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51 IN ADVANCE



Our big stock offers many appropriate Gifts for Christmas. We have hundreds of things that are useful and gift givers cannot but help finding something here that will strike delight to the heart of the recipient. In addition to the numerous gifts Santa Claus has left at our store a dazzling assortment of Toys of every design known to the expert workmen of the great Toyland Factory. The one thing you should bear in mind when you start out buying is to see our goods before you make any selections. We can please you, no matter what you want, and if you do not know exactly what you want tell us your troubles and perhaps we can help you. Presents for the old and the middle aged and the young.

Gift Suggestions

We are showing a beautiful and useful lot of Christmas gifts that will please your mother, your father, your brother, your sister, your beau or your girl. A few suggestions:

Fancy Neckwear, Furs, Kid Gloves, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs of all kinds, Mens' Neck Ties, and Suspenders put up in pretty individual boxes. Dress Suit Cases, Rugs in many styles and prices, Pictures, Jardiners, Umbrella Stands, Beautiful line of Table Linen, Counterpanes, Nice line of China and Glassware, Sewing Machines and

A Hundred Other Things.

FIREWORKS!

The Season's King.



Dolls.

We have been wondering all the week if all the girls, large and small, would be interested in the size, price and ages of the large family of Dolls we have for Santa Claus to select from for you. We are almost sure you are. We think we can please all of you, and what is better than a girl that is pleased. If you like real small dollies we have some that are so small we can sell them with long hair for 5c. We have 10 inch dolls with celluloid bodies and china heads. 10 inch dolls all china, all unbreakable unless an ax or hatchet is brought into use. We have bisque dolls with kid bodies that sleep, that have eye lashes and natural hair wearing side combs and kid shoes. We have large handsome dolls of every description and all sizes and prices ranging in ages from little baby to sweet sister. We have a more numerous line of toys than we have ever shown before and cordially invite everybody to see them and buy them.

FIREWORKS!

Do your Christmas Shopping early. We'll supply you with every Want—and at the Lowest Prices too.

K. BURWELL.

CENTER STREET,

COTULLA, TEXAS.



The CHRISTMAS BELLS BY THE BARD

IT WAS so cold that the snow looked blue under the dark sky when the Bells ran swiftly down the hard road. There were five of them—Mary and Jimmie and the twins and baby Bell, and they were orphans and very poor, and it was the day before Christmas. The five Bells stopped in front of a big house.

Unceasingly it ringeth through the air," sang all the little Bells, with red noses and blue fingers, as they stamped their feet and shivered in the snow. The door of the big house opened and a pompous servant came out and shook his finger at them. "Go away," he said, "go away! We don't want you howling around here." "Oh!" gasped the little Bells, and away they flew, with Mary Bell bringing up the rear, as she wiped the tears from her eyes, for she was the oldest, and at home there was nothing to eat and no fire, and she didn't know what they would do. They sang before other places until their throats were sore, but everyone was too busy or too selfish to listen, and the night was coming on when at last they limped into the grounds of a dark old mansion that stood far back from the lonely road. In this mansion lived a bachelor, which isn't an ogre, although it is something like one, for bachelors

haven't any children, and they are apt to forget that they were ever young, and sometimes they are very fierce. The bachelor was all alone. He had sent his servants away to keep their Christmas at their homes, and he was in the loneliest room in the lonely house. The Bells sang two songs before he moved. He drew back the curtain. "Go away," he motioned. They turned to go out of the gate, but when they reached it Baby Bell stumbled and sat down and then she cried, and the other four cried—a forlorn little group, for they were all so tired and cold and hungry that they didn't care what happened. "O, by George," said the bachelor, watching them "By George, they are nothing but babies!" and he ran down stairs and out into the snowy path. "What's the matter?" he demanded. "No one wants to hear us sing," sobbed baby Bell.

"Hain!" said the bachelor, gruffly. "I do." But Mary just looked at the bachelor with eyes that reminded him of days of long ago, and suddenly he found himself holding her hand and talking eagerly. "Come in," he urged, "where it is warm, and sing to me there." The lonely room was not lonely any more when the five little Bells stood in a row in front of the fire, which the bachelor poked into blazing brightness. They sang with a will, and the bachelor clapped his hands, and then took out his purse. "Here," he said to Mary, and handed her a dollar. But Mary shook her head. "It is too much," she said. "You must give us a penny apiece for each song, for that is all that it is worth. We can't sing very well. We are not beggars." "By George!" said the bachelor. "By George! I believe you are half

Then he looked at Mary. "Can you cook?" he asked. "Yes, indeed," cried all the little Bells. "I need a cook," said the bachelor, with twinkling smiles. "I haven't any one to cook my Christmas dinner, and if you don't take pity on me I shall have nothing." "Shall I begin now?" asked Mary, eagerly. "I should love it." "I haven't anything in the house," said the bachelor. "But there is the telephone." "Is a telephone good to eat?" asked baby Bell. "No," said the bachelor, "but it's fine to talk into. Now take off your things and stay with me." "Will your mother worry?" asked the bachelor. "We haven't any mother," said Mary. "We are orphans, and we are all alone."

"That settles it," said the bachelor. "You are to stay." And he went to the telephone and ordered everything from turkey to tarts and from plum pudding to pies. It was the jolliest Christmas eve, and the jolliest person of all was the lonely bachelor, because he wasn't lonely any more, and there were children in the house to make Christmas what it should be. "You must stay with me always," he said, as they sat warm and well fed and rosy around the fire. "The house is so big and I am away half the time, and you could sing for me—yes, you shall come here," and he tossed baby Bell high in the air. "O, how happy we will be," sang the children. "How happy you have made us, dear bachelor." But the bachelor shook his head. "It is you who have made the happiness, you with your music, dear little Christmas Bells."—Detroit Free Press.

ALL LA SALLE DEVELOPING.

ACTIVITY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH LINE.

Land Steadily Increasing in Value—New People Moving in Every Week.

The spirit of development is noticeable in La Salle from the North to the South line. Everywhere there is "something doing."

The Millett country is jumping upward with amazing strides and there is no telling where it will be by spring. In every part of the town of Millett new buildings are being built.

Jumping from Millett on the North line of the county to Encinal on the South line there are evidences of improvement all along the route.

Land values in every part of the county are steadily on the increase. Of course the most in demand and the greatest increase in values is in land within a reasonable distance to the railroad.

Several families from Alabama Thursday and will

OPTIMISTIC CLUB.

The Optimistic Club has been having some very interesting meetings the past two months and had the weather been favorable the public would have heard of their movements in a decided and interesting way as it has been the purpose of the Club to entertain the public in behalf of their civic work.

The work must be done; the cemetery is in a deplorable and unsightly condition. It must be cleaned and beautified; the ladies' Club propose to undertake the work and feel that they will be aided by the entire community.

The first of our series of receptions will be given on New Year's day at the Court House from 4 to 10 p. m.

We expect to entertain you, give you something to eat, in fact make you enjoy yourself. We want everybody to come with their hearty good will and new resolutions and enjoy the hospitality of the Club and only ask that you leave a donation (large or small—10c or \$10.00) for the Cemetery Fund.

The new officers for the Optimistic Club are as follows:

Mrs. W. A. H. Miller, President, Mrs. G. W. Henrichson, Vice President, Miss Katherine Poole, Secretary, Miss Mamie Wildenthal, Treasurer, Miss Christie Steele, Parliamentarian, Miss Daisy Carr, Reporter.

REPORTER.

Farmers Coming.

Several farmers with their families from Kansas arrived this week to become citizens of Cotulla.

10,000 ACRES OF IRVIN RANCH SOLD.

IOWA PEOPLE GET IT FOR COLONIZATION PURPOSES

Land is Located Fifteen Miles East of Cotulla

W. C. Irvin has sold 10,000 acres of his ranch to H. C. and associates of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The purchase price was \$7.50 per acre.

Arrangements have been made to open the ranch for colonization and farmers from central states will be brought here to settle.

Williamson County Man Buys Ward Ranch House.

Jack McClure of Williamson county bought last week the house on D. J. Woodward's place and 1,300 acres of land for a price paid was \$19,000.

River Land Sold.

L. W. Gaddis sold to Meiles of Illinois, section on East side of Nueces river 3 miles from town. Price \$1,500 per acre.

"Sunshine" Hawkes Will Be Tuesday Night.

"Sunshine" Hawkes, the famous lecturer, is appearing at the Court House on Tuesday night, Dec. 18th, under management of the Lyceum. Mr. Hawkes is one of the great platform entertainers of the United States.

Several families from Alabama Thursday and will

LA SALLE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

WILL MEET AT COTULLA DECEMBER 31ST.

Session Will Last Until January 4th Inclusive.—The Program.

The La Salle County School Teachers' Institute will meet at Cotulla Dec. 31st and the teachers will be here until Jan. 4th. The following program has been arranged.

Monday, Dec. 31st.

