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## OUR PUBLIC ROADS

### THEIR PRESENT CONDITION AND NEEDS.

A drive over most of the roads leading into Cotulla will convince any doubting person that under present laws and following the methods now used in working the public roads, we have made a failure in our pretense to make and keep them in a passable condition. No sane person, after having spent his allotted number of days working, or rather minding, on the roads, will deny the fact that more harm is done in the long run, than good. The care of them should rather be placed under one man, and he be made responsible for their condition; but this article is not to present a better mode of procedure but to accept the conditions as they are, and make the best of a bad bargain, as it were. In the first place, we are by law entitled to a first-class road, that is one not less than 40 feet wide and with no gates or other obstructions across it, leading by the most direct route from one county seat to the other. This we have never had. Our Commissioners Court should be petitioned to open such an one, and erect bridges across the larger creeks and ravines. They have already erected a well built bridge across the Nueces river; and one on the Ft Ewell road is now under course of construction, but what does the trade from these two directions amount to, compared with that from Carrizo Springs? A bridge across the Spear creek is a public necessity, and one that must be attended to at once or thousands of dollars worth of trade, annually, will be lost to Cotulla, but a bridge will be of little value without better roads leading to it. There is no use in denying the fact that the first twelve miles out from Cotulla, or the whole of the road within La Salle county's limit is all but impassable the most of the year, this has caused great dissatisfaction among those who have, heretofore, been compelled to trade here, and has caused them to long for a road to Dilley. If we sit still and wait, what will the consequences be? Our large trade with Carrizo will rapidly die, as our Tilden trade has done; travel between San Antonio and Carrizo will go via the new route, thus losing to Cotulla, many dollars in the course of a year, then too, the mail line will sooner or later be changed, cattlemen will begin driving their herds through to Dilley for shipment; their hands will be paid off there, and supplies will be bought from those merchants instead of our houses here. The time has come when we must work or lose a great share of our out of town trade. Cotulla has many advantages over other towns, but these advantages will do no good unless we do our share toward holding our own. But the question is: What steps must be taken? first, road working begins next Monday, the overseers should see that the men work and to the best advantage, petitions should be presented to the Commissioners requesting that bridges be built and roads straightened, and a representative be sent to meet the Dimmit county court which meets May 1st, to get, if possible, their co-operation in the matter and prevent this new road being opened. The Javelin speaks in regard to the new road as follows:

"Messrs. Avant and Lowry, merchants of Dilley, were here Tuesday working in the interest and promising help on the prospective new route from here to the railroad. The Cotulla end of our present route is becoming so bad for lack of attention that a new road will have to be opened to a liver town—a town where the people promise not to be so indifferent and negligent of their highways. Leaving the Cotulla road at or near the Bruten Lake, a direct route is contemplated to Dilley. While it will be only four miles further than Cotulla in actual miles, when it is taken into consideration that a veritable sand-bed, a worn-out, neglected road will be missed for a good hard one; when it is taken into consideration that Dilley is seventeen miles nearer San Antonio (which means a saving of six cents per hundred on freight, and \$1.02 on a passenger ticket to San Antonio and back) Dilley is twenty miles nearer. A petition, praying for the new road is now being circulated in eastern part of the County. This petition will be presented to the Commissioners Court which sits in regular session the first Monday in May. We have talked with our Commissioners and they all favor the opening of the new road, and there is not the least doubt but that it will be opened. Will the business men of Cotulla and Eagle Pass continue to neglect the welfare of our teamsters as well as all other classes of people in this section who spend hundreds of dollars with them every year?"

Did he misstate the facts when he said Cotulla was a dead town, or that the road is little better than a sand bed? When he said they spent hundreds of dollars here each year, did he utter an untruth? We must act now or lose this trade forever.

There has moved into your midst this week, Bro. Bruce Roberts, his father, mother and sister. He is a good preacher, all of which some of you have found out partially and will find out completely. Don't wait months for him to work his way into your hearts give him a welcome at once, and he will begin to help you and yours. Don't you Baptist folks stand around behind the corner and say: "yonder goes the new preacher," but take him around the corner and tell him you are more than his friend and ready to help him.

