

# The Cotulla Record.

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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 1899.

\$1. IN ADVANCE.

## Free School Land Should Be Sold to Actual Settlers Only.

The readers of this paper will not doubt read with much interest the advertisement of Mr. Chas. P. Scrivener, formerly compiling draughtsman in the General Land Office which appears in this issue, as it treats of a subject of vital interest to every citizen who does not own his home. By means of the information furnished by Mr. Scrivener in his book on Texas School Lands and his catalogue of the sections recovered from the Railway Companies and his list of Forfeited Lands, hundreds of citizens will be enabled now to find homes, who have heretofore been unable to secure any information on this subject. It is very probable that Governor Sayers will call an extra session of the Legislature in January next and that all the vast amount of School Land now held under absolute lease by the large cattle ranches will be opened to the actual settler, and the readers of this paper who feel an interest in the subject should buy Mr. Scrivener's book and lists and be prepared to secure homes now as well as then. These lands are becoming more valuable every day and should be in the hands of actual settlers who will develop our State and add permanently to its resources.

Mr. Bryan does not appear to believe very hard in party discipline. He says he has no word of condemnation for the bolter who bolts on principle, or who conscientiously bolts because he believes he can serve his party best by voting for the opposition. This comes almost putting Mr. Bryan among the mugwumps; but it also shows that, if he is ever elected president of the United States, he will want to be elected by men who believe honestly in the theories of government that he represents.—Laredo News.

The RECORD endorses this view of Bryan's, even if in so doing we are classed as "mug-wumps". We cannot now, nor never have seen any reason for a man to lay aside his honest opinions because the party boss says he must. We had rather see a man conscientiously vote against his party, than to see him blindly shut his eyes and say: "my party, right or wrong." The first shows a man who thinks—a leader; the other one a mere drag to good government. Give us more men who THINK, and our government will be better and purer than it now is.

An exchange says they have introduced hugging societies in a certain country town up North to swell the church treasury, with the following scale of prices: Girls under 16, 13 cents for a hug of two minutes, or 10 cents for a squeeze.; from 16 to 23 years, 50 cents; school mams, 40 cents; another man's wife, \$1; widows, according to looks, 9 cents to \$2; old maids, 3 cents each, two for five, no time limit. Preachers are not charged.

Mr. J. F. Neal dropped in at our office Tuesday morning and spent several minutes explaining to us how much there was to be made out of a hog ranch. He had it all down on paper, and is thinking very seriously of going into the business. We wish him all kinds of success.

Will Robbins brought in some fine venison from the Johnson ranch Wednesday morning.

## Local and Personal.

Messrs. J. W. McCombs and H. M. Moore, two of our esteemed subscribers from the Millett section of the country were in town Monday last. They didn't forget us while here, but came around and spent several pleasant minutes in our sanctum sanctorum; and ere departing Mr. Moore showed his appreciation to the RECORD by placing a bright wheel on our desk. Come again, gentlemen.

Among the witnesses who went down to the Laredo court from here Monday were: N. A. Swink, T. H. Poole, V. G. Maltzberger, Jim English, D. S. Livingston, Jos. Cotulla, Jas. Oberwether, T. B. Poole, John Reynolds.

A herd of 2,500 head of cattle belonging to Dull Bros., passed through here Sunday. They were being driven to the Cross S pasture in Dimmitt county, where they will be wintered.

Attorney Covey C. Thomas returned last Monday evening from a ten days trip to the Dallas Fair. He tells of a swell time, and says Dallas is the ONLY city in the State.

Messrs. J. A. Smith, G. W. Henrichson, C. C. Thomas and S. J. Johnson were called to Laredo Tuesday as witnesses in the May murder case.

Sheriff Pete Tumlinson of Dimmitt county, accompanied by his estimable lady, went down to Laredo Wednesday on a few days' business.

Attorney Chas. H. Mayfield and wife went to Laredo on Monday's train. Mr. Mayfield is one of the lawyers in the May murder case.

Mr. Pete Tumlinson brought down a wagon load of delicious looking watermelons from Carrizo Springs Wednesday morning.

The town was somewhat dull this week, owing to the fact that quite a number of our citizens were at Laredo attending court.

Mr. S. F. Elliott, the bee man from Level's Ranch, was down during the forepart of the week for supplies.

