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COTULLA, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1900.

\$1. IN ADVANCE

BOERS MAKE A STUBBORN STAND.

Botha's and Roberts' Forces Meet in Battle.

FIGHTING CONTINUED TWO DAYS RESULTING IN THE TRANSVAALERS GAINING HIGHER GROUND.

Lord Roberts has wired the war office that he had met Gen. Botha's army and fought them for two entire days. After a hard struggle the Boers were forced from their position, but retired to another much higher and stronger one, which they held until the second night, when they evacuated it and moved to the eastward. The losses on both sides were very small.

England thought that the war was practically over, all that was lacking was for Roberts to meet the Boer army and crush it out of existence, but since Gen. Lord Botha's army has been able to stand against the British forces for two days and then retreat without losing any guns or having any men captured, it means that the war will last many months yet. A Boer war bulletin issued at Machadodorp, says that the first regiment of Buller's force to attack Almondsnek was completely annihilated.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says that two steamers arrived there on 12th inst with several thousand tons of supplies consigned to Portuguese merchants, but destined to the Boers. Hundreds of Americans, Frenchmen, Germans and Hollanders have arrived there enroute to the Transvaal.

President Kruger is said to be holding onto his gold and issuing paper notes from a press in his executive car.

Buller is at a standstill and will not be able to advance until he gets supplies.

India's Awful Sufferings.

Famine, Cholera and Smallpox Sweeping Natives off the Earth by the Thousands.

Dr. Klopsch, who has just completed a tour through the famine districts of India tells of many horrible scenes. He found famine camps stamped by cholera and smallpox fugitives who had come from distant points.

At Godhra, about 300 miles north of Bombay, there were 3,000 deaths from cholera in four days. The same conditions prevailed at numbers of other places he visited. In the hospitals the death rate as reported by the physicians was ninety per cent.

At Baroda, some seventy miles south of Godhra, he found in the poor house 1,200 natives who had been rescued from famine. The heat in that country is almost beyond endurance during the summer, the thermometer going to 115 in the shade, daily.

Dr. Klopsch says the stories of human bodies being devoured by vultures and jackals are true.

Still the worst has not yet arrived, this will be reached when the monsoon breaks and the torrential rains flood the relief camps and a large part of the famine area, spreading disease, and especially cholera.

It is quite clear that all that has been done will count for little unless in the crisis more help is generously and quickly extended.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THEIR MEETING OF THE 11TH INST.

The Court met as a Board of Equalization on the 11th inst, with the following named present: Judge S. T. Dowe, Commissioners Geo. Copp, D. W. McKee and W. A. Kerr.

It was ordered that the County Treasurer be notified to set aside the sum of \$157 out of the Road & Bridge Fund for the purpose of paying the following named parties for the amount of and taken up by road leading from Millett to the County line. W. H. Jacobs, 2 miles. . . \$30. J. S. Moffett, 2 1-4 miles. . . 33.75 B. Brown, 2 1-2 miles. . . 37.50 J. Newman, 3 1-4 miles. . . 48.75 N Y & Tex Land Co 1-2 mile 7.50 and it was further ordered that the said Treasurer notify each of these parties that said amounts are in his hands and on deposit subject to their orders.

It was ordered that the following named parties be notified that their renditions for the year 1900 are not satisfactory and that it is the intention of the Board of Equalization to increase the valuation placed upon the property so rendered for taxation for the current year, viz:

Jos. Cotulla, Lots 1 & 3 in Blk. 10 to \$30 a lot. " 8, 10 & 12 " 1 " \$30 " " 3 & 4 " 6 " \$50 " " 8 to 12 " 6 " \$50 "

Armstrong & Beckwith, Cattle to 2000 head.

Jno. Dillard, Land and Improvements to \$1400.

E. B. Flowers, Land and Improvements to \$1284.

A. B. Guilfuss, Land to \$1.25 per acre.

T. W. House, Land to \$1.25 per acre.

I. & G. N. R. R. Co., 30 per cent added to valuation of all property rendered.

H. C. Lane, Improvements to \$750.

Keck Bros., 1-2 Blk. to \$1500. Blk. 2 to 1200.

W. H. Jacobs, Improvements to 1,000.

Sam Johnson, Improvements to 1,000.

J. L. Rowland, Land and improvements to 250.

J. Quinna, Land to 1.25 per acre.

Dennis O'Connor, Improvements to 500.

N. Y. & T. Land Co., Improvements to 1,000. Land to 1.25. Also: Lots 1, 3, 5, 9, 11 in Blk 1 to 150. Lot 15 in Blk 3 to \$30. Lots 10 & 12 in Blk 4 to \$65. 10 lots in Blk 5 to 500. Lot 7 in Blk 9 to 50. Lot 7 in Blk 11 to 30.00. Lots 1 to 5 in Blk 13 to 20.00 per lot. Lots 3, 5, 7 & 9 in Blk 15, lots 2, 4, 6 & 8 in Blk 16 and 7 lots in Blk 17 to 20.00 per lot. Blk 2 to 120.