I knew this family my two years in Caldwell county, they were among best and you folks are blest to have them among you. They bided a few weeks with us here in Moore, and our village is happier for their little stay. With two resident preachers as Bros. Allen and Roberts, true and tried, I shall be surprised if that community does not continue to grow in the grace of God and that which is like unto it neighborly love.

Respectfully,  
NATH THOMPSON.

Rockport is trying hard to get up another boom. The latest dead sure thing is a \$75,000.00 hotel and a club house, to be built right away. Eddie Green is said to have already purchased wharfage for the Midland railroad, which is to be extended to that place forthwith, and it is quite likely some one is going to make some money in real estate in that neighborhood. Refugio Review.

## AN INTERESTING LETTER.

H. Ranch, Apr. 4, '99.  
Editors of Record:—  
Cotulla, Tex.,

Enclosed find an all important dollar to renew my subscription to the RECORD. One year has elapsed since my acquaintance with this little sheet began, and, although duly appreciated at all times, it is now more eagerly welcomed and enjoyed than any paper I receive. I congratulate ye editors on the steady improvement of your paper and predict for it a long and successful career.

My promise in last letter to tell of the annual camp meeting of this section, has not been forgotten, but its fulfillment delayed. About seven miles from here on the Ft Davis road is a beautiful valley known as the "Camp Meeting Grounds." Surrounded on three sides by mountains, it has an altitude of six thousand feet and is covered with a growth of large live oaks. It is indeed a valley of Eden during the summer months. In June a number of the leading spirits meet here and hold what is known as the "Two Days Meeting," which serves as a "primary" to the big occasion. They camp during the time, have a number of sermons by the local ministers and appoint the time for the Camp Meeting, which last year was the latter part of August. The time agreed upon is announced from pulpits and press and the people come from all directions, within a radius of a hundred miles. A number of them never hear a sermon except at this time, when an entire week is devoted to the praise and worship of their Creator. But to all appearances they are perhaps more consecrated and sincere than are some of those who take their religion in "broken doses." Mr. Bloyce, a Presbyterian minister of Davis is leader of the meeting; host and general supervisor on the grounds. But people of all denominations attend and the preaching is done principally by Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist ministers from different parts of the State. Last summer the favorite among them was Bro. Briggs, a Presbyterian of Dallas. In the large Gospel tent, four or five services are held each day. All around are smaller tents with temporary tables arranged beneath the spreading oaks. Here true Texas hospitality reigns supreme. The tables are loaded with an abundance of good things to eat. Some of the best and choicest beebes of the country, given by the ranchmen, are slaughtered on the grounds and all are invited to partake "without money and without price." All strangers are entertained in royal style. Many persons from Marfa, Davis and Alpine attend just for the day. Shortly before sunset two prayer meeting services are held. The women have the tent, while the men collect under a large tree, and seated on a carpet of grass, their songs and prayers are interspersed with social chats; I have heard it whispered that they will at times touch on the subject of "stock condition," but I can't vouch for the truthfulness of this report.

When the last service is held, when the "God Be With You" has been sung and the time has come to say "Good-bye," what a hand-shaking and a singing and a crying they have! At the least the separation is until next "Camp Meetin'," and the ministers they have learned to love will, perhaps not be with them

another year. Some shed tears of rejoicing because some friend or relative has been shown the "error of his way," while others weep in sadness o'er some loved object of their prayers who is yet outside the "pale of safety." But such times must end; they return to their homes and begin planning for next Camp Meeting, while flocks of stately raven with dark and solemn mien take possession of the deserted grounds. With ominous croak they walk about gathering up fragments of food, picking up bones and peering sagely into the numerous and various kinds of tin cans. Instead of "Newmore" like Poe's raven of old perhaps they croak, "Wisdom there were more." When I shall have made a trip to the top of Livermore (the highest point in Texas) my letter will be more interesting. We had planned to go today but an old timer coming last night warned us to consider the matter no longer.