Mrs. D. C. Smith was called to Waelder Tuesday morning by a telegram, stating that her father was very low.

Mr. H. W. Earnest, a well-known merchant of Millett, paid our city a visit Tuesday evening.

Heavy rains have fallen in some localities, while other places are still drouth-stricken.

Capt. Alonzo Millett and family of Millett, passed down the road Monday enroute to Laredo.

District Clerk, Geo. H. Knaggs went to Laredo Sunday to be in attendance at court.

'Uncle' Pitas Conwry says his bees are doing fine now; making honey right along.

A. Armstrong Jr. of Hondo passed down the road Monday enroute to Laredo.

Ed Henrichson Esq. was up from his ranch on the Tegra one day this week.

W. B. Stanfield went up to Millett one morning this week in his buggy.

Sheriff Tumlinson of Dimmitt county was here this week on business.

Constable Petty went up to Millett Monday on official business.

"Pitching dollars" is employing the 'boys' idle moments these days.

Ranchman Ed McCoy was up again Tuesday on business.

Two of our enterprising young business men, Messrs. Mug Tarver and Will Riley (by way of parenthesis will say here that Mr. Tarver is the head of the firm of Tarver & Hall's, dry goods and grocery establishment, and Mr. Riley is chief salesman in Barlow & Co's dry goods emporium) became dissatisfied with the honors and emoluments obtained in their respective spheres of business life, so decided, after due deliberation, to strive for higher flights of fame, and chose the field of sport in which to gain the renown so ardently sought and wished for. These two bright, would-be Nimrods selected a beautiful, quiet Sabbath afternoon in which to make their debut into the "Society of Sports." They left town, east-bound, notice particularly the direction they took, for on no other road leading out of town could they cross so many creeks in so short a drive, in Mr. Tarver's delivery wagon, each armed with a fine, well-kept, modern shot-gun, and 'tis said actually saw some birds. After a six mile drive, in which they had crossed three dry creeks, they became aware of the fact that night was drawing near, so turned themselves around and began the homeward drive. Of their success with the gun this article has nothing whatever to do further than to remark that they left a few for subsequent outings. Thus far nothing worthy of note had happened, everything had gone "merry as a marriage bell" and our young heroes were beginning to enjoy the prospective tales of success they would tell when next they saw their "onliest only." During their absence from town, however, heavy rains had fallen up the country and when they came to re-cross those same innocent-looking dry creeks they beheld swollen torrents of water between them and town. Their first impulse was to await Nature's pleasure and allow the waters to subside, but it was now late in the evening, the sun hung low in the west, and weather indications pointed to a wild, stormy night, besides, both were compelled to be at their posts of duty ere the rising sun of the following day should tint the eastern sky with its rays of light. The only way left to them was to plunge in, which, after some preliminary preparation, they did. First, they had to swim the horse over, then return and float over the wagon; after which they again had to return and secure their clothes, which were of necessity left "on the other side." These manoeuvres they repeated at each creek until they had crossed the last and again stood in the outskirts of town. Mug says it was cold—cold enough to freeze the horns off of a Billy Goat, and that they had to go from one creek to another in the scantiest attire possible to conform with the laws of decency, because their time was so limited. Will wouldn't talk about it. In the gathering shadows of the evening they drove up the deserted streets each thankful that it was no worse, each vowing that this would end their Sunday evening hunts, and each fully satisfied with the honors obtained.

Several freight wagons from Carrizo Springs loaded here Wednesday morning.

Ranger Wright was a welcome caller at the RECORD office Tuesday.

Hunters have somewhat thinned out the quail around town.

Rev. Bruce Roberts preached at Millett Sunday night.

## I. & G. N. R. R.

Between San Antonio and Laredo

TIME TABLE.

