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### Passing of Robert Hall.

AFTER AN ILLNESS OF SEVERAL WEEKS, THE HERO OF MANY BATTLES QUIETLY PASSES AWAY.

Short Sketch of His Useful and Interesting Life.

Col Robert Hall departed this life Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock, after several week's confinement. While at the Fair in San Antonio, he was taken quite sick and was brought home in a serious condition from which he never recovered. All that medical skill could do was done to prolong his life but to no avail, he quietly breathed his last just at the dawn of day.

Early last spring he was taken sick and for many long days the anxious watchers at his bedside almost despaired of ever seeing him up again, but science prevailed and again he walked among us, to all appearances fully restored to health. During the Fair at San Antonio last month, he caught cold which terminated in his death. Thus another of the "Old Guard" leaves us, only a few of his comrades are left and they too will soon be gone. Truly, he can say with Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." His remains were taken back to the family burying ground near Luling, and interred beside his wife.

Robert Hall was born in South Carolina, April 14th, 1814 to Jas. B., and Rebecca Hall, where his early boyhood years were spent in the out-door sports and work of that sparsely settled, frontier country. Educational and social advantages were few in young Hall's early career but such as were at hand was used by him to the utmost, his learning was obtained largely from Nature, firsthand; the perfect use of the rifle, a knowledge of the habits and traits of the wild animals and birds that then were plentiful, and a good understanding of

plant life, as found on the farm and in the forests of his native state together with what he could learn at the little, poorly-taught country school was the extent of learning.

At the age of fourteen years he, with his father's family, moved to the new District of Tennessee and settled in Gibson county. Here he grew to young manhood, and left only to begin life for himself. His first experience as a man, while yet a youth in years, was as a riverman on the Mississippi, first on a flat-boat, then on a government snag-boat and finally on a passenger and freight boat. After leaving the river as a regular boat hand he returned to Tennessee, built a flat boat, loaded it with corn and floated it down to what is now Yazoo City where he sold both his cargo and craft at a fair profit. His next move was to Arkansas where he, with his brother opened a trading post with the Indians, and while thus engaged assisted in moving the Choctaw Indians to their present reservation. In 1834 he was employed by a rich planter, but hearing of the Texas Revolution he became anxious to cast his lot with the struggling Texans, he failed to get started, however, until in the spring of '36 he enlisted under Col. Harrison of Kentucky, who was then raising a command to come to Houston's assistance. They reached his army to find him suffering from wounds received at the battle of San Jacinto. The war for Texas' independence was virtually closed before they had fairly reached the front but the new recruits found ample opportunity to distinguish themselves in the closing scenes of the war and in subduing the Indians who then infested our state.

After the patriot army had disbanded and he had taken a short rest, Mr. Hall started back to Mississippi, but reaching Montgomery county he fell in love with that section of the country and decided to remain in Texas. During the summer of '37 he became acquainted with Miss Polly King, daughter of Col. John G. King who had come to Texas

with the famous McGee expedition, and after a short courtship, married her on June 1st of that year. As the result of this union thirteen children were born, two of which, John and Thomas, are yet living in this section of the state. Late in the fall of that year he moved his family, in company with his father-in-law, to Gonzales county, where Col. King owned a large plantation. Here they built a log fort and prepared to settle down for life. In the fall of '38, Mr. Hall with several others, purchased the land and laid off the town of Seguin, he acting as one of the chain bearers. The nearest store was, at this time over a hundred miles away and the intervening stretch of country was infested with bands of hostile Indians. In the years that passed between this and the annexation of Texas to the United States, many stirring incidents occurred; Indian raids and wars were numerous, and fears of another invasion of Mexican troops were entertained. Through all the dangers of this frontier life young Hall took a leading part, holding himself ever ready to answer the call to arms in defense of his country.

In the last pitched battle with the dreaded Comanches, fought at Plumb Creek, August 12th, 1840, Mr. Hall was wounded in the thigh, but kept his place until after the battle.