1:30. Organization. 2:30. "The American Boy of Today as Compared With That of the Past Generation." A paper—Miss E. Bee Thomas.

Discussion by Institute.

3:30. "Truthfulness in Childhood and Youth; the Development of the Habit of Truthfulness as Influenced by School Life." A paper—Mr. J. L. Morgan.

Discussion by Institute.

Tuesday, A. M.

9:00. Writing—Institute as a whole.

I. Importance of writing. II. First Year's Work; pencil, pen, blackboard.

III. Second, third and fourth year's work.

IV. Writing in upper grades.

1. Movement; finger and forearm. 2. Time for writing period. 3. Rapid or slow writing; should pupil ever be permitted to hurry? 4. Writing materials. 5. Methods of teaching.

Tuesday, P. M.

1:30. Spelling—Institute as a whole.

I. Importance of spelling; the old idea, the reaction, the present of learning to spell.

II. Does pupil learn to spell a word by use of his eyes, ears or tongue? The best way to study a spelling lesson.

III. Spelling in first year; in second.

IV. Spelling in the higher grades.

V. How to teach spelling, oral or written?

VI. How to conduct oral spelling lesson.

VII. How to conduct written Spelling lesson.

VIII. Teaching the elementary sounds and dis-critical marking.

Wednesday, 9 A. M.

I. "The Parents' Part in the Public School." A paper—Miss Eula McMains. Discussion by Institute.

II. "What shall the Teacher do to Prepare for Living When the 'Rainy Day' shall come?" A paper—Mr. W. L. Tinslinson. Discussion by Institute.

III. "Turning the other Cheek as applied to the conduct of pupils on school premises." A paper—Mr. E. B. Brown.

Wednesday, P. M.

1:30. Reading—Institute as a whole.

I. The importance of reading. What is good oral reading? good silent reading?

II. Securing correct pronunciation; correct emphasis or expression.

III. Securing the proper "loudness" in reading.

IV. Sight reading; its importance; how managed in our smaller public schools.

V. The first year's reading and its methods. Use of chart; the blackboard by the teacher, by the pupil; script or print. Supplementary reading for first grade. Stories told or read by the teacher.

VI. Supplementary Reading; uses, amount, how managed in smaller public schools. Use of the classics in all the grades.

VII. The different methods of teaching reading, their good

and bad points.

Thursday, A. M. 9:00. Arithmetic—Institute as a whole.

I. Importance of arithmetic among the teachers.

II. Importance of self-effort on the pupils' part; methods on plans for securing same.

III. Importance and place of oral arithmetic

VI. Number work for first year; what and how presented. First year methods and devices.

Thursday, P. M. 1:30

V. Same as IV except applied to second year.

VI. Teaching the four fundamental processes to beginners, full exposition of methods. To advance pupils; especially important points.

VII. Teaching the subject of compound numbers.

VIII. Teaching the subject of common fractions.

IX. Teaching the subject of decimal fractions.

X. Teaching the subject of percentage.

XI. Teaching the subject of interest.

XII. Teaching the subject of evolution.

XIII. Teaching the subject of mensuration.

Friday A. M. 9:00. "The Aims of the Public School." A paper—Daniel Smith.

II. "The Texas School Fund; Its Adequacy to the Present Needs."—Co. Supt. C. C. Thomas.

III. "The written examination in public school; its purposes, results and frequency." A paper—Miss Doria Shaw.

Friday Afternoon. 1:30. Unfinished business.

2:30. General discussion of the work of the Institute. Plans for next year. Adjournment.

Very respectfully, DANIEL SMITH.

Homeseekers Numerous.

Homeseekers are coming more numerous now than ever before. Every day's train brings a bunch. The hotels are crowded at all times.

I WANT YOUR Fruit, Candy and Cigar trade. My prices are right and I will treat you white.

S. COTULLA, Blue Front on Front Street.

G. W. Henrichson, DEALER IN GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND FURNITURE.

Our motto: 'Best Value for the Least Money.'

We sell the Famous Walkover Shoes.

The Best To Eat

When you want the best things to eat, come this grocery. When you want to get sixteen ounces in every pound, you'll find them here. When you want your dollar to buy a big, honest, one hundred cents worth, this is the place to purchase. I guarantee every article I sell. If you receive something from me that is not satisfactory, you will do me a favor by sending it back. I will either give satisfaction or return your money.

D. L. Neeley.

GARNER WINS CHANNEL FIGHT.

CORPUS CHRISTI TO BE CONNECTED WITH DEEP WATER VIA TURTLE COVE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Garner today won his fight for the Turner Cove channel connecting Corpus Christi with deep water at Aransas Pass.

After years of sparring with the board of engineers he has been advised that the board has decided to report favorably on the eight and one-half foot channel at a cost of \$123,000.

Thereupon Garner introduced a bill for a ten foot channel and an appropriation of \$150,000. He also appeared before the board of engineers this week in an argument in favor of the interoceanic canal. The board has not yet given its assent to the proposed extensive improvement of the interoceanic projects. Praeger.

Down with Rheumatism.

A. H. Miller has been confined to his bed at his home eight miles West of Cotulla with rheumatic rheumatism, which effected almost his entire body. He is reported some better at present writing.

FISH STABLES

DOUBLE OR SINGLE RIGS.

Teams that will pull you where you want to go. Telephone us your wants, day or night.

J. T. FISH, Prop.

COTULLA, TEXAS.

HALL & BOWEN

Have Just Received A New and Up to Date Line of Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes.

THEY CAN PLEASE YOU AND YOUR POCKET BOOK.

They also sell everything in the Grocery Line at Rock Bottom Prices. Handle Crockery, Glassware and Silverware and everything else that a first class General Merchandise Store carries.

MONEY TO LOAN.

On Farms and Ranches. Vendor's Lien Notes bought. SECTION OF CHEAP LAND.

640 acres of unimproved pasture land, rolling to rough, in Bandera County about 12 miles N. W. of Medina county. Price 1.00 per acre.

J. TOM WILLIAMS, Mgr Real Estate Department. E. B. CHANDLER, 102 Crockett St. San Antonio, Texas.

SAY!

LET US TELL YOU SOMETHING.

It is a fact that we have the finest line of Wines and Liquors in Cotulla.

We Sell

WALDORF CLUB

BEN'S BEST

BANNER RYE, AND

OTHER STANDARD CASE GOODS.

The kind that will make good Egg-nogs.

WHEN YOU DEAL WITH US YOU GET A SQUARE DEAL.

THE STAR SALOON

J. M. TARVER, Propr.

pie turn out and show the appreciate such high class entertainment.

Admission 50 cents, children 25 cents.

Sunday School Christmas Tree.

There will be a Christmas Tree at the Baptist Church on Christmas eve for the Sunday School children of that church. A program is being prepared, which be published next week.

Enlarging Building.

An addition is being made to the South end of the Pre-byterian church. Carpenter Haynie is in charge of the work.

NOTICE TO HOMESEEEKERS

Why pay the same price, or more, for unimproved lands a long distance from the Railroad when we can sell you improved property at from \$12.50 to \$20.00 per acre, with good wells and windmills on all of them, together with good dwelling houses, fields, pens etc, also river lands with everlasting lakes of water for irrigation purposes at from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per acre, all are close to the railroad and everyone of them a bargain, two of the improved and most desirable propositions being on the railroad and one of them the railroad runs through.

Don't fail to call and see our list. By investing in any one of our propositions, the most vital question to you, that of water, is forever settled.

Knaggs & Jennings,

COTULLA, TEXAS



WE'VE GOT 'EM ALL SKINNED.



The collection of Toys and Holiday Gift Goods on display at Santa Claus Headquarters this year is by odds the greatest in Cotulla. Never so many useful and practical gifts of artistic beauty; never so many Toys to delight the hearts of the girls and the boys. Christmas shopping is under good headway and every hour you lose in getting to our store lessens your chance to get just what you want, as the best always goes first. We are ready for you. Come and make your selections before the inevitable rush.



Fruit and Nut Bowls, hand painted.



Music Rolls, fine leather, only \$1.00 to \$1.50.



Statuary, some choice pieces.



Beautiful Toilet Cases.



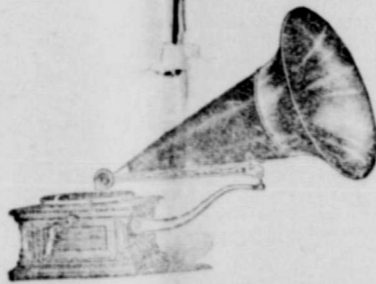
Pictures from 5c to \$10.00.



Chocolate Sets, real china \$1.00 to \$5.00.



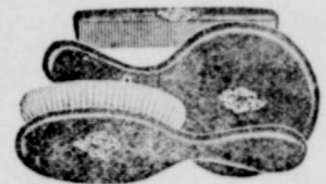
Musical Instruments.