J. W. McInnis, land and improvements to \$2,600 and cattle to 700 head.

G. A. Manly, improvements to \$350.

W. H. Welhausen, land and improvements to \$350.

T & W O R Y Co, land to 1.25 per acre.

W H Townsend, land to 1.25 per acre.

Scharp & Spetzal, cattle to 12.00 per head.

Est Mrs C S Smith, land to 1.25 per acre.

Francis Smith & Co, land to 1.25 per acre, improvements to

\$1200 J M Williams, homestead to 600.

L A Kerr & Co to amount as shown by chattel mortgages.

Teofilo Ramiles, improvements to 600 dollars.

Armstrong & Swink, to amount of solvent credits.

Mrs Lula Bowen, lots 3, 4, and 5 in blk 7 to 700 dollars.

W S Cobb, improvements to \$200

T J Carr, " 250

John Dohlen " 250

Antonio Gallado " 250

Jesus Gonzales " 400

Joe Grey, " 200

P. H. Hall, " 300

C. B. Jordan " 150

T. R. Keck " 600

Jno Kerr " 500

C F Lang " 350

D Larkin, " 100

T D and S A Morgan (Res) 500

G Philipe, Residence 700

H. Riley, " 500

Tarver & Hall, Store etc. 1,200

D & H Oppenheimer, valuation as of last year. 700

It was ordered that the County Judge confer with the County Judge of Bexar county concerning suits brought by the two counties for back taxes against the I. & G. N. R. R. Co.

The court then adjourned until the 26th inst when it will meet again for the purpose of hearing complaints of parties whose property has been raised in valuation.

NOTICE.

The Commissioners Court will meet as a Board of Equalization on June 26th to hear complaints of parties whose property has been raised in valuation. Done by order of Commissioners Court this 13th day of June, 1900.

G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of Court.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mr M. Connell was found dead in his bed Saturday morning at the Burke hotel after an illness of several days. At two o'clock he was up, and only a short while before found dead was seen to be breathing. He had been gradually failing for several months; his death was very quiet and peaceful. He was buried that evening without any services being performed over his remains, according to a wish expressed in a letter found in his valise. M. Connell was born in Ireland in the year '39, he afterward moved to Canada where he engaged in business and amassed quite a fortune. His health failing him there, he moved to Cotulla some six or seven years ago and has lived here since. Nothing whatever is known of his life as he has guarded his secrets well and taken no man into his confidence. Not until after death did anyone outside of his legal adviser know the amount of his estate which he willed to his brothers and sisters, naming a former partner and life long friend, R. Burke of Canada, as administrator. It was his wish that any friend who cared to should speak a tribute at his grave and Mr. S. J. McMurray spoke a few words concerning his life and belief and death. Deceased denied the existence of God, refused in his will to admit such a Being, and believed that death ended all existence. He was a man who spoke his sentiments freely and allowed others to do the same without taking offense. He lived a quiet, unassuming life; one that was just as honest as life could be and refused to call any man his friend who was in the least dishonest. He dropped out of the life of Cotulla as quietly as he came.

Live Stock Notes.

Asper Richardson shipped several cars of fat cattle out of Encinal Sunday morning and just as the train was running into San Antonio the bedding in one of the cars caught fire. The cattle became nearly crazed with fright and there cut nearly one half of the cars and escaped. They were all caught later and disposed of in San Antonio.

W. St. Johnson bought five 2 year old heifers Monday from Blewett & Blewett. They are of the red polled grade and sold for \$18 each.

Jos. Cotulla bought several cars of three and four year old steers near Aguilares this week at \$23 per head. He shipped yesterday to St Louis market.

John J. Irvin bought five head of red-polled bulls from Blewett of Denton. Price, \$65 per head. Also two two-year-old heifers at \$40 each.

J. F. Green & Co. loaded out several cars of 917 lb. grass steers from Encinal this week. They sold in St Louis for \$4.00.

T. A. Coleman shipped a train of fat steers to St Louis Sunday morning. They weighed 924 and brought \$3.85.

Blewett & Blewett of Denton, Texas, have had a car of fine bulls here this week, for sale.

Armstrong & Poole loaded out five cars of market cattle Monday.

NOTICE.

Bids will be received up till ten o'clock on the 26th day of June, 1900 for the construction of a wooden bridge across the Cibolo Creek, near the town of Millett. Specifications can be seen at any time in the office of the County Clerk. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Done by order of Commissioners' Court, this 13th day of June, 1900.

S. T. DOWE, County Judge.

Happenings at Encinal.

