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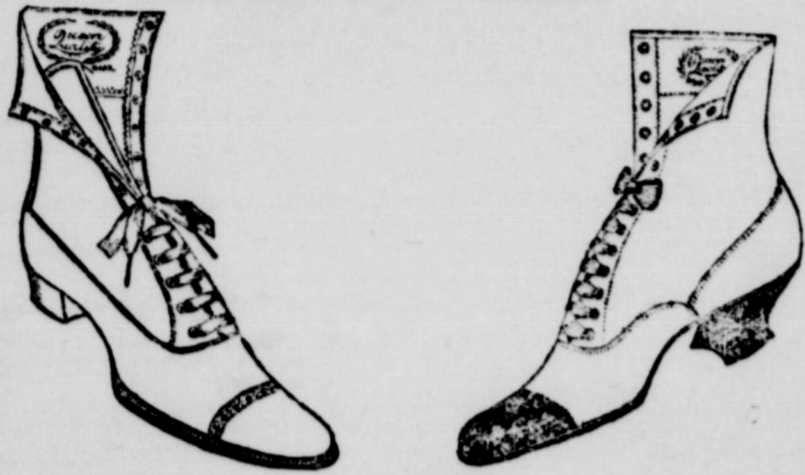
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\$1. IN ADVANCE

## Making Ready for Our New Spring Goods!

*Queen Quality*  
THE FAMOUS  
SHOE FOR WOMEN



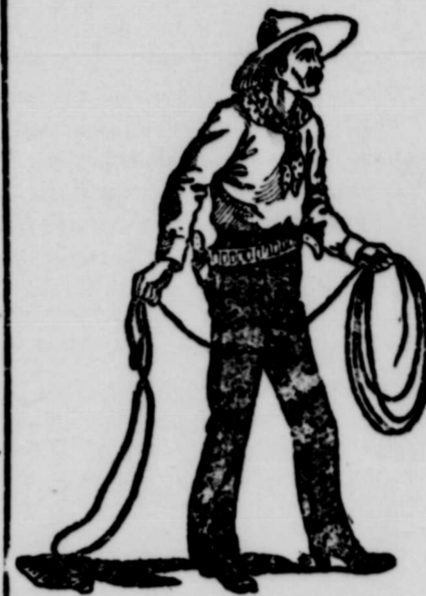
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We are getting ready for our new stock. It will be necessary for us to put in more shelving; some new display cases, and do a little painting before we put our goods out, but that's not going to take long.

The Spring goods are prettier this season than ever and we have bought extensively. We will have what you want—you can count on that.

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Will wear as well and look as well as the kind you have been paying \$14 for.

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This store will be Headquarters for everything in dresswear during the coming season that is up to date.

## PASSED THE FIVE INCH MARK.

### MONTH JUST CLOSED BROKE RECORD FOR RAINFALL IN FEBRUARY.

Comparison of Rainfall Last Winter With This Winter.

February 1903 will go down on record as the wettest Southwest Texas has ever known. The amount of rainfall during the month by actual Government gauge measurement at Cotulla was five and one-half inches.

This amount was distributed through the month in slow rains and every bit of it is in the ground. The rains of October, November, December and January were all slow without hardly an exception, and were just what the country needed to wipe out the traces of last year's drought. The ground is wet down deeper than it has been for years. There is even a better season in the ground than in the memorable fall of '92, when floods of rain fell during August, September, October and November.

Another notable occurrence this month which is very unusual in February in this country is the number of thunder and electrical storms. One came up on the night of the 5th; another on the night of the 13th; during this storm sleet fell thick and fast for a few minutes. The last one broke over us just at 12 o'clock Wednesday night of this week. The heavens were almost ablaze during this storm and the thunder seemed to jar the earth. There was no wind—just rain. It rained for more than an hour, the precipitation amounting to 1.40.

At San Antonio and as far North as Taylor a regular waterspout fell on the night of 25th. Great damage was done to property and in many places people narrowly escaped a watery grave. A "galley washer" fell all over Southwest

Texas the same night but no damage whatever was done in this section.

Below we give a comparison of the amount of rainfall during the last two months in 1901 and the first two in 1902, against the last two months in 1902 and the first two in 1903. These figures are correct. The amounts are actual Government gauge measurement.

