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NEWS FROM TILDEN

In Tilden Saturday, at the election to decide whether or not whisky should be lawfully sold there the coming two years, the vote stood 97 to 17 in favor of prohibition. For 2 years longer, at least, the people there who wish a sip at the 'cup that cheers' will have to order it from outside towns. This election was held at the instigation of Sheriff W. P. Mulholland, and for the reason that, since coming into office last November, he has made thirteen arrests of persons for the illegal sale of liquor in Tilden, not one of which he could bring to justice owing to the fact that others, not directly interested or guilty, would shield in every way possible the guilty parties. The juries would not convict them, and the sentiment of the people, while not in favor of the traffic was on the side of the accused. Seeing that it was useless to try longer, he stirred up an election for the purpose of allowing them to express their true sentiments on the question, and now that they have said: "There shall be no whisky sold here," they should unite and stand by their sheriff who is honestly trying to do his sworn duty. . . .

At the election Saturday, while every one was busy, a negro stepped into the sheriff's office at the court house and borrowed his gun, which was lying on the desk. It was soon missed, however, and suspicion at once rested on the 'foresaid' dusky son of Ham. Diligent search was made and the colored brother was found in the act of "shaking the dust from off his feet, as a memorial against them." He was placed in jail to await the charges against him. It appears that this same negro had been in the jail before, but owing to severe sickness the doctor advised that he be bailed out, as longer confinement would prove fatal. Two of the good citizens of that town took it upon themselves to give him liberty, and although, luckily, they did not lose thereby, they will doubtless be more careful in future cases of the kind. Sick or well, they have found that their jail is the safest place for such characters as this. . . .

The Baptist protracted meeting closed Sunday night, with five additions to the church. Much interest was manifested in the meeting but it was thought best to close. The Methodists will begin a meeting soon. . . .

Ex-sheriff J. W. Lowe left Monday with his cattle for the Del Rio country. He makes the move primarily for his wife's health, and secondly for better range for his stock. The people of McMullen county regret to see him leave as he was one of the foremost citizens, and made them an excellent sheriff. . . .

The people of McMullen county in general, and those of Tilden in particular, are anxious for the proposed rail road between San Antonio and Brownsville to be built, and will be ready to put up a good bonus to have it come their way. They feel that having lived in the backwoods so long they can afford to spend some money for city privileges. . . .

School has opened and is well under way with Prof. A. T. Wilkes as principal, ably assisted by Prof. Burris and Miss Martin, both of the latter holding the same positions they held last year. . . .

We've had some talk of a newspaper of our own, but here lately have not heard much about it.

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL

Every American is, or should be, interested in the expenditures of his government for the transportation of the vast bulk of mail matter annually handled by the common carriers in Uncle Sam's domain. It is a well known fact that the Post-office Department does not pay its own expenses, and many remedies for this state of affairs have been advanced, among them being an increase in the charges for carrying fourth-class matter, thus allowing a decrease in the first and second-class matter. For over two decades the United States government has not taken an accurate or complete account of the mail matter carried by it. During the time that has lapsed since the last general weighing, and the present time, the volume has increased enormously. Some idea of the increase may be gained from the fact that in '88 the amount paid the various rail roads was little in excess of 30 million dollars, while in '98 the expenditure exceeded 52 million dollars, nearly double in ten years time. Thus we see little to wonder at, in the severe newspaper and Congressional criticisms heaped upon the postal authorities for paying such enormous sums, and that too, without the slightest idea of the weight of the mail carried. Postmaster-General Smith has at last decided to get at the bottom of the whole matter, and, with the aid of experts, perfecting plans whereby every office in the United States, the total number being about 80,000, will begin on the 3rd of next month, to weigh all mail matter as well as the bags used, which passes through them. This weighing will continue for 35 consecutive days, when the reports will be forwarded to Washington. From the statistics thus obtained, a special staff of assistants, which are yet to be selected, will compile all the data therein contained. This general weighing will doubtless reveal many opportunities for the curtailment of expenses, and for other needed improvements in the postal service. It will, at least set at rest, the much discussed question as to whether mail is hauled back and forth, and charged for both ways, by the rail roads.

DISCOVERED BY A WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at all drug stores. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

It is feared that over-indulgence in tobacco may have a prejudicial effect upon the Latin-American peoples, especially those in South America. According to Prometheus, not only do children of two or three years smoke all day long, but mothers have been seen trying to quiet their babies by putting cigars in their mouths.—Scientific American.

Where A Day Is Lost Or Gained.

"Where a Day is Lost or Gained" is the title of a paper in the Century for September, in which Benjamin E. Smith, editor of the Century Dictionary, tells of the difficulty of reckoning the days of the week in traveling east or westward.