GRAPHAPHONES—The Victor Machines are the only Talking Machines that will reproduce all the beautiful tones of the original without the tin horn rattling sound.



Art Pottery.



Comb and Brush Sets—stag horn, aluminum, ebony and silver.



FRANCIS MARY The Holiday Queen.

is becoming more popular every day. Everybody seems determined to win her. The old bachelors and young men are making quite a contest over her. The girls are counting and making estimates of the number of pins in the cushion. A guess with every doll you buy and with every 50c purchase.

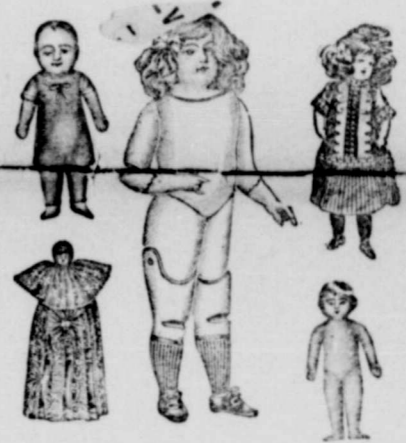
A Guess at the Big Doll With Every 50c Purchase and Every Doll You Buy.

THIS LOT 25c EACH



DOLLS.

Never before have the little girls of Cotulla seen such a variety of Dolls as we are showing this year. Bisque, jointed and beanie Dolls from 25c up to \$2.00. Kid body sleeping Dolls, 25c to \$2.00. Celluloid Dolls, 25c to \$1.50. China Dolls, 2 for 5c and up. Dolls that talk, Dolls that cry, Dolls that walk, Dolls with real hair, Rubber Dolls, Paper Dolls, Metal Dolls, every kind of a Doll you can think of you will find in our Doll Exposition.



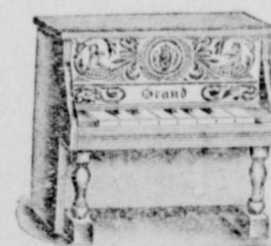
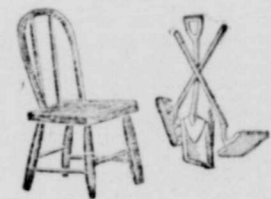
Fire Works

Roman Candles,
Whistling Rockets,
Whistling Cannon
Crackers, Whistling
Geysers, Whistling
Willies, Whistling
Chasers, Torpedoes,
Salutes, Search Light
Mines, Repeating
Pistols.



A TRIP TO TOYLAND.

THE MORE TOYS THE MORE JOY
For the Little Ones.
Toys are Children's Christmas Delight.
A Perfect Santa
Claus Toy House.
The most bewildering assortment
of Santa Claus
Best Selections.
INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE.
Bring all the Children,
your own and
your neighbor's



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What's become of the "knockers." Have they become discouraged, or are they still doing business on the quiet?

Three years ago the Record said "buy land!" Many bought at that time and there are others that wish they had.

Don't have the nerve to send items to this office announcing doings gotten up for profit unless you want to pay for them. We sell our space and papers for a living. If advertising is worth doing it is worth paying for.

Report all items of interest to this office. They will be appreciated and each item will help to make the paper that much more interesting. We can not get all the news but by your help we can get the lion's share and that is what we wish to do. We want all the news that's news.

Evidences of prosperity and development is evident in La-Salle from the North line to the South and from East to West. 'Tis true much of the Eastern part of the county is too far from the railroad for agricultural purposes but it will not be many days until the iron horse will traverse La-Salle from East to West.

Superstition and distrust, with which all societies known as secret orders were at one time viewed by a large number of people, was, happily long ago dispelled, and today the lodge stands as one of the champions of the home and family. Wherever society has reached a high state of development, secret and fraternal orders have their greatest stronghold.

One of our exchanges advertises a cow for sale as follows: "Full-blooded cow for sale, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves." While we have always had the greatest respect for meek-eyed gentle bossy, we never suspected for a moment that she would branch out into the junk-shop business. And she full-blooded, too! No "yaller" dog or post-hole in her make-up. Too bad.

This paper is endeavoring to give its patrons the best service that is possible to give and all that the patronage will permit. Our paper is being frequently complimented on its appearance and the amount and kind of matter it contains. Our citizens can make the paper still more effective by liberal patronage, both in subscriptions and advertising. The paper will always endeavor to merit the patronage.

Few business men have more to contend with than an editor. The only means the editor has of making a living for himself and family is by selling space in the columns of his paper. His newspaper columns are the same to him as the shelves of dry goods are to the merchant. No one thinks of asking the merchant to give him the dry goods from his shelves, but few they are who hesitate to ask the editor to give them a few columns free in his paper.



"Whad'je get for Christmas, Jimmy?"
"In the morning I got a drum, at noon a stomach ache, and at night a spanking."

HOW THINGS ARE CHANGING.

Cotulla has always been the principal cattle shipping point in Southwest Texas. Each year thousands upon thousands of longhorn steers have been loaded on the cars here for the slaughter houses of the North. For many years Cotulla was a cattleman's town, and it was a weekly occurrence for the cowboys to fill up on nose point and shoot out the lights in the bar rooms and Mexican dance halls. Shooting scrapes were numerous and it used to be the saying that a man died with his boots on as often as the moon full. Cotulla had the reputation of being the toughest town in Southwest Texas and when the trains pulled in the porter went through the cars yelling: "Cotulla, get your gun!"

But, those wild and woolly days have gone—gone forever. They did not cease to be within a day, but for several years the bad man and the six-shooter have been diminishing until today La-Salle holds the record of being the most law-abiding county in the entire Southwest.

Looking back into the past only a short twelve months we see Cotulla shut in on every side by large ranches. Large ranches are probably all right for the owner but they are not town builders from the simple fact that a 50,000 acre ranch will employ no more men and buy no more from the merchant than a 250 acre farm. Twelve months ago it was next to an impossibility for a man to buy a 60 acre farm, but today we look out and see what a change 1906 has brought about. The big pastures have been opened up in every direction, North, South, East and West. The Cotulla pasture which adjoins the town on the West and North has been sub-divided and is now being sold in any size tract from 60 acres up. D. J. Woodward is selling out 30,000 acres to the West of town, and has already sold to Northern farmers 8000 acres. South and East of town is the river lands owned by McGill & Rugely, much of which has been sold and is being opened up; the Altito and Johnson pastures. All of this land is within a radius of ten miles, but it is not all of the land that has been opened up. 104,000 acres of what is known as the Dull Ranch has recently been bought by a syndicate, who are also trying to secure lands West of Cotulla. We understand this same syndicate are after lands in McMullen and Live Oak counties, and a rumor is afloat that the long talked of railroad from Eagle Pass to Beville, which would skirt the Nueces Valley nearly all the way, is about materialize. Jno. R. Black, who this year bought 23,000 acres of which is known as the House tulla will farm on an extensive scale and do considerable experimental work. He has not yet put his land on the market but

will in due time.

We see how things have changed, but it is only the beginning. There are no strings tied to Cotulla now. The contiguous territory is wide open to settlement, and it's going to be settled without the question of a doubt, and Cotulla is going to grow. Today we have a population of 1500—watch it go to 3000 by the end of 1907.

Things have greatly changed, they are changing now, and are going to change faster.

These are the days when the discontented Northern farmer's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of moving. The great railway systems of the Southwest, flood the mails with manuals setting forth the beauties and virtues of this and that region, each claiming to be par excellence the homeseeker's paradise. Agriculture has in this region the price of gold. In former times the "new country" that offered the most attractions to settlers from a distance, was that in which gold was taken out of the ground in a big yellow nuggets or infinitesimal dust; in these later days the search is still for a quick fortune, but the medium exploited is the growing crop, which can be turned into gold—or greenbacks—by the slower processes of planting, cultivating and harvesting; and the pioneer now has for his emblems the gaugle-pole and the reaping machine, instead of the pick and pan.

While the modern system of school work may be deficient in some respects, and no doubt the tendency is to take on more work and too many branches of study for the pupil to master thoroughly in the time the average boy or girl is allowed for schooling, yet there is a fault on the part of parents which is persistently left out of account in the argument of the critic. The pupils, especially in the higher grades, are allowed to spend the nights during the week in various amusements which distract their minds from school work, and the loss or sleep incapacitates them for good work during school hours.

We want to say a good word for the man who meets his small obligations promptly. They are not as plentiful as they should be and the man needs encouraging. Most men will pay but fewer will pay promptly. Almost any firm will testify that that, counting the time, postage, booking and like it costs all some accounts are worth to collect them, and still the man owing it to them is perfectly responsible in a financial way. It very often happens that the worst sinner in this particular is the man best able to pay.

The onion men are making things hum in the Nueces Valley these days.

Holiday Business Promises to Be Good.

