pounds of nitrogen, 310 pounds of phosphoric acid and 1805 pounds of potash.

Twenty crops of wheat, of 15 bushels per acre, equal 660 pounds of nitrogen, 211 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 324 pounds of potash.

Therefore, according to Professor Voorhees, twenty crops of apples remove more than twice as much nitrogen, half as much again phosphoric acid, and nearly three times as much potash, as twenty crops of wheat.

A good farmer would hardly think of growing twenty successive crops of wheat on the same land, no matter how good it might be, and it would seem to be still greater folly, according to the figures given, to attempt to grow twenty successive crops of apples without returning anything to the soil.

The conditions on the Mexican-Guatemalan frontier are bordering on war. Hostilities may break out at any moment.

T. J. Lawrence, agent of the I. & G. N. at Elkhart, was held up by a masked man as he was closing up for the night and \$190 taken.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

THE COAST COUNTRY AT THE FAIR.

Mr. A. M. Pyron, in charge of the agricultural department of the International Fair Association, returns from a trip along the coast country in the interests of the fair. He is making efforts to secure a fine exhibit and is meeting with great success. Brownsville wants a building of its own, a permanent one, at the fair grounds, and Griffing Bros. of Sarita offer to beautify the grounds about the building. Kingsville, Sarita, Raymondsville, Santa Maria, Hidalgo and Brownsville will all have exhibits this year. The entire coast country will be represented.

SALOONS MUST CLOSE.

It seems that there is no alternative to closing saloons for the hiatus until the new license law goes into effect, but to close for about twenty days. No court could act upon the matter in time to bring relief, and saloons generally will close.

MEXICAN LABOR.

Soon will be held an important meeting in San Antonio under the direction of the International Club to consider the matter of the immigration of Mexican labor. Commissioner Frank P. Sargent and others will be present. The railroads, the cotton fields, the truck farms and the industrial growth of Texas need all the labor to be had, and labor from Mexico does not work any harm to American labor by competition.

WRECK ON TEXAS AND PACIFIC.

On Monday the eastbound cannonball on the Texas and Pacific was wrecked at Edgewood. The trucks of the tender left the track and the train piled up in a mass of wreckage. Twenty-three of the hundred passengers were hurt, some seriously.

A road convention will be held at Corpus Christi on the 17-18th. County judges and commissioners of all surrounding counties have been invited. The two women's clubs of the city will take part also in the discussion. Much interest is being manifested.

The Gulf Coast line is doing through General Passenger Agent Doherty, most active work in preparing for an exhibit for the coast country at the International Fair. He has already assured free transportation for exhibits, with the permission of the Railroad Commission, of course.

Lieutenant Mack Richardson, who recently resigned from the 26th infantry, was found dying from prussic acid in his room at Fort Sam Houston. He was to have been married in Brownsville on May 14th, but failed to appear on the day. Later he sent his resignation to the president and it was accepted.

The people of Fredericksburg are determined to have the road so long needed and are taking steps to build the railroad themselves. They have offered a liberal bonus, but no company has accepted it. Their plans will be made public soon and the road will be under construction next year.

The San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway has supplemented the premium for a county exhibit at the International Fair by \$300. This makes the premium for a county exhibit \$800. This additional \$300 must be for a county on that line of road.

The attorney general will not approve the bond of the American Surety Company for the appeal bond of Waters-Pierce. Texas securities must be given for the \$3,000,000 bond required, else the company will have to go into the hands of a receiver.

Work has been begun on the plant garden at Fort Brown, Brownsville, by the department of Agriculture. Prof. E. C. Green is in charge, with L. Hamilton Renig of Ashington as assistant. The garden has \$14,000 available for work for the current fiscal year.

NEWS OF THE NATION

NEW TRIAL DENIED.

Judge Brooks at Austin denied the motion of the defense for a new trial of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. The defense contended that the court erred in instructing the jury as to the amount of fines, claiming that the law of 1900 to 1903 provided for fines of only \$200 instead of \$5000 a day. Judge Brooks held that the law and in tent of the Legislature in its enactment in 1903 is plain, so the fines must stand.

