

# The Cotulla Record.

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\$1 IN ADVANCE

## SKIDOO SALE AT K. BURWELL'S.

We will begin Stock-taking Monday July 8th and our "SKIDOO SALE" will go on at the same time. We will have an extra force and want to clear out

### All of Our Summer Goods

while the demand is at its height. Summer Skirts, ready-made, White Waists, Lawns, Embroideries, Laces, White Parasols, Fans, Canvas Shoes in gray, blue and white, will go at prices that are bound to make them

## SKIDOO!

### COMMISSIONERS PASS ORDER THAT GOOD ROADS BE BUILT IN LA SALLE.

ROAD TO CARRIZO SPRINGS WILL BE CLAYED AND PUT IN FIRST CLASS SHAPE TO COUNTY LINE—WORK WILL COMMENCE IN SHORT TIME.

At the last meeting of Commissioners' Court a committee from the Business Men's Club went before the Court and urged that the road from Cotulla to the Dimmitt County line be put in first class, passable condition. It was pointed out that there were fairly good roads in many parts of the county, but the road leading to Dimmitt's capitol was in an almost impassible condition; that it was a great hardship on the new settlers in that section of the County to travel it, and that the conditions would result in great loss of trade from Dimmitt County unless the road was fixed.

After some discussion an order was passed that each Commissioner proceed to put the necessary work required on all roads in their precincts, and authority was given Commissioner McMahon to clay the Carrizo Springs road to the line. This is the worst road in the county owing to the sandy country which it traverses.

In an interview with Commissioner McMahon in regard to the matter he said: "I expect to get to work on the Carrizo Springs road inside of fiftendays. The condition of this road has long been a disgrace to the county and the times has come when it should be fixed, and I expect to do it, as the Court has given me full authority to proceed. It will cost money to be sure, but all good things cost money and it will be worth many times what it will cost the people. I expect to do the work as cheap as possible. Clay can be obtained all along the road at a depth of eighteen inches, and at no place will it have to be hauled any distance.

We understand the county will

buy a grader for this job, which will save many dollars. Dimmitt county has a good grader which has given perfect satisfaction, and good work is done at a great deal less cost.

On with the good roads. We want them all over the county.

#### NOTES FROM MILLETT.

Millett, Texas, July 5th—Willis Johnson and family left last Sunday for San Antonio, where they are living at present. We regret to lose such good people from our community.

W. Garland, wife and baby of Lytle are here visiting Mrs. Garland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Earnest.

Millett has had two or three good showers this week but all were lighter in town than the surrounding country. The fall in some places was as much as two inches. All the farmers have a smile on their faces this morning.

Uncle George Fairchild, at one time a resident of this place, who moved away last fall, has moved back again.

Millett had a barbecue and ball game on the 4th. The ball game was called on account of rain in the first half of seventh, the score being 4 to 5 in favor of Cotulla.

A. Bagsley and wife are visiting in Von Ormy this week.

Mr. M. G. Manning of Pearsall is agent here during the absence of Mr. Bagsley. He took the town by surprise and went to Pearsall one night last week and got married. Miss Hagen, one of Pearsall's popular young ladies, being the bride.

### MINES ARE YIELDING WELL.

NEW DISTRICT IN NORTHERN MEXICO ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION.

San Antonio Express.

Saltillo, Mex., July 3.—Considerable interest is being taken lately in the Concepcion del Oro mining district, which is situated some seventy-five miles from Saltillo, and is connected with this city by the Coahuila & Zacatecas Railroad which is the property of the Mazapil Copper Company, Ltd., the richest mining organization in that section.

The latest reports from the Concepcion district is that all of the properties in that section are making an unusually fine showing and the larger number actually struck a bonanza.

The most noted mines in that district aside from those owned by the Mazapil Copper Company, which cover over 300 pertenencias, are the Las Bonanzas, owned by the American Smelting and Refining Company. The Los Lirios Socavon de Azuria for which \$600,000 gold has been refused, and which is owned by R. Dresel of Monterey, is considered among the finest properties in that section. The General Escobedo mine, a new prospect, which adjoins the Dresel property has also struck rich ore.

