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\$1. IN ADVANCE

THE SUMMER NORMAL.

The People Want It, And Without a Doubt Cotulla Will Have a School During the Summer Months.

The Summer Normal movement, which was first placed before the public by Prof. Owen in his Educational Column has at last begun to assume tangible shape. The citizens of Cotulla and the surrounding country are almost a unit in their efforts to advance the work, and assist in every way possible. If any active opposition to the undertaking has been manifested it has so far escaped our notice. The business department of the Normal has been placed into the hands of Judge S. T. Dowe, assisted and advised by Dr. J. M. Williams, Capt. J. H. Rogers, T. R. Keck, H. Riley, T. D. Morgan and J. M. Daniel, who are all in full sympathy with the educational advancement of Cotulla. Prof. J. O. Owen has been appointed Conductor of the Normal, and he will personally recommend such assistants as he may see is necessary. His intention is to secure the best talent at hand for the different departments into which the work will be divided. A five week's course is now being prepared and every detail is being attended with care and forethought.

The Executive Committee has already canvassed the town, and find that they can secure good board for the full term of five weeks at the low price of thirteen dollars, making it possible for any number to take advantage of the opportunity of a summer school, near their next year's work. The members of this committee will also make it their duty to secure the location of all schools, in this and adjoining counties, that may be in need of a teacher for the coming year, they will personally recommend those teachers who attend the Normal, and will use every effort to secure a good position for them.

Everything possible will be done to make the visiting teachers feel welcome to our town; all sorts of amusements and entertainments will be furnished, and every effort will be made to make the time a vacation as well as a school. To all who may wish to pursue their studies during the summer, or who wish to increase their efficiency as a teacher, and to those who may wish to enlist in the ranks of the teachers and secure a certificate that is subordinate to no board of county examiners, we offer the best inducements. Cotulla is the county seat of La Salle county, situated near the historic Nueces River on the International & Great Northern Railroad, 87 miles southwest of San Antonio. Being at an altitude of about 800 feet above the sea level, the climate is noted for its health giving properties; a fine gulf breeze continually blows, and the atmosphere is of that pure, dry kind that doctors prescribe for those whose health has run down from too constant attention to business, it is the ideal summer resort for teachers; a better location for a Summer Normal could not have been chosen.

Cotulla is inhabited by the most hospitable, open-hearted people on earth. Having a population of about 900, with three well attended and liberally supported churches; a public school that has become more than locally famous, and the best set of county officers in the state, whose

only wish is for the best interests of their town and county, she offers every inducement and protection to those who may wish to spend a few weeks in our midst.

The natural advantages around Cotulla cannot be equalled by any town in this part of Texas. Our nights are cool and pleasant, making sleep a pleasure; our lakes and river furnish fish in abundance to the devotee of the rod; our woods are filled with all sorts of game for the nimrod; our artesian wells pour forth a clear, pure water, that for bathing purposes and as a tonic cannot be surpassed. The geologist will find enough of the different formations of rock to delight his very soul; the botanist can secure enough information in a half hour's walk through the woods upon which to write a book, and the astronomer can here secure a perfect view of the heavens; to the student of human nature we offer a variety of types for his consideration.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction informs us that it will require thirty names of teachers, or prospective teachers, signed to a petition requesting that a Summer Normal be held at any place before he can issue the license. No fear need be felt in regard to that as already over a third of the number has expressed a desire to sign the petition, and none outside of Cotulla has been interviewed in regard to the matter. There is nothing to prevent the Normal from being a success. We have the brains

to carry this, our first effort of the kind, through to a complete success.

New York's Flag Law.