South	Passenger Train	North
10:00 a. m. Lv. SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 11:45 p. m.	
10:20 a. m. Lv. Leon	Ar. 12:08 p. m.	
10:31 a. m. Lv. Medina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.	
10:41 a. m. Lv. Lytle	Ar. 11:36 a. m.	
10:51 a. m. Lv. Devine	Ar. 11:16 a. m.	
11:01 a. m. Lv. Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.	
11:11 a. m. Lv. Eden	Ar. 10:48 a. m.	
11:21 a. m. Lv. Pearshall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.	
11:31 a. m. Lv. Derby	Ar. 10:18 a. m.	
11:41 a. m. Lv. Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.	
11:51 a. m. Lv. Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.	
12:01 p. m. Lv. COTULLA	Ar. 9:22 a. m.	
12:11 p. m. Lv. Tuna	Ar. 9:05 a. m.	
12:21 p. m. Lv. Twining	Ar. 8:55 a. m.	
12:31 p. m. Lv. Barro	Ar. 8:36 a. m.	
12:41 p. m. Lv. Echnical	Ar. 8:23 a. m.	
12:51 p. m. Lv. Cactus	Ar. 8:04 a. m.	
1:01 p. m. Lv. Webb	Ar. 7:45 a. m.	
1:11 p. m. Lv. Green	Ar. 7:23 a. m.	
1:21 p. m. Lv. Sanchez	Ar. 7:12 a. m.	
1:31 p. m. Ar. LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.	

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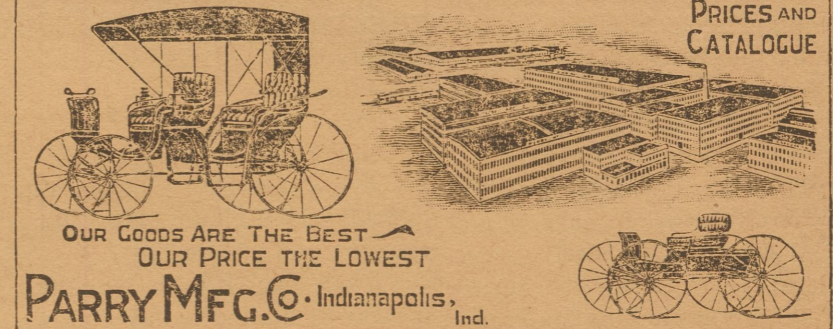
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SATURDAY, OCT. 28 1899.

We are pleased to note the fact that the approach to the County Bridge, referred to in last week's paper has received proper attention and is now in excellent condition.

Now is the time for farmers to begin breaking their lands for spring planting. With the ground thoroughly broken, that it may catch and retain all the winter and spring rains, a crop is almost an assured thing.

We are following the Texas Stockman and Farmer for what it is worth. How much does it apply to the people of La Salle county?

Encinal, Oct. 27.—Rain began falling here at 1 o'clock last night and continued until after daylight this morning.

Twohig, Oct. 27.—Steady rain fell here nearly all last night. Stockmen say plenty of winter grass is a certainty if frost don't come too soon.

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Millett, Oct. 27.—A glorious rain fell here last night, and is still showering at intervals this morning.

To Dallas. Annual Dallas State Fair. The I. & G. N. will have on sale excursion tickets from all stations to Dallas and return, covering entire term of Fair, also VERY CHEAP rates for Saturday and Sunday tickets, during Fair, with short limit.

To San Antonio. Account International Fair. On sale Oct. 26th to Nov. 6th inclusive; final limit Nov. 10th; rate one and a third fares.

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WILL P. MAY ACQUITTED.

THE JURY WAS OUT TWENTY ONE HOURS, AND RETURNED A VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY."

Laredo, Tex. Oct. 27.—The case of the State vs W. P. May, charged with the murder of Ross Robuck in La Salle county, and moved to this place on change of venue went to trial Tuesday morning.

THE RAIN WAS GENERAL.

IT LASTED FOR SEVEN HOURS AND FILLED A LONG FELT WANT.

The cloudy weather which has prevailed for the past ten days culminated in one of the best rains night before last that this section of the country has experienced in many a day.

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NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES.

ENCINAL.

Mr. Losa came in from his ranch Tuesday and left the following day for Laredo.

A very enjoyable evening was spent last Saturday night at the school house in Encinal, the occasion being an ice cream supper given by the Encinal High School Music and singing constituted the major portion of the program for the evening.

We understand that Mr. J. I. Green has purchased the Breeding ranch, one mile from town.

Wednesday evening was most enjoyable one, for those of the McMullen House. Music being the main feature of the evening, furnished by one of Mexico's choicest bands.

Mr. T. J. Buckley, of San Antonio, arrived in Encinal Thursday enroute to his ranch.