Messrs. Green, Coleman & Co., are moving their stock of merchandise over into their new store building occupied by Brex Bros.

Miss Swink left Monday for Texas to meet her sister, Miss Cook, who was on her way from the Belton University to spend the vacation month with her mother and brothers.

Mr. Richardson was in the fore part of the week delivering some cattle to Mr. Kennedy, which were shipped to market. Mr. Richardson goes to San Antonio to bring his family to spend the summer months on the ranch, which is their home every year.

Two cattle shipments from here last week to St Louis and Chicago. J. F. Green & Co., shipped 14 cars Saturday and Sunday 10 cars the following day. There was quite a number of representatives of Companies were scrambling shipments.

Mr. D. G. French and Mrs. D. G. French and Bell Hawker of San Antonio visiting relatives in Encinal.

Lonnie Allee was in from the Belcher ranch Thursday on business.

S. A. Wolcott and wife are again at their ranch home after a two week visit to friends in Laredo and San Antonio.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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PRECINCT.
Commissioner precinct No. 1 Geo. Copp
" " 2 S. J. Jordan.
" " 3 W. A. Kerr
" " 4 D. W. McKee
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" " 2 None.
" " 3 W. S. Cobb
" " 4 Jno. Shull
" " 5 A. J. Anglin
Constable precinct No. 1 Warner Petty.
" " 2 Wm. Earnest

CHURCHES.
Baptist Church.—Rev. Bruce Roberts, Pastor.—Services—1st Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Conducted by Miss Mary Burwell. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.
Lutheran Church.—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., Prof. J. G. Owen, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services—On each 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. at 7:30 p. m., and on Wednesday preceding each 1st Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday, 10 a. m. Every body cordially invited.
SOCIETIES.
Knights of Honor.—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3198. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros.
G. W. Henriksen, Dictator.
G. Philippe, Reporter.
Woodmen of World.—La Salle Lodge, No. 125. Meet 1st and 3rd Friday in each month, in the hall over Keck Bros.
Dr. J. W. Williams, C. C.
G. Philippe, Cleric.

Home Forum Benefit Order.—Cotulla Lodge No. 1829. Meet at call of President.
H. B. Miller, President.
G. Philippe, Secretary.
Red Men.—Huron Tribe, No. 81. Council Fire kindled every Monday night at K. of H. Hall. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. C. C. Thomas, Sachem; Mug Tarver, Prophet; Ed Cotulla, Chief of Records.

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Announcements.

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CASH IN ADVANCE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic District Convention.

FRANK H. BURMEISTER.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Purwell announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff & Tax Collector at the ensuing election, and respectfully solicits the support of the voters of La Salle County.

COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce S. T. Dove as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

C. C. Thomas announces himself as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge at the ensuing November election, and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

To the Voters of La Salle County:
I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of County Judge and respectfully solicit the support of the people, promising a faithful discharge of the duties of said office if elected.

Respectfully,
J. N. DANIEL.

HIDE AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR.
G. Maltzberger respectfully announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle county, and solicits the support of all voters.

TAX ASSESSOR.

E. Campbell respectfully announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county at the ensuing election, and asks the support of the voters.

Hon. R. W. Finley has withdrawn from the race for Comptroller in favor of Love. After Saturday's primaries he found his opponent so far in the lead that he decided to withdraw. He holds himself ready to take the stump for his opponent and bows to the Democracy of Texas as a true Democrat should.

Prospects for the farmer in La Salle county are very bright. While other sections of the country are suffering from two much rain we have had an abundant, but not excessive supply. Corn is made, true, another rain would make heavier corn, but with the season in the ground to draw from the yield will be ample. Sorghum and grasses are being harvested and cotton is looking its best. A few years like the present one and La Salle will lose the enviable distinction of being the best cattle county in Texas, but gain the more enviable one of being the best farming county in Texas.

Only a few years ago we bought all our onions in San Antonio. Today we ship them out by the carload. Small growers supplement these shipments with thousands of pounds by local freight. The home market is supplied the year 'round. This change has been wrought within the past four years, largely by irrigation. What has been done with this product can be done with others as easily. Watermelons, for instance command fancy prices in the Northern market when shipped early, and from this county they could be marketed as early as any other place in Texas. The seasons are regular enough to almost insure returns and we think the farmers could do no better than try the watermelons another year.

The Laredo Daily News which has been edited by C. W. McNeill since September last, has suspended publication.

There is considerable talk of a gin going to be put up at Millett, and the people of that enterprising little town are pulling hard for it.

The RECORD is in receipt of a communication from the Famine Relief Work for India, asking help for that far away country in its time of sore need. Elsewhere we give some extracts from articles showing the prevailing condition there. The people of this and surrounding counties know what drouth means, having passed through a severe one in years past, and therefore should be the more willing to help. We are now on the eve of a plenteous harvest, the best in years. Cattle are still high and everything is in a flourishing condition. Let us remember this and give of our abundance, for all mankind are brothers. Contributions should be sent to "The Christian Herald, 92 Bible House New York," or left at this office.