Mr. Hall opposed the annexation of Texas to the Union, but finding himself in the minority bowed to the will of the people and, accepting the first opportunity that presented itself, entered the United States army as a volunteer, and served throughout the war with Mexico under Gen. Taylor. He fired the first shot in the battle of Buena Vista, and was the bearer of Gen. Taylor's terse reply to Santa Anna's demand to surrender. Hearing of Scott's victories around the City of Mexico, and of the final termination of the war, the army was disbanded and Hall, with eight comrades returned to their homes in Texas.

Years rolled on and amid the usual scenes of border life Mr.

Hall lived, a private citizen, he sought no public office, he yearned not for the hollow glory of political power; his was the nature of a warrior, not a statesman, and thus he lived, a quiet, peaceful life until, in the early 60's, the war clouds again swept over the land and the men of action were again called into the field. In this strife he took up arms with reluctance. He opposed secession. He voted for the Union, because he believed slavery was wrong. It was hard for him to fight the flag under which he was born and raised, and under which he had fought and lived, but he loved his Texas more, and though he differed with the majority in the course she was to pursue, yet when his old comrades enlisted he too, was there prepared to do and die. Through that whole bloody war he followed his command, and performed his full duty as a soldier should, and returned only with the lost hopes and shattered ambitions of the "Last Cause" to sustain him in his defeat.

During the four long years of the war his stock of cattle became scattered, none of the increase had been branded, and for the third time, as a result of three wars, he was compelled to gather the remaining fragments of his fortunes and begin anew. He finally moved to Dimmitt county and bought the "Indian Bend" pasture where he succeeded in regaining a part of his lost fortunes. Here, early in the 80's, his wife, the sweetheart of his youth, the helpmeet of mature manhood, the companion of old age, was taken home—and life had lost its charm for him. For days he wandered in the woods and spent his time hunting.

In 1892 he moved to Cotulla where he purchased a small plot of land adjoining the farm of his son. Here he has spent the declining years of his life, a respected and honored citizen. In his death, we lose a valued friend, the county, an upright citizen and the state a hero.

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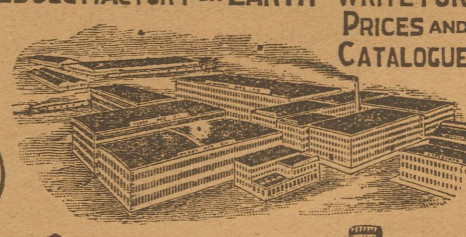
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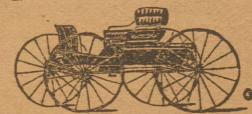
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SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1899.

Eighty thousand British troops are now in South Africa, and ten thousand more are on their way.

The Elgin Courier reached our desk this week marked X and in casting our optics over its pages we found the name of H. B. Bowen at the head of its editorial columns. Glad to see you, brother, wish you an abundant success, and will change with pleasure.

The workers' Institute of the Rio Grande Baptist Association will be in session at this place Dec. 28th to 31st inclusive. An interesting program has been arranged, and a good attendance is expected. The I. & G. N. has given a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

The Britons are not having so easy a time abducing the Boers as they thought for when the war began. They even admit they over-estimated their own strength and did not thoroughly comprehend the power of the Boers. They evidently have a war on their hands such as our Philippine war is for us.

Of all the entertainments this year the Baptists are about the only ones who are turning their time and talents to account. Instead of distributing presents or edibles among their children, as a Sunday School, they will devote the proceeds of their concert to the Buckner Orphan's Home, and anyone wishing to help that institution along will be given a chance to do so tomorrow night.

The "Lost Cause" opposes the suggestion to place Gen. Lee's picture, dressed in a blue uniform, on the walls of West Point, and justly holds that such an act would add no luster to his name. For years his picture has been conspicuous for its absence and at this late date there would no good come of it. Lee was great; the great leader of a great people, and needs no public show to make his name remembered.

The Tax Commission, appointed by Gov. Sayers, has at last handed in their report, and a special session of the legislature has been called to convene on the 20th of next month. The bill as presented, is exhaustive, and covers the whole ground, but makes no radical departure from the present law. The legislature will consider the bill and may, from the data therein contained, be able to enact a law that will more equally distribute the burden of taxation.

