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The Spaniards now claim that they are short on coal and provisions, in Cuba. They already anticipate a licking and want to make an excuse in advance.

Gov. Atkinson, of Georgia, is up-to-date. In answer to the many letters, from mothers asking him not to send their sons to war, he says he will not send them but will lead them.

The money in circulation in the United States has increase \$246,233,445 since the adoption of the Chicago platform, which declared in effect that nothing but the free and unlimited coinage of silver would give the United States an increase of her circulating medium.—Pearsall News.

Seven Mexicans who were organizing a filibustering expedition with avowed purpose of invading Texas have been arrested and locked up by the Mexican authorities. This is too bad; if that expedition had crossed the border it would have been soundly thrashed by the first Texan it met.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Song of Liberty.

My country! love of thee, Is love of liberty, And we adore Thy grand and noble name, And thy deeds of worth and fame.

Our flag without a stain From shore to shore. We love our hills and dales, Our brooks and intervals, Our sacred fanes In cities, rich and rare, Where wives and daughter fair We'll shield from want and care. And peace now reigns.

But if we love them yet, In truth must we forget Our neighbor's wives? Their children without bread Or shelter for their head, Some dying, many dead, Wrecked, hopeless lives.

Their trust and love a curse, Or something even worse. Oh! pity God: For that dear, holy name, They suffer want and shame And strive with fire and flame Else, kiss the sod.

If war must come: Let come: Sound tocsin; beat the drum— We'll pledge our might And fear not battle's rage; 'Tis but a golden page In this, or any age So strive for right.

So let our foes beware! Treachery'll not meet 'em there On battlefield; We'll meet them face to face, Nor let one act disgrace Our banner or our race, But never yield.

'Till right has conquered wrong, And truth again is strong, Then w'll refrain. We want not gold or land Let others understand, We seek to quench the brand Alight by Spain. —Caroline Hook Haas.

The state conference of the Epworth League, just closed at Galveston, had an exciting contest over the race question. A resolution was introduced to provide separate seats for the colored people at the international conference to be held at Indianapolis.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON NOW IN CUBAN WATERS.

The Fleet Will Maintain a Blockade Until the Troops Are Ready to Move.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—No hostile shots are to be fired in (special.)—Washington finally realizes that the war is on at last and the city is stirred to the core. Pennsylvania Avenue to-night is packed from the peace monument to the Treasury with thousands of excited people surging back and forth and discussing the chance of the war.

It is given out that the call for volunteers will be made to-morrow and there will be a response which will show that Washington is not whit behind the rest of the country in patriots. Those who are expecting an immediate bombardment of Havana and bloody fighting at once are likely to be disappointed.

The order of the Key west fleet are simply to blockade Havana and such other Cuban ports as can be easily covered by the fleet. This government by that of Spain a full and satisfactory response to this demand and resolution which by the ends of peace in Cuba assured, the President will proceed without further notice to the power and authority enjoyed and conferred upon him by the joint resolution to such extent as may be necessary to carry same into effect.

THE ULTIMATUM.

Demanded that Spain Vacate Cuban Equivalents to a Declaration of War.

From San Antonio Express:—Washington, April 21.—The following statement of the text of the ultimatum to Spain was issued today:

"On yesterday, April 20, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., the Department of State served notice of the purpose of this government by delivering to the Spanish Minister at Washington, April 21.—The following statement of the text of the ultimatum to Spain was issued today:

ford and also a copy of the resolutions passed by the Congress of the United States on the 19th inst. After the receipt of this notice the Spanish minister forwarded to the State Department a request for his passports, which were furnished to him on yesterday afternoon. A copy of the instruction to Woodford is herewith appended: "The United States minister at Madrid was, at the same time instructed to make a like communication to the government of Spain. This morning the department received from Gen. Woodford a telegram, a copy of which is herewith attached, showing that the Spanish government has broken off diplomatic relations with this government. This course renders unnecessary any further diplomatic action on the part of United States.

"April 20, 1898, Woodford minister, Madrid: "You have been furnished with the text of a joint resolution whereby the Congress of the United States on the 19th inst., approved today in relation to the pacification of the Island of Cuba. In obedience to that act the President directs you to immediately communicate to the government of Spain said resolution with the formal notice from this government of Spain to at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters. In taking this step the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction and control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination that when that is accomplished to leave the island of its people under such and independent government as they may establish.

