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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

INAUGURAL OF GOV. JOS. D. SAYERS.

Hon. Jos. D. Sayers was inaugurated Governor of the State of Texas last Tuesday morning, January 17th., in the presence of the Senate and House and a large concourse of distinguished visitors. The oath of office was administered by Associate Justice Brown of the Supreme Court of Texas.

In his inaugural address, extracts from which we give below, our Governor outlines his policy, shows the needs that exist today and asks for the assistance and cooperation of all loyal citizens.

"When it shall be well understood by all that the criminal, whoever he may be will be quickly and adequately punished as prescribed by law, then not only will the law be permitted to assert its right of cognizance of offenses and to take its regular and orderly course, however aggravated the circumstances, but crime also will become less frequent throughout the land. It is the uncertainty and delay that too often characterizes judicial investigation as much as the nature of the crime itself that drives the citizen to a violation of the law by visiting, with his own hands, summary punishment upon the offender—forgetting in his indignation and resentment that in so doing he weakens the authority of the law and renders his own life less secure.

The protection of liberty—personal, religious, civil and political—comes next in order of importance, and this includes the employment of all the necessary and proper means to insure it. To pursue, without illegal interruption, such avocations as are not forbidden by law, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience; to stand before the law the equal of any other man; and to vote under the restrictions imposed for the good of society upon the whole people, as he may deem best for his country unawed by power and uncorrupted by bribe, and to have his ballot fairly counted, these are rights to whose protection government stands most strongly pledged.

All legislation that directly or indirectly affects property, either as to value or as to title, should be conservative and just, and the rights of ownership, as well as the welfare of society, should be observed. To acquire and hold property lies at the very base of civilization and cannot be impaired without danger to society.

Having sought and accepted official responsibility no one should be permitted to regard himself other than a public servant, and office as a public trust—to be held and administered not for the especial advantage of himself and his kin, but for the benefit of the people and of the people only. The doctrine that office is property, and endowed with property rights, may be good in law, but it is not helpful to the public service, and has sometimes led to great abuse. Nepotism is not admissible in a properly constituted government.

It should be known everywhere that in no other State is life, liberty and property so secure; in no other State are offences against them so surely, so speedily and so sufficiently punished; and in no other State is such complete justice between all men and as to all kinds of property main-

tained as within the great commonwealth of Texas.

An empire in extent, resources almost limitless, situation altogether favorable and an open sea around her southern border, Texas may well aspire to a greatness and grandeur that will have no parallel in the history and experience of her sister States.

The world is not what it was a century ago. Steam, electricity, invention and a more extensive and accurate insight into the workings and secrets of nature have wrought marvelous changes and the proposition has become unquestionably true that the grand divisions of labor, agriculture, commerce and manufactures should exist and flourish within the same borders in order to insure entire independence to any people.

We have room enough for all; there is opportunity for all who are industrious, temperate and frugal.

The past is secure, the present is certain, and the future full of hope and encouragement."

A motherly old soul thus expressed herself regarding forlorn damsels to the writer the other day, says an exchange: "Girls in love ain't no use the whole week. Sunday, in the mornin' they are looking down the road expectin' he'll come. Sunday afternoon they can't think of nothin' else cause he's here. Monday they're sleepy, and kind o' dreamy cause he's gone. Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday they git all absent minded and begin to look off toward Sunday again an' mope around and let the dishwasher git cold right under their noses. Friday they break dishes and go off in the best room and snivel and look out o' the window. Saturday they have queer spirits o' frizzin their hair, and Sunday they begin it all over again."

"Seek and ye shall find." That applies very forcibly to the man who is looking for trouble.

In a private letter to the editor of this paper, Judge Garner, representative in the legislature from this district, says he is heartily in sympathy with the people of this county in their efforts to have the ballot restricted to those who pay taxes. He does not believe in letting tax-dodgers and wandering Mexicans decide by whom and how the public affairs shall be administered. The Herald has strong convictions on this subject, and it hopes that the time is not far distant when the taxpayers shall again rule.—Hondo Herald.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at all druggists.

Philosophers take things as they come. Rag-pickers and pick-pockets take them as they go.

The highest grade of negro is the private car porter. It was such a negro, young and with many fine mannerisms and some money, who decided to take a trip to Europe. In London he made the acquaintance of several Englishbred negroes. By these he was shown the sights and introduced into society. One evening he was invited to 'sit in' a little poker game. He was well acquainted with the game as played at home, and did not hesitate to play. His limited acquaintance with English money cost him several good pots. At last he got four aces and knew exactly where he was—four aces have their value the world over. His opponent "skinned" his hand carefully after cards had been "doled" and said:

"I'll just bet you £1, Mistah Johnsing."

"Well," said the American, "ah don rightly know how much a pound is, but I'll jest raise you a ton."—Ex.

Any man can write for a newspaper—but to insure getting it he should enclose the subscription price.

One of our exchanges says: A young man who tried two months of soldier life writes home to tell how he misses the society of women "Fellow citizens, if you want to appreciate a woman, get away from her. You don't know what the Creator did when he performed the first surgical operation on Adam. If you want to know what a grand, glorious and sugar coated thing woman is, just join the army as I did.

See nothing but men from morning till night. Join the army and loaf with men, eat with men, talk with men, help men, carry men, walk over men, shoot men, succor men, see men, men, men, and nothing but men, live in a perpetual atmosphere of suppressed profanity, and at the end of three weeks you would be passionately enamored with the mummy of an Egyptian servant girl and give her an electrical kiss that would burn three thousand years of dried hide into flushed and velvety animation.

