

# The Cotulla Record.

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## TO CUBA.

Which Has Found Response in the Heart of Every True American.

There can be no doubt from what Uncle Sam has already so thoroughly performed in his work of chastigation of a set of beings whose principal military method has been to starve women and children when not engaged in more despicable practices that the cry of "On to Cuba!" has met with real acquiescence from the hearts of an enthusiastic people who have so unitedly upheld him in his purpose.

"On to Cuba!" has been the warcry of the people of the United States—the merchant, the farmer, the miner, the plowboy, the clerk, the soldier and the civilian—whatever it may have been in the more reserved and diplomatic phrasology of the government.

And the means are two—our army and navy, our twin "dogs of war." The latter can continue to bombard and lay in ruins the fortifications and defenses of the ports of entry, and under cover of that fire, though it is not always necessary, armed bodies of men may be landed to combat with the military force Spain has on the island.

ships may land in sheltered bays, far

authorities to lay waste the towns or cities of Cuba. It will not be done except in such cases where it may be absolutely necessary.

They contain too many non-combatants, starving Cubans and residences of foreigners to render such a proceeding advisable. Then many commercial interests affecting us are involved. A large portion of Cardenas belongs to Americans. There is, perhaps unknown to some, an immense amount valuable property, millions in total, throughout Cuba owned by native born American citizens.

Among more than a hundred individuals in New York city alone who have invested money in Cuba there is one who has expended \$300,000 in plantations and sugar houses, the latter now in ruins.

There are many Americans also in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and elsewhere who have had for years large landed investments in Cuba, which they will not be able to reclaim until peace shall have been declared.

The demolition of the outside defenses renders the military occupation of those towns and cities by the United States soldiers not only feasible, but comparatively easy. There will and can be only one final result. If the Spaniards will continue the struggle long enough, they will not only be decimated, but virtually exterminated.

Our soldiers can be very effectively landed at Guanabacoa, just east of Havana, or in the vicinity of Port Antonio and even farther east at Matanzas or Cardenas, for a larger base of supplies and as an easier method of reaching down to the gulf of Matamano, on the southern coast, and creating a new original trocha that will make distinctively separate the two most populous provinces of Havana and Matanzas.

Maricel and port Cabanas are

places to the west, forming ideal landing stations, but Bahia Honda, with its magnificent harbor is the best of all from the standpoint of facility and comfort. Cavalry on shore and an occasional battery will be all that there is to resist the approach of the hated Gringo.

Cienfuegos 100 miles to the southeast of Havana, on the southern shore, is the only place of importance from a strategic view besides Santiago de Cuba, the latter the strongest fortified port on the island, 500 miles away, nearly in the southeast corner of Cuba, that need any particular attention from our fleets. Between the Spaniards and insurgents there will be more guerrilla warfare than anything else, while the Americans will march on steadily, as they did through Mexico in 1847.

Making due allowance for personal bravery, the Spaniards and those Cubans forming the guarda civiles in the ranks of the royal army cannot compete for any extended time, with the superior drill, marksmanship, valor, strength, force and prestige of the American soldiers. They have a strong ally in their climate, but it cannot under the worst circumstances prove more disastrous to us than it has to the peasant youths and citizen soldiery of Spain—in fact, less so, for our medical commissariat is better prepared to resist the attacks of such an insidious foe as yellow fever, than the constant company

macopœia is at our disposal. Nothing is lacking. We have the powers of curing and healing, and every private has in his "kit" the ordinary means of prevention.

The subjugation of the Spanish force in Cuba is really not a serious matter. As an army their number is ridiculously small in comparison with the hosts we can send. It is not a foe man worthy of our steel, though in the commission of such crimes as assassinations, poisoning wells and communicating contagious diseases by various means they are not equaled.

The destruction of the coast defenses at Havana, Matanzas, Cardenas, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba places the island at the mercy of the invader.

What follows after the conquest? The island would be in charge of a military governor. A provisional government would be instituted under his orders.