There is every promise that the Holiday business at Cotulla will eclipse any year of the past. The unprecedented prosperity of the people, the increased population, has induced the merchants to put in stocks from Toyland never before attempted. People from neighboring and smaller towns need go no further than Cotulla to do their Christmas shopping, for you will find here almost everything that is manufactured in Santa Claus great workhouse.

TO AILING WOMEN.

A Little Sound Advice Will Help Many a Sufferer in Cotulla.

No woman can be healthy and well if the kidneys are sick. Poisons that pass off in the urine when the kidneys are well are retained in the body when the kidneys are sick. Kidneys and bladder get inflamed and swollen, crowding the delicate female organs nearby and sometimes displacing them. This is the true cause of many bearing-down pains, lumbago, backache, sideache, etc. Urinary poisoning also causes headache, dizzy spells, languor, nervousness and rheumatic pain.

When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that cures sick kidneys. You will get better as the kidneys get better, and health will return when the kidneys are well.

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AS THE ELEVENTH HOUR

BY PAUL LEASE

BEN WILL, alighted from the coach of the east-bound flyer at the Michigan Central depot. There was an absent look in his clear blue eyes, usually so keen in observation of his surroundings, and he was impatient at the slow progress of the crowd filtering through the gates. He paid no attention to the happy reunions of friends and relatives at the station, the exclamations of delight at the meetings held on deserted cars.

Pushing through the crowd, he hurried to a car and soon alighted at the old familiar corner. The street looked just the same. His house, however, was changed; it no longer looked like home. The old-fashioned shutters were missing, the quiet, sedate front was altered, and bay windows protruded above as well as on the ground floor.

"Mrs. Flabbins don't live here no more," said the untidy young woman who answered his ring.

With saddened eyes he retraced his steps to the corner. Entering the drug store he satisfied the proprietor that he was a stranger by buying a cigar and then rather diffidently requesting the privilege of looking at the directory. The only Flabbins he could find was Edward, who was credited with being in the saloon business.

"Is Mr. Flabbins here?" asked Will at the number indicated.

"That's me," replied a short, thick set man, with cold, gray eyes, and a roll of fat hiding the back of his collar. As he answered the stranger the



"Mother!"

color left his face. He recognized his step-brother. Ben saw that this was the cause, and smiled rather bitterly.

"Where is mother?" he asked of the man behind the bar.

"I—don't know," stammered Flabbins.

"You lie, as you always did," said Ben, his jaw coming together like a steel trap and his blue eyes flashing. Flabbins moved toward the cash register.

"You need not trouble yourself," exclaimed Ben, contemptuously, noting the movement. "I have no time to talk to you now, but I may return and—if I have cause—your revolver won't save you. Where is your father?"

"Dead," sulkily answered the saloon keeper.

"How long?"

"Four years."

"And mother?" Ben's voice was low, but there was a menace in it that caused Flabbins to draw a little closer to the register.

"I hadn't seen her in three years. She left the house after a row with Boss. You know what Boss is."

The next morning the following item was inserted in the leading papers of the city.

"WANTED—Information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Daniel Flabbins, Box X, 21."

Eddying flares formed a curtain of whirling white, shutting out the dreary landscape, and covering the frozen, jagged earth with a soft mantle of snow as, shaking himself like a great Newfoundland dog, Ben Will waited impatiently for the opening of the door of the great institution for the housing of the poor. When admitted, he paced the plain but comfortably furnished reception room, hungry for a sight of his mother's face. The opening of the door caused him to turn with outstretched arms. His eyes, blinded by tears, saw a beautiful woman moving slowly toward him; one hand, full and brown, the blue veins standing out upon it, grasped a cane with which to steady the tottering footsteps; above the bent form in which beat a mother's heart, crowning it with a glory all its own, was a sweet old face.

"Mother!"

"Ben, my own Ben!"

"Oh!" exclaimed Ben, quivering with anger, "to think they would allow you to go to the poor house! They shall suffer. They—"

"Hush, Ben," said his mother, softly, placing her hand over the lips of her son. "This is Christmas, and I am going home with you. Ah, such a happy Christmas. Well may we say 'Peace on earth and good will to men.'"

A WONDERFUL PRESENT

BY THE COTULLA RECORD

IT was just two days before Christmas. Outside the wind was whistling and the snow falling fast, but they only made Grandma Laring's pleasant and cheerful kitchen all the more pleasant and cheerful by contrast.

A bright fire was burning on the hearth, around which were three rosy, bright-eyed children, Nellie, Josie and Willie, roasting chestnuts and as happy as happy can be.

"I wonder what I shall have this year!" said Josie. "I had, oh, such beautiful presents last Christmas—a book, a tea-set and a work-box."

"And I had a top, a white rabbit, and, oh! such a lot of goodies!" said little Willie, who was the youngest of the three.

"I know what I'd like," continued Josie; "I'd like a wax doll like Katie Brown's, that will open and shut its eyes, and has real hair, and cries like any baby; wouldn't you, Nellie?"

Nellie was taking the chestnuts off the fire. When she turned her face, rosier than usual, toward the light, it had a rather sober look.

"Yes, I'd like it. But a doll like that costs lots of money, and papa feels almost too poor this year; I heard mamma say so. I shouldn't wonder if I didn't have any Christmas presents at all!"

These solemnly spoken words fell like a damper on the spirits of Josie and Willie, who loved dearly their gentle, sweet-tempered little cousin.

"Is Uncle John poor, grandma?" said Josie.

"No, dear, Uncle John isn't poor, but he has met with some losses this year that makes him feel as if he were."

"Cousin Nellie will have a Christmas present!" said Willie stoutly. "I'll give her my—my white rabbit."

Now the white rabbit was the most precious of all Willie's possessions.

"And I'll give her my box of puzzles!" cried Josie, not to be outdone in generosity.

Grandma Laring smiled.

"I am glad to find my children so unselfish, but I think Nellie will be provided for. Indeed, I shouldn't wonder if her present was the nicest of all."

"Nicer than Katie Brown's doll?"

"A great deal nicer."

"What is it, grandma?" cried both the little girls in a breath.

Grandma shook her head mysteriously.

"It's a secret—Nellie isn't to know till she gets home."

Then the door opened and in walked a tall man, his shaggy great coat so white with snowflakes as to make him look something like the "polar bear" that he, laughing, called himself.

But Nellie did not mind this.

"Oh, papa! papa!" she cried, flying into his arms, which gave her a bear-like hug that nearly took away her breath.

Half-an-hour later Nellie was seated on her papa's knee, treating him to the chestnuts she had roasted, in a very happy and contented frame of mind.

She suddenly bethought herself.

"Papa, grandma says that you've got a Christmas present for me home that's nicer than any I've had yet?"

Mr. Laring looked across the table at grandma and smiled.

"So I have, daughter; a present that's worth more than all the presents you ever had put together."

Nellie looked wistfully into the smiling eyes of the speaker.

"Is it a secret, papa?" she whispered.

"A great secret, little girl."

Nellie said no more, partly because she knew it would be of no use, and then she was not one of those little girls who make themselves and everybody around them unhappy by continual teasing.

"What is my little daughter thinking about?" said Mr. Laring on Christmas morning as the two were on their way back to the city.

"About my Christmas present, papa. Shall I have it as soon as I get home?"

"Just as soon as you get home."

Nellie did not find her mother in the sitting-room as she had expected.

"I think mamma must be in her room," said Mr. Laring; "we will go and find her."

And taking Nellie by the hand he led her upstairs into a pleasant room, where her mother was sitting, and who kissed her many times.

"Nellie is anxious to see her Christmas present," he said, looking toward a woman at the other end of the room, whom Nellie had not noticed, and who had a funny-looking little bundle of flannel in her lap.

At a sign from Mrs. Laring the woman laid this bundle very carefully in her arms, and her mother began to undo its various wrappings.

As she reached the last one Nellie uttered a scream of delight, for there lay just the dearest and sweetest baby you can imagine, with such bright eyes and cunning little hands and feet that Nellie fell in love with it directly.

"It is none of your make-believes," she said in dilating upon her good fortune, "but a live, sure-enough baby!"

Nellie had often wished for a little brother, and now her wish was gratified. And as he began to know her, as he very soon did, and to laugh and prattle, her delight increased daily—

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Three years ago the Record said "buy land!" Many bought at that time and there are others that wish they had.

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Report all items of interest to this office. They will be appreciated and each item will help to make the paper that much more interesting. We can not get all the news but by your help we can get the lion's share and that is what we wish to do. We want all the news that's news.

Evidences of prosperity and development is evident in LaSalle from the North line to the South and from East to West. 'Tis true much of the Eastern part of the county is too far from the railroad for agricultural purposes but it will not be many years until the line has been extended from East to West.

Superstition and distrust, with which all societies known as secret orders were at one time viewed by a large number of people, was, happily long ago dispelled, and today the lodge stands as one of the champions of the home and family. Wherever society has reached a high state of development, secret and fraternal orders have their greatest stronghold.