The matter of holding a constitutional convention is receiving a good deal of attention from the lawmakers now in session at Austin and it is very likely that a resolution providing for one will be submitted to the people before the close of the session. Texas needs a new constitution. The one now in force fully met all requirements at the time of its adoption, but in twenty-three years of progress and development the state has outgrown it. By continual patching with amendments it has been kept up-to-date to some extent, but in order to have one fully abreast with the times, it will be necessary to make a new one. Let us revise the constitution and have an organic law commensurate with our importance as a state. The framing of a constitution and its adoption by the people will cost some money, but in the long run it will be cheaper and much more satisfactory than the frequent elections on the present constitution. —Hondo Herald.

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BUCKOW.

That was a timely article of the Record a week or two ago wherein it suggested the necessity of petitioning the Legislature for such laws to be most beneficial to the State at large, and particularly that portion about the coyotes, or wolves was well timed and to the point. That article, and the fact that much damage is done every year by these worthless wolves, prompted the circulation of a petition, which was largely signed, praying the "powers that be" for some kind of relief. This was a step in the right direction. When it is thoroughly known by all the citizens of this great commonwealth that no other state or territory in the Union suffer such heavy losses from ravages of wild animals as Texas, there will go up to Austin petitions, so thick and fast, for laws to get rid of these depredators that our Legislative body will be compelled, by force of popular opinion, to give the needed relief. I hardly think I would exaggerate if I were to say that annually many hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost to the people of the state from the depredations of wild animals. And our section has suffered in greater proportion than La Salle and adjoining counties. If I remember aright it was an esteemed citizen of a neighboring town that gave to the people a very reliable and correct statistics of the losses sustained by these depredators. Obtain B. L. Crouch of the Texas Stock Association.

Crouch showed that annually more than 50,000 calves, estimated at a value of \$60,000, were killed by wild animals, and the same way the sheep men of the state lost each year about 42,000 sheep and about 66,000 lambs, which with the loss of wool and the increased cost of caring for the sheep because of the dangers of wild animals, imposed an annual loss of more than \$1,600,000.00 upon the sheep industry, making an aggregate of about two and a quarter million dollars that these two live stock industries alone had to suffer. And while Texas is annually losing so much from depredations of wild animals, more than any other state, it is one of the small minority of states in the Union that makes no effort to protect its citizens against such depredations. The right of the live stock interests to ask such protection cannot be impeached. The duty of the state in such a case rests upon the same ground as its obligation to defend its citizen against the lawless acts of men who destroy property. It is a duty that is recognized by about thirty of the forty-five states of the Union, and the fact that laws for such protection date back to Colonial times, having been adopted in the colonies as early as 1630, shows that there has long been an instinctive, as generally there has been an unquestioned acknowledgement that by their adoption the state has attempted to perform one of the simple and plainest duties of sovereignty. The Legislature that has just convened at Austin should be called upon to do its duty in this matter, and I know they cannot refuse. Petitions to the County court and letters memorial to the Legislature are the correct methods with which to bring about the desired end.

The Buckow school continues to progress nicely. There has been an attendance of 99 per cent of pupils enrolled.

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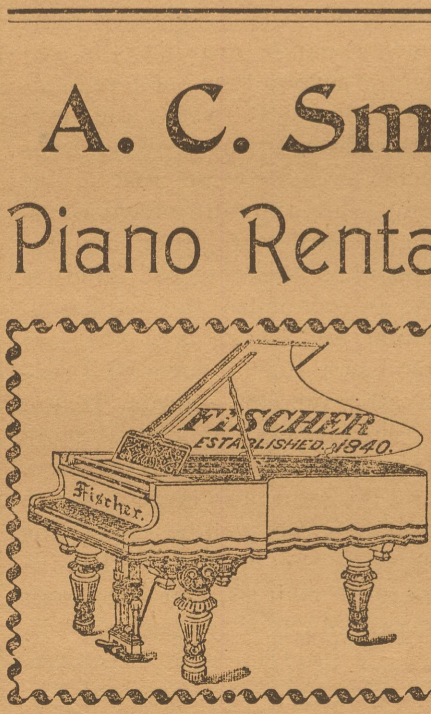
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10:31 a. m. Lv. Medina. Ar. 11:57 a. m.
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11:16 a. m. Lv. Devine. Ar. 11:16 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv. Moore. Ar. 10:58 a. m.
11:55 a. m. Lv. Edin. Ar. 10:48 a. m.
12:07 p. m. Lv. Pearsall. Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv. Darby. Ar. 10:13 a. m.
12:58 p. m. Lv. Dilley. Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m. Lv. Millett. Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:35 p. m. Lv. COTULLA. Ar. 9:23 a. m.
1:53 p. m. Lv. Tuna. Ar. 9:05 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv. Towhig. Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv. Burro. Ar. 8:30 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv. Encinal. Ar. 8:23 a. m.
3:00 p. m. Lv. Cactus. Ar. 8:04 a. m.
3:18 p. m. Lv. Webb. Ar. 7:45 a. m.
3:43 p. m. Lv. Green. Ar. 7:23 a. m.
3:53 p. m. Lv. Sanchez. Ar. 7:12 a. m.
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SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 1899.

Sorghum is sure—don't fail to plant plenty.

