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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

A TELEGRAPHER'S STORY.

Telegraph operators are usually reminiscent fellows, and the veterans among them delight in telling their experiences. Of course, some of their stories may be exaggerated, but they generally possess at least one unique feature—they are based on something that happened over a stretch of wire perhaps 100 or 200 miles in length. Occasionally one reads of an extraordinary adventure of an operator at a small and lonely railway station out west, or of perilous experiences in war times, and the impression has become quite common that telegraphers stationed this side of the Rocky Mountains seldom have the most commonplace, routine experience with nothing in it of more than passing interest. As regards the operators for railroad companies, that supposition is wrong. Within twelve hours' ride of this city there are scores of railroad telegraph offices where an operator is employed day and night to look after both the telegraph and the station. On many of the roads in New England the night stations are a dozen or fifteen miles apart, and some of them are a quarter or a half mile from the nearest dwelling house. At these places a night operator is on duty from 7 in the evening till 7 next morning. A New York Sun reporter chanced to meet recently a veteran "key twister" who was for several years in the employ of a railroad through Maine and New Hampshire and up into the White Mountains. This operator

and his account of the experience illustrates the close shave that railroad telegraphers have now and then.

"Station H—, where I worked," he said, "is a night station on a single track railroad in New Hampshire. G—, the nearest night telegraph station north of it, was eight miles away, and N—, the nearest one south was twelve. My duty in summer was solely that of operator; in the winter I looked after the fires in the waiting rooms. There was seldom much operating to do at night, and it was always easy to keep awake until 1 o'clock when I usually ate lunch. Even at that hour the time didn't pass very slowly in summer, but on cold and stormy nights in winter, when I had to stay constantly in doors, the greatest effort was needed to keep from falling asleep. After 9 o'clock all the trains that passed were freights, and there were half a dozen southbound and as many more northbound in the course of the night. It was part of my duty to note the time that each of the trains passed my station and report it at once to headquarters at A—, the same rule applying to all the operators on the line. That was one of the customs which made it dangerous for an operator to fall asleep, if only for five minutes. Another thing that annoyed him and often made him swear was on the roll call. This consisted in the train dispatcher at A— office (fifty miles south of H—) calling each office on the line every half hour, beginning with the one nearest his own. The station that failed to answer a roll call had a black mark placed against it at A—, with a record of the time when the call was given. At first the roll call made all the boys look sharp and toe the line, but they soon found a way to cheat it.

"The main wire running through H— was considerably more than 100 miles along; and on a

wire of that length it is quite impossible for an operator at its terminus to tell by the sound which of two or more offices not more than twenty-five miles apart is doing the telegraphing unless the sending operator signs his station call. Knowing this, several of the "owls" on the line arrange to take turns with each other in answering the roll. For example, the operator at H— would answer my calls between the hours of 1 and 3, and I would attend to his from 3 to 5. What a cracking good way this was to baffle the train dispatcher, we thought, and the exchange of duty between us was kept up for a long time; almost too long, so far as my own case was concerned. I refer to an incident that took place during the winter of 1885, which for a few hours nearly froze the marrow in my bones. It happened like this:

Through freight No. 241, northbound, was due at my station at 1:35 and was scheduled to meet southbound freight No. 284 at P—, fifteen miles farther up the road. No. 241 was scarcely ever behind time, and the two trains usually met at P— without requiring telegraphic orders. The night in question was very cold and stormy. Fully three feet of snow had fallen and it was still coming down very fast, while a high wind was piling it in big drifts across the track. On a night like that the incessant humming of the wires outside of the station is enough of itself to put a sentinel to sleep, and that, coupled with the hour 1:15, and

was more than my weary frame could resist. I fell asleep, knowing of course that G— would look after my calls. After what seemed to me like twenty minutes, but was really more than two hours, I was awakened by the sharp clicking of the telegraph instrument near my head.

"Qk" was being made with great rapidity, the call of my office preceding it. I knew it was the train dispatcher, the abbreviation meaning "quick! we want you to hold a train!"

"I answered the call and the command came back quick and sharp:

"Hold No. 241 for orders."

"O. K. said I, and immediately hung the proper signal, a red lantern, outside the door.

"Then I came to my senses and looked at my watch.

"Twenty-five minutes past three! And I had heard no train in almost three hours. Had No. 241 got past? I wondered. I found that it had left N— at 12:40 and the run from N— to H— usually took about fifty minutes. I knew the storm would probably delay the train somewhat, but two whole hours? It wasn't likely. Then I heard No. 284 reported from P—, and knew that she had received orders to meet No. 241 somewhere between P— and H—.

"What if No. 241 had got by me and was trying to reach P— for the down freight? In that case the trains were bound to crash together in the storm; there was no help for it. My excitement was increased by the repeated calls of the train dispatcher to ask if No. 241 was in sight.

"Not yet," I answered, trembling lest my hopes were in vain.

"Three thirty-five and no train. I went out on the platform and listened. Not a sound could be heard above that of the wind, and an engine's headlight wouldn't have been visible ten rods away.

