

# The Cotulla Record.

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51 IN ADVANCE

## WHITE GOODS SEASON

The White Goods Season is upon us. We are prepared to meet your wants. The goods are here, all crisp and bright as the spring sunshine. The prettiest offerings you ever looked at. We want you to see them. Don't wait! Look over the few suggestions below. If you don't see what you want, don't think for a moment we haven't got it.

OUR MILLINERY stock has been about cleaned up, but we will have in a new line and make special showing Friday.

27 inch Cord Peque per yard.....	35c
27 inch Corded Rep.....	20c
27 inch plain mercerized veil.....	25c
27 inch dotted Swiss 12 1/2, 20c, 25c and.....	35c
31 inch Suesette, permanent finish.....	25c
27 inch heavy embroidered Swiss in number of styles.....	50c
Shirtwaist Goods figured in plain and permanent finish, 10c, 15c, 25c and.....	50c
27 inch permanent finish, fancy stripe.....	40c
27 inch Eolium, permanent, finish.....	25c
Big line of elite embroidered belts, automatic buckle, special price.....	50c

LINEN—White Linen Suits take the lead for general service and we quote you the following line of 36 inch White Linen:

Soft Finish, specially suited for hand embroidery, excellent value.....	35c
Stiff finish, heavy weight, close woven, specially adapted for skirts, per yard.....	35c
Soft finish, heavy weight, cream-color, per yard.....	50c
Shear soft finish, specially adapted for waists, per yard.....	50c
30 inch pure Linen with medium size polka dot, per yard.....	25c
36 inch Linen, finish specially adapted for hand embroidery for childrens suits, Ladies Waists and Skirts.....	15c

Ladies wash Parasols, ladies and childrens white Shoes and Hose in all the popular prices. Ask to see any special thing that go to make your white suit complete.

27 inch, silk finish Mousslin.....	30c
27 inch Embroidered de silk finish Mousselin.....	25c
32 inch Silk Persian Lawn.....	50
45 inch wash Swiss.....	50c
21 inch wash Silk, permanent finish.....	25c
27 inch wash Silk, permanent finish.....	50c

We are also showing in white and black a 27 inch water-proof silk that is among the most popular and practical goods being shown..... 90c

Ladies wash embroidered belt, moveable buckle..... 20c

Big line of beautifully embroidered belts, automatic clasp..... 30c

SPECIAL DAY in Millinery next Friday, 20th. inst. We will have in a new lot of Ladies Hats.

We almost forgot to tell you that we have a line of India Linons that shines above everything else. Price 7c to 30c.

DRY GOODS LEADER,  
Cotulla, Texas.

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DRY GOODS LEADER,  
Cotulla, Texas.

### IOWA PARTIES BUY LAND.

DEAL CLOSED FOR 23,000 ACRES IN HOUSE PASTURE.

J. R. Black and H. W. Binder are Purchasers and State They will Improve It.

J. R. Black and H. W. Binder of Council Bluffs, Iowa, closed a deal this week for 23,000 acres of the House pasture, fifteen miles East of Cotulla. Sale was made by B. J. Wilkerson of San Antonio. This deal closes out all the land in this pasture which originally contained 66,000 acres.

The Express interviewed the purchasers and had this to say in regard to the deal.

"A practical farmer of Iowa and a farm land owner in five other States, J. R. Black of Council Bluffs has invested in 23,000 acres of Texas land, which he declares he will use for purpose of demonstration.

He says he will try, in connection with his business associate H. W. Binder, also of Council Bluffs, to make of the tract he purchased in the House ranch east of Cotulla, a model farm for growing almonds, olives, and other fruits and vegetables which are yet in an experimental stage in this section.

"That is what the Business Men's Club should do," said Mr. Black. "You should find the town advertised to a great extent if that organization were to maintain a model experimental farm where all new things could be given a fair and impartial trial." Mr. Black was assured by a representative of the club that such work was done.

"I have traveled over and have farmed in many States, but I place Texas a head of all as a possibility. I thought of investing in land in British Columbia in the now popular Alberta territory but I found land was selling there at \$25 an acre notwithstanding the winter

handicap. In Texas all is different. There is no handicap of cold weather.

"What is the matter with you Texans?" exclaimed Mr. Black. "Why don't you wake up and realize what you have here. You should spread abroad the story of your resources and get more people to the Southwest."