"If by the hour of noon on Saturday next, the 23rd day of April there be not communicated to

to Havana for a short time at least, unless the fleet is attacked in any direction. The official statement is made that the administration does not fear an attack from the Spanish fleet in the Cape Verde Islands. The President does not believe this fleet will ever move toward Cuban waters.

"Spain would not send this fleet over to be swallowed." Are the words of a high official. When the same official was asked if he thought the Spanish fleet would enter American waters to make an attack on any port he answered in the negative.

He intimated that the flying squadron would be held in reserve to take care of any Spanish fleet coming in this direction. —San Antonio Express.

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TEXAS VOLUNTEER.

The President Intends This for Border Protection.

18th inst. Gov. Culberson wired the President among other things, he did not consider it prudent to withdraw all troops from the Rio Grande border, in view of reliable reports that marauding expeditions were being organized there. No answer was immediately received and consequently the Ranger force was doubled and concentrated on that border. Last night the Governor received the following telegram from Secretary of War Alger and answered as shown below:

"Washington, D.C., April 21:—To Gov C.A. Culberson, Austin, Tex.: In reply to your telegram of the 18th to the President you are informed that it is the intention now that troops from your State called into service will be utilized to garrison frontier of your State during the absence of regulars. Will this be satisfactory to you? R. A. ALGER. "Secretary of War."

OUR FIRST PRIZES.

A Spanish Merchantman and a Man-of-war Captured.

The first Spanish prize is the steamer Buena Ventura. The Nashville captured her after firing two shots. she was a loaded with lumber.

We learn from a reliable source that a telegram was received in San Antonio about 5 a m this morning stating that our fleet had captured a Spanish man-of-war about ten miles off from Havana.

A former Texan, now residing in St. Petersburg, Russia, sent a long cablegram to Ajt. Gen. Mabry, expressing his desire to enlist with Texas troops, in case of war with Spain.

GENERAL NEWS.

Separated From the Chaff for Busy Readers.

Senator Edward C. Waltham, of Mississippi, died in Washington, on the 21st inst.

It is feared that the Spanish fleet may head off the Oregon as she passes Cape Horn on her way from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The insurgents refused to treat with the delegation sent by the colonial government, to secure peace on the Autonomy plan.

The North Atlantic Squadron will blockade Havana immediately. If any Spanish vessels appear they will be engaged in battle, if possible.

A sensation has been created in El Paso by the finding of the once famous Tiofa mine, which was closed and walled in when owners were driven out in 1818.

Some fifteen thousand people assembled on the Alamo plaza, at San Antonio, on April 21st to witness the Battle of Flowers. The occasion was one of the most memorable in the history of the city.

Enthusiastic processions of Spaniards march the streets of Madrid and cry "Down with the Yankees." They demand the removal of the American Eagle from the Equitable Life Insurance building, which was smashed into bits.

The Call to the Colors.

"Are you ready, O Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee People of the Southland, answer! For the land has need of thee!"

Hall from Chattanooga's side, Every soldier in the column, Velvet voiced and iron handed Lifts his head to answer, "Here!" "I am remain who charged with Pike, Kett, Some survive who followed Lee; They shall die their souls to battle For the flag, if need theirs be."

Truce to food and peace to faction, To the exact number of bales in the cotton crop of 1897-98 we will give if the estimate is received. During March, 1898, \$2,500. If During April, 1898, 2,000. If During May or June, 1898, 1,500. If During July or August, 1898, 1,000.

Only Waiting.

Only waiting till the shadows Are a little longer grown, Only waiting till the glimmer Of the day's last beam is flown; Till the night of earth is faded From the heart once full of day, Till the stars of heaven are breaking Through the twilight soft and gray.

Only waiting till the reapers Have the last sheaf gathered home, For the summer time is faded, And the autumn winds have come Quickly, reap! gather quickly The last ripe hours of my heart, For the bloom of life is withered, And I hasten to depart.