The year has opened brightly enough, but what will be the end?

La Salle County was not very well represented at the Convention in Galveston, only a few of our stockmen attended.

We get plenty of rain here to raise a crop if planted in time, all we need is more head work and less hard work. Think first then act.

Prepare your land now for the spring rains; they will surely come, and early planting signifies a sure crop in this county while late planting is a sure failure.

Gov. Sayers inaugural address is a well written article and full of good sense; it shows a deep study of present conditions and a clear insight into the future prospects of his state.

Study your conditions and the seasons more as is done further north, and a comfortable living can be obtained on the farm in La Salle county with less labor than can be done elsewhere.

La Salle county can raise fine melons and as early as Frio—why not organize a Melon Grower's Association, as they have in our neighborly county.

We regret very much that limited space prevents us from giving the whole of Gov. Sayers inaugural address, instead of a few extracts. The whole article breathes of patriotism and love for his state first and of his nation at large.

A prominent stockman of a neighboring county, in speaking of the Stockmen's Convention, at Galveston, from which he had just returned, says: "San Antonio is the ONLY place for such convention; they know how to go at it." That's right brother, stay with the metropolis and pride of the Southwest.

The first issue of the consolidated Pearsallleaderbatesville-echonewera, a weekly publication at Pearsall, reached our exchange table last Saturday evening. The paper is a newsy, ably edited sheet and carries a fair amount of advertising. Brother Trickey is alright, and we wish him success in his efforts to up-build Frio County.

It is now only two weeks until the teachers of the county will again meet to discuss the educational problems of the day, and to assist each other in making themselves more nearly like the true ideal of their profession. The day has past when to be a teacher requires no higher qualification than to know how to keep order and hear the lesson; they are now expected to TEACH, not only the text, but the conditions and problems of life, to cultivate the mind and create within the pupil a desire for more knowledge; rather than a desire to finish their school days. Without the assistance and cooperation of the patrons, they can do but little, therefore all should attend the Institute and by their presence encourage the teachers in their arduous tasks.

The Salvation of the Texas planter lies in economical buying and the evasion of the credit system. It is an undeniable fact goods and supplies of all kinds can be purchased much cheaper for cash than for credit, resulting in a saving variously estimated at from 15 to 25 per cent. How important then is it that our planters make a determined effort to cut down expenses and pay cash, as far as possible, for their supplies this year, and thereby prepare themselves to meet the exigencies that may be forced upon them by 4 cent cotton next fall.—Brenham Banner.

Our representative, Judge Jno. N. Garner of Uvalde, has been appointed upon three committees in the organization of the twenty-sixth Legislature; one of the most important for the people of this section being the Committee on Public Lands. This committee examines and reports upon the bills and resolutions that may be introduced affecting the sale or lease of all public domain; those who may have convictions upon the subject can write him at Austin. He is there to serve his people and is anxious to show his willingness to do so. In choosing him to represent us the people of this district made no mistake.

Smallpox has again invaded our town—no one can deny that fact in the face of the doctor's verdict. However, our officers were quick to appreciate the danger and remove all cases to a guarded position without the town limits, and to keep an ever vigilant eye upon all Mexicans who come and go. This is greatly lessening the danger, if such it may be called, to the American population and tending to relieve the fears of those who may be doubtful. A healthy condition of the blood with clean surroundings and a proper precaution is about all the vaccination a person needs.

Age understanding to comprehend why it should be proposed to postpone the vote for United States Senator until after the Hogg & Robertson fee matter should be settled. While the Express believes the fee demanded is out of all proportion to the service performed. Gov. Culberson doubtless acted conscientiously in making the contract, subject to the action of the Legislature, and the rebuke implied in the resolution referred to was uncalled for. There can be no connection between the Hogg & Robertson fee and the vote on the United States Senatorship.—S. A. Express.

Culberson has proven too true to his trust to charge him with faithlessness in this matter; he did what he thought best. The Express 'said something' when it said there was no connection between the fee and the vote for Senator.

Cultivate the hog. He turns to profit much that would go to waste, otherwise, and therefore is a valuable adjunct to farm or ranch. The hog will live and thrive on cooked vegetable roots such as can be grown to the extent of several tons per acre in irrigated land, the weeds and grass taken from among growing crops come as a welcome grist to his mill, while the refuse from kitchen, orchard and garden are accepted as the choicest dainties. As an economizer the hog has no equal, and few spots of earth are too barren for his successful cultivation thereon.—Fords Texan.

Our farmers should plant more hogs; their cultivation is so cheap, and the returns so large and sure that he might well be called the savior of the farmer. In his inaugural address, our Governor says: "Much of our bacon, pork, etc. is brought from elsewhere. Herein is to be found one of the prime reasons why the first of January of each recurring year finds so many of our people unable to meet their engagements."

SEVEN BEINGS IN ONE.