Other properties in the neighborhood of Mazapil, where the new railroad, for which a concession has been granted, will traverse, are also showing considerable activity.

Mining men predict that the Concepcion del Oro district will be the coming mining section of Northern Mexico.

The above item which appeared in the San Antonio Express of Thursday last, was of particular interest to a number of Cotulla people. A stock company was organized here this week which owns and will at once begin to develop

one of the most promising mining properties in the Mazapil district.

The company is known as "La Merced-Alaska Mining Co." and a charter has been applied for and will be issued this week. The directors of the company are Frank B. Earnest, T. R. Poole and C. E. Manly, of Cotulla, and Hon. Marshall Hicks and Hall P. Street, of San Antonio. Mr. E. S. Potts, an experienced mining man, who spent several days here this week on a visit to his old friend Judge Earnest, is to be Superintendent and left for the mine on Wednesday to open up the work.

The great activity in the district and the fine showing made by properties there has encouraged the incorporators of this new company to hope for good results from their venture. As the stock is held by Cotulla and San Antonio people there will be much interest felt here in the enterprise.

#### WRITING UP COTULLA

Mr. F. C. Stier, representing the Southwestern Development News, of Muscogee, Okla., is in the city getting a writeup of this section to appear in the August number.

#### Town Property Deals.

T. R. Keck sold to S. Taylor lots 5, 5, and 6 in block 29, dwelling etc, for \$1600.00.

W. F. Earnest sold lots 4, 5, and 6 in block 21 to A. A. Norton, of Wharton, Texas. Price \$350.00.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Newt Ramsey, of Artesia, is in town today.

Born—Saturday, June 29th, a fine boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kerr.

S. W. Chapman of Waxahachie is here stopping with Roland A. Gouger.

Lost—Broach, 8 leaves, set with 8 opals. Reward for return to this office.

Who Wants 18 or 20 head of hogs, under half crop both ears. Apply to W. B. STANFIELD, 8 miles west of Cotulla.

### RALLY OF CITIZENS LAST NIGHT FOR GREATER AND CLEANER COTULLA.

NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS RAISED BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION IN LESS THAN TWENTY MINUTES FOR FENCING PLAZA AND CLEANING UP TOWN.

The entertainment of the Business Men's Club and the Ladies' Optimistic Club at the Roller Skating Rink building last night for the purpose of raising funds for fencing the Plaza and cleaning up the streets and town in general, was a brilliant success.

A very large crowd was present, and an especially large number of ladies graced the occasion by their presence. A splendid musical program entertained the crowd until ten o'clock when Judge Earnest, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Business Men's Club, in a few words announced the object of the meeting. Mr. John W. Wilson followed in a five minutes talk on civic improvement.

Mr. Wilson was followed by Col. W. A. H. Miller, who made an eloquent plea to the broad-minded and big-hearted citizens to grasp the opportunity at hand to push Cotulla to the front and make it the best town south of San Antonio. After talking ten minutes he asked if there was anyone in the house who would give \$50 for the purpose specified and ten men answered to that call. In less than twenty minutes \$778.00 was raised, and a number of people who were not present will come up liberally. They will be solicited and their names and the amounts given published in the next issue of the Record.

#### AMOUNTS SUBSCRIBED

W. T. Hill	50.00
L. A. Kerr	50.00
L. W. Gaddis	50.00
W. G. Henrichson	50.00
W. I. Nicholson	50.00
W. A. H. Miller	50.00
T. R. Keck	50.00
John W. Willson	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$778.00</b>

C. C. Thomas	50.00
John M. Daniel	50.00
Tarver's Store	25.00
K. Burwell	25.00
Roland A. Gouger	25.00
J. D. Motheral	25.00
John P. Guinn	25.00
V. H. Harding	25.00
G. H. Knaggs	25.00
Frank B. Earnest	25.00
Chas. E. Neal	25.00
R. H. Hall	15.00
Cotulla Record	10.00
C. B. Burwell	10.00
B. Wildenthal	5.00
Simon Cotulla	5.00
W. F. Earnest	5.00
Jeff Oliver	1.00
Lee Keethley	1.00
W. A. Cox	1.00

The above figures show the liberal spirit in which our people are taking a hold of things, and Cotulla will be an entirely different town in another twelve months.

