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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

THE RAILWAYS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Scientific American

Although the gross earnings of the railroads of the United States for the last year reported upon show a considerable decrease, there is some satisfaction to be derived from the fact that the total mileage of roads that are in charge of receivers is steadily decreasing. On June 30, 1897, there were 128 roads, operating a mileage of 17,862 miles, in the hands of receivers. As compared with the previous year, ending June 30, 1896, this was a decrease 12,613 miles. During 1897, 51 roads were removed from the control of receivers and 28 roads were placed under their management. The total mileage on June 30, 1897, was 184,423 miles, an increase over the previous year of 1,652 miles. The greatest increase took place in California, where 219 miles of road were opened; Arkansas came next with 192 miles; Louisiana added 161 miles, and Michigan 123 miles. The aggregate length of railway mileage, including all tracks, was 243,444 miles, or enough to girdle the earth at the equator ten times!

The operation of this vast system called for the services of 85,986 locomotives, of which 10,017 were passenger and 20,398 freight engines, while it required the services of over 5,000 switching engines for yard and station work. The total number of cars in service was 1,297,489 of which 83,626 were required for passenger, 1,213,863 for freight.

that is, the amount of gross earnings remaining after the deduction of operating expenses, was \$369,595,000; this amount is \$7,615,323 less than for the previous year.

The records of railway accidents are, as usual, very painful reading. The total number of casualties to persons on account of railway accidents for the year was 43,168. Of these, 6,437 resulted in death and 36,731 in injuries of varying character. Of railway employees, 1,693 were killed and 27,667 injured; among these 976 of the killed and 13,794 of the wounded were trainmen, 201 killed and 2,423 injured were switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, the balance being employed in miscellaneous railroad duties.

We have referred to the fact that there is an increase in the number of engines and cars using automatic couplers. The work of equipment, however, is going on altogether too slowly, as may be judged from the fact that the casualties to employees resulting from coupling and uncoupling cars were 214 killed and 6,283 wounded. There is absolutely no excuse for such a frightful list of killed and wounded, nearly the whole of it being due to the risks entailed in the use of the old hand couplings. Many of the railroads have shown a commendable zeal in making the change, but there are others whose dilatoriness or indifference should be made to feel the pressure of the law. The total number of casualties to persons on account of railway accidents for the year was 43,168. Of these, 6,437 resulted in death and 36,731 in injuries of varying character. Of railway employees, 1,693 were killed and 27,667 injured; among these 976 of the killed and 13,794 of the wounded were trainmen, 201 killed and 2,423 injured were switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, the balance being employed in miscellaneous railroad duties.

MRS. CARRIE BUCKLEY.

A gloom was cast over the entire city on Thursday morning last when the sad tidings flew from lip to lip that Mrs. Carrie Buckley was dead.

About three months ago this bright young lady was married to Mr. N. J. Buckley, a prominent business man of Encinal, Texas. Five weeks ago she arrived in Eagle Pass to join her parents on an extended pleasure trip through Mexico. She was taken ill here and rapidly grew worse till on Thursday last when the end came. Mrs. Buckley was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buckley, of this place, and was universally loved. Intellectually she had few peers, while her generous and affectionate disposition made her a prime favorite at all social gatherings on the border. It is said indeed, that a young life—she was barely 20—so full of promise, so capable of doing good in the world, so apt to make the lives of all with whom she came into contact seem brighter, and so dearly beloved by her husband and parents; should be forever removed from this world.

During the five weeks of lingering illness, all that loving hands and willing hearts were capable of was done to foster the young life, to bring back the bloom to the delicate flower, but all was in vain. She has gone where the vulgar world will no longer shine in contrast with her sweet purity, where all is purity is goodness; there to await the coming of her

day and Friday, October 20 and 21, in the board of trade building. I expect to attend the exposition during that week and will be pleased to meet at that time any of my friends of my work.

On the floor of the great flag room in the New York navy yard are displayed patterns and designs from which the flags for the navy are made, says the New York Press.

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TIME TABLE.