E. BEE THOMAS

## AUSTIN LETTER.

Austin, Texas, April 7th 1899.

There is nothing causing the politicians so much trouble as the Senatorial race two years hence. It is known that Bailey and Chilton will be in the race, and probably Sayers and Crone. But the battle will be between Bailey and Chilton. Bailey will get the support of the central Texas, while Chilton east Texas, while Sayers and Crone west Texas will be divided between them. Bailey is an orator and a thinker, and a deep student of political questions. He studies both sides of a question before coming to any conclusion, but when he makes up his mind he has the courage to stand by it. Chilton is no orator but a very good thinker; he is cool and deliberate in debate, thinks twice before he speaks. Whatever Horace Chilton is politically he owes it to Jim Hogg, his political father. But the big ex-governor will soon have a sad duty to perform, that of burying his son Horace, for Bailey will win with hands down.

It is something wonderful how the members of the House of Representatives can kill time. Every time a bill comes up for consideration some fellow will get up and make a speech while the other members read their papers. That fellow costs the state from fifty to sixty dollars delivering a speech nobody heard. Still they yell reform on every thing that comes up. Then there are some young fellows in the House that spend their time talking to the girls, and let the people who sent them here whistle for legislation. Well let them talk, for it will be the last time they will get a chance at Austin girls.

The people of southwest Texas sent a friend to that part of the state when they sent Judge Garner to the legislature. He has his eyes open always, looking after the interests of his section of the country; and beware the fellow that tries to legislate against its interests.

Yours Respectfully,  
FRANK LANE.

A man is going through Texas lecturing on "Heaven and Hell." We would like to hear him on the subject of Heaven, but having run a country newspaper for a number of years we know all about the latter.—Richmond Coaster.

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10:20 a. m. Lv.	Leon	Ar 12:08 p. m.
10:31 a. m. Lv.	Medina	Ar 11:57 a. m.
10:51 a. m. Lv.	Lytie	Ar 11:36 a. m.
1:10 a. m. Lv.	Devine	Ar 11:16 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar 10:58 a. m.
12:07 p. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar 10:48 a. m.
12:20 p. m. Lv.	Pearsall	Ar 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv.	Dorsey	Ar 10:13 a. m.
12:58 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar 9:44 a. m.
1:35 p. m. Lv.	COTULLA	Ar 9:22 a. m.
1:53 p. m. Lv.	Tuna	Ar 9:05 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv.	Twoing	Ar 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv.	Burro	Ar 8:33 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv.	Encinal	Ar 8:23 a. m.
3:00 p. m. Lv.	Cactus	Ar 8:04 a. m.
3:18 p. m. Lv.	Webb	Ar 7:45 a. m.
3:45 p. m. Lv.	Green	Ar 7:23 a. m.
3:55 p. m. Lv.	Sanchez	Ar 7:12 a. m.
4:10 p. m. Ar.	LAREDO	Lv 7:00 a. m.

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SATURDAY, APR. 15, 1899.

Our taxes are about 25 cents less on the hundred dollars this year than last. This is one great inducement to investors, and when it rains again, a blind man can see many others.

"Heaven helps men who help themselves." So don't blame Providence for the lack of rain, but seek to find wherein you have failed to do your duty, and mend your ways.

Speaking of hard times, had you thought that they are better now than they have been in the history of our county? and that every cloud, no matter how dark and gloomy, has a silver lining?

These high winds are about the only things that happen now-a-days, and they are so frequent that it is not news to tell about them. If a weather prophet would come along who could tell where the next wind is coming from, he could at least entertain the people.

Our quarantine against Webb and Encinal counties has at last been raised and all guards called in. While the cost has been a terrible strain upon our resources, and will cause our general fund script to greatly depreciate in value, we can but feel grateful that this town was spared the necessity of passing through an epidemic of smallpox.

