

The Cotulla Record.

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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1903.

SI. IN ADVANCE



Come and Look at the Beautiful Assortment of Christmas Gifts from Santa Claus' Workshop.

During the week just past our Holiday goods have been going out at a lively rate, but still we have a nice assortment and you will have no trouble in finding a suitable present for the little boy or the little girl, the young man or the young lady, or the aged grandfather or grandmother. We have gifts that are inexpensive and gifts that are costly. We have something at almost any price you want to pay for a gift. It is impossible to enumerate all of our goods but look over this page carefully and perhaps you'll find just what you want.

Jewelry for Christmas

Perhaps you may find something in our Jewelry line that will just please both you and the person you intend it for as a gift. Among the many nice things you will find Set Rings, plain solid gold rings, breast pins, stick pins, hat pins, belt pins, collar buttons, brooches, blouse sets, watch chains, cuff buttons, shirt

Let The Boys Make a Noise.

Boys will be boys, so let them make a noise they want to hear when Christmas comes, for it comes but once a year. Turn 'em loose with fire-crackers and sky-rockets, shoot and bugles to boot. We can furnish them with all the things they need to make a noise. We also have needed to help out the music we also have

Presents in the Dry Goods Line

We have many things in our Dry Goods line that are suitable for presents. Should you want to present your mother with a nice dress we have a lot to choose from. Fascinators, handkerchiefs, gloves, shawls, jackets, etc. We have a lot to help you select something.



Mens' Furnishings.

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE.

LATEST STYLES.

Christmas Rugs.

A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT.

75c. TO \$3.



Pictures

We have a very beautiful assortment of pictures, which make a nice gift. Any price almost that you would like to pay for one; 5c to \$3.

Silverware

Stirling Silver cups, \$2.50
Stirling silver Bread trays \$5.00
Stirling silver Napkin rings, 75c to 2.00.

Chinaware

Chinaware always has a place among Xmas gifts and we have something nice in this line to show you this season.

Shaving Mugs

Perhaps your father or brother would like a shaving mug for Xmas. We have them for only 15c.

Albums

We have sold lots of Albums this last week but we have more to sell from 75c to \$2.50. Come early and get your pick.

USE THE PHONE!

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If you haven't time to come to our store at once and want some article that may be sold before you can come, phone us and we will lay it aside for you.

USE THE MAILS

If you cannot come to Cotulla write us about what kind of present you want and we will select it and send it to you promptly.

Dolls

We have a very pretty line of Dolls that range in price from 5c to \$3.00. Non-breakable dolls \$1. Something that will make the little girls happy.

Doll Buggies

Cute little Doll Buggies for the little Miss to ride her doll in. Every little girl will get a doll and everyone will want a doll buggy. Don't disappoint yours when we are selling them from 25c to \$1.25.

Doll Chairs

Nice pretty little pieces of furniture for your little girl's playhouse. They're cheap, ask to see them.

Decorations

Don't forget that we have Christmas Tree Decorations.

Drums

Boys Drums, three sizes, 99c, \$1.25 and \$1.50.



DON'T YOU NEED A NICE PAIR OF GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS?

A few suggestions for presents.

Fancy Work Baskets, four sizes, 45c, 85c, \$1, and \$1.25.
Glove, Handkerchief and Trinket Boxes, set 85c.
Ladies Purses and Hand Bags, all sizes all prices.

BOYS!

This is where you get your

AIR GUNS,

Good ones \$1; Better ones \$1.25.



WEAR CORLISS-COON COLLARS DURING CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES. ANY STYLE, TWO FOR A QUARTER.

BOYS CHRISTMAS SUITS.

BLUE SERGE, 2 piece suits, \$4.00
BLACK SERGE, 2 piece suits, \$3.00
THREE PIECE SUIT, Sailor Collar, \$5.00
MELTON SUITS, 75c, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.00 and \$4.50.

ASSORTMENT OF ORNAMENTAL CLASSICAL FIGURES.

Express Wagons

We had a big sale on Express Wagons this past week and all the larger ones are gone, but we have several smaller ones left and are selling them from 35c to 85c each. If you want one of these call early because they are going in a hurry.

Games

Christmas shoppers made a raid on our line of games this week and came near cleaning up the lot, but we have a few left such as "29 or Nyout" 75c; "American History" 50c; "Bingo" 35c; "Humpty Dumpty" 25c, etc.

Bugles

All kinds that make a noise, from 5c to 25c.