There are seven beings that live in my skin. They war and they war, to my foe. But each in his turn doth the mastery win, And chain all the others below. One is a woman—so tender and fine, Credulous, patient and true. Could she forever express what is mine, I should have nothing to rue. One is a man, with a frog-seeing eye. Merciless, resolute, game! Boldly aggressive, and ready to die Rather than fail in his aim. Wide through the world his adventures have sped. Laboring, he never spares me. Oh, if the man kept his hold on my head, Think of the force I might be! But there's a jackass, with dolorous ears, Constantly rising to rule; Stubborn as fate when my fortunes he steers. Nothing can turn him, the fool! Him you may lead with the cares of the world; Him you may kick—while he brags! When the poor jackass' ears are unquarled, Those are my terrible days! Blessed be God, I am sometimes a tree, Rooted and windswept, and glad, Waiting through winter, by faith kept in me. The rise of the sap I have had. Then am I brother to all growing plants; Then am I held in my place. When the calm nymph of a tree has a word, Those are my moments of grace. Next comes the student, to stand of these selves. Cross out the word with two strokes! Life is a library, bounded by shelves; Authors in print are its folk. Next is the artist. I hide him with care. Deep are the secrets he knows. What may an artist not suffer and do? Working with fire while it glows! Last is an infant that never gets old. Easily tickled with toys; Never distrusting a thing he is told, Or outliving the thrill of a noise! There are seven beings who dwell in my skin. Which of the seven am I? Which of the seven will finally win? And embody my soul when I die.—Chicago Evening Post.

The Dressmaker's Visitor

"ME," GRIGSBY, ladies' fashionable dressmaker, had thrown herself wearily into the easiest chair in her parlors. It had been a trying day for her, and Miss Walcot, her efficient corps of assistants, had risen from her sewing machine in a state of irritation tempered with tears and had gone home declaring before she went that Mme. Grigsby would have to look out for another corps—that "she" with such treatment she would "not." This was simply because the visitor, having failed to interpret the conception of a basque according to the idea of her best customer, and having been severely criticised therefor by the aforesaid customer, had in return carped at the bolero waist design which Miss Walcot was creating, and sating rip-rip. "These girls are absolutely worthless," said Mme. Grigsby to herself. "You have to take all their impertinence as a matter of course, and if you so much as look crosswise at them, they flare up and talk of leaving. I'm sick of the whole business." She looked around the room despondently, thinking of the litter of cloth and paper scraps that Miss Walcot had left for her to clear up and one of the unfinished bolero decorations lying under the presser-foot of the machine, and, as she afterward said, she felt kind of numb. She is uncertain, too, how long she was sitting before she noticed that she had a visitor. "Forty-six bust; 12 waist," was Mme. Grigsby's mental calculation as she rose from her seat and bowed. "A more perfect figure I never saw. Coat, brown covert; two rows of stitching and stitched pockets; sleeves cut full; novelty waist. Brown felt hat, velvet piping and tips." Apart from this technical summary, the visitor was apparently a young woman with a face of an exact oval and eyes that were slightly too large for her face. Her nose could not have been straighter, however, nor her mouth a more perfect cupid's bow. What expression she had was amiable; still, there was a rigid and inflexible appearance about her. "Won't you sit down?" asked the dressmaker, politely. "I would if I could," said the visitor, "but you see for yourself that it is quite impossible." She had a peculiar way of speaking. Her voice was not loud, neither was it low; in fact, it could hardly be termed a voice at all. The person whom she addressed simply became aware that she had said something. "I see," observed madam; "but you might lean against something, might you not?" "Not unless you happen to have an Italian marble balustrade about the place," replied the visitor. "That is the only thing I am ever permitted to lean against. There must be a vista with a peacock on beyond, and a terrace," she added, pathetically. "I'm dreadfully sorry," said the dressmaker, "but the mantelpiece is the only marble I have, and I'm afraid that wouldn't do." "I'm afraid not," sighed the visitor. "Excuse me, madam," said the dressmaker, "but I would like to ask your name. Your face seems strangely familiar." "It ought to," remarked the visitor. "I'm Fig. No. 10 B. I have changed a little in some unimportant respects since I was Fig. No. 8 C and other Figs. that you will doubtless recall, but my position is the same and I can't get rid of this umbrella. I've held this way for over ten years, and I have to keep my forefinger extended in a line with it, too." "It seems to me that I recollect you when you held it behind your back," said the dressmaker, reflectively. "Tell me see; that was when you were Fall

and Winter 1893-4, wasn't it? I don't like to be critical, but I don't think that black skirt goes very well with the brown jacket." "That's true," assented Fig. No. 10 B, "but you see they are only very slightly connected. To go back to the umbrella—which isn't an umbrella at all—" "No?" interrogated madam. "Certainly not," said Fig. No. 10 B, with some asperity. "It is just the stick with a specially manufactured case. What do you suppose would happen if they gave me a real umbrella? I said I had held it for ten years this way, didn't I? Well, that's true, but, of course, I've held it other ways, too." As the visitor spoke Mme. Grigsby noticed without any particular surprise, that her jacket had become a braided basque and that the ostensible umbrella was held at an angle of 45 degrees with both hands. "This style takes seven and a half yards 22 inches wide for the skirt for a lady of medium size and four and a half for the basque. I'm Fig. 21 B now," said the visitor. "You were never popular with my clientele," remarked madam, "and you're out of style now." Madame used the word "clientele" when she wished to be impressive. There was a superior patrician air about her visitor that irritated her and she felt like snubbing her. "I'm never out of style; that's the worst of it," complained the protegee lady. "Look at me now. Yes, I'm a little boy. It's rather hard on me because I can't prattle. Still, nobody expects that of me. I'm not that kind of a boy. Sometimes I'm like this and then I'm scared to death for fear somebody will sneeze and blow me over." She was now attired in a sailor suit and had short hair. "Now—Oh, how foolish of me! I forgot myself then." "Wasn't that dreadfully embarrassing?" she asked, with a giggle, when she reappeared in her original pattern. "Rather," admitted the dressmaker, "but not as much so as it would have been if you had manifested yourself and forgotten your costume." "That would have been absolutely impossible," declared the visitor. "I should imagine that you have not looked at the advertising pages of the magazines lately," remarked the dressmaker. "But I wish you would come to the point and tell me what it is you want." "I want to be natural," the visitor broke out with sudden energy. "I want to fold my arms and lop around and get away from this eternal emaciated