LAND FRAUDS IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Suits charging land frauds will shortly be filed against many prominent citizens and two national banks in the Creek nation. The charges are for fraud in regard to the purchase of town lots through dummies. The defendants if convicted will be compelled to return the lots or full present value for them to the Creek nation.

ORCHARD TESTIFIES.

Harry Orchard, the chief witness for the prosecution at Boise City, testifies and tells a revolting story of murders committed by him in Idaho and Colorado alleged to be at the instigation of the Western Federation of Miners. A career of crime almost without a parallel he narrates. How much of it may be true and how much false cannot be said.

President Harriman will not be prosecuted on account of his railway deals, so the president and his council has decided, because his testimony makes him immune from criminal prosecution on account of the Alton deal. The coal carrying roads and others will be proceeded against.

Secretary Root has accepted the invitation of President Diaz to visit Mexico as the guest of the Republic. An autograph letter from Diaz was given to Root by Ambassador Creel.

President Roosevelt has directed a searching investigation into the relations of the railroads and the postoffice department in regard to carrying the mails. Thirty-two inspectors are at work to unearth a conspiracy between the two.

Deputy Prosecutor Britton of Lonoke county, Arkansas, is set upon, stripped and severely beaten with a heavy leather strap by six men. Britton was on his way to a school house to prosecute a man named Jordan for "bootlegging."

President Roosevelt visits Jamestown again this week and delivers the first address from the grand stand. He also addresses the National Editorial Association.

Secretary of War Taft is making a trip through the West this week, with addresses at Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and other places.

Unofficial returns in Oklahoma give Haskell of Muskogee a majority over Cruce of Ardmore for the democratic nomination for governor.

On June 12th the supreme court of Oklahoma will decide relative to the ruling of Judge Pancoast in regard to an election prior to November, 1908. The muddle will be cleared up.

The National Conference of Charities is in session at Minneapolis this week. Archbishop Ireland delivers the address.

An Oklahoma Republican paper announces that it "will not lie for the Republican party." Uneasiness will not completely vanish, however, until the paper further binds itself not to tell the truth about it.

Twenty-eight passengers, including twelve women and children, were drowned by the sink-ship Barbadoes. The captain and twenty-one escaped.

The negro Monk Dudley, accused of robbing an express car near Palestine some weeks ago, confesses, and is sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

TAMPICO-MEXICO SHORT LINE.

Since the short line from Mexico City to Tampico is determined upon railroad men are discussing the extension of the road from Tampico to Matamoras, so reports from Mexico City say. Such a line will shorten by hundreds of miles the distance from Houston and New Orleans to Mexico.

AT THE HAGUE.

Peace as demanded by enlightened public opinion and modern civilization is the chief topic for discussion this week and representatives of forty-six countries will be in attendance at the meetings beginning June 15th.

PRESIDENT CABRERA'S DEATH REPORTED.

Unconfirmed reports Monday gave it out that President Cabrera had been assassinated. The news came in a message to the daughters of a former president who now live in Mexico City.

JAPAN MAY DEMAND INDEMNITY.

The Japanese of the Pacific coast and the progressive party in Japan have united and are at work to overthrow the present Japanese ministry and then demand the repeal of the coolie labor clause of the recent treaty and an indemnity for the recent disturbances in San Francisco.

STOLYPIN RESIGNS.

St. Petersburg reports say that Premier Stolypin has resigned, after a long consultation with the emperor. His resignation will be accepted. The duma is going on quietly with its work in considering the questions before it and with a fair amount of harmony in its action.

TAYLOR MAN APPOINTED RECEIVER.

R. J. Eckhard, cashier of the First National Bank of Taylor, has been appointed receiver of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. The defense is given two weeks to object to him.

The Jobbers League of San Antonio has asked the Southern Pacific to restore the double daily service on the gulf shore to Houston by way of Victoria.

James H. Robertson of Austin declines to attend the anti-Bailey banquet at Dallas, saying that this bitter controversy should not be revived.

The eighth International Red Cross conference opened in London on Monday. All the principal nations are represented.

TO RAISE COMMERCIAL DATES.