They tell us the Dilley people are pulling for the mail line now running from this place to Carrizo Springs. If they succeed, and we hardly see how they can fail, it will mean the difference of many dollars to our merchants in the course of a year's time, in direct trade, to say nothing of transient travel. With the mail line no longer running between the two points the last link will be severed and Cotulla will the quicker lose all the trade from that point. Already it has started away and as the years come and go we will gradually lose all outside trade and our merchants be confined to local fields for their operations. This is a short sighted business policy and should be changed at once. If however, our own merchants prosper by our antipathy and neglect.

The Devine News is booming industrial education for that town. It points with pride to the excellent public school of that place, but warns the people not to rest on what has been attained but to strive for better things. Industrial education is receiving much attention throughout the State at present and is, without doubt, a necessary part of the preparation for life's battle. Too much time of youth is spent in acquiring a book knowledge of the subjects now taught in our public schools leaving the practical knowledge to be acquired after having entered the ranks of the wage earner. This is at a great sacrifice to those so taught. Sooner or later this method of industrial education will be followed all over the State. Cotulla needs first of all, a better public school, then will be time to talk industrial education.

As a Board of Equalization the Commissioners have been hard at work this week raising the assessments. We understand on good authority that some have been raised 25 per cent, others as high as 150 per cent with intermediate raises ranging between the two. In cases of this latter kind, a 150 per cent rise, there is something very radically wrong. The Court is backed by strong evidence to sustain them else they would never have made so great a difference in the valuation of the property. This, then, throws the whole blame on the individual tax-payer who willfully values his property at low figures with purpose of defrauding the State. Until the people are honest in the rendition of taxes they need not expect honesty on the part of public officers, and yet how quick those same people are to condemn a defaulting officer. There will doubtless be a large, strong kick registered about two weeks hence when the same Court sits to hear the complaints. But such is life.

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I. & G. N. R. R. EXCURSIONS.

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Charleston, S. C., June 12-15th, National Ass'n.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 12-17th, B. Y. P. Convention.

Houston, June 19-21, Hardware Dealers Association.

June 18-30, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Austin, June 20-23, Democratic State Convention.

June 17-20, University Commencement.

College, June 10-13, A. & H. College Commencement.

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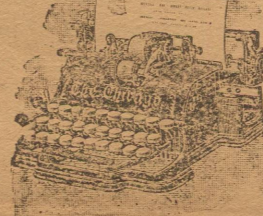
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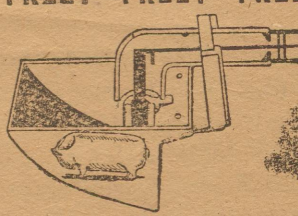
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Watermelons will soon be so plentiful that you can't give them away.

J. J. Irvin was in town Monday after some fine bulls he recently purchased.

George Moore brought a load of watermelons down from Millett yesterday.

After an absence of several days W. P. May returned Sunday from a trip North.

Revs. Russell and Roberts preached a series of sermons at Millett this week.

Newt Shull, recently of Dille, has moved here and is working on the R. R. section.

Wm. Liang Malcolmson passed up the road yesterday morning enroute to the Alamo City.

Wm. McCarty of Tuna was up one day this week shaking hands with his numerous friends.

Mrs. H. P. Buchanan and son, Pink, left Twohig Monday morning for Temple, their future home.

Will McMains, who lives on the Speer, was in Wednesday with a wagon load of garden truck.

F. D. McMahan returned Monday from the lower country where he had been hunting for fat cattle.

Deputy U. S. Marshal W. M. Hanson was on Wednesday's Southbound train enroute to Laredo.

J. M. Ramsey, one of old LaSalle's best citizens was in the city trading yesterday between trains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hargus returned home Saturday evening after a few days spent in the Alamo City.

Lieutenant W. L. Wright left Saturday evening for a few days visit to his family in Sutherland Springs.

Well, what about that Fourth of July barbecue? If we are going to do anything, let's "be up and doing."

Judge S. T. Dowe came back Sunday from Austin, where he had been on some important land business.

Revs. Russell and Roberts returned Wednesday evening from Millett, where they had been conducting a meeting.

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Jesse Prenal, once a cowman of this country was in the city Wednesday on his way to the Trammell ranch.

H. W. Earnest & Co., of Millett also J. B. Shull of the same place favored us with orders for job work this week.

Mrs. Bennett of Laredo, accompanied by her children, are in the city visiting her brothers, Messrs. T. R. and E. A. Keck.

Rev. J. C. Russell will conduct services at the Methodist church Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. E. A. Keck, of the lumber firm of Keck Bros., returned last Saturday from a brief business trip to the Alamo City.