"WHEN I WAS FIGURE NO. 8."

umbrella. Other girls have pimples and No. 5 shoes and things and can twiddle their thumbs if they want to. Why can't I? Why should I have to put on infant's slips and Fauntleroy suits and misses' confirmation gowns, as if I were a general-utility person in a cheap theatrical troupe? Can you tell me why I am compelled to squeeze my waist to the exclusion of my lungs and wear sleeves that look as if they were elephants' trunks asking for peanuts?" "That sleeve is clear out of style, my dear," said the dressmaker, soothingly. "You don't have to wear that any more. You mustn't get excited or foolish. You're an ideal, and ideals must expect to have to submit to inconveniences and unpleasantnesses. There, don't cry." "Wipe my eyes, please," sobbed the ideal. "I can't raise my hands. You see your handkerchief isn't big enough. There it is again. I can't have eyes even like anybody else." As she spoke she became in bewildering succession a French bonnet with cap and apron, a bicycle girl in tapering gaiters, an equestrienne with a high hat and tightly buttoned habit, a debutante, a nurse, a belle of the beach, and through it all her eyes grew larger and larger and their lashes longer and longer, until, blinking, they entangled Mme. Grigsby and utterly absorbed her mind and body. When the dressmaker recovered consciousness the nurse was still there, but her eyes were normal and she had creases in her gown. Miss Walcot was there, too, and seemed glad for some reason to see her. "You don't need to worry one bit about the work," said the girl, bending over the bed. "I'm getting along with that nicely. All you've got to do now is to rest." Uncle Eben's Idea. "Tisbing, the famous cow painter—" He had intended to give a few interesting facts relative to the famous artist, but Uncle Eben stopped him. "Cow painter!" exclaimed Uncle Eben. "Cow painter! Say, you city people get some great fads, but I'm durned if I ever thought you'd take to painting your cows. Why can't you leave them as the Lord made them?"—Chicago Post.

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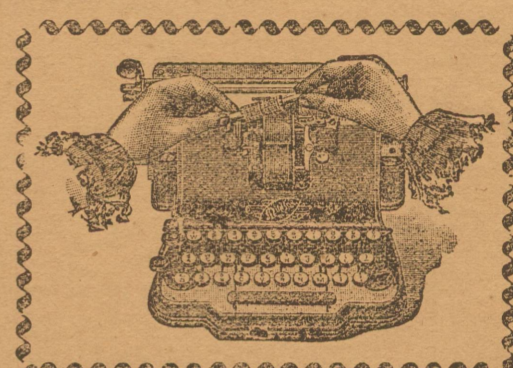
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LOCAL PERSONAL.

Rain is needed. Lots of people in town. Business is flourishing. Beautiful weather this week. Tapaderos at B. F. Claunch's Plant hogs, there is money in them. J. E. Hill was up from Twohig Monday. Jas. Proctor was in the city yesterday. Go out to the meeting—it will do you good. Miss Lillie Edmiston was in town Monday. L. A. Kerr returned yesterday from Flatonio. W. T. Hill and wife were in town Tuesday. For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's. Ed Henrichson was up from the Tegra first of the week. Kerr & Kerr received a car of flour and meal Monday. L. F. Burris returned Wednesday from San Antonio. Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing. G. W. Cavender of Dimmit county was in town Sunday. J. H. Buckelew left Tuesday morning for Atascosa county. Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's. S. R. Walker left for the Indian Territory Sunday last. Eugene Buck was in town from Carrizo Springs yesterday. Stoves, Stoves, Stoves, Buck's Cook Stoves at Keck Bros. T. J. Winslow of Buckow Settlement was in town yesterday. A. C. Ponkney spent a day or two in the Alamo City this week. 2 lb package of seedless raisins or currants, at S. Cotulla's. Coleman & Keeran shipped 11 cars of steers to Waco yesterday. Ranger McMahon made a flying trip down the road Wednesday. I. & G. N. Pay car passed down the road and paid off Thursday. J. F. Hillard of Encinal was in town a day or two during the week. Studebaker wagons give satisfaction. See Keck Bros., for prices. G. W. Henrichson & Co., received a car of corn one day this week. Headly White from the Rieces country was seen on our streets yesterday. Jailor W. H. Johns paid us a short but Pleasant call one day this week. Mr. Jas. Breeding of Encinal, visited our town between trains Tuesday. The I. & G. N. Bridge cars were set out here a day or two during the week. Yesterday's North-bound passenger train was about three hours late. Banker M. J. Barlow made a business trip up the road first of the week. Jack Neal went up to Devine Tuesday night, and returned Wednesday. Geo. Evetts Esq., came in from the Rio Grande country Wednesday evening. Matthews & Gilmer of Encinal sent us an order for 20 check books Monday. BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller a fine baby girl, Saturday night, Jan. 14th. We received this week a fine line of Stetson Hats, which we are selling cheap. M. J. Barlow & Co. Dr. D. S. Livingston stopped in at our office and chatted a while yesterday morning.