South Passenger Train.	North
9:45 a. m. Lv. SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 7:00 p. m.
10:05 a. m. Lv. Leon	Ar. 6:38 p. m.
10:16 a. m. Lv. Medina	Ar. 6:35 p. m.
0:39 a. m. Lv. Lytle	Ar. 6:03 p. m.
1:00 a. m. Lv. Devine	Ar. 5:45 p. m.
11:20 a. m. Lv. Moore	Ar. 5:25 p. m.
11:40 a. m. Lv. Edin	Ar. 5:05 p. m.
11:52 a. m. Lv. Twohig	Ar. 4:55 p. m.
12:05 p. m. Lv. Pearsall	Ar. 4:35 p. m.
12:23 p. m. Lv. Derby	Ar. 4:15 p. m.
12:43 p. m. Lv. Dilley	Ar. 4:00 p. m.
12:57 p. m. Lv. Millett	Ar. 3:47 p. m.
1:20 p. m. Lv. COTULLA	Ar. 3:25 p. m.
1:38 p. m. Lv. Tuna	Ar. 3:05 p. m.
1:40 p. m. Lv. Twohig	Ar. 2:57 p. m.
2:10 p. m. Lv. Barrow	Ar. 2:38 p. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv. Encinal	Ar. 2:25 p. m.
2:45 p. m. Lv.actus	Ar. 2:05 p. m.
3:03 p. m. Lv. Webb	Ar. 1:47 p. m.
3:28 p. m. Lv. Green	Ar. 1:24 p. m.
3:40 p. m. Lv. Sanchez	Ar. 1:14 p. m.
3:55 p. m. Lv. LAREDO	Ar. 1:00 p. m.

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We are pleased to note the number of locomotives and cars fitted with automatic couplers is increasing, but the increase is not so rapid as the large list of casualties to employees suggests that it ought to be. To keep the vast machinery of our railroads in operation demands the service of an army of 823,476 employees. The report will show that 31,871 employees are engaged in general administration; 244,873 in maintenance of track and structures; 160,667 in maintenance of locomotives, cars, and general equipment; and engaged in transportation, 378,361. The aggregate amount of wages and salaries paid to employees was \$465,601,581—a sum which represents about 62 per cent of the total operating expenses of the railways.

The total amount of capital of all the railroads of the United States on June 30, 1897, was \$5,364,642,255 and the amount of funded debt \$5,270,365,819. The total amount of dividends was \$89,110,599, which would be produced by an average rate of 5.43 per cent on the amount of stock on which some dividend was declared. The number of passengers carried during the year was 489,445,198, a decrease of 22,327,539 compared with the previous year. The total number of tons of freight carried was 741,705,946 which is 24,185,439 tons less than for 1896.

In the matter of gross earnings there was also a considerable decrease, the total being \$1,122,089,973, a decrease of \$28,079,603. The principal source of earnings was freight, \$772,849,314; passenger, \$551,135,627; carriage of mail, \$53,754,466; and carriage of express matter, \$24,901,066. The total expenses of operation,

maries showing the ratio of casualties, from which it appears that 1 out of every 486 employees was killed and one out of every 30 employees was injured during the year. The greatest risk is, naturally, incurred by the trainmen, including engineers, firemen, conductors, etc., for it appears that one was killed for every 165 employed and that one out of every dozen was injured.

Surely there is room for improvement in the conditions of a service where every twelfth man is doomed to injury within the brief limits of fifty-two weeks' employment. That automatic couplers and other safety appliances would reduce those casualties is shown by the fact that only one passenger was killed out of every 2,204,708 carried and 1 injured out of every 175,115.

THE LAST OF THE POPULISTS.

A Pop stood on the burning deck,
Whence all but him had fled;
The flames that lit his platform wreck
Shone round and o'er the dead,
Yet beautiful (in a horn) he stood;
As born to rule the storm;
A creature of heroic blood,<—
A proud, though fool-like, form.
He cried aloud: "Say, Barney, say,
If yet my task is done?"
He knew that the chaffers lay
A dead duck in the pond.
The flames rolled on; he would not go
And join the Democratic herd;
Till Barney's voice had told him to
And listened oft to hear the word.
He cried again: "Say, Barney, say,
May I not now be gone?"
It's foolish here to longer stay,
The Democrats are marching on!
There was a burst of thunder sound,
The Pop, oh, where was he?
Ask of the winds that far around
With Pops had strewn the sea.
—Greenville Times-Headlight.

Sixty workmen were hurled into the St. Lawrence river, near St Regias, N. Y., Tuesday by two spans of a bridge giving way. About thirty were killed.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from September 2d to 6th and 8th to 12th.