### TERRIFIC DOWNPOUR AT DOBIE RANCH.

A telephone message from the Dobie ranch states that a four inch rain fell there Wednesday night. Just how much territory the deluge covered was not learned, but it did not extend this way very far. At the Conlan ranch the fall was about half an inch.

A general rain fell all over Southwest Texas Tuesday night, but over this entire section it amounted to just half an inch.

For Sale—One team good work horses—TALBOTT & GUTHREY.

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J. M. DANIEL, Associate Editor.

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Every lick you hit for your town counts.

Cotulla is a good place to invest your savings.

Rockefeller is about to be cornered at last.

Next month will be the month for planting fall crops.

All is well that ends well, but often a good start is half the battle.

Good roads are a necessity that the newcomers to La Salle are demanding.

Keep your eye on that Business Men's Club and you will see something doing.

It is now said that Cotulla will soon have trolley line connection with Woodward.

Every week there are deals in Cotulla property. There's something doing all the time.

and every should have a few trees.

Don't forget to go to the polls Tuesday, July 16th, and vote to incorporate Cotulla for school purposes.

One more time the Glorious Fourth has passed into history and the list of killed and wounded is as large as usual.

Advertisers say that the Record gets results. Everybody reads the Record and if your ad is in it, it will be read.

One of the finest wells for medicinal purposes in the United States has been found in La Salle County and a movement is now on foot for the building of a large Sanitarium.

La Salle County will put in first class condition the road from Cotulla to the Dimmitt County line. This has been needed for a long time but the settling up of the country demands it more now than ever.

We thought this about the warmest place on earth during the recent hot spell, but reports from West and North Texas show that we had no kick coming whatever. Last Friday and Saturday the thermometer registered ten degrees warmer in West Texas than in this section.

This is the time of the year the country newspaper man is kept on the hop and skip to rake up news items enough to fill his columns. The quiet of good old summer time reigns and the reporter has to do some deep digging to dig up any news at all. But if it is not supplied we've got a cussin' a comin'.

## The Town Beautiful

The beginning of summer is a season when the women of every village and town in the country may well organize work for the preservation and creation of beauty.

Streets, commons, schoolyards, cemeteries, all need constant care, and in many towns there are no officials who are entrusted with this duty. In fact, the men who work on the roads too often destroy beauty when they should protect it.

Enlightened park commissioners now encourage the growth of bushes and small trees beside the highway at great expense; but in the country regions these very bushes are cut away, with a misdirected zeal for making things tidy.

Ten women banded together into an association for beautifying and cleaning the town can accomplish wonders. There is a certain village where such a committee has wrought something like a miracle. They have put sidewalks in condition by picking off the stones, cutting side drains, and keeping the turf at the edge clipped. Waste-barrels have been set in different parts of the village; they are emptied twice a week, and relieve the streets of the hateful, wind-blown papers. The bill-board nuisance has been abated. The women have painted in a pleasant green an old covered bridge, which has been disfigured with advertisements for twenty years. They have also set up a well drained iron watering-trough, in place of an unsanitary wooden one.—Youth's Companion.

## Horses and Dogs Used For Food.

Stockman and Farmer.  
Consul Geo. N. Ifft, in reporting that high-priced meat has greatly increased the consumption of horse flesh and dog meat throughout the German Empire, especially in the densely populated industrial centers, writes from Annaberg:

"During the year 1906 there were slaughtered for food in the Kingdom of Saxony (which contains one thirty-sixth of the area and contains about one-thirteenth

of the Empire) 11,922 horses and 3736 dogs. This is an increase of 224 horses and 133 dogs over the year 1905. In all Germany, during the year 1906, there were slaughtered for food 182,000 horses. This is an increase of about 20,000 over 1905, and of about 47,000 over 1904.

\* Complete figures in regard to the slaughter of dogs for food in Germany I have not been able to secure, but fragmentary statistics indicate that the total number was about 7000—probably more rather than less.