Mr. Black says he does not intend to sell his recently acquired property but will farm it in small pieces under his own personal direction. He has the backing of large financial interests and shows a large number of letters from responsible Iowa banks and business houses.

He declares he has \$100,000 to put into Texas, the safe outcome of which he has guaranteed to his partners by a personal liability of \$25,000, which he says, he will lose before allowing them to suffer. He says he will have no occasion to draw on this fund as he expects to make great returns from his Texas land.

### Roger Miller Buys Farm.

J. H. Fuller sold through Earnest & Daniel Monday his farm on the South side of the river about 3 miles above town, consisting of 278 acres 85 of which is in cultivation; 35 acres is under irrigation. Mr. Miller leased the place to H. Caley temporarily.

### Some Fine Onions.

Judge F. B. Earnest brought down four fine onions Thursday Wm. Held's patch on the McKey ranch near Millett that were dandies. They were crystal wax and the largest we have seen. The largest of the four measures 10 1/2 inches in circumference and the and the smallest 9 1/2. Mr. Held has only 11 acres that he waters from a well. He has sold part of them for 3c per pound delivered at the depot at Millett. The buyers are shipping them by express.

### CATTLE FAT AND SELLING HIGH.

ABOUT SEVENTY CARS SHIPPED FROM LA SALLE THIS WEEK.

Steers From Irvin Ranch Bring Top Price on Ft. Worth Market.

Cattle off the range in LaSalle county are weighing heavier this spring than for several years. There are two reasons for it. The cattle have been fat all winter and are solid and the grade of stock is getting better with each year.

The movement to the markets has fairly opened up. About 75 carloads went out of the county this week. Fifty were from Cotulla and twenty-five from Ercine. The shippers were Childers & Seales, E. M. Irvin, F. D. McMahan, Jos. Cotulla, Coleman & Co., and Blocker & Berry.

F. D. McMahan has paid the highest price for steers in the pens here this year. He bought 1157 and sold for \$4-35, the highest price paid at that market for grass steers this year. Mr. McMahan also paid \$40 per head for the top car out of C. F. Binkley's steers. These steers sold at Ft. Worth for 4 20 and weighed 1097.

Coleman & Co had a truckload of good steers on Wednesday at St. Louis market that sold for \$4-30.

The movement for the next six weeks will be lively.

### Stock Water Getting Short.

James J. Haynes, Collector of Customs at Laredo, was in Cotulla Monday shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Haynes said rain was needed very badly in the Laredo country, and that stockmen were now confronting a serious situation. Tanks are getting very low and another fall soon, the worst is to be expected.

### Cleaning up of Old Stock Expected to Help Sale of New.

Kansas City, April 7.—In order to get a correct estimate on the onion crop in South Texas, the Peycke Bros. Com. Co. recently sent out about 100 letters to Texas growers asking for information on the crop. Replies were received this week from nearly all of the growers, from which Mr. Peycke concludes that while the acreage is smaller than last year that the total yield will just about equal that of a year ago. His advices indicate that the crop will be of good quality, owing to the absence of frequent rains in that country.

Indications, dealers say, are that there will be a big demand for the Texas onions this season. Old onions in this part of the country are pretty well cleaned up and what are left are largely of poor quality and are not expected to keep until the Texas crop is ready for market. Then, too, prices are much firmer now than they have been all winter, especially for good stock. The fact that there has been a large proportion of poor onions among the offerings all season will result, dealers say, in assuring a fine demand for the new Texas crop, provided the quality is as good as now indicated. It is not likely, it seems now, that there will be much old stock left to compete with the new crop.

From all advices received by dealers here there will be no movement of consequence of onions from South Texas until the latter part of April. The cold weather put back the crop somewhat. Some dealers figure that this will result in practically all of the crop maturing at about the same time, which they expect, will mean a great rush of onions to market shortly after the first car begin rolling.

### Onions Today.

J. L. Sinclair and W. N. Ramsey are loading a car of onions at Artesia today. This is the first solid car of onions to go out of La Salle county this season. Laredo shipped a car Tuesday to Denver, Colorado. The onions that are going out now are not fully matured.

The onions that are being loaded at Artesia today were sold f. o. b. the station for 2c per pound.

### SOCIETY AT MILLETT.

Millett, Texas, April 14.—There was a pleasant party at Lone Star Ranch last Tuesday evening, given by Mrs. O. N. Johnson, in honor of her sister, Miss Olive Brown of St. Louis. It was a Sheet and Pillow-case party and the guests walked for about an hour, to the great enjoyment of the participants and the onlookers.