Rubber Balls

Small Balls and large balls. Get the boy one. 5c to 25c. Can't break them, and they will last always.

THE ONE PRICE STORE.

K. BURWELL

JP BY OUR REPORTER.

WHAT ARE COMING AND GOING, WHAT THEY ARE SAYING—OTHER LOCAL ITEMS.

S. Cotulla's.
 For sale at this office.
 Lemon at S. Cotulla's.
 One dozen young chickens at this office.
 A meal go to The Blue Front Restaurant.

Fruits, fancy candies and nuts at S. Cotulla's.

Capt. J. A. Brooks was an arrival from Laredo on Monday morning's train.

For Bombay stuffed dates go to S. Cotulla.

Mrs. R. J. Jennings and little daughter returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Pearsall.

Amps, Guilt Edge, Elite and Black King shoe polish at S. Cotulla's.

Col. W. A. H. Miller returned Saturday from Pearsall and other points where he had been on legal business.

Tablets and pencils at S. Cotulla's.

The New Year is close at hand and we hope all of our subscribers will start in with the New Year with their subscriptions paid up.

From this date Simon Cotulla will handle light bread from San Antonio. The best made for 5c a loaf.

Mr. A. H. Miller, son of Col. W. A. H. Miller of this city, accompanied by his wife and child, arrived here from San Antonio this week. We learn Mr. Miller contemplates locating in Cotulla.

Apples, oranges, bananas and lemons at S. Cotulla's.

NOTICE.

All our gates are posted according to law, and all hunting, fishing or otherwise trespassing there-in is prohibited. Persons violating this notice will be prosecuted.
 JOHNSON BROS.

Your Winter Suit—Reed,

Dr. A. G. Barnhill returned Sunday from Hempstead, Waller county, where he went a week previous on business. The doctor does not give a very glowing description of that country. He says practically no crops have been raised in that section for the past three years and that many people are destitute. There is no money in the country and no labor, consequently the situation is bad.

For Almonds, Filberts, Brazil nuts and pecans go to S. Cotulla.

NOTICE.

All of our gates are posted according to law and hunting or otherwise trespassing is prohibited in any of Mrs. Burks pastures. Persons violating this notice will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

JACK BAYLOR.

Leave your laundry bundles at this office.

Atmosphere meat in 5 lb pails at S. Cotulla's.

The Waco hunters who were accompanied from here by W. A. Kerr, J. T. Maltberger and A. W. West and who are hunting up in the San Roque country, sent in three big bucks Monday morning and had them distributed among their friends. The Record man acknowledges receipt of a nice piece. Up to the time they sent in the deer they had only been out two days but everybody had killed "snout" except W. A. but then he is expected to get into the game before they return.

San Antonio bread at S. Cotulla's.

TAX NOTICE.

Tax-payers of La Salle county are hereby notified that I will be at the following places on dates mentioned below for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1903.

Sauz Ranch, Dec. 18th.
 Dullis Ranch, Dec. 19th.
 Millett, Dec. 21st.
 Artesia, Dec. 22nd.
 Encinal, Dec. 23rd and 24th.

W. T. HILL,

Sheriff & Tax Collector,
 La Salle County, Texas.

The Pope Bicycle Daily Memoranda Calendar.

The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily-leaf calendar may be considered the opening gun proclaiming the natural and healthful return of bicycling. Col. Albert A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads Movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry.

Upon the 396 calendar leaves are freshly written lines, from the pens of our greatest college presidents, doctors, clergymen, statesmen, and other eminent men and women, all of them enthusiastically supporting bicycling. Half of each leaf is blank for memoranda. This calendar is free at the Pope Manufacturing Company's stores, or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2-cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel Street, Chicago, Ill.

Wear the Best.



ASK YOUR DEALER
 OAK PANTS
 OAK PANTS
 AKORY & SONS
 NEW ORLEANS

FOR SALE BY—

R. A. Gilmer,

Cotulla, Texas.

Church "Attractions."

The Tonamanda minister who gave away green trading stamps to every person attending his Sunday evening service has been fairly elated in the matter of drawing attractions by the pastor of a church in Evanston, Ill. He has tried various expedients, such as sensational topics, fine singing, etc., in vain. Consequently a new plan was tried and this was the program at his church last evening, according to a press dispatch: "Hot roast beef sandwich; hymn No. 338, four stanzas; hot coffee, chocolate, tea; brief talk by elder; lobster salad, potato salad, shrimp salad; patriotic hymn, chafing dish indigestibles, prepared by beautiful girls; olives, pickles, radishes young onions; Doxology." It is not a bad bill, but if the reverend gentleman expects men to furnish their own cigars he will find the male attendance at his hot and cold religious soires falling off again, lamentably.

