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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JAN. 5 1907.

\$1 IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE LINE DOWN THE RIVER.

WORK OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AT ONCE.

Will Connect Black, Cartwright, Burk
and Dobie Ranches With Outside
World.

Within a very few days work will commence on a telephone line that will run down the Nueces river for a distance of thirty miles and connect a big lot of territory with the outside world.

This line is to be built by J. M. Dobie, Mrs. A. Barks, Jno. R. Black and Matthew Cartwright. It will follow the Ft. Ewell road, and branch wires will run from the main line to the ranch houses of the builders. Later, no doubt, every farm and ranch house in the territory will have connection from the main line, which will have connection with the Southwestern Exchange at Cotulla.

This line is to be built in a first class and substantial manner. Cedar posts will be used in construction. These posts were shipped in here from East Texas last week.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS OF NATIONAL BANK INCREASED.

Amount Has Been Subscribed and
Certified to By Comptroller of
Currency.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Stockmens National Bank of Cotulla on Dec. 26th the capital stock of the institution was raised \$15,000 and the surplus 20 per cent, making the capital and surplus \$90,000. Since that date the \$15,000 stock has been subscribed and certified to by Comptroller of Currency.

There will be another meeting of the Stockholders next Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers.

NOTES FROM RIVERDALE.

Riverdale, Texas, Jan. 1.—One of New Year's resolutions is that I will be more punctual in giving you the news. However, you must excuse us this time, for we have been as busy as a hen with one chicken to cluck and scratch for.

Onion transplanting is about over and these warm balmy days are making the plants start out in a way that please the onion man.

Several bales of cotton was raised here last year and it is probable that the acreage will be increased if there is a probability of a gin being put up nearer than Millett or Woodward.

We suppose the Commissioners' Court will do something with the trail that was cut out on the west side of the river as an outlet for us to get to town, before onions are to haul. There will be about 20 acres to go over it to market.

We have a Sunday School organized and expect to get a railroad from Rockport to Carrizo Springs in the sweet bye and bye.

Mr. Ed Rock of Wichita Falls, spent the holidays here visiting his parents and having a good time generally.

Walter Daniel from the University at Austin enjoyed Christmas with home folks.

Master George Russell has been here since Christmas day hunting and taking physical culture harrowing behind a pair of mules to develop the lower limbs and pushing an onion plow for chest and arm muscle development. Such exercise develops muscle faster than the training for a prize fighter. Nothing like good straight farm work for physical development.

The Misses Rock and Misses Daniel accompanied by Messrs. J. H. Daniel, Walter Daniel, Price Daniel, Claude Rock and Jesse Rock attended the Lyceum last Friday night at Cotulla and report a good time.

Today we noticed two dagger

plants in bloom and saw a king snake out-spring himself and when startled he glided away as if it was in the month of May.

BILLY SELDOM.

Road Straightened.

The Ft Ewell road through J. R. Black's pasture has been straightened by Mr. Black, which not only makes a shorter route but a better road. Straight roads are needed all over the county and it will pay ranchmen who are cutting up their pastures to straighten them at their expense. At the same time it will be of great convenience to the traveling public.

WARNING.

All parties concerned are hereby warned that the Sunday law will be strictly enforced in La Salle county, and your attention is directed to Arts- 199 and 200 Penal Code.

Art. 199. "Any merchant, grocer, or dealer in wares or merchandise, or trader in any business whatsoever, or the proprietor of any place of public amusement, or the agent or employe of any such person, who shall sell, barter or permit his place of business or place of public amusement to be open for the purpose of traffic or public amusement on Sunday, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars." ****

Art. 200. "The preceding article shall not apply to markets or dealers in provisions as to sales of provisions made by them before 9 o'clock a. m., nor to the sale of burial or shrouding material, newspapers, tea, ice cream, milk, nor to the sending of telegraph or telephone messages at any hour of the day, nor to keepers of drug stores, hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, livery stables, bath houses or ice dealers, nor to telegraph or telephone offices."

W. T. HILL, Sheriff of
La Salle County.

RAINFALL LAST YEAR ABOVE AVERAGE.

GOVERNMENT GAUGE AT COTULLA
RECORDS 27.58 INCHES.

Three Years Previous Precipitation
Between 21 and 25 Inches.

The rainfall at Cotulla during the year 1906 as recorded by the Government gauge totalled 27.58 inches, which is above the average. For three years previous to the fall was between 21 and 25 inches. The fall at Cotulla last year was 6.98 inches greater than at San Antonio, the total at the latter station being 20.6 inches.

Following is a record of the precipitation by months.

