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### THEY'RE WORKING IN TEXAS.

LONDON PAPER SAYS STANDARD OIL TRUST HAS INCREASED LONE STAR STATE.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—An article in the December number of the Petroleum World, published in London, Eng., which is written by D. Noble Rowan, an authority on oil matters, has attracted considerable attention in State official circles here on account of its statements as to the holdings of the Standard Oil Company in the Texas oil fields.

As is well known this concern is perpetually debarred under a decision of the Supreme Court from doing business in this State. There have been many reports current to the effect that it owned extensive interests in the Texas oil fields, but no such definite information to this effect was ever forthcoming until the publication of Mr. Rowan's article. It is hinted that the statements which it contains may be the basis for an official investigation on the part of the State authorities with a view of enforcing the provisions of the anti-trust act and the decision of the court against the Standard Oil Company. The following extracts are taken from the article in question:

"It is a matter of history that the present millionaire concerns started with meagre capital, and that many capitalists refused to invest in the Standard Oil Company at the time of its inception. Those who had the courage to go in—to back their opinions by the investment of a few hundred pounds—are members of the wealthiest group in the business world today. The Standard with a capital of 20,000,000 pounds, is paying dividends of nearly 10,000,000 pounds a year, and I confidently assert that the opportunity for making colossal fortunes in the newer petroleum fields of America is greater now than it has ever been before. In the history of

the Beaumont field there has been no more significant announcement than the one which shows that the Standard Oil Company, after having spent 800,000 pounds on their oil refinery, have decided to add 1,000,000 pounds to this figure. This statement may be taken to prove in a most significant manner that the faith of the Standard in the Texas industry has been considerably increased during the present year. In no part of the petroleum world has this corporation displayed greater caution; the ability of the Rockefeller group to play a waiting game has never been shown with greater force than in the case of Texas. Therefore, this latest and most important move may be taken to indicate that the faith of the corporation in the future of the Texas industry is absolutely confirmed. The refinery undertaking, when completed, will represent, in the matter of capital outlay alone, 1,800,000 pounds.

"The first question asked in London is: 'Why has the Standard Oil Company not taken over the oil lands of Texas?' I will tell you. The Standard would have to double, if not quadruple, its capital to do this. Texas, some years ago, passed a law prohibiting the entry of the Standard into the State on the ground that it was a trust. This, however, has not prevented it from controlling refineries which have cost 3,000,000 pounds, neither has it prevented that company from handling 700,000 barrels of Corsicana oil for a number of years. There is no doubt that the corporation controls a very large percentage of the wells and refineries in the region of the Coastal oil belt. As a matter of fact, more than half of the present production is carried in ocean-going

tankers and barges owned or controlled by the Standard. The trust's oil-carrying fleet are taking about 350,000 barrels of oil a month, and this vast quantity is used principally for gas-making purposes. No doubt the Standard would like to control the output of the entire field, and I should not say this would be to the disadvantage of the consumer.

"The present monopoly of the Eastern field by the Standard is possible for the reason that these are scattered over a territory covering five States, and are from 500 to 1000 miles from tide water—conditions which demand an enormous transportation system if the product is to be marketed. To bring oil from the wells to the refineries and tide water required the construction of 5000 miles of main and 30,000 miles of lateral pipe lines, extending over a large part of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. It requires immense trunk lines to reach the seaboard. The pipe lines cost over 5,000,000 pounds to construct, and give the Standard Oil Company its greatest power in this important field. It has enabled the company to pay its stockholders 10,000,000 pounds a year in dividends on a capital of 20,000,000 pounds. In the Texas oil fields a nature has chosen a location so near the sea that no inland transport system is required. Having had large interests in Texas for twenty-five years, and being desirous of advancing the prosperity of the great State, I unhesitatingly declare that it would be to the great advantage of the people of that State if the Legislature repealed all laws which are enacted to keep the Standard out. Within thirty days from a repeal of these laws the value of the Texas oil field would increase to 100,000,000 pounds, and capital at a low rate of interest would flow rapidly into the State for manufacturing and other purposes. I know these laws have kept other capitalists from investing or loaning money there. No other American State has admitted by such legislation that it was weaker than the Standard group."