Japanese Studying Kentucky Horse

Professor K. Imai, professor of horse breeding of the Imperial university of Tokio, is to study the Kentucky horse. He has been studying horse breeding for several years in England, Germany and France, and comes here from England. He was sent here from Japan to study the Kentucky horse, and will visit the principal horse breeding establishments in and around Fayette county. He says that there are sixteen government stock farms in his country which are used for the purpose of breeding horses to be used by the cavalry of Japan, and his study of the Kentucky horse is to further the breed in Japan for military purposes.

Britain's Particular Dramatic Censor

Quite a breeze has been raised in theatrical and literary circles by the refusal of the British censor to pass "La Citta Mort," D'Annunzio's five-act play, for production by Madame Duse. The censor of plays is an autocrat before whom all London managers bow in fear and trembling. Manuscripts must be submitted to him weeks before the date of a new production, and if he decides that a play is immoral or for some other reason unfit to be seen on the stage, his polite letter "regretting his inability to advise the lord chamberlain to issue the necessary license," decisively ends the matter. Curiously enough, the D'Annunzio play to which the censor takes exception has never been challenged in any other country on the grounds of morality. The play has been performed in large American cities without the slightest objection on the part of the public. The British censor has developed a violent dislike for all foreign plays. George Bernard Shaw describes the censor as "a gentleman who robs, insults and suppresses as irresistibly as if he were the Czar of Russia." The queerest thing about a theatrical license in London is that it may be taken away at any moment. A recent instance of this was an Oriental melodrama which was played for years, but which was suddenly suppressed by the lord chamberlain merely because the Turkish embassy complained about it.

Bottled Costs Barred.

The Greenbrier presbytery, one of the strongest presbyteries in the South, meeting at Lewisburg, W. Va., has adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the solemn and painful conviction of this Greenbrier presbytery that some of the ministerial brethren are departing from the time-honored custom of the fathers in wearing 'bottled coats,' and the presbytery would hereby warn the brethren against conformity to this custom of the dudes.

"Let the offending brethren be warned of what may be done to them, as recorded in I. Chronicles xix:1-5. We respectfully point them to the vestures of the fathers and brethren of the presbytery the Revs. H. M. Blittinger, W. T. Price and M. L. Lacy, as having coats becoming in length and in opposition to conformity with the fashions of the present day."

A Dog as a Life Saver.

An striking instance of canine intelligence is reported from Paris. A male school teacher named Dillaz was on Tuesday evening waylaid near Charenton bridge by two roughs, who set upon him and, after rifling his pockets, flung him into the Seine. A collie dog that happened to be near, without being encouraged to do so by any person—indeed, there were none who saw the circumstances—at once jumped into the water, and, catching the man by the coat aided him to keep afloat until the river police, attracted by his cries, arrived to his assistance. M. Dillaz was subsequently able to furnish the police with a description which led to the arrest of his assailants.

Chicago's Surplusage of Males.

Of all the larger cities of the country Chicago has the largest proportion of males in its total population. During the last twenty years Chicago has averaged 5.3 per cent more males than females, while New York averaged 2.8 per cent more females than males; Philadelphia 5.7 per cent and Boston 7 per cent more females than males. And Chicago's male death rate is the lowest of the four cities.

Once Belonged to Nelson.

The wine flagon of Admiral Brucey, captured by Lord Nelson and given by him to Lady Hamilton, was recently sold in a London auction room. The flagon is engraved on one side, "Nelson to Emma. In commemoration of the victory of the Nile, Vanguard, September 20, 1798. My 40th birthday." On the other side is written, "Wine flagon of Admiral Brucey, the bravest and best of sailors. Four times wounded—the fourth, shot in twain on board his ship L'Orient, dying just before her explosion."

The Record Bird Flight.

The most wonderful bird flight noted is the migratory achievement of the Virginia plover, which leaves its Northern haunts in North America and, taking a course down the Atlantic, usually from 400 to 500 miles east of the Barnstades, reaches the coast of Brazil in one unbroken flight of fifteen hours, covering a distance of 3,000 miles, at the rate of four miles a minute.

Whistler and the Royal Academy.