W. J. Barker of Carrizo Springs favored us with an order for 1000 Note Heads Tuesday. Wm. McCarty, a prosperous ranchman of our county was in town yesterday. Inspector Martin Wilkins, and daughter of Dimmit county were in town yesterday. Mr. La Grande and Miss Mae Pace passed through here Thursday enroute to Tilden. R. L. Henrichson, a rustling stockman of Twohig was in the city one day this week. H. Riley, who has been in Arcadia for the past four months returned home Tuesday. Thomas Hickey came up from Laredo first of the week on a short visit to his mother. Quite a number of our young people attended the dance at the Jay ranch last Friday night. Tax-Assessor W. E. Campbell, came up from Encinal first of the week and returned Thursday. The San Antonio Steam Laundry guarantees its work to be first-class. E. C. Stevens, Agt. Do you believe in fire insurance? If so give Nath Thompson a chance to write your policy. T. K. Hall, the champion heavy weight of Dimmit, was "pressing brick" on our streets yesterday. Mr. D. C. Smith, who has been in San Antonio for the past two weeks returned home Thursday. Mrs. L. Hickey was on the sick list first of the week, but we are glad to state, is now able to be up. W. A. Evetts, who has been in San Antonio for the past five weeks returned on Thursday's train. Hide & Animal Inspector, V. G. Maltzberger, favored us Monday with an order for Envelopes and Note Heads. Jas. Dowe left Monday morning for Germantown, Victoria county, where he will remain for several months. J. S. Taylor came in from his dam on the Nueces Sunday and boarded the North-bound train for San Antonio. Keck Bros., are still at the old stand, ready to take your order for Wind mills, Pump Jacks etc., Prices reduced. A. P. Blocker and wife of Dimmit county were in from their ranch yesterday, as guests of Mrs. S. F. Brooks. M. J. Barlow & Co., have just received a nice line of Ladies Shoes. Styles to suit any one, and prices to suit all. T. H. Poole, the jolly proprietor of the Star Saloon "took in" the sights of the Alamo City Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. M. J. Barlow went down to Encinal Thursday on a short visit to Mrs. R. A. Gilmer. She returned this morning. T. C. Nye, a former resident of this place, but now of Laredo, passed through on Monday's train enroute to Galveston. Mr. J. M. Williams of the Puddin, called on us Tuesday and left an "Almighty S" for a year's subscription to the RECORD. Miss Katie King, who has been here for the past two months visiting her cousin, Miss Maggie Buckelew, left Tuesday for her home near San Antonio. Mrs. W. W. Sloan Jr., of Arcadia, and Miss Eliza Sloan of San Antonio, came down Monday to spend a couple of weeks with friends and relatives. Ira C. Jennings, a well-known stockman of this section, but at present residing in San Antonio, came down on yesterday's train to look after his interests here. We would respectfully suggest that no mention be made of the fine sprinting record one of our Honorable Knights made Tuesday night on the way to the fire.