### THE FARMERS' OPINION ON COTTON SEED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—It has come to the attention of the division of entomology that as a result of the enormous demand for the seed of improved varieties of cotton the supply in some quarters has been exhausted. Unscrupulous parties in the eastern part of the cotton belt are now buying up large quantities of what is known as "run of the gin" seed in their localities, which will be sacked and sold in Texas as the seed of some of the varieties that have been mentioned in the recommendations of the division of entomology. This matter has such headway that it seems absolutely necessary that warning should be published.

Matter of fact little more is paid to varieties of cotton in the eastern part of the cotton belt as a result of the use of the "run of the gin" seed from that part of the United States, which is likely to be somewhat inferior on account of its northern origin, is nevertheless the result in disappointment to the part of the purchaser. The matter seems to be of such importance that the division of entomology wishes to fully caution cotton planters to make whatever arrangements are necessary to be made at this time to secure the seed of early maturing varieties of cotton. In some instances, in September in charge of the division of entomology, a field that had with seed sold as a maturing variety, had grown to the seven feet above any fruit whatever.

### THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS.

A FEW FIGURES ABOUT THE LARGEST STATE IN THE UNION.

The total area of Texas is 265,780 square miles, of which about 243,000 square miles, 168,320,000 acres is land.

It has a greater area than the combined States of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is also larger than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, Indian Territory and New York.

It is more than twice the size of Great Britain and Ireland, and larger than France, Germany, Spain and Austria-Hungary.

Texas contains 343 counties, five of which, viz: El Paso, Pecos, Cameron, Nueces and Presidio, have a greater area (34,725 square miles) than five of our States, viz: Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island. El Paso County alone (8,460 square miles) being larger than Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island combined, and seven counties of its size would more than cover Illinois or Iowa.

The entire population of the United States could locate in Texas and be no more crowded than are the people of Eastern Massachusetts.

It requires 39 hours to cross our State from Orange to El Paso, which is 936 miles, a greater distance than from Chicago to New Orleans.

From Texarkana to El Paso is 567 miles, nearly as far as from Chicago or El Paso to St. Louis, or about the distance from Chicago to New York, and from Texarkana to Brownsville, 1006 miles, nearly as far as from Chicago to Boston.

Were we to take the corners of Texas as pivots and turn it around,

the results would be about as follows:

Taking Texarkana as a pivotal point, El Paso would extend beyond Iowa and Illinois, and as far east as South Carolina, and in the opposite direction El Paso would put Texarkana into California and the Pacific Ocean.

From Texline, Brownsville would swing into North Dakota, and a reversal would make Texline a Central American town.

A parallel line extended across the northern boundary of Texas, passes through or touches Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina, and on the Southern boundary through the lower part of Florida, on the western boundary, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana and on the eastern it would go through Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

Texas has about 500 miles of gulf coast, more than 100 of which borders on Cameron county; the balance of her boundary limits being about 2500 miles, or a total of about 3000 miles, and to travel around her boundary would be equivalent to going from Pittsburg to San Francisco, or more than the distance from New Orleans to New York and return.

### WILL PASS SIX HUNDRED.

Up to date there has been 500 bales of cotton ginned at Cotulla, and there are several scattering bales yet to be ginned.

Although an enormous yield was anticipated from the small acreage in the county, it turned out better than expected. The two gins, here, and at Millett, will not miss 1300 bales far.

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It is now time to pay your taxes.

Nineteen Hundred and Three will soon be laid to rest.

What kind of New Year resolutions are you going to make?

Louisiana is wondering how long she can keep the boll weevil this side of the Sabine.

If you expect to vote at the next election you will have to pay your poll tax before February 1st.

What a strange thing it is to our Northern friends to celebrate Christmas in spring-like weather down here in Texas.

Only one more week until the deer hunting season will be closed. Quite a number of deer have been killed in this section, but nothing to compare with the slaughter of previous years.

Next year is election year and no doubt the political pot will begin to boil soon after the New Year is passed. Several candidates here already announced for state offices.

This will be the last issue of the RECORD until after the Holidays. Christmas comes but once a year, and we, like other people like to lay aside our cares and troubles and enjoy ourselves.

Cotton Growers' Association, advised farmers some time ago to hold their cotton and they would get 15c for it, and it now looks like his prediction is to be fulfilled in a very short time.

Cut down your old cotton stalks and burn them and be ready to go to plowing when it rains. Don't sit around and wear the seats of your pants out, until planting time and then have to do what you should be doing now.

