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## SMOKELESS POWDER.

### Advantages of the Smokeless Powder Producing Type.

Scientific American.

Although the war is not many weeks, old it has been waged long enough to impress upon combatants many important truths which were understood in a vague way before the conflict, but were never appreciated at their full worth until now. We call attention to the battle of Manila Bay, chief among which is the vital importance of good marksmanship as the decisive factor in a naval fight. The excellent work of our gunners was nothing more than we all expected; it was in keeping with the traditions of our Navy, and in the present war, just as in all those that preceded it, the efficiency of our gun crews is the result of much patient and careful practice at the targets during the ordinary routine of peace maneuvers and cruises.

It is our duty, however, to draw attention to the fact that our ships are laboring under a serious disadvantage in having to use the smoke-producing and absolute brown powder with which they are supplied, instead of the modern smokeless powder, which is in universal use throughout the world. In every engagement which has taken place, not even excluding the Manila fight, eye-witnesses have noted the fact that our ships were speedily enveloped in dense clouds of smoke produced by the fire of their own

up in this important industry, and that before long an efficient, stable and thoroughly reliable smokeless powder will be in general and exclusive use in the heavy guns of both our army and navy.

### Coyote Courier.

A well dressed stranger arrived in town Monday and we proceeded to talk him for a subscription to the Coyote. We delivered a couple of broad-sides of our best talk and then he was ready to surrender. We asked him if he could even imagine of a more metropolitan paper than the Coyote and he said "not without stimulants." Well, we charged him two eagles instead of one, went around and wiped the remains of a mint julep from our lips and all was serene. Nothing like knowing how to rush a biz. Ye editor has been studying the war question of late and has arrived at the conclusion that a crack regiment composed entirely of officers—not a single private—would be immensely popular. We understand the Populists have just organized a company called "The Howlers," and we are satisfied it will be a success.

We have just been appointed school trustee (at our solicitation) and we propose to run the school on the war plan, we shall load the kids of this burg with book sense or we'll fire 'em from school. We were out fishing last week and hooked a Spanish cat-fish, and true to nature, when he shot off the line he missed the water twenty feet, but in five minutes

## "PARADISE OF FOOLS."

### The Paradise of Home.

By Gov. Bob. Taylor.

How rich would be the feast of happiness in this beautiful world of ours, could folly end with youth. But youth is only the first act in the "Comedy of Errors." It is the pearly gate that opens to the real paradise of fools.

"It's pleasures are like poppies spread— You seize the flower, its bloom is shed, Or like the snowfall on the river— A moment white then melts forever."

Whether it be the child at its mother's knee or the man of mature years, whether it be the banker or the beggar, the prince in his palace or the peasant in his hut, there is in every heart the dream of a happier life.

I heard the sound of revelry at the gilded club, where a hundred hearts beat happily. There were flushed cheeks and thick tongues and jests and anecdotes around the banquet spread. There were songs and poems and speeches.

I saw an orator rise to respond to a toast to "Home, sweet home," and thus he responded:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: John Howard Payne touched millions of hearts when he sang:

"Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

But as for me, gentlemen, give me the pleasures an' the palaces—give me liberty, or give me death. No less beautifully expressed are the tender sentiments expressed in the tender verse Lord Byron:

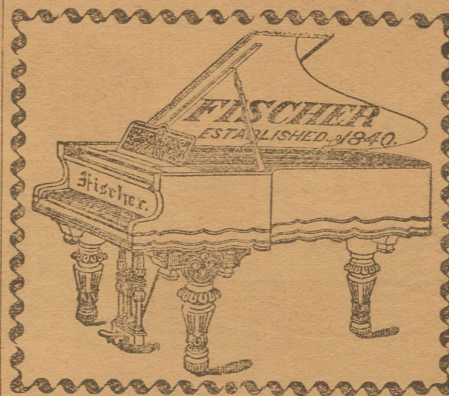
"For the fish does

never regained in this world, it must be in the home. If its dead flowers ever bloom again, they must bloom in the happy hearts of home. If its sunshine ever breaks through the clouds, it must break forth in the smiling faces of home. If heaven ever descends to earth and angels tread its soil, it must be in the sacred precincts of home. That which heaven most approves is the pure and virtuous home. For round it linger all the sweet memories and dearest associations of mankind; upon it hang the hopes and happiness of the nations of the earth, and above it shines the ever blessed star that lights the way back to the paradise that was lost.

### Gomez's Wife a Tennessean.

It may not be known generally that the wife of Maximo Gomez, commander in chief of the insurgent forces in Cuba, is an American woman, but such appears to be the fact, Representative Gibson claims to represent the district in Tennessee where she was born. Her former name was Miss Pink Martin, daughter of Mr. Henry Martin, who lived on Nail's creek, in a county of East Tennessee. The family was one of the best in the county, and her father was very wealthy, so that Miss Martin was given exceptional opportunities during her childhood and early womanhood. She first married a Georgian, but he died directly after the civil war, and as Mrs. Cline, his widow, she went to Havana, where her mother were engaged in business. While the Cuban capi-

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up their cause, but they proved their mettle by coming to the assistance of the little band of United States marines at Guantanamo.