January.....	.92	inches
February.....	1.50	"
March.....	.37	"
April.....	1.01	"
May.....	5.25	"
June.....	2.18	"
July.....	1.07	"
August.....	1.04	"
September.....	6.80	"
October.....	3.10	"
November.....	2.81	"
December.....	1.53	"
Total.....	27.58	"

Land Deals.

Ernest & Earnest sold this week to Long & Gloss of Monticello 180 acres of the Landa lands near Millett for \$10 per acre. Also 160 acres of land near Tuna sold to J. M. Natt

per acre.
J. M. Daniel sold for Magill & Co. section 23 and 24 on South side of Nueces river to Frank Knotts of Wagoner, Ill. Price \$10 per acre.
Ernest & Earnest sold lots 1 and 2 East Heights to Mrs. S. A. Pease. Also two lots 3 and 4 to F. Pease.

The Newcomer's Introduction.



PERSONALS.

J. W. Hornsby is in from the Catharino ranch where he has been drilling a well.

LOST.—Gold ring set with three opals. Reward. Finder return to this office.

W. McKey

Chas. Vesper, who has been in New Mexico for the past two or three years is back at home again and says there's no place like Southwest Texas.

Frank Knotts, of Wagoner, Ill., who owns a half interest in what is known as the Poole Irrigation here. Mr. Knotts has

ran a man from the of the county is in town today.

J. D. Watson, an abstractor of San Antonio is here with J. M. Daniel and will make a complete abstract of La Salle County.

Miss Minnie Briscoe and Miss Mae Howard of Devine are in the city the guests of Mrs. J. D. Motheral.

no more sects. river and will improve them.

The visiting teachers to the La Salle county Institute this week were: W. L. Fumlinson and Miss Ethel Fuller of Millett, Miss Mollie Wingren of Harris Creek, Miss Marie Garza, Encinal, and E. B. Brown, Artesia.

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We did an enormous business all the Fall. We had a vast incase of business during the Holidays and our shelves are looking empty, but we will soon have them full again. We begin the New Year with high spirits and look forward to a greater business than in the year just closed. We thank our old customers for their past business, and ask for a continuance of same. To the new settlers we extend a hand of welcome to our store. Come to see us and make yourself at home. If you didn't give us your trade in 1906 "turn over a new leaf" and give it to us in 1907. Yes, a New Leaf may be in nature a novelty in the month of January, but in business we turn the mistakes of the past and if you made a mistake in where you traded last year cover up your error with a resolution to do business hereafter with The One Price Store.

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J. M. DANIEL, Associate Editor

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SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1907

Get busy!

Incorporate the town.

Don't forget and write it 1906.

Prosperity held the upper hand in 1906.

There'll be a hot old time up in Austin pretty soon.

Don't get run over by the progressive band wagon.

Have you broken your New Year resolutions yet?

Senator Foraker knows how to get in the lime-light.

Cotulla wants a new two story school building. Must have it.

LaSalle will be right in line with another big onion crop this year.

The Record wants 1000 new readers this year. Just watch us.

The onion growers along Nueces are rejoicing over the ideal weather we are having.

All things come to him who waits—but it doesn't pay to hold your breath till it comes.

Did you know that La Salle is the center of attraction in Southwest Texas just now? It's a fact.

The New Year is here and the people of Cotulla should unite and work for the upbuilding of the town.

That Brownsville affair has stirred up things mightily, and it has begun to look as though the ball had just started to rolling.

Some new business buildings are to be erected in Cotulla in the very near future. A good town is bound to grow.

If the county does not hurry up and fence and beautify the Court House Square the ladies of the Optimistic Club declare they will do it themselves—provided of course an injunction is not sued out against them. Hurrah for the ladies!

Sheriff Hill says the Sunday law will be enforced in La Salle county and he has publicly warned all saloon keepers, merchants, etc., to that effect. There will not likely be any arrests because we believe all concerned will comply with the law without a kick.

Assistant Attorney General Purdy who has been at Brownsville for the past week taking evidence in the Brownsville outrage, has concluded his duties and the result of his investigation will be given to Congress. It is said that he secured evidence which shows that some of the shots were fired from the inside of Fort Brown.

Well?



The deer season has closed, and while the greater part of the two months in which the law allows bucks to be killed was unfavorable for hunting, many met their fate. It has been suggested that the hunting season is too early in this section of Texas, and we believe that it is, as we seldom have much cold weather in November or December.

No one is so independent as the farmer; he doesn't have to truckle; if he is insulted he can resent the insult without fear of losing trade, and there is no earthly reason, with the improved farm machinery he now has in use why he should not have a week's holiday and such.