A law was enacted at the last Legislature requiring all physicians, surgeons, etc., who are in attendance at a birth or death to report same to the county clerk. The clerk is to send in his report to the State department on the first of each month. A recent dispatch from Austin states that physicians in many counties are not complying with this law and as soon as the matter can be checked up, those that have neglected their duty will be prosecuted.

The blessed holiday season of the year is at hand, when it is meet and proper that we should think of those who deserve our consideration, and send to them in remembrance a gift that will warm the cockles of the heart. Most people recognize this and are glad to comply with the dictates of the heart in this regard. In strange contrast with the actions of most people is that of the great United States Steel Corporation, known all over the earth as the steel trust. Last year about this time they gave to their workmen a Christmas present by allowing them to buy preferred stock in their corporation at 82 1/2, which today is selling at 52 1/2, thus losing for their men over thirty dollars a share on what they bought. At this Christmas they have reduced the wages of all their men, about 150,000, about twenty per cent, thereby taking out of their pockets about \$12,000,000, and just at this time when the cost of living is thirty per cent, higher than at any time for years. Such is the Christian feeling of this gigantic monopoly.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Pursuant to and by authority and direction of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company, notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of said Railroad Company is called to be held at its principal office, in the City of Palestine, Texas, on the 28th day of December, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Directors of said Company to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue, and for an order approving and directing to be registered, the bonds of said Company, in respect to the mileage and the value of the railroad, property and franchises of the Houston, Oakland & Magnolia Park Railway Company, after the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, in pursuance of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 21, 1903, authorizing the former Company to sell and the latter to purchase said railroad, property and franchises, as well as in respect to the value, if necessary to be considered to make the amount of all of said bonds, of so much of the railroad, property and franchises of the Fort Worth division of said Company as has not been previously appropriated to bonds previously issued, said bonds to be \$100,000 per cent of the first mortgage bonds of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company secured by its first mortgage executed November 1, 1879, to John S. Kennedy and Samuel Sloan, trustees; \$100,000 per cent of its second mortgage bonds secured by its second mortgage executed June 15th, 1881, to the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, trustee, and \$250,000.00 of its third mortgage bonds secured by its third mortgage executed March 1, 1892, to the Mercantile Trust Company, trustee, and said bonds or the proceeds of the sale thereof to be used in paying, besides the indebtedness and liabilities of said Houston Oakland & Magnolia Park Railway Company, the purchase money of its railroad, property and franchises consequent upon the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and the residue, if any, to be applied in obtaining and borrowing money for constructing any uncompleted portion of said railroad after its acquisition by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and of completing and improving said railroad as it is now constructed or may be hereafter constructed.

A. R. HOWARD, Secretary, INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

MAKING POLO PONIES.

The most interesting part of the training is the gradual introduction of the pony to the game of polo. For example, a San Antonio horse has been trained to jump a lever polo field a little short of regulation size. He employs eight men to ride the ponies and every rider is an expert in the saddle, having learned the art as cow punchers. They use Mexican saddles, and are perfectly at home on horseback. The ponies are taken out on the field, two teams of four ponies at each time, and are put through a series of exercises. Four of the riders will halt their ponies about twelve feet apart, and the other four riders will gallop them, turning figure eights and riding as close to the still ponies as possible without hitting them. Then the ponies that have acted as the posts will do the galloping and turning. The object of this is to get the ponies accustomed to one another and not to shy when another pony bumps into them. This is followed by riding off in pairs, and later each rider goes off by himself, stopping his pony straight and turning in a circle until the man in the saddle has perfect control over the pony. Then the ponies, for the first time, see a mallet. They are allowed to smell of it, and for several days they are ridden with the mallet across their backs. The rider will then swing the mallet slowly and use the strokes that a player will in a game, swinging on both sides of the pony, under his belly and across his front legs. From a walk the pony is led to a lope and then to a gallop with the mallet and no ball. Then comes the ball, to which the pony is introduced in the same general way, and for several days he goes through the motions of the same game before he lines up for an actual contest. The time employed in all of this preparation is regulated by schedule, and the system is adhered to as closely as in preparing a thoroughbred for a big stake event, only the polo pony receives no cooling-off and not a particle of grooming.—J. J. McNamara, in the Illustrated Sporting News for Christmas.