Mr. C. H. Skidmore and wife left Sunday for Carrizo Springs where they go to visit Mr. J. B. Cavender and family.

Mr. Edd James and wife left Tuesday morning for Falls county to spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Those that attended court in Laredo from here this week were: Messrs. W. A. Matthews, R. A. Gilmer, S. J. Jordan, W. M. Spindle, and others whose names we failed to get.

Celestine McMulin is in from the Bueno Vista ranch this week.

PUDDIN.

Mr. T. K. Hall, the rustling stock-farmer of the Spear, and his son Robert, came down to the Puddin' recently on business.

Mr. D. T. Williams made a flying business trip to Cotulla Monday.

Mr. G. W. Cavender stopped over one night with J. M. Williams, while on his way home from the Alamo City. He is an extensive stockman and says everything in his vicinity looks prosperous.

Mr. Carl, who now carries the U. S. mail from Cotulla to Carrizo Springs, will occupy the mail camp that has just been vacated by Mr. Richard Craig and family. Mr. Craig has moved to Carrizo Springs to educate his children. We regret very much to lose those good people from our neighborhood, and wish for Mr. Carl all success in so great an undertaking.

The social entertainment that was given at the home of Mr. S. G. McMains last Saturday night was a grand success. Those present were: Misses Georgie and Viola Gardner, Lola Williams, Minnie McMains and Olivia Howard; Messrs R. W. Williams, G. W. Wright, P. A. McMains, W. T. and Joel Gardner, Turner and Leroy Williams and Will Palmer. The entertainment consisted of social games, songs and music. All report a merry time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMains went to Ft. Worth to investigate a claim on two town lots.

Mr. Martin Wilkins' mother and step-father, Mrs. and Mr. Tomlin are out on a visit.

Mr. Bucklew passed through here on his way to the Cross S pasture with one-thousand head of cattle that belong to Dull Bros.

REPORTER.

BUCKOW.

The Raices have been very high this week.

Yesterday closed one month of our school. Can say not one has retrograded, but all are improving rapidly. Everyone well pleased.

Mr. A. D. Clark has finished putting up the saloon at Twohig and returned home.

Mr. Ed McCoy went up to Cotulla one day this week.

Mr. James Smith, of Millett, was in our community a few days since.

Mr. Marshall Despain, of San Diego, came up last week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Julia Bell, accompanied by Mr. Robert Clark, started up to the City of Twohig Sunday eve. Before they reached their destination, however, they found the creek up; they turned back to beat the waters, having crossed it below, but were too late, and had to wait until Monday evening. Though she came close enough to have one of her pupils to teach until the afternoon.

Mrs. Overstreet accompanied by her sister, Miss Betsy, came down on a visit to Mrs. White and returned today.

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Table listing District Officers: Congressman, State Senator, Representative, etc.

COUNTY.

Table listing County Officers: District & County Clerk, Sheriff & Tax Collector, County Judge, etc.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Church.—Services:—Every morning at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m., conducted by Miss Mary Burwell. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church.—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services:—3rd 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., F. J. D. M. 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 each 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. at 7:30 p. m., and on Wednesday preceding each 1st Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday, 10 a. m. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

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The Northbound train has been late several days this week.

Fresh candies and fruits at Simon Cotulla's.

Mr. D. C. Smith is sojourning in the Alamo City.

Several went up to the Fair on this morning's special.

Estate Ranger, H. G. Dubose, stationed at Spofford, is in town.

Oranges, Bananas, Apples and Grapes at Simon Cotulla's.

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'Grandpa' Roberts returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives in Del Rio.

Buy your jewelry from the Bell Jewelry Co., 327 W. Commerce St., San Antonio.

Mr. J. M. Ramsey was in town yesterday from his ranch near Tuna.

We printed 500 Envelopes and 250 Letter Heads for Dr. Livingston Monday.

Mr. T. K. Hall, of Dimmitt county, was in our burg a day or two this week.

Mr. J. H. Hocut was in the city one day this week from the Maltisberger ranch.

Attorney W. L. Chew of Dallas was here the first part of the week on legal business.

Don't forget us when you go to buy your winter goods.