One best-informed men in any calling. Why shouldn't the farmer be all this and more? Surely he has the possibilities.

The Optimistic Club of Cotulla is circulating a petition to the officials of the I. & G. N. railroad asking said company to present the Artesian well on the East side of the track to the Club. No care is now taken of the well and water is allowed run off, creating unsanitary conditions. If the Club can get possession of the well they propose to put it in first class shape so that it will be a benefit to the town instead of a nuisance as it now is.

We propose to give our readers the best in the shop during 1907, and ask for a continuance of the liberal patronage of the people. We have tried in all possible ways to show our appreciation of the liberal patronage given us since the establishment of the Record. In the columns of our paper we have fought for our town to the best of our ability. We would not be egotistical, but believe that by using this paper as a weapon we have been enabled to render some assistance to the enterprise and growth of our county and town.

Cotulla needs cleaning up. We hate to say it, but it is the dirtiest town in Southwest Texas and the negligence of the business men is responsible for this condition. Shipments of goods are unpacked and wrappings and straw thrown into the streets and are scattered broadcast by the winds. Old boxes and many other objects of like beauty are piled along the sidewalks. Water from one or two windmills in the business center is allowed to frequently flow down alleys which have been made a dumping ground for trash and are in a very unsanitary condition. Prospectors are coming in here by the dozens, and not one can have a favorable impression of the town. Let's clean up.

Opening of New State Bank.

The doors of the "Cotulla State Bank" will be thrown open Monday morning, January 7th, at 8 a. m. for transacting of a general banking business. Mr. G. M. Magill, of San Antonio, President of Boerne State Bank, also an extensive land owner in La Salle, Dimmit and Zavala counties and who has the welfare of our town, county and the general improvement of this entire section at heart, is President.

Mr. Frank B. Ernest, a well known citizen of this town and county is Vice President.

V. H. Harding, recently of San Antonio but formerly of Bay City, where he held position

the Bay City National Bank and Colorado Valley Rice Milling Co., is Cashier and will soon move his family to Cotulla.

Mr. Jno. H. Gallman, Assistant Cashier, needs no introduction, having been identified with a successful business here for five years.

Miss Kate Barwell, Jno. M. Daniel, Roland A. Gouger and H. C. Lane, all well known enterprising, reliable and prominent citizens of La Salle county, in conjunction with the President, Vice President and Cashier constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

The new bank has excellent outside connections and will be able to care for all the business that may be offered it.

It is the purpose of those in charge of this new banking enterprise to work for the interest of Cotulla and La Salle county, and to this end they will extend to its friends and patrons every concession consistent with a conservative and non-speculative banking business. The public is entitled to and will receive courteous treatment at all times. The fact that the institution is conducting its business, in good part, on the public's money will be recognized and that this fact comes with it the obligation of administering this trust as one not wholly private. This is an enterprise for Cotulla and La Salle county and it cordially invites and will endeavor to merit the confidence and support of the citizens of the county. Its officers will be glad to have the citizens who visit Cotulla call at the bank, in the Lowry building. They want your business and will use all honorable and safe means to secure and hold it.

The fellow who stops his paper because he becomes offended at some item that does not suit his fancy, always imagines he is getting even with the publisher, but he is never missed. This only happens occasionally, for there a few people in any community who imagine a paper should contain nothing but what they approve of.

Here is a minister who appreciates the editor. At a recent editorial convention he offered the following: "To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay for it promptly. To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair, send him every item of news of which you can get hold. To save him from poverty, write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early as possible. To save him from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes."

Payers Notice.

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

Malak, Jan. 8th.
Artesian, Jan. 9th.
Encinal, Jan. 10th.
Dull Ranch, Jan. 12th.
Sauz 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.

Directory

CHURCHES

METHODIST—Rev. T. G. Woods, Pastor, regular services every 2nd and 4th Sundays. Sunday School every Sunday. T. R. Keck, Supt.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. F. A. Barnes, Pastor. Regular services 1st and 3rd Sundays. Sunday School every Sunday. F. A. Barnes and J. H. Gallman, Supts.

BAPTIST—Rev. W. G. Gilstrap, Pastor, regular services every 1st and 3rd Sundays. Sunday School every Sunday. Song practice every Tuesday night.

SOCIETIES

A. F. & A. M.—Cotulla Lodge No. 892A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night after the full moon of each month. W. A. KERR, W. M., C. E. MANLY, Secretary.

EASTERN STAR—Eastern Star meets Friday afternoon before full moon in each month. W. G. Johnson, W. P., Mrs. L. A. Kerr, W. M., Mrs. L. W. Gaddis, Secretary.