The difficulty that may lie in a matter apparently so simple is well shown in one of Poe's stories. The obdurate father of the maiden—evidently with the Greek calends in mind—promises to give her to the objectionable swain when three Sundays occur in one week. To his consternation, and the joy of the lovers, this seemingly impossible event indubitably happens when two sea-captains appear together upon the scene who have circumnavigated the globe in opposite directions.

As a matter of fact, this bit of fiction represents what is taking place every day in the year, and must continue to occur as long as our present method of reckoning time is retained. And the reason for this is simple and familiar. The civil day begins and ends at midnight, but for convenience of explanation let us assume (as is the practice of astronomers) that the day begins at noon and ends at the following noon. It is clear that the interval of time between two successive noons will be, for us, twenty-four hours (a day as measured by one complete rotation of the earth) only when we remain on the same meridian. For, if at noon on the beginning of Monday we move, say, over a space of fifteen degrees toward the east, it is obvious that when the sun again stands at noon, for us, only twenty-three hours will have elapsed, since we shall have accomplished one twenty-fourth of his journey for him; that is, Tuesday will begin, for us, one hour too soon. Similarly, if we repeat this eastward movement, Wednesday will begin two hours too soon; and so on until, when our starting point is reached, we shall, in count of days, be just twenty-four hours ahead in our reckoning. The result will be that, instead of ending the journey in twenty-four days (as we seem to do) and on a Wednesday, we shall actually complete it in twenty-three days and on Tuesday. On the other hand, if we move westward in this way, the reverse will happen. Our days, as measured from noon to noon, will be 25 hours long, and we shall actually complete the trip in twenty-five days and on Thursday. For the stay-at-home, and for travelers returning thus from the east and from the west, there will, accordingly, if no correction is made in the reckoning, be for each day three distinct dates, each perfectly corrected by diary or log; and each day of the week—not Sunday simply—will be repeated thrice.—Scientific American.

A curious invention for the protection of bank checks has recently been patented. It consists of a number of disks, so that any combination of numbers may be formed. The characters are heated to branding temperature by means of electricity, and, on being pressed to the surface of a check or similar paper, the amount named thereon is burned by a process which defies the usual methods resorted to by check raisers.—Inventive Age.

Men are like chickens; they always want to get on the highest roost.

More About The Girls.

Richmond Coaster gets off the following about girls changing the spelling of their names, and from what we know of the boys, or fad, we agree with him in his views.

The Coaster thought it had heard of all the new-fangled ways of spelling old, familiar names, and was glad to learn that common sense was getting the upper hand in its conflict with silly sentimentalism, and therefore it is with a great abdominal pain that it learns that the good old sensible, solid and reliable name of Emma has found a possessor who calls it E-m-m-a-h. We have often wondered how such an absurdly silly craze could strike a people as this silliest of silly fads has hit America. It isn't possible that an intelligent girl or woman, whose society is worth cultivating, could really think that her standing with those who know has increased. Of all the foolish fads of which otherwise sensible women are guilty, this is undoubtedly the most ridiculous. Very probably it creates in the hearts of other girls a feeling of admiration and envy and jealousy. It has the very opposite effect on sensible people, who have known Mary from babyhood, to find that she is going around luggered, M-a-r-y-e in her poor little head, waiting for a chance to slip it on to a note or to see it in the girls' should remember that girls' spelling is the

name of Bet or Betsy, or Sal or Sally, or Hannah, or Mariah, will be more loved than a sour one calling under the euphonious name of Daisy Belle or any other cognomen selected from "The Princess of Slobbery Gulch; or, The Chambermaid in Disguise, in ninety-seven chapters," or any other high-class novel."


GLORIOUS NEWS

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewster of scrofula, which has caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows that thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by all druggists. Guaranteed.

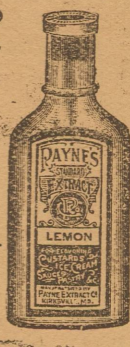
Just how many divorces have been brought about by the failure of the man to get up and light the fire, only the records of the courts will show, but there is a Georgia man who has apparently solved a correct plan to overcome this evil, by devising a lighting attachment for alarm clocks.

With an invention of this character in the house, the husband can prepare his fire at night and set the alarm clock, say for seven o'clock the next morning. When the hour of seven rolls around, a spring actuated matchholder is caused to ignite a match and start the fire and the pot boiling. Whether some one will go a step further, and prepare the coffee and meals over night, so that all the wife will have to do will be to set the table, is as yet a question. No fair-minded woman would object to that service.—Inventive Age.