If history bears any lesson to us, it is that we must not expect gratitude, but rather a sullen animosity, from those whom we have assisted in their hour of need, as there seems to be an organic, inherent antagonism between the Anglo-Saxon and the Latin races that neither time nor place nor the debt of gratitude will ever allay. Experience teaches us also that if a government, a country or a province in our environment is too weak to withstand the predatory attacks of a hostile nation without cause of offense the condition can only be remedied by taking that people under our care and emblazoning a new start on the flag.

But the complications of the future are in reality more portentous and threatening to us as a nation than this present conflict with a body of inefficient, vicious soldiery. Just what the effect of our noble work of liberation of an oppressed people will be, however, time alone can determine.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.

## FIRST STEPS TAKEN.

Preliminaries of an Anglo-American Alliance Begun. School Lands. Other News.

The Washington correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says; I have just learned from a high authority in the State Department that important preliminary steps toward an Anglo-American alliance have been taken. Heretofore these negotiations, if they are yet to be called that, have proceeded, it is not easy to ascertain, naturally strict secrecy is maintained, but my information is that the preliminary suggestions have been made that an alliance is practically before two governments in some shape.

The recent visits paid by Julian Pauncefote to the Department have not it is had reference altogether to the features of the proposed alliance now being considered.

Great Britain is to receive the Monroe doctrine, to her no increase of her territory.

## State Wins School Lands.

Right on the heels of the decision of the State supreme court to the effect that the several hundred thousand acres of unappropriated public domain belonging to school lands and are not subject to pre-emption for homestead, comes the announcement that the supreme court of the United States has reversed a writ of error in Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway company vs. State of Texas, returning \$79,000 acres more of land to the school fund.

The lands in controversy were claimed by the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway as the successor of the Buffalo Bayou and Colorado railway company, whose charter provided for the acquisition of certain tracks under certain conditions, which were not literally complied with by Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, and while Governor person was attorney general brought suit for the cancellation of certificates covering said lands, alleging that they were wrongfully issued, and won the case in all the state courts. It was carried to the supreme court of the United States by the de-

## VISIONS AND DREAMS.

From the Cave-man to the Kiss-o-phone.

By Gov. Bob. Taylor.

Let us not forget that it is better for us, and better for the world, that we dream, and that we tread the thorny paths, and climb the weary steeps, and leave our bloody tracts behind in the pursuit of our dreams. For in their extravagant conceptions lie the germs of human government, and invention, and discovery; and from their mysterious vagaries spring the motive power of the world's progress. Our civilization is the evolution of dreams. The rude tribes of primeval men dwelt in caves until some unwashed savage dreamed that damp caverns were not in accord with the principles of hygiene. It dawned upon the his mighty intellect that one flat stone would lie on top of another, and that a little mud, aided by Sir Isaac Newton's law of gravitation, would hold them together, and that walls could be built in the form of a quadrangle. Here was the birth of architecture. And thus, from the magical dreams of this unmausoleumed barbarian was evolved the home, the best and sweetest evolution of man's civilization.

John Howard Payne touched the tenderest chord that vibrates in the great heart of all humankind when he gave to immortality his song of "Home, God

outstripping the wind.

A dreamer carried about in his brain a great Leviathan. It was launched upon the billows, and like some colossal swan the palatial steamship now sweeps in majesty through the blue wastes of old ocean.

Six hundred years before Christ some old Greek discovered electricity by rubbing a piece of amber, and unable to grasp the mystery, he called it soul. His discovery slept for more than two thousand years until it awoke in the dreams of Galvani, and Volta, and Benjamin Franklin. In the morning of the nineteenth century the sculptor and scientist, Morse, saw in his dreams' phantom lightning-leap across continents, and oceans; and felt the pulse of thunder beat as it came bounding over threads of iron that girdle the earth. In each throeb he read a human thought. The electric telegraph emerged from his brain, like Minerva from the brow of Jove, and the world received a fresh baptism of light and glory.

In a few more years we will step over the threshold of the twentieth century. What greater wonders will the dreamers yet unfold? It may be that another magician, greater even than Edison, the "Wizzard of Menloee Park," will rise up an coax the very laws of nature in to easy compliance with his unheard-of dreams. I think he will construct an electric railway in the form of a huge

call it the "Home, God

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possessions in the Western Hemisphere and to indorse the American construction of that doctrine. The United States is to build the Nicaragua canal and Great Britain is to have the use of it in time of war.