The raising of dates is to be undertaken on a commercial scale in the Rio Grande valley of Southwest Texas. Walter T. Swingle, physiologist in charge of plant life history investigations in the Department of Agriculture, is trying to interest farmers in that section in establishing a seedling date orchard. He says that the Rio Grande valley in Southwest Texas, owing to its hot spring weather and farm climate all the year, is splendidly suited for raising dates. The only places in the United States where dates are grown with any success are the Salton basin, the Salt river and the Gila river valleys in Arizona, and in the valley of the Colorado river from Needles to Yuma. Here the industry is a great success, and Mr. Swingle says the Rio Grande valley near Brownsville is even better adapted to their culture than the Western valleys. To plant and care for an orchard of date palms from the first year would be from \$300 to \$600, but after the orchard begins to bear the profits would be something enormous. In order to encourage the industry in Southwest Texas the Department of Agriculture under certain conditions will furnish the seed free.

It is intimated that a large number of San Francisco men keep their grips packed for a sudden exodus. We suppose there will be a Tokio colony similar to that in Paris.

Political life in Ohio, just now, is one grand sweet song.

STRAWBERRIES.

On one acre of rich, well cultivated land, there may be grown \$500 worth of berries. Every enterprising farmer, with a little effort, has within his reach a continuous supply of healthful fruits. On every farm large, luscious berries may be grown at the rate of 200 bushels per acre. If less is produced, we may look for the season from one or more of the following causes and briefly suggest a remedy:

1. Land deficient in fertilizer or plant food. Apply fine composted manure, plow under and roots will spread and fine dirt top dress. Also ashes broadcast.
2. Improper preparation of soil. Plow deeply and harrow until fine, light and mellow. Extra preparation makes plant food more available.
3. Varieties not adapted to your soil and climate. Use only such as have been well tested in your locality, or recommended by responsible parties.
4. Poor plants. Buy only best large, vigorous plants from responsible growers. Never set poor plants. Never expose plants to sun and wind before setting. Have firm about them.
5. Careless setting of plants. Firm about them.
6. Too many plants in hill or row. Preserve only strong vigorous plants, give each room to develop and perfect its fruit. Prune severely.
7. Imperfect fertilization. There is sex in plants. Pistillates (female) must have staminate set with them to insure good crops.
8. Neglect in cultivation. The ground, at all times should be fine, mellow and free from weeds.
9. No protection. Mulch in summer with course manure, grass or green clover, in winter by suitable protection against cold.
10. Frost and drought. The most difficult to overcome. Berry fields well cultivated are several degrees warmer than uncultivated fields, therefore less liable to damage by frost. Retain mulching as late as possible on strawberries in spring. Drought by ordinary drouths may be prevented by summer mulching. Drought requires almost constant cultivation and heavy mulching.

LONG ROOTS.

Planters used to condemn plants, vines or trees that did not have long roots. Now we have learned there is no necessity for long roots, and many planters consider long roots a disadvantage. It is my opinion that the roots of trees are in most instances shortened enough in the digging process and that all the shortening that need be done them is to cut off the bruised ends with a sharp knife so that they may heal more readily. But grape vines and strawberry plants often have excessively long roots, therefore I advise that the roots of both grape and strawberry be reduced to one-half their ordinary length at planting. The old roots are helpful mainly so far as they hold the plant, vine or tree in the soil permanently until new roots can be formed. Therefore the strawberry plant or the grape vine with excessively long roots is encumbered by these long roots rather than assisted.

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TO PROTECT THE PLOVER.

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The plover are on their way to their breeding grounds in the North now and are lighting in great numbers. The association desires that they be spared now so that they may return in greater numbers in the fall, when they may be shot. "We can only appeal to sportsmanship," said John J. Stevens, president of the association, "but we feel sure that all good sportsmen will heed our appeal."

It is interesting to note the migratory habits of this bird which comes in the spring from Central America on its way to the western provinces of Canada. Thence it goes to Alaska for the summer. From Alaska it crosses to Labrador, where it becomes very fat on a species of berry.

Leaving Labrador in the early winter the plover flies straight South across the Atlantic, 1800 miles without stopping, to South America. After resting for awhile it goes on to the south as far as Patagonia. Thence it makes its way by spring northward again to Central America ready for the flight across the Gulf of Mexico into the Southern states, coming in May, and remaining only a short time on the way to the northern breeding grounds once more. A few return through the gulf coast states in the fall, but the main route is as indicated, by far the longest migration of any bird known.