Viewing existing conditions from the standpoint of a disinterested eye witness, our correspondent in Austin does not speak very highly of the great majority of legislators. He excepts our representative from his criticisms however, and says we have sent a friend to our section in sending Judge Garner to the legislative halls.

"Fortune knocks but once at every man's door." This is your chance. For every new cash subscriber sent to this office within the next century, we will give complete directions, with maps, with which the recipient can find a fortune of buried Mexican treasure. The great value of these directions compell us to place some limit to the time this offer is to run. Come early to avoid the rush!

The Battle of Flowers, that distinctively Texas celebration at San Antonio, promises to be an event greater than ever before. Complete arrangements have been made to extend the festivities over two days (the 21st and 22nd) and judging from the programs that have been issued, the sight will be worth any person's time and money. Regardless of the seeming hard times in the future, many visitors will throng the streets of that historic old city to see part if not all the celebration.

The outlook is gloomy indeed for the whole people, but we may console ourselves with the thought that there never was a time so hard that it might not be harder. The people of Starr county have already made an appeal for outside aid, and Zapata county has requested that State taxes be remitted. We are in the midst of hard times, with but little hope for rain in time for crops, but our condition today is far better than many of our near neighbors. Rather than grumble at our hard lot, let us be thankful it is no worse.

Read the letter to the people of Cotulla, from Rev. Nath Thompson on another page of this issue, and profit by his advice. He says things that may interest us all, and which can do no one harm to study.

The Summer Normal is now all but a "dead sure thing." The petition, with its required thirty signers was sent to the Department of Education yesterday. Nothing is now left to be done but just wait. The Executive Committee met in County Judge S. T. Dove's office Saturday evening to discuss matters, and the question was then raised whether it would not be a good idea to drop the work and allow the project to go under on account of the drouth, but after a short discussion it was decided to continue, and carry it through regardless of dry weather and hard times. A very wise movement, we think.

Last week we saw startling reports in the daily papers, in regard to thousands of Mexican money being found buried near Devine, and awaited with great interest the coming of the News. Bro. Dubose evidently doubts the reports and gives a treatise on "Rods," mineral rods. But Medina isn't the only "pebble on the beach;" La Salle has her share of Mexican gold buried along her streams and near her lakes. Why we can name at least two places ourselves in which the Mexicans buried their treasure before the surrender of this land to us. They foresaw this drouth and the consequent hard times, and kindly provided for their conquerors.

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We thought by this time people had learned better than to seek gold or other buried treasure with the aid of mineral rods, but it appears that there are yet some suckers in Texas—yes and some in La Salle county, for a few of our citizens in the past have tried in just this way to find a fortune. Go to your blacksmith, he can make you a dip needle that will answer your purpose, and cost infinitely less.

The Knights of Honor failed to meet Tuesday night according to adjournment, to hear the report of their finance committee in regard to the proposed barbecue on May 3rd. We have seen the members of said committee, privately, and a majority of them speak in favor of a delay until after times look better. Human nature is so constituted that it requires a certain amount of recreation and pleasure in its daily life. Times are hard—with a certainty of becoming harder—and money is hard to get, but we see no reason in sitting down and allowing ourselves to become chronic grumblers because of this. It will be a positive relief for the mind to forget business, hard times and discontent, and spend one day in seeking pleasure.

**ROBBED THE GRAVE.**  
A startling incident, of which Mr. John Olliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows; "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts per bottle at any drugstore.

## THE SUMMER NORMAL.

In this accomplishment thoroughly demonstrated the fact that there is strength in union, and that the persistent effort is rewarded with success. Probably from the fact that such an enterprise had never met with success at this place, it was difficult for anyone to view the undertaking from an encouraging standpoint, when the subject was first mentioned. The Executive Committee deserves commendation for the efforts and tireless energy with which they prosecuted the work. It will not be necessary to ask again if we think we can get the Normal. More than the required number of petitioners has been secured, and every requirement, demanded by the State Department, has been complied with in full, and the petition has been sent in. Therefore, unless Providence interferes, the Normal will open at this place May 29th, next. But, this being true, does not furlough any one from the work, if it is to succeed. Now, that there is a sure foundation upon which to work, should inspire us, that the efforts may be redoubled.