A quietus seems finally to have been put to the long controversy in England as to the real reason of Whistler's attitude toward the Royal Academy. One faction, headed by Henry Quilter, has been firm in its assertion that Whistler was always disgruntled because he could never secure an election to that body. Another faction has scorned the idea that he would have taken an election even if it had been offered to him. Recently Mr. Quilter wrote again to the London Times enclosing a letter from an artist whose name he suppresses, but whose standing and veracity he vouches. The writer of the letter tells a little incident which is significant. The year Whistler joined the Society of British Artists was at the Arts Club in London, the writer and a member of the Royal academy. The latter was at the point of election, and Whistler pointed blank if he would accept an election to the Royal academy. The American, much to the latter's surprise and disappointment, consented with great eagerness and took the matter up the next day, but nothing came of it.

Salisbury's Biting Wit.

The late Marquis of Salisbury used to be very fond of wit, which he played with exceptional skill. Naturally, therefore, it disgusted him to be placed with a bad partner, and when he had a bad partner, his biting as acid, which in his quiet voice he would make up on the latter's faults.

At a house party in Devonshire Salisbury one evening was playing whist, impeded by a particular unusual stupidity. Nevertheless two were carrying off the honors; it almost seemed, so brilliant were Lord Salisbury's plays, that they would win.

In the middle of the game a woman paused beside the esman. She put her hand on his sturdy shoulder and she said: "How are you getting on?" "Well, indeed," replied Salisbury, "considering I have so many adversaries."

May Large Rules Committee.

It is an open secret that Congressmen from Pennsylvania, and less so from Ohio, and would welcome their retirement from the house committee on rules. But he does not dare to leave them out, as that would be going against precedent. As a way around the difficulty, the speaker-to-be is credited with more than half an intention to put two more members on that committee, which would vastly reduce the power of the statesmen named.

New York's Big Hotels.

There are now about sixty first-class hotels in New York. The addition of the fifteen new ones will increase the number to seventy-five. If they twenty-five hotels were piled on top of one another they would make a structure 750 stories high—taller than the tower of Babel. Or, to look at it in another way, if they could be conglomerated into one huge composite it would be twenty-seven stories high and occupy a ground space of seventeen acres, more than four city blocks, including the interesting streets. This great building would cost \$75,000,000, have 22,000 bed rooms and accommodate 20,000 guests daily.

Book Worth \$5,000.

The most notable recent bibliographic find is a second copy of Shelley's "Original Poetry by Victor and Cazire." Shelley's "Proposals for an Association of Philanthropists" sold last spring for \$2,050, and as the "Victor and Cazire" is not only rarer, but has the distinction of being Shelley's first book, it is expected that it will fetch something like \$5,000 when it is offered by auction this month.

Mayor Jones, Acrobat.

Hand over hand, with body and muscles rigid, "Golden Rule" Mayor Jones, of Toledo, moved gracefully up the brass rod leading from the sleeping quarters at engine house No. 3, city fire department, to the top of above, just to show that stories about his emaciated condition were exaggerated. He only stopped with his head touching the roof, two floors above the starting point. The flower of the city department is No. 3, where fifteen men are stationed. Several of them essayed to repeat the feat, but not one of them could even approach it. The executive stands on his head at almost any time or almost any occasion, when opportunity occurs. The mayor, despite his many business interests, frequently drops in at the various city department headquarters.



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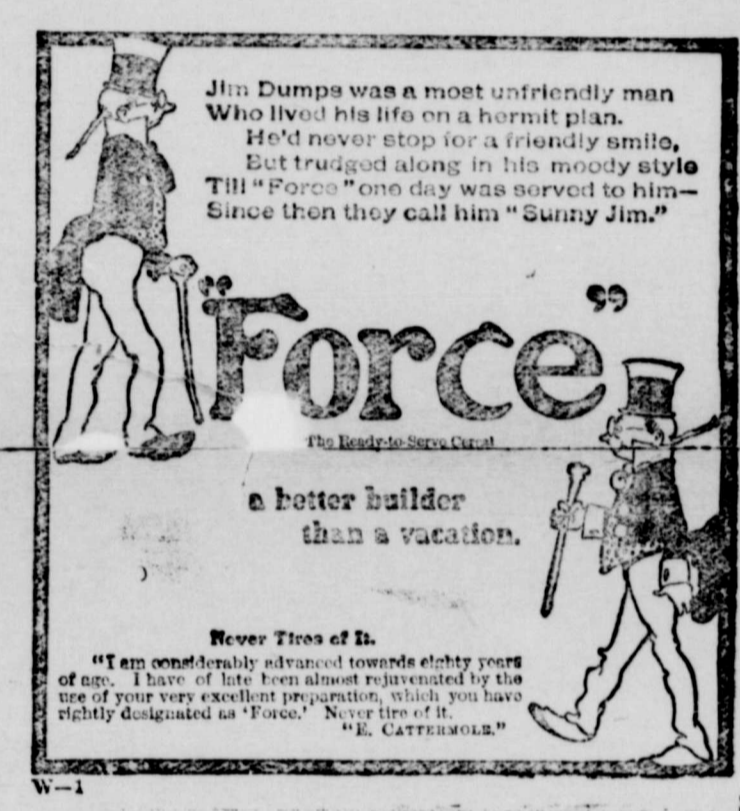
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 All without a Dark-Room now.