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The officers were notified and an investigation made. The body was found sitting against a tree and examination revealed an ugly bullet hole entering the abdomen, ranging upward and coming out in the back. The Mexican's gun was gone and other evidence tended to show that he had walked some distance from the place he was shot. Deputy Jas. Murray took his back trail and every little piece found blood spots where he had sat down to rest. About a quarter of a mile from the body a gun was found. Murray followed the trail for another quarter of a mile to a wire fence where it was evident the accident had happened. His tracks showed that he had crawled through the fence and no doubt was in the act of pulling his gun through when it was discharged. The muzzle must have been very close as the flesh was terribly powder-burned and the victims duck jacket set on fire. The frayed edges of the burned hole indicated that the Mexican had put the fire out with his hand. The jacket was found at this point.

From the point where the accident occurred to where the body was found, about half a mile, fifteen places were found where he had stopped to rest. He started with his gun but no doubt it became too heavy for him and he threw it away where it was found. Guerra was an old Mexican and was crippled in one hand. Several years ago he was indicted for hog theft near Millett. He was convicted on trial, but the Supreme Court reversed the case, and after lying in jail for two years was finally acquitted.

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### Optimistic Club.

The last business session of the Optimistic Club which was held with Miss Shaw was one of the best we have ever had. This was the first business session since the election of officers for the ensuing year, all of whom, with one exception, together with most every member was present. We were glad to welcome Mrs. L. W. Gaddis and Mrs. Frank Earnest as members. Mrs. C. B. Jones offered her resignation as Treasurer and Miss Wildenthal, who served us so efficiently the past year, was elected. Excellent reports of last year's work were made by the old officers (most of whom were re-elected) before the new ones were installed. Two new officers were added this year—Auditor and Cor. Sec. After the report the Program Committee, Miss Carr moved that we hold an open session at the Court House on the evening of May 31st, the sole purpose being to enjoy a social evening with our friends as guests.

Motion carried and necessary committees were appointed by the chair. Upon motion of Miss Thomas a committee, consisting of Mrs. W. G. Johnson, Mrs. R. J. Jennings and Mrs. G. W. Henrichson was appointed having full charge of cemetery work until the money for that purpose on hand was expended. Mrs. Henrichson declined to serve and suggested Miss Thomas in her stead—which suggestion was accepted. Club adjourned to meet with their Vice President, Mrs. W. G. Johnson, Saturday, May 25th, which most of the members and a number of invited guests did in spite of a down-pour. Some faint-hearted ones turned back, thereby missing a royal treat. Two of that little band drove on—but let's don't mention that part of it. Some necessary business was disposed of during which time at the request of Mrs. Johnson, the Pres. being absent, Miss Thomas presided. The program originally intended for this meeting was reserved for the open session in consequence of which we enjoyed an informal program of music and conversation.

A most elegant two course luncheon was served by our hospitable hostess, ably assisted by Misses Oliver and Phillip in their most gracious and charming manner. The salad course consisted of salad, olives, crackers, cheese straws and salted pea-nuts, and the ice course of orange sherbert and cake. In a few very appropriate remarks Mrs. Jones expressed the regret of the Club at losing one of its sweetest members, Mrs. R. W. Warren who was with us for the last time before leaving for her new home. Mrs. Warren, in a few well-chosen words expressed her appreciation of the Club's regard for her and regret at losing her.

Our host proved what an ideal "club-husband" should be by contributing to the comfort and pleasure of all present. We were more than compensated for our splash through the mud by the pleasure derived from spending an afternoon with our charming hostess and her interesting family. Our out of town guest was Mrs. Williamson of Moore.

We believe our efficient society editor is more capable of writing up open sessions of the Club than the Club reporter—so we leave it to his tender mercy.

(Miss) Daisie Carr,  
Club Reporter.

**Onion Land for Rent.**—100 acre on Harris Lake, 5 miles from Cotulla. Good pump. Abundance of water. For particulars, address, MAX GOETH, Cotulla, Texas.

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Send your job printing to the Record office.

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with Covey's Chapel, beginning Friday, June 28th, at 8:30 p. m., 1907.