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District Court will open here Monday morning.
Miss Iona Edmiston is in the city from the ranch.
Labor Day passed unobserved by Cotulla's denizens.
All kinds of printing done at the RECORD office.
Fresh candies and fruits at Simon Cotulla's.
Frozen water for sale, six days in the week at Stanfield's.
For a good bath go to the Cotulla Bath house.
Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's.
N. A. Swink returned from the North Wednesday.
Rev. Bruce Roberts returned Wednesday from Batesville.
The woods are full of quail—but hold on, boys, don't shoot.
For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.
School opened Tuesday, with a large attendance of pupils.
Monday morning's northbound train was two hours late.
The State-adopted books sold for cash only, at J. M. Williams.
Mrs. J. W. McInnis was up from Twohig shopping Thursday.
Cattle buyers have been infesting our streets and ranches this week.
The brick store of S. A. Morgan, on Front Street, is being repainted.
Have your old saddle and harness made new by Claunch, the Saddler.
Latest and newest designs in fall dress goods at Henrichson & Co's.
Mrs. T. J. Alderman of Twohig visited Cotulla between trains Tuesday.
Several of the young people attended the dance at Dilley Thursday night.
J. H. Hennant, boss of the Double ranch, was in our city Monday.
Mr. W. H. Steele is up from his ranch near Tilden, visiting his family.
Mr. T. H. Gardner of the Puddin settlement, was in the city Tuesday on business.
If you want fresh Drugs go to the New Drug Store.
C. McGarity.
Mr. A. D. Clark was among the visitors at the RECORD office Thursday morning.
Assessor W. E. Campbell returned Thursday from a business trip to Encinal.
For five cents you can get the largest writing tablet in town at Henrichson & Co's.
The cloudy weather during the fore part of the week passed off without any rain.
Messrs. J. M. and Dan Williams of the Puddin were visitors in the city this week.
Miss Gertrude Baldwin, of the Blocker Ranch is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs H. Neal.
Uncle Doc Burris came in to see us one morning this week. Come again, and don't rush off.
Wagons, better wagons, Studebaker wagons.
Keck Bros.
Miss Stella Butler had her name added to the RECORD subscription list this week.
Not many of our people took advantage of the excursion rates to San Antonio Monday.
Mr. O. G. Hugo, a well-to-do stockman of Dilley was transacting business in Cotulla one day this week.

Miss Maggie Gilmer left Wednesday for Austin to teach in their public schools this term.
Get prices of Studebaker wagons. New stock just in.
Keck Bros.
The beaming countenances of Jack Hill and Ed McCoy were seen in our burg Thursday.
W. N. Young, the rustling manager of the Cochina ranch was in Cotulla Monday on business.
Rev. Sinex, of Georgetown, spent Thursday in the city as the guest of Druggist L. W. Gaddis.
Miss Stella Butler returned Sunday from a two weeks visit to her brother Orin, in Oklahoma.
Mr. Hickey, a painter from Devine was in the city this week, visiting his brother-in-law, John Long.
Mrs. W. B. Kerr and little son arrived on Tuesday's train on a visit to her brother, J. B. Kerr and wife.
Call at the New Drug Store and get what you want.
C. McGarity.
Painter Epperson is applying a new coat of paint this week to the elegant residence of W. L. Hargus.
Several of the young nimrods have been out deer hunting since the 1st, but we haven't seen any game yet.
Mr. Frank Jones, head clerk in M. L. Moody's establishment at Carrizo Springs was in the city Sunday last.
Mr. A. H. Coats, book-keeper for Beaver & Hinds of Pearsall, visited Cotulla during the forepart of the week.
Capt. Rogers, who has been at Grange since August 1st, we are informed will be there about three months longer.
Miss Edna Kottuck, after spending several weeks visiting friends here, returned Wednesday to her home near Twohig.
Misses Carrie and Elvira Ramsey and May Belle Rodonald, of Twohig, were on a shopping tour in the city Tuesday.
Mr. Mug Tarver, one of Center Street's hustling young merchants, has been spending the week at the Hall ranch.
Attorneys Chas. H. Mayfield, and S. T. Dowe spent the major part of the week attending Court in Carrizo Springs.
Miss Marie Daniel went up to Dilley yesterday morning to attend the protracted meeting which begun last night.
Ed Kotulla, of San Antonio, who has been down at his ranch near Encinal, stopped off here Thursday on his way home.
Rev. J. S. McMurry conducted services at the Baptist church Wednesday night, and at the Methodist Thursday night.
Misses Thomasine and Clair Irvin, accomplished daughters of W. C. Irvin, boarded yesterday's Pullman for the Alamo City.
Mr. Ben Tarver returned Monday to Huntsville. We understand he intends to move out to this country in the near future.
Mrs. W. E. Campbell and children arrived on Monday morning's train from Encinal, where they had been visiting friends.
M. T. Dunham, an earstwhile resident of Cotulla, but now of Laredo, spent the time between trains here on business Wednesday.
The bridge is again open for travel. Under the management of W. B. Guinn, who secured the contract for repairing it, the work has been pushed forward with utmost dispatch.
J. M. Reagan, representing the Texas Trade Review of Dallas, was in town Monday and Tuesday securing data for a write-up of this section of the country, and incidentally to secure subscribers to his magazine.