The United States is to have all the territory taken from Spain in the present war and Great Britain is to protect the United States in the possession if they should be threatened.

The United States is to stand by Great Britain in her policy in China and the East and all the British ports in the East are to be opened to the United States under the most favored national clause.

The main features of an arbitration treaty are to be incorporated. It has been provided that all matters in dispute not involving the Monroe doctrine or the Nicaragua canal are to be submitted to a non-partisan commission. The existing understanding between the two governments on the Great Lakes is to be extended and the United States are to be given the use of the Welland canal in case of war.

The alliance is to be offensive and defensive. It proceeds on a matter of course all that has been done so far is purely tentative, but my informant goes above as the general outline suggested.

defendants and fought there by Attorney General Crane, with the result that the state was again and finally victorious.—Houston Post.

## Mexican Cattle.

The heavy exportation of Mexican cattle that has been going on for the past two years caused by the unprecedented demand and high prices in this country, and the requirements for the Cuban trade, have resulted in reducing the stock of cattle on Mexican ranges to a point that has begun to arouse the apprehension of the Mexican government.

This has gone to such an extent that it has been reported that the Mexican government is seriously considering the advisability of levying an export tax of \$15 per head.

The result is that the ranges of Mexico have got to be restocked, and the rancheros are becoming aroused to the important question of improving their grade. The opportunity thus afforded for making a start in this matter could not be better, and possesses double interest for Texas stockmen.

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The antediluvians plowed with a forked stick, with one prong for the beam and the other for the scratcher; and the plowboy and his sleepy ox had no choice of prongs to hitch to. It was all the same to Adam whether "Buck" was yoked to the beam or the scratcher. But some noble Cincinnatus dreamed of the burnished plowshare; genius wrought his dream into steel and now the polished Oliver Chill slices the earth like a hot knife plowing a field of Jersey butter, and the modern gang plow, bearing upon its wheels the gloved and umbrella'd leader of the Populist Party, plows up the whole face of the earth in a single day.

What a wonderful workshop is the brain of man! Its noiseless machinery cuts, and moulds, in the imponderable material of ideas. It works its endless miracles through the brawny arm of labor, and the deft fingers of skill, and the world moves forward by its magic. Aladdin rubbed his lamp and the shadowy geni of fable preformed impossible wonders. The dreamer of today rubs his fingers through his hair and the geni of his intellect work miracles which eclipse the most extravagant fantasies of the "Arabian Nights."

A dreamer saw the imprisoned vapor throw open the lid of a tea-kettle, and lo! a steam engine came puffing from his brain. And now many a huge monster of Corliss, beautiful as a vision of Archimedes and smooth in movement as a wheeling planet, sends its thrill of life and power through mammoth plant of humming machinery. The fiery courser of the steel-bound track shoots over hill and plain, like a mid-night meteor through the fields of heaven,

will be made by which the young man of the future may stand at his "kiss-o-phone" in New York, and kiss his sweetheart in Chicago with all the delightful sensations of the "afore-said and the same." I think some Liebig will reduce foods to their last analyses, and by an ultimate concentration of their elements, will enable the man of the future to carry a year's provisions in his vest pocket. The sucking dude will store his rations in the head of his cane, and the commissary department of a whole army will consist of a mule and a pair of saddlebags. A train load of cabbage will be transported in a sardine box, and a thousand fat Texas cattle in an oyster can. Power will be condensed from a forty horse engine to a quart cup. Wagons will roll by power in their axels, and the cushions of our buggies will cover the force that propels them. The armies of the future will fight with chain lightning, and battlefield will become so hot and unhealthy that,

"He who fights and runs away Will never fight another day"

Some dreaming Icarus will perfect the flying machine, and upon the aluminium wings of the swift Pegasus of the air the light-hearted society girl will sail among the stars, and

"Behind some dark cloud, where no one's allowed,

Make love to the man in the moon."