	1901	1902	1903
Nov. 14.....	.60	none	1.00
Dec.....	none	none	1.00
Jan. 14.....	.28	.28	.55
Feb. 5.....	.33	.33	.72
Total for four months.....	1.21	1.21	1.27
Nov. 2.....	1.00	1.00	1.00
Nov. 18.....	.33	.33	.75
Nov. 22.....	1.00	1.00	.75
Nov. 29.....	.25	.25	.75
Nov. 30.....	.25	.25	.75
Dec. 1.....	1.50	1.50	.75
Dec. 10.....	.25	.25	.75
Dec. 31.....	.50	.50	1.37
Jan. 13.....	1.00	1.00	1.37
Jan. 14.....	.55	.55	1.37
Jan. 15.....	.72	.72	1.37
Feb. 5.....	.38	.38	1.37
Feb. 10.....	.57	.57	1.37
Feb. 15.....	.71	.71	1.37
Feb. 19.....	.75	.75	1.37
Feb. 20.....	.41	.41	1.37
Feb. 24.....	.75	.75	1.37
Feb. 25.....	.43	.43	1.37
Feb. 26.....	1.37	1.37	1.37
Feb. 27.....	.13	.13	1.37
Total for four months.....	12.95	12.95	12.95

The above figures show that we have had almost eleven and three-fourths inches rain more this winter than last. It has not fallen in torrents and run off down the creeks but came slow and in the ground. It would rain awhile and then clear up for a few days to give the moisture a chance to go further down, and then come again. There were more rainy days in this month than any month in any year on record.

## SEVIER'S SCALP BILL

### OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

Asks That The State Pay a Bounty For Scalps Of Wild Animals.

The wild animal bill which was introduced in the House this week by Hon. Hal Sevier, representative from this 97th district, is of great importance to the people of this section. If the bill becomes a law the State will pay for each coyote's scalp 50 cents; \$2.50 for each Mexican lion, leopard or panther.

This section is not bothered with Mexican lions or panthers to any extent but coyotes are numerous. They annually cause the stockmen thousands of dollars losses besides human life is continually in danger on account of hydrophobia being so prevalent among them. The full text of the bill is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That hereafter when any person in this State shall kill any wolf, panther, Mexican lion, tiger, leopard, wildcat or catamount, he shall be paid the sum of fifty cents for each coyote wolf, wildcat or catamount, and the sum of \$2.50 for each of any other kind of wolves, and the sum of \$3 for each Mexican lion, tiger, leopard or panther.

Sec. 2. Upon exhibiting the scalp or scalps of any of the animals named in Sec. 1 hereof, to the commissioners' court of any county, accompanied by the written affidavit of the person so exhibiting said scalp or scalps that affiant, and no other person killed said animal or animals, and same were killed in said county and at a date within ninety days from the date of such affidavit, and shall satisfy the court by other proof of the truth of the facts stated therein, if required by the court, the said court shall order a certificate

issued by the county clerk setting forth the number and kind of animals proven to have been killed by affiant, and upon presentation of said certificate properly endorsed to the Comptroller, he shall issue a warrant payable by the State Treasurer for the amount shown to be due by such certificate. For the issuance of such certificate the said county clerk shall receive a fee of 25 cents, to be paid by affiant.

Sec. 3. The scalps mentioned in Sec. 2 of this act shall consist of a sufficient portion of the hide of the animal killed, including its ears, to enable the court to determine the kind of animal to which said scalp belonged, and said court, where it is not satisfied of the truth of the matter set forth in said affidavit, shall reject any and all claims; the said court shall split each ear of the scalp as received and destroy same as soon as certificates shall have been issued as provided in Sec. 2 hereof, but shall cause the affidavits mentioned herein to be filed by the clerk of said court for inspection by the public for two years from date of filing, after which said affidavits may be destroyed.

Sec. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. The sum of \$50,000, or so much as is necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund of the State, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Whereas, there is a great jeopardy of human life, and great numbers of cattle, sheep, colts and other stock, as well as poultry, are being destroyed, and other damages are incurred by stock raisers and farmers from the depredations of such wild animals and the public good requires immediate relief; and, whereas, there is now no adequate law for the protection of human life and property from such depredations, therefore, an emergency and pub-

lic necessity exists that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

### CLEAR TODAY.

After a week of almost continuous rain the sun is shining brightly today and not a cloud is in sight. Farmers would like to see the weather thus for the next ten days so as to give them a chance to get their crops in. The rainfall this week amounted to 2.68.

### HIGH WATER.

The Nueces river is nearly half a mile wide and still rising. At the wagon bridge the water is from hill to hill, all the small islands being covered. This big rise is caused by the heavy downpour that occurred Wednesday night which extended from the source almost to the mouth of that stream.