W. O. W.—La Salle Camp No. 125, Woodman of the World, meets every 1st and 3rd Monday night of each month. ROLAND A. GOUGER, C. C. B. F. CLAUON, Secretary.

TOWN TALK.

Everywhere you go you hear people talking about SAL-TE-NA, the wonderful new laxative that cures Headache and Constipation.

Every drug store in the city is having a big sale of this new remedy which is an Effervescent Fruit Seltzer that makes a sparkling drink.

SAL-TE-NA in addition to its laxative qualities, acts as a Tonic and Bracer.

A dose before breakfast acts gently on the bowels, clears away the headache, and makes one feel good all day. You will hear from this laxative in one hour after taking it.

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THE MOST MAGNIFICENT LINE EVER BROUGHT HERE. WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN FROST BUILDING.

ROLAND A. GOUGER, Cotulla, Texas.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN THE WOODS.

Early on the morning of Dec. 28th, E. M. Finch and two sons, Herbert and Stanley Finch, Austin, and Roland A. Gouger of the Record man left town on week's hunt. We headed South about 4 o'clock of the same evening pitched camp on the trees 20 miles below Cotulla.

All took a round that evening and Roland Gouger shot a fine buck, so we had venison in camp for the first meal. The "chuck" wagon in charge of Monico Guiterrez, arrived about 5:30, and a couple of hours later our crowd was enforced by the arrival of Rev. B. H. Passmore, B. F. Claunch, L. W. Gaddis and Dr. Motheral. Our party had killed plenty of quail and ducks and "ad" Finch captured a 35 lb fish, so that night for supper had venison, fish, duck and quail.

Thursday morning was very foggy but all the boys were out of camp by daylight. About 8 o'clock Bob Gomez, a cook on another outfit, met Dr. Motheral over three miles from camp making about five miles an hour and headed toward Castroville. Bob had no idea where we were camped but did not desert the doctor. Just after noon Roland Gouger and Stanley Finch started out horseback in search of the medicine man. They found him and Gouger dismounted and Finch and the Doctor started to a camp on the horse. Then one of them got lost, and they had to ride the horse to death in vain effort to find camp and later, for they were getting very hungry by this time. Finally they gave up and concluded to make the bridge off the horse and let him try to take 'em in. It was a wise idea, for the old horse made a bee-line for camp and Finch wasn't more than a half mile off.

When they arrived Doc related some of his experiences. Said he found a deer "scrape" under a peculiarly shaped persimmon tree early in the morning and afterward found nine trees with "scrapes" by them just exactly like the first one he had seen. He left camp with a pair of deer horns to "rattle up" a buck with but said they got too heavy to carry and he threw them away; he later found another pair like them about five miles from where he threw them away, and again, when he thought he was at least ten miles from the place, ran across the deer horns again—just like the ones he threw away. Then it dawned upon him those nine persimmon trees with deer "scrapes" under them were all one and the same; that the two pair of deer horns he had found were the ones he threw away, and that he had been traveling in a circle all the morning. Finch and Gouger both stated that they would make oath before the Bailey Investigating Committee that these were facts as they found a well-beat-out trail around

that persimmon tree.

That afternoon the doctor saddled his horse and steered him up the middle of the road for town. He said life was too short to be spending it in the mesquites and pear, and he ran too narrow an escape that morning of being lost for good, and he didn't care to risk himself outside of a big road any more.

Unfortunately we had gotten into a place that had been well hunted out with dogs, and what few bucks were there were sly old fellows and staid in the tall timber. The weather was unusually warm.

Thursday night Ned Lann brought out Will Hester and Walter Edwards from Stockdale who remained with us till the end of the hunt. Rev. Passmore and Mr. Gaddis returned to Cotulla with Mr. Lann next morning.

An abundance of quail and duck were killed each day and "Dad" Finch and Frank Claunch kept the camp supplied with fish. Frank's appetite was so great that he had a awful nightmare every night. He also ran a narrow escape of being court-martialed for letting his gun go of in camp.

Friday night, the chief hunter, Roland Gouger turned up lost and it took several rounds of ammunition to bring him into camp. We had expected a cold norther by Saturday but that day dawned clear and by noon almost summer weather prevailed, so Stanley Finch who had brought his kodak along to get a snap shot of a dozen or so big bucks hanging in camp didn't get to use it.

Sunday morning early we broke camp.