The rainbow will be converted into a Ferris wheel; all men will be bald headed; the women will run the Government—and then I think the end of time will be near at hand.

## This and That.

Thirteen is an unlucky number to have at table—if there is only dinner for twelve.

Time works wonders. So would men if they put in twenty-four hours a day as Time does.

The fool-killer is so far behind in his work that he will never be able to catch up again.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1898.

It has been expected all along, that the battleship Texas would do something to distinguish herself and she has not disappointed that expectation in the least, as proved by her gallant maneuvers at Santiago, as in the following story which is told in a dispatch from Jamaica of an attempt by torpedo boats of Admiral Cervera's at Santiago to slip up on Commodore Schley's blockading vessels under cover of darkness and blow them up.

The vigilance of the Texas probably saved not only that vessel but several others of the fleet from destruction.

The campaign liar, the snake and the fish liar have had their day and have all taken their share of the world's ridicule.

She carried on a war with Spain and feed the balance of the world from her surplus products.

It is really astonishing the way some of those Spanish editors have been winning victories over American fleets and bombarding and starving out American sea-coast cities.

The castles in Cuba and Porto Rico, must be some what like the proverbial "castles in the air" from the way they crumble when the guns of American battleships are trained upon them.

It is to be hoped that the Spaniards will stay whipped, at Santiago, this time, and not come "bobbing up serenely", after everybody thinks they are nearly all killed and their ships sunk. It is not pleasant.

The way in which the negro republicans have been treated in regard to Federal patronage in Texas has caused much amazement to the colored brother, and he threatens to rise up and throw off the "yoke of political bondage." Unless he gets a slice of political pie very soon.

The present war with Spain has done more to cement the North and South than any thing else that could have happened and today that grand old air, that has so often stirred the young blood of the South, has become a national air, and our boys are marching to Cuba to its soul stirring strains.

The San Antonio Express says: The Democratic primaries will be held in Bexar county to-day and that those participating are required to subscribe to the following pledge: "I am a democrat, and pledge myself to vote for the

nominee of the Democratic party." That is all right as far as it goes but the question that naturally arises is, which is the Democratic party.

We are not "log-rolling" for any one, neither have we an ax to grind, but we stop in the midst of the mad rush-up-on-the-Spanish forces long enough to remark that Mr. C. B. Stone, of Beeville, candidate for congress from this district, is a gentleman, and a business man, and we believe he would represent us faithfully and conscientiously. It is true Mr. Stone is a banker, yet he is a "free silver" Democrat and no doubt would faithfully work for the interests of his constituents.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., May 30, 1898.—It is contended by Gen. Miles and others that nothing will be gained by invading Cuba until we can send at least 100,000 men. Because it will be useless to make an attack upon Havana with a land force much smaller than that. Although nothing official has been or will be given out on this subject, there is excellent authority for saying that it will require at least three or four more weeks to equip enough of the volunteers to make up that number.

The Navy Department will make a test this week of an automatic one-pounder rifle, said to be capable of firing 180 shots a minute.

That Americans are tolerant is well known. It is also well known that the sentiment of the country was overwhelming in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, even before it had been declared by the administration to be a military necessity. Should the pressure of European governments compel Hawaii to be neutral and

hung up in Congress by a combination of the powers of the sugar trust lobby, personal spite, and political spleen, not even the habitual tolerance of Americans will prevent the political punishment of those responsible. President McKinley has intimated very plainly that unless Congress acts at once he intends to seize Hawaii as a war measure.

Senator Teller said in a speech: "Those who ought to know estimate that the present war will cost \$300,000,000 if it be prosecuted one year.

Senator Gorman's statement in a speech on the war revenue bill, that unless that bill authorizes an issue of bonds, the President will issue bonds under the same law that President Cleveland did—the resumption of 1875. Although Senator Gorman is a democrat, he has enjoyed the confidence of President McKinley and has been called on for advice constantly since the war troubles began; consequently his statement is regarded as an official notification that the administration intended to issue bonds to raise the money needed to carry on the war, whenever, in its judgment, it might become necessary, regardless of the Senate on the war revenue bill.

List of Patents.

Granted to Texas Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.