There were several games of skill, in which Miss Rose Moffett came off with the blue ribbon. The dining room was decorated in blue and white where refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Fairchild, Iris Ryan, Olive Brown, Edie Schley, Rose Moffett, Mrs. Seed, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Johnson. Messrs. Lee Sossaman, George Ryan, William Earnest, Frank Held, Lonnie Sossaman, William Held, Wesley Ryan, Henry Yaege, Leonard Seed and Frank Earnest.

The Ladies Aid of Millett have been having quite a revival lately. A meeting was held at the church March 29th and three new members were enrolled, Mrs. Cliff Lane, Mrs. Stramm and Miss Mae Lane.

A Box Social was given at the school house Friday, April 6th. Five dollars and a half were taken in and a very pleasant evening spent by all present.

The young folks of Millett are busy practicing for a concert to be given at the church some time in May, when the public will be no doubt astounded by their musical and literary skill.

### SOON BE ON.

YIELD THIS YEAR PROMISES TO BE GREAT.

Crop Has Had Splendid Growing Weather and Nothing Has Set It Back.

The onion harvest will soon be on. The growers are already making arrangements for hands for the work. The yield promises to equal the crop of 1904, which was a record-breaker. Splendid weather for the growing of the crop has prevailed throughout the spring, and the plants have not been set back by anything.

The onions this year will have the weight to them, and nearly all the crop in the Nueces Valley will mature about the same time. This will probably cause a shortage in labor, and it is very likely that many laborers will have to be imported. The first onions for carload shipments will be taken out about 25th inst, but general harvesting will not begin until the latter part of the month.

Lee Patrick has made f. o. b. cash offers of 11c per pound to many of the growers, but so far we have heard of no acceptances. The conditions indicate that the onion market will be strong this year. It is stated that the Bermuda crop will be entirely cleaned up by May 10th, which will leave Texas a wide open field. The fact that the Southwest Texas crop is of very superior quality this year almost guarantees good prices.

The I. & G. N. is making arrangements for the handling of the crop. Every train South pulls a string of onion cars, and the sidings are being filled with them.

It is likely that the Carrizo Springs crop will be handled at this point again this year.

**The Cotulla Record.**

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**Announcements.**

**FOR CONGRESS**

We are authorized to announce Jno. N. Garner, of Uvalde as a candidate for Congress from the 15th district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE**

We are authorized to announce John T. Briscoe, of Devine as a candidate for the Legislature from this 97th district, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

The good old summer time is fast approaching.

Albert T. Patrick has never weakened in the fight for his life.

The onion growers of this section will be in a very short time.

The Stockman & Farmer of San Antonio, contained a lengthy illustrated writeup of Carrizo Springs last week.

The political pot is simmering all around the State, but in our section it is boiling.

Don't forget the little mosquito. If you do he is certain to remember you a little later on. Go after him with the coal oil can.

When grass steers sell for feed steers it sneaks a volume for the section they were raised in—LaSalle county.

Let your friends or your relatives know what kind of a country you are living in. Send them the Record for the next three months.

The long range weather profit. Foster, says that we are to have some more wintery weather the latter part of this month. No danger of frost this far South, however.

Crops are holding their own pretty well but rain is needed. The same conditions exist throughout the territory between San Antonio and Laredo.

Reports from the North indicate that onions will bring good prices this year. The quality will be good and there is really no reason why the price should not be good.

Old Vesuvius has been on another rampage and wrought great destruction. Five hundred lives were lost, thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed and the mountain reduced six hundred feet in height.

There's no "ifs or ands" about it. LaSalle is shipping the best cattle that are being put on the markets from Southwest Texas—and the Southwest is the only part of the State that has any fat cattle at this time of the year.

**5 FOR \$1.**

From now until July 1st we want time La Salle county will market produce of the producers. The rush of fat crop of the Nueces Valley will create something about. The fact that this year when there is absolutely nothing to advertise it? Your home paper—addresses from now until July 1st for during these three months. To do this select names of people who are interested in the cheapest advertising the county has ever had. We expect to keep up with and publish crop, and all other matters of interest, and every man should lend his assistance. The most good will result. Don't put this off, send us five.