"I went back, 'grounded' one of the wires, so as to cut out A

office and called G, hoping to find whether No. 241 had reached there. No answer. Then I remembered that from 3 to 5 was G's time to 'bunk off,' and I was useless trying to get the train dispatcher, excited as though doubting me.

"Sure, it hasn't gone?" said the train dispatcher, excited as though doubting me.

"Sure," said I.

"For God's sake don't let me hear by you!" he urged.

"Well, four o'clock came, and my courage was giving away. I could see how two hours might be needed for a freight to go over twelve miles in such a night, but three hours and over! So slow a run had never been known on the road.

"What was to be done? To omit my uncertainty meant the loss of my job, and to brave it any longer seemed almost suicidal. In my despair I finally decided to tell the train dispatcher the plain truth—that I had been asleep at my post, and that No. 241 probably went by more than an hour ago. The fact would be known in a few hours, anyway, I argued, and I would then be arrested for causing death, convicted of criminal negligence, and sent to prison.

"It was then 4:15. I drew a long breath and went over to the telegraph desk. Headquarters was again calling to ask if the train had arrived, and I broke in abruptly:

"You may as well know that the sentence was never issued. I heard the train

opposite my window leaped up about a foot, making a firm grasp of the engine and pronounced:

"No. 241 here."

Deep snow, a terrific storm, and the blowing out of the tender head on the engine had caused the delay.

"Maybe all's well that ends well, but that experience put an end then and there to my practice of sleeping while on duty."

—N. Y. Sun.

RAILWAYS AND THE TELEGRAPH IN SPAIN.

Both the railway and telegraph systems of Spain are in a very unsatisfactory condition and give rise to many complaints, especially among foreigners, and they are both examples of the pernicious methods which run all through Spanish affairs.

The railway system of Spain comprises about 7,500 miles of road, built partly from private capital and partly from the proceeds of the government subsidies, which, up to the present time, amount to more than \$200,000,000. Most of the roads were constructed under the supervision of the French and English engineers and the securities have been very gradually absorbed by French investors.

The speed of the trains is very low. The express trains run only a few of the lines and are the "trains de luxe," which consist only of first-class carriages, and the fares raised by fifty per cent, seldom run faster than twenty miles an hour, while the ordinary trains never attain a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour and are often behind time, especially in the southern part of Spain. Tourists usually select the first class carriages, which are fitted up like those in France, but they are by no means so clean and comfortable as they ought to be, and on the main roads they are often overcrowded. The number of seats is six or eight, and

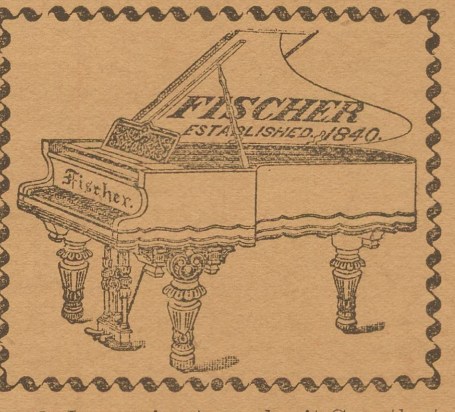
some of these are often occupied by the conductors of the train and even railway laborers, who scramble into the train between stations, much to the disgust of the passengers. Every train is supposed to have a first class compartment reserved for ladies and another for those who do not smoke, but the latter injunction is seldom heeded by the Spanish travelers; but this is an evil which is by no means limited to Spain, for in Holland it is almost impossible to prevent travelers from smoking in every compartment. The second class carriages on the Spanish railways have narrow and uncomfortable seats for ten persons and are generally neglected and dirty. The third class carriages are, of course, impassable for foreigners, and they have sometimes seats on the roof which are used exclusively by the lower classes. In winter the carriages are heated by foot warmers. At nearly all railway junctions there are restaurants, but those who prefer to eat in a more leisurely manner may provide themselves with food to consume in the railway carriage, but in this case the Spanish custom demands the formality of asking your fellow passenger to share the meal with you.

At the larger stations the luggage office closes a quarter of an hour before the departure of the train; so this necessitates the traveler being on hand much before the proper time. In some cases there are no waiting rooms, and where there are passengers are not allowed to enter either the

or the railway officials have not seen fit to pay much attention to issuing return tickets, which are such a source of revenue in Italy and other countries. Such tickets are only available for one or two days and are issued on a few lines only, and the reduction in the fare is generally insignificant. Circular tour tickets are not unknown, but these tickets for combined tours in France and Spain have been discontinued, owing to the instability of Spanish currency. If the traveler has trouble with the railroads, he will have much more with the telegraph offices. Our conception of a telegram is a message which is sent on at once by wire, but the Spaniards divide their telegrams into two divisions, urgent telegrams, for which are paid thrice the regular rate, and those which are sent in the ordinary way. The smaller railway stations have private telegraph offices. The rate for a domestic telegram is one peseta (twenty cents) for fifteen words, and each additional word is charged at one-tenth of this sum. Messages in the same province have lower rates. Telegrams may be sent to foreign countries, but an additional fee is paid on each foreign dispatch, and it is advisable to take a receipt, which is charged for. Telegrams are paid for with postage stamps, but money is accepted at the railway offices.—Scientific American.