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Again our county was never in a better condition financially to do the work; she has a good Court House and Jail fully paid for with a balance in the said Fund to her credit; the Road and Bridge Fund also has a balance to begin with, and only a very small tax would be required to put a good, well built bridge across the river at the point named, the highest estimate of the cost being only \$8,000.00 and the lowest \$3,000.00, and about 70 of La Salle county's leading citizens, some of them being her heaviest tax-payers, have put themselves on record as to their willingness to be taxed for a bridge.

The tax rate is lower now than any year in the history of the county, except one, being only 35 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, and a tax for the bridge would hardly be felt in comparison with former years.

The present condition of the river is one of the best arguments in favor of a bridge; it brings very forcibly to the mind of all the necessity as well as the convenience for open road across. Merchants are losing trade every day, stockmen are put to heavy expense as well as a loss of time, travel is delayed and all classes suffer di-

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A crowd of Millet's jolly young people made a flying trip to Cotulla last Sunday evening. —BIG THREE.

The wheat and oat crop of North Texas is injured to a great extent by too much rain.

Speaker Reed of the House, was not present when the vote was taken on the Hawaiian resolution, but he had made it known that he would vote against annexation. His opposition has prevented an earlier consideration of the resolution. Only one Texan, Mr. Hawley, favors annexation.

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The Collection, which went to the support of needy Sunday schools, amounted to \$9.70 all told.

### List of Patents.

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

W. A. Fletcher, Beaumont, log hauling locomotive; J. J. Holland, wheelock, cotton chopper and cultivator; G. Millen, San Antonio, wheel; R. H. Thorn, El Paso, burial apparatus.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1898.

Let us hear your opinion on  
 the proposed bridge.

What do you think of the pro-  
 posed Nueces bridge any way?

It is reported that the spanish  
 reserve squadron has left Cadiz  
 for an unknown destination.

3000 horses and mules stamp-  
 ed through the camps of Gen.  
 Carpenter's brigade Thursday  
 night.

The Spaniards on the island  
 Cayo Smith when the charge of  
 gun cotton from the dynamite  
 cruiser Vesuvius explodes, will  
 probably pronounce her a "roar-  
 ing success."

Only 7 oz gun powder required  
 to hurl 250 lbs of dynamite from  
 the Vesuvius into an enemy at  
 a distance of two miles. Think of  
 that, will you?

On account of the low rate of  
 taxation, the Sheriff's bond was  
 a great deal smaller than it has  
 been heretofore; this low rate of  
 itself should be an inducement to  
 speculators to invest in LaSalle  
 county lands,

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 long time showing their fighting  
 spirit. Once they took  
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## THE PROPOSED NUECES RIVER IRON BRIDGE.

PETITION IS NOW BEFORE THE COM-  
 MISSIONERS' COURT WITH SIXTY-  
 NINE SIGNERS.

Tax-payers Are Very Anxious To Have The Bridge Built  
 As Soon As Possible.

Cotulla, Texas, March 21st, 1898.  
 To the Honorable Commissioners' Court of La  
 Salle County, Texas.  
 Gentlemen:—

We, the undersigned citizens  
 and tax-payers of La Salle county, would respect-  
 fully represent and show that a bridge is badly  
 needed across the Nueces River near the town of  
 Cotulla and on the road leading from Cotulla to  
 Twahlg. That a bridge at this point would be of  
 great benefit to the traveling public and to the  
 interest of almost every citizen of said county.

We therefore request you, at as early a date  
 as possible, to take such steps as may be neces-  
 sary in order to have a substantial iron bridge  
 placed across said River at the point above men-  
 tioned.

B. F. Barris, T. D. Morgan, D. S. Livingston,  
 J. S. Petty, E. A. Keck, W. M. Burwell,  
 R. E. Chew, V. Maltabarger, Thos. Copp,  
 N. A. Swink, M. J. Barlow, J. B. Kerr,  
 W. R. Riley, W. H. Overstreet, D. C. Smith,  
 G. W. Reed, W. A. Everts, B. Wildenthal,  
 T. R. Poole, Mug Tarver, A. D. Rippestein,  
 J. H. Frettes, A. P. Blocker, J. B. Forts,  
 B. J. Yowell, A. F. Warnock, J. W. Yowell,  
 R. H. Hall, Wm. Clary, A. C. Ponkney,  
 P. H. Hall, Ed McCoy, E. Lestariette,  
 W. F. Jay, J. M. Ramsey, W. K. Beasley,  
 S. T. Dove, Geo. Copp, W. E. Campbell,  
 W. B. Guinn, L. A. Kerr, Geo. Henrichson,  
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 G. H. Knaggs, Ira Jennings, J. R. Davengart,  
 Thos. Dillard, J. J. Hall, Robt. Hall,  
 J. M. Tarver, W. P. Johns, J. B. Salimon,  
 C. Jay, C. L. Underwood, Sam H. Miller,  
 J. K. Everts, A. J. Anglin, A. J. Foteet,  
 John Dillard, Jeff Stuham, Geo. Hall,  
 Jno. Everts, F. M. Harper, A. P. West.

The foregoing petition with the  
 signers thereof was presented to  
 the Commissioners Court during  
 the month of May for immediate  
 action but, on a account of not  
 having a full board present at the  
 time it was laid aside for future  
 consideration and it so happened  
 that up to the present writing, no  
 action has been taken further  
 than to order the county Survey-  
 or in company, and with the as-  
 sistance of the county Surveyor,  
 to make a survey of the proposed

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 deal oftener than it is full, but  
 taking the past fifteen years we  
 know by actual knowledge that  
 travel has been delayed on an  
 average of at least thirty days in  
 the year, or in other words our  
 years contain only eleven months  
 for business and one for unneces-  
 sary delay, trouble and expense,  
 this too in the most inconvenient  
 part of the year.