Print 1000 extra copies of the RECORD each week. During this time that will bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the hands of the markets and the shipment of the famous Bermuda onion scene of business activity that the outside world should know a country where valuable crops go on the market at a time of the year in every other section, should be advertised. Who is going to advertise it? We will send the RECORD to five different addresses from now until July 1st for during these three months. To do this select names of people who are interested in the cheapest advertising the county has ever had. We expect to keep up with and publish crop, and all other matters of interest, and every man should lend his assistance. The most good will result. Don't put this off, send us five.

A carload of steers off the Irvin Ranch in LaSalle county sold in Ft. Worth Monday for the highest price paid in that market this season, and the steers were reported as cake fed steers. They wouldn't know a piece of cottonseed cake if they were to meet it in the road, and never ate anything but grass in their lives. This ranch topped the Ft. Worth market last week at \$4.30, but raised their own record with this last car.

The suggestion of Judge Parker that the next Democratic candidate for president be a southern man, may not be accomplished at the next election, but there is no good reason why it should not be. The South has many favorite sons who would admirably fill that great office and with departing prejudices and a united country, which is now evident, the bars will be thrown down and no imaginary barrier will shut out candidates from every section. The only questions that will be asked by a united Democracy will be: Is he honest and has he the ability and experience to serve all the people.

It is time the sanitary brigade was at work again. Spring is here and unless the town is in a sanitary condition, we must pay the penalty by sickness and death. Clean up your yards, clean up the back alleys. Clean up! Clean up! Clean up! Oil your cisterns and kill mosquitoes. Last spring and summer there was considerable sickness here and our county physician says he attributes the cause principally to the conditions around the onion sheds. This year he says things must be kept in a strictly sanitary condition at this place or somebody will get into trouble.

**Onions From Carrizo Country.**

The onion acreage in the Carrizo Springs country is considerably less this year than last. Owing to the lack of transportation facilities and the uncertainty of getting them to the railroad in good shape, growers have found that it is not profitable to handle them on as large a scale as they did last year. However, there will be quite a quantity of onion from that section this season, and the growers are now making arrangements towards getting them to the railroad.

The haul of 42 miles is a long and hard one, and all roads are bad and some worse. The road to Cotulla is the shortest and best and if arrangements for water and a small pasture for teamsters to camp in on the route can be made, the growers prefer to haul their onions to Cotulla.

Other towns have made bids for this business by offering inducements in the way of furnishing water and grass on the route, but as the growers prefer coming to Cotulla on account of the shorter and better road, and superior facilities for handling their onions after they get here, they have submitted a proposition to the Business Men of this place. It is simply this: they agree to haul their onions here if furnished with camp in, about 8 miles west of Cotulla.

The Business Men met at Cotulla, W. A. H. Miller's office Tuesday evening to discuss the matter. A committee of four, L. A. Kerr, B. Wildenthal, D. L. Neeley and W. A. Kerr, were selected to see if water and grass could be had at the point desired; if so, the cost of same, and then see how much funds could be raised for the purpose. The committee was instructed to report at once.

**Got Things Mixed.**

Even the big dailies make mistakes sometimes. The live stock reporter on the Express got things pretty badly mixed in Tuesday's paper in reporting the sale of a car of steers at Ft. Worth, shipped from Cotulla by F. D. McMahon. The Express reported them cake fed steers, shipped from Encinal and sold for \$4.40, none of which is true. The steers never saw a piece of cottonseed cake in their lives. They were fattened on grass in W. C. Irvin's pasture, shipped from Cotulla and sold for \$4.35.

**DRAGHON'S A Chain of Colleges**

Elsewhere will be found an advertisement of Draughton's Practical Business College located at: Ft. Worth, Galveston, San Antonio, Waco, Denison, Texas, Oklahoma City, O. T., Sareveport La., Little Rock, Ark., Ft. Smith, Ark., Muskogee, I. T., Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Ft. Scott, Kans., Paducah, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Montgomery, Ala., Evansville, Ind., Paducah, Ky., Jackson, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., Tyler, Austin, El Paso, and Dallas, Texas. A chain of twenty seven colleges located in thirteen states. Established sixteen years. Incorporated \$300,000.00 capital. Seventeen members on Board of Directors. Draughton's College is the only one that guarantees a course or refund every cent of money paid for tuition. For catalogue address J. F. Draughton, Pres't., at any of the above places.

**At The Bottom of The Ladder.**

Spillman Riggs is one of the lecturers who did not take up lecturing because he had become famous in some other line. He began lecturing as a profession when he was only twenty-two years of age, at which time he prepared his now well-known lecture entitled, "Musical Fits and Misfits," which he has delivered about twelve hundred times. His early experiences were very different from those of the "big-guns" who begin platform work after they have become great and well known in war, politics, literature or the pulpit, and can from the start command heavy fees for their lectures.