Only waiting till the angels Open wide the mystic gate, At whose feet I long have lingered, Weary, poor and desolate. Even now I hear the footsteps And their voices far away; If they call me I am waiting Only waiting to obey.—Selected.

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A \$5,000 Cash Offer!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance.

SEND IN AN ESTIMATE ON THE GOTTON CROP SEASON OF 1897-98 CONTEST BEGAN MARCH 1—ENDS SEPT. 1, '98.

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Note Specially. If the EXACT figures are not given during this contest, the money will be paid out to the NEAREST TO THE EXACT figures. Somebody will get the money, it does not go back to the Constitution by any means.

On Such a Vital Problem You Ought to Make Figures.

THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop that has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898. This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899.

Table with 4 columns: Season, Acres planted, Bales in crop, and Sales of crop. Rows for 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, 1890-91, 1891-92.

Their figures will be used in deciding this contest. Their Estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

Following Are the Conditions of the Contest: First—If the prizes offered under the EXACT estimate upon the number of bales, the prizes offered under the second proposition will go to the nearest estimate, but if the first prizes are given for the NEAREST estimate, no one having named correctly the exact figures, then the second prizes would come in for the second nearest estimate and the third prizes for the third nearest estimate.

Second—If someone should submit a correct estimate in one division of the time shown above and the crop should send a correct estimate in some later division, this last estimate would take rank only among the second prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the amount correctly in the former period.

Third—The condition precedent for sending an estimate at the Cotton Crop is that each and every estimate must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution. If sent through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the estimate of the cotton crop will be forwarded. This must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the subscription. You cannot subscribe now and send your estimate afterwards; no forgetting it or leaving it out by accident or otherwise, or not knowing of this contest at the time you subscribe, or any other reason, will entitle one to send an estimate afterwards. The estimate must come with the subscription, or not at all. In sending your estimate by an agent of The Constitution, you make him your agent and not ours in forwarding your estimate, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and the certainty of the forwarding of the estimate. Should a party send more than one estimate, he or she will be entitled to a share of the prize fund unless which it may secure a prize for each correct estimate sent. Persons may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules the same person may receive a prize with each of the three propositions.

Fourth—In making your answer, just state simply "I estimate the number of bales of cotton will be" Make your figures very plain. If you want to make estimates later, or if you want to repeat the estimates you have made, send other subscriptions. Don't forget every subscription for yourself or your friends will entitle you to an estimate.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

What is the matter with the candidates?

LOCAL & PERSONAL.

Fresh hams 10c lb. Landrum.

Miss Sallie Thomas came up Saturday, from Encinal, and returned Sunday.

Tom Miller went to Twohig last Monday on business.

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

If you want cookstove go to Keck Bros..

Miss Daisy Carr, who has been visiting, at the Young ranch returned home Monday.

W. E. English, wife and little daughter, Lottie, of Carrizo Springs, stopped over a day on their way to San Antonio.

H. Oberwetter, from Carrizo Springs, was here last Saturday.

Judge M. F. Lowe, of Pearsall, was here Tuesday.

Pride of Illinois corn, 2 cans for 25c, Landrum.

Messrs John O'Meara, J. P. English, Till Tumlison and Joel English was here from Carrizo Springs, this week.

B. B. Throop, traveling state agent for the Houston Post, was here this week.

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For sale—thorough-bred Maltese Jack. Or will make the season for \$10. at my place, 8 miles west of Cotulla. J. W. ELKINS.

Send your children to Simom Cotulla & Co. for fancy candies and fruits.

Joseph Cotulla had five head of horses killed by a train last night.

Go to Simon Cotulla for ice cream, soda water, milk shakes, cider, and all kinds of cold bottle drinks; also fruits and fancy candy.

Misses Bee and Sallie Thomas made this office a pleasant visit, last Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Hall has gone to the Pudding community, to visit her parents.

Some of the young people spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. Frank Nye's on Wednesday.

J. S. Taylor's big dam on the Neueces was considerably damaged by the heavy rains last week.

J. T. Maltzberger is visiting relatives in the Alamo City this week.

Misses Mattie Ware and Maggie Winslow, of Millet, visited the city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Hicks returned from San Antonio Sunday.

Encinal Items.