In every home that the RECORD enters today there is being made some preparation for the celebration of Christmas. In many of those homes there will be but little to prepare, "Santa Claus" will leave but few presents, and every pleasure will be tinged with bitterness. We wish it were not so. We wish everyone could enjoy the occasion with not a trace of sorrow to mar their pleasure. But as this cannot be, and as it is impossible for all alike to enjoy the occasion, we should remember that to give others pleasure we but add to our own, and that a gift, unless given without hope of return, is not a gift. Remember the poor in your giving.

**Smith Acquitted.**

AFTER A SHORT DELIBERATION THE JURY RETURNED A VERDICT, "NOT GUILTY."

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—J. Guy Smith, editor of La Salle's Isonomy, charged with the murder of Henry S. May on the night of April 9th, 1893, was acquitted this evening in the 37th District Court, after an interesting trial of a week's duration. The jury came to an agreement after a short deliberation.

Ex-Gov. Hogg is being prominently mentioned as Bryan's running mate in the coming presidential campaign. Texas has usually been overlooked in matters political, but it appears now as if things are beginning to drift this way. So mote it be, Hogg would make as good a Vice President as any other man they could choose for the race and would add as much strength to the party. He is capable of filling the position to the satisfaction of all, and: Hurrah for Hogg!

**THE LOST CAUSE**

Comes to us this week full of good things. The number is profusely illustrated, containing etchings and half-tones of the Davis tablets and monuments at Richmond, Va.; President Davis' birthplace in Kentucky and home in Mississippi; a fine portrait of Col. J. J. Williams, late commander of Virginia Division of U. C. V.

The issue contains, in addition to other matter, the following: A spicy editorial on the painting of Gen'l R. E. Lee's portrait in blue; orders from Gen'l Moorman; interesting accounts of the national meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va.; addresses by Mrs. (Gen'l) Basil Duke and others; war reminiscences and various interesting notes, making a most charming and attractive number of this Confederate publication.

The Lost Cause will contain all information and notes of interest in connection with the great national reunion of Confederate veterans to be held in Louisville, Ky., May, 1900.

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We received a copy of the Cuero Star with the subjoined editorial marked.

"The name of Editor McCurdy of the Beville Bee has been suggested for the legislature in that district. Mr. McCurdy would make an ideal representative. He is a man of firm, pronounced convictions, a thinker, a man of character and understanding who would be heard from at Austin. The Star ventures to say that there is not a better posted or more available man in that district for the post. Then again, there is a special reason just now why there should be more newspaper men at Austin. The good of the people; the liberty of thought and the right of free speech in this country demands that there should be a better representation of editors in the legislature. Some of the antediluvian laws we have in this state on the subject of newspapers need revision or repealing badly and it seems that no one but a newspaper man will give them any attention. The newspaper men must take the matter up. Wade in, Mac, you are the man."

Not so fast, brother, while we admit the need of a libel law, we believe there are other laws as badly needed as this. We are not ready at this time to commit ourselves to any policy or man, and when we are, will wish to know more about the candidate and his views than we know at present. There is time enough between now and November to choose between the candidates that will present themselves for our consideration.

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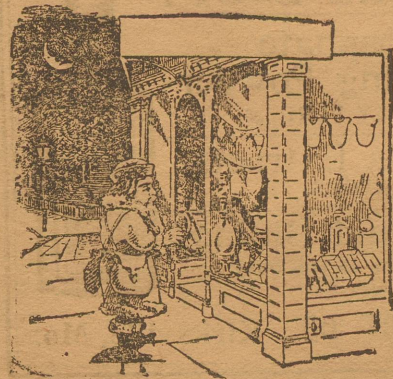
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There goods are all fresh, we receive shipments almost daily and are prepared to fill your orders promptly.

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Santa Claus Headquarters at J. M. Williams.