Frank Claunch placed a decoy duck in a lake near camp and just as we were ready to leave for home somebody passed the news to Walter Edwards that there were ducks on the lake. That gentleman grabbed his gun (38-winchester) and it out. He spied the big old "green head" and opened up. Took three plugs at it, and then marched back to camp with a smile of satisfaction on his face. Frank was on the other side of the lake and fished out the duck and when he brought it into camp Edward owned up the treats were on him.

Although the weather was not favorable for deer hunting we had all the venison we could use on the hunt, an abundance of smaller game and fish, and there was not one in the crowd who did not have a bully good time.

HUNTING PARTY.

Jack Neal took a hunting party to the Cross S Ranch last week. The personnel of the party: B. Howard, E. Arbyde, Preston Perry, Lord Coffield and two sons, H. and Jule, of Rockdale, Dr. H. T. Coulter, Mr. Peterson, of Devine, Lee Berryman and Mr. Bailey of Palestine. Fourteen big bucks were killed.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The principal social attractions of the holidays were the balls at the Skating Rink Building. The first one on the night of Dec. 21st, was largely attended and on Christmas eve night the big building was crowded. The Masquerade was one of the most enjoyable affairs that has been pulled off in Cotulla for quite a while. The last of the series of dances was given on the night of Dec. 31st.

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. J. A. Landrum last Monday night, Dec. 31st. A large crowd was present and there was not a more pleasant affair during Christmas week.

A large crowd heard Spillman Riggs at the Court House on 28th, and enjoyed his lecture very much. Mr. Riggs is a rare entertainer.

There was a Christmas Tree at the Methodist Church Christmas eve, principally for the children of the Sunday School, but the tree was open for all who wished to put on presents. Old Santa Claus was there and distributed bags of candy and apples and some nice presents.

At the Baptist church the Sunday School had prepared a nice and interesting program, which was rendered before the arrival of old Santa Claus who distributed the presents from the heavily laden Christmas Tree. The little folks enjoyed the visit of old Santa very much.

Wednesday night, the 27th, there was a Tree at the home of Mr. J. A. Burwell for the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School. Santa Claus was there too and many little fellows were made happy.

HARGUS-LOCKWOOD.

Miss Mary Hargus, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hargus of this city and Mr. Eugene Lockwood were united in marriage Sunday morning, Dec. 23rd, Rev. T. G. Woods officiating. The contracting parties are well known and have many friends who wish them a long life of happiness.

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Santa Claus—These up-to-date flat chimneys do pull a fellow out pretty thin. The Pocketbook—I find the modern Christmas leaves me pretty thin, my

As Others See Southwest Texas.

Jno. R. Black Tells Iowa Newspaper of the Finest Climate in the World and Predicts that this Section will Compete With Southern California in Small Grain Growing.

W. J. COLEMAN, RECENTLY FROM MISSOURI WRITES LETTER BACK TO HIS COUNTY PAPER AND TELLS SOME OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE AND ARE BEING DONE IN LA SALLE.

While Jno. R. Black was at Council Bluffs, Iowa, spending the holidays he was interviewed by a reporter of the Daily Nonpareil, in regard to Southwest Texas. It was as follows:

"The greatest climate in the world," declared John R. Black, who returned Sunday night from Cotulla, Texas, where he is in charge of the development of a 23,000-acre tract of land recently purchased by a group of Council Bluffs capitalists with whom he is associated.

"We have had two light frosts this winter, an unusual thing at this season, although it is not uncommon to have one or two touches of frost during the winter. It did not harm garden stuff, however, and the families which went there from Iowa have fine gardens containing lettuce, tomatoes, and other produce flourishing. Tomatoes mature there nearly the year round. The six families we have so far located there are abundantly satisfied. Some of them are from this city. We have completed the house which I am to occupy, and are moving in. Several smaller residences are under way, and will be completed about January 10."

Demonstrate Possibilities.

One of the first objects of Mr. Black and his associates will be to demonstrate the almost untold possibilities of Texas soil and climate in the vicinity where he has located. That tract lies twelve miles east of Cotulla, in the valley of the Neuces river, and irrigation will be used in the cultivation of the land to an extent. Mr. Black's purpose, however, is to demonstrate the possibilities in the direction of scientific farming. In western Nebraska, where the Campbell system of scientific farming has been tried, it has been found to raise good crops with an average of about ten inches of rain or less per year. In Cotulla the records show an average rainfall of about 25 inches, well distributed throughout the year.

Tries Scientific Farming.

Mr. Black is very sanguine that scientific farming will prove a great success there. One of his first moves was to purchase a large number of mules, harness and other equipment, including all necessary implements and machinery. About one hundred acres of small grain, including wheat, oats and rye, has been put in and is coming off finely. The possibilities of small grain in that vicinity without irrigation have never been proved, the country having been almost entirely given over to cattle raising. The grain which has been put in has been doing splendidly, Mr. Black says, and he says he never saw winter grain look better anywhere. He believes southern Texas will compete with California in small grain raising.