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Miss Rosa Held, a charming young lady of millett, came down yesterday on a visit to her friend, Miss Ira Daniel. She will return tomorrow morning.
Chas Hall left Tuesday for Carrizo Springs, and report comes back that when he returns he will not be alone. He was quietly married to Miss Webb at her father's house near town Wednesday night. We extend congratulations and best wishes.
Rev. Bruce Roberts returned Tuesday from Batesville where he has been conducting a protracted meeting. He reports a good meeting with excellent results. He left yesterday morning to begin one at Dilley, assisted by Rev. Smith, of Pearsall.

Miss Clifton Brooks accompanied by her brother, N. A. Swink left Monday morning for Belton, where she will attend the Baylor University this term.
Jesse Bragg and Leslie Petty brought in four fine deer yesterday evening. This being the first venison on the market this season they had no trouble of disposing of it at fancy prices.
Monday was a Legal National Holiday, but to judge from the demonstrations indulged in by our citizens one would not be able to distinguish it from any other work day.

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B. Wildenthal.
Walter Ellis, formerly of this place and well known by nearly everybody here, had a cutting scrape at Laredo Wednesday night with Luciano Navarro and March Jarvis, two Mexicans. Ellis was cut in the face; Navarro was cut across the forehead, under the ear, on the right shoulder and the arm. Jarvis is dangerously wounded; while trying to choke Ellis was stabbed seven times in the back.

George Wright, one of Puddin's popular young men called "round to see us" while in Tuesday. He was in charge of some goats of Mr. Williams' that had strayed off and was found near here.
Mr. Wm. Clarey was in town Monday from his ranch. Mr. Clarey says a very good rain fell over that part of the country a few days ago, but unless more comes soon it will not do much good.

Those who attended court from here at Carrizo Springs this week, were: Messrs. W. L. Hargus, George Evetts, J. J. Hall, Robt. Taylor, John Wilkins, Mug Tarver, John Hall, Harvey, John and Ed Evetts.
Miss Lula Philipe left Monday morning for San Antonio, where she will enter the Female College. She was accompanied by her mother who will spend a few days visiting friends before her return home.
Mr. Ed Finck, formerly of the Pearsall News staff, came down Tuesday to visit friends. He returned Thursday morning and will accept a position under Agent Honea in the I & G N depot at that place.

Mr. J. D. Handy, a prominent merchant of Monroe, La., and an old school mate of Mr. Woodlief Thomas arrived here Monday, and spent two or three days in the city. He left Wednesday in company with Mr. Thomas for a tour through old Mexico.
W. B. Stanfield starts this morning for his home in Prairie Lea, accompanied by his sister Miss Demetra. They will go through in the buggy. During his absence Miss Katie will preside as chief clerk in his confectionery store.

C. W. Henrichson & Co., placed an order with us Monday, for 10,000 counter slips. This firm believes in patronizing home industry and is being rewarded with a large and growing trade. As an index to the volume of business they do, and the number of orders they take, we merely state that this makes 20,000 that they have ordered within the year.
Dr. J. M. Williams returned after a six weeks visit to relatives in Alabama and Georgia. He reports having had a fine time and seeing lots of sights not familiar to eyes of South-west Texas. Says he had roasting ears to eat last week, while our corn is all gathered. He is well pleased with his trip and returns to his work fully rested in mind and body.

Copp's dam broke early this week, letting all the water out of his reservoir, but he has repaired the break and now has everything full again. The water has caused much inconvenience to the people across the river, being too high to allow passage while the bridge was in its former bad condition. No serious objections were made by them, however, as this is the first and only enterprise of the kind in La Salle county and they wish to help a good thing along.

Commissioners Court met Thursday, a full board. The regular order of business was taken up. Assessor Campbell's Tax rolls were approved and accepted. An order for refunding the old Court House & Jail bonds was passed. The Clerk was ordered to secure plank bonds and with the County Judge to fill them out and send them to the Atty. General for approval. The balance of the day was taken up in approving sundry accounts, etc. They adjourned to meet next Thursday, when the bridge will be accepted.

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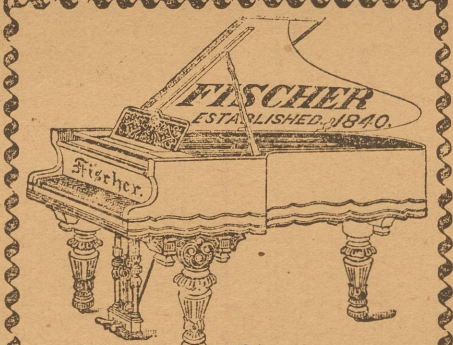
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