Sergt. W. B. Bates and B. Y. Baker, State ranger, left here after 10 o'clock Monday night for San Diego, Benavides to capture one Pedro Gonzales who was charged with the theft of a horse and saddle at Mineral City and was expected to pass through that country that night and to arrest a "pistol toter" at Benavides. The boys were successful and lodged the thief in jail at San Diego and brought the other captive to Alice for trial.—Alice Echo.

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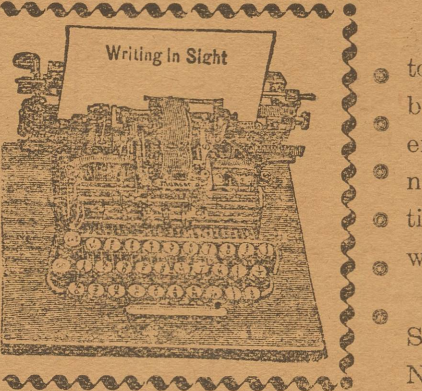
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FOR DIST. AND COUNTY CLERK. We are authorized to announce Geo. H. Knaggs as Candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of La Salle County.

FOR SHERIFF TAX COLLECTOR. W. M. Barwell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle County, and solicits the support of all voters.

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle county at the ensuing November election, promising a faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office if elected.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE. We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle County.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR. The undersigned respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County, at the ensuing November election.

W. F. Jay announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle county at the ensuing November election and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

We are authorized to announce Edward Cotulla as Candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

W. B. Campbell respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County at the ensuing November Election.

FOR TREASURER. We are authorized to announce L. W. Gaddis as Candidate for the office of Treasurer of La Salle county at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Landrum as Candidate for the office of Treasurer of La Salle county at the ensuing November elections.

FOR HIDE & ANIMAL INSPECTOR. V. G. Maltzberger respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle county and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR. I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor of La Salle County at the ensuing November election.

See the withdrawal notice of I. J. Brucks for representative in another column of this issue, in favor of J. N. Garner. Mr. Brucks in the well-known editor of the Hondo Herald.

Hon. Jas. D. Sayers was unanimously endorsed for Governor at Galveston; and this is only as it should be, for J. D. Sayers has no superior and very few peers.

The fears of the administration that the Philippine insurgents were likely to make trouble for us at Manila, have been increased by dispatches from Admiral Dewey, and Gen. Merritt, who reached there last week.

Our streets are beautifully decorated with weeds, waste paper, old cans, etc., when they should, and could, be kept clean by working the prisoners as they would be if hired by a private citizen.

The latest dispatches from Madrid give information that Spain has not yet answered the demands of the United States in regard to peace negotiations. This is just simply carrying out the national trait of the people—"Manana" is soon enough for any and everything in the eyes of a Spaniard.

Look at our exchange column this week and see what our neighbors have to say. We do not endorse all they say but we are with them in almost everything. Judge Garner has received the nomination for representative of the 91st district, and all true democrats should lay aside personal feelings and support him as though he were their first and only choice.

"Texas democracy is for expansion," and why not, for the glorious old United States had not "expanded" fifty years ago and accepted us as a star in her field of blue, we would not, in fact, could not be as great as we are to-day. We are great as a nation and all because we annexed more territory year by year.

ist and the democrats of our day are only following in his footsteps when they declare for expansion.

Tuesday evening between the hours of seven and eight, in every conceivable conveyance, the young folks of our town were seen leaving for a moonlight drive to the Edmiston ranch about eight miles Southeast of here, to attend a sociable at that place. With but few exceptions every invited guest made it convenient to attend and in doing so enjoyed a most pleasant time and felt repaid for all they had undergone in making the long drive.

DILLEY DOTS. G. R. Newman is in town today. Mr. Harr has about seven sales already picked. The Telephone line is not complete between Dilley and Pearsall.

The Dilley Gin is in operation now and will commence next Monday. Mr. Crouch has moved his new black smith shop on the west side of the R. R. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lowry and Miss Lena Lowry left yesterday for Monterey, Saltillo, and other places of Mexico. They expect to stay about two weeks.

TEXAS RANGER'S FIRST AND SECOND LOVE.

I am a Texas Ranger of Terry's gallant band, From the Rio San Antonio, in dear Texas land, I will fight the battle of the South until the war is over, And then return to the girl that I did adore.

Her art and hand she says are true, When Dixie Land is free.

When peace with all its blessing shall be shed through the land, I'll hasten to my lovely Belle and take the hand, I will say to her for many years I have loved my country true;

Cotulla's Literary and Social Club which met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Keck, was called to order by G. Philippe, Pres. and the following program was followed.

Recitation by Nellie Jennings. Music by E. C. Stevens. Comic reading by E. C. Stevens. Recitation by Pearl Conn. Music by T. R. Keck. Music by T. R. Keck.

Twelve new members were added to the Club's roll making a total membership of twenty-seven. Collection amounting to \$2.10 was taken for the Parsonage and grounds. The bylaws which were presented by the committee were unanimously adopted.