No. 2 Brownie Camera, pictures 2½ x 3½, \$2.69
 Brownie Developing Machine, 2.00
 Brownie Developing Machine,75

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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.

For fresh eggs Phone 26.
Shelled pecans at S. Cotulla's.
Fire works—all sorts, all sizes. J. M. Williams.
Several more hunting parties came in this week.
TOYS, toys, toys at J. M. Williams.
For a good cigar go to S. Cotulla.
Our Job Press has been rushed his week.
Genuine imported Chinaware at J. M. Williams.
For cranberry sauce go to S. Cotulla.
Fire works that burn at J. M. Williams.
English walnuts at S. Cotulla's.
Fred Binkley was in the city Thursday.
For a Xmas suit see S. Cotulla.
The weather has been cloudy all the week.
Oyster crackers at S. Cotulla's.
Candy for Christmas at J. M. Williams.
Lots of old papers for sale at this office. 20c per hundred.
The best cigars at S. Cotulla's.
The Record can fix you up in anything in the printing line.
All kind of nuts at S. Cotulla's.
G. E. Tarver was among the ranchmen in the city this week.
Xmas candies just received at S. Cotulla's.
You can save good money by buying your Christmas goods from J. M. Williams.
J. A. Smith recently purchased the place owned by G. W. Jay just South of the gin.
All kinds of fruits and candies at S. Cotulla's.
C. B. Burwell has made several shipments of tomatoes from his farm this week.
Medallions 25c to \$6.00 at J. M. Williams.
W. B. Jones is employed as salesman at T. R. Keck's Lumber yard.
Mrs. W. E. Stienhardt, of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Hall.
Fire crackers, Roman candies and sky rockets at S. Cotulla's.
The best of everything in fancy and mixed candies for Christmas at J. M. Williams.
Mrs. E. T. Lesterjette and daughter, Miss Katie, were down from Millett during the week.
For candies, fruits and nuts always go to S. Cotulla's.
Jas. Breeding and his little daughter and son were up from Encinal between trains Thursday.
Bruce Powell and John Landrum are employed at J. M. Williams during the Christmas rush.
C. McGarity Jr., made a flying trip up to Dilley Thursday. Me says things are rushing up that way.
Col. W. H. Jennings was among the arrivals on yesterday's train from San Antonio.
W. E. Ramsey and wife were in the city from Artesia yesterday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Buchanan.

B. F. Claunch, A. H. Miller and R. H. Hall are down in the House pasture on a hunting jaunt.
Miss Edna Robuck, governess at the House Ranch, was in the city Tuesday.
El Cotulla went down to the Dull Ranch this week and brought down to big bucks.
Miss Nell Jennings left Friday for the Alamo City, where she will spend several days.
The Drugstore received another shipment of Christmas goods this week, and their display is better this year than ever before.
Harry Jones of Granger was here several days this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. Sullivan.
W. A. Matthews, a prominent stockman of Encinal passed up the road Thursday enroute to San Antonio.
J. H. Gilbert has been very sick this week with pneumonia. He is some better today.
Albums 50c to \$5.00 at J. M. Williams.
Simon Cotulla had us print him several hundred circulars yesterday, advertising his Christmas goods.
If you want laundry for Christmas give your bundles to John Manly. Basket will return Thursday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pease have returned from a visit to Mr. Pease's relatives in Gonzales county.
Laredo will doubtless miss the great crowds that annually go down to witness the ball fights across the river.
Little girls take notice! Beginning Monday—every girl that buys a doll from us will be presented with another doll free.
J. M. Williams.
A year's subscription to the Record will be just the thing to send your friend for a Christmas present. Only \$1 for one year.
Thos. Copp, a former resident of Cotulla, and a brother to Geo. Copp, was among the arrivals here Tuesday. He resides in Ft. Worth now and is here on a brief visit.
Novelties galore at J. M. Williams.
They've been having some dreadfully cold weather up North this week, but down in this part of Sunny Texas its been very pleasant.
Judge J. A. Smith returned Saturday from a business trip to San Antonio. Judge says the Alamo City is very dull for this season of the year.
I. C. Jennings left Tuesday for Jennings Bros., Zapata county ranch. This is his first trip there since yellow fever broke out in Laredo.
I. C. Jennings purchased from M. J. Barlow this week the dwelling adjoining the lot where his residence burned in September. He moved into same Tuesday.
W. E. Lowry of Dilley, sent us an order yesterday for 500 checks. We understand Mr. Lowry will be here about the last of the month to begin making preparations for building.