Those few of the commission-  
 ers who have expressed themselves  
 on the subject are perfectly will-  
 ing to do their utmost to further  
 the desires of the people, and al-  
 though we may have some few  
 good men who honestly believe  
 it is not necessary to add this ex-  
 pense of the county; the expres-  
 sed wish of the majority will be  
 strictly followed.

Court meets again to-day and  
 if a full attendance is secured the  
 petition will have careful consid-  
 eration and thoughtful discus-  
 sion and each commissioner,  
 when brought face to face with  
 the question will be sure to give  
 his thoughtful attention and his  
 best vote for the building of the  
 bridge required. While the above  
 list of signers gives a very fair  
 idea of the wishes of the people,  
 a little more time only, would  
 have been necessary to doubtless  
 the list; but be that as it may,  
 the petition is in, the court is  
 willing, the people are anxious,  
 and all that is lacking is the  
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Miller Chaff.

Hugh Rich, one of the  
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### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, in view of the loss we have  
 sustained by the death of our friend and associate,  
 W. J. Bowen, and of the still heavier loss sus-  
 tained by those who were nearest and dearest  
 to him; therefore be it

Resolved by Cotulla Lodge  
 No 3100 Knights of Honor, that, while we bow  
 with humble submission to the will of the Most  
 High, we do not the less mourn for our brother  
 who has been taken from us.

Resolved, that in the death  
 of W. J. Bowen, this Lodge laments the loss of a  
 brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand  
 of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy  
 and distressed of the fraternity; an active mem-  
 ber of this society whose utmost endeavors were  
 exerted for its welfare and prosperity.

Resolved, that the heartfelt  
 sympathy of this Lodge be extended to his fam-  
 ily in their affliction.

Resolved, That these res-  
 olutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge  
 and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family  
 of our deceased brother, and each of the news-  
 papers of Cotulla.

J. M. Williams,  
 G. Philipe,  
 T. R. Keck,  
 Committee.

### CHILDREN'S DAY.

Program of Children's Day  
 Entertainment of Bap-  
 tist Sunday School.

The Baptist Entertainment  
 Sunday night was, as we expect-  
 ed well attended; in fact the  
 church filled to its utmost capac-  
 ity early and some of the late  
 comers were compelled to stand.

Judging by the unqualified ex-  
 pressions of praise heard im-  
 mediately after and the day fol-  
 lowing, the services we would  
 say everything came up in apple  
 pie order, the children acquit-  
 ting themselves to perfection,  
 showing careful and pains taking  
 training.

We think not one of the many  
 who attended regretted for a mo-  
 ment the time or money spent, as  
 they received more than the value  
 of both.

#### PROGRAMME.

Song: Throw out the Life Line:  
 —Choir.

Welcome address:  
 —Price Daniel.

Children's Day Greeting:  
 —By four little girls.

The Two Boxes:  
 —Johns and Price.

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 —By the little folks.

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 & co., Patent Attorneys, Wash-  
 ington, D. C.

W. A. Fletcher, Beaumont, log  
 hauling locomotive; J. J. Holland,  
 wheellock, cotton chopper and  
 cultivator; G. Millen, San An-  
 tonio, wheel; R. H. Thorn, El Paso,  
 burial apparatus.

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Mr. Simon Reider is very low with asthma this week.

Gus Ponkney was a visitor to the Alamo city during the week.

Keck Bros. received a car load of lumber Tuesday.

Commissioner Geo. Tarver, of the House Ranch was in Monday.

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

Mrs. J. A. Landrum and little daughter Pearl are on the sick list.

Leave your laundry at Dowe's Office Tuesday.

E. C. STEVENS.

Sheriff Jno D McCarn, of Dimmit county, was here two or three days during the week.

J. J. Hall, the "feather weight" of Cotulla is in San 'Tone at present.

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

Ranchman Andrew Armstrong went up on Thursday's train to San Antonio.

S. J. Bond, Section Foreman at Twohig was in cotulla a few hours Thursday evening.

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I. & G. N. pay car passed down the road on No. 1 Thursday and paid off.

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

Alex. Goodman, a Knight of the Grip from San Antonio, was in town during the week.

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W. L. Hargus, a prominent stockman of Encinal was seen in the city Tuesday last.

Attorney S. T. Dowe went up to Austin Sunday on professional business.

Chas. Kemper and C. F. Lane, popular "Knights of the Grip" both "did" the town this week.

Commissioners Court met again Monday and approved the Bond of our new sheriff.

The Isonomy Publishing Co., received a fine lot of new type, cases, etc., first part of the week.

T. K. Hall of Dimmit county was "pressing brick" on Cotulla's side-walks Monday.

Mrs. Williams passed through here Tuesday enroute to Carrizo Springs.

Arthur Smith, of the ISONOMY force, was a pleasant caller at the RECORD office Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Eliza Keck, mother of Keck Bros, our enterprising Lumber and Hardware dealers, left Tuesday for the Alamo city on a visit to relatives.