G. W. Henrichson & Co.

"Dixie" Jordan, the insurance man, was talking business to the boys around town this week.

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This is to you, reader. Call at New Drug Store and get a pair of their Champion Cosmetic Heating Stoves at Keck Bros.

Mrs. W. M. Burwell went down to Laredo Thursday evening to meet her husband, Sheriff Burwell.

Our efficient Sheriff, W. M. Burwell, spent the greater part of the week in Laredo attending District Court.

Mr. F. D. McMahan has returned from Alice, and reports the insurance business fairly good.

Tom Miller was down from his ranch yesterday morning and informed us that it rained "all over the universe" up his way.

Mr. J. H. Hocut sent his little son back to the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Austin, Monday morning.

Vienna and Bologne Sausage, Head-cheese and Corned Beef kept on Refrigerator, at B. Wildenthal's.

Messrs. W. L. Hargus and B. Vesper returned yesterday from Laredo, where they were summoned as witnesses in the May case.

Judge S. T. Dowe went up to Pearsall Tuesday night and returned next day; bringing with him his aged father, who is very ill.

The first person that calls for a sample bottle of our Champion Cosmetic will receive a large size bottle. Who will be first? C. McGarity.

Mr. Simon Cotulla went up to Moore Sunday last, to be present at the marriage of Mr. C. E. Massengale to Miss Tinnie Ellison, which occurred on 23rd inst.

Call on Claunch, the Saddler, and buy a pair of Wilson's Patent Cowboy stirrups. The only stirrup ever made that does not hurt the instep. Once tried, always used.

Miss Nettie Vivion, in company with her brother Alfred, came down from Carrizo Springs and boarded the Northbound train yesterday morning for the Alamo City.

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When you go to the San Antonio Fair don't forget that the Bell Jewelry Co., 327 W Commerce St., are the people for jewelry, watches, etc.

Dr. J. O. Bellville left on Tuesday morning's train for Del Rio, where he expects to make his home. The doctor was well-liked here; he made a friend with everyone whom he came in contact, and they numbered not a few. There was a marked change in his health, and it is with regret that he decided to leave this Sunny Southland and locate in other parts.

Mr. Forest B. Swift, formerly a merchant of our town, but of late years a resident of the City of Mexico, where he was connected with the Mexican National Railroad, stopped off here a couple of days this week on his way to Taylor. Mr. Swift's host of friends were glad to see him looking so well, and regret that his business was so pressing that he could not remain longer in Cotulla. He says he has come back to Texas to live however, and instructed us to send the RECORD to Taylor, his future home.

The Fair opens in San Antonio today, and many from Cotulla and surrounding country will doubtless be visiting the city during its continuance. Should you wish to purchase anything while there, just call upon those who advertise in the RECORD, mentioning the fact that you saw their ad in the paper, and you will receive prompt and courteous attention. All those who advertise in this paper are thoroughly reliable, and we can personally recommend them to our readers. Don't fail to get their prices before you buy.

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Mr. Andrew Armstrong, Jr. stopped off here Thursday on his return to Hondo from the Laredo court, to look after some business matters and see that the boys were getting on all O. K. He also remembered the RECORD with a dollar which we duly placed to his credit.

Barlow & Co. have been having the store-room, formerly occupied by W. H. Garnett as a confectionery store, remodeled and enlarged, preparatory to receiving a large stock of furniture. They have all along been carrying a stock of furniture but have now decided to devote a separate room to that line alone and hereafter will get their stock in car load lots, thus enabling them to sell at a lower figure than ever before.

MASSENGALE-ELLISON.

At the home of the bride's parents at Moore, Texas, Mr. C. E. Massengale was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Tinnie Ellison, Monday morning at eleven o'clock, Oct. 23rd, Rev. S. C. Hall officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few of the more intimate friends of the contracting parties being present to witness the ceremony. The RECORD extends congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Mr. Massengale and wife boarded the Southbound train for Cotulla, their future home, and are now domiciled in their residence on North street.

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A Revelation of the Romantic and Remarkable Career of Lawrence Bangs, the Famous Yale Athlete.

BY HOWARD FIELDING.