**Local and Personal.**

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 Rain! Rain!! Rain!!!  
 Merry Christmas to all.  
 Fresh lemons at S. Cotulla's.  
 Heating Stoves at Keck Bros.  
 Old papers for sale at this office.  
 Fresh Cocoanuts at S. Cotulla.  
 For fresh dates go to S. Cotulla's.  
 For fire works call on Stanfield.  
 Jeff Boyd Esq. was at home one day this week.  
 The weather has been very disagreeable this week.  
 Tuesday morning's wet norther caught many unprepared.  
 Go to S. Cotulla's for your fancy candies.  
 E. G. Garcia returned Thursday from San Antonio.  
 Fresh Comb Honey at J. A. Landrum & Co's.  
 Both passenger trains have been late every day this week.  
 Mr. T. H. Poole has been in the Alamo City all the week.  
 Fresh pecans 10 cents per pound at S. Cotulla's.  
 Fresh apples, pecans, peanuts and candy at Stanfields.  
 Capt. J. H. Rogers returned from a trip North Thursday.  
 Take notice of the cut prices on Holiday Goods at J. M. Williams.  
 H. T. Henry, agent for the I. & G. N. at Twohig, is taking a lay off.  
 W. B. Stanfield made a trip to Carrizo Springs latter part of this week.  
 Oranges, Lemons and Bananas, just received at Simon Cotulla's.  
 Dr. J. M. Williams returned Thursday from a two weeks visit to Palestine.  
 Foster predicted a cold wave this week, and it arrived on schedule time.  
 S. R. Walker, manager of the Dull ranch, came Tuesday from Encinal.

All the stores were rashed with Christmas shoppers yesterday.  
 Candy! Candy! Nice assortment just received at Stanfield's.  
 Take your old cast iron to Keck Bros and they will pay cash for it.  
 The recent cutting at J. M. Williams' Drugstore will interest you.  
 Bud DeSpain and Curt Reynolds were seen in the city yesterday.  
 Mr. Thos. Alderman represented Twohig in our city one day this week.  
 Section men did not work Tuesday on account of the rain and bad weather.  
 Boom!! Bang!!! All kinds of Fire Works at J. M. Williams.  
 Mr. Wm. Boyce and wife were among the shoppers down from Millett Saturday.  
 Messrs. Jas. Edmiston and Bud DeSpain dropped in to see us yesterday evening.  
 Banker L. A. Kerr made a flying trip to the Metropolis, early part of the week.  
 Mrs. Jennie May came down from San Antonio Monday and returned next day.  
 Mrs. F. M. Shaw was up from Encinal between trains Thursday buying Xmas goods.  
 W. H. Steele returned home Wednesday from a brief business trip to the Alamo City.  
 Dr. J. O. Bellville returned to Pearsall yesterday after spending two weeks in our midst.  
 T. H. Gardner and Robt. Williams were down from their ranches in the Puddin yesterday.  
 George and Ed Evetts came in yesterday after an absence of two months, to celebrate the holidays.  
 Mr. C. F. Howard was in town yesterday from Dimmitt county buying goods for Christmas.  
 Messrs. Joe Yarbrough and Headly White were among the Twohigites here during the week.  
 Messrs. Wm. Earnest and J. T. Alexander, popular young men of Millett were in town Saturday last.  
 Mr. E. T. Lestarjette returned yesterday from Spofford Junction to spend Christmas with his family.  
 Misses Nancy Reynolds, Mammie and Daisy Rowland arrived yesterday from Millett to attend the dance at the court house, last night.  
 Mr. M. A. Petty, a former Cotulla boy, arrived yesterday from Austin to spend the holidays with his father's family.  
 The young men of Cotulla gave a well attended dance, the first of a series of four, at the court house last night.

**A Terrible Cutting Affray.**

The prices cut in halves on Toys, etc., at J. M. Williams.

Art Lestarjette came in yesterday from his father's outfit near Spofford, to spend the Holidays.

Mrs. R. L. McClellan was among the Christmas shoppers in the city from Twohig Thursday.

Messrs. Jno. J. Hall and B. F. Claunch left Wednesday for Luling with the remains of Col. Robt. Hall.

Seeded Raisins, Currents, Citron, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Filberts, Apples, and fancy Candy at S. Cotulla's.

Keck Bros will pay 15 cents per 100 pounds for old stoves; 25 cents per 100 pounds for heavy cast iron.

The town has been very quiet all the week, owing to the absence of a large number of people in San Antonio.

A. Y. Old, one of Capt. Rogers best men, left Monday morning for San Angelo to appear as a witness in a murder case.

A string band from San Antonio arrived yesterday evening and will furnish music for all the balls, etc. during the holidays.

Anyone desiring fruit or shrub trees of any kind please leave your orders with me. Prices very low, 8c each, and up.