Land Prices Booming.

As an illustration of the boom which the advent of northern men and capital has given that region, Mr. Black cites one instance where a 20,000-acre tract which was offered to him for \$3 per acre, but which he rejected because the soil did not suit him quite so well as the tract he finally purchased. Another man bought it, paying \$20,000 down, and has since resold it for \$8 per acre, thus cleaning up a neat little nest egg of \$100,000 clear profit.

Another tract of about the same size, which was offered a few months ago for \$3 per acre has since been sold for \$7.50 per acre.

Full of Good People.

"One of the best things about this country," said Mr. Black this morning, "is the people. In the north the idea prevails that the Texans are rough and uncultivated. They can give us lessons in behavior. An ordinance against profane or boisterous and indecent language is strictly enforced in Cotulla, and the people observe it with apparent willingness. The only offenders I have known since I went away were men from the north who were in the habit of using profanity. One of the sights of San Antonio is the Back Horn saloon, so-called because of its wonderful collection of deer horns and other curiosities. The collection fills several large rooms, and the proprietor, who has made the collection the hobby of his life, has been offered \$75,000 for the part of his collection for which he has no room. I was with a party of men and women who went through the place. We were treated with courteous politeness. The place was crowded, but everybody made way, tipped their hats and asked pardon when we were accidentally jostled. Not a rough or profane word was heard during the visit."

Southern Hospitality.

"One finds the warmest hospitality, and the country is full of good people. In the country districts Sunday schools are maintained, generally meet at the houses of the various members. We have been received with the most charming hospitality in Cotulla, where the people have vied with each other to make us welcome."

Mr. Coleman's Letter.

In a recent issue of the Iron County (Mo.) Register we discovered the following letter written by W. J. Coleman, recently of Ironton, Mo., but who is now a citizen of Cotulla. Mr. Coleman tells his old friends what he thinks about La Salle county.

Cotulla, Tex., Dec. 15, 1906.

ED. REGISTER:—I am indeed a poor writer, but as there are so many friends in old Iron county that want to hear something, about southwest Texas, and as I know of no other medium better than the Register through which to reach them, I will, by your permission, try to tell them of some things which I have seen and heard.

First, we left Missouri the 18th of September, arrived at and spent two months in San Antonio, the largest city in the State, and a very interesting old place. There is much to be seen there connected with the early history of Texas, of which I may have something to say later. We are now located at Cotulla, a town 86 miles south of San Antonio, in the Neuces valley, on the I. & G. N. R'y. The climate is all that can be desired and very healthful, the land fertile and the people kind and sociable; good schools and churches, fine court house and jail, but the jail doors are standing open—no occupants.

This Neuces valley has been, and still is, one of the great pasture and cattle sections of the State. Only in the last four or

five years has there been any effort at agriculture. A few northern people have come in here, bought land, opened farms, and demonstrated that this is one of the greatest vegetable growing sections of the State. The land being so rich and the seasons so long, makes it possible to grow something all the year.

But you say, "I thought it was too dry out there to grow anything." True, it is a dry country, but they are getting more rain every year. The last five years there has been 28 to 30 inches rainfall (government report), which is not so bad.

I see corn growing here that yields 30 to 40 bushels per acre. Oats do well and make a large yield, and alfalfa has proven to be a success, making six cuttings a year. But, mind you, the farmers are not wholly dependent on the rainfall; they have large areas subject to irrigation and have their pumping plants in and irrigate from the river. The lands are surveyed so that each section fronts one-half mile on the river and extends back two miles, making 640 acres, giving a greater number of farms a chance at the river.

These rivers lands are very level and are being bought up very fast near the town and railroad. I was lucky enough to get a section within three miles of town and only two miles from a switch. It is practically all level and can be irrigated from the river. The pumping plant will cost about \$800.

These lands that are now under irrigation are making their owners rich, producing from \$150 to \$300 annually per acre. One tract near town sold last month for \$165 per acre; others are asking \$200 per acre—this means improved lands. Lands unimproved are selling from \$8 to \$20 per acre, according to location. The same lands a year ago sold at \$3.50 to \$6.