Mr. Jos. Cotulla, one of LaSalle's leading stockmen, left Monday morning for Galveston to attend the Stockmen's Convention. John O'mera, a well-known stockman of Dimmit county, passed through here Monday enroute to the Stockmen's convention at Galveston. The new residence of Mr. W. H. Steele, built on the site of the old one which burned last month, is nearing completion under the efficient management of Carpenter J. B. Portis. Mr. E. M. Pullin, of the Dull Ranch was in the city Monday. Before going out he came around and gladdened the hearts of the Record force by paying up his subscription. N. A. McCaleb and wife, Wm. English, wife and little daughter of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Monday enroute to Galveston to attend the Stockmen's Convention. Atty. Covey C. Thomas represented his county in the Inaugural exercises of Gov. Jos. D. Sayers, last Tuesday. He returned yesterday, and reported a gala time at the Capitol. Have faith in your town and county, talk favorably of new undertakings and assist new enterprises; this will cause others to talk and work, and hard times will cease to be sung even by our chronic kickers. Try it once. A CARD OF THANKS. I wish to publicly thank my friends for their timely assistance rendered at the fire Tuesday night. Words cannot express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for their help in my time of need. Respectfully, W. B. GUINN. Mr. Roger Miller and wife of Ingersol, Canada, arrived on Tuesday's train to spend a few months enjoying our warm climate. Having spent several winters here in the past they are well acquainted with our citizens, who, one and all, join us in extending to them a hearty hand of welcome. Some of our subscribers were heard to remark upon the length of the delinquent tax list of Mc Mullen county which we published in December; but we noticed the Houston Post required 92 pages for the Harris county list and each page contained over five times as much as ours, or in other words would have made about 500 pages of the RECORD. Mr. P. A. Kerr received a telegram Tuesday evening informing him of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Laura Kerr, at Flatonio. Mr. Kerr left that night on Agent Miller's velocipede, and went as far as Devine where he secured a team and went into San Antonio in time to catch the Southern Pacific train, which leaves there at 12:10 p. m. The protracted meeting at the Methodist church is still in progress, and some good is being done. Bro. Nath Thompson, with his queer sayings and quaint illustrations is creating quite a stir and a general awakening is being earnestly looked for. It is hoped that much good will be accomplished at this time; the preachers are in earnest and want to do good and all they ask is a chance. All are cordially invited to attend. Active work on the bridge will be resumed at once; Mr. J. D. Guinn of San Antonio has contracted to finish the bridge according to the plans and specifications now on file in the Clerk's office. He has secured an order from the Cameron Lumber Co., releasing the three cars of lumber already here and wagons are busy hauling it to the river. Within the coming two weeks we may reasonably expect to see the work begun, everything is now being made ready for the trestle which will soon be shipped from the factory.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Laura Kerr at Flatonio, was received here last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Kerr has made Cotulla her home for many years and was on a visit to her daughter at the time of her death. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an earnest worker in the Cause of Christ; was loved by all who knew her, and was a friend indeed to the poor and needy. Her many friends here join us in extending their heartfelt sympathy to bereaved relatives in their sad hour of affliction. The Board of Directors of the Public School met last Monday and decided to stop the Mexican children from school during the small-pox scare. Monday morning as the North bound passenger train was pulling out two tramps ran from behind Keck Bros., Lumber yard, and tried to board the "Blind-baggage." One, who was no doubt a "profess," as shown by the way he "swung on," succeeded in hiding the High Plier out of Cotulla, but his pal didn't seem to have had as much experience in catching moving trains, for in his attempt to catch on he was thrown violently to the ground, his head striking a cross-tie, cutting an ugly gash just over the right eye, from which blood flowed profusely. In a few minutes he got up, and strolled off down the track, perhaps thinking of what a good chance he had missed of being transformed into an angel. NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that further trespass in my river pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All stock now in said pastures will be removed within six days or pasturage will be charged for same. T. CONLAN. The residence of Mr. W. B. Guinn narrowly escaped destruction Tuesday night while the family was at church. The origin of the fire was from live coals dropping on the floor from kitchen stove. The flames had reached the eaves of the house before it was discovered, but only a few buckets of water sufficed to control the fire and it was soon extinguished. Some of the Knights of Honor, who had assembled in their Hall made fine records in sprinting and vaulting fences on their way to the fire, but were utterly unable to do so well on their return. The following morning fire insurance agents wrote several policies for different people who believe in closing the stable door before the horse gets out. SCHOOL NEWS. School opened Monday morning with reading and prayer by Rev. Allen. The Board of Trustees met at the school house Monday morning to see what should be done in regard to the Mexicans attending school. It was decided to stop them until all danger of the small-pox is over. The school has been rather small this week. Some are sick and are not able to come, some are afraid of the small-pox, but I think the most of them were willing to stop without any excuse whatever. Miss Mary Cotulla has been on the sick list this week but is now up. It is hoped she will be able to attend school next week. Miss Lou McMains is the only one in her grade this week, and expresses a great desire for company. Rev. Allen and Thompson made us a pleasant visit Thursday morning, and Bro. Thompson made us a very interesting talk. Children, you don't know how much you are missing this week by being absent from school; you are not only losing things that you should know, but while we are young we are forming character, and a good character is something we all desire. OLIVETTE.

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THE BURGLAR.

Sam Whiteridge was very lazy and the people wondered why he walked twelve miles to see a girl. Once he went to see Dorothea Walton and he asked her to marry him, but she said no, she would not marry him, because he would not work and had no aims in life. Then he said, "well my Grandfather has made aims in life for me." But she said no, she would not marry him, because she thought every man ought to do something even if it was just driving a delivery wagon. And then he said he would try cases in court, from which he could make enough to keep them both; but she refused him and said that he would not offer her anything but money "and love," he said, with a bitter voice. But she replied, no, she would not; he then arose from his chair and left the room. She said, "I hope you will find your way through the dark," without a reply he closed the door behind him with a dash. Dorothea put out the light and rushed to the window to listen if she could hear his footsteps through the plodded snow, but all was silent without. Sam did not leave the house but was locked up in the hall. He went to the second door and tried to open it, he jerked and pulled, but to no avail. He then went away but afterwards went back to it, gave it a hard jerk, but still it didn't open. He peered into the dim light, over the hall and the people had retired for the night. Then he remembered that Dorothea had said that her father was in town and would not be home until twelve o'clock, so he fixed himself a comfortable place in the corner.

He thought of thinking of Dorothea so hard that he fell asleep. When he awoke he felt something heavy on his breast and something heavy on his mouth, and after awhile "The One Eyed Gorgon" told him to hush. Sam Whiteridge got up and the One Eyed Gorgon had a book, which was trying to read. He asked Whiteridge if he knew how to read? Whiteridge said "yes," and the Gorgon handed the book to him and told him that he picked it up where he was hunting jewelry. Sam ran his fingers along the words and spelled them out. These were the words that were on the last page of the diary "He has gone, and I refused him, if he would only come back to me I would forgive him, and accept him." **DOTTIE SMITH.**

The man who can come down town of a cold morning and not lie about his thermometer, has a pretty fair chance of slipping through the golden gates.

BUCKOW.

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The Union Sabbath School has outgrown its clothes, so to speak. The little school room will no longer accommodate the members composing it. The school sessions are now held every Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. J. W. Buckow, whose two large rooms and long piazza amply suffice.

On Friday evening (beginning at 7 o'clock, sharp) Jan. 27th, there will be a Community Rally at the residence of Mr. Buckow, Rev. M. T. Allen and Prof. J. O. Owen have been invited to be present.

A large number of Buckow young people attended the dance last Friday night at Mr. Wm. Jay's.

Pretty and accomplished Miss Iona Edmiston was a pleasant visitor at the school last Friday afternoon. **J. Jewell**

SUZE'S LOVE LETTER.