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church.—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every day morning at 9:30 a. m., J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church.—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services—3rd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. M. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. J. McMurtry, Pastor.—Services—On Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. B. Widdental, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

Knights of Honor.—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3106 Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros. Geo. H. Knaggs, 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, Clerk.

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LOCAL PERSONAL.

The voting contest still goes merrily on.

A. J. Anglin was up from Twohig Tuesday.

Judge S. T. Dowe attended court at Rockport this week.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

E. M. Sparks went to Devine Saturday, returning Sunday.

Miss Florence Chiles visited the May Ranch one day this week.

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

Geo. Lowery, of Dilley, spent Sunday in our town.

Miss Juanita Poole visited Miss Ina Daniel fore part of the week.

The South-bound passenger train was two hours late last Thursday.

If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros.

Misses Ansley stopped at the Dunham the fore part of the week.

Banker M. J. Barlow went to the Alamo city Saturday, returning Sunday.

Dred Devereaux of Temple is on a visit to his grandmother and other relatives here.

Mrs. T. R. Poole was taken quiet sick Monday but at present writing is better.

J. J. Yowell returned to Moore Sunday last to finish the house he is to build there.

Simpson DeSpain was in on business and pleasure during the fore part of the week.

Mrs. S. T. Dowe and children are visiting friends in Pearsall and Derby this week.

Capt. J. H. Rogers, of the State Rangers, made a trip to an Antonio Monday.

Simon Cotulla went to Twohig private conveyance yesterday and returned to-day.

For prices of ECLIPSE WIND call on Keck Bros.

County Treasurer, L. A. Kerr.

Miss Edna Roebuck, of Twohig, is in the city at present visiting Miss Stella Butler.

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W. A. Eyetts left on Monday's train for Waco and other points, on a visit to relatives.

John Dillard Esq. of Twohig came in on business Thursday, returning the same day.

Peaches! Peaches!! Peaches!!! at Simon Cotulla & Co's.

Tom Alderman, one of Twohig's prosperous ranchmen was in town yesterday evening.

M. T. Dunham and wife left Tuesday for San Antonio to be gone several days on pleasure.

Miss Madie Daniel left yesterday evening on a visit to Miss Mamie Campbell, of Carrizo Springs.

B. F. Darlington, one of San Antonio's prominent stockmen came down on Thursday's train.

Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.

J. B. Kerr received a large galvanized iron tank from J. Dean & Son of San Antonio, last Saturday.

Misses Wheeler left Monday evening for the "Puddin'" on a visit to friends in that neighborhood.

Miss Marie Welhausen went to Encinal yesterday on a visit to her brother and family of that place.

If you want your horses fed well, leave them with us.

Tarver & Hall.

A. Armstrong Jr., came down from San Antonio Saturday last and spent a few days on his ranch.

E. A. Keck had a windmill and tank erected over his well on the vacant lot near his residence this week.

Ranger McMahan and Constable Petty arrested a Mexican at Irvin's Ranch last Saturday night, under an indictment for the theft of a check for \$50. about eleven months ago.

Mrs. J. L. Rowland and two daughters were in town from mill-lett yesterday morning.

Editor J. Guy Smith, of La-Salle's Isonomy, returned yesterday from a week's visit to the Alamo city.

Jno. Dunham and wife, of Pearsall, is in charge of the Dunham House in the absence of Uncle Mart.

Alex Emms, one of Dimmitt county's stockmen was in town yesterday purchasing supplies for his ranch.

L. P. Williams, J. M. Williams and F. C. Howard were in from the "Puddin'" Wednesday and Thursday last.

Rev. M. T. Allen returned from Encinal Monday where he had been to fill his regular appointment there Sunday.

J. H. Henrichson is book-keeper in Kerr & Henrichson's establishment during the absence of G. W. Henrichson.

W. E. Campbell, one of the four candidates for Tax Assessor, was in from Encinal during the fore part of this week.

B. J. Yowell received orders from his father to be in Moore Tuesday evening WITHOUT FAIL—but he failed. Why?

TRAVELERS:—Barlow & Co., carries a full line of Trunks, Valises, Grips, etc., of the best material and workmanship.

J. R. Hargus, one of La Salle's oldest citizens was in from his ranch below Ft Ewell for a few days during the week.

H. Minnette organized a Home Forum Benefit Order here Thursday night, and left the following day for San Antonio.

Frank Neal, the jovial exmail Contractor, has accepted a position as bar keeper at Copp's Saloon, in the place of Geo. Jay.

Jas. Edmiston paid the RECORD office a very pleasant call Thursday evening.

Miss Bessie Cobb, of Encinal, returned from a visit to her sister at Carrizo Springs yesterday, and will leave to-day for her home.

J. B. Cavender, one of the Carrizo Springs merchants passed through yesterday enroute to San Antonio on business for his house.

If you want your house painted don't forget that WARNOCK is the man that can give you better work and no it cheaper than any one else.