### QUITE A CONTRAST.

Today is quite a contrast with the last day of February last year. All that day a terrific gale out of the Northwest which at times attained a velocity of 50 miles an hour, hurled sand mountain high. The onion crop was damaged hundreds of dollars, in fact on the hillsides was almost entirely destroyed. Railroad trains were delayed by sand covering the rails to more than a foot in depth in places. It was the worst storm and of longer duration than ever known before.

Today is an ideal spring day. Old Sol is casting his bright smiles on Mother earth which has been thoroughly soaked by bounteous rains. The hills and valleys are covered with blooming flowers, which present a scene of one great beautiful bouquet. The birds are out enjoying the bright day and warbling their springtime melodies.

### SPECIAL VENIRE.

Sheriff Hill has been summoning a special venire of 75 men for the Jose Sanchez and Rowland Dove murder cases, which are set for Monday next.

### FROM TWOHIG.

The rainfall of this week was the climax of the heaviest, hardest downpour recorded in this vicinity, since the season of rain had its beginning in November last. There was some hail fell, but did no damage to crops.

The tomato plants on the Anderson and Sinclair irrigated farm, have been transplanted to the cold frames from the hot houses, and are doing splendidly. These frames are constructed similar to the hot beds, except they are covered with canvas. Work was begun today on a twelve inch well on this farm.

Our depot building is finished, and is a neat, artistic structure. The R. R. Co. has been very fortunate in securing the services of such an efficient and careful young man as Mr. Tisdale for their agent at this place.

### FROM ENCINAL.

Encinal has not been behind by any means with her rainfall.

Most of our men are in Cotulla this week attending Court.

Mr. Nealy Buckley took Thursday's train for Cotulla, returning the following day.

The attendance in school has been rather slack this week on account of the bad condition of our streets.

Quite a crowd went from here to attend the Laredo festivities.

Lonnie Allee from the Cometa Ranch was in town Friday night.

Messrs. Breeding, Swink, McMulin and Berry are at Cotulla attending District court.



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Laredo entertained lots of people at her recent celebration.

Look out for the tide of immigration into Southwest Texas this fall.

There is enough moisture in the ground to almost raise a crop whether it rains any more or not, but it looks as if old Jupiter Pluvius was going to keep up the lick he has been hitting for the past four months.

On another page in this issue will be found a comparison of the amount of rainfall for the last two months in 1901 and first two in 1902, with the last two months in 1902 and first two in 1903. This report is based on actual government gage measurement.

In 1900 East Texas farmers had their crops drowned out by floods of rain, and in 1901-2 crops were a failure on account of drought. This year it looks as though they will not be able to get into the fields to plant on account of the almost continuous rains.

It has been said that if a newspaper was printed on gold with ink of silver and the subscription price only 50 cents a year, some poor deluded specimen of humanity would kick because there was not a diamond set in each corner and want the subscription price to be only a quarter.

We've heard a number of people intimate that it would suit them if the rains would cease for awhile. When a man looks old Sol in the face almost every day for twenty months and sees hardly enough water fall from the skies to wet a saddle blanket, it seems to us that he has got a nerve to bely-ache when the weather man does show us the other side of life. Let it rain! There's a hot sun behind these wet clouds and she'll shine after awhile good, warm and a plenty and all the moisture that falls will be needed.

We predicted that the boys from La Salle would take at least two of the cash prizes in the roping contest at Laredo. They went us one better—the captured three. The "pear-eaters" from this neck of the woods may be overmatched with professionals who follow the business for a living, but everytime they go up against anything on the Rio Grande border they are going to get meat—and more than one slice too. It was advertised that six Mexicans would rope against six Americans on the second day, but after the first contest the Mexicans saw that they were out classed so far that they lost their nerve. There was nothing doing when the time came to go up against the "gringos."

Not within the memory of the old settlers who have been in West Texas since the early seventies, has so much rain fallen during the months of January and February as has fallen this year. Over half of this month has been cloudy and the number of rainy days exceeds that of any month of any year as far back as the oldest inhabitants can recall. Still we are not kicking. Let it rain! We've had enough to do us for a while, but we can stand more—and a whole lot more. After standing two years of drought surely we have no reason to complain of a few weeks sloppy weather, even if you do bog up over your shoe tops when you try to cross the street. Let 'er rain!

K. LAMITY'S APOLOGY.

I have determined to rejuvenate the Harpoon, or rather print a new paper bearing the same name. The name "Harpoon" was my own creation, given to a paper I first published in Tyler, Texas, and subsequently moved to Houston.