The next disturbance of September will reach the Pacific coast about the 13th, cross the West of the Rockies country by close of the 14th, great Central valleys 15th to 17th and Eastern States 18th. Warm wave will cross the West of the Rockies country about the 13th, great Central valleys 15th, Eastern States, 17th. Cool wave will cross the West of the Rockies country about the 16th, great Central valleys 18th, Eastern States 20th.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. September 19, will average below normal along a line drawn from New York to Kansas City and above normal all around that section. For the same week rainfall will be below normal in the Eastern States and in the great Central valleys, except Texae. In Texas and the Rocky Mountain countries rainfall will be from about to above normal.

The cool wave that will cross the continent from the 10th to the 12th may bring light frosts in the northern latitudes of the United States. Heavier but not severe frosts may be expected in the Northern states from the 20 to 24.

Score another great victory for these weather bulletins. It was predicted a month before that the week ending 8 a. m., August 22, would be the hottest week in August in the Northern States of the Central valleys, and that the two weeks before would be unusually cool. Millions of people have noted with interest the full verifications of these two important forecasts. The weather bureau officials are to hold a two days convention at Omaha on Thurs-

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FOR DIST. AND COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce Geo. H. Knags as Candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of La Salle County.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Burwell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle County, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle County.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County, at the ensuing November election.

W. B. GUINN.

W. F. Jay announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle county at the ensuing November election and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

We are authorized to announce Edward Cotulla as Candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

W. E. Campbell respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County at the ensuing November Election.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce L. W. Gaddis as Candidate for the office of Treasurer of La Salle county at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Landrum as Candidate for Treasurer of La Salle County at the ensuing November elections.

EDITOR COTULLA RECORD:—

The good roads Congress soon to meet will assume a National importance beyond any session heretofore held. Prominent Engineers and practical business men all over the United States will be in attendance, and great progress will no doubt be the result of their deliberations and for reaching benefits accrue.

One of the important matters brought before it will be a broad dissemination of literature pertaining to the proper and economical methods of and material to be used in different sections of the United States and will be distributed in every county in the country. No more important subject can be presented to the Commissioners Courts of this State for their earnest consideration than the matter of Good Roads. The Legislature of our State has provided a law that properly applied by the various counties would in a short term of years give to our State a system of public roads that revolutionize our present horrible and almost impassable public roads, power is vested in the County Commissioners Courts of this State to levy and collect a tax of sufficient amount each and every year to do a certain amount of solid practical road building, lasting in its character, instead of the usual method of extending a skirmish line of road hands—one with a grub-hoe, one with an axe, and the balance to pick rocks and 'cuss' the Overseer for warning them out to do road duty. Let the Legislature do away with this worse than useless law and pass a law empowering Commissioners Courts to levy a direct road tax and collect the same as other taxes, having a penalty affixed for any diversion of this fund from its specific purpose, no transferring of this fund into another, but applying it to the purpose of building good roads, and let such

TWOHIG TOUCHES.

Drummer for Tip's Hardware Co., "did" the town Tuesday.

Henry Robuck, of Gonzales, is here visiting his brother, Ed Robuck.

Misses Carrie and Elvira Ramsey were in from the ranch yesterday.

The Pile-driver and Badge Gang left this morning for Burro switch.

Messrs Sam Overstreet, Henry and D. Belcher were in our burg yesterday.

John Dillard was in from his ranch Thursday attending to some business.

The charming Miss May Bell Rodonnel was in from the Hawkins ranch Tuesday.

Jno. H. Belcher shipped two cars of steers this morning to his pastures in North Texas.

Traveling Auditor Dallam, for the I. & G. N. Ry. was here yesterday on official business.

Our efficient I. & G. N. Agent, W. C. Bodiford left yesterday to take charge of Thorndale station.

H. R. Buchanan, of the Buchanan ranch, was in our city yesterday attending to some business.

Ed Robuck, the hustling beef buyer, has just shipped two cars of beeves to the San Antonio market.

The Public school opens here next Monday, and will be conducted by Miss Crocker, of San Antonio.

The people of this community met and organized a Sunday School last Sunday, to be held at the School House.

Mrs. E. Laxon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Moody for the last four weeks will leave to-day for her home.

HEZEKIAH

PUDDIN' PICKINGS.