Neelie Buckley departed for Eagle Pass Friday.

On Friday last Mrs. W. L. Hargus and son made a flying trip to San Antonio returning Sunday.

Mrs. A. Armstrong, Sr., and son, who have been visiting Mrs. W. Matthews the past week, returned to Cotulla Sunday.

On Saturday last Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell accompanied by Miss Bessie Cobb left for Carrizo Springs to be gone a week visiting relatives.

On Tuesday last Mr. Saunders and Miss Bacon of the Hargus ranch left for San Antonio to witness the battle of flowers.

M. A. Withers of Lockhart and A. D. McGhee of San Marcos were here Tuesday and Wednesday receiving cattle they recently bought of F. M. Shaw.

Mrs. W. L. Hargus is in the city visiting this week.

On April 30th a grand picnic will be given, by the school, at the Beneviades ranch two and a half miles from town. A cordial invitation is extended to Encinal and Cotulla friends. Every one come and bring a hamper of good things.

RANCHERO.

Mrs. B. Vesper left Monday to visit relatives in the Alamo city.

W. B. Guinn returned from Encinal Sunday.

M. & W. The Boss Tire.

We rode a wheel fitted with Morgan & Wright, D. tires, that had been in constant use for almost a year, from Brownsville, Texas, to Laredo, Texas, a distance of nearly 300 miles, over the roughest country road on earth. The country is literally covered with thorns. The trees, the cactus and even frogs have thorns (horns) on them.

STUDIOUS HABITS.

Keep Up the Habit of Learning - A Suggestion or Two.

One of the gravest mistakes of life is the idea which is ordinarily carried into practice that when the school days are over then training ceases. There is no reason why the studious habits acquired during the school days should not be continued indefinitely. Surely, as the mind matures and becomes able to grasp facts more clearly, the acquiring of knowledge ought to become easier. Instead of feeling that graduation day is simply emancipation from drudgery, young people should be taught that this occasion is just a way mark in the path of education. It proves the existence of capacity for learning and ought to be regarded in no other light. It would be time well spent if the farmers and artisans of country districts could spend two evenings a week at the schoolhouse reciting lessons in farm economy or public affairs, or listening to lectures or watching demonstrations of ways to make one acre of land produce as much as is now gleaned from two. The clerk and the bookkeeper, instead of frittering away a great portion of their time, could with profit attend evening school and familiarize themselves with problems with which they may hopelessly struggle when they start out in business for themselves. The immeasurable advantage to women and girls of classes in household duties, health cultivation and the care of a family ought to be apparent to the dullest mind. But as soon as the youngster leaves school the books are thrown aside, tossed in the attic, perhaps, never to be opened again; the hours are spent in idleness or amusements, and the only partially developed powers of mind and body are turned in directions where not the slightest benefit can be derived. There is not sufficient time in the ordinary school course for the child to acquire the knowledge necessary to a successful career. How important, then, to supplement this by the regular and systematic study of subjects that are sure to come up in one's everyday pursuits and to the working out of problems familiarity with which will make all of one's after life more smooth and render the achievement of success easy and more brilliant than is ordinarily the lot of the prosperous business man.

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I. N. Hall left, overland this week, for San Antonio.

J. R. Newman, of Dilly, was here this week.

Mr. Barwick, representing the Chicago Portrait Co., was here during the week.

Mrs. J. B. Coleman has been ill during the week.

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J. J. Yowell, Carpenter and Building, went up to Moore this week.

Robt. Hall, went to Dallas this week, to attend the re-union.

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

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Rev. J. F. Kimball, of Laredo, stopped over here a few days on his return from Tilden. He delivered several very able sermons in Spanish, and was rewarded by six additions (Mexicans) to the Baptist church.

Enameled ware; 6qt milk pans 25c. 7qt tea kettle 75c. large stew pan 25c. 8 qt coffee pot 45c. 12 qt bucket 65c. steel fry pans 10c. side crank sifter 15c. Landrum & Co.

S. V. Edwards our worthy Sheriff was in town Friday.

Morgan Williams of the Pudding neighborhood was in the city Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Barlow and Mrs. A. Armstrong Sr., visited the May ranch Wednesday.