One of our exchanges advertises a cow for sale as follows: "Full-blooded cow for sale, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves." While we have always had the greatest respect for meek-eyed gentle bossy, we never suspected for a moment that she would branch out into the junk-shop business. And she full-blooded, too! No "yaller" dog or post-hole in her make-up. Too bad.

This paper is endeavoring to give its patrons the best service that is possible to give and all that the patronage will permit. Our paper is being frequently complimented on its appearance and the amount and kind of matter it contains. Our citizens can make the paper still more effective by liberal patronage, both in subscriptions and advertising. The paper will always endeavor to merit the patronage.

Few business men have more to contend with than an editor. The only means the editor has of making a living for himself and family is by selling space in the columns of his paper. His newspaper columns are the same to him as the shelves of dry goods are to the merchant. No one thinks of asking the merchant to give him the dry goods from his shelves, but few they are who hesitate to ask the editor to give them a few columns free in his paper.



"Whad'je get for Christmas, Jimmy?"
"In the morning I got a drum, at noon a stomach ache, and at night a spanking."

HOW THINGS ARE CHANGING.

Cotulla has always been the principal cattle shipping point in Southwest Texas. Each year thousands upon thousands of longhorn steers have been loaded on the cars here for the slaughterhouses of the North. For many years Cotulla was a cattleman's town, and it was a weekly occurrence for the cowboys to fill up on nose paint and shoot out the lights in the bar rooms and Mexican dance halls. Shooting scrapes were numerous and it used to be the saying that a man died with his boots on as often as the moon filled. Cotulla had the reputation of being the toughest town in Southwest Texas and when the trains pulled in the porter went through the cars yelling: "Co-tulla, get your gun!"

But, those wild and woolly days have gone—gone forever. They did not come to Cotulla today, but for several years the bad man and the six-shooter have been diminishing until today LaSalle holds the record of being the most law-abiding county in the entire Southwest.

Looking back into the past only a short twelve months we see Cotulla shut in on every side by large ranches. Large ranches are probably all right for the owner but they are not town builders from the simple fact that a 50,000 acre ranch will employ no more men and buy no more from the merchant than a 250 acre farm. Twelve months ago it was next to an impossibility for a man to buy a 60 acre farm, but today we look out and see what a change 1903 has brought about. The big pastures have been opened up in every direction, North, South, East and West. The Cotulla pasture which adjoins the town on the West and North has been subdivided and is now being sold in any size tract from 60 acres up. D. J. Woodward is selling out 30,000 acres to the West of town, and has already sold to Northern farmers 8000 acres. South and East of town is the river lands owned by Magill & Rogely, much of which has been sold and is being opened up; the Altito and Johnson pastures. All of this land is within a radius of ten miles, but it is not all of the land that has been opened up. 104,000 acres of what is known as the Dull Ranch has recently been bought by a syndicate, who are also trying to secure lands West of Cotulla. We understand this same syndicate are after lands in McMullen and Live Oak counties, and a rumor is afloat that the long talked of railroad from Eagle Pass to Beeville, which would skirt the Nueces Valley nearly all the way, is about materialize. Jno. R. Black, who this year bought 23,000 acres of which is known as the House tulla will farm on an extensive scale and do considerable experimental work. He has not yet put his land on the market but

will in due time. We see how things have changed, but it is only the beginning. There are no strings tied to Cotulla now. The contiguous territory is wide open to settlement, and it's going to be settled without the question of a doubt, and Cotulla is going to grow. Today we have a population of 1500—watch it go to 5000 by the end of 1907. Things have greatly changed, they are changing now, and are going to change faster.

These are the days when the discontented Northern farmer's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of moving. The great railway systems of the Southwest, flood the mails with manuals setting forth the beauties and virtues of this and that region, each claiming to be par excellence the home-seeker's paradise. Agriculture has in this country the most attractions to settlers from a distance, was that in which gold was taken out of the ground in a big yellow nuggets or infinitesimal dust; in these later days the search is still for a quick fortune, but the medium exploited is the growing crop, which can be turned into gold—or greenbacks—by the slower process of planting, cultivating and harvesting; and the pioneer now has for his emblem the gang-plow and the reaping machine, instead of the pick and pan.

While the modern system of school work may be deficient in some respects, and no doubt the tendency is to take on more work and too many branches of study for the pupil to master thoroughly in the time the average boy or girl is allowed for schooling, yet there is a fault on the part of parents which is persistently left out of account in the argument of the critic. The pupils, especially in the higher grades, are allowed to spend the nights during the week in various amusements which distract their minds from school work, and the loss or sleep incapacitates them for good work during school hours.

We want to say a good word for the man who meets his small obligations promptly. They are not as plentiful as they should be and the man needs encouraging. Most men will pay but fewer will pay promptly. Almost any firm will testify that that, counting the time, postage, booking and like it costs all some accounts are worth owing to them is perfectly responsible in a financial way. It very often happens that the worst sinner in this particular is the man best able to pay.

The onion men are making things hum in the Nueces Valley these days.

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THE ELEVENTH HOUR
BY IRVING LINGG

BEN WILL, alighted from the coach of the east-bound flyer at the Michigan Central depot. There was an absent look in his clear blue eyes, usually so keen in observation of his surroundings, and he was impatient at the slow progress of the crowd filtering through the gate. He paid no attention to the happy reunions of friends and relatives at the station, the exclamations of delight at the meetings felt on deserted cars.

Pushing through the crowd, he hurried to a car and soon alighted at the old familiar corner. The street looked just the same. The house, however, was changed; it no longer looked like home. The old-fashioned shutters were missing, the quiet sedate front was altered, and bay windows protruded above as well as on the ground floor.

"Mrs. Flabbins don't live here anymore," said the untidy young woman who answered his ring.

With saddened eyes he retraced his steps to the corner. Entering the drug store he satisfied the proprietor that he was a stranger by buying a cigar and then rather diffidently requesting the privilege of looking at the directory. The only Flabbins he could find was Edward, who was credited with being in the saloon business.

"Is Mr. Flabbins here?" asked Will at the number indicated.

"That's me," replied a short, thick set man, with cold, gray eyes, and a roll of fat hiding the back of his collar. As he answered the stranger the



"Mother!"

color left his face. He recognized his step-brother, Ben saw that this was the cause, and smiled rather bitterly.

"Where is mother?" he asked of the man behind the bar.

"I—I—don't know," stammered Flabbins.

"You lie, as you always did," said Ben, his jaw coming together like a steel trap and his blue eyes flashing. Flabbins moved toward the cash register.

"You need not trouble yourself," exclaimed Ben, contemptuously, noting the movement. "I have no time to talk to you now, but I may return and—if I have cause—your revolver won't save you. Where is your father?"

"Dead," sulkily answered the saloon keeper.

"How long?"

"Four years."

"And mother?" Ben's voice was low, but there was a menace in it that caused Flabbins to draw a little closer to the register.

"I hadn't seen her in three years. She left the house after a row with Boss. You know what Boss is."

The next morning the following item was inserted in the leading papers of the city.

"WANTED—Information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Daniel Flabbins. Box X, 21."

Eddying fumes formed a curtain of whirling white, shutting out the dreary landscape, and covering the frozen, jagged earth with a soft mantle of snow as, shaking himself like a great Newfoundland dog, Ben Will waited impatiently for the opening of the door of the great institution for the housing of the poor. When admitted, he paced the plainly but comfortably furnished reception room, hungry for a sight of his mother's face. The opening of the door caused him to turn with outstretched arms. His eyes, blinded by tears, saw a bent form moving slowly toward him; one hand, tall worn and brown, the blue veins standing out upon it, grasped a cane with which to steady the tottering footsteps; above the bent frame in which beat a mother's heart, crowning it with a glory all its own, was a sweet old face.

"Mother!"

"Ben, my own Ben!"

"Oh!" exclaimed Ben, quivering with anger, "to think they would allow you to go to the poor house! They shall suffer. They—"

"Hush, Ben," said his mother, softly, placing her hand over the lips of her son. "This is Christmas, and I am going home with you. Ah, such a happy Christmas. Well may we say 'Peace on earth and good will to men.'"

A WONDERFUL PRESENT
BY IRVING LINGG

IT was just two days before Christmas. Outside the wind was whistling and the snow falling fast, but they only made Grandma Laring's pleasant and cheerful kitchen all the more pleasant and cheerful by contrast.

A bright fire was burning on the hearth, around which were three rosy, bright-eyed children, Nellie, Josie and Willie, roasting chestnuts and as happy as happy can be.

"I wonder what I shall have this year!" said Josie. "I had, oh, such beautiful presents last Christmas—a book, a tea-set and a work-box!"

"And I had a top, a white rabbit, and, oh! such a lot of goodies!" said little Willie, who was the youngest of the three.

"I know what I'd like," continued Josie; "I'd like a wax doll like Katie Brown's, that will open and shut its eyes, and has real hair, and cries like any baby; wouldn't you, Nellie?"