In the City of Chemnitz alone 698 dogs were slaughtered in 1906, an increase of 88 over 1905, and during the same period 1070 horses, an increase of 87 over 1905. While these two items show an increase of 175, the total number of animals slaughtered for food in that city during 1906 was 1785 less than in 1905. Saxony also consumed 214,640 head of cattle (steers, bulls and cows), 422,831 calves, 1,112,714 swine, 207,082 sheep and 74,247 goats. These figures, excepting those for the goats, are all slightly lower than those for 1905.

"Horseflesh is very generally advertised in the German newspapers, especially in those of the large industrial centers, and most German cities have at least one market which makes it a specialty, claiming for it a higher percentage of nourishment than that of either beef, veal, mutton or pork. Neither is it unusual to find advertisements of dog meat, or for the purchase of dogs for slaughter.

"Nor is it possible to read the German newspapers for any length of time without coming to the conclusion that a great many dogs are killed and eaten that do not give up their lives under official inspection. News items detailing the arrest, trial, conviction and punishment by fine or imprisonment of men charged with killing and eating dogs that belonged to others, sometimes valuable animals or cherished household pets, are not

infrequent. Quite recently such an item told how the police at Cassel, a city of Hesse-Nassau while searching for a lost dog, for whose recovery a reward was offered, located a private dog slaughter house and arrested four men who were apparently making a regular business of stealing and killing dogs. Several live dogs, several freshly slaughtered carcasses and evidences of the slaughter of dozens of other dogs were found on the premises.

## SAN ANTONIO'S FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMPTIVES

S. A. Express.

For many years tubercular patients have sought the dry, health-giving climate of west and Southwest Texas, and in most cases those who came before the disease was too far advanced were restored to health and many of them are now among the best, most prosperous and most public-spirited citizens of the State.

It has been the policy of Texas not only to welcome, but to invite the health seekers to come and share our climate to regain shattered health and then, if they saw to do so, to become permanent residents and to assist in building the country.

Naturally a great many indigent consumptives and incurables were attracted to the localities favorable to recovery from pulmonary complaints and which was accredited with so many cures. The doors of welcome swung wide open and there were no restrictions. South and West Texas therefore became the dumping ground for consumptives of all States and sections, and a situation was created which finally demanded prompt and energetic action for the protection of the citizens.

Dr. Paschal states the case fairly when he says that San Antonio has been most dreadfully imposed upon by indigent consumptives.

They make their way from every state in the Union to reach this Mecca. The hospital records show that the greatest number of consumptives cared for here do not live in the city.

They are taken to the city on the trains to the institution, where they remain until they die. Then their deaths are charged to the death rate (from consumption) of this city until we now have the unenviable reputation of having more deaths from that disease in proportion to the population than any other city in the United States. This information is given by the Federal Government health reports, which are issued weekly and annually, and which are sent out by the hundred of thousands to our own and foreign countries.

Having awakened to the need for protection against this sort of imposition complained of, hardships have been inflicted upon the unfortunates who were in the hospital, and for whom, in a spirit of humanity and Christian Charity, some provision must be made. There is no question that the doors must be closed against the further influx of indigent consumptives and the contagion of advanced cases of the disease. The afflicted may still come and be restored to health when it is considered advisable to admit them, but the whole community approves the measure of protection proposed by the State Health Officer in quarantining against hopeless consumptives.

The community must provide for the care and treatment of those who are already here or for their deportation in a proper and humane manner while resolutely closing the doors against the admission of any more such undesirable comers. It is not imaginable that indigent consumptives now here be allowed to want for necessities.

## LAND BARGAIN

FOR SALE—Northwest quarter of section five, block one, of the Cotulla Ranch, one mile north of the Cotulla Cemetery, at \$17.00 per acre, on reasonable terms if sold at once. All fine level open land.

Look over the land and if interested address

J. W. SUTHERLAND,  
Florence, Texas.

## Remarkable Free Offer

Half Million Now Using Sal-Te-Na

The Mutual Drug Company of Cleveland, Ohio, have arranged with our local druggists to accept the TEN CENT COUPON printed below, the same as cash, in part payment for SAL-TE-NA, Effervescent Fruit Seltzer, their wonderful cure for Headaches and Constipation.