My intention, when I started the original Harpoon, was to print a bold, fearless paper, to say what I wanted to say in lumps, and not mince my editorial expressions, but I was induced by over nervous friends to eliminate all the ginger from my journalistic Jamaica, and the Harpoon never touched the whale at which it was originally thrown.

I had promised to publish a gin-fizz, but kept out the gin. The people asked for red hot biscuit, and I gave them a cold doughnut.

It was all things to all men, and nothing to anyone. It was a nice lukewarmness of brown sugar, sweetened with sorghum molasses. In desperation I finally turned it over to a journalistic wet-nurse, who allowed it to catch its death of dampness.

The subjects upon which I shall write, will include everything from theology to deep sea diving, and sometimes I may make an editorial excursion sideways. (When this occurs, no extra charge will be made.)

The paper will be a monthly magazine. It won't be a very handsome paper on the outside, I intend to make it a red-hot journalistic sausage, with the meat all on the inside.

J. S. DOKNER, alias K. Lamity.

Since the ways that are dark and the tricks that are vain as practiced by the trusts of the country have been exposed by William Randolph Hearst, by the publication of the telegram sent by Rockefeller's man Archbold to Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, of Pennsylvania, the word outrage has come into common use in the capital of the nation. The word comes, but it is used from many different standpoints.

used by all, but it is used from many different standpoints. The President thinks it an outrage that anybody should send Senators of the United States a telegram to influence legislation that is aimed at them. The Senators think it an outrage that anybody should have discovered that a telegram had been sent to an honorable Senator, also an outrage that any paper should have printed it thereby bringing that honorable body into disrepute with the vulgar rabble and the hoi polloi of the country. The real outrage, however, is that a number of so-called honorable Senators of the United States should have received telegrams dictating to them how they should vote on any subject of legislation, and that, so far, not one man has arisen in his place on the floor of the Senate and mentioned that fact and demanded an investigation. To this complexion has it come at last, that a trust magnate can, with impunity, insult the greatest deliberative body in the world without a murmur of protest from that body or any member thereof. When will it end, and where will it end? It is up to the people. If they like this sort of thing they can continue the Republican Party in power and they will get a surfeit of it.

Houston Post: It is hardly possible that the bill pending in the Texas legislature to require railroad trains to be run on schedule will receive favorable consideration, but it will occupy more or less time, at least in committee, and will besides advertise the body as entertaining a piece of folly. Railroad trains are not delayed from choice. Every element of self-interest demands the nearest possible approach to perfect schedules, and this fact ought to be apparent to the dullest comprehension.

Surely no man is so heedless as to imagine that railroads can unfailingly provide against floods, delayed connections, exceptional tonnage and travel, hot boxes, broken axles or errors in dispatching. And what else is there that causes delays?

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

BATESVILLE HERALD: I have it that some 30,000 acre land in the aridish belt of the valla and Dimmit counties have been sold at \$5.00 per acre to Eastern parties are said to be purchasers.

UVALDE LEADER-NEWS: It is certainly not the fault of the country newspaper if the opening man of today neglects the portentities he may grasp. The weekly paper never neglects an occasion to sound a note of warning to the coming man. The best that is wanted is not the weight of foul bums, cigarette fends and dress-mouth grammarians. But not men wants the boy who has hon, caught up with the procevers who will work for his employ interest. Such boys can all find steady employment.

UVALDE LEADER-NEWS: A to ness is a crime only limited to man's capacity for work. Industry and energy should be most mended and praised. The laborer, no matter what vocat's he may pursue, is one of the Noblemen and is entitled to respect and esteem of all his people. The man who spends his time in idleness and profligat—a murderer and a thief. He that dics the golden opportunities are within his grasp and him the time that God has allotted, on earth and which, in the must be accounted for.

THE HONDO HERALD: Ya Langfeld has demonstrated a practical test that it is pre to feed cattle for slaughter.

He got his mother's Hondo cow that weighed 1010 pounds. After feeding her 100 pounds of pear and cotseeded meal she weighed 1220 and on being slaughtered she dressed 700.

Mr. Langfeld is convinced that he says this cow had twice as much meat as some grass cows at this time of year and it is much better meat, of course.

AUSTIN COR. IN SENATE: Although but thirty days have passed since the assembling of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, two resolutions for sine die adjournment are on the desk of the speaker. One provides for adjournment April 6th and the other on March 6th. It is hardly probable that the authors of these resolutions believe that the work of the session can be completed in the time limit they suggest but they voice the sentiment of a very large element who are opposed to working on a niggardly pittance of two dollars a day. One of the strongest, most conservative and conscientious members of the House expressed himself this morning as in favor of the resolutions on March 6th, the five dollars a day limit. He pointed to the fact that if that time was not sufficient in which to dispose of the business of the session, then a special session could be called. He believed the framers of the constitution intended that the state lawmakers should receive five dollars for every day they served.

Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred the several bills seeking to further protect the deer and other wild game of the state has reported back to the House a substitute which incorporated the leading features of them all. It shortens season in which deer may be killed to six months, makes it unlawful to a fawn or doe at any time, prohibits the sale of meat, h antlers of the deer anywhere. It is believed that the bill will pass the House and the Senate and come a law.

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W H Fullerton & Co. Patrick Henry, standing for progress and good sense, at a time when both were needed said: "I know no way of judging the future but by the past." Nobody has ever found out a better way, and nobody ever will. We know of no better way to judge the qualities of our groceries than by our past record. We have given satisfaction to 99 people in 100, and the odd one could not be satisfied by anybody. There is real economy to be had by trading here. Not by fits and starts, but constantly, throughout the whole store.

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# ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEP.

## BOYS FROM LA SALLE CAPTURE THREE CASH PRIZES AT LAREDO ROPING CONTEST.

The Twine Twirlers Had Wiry Mexican Steers to Deal With And Did Some Good Work.

At the Roping Contest on Washington's Birthday at Laredo, La-Salle County boys captured the first, second and fourth cash prizes.

The winning boys were: Jim English, 1st; Jno. Reynolds, 2nd; Ben Tumlinson, 3rd; Jim Murray, 4th.

Jim Proctor of Carrizo Springs was the first one of the boys from this section of the country to rope. He had dreadful luck and it took him 2:21 1/2 to tie.

John Moore of Encinal tied in 1:40.

Ben Tumlinson of Carrizo Springs tied in 50 seconds, winning third money. Tumlinson rode John Reynolds' horse which took second money also.

Jim Murray of Twohig tied in 50 1/2 seconds. This time took fourth money.

John Reynolds of Cotulla took second money by tying in 47 seconds.

Monico Guterrez of Cotulla got tangled up with some other steers and horsemen and it took him 1:32 to tie.

Dred Sauls roped his steer quick and tied quick but his steer got up before five minutes and he was disqualified.

Joe Jennings of Cotulla made quick throw and caught his steer, but when the rope tightened it caught his horse's feet on the ground, and horse rider and steer all piled up. The steer was first up and Jennings lost time in trying to get to his horse. He finally mounted and tied in 3 minutes.

Bob Lansford of Carrizo Springs missed first throw, caught second and made very good time but steer got up before five minutes and he was disqualified.

Jim English of Cotulla caught a wiry steer and did the prettiest work of the day. He rode W. A. Matthews' scree pony which was the best on the grounds. His time was 41 seconds and captured first money.

Woodie Thomas roped his steer twice and tied in 1:15.

Alfred Matthews of Encinal tied in 1:07.

W. A. Matthews of Encinal tied in 1:28.

Jack Hill of Twohig consumed only 53 1/2 seconds in tying his steer.

John Evetts of Cotulla tied in 55 seconds but was disqualified on account of not roping steer by both horns.

Chub Poole missed several throws and tied in 1:47.

### TEAM CONTEST.

Monday a team contest with five men on each side was arranged. J. C. Thompson of Devine, H. E. Johnson of Moore, H. W. Butts of Hondo, Dred Sauls and John Reynolds of Cotulla, roped against W. A. and Alfred Matthews of Encinal, Jim Proctor of Carrizo Springs, Jack Hill of Twohig and Jim English of Cotulla. Each man roped two steers and the first named team won by one minute and forty-seven seconds on ten steers.

H. E. Johnson made best time of the day on one steer, which was 37 1/2 seconds. J. C. Thompson made best time tying two steers, 1:23.

Jack Hill captured the grand stand by some pretty work on his first steer. He roped the animal by both horns, but the rope did not slip down to the steer's head and when it tightened the steer's horns sprung in and the rope slipped off. Hill thought the rope broke and went after another that was on his saddle, and roped and threw his steer quick. In dismounting his foot got tangled in the rope that was dragging and his horse drug him several feet. He got loose quickly however and got to his feet and mounted a regular "McGonigle" tie. The time consumed in all this work was 46 seconds. Hill was greeted up to be the fastest tyer on the grounds.

## The Five Franc Piece.

BY JAMES S. EVANS.