Any person who in any manner for exhibition or display, places or causes to be placed, any inscription, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, characters, marks or notice whatever, upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States, or State flag of this State, or ensign evidently purporting to be either of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, or who in any manner appends, annexes or affixes, or causes to be appended, annexed or affixed, to any such flag, standard, color or ensign, any description, design, device, symbol, name, advertisement, words, marks, notice or token whatever, or who displays or exhibits, or causes to be exhibited, any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States or flag of this State or flag, standard, color or ensign, upon which shall in any manner be placed, attached, annexed or affixed any inscription, design, device, symbol name, advertisement, words marks notice or token whatever, or who publically mutilates, tramples under, or otherwise defaces or defiles any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns are public or private property, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Provided however that flags, standards, colors or ensigns, the property of or used in the service of the United States or of this State, may have inscriptions names or actions, words, marks or symbols placed thereon, pursuant to law or authorized regulations. This act takes effect September 1st, 1899.—Ex.

All the libel law bills have been killed by the legislators.

THE VICIOUS COYOTE.

Fast Becoming a Terror to the People of this part of the State.

The greatest menace to the stock raising and sheep industries of Texas has become, in late years, the depredations committed by the wild animals, of which the coyote is the chief of marauders. Exposed cattle camps, and ranches that are remote from the centers of trade are those which suffer most, owing to the scarcity of protection; but even in the towns, the domestic fowls are not exempt from the animals. Hardly a day in the week passes without well authenticated report from some of the outlying districts coming into this office. During the fall and winter just past, these animals, failing to secure subsistence in their usual range, have gone so far as to enter various ranch houses, attack cow camps, and even in the face of the deadly six-shooter would persist in their efforts to fasten their fangs in the throat of their victims. In the towns and populous settlements there is not, nor has been any danger to speak of; the loss is confined to a few fowls and eggs, but we should not rest secure in our safety when our neighbors are in danger from the repeated attacks of these vicious animals. Awakening the peaceful slumbers of the town, our ear hear, without a moment's delay, the dog barking, the child

was in our office, from Zavalla county. He says that neck of the woods needs a scalp law, and needs it bad. In two nights he killed twenty-five coyotes and claims that every morning, judging from the tracks and signs left by them within the camp limits itself, one would think a whole pack of dogs had been turned loose in that vicinity. So far, however, no one has been bitten by them, although great damage has been and is being done, to sheep and other small animals.

Mr. Buck Rowland, who lives just across the county line in Frio county reports the wolves in his section of the country very dangerous. During his absence from home one night last week, a coyote attacked his dog, and succeeded in driving it away after a hard fight; it then walked into the house and laid down on the gallery, soon, however it got up and "made a run" on the chicken coop, and killed several chickens.

Last Sunday morning Mr. Jos. Cotulla was awakened by a noise of a disturbance in his goat pens, upon investigation it was found to be a coyote, which had already dispatched one or two of the kids and but for the timely appearance of aid the peaceful habitation of the innocent lambs would have been converted into a slaughter pen, creating a great loss in a few minutes. These and other instances of the kind are of almost daily occurrence.

If we have needed an object lesson, surely this will be enough to convince even the most skeptical that we are positively in need of legislation to help in destroying this pest. But it does not stop with this; more than once human life has been placed in great danger in the more sparsely settled districts of the county; and only last week a Mexican boy was attacked in the suburbs of our city.

Thousands of dollars are lost each year to the people of West and Southwest Texas through the

depredations of these and other animals. It is a pest with which no county or section can successfully cope. We need the assistance of the State, and must have it check this growing danger to our interests. It is now come to pass that human beings are exempt from their attacks. Out cattle interests suffer most, but it is the largest industry in this section. Other industries, and life itself is in jeopardy.

MORE ABOUT THE LAND LAW.

The Wright-Murphy-Garner land bill, of which we have heard so much in the past four weeks was defeated in the House Tuesday, a vote of 61 to 42. Messrs. Murray and Wright both made eloquent speeches in support of their bill; they claim that the opposition to the bill comes chiefly from insufficient knowledge of the conditions which prevail in this part of the State, that the "hog grass men" are behind the fight on the bill, and that the cattlemen should be protected in the industry. This last we fully endorse, the cattlemen should be protected but that land belongs to the school children of the State, not only those living, but to the unborn millions who will be born. We have no need of the treasury, and the school term of the child

have their education. Admitting that it is impossible for a man to make a living on only one section of land in this part of the state, the time is quickly coming when he can do so, and when that time comes the land will be worth double its present price; in the meantime, the lease will more than pay the extra expense in that department of the land office. If a settler cannot make a living here on one section of land, (and we know he can) then hold it as it is, the time will surely come when it will be of great value to the school children of Texas.