#### PROGRAM

##### FRIDAY

8:30 p. m. Sermon, by Henry Jeffries.

##### SATURDAY

10 a. m. Devotional, by Bro. Ham.

10:15 a. m. A Report of Work and Outlook of the Association, by W. H. Price.

11 a. m. Sermon, by Bruce Roberts.

12 m. Dinner.

2:30 p. m. Devotional, by C. Jones.

2:45 p. m. What is the Laman's Part in Evangelism, by R. C. Blalock and J. Byrom.

3:30 p. m. Why Southwest Texas Should have a Baptist School, by Bruce Roberts and C. R. Lee.

8:30 p. m. Sermon, by C. Lee.

##### SUNDAY

10 a. m. A General Review of the Sunday School Lesson, led by Bro. Blalock.

11 a. m. Sermon, The Philosophy of Missions, by C. Hornburg.

12 m. Dinner.

2:30 p. m. Devotional, by Bro. Byrom.

2:45 p. m. The Baptist Sacrament, by C. A. Hornburg and W. H. Price.

3:30 p. m. Should our religious progress keep step with material progress, by G. Coltrin.

8:30 p. m. Sermon, by Bro. Blalock.

Come and spend a few days with the best people you ever met at North and South day met at Dilley June 28.

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If you will kindly send us six names and post office addresses of young men and women from the ages of 16 to 25 who would likely be interested within the next six months in taking a course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, or Telegraphy, either mail or by attending in person (Mark an x after the name of those likely to be interested in a home study course and not a personal course.) we will mail you our College paper (quarterly) for one year.

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Make out a good list of names promptly and send it, stating what premium you desire, also if you are interested in a course yourself, and would like to see a copy of our large illustrated free catalog. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

**FOR SALE.**—I have a few choice young cows, high grade Jerseys, the kind any child can milk, that I am offering for sale as they come fresh in milk. Write me. I might have just what you want.  
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**FOR SALE.**—Mabin Cotton Seed in any quantity. Also Watermelon Seed. CHAS. OBERTS, Devine, Texas.



A noted clergyman was in his study, writing, when his little five year old daughter walked in and asked: "What are you writing?" "I am writing a sermon, daughter," replied the clergyman.

"How do you know what to write, papa?" "God tells me what to write, daughter?"

After watching the father a few minutes, the daughter asked: "Papa, if God tells you what to write why do you scratch out some of it?"

A janitor in a neighboring school threw up his job the other day. When asked what the trouble was, he said: "I'm honest and won't stand to be slurred: If I find a pencil or a handkerchief about the school I hang it up. Every little while the teacher or someone that is too cowardly to face me, gives me a slur." "In what way?" asked the officer. Why a little while ago I saw written on the board, "find the common multiple." Well I looked from cellar to garret, and I wouldn't know the thing if I met it on the street. What made me quit my job? Last night in big writin' on the board it said, "find the common multiple." Well I says to my self, d'visor. Well I says are best both of the darn things are best now, and I'll be blamed for swiping 'em, so I'll quit."—Huntsville Post Item.

They had walked half way through the park, and suddenly she sat down on a bench. He sat beside her. They were entirely alone, save for an old man at one end of their seat immersed in a book. Their agitated conversation continued:

"Oh, it is too dreadful!" she shuttered, as she covered her face with her hands as if to shut out some unbearable sight.

"Fearful," he agreed, deeply moved and mopping the perspiration from his brow.

"Horrible," she added. "I cannot bear to think of it. The thought of hope, happiness, perhaps even love."

"Hush!" he interrupted, gently. "Let us no longer think of it. It may grow to prey on our minds."

"Pardon me," said the old man on the end of the seat, his watery eyes distended in lively apprehension. "Has there been some awful disaster? Have you been forced to look upon some awful tragedy?"

The young people regarded each other in some confusion. Hesitatingly the youth answered: "No, sir. You see, we have just become engaged, and we were talking of what a calamity it would have been had we never met."