SAL-TE-NA is a safe, certain cure for these troubles and acts quickly.

Take a dose of SAL-TE-NA before breakfast, and the bowels will move copiously in one hour. It doesn't grip and is pleasant and agreeable to the most delicate stomach.

Children like to take it because it is pleasant to the taste and delightfully effervescent.

Every one of our readers should take advantage of the liberal offer of the Mutual Drug Company of using the 10 cent Coupon.

This offer is only for a limited time. The Coupon with 15 cents will pay for a 25 cent bottle of SAL-TE-NA. Cut out the Coupon at once and present it at your nearest drug store. Act at once.

**10c TEN CENT COUPON 10c**

This Coupon, with 15 cents, will pay for a 25 cent bottle of

**Sal-Te-Na Fruit Seltzer**

at any drug store when signed below:

Name.....

Address.....

State.....

Not Transferable. Only one bottle to each person. Good in any City.

For sale at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

### Where do You Buy 'Em?

Do you get your groceries at any store, or do you trade in a certain place? Whatever you do we want you to make a note of our name. You may not always be perfectly satisfied where you are, and then we'd like to have a try at satisfying you. If the best quality of goods, reasonable prices, and courteous treatment fail to satisfy you, you must indeed be hard to please.

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

**For Sale**—One team good work horses—TALBOTT & GUTHREY.

Max Goeth left Monday for Marble Falls.

Col. W. A. H. Miller left Monday night for San Antonio, on business.

W. C. Held of Millett, was seen on our streets one day this week.

W. I. Nicholson came down from San Antonio on Thursday's train.

Delbert Neal and sister Miss Mary spent Sunday at Covey's Chapel.

Shanon Burris made a business trip to San Antonio last week.

Mrs. Jim Tarver and children spent several days in San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams of Prairie View were in Cotulla Monday.

Miss Lizzie Campbell of Carrizo Springs, is in the city visiting friends.

W. T. Mulholland returned Sunday from Tilden where had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Authur Reed, returned home first of the week from the Alamo City.

Miss Nell Jennings returned Monday from San Antonio where she has been visiting for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McMahon left Monday morning for Abilene, where they will visit relatives for some time.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Adams left first of the week for their home in Devine, after a week's stay in Cotulla.

Wright and Sam Peace returned to their home in Cuero Sunday after spending several months with relatives in Cotulla.

Miss Loula Philipe, left Monday for Moore where she will be for several weeks, visiting Miss Florence Oliver.

Mrs. J. Guy Reed and little daughter, Leoline, of San Antonio spent the week here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Wonder returned Monday from Covey's Chapel where they attended the Fifth Sunday meeting.

**Thoroughbred Jersey Bull**—Season at my place one mile North of town. Small pasture. Service guaranteed. Price \$5. J. H. GILBERT.

Messrs Bob, Gus, and Earnest Taylor, returned to Devine, Tuesday after visiting their sister Mrs. Simon Cotulla, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Gates and son left Sunday for Cuero, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Misses Fannie Adams, and Don Cook, of Devine, returned home Tuesday morning after spending a few days in the city with Mrs. Simon Cotulla.

Jim M. Hearne, night operator at the I. & G. N. Depot, left Monday for Kilgore, where he will spend a week visiting his parents. Mr. Brackenridge from Encinal will hold down the office during his absence.

**Wanted**—Good man to take charge of irrigating proposition, to plant crop of fall tomatoes and an onion crop on shares or for wages. Good lay to right man.  
Address A. H. MILLER,  
Cotulla, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—I have a few choice young pews, high grade Jerseys, the kind any child can milk, that I am offering for sale as they come fresh in milk. Write me. I might have just what you want.  
BRUCE ROBERTS, Devine, Texas.



Hoax—My grandfather lived to be nearly ninety and never used glasses.

Joax—Well, lots of people prefer to drink from the bottle.

"Talk about dreams coming true—I dreamed last night that a burglar entered my room, took my watch from the dresser and sneaked out before I could catch him. I woke up, jumped out of bed and looked for the watch."