Editor J. Guy Reed returned to San Antonio Sunday after visiting his mother's family here for several days. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Juanita, who will spend the holidays in the Alamo City.
We printed a directory for the Southwestern Telephone Company for this place this week. We solicited advertisements to be printed on same from the business men and a glance at the copy shows that they came up liberal.
J. J. Haynes, Collector of Customs at Laredo, Customs Inspectors S. V. Edwards and Wood Thomas, S. N. Johnson, a business man of Laredo, and Leon Haynes, of Mexico, arrived yesterday and went down the river on a hunt.
Solid Silverware at J. M. Williams.
LOOK BEHIND—Laundry baskets will be shipped to the White Laundry from the Record on Monday morning and will return Thursday, (Christmas eve.) All patrons will please note this and have bundles ready. All bundles brought to this office before 11 o'clock Monday will go in basket.
Messrs. Surratt, Jones, Bollinger, Kerr, Maltzberger and came in from their hunt yesterday. Jones and Maltzberger came near going their limit, killing five bucks, West three, and Surratt, Bollinger Kerr, one each.
Andy and Jim McMains turned to Cotulla Thursday New Mexico where they have been for the past four years. They left here hunting a buck country but say they didn't find and have returned to stay. The talk about money flowing freely in New Mexico, is perrot, they say.
It's Leave Taking Time many lines of goods in our store. We must bid good bye to all day goods, we will put GO-BYE PRICES on them to accomplish this end. Good-bye in many instances are MUCH BELOW the price asked by others for the same style of goods.
J. M. Williams.
Jesse Hill, who has been absent about two years returned to Cotulla Monday. Jesse has been traveling with both Pawnee Hill and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Shows since he has been gone and has covered a good deal of Uncle Sam's territory. He was with Pawnee Bill the last season and came direct home from Philadelphia, where they went into winter quarters.
Dolls, DOLLS, DOLLS at J. M. Williams.
Miss Kate Burwell returned Thursday from Amarillo, where she went last Friday on receipt of a message informing her of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Barwell. She arrived late for the funeral on account of trains not making connection. The remains were entered in the Amarillo cemetery temporarily. They will be moved to Karles county, deceased old home, by train.
Joe Jennings returned Thursday from Ft. Worth where he was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. J. E. O'Meara, several weeks ago. She died Monday night and the remains were carried to San Marcos for interment. Mrs. O'Meara has been ill a long time and her death was not unexpected, yet it came as a shock to her numerous friends here, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives.
CHRISTMAS GIFTS that are worth while. Our stock of holiday goods is especially strong in gifts of enduring value—gifts that betoken good judgement as well as good will. They combine the essentials of a perfect gift for they are durable and useful as well as beautiful. We have a magnificent showing and want you to come in and spend as much time as you like. Remember it's no trouble to show you our goods.
J. M. Williams.

Roses, Trees and Evergreens.....

Anything you want in the Nursery line at reasonable prices. Catalogue free.
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221 E Houston St. San Antonio, Texas

Wallace Bobo will be prepared by January 1st to make mattresses and all parties needing same will do well to look him up. His work is first class.

A special train bearing Leroy Trice, General Superintendent of the I. & G. N. and a number of other railroad officials, passed down the line on an inspection trip Wednesday evening. H. Caley presented Mr. Trice with a crate of Woodland Farm tomatoes and that official expressed much surprise on seeing such fine tomatoes at this season of the year. The quicker the I. & G. N. becomes convinced that this is the country for the truck farmer, the sooner will they make greater efforts to settle it up.