Sam McMains and T. H. Gardner of the Pudding settlement were here Thursday.

Henry Lestergette arrived here Wednesday from his camp, near Batesville and is now very ill.

Will Robbins, Ed Lestergette, and Gus Carson all from Lestergette's well camp, near the Rio Grande, were in here this week.

Isaac Butler has returned home after several months absence.

W. P. May and wife and Mrs. Jennie May were in the city from the ranch this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barlow.

Mrs W. P. Johns left Sunday for Comanche, Texas to visit relatives and friends.

We are sorry to say that Wood-lief Thomas is quite ill. It is hoped he will soon recover.

L. P. Cleary and wife and W. F. Jay, all of the Arkansas neighborhood were in the city Monday.

Will Hill, was in the burg from the ranch Monday.

The following is a list of those who attended the Battle of Flowers at San Antonio: Mr. W. J. Bowen and wife, Mrs J. P. Davis and children, Mrs. Geo. Copp, little daughter, Emma, Mrs. J. A. Landrum and sister, Miss Madie Daniel, Miss Louise Cotulla, J. Manly Daniel and sister Ina. A. F. Warnock, Will Riley and Miss Iona Edmiston, Mrs. A. Armstrong Sr. and Mrs. Jennings.

The most notable feature of the trip was, that we did not have to repair a puncture the late half of the trip. In our opinion the M. & W. is the best tire made.

Be Yourself.

One reason why so many girls and boys, men and women, too, are uninteresting is because nearly everybody tries so hard to be like some body else rather than to be content to remain himself in life.

In nature you don't see an oak tree posing as a willow, or a black duck as a yellow leg, or a horse as a cow, or a lily as a rose, or a lilac as a peony, or a dog as a cat. Be natural, and you'll be all right.

Many a girl without the slightest talent for music is ruining a piano who should be making bonnets or bread; many a boy is studying for a learned profession whose sphere is the machine shop or mill; many a man is splitting up churches who ought to be doing good service in some institution of learning, teaching or working on farm, and many a women is trying in vain to be a leader of society when she should be a model housewife in her own home.—Person's Weekly.

Chas. Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press, has been appointed post master general to succeed Jas. A. Gary who resigned on account of poor health.

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never be given up. Instructions are somewhat to blame for the fact that pupils consider themselves to an extent finished when they leave school. It would be far better if the fact could be kept steadily before their minds that not only are the schoolhouse and graduation day not the end of the student's career, but that they are in very truth nothing more nor less than the beginning.—N. Y. Ledger.

VALUABLE ALMANACS.

One Is Three Thousand Years Old—Other Notable Specimens.
The most remarkable almanac ever made is that now in the British museum, which is priceless. It is believed to be at least 3,000 years old. The days are written in red ink on papyrus, in colors, and under each is a figure, followed by three characters signifying the probable state of the weather for that day. The most elaborate almanac in the world is that issued by the Chinese government in 12 thick volumes, which gives full information as to lucky times and places for performing the acts of everyday life, which is considered an essential of success by every good Chinaman. The Nautical Almanac costs the British nation £3,942 a year. At its office, No. 3 Verulam buildings, Gray's Inn, London, the superintendent, A. M. W. Downing, doctor of science and fellow of the Royal society, receives £600. Edward Roberts, fellow of the Royal Astronomical and Statistical societies, the chief assistant, receives \$450, and there are 11 other assistants, several of whom are graduates of universities or members of learned societies, who are paid from £100 to £300 each. The most curious calendar at present in use is that of the natives of Central America, where the months are only 20 days, and these are named after animals. Among most modern European ones the "Almanac de Gotha" has been longest in continuous circulation, upward of 135 years.—Boston Transcript.

In Drumtochty.

Donald (seven a. m.)—Come and hae a wee drop o' whisky, Dugald.
Dugald—Na, mon, it's over soon for drinkin', besides I've had twa already.—The Dialectician.

A Professional Habit.

In 1,000 cases of the morphine habit, collected from all parts of the world, the medical profession constituted 40 per cent. of the number.
—A good many men are sized up by the money they do not spend.—Washington Democrat.