### THE AUTOCRAT OF THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

Now, kindly mark me well, my friends, in what I have to say. At the coffee of this morn and that of yesterday. That coffee served us yesterday was slaty, gray and flat. And who know the coffee plant know what is meant by that. The berry grow indifferent from out impoverished soil. Nor had the richness at its roots from which to draw the oil. Or, if a bit of oil were stored, the roasting was not well. And being charred the oil escaped from out each tiny cell. And 'twas tasteless, flat and tame, and I put in my kick; And I am pleased that Mrs. Brown has changed her brand so quick. This coffee has a brilliant brown, its body, too, you'll note; Those little bubbles mark the oil—observe them where they float. That means the berry had the best that sun and soil can lend. 'Tis CHASE & SANDORN'S growth, you know—a firm that's proud to spend its time and money on its plants. Care, curing, roasting, too, Are just the best that expert hands, experience and long, can do. And when this richness is unlocked by Nature's charm of heat, You have the best that Nature gives,—a draught of cheer, complete In every coffee attribute. Thus speaks your Autocrat, And he, you know, was never caught a-talking through his hat.

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bauble but for a married man prominent in professional and social life something more significant and durable is demanded. Evidently the spirit of the age is striving more and more to combine the useful and the beautiful. Your beautiful home with its ample and elegantly furnished apartments overlooking tastefully ornamented grounds is an evidence of this spirit. A gift therefore having the characteristics of beauty and utility was suggested by your comfortable and handsome home. In this offering (holding up a red sock) we have endeavored to fulfill these requirements. You will permit me to descant briefly upon the merits of this humble but appreciative gift. Twelve months ago you joined hands with your loving and lovely companion (taking each other for better or worse—perhaps by this time you have found out which it is) to begin life's journey. Life's pathway, however great and constant the effort to smooth the inequalities, is to all of us a rough and rugged road. It was to be inferred therefore, that in this long tramp your stock of hose had become much depleted or sadly in need of repair. Considerations for your peace and comfort and the health and feeling of your wife prompted us to replenish the stock. As a wrinkle in the carpet will occasion the downfall of a child, so a wrinkle or a darn in a sock will disturb the equilibrium of the most equable temper. Subject to the discomfort of constantly weaving hose with an amendment, when in the course of human events a change became imperative, it is very human to suppose that with corrugated brow you would cry out in language neither affectionate nor religious, "Julia, bring me those darned socks!" To obviate scenes such as these moved the humane feelings of your friends in this offering. You will please also observe that in the construction of this article artistic skill and design are marvellously displayed. Consider its generous proportions—the wide tread—suggesting that breadth of understanding is far preferable to the corruscations of brilliancy; the curve for the neatly turned ankle—with plenty room to turn—the space for the high arched instep, though it be as altitudinous as the bridge of a roman nose—the symmetrically rounded leg gracefully tapering to the top—delicately intimating an admirably formed leg for a sock—same size all the

way. Lastly, I entreat you consider the color—red or scarlet—a kingly color—indicating that he who has survived a year of marital bliss (?) deserves to be crowned. Red and black are contrasting not complementary colors. The combination of flaming red with a patent oxford produces a most striking effect, catching the eye of the most superficial observer and convincing the most skeptical that you are neither ethically nor practically a disciple of the Hon. Jerry Simpson.

With sincere desire that our offering may greatly contribute to your peace of mind and feet, and with expression of profound respect and kind regards for yourself and wife, we ardently wish you many returns of this happy occasion."

Immediately after the presentation of the token of esteem by the speaker—there was a flash, and from every quarter was hurled a brilliant red piece of hosiery, which litterly buried the young doctor, and it then dawned upon him that he had been the victim of a deliberate and well-planned conspiracy.

At ten-thirty the guests were invited into the dining room where ice cream frozen in the shape of cotton bolls was served. The dining room was profusely decorated with large green stalks of cotton, that were loaded with open bolls. Directly over the table was an immense plant with probably half a hundred open bolls on it. This decoration, symbolic of the occasion, presented a pretty appearance. Before leaving the dining room each of the ladies were presented with a souvenir—a miniature bale of cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Motheral were the recipients of numerous gifts. Shortly after eleven the guests bid the young host and hostess goodnight and extended wishes that they might celebrate many more anniversaries of their wedding.

### Died.

Mrs. J. M. Williams, aged 68 years, died Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in this city at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Petty.