Nellie was taking the chestnuts off the fire. When she turned her face, rosier than usual, toward the light, it had a rather sober look.

"Yes, I'd like it. But a doll like that costs lots of money, and papa feels almost too poor this year. I heard mamma say so. I shouldn't wonder if I didn't have any Christmas present at all!"

"These solemnly spoken words fell like a damper on the spirits of Josie and Willie, who loved dearly their gentle, sweet-tempered little cousin.

"Is Uncle John poor, grandma?" said Josie.

"No, dear, Uncle John isn't poor, but he has met with some losses this year that makes him feel as if he were."

"Cousin Nellie will have a Christmas present!" said Willie stoutly. "I'll give her my—my white rabbit."

Now the white rabbit was the most precious of all Willie's possessions.

"And I'll give her my box of puzzle!" cried Josie, not to be outdone in generosity.

Grandma Laring smiled. "I am glad to find my children so unselfish, but I think Nellie will be provided for. Indeed, I shouldn't wonder if her present was the nicest of all."

"Nicer than Katie Brown's doll?"

"A great deal nicer."

"What is it, grandma?" cried both the little girls in a breath.

Grandma shook her head mysteriously.

"It's a secret—Nellie isn't to know till she asks home."

Then the door opened and in walked a tall man, his shaggy great-coat so white with snowflakes as to make him look something like the "polar bear" that he, laughing, called himself.

But Nellie did not mind this. "Oh, papa! papa!" she cried, flying into his arms, which gave her a bear-like hug that nearly took away her breath.

Half-an-hour later Nellie was seated on her papa's knee, treating him to the chestnuts she had roasted, in a very happy and contented frame of mind.

"She suddenly bethought herself. "Papa, grandma says that you've got a Christmas present for me home that's nicer than any I've had yet?"

Mr. Laring looked across the table at grandma and smiled.

"So I have, daughter; a present that's worth more than all the presents you ever had put together."

Nellie looked wistfully into the smiling eyes of the speaker.

"Is it a secret, papa?" she whispered.

"A great secret, little girl."

Nellie said no more, partly because she knew it would be of no use, and then she was not one of those little girls who make themselves and everybody around them unhappy by continual teasing.

"What is my little daughter thinking about?" said Mr. Laring on Christmas morning as the two were on their way back to the city.

"About my Christmas present, papa. Shall I have it as soon as I get home?"

"Just as soon as you get home."

Nellie did not find her mother in the sitting-room as she had expected.

"I think mamma must be in her room," said Mr. Laring; "we will go and find her."

And taking Nellie by the hand he led her upstairs into a pleasant room, where her mother was sitting, and who kissed her many times.

"Nellie is anxious to see her Christmas present," he said, looking toward a woman at the other end of the room, whom Nellie had not noticed, and who had a funny-looking little bundle of flannel in her lap.

At a sign from Mrs. Laring the woman laid this bundle very carefully in her arms, and her mother began to undo its various wrappings.

As she reached the last one Nellie uttered a scream of delight, for there lay just the dearest and sweetest baby you can imagine, with such bright eyes and cunning little hands and feet that Nellie fell in love with it directly.

"It is none of your make-believes," she said in dilating upon her good fortune, "but a live, sure-enough baby!"

Nellie had often wished for a little brother, and now her wish was gratified. And as he began to know her, as he very soon did, and to laugh and prattle, her delight increased daily.—N. Y. Weekly.

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EASTERN STAR—Eastern Star meets Saturday afternoon after full moon in each month. T. G. Woods, W. P.; Mrs. G. Phillips, W. M.; Mrs. L. W. Gaddis, Secretary.

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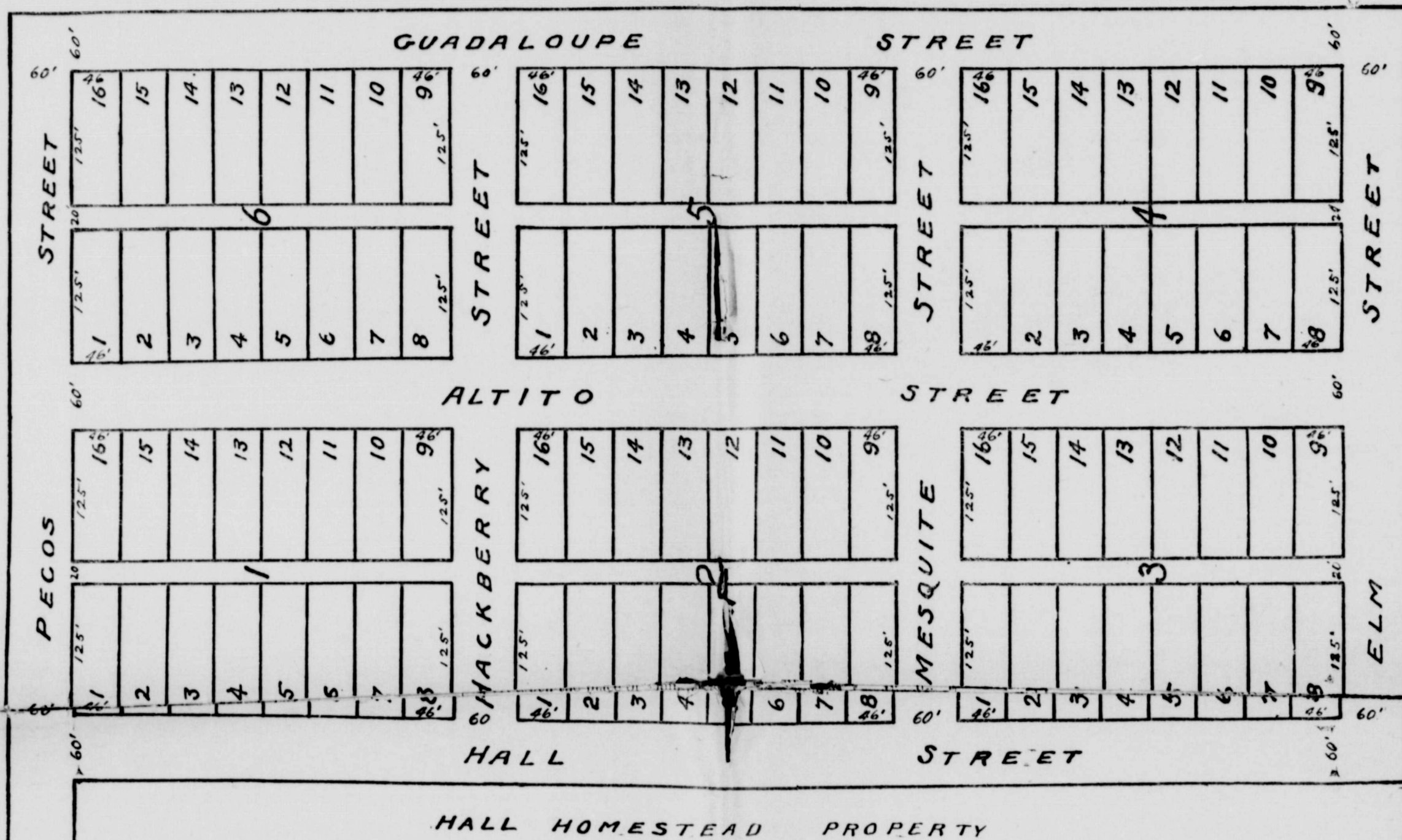
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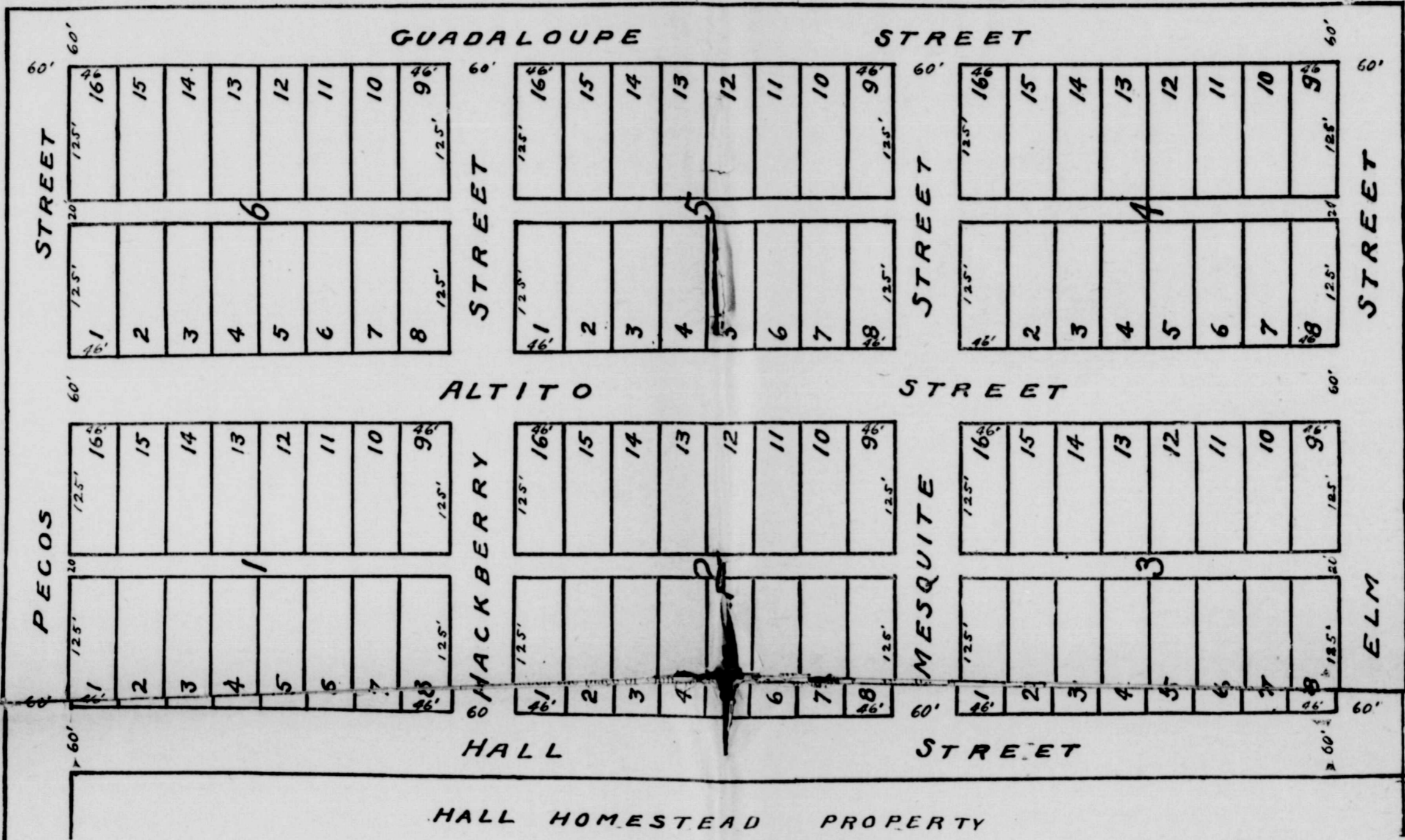
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Local and Personal Items of Interest.