"Was it gone?"

"No, but it was going."

"Doctor, what do you think is the matter with my little boy?"

"Why it's only a corrusted exegesis antispasmodically emanating from the germ of the animal refrigerator, producing a prolific source of irritability in the periermal epidermis of the mental profundity."

"O, that's what I told Betsy, but she 'lowed it was wurruns."

The other night a Hallettsville young lady—of unknown age—was visiting a neighbor's and on arriving home was all out of breath. "When I was coming across the street, she said, all out of breath. 'I saw a man skulking in the shadow, and oh! how I ran!' And her little brother then butted in and asked innocently, 'And couldn't you catch him?'"—X

As Hartwell, a New York lawyer, stepped from the train to the platform of a little Virginia station, a negro porter advanced and touched his hat. "I know yo' is a drummer sub. Show me where yo' grips is, and I'll carry um up to the hotel."

The lawyer smiled in a quizzical way. "I am a drummer," he said, "but a drummer of brains."

The porter sniffed suggestively as he said: "Huh, fust time ever I seo a drummer as didn't carry no samples."

He—How different are the customs in different parts of our country!

She—Yes, I believe so.

"I have just returned from Dakota, and one day in the hotel I heard a merry bell ring out. 'Some one is going to be happy; the merry wedding bells, I suppose?'"

"Well, somebody is to be made happy," he replied, "but not from being married. That is the courthouse bell, and somebody is about to get a divorce."

This is a true story of a lady organist in a church not a thousand miles from Tilton, N. H.

On going into church one morning she noticed that a new minister, a stranger, was in the pulpit. Previous to this she had had considerable trouble because the blow boy would let the wind out of the organ when she needed it most. So she wrote a note, saying, "Blow, blow hard; blow all the time until I tell you to stop" and calling the blow boy gave it to him.

The boy, supposing the note was meant for the minister, without opening or reading it, carried it to the pulpit. The minister's surprise and the organist's confusion in consequence was about equal.

A newspaper man having asked Elihu Root how long he thought the American occupation of Cuba would last, got off the following story in reply. A kindergarten teacher asked a class of boys.

"Have you a warm coat?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Can you take off your warm coat?"

"Yes."

"Can a bear take off its warm coat?"

"No."

"Why cannot the bear take off his warm coat?"

This puzzled the youngster for a moment, and then one cub on the back row yelled:

"Cause God only knows where the buttons are."

**"Texas Beer for Texas People"**

There is satisfaction in knowing you have a perfectly healthful and absolutely pure beer—doubt assured when it's

**ALAMO**  
BOTTLED BEER

Thoroughly aged and matured, rich and full-tasting, the height of beer excellence.

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The newest modes of the summer season find expression in a beautiful showing of "Diamond Brand" Pump, Oxfords and Button Oxfords, varying in price from \$2.00 to \$5.00, that add distinction to the most fashionable costume.

TRY ANOTHER DEALER IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM

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Mrs. A.—And is she such a terrible cook?

Mrs. Z.—Terrible is no name for it. Why, she burns up everything, breaks all the dishes and chases the children out of the kitchen with a broom.

Mrs. A.—Why don't you discharge her?

Mrs. Z.—'Sh! I am waiting to give her a good recommendation to someone I dislike.

When they had broken into a dozen houses the burglars paused to see how they stood.

"Is there anything else worth taking in the neighborhood?" the short man asked.

The tall man pointed to a stately mansion not far off.

"That," quoth he, "is the home of the general council of a dozen trusts. If we could break in there and take some advice, it would come handy, in case we should be caught."—Puck.

The late Andrew J. Dam, a well-known hotel man of New York, was, at one time of the civil war, proprietor of a hotel in New Bedford. A number of colored citizens interested in the formation of a military company called upon Mr. Dam, and informed him that they would be glad to form the company and allow him to suggest the name, provided he would be willing to pay for the equipments.

"Congressman T. D. Eliot has fitted out a company of white men, and throughout the war they will be known as the Eliot Light Guards," said the spokesman of the colored men.

"Well," said Mr. Dam, "if I am to equip and organize this colored company, I shall insist that they be known as the Dam Black Guards!"