The Northbound passenger train was seven hours late again Tuesday, caused by a wreck on the Mexican National.

N. A. Swirk, a well known business man of Encinal spent the time between trains in our town Sunday morning.

Messrs. J. B. and Burnett Little have resigned their positions as section foremen on the I & G N at Encinal and Green.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barlow, instructing us to send the RECORD to them at Tacoma, Wash.,

The many friends here of Rev. J. N. Marshall will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed seriously ill, at home in Laredo.

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R. E. Miller, range manager for the Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co., in Nueces county, passed down the I & G N last Sunday enroute to Encinal.

J. A. Burwell, who has been putting up some gutters and doing other tin work on the ranch house of Felix Shaw, near Encinal, returned here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson and children returned Saturday from Uvalde, where they went to be present at the marriage of Mr. W. W. Barker to Miss Lelia Love.

Miss Lizzie Campbell, daughter of J. W. Campbell of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Saturday last enroute to Kerrville, where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. T. R. Keck and little sons, Frank and Ray, went to Laredo Monday for the purpose of having a dentist extract two of Master Ray's teeth. They returned Wednesday morning.

Mr. N. A. Swirk, in company with his accomplished sister, Miss Clifton Brooks, passed down the road Tuesday, enroute to Encinal, their home. Miss Brooks has been attending the Baylor College at Belton for some time past.

District and County Clerk, Geo. H. Knaggs returned Sunday from the Alamo City, where he had been for several days under the treatment of a physician. He is very much improved and is now able to attend to his official duties.

Uncle Jack Hargus returned from San Antonio last Saturday evening, where had been to consult a physician. Uncle Jack became peculiarly affected one day last week, and thought that his tongue and jaws were going to become paralyzed, but his legion of friends will be glad to learn that the physician pronounced it only an "overheat" and that Uncle Jack is much better.

JEWELRY RECOVERED.

About ten days ago Mr. I. N. Hall's house was entered and some jewelry belonging to his daughter, Miss Florence, was stolen. The theft was perpetrated in broad daylight, while Miss Hall was away from home visiting a friend. When she returned she discovered that the house had been entered and some jewelry, consisting of three rings, one brooch, a breastpin and several other minor trinkets were missing. The officers were at once notified, and Sheriff Burwell, suspecting that it was some Mexican who committed the theft, began a search in this direction. Several days passed before anything turned up, but he was finally rewarded by finding a Mexican boy with one of the rings he was in search for. The boy claimed he bought the ring from a Mexican traveling through the country. The other pieces of jewelry were found one by one among the Mexicans and all told the same story as did the boy. The Mexican probably went to the house begging and finding no one at home forced an entrance and helped himself to all that glittered, and after disposing of it resumed his journey.

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MIRACLE OF A COW.

"WHAT'S the matter with old Asunga, Tom?" asked Crooked Necked Jim, "he seems terrible down on you; says he's going to fine all your family for planting taro on Sunday."

Asunga was the native magistrate, who was supposed to exercise police jurisdiction over the whole of the little isle.

"Asunga be blown," replied Blind Tom; "it's all about that cow job; I played off on him a couple of years ago. He's been trying to get at me ever since."

"Oh, the cow," replied Jim, chuckling; and with that the two burst into roars of laughter.

Tom had gone blind through drinking too much green kava, while Jim, who had been a sailor in his youth, had given his neck a permanent twist by incautiously falling down a hatchway. Hence his nickname.

"You want to know about the cow?" said Tom, in response to my urgent appeal for enlightenment. "Well, it's an old story hereabouts, but seeing that you're a stranger, I don't mind telling you about it."

"It was in this way. About a couple of years ago old Asunga, he's a magistrate for the island, you know, got very nasty toward me because one of my young men had run away with a girl from his family. It wasn't my fault, because I had nothing to do with the young people's love affairs, but still Asunga blamed me. He waited for his chance, and one day, because some of my pigs got into the missionary's taro patch, made me pay a heavy fine. I was not to blame, because the stone fence around the missionary's land was out of repair, but still I had to pay the fine, or else lose all the trade of the village.

"You can well imagine that I looked for a chance to even the score with Asunga. He had forced me to pay an unjust fine simply because of the unfortunate infatuation of one of the girls in his family, for which I was in no way to blame, for I had neither run away with the girl myself nor had I encouraged my young man to do so. There was no reason why I should have been made to pay that fine aside from his enmity for me. It would have been more in keeping with the law had he fined the missionary for allowing his fence to be in such a bad condition, but that would not have afforded Asunga the opportunity to pay me for something one of my young men had done.

"It was my turn next. I waited for my chance. The missionary had a cow, and one day that cow took a stroll round to my back veranda and made a good, substantial meal off a bunch of bananas and a basket of yams which had just been given me.