For the first few seasons Mr. Riggs was his own manager, and arranged his own dates, and he tells of engagements which he booked on the percentage plan from which he did not realize enough to pay his railroad fare. He lectured in a little town in Indiana one night a dozen years ago to only three people at ten cents a head. The audience advised a postponement of the engagement, but Riggs thought it best to go out in the vestibule and count his cash first. Well for him that he took that precaution, for he found that he lacked just twenty cents of having enough money to pay his local bill and get him back home; so he insisted upon lecturing, and receiving his "two-thirds of the gross receipts" arrived home penniless but happy. Mr. Riggs will lecture at Cotulla on the night of the 21st inst.

To be ready to take advantage of opportunities and conditions when they are presented and avail yourself of the opportunity, constitutes **SUCCESS**.  
To be unprepared to seize upon and push to completion these vantage points in the business world, usually leads to **FAILURE**.  
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# FEARFUL WORK OF EARTHQUAKE.

## CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO ALMOST DESTROYED!

### Eight Square Miles of Buildings Utterly Gone—Hundreds of People Perish. Flames add to Horror!

San Francisco, April 18.—Earthquake and fire today have put nearly half of San Francisco in ruins. At least 200 people have been killed, 1000 others injured and the property loss will exceed \$100,000,000. Thousands of people are homeless and destitute and all day long streams of people have been fleeing from the stricken district to place of safety.

#### ASYLUM WRECKED AND LUNATICS RUN LOOSE IN THE CITY.

The insane Asylum is a total wreck and lunatics are rumming loose about the city. Many of the inmates were killed. The superintendent of the institution and his wife were both killed.

#### SEVERAL DAYS MUST PASS BEFORE TRUTH WILL BE KNOWN.

The extent of this disaster cannot be known for several days. If reports are not greatly exaggerated it will prove one of the greatest of the world's tragedies.

#### FIRST SHOCK IN EARLY MORNING.

It was 5:15 o'clock this morning when a terrific earthquake shook the whole city and surrounding country. One shock apparently lasted two minutes and there was almost immediate collapse of weak structures all over the city. The water supply was cut off and when the fire broke out in various sections there was nothing to do but let the buildings burn.

The telegraph and telephone communication was cut off for a time. The Western Union was practically put out of business and the Postal company was the only one that managed to get a wire out of the city. At about 10 o'clock even the Postal was forced to suspend. Electric power was stopped and the street cars did not run. Railroads and ferry boats also ceased operations. The various fires have been raging all day and the fire department has been powerless to do anything except to dynamite building threat-

ened. All day long explosions have shaken the city and added to the terror of the people. Following the first shock there was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Three hours later there was another slight quake.

#### LIKE LIGHTNING OUT OF A CLEAR SKY.

The earthquake in San Francisco came like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky.

A beautiful spring day was dawning. Suddenly the earth sank for a moment and then rose and sank again. It was a feeling such as one does not experience twice in a lifetime.

Cornices immediately broke loose and crashed to the streets, followed by chimneys and upper sections of walls.

Strange fearsome noises started on every hand. The overhead wires dropped to the streets, or were torn down by falling wreckage. The street car tracks gaped

open. The crash of smashing glass and the thunderous sounds of falling structures mingled.

The pavements flew up in many places and water from broken mains spouted forth. Sewers caved in or discharged their contents into the streets. Gases issued from broken pipes and in the flying dust was seen the flash of flames which gradually enveloped himself in heavy smoke and then broke forth with unequalled fierceness.

At a score of points the flames began to rage simultaneously.

Everybody meanwhile had rushed into the streets, bareheaded, scantily clothed, in any attire so as to get quickly from the falling buildings.

Screams rent the air. People made pitiful attempts to quench the flames. They abandoned their efforts and ran wildly hither and thither. The flames spread with marvelous rapidity and soon every one was forced to devote his chief efforts to protecting himself.

**CARNIVAL VISITORS' GREETING!**

The Wolff & Marx Store sends greetings and a hearty invitation to all who come to San Antonio's Carnival and Battle of Flowers, to make this store their Mecca—have your mail addressed in our care, meet your friends here, make free use of all our conveniences—we'll do all in our power to make your sojourn pleasant in the Alamo City.