It may be well to mention the following facts: On account of the protracted and general drouth, a large number of towns which were preparing for a Normal, have given it up. A great many teachers will be compelled to attend a Normal in order to secure a certificate, and the few days have presented encouraging prospects for liberal support from teachers at a distance. It may be hoped that when the Normal has been officially announced by the State Department, that many other teachers may be influenced to attend.

We, in behalf of the Committee, take this opportunity to the patrons, citizens, and business men of the town for their assistance and support. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in making a success. It will be no trouble for us to succeed with your support, but without, it failure is inevitable.

J. O. Owen.

### REMARKABLE RESCUE.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs: she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at any Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and one dollar.

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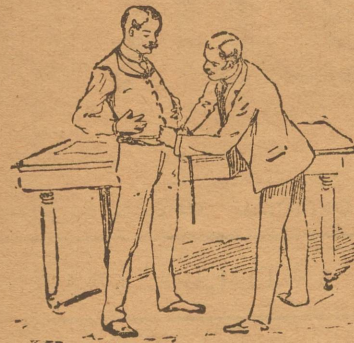
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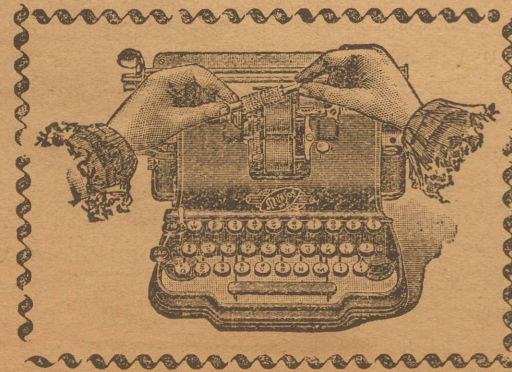
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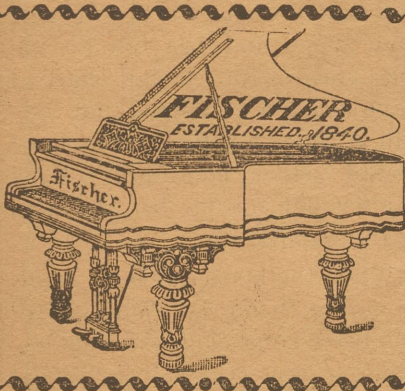
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**LOCAL PERSONAL.**