Simon Cotulla.

Mr. S. J. Jordan was among the distinguished visitors to the city this week, and left an order with the RECORD for stationery.

W. H. Jacobs, a prosperous ranchman from the Northern part of the county, was in the city Saturday last on business.

Mr. Wm. Clarey was in from his ranch Thursday. Mr. Clarey thinks enough rain has fallen over Southwest Texas for one time.

Rev. Bruce Roberts accompanied his cousin, Mrs. Vaughn and sister, Miss Vina Roberts, spent Sunday visiting friends in the Puddin.

Miss Sallie Stanfield, an accomplished young lady of Prairie Lea, arrived here Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Emma Thomas of Nashville, Tenn., arrived here yesterday evening to spend Christmas with her cousin, Miss Janie Thomas.

Several of our young people are in receipt of invitations announcing a Masquerade Ball to be given at Encinal Monday night.

Miss Lillian Pope, assistant teacher in the Encinal Public school, passed up the road Thursday morning on her way to Troupe to spend the Holidays.

Mr. Jack Baylor came down from San Antonio Thursday to spend Xmas. Mr. Baylor has been attending Peacock's School since September.

Mrs. left Lucy Robbins Sunday morning for Moore. Thence to Bigfoot, where her husband is in business, and where they will reside in the future.

S. F. Elliott, one of Southwest Texas most experienced bee men, was in town from his apiary on the Nueces Monday, buying Christmas goods.

F. H. Burmeister, a prominent legal light of Tilden boarded Sunday's train for San Antonio. Mr. Burmeister was a witness in the Smith murder case.

Mr. George Copp, La Salle's extensive irrigationist, spent a day and a half in San Antonio during the early part of the week in the interest of his business.

Mrs. George Robbins arrived here from Kerrville Monday last, and is stopping with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Johns. We understand Mr. Robbins will be here in a few days and intends locating in our midst for the benefit of his wife's health.

Old La Salle county soil is wet for ice, and that's a surething. Since Tuesday morning a slow, steady rain of about 42 hours duration soaked everything to the roots.

U. S. Marshall Hanson brought a Mexican woman up from Laredo yesterday morning, who was convicted of illegally selling mesquite, and placed her in jail here to serve out her fine.

W. M. Spindle, Encinal's good natured saloon man spent several hours here Thursday. We noticed he was minus the roses and "hard boiled kate" that adorned his person the night on the "scursion."

Gratz Brown of Sutherland Springs, recently enlisted in Rodgers' Ranger Company. Mr. Brown is a brother-in-law of W. L. Wright, also of the same company.

Mr. J. W. Buckow, his little son, and Willie Galloway paid our office quite a pleasant call yesterday morning. Mr. Buckow informed us that the people of his community were making big preparations for a Christmas tree and were anticipating a merry Christmas.

Mr. Chas. Neal returned yesterday overland from Spofford Junction, where he has been employed with Lestarjette's Well outfit since October. Charlie looks as if he had been well fed, and no doubt he has. He says he rode hard get back to Cotulla before Christmas, and expects to "trot 'em" very much next week.

**ANOTHER CUTTING EPISODE.**

At J. M. Williams Drugstore. The prices terribly slaughtered on glassware and other articles.

About five hundred programs were printed at this office Monday by the Workers' Institute of the Methodist Baptist Association on Jan. 1st, and hold over until January 1st. Quite a number of visitors from different places are expected to be in attendance.

The Proprietors of the Alamo City Commercial College, Dullnig Block, San Antonio, Texas, have something to say to young people who desire a business course in a first class commercial college. For catalogue and full information address, Shafer & Downey, Box 1129.

Don't forget the poor on Christmas. If prosperity has favored you with a generous share of the World's goods, remember those who have been less fortunate. There are many poor children right here in Cotulla whose eager watch for 'Santa Claus' will be in vain. The ringing of merry Christmas bells will bring no glad tidings to their hearts. Instead of spending your money for foolish things make it a point to make at least one poor soul happy.