Maud—"Mabel catch the new milk Irene—"Desperado thinks he would last evening if he paired, but that he undertake it extempore."

"Why, George, think I did! I see the rest of those biscuits I made yesterday. I mistook the biscuits."

"All right. Bring biscuits. We can dog can."

"I found a four-legged boarder," said lady boarder. "I'm saying that the flunder tried within a year."

Mrs. Dove—Henry, I am positively cruel! I tried so hard to cook you dinner, and you haven't word to say to me about it. Mr. Dove—Darling, I loo much for that. If I loo what I thought, you'd speak to me again.—Boston Sceptic.

An exchange gets off following: "If men are the earth, women are the sugar. Salt is a luxury. Vicious are salt-peter; stern men are salt; nice men are Old maids are brown-natured matrons."

Chauncey Olcott is friends about two green years his acquaintance, who, having hired a horse and trap for a day's outing, found themselves at the close of the expedition confronted with the bewildering problem of reharnessing the animal. The bit proved their chief difficulty for the horse made no response whatever to their overtures.

"Well, there's nothing for it but to wait," said one. "Wait for what?" grumbled the other.

"For the horse to yawn," replied his companion.—Detroit Free Press.

"Yes, it is a pretty good cigar said Brown, as he held it up and looked at it critically. "Jones bought it but if he thinks he'll my silence with it he is mis as the story is too good."

Jones, as you know, com himself a great ladies' man, though he is old enough to be better. I was walking with this afternoon and he could of nothing but his latest. denly he exclaimed:

"By jove; there she is across the street. Isn't a peach?" "Off came his hat with a ish, exposing his bald pate cold wind, and an idiot grin spread over his features." "Much to my surprise, she did not look like a girl indulge in a street flirt waved her hand, hesitated and then started street where we were." "They can't resist the beaming Jones. old man; see you later." "Hat in hand and a monkey, Jones, app young lady, who stepped, looked startled and then gasped: "Goodness! I mist my grandfather!"—

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Societies Knights of Honor—Cotulla Lodge, No. 2108. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall, over Keek Bros. L. W. Gaddis, Dictator. G. Phillips, Reporter. Woodmen of World—La Salle Lodge, No. 155. Meets every Monday night in the hall over Keek Bros. O. W. Galman, C. C. B. Wildenthal, Clerk.



Several hunting parties are contemplating going out during the holidays.

Mrs. J. E. Hyland of Artesia was shopping in the city between trains Wednesday.

John Conlan came in Tuesday and went to San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Burnett Robuck brought up a wagon load of corn and sold it to G. Philippe Wednesday.

Ollie Johnson and family were in the city Christmas shopping Monday.

G. E. Tarver, manager of the House Ranch was in town looking up Santa Claus Tuesday.

J. J. Yowell was down from Dilley shaking hands with his friends Saturday evening.

S. J. Jordan was in the city from Euacinal Tuesday. He returned on the evening train.

Prairie View School received a lot of new and up to date desks from St. Louis this week.

**Your Winter Suit—Feed,**

Col. Jos. Cotulla spent several days this week transacting business matters in the Alamo City.

W. F. Jay went to San Antonio Saturday to see his brother, Geo. Jay, who is sick there.

Wednesday we had a stiff breeze from the Southeast that made it a little unpleasant for shoppers.

Jno. M. Daniel is back from a three week's absence in Frio and Dimmit counties on land business.

Geo. Newman and family were in the city Christmas shopping during the early part of the week.

Wm. Steele, of Rogers Ranger Co., arrived here Tuesday from Amarillo. He will remain over the holidays with his parents.

Tax Collector Hill visited all points in the county this week for the purpose of collecting taxes.

ting along and how much acreage they were going to put in catallapas the coming season.

Col. W. A. H. Miller returned Tuesday from an absence of nearly a week in San Antonio. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Miller, who has been in Dallas for two months visiting relatives.

The Laredo hunting crowd consisting of Capt. J. J. Haynes, S. V. Edwards, S. N. Johnson, Leonard Haynes and Woodlief Thomas came in Wednesday morning. They report a big time and had fairly good luck.

Will R. Riley, the popular young book-keeper for Green, Coleman & Co., at Euacinal passed through on the High Flyer Wednesday enroute to San Antonio and Belton to spend the holidays.