Prof. Clark as principal.

Chas. Gilbert Esq., of Uvalde is visiting his brother, Mr. John Gilbert.

L. P. Williams made a flying trip to San Antonio, returning the 4th inst.

T. J. Allen returned from Van Horn, N. M., Saturday last. He was accompanied by his bride.

Mr. John Gilbert's house was robbed twice last week. Quite a lot of clothing and honey and \$5.35 cash was taken.

Mrs. C. F. Howard and family returned from Atascosa county last Sunday, where they had been visiting their many friends and relatives.

Messrs. J. B. Salmon and W. T. Garder are on their way to Brackett with a bunch of goats. We wish them success in their future home, but regret to loose such good citizens.

Mad coyotes are numerous in this vicinity, and are doing considerable damage. L. P. Williams lost his dogs and eleven goats, caused by being bitten by the rabid animals.

For several days the crazy man, Foster, who had escaped from the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, had been wandering in this vicinity. Several times the citizens tried to allure him to Cotulla, but failed, so last Sunday morning a party consisting of Rangers McMahan and Rodgers, deputy sheriff Wright and a number of citizens of this place, started out to capture the lunatic. After several hours of earnest trailing they overtook him, and one of the party asked him where he was going. He replied "that he was going home." Ranger Rodgers then asked him to go with the party and they would take him home; he readily consented and was taken to Cotulla, where he was put in jail and the proper authorities notified at San Antonio, who came down after him Thursday.

REPORTER.

THE LITTLE ONE.

The Memphis Grain Elevator and Manufacturing Co., was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

We have been informed that the Tilden Tidings has "pulled up stakes and quit the country." Where it has gone, no one seems to know.

Mexico has 11,512 schools, of which 5,852 are supported by the state, 3,212 by cities, and 2,442 by individuals or societies. The actual attendance at these schools last year was 490,746, and the amount appropriated for the support of the public schools was about \$5,000,000.

Rangers Rogers and McMahan arrested a lunatic in the Puddin' settlement last Sunday morning. He escaped from the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, several weeks ago, and has been on the river above here for about two weeks, subsisting upon pear-apples and frogs and sleeping on the ground wherever night would overtake him. He was returned to the Asylum Tuesday.

T. Harris resigned his position as Sergeant of Co. E., Frontier Battalion, State Rangers Tuesday last, and J. H. Dubose was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Dubose has had several years experience in the Ranger service on the border, and a better selection could not have been made. He is an able officer, a perfect gentleman, is liked by everyone, and is fully competent in every respect to fill the office to which he has been promoted.

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TALES OF THE REDSKINS.

How Mr. Gates and "Bill" Hanks "stood off" 3,000 Indians.

Charlie Gates is an old-time Indian fighter. He used to reckon his dead Indians by the cord. He has fought more Indian battles than any other man on the earth or under it.

"The most interesting part of it was that I went back to the place where 'Bill' Hanks and me stood off 3,000 Indians for three days one time back in the late sixties.

"Why did he crawl so far?" asked "Dan" Nickum, who was a listener. "Because he didn't get through the Indians for nine miles," answered Gates with dignity.

"How could you tell which ones you killed and which the soldiers killed?" asked Nickum again. "Simple enough," said Gates. "By the freshness of the corpses. When a corpse was over a day old we credited him to our account."

"But how do you tell the freshness of a corpse?" "Oh, that's dead easy. Of course, you have to know, and so long as the Indians are not likely to trouble us again there's no use in telling you now, for the information would not do you any good.

"What on earth would you do with an Indian's hide?" asked Nickum. "Cut 'em in slices and make razor strops of 'em; that's what we always did with Indian hides. I used to ship tales of Indian legends every year. That's where I got my start."

"That must have been a hard fight as you had, wasn't it?" "Yessir. All but one. Was in a hard-fight than that down in Arizona one time. Lost more men. The Indians came on us by surprise and killed every darn one of us. Not a man escaped to tell the tale."

STYLES IN SUMMER FABRICS. Large Designs and Brilliant Effects Sure to Be Favorites This Year.

The counters and the windows of the shops are now crowded with the latest imported and domestic fabrics for mid-summer. Brilliant effects continue to reign. Poppy decorations are numbered among the daintiest for organdies.