Another one the Rieees' free-hearted young stockmen, John Winslow, was in town yesterday looking as happy and feeling as good as usual. John says next week is "the week" that he expects to have a high old time, and as he spoke of the anticipated merriment of the coming holidays an illuminating smile spread over his open countenance. He informed us that several dances, socials, etc., were scheduled to take place soon, and in fact everybody in his section was going to "turn themselves loose." Next thing we saw was a dollar, which we accepted (never refuse) with thanks, and gave him due credit for same on our subscription book.

J. L. Buckelew, manager of the Cross S Ranch, came in yesterday evening to spend the holidays. Says he saw plenty of mud on the road in, but nothing else of interest.

**Notice To The Public.**

The undersigned having bought out the entire interest of all parties in the Blacksmith shop heretofore known as the "Massengale Shop," located on Center street in the town of Cotulla, is now fully prepared and equipped to do all work in said kind, including the repairing of Pistols, shot guns and winchesters, also carriage and buggy tops, (make over or new,) and wood work of all kinds on short notice, and at prices to suit the times. There will be at all times an expert Blacksmith in attendance at the shop, and the public can rest assured that any and all work entrusted to me will be done in a first class and workmanlike manner, and at prices as low as the lowest. I respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

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 If it is not convenient for you to call and examine his goods, write for Catalogues.  
 Thanking you in advance for any inquiry for anything you want in my line or in the General Hardware line. I remain,  
 Yours very truly,  
**C. H. DEAN.**



Carpenter's Tanking Outfit stopped here half a day Monday last, on their way to the Carpenter ranch in Frio county. They have been out near the Rio Grande for nearly three months making tanks for W. A. Watthens. The outfit is composed of as clever a set of boys as can be found anywhere, and all seemed glad to get back home to spend Christmas. Mr. Carpenter came 'round and royally entertained the RECORD force for about an hour; related many of his adventures with wild animals during his stay near the border, and promised a lengthy writeup soon, entitled "Extinct Specimens of the Carboniferous Era as found in Frio County." He informed us that the boys in his outfit killed 44 deer, 36 javelines, 3 wild hogs, 3 wild cats, 4 foxes, 1 coon and 12 coyotes, and if we had any doubts as to the truthfulness of the statement, all we had to do was to walk out to the wagon with him and he would produce their "scalps,"—that's evidence, so we took his word for it, and declined, with thanks. Then he went down in his flank and fished out one of Uncle Sam's silver dollars, and told us to shove his name up a notch on our subscription book.

In the Smith murder case that has been on trial this week in San Antonio, the following witnesses from this county were in attendance.

From Cotulla: Rafael Garza, J. M. Williams, Woodlief Thomas, T. D. Morgan, D. C. Smith, Mal Petty, Warner Petty, Rey Smith, Geo. Patterson, W. B. Guinn, Van Maltzberger, A. Armstrong, sr., Jim Devenport, Juan Sanchez, E. G. Garcia, Felix Garcia, E. Marquez, Mrs. J. G. Smith, J. A. Smith, Eugene Irvin, Jesse Bragg, D. S. Livingston, W. M. Burwell, Mrs. Florence Maltzberger, Mrs. E. P. Gilmer, F. Boyd, Jr., N. A. Swink, Glenn Smith, W. H. Johns, Joe Cotulla, B. A. ...

Encinal: Sam Miller and Gus Welhausen.  
Twohig: J. M. Ramsey and Ed Robuck.  
Millett: Alonzo Millett.

Invitations were printed this week for a series of balls to be given at the Court House on the nights of December 26th, 29th and January 1st. Quite a number of social entertainments are on tapis for next week. The churches have all been preparing for concerts, etc., and promise to give the people something worth coming to hear. The Workers institute of the Rio Grande Baptist Association will also meet here on 28th inst. Socially, Cotulla will up in "G" the balance of the year.

La Salle's "Palace of Justice" was almost entirely deserted this week. Chief Deputy Tobin being the only officer that was left of the Court House crew to attend to the wants of the people. He very efficiently filled the offices of County Judge, District and County Clerk, Sheriff, Justice of Peace, County Attorney, Constable, and we were reliably informed that he made application for a job in Campbell's Blacksmith shop.