"I found Asunga sitting in his house holding the usual fono. 'Asunga,' I said, 'someone has entered my grounds and stolen a bunch of bananas and a basket of yams from my back veranda.'

"Well, who's the offender?" asked Asunga.

"The thief," I replied, "was Moo, the missionary's cow. She came into my garden and did ten dollars' worth of damage, besides eating the bananas and yams."

"Tala, the missionary, was a great friend of Asunga, and I knew that he would never have granted a warrant against his friend, so I put it on the cow.

"Moo may be guilty," he said, "but how can a cow be arrested; she cannot speak nor give evidence on her behalf?"

"I had my answer ready for him. 'Is it not recorded in the Scripture,' I said, 'that Baalam's ass spoke, and we're to disbelieve the Bible? Surely a magistrate of the law would not be guilty of so grave an offense. If Baalam's ass spoke surely Moo can do so, and if she can speak she can properly defend herself if brought to trial, and I insist upon her arrest for stealing my bananas and yams.'

"So at last Asunga reluctantly gave orders for the arrest of Moo, on a charge of petty larceny, and the hearing of the case was fixed for the next morning.

"That night Moo was taken in charge by the one native policeman, and in default of a lockup for quadrupeds was moored to one of the side posts of Asunga's house. She revenged herself, and provided occupation for the midnight hours by eating half the thatch of Asunga's roof.

"The trial was held in Asunga house, which did duty as a courtroom when occasion required. The great round beehive-shaped structure was crowded with curious natives, and amidst them Tala, who in defiance of all the laws of justice, was doing his best to convince the natives that the miracle of Baalam's ass was effected only by direct Divine interposition, and that a repetition of it could not be expected in these latter days."

"And what was her evidence?" I asked.

"Ah, that's where Jim comes in. You go on Jim, and finish the story."

"Oh, it was all easy enough," said Jim, twisting his head round so that he looked right over his left shoulder. "You see, I was a bit of a ventriloquist in my youth, and I've not forgotten it all either, like most of the other things I learned at school. And then I think the shape of my neck gives me an advantage.

"Well, the cow was brought up to the side of the house, and Asunga makes a long speech to her, though, being busy with the thatch over her head, she doesn't take notice very much. I took care to seat myself on the right-hand side of the prisoner, so that the twist of my neck would give me an advantage in throwing my voice in her direction.

"At last, after talking for about half an hour, Asunga wound up: 'Moo, you are charged with knowingly eating a bunch of bananas and a basket of yams belonging to Blind Tom. What is your answer—are you guilty or not guilty?'

"Just then it dawned upon Moo that something peculiar was going on, and she lowered her head and gave a plaintive bellow. It was the very opportunity I wanted, so throwing my voice well over in her direction, I added: 'I did eat the bananas and yams, oh, Ahi! Asunga, but truly it was because Tala, my master, had given me no grass that day, and I knew not how to produce milk for the morrow.'

"You never saw anyone so astonished as Tala; he felt his reputation for doctrinal knowledge tottering, and he hastened to come in out of the wet.

"A miracle, a miracle!" he exclaimed. "The Lord is with us—Moo speaks!"

"Asunga, though somewhat to Tala's disgust, hastened to take the same view of the matter. He was not going to let Tala have all the fame of this wonderful miracle. 'It is certain,' he said, 'that Moo has confessed her guilt, but also she has shown that thou, Tala, are to blame.'

"Tala protested in vain against any complicity in Moo's sins. 'The cow,' said Asunga, delivering his judgment, 'has confessed, and thou hast admitted that it is indeed a miracle. It is not for us to strive against the word of the Lord. Moo is fined 20 baskets of taro, and thou, her master, having kept her hungry, must pay the fine for her.'—J. F. ROSE-SOLEY, in the Wave.

The Impossible Club.

THE first autumnal meeting of the Impossible club was held on Monday evening at the club's downtown headquarters, all the members being present and responding to roll call.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the secretary reported that the affidavit of Mr. Jorkins regarding his story that a hotel clerk in Springfield wore no diamonds was missing, and therefore he moved that the statement be discredited and expunged from the records of the club and that Mr. Jorkins be fined 30 cents in accordance with by-law 36, adopted at the last meeting. The motion prevailed in spite of Mr. Jorkins' statement to the effect that at the time the telegram was sent to the club it was late in the evening and no notary was to be found.

The programme committee reported that the evening's entertainment would consist of the relation of personal experiences undergone during the summer, and that each member would be limited to one minute, in order that the club might adjourn and the members be at home by nine o'clock at the latest.



HE SPENT MUCH TIME FISHING.

The assistant secretary distributed the blank affidavits, and Dr. Dibble was called upon.