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All kinds of fireworks at S. Cotulla's.

Sunshine Hawkes at the Court House 18th inst.

Will Held of Millett was in Cotulla Thursday.

Fancy basket of candy at S. Cotulla's.

Jno. M. Daniel has been in San Antonio most of the week.

Candies and fruits for Xmas at S. Cotulla's.

Wm. Earnest was in the city from Millett last Saturday night.

Just received a nice line of Xmas candies at S. Cotulla's.

Joe Cotulla Jr., was in San Antonio several days this week.

Carrizo Springs is still going upward with that railroad bonus.

The Record's subscription list is growing steadily.

Do like the best, buy your Xmas gifts from HALL, and display good judgement.

G. M. Sales was down from Millett one day the early part of the week.

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R. J. Jennings is back in the city after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dobie were in from the ranch during the week.

Seeded raisins, currants, citron lemon and orange peel, at S. Cotulla.

Can please you and your purse, come and be convinced. It won't cost to look and get prices, HALL.

Joe Backow was in town from Artesia this week and left a dollar for the Record.

The merchants expect a rushing business all next week if fair weather prevails.

Judge F. B. Earnest returned Tuesday night from a business trip to San Antonio.

Sheriff bill returned Wednesday from a week's absence down the country.

Get to Earnest & Earnest's office early Monday morning if you want your choice of the lots on East Heights.

Pecans, walnuts, almonds, peanuts, coconuts, and Brazil nuts at S. Cotulla's.

County Clerk G. H. Knaggs returned Saturday night from a business trip to Austin.

Jos. Cotulla went up to the Alamo City Thursday on a business trip.

C. E. Wrenn is building the Baptist Parsonage, which will be ready for occupancy in a short while.

Orville Carr now has the agency for the White Star Laundry with basket at Gouger's Store. Basket shipped every Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Dunham went to Laredo Wednesday to visit Mrs. S. V. Edwards, Mrs. Dunham's daughter.

Make your best girl happy by buying her one of those fine baskets of candy for sale at S. Cotulla's.

I can save you money on nice handsome Xmas gifts. Remember the engraving is what makes them so popular. HALL.

Farmer and Clarence Jennings came up from Zapata county Thursday and will spend the holidays in Cotulla.

John Nicholson and J. D. Hanker returned from Laredo Monday morning where they went to see the Bull Fight and Fiestas.

Knaggs & Jennings are now comfortably located in their new office on Front Street and ready to fix up anybody that's looking for a good land deal.

Old Santa Claus has shipped an unusual supply of his goods to Cotulla this season and will be here on the night of the 24th to distribute them to all the good little boys and girls.

Roland A. Gouger received another car of wagons and farm implements this week. This car is the second car of this kind he has handled this year.

Give your Laundry bundles to Orville Carr for the White Star Laundry, the best Laundry in San Antonio.

W. P. Battler who sustained a sprained ankle about a month ago by a wagon wheel passing over his foot, was able to be in town this week but he is still on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Chappell arrived Saturday from Hyatt and will remain until after the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson, at the Ranch.

East Heights lots are going, but they are not going to start till Monday morning. You will have an opportunity to get just what you want if you get to Earnest & Earnest's office early enough.

It is better to be happy than sorry. That is why I ask you to look over my line of handsome Jewelry and Silverware before buying elsewhere.

HALL.

Walter and Ham Russell left last week for Ft Worth where they have positions in the Wells-Fargo Express Company's office. They carry with them the good wishes of many friends here.

Ira C. Jennings came up from his Zapata county ranch on the Owl train Tuesday night. He said everything was lovely along the Rio Grande and land buyers were about as numerous as they were in this section.

East Heights property is the property that is going to be valuable, because of its location. It cannot be equalled for residence property. High and healthful. Magnificent view. No better investment can be found. Easy terms.

G. M. Magill, one of the first men to open up a large tract of land for settlement near Cotulla, was here this week closing up a deal for another section, and also on business connected with the new State Bank, which he informed us would open on Jan. 2nd or 3rd.

Mr. Nichols, representing a Kansas syndicate was here this week looking for a large tract of land. He was very much impressed with some tracts and it is probable that he will return later. He wanted to see the coast country and left for that section Wednesday.

W. M. Barwell, ex sheriff of La Salle county, who is now in business at Amarillo, is here with his family visiting his mother and other relatives. Mr. Barwell says Northwest Texas has had a tremendous boom and land is way out of sight in price. They will be here until after the holidays.

Light Bros., & South shipped in a carload of horses and mules from San Antonio for sale Monday. The tide seems to have turned. Always heretofore the shipment has been the other way, but the immigration to La Salle has created a scarcity and demands for work stock. Mules and horses are very high now. It does not take an extra pair of mules to bring \$300.

Geo. R. Newman, a prosperous ranchman from the Northern part of the county accompanied by Mrs. Newman, was in Cotulla Tuesday Christmas shopping. Mr. Newman seldom gets down to Cotulla unless its to attend Court or tax paying time, as his trading point is Dilley. While in the city Mr. Newman called on the Record and paid his subscription up till 1909. He said he didn't know when he would be back here again, and he wanted to be dead sure the paper kept coming.

East Heights, the new residence addition to Cotulla will be opened up for sale Monday, as you will note by the page ad of Earnest & Earnest in this issue, who are exclusive agents for the property. A magnificent view of the town can be had from almost any lot on this property and it is an ideal site for residences. The fact that Cotulla is growing and going to grow faster will make this property valuable in a very short time, because of its unequalled location. It is six blocks from the business center and on a high, healthful plateau overlooking the town.