**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.**

Judge R. C. Lewis of Irvin's Ranch boarded this morning's High Flyer bound for Seguin to spend the holidays at home. Bob goes home every Christmas and says it's a mighty good place to be.

H. Caley brought in several sacks of fine onions this week. These are some of the onions that were too small to gather last season so were left in the ground. At the proper time this fall they began growing again and are now nice size.

A hunting party composed of Jefferson Johnson of Austin, J. J. Parmelee, Gorman Wayman and S. D. Davis of Granger, and W. L. Pease of this city, came in Tuesday evening from a week's hunt up in the S pasture. They killed nine deer and had a royal good time.

H. B. Holmes & Co. H. B. Holmes, H. L. N. Cunningham, W. M. and W. B. Dunlap, has been dissolved by the mutual consent of all the parties said partnership. H. B. I. retires from said firm and partnership. The said H. D. Keith, W. Cunningham, W. M. Carroll and W. B. Dunlap take all property and assets belonging said firm and partnership, assume and agree to pay off and discharge all debts due by the same.

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

W. W. CUNNINGHAM,  
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**The Pope to Be Free.**

or has it in Turin that Pope does not intend to remain prisoner of the Vatican" like predecessors. It is said that next fall he will come to retirement and will even come for a time. This is to be in accord with the party in the Vatican. Final in the matter has not yet reached. The Roman party college of cardinals is much to such a step, but Pius X determined man.

**Handsomest Private Cars.**

handsomest private cars in world are owned by Adolphus and Charles M. Schwab. Mr. Schwab's is new, built at cost of \$30,000, and is one of most luxurious things on earth. It is seventy feet long, and an observation compartment of twenty feet. The ceiling is painted. The furniture, like the general appearance car, is in Louis XV. period, hand made. Each of the brass ads in the two staterooms cost

**The Sultan's Press Agent.**

American citizens have held odd positions of trust under governments, but a man is destined to occupy a unique one. Joseph Morecombe, the newly appointed press agent to the Sultan of Turkey. He is a Western newspaper man, who has spent many years in a study of the Mohammedan nations and of conditions in Eastern Europe. Chekaf Pasha, Turkish minister to the United States, was led to commend Mr. Morecombe for the confidential position. Mr. Morecombe is 48 years old. He will leave his home in Cedar Rapids, Ia., next week for a conference with the Turkish officials at Washington, after which he expects to sail for Constantinople.

**It Was Different, Then.**

Richard Harding Davis, the novelist, was once dining at the home of a well known Boston society lady. He was introduced to a gushing young girl who said, with enthusiasm:

"I know, Mr. Davis, I know you and Napoleon Bonaparte, the two greatest men who ever lived."

"You are very kind," replied the young man, "but I am not dining with you. I am dining with Mr. Davis. But did it ever occur to you that in Napoleon's time almost any old dud could be great?"

**Wellington's Despondent Fenniless.**

It is a strange play of fate, and a sad one, that the great-granddaughter of the Duke of Wellington now lies at the point of death, absolutely penniless, in an old woman's home in Washington. Mrs. Mary Herschel, nearly 80 years of age, is, through her mother, directly descended from the hero of Waterloo, whose descendants for several generations have made their home in Virginia, intermarrying with the families of that state, their worldly fortunes continually on a descending grade as the years have passed. Through the kindly interest of some admirably disposed neighbors, Mrs. Herschel was recently installed in the Old Women's home, on Thirty-second street, Washington, which, having no funds at its command, simply enables its occupants to have a room within its walls. A few days after her arrival the poor old woman, while engaged in work about her small domain, fell and dislocated her hip and otherwise so painfully injured herself that it is thought impossible for her to recover. Unable longer to help herself in the least, she is, therefore, wholly dependent upon her humble neighbors for even the barest necessities of life.

**"At Home" the Same Day.**

Two of the most eminent lawyers at the Philadelphia bar were the late Benjamin Harris Brewster and his halfbrother, Frederick Carroll Brewster. Both had held the office of attorney general of the United States and the first had been attorney general of the United States for many years. It is said one occasion a mutual friend brought them together, and Frederick C. consented to the hatchet, and sent Benjamin H. a card containing his name and the words written un-"At home on Monday May 1." By the same Benjamin H. sent a card which read: "Benjamin Brewster also at home Monday May 1." This ended ne-

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