An Editor's Appeal.

Todd's Corners Bazar.

Fish down in your pocket
And dig up the dust,
The editor is hungry
And the paper 'bout to bust.
We've trusted you
For several months
And did it with a smile,
So just return the compliment
And trust us for awhile.
Our wife she needs some stockings
And our baby needs a dress;
Jimmy needs some breeches
And so do Kate and Bess.
Pud is on the hog train
And Peggy sick with grief,
And good gosh almighty
Can't you give a man relief.
Shell out the nickels
And turn loose the dimes,
Turn 'em loose and whistle
And we'll have better times;
There'll be fewer patches
On the bosom of our pants,
And we'll make the paper better
If we only get the chance.
Don't give us that old story
Long gone to seed,
'Bout taking more papers
Than the family want to read,
But help to feed the printer
And he'll help your town to grow;
You'll thus escape the sulphur
In the region down below.

Last week we reported the daughter of Rev. McMurry as having the Varioloid. We were misinformed. We are glad to learn that Rev. McMurray is a gain rid of the small-pox in his family and the quarantine will soon be taken off his house.—L. A. Chapparel

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 10 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. McMurry, Pastor.—Services—1st Sunday in each month at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

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G. Philippe, Reporter.

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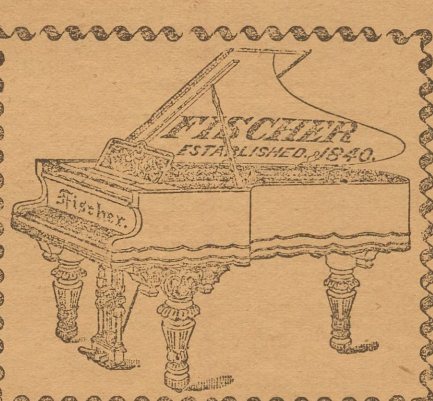
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TIME TABLE.

South	Passenger Train.	North
10:00 a. m. Lv.	SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 7:25 p. m.
10:20 a. m. Lv.	Leon	Ar. 12:35 p. m.
10:31 a. m. Lv.	Modina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.
10:54 a. m. Lv.	Lytle	Ar. 11:36 a. m.
1:10 a. m. Lv.	Devine	Ar. 11:10 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.
11:55 a. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar. 10:48 a. m.
12:07 p. m. Lv.	Pearsall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv.	Derby	Ar. 10:13 a. m.
12:55 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:42 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:55 p. m. Lv.	COTULLA	Ar. 9:32 a. m.
1:58 p. m. Lv.	Tuna	Ar. 9:06 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv.	Twohig	Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv.	Barro	Ar. 8:39 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv.	Enchinal	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.
3:42 p. m. Lv.	Green	Ar. 7:23 a. m.
3:50 p. m. Lv.	Sanchez	Ar. 7:15 a. m.
4:10 p. m. Ar.	LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