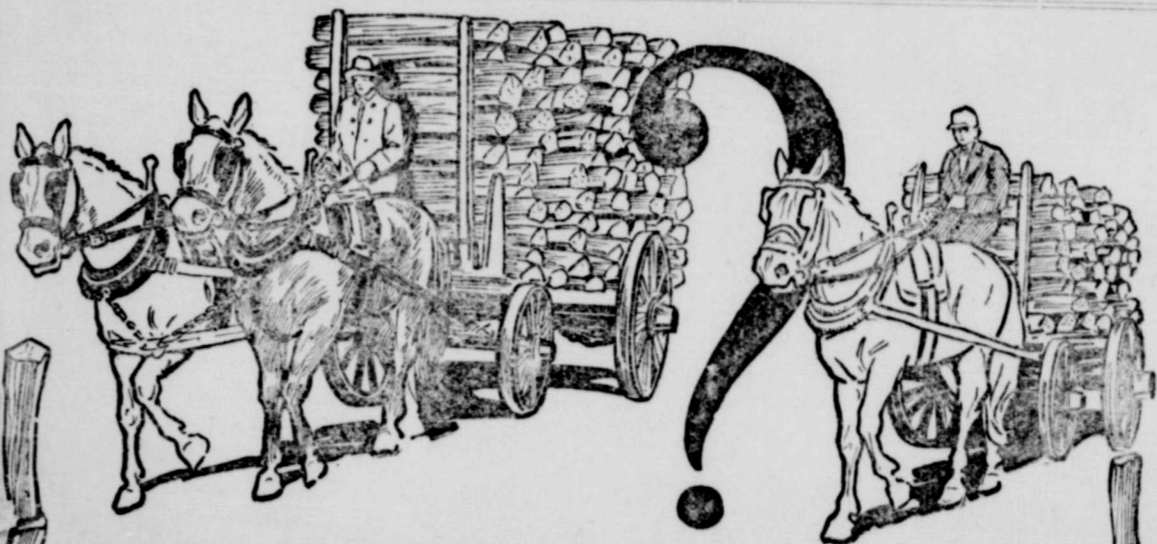
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GEO. E. TARVER.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Little Kerner Rogers is very low with fever. She has been sick for a couple of weeks.

"Sunshine" Hawkes, 18th.

Candy for your best girl at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

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See the magnificent display of cut glass at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mrs. J. B. Shull was in Cotulla from Millett Thursday trading.

Candy for the children at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Miss Rosa Held of Millett was in Cotulla Christmas shopping Thursday.

Fancy candy in fancy packages, at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Rev. F. A. Barnes will be here and occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church tomorrow.

Buy your Xmas presents from Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Sunshine Hawkes at the Court House Tuesday night. Don't fail to hear him.

Our 15c candy, pure and wholesome at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Candy for the toothless at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black are in from the Ranch today.

Don't fail to read all the ads in the paper. It will pay you.

Mrs. Taylor of Devine is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Simon Cotulla.

The Stockmens Saloon carries a first class line of Wines and Whiskies.

J. D. Hanaker and John Nelson have formed a partnership in the real estate business and have an office upstairs next door to the Telephone Exchange.

If you want to make your girl a present, call and select it from our hand painted Japanese ware, Hall & Bowen.

K. Lantry Bonner, Dr. Wooten and party of hunters from Austin who have been in the Binton pasture returned home this morning. They killed eight deer.

Mrs. M. J. Barlow is at home again after an absence of several months. For the past few weeks she has been at Mineral Wells for the benefit of her health.

E. M. Irvin was in from the ranch during the week.

Will Jackson, the telephone man, went up to Millett Friday.

Don't forget that the best assortments of dolls is at K. Barwell's.

W. C. Irvin came in from San Antonio yesterday.

M. J. Barlow is fitting up the little place just South of Hall & Bowen's for another office.

You can get that Christmas present at any of the stores you see advertising Christmas goods in this issue.

The first childrens party of the season was given at Mrs. S. L. Chalk's last night. The little folks had a great time.

Mrs. Stanfield, who has been here for several weeks visiting her son, W. B. Stanfield, returned to San Marcos yesterday.

The new livery stable has been doing a rattling good business since it opened. They have ten teams, and all of them are out nearly every day.

It is tax paying time now, but very little taxes are paid until January when there is a continual rush. The penalty goes on after Jan. 31st.

Mrs. Chas. Obetts of Moore is here spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Simon Cotulla.

Messrs D. C. Bollenger, Wesley Mann, and Judge Surrat of Waco, J. T. Maltzburger, W. A. Kerr, and P. A. Kerr of this place, are out at the Catarina ranch on a deer hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Chappell and Miss Florence Oliver left Monday morning for Mr. Johnson's Zavalla county ranch to spend a couple of weeks hunting.

Gus Jeffrey, agent for the Austin Nursery was here this week delivering orders taken in the spring. He delivered 2000 trees in the vicinity of Cotulla, most of them being peach and plum. Mr. Jeffrey says he has more orders to deliver a little later on.

T. R. Keck, the lumber man, says it's a terrible job to keep in lumber, as he sells it faster than he can get it shipped in. Somehow the railroads are awful slow hauling it from the mills. He told us Thursday he had bills for ten cars and none of them were in sight.

Tax Payers Notice.

Notice is hereby given the Tax Payers of La Salle county that I will be at the following named places on dates specified, for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1906:

Millett, Jan. 8th.
Artesia, Jan. 9th.
Encinal, Jan. 10th.
Dulls Ranch, Jan. 12th.
Sanz Ranch, Jan. 14th.

Warning is given that after January 31st, a penalty of 10 per cent is added to all taxes not paid.

W. T. HILL,
Tax Collector, La Salle County.

For Sale.

Three fat corn fed hogs. Will sell on foot or dressed.

W. E. Rock & Sons.

We printed this week, 1000 Envelopes for J. W. Campbell & Sons, Carrizo Springs; Millett Mercantile Co., 500 Envelopes; G. M. Berry, Encinal, 500 Note Heads, 500 Envelopes; C. C. Thomas 500 Litho Letter Heads; Earnest & Earnest 500 Letter Heads.



Your Christmas Suit.

CHRISTMAS!

Had you realized that there were only seven more shopping days before Christmas? It is time you were looking around and making your selections before the best of everything is gone. In your rounds don't fail to stop at our store if you want to see some elegant holiday goods. We have everything from the cheap toys to costly gifts.

Come to See Us Early Next Week.

We have Toys of every description. Cheap ones and higher priced one. You can surely get what you want. Tricycles, Express Wagons, Dolls, Doll Chairs and Beds, Doll Go-carts, Pop Guns, Hobby horses, Drums, Air Guns, Bugles, Pianos, Tables Dishes, Carts, Balls, and other things by the dozen.

Some Suggestions.

- Child's Tea Sets, decorated, 24 pieces,\$1.50
- Child's Tea Sets, 24 pieces,\$2.50
- Child's Hand painted China Sets, 16 pieces,\$2.50
- Doll's Toilet Set,\$1.50
- Book and Pencil Boxes and Satchels for children.
- Dolls—The finest line of Dolls in town. Kid-bodied, jointed, from \$2.25 down.
- Lap Robes—Something substantial. **\$5.00**
- Shirtwaist Patterns—Brilliant, figured, per yd. **75c**
- Fascinators—all colors 25c to **75c**
- Chocolate Sets—China Chocolate Sets \$2.50 and **\$3.50**
- Chocolate Pots—\$1.00 to **\$2.00**
- Chinaware—A large line of hand painted Chinaware. Three or four piece Tea Sets, Berry Sets, Salad Bowls, Nut Bowls, Cake Plates, Cuspiders, Celery Dishes, Fern Bowls, Cracker Jars, Toast Bowls, Fruit Bowls, Cups and Saucers, Toilet Sets.
- Glassware—Fancy water sets **\$1.50**
- Lamps—Beautiful Parlor Lamps **\$5.00**
- Hand Bags—Patent leather and full leather 35c to **\$2.00**
- Traveling Cases—Mens Traveling Toilet Cases **\$8.00**
- Shaving Sets—Shaving Sets from \$3.50 to **\$5.00**
- Suspenders—Nice of Suspenders for boys. Good Suspender **05c**
- Handkerchiefs—Silk Handkerchiefs for men. **50c**
- Cuff Buttons—A splendid line of Cuff Buttons 25 and **50c**



- Carving Sets, Stag and Buckhorn, something very nice.
- Mexican Drawn Work, the real article.
- Hand painted China and Opal Ware.
- Trans-parent hand painted ware. Entire sets \$17.50 will sell by pieces.
- Toilet and Manicure Sets up to **\$10**
- Shirts—Fancy Madras **\$1.50**
- Shirts, \$1.00 to **\$1.50**
- Handkerchiefs—Nice line of white Embroidered Hdks, 5c 10c, 15c and **25c**
- Hats—Black and white, all sizes for boys, 40c to **\$1.50**
- Half Hose—Fancy Half Hose. Best line in town 25c and **50c**
- Neckware—Four-in-hand, silk midget 25c to **65c**
- Scarf Pins—A nice gift only **50c**
- Mens Hats—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 to **\$8.00**
- Shoes—Mens Patriot Shoe in all styles and sizes **\$3.75**
- Souvenir Shoe for men **\$4.00**
- Pilgrim Shoe for men **\$3.00**
- Pluck Shoes for men **\$2.50**
- Our family shoe for men 2.50 and **\$2.75**
- Our family shoe for boys 1.75 and **\$2.00**
- Spring Shoes for boys **\$1.50**
- Eizey R. shoes for boys **\$1.75**

COUPON HOLDERS: All persons holding Coupons on to get a Machine for \$25. After that date it will take \$50 Busy Bee Talking Machines must cash them in by Jan. 1st, in order to get a Machine.

Corner Front and Center.



Cotulla, Texas.