**A Word to Our Mail Order Customers.**

We want to establish closer business relations—want to become personally acquainted with the thousands who are favoring us with their mail order patronage. If we are acquainted we can serve you better, and you'll know better what you want after an inspection of our peerless collections of merchandise, we want you to learn how careful and pain-taking we are with your orders—how we strive to please you.

**The Invitation's Cordial--Come.**

Again, we say come, we'll do our part to make your stay agreeable and pleasant.

**WOLFF & MARX CO.**

San Antonio's best and most popular store.

**WITH PHILIP & GUINN**

is the place for you to trade. A full line of new groceries.

The I. & G. N. is bringing onion cars South every day and getting ready for the big rush that will begin during the latter part of this month. The A. R. T. cars seem to be the most popular with shippers.

The mesquites seem to be clothed with heavier foliage this season than for many years.

**Letter to W. H. Fullerton, Cotulla, Texas.**

Dear Sir: A palater complained that our cans are too full; unhandy spill.

It's a way we have; 'tis handier not to be full; but we have a weakness for fullness. Our gallons contain eight pints; the usual "gallons" is seven.

We'll think it over again; but we like a full can. How much short would you like a barrel?

Seven gallons would be the proportion.

Short-measure suggests that the age is probably not in the cheapest ingredient.

Guess we'll stick to four quarts to a gallon, and fifteen gallons a barrel.

The name to go by is Devoe lead and zinc.

Yours truly, F. W. Devoe Co.

P. S. T. R. Keck sells our paint.

Get the fever and paint your residence. It looks good, and will do the house good.

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**POPULATING THE GREAT PLAINS.**

(Written for the Record by Guy E. Mitchell)

The very mention of home building in Western Kansas and Nebraska will call up painful recollections today in more than one household in New England. The disastrous attempt of years back to inhabit and farm the desert prairies lends much interest to the first government irrigation works to be located in the Great Plains region—the Garden City project. Contracts will be let in May and the work will doubtless be completed in time for irrigation in the spring of 1907.

Unusual interest attaches to this project not alone because it is the first which involves pumping from underground sources, but because it is believed that its successful operation will usher in a new era for the Great Plains. The importance of this project is more fully realized when it is remembered that the division of the United States known as the Great Plains comprises 700,000 square miles or over one quarter of the total area of the whole country. Over a vast portion of this region the settlers are few and far apart. It is the "short-grass" country and is today furnishing forage and grazing for great herds and flocks. West of the 100th meridian the climate belongs to the semi-arid region and general farming without irrigation is not successful except in years of unusual and timely rainfall. The history of this section has been marked by a number of disastrous failures, most of which resulted from a lack of knowledge of the climate oscillation and from a fever of speculation and western mortgages.

**How the East Was Bunkoed.**

During a cycle of wet years agriculture was extended far across the plains, the sugar factory is now being constructed at this point and a considerable acreage has been promised to the factory which will be planted in sugar beet as soon as the project is completed. The important bearing which the success of the project has upon the fortune of millions of acres of the Great Plains is thoroughly appreciated by the land owners. Vast areas are still the property of the railroads and they are giving careful attention to the subject. With the development of numberless pumping plants along the broad valley of the Plains streams and the extension of successful dry farming over areas on higher levels the Great Plains region will become the home of thousands of prosperous farmers.

**Windmills Saved the Day.**

Some of the pioneers tenaciously hung on to their homes and when the ditches failed they sunk wells and irrigated small tracts from windmills. The yields from these small ditches were phenomenal and sufficed to tide many of the farmers over the years of drought. Farms of 10 and 20 acres in gardens and orchards and irrigated from wells now support whole families in comfort. Systematic irrigation of this kind not only embraces intensive cultivation, small farms and orchards, but it increases and specializes production, calling into play the educated brain and the trained hand and massing the cultivators into highly organized communities.

The well in Kansas has been a

most potent factor in establishing a number of the best communities in the State. These facts are recited to explain why the Garden City project is attracting a public interest greater than would follow the construction of a project of this kind in other sections of the West. The water for this project must be recovered from the underflow waters of the Arkansas Valley which lie in gravel deposits existing below the bed of the river. The plans of the Government provide for the sinking of several hundred wells from which the water will be pumped and discharged into a collecting conduit. These wells will be scattered along a line nearly five miles long.

**Big Pumping Plant.**

The power is generated at single central plant situated on the railroad, and is then distributed by electricity to the wells.