Rev. J. S. McMurray delivered an execlut sermon to a large congregation Sunday morning and night at the Presbyterian church.

N. A. Swink, the popular grocery man took Thursday's south-bound train for Laredo where he goes on business connected with his house.

Miss Kate Burwell went to San Antonio Monday evening on pleasure and business; returning to her place at Kerr & Henrichson's Thursday.

W. L. Pease, after an absence of several days returned home Monday. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Naomi Pease, of Cheapside, Texas.

Candidates are around now making good use of the hot weather and cooling drinks in their efforts to secure the good will of their friends and voters.

E. J. Atchley, Sec. and Mgr. in company with his son C. E. Atchley ass't Editor of the Southland Queen has been in town for the past two weeks buying honey from the bee men in this and adjoining counties.

W. T. Hill, the popular candidate for Sheriff & Tax Collector, was in town a day or two this week talking election to his many friends; while here he closed a trade with G. H. Knaggs for a fine pair of buggy horses.

W. E. Dixon, chief engineer of the Houston City Street Railway stopped over Wednesday evening on a visit to relatives in our city.

Barlow & Co., has a general line of Dry Goods to be in during the coming week—anything you want—Call and see their goods before going elsewhere.

Capt. J. H. Rogers was appointed chief elder in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning last at the congregational meeting immediately after services.

J. S. Taylor came in from his Nueces Dam in Dimmitt county Saturday. He reports everything in fine condition and work moving rapidly to completion.

Geo. Meyers, County Surveyor of Zavalla county visited cotulla and vicinity Wednesday, returning Thursday; he was looking after some land for which he is agt.

Mrs. Henry Neal returned Saturday last from a three weeks visit to her parents in Salem Neb., she was accompanied by her brother Will Johnson on her return.

Misses Daisie Carr and Peachy Lacey, two of cotulla's most beautiful and popular young ladies are spending a few days at the W. T. Hill ranch, near Twohig.

Herman Hobson Wildenthal the first baby christened in Cotulla for one of our naval heroes, was baptized last Sunday morning by Rev. J. S. McMurray in the presbyterian church.

B. J. Yowell, our popular young carpenter left Wednesday for Moore Station to assist his father in constructing a residence for one of the leading citizens of that place.

Misses Janie Thomas and Clifton Brooks returned Saturday from their pleasure trip to Dilley; they were accompanied by Miss Lena Lowery who spent a few days visiting Miss Brooks.

Rev. J. S. McMurray will give a regular Sunday in each month.

uncertainties in the way cannot tell just yet which of the four it will be.

Massengale Bros., made several hundred pins for J. S. Taylor this week to be used in the construction of his Nueces Dam; since active work commenced they have cut and made nearly 1500 pins for this purpose.

Mrs. G. Philipe returned from San Antonio Thursday where she has been under the care of an expert oculist; although not fully recovered she is much improved in health and will doubtless recover her perfect eyesight soon.

John J. Burris made the RECORD office a most enjoyable call Thursday morning last and renewed his subscription for the paper. John is a jolly, wholesome boy and we are always glad to have him come around and chat a while when in from the ranch.

NOTICE:—All who subscribed for the Millett school house will confer a favor by leaving their amounts at the RECORD office to be sent off Wednesday. Every subscription is due and the money is needed to finish the work before school time. Please give this your attention AT ONCE.

Our artistic painter, A. F. Warnock, beautified some of the RECORD furniture yesterday evening with a fresh coat of paint. Mr. Warnock is an expert in his line, and being preeminently the best painter in town, can save anyone money on any job, be it big or little, which they have to let. Give him a trial and be convinced.

Uncle Mart's bear, Joe, slipped his chains Wednesday night between the hours of eleven and twelve and for a while caused consternation among the inhabitants of the hotel but was finally captured by Sam Massengale and again fastened to his post. Sam had plenty of nerve in this case to "mug" even a grizzly.

VOTING CONTEST.

The voting Contest at Simon Cotulla's stands follows:
For the most popular young lady.
Votes.
Juanita Poole.....75.
Daisy Carr.....42.
Eva Stevens.....4.
For the most Popular young man.
Bert Warnock.....48.
Simon cotulla.....31.
Emmett Stevens.....24.
Votes will be counted by impartial Judges and published every week.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

V. A. Matthews and wife to Sam H. Miller, Lot No. 6 in Blk. No. 12, Town of Encinal.

Amerejildo Benevides and wife to V. A. Swink, Lot No. 4 in Blk No 23 town of La salle.

NOTICE.—We have a full line of Revenue Stamps of the following denominations, 1-8, 1-4, 1, 2 and 10. When in need of any call on us.—Barlow & Co.

Misses C. C. and W. H. Jennings left yesterday for their lower ranch in Encinal County to move their cattle to better pastures. They report grass in that section wonderfully green and plentiful.

Due to a scarcity of water compels them to make this move, it being impossible to obtain water that stock will drink anywhere in that part of the county.

The following names were added to our subscription list during the week past.

John Dillard, Twohig. John N. Garner, Uvalde. H. M. Moore, Millett. Judge Bivins, Pearsall. Miss Maggie Watkins, Harper. Mrs. Davis, J. H. Rogers Cotulla.