"My experiences have been rather limited," said the doctor. "I have been spending my vacation very quietly, as you know, in my new summer cottage at Pine lake. I had determined that I could afford to spend \$3,000 in the building and equipment of the cottage, and accordingly placed a limit of \$2,600 with the architect and house furnisher to whom I let the job. Everything was to be in readiness for occupancy by July 1, but on June 14 I received notice that I might move in at any time. I found everything in first-class shape, and the total expense had been slightly over \$2,400. As to any further experiences, I shall have to refer you to my friend Epkins here, who spent several weeks with me and had more leisure time to look for curious things."

"As to that," said Mr. Epkins, "I own up to having had a deal of time at my disposal, but as to experiences, they were few and far between. I spent the greater part of the time, when the weather would permit, in fishing. Fishing is not apt to lead a truthful man into very many experiences out of the ordinary. We had very good luck, though, and one forenoon we caught six bass trolling around the lake."

"Do they allow the bass to troll around the lake unattended?" asked the chairman. "Or do you mean to intimate that while trolling around the lake you caught six bass?"

"Put it any way you like," said Epkins. "Anyway, we caught the six bass, and some of them were whoppers. I am confident that one of them at least weighed a pound and a half. I had one other bass hooked and well up toward the boat when he gave a lunge and carried off my hook, spoon and everything else, but then he was a little fellow, weighing, perhaps, about a half-pound, and the loss of him didn't make much difference to the total."

"Todd and I had a most delightful time this summer," said Mr. Jorkins. "Together we went up here to a little summer resort in southern Wisconsin and put up at a farmer's house that was advertised as clean and comfortable, good beds, fine food and all that sort of thing, combined with a low rate. We paid a dollar a day, had separate beds, with hair mattresses and good springs, and all the eggs and milk and chickens that we wanted. We did not see a mosquito while we were there, and the weather, for the most part, was delightful. The proprietor had a clean-shaven chin and spoke good English and had read 'David Harum.' We did not do much fishing, although we understood there was pretty good fishing at the lake. We saw one party of four bring in a string of 18 perch and sunfish that had been caught during the day."

"I met an interesting character during July," said Mr. Pope. "My wife and I were enjoying ourselves one morning cleaning house when a ragged-looking individual, whom I suppose might be called a tramp, put in an appearance and asked for material assistance. He told a sad tale of being out of work for 14 consecutive months, and so on. I asked him if he was willing to do a little hard work if I should give him some food, and he exhibited a remarkable and suspicious willingness to do so. Accordingly, I told him if he would beat the dining-room carpet thoroughly we would give him a square meal. Much to our surprise he doffed his melancholy

remnant of a coat and went to work. In less than an hour the carpet was thoroughly cleaned, and he then asked permission to take a bath before eating. I conducted him to the bathroom and superintended a very thorough bath on his part, and then loaned him my razor and outfit while he took a clean shave. By that time he presented a very respectable appearance, and we were pleased to have him stay several days with us, he doing a number of much-needed jobs about the place during his stay."

During the recital of Mr. Pope's story Mr. Keek had passed cigars to a number of the members sitting near him and the cigars had been lighted. As soon as Mr. Pope had finished speaking the smokers all broke out in expressions of admiration for the quality and flavor of the cigars, and made inquiries as to where they had been purchased.

"I really do not know, gentlemen," said Mr. Keek. "I seldom pay any attention whatever to my supply of cigars. My wife always buys them for me and there is always a good supply in the house. Mrs. Keek is very fond of the smell of smoke in the house and is a connoisseur in the matter of purchasing cigars. These are some from a box she presented me with on my last birthday. I am glad you like them. She told me at the time, I recollect, that she had purchased a little more expensive ones than usual because she had discovered that her last year's silk skirt would do very well for this year, with a little making over, and so I would be entitled to a little extravagance in the matter of cigars."

There was ominous silence for some seconds, but no one seemed to have the moral courage to make any remonstrance as Mr. Keek walked up to the desk, somewhat ostentatiously, and deposited his affidavit.

"The most fun I had during my vacation," said Mr. Teepie, "was down at a little town in Kentucky, where I was stopping with my friend, Mr. Watkins."

"Col. Watkins, I suppose?" interrupted Tiser.

"He's not a colonel, so far as I have heard," continued Teepie. "As I was saying, I was stopping with my friend, Mr. Watkins, who has a very beautiful little villa beside a splendid spring of pure and sparkling water. There were a number of other guests there, and also quite a delegation at a neighboring resort. One day a baseball game was proposed, and I was elected to umpire the game. I knew very little about baseball, except in a general sort of way, but I acted as umpire all right and seemed to give general satisfaction, although I knew some of my decisions were far removed from equity, accord-



SHE ALWAYS BUYS HIS CIGARS.

ing to the league rules. All hands seemed to enjoy the fun, and at the end of the game they persisted in giving three cheers for the umpire. It was my first experience at the game, but hereafter when my office boys asks for an afternoon off in order to go to the baseball game I shall be inclined to grant him the favor, though I must say that, as far as games go, I very much prefer the good old game of billiards. I am very fond of billiards, and really play a much better game than I did ten years ago."