Book Pie. Pare and slice six thin potatoes; chop one medium-sized onion; take a pudding dish, put in a layer of potatoes, sprinkle over it a little of the onion. Put in a few slices of cold roast pork, cut fine; sprinkle over it pepper and salt and put in a few bits of butter.

Cake Baking. The proper position of a cake in the oven depends entirely on what sort of a stove you use. As a rule, put it first on the bottom of the oven, and away from the fire-box.

A WALKING FISH.

Supplied with Four Legs in Place of the Customary Gills.

Frank Davey, a photographer, is the possessor of a very strange fish, which, after having exhibited to a number of friends while still alive, he put into alcohol to keep.

It is about three inches in length, and when alive was of a bright yellow hue, with spots of black here and there. Its mouth is quite large, and the part of the body nearest is correspondingly large.

When the fish was killed and placed in alcohol the bright yellow disappeared entirely and left in its place a whitish color.

EDUCATION IN AMERICA. Public-School System in the Hands of Prominent Business Men.

The bulk of our secondary education in America is carried on in the public schools, and there is much to be said in favor of this arrangement, and somewhat to be said against it.

Now, the personnel of the teaching force is just one of those immaterial problems with which those popular committees are to be trained and disposed least prepared to deal.

TILTING THE EARTH.

A Frenchman's Scheme for Altering the Inclination of the Earth's Axis.

M. Fouche, the vice president of the French Astronomical society, has invented a way of altering the present inclination of the earth's axis to the ecliptic.

All that has to be done is to dig an enormous ditch, say in Africa or South America (its center must be on the equator), and to fill it with sea water. Fresh water will do if you can get enough of it, but as the radius of the ditch is to be a few hundreds of miles that is hardly likely.

How She Went.

"Well, I've fired the cook," said Mrs. Jones to her husband. "Did she go off with a bang?" said he, jocosely.

Use of Knowledge. Knowledge, like timber, should not be much used till it is well seasoned.

LADY MARY'S FAN.

"My fan, some one has taken my fan!" Lady Mary Vancouver was a pretty, smiling widow, richly endowed and a great personal favorite.

It was at the Hunt ball at Weatherly that she exclaimed on the loss of her fan, having left it a few minutes on a seat while she danced with Sir Henry Willock.

"I belonged to my great-grandmother, a Louis XIV. fan, and more than that always brought its possessor good luck."

"There was a laugh and a murmur of sympathy for her highly valued fan."

"No more dancing!" she could not when she was in mourning for her fan, but as she was chaperoning her cousin she became more and more impatient.

"Do you know M. de Lanteuil?" she asked Sir Henry. "Yes, he is a Frenchman."

"I'll give a breakfast," she said, "fashionable than a luncheon, and as the Fotheringay party—less compromise."

"Thank you. I am going to town tomorrow for a few days—on business."

"Good night, Sir Henry. Glad to see when your business is over. Oh, my fan, perhaps it will be found before you get back."

"Two or three days passed. Lady Mary did not ask the Fotheringay party to breakfast, but she was merely flippant talk."

"I told her that 'M. de Lanteuil was my favorite at Fotheringay, and asked if you would like to give a breakfast, and show him the beauties of the Grange."

"What is the surprise?" she asked, looking up at him. "If M. de Lanteuil has not revealed the secret, how shall I?" was the guarded answer.

"The duchess loves mystery," she said laughing, "and you, monsieur, if you would see the beauties of the Grange you must come in the summer."

"With pleasure, madame." "All I can show you now is the orchard."

M. de Lanteuil was entranced. Never before had he seen such lovely specimens. He himself was a connoisseur. But who seemed to entrance him more even than the exquisite blossoms was the lady herself.

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"M. de Lanteuil," said the duchess. "He found it under a chair at the Hunt ball." Lady Mary looked at him without speaking.

For a moment their hands met in one fervent grasp, and she was gone.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Ex-Representative White, of Kentucky, some years ago secured for D. G. Colson a clerkship at Washington.

Consul-General Lee's friends are starting a boom for him for senator from Virginia to succeed Senator Martin, whose term expires in 1901.

On February 12 a grandniece of Andreas Hofer, the renowned Tyrolean revolutionist and popular poet, who caused the first Napoleon so much trouble, celebrated her silver wedding.

Prof. James E. Keeler, who has been elected director of the Lick observatory to succeed Prof. Edward S. Holden, was the discoverer of the fact that the rings of Saturn are composed of small satellites.