N. A. Swink, one of Cotulla's most prominent business men, left Wednesday evening for San Marcos, to be present at the commencement exercises of the Coronal Institute.

THE RECORD only \$1.00 a year.

Misses Tennie and Sula Brown of Beeville, are visiting Mrs. Thomas and family, of this city.

Sam McMains, of Pudding appeared on our streets the latter part of the week.

Geo. Lowry, of Dilley, came down in his buggy Thursday for a few hours stay.

W. E. Lowry, a business man of Dilley visited Cotulla between trains Sunday.

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

W. E. Campbell of Encinal, was shaking hands with his many friends in cotulla Thursday.

D. W. McKey, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 was in town Monday attending Court.

Hon. F. H. Burmeister boarded Sunday's North-bound train for Austin, where he spent several days on business.

Several wagon loads of water-melons are brought in from the country every day, and nearly all find a ready sale.

Mrs. H. Riley, who was taken sick last week, is better at the present writing. We trust that she may soon be convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reed spent a few days this week in Encinal, as guests of Mr. G. A. Welhausen and family.

Dr. D. S. Livingston received a fine gun last Sunday, from the Marlin Fire Arm Works' of New Haven, Conn.

B. K. James, Traveling salesman for A. B. Frank Co., of San Antonio, came up Tuesday, from

Albert Eardley, A prominent Surveyor of Dimmit county, came down on Sunday's train from St. Louis, and left Wednesday for Carrizo Springs.

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

T. H. Poole, Manager of the Armstrong Ranch, was in with his wife and little sister Sunday as guests of Mrs. E. Tarver.

Ice Cream every day at SIMON COTULLA & Co.,

V. G. Maltberger, a popular young man of Cotulla, returned Tuesday from marlin and other points in North and East Texas.

Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.

Tom Alderman and Joe Yarbrough, of Twohig, spent a day in our town this week.

P. H. Hall and Sam Massengale put a new iron band around Barlow & Co's large cistern Tuesday evening.

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

Fletcher Massengale left overland for Kenedy, first of the week.

Sargt. W. A. Evetts with privates Blair and Evetts returned from Frio Town Tuesday, after a ten days scout.

W. B. Guinn, who has been remodeling the Court house at Carrizo Springs, came in Tuesday with Eugene Buck.

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To-morrow is Emancipation Day.

A camp meeting will begin at Dilley to-morrow morning.

If you are in need of—a good bath—call on Guilford Gilmer, Prop. Cotulla Bath House.

A. P. Blocker, of the 'Pobresito' ranch was driving a pair of fine bays through Cotulla's thoroughfares Tuesday.

R. L. McClellan, Esq., of Twohig, was shaking hands with his many friends here Thursday.

Assessor Breeding, of Encinal, came up yesterday evening.

W. F. Jay and Son, Lee, were visitors in Cotulla Tuesday.

Judge S. T. Dowe returned on Thursday from Austin where he had been on business.

Miss Annie Massengale went down to Encinal Thursday to visit friends.

Dist. Atty J. R. Sanford, of Eagle Pass, spent several days in our burg during the week.

W. H. and R. J. Jennings were here looking after their cattle interests, in this section, during the forepart of the week.

Butler Bros' cable parted last Sunday night, in consequence travel was discontinued for several hours. Messrs. Carson and Yowell constructed a skiff and soon repaired the line.

Ed cotulla, of Encinal was up this week and went down to the Irvin, sullivan, conlan and House ranches to finish assessing taxes. He returned home yesterday.

J. M. Bollinger, of Thibideaux, La., who is stopping here for his wife's health, took Thursday's train for Laredo.

ed through the north-bound Thursday, on his way to Austin, to enter the Texas Business College.

Mrs. B. Wildenthal, wife of one of cotulla's foremost merchants, returned Tuesday from San Antonio where she had been to place her son Arthur in school.

Mr. Jos. cotulla, one of our first settlers returned from Derby Thursday where he had been attending to his extensive cattle business.

Keck Bros. have been remodeling one of their store rooms of late, making everything more convenient and handy.

Miss Clifton Brooks, in company with N. A Swink arrived on yesterday's train from san Marcos where Miss Clifton has been attending the Coronal Institute since September last.

W. H. Jacobs, of Cibolo, was in town Monday. Barber Chiles, who has been in for a couple of weeks, suffering with a broken collar-bone, returned to the ranch with him.

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E. C. STEVENS.

The beaming countenance of Beverly Poole was seen on our streets Thursday evening. Beverly says he has been "in the bushes," and a glance at his handsome face is evidence enough that he spoke the truth.

Mr. Jesse Campbell, accompanied by his sister, Miss Mamie, came down Tuesday from San Antonio, and left the following day for their home in Carrizo Springs.

W. C. Irvin, one of LaSalle's most prosperous ranchman was in Cotulla Wednesday looking as well as ever, and seemed to be feeling pretty good over the late rains.

Mrs. J. A. Burwell and little daughter, of San Antonio, are visiting Mrs. burwell's family this week.

We will give one year's subscription to the RECORD for the largest water-melon presented to us during this season.

A most enjoyable dance was given at the residence of Mr. J. H. Gates last night. There was a large crowd present, and every one reported a good time.