J. Booth Bellville, Well-strainer; T. W. Boynton, Duffian, Kitchen-cabinet; J. I. Caruthers, Ingleside, Saw; F. J. Coins, Marshall, Protector for stay bolts; T. W. Sailing, Marshall, Draft-beam for cars; J. W. Seifert, Dallas, Cotton elevator, cleaner and feeder.

For copy of the above patents send 10c in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

Moro Castle Reduced Almost to Dust.

A New York Evening Journal special from Cape Haytien says: The American squadron, augmented by the torpedo boat Porter, the auxiliary cruisers Paul and the protected cruiser New Orleans, approached the entrance to the harbor at Santiago at about 12:30 p. m., Iowa leading. Inside the entrance to the harbor was seen the battery of Punta Gorda stripped for action.

As the American fleet approached near the New Orleans was detached and steamed forward ahead the Texas and Massachusetts. One of the forts opened on her and she replied, the two ships directing their fire at the battery of Punta Gorda in the harbor, and to westward of the position occupied by Spanish ship.

The latter replied to the American and immediately became a target for all the American ships engaged in the battle. She remained behind a protecting headland and was not seen again during the engagement.

The Iowa directed by "Fighting Bob" Evans, the Massachusetts, by Capt. F. J. Schuchetter, the Texas by Capt. P. L. Flinn and the New Orleans by Capt. William Folger, kept their terrific fire against the battery of Punta Gorda for two hours, their projectiles of enormous size doing tremendous damage to the defenses of the harbor.

The masonry on Zocapa Morro was battered almost into dust, the forms of Spanish soldiers and infantrymen were plainly seen behind the

San Antonio Express.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS Separated from the Crowd for Busy Readers.

Commodore Schley's fleet has been increased by the Oregon, New York another cruiser and two colliers.

Hon. Mann Trice has withdrawn from the race for Attorney General, says it is evident that the people prefer his opponent.

The sanitary condition of Camp Alger is so bad that it must be changed. It is now near Fall's Church, Va., but will probably be moved farther up the river.

Five thousand land troops have been sent to Santiago, and 10,000 more will follow in a few days.

Spain has again appealed to Austria to intercede with the powers. She sees nothing to be gained and bankruptcy as a termination of the present war.

Hawaii has virtually declared herself our ally, and permits our vessels to coal in her harbor. She welcomes our vessels with demonstrations.

Up to June 2, 124,000 men have been mustered into the volunteer army of the United States.

There is a probability that the President will make another call for 50,000 volunteers before very long.

The Secretary of war has sent to Congress a request for an appropriation of \$53,379,358 for the equipment and maintenance of the volunteer army until Jan. 1, 1899.

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A Mining Story.

"Mining regions can turn up more peculiar facts and romances and superstitions than any other localities in the world, for the reason that all classes and conditions of men bump elbows with one another in a booming mining camp," said N. O. Hardesty, of Denver.

"Last summer there was a boom at Whisky Park, a mining district near Columbine, Col., and there was a rush of miners and prospectors to locate claims. During the excitement a man of the name of Martin pushed out several miles ahead of Whisky Park, and while prospecting one day found a pile of rocks that attracted his attention on account of the peculiar way in which they had been arranged. The rocks bore the appearance of having been piled together by the hand of man. Martin started to investigate, and he removed but few rocks until he found an old shaft. This shaft had been abandoned, and the top covered with this pile of rocks. It was evident, from other reasons, that some man had covered the shaft, as the rocks bore pick marks. The snows of many winters had been melted in the mountains and washing down debris, that had almost filled the shaft to the surface. Further investigation proved that this old shaft had been sunk on an extensive lead, and that it had been filled and abandoned after much money had been put in development work. Near by was also found a large pile of mining timbers, rotted down partly to a dust heap, but still showing signs of having been carefully stacked. It was estimated that it would take at least two years for a pile of mining timbers to rot in this way. Therefore the decision was drawn that this mine had not been worked for 30 years. The question arose: What was the name of the mine? Whose property was it? Why was it abandoned? This old shaft led to great things?"