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In the "cub" days of the newspaper reporter Troupe McIntosh saw little life and had more than ordinary interest for him. He got few assignments, and those were chiefly ordinary notices, church bazaars and small bits. The city editor did not have confidence in him. He had displayed little of the instincts that are essential to reporters who make names and are permitted to sign stories. But McIntosh knew the stuff was in him and that some time or other, he would show it.

One afternoon the city editor walked hurriedly from his room to the local room. In his hand was a piece of yellow paper and he was excited. "Where is Davis? Where is Horn? Where is Allen?" he shouted at McIntosh.

"I think they have gone," said the "cub" meekly.

"You think they have? You don't see them do you? And they don't usually leave with you a memorandum of their assignments?"

The "cub" attempted to say something, but before he could proceed the city editor said: "Here, go to Butler on the 2 o'clock train. I do not like to trust so important an assignment to such an ordinary blockhead, but you are the only one in sight. Get some expense money down stairs and hurry. You've hardly time to catch the train. Take this telegram. It will explain why you are sent. Get your facts and write all you can get on the story. By the time you arrive there, I have made arrangements with the telegraph company to handle your matter as fast as you can write it. Get along now, and do your best."

The cub fairly flew to the depot. Out of breath almost, he found a seat to the car and for the first time looked at the telegram. It was merely a bulletin from the Butler correspondent and read:

John Billings, cashier Second National bank, found his wife in arms of William Champerlain this afternoon. Billings killed Champerlain, then his wife and then himself. Society is greatly excited. Both the weather and most influential in town. How much?

Well, here was a story for the cub after all. Butler was forty miles distant, and the train would make it in less than an hour. As the cars sped along the cub's mind was framing sentences. He paced nervously up and down the aisleway, occasionally throwing back the lapel of his coat, showing his reporter's star. Repeating his seat, he would take out a pad of paper from his pocket and scribble. The opening sentence of his story could not be framed exactly right to suit him. He wanted something that would catch and gladden the city editor's eye at first glance. Finally he wrote something, looked at it a long while, smiled and put the paper in his pocket. At Butler there was little difficulty in obtaining the facts. The coroner's jury was in session when he alighted from the train. He heard the testimony of the servants in the Billings' home, who saw the shooting. They also testified that Champerlain had been a frequent visitor at the Billings home, both while Mr. Billings was at home and occasionally when the husband was absent. Their testimony was somewhat sensational and disclosed a phase of Mrs. Billings' life that was not in keeping with her reputation in the community. Champerlain left a widow; Billings had no children.

The cub secured photographs which he mailed on the 8 o'clock train. By 10 o'clock he was in possession of all the information necessary for a long story. He began to write. At first he was nervous and uncertain of himself, but after he had written two or three hundred words, the rest became easy to handle. He wrote rapidly, and by midnight he had three columns of matter in the newspaper.

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## PICKED UP BY OUR REPORTER.

ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING AND GOING, WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND SAYING—OTHER LOCAL ITEMS.

Percy Dowe of Pearsall is in the city.

For cheap groceries go to W. H. Fullerton & Co.

Lawyer Davis was here on legal business during the week.

Sam Johnson was in the city this week attending court.

More rains this week. We like to see the good work go on.

D. W. McKay of Millett took in the celebration at Laredo.

For good work pants cheap go to W. H. Fullerton & Co.

A large crowd from Cotulla attended the Laredo celebration.

Call and see W. H. Fullerton & Co's new line of jewelry.

Miss Janie Thomas of the Two-hill school is in the city today.

Barrel molasses for sale at W. H. Fullerton & Co's.

Attorneys E. R. and C. H. Lane are here attending court.

Miss Annie Ahrenbeck of Rockdale arrived today.

Jim Murray and Jack Hill were here this week from Twohig.

R. A. Gilmer gave us an order this week for 500 Bill Heads.

Prof. Dave Cole of Encinal is to be seen on our streets today.

Sam and Will McCombs were here attending court Wednesday.

Give the black smith on front street a trial. All work guaranteed.

Henry Russell is here from Waelder as a witness in the Dowe case.

Chase and Sanborn roasted coffee for sale at W. H. Fullerton & Co's.

Ben Tumlinson of Carrizo Springs was here one day this week.

Miss Daisee Carr left yesterday on a two week's visit to friends in Laredo.

W. C. Irvin returned Thursday from a ten day's stay in San Antonio.

Col. E. R. Lane of Millett was in attendance upon district court here this week.

Miss Hattie Bobo is back at home again after an absence of two months in Beeville.

We turned out, 500 Note Heads this week for H. W. Earnest & Son, the Millett merchants.