J. F. Frazier the Carrizo Springs hackman, was here Tuesday and carried back a "big" load of passengers, as usual.

Ranger Frank Lane "set 'em up" to the RECORD force to ice-cold water-melon one day this week. Frank is a genial, wholesome fellow and we are always glad to have him visit our office.

Miss Kate burwell was quiet ill the latter part of last week, but we are pleased to see her at her accustomed place in Kerr & Henrichson's dry goods department.

Mr. F. B. Swift, an erstwhile merchant and resident of this place, but now of Mexico City, passed through Cotulla on Monday's North-bound train enroute to Montgomery, Texas.

Miss Lula Philipe, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Philipe, arrived Wednesday evening from San Marcos, where she has been attending Coronal Institute for the past nine months. The young people of Cotulla welcome her home again.

J. Hardin Gates gave a birthday dinner, to a few friends, on Friday, it being his 25 birth-day. The table fairly groaned under it's load of good things which was enjoyed very much by the guests. We wish Mr. Gates many happy returns of his natal day.

Miss Marie Welhausen and mother arrived Tuesday on a visit to Geo. Reed and family. On account of her excellent work in public schools here, if for no other reason, and there are many, Miss Marie will always receive a hearty welcome from the people of Cotulla.

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Judge W. W. Walling, of Pleasanton, announced himself as candidate for District Judge last Saturday. Judge Walling is well and favorably known in and around Cotulla, having acted as Special Judge in several cases here, and we predict for him a large share of LaSalle's votes.

Notice.

On Tuesday next, June 21st, I will be ready to receive orders for The Fine Art Series of Uncle Sam's Navy. All those having the first parts have a chance to get the remaining Nos. 8 to 12. Give me your orders.

FRANK BOYD, SR.

A. Armstrong, Sr., and family, who have boarded since the destruction of their residence by fire moved into another one of their town houses the early part of the week. We understand Mr. Armstrong contemplates building a fine 2-story residence on the site of the old, in the near future.

Dr. W. T. Tivey, of Mountain Home, Ark., arrived on Thursday to join his family, who came some weeks ago. Dr. Tivey is a rising young dentist and will make Cotulla his headquarters and will, we understand, open an office here soon preparatory to doing high grade Dental work. We wish the Doctor much success.

COURT HOUSE CULLINGS.

News Official and Otherwise of Things that Transpire at LaSalle's Capitol.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

Thos. Ryan to Albert Rabb, Lots No. 2 and 3 Blk No. 4, town of Encinal. C. A. Harris to G. R. Newman, Survey No. 50, consideration \$1589.00. August Hage to Joseph Cotulla, Section No. 775. Consideration \$952.00. Thos. C. Nye and wife to S. V. Edwards, Survey No's. 75, 775, 63, 65, 74, 76, 776, 66, 64, 768, 306-1-2. Consideration \$12000.00. Marshall deSpain and wife to W. T. Hill. Section No. 82. consideration \$150.00. Francis Smith to Henry Earnest, Survey No. 17. consideration \$150.00. M. B. Stephson, Henry Earnest to E. S. whitely, 30 acres of land. Consideration \$150.00. L. A. K. err and wife to E. A. Keck, Lots No. 5 and 6, Blk 14, town of cotulla. consideration \$232.00. J. E. Hill and wife to W. T. Hill, Survey No. 83 consideration \$800.00.

Mrs. Reed, mother of our townsman, Mr. Geo. Reed, arrived here yesterday from Mt Pleasant, Texas, on a visit to her son.

The city of Encinal, on Tuesday last held election to decide whether or no the hog should have free range within the town limits. It was decided to have none, there being 38 votes in favor and nothing against. Hereafter in that city as it is here, every citizen who is the proud possessor of it of swine will feed them himself and not sponage on his neighbors. Let the good work roll on.

One of our townsmen received a letter from a friend in Canada recently stating that the weather had been very favorable and farmers had nearly completed their corn planting. How does this sound to LaSalle county people, who have been eating roasting ears for at least thirty days and only late corn now being available the earlier crop is too hard for use.

Mr. Paul and Miss Maggie Gilmer took Sunday's train for North Carolina; Miss Maggie goes to the bed-side of her sick aunt, and will stay until September 1st, when she will return to fill an appointment in the Austin Schools. Paul, who goes for his health will stay until October, when we trust he will return with his usual good health restored.

W. N. Terry, who sold his interest in THE COTULLA RECORD, last week, departed with his family Wednesday morning for Carrizo Springs. Although Mr. Terry resided here only a short while he made many a deep impression on the hearts of his neighbors. His citizenship is an honor to any county and while La Salle suffers a loss in his departure Dimmit gains thereby. We wish him success in his future avocations.

Capt. J. A. Brooks, who has been stationed here for the past few years received orders yesterday to proceed with his entire force to brownville at the earliest possible moment; he will be succeeded by Capt. Rogers company of Alice. We can count more successes than failures in the Captain's administration here and are truly sorry to have him leave.

The best wishes of the people will attend him in his work of restraining lawlessness on the extreme border; and the sincere wish of his many friends will be that authorities will soon see fit to bring him back again.

He will leave here in about ten days as it will take him that time to get his company in moving order.