(Continued from last week.)

But remembering the dignity of his master, as also that the policeman was a larger and more powerful man than himself, he prudently restrained his wrath and went up the steps. Betji opened the door to him with a smile and a blush. "Good morning, Jan, it is long since you have been here." "Yes, I have been very busy. How is your honorable mistress?" "My honorable mistress is well, but you do not inquire after old friends, Jan."

"Ah, yourself. I can see that you are well and rosy. How is Mina, the cook?" "Mina, the cook, is also well," answered Betji, demurely, "but some one else is not. Some one else has gone away sick." "Indeed," said Jan, "and who is that?" "Can you not guess, Jan? You used not to be so thick-headed. Why, Suze, of course. She has gone home ill." Jan nearly dropped the basket in his consternation. "Indeed, I had heard nothing of it, I swear to you, Betji."

"Good day, Jan, it is long since thou hast been to see us for an old friend and neighbor. Suze is out at the back; I will go and call her." "Nay, I will go myself," said the young man; and not waiting for the good dame, he strode out of the door, and round to the back of the house. A pale girl was standing peering garments on to the line. Could this be his blooming Suze?

With two strides Jan reached her, and catching her waist from behind before she was aware of him, imparted a hearty kiss on both her cheeks. With a little scream Suze drew away from the bold intruder, but turning caught sight of Jan's happy laughing face, and threw her arms round his neck.

"What are you two doing so long out there?" inquired Vrouw Klops, as she emerged from the back door shortly afterwards.

"Mother," said Jan, leading up the blushing Suze, "we have only been putting a tangled skein straight."

A Would-be Quaker.

A gentleman who was traveling recently near Chester, Pa., came across a farmer whom he took to be a Quaker, and determined to please him by talking to him in the Quaker dialect. As he told the story afterward, this is how he succeeded: "How do thee do, sir? Is—that is—are thee meditating? If he was delighted, he controlled his emotion admirably. All he did was to gape and inquire: "Dey?" "The fields, the birds, the flowers, I pleasantly pursued, 'are enough to bring thou dreams—I mean dreams to thee.' He was looking at me now, and critically, I felt that my syntax had been very idiosyncratic instead of idiomatic, so, wiping the sweat from my brow and hat, I eyed him calmly and observed: 'Those cows, are they thy's—er—thee's—that is, thou's durm it, I mean thee's?' It was very unfortunate. He crawled down from the fence, nibbled at a plug of tobacco, and as he ambled away muttered indignantly: 'Go to Bedlam; I'm a farmer, but, thank heaven, I'm not a loonatic.'"—**N. O. Pיצayane.**

An Unexpected Honor.

Respecting an amusing Irish story of a dance at the Dublin Maeson house, a correspondent gives the real version, told him by a gentleman who overheard the conversation. Ball-room at Dublin, and Capt. Lord Ranfurly leaning against the wall near Lady Mayoress. Lady Mayoress gets up and accosts Lord Ranfurly as follows: "Now, Mr. Liffinant, why aren't ye dancing at me ball?" Lord Ranfurly: "I am not Mr. Liffinant," Lady Mayoress: "Then it's Mister Captin ye are. Then it's me darter Biddy there ye shall dance with; me darter's hot for a dance with a hoffer." Lord Ranfurly: "I am not Mr. Captin." Lady Mayoress: "Then who the devil are ye?" Lord Ranfurly: "I am Capt. Lord Ranfurly." Lady Mayoress: "Capt. Lord Ranfurly? Begorra, I'll dance w' ye meself; cum on." And the lady Mayoress seized her unwilling guest, and dragged him round the room, which was easy for her to do, as she weighed some 14 stone.—**London Telegraph.**

Year's Fashions in Precious Stones.

Green stones are said to head the list of fashionable jewels this season. Emeralds have the lead, but the revival of interest in green stones has prominently brought forward the peridot, which is really the Indian chrysolite, and is a clear, deep leaf green in color, showing almost yellow beside the emerald, which is bluish in tone.

POINTS.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE FROM THE CRAZY PATCHWORK OF REFLECTION.

Talk is cheap—and barbers supply it at cut rates.

Some crooks are fly, but there are no feathers on the jail bird.

An editor is a man who may be hired to keep things out of his paper.

How poor Eve managed to dress without a mirror, the devil only knows.

When an editor cannot take a joke, the humorist has to grin and keep it.

The foot that rocks the cradle has no time to stop and kick for woman's rights.

If beauty was only skin deep, cosmetic factories wouldn't have to run overtime.

A fool can do more damage in a minute than a wise man can undo in a year.

If women are ever elected to Congress, there will be more than one Speaker of the House.

If the shoe fits, wear it—unless you are a woman, then of course you will want a size smaller.

When the capitalist and the laborer lie down together, then look out for the millennium.

When man has more money than he knows what to do with, then ignorance is really bliss.

Whenever the people discover some new amusement, the preachers label it sin, in big, red letters.

The man with plenty of push is usually successful, but he sn't in it with the man who has a pull.

If there were fewer church members and more christians, the devil would be able to take a vacation.

A certain scientist thinks the earth wobbles. Some men who are not scientists have thoughts about 2 a. m.

Glory seldom troubles a man while he lives, but after the while it comes around and keeps the flies off his memory.

If the railroad agent was paid according to the fool questions he has to answer, it would keep him busy drawing his salary.

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