Of course, the accidental discovery of the pile of rocks, the finding of the old shaft and the pile of mining timbers created much gossip in the district. The old miners, sitting around their fires at night, revived the story of Komstocker, and it is an old story of the pioneer days of the West.

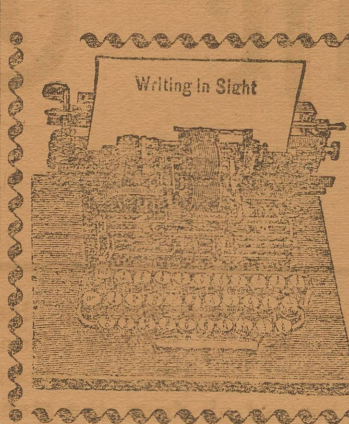
for the jokes rough miners and frontiersmen. He was called the "crazy Swede." He was a believer in spiritualism, and as he had been an old employe on the Komstock lode, he declared that the spirits had informed him that he would be the discoverer of a mine far richer than that lode. He thoroughly believed that he would find another "Komstocker," as he expressed it in his Ole Oleson dialect. The Swede had saved several hundred dollars by hard work and economy, and he purchased a pony and camping outfit and disappeared in the mountains to the south. While he had never been in that section, he declared that the spirits had given him secret information. All he would tell was that the spirits said he would find a rich gold mine far to the south of Rawlins, toward the Hahn's peak country, in Colorado, where gold had been newly discovered. The Swede dropped out of sight, and he was almost forgotten in the rush and change of the pioneer towns.

But the following spring, after the Swede had been absent one year, he came into Rawlins one day, and his pony was loaded down with bags of rich ore. He was extremely secretive, but dropped the remark that he had found his "Komstocker," as he called it. He sold his ore, bought new supplies and two more ponies. The word went round that the "crazy Swede" had struck it rich, and there was much excitement among the miners. The Swede was watched, as the miners and prospectors intended to follow him when he left town; but he was shrewd enough to divine their intentions, and he eluded his watchers. Nobody could find his trail. The next fall a number of cowboys on a round-up near the present location of Dixon, Wyo., found the carcasses of a saddle pony and two pack animals, and also found the saddles, which were identified as the property of the Swede. The Swede was never seen or heard of after he left Rawlins the last time. It is supposed that he was murdered. Years afterward the old miners in that section still told the story of the lost Komstocker. Now the story of the poor Swede, who lived since Martin's discovery, is a well-known fact in the Denver, Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Table with 3 columns: Season, Acres planted, Bales in crop. Lists data for seasons 1887-88 through 1891-92.

Their estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

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10:30 a. m.	LV. Medina	AR. 9:00 p. m.
11:00 a. m.	LV. Lytle	AR. 9:30 p. m.
11:30 a. m.	LV. Devine	AR. 10:00 p. m.
11:40 a. m.	LV. Moore	AR. 10:30 p. m.
11:52 a. m.	LV. Eden	AR. 11:00 p. m.
12:08 p. m.	LV. Pearsall	AR. 11:30 p. m.
12:27 p. m.	LV. Derby	AR. 12:00 p. m.
12:45 p. m.	LV. Dilley	AR. 12:30 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	LV. Millett	AR. 1:00 p. m.
1:15 p. m.	LV. MILLETT	AR. 1:15 p. m.
1:30 p. m.	LV. COTULLA	AR. 1:30 p. m.
1:45 p. m.	LV. Tuna	AR. 2:00 p. m.
2:00 p. m.	LV. Twohig	AR. 2:30 p. m.
2:15 p. m.	LV. Burro	AR. 2:45 p. m.
2:30 p. m.	LV. Encinal	AR. 3:00 p. m.
2:45 p. m.	LV. Cactus	AR. 3:15 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	LV. Webb	AR. 3:30 p. m.
3:15 p. m.	LV. Green	AR. 3:45 p. m.
3:30 p. m.	LV. Sanchez	AR. 4:00 p. m.
3:45 p. m.	LV. LAREDO	AR. 4:15 p. m.

LEROY TRICE, General Superintendent, Palestine, Texas.  
D. J. PRICE, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

What is the matter with the candidates?