S. F. Moffett of the Cibolo country called round and left an almighty wheel yesterday.

Jack Baylor was up from the La Motte Ranch Wednesday. Reports rains as general down that way.

Messrs. Ollie and Willis Johnson and H. G. Earnest were here this week as jurors in the District Court.

If you have any spare coin you can invest it now in a real producing property that is bound to increase in value. See Jno. M. Daniel for particulars.

Dist. Atty. Geo. Martin took in the Laredo Celebration and returned here Tuesday morning.

John Hennant of Live Oak county was here Wednesday and staid long enough to be put through the Haymakers.

Mrs. W. A. Pullin and daughter Miss Mary, returned to Sonora today after a two month's visit here to relatives.

Jno. M. Daniel can sell you a modern improved residence with whole block of land for only \$550 and on terms at that.

R. L. Henriksen, C. H. DeKoyce, J. W. Buckow, Jno. Winslow and a number of others were here this week attending court.

Atty. C. A. Goeth of San Antonio is here representing Western Union Telegraph Co. in some suits in the District court.

J. A. Reed, traveling representative for The Royal Tailors at Chicago, returned to Cotulla Sunday after an absence of two months.

Messrs. Hugh, Lee and Roy Rowland of Galveston arrived in the city Thursday. They will be here until sometime next month.

Woolen crash and flannels is the proper thing for spring and summer dress this year. An elegant line of styles just received.

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The Baptist ladies served dinner and supper at Hargus' Hall Tuesday. Net proceeds amounted to nearly \$50.00.

If anybody ever heard of it raining as much in any previous year in February as it has this month, please speak.

District Judge Stevens arrived from Carrizo Springs Monday night but did not open court until 2 o'clock Tuesday evening.

From accounts the Haymakers have been putting up lots of hay this week regardless of the wet sloppy weather.

Messrs. Jas. Breeding, J. W. McMullin, N. A. Swink, Geo. Berry and Jno. McFarland of Encinal attended court here this week.

Messrs. E. T. Lesterjette of Millett and N. A. Swink of Encinal each had their subscription to the Record advanced another year this week.

Harry Earnest paid our office a pleasant call Wednesday evening. Harry is here serving the Court. This is his first experience as a juror.

W. E. Lowry and W. H. Jacobs and his two little girls passed up the road Tuesday morning enroute to Dilley. They had been to the Laredo celebration.

(Mrs. D. P. Roberts and daughter, Miss Vina, of Lytton Springs are in the city visiting Mrs. W. L. Hargus. They will likely be here two or three weeks.)

Dr. Dorn, dentist will be in Cotulla Monday, March 9th, and will remain some days. The Doctor is thoroughly up to date in his profession and solicits your patronage.

Sheriff Hill has been doing some hard riding this week summoning a special venire in the Jose Sanchez and Roland Dowe murder cases which are set for Monday.

All the latest creations in foreign and domestic suitings at prices to save you money on your tailor-made clothes.

J. A. Reed, at McGarity's Drug store.

The children of the public school celebrated Washington's birthday on Monday, Feb. 23rd. Among the visitors present were, Rev. Thomas, Mrs. C. H. Webb and Miss Nannie Harrison.

Dred Sauls got a good fall at the Roping Contest at Laredo, but it didn't "faze" him a particle. He got up and rubbed the sand out of his eyes, mounted his horse and then tied his steer in less than a minute.

Don't let opportunity pass you unheeded. Jno. M. Daniel can show you a residence property for \$550 that could not have been bought before for near that sum. This chance may not come to you again. Better call on him today and see what he has.

A nice, stylish made-to-your-measure suit of clothes for \$12.00. Some cheaper and others higher priced. A perfect fit and satisfaction otherwise, or no sale. That's all.

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Jim English of the Cobita Ranch waded up to the front and took first money at the Laredo Roping Contest. Jim is just about what the doctor ordered. Anyhow and whenever he gets half a show will do business.

## Time Extended Another Week!

Goods will go at  
Cost and Below  
TILL SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7TH.

Our monster Clearing Sale drew lots of people last week and we have decided to extend this sale one more week.

## The Chance of Life

To secure anything in the Dry Goods line at a considerable less than its actual value.

Don't miss the biggest bargain ever offered in Cotulla. You can't afford to stay away from this sale when it means so much to your pocket book. Come early.

Keen & Henrichson

Judge E. A. Stevens who was elected Judge of the 28th Judicial district at the last election, is on his first round over the district. The people of La Salle are highly pleased with the manner in which the new Judge transacts business.