Deceased had lived in Cotulla only about three months, having come here from Carrizo Springs. She was a native of Texas and lived in Jackson county for a number of years.

The funeral occurred at 6 o'clock Monday evening and was conducted by Rev. W. G. Gilstrap. The remains were laid to rest in the Cotulla cemetery.

**NOTICE.**—I have re-opened my boarding house and am ready to receive boarders. Nice, clean rooms and good meals.

Mrs. J. M. WALKER.

Every day in the week except Sunday, and every hour in the day you can get a good shave, haircut, shampoo, in fact a general 'slicup' at the City Barber Shop.

J. W. Coleman shipped a car of good watermelons Thursday. There were very few watermelons planted around Cotulla this spring, but what we have are bringing good prices.

Jim English was in town this week from Benevidas, where he now holds forth. Jim says that while they have had no floods of rain down there, sufficient has fallen to make good grass and cattle are now in good condition.

R. J. Jennings came in first of the week from an absence of several weeks down the country. Said good rains had fallen over the country from Minera to Carrizo Springs, but there was a strip between here and Carrizo Springs that it was very dry.

I. Johnson and children on Thursday's train

for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guinn.

The new cement sidewalk of full length of the South business block on Front Street helps the appearance of things greatly. The fronts of all the buildings now present a good appearance, a great contrast to conditions two or three years past when on half the block dilapidated old shacks.

A. G. Robuck and daughter, L. Appling, of Helena, were a visit here to Mrs. Robuck's daughter, Mrs. Daniel Smith, for several weeks, returned home Wednesday. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Smith, who will be away about a month. In the meantime the Professor will "batch."

J. F. Evetts and J. S. Petty have been at work with their teams this week leveling up the Public Square, which was in a very bad condition. For years roads have cut across this square and some that had been abandoned were washed into regular gullies. However, the work has greatly changed the appearance and the next thing in order is to fence it.

### YOUR NEW SPRING SUIT—REED

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G. A. Manly is drilling a couple of wells on E. T. Lesterjett's farm West of town.

J. W. Fullerton sells feed for cows, horses and chickens. Buy from him and you get the best.

Fresh tomatoes always on hand at Guinn's.

Quite a number of new irrigated farms will be opened up along the Nueces this year.

J. H. Petty does only the best blacksmith work. Give him a trial and be convinced. Fullerton shop.

Otto Armstrong returned home first of the week from Austin where he had been attending school.

Fresh melons, cantaloupes, tomatoes and all vegetables in season at John P. Guinn's.

Hands for clearing land are very much in demand. Several hundred Mexicans could be used around Cotulla for this purpose right now.

Mr. Sylvester, deputy county surveyor, who has been absent from the city for several weeks, is back again.

D. W. McKey, a well known ranch owner of LaSalle was transacting business at the Hub Tuesday.

grocery complete line in town.

LaSalle Camp, Woodmen of the World are making arrangements for the building of a Hall on their lot on Main Street.

Mr. W. N. Guinn and wife left Saturday for Arizona to be gone several weeks visiting Mrs. Guinn's parents.

For several nights this week there was considerable lightning on the Western horizon. It is thought that heavy rains fell up the Nueces.

**Thoroughbred Jersey Bull**—Season at my place one mile North of town. Small pasture. Service guaranteed. Price \$5. J. H. GILBERT.

G. G. Salmon of Encinal was in the city several days this week. Said nothing startling had happened in that part of the county recently.

The dull season is beginning to set in as it always does this time of the year. Merchants report business not as good the past ten days as it has been.

Several new families from Gainsville have moved down on the Black Ranch. Mr. Black is making preparations for putting down a deep well.

Misses Louise, Mary, and Emma Cotulla left on Wednesday South-bound train for the City of Mexico on a pleasure trip. The young ladies will be gone about one month.

O. W. McKinney of Kansas City, a brother to W. N. McKinney arrived this week and he and his brother will open up an irrigated farm on the Nueces South of Cotulla.

## ADJUST YOUR SYSTEM

IF YOU LACK STRENGTH, energy and a healthy appetite and there's no apparent cause for the condition, take a good tonic. During warm weather one's system sometimes gets out of adjustment—some organ lags. All that is needed is something to stimulate it into natural, healthy action.

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