What do they grow here? Well, almost everything that grows anywhere. Cotton, of course, is the great staple of Texas, but corn, oats, alfalfa, cane, coffee, corn, milo maize and all kinds of vegetables, particularly the Bermuda onion, which yields from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds per acre. The farmers are just now (Dec. 15) busy cultivating their onions. They will mature and be marketed in April and May, after which the land will be planted to other fall crops, such as melons, beans, peas, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, cabbage and feed crops. But for fear I take too much of your time and space this time, will say adieu.

W. J. COLEMAN.

1907 is Here. What Will You do With it.

It brings with it 265 days. Will you use each day as a round in your ladder of success? Think and plan carefully the work of each and every day. Resolve to be a better and more useful man or woman. The world needs better and stronger men and women. Every individual should feel that he is a link in the great chain of progress, and that he owes it to his Maker to develop his full strength in the upbuilding of a greater nation and a greater people—a people who realize there is a hereafter and that all true success is based on honesty and square dealing. It is the duty of everyone to launch out on life's great sea full of determination, energy and push. Do something. Do it well. Prepare to accumulate wealth honestly from the great resources that are placed about you. Our Creator would never have filled the earth with innumerable treasures and covered it with a fertile soil, had he not intended that man develop the brain power with which to bring all these into use for the betterment of mankind.

We are living in a commercial age. While this be true, let us not forget that all true success even in a commercial way must be governed by the balance wheel of character and honesty.

Young man, young woman, get commercial education; get it in a school where some attention is paid to your moral training, surroundings as well as to your knowledge of bookkeeping, shorthand, penmanship, telegraphy, writing, grammar, Arithmetic, etc., a school conducted on business principles, not one that will give you no inducement than a thorough practical commercial education.

Attend a high toned, Christian school that will offer you no inducement than a thorough practical commercial education. You will enable you to win the confidence and esteem of your employers. Select a school that charges every one its full price for tuition and gives you 100c on the return. You will likely never attend but one commercial school so do not let some flashy deceptive advertising or special rates tempt you to make the mistake of your life. If it is an education you want, go to the school that is not bargaining you with railroad fare and out of pocket expenses, but one that offers as its only inducement a thorough practical course with the proper surroundings, that will place you in demand in the business world, and that guarantees every statement made in its advertising matter by refunding money at the completion of any course, if it is not entirely satisfactory and as a matter of course, refunding your railroad fare both ways, if upon arriving, you find their work is not as advertised.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

School opens Monday.

D. L. DeSpain was here from Artesia Thursday.

Whit Neal of San Antonio spent Christmas at home.

Miss Mary Hall is in San Antonio visiting relatives.

The Teachers' Institute has been in session all the week.

S. F. Elliott was in town during the week from up the Nueces.

Eugene Lockwood has been very sick with pneumonia this week.

Mrs. Armstrong of Austin spent Christmas in Cotulla with friends.

Farmers are breaking land in every direction.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jennings spent Christmas in San Antonio.

Guy Nevill spent Christmas in San Antonio with his mother's family.

Miss Effie Woodward spent the holidays in the city the guest of Mrs. T. H. Poole.

Mrs. Ed Cotulla and children of Laredo spent the holidays in the city with relatives.

John Henderson returned this week from Terrell where he spent Christmas.

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Miss Ethel Fuller of Millett has been here all the week attending the Teachers Institute.

Roy Woodward was down from Pearsall Monday to attend the dance that night.

Mrs. D. D. Saul of Pearsall spent several of the holidays here the guest of Mrs. P. A. Kerr.

Mrs. V. G. Maltzberger and children of San Antonio spent Christmas here with relatives.

Miss Janie Thomas, who is teaching at Minera this year, was at home for the holidays.

John R. Black came in Sunday night from Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he spent the holidays.

Miss Laura Salmon, who is attending school here spent the holidays at her home in Encinal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knotts were here during the holidays, the guest of Mrs. Knotts' mother, Mrs. Ida Reed.

Mrs. W. N. Young and little son Keeran, spent the holidays in Cotulla, with Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mrs. Young's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warren of Houston spent the holidays here with Mr. R. W. Warren and family.

Willie Keck returned Thursday to Georgetown to resume his studies in the University at that place.

Rev. F. A. Barnes was down from Austin for Christmas, and remained here until after New Year.

The New Year started in with beautiful weather. More like springtime than the dead of winter.

Misses Flora and Kate Chapman of Artesia were here during Christmas week visiting their sister, Mrs. R. A. Gouger.

I. W. Peters of Polk County is in the city. Mr. Peters is a carpenter and will locate in Cotulla. Carpenters are very much in demand now.

Mrs. Loula Bowen and two little daughters were here from Cuero to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Bowen is teaching at Cuero this year.

Mrs. W. A. H. Miller is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Dunham and Mart Edwards returned from Laredo first of the week, where they have been visiting for several days.