Applications for water under this project have been made by the owners of more than 12,000 acres of land to be benefited and the community is very enthusiastic, concerning the future success of irrigation in the Arkansas Valley. One private pumping plant erected three years ago in this neighborhood at a cost of more than \$8,000 supplied water to 1,000 acres in wheat. The first crop harvested was sold for more than the original cost of the pumping plant.

**Famous Alfalfa Seed.**

The Garden City county has long been famous as an alfalfa center and the location seems to be especially well adapted to the maturing of the seed crop of alfalfa which has always done well there. Garden City alfalfa seed brings a high price all over the irrigated west.

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The I. & G. N. R. R. in connection with the Iron Mountain System, operates Four Limited Trains Daily between Texas, St. Louis and Memphis, the service being four to ten hours quickest, and 100 to 150 miles shortest. These trains have Pullman Buffet Sleepers and Chair Cars through without change, and connect morning and evening in Union Station, St. Louis, with all the Northern and Eastern lines. A la carte Dining Car Service between Texarkana and St. Louis.  
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The I. & G. N. R. R. in connection with the National Lines of Mexico, operate Fast Trains Daily between Texas and Mexico, via Laredo, "The Short and Scenic Route," which is 302 miles shortest. The cities of Monterey, Saitillo, San Luis Potosi and Mexico City are reached directly in through Pullman Buffet Sleepers without change. This route also forms the new short line via Monterey to Torreon and Durango, direct connection with through sleeper to Durango being made at Monterey.  
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### LOCAL NOTES.

Cold drinks at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
Pitchers and bowls, something fancy at Gougiers.  
A light shower fell just before daylight yesterday morning.  
A full line of can goods at Philippe & Guina's.  
Graphophones and Records at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
All kinds of fresh cangoods at Hall & Bowen's.  
We make ice cream every day at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
All kinds of table ware, call and take a look at Gougier's.  
Several prospectors from the Beaumont country here this week.  
Philippe & Guina handles the best coffee and tea for the money.  
J. D. Woodward was out from San Antonio during the week.  
Buy yourself a Talking machine from Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
A. C. Dauby, the landman of Artesia was seen on Cotulla streets one day this week.

Shoes, hats, clothing and underwear at Jobbers Prices, at R. A. Gilmer's.  
M. A. Petty and wife went to Laredo Sunday; returning Monday.  
A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Soles, Tuesday, 10th inst.  
Ladies are invited to see our new line of dishes and bed room sets, at Gougiers.  
Jesse Hill returned from St. Louis Monday, sick. He is now up and around.  
We are constantly receiving new graphophone records at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
Ed Henrichson of Artesia was in town shaking hands with the boys yesterday.  
Call and see our 5 cent counter of new glass ware at Hall & Bowen's.  
Send the Record to five of your friends for the next three months for \$1.  
Matt Russell was up from his farm one day this week and said everything was looking lovely around Riverdale.

**Commencement Exercises.**  
Commencement Exercises of the Cotulla High School will be given at the Court House next Friday night 20th, inst.  
G. A. Schley of Devine was in Cotulla looking at real estate this week.  
The stock of Boots and Shoes was bought before the recent advance and are sold at actual at R. A. Gilmer's.  
Buggies, wagons and Eclipse windmills. Am prepared to cut and thread all kinds of pipe up to 3 inches. Gougier.  
Mrs. O. C. Ulmer and servant of San Luis Potosi are in the city. Mrs. Ulmer is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Kerr.  
Nice fresh black eyed peas, grape-nuts, prunes, cheese, raisins and Royal Seal oat meal in two pound cans at Hall & Bowen's.  
T. R. Keck, our well known and popular lumber man, spent part of this week in San Antonio attending the Lumbermen's Convention.  
Mrs. W. N. Young and son of Encinal, after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Hill, left Monday for Galveston.

he large stock of hats, of the factories, bought expressly to meet the demand and taste of women, will be sold at actual price, at R. A. Gilmer's

J. L. Sinclair of Artesia was in town yesterday. Said rain was expected in that part of the county. Sinclair said there would be considerable cantaloupes around Artesia this Spring.

**IF YOU WANT**—Windmills required, old water troughs made good as new by lining them with iron, or any kind of carpenter work done, see J. A. BERWELL, Cotulla, Texas.

M. W. Cruzen and Phelps Willis of Carrollton Mo., were in the city yesterday. These young men have been over in the Carrizo Springs country, and were so favorably impressed that they invested in a tract of land.