Among the Encinal people that visited Laredo during the celebration were: W. A. Matthews and family, J. W. McMullin, Jno. M. Green, W. R. Riley, D. B. Cole, T. C. Berry, John Moore, Will McMullin, Don Morrison, and Jose DeLuna.

I have returned from a tour of Texas in behalf of The Royal Tailors, and am better prepared than ever to take your measure for a spring suit, or any single garment and give perfect satisfaction.

J. A. Reed.

Messrs. Ralph and Clifford Coram, sons of M. L. Coram, recently of Los Angeles, California, arrived here this week. They are here with the view of purchasing land if any can be found to suit them. This year they expect to arrange for land somewhere near here to raise a crop.

Dr. D. S. Livingston, who recently moved to Llano from this place is back this week as a witness in the Jose Sanchez murder case. The doctor says Llano is a good town and his family and himself are well pleased. The Sanchez case will not come up till Monday and he will be here till sometime next week.

Mr. E. T. Lesterjette of Millett was a pleasant caller at our sanctum Wednesday. Mr. Lesterjette says his onions are doing fine and the recent cold did not hurt them at all. He said in one spot the plants were under water which froze over, and ice remained around the plants for 24 hours, and that they are just as green and healthy looking now as they can be. This was a good test he thinks and proves that a freeze will not hurt onions.

Miss Kate Burwell, proprietor of the One Price Store, after an absence of half a month in St. Louis, is back at home again. Miss Burwell has been buying spring and summer goods for her store, and she informed us that owing to the bright prospects for the coming year in Southwest Texas, she purchased a larger stock than ever before. The spring goods she said, were very pretty. She spent a longer time than usual at the markets this time, and the patrons of the One Price Store can rest assured that every piece of goods was carefully selected and that they will have a strictly up to date line to select from. The One Price Store building is being gone over on the inside by workmen and everything made as bright as a new dollar.

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## NOTICE TO ROAD WORKERS

The summons for Road work on those citizens who have since been put on jury duty on the same dates, is hereby rescinded and they will be called upon to do the Road work at some other dates.

T. D. MORGAN,  
MAL PETTY,  
Road Overseers.

## GRAND JURY.

The following named citizens compose the Grand Jury at this term of Court: W. G. Johnson, Foreman, Chas. Sullivan, Willis Johnson, J. T. Maltberger, S. F. Moffett, N. Swink, Jas. Breeding, Chas. Gilmer, W. E. Campbell, W. L. Hargus, J. J. Hall and G. A. Wellhausen.

E. A. Dowdell and Bruce Powell are foot bailiffs and T. B. Poole and Joe Yrbrough mounted bailiffs.

## THE STORY OF THE HATCHET.

(This little poem was written by Miss Nannie Harrison for the children of the Cotulla Public School, and was recited Feb. 23 1903, by Jessie Copp.)

I've a story of the hatchet,  
I would like to tell today,  
And though it's very ancient  
It will never pass away.  
For the boy that owned this hatchet  
Not unlike another lad  
Thought to whittle on a fruit tree,  
Wouldn't be so very bad.  
And straightway he spied a cherry,  
That his father prized most high,  
Thinking likely as did Adam,  
Its forbidden fruit I'll try.  
And it strikes me I'll just stroke it,  
With a few carressing chops,  
With my bran new little hatchet—  
Then I'll cut some brier wood tops.

But alas! before he knew it,  
Cherries, tree and all went down,  
And away sped frightened Georgie,  
Little dreaming he had done  
And is being told today  
By the thousands celebrating  
Georgie Washington's Birthday.

And we come to pay our homage  
To this gallant little youth,  
Who had 'eer the moral courage  
To uphold and tell the truth.  
When his father reprimanded,  
And lamented with a sigh,  
That his favorite tree was ruined,  
George responded, "It was I!"

I, dear father, with my hatchet  
Trimmed your cherry orchard  
out,

Just a playing I was soldier,  
Killing big men brave and stout.  
And his father soon forgave him,  
And with patriotic pride,  
Said, "I'd rather lose ten thousand  
trees,

Than have a boy who lied."

Years sped on, young George became a man  
With noble aspiration, the father  
of our land,

As soldier, citizen and friend,  
He stands without a peer,  
Beloved by his countrymen,  
Who keeps his memory dear.

And today we're paying homage,  
First, to Washington, the youth,  
Whose name will stand immortal,  
The symbol of all truth,  
Next to Washington the hero,  
A firm and zealous man,  
Who left a fame untarnished,  
By earth's defacing hand.

And through the years unchanging,  
His name shall ever endure,  
A pride to all his countrymen,  
His memory stand secure.

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