The progressive young men of Cotulla gave a most enjoyable dance at the Kerr & Henrichson Hill last night. It was the swellest affair of its kind during the season; couples came from all the neighboring towns and the adjoining country around, they came early and stayed late, and the large Hall was thronged with gay young people who tripped the light fantastic until the "wee wee" hours of the night. Our efforts in giving

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AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Two of captain Brook's men arrested two horse thieves near Brownsville last week.—Alice Echo.

Judge J. N. Garner of Uvalde County will be the next representative from this district. The judge is an able, true and faithful democrat, and in the representative hall will look after the interest of this district and the State at large.—Pearsall Leader.

Here in Texas we get through with the political campaign long before election day. Culberson is elected Senator, Sayers is elected Governor, and Slayden is elected to Congress already, although the election does not occur until November.—Pecos County Pickings.

Already the leading lights of the army and navy are being spoken of in connection with positions of distinction in civil life. The republicans of New York are strongly in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as the next governor of the Empire State. This would no doubt be a popular selection.—E. P. Guide.

The war balloon used in reconnoitering the position at Santiago was destroyed. The balloon was held by eighteen men by a rope which was 1,600 feet long. The men moved about in various parts of the field, carrying the captive balloon with them. A telegraph wire connected the basket of the balloon with the ground, and observations were transmitted to the officers below. The balloon was received by a scathing fire. Three shells from a shrapnel battery tore great holes in it, and the showers of bullets made it resemble a great sieve. The three men who were in the basket at the time the balloon was

The balloon has been an effective adjunct in reconnoitering in the Santiago campaign. It will be remembered that in the siege of Paris the invested Frenchman sent up many balloons to carry deputies, dispatches, and mail, and Herr Krupp made special cannon to fire upon them. It consisted of a long barrel mounted on a standard so that it could be readily turned in any direction. The standard was secured to a four-wheeled platform wagon.—Ex.

Judge John N. Garner, who received the democratic nomination for representative last Saturday is one of our most prominent residents and he is one of our foremost lawyers. He is a thorough democrat standing firmly on the Chicago platform and is sincere in his advocacy of its principles. In sympathy and in support he is heart and soul with the democrats and anything that will further the interest of the party meets with the hearty approval and support of Judge Garner. He is not one of those beings, democrat by name only, but whose actions and support mark them to be rank republicans, but he is loyal and true to his party. Again he is industrious and fully able to carry out any plan he may adopt. These qualifications with his skill as a parliamentarian will cause him to be a leader in the House of Representatives. For several years past this section has not been ably represented and we in company with all others rejoice that we now have a candidate whose election will give the 91st district a representative to be proud of. There is one thing certain, Garner will go to the Legislature if he is elected with a firm resolve to faithfully represent his people and he will be found at all times aiding so.—Uvalde Leader.

It is to be hoped that the Republicans will have a representative convention, such as was held at Corpus Christi in 1896, and that they nominate a clean man, who is favorably known in the district, and identified with our people. Capt. B. L. Crouch of Frio county has been mentioned as the probable nominee, and if nominated he will fill the bill nicely. A better man personally, cannot be found, and one who has the respect and esteem of all parties. He has many friends in all parties, and will make a strong race if nominated. He knows the wants of the district. It is to be hoped that the convention will nominate him, and if it does, then Mr. Kleburg and his friends, will have the fight of their life on their hands.—The Chronicle.

One of our exchanges says five prominent men of foreign birth chanced to meet in Los Angeles; one a Russian, one a Turk, one a Frenchman, one an American, and the other an Englishman. The gentlemen soon became bosom friends and finally proposed a champagne supper. Each one was to give a toast to his native country. The one giving the best toast to be at no expense for the wine. Here are the toasts given.

Russia—Here's to the stars and bars of Russia that was never pulled down.
Turk—Here's to the moons of Turkey whose wings were never clipped.
Frenchman—Here's to the cock of France whose feathers were never plucked.
American—Here's to the stars and stripes of the United States of America that never trailed in defeat.
Englishman—Here's to the rompin' roaring' lion of Great Britain that tore down the stars and bars of Russia, clipped the wings of Turkey, picked the feathers off the cock of France,

spoken, and the choice of representative in the Legislature; consequently I am no longer in the race for that position.

I desire to thank my friends for their efforts in my behalf. Although I made no canvass, either in this or any other county, I had the unanimous endorsement of my home county, the second choice instruction of Judge Garner's home county, and lost Frio county only through a tie in the primary at Pearsall. I have no regrets. Had I been in a position to make a canvass of the district, I believe my nomination would have been assured. Judge Garner is my friend. I can unhesitatingly recommend him to the people of Medina county as a man worthy of their support at the polls next November. He has the qualifications necessary to make an efficient representative for this district, I therefore ask my friends to work for his election with the same zeal that they would have shown for me had I been the nominee. Respectfully,
L. J. Brucks.

Hondo, July 26, 1898.
—Hondo Herald.