Workmen's clothing and underwear have advanced with the price of cotton, sold at actual cost at the store of  
R. A. GILMER.

**Land For Sale.**—300 acres fronting Rio Grande river near Laredo lying between Pace and Nye Irrigated farms. Will sell all or part of it. Price of entire tract \$40.00 per acre. Investigate. MANUEL RAMERIEZ, Laredo, Texas.

H. L. Gaines, after spending the winter in Cotulla, departed Tuesday morning for his home in Slater, Mo. Mr. Gaines fell in love with the climate of Southwest Texas, and its two to one that we'll see him back here here long.

J. W. Buckow was in town one day this week from his place on the Ranges. Said he was looking for a buyer. His onions were ready to take out in a very few days. He has had several offers, but thinks his stuff worth more and no doubt it is.

Roy Miller brought us in a morral full of new potatoes from the Maltsberger ranch Monday. They looked good to us and tasted better. Lots of them were considerably larger than an egg. We thank Mr. Maltsberger for the potatoes and Mr. Miller for his kindness in bringing them to us.

Capt. Langham of Bay City, who has been here for a week is finding trouble in getting grubbers to clear his land on the river. Just at this time of the year there is plenty of work and a Mexican always hunts for the easiest job. Mr. Langham thinks he will have a bunch that will start the work Monday morning.

Herbert G. Seefeld and Geo. Mantz of Milwaukee, Wis., were arrivals in Cotulla the latter part of last week. Mr. Seefeld will be here until the end of the onion shipping season, assisting his brother, R. H., in the shipment of their crop and the onions they have bought. Mr. Mantz is a Milwaukee capitalist and we understand is here with the view of investing in fifty or sixty thousand acres of Southwest Texas soil.

S. V. Edwards, deputy Customs Inspector on the Rio Grande, and who also has quite a record as a politician, was in Cotulla between trains Monday. He didn't know anything of particular interest, and could not say whether or not the Republicans would put out a man against Garner for Congress. In regard to the Judge and District Attorneyship of this district, he was of the opinion that there would be no opposition to Judge Mullally and District Attorney Valls. "Webb and Zapata will support them almost unanimously" he said, "and with the support they get in the other counties it would be futile for anyone to attempt the race."

### MONEY TO LOAN.

On Farms and Ranches. Vendor's Lien Notes bought.  
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This noted sire of high class horses will make the season of 1906 at my ranch 15 miles West of Cotulla. Lem Sheets is a beautiful black horse 17 hands high, weighing 1330 pounds and is a horse of great style and substance.  
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Terms: \$15 Cash  
with return privilege should mare not prove with foal. Good care will be taken of all mares but I will not be responsible for accidents.  
T. K. HALL.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STOCKMENS NATIONAL BANK

AT COTULLA, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 6TH, 1906.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and Discounts	\$113,672.34
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	556.46
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	60,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,634.38
Bonds, securities, etc.	7,492.55
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	4,486.37
Due from approved reserve agents	5,796.77
Checks and other cash items	1,841.45
Fractional paper currency, nickles, and cents	28.65
<b>LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:</b>	
Specie	1390.00
Legal tender notes	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	3000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201399.01</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	\$60000.00
Surplus fund	8400.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1587.53
National Bank notes outstanding	23550.00
Individual deposits subject to check	71411.47
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	36450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201399.01</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE, SS:

I, L. A. Kerr, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
L. A. KERR, President.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1906.  
W. A. KERR, Notary Public.  
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Directors.  
For Sale—At a bargain. Flat piano in good shape. Will sell cheap for cash or trade for stock. Apply at this office.

Roger Miller and wife and son Roy, and Miss Edith McLain left Tuesday for Toronto, Canada, after having spent the winter here. Mr. Miller tells us that it is doubtful if they will be able to return next winter. He is about to secure the contract for putting a double-track tunnel under the Detroit river and the work will have to be pushed night and day. It is a \$5,000,000.00 contract. However, we hope to see them back again.  
Association Inspector. Club Pool has shedded his coat and will lead a strenuous life during the next two months. His territory is from San Antonio to Laredo, and each day cattle will be loaded at several stations on the line, which will keep him on the jump almost day and night. He thinks he can get through the rush without much sleep, but the eating problem has been giving him no little trouble. The last two rushes he carried a morral of cold biscuits, but because of the fact that he foundered on them the latter part of last season, it will be necessary to change his diet this year. Suggestions from any of his friends will be appreciated.

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