**SYNOPSIS.**  
 Chapter I. Decisive game between Harvard and Yale; is won by lucky strike by Jack Bangs. Florence Lorne meets Harry Bangs, greatest college athlete in his day.  
 Chapter II. Paddy O'Toole, prodigy in base ball, taken in by Harry Bangs, who wishes to send him to college for private reasons.  
 Chapter III. Bangs begins private instructions preparatory to sending O'Toole to college, but finds he will never learn.  
 Chapter IV. Florence Lorne mistakes O'Toole for Lawrence Bangs, and Harry Bangs proposes to use them both, Lawrence as student, O'Toole as ball player; one person, claiming the deception would never be known.  
 Chapter V. O'Toole agrees to limit his speech to "yes" and "no" to escape detection. Is entered for pitcher on the Yale Nine, and creates a sensation in the trial game.  
 Chapter VI. Lawrence falls in love with Florence who promises him a kiss if he wins the coming ball game. Paddy wins in Lawrence's name and is carried home in triumph.  
 Chapter VII. Lawrence calls on Florence; but refused the kiss he had won, hence they quarrel.  
 Chapter VIII. Paddy's continual exercise improves his appearance wonderfully, while Lawrence is getting pale as a ghost from over-study.  
 Lawrence resorts to dumb-bell swinging to improve his appearance physically.  
 Lawrence agrees to introduce Paddy into society if he in turn would teach Lawrence to play ball. B. T. resolve their first lesson.  
 Chapter XI. Lawrence goes into the ball game plays wonderfully well, but causes Yale to lose the game. Paddy progressing nicely in society.

**CHAPTER XIII.**  
**PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.**  
 It is a pleasure to report that Paddy had both his legs with him when he was found. They were, however, of little immediate use to him. First, because he had not strength enough to move them, and second, because there were plenty of willing hands ready to carry him wherever he wished to go. So great, in fact, was the press, that Harry Bangs was unable to reach Paddy's side until after he had been borne to the coach on which sat old John Bangs weeping tears of pride and joy.  
 It was the first time that Paddy had been subjected to close scrutiny by the elder Bangs. Harry had always dreaded the proverbial keenness of a father's eye; and he had successfully schemed to keep them apart. To a casual observer there might have seemed to be no cause for anxiety in this instance. Paddy looked more like Banquo's ghost than he did like Lawrence, but Lawrence after a similar experience would have appeared not otherwise, except that he would have been dead.  
 Harry tried in vain to separate his father from Paddy; the venerable gentleman was obstinate.  
 "He shall go to my house," he declared. "I'm too proud of him to let him out of my sight."  
 So Paddy was taken to Boston. When the special from Springfield arrived in that city, John Bangs hurried to his residence in order to have everything ready for the reception of the hero. The servants were drawn up in the hall and hurriedly drilled in the Yale cheer, which they gave in great enthusiasm when Paddy was led in. The proud old man advanced to meet the noble youth, and embraced him gently, for it was not yet known definitely how many of his bones were broken. He was put to bed, and four doctors, at a hundred dollars an hour apiece, watched beside him while good old mother nature began his cure with sleep. John Bangs stole into the room every half hour to look at him, though it must be confessed that he was not beautiful to see.

After one of these visits Mr. Bangs descended to the main hall of the house, and there beheld a spectacle which was almost too much even for his iron nerves. Standing by the door which he had just closed was the real Lawrence Bangs. He had been concealed in Boston during the game, of which he had read an account in the evening extras. Having learned that Paddy had been subjected to rough usage, he had painted a number of wounds upon his face and had liberally decorated it with cold plaster. He must have been inspired in this work of art, for it resembled the wreck of Paddy O'Toole's features to a nicety. Of course he supposed that Paddy had been secretly transported to New Haven, and that he could appear at his father's residence without fear.  
 It flashed across the mind of John Bangs that his son had died in the room above and that this was his ghost. He dismissed that notion promptly, but his surprise was so great that he could command no words except a few disjointed expletives.  
 Before the old gentleman could reply, the hall door was flung open and Harry Bangs rushed in. Since the game he had been wildly carousing about, trying to find Lawrence in time to avert the catastrophe, which, at that moment, he saw precipitated before his eyes. He made no effort to prevent its full culmination. The situation was evidently hopeless.  
 "Come in here, both of you," he said, throwing open the door of a reception room on the right of the hall. They followed mechanically.  
 "It's all up, Lawrence," he said. "We might as well tell the whole