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OFFICIAL. Governor Charles A. Culberson. Congressman Rudolph Kieberg. State Senator W. W. Turney. Representative Sam T. Jones. District Judge M. F. Lowe. District Attorney C. A. Davies. Sheriff & Tax Collector S. V. Edwards. County Judge J. N. Daniel. County Attorney C. C. Thomas. Assessor James Breeding. Surveyor J. M. Daniel. Treasurer L. A. Kerr. Hide & Animal Inspector J. T. Maltberger. On Commission precinct No. 1 James T. Carr. " " " " W. A. Mathews. " " " " G. E. Tarver. " " " " D. W. McKey. Justice precinct No. 1 M. T. Dunham. " " " " W. S. Cobb. " " " " V. M. Wanch. " " " " A. J. Anglin. Constable precinct No. 1 Warner Petty. " " " " J. W. Haper.

Baptist Church.—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services.—2nd Sunday morning at 11 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.—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., Dr. J. 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 Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. B. Widenhal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES. Knights of Honor.—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3105. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros. Geo. H. Knaggs, Dictator. G. Philipe, Reporter.

Woodmen of World.—La Salle Lodge, No. 125. Meet 1st and 3rd Friday in each month, in the hall over Keck Bros. Dr. J. W. Williams, G. C. G. Philipe, Clerk.

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By H. Rider Haggard.

Lieut. Hobson, the Hero of Santiago, will probably be promoted to Line officer and given a ship.

Uncle Sam has purchased over eight thousand cavalry horses, twelve thousand draft mules and two thousand pack mules since the declaration of war with Spain.

After a hard fight, Sheriff Steele captured three of the robbers at Senora, Texas, who held up the Santa Fe train at Coleman Junction last week. Two of the robbers were wounded, and one escaped.

Representative Hartman, of Montana, has introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to have prepared and delivered suitable medals of honor to Lieut. Hobson and each member of his crew.

At present writing the queen regent of Spain, is willing to accept offers of peace from any power except the enemy. If our little fun runs on much longer she will be willing to accept peace at any price from the enemy himself.

Admiral Sampson is engaged in arranging with Admiral Cervera for the exchange of Naval Constructor Hobson and the men who are now prisoners at Santiago for some of the officers and men held prisoners by the United States at McPherson.

Porto Rican refugees say that two more months of existing conditions will bring Porto Rico to the verge of starvation. The government of the island has established a few public kitchens for the relief of those who are suffering the most.

The battle cry of the Texans, in their final struggle for freedom from the Mexican yoke, was: "Remember the Alamo," and for a similar reason the battle cry of Dewey's men in their initial battle for the freedom of Cuba from the Spanish yoke, was "Remember the Maine, boys."

The House recently made an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for a new battle-ship to be named the Maine. It is to be built on the same lines as the old Maine. We trust that it will be more fortunate, it is to carry the heaviest armament and the most powerful weapons of any battle-ship in the United States Navy.

The expression, "Blood is thicker than water" which we have been using so frequently of late was first expressed by an American officer, Lieut. Tattall, in defense of his conduct during a naval and land engagement between the English and Chinese in one of their little bouts.

The English were getting the worst of the battle when Tattall and his men went to their assistance, thereby causing a serious breach in the international neutrality laws, and when brought to trial cleared himself with the five words, "Blood is thicker than water."

The Battle-Ship Alabama, which was launched at the Cramp yard on the Delaware, May 18th, corresponds in size to the Kearsarge and Kentucky; but her armament will make her more powerful than any of her predecessors. She will carry four 13 inch guns, as in the batteries of the 'Indiana,' 'Massachusetts' and 'Oregon'; and in place of the slow-fire 8-inch and 6-inch guns of the earlier ships, she will have fourteen 6-inch guns of the latest rapid fire pattern. Each of these guns throw 100-pound projectiles at the rate of five or 6 aimed shots a minute, and is more effective than ordinary guns of a much larger calibre.

Presently the door opened and through it came Maya, and looking very sweet and beautiful in the shaded light of the room. "Greeting, friends," she said, as we bowed before her; "I have my father's leave to show you something of this city that you longed so much to see. These ladies here will accompany us, and a guard, but we shall want no litters until we have ascended the great temple, for I desire that you should see the view from thence before the place is cumbered with the multitude. Come, if you are ready."

Accordingly we set out, Maya walking between us, while her guards and ladies followed after. Crossing the square we came to the pyramid. "It is a great building," said Maya, noting our astonishment, "and one that could not be reared in these days. Tradition says that five and twenty thousand men worked on it for fifty years, twenty thousand of them cutting and carrying the stone and five thousand laying the blocks."

"Where did the material come from, then?" asked the senior. "Some of it was cut from beneath the base of the temple itself," she answered, "but the most was borne in big rafts from quarries on the mainland, for these quarries can still be seen."

"Is the pyramid hollow, then?" I asked. "Yes; in it are many chambers, for the most part stone and treasure houses, and beneath its base lie crypts, the burying places of the caecques, their wives and children. There also is the holy sanctuary of the Heart, which you, being of the brotherhood, may, perhaps, be permitted to visit. Come, let us climb the stair."

And she led us across the courtyard to the foot of a stairway forty feet or more in breadth, which ran to the platform of the pyramid in six flights, each of fifty steps linked together by resting places. "Up these flights we toiled slowly, followed by the ladies and the guard, till at length our labor was rewarded, and we stood upon the dizzy edge of the pyramid."