## LOCAL & PERSONAL.

J. J. Swan, of Marlin, was here this week.

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co. for any old sweet thing.

Ed Reynolds has moved into one of Tom Miller's twin houses.

Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.

William Miller, of the Valenzuela ranch was here this week.

Call on S. A. Morgan for prices before buying elsewhere.

Manning Manny, candidate for district judge, was in town Thursday.

Copying or typewriting, E. C. Stevens at S. T. Dowe's office.

Judge McNehe, of Laredo came up Monday and returned after district court adjourned.

For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.

Frank Nye and family moved to Laredo this week, and will make that place their home.

If you want cocksie go to Keck Bros.

J. A. Landrum has been sick the past week, but we are glad to see him up and about again.

Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest.

L. Emmett Austin, Laredo, representing the Kansas City Installation Co., was here this week.

Subscribe for the RECORD, only \$1.00 a year.

Fletcher Massengale and sister Anna, of Kenedy, arrived here this week on a visit to friends and relatives.

I do typewriting and copying E. C. Stevens, at S. T. Dowe's office.

J. Hardin Gates and Wiley L. Pease have moved into the Nye residence, lately occupied by Frank Nye.

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Messrs. F. Vandervoort, J. E. O'Meara and wife, of Carrizo Springs, were here this week on their way to San Antonio.

Try a bottle of Half-Hour Headache cure only 25 cents.

J. M. WILLIAMS.

Barber Chiles, had the misfortune to get his collar bone broken by falling off a bluff, while attending a picnic at Friso Town last week.

All advertisements must be handed in not later than Thursday to insure insertion for that week.

Ice Cream every day at SIMON COTULLA & Co.,

The Mexican show will give their last exhibition to night. Every body come.

Miss Mamie Campbell, of Carrizo Springs, passed through on her way to San Antonio, Wednesday.

Rev. S. J. McMurray, of Laredo, filled his appointment here last Sunday and returned home Monday.

Copying and typewriting done, E. C. Stevens, at S. T. Dowe's office.

Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Apples, cheaper than the cheapest. S. A. Morgan.

H. W. Earnest, of Millett, was here this week and left his name on our subscription books. He said he had heard the RECORD very highly spoken of. Thanks.

"If at first you don't succeed," try advertising in the RECORD.

John D. Harvey, of Laredo, passed through here Wednesday on his way to Austin, where his wife, who is visiting her parents, will join him in a pleasure trip to St. Louis, Chicago and other points north.

FOR SALE:—A good residence and drug-store. Address, J. C. W. INGRAM, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

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## Enjoyable Party.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the season was given at the residence of Mrs. Tarver's last Friday night. Those present were Misses Madie and Ina Daniel, Itasca and Daisy Carr, Eva Stevens, Ruby Smith, Juanita Poole, Peachey Lacey, Lucy Manly, Susie Morgan, Minnie Devereux, Annie Lestergette, Annie Massengale and Julia Hall. Messrs G. W. Henrichson, Peyton Kerr, Orin Buttler, Ed. Sam, and Fletcher Massengale, A. F. Warnock, Emmet Stevens, John Yowell, Clarence Manly, Manly, Daniel, Mug Tarver and Simon Cotulla. All report a good time.

## The Old Silver Dollar.

How dear to our hearts is the old silver dollar, when some dear subscriber presents it to view—the liberty head without necktie or collar and all the strange things that to us seem new; the wide-spreading eagle the arrows below it, stars and the words with the strange things they tell. The coin of my fathers! We are glad that we know it, for some time or other, 'twill come in quiet well—the spread eagle dollar, the star spangled dollar, the old silver dollar that we all love so well.—Ex.

## Millett Chaff.

Nard Williams, of Cibilo, was shaking hands with friends here, one day this week.

Mrs. Jack Hill and Miss Rhoads arrived here Thursday from Twohig.

Little Frankie Earnest, of Laredo is spending a few days in Millett, this week.

D. W. McKey made a flying trip to Cotulla and back on Monday.

Geo. Lowry, of Dilley, came down on Tuesday and returned the same day. He was here only on business?