One morning recently Mr. White, American ambassador in Berlin, received a letter from a simple-minded old lady out west requesting that he secure for her the autographs of the German emperor, the empress, the crown prince and Bismarck.

Although the shah of Persia does not devote a penny to supporting his ambassador at Constantinople, Mirza Mahmud Khan, his representative at Stamboul, has a handsome income, raised by some characteristic oriental, but not unprofitable, means.

TITLE BY DIGESTION.

New Zealand Native Custom in Regard to Land Transfers.

Mr. Hugh Craig, the president of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, tells some interesting stories about New Zealand and the native customs.

It was an unpleasant, misty day, and the party was a little out of humor. A ring at the visitors' door never made Lady Mary's eyes open.

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LOCAL & PERSONAL.

Commissioners Court met today. If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros. The Nueces River is now fordable again. School opened Monday and is progressing nicely. S. H. Ratcliff was seen on our streets yesterday. Mrs. Jennie May was in from the ranch yesterday. Mrs. E. M. Sparks is on the sick list this week. For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's. Sheriff Burwell returned Tuesday from San Antonio. Marshall DeSpain, of Twohig, was in town Thursday. Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing. Armstrong & Swink received a carload of flour Monday. G. H. Epperson came down from the Alamo city yesterday. Read the 'Puddin' news in another column of this issue. Deer hunters are numerous but we haven't seen many deer yet. Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon. Ed Robuck, of Twohig, was here on business Thursday. Ed McCoy was up from his ranch near Twohig, Tuesday. Work was resumed on the Nueces Bridge Tuesday morning. Rev. J. S. McMurry returned to his home in Laredo Monday. S. A. Morgan received a carload of flour and meal Tuesday. Mrs. Edmiston was up from her ranch, near Tuna, yesterday. For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.

Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest. Services to-morrow morning and at night at the Baptist church. Quite a number attended Labor Day celebrations at San Antonio Monday. I. C. Jennings left Thursday for his lower ranch, in Encinal county. Jim Elkins Esq., of the Puddin was transacting business in our city Monday. Barlow & Co's., large line of Fall Dry Goods will begin to arrive next week. Miss Janie Thomas left Monday for Belton, where she will attend Baylor College. Simon Cotulla & Co., received a nice, fresh assortment of fancy candies Thursday. S. R. Walker, manager of the Dull Ranch returned Thursday from a trip North. Messrs Tom Salmon and John Bode, of San Diego, were in town this week. Misses Cannon and Hutchison, of Austin, are here visiting Mr. J. J. Hall's family. John Gilbert Esq., of the Puddin, was a caller at our office first part of the week. J. W. McInnis, one of Twohig's prominent stockmen was a visitor in our city Tuesday. Atty. Vandervoort, of Carrizo Springs was in our city a day or two during the week. Mr. Hunter Henrichson left on Sunday's train for Twohig, where he will spend a few weeks with his brother, R. L. Henrichson.

Chas. Sullivan left Sunday for the lower country, where he goes to buy Mexican cattle. Ice-cream at Simon Cotulla's Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Give him a call. 'Uncle Dick' Riley was on the sick list first of the week, but is now able to be up again. Henry Owen Esq., passed through here Tuesday enroute to Carrizo, from San Antonio. D. W. McKey bought 37 head of steers from Ed Robuck, of Twohig, during the week. Mr. John Robuck is boring a well on the large farm of Jos. Cotulla, just North of town. R. J. Jennings, a well-known stockman of Pearsall, spent a few days in cotulla the past week. Thos. P. Hickey came up from Laredo Tuesday to spend a few days with his mother's family. Jas. Moore Esq., of Kerrville, arrived here Monday and enlisted in Rodgers Ranger Co. Mr. Claud Guina arrived on yesterday's train from San Antonio, on a visit to his parents. A. H. Curry, representing C A Smith's Music House, of San Antonio, is in our town at present. J. L. McCaleb and wife, of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Thursday enroute to San Antonio. John Dillard Esq., one of Twohig's prosperous ranchmen, came up to cotulla on business Tuesday. Mrs. Emory Alderman, of Twohig, came up Thursday and is spending a few days with relatives. H. C. Yeager, a well-known stockman from the Pena, was in cotulla on business first part of the week. A crowd of young people, chaperoned by Mrs. Ira Jennings, spent Saturday night on the river fishing.