"Look!" said Maya. "The city beneath us was built upon a low, heart-shaped island, so hollow in its center that it might have been the crater of some volcano, or perhaps, a mere ridge of land inclosing a lagoon. This island measured some ten miles in length by six across at its widest."

Following the lines of the land upon which it stood, the city was heart-shaped, a heart of cold white marble lying within a heart of glowing green. All about it ran a most filling water from the lake, and on the higher side of this moat stood a wall fifty feet or more in height, built of great blocks of the white limestone that formed the bedrock of the island.

Within the oblong of this wall lay the city, a city of palaces, pyramids, and temples, or, rather, the remains of it, for we could see at a glance that the population was unable to keep so many streets and edifices in repair.

Even in the great square beneath us the signs of traffic were rare, and there was little of the bustle of a people engaged in the business of life, although this was the scene of last year's great battle, and would I might have seen the smoke and the shouting of the battle, and the women looking at the pyramid.

CHAPTER XVI. ON THE PYRAMID.

"Does not the city lie very low?" I asked of Maya, when she had led me to the prospect on every side. "To my eye it seems almost upon a level with the waters of the lake," I replied. "I believe that is so," she answered. "Moreover, during those months of the year that are common to the city, the lake rises many feet, so that the island is submerged and the water stands about the wall."

"How, then, do you prevent the town from being flooded?" asked the senior. "If once the water flows in the wall would vanish and every soul be drowned."

"Yes, indeed, but the waters never rise beyond a certain height, and are kept from flooding the city by the great sluice gates. If that gate were to be opened in the time of inundation, then we should perish, every one. But it never is opened during those months, for, if any would leave or enter the city they do so by means of ladders leading from the summit of the wall to floating landing stages on the moat beneath."

"It seems a strange place to build a city," answered the senior. "I do not think that I should ever sleep sound during the months of inundation, knowing that my life depended on a single gate."

"Yet men have slept safely here for a thousand years or more," she said. "Legend tells us that our forefathers who came up from the coast in ancient days settled on the island by command of their gods, choosing this hollow bed of land to build in, so that, rather than submit themselves to foes, as their fathers were forced to do in the country beyond the mountains, they could, if need were, flood the place and perish in the water."

"For this reason it is that the holy sanctuary of the nameless God, the Heart of Heaven, is hallowed deep in the rock beneath us, for the waters of the lake would flow in upon it at a touch, burying it and all its treasures from the sight of man forever. Now, if you have seen enough, I will take you to visit the public workshops where fish is dried, garments woven, and all other industries carried on that are necessary to our comfort, and turning she led the way with her ladies toward the head of the stairs."

As we drew near to it, however, three men appeared upon the platform, in one of whom I knew Tikal. Seeing Maya he advanced toward her, bowing as he came.

"Lady," he said, "learning that you were here with these strangers, I have followed you to beg that you will speak with me alone for some few minutes."

"That I cannot do, cousin," she answered, coldly, "for who knows what color might afterward be put upon my words. If you have anything to say to me say it before us all."

"That I cannot do," he answered, "for what I have to say is secret. Still, for your father's sake, and perhaps for your own, you will do well to hear it."

"Without a witness I will not listen to you, Tikal."

"Then, lady, farewell," he said, and turned to go. "Stay, cousin. If you fear to speak before our own people let this stranger—and she pointed to me, Ignatio—be present at our talk. He is of our blood and can understand our tongue, a discreet man, and moreover one of the

preparation of the heart." "One of the Brethren of the Heart! How can a stranger be a Brother of the Heart? Prove it to me, wanderer." "Not altogether needless, my friend," he said, "certain words which I answered, giving him the signs." "Do you agree?" asked Maya. "Yes, lady, since I must, though it pleases me little to open my mind before a stranger. Let us step apart, and he walked to the center of the platform, followed by Maya and myself. "Lady," he began, "my business with you is not easy to tell. For many years we were affianced, and both you and your father promised that we should be wed when you returned from this journey."

"Surely, as things are, cousin, it is needless to discuss the matter of our betrothal," she broke in with sarcasm. "Not altogether needless, my friend," he answered. "I have much to ask you, pardon for, and yet I make bold to ask it. Maya, you know well that I have loved, and love you dearly, and that no other woman has ever been dearer to my heart."

"Surely," she said with a laugh, "these words sound strange in the mouth of the new-made husband of Nahua." "Perhaps, lady, and yet so true. I am married, but I do not love her, though she loves me, as you whom I love, and when I saw you yesterday all my heart went out to you, so that I almost hated the fair bride at my side."

"Why, then, did you marry her?" "Because I must, and because I believed you dead, and your father, with you, as did every man in the city. You, Zibabay, being dead, as I thought, was it wonderful that I should wish to keep the place that many were plotting to take from me? Tikal's words, by one way only, by the help of Mattal, the most clever and the most powerful man in the city; and this was Mattal's price, that his daughter should become Lady of the Heart."

"And she has loved me, she is beautiful, and she has her father's strength and foresight, so that among all the ladies in the land there was none more fitted to be my wife." "Well, and you married her, and there's the end. You ask my forgiveness and you have it, seeing that it does not befit me to play the part of a jealous woman. Doubtless time will soften the blow to me, Tikal," she added mockingly.