Prices talk and goods walk at J. M. Williams.

H. Caley, the Woodland Farm proprietor, is always in the game when it comes to advertising. He heard the Record man was soliciting ads for the Telephone directory the other day, and hunted us down and bought a space on the card. He wanted more space than he got, but it had all been sold. Mr. Caley shipped about 10,000 baskets of tomatoes this fall and on every basket was stamped an advertisement of the Woodland Farm. They were distributed into thousands of homes of Texas and no doubt proved of much value as an advertisement for Cotulla.

Arthur Wildenthal came in from Beaumont yesterday where he has been nearly all the year. Arthur is now deputy County Clerk of Jefferson county.

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Witness our hands this the 25th day of September, 1903.

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Hay, Corn, Oats, Bran, Flour, and Meal in car load lots.

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The Marlin Hand Book for shooters explains why this is so and tells how to care for, and how to use, fire arms. This valuable book free if you will send stamps for postage to THE MARLIN FIREARMS CO., NEW HAVEN, CT.

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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.

For fresh eggs Phone 26.
Shelled pecans at S. Cotulla's.
Fire works—all sorts, all sizes. J. M. Williams.
Several more hunting parties came in this week.
TOYS, TOYS, toys at J. M. Williams.
For a good cigar go to S. Cotulla.
Our Job Press has been rushed his week.
Genuine imported Chinaware at J. M. Williams.
For cranberry sauce go to S. Cotulla.
Fire works that burn at J. M. Williams.
English walnuts at S. Cotulla's.
Fred Binkley was in the city Thursday.
For a Xmas suit see S. Cotulla.
The weather has been cloudy all the week.
Oyster crackers at S. Cotulla's.
Candy for Christmas at J. M. Williams.
Lots of old papers for sale at this office. 20c per hundred.
The best cigars at S. Cotulla's.
The Record can fix you up in anything in the printing line.
All kind of nuts at S. Cotulla's.
G. E. Tarver was among the ranchmen in the city this week.
Xmas candies just received at S. Cotulla's.
U can save good money by buying your Christmas goods from J. M. Williams.
J. A. Smith recently purchased the place owned by G. W. Jay just South of the gin.
All kinds of fruits and candies at S. Cotulla's.
C. B. Burwell has made several shipments of tomatoes from his farm this week.
Medallions 25c to \$6.00 at J. M. Williams.
W. B. Jones is employed as salesman at T. R. Keck's Lumber yard.
Mrs. W. E. Stienhardt, of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Hall.
Fire crackers, Roman candles and sky rockets at S. Cotulla's.
The best of everything in fancy and mixed candies for Christmas at J. M. Williams.
Mrs. E. T. Lesterjette and daughter, Miss Katie, were down from Millett during the week.
For candies, fruits and nuts always go to S. Cotulla's.
Jas. Breeding and his little daughter and son were up from Encinal between trains Thursday.
Bruce Powell and John Landrum are employed at J. M. Williams during the Christmas rush.
C. McGarity Jr., made a flying trip up to Dilley Thursday. He says things are rushing up that way.
Col. W. H. Jennings was among the arrivals on yesterday's train from San Antonio.
W. E. Ramsey and wife were in the city from Artesia yesterday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Buelanan.