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hold of those who lived in the City of the Heart, because it was over full of men to great a sickness. Indeed, that soon there was space and to spare for all who remained within its walls. The sickness went away, but as the generations passed a new and worse trouble fell upon our forefathers. The blood of the people grew old, and but few children were born to them.

"There were none left on the mainland to replenish the race, and this is our law, a law that cannot be broken under pain of death, that no man or woman may leave our territories to seek a husband or wife of different blood.

"Thus, then, it has come about that the people have grown fewer and fewer, wasting away like snow upon a mountain top in summer, till at length they are dwindled to a few thousands, who in bygone days could count their number by tens and twenties of thousands.

"But an ancient prophecy has come down to us from our forefathers, and it is that, when once more the two halves of the symbol of the Heart are laid side by side in their place upon the altar in the sanctuary of the holy city, then from that hour she shall grow great again. Over this saying I brooded long, and often did I pray to that God whom I worship that I might find that which was lost, and save the people from perishing.

"At length a voice spoke to me in a dream answering my prayer, bidding me to wander forth from the country of the heart and follow the ancient road toward the sea, for there, near to the eastern shore, I should find that which was lost.

"Then I summoned the Council of the Heart and told them of my dream and that I purpose to obey it. But they made a mock of me and said that I might go if I wished, but that no man of the people should accompany me across the mountains, for that was against the ancient law.

"To be short," continued Zibabai, "since my heart was set upon this mission and my daughter yonder, who is willful, would not be parted from her desire to accompany me, I took my nephew, was placed over the city to rule as caecique in my stead, until I should return again.

"Alone we crossed the mountains, and alone, following the traces of the ancient road, we traveled through the desert and the forest that lies beyond it, till at last we reached this secret place.

"There is no need to tell the rest of the tale, for it is known to you. Now, if it please you, let us hear yours, and learn what purpose led you and your companion here in time to come from the grip of that white devil who lies dead upon the stairway."

"Then I spoke, telling to Zibabai and his daughter the story of my life, and of my great scheme to build up again

"By your help," I answered. "Men are here in plenty, but to use them I must have gold, whereas yonder, it seems, you have gold and no men. Therefore I ask of you some portion of your useless wealth, that by its help I may lift up your people and my own."

"Follow me to the city, and if I can bring it about you shall have all that you desire," he answered. "Now, daughter, lead me to my rest, for I am overwhelmed, not with toil and suffering, but with too much joy."

When he had gone the senior spoke to me. "This is very well, Ignatio," he said, "and most interesting, but just now, as I may remind you, there are things more pressing than the regeneration of the Indian race; for instance, our own safety. Tomorrow, at the latest, men will come to seek those villains who lie round, and if we are found here it seems likely that we shall be shot down as murderers. Say, then, what do you propose to do?"

"I propose, senior, that at the first light of dawn we should take the mountain side away. The forest is dense and it will be difficult to find us in it; moreover, two days' journey will take us beyond the reach of white men. Tell me, lady," I added to Maya, who had returned from the chamber, "do you know the road?"

"I know the road," she answered, "but, sire, before you take it, it is right that I should tell you something."

"You have heard my father's words and they are true, every one of them, but they are not all the truth. He rules that city of which he has spoken to you, but the nobles there are wary of his rule, that at times is somewhat harsh, also they deem him mad. It was for this reason that they suffered him to wander forth, seeking the fulfillment of a prophecy in which none of them have faith, for they were certain that he would perish in the wilderness and return no more to trouble them."

"Then why did they allow you, who are his heir, to accompany him, lady?"

"Because I would have it so. I love my father, and if he was doomed to die because of his folly, it was my wish to die with him. Moreover, if you would know the truth, I hate that city where I was born and the man in it to whom I am destined to be married, and desired to escape from it if only for awhile."

[Continued in next issue.]

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas and County of La Salle.