Ed Whitley had the misfortune of getting his shoulder badly hurt one day this week. He is now walking about with his hand in a sling.

Guess what young man called on his best girl Sunday and went away with his horse rode down?

J. L. Rowland returned from Cotulla Tuesday.

C. C. Ellis, from Cibilo, was in our midst Sunday and man smiling faces were seen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitley, of Bigfoot, are spending this week with relatives here.

John Yowell came up from Cotulla, Thursday last.

Austin Ellis is here for his health this week.

James Murray was in town on Tuesday.

## FORESTALLED THE LECTURE

Young Man Had Learned All About the Evils of the Cigarette.

The fresh young man with no respect for his soul for gray hairs and aged whiskers swung himself over the car in the middle of a lecture, leaning against the brake handle, proceeded to roll a cigarette with great deftness, says the Washington Times. The fat man who despised the way of youth on general principles leaned against the window guards and watched the development of a cigarette.

"Got a match, neighbor?" inquired the fresh young man as he put the last finishing twist to his smoke.

"Young man," began the fat man after a brief, elderly pause, calculated to greatly impress the cigarette smoker.

"Yes, I know all about—" interrupted the youth, "so you might as well choke your lecture on a bonfire. I know cigarettes will kill me if I stick to 'em, but I don't care. It's an easy death. I know if I must smoke I should smoke cigars, but I don't like the color of 'em. I've got a touch of paresis now, and I'm due for more. I know you think of all the disgusting things in the world, a cigarette is the worst."

"I know they undermine the constitution and are wrecking the rising generation. Now if I've forgotten anything you were going to say, help me out. Come to think of it, I've got a match myself. If I keep on smoking these things I won't be able to think at all before long. I know if you had a boy that snuffed cigarettes you would lick him within an inch of his life. I nearly forgot you were going to say that. Where do you get off, anyway?"

"Here," gasped the fat man as he dropped off the platform muttering something about what this country is coming to. And the fresh young man lit his cigarette with a grin.

## HAD HEALED SINCE.

Why the Barber Didn't Recognize His Customer's Face.

There is a certain barber shop in this city which always has in its window an attractive sign, promising something out of the ordinary in tonsorial establishments. Sometimes the sign says "Whiskers Dyed Here," or "Hair Cut a la Stanley." "Eyebrows Made to Grow," and so on.

A Chicago drummer found his way into this shop one day. A well-known man-about-town was in one of the chairs, undergoing a hair cut. The boss barber is rather loquacious, and as he commenced to belabor the Chicagoan with suds and razor, he also began to ask questions.

"This is the first time you've ever been in this town, ain't it?" inquired the knight of razor and drop.

"No," answered the drummer. "I was here about six months ago. I got shaved in this shop then, too."

"I don't remember your face, sir," said the barber.

"Oh, it's all healed up since then!" There was a stampede out of that shop by those who sat on stools waiting their turn.—St. Louis Republic.

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Between Cotulla and Carrizo Springs. Hack from Carrizo Springs arrives every Tuesday, and leaves Wednesday morning. Fare \$2.50 for \$5.00 for round trip. Leave orders at the RECORD office. JOHN FRAZIER, Proprietor.

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" " " " A. J. Anglin  
Constable precinct No. 1 Warner Petty  
" " " " J. W. Harpe

### CHURCHES.

Baptist Church—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m., J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services—2nd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services—On Wednesday free the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. P. Wildenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

### SOCIETIES.

Knights of Honor—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3109. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros.

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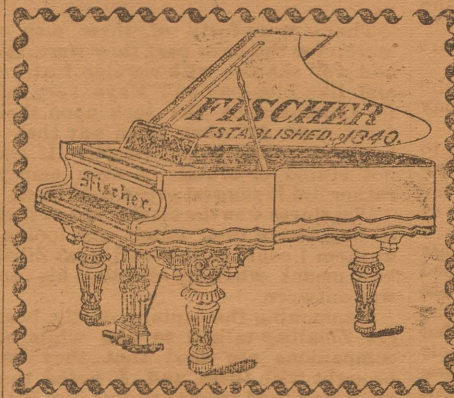
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