Wright's gun came.  
 Wright's gun came Saturday.  
 Wright's gun came Saturday, and Wright is glad of it.  
 R. J. Jahn is up from Tilden today.  
 W. H. Platt returned Tuesday from Tilden.  
 Are you going to the Battle of Flowers?  
 Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.  
 Jos. McMains was in Monday from the Puddin.  
 Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's.  
 John Reynolds returned yesterday from the Territory.  
 Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's.  
 Dred Saul Esq. came down from Pearsall yesterday evening.  
 W. T. Hill and Jno. Murray were seen in Cotulla Monday.  
 Beverly Poole and Ross Robuck came in Thursday from the "bushes."  
 Ranger W. L. Wright has returned from a brief visit to Flor-essville.  
 A. Armstrong Sr., shipped two train loads of steers from Encinal Tuesday.  
 Stoves, Stoves, Stoves, Buck's Cook Stoves at Keck Bros.  
 W. L. Pease left Tuesday night with a train of cattle for Checotah, I. T.  
 For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.  
 Round-trip tickets to San Antonio only \$2. during the Battle of Flowers.  
 A. P. Blocker came in yesterday from Eagle Pass, via San Antonio.  
 Look at the nice Sailor Hats of G. W. Henrichson & Co's., and then invest.  
 Studebaker wagons give satisfaction. See Keck Bros., for prices.  
 Cotulla's popular Saddler, B. F. Claunch, is sporting a brand new buggy.  
 W. F. Jay was among the ranchmen seen on the streets Monday.  
 Willie Conlan boarded Tuesday's northbound train for San Antonio.  
 Nicest line of Ladies Shoes in the city at G. W. Henrichson & Co's.  
 Ed Evetts is hauling lumber for the bridge to be built across the Seven Mile creek.  
 John R. Blocker and F. M. Buel were here Sunday night from the Rio Grande country.  
 Misses Carrie May Moody and Edna Robuck were arrivals from Twohig on Thursday's train.  
 Dr. Livingston went down to Encinal yesterday to attend a child that was snake bitten.  
 Since shipping has begun the town is full of stockmen, all of whom spend their money freely.  
 Mrs. R. L. McClellan came up Monday morning from Twohig; returning on the evening train.  
 W. M. Spindle of Encinal gave us an order Tuesday for 1,000 Note Heads and 500 Bill Heads.  
 Mrs. W. E. Ramsey came up Saturday morning from Twohig and spent a few hours in the city trading.  
 D. W. McKey, a prominent ranchman of the Northern part of the county has been in the city since Thursday.  
 Judge S. T. Dowe returned Thursday from Austin, where he had been since Monday on official business.  
 R. L. Henrichson came up from Twohig on business Saturday morning; returning on the evening's train.