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Mr. Geo. Copp, the Irrigation man, gave us an order Saturday for 500 Note Heads. N. A. McCaleb passed through here Thursday enroute to Carrizo Springs, from San Antonio. Nightly the coyote makes its presence known in the suburbs of our town by its hedious howl. Mr. D. C. Smith, after an absence of three weeks in San Antonio, returned home Thursday. Fix up your old Bath Tub with Enamel Paint. It will stand hot water. For sale by Keck Bros. R. A. Gilmer, of the firm of Matthews & Gilmer, at Encinal, visited his mother here Sunday. Messrs. J. W. Campbell, Wm. English of Carrizo Springs, visited San Antonio during the week. Rangers Dubose, Old and Taylor returned Wednesday from a scouting trip in the lower country. Miss Lizzie Buckley, one of Encinal's fairest young ladies, is in the city visiting Miss Dottie Wear. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Kerr, of Eddy, N. M., are visiting their son, W. A. Kerr, at the La Motte Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gilmer of Encinal, passed through on this morning's train enroute to San Antonio. Keck Bros., are still at the old stand, ready to take your order for Wind mills, Pump Jacks etc., Prices reduced. Messrs. Jos. Cotulla, W. T. Hill, Jos. and J. M. Green attended the Stockmen's Convention at Ft. Worth Monday. Wm. Tolbert, a well known stockman of McMullen county, went up to the Alamo City Sunday morning; returning Wednesday. W. L. Hargus, one of foremost stockmen, accompanied by his wife and little son, spent several days in San Antonio during this week. See the extensive line of shoes at G. W. Henrichson & Co's. Some novelties in Hamilton Brown ladies shoes. Come and see them. F. M. Buell went up to Ft. Worth Sunday morning to attend the Stockmen's Convention, which was held at that place Monday. Ed Everts, late Bridge contractor and amateur orator, was in our office yesterday and informed us that he is a candidate for matrimony. G. W. Henrichson & Co., received this week a complete line of new Spring Goods. Piques, Lawns, and Gingham are especially attractive. Quartermaster Sergeant Henry W. Locke, late of the volunteer United States cavalry, arrived here Sunday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Thos. Copp. Among the prominent stockmen that returned yesterday from the Convention at Ft Worth were: A. Armstrong Sr., Jos. Cotulla, Jno. J. Hall and T. A. Coleman. Mrs. M. J. Barlow left this morning for St Louis and Chicago to purchase an immense line of new spring and summer goods. She will be gone about a month. Miss Lizzie Campbell returned from San Antonio Thursday, where she has been attending the S. A. Female College. She left yesterday for home in Carrizo Springs. Messrs. E. T. Lestarjette and J. M. Robbins returned Monday from Zavalla county, where they have just finished boring a well for the New York & Texas Land Company. The following names were added to our subscription lists during the week: E. E. Neal, Cotulla; D. M. Henry, Encinal; Bruce Roberts, Moore; Rafe Withers, San Diego; J. A. Smith, San Antonio.

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Mr. Eugene Buck came in this morning from Carrizo Springs. Several freight wagons came in this morning from Carrizo Springs. Judge Smith is suffering with rheumatism in his left foot. He being one-legged it comes very hard on him, but is considerable better this morning and we trust he will soon be up. Yesterday was St. Patrick's day and being from the numerous guests had had a good time. Isle has many more visitors in our town. Ireland! Rev. Bruce Roberts preached two excellent sermons at the Baptist church last Sunday. He will move to Cotulla within the next two week, and reside here in future; his regular day will hereafter be on the first Sunday in each month. There is no medicine that has yet been discovered that has virtues deserving to be compared with Dr. Sawyer's Wild Cherry and Tar, for bad cases of Chronic Bronchitis, Consumption, or any cough or cold. J. M. Williams. We turned out the following orders for Job Work during the week: (Has. H. Mayfield, 1000 Envelopes, 1000 Letter Heads. George Copp, 500 Note Heads. B. J. Yowell, 250 Note Heads, 50 Business Cards. J. A. Landrum & Co., 1000 Envelopes. C. E. Massengale, 250 Note Heads. T. F. Miller was in our office Tuesday evening, and before he left told us how many editors he had killed. He neglected however to inform us how many more he intended to "push over the Pearly Gates;" therefore we are a little uneasy lest some bright morning we should wake up and find ourselves among the angels. A party was given to the young people of our city last Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johns at their hospitable home in the northern suburbs of town. Nearly the whole of Cotulla's youthful population were in attendance and those who failed to put in an appearance were heard to express their displeasure in having been forced to absent themselves. Games and conversation constituted the chief feature of the entertainment, and they were indulged in to a late hour. When the time had arrived in which they were compelled to bid adieu to the kind host and hostess, many wishes for an early repetition were expressed. All left feeling that the cup of joy had for once been full with nothing left to ask.

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