To the unknown owner of the following described parcel of land and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of La Salle for taxes to-wit:

An undivided one half of Block No. 5 in the town of Cotulla, La Salle County, Texas, as shown by a recorded map or plat of said town which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount: \$12.88 for state and county taxes, interest, and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought

for the collection of said amount and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the District court of La Salle county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, same being the 23rd day of May 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots) and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest and costs and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs clerk of district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clerk District Court La Salle county Texas.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas and County of LaSalle

To the unknown owner of the following described land and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

640 acres of land in La Salle county, Texas, out of survey No. 35, abstract No. 112, certificate No. 1-964, original grantee B. S. & F. patented, to E. D. Hardin which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amounts: \$116.71 for state and county taxes interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for collection of said amount and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county, and

Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, same being the 23rd day of May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest and costs and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs Clerk of the district court in and for La Salle county state of Texas,

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clerk District Court La Salle county, Texas,

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas and County of La Salle.

To Z. P. Dedrick and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

All of lots one and two in block No. twenty-one (21) in the town of Cotulla, La Salle county, Texas, as shown by a recorded map or plat of said town, which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amounts: \$18.51 for state and county taxes, interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount, you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said lots, and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest and costs and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs clerk of district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clerk District court La Salle county Texas.

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The State of Texas and County of La Salle.

To the unknown owner of the following described land and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

640 acres of land in La Salle county, Texas, out of survey No. 1251, abst. No. 1579, cert. No. 719, original grantee, H. E. & W. T. patented to E. R. Lane, which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount: \$44.50 for state and county taxes, interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest costs, and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs clerk of district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, clerk District court of La Salle county, Texas.

quent to the State of Texas and County of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

320 acres of land in La Salle county, Texas, out of survey No. 94, abstract No. 195, certificate No. 838, original grantee, Thos. J. Hall, which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount: \$81.09 for state and county taxes interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land, and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest and costs and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs clerk of the district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, clerk District court of La Salle county, Texas.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas, and county of La Salle.

To L. Wall and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

All of lot No. 4, in block No. 6 in the town of Cotulla in state and county aforesaid as shown by a recorded map or plat of said town which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount: \$20.86 for state and county taxes interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount, and you are commanded to ap-

pear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county and state of Texas being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, same being the 23rd day of May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said lot and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes interest and costs, and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs, clerk of the district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clerk district court of La Salle county, Texas.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas and county of La Salle.

To J. D. Gilliland and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of La Salle, for taxes, to-wit:

320 acres of land in La Salle county, Texas, out of survey No. abstract No. 180, certificate No. 3457, originally granted and patented to J. D. Gilliland which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount: \$23.57 for state and county taxes, interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the district court of La Salle county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, same being the 23rd day of May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land, and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest costs, and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs Clerk of the district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, clerk district court La Salle county, Texas.

pered condemning said land, and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest costs, and cost of suit.

Attest: Geo. H. Knaggs Clerk of the district court in and for La Salle county, state of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, clerk district court La Salle county, Texas.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas and County of La Salle.

To the unknown owner of the following described land and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of La Salle for taxes, to-wit:

596 acres of land in La Salle county, Texas, out of survey No. 1811 Abst. 1166, Cert. No. 485, original grantee, G. C. & S. F. Patented to Geo. B. Robbins, which said land is delinquent for taxes, interest and costs for the following amount \$33.18 for State and County taxes, interest and costs and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said amount, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the May term of the District court of La Salle county, and State of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house thereof, at Cotulla, on the 4th Monday in May, 1898, same being the 23rd day of May, 1898, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land, and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes, interest, costs and cost of suit.

ATTEST: Geo. H. Knaggs Clerk of the District court in and for La Salle county, State of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in [L. s.] Cotulla, Texas, this 16th day of April, 1898.

GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clk Dist. Court, La Salle Co. Tex.

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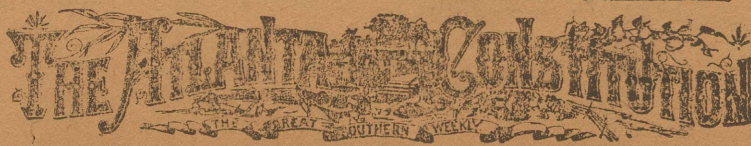
A \$5,000 Cash Offer!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance:

SEND IN AN ESTIMATE ON

THE COTTON CROP SEASON OF 1897-98
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TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR



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Here it is, read it all very carefully and be sure you understand the terms:

First Award:	Second Award:	Third Award:
To the subscriber or subscribers naming the exact number of bales in the cotton crop of 1897-98 we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber or subscribers naming the first next nearest we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber naming the second next nearest we will give if the estimate is received
During March, 1898..... \$2,500	During March, 1898..... \$1,500	During March, 1898..... \$1,000
If During April, 1898..... 2,000	If During April, 1898..... 1,250	If During April, 1898..... 750
If During May or June, 1898..... 1,500	If During May or June, 1898..... 1,000	If During May or June, 1898..... 500
If During July or August, 1898..... 1,000	If During July or August, 1898..... 750	If During July or August, 1898..... 250

SO, THAT THE FIRST THREE PRIZES AMOUNT TO \$5,000 IN CASH.

Note Specially. If the EXACT figures are not given during this contest, the money will be paid out to the NEAREST TO THE EXACT figures. Somebody will get the money, it does not go back to THE Constitution by any means. Those who solve the problem at the longest range will receive proportionately the highest prizes, as you notice the figures grow less as the time expires and because the number of bales received up to certain dates, as the time advances, can be known exactly, leaving shorter time and probabilities to figure against.

In all three of the cases submitted it is distinctly understood that, should more than one correct or equally correct estimate be filed in the contest, the amount of the prizes shall be divided equally among the correct answers. The prizes are offered in cash. There is no "missing word" in this, no probability for some one to know absolutely the correct answer, but this is brain versus brain, skill versus skill, pencil versus pencil, figures versus figures. Every man is interested in the cotton crop, the amount of the crop varies the price and the price of cotton in our territory is the barometer of the people's prosperity.

On Such a Vital Problem You Ought to Make Figures.

THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898. This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899. It is for the crop already in and marketed, official figures of which will be announced in September. As a guide for making your estimate we give official figures for each of the last ten crops. The conditions under which this last crop was grown and its probable output are elements for you to compute from and will aid in the correctness of your present estimate.

The figures given by Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, are generally received throughout the South as official, and we give an exact copy from their latest edition of "Cotton Movement and Fluctuations" as follows:

Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop	Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop
1887-88	18,901,897	7,046,833	1892-93	18,067,924	6,700,368
1888-89	19,352,073	6,938,290	1893-94	19,684,000	7,549,817
1889-90	20,171,896	7,311,322	1894-95	21,454,000	9,901,254
1890-91	20,809,053	8,652,597	1895-96	18,882,000	7,157,349
1891-92	20,714,937	9,035,379	1896-97	22,341,000	8,757,964

Their figures will be used in deciding this contest.

There Estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

Following are the conditions of the Contest: FIRST—If the prizes offered under the EXACT estimate upon the number of bales, the prize offered under the second proposition will go to the nearest estimate, but if the first prizes are given for the EXACT ESTIMATE, no one having named correctly the exact figures, then the second prizes would come in for the second nearest estimate and the third prizes for the third nearest estimate.

SECOND—If some one should submit a correct estimate in one division of the time shown above and someone should send a correct estimate in a more later division, this last estimate would take rank only among the second prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the amount correctly in the former period.

THIRD—The condition precedent for sending an estimate at the Cotton Crop is that each and every estimate must be accompanied by a year's subscription to THE WEEKLY CONSTITUTION. If sent through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the editor of the cotton crop will be forwarded. This must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the subscription. You cannot subscribe now and send your estimate afterwards, no forgetting it or leaving it out by accident or otherwise, or not knowing of this contest at the time you subscribe, or any other reason, will entitle one to send an estimate afterwards. The estimate must come with the subscription, or not at all. In sending your estimate by an agent of THE CONSTITUTION, you make him your agent and not ours in forwarding your estimate, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and the certainty of the forwarding of the estimate. Should a party send more than one estimate, he or she will be entitled to a share of the prize-fund under which it may secure a prize for each correct estimate sent. Persons may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules the same person may receive a prize with each of the three propositions.

FOURTH—In making your answer, just state simply: "I estimate the number of bales of cotton for 1897-98 to be....." Make your figures very plain. If you want to make estimates large or if you want to repeat the estimates you have made, send other subscriptions. Don't forget every subscriber for yourself or your friends will entitle you to an estimate.

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