We are sorry to chronicle the illness of Mr. C. B. Burwell this week, and trust he will soon be up.  
 Keck Bros., are still at the old stand, ready to take your order for Wind mills, Pump Jacks etc. Prices reduced.  
 Mrs. E. M. Palmer, wife of Operator Palmer, arrived on Tuesday's train and will spend a few weeks here.  
 Mug Tarver, one of our prominent young merchants was confined to his bed with fever a few days during the week.  
 With regret we chronicle the illness of Uncle Robt. Hall. He was taken sick again Thursday and from last reports is very low.  
 A gala time is anticipated in San Antonio during the Battle of Flowers. Cheap excursion rates from all points on the I. & G. N.  
 W. P. Mulholland, at one time a resident of Cotulla, but now Sheriff of McMullin county, was here one day this week on business.  
 Mr. J. H. Hocut, manager of the Maltzberger ranch was in town Monday morning, and presented us with an almighty dollar for the RECORD.  
 Don't scratch your life away, but use Dr. Sawyer's Witch Hazel and Arnica Salve for eczema, piles, hives, burns and cuts.  
 J. M. Williams.  
 J. A. Smith gave us a dollar Wednesday and ordered the RECORD sent to him at San Antonio. Says he likes to hear from Cotulla once in awhile.  
 Ladies Shoes! did you say? Yes, we have just received the nicest line ever shown in the city. Come look at them.  
 G. W. Henrichson & Co.  
 Mr. J. A. Burwell, who has been here during the past six or seven weeks, went up to San Antonio Wednesday morning on a short visit to his family.  
 Mr. George Lowry, one of Dilley's prominent young business men, came down Wednesday evening by private conveyance.  
 Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Brooks arrived Saturday last from Brownsville. The Captain returned yesterday, but Mrs Brooks will reside at the ranch in the future.  
 Mr. George Lowry, who has been attending the Eastman Business College at Ploughkeepsie, N. Y., for the past six months, is now back again at his home in Dilley.  
 Rev. Bruce Roberts, accompanied by his father, mother, and sister arrived in Cotulla Wednesday from Moore, and will make this their future home. Our people extend to them a hearty welcome.  
 Mr. Woodlief Thomas returned home Wednesday from Encinal, where he had been to attend the shipment of 800 steers A. Armstrong recently purchased from Raymond Martin.  
 Mr. J. A. Smith came down Sunday from San Antonio to spend a few days visiting his mother's family. He will remain until about the 19th, and then return to the Alamo City.  
 Mr. P. A. Kerr left for Flatonio Tuesday morning, where he went to attend the wedding of his brother, Paschal Kerr, which took place Wednesday night. He returned home Thursday and reports a most enjoyable time.  
 Battle of Flowers.  
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**WEDDING AT ENCINAL.**  
 Mr. C. H. Skidmore and Miss Bessie Cobb were quietly married at the residence of the bride's parents in Encinal, Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating. The groom is a prominent young stock man of San Antonio, while the bride was one of Encinal's fairest young ladies; she is well known here and has many warm friends who join us in extending to the happy couple our congratulations and best wishes for a long and prosperous life.  
 Sailor Hats, at G. W. Henrichson & Co's.  
 Mr. Roger Miller and wife, of Canada, left Tuesday morning for their home in that far away Northland after spending the past three months visiting this section of the State to escape the rigorous spring weather in their country. We are glad to have this class of visitors spend their winters here; they are not afraid of leaving some of their money with our people, they appreciate our climate and induce others to come; then too, they come and take things as they are, and act as one of us. We wish that such people could come and live with us instead of only visit.  
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 Rangers A. Y. Old and James Moore left yesterday morning for (?) up the road.  
 Messrs. John and Willie Conlan were in town the early part of the week doing business with our merchants.  
 Mr. Joseph Cotulla, one of our most highly respected citizens, left yesterday for a short business trip to the Alamo City.  
 If kissing went out of fashion, no girl would care to be considered stylish.  
 While waiting for the train on which they were to leave, a freight engine and caboose came rushing in, unannounced, catching him between the piles of baggage on the platform and the edge, drawing or knocking him under the wheels and dragging him fifty or sixty yards. This was all done so quickly, that those nearest him could speak no word of warning or render no aid. They saw only his lantern flash as he threw up his hands in falling. He died within a few hours without regaining consciousness. His funeral took place yesterday from his home, Rev. Bruce Roberts performing the last sad rites over his remains.  
 Mrs. Rebecca Clarey, the mother of one of our stockmen, Wm. Clarey, departed this life Tuesday night after a short illness. Mrs. Clarey was born in Louisiana, 73 years ago, she moved to Texas in the early days and settled in this section of the country long ere the county was organized; while it was yet a wild uninhabited land, infested with roving Indian bands. She leaves a family of four children, all grown, to mourn her death. She has served her God long and faithfully and is now called home to receive her just reward. In this, a time of sore bereavement, we deeply sympathize with her sorrowing children in their loss of a loving mother. Rev. Bruce Roberts performed the ceremony of consigning her remains to the earth from which she came, late Wednesday evening.  
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 K. of P. Grand Lodge, Dallas, April 18-20. On sale April 18th and for trains reaching Ft. Worth a. m. of 19th; limit 22nd.  
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**MORTUARY.**  
 Death has again cast a gloom over our community in taking from its one of our most promising young men. Isaac N. Butler whose sad death occurred at Checotah, I. T. Tuesday night, was born at New Braunfels, Texas, January 14th, 1877, to Mr. and Mrs. John Butler. He moved with his father's family to Cotulla in 1879 and has made this his home since, leaving only when business called him away. It was here he grew to man's estate, loved and respected by all who knew him. Leaving home in the pride and strength of young manhood, Sunday, in charge of a train load of cattle for pasture in the Territory, he was returned Thursday, a mangled corpse. His last message home was: "Tell 'mother' and sister, I'll be home in twenty days." Thus in life we are in the midst of death, it comes a moment in terrible and sudden form, leaving sorrow laden hearts in its wake. We point his sorrowing relatives, in love to the All-wise Father above, who doeth all things well, and though we cannot, in our finite wisdom see the justice or mercy in removing our brother and friend beyond the reach of our loving care, yet we are bidden to trust in God.  
 The circumstances of his death as seen by an eye witness, are as follows: After having unloaded a load of cattle, he returned to see the others off.

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