Plants in Mexico. Down in Mexico the castor bean, which we think does pretty well for us if it stands up ten or 12 feet in its stockings, grows to be a tree 30 feet high, with hard wood and orthodox bark. One common field daisy is pruned into a shrub two or three feet high and made to cover itself with a wealth of its yellow-eyed flowers; its stem becomes as large as one's wrist, and it is much used as an ornamental shrub in cemeteries. Hibiscus, a rare greenhouse shrub with us, which has large, flame-colored flowers, with curious plum-like centers, is planted for hedges, and is said to make very beautiful ones. The foliage is a lovely green, and the freedom with which it produces its flowers makes it very attractive.—Golden Days.

Getting at the Facts. Dixon—I understand that you said I didn't know as much as a yellow dog.
Bixon—I never said anything of the kind.
"Then what did you say?"
"I said my yellow dog knew more than you did."—Chicago Evening News.

IT COSTS TO CUT. Unfortunate Experience. Man in a Park Row. This is the hard luck story which concerns him, a waiter and a two latter connected with Park Row restaurant, who is famous for his alternates admonitions to patrons to keep their eyes on their coats and hats. This young man, who is an operator, fails to state what mutilated the habit of cutting with a knife, but he is fixed and immovable. The knife when he cuts crullers, he entered this beary thing, he supplemented his "doughnuts and coffee" order for something to eat with a request for something to eat with crullers with a knife, which he carved the crullers had satisfied his appetite. "What's that for?" he asked. "Five fur duh sinkers," draw one, an' five fur duh carver," responded the "Do you mean to say I'm extra for a knife to cut crullers with?" "Sure," said the waiter, "I take no-ay boosts along his sinkers, I eat about a pound of crullers. All day wants duh knife to cut 'em besides. 'at eats his sinkers to put 'em in his fingers, touches no butter. See 'em, never touch 'em." The telegraph operator, who was selected to be explained it, because he cared for the thing, it being the principle that a restaurant should furnish food to patrons, should have furnished a cruller with a knife. The waiter insisted that a man who would eat crullers with a knife would argue with the manager that the official upheld the waiter, and in support of his position, he advanced a book of rules, which showed he was right. The young man paid the five cents, and then spent about \$1.50 telling the letter carrier, who was his friend, He is now partaking of a luncheon at a knife, and a meal costs as long as the bar does at suffer.—N. Y. Journal.

USE OF YOURS. Criticism of the Too Many Use of Yours. The habits of people who are receiving some attention, and interesting conclusions are drawn from a study of the different ways in which writers and subscribers to "Yours truly" and "Yours faithfully" only in business letters and notes.

they wish these sensible persons is that usually of individuals, as a rule, who throw paper as they do in conversation. The use of the word love by such people is a distressing sign of emotional weakness, of carelessness or of insincerity, and possibly arises from the same impulse that prompts women to kiss each other indiscriminately. One Boston girl has taken her own stand in the matter, and at the risk of being considered "cold" and "thoroughly Boston" she sticks to it. In her childhood she was taught to sign "affectionately yours" to her far-away great-aunts and second cousins, some of whom she had never seen, but all of whom she tried to like, because of the claims of kindred, and the word "affectionately" came to her as nothing at all except polite and necessary fiction. So she signs "affectionately" to people she is supposed to be conventionally fond of, and when she says anything more she means it. She thoroughly approves of "Cordially yours," and this, by the way, I see more and more frequently now, notes between acquaintances who are distinctly friendly or cordial. After all, "Your friend," which can be used truthfully, is a simple and satisfactory way of ending friendly letters. Some people have the habit of not preceding their names with any set form of words at the end of letters. They stop when they get through and write their signatures without any tilla. — Boston Journal.

How to Press Silk. You cannot iron silk smoothly, so as to press out all the creases, unless you first sprinkle it and roll it up tightly in a towel, letting it remain rolled up for a few hours. First try the iron on an old piece of silk; if it is at all hot the colors will be injured. Pinks, blues, yellows, greens and other bright colors always change color on the application of a hot iron. Remember that silk should always be ironed on the wrong side. The "rustiness" can be removed by washing the silk in cold tea or coffee.—Leisure Hours.

Door Drapery. An effective door drapery for a doorway leading to a room hall furnished in dark tones is composed of a series of wrought iron chains of graduated lengths, those at the ends reaching half way to the floor and shortening toward the center to form an arch overhead. The chains are slender and the effect is far richer than that of the now so common bead portieres.—Boston Herald.

Vermicelli and Tomato. Boll six ounces of large white vermicelli in salted water for 15 minutes, drain and put in a saucepan, with two quarts of consommé and a quart of tomato puree, boll for ten minutes, skim, pour into a soup tureen and serve with grated parmesan cheese on a plate.—N. Y. Lodger.