At a signal from the chairman the club rose and sang two verses of "My Old Kentucky Home," and at the conclusion of the singing Mr. Tiser remarked:

"I am living in an apartment house on the South side, as you know, gentlemen, and I should like to invite the club to hold its next session with me. I was visiting with the janitor this afternoon in his office, and he told me that it always gave him great pleasure to be of any assistance he could in the matter of helping the tenants at times when they wished to entertain parties of friends. I think that—"

The statement is being circulated that Dreyfus will spend next winter in California.

Prisoners Escape.

Rock Springs, Texas, June 12.—Andrew and Bate Bradberry and Berry Bucklen made their escape from the jail here this evening. The sawed their way to liberty with an old case knife which had been filed serrated. Beginning on the bar of the inner cell door a bolt was filed so that the bar slipped down, and let them out, they then sawed one of the bars of the windows out and let themselves to the ground by tying blankets together and going down on them.

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A. T. DAWLEY.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over 10 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 a loose 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 it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

Mrs. MARY GORMAN CLARK.

I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or go into a crowded place without getting a headache and sick at my stomach. I heard about Ripans Tablets from an aunt of mine who was taking them for catarrh of the stomach. She had found such relief from their use she advised me to take them too, and I have been doing so since last October, and will say they have completely cured my headaches. I am twenty-nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.

Mrs. J. BROOKMYER.

My seven-year-old boy suffered with pain in his head, constipation and complaint of his stomach. He could not eat like children of his age do and what he did eat did not agree with him. He was thin and of a sallow color.

Reading some of the testimonials in favor of Ripans Tablets, I tried them. Ripans Tablets not only relieved but actually cured my youngster, the headaches have disappeared, bowels are in good condition and he never complains of his stomach. He is now a red, 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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CONTINUED STORY OF LIFE IN AND AROUND COTULLA.

W. F. Jay returned yesterday from San Antonio.

A good rain would be very beneficial just at present.

Cow buyers have been keeping things lively this week.

Dr. Livingston made a couple of trips to Dilley this week.

The little child of Mr. Newt Shull is quite sick, we learn.

H. R. Trammel was in town yesterday from Dimmitt county.

But wasn't that a delightful shower—of dust yesterday evening?

Sheriff Burwell returned on yesterday morning's train from a trip to Laredo.

John Reynolds of Dilley is down today attending to some business matters.

R. Burke, of Winnepeg, Can., is here looking after the affairs of the late M. Connell.

Rev. Bruce Roberts left yesterday to take a five week's course in the Bible School at Waco.

There will be prayer services at the Methodist church next Wednesday night instead of at the Baptist as heretofore.

Attorney Beasley of Beeville, is company with his family is camping near here on the Nueces for the benefit of his health.

Little Roy Hocut who has been attending the school for the deaf and dumb at Austin, returned home yesterday evening.

Lieut. Wright returned yesterday from a visit to his family in Sutherland Springs. He reports everything flourishing in that part of the State.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Hanson brought a Federal prisoner up from Laredo this morning who had been sentenced to confinement in the La Salle county jail.

Mr. J. T. Winslow, an old time and respected citizen of La Salle, who a nice little stock-farm on the Ricees, was in town yesterday with a wagon load of fine onions and watermelons.

Mr. J. B. Shull and two little sons came down from Millett on this evening's train. Mr. Shull dropped in to see us a few moments in search of a cool place, but we were unable to accommodate him, so he didn't tarry long.

Mr. Will McMains brought us in a fine sample sweet potato Monday morning "just to show us that he told the truth about his crop." If this is a fair sample then indeed he did tell the truth, for it is as fine as any we ever saw raised.

Master Moses Baine, a student of th W. F. M. A. College at San Antonio was in the city Monday morning and called at the Record office to pay his mother's (Mrs. McInnis) subscription. He is spending vacation at his home in Twotigh.

At the prayer service at the Baptist Church Wednesday night it was agreed upon by the members of the Methodist and Baptist churches to hold only one prayer service each week during the summer months. It is to be a kind of union affair, and will meet at the Methodist church next Wednesday night, at the Baptist church the next week, and so on.

Tim Conlan of La Salle county, one of the old time sheepmen, et Southwest Texas, is in the Alam city for a few days attending to business matters and to see his boys who are at school here. Mr. Conlan is no longer in the sheep business, having sold out last fall and invested his money in cattle, buying the very best he could find for sale. His cattle are doing well and he tells us they never had better range nor more water, and altogether he never saw the country in better condition.—Texas Stockman & Farmer.