Walter Daniel returned to Austin Thursday after spending the holidays here with his mother's family. He is studying law at the State University.

Vernon Smith, the popular young clerk at Gaddis' Pharmacy went to Moore Thursday. He was called there on account of the sickness of his brother-in-law.

Rev. B. H. Passmore and wife of Ganado spent Christmas week here with L. W. Gaddis and family. Rev. Passmore killed a big buck while on his visit here.

Deputy U. S. Customs Inspector Woodlie Thomas was up from Laredo to spend Christmas with relatives. He says every thing is flourishing along the Rio Grande.

R. F. Jennings has returned to Zapata county after leading a week's strenuous life in the city. Said he thought he had enough society to last until the Fourth of July.

Otto Armstrong, who is attending College at Austin came down spent the holidays on a hunt. He killed two or three big bucks and went back feeling good over his vacation.

We are pleased to note the determination on the part of the ladies of the Optimistic Club to beautify the City of the Dead. This is certainly a most commendable move and deserves the cooperation of every citizen.

Miss Hazel Glass, a popular young lady of Lake Arthur, Texas, is in the city on a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. H. Poole. Miss Glass is well known to Cotulla young people who are glad to see her here again.

Miss Ester Burwell, who is attending school in San Antonio, spent Christmas week at home with her parents and young friends.

Prof. Daniel Smith, Supt. of the Cotulla Public School says he was the recipient of the finest Christmas gift in the land. A fine boy was born at his home Christmas morning.

No doubt there were many visitors in Cotulla last week that we failed to record, but we were off duty last week and if some item you expected should not appear in this issue, you know the reason.

Will Hester and Walter Edwards of Stockdale were here this week the guest of Roland A. Gouger on a deer hunt. They did not spend but a short time in the city however, after returning from the hunt, and R. A. says they had a kindly feeling for the Alamo that caused them to leave so soon.

Otto Fischer, the popular salesman for Deutz Bros. of Laredo, spent all of the holidays in Cotulla to the delight of his numerous friends. Mr. Fischer assisted the ladies of the Optimistic Club in their entertainment at the Court House on New Year's Day. He is a pianist of recognized ability.

W. C. Irvin was in town yesterday on his way to San Antonio. He says that Jay Adams, of the well known real estate firm of Adams, Kirkpatrick & Nicholson of San Antonio was down at the ranch last week hunting. He shot a big buck nine times and when he started to stick him, the buck jumped up and started off and not have any more cartridges, Adams grabbed it by the tail, and just about that time Will Hill stepped up and said something about "spare ribs and sausage," and Mr. Irvin forgot to finish his story. We don't know whether Mr. Adams has still got hold of deer's tail or not.

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New Years Reception.

The Ladies of the Optimistic Club gave a public reception on New Year's evening from 4 to 10 o'clock in the Court House at which chocolate, cakes and coffee and other delicacies were served.

The reception was largely attended and every one who called was delighted at the cordial and royal manner in which he or she was served and entertained.

The Optimistic Club contemplates improving and beautifying the Public Square and making other civic improvements, and it being known that money would be accepted for that purpose as a free will offering they received quite a nice sum.

The ladies had the Court House beautified and fashioned into a veritable bower of loveliness.

Prof. Otto Fischer presided at the piano and for hours discoursed the sweetest music. Miss Alice Copp recited with the ease, grace and eloquence of a trained elocutionist, a nice selection. Misses Loula Philippe and E. Bee Thomas each favored and delighted the audience with a solo rendered or sang in a manner which evidenced the training and culture they have each received at the hands of Mrs. Nona Lee Lane. And Col. W. A. H. Miller, by request of the Club delivered a short address on the objects and purpose of Women's Clubs generally, and of the Optimistic Club in particular. The speaker said he regretted that every lady in Cotulla for her own sake and for the good of the public were not active members of the Club. After the address which was well received, the reception closed and every one departed gratified at having attended and wishing the Club would often have public receptions.

Mrs. Frank Rock spent the holidays with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Ed Rock, a business man of Wichita Falls is here on a visit to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. Rock.

We call our readers attention to the card of John W. Willson in this issue of the RECORD. Mr. Willson is an attorney and real estate man and his office is next door to the post office.

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J. Frank Neal returned yesterday from an absence of two months in the counties Northwest of here. He has been with S. A. Wood, collector for the Spaulding Mfg. Co., and during their trip made the towns for Carrizo Springs, Batesville, Loma Vesta, Uvalde, Leakey, Barksdale, Rock Springs, Sabinal and several other smaller points.

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