HEART OF THE WORLD.

their oracle. As Zibabway thought so it is, and your feet have been led for a purpose to the gates of the City of the Heart. Listen to the words of the gods, and taking the tablet, he read to him the false prophecy. "Now choose, white man. Will you take the Lady Maya to wife, or will you be put to death, in that, having wandered to the City of the Heart, you refuse to obey the command of the gods?" Now the senator thought, and answered: "The man would be foolish who hesitated to choose death and so fair and sweet a bride. Still, this is a matter that I cannot decide alone. What says the Lady Maya?" "She says," answered Maya, "that, although this is a marriage for which she did not look and it is a thing that a daughter of the Heart should take a stranger of less ancient blood to husband, the will of Heaven is her will, and the lord that Heaven chooses for her shall be her lord," and she stretched out her hand to him. He took it, and, bending down, kissed her fingers, saying: "May I be worthy of your choice, lady." Now, I thought that the ceremonies were finished and was glad, for I grew weary of assisting at this farce, but the old priest, Zibabway's foster brother, rose and said: "One thing more must be done, brethren, before we leave this sanctuary, and it is to swear in these strangers as members of the council." "Let them be sworn, and remember that to break the oath is death," was the answer. "Then we went out, accompanied by Maya, Mattal and the escort of priests, passed through the halls and passages into the courtyard, to the temple and thence to apartments in the palace, where we refreshed ourselves with food, for we were weary. The trick had succeeded, the oracle was past, and for the present at least we were no longer in danger of our lives; more, the joy of Mattal was confirmed, and his daughter was assured in her position as the wife of Tikal, and the senator and the Lady Maya were about to attain the fullness of their desire and to be declared one in the presence of the people. Well, the thing was done, and it was useless to regret it or to think of the future, so turning to Mattal I asked him what was to happen on the pyramids. "There will be a great gathering of the people," he answered, "as is customary at dawn after the night of the Rising of Waters, and there they will be told all that has happened in the sanctuary, and then, if it is their will, Tikal will be confirmed as caesque, according to the bargain, and either to-day or to-morrow the white man here will become the husband of the Lady Maya, in order," he added, with a sneer, "that of their union may be born the Fulbever who is to be. Now, if you are weary, it is time for us to go for the multitude is gathered, and an escort awaits us without." Leaving the palace we placed ourselves in the center of a party of nobles and guards who were in attendance, and marched across the courtyard and up the steps of the pyramid. The night was growing gray with the breaking of the dawn, and in the peary light through which the stars shone faintly stood in their appointed places round the altar. In front of them were ranged the dense masses of the people, drawn here to make their prayers upon this feast day, and also by desire to learn the truth as to the death of Zibabway, the fate of the strangers who had accompanied him from the unknown lands, the decision of the council as to the successor to the place and power of caesque, and, lastly, whether or no the oracle of the god had spoken to his priests upon this or any other matter when the lost tallman was set in its place upon the altar. On reaching the altar steps were given to us among the Nobles of the Heart, those of Maya and the senator being placed in such fashion that they would be visible to the whole multitude. The People of the Heart the occasion was a great one, seeing that but little rain falls in their country, and thus they depended for a bountiful harvest upon the inundation of the island and of the low shores that lay around the lake, by its waters swollen with the melted snow of the great mountains of the mainland. When the waters retreated then they planted their grain in rich land, made fertile without labor to themselves, by the mud, whence before the lake rose again they gathered their corn and other crops. When they had ended their praying, and gifts of fresh flowers had been laid upon the altar by beautiful children chosen for that purpose, Tikal blessed the people as high priest, and the simple ceremony came to an end. Then Mattal rose to speak, telling the people all things that had happened, or so much of them as was expedient that they should know. He told them of the death of Zibabway, of the setting of the lost tallman in the symbol, and of the writing that was found therein, which he read aloud to them amid a dead silence. Then he told them how the Lady Maya and the senator had consented to be married in obedience to the voice of the oracle, and lastly, how the senator, the Lady Maya, had desired that her cousin Tikal, should continue to be caesque of the City of the Heart, that she might have more leisure to attend upon her heaven-sent husband and to be at rest until that child who became a man, whose wisdom and power should make them even greater than their forefathers had been. When he had finished there was much applause and other expressions of joy, and a spokesman from among the people asked upon the marriage of the white man, Son of the Sea, to the Lady Maya would take place. This question she answered in her person, saying modestly that it was her lord's will that it should take place that very night in the banquetting hall of the palace, and that a great feast should be celebrated in honor of it. After this the talking came to an end. Tikal having said no word good or bad beyond such as the duties of his office required, and according to the custom of the country, many people, noble and simple, came forward to congratulate her who was about to be made a bride. Weary of watching them and of hearing their pretty speeches, I took advantage of the escort of a friendly noble attendant to see the ceremony of the closing of the floodgate, a large block of marble that slid down a groove into a niche prepared to receive it, where it was fastened with great bars of copper and sealed by certain officers, although, as I was told, the rising

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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. Somewhat 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.

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THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

Table showing 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. 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.

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 nearest proposition will go to the nearest estimate, but the first prizes are given for the NEAREST ESTIMATE, no one having 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 someone should send a correct estimate in some later division, this estimate would 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 if or leaving it out by a silent estimate, 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 liability 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 on 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, list 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 estimate, you have another subscription. Don't forget every subscription for yourself or your friends will entitle you to an estimate.

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