He told it with wonderful clearness and brevity. To paint the father's grief would require too firm a hand. It will not be attempted here. Indeed, that was a very hard case. No pride was ever higher and no humiliation deeper than John Bangs'. He had believed himself the father of a hero, of the "speechless wonder" of "Old Eli's Favorite Son," and when the mask was stripped off, there remained nothing but a creature of books and rank lists, not laurel crowned, but with a halo of stale lamp oil smouldering upon the dark background of obscurity.  
 It is greatly to John Bangs' credit that he was able to stifle all upbraiding, and to come at once to the practical consideration of the case.  
 "I will not burden you with useless reproaches," he said. "Neither will I make hard conditions. There is only one thing which I insist upon, and that is that this deception must cease. It is not honest. I will not have two of you at Yale any longer."  
 "But, father," interposed Harry, "how can we take Paddy away? It will simply cripple the nine, and Harvard is going to have the same old batting gang next spring."  
 "No," replied John Bangs, "the university cannot spare Paddy, but I can't see that she will suffer by the loss of Lawrence."  
 "Then I am not to graduate," said Lawrence, sadly. "I am not to have my diploma."  
 "Have you won it?" asked his father. "I don't wish to be unnecessarily severe, but I must ask what you have given to the university in exchange for it."  
 Lawrence hung his head.  
 "It's true," he said. "I begin to perceive that I am not fitted for a modern collegiate life. Let Paddy have the diploma. Palmam qui meruit ferat."  
 "And what do you intend to do?"  
 "I have an ambitious plan," returned Lawrence, "and if you are generous to me in the matter of money I believe that I shall bring it to success. I have dreamed of starting a purely educational institution in Central America. It is much too hot there for either baseball or football, and there is no water for boat-racing. In that favored climate I shall hope to concentrate the mind of youth upon purely intellectual attainments, but I do not believe that that can ever be done again in the temperate zone. Have I your consent?"  
 "You have," said John Bangs, "and I think that's the best way out of it. Go, my son, and found your school. If you run it on that principle it can never be a rival of Yale. I'll back you with all the money you need."  
 "And I say, Lawrence," said Harry, "if you strike any fellow over there who looks as if he could play football, shoo him across to me. They say some of those natives grow to be seven feet high, and Yale will need two or three men like that after Paddy leaves."  
 The subsequent adventures of Paddy O'Toole are well known to the reader. It will be remembered that the so-called Lerry Bangs, during the last months of his stay at Yale, suffered from an affection of the eyes which made it necessary for him to be accompanied whenever he took an examination by an amanuensis, who recorded the answers to the questions on the paper. It was fortunate that this private secretary possessed an excellent collegiate education, for otherwise he might have been bothered by the fact that Paddy never said anything which related even remotely to the subject mentioned on the examination paper. As it was, Paddy secured excellent rank.  
 It was even more fortunate that his eyes did not trouble him except at examination time. He could see the home plate and get his eye on the ball as well as ever.  
 He was secretly adopted by old John Bangs, and after graduation he accepted the post of athletic instructor in a western university at a salary much larger than that received by its president.  
 The reader will have no trouble at all in predicting that he will marry Florence, with whom he is deeply in love, and that she will be proud and happy always. [THE END.]

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 Still contending, 'till her bayous  
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 And Sam Houston's words were echoed:  
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 For her, men have died in battle  
 For her, died from festering ills—  
 While her herds of fatted cattle  
 Grazed upon her thousand hills—  
 And they bless her name when dying,  
 For they loved her, loved her soil.  
 And I love her name and bless her,  
 For her sacrifice and toil.  
 Tho' her border may be thirsty  
 Where the Rio Grande has sweep;  
 She is rich in corn and cotton  
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 She is rich in schools and churches,  
 Rich in honors bravely won;  
 And her Star will shine forever  
 On each loved and patriot son.  
 She has driven back the red-man  
 When his hate was dreaded most.  
 For her fearless scouts and rangers  
 Have been ever at their post,  
 Knowing that the price of freedom  
 Meant the price of life and home.  
 She has stood each shock and tempest  
 Like the great Saint Peter's dome.  
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 Thro' the cyclone and the drouth,  
 But today her star is shining  
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