Editor J. G. Smith and wife returned home Tuesday, from a two weeks visit to Pearsall and San Antonio. Wm. McCarty came up from his ranch Thursday and loaded his wagon with supplies at J. A. Landrum & Co's. Rev. A. F. Starrett came down from Pearsall Thursday, and will conduct services at the Baptist church to-morrow. Miss Belle Johnson, who has been visiting Mrs. S. V. Edwards at Laredo, for the past three weeks, returned yesterday. Cotulla and vicinity was visited by a nice shower of rain Tuesday morning, which cooled the atmosphere considerably. Don't keep your dogs tied at home and let your boys run on the streets,—turn your dogs loose and send your boys to school. Merchant T. D. Morgan was among the Cotullaites that attended the Labor Day celebrations at the Alamo City Monday last. Dr. W. Tivy, who has been absent for nearly two months at Tilden, Pleasanton and San Antonio, arrived home on Tuesday's train. Capt. J. H. Rogers has purchased from Mr. T. C. Nye, of Laredo, the residence lately occupied by W. L. Pease, and will move into same in a short time. We would like to have your name on our subscription list. You can certainly afford to turn loose one of those old rusty co'a's you have been hoarding up so long, to get ALL the county news for one year.

SCHOOL NEWS. Some of the students find a great many FUNNY pictures in the new Text book. Mr. Thomas Hickey, of Laredo, visited the school Thursday. All are welcome. Mrs Keck visited the school yesterday evening. Let all the patrons follow her example. The most musical portion of the building is the small room—Time and Harmony not considered. Some students think things they never say audibly, and some speak things they have scarcely thought. Miss Lola Faubion is gaining quite an influence over the Romance speaking inhabitants of our town. It was necessary to move the water bucket from one room in order to keep the LITTLE ONES from drinking too much water. NOTICE. My Residence in Cotulla is for sale at a BARGAIN. Address, F. B. SWIFT. Care Traffic Dept., M. N. R. R. Paseo de la Reforma, Mexico. Messrs. Wm. Clarey and Headly White came up from Twohig Tuesday morning and took the train the following evening for the Alamo city. Mrs. E. P. Clarey, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mrs. C. L. Miller, came down from Dilley and spent a few hours in our city yesterday. Mrs. J. E. Hill, of Twohig, after spending a few days here as the guest of Mrs. D. S. Livingston, left Sunday evening for Millett, to visit her parents. Misses Bee and Sallie Thomas left Monday for San Antonio. Miss Sallie returned here Thursday, and Miss Bee continued her trip to Alpine, where she will spend a few weeks. M. T. Dunham has sold his

ONAL COLUMN. L. A. KERR, G. W. HENRICHSON, J. O. OWEN. The Board met Tuesday in the 1st regular session of this scholastic year, and was called to order by the President. At the request of the Secretary, J. O. Owen was appointed Secretary pro tem. The report of the Treasurer was called for, and showed the amount of cash on hand to be \$2. On motion the Principal was authorized to make whatever changes and arrangements of desks, that would be necessary for the convenience of the school. On motion Mr. Keck was appointed to collect money for the purpose of paying the insurance policy on the School building. The Board proposed the duty of collector of the Principal, and authorized the Principal to collect the tuition, the amount to be in each month. Dr. Williams is authorized to secure prescriptions from the Department and report same to the Principal. Section under Article IV, of the Rules and Regulations was discussed. The motion of Mr. Knaggs to change the name of the section is to be construed according to the present English usage. The Board examined the condition of the school and found all in good order. There is more business demanded for attention, they adjourned. DRUM, Pres. Sec. Pro tem. Appointment, a number of and a larger number met at the

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HARDWARE. 6 in strap hinges 5c pr; 12 in 10c pr; 3 in butt hinges 5c pr; screws 10c a gross; 12 boxes tacks 10c; 8 in steel fry pan 10c; 12 in 20c; 1 gal glass oil can tin jacket 25c; Thompson's brass rivets 10c box; Enamel stove polish 5c. (reguar price everywhere 10c.) 5 in Slim taper files 5c; Loaded shells 45c box; 1 gal coffee pot 10c. Nice line of Tinware at bottom prices. Heavy solid-leather Halters, \$1.

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