B. F. Claunch, A. H. Miller and R. H. Hall are down in the House pasture on a hunting jaunt.
Miss Edna Robuck, governess at the House Ranch, was in the city Tuesday.
El Cotulla went down to the Dull Ranch this week and brought down to big bucks.
Miss Nell Jennings left Friday for the Alamo City, where she will spend several days.
The Drugstore received another shipment of Christmas goods this week, and their display is better this year than ever before.
Harry Jones of Granger was here several days this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. Sullivan.
W. A. Matthews, a prominent stockman of Encinal passed up the road Thursday enroute to San Antonio.
J. H. Gilbert has been very sick this week with pneumonia. He is some better today.
Albums 50c to \$5.00 at J. M. Williams.
Simon Cotulla had us print him several hundred circulars yesterday, advertising his Christmas goods.
If you want laundry for Christmas give your bundles to John Manly. Basket will return Thursday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pease have returned from a visit to Mr. Pease's relatives in Gonzales county.
Laredo will doubtless miss the great crowds that annually go down to witness the bull fights across the river.
Little girls take notice! Beginning Monday—every girl that buys a doll from us will be presented with another doll free.
J. M. Williams.
A year's subscription to the Record will be just the thing to send your friend for a Christmas present. Only \$1 for one year.
Thos. Copp, a former resident of Cotulla, and a brother to Geo. Copp, was among the arrivals here Tuesday. He resides in Ft. Worth now and is here on a brief visit.
Novelties galore at J. M. Williams.
They've been having some dreadfully cold weather up North this week, but down in this part of Sunny Texas its been very pleasant.
Judge J. A. Smith returned Saturday from a business trip to San Antonio. Judge says the Alamo City is very dull for this season of the year.
I. C. Jennings left Tuesday for Jennings Bros., Zapata county ranch. This is his first trip there since yellow fever broke out in Laredo.
I. C. Jennings purchased from M. J. Barlow this week the dwelling adjoining the lot where his residence burned in September. He moved into same Tuesday.
W. E. Lowry of Dilley, sent us an order yesterday for 500 checks. We understand Mr. Lowry will be here about the last of the month to begin making preparations for building.

Editor J. Guy Reed returned to San Antonio Sunday after visiting his mother's family here for several days. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Juanita, who will spend the holidays in the Alamo City.
We printed a directory for the Southwestern Telephone Company for this place this week. We solicited advertisements to be printed on same from the business men and a glance at the catalog shows that they came up liberal.
J. J. Haynes, Collector of Customs at Laredo, Customs Inspectors S. V. Edwards and Wood Thomas, S. N. Johnson, a business man of Laredo, and Leonard Haynes, of Mexico, arrived yesterday and went down the river on a hunt.
Solid Silverware at J. M. Williams.
LOOK HERE—Laundry basket will be shipped to the White Laundry from the RECORD office Thursday morning and will return Thursday, (Christmas eve.) All patrons will please note this and have bundles ready. All bundles brought to this office before 11 o'clock Monday will go in basket.
Messrs. Surratt, Jones, Bollinger, Kerr, Maltzberger and came in from their hunt yesterday. Jones and Maltzberger came near going their limit, killing five bucks, West Kerr, one each.
Andy and Jano McMains turned to Cotulla Thursday New Mexico where they have been for the past four years. They left here hunting a buck country but say they didn't find and have returned to stay. The talk about money flowing freely in New Mexico, is poor, they say.
It's Leave Taking Time many lines of goods in our store. We must bid good bye to all day goods, we will put GO BYE PRICES on them to accomplish this end. Good-bye in many instances are MUCH BELOW the price asked by others for the same style of goods.
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Jesse Hill, who has been absent about two years returned to Cotulla Monday. Jesse has been traveling with both Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Shows since he has been gone and has covered a good deal of Uncle Sam's territory. He was with Pawnee Bill the last season and came direct home from Philadelphia, where they went into winter quarters.
Dolls, DOLLS, DOLLS at J. M. Williams.
Miss Kate Barwell returned Thursday from Amarillo, where she went last Friday on receipt of a message informing her of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Barwell. She arrived too late for the funeral on account of trains not making connection. The remains were entered in the Amarillo cemetery temporarily. They will be moved to Karles county, deceased old home, later.
Joe Jennings returned Thursday from Ft. Worth where he was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. J. E. O'Meara, several weeks ago. She died Monday night and the remains were carried to San Marcos for interment. Mrs. O'Meara has been ill a long time and her death was not unexpected, yet it came as a shock to her numerous friends here, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives.
CHRISTMAS GIFTS that are worth while. Our stock of holiday goods is especially strong in gifts of enduring value—gifts that betoken good judgement as well as good will. They combine the essentials of a perfect gift for they are durable and useful as well as beautiful. We have a magnificent showing and want you to come in and spend as much time as you like. Remember it's no trouble to show you our goods.
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221 E. Houston St. San Antonio, Texas.
Wallace Bobo will be prepared by January 1st to make mattresses and all parties needing same will do well to look him up. His work is first class.
A special train bearing Leroy Trice, General Superintendent of the I. & G. N. and a number of other railroad officials, passed down the line on an inspection trip Wednesday evening. H. Caley presented Mr. Trice with a crate of Woodland Farm tomatoes and that official expressed much surprise on seeing such fine tomatoes at this season of the year. The quicker the I. & G. N. becomes convinced that this is the country for the truck farmer, the sooner will they make greater efforts to settle it up.
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