Mr. W. F. Jay was in from his ranch Saturday evening, looking pleased over the prospect of not having to feed this winter. Naturally, a man feels good to know that his cattle will go through the cold weather alright without the extra expense of feeding, etc. Mr. Jay thinks the RECORD is worth the subscription price, and gave us a big silver dollar with instructions to keep his name aboard the subscription train.

Rangers Rogers and Wright received orders last Saturday to go to Hempstead at once. They left on first train.

I have used Ripans Tablets with so much satisfaction that I can cheerfully recommend them. Have been troubled for about three years with what I called bilious attacks coming on regularly once a week. Was told by different physicians that it was caused by bad teeth, of which I had several. I had the teeth extracted, but the attacks continued. I had seen advertisements of Ripans Tablets in all the papers but had no faith in them, but about six weeks since a friend induced me to try them. Have taken but two of the small 5-cent boxes of the Tablets and have had no recurrence of the attacks. Have never given a testimonial for anything before, but the great amount of good which I believe has been done me by Ripans Tablets induces me to add mine to the many testimonials you doubtless have in your possession now.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. Nothing gave me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were bloated so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only those dress. I saw Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

I have been suffering from headache ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or sit in one place without getting a headache and sick to my stomach. I have used Ripans Tablets for my aunt of mine who was taking them for a year of the stomach. She had found such relief from them, she advised me to take them too, and I have been doing so since. I am twenty-nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.

I want to inform you, in words of highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse and in this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets does it. After one of my cases I found myself completely run down. Acting on the advice of Mr. Geo. Rowan, Ph. G. 28 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with grand results.

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My mother was troubled with heartburn and sleeplessness, caused by indigestion, for a good many years. One day she saw a testimonial in the paper endorsing Ripans Tablets. She determined to give them a trial, was greatly relieved by their use and now takes the Tablets regularly. She keeps a few cartons Ripans Tablets in the house and says she will not be without them. The heartburn and sleeplessness have disappeared with the indigestion which was formerly so great a burden for her. Our whole family take the Tablets regularly, especially after a party meal. My mother is fifty years of age and is enjoying the best of health and spirits; also eats hearty meals, an impossibility before she took Ripans Tablets.

Reading some of the testimonials in favor of Ripans Tablets, I tried them. Ripans Tablets not only relieved but actually cured my young son's headache, which had been so bad that he was unable to go to school. He is now a real, chubby-faced boy. This wonderful change I attribute to Ripans Tablets. I am satisfied that they will benefit any one from the cradle to old age if taken according to directions.

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South	Passenger Train	North
0:10 a. m. Lv. SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 12:10 p. m. Laredo	
10:32 a. m. Lv. Leon	Ar. 11:53 a. m. Laredo	
10:46 a. m. Lv. Medina	Ar. 11:42 a. m. Laredo	
11:21 a. m. Lv. Lytle	Ar. 11:21 a. m. Laredo	
11:51 a. m. Lv. Devine	Ar. 11:01 a. m. Laredo	
12:15 p. m. Lv. Moore	Ar. 10:43 a. m. Laredo	
12:20 p. m. Lv. Eden	Ar. 10:33 a. m. Laredo	
12:42 p. m. Lv. Pearsall	Ar. 10:17 a. m. Laredo	
1:00 p. m. Lv. Dorby	Ar. 9:50 a. m. Laredo	
1:15 p. m. Lv. Dilley	Ar. 9:45 a. m. Laredo	
1:30 p. m. Lv. Millett	Ar. 9:31 a. m. Laredo	
1:51 p. m. Lv. COFULLA	Ar. 9:10 a. m. Laredo	
2:08 p. m. Lv. Tuna	Ar. 8:59 a. m. Laredo	
2:19 p. m. Lv. Tunaca	Ar. 8:44 a. m. Laredo	
2:38 p. m. Lv. Burro	Ar. 8:28 a. m. Laredo	
2:52 p. m. Lv. Enchada	Ar. 8:14 a. m. Laredo	
3:10 p. m. Lv. Cactus	Ar. 7:53 a. m. Laredo	
3:27 p. m. Lv. Webb	Ar. 7:40 a. m. Laredo	
3:49 p. m. Lv. Green	Ar. 7:19 a. m. Laredo	
3:56 p. m. Lv. LAHEDO	Ar. 7:10 a. m. Laredo	

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