"Is that your last word, lady?" "Why do you ask?" "Because more hangs on it than you know. Listen very soon all the eyes in the city will be gathered on this man, to decide whether he or I shall rule. See, already they assemble in the temple square. Promise to be my wife, and in return I will yield to your father, and he shall rule for his five days and nights in all things, in the city or abroad. I will obey to please, and matters may go badly for him, for you, and," he added, threateningly, "for these strangers, your friends."

"All this must befall as it chances," she said, merrily. "I will not dabble with such questions, nor do your threats move me. If you are so base as to plot mischief against an old man who has nursed benefits upon you, plot away, and in due time meet with your reward. I will respect you, but you shall do none with you, and that, come what may, I will never be your wife."

"Perhaps you may yet live to regret this," he said, and he turned to look at the women looking at the pyramid. "You have made a dangerous enemy, lady," I said when he was out of earshot. "I do not fear him, Ignatio," he said. "That is well," I answered, "but for my part I do not think that your plans are ready, and that before this day is done there will be trouble. Indeed, I shall be thankful if we live to see to-morrow's light."

"By this time we had reached the others. "Are you weary of waiting," she said to the senior, giving him a sweet look as she spoke. "Well, I should have been happier here had I been younger. Give me your hand and lead me down the stairs, for I am tired. Ah, friend, did you but know it, I have just done more for your sake than I should have dared for my own."

"What have you dared?" he asked. "That you will live in due time, if we live long enough, friend," she answered; "but, oh! I would that we had never set foot within this city."

Two hours had passed, and following in the train of Zibabay and Maya, who waited beside him, once more we found ourselves upon the summit of the pyramid. Now, however, it was no longer empty, for on it were collected men to the number of some thousands, indeed, all the adult male population of the city. On one side of the altar were seated Tikal and his bride, Nahua, who was the only woman there, and some hundreds of nobles, all of whom I noted were armed and guarded by a body of soldiers that stood behind them.

On the other side were many vacant places, and as Zibabay and Maya, with the great company of followers that he had gathered, advanced to take them, I saw every man present on the pyramid uncovered, their heads bowed in greeting to him.

Then Zibabay rose to address the multitude, and I noted that his face was pale and anxious, and that his hand shook, although his eyes flashed angrily. "Nobles and people of the City of the Heart," he began, "on this day a year ago I left this city on a certain mission. This was my mission: to find the sacred portion of the sacred symbol that is in the sanctuary of the temple, the portion that is called 'Day,' which has been lost for many an age."

"You know that our race has fallen upon evil times, and that year by year our numbers dwindle, till at length the end for the people is in sight, seeing that within some few generations they must die out and be forgotten. You know also the ancient prophecy, that when once more the two halves of the Symbol of the Heart, Day and Night, are laid side by side in their place upon the altar in the sanctuary, then from that hour this people shall grow great again; and you know how a voice spoke to me in answer to my prayers, bidding me, Zibabay, to wander forth from the country of the Heart, following the road to the sea, for there I should find that which was lost."

"Thither, then, having won the permission of my council, the Brotherhood of the Heart, I have wandered, and with my daughter, the Lady Maya, suffering much hardship and danger in my wanderings, and lo! I have found that which was lost, and brought it back to you, for here it hangs upon the neck of this Ignatio, who has accompanied me from the lands beyond the desert." Now a murmur of astonishment went

up from the multitude, and Zibabay paused awhile. "Of this matter of finding the symbol," he continued, "I will speak more fully at the proper time."

"But first in this hour I will deal with other questions. It is known to you that when I went upon my mission I left my nephew Tikal to sit in my place, it being agreed between us and the council that if I should return no more within two years he should become caecique of the people. I have returned within the year, and I find this: That already he has allowed himself to be anointed caecique, and more, that he, who was affianced to my daughter, has taken another woman to be his wife."

"Last night, with my own ears, I heard him proclaim his treachery in the hall of the palace, and when I spoke out the bitterness that was in my heart, I, your lord, was met with threats and told that Tikal having been anointed could not now be deposed. I use the word against him. Nobles, have I not been anointed, and ruled over you and the people for many years? And can I then be deposed; I who am not a traitor to my master, nor a forswearer of my oaths, as is my nephew yonder."

Again he paused, and some of the audience with those who had accompanied Zibabay shouted "Not!" but the most of them looked toward Tikal and were silent. Now Mattal rose from his place behind Tikal and spoke, saying: "As one who had to do with the anointing of Tikal, to be caecique when we believed you and the Lady Maya to be dead, I would ask you, Zibabay, to tell us openly what is the meaning of this journey that you have undertaken, and for what purpose you have brought these two strangers, who are named Ignatio and the Son of the Sea, with you."

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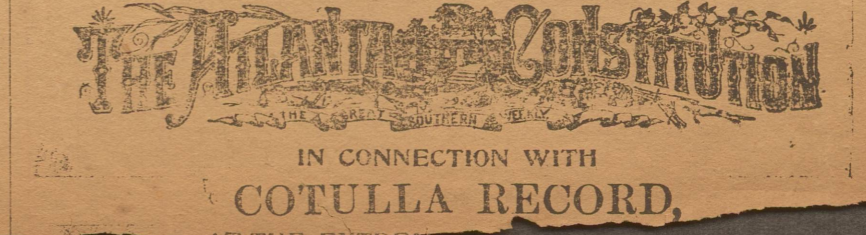
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