The military records do not show that such a company was ever organized.—Boston Herald.

**Summers Cool**  
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Needlessly suggestive and wholly unnecessary is the proposition advanced by Prof. Sterling, a noted English scientist in advising woman to cultivate the wink with a view to bring about a more complete enslavement of mankind. His argument is good in that the effectiveness of fine eyes may be immeasurably enhanced through tactful management; but he is simply tottering natural gas to Newcastle, don'tcher know. The born flirt begins to practice on us before she is five, and never the woman lived who hadn't learned her lesson fairly well before she reached the maidenly goal of sweet sixteen.

There are novices, and awkward squads and past masters, tis true; but the utility of the feminine eye is well known to the sex, and its power contributes to our happiness, our hopes and desires, and our defeat and undoing, every day. Those bespectacled prudes who in convention in New York recently hailed with glad acclaim a resolution favoring the blindfolding of chorus girls through international edict knew what they were doing. But what a blow to lyric art—and what a frost on trial matrimony as practiced in our great social centers including Paris and Pittsburg. Douse her glad glances, and what could the poor girl do? Imagine if you can, brethren, the result if that wireless telegraphy which obtains on State street in Chicago, or on the only Broadway, were abolished—the consequent wreck and chaos where are now busy and prosperous divorce courts—that withering blight which must come to suburban flats and violet beds—howling holocaust which would sweep all-night cafes and all-right hotels off the face of the earth—if Maymesie was not permitted to use her persuasive eyes. There is always the attractive woman; but the sightless beauty of the Venus De Milo never made a date or bought a bottle—it is the laughing eye, voicing, witching, fascinating invitation and languorous love—that feminine sixth sense—as turns mamma's pictures to the wall, gets a move on papa's miscellaneous expense,

one eye as the ally of other charms may mislead mankind, yet in their limpid depths there is always the truth and never deception. The gentle pressure of her hand—the smile of endearment and kindred tokens of affection—the soft spoken pledge in addition to seeming physical and mental surrender—all these may be simulated as they often are. Nature has endowed my lady with qualifications wherewith if she so will she befools and easily blinds. But in her eyes the gods of love and passion both abide, ready and eager to hail the one man as conqueror and king—in these windows of the soul he whom she truly loves sees surely mirrored in his own image. The man who as he quaffed the wine of life from brimming and cherry lipped beaker never saw the flaming banners of devotion and desire twist smiling, loving, half-closed lids of maid, wife or mistress is dullard and dolt—or cuckold indeed! The loving eye is a diamond rare—a priceless jewel to the man whose coming it awakes to beaming, bewildering beauty—only let him beware, for the market is glutted with artistic imitations.

But, brethren, though she uses her eyes to mislead and deceive us as she does, it is to be hoped she will not resort to the wink. The wink is naughty and there is no need, for to most of us one soft, appealing, wistful glance is quite enough. And if her heart is set on it and one doesn't do the trick, why she always has another with which to nail the gate. The wink is unnatural—not nice—and wholly unnecessary in most women because physical perfection and innumerable fine gradations of feminine genius have too many admirers now. If it were only the other fellow's sweetheart or wife it might be permissible, if shrouded in proper privacy—but if your own, such conduct would be positively unpardonable. Best to forswear the wink, ladies—don't—you might be misunderstood.

A Chicago woman left her husband because he swore at her when she asked him to hook her waist up at the back. Possibly the poor fellow had just finished a struggle with his own collar button.

## THE WEEVIL-EATING BIRDS.

By H. W. Henshaw.

The main purpose of this circular is to direct the attention of the cotton growers and others in the cotton-growing states to the importance of birds in the boll weevil war, to emphasize the need of protection for them and to suggest means to increase the numbers and extend the range of certain of the more important kinds.

Investigations by the Biological Survey show that 38 species of birds eat boll weevils. While some eat them only sparingly others eat them freely, and no fewer than 47 adult weevils have been found in the stomach of a single cliff swallow. Of the birds known at the present time to feed on the weevil, among the most important are the orioles, nighthawk, and foremost of all the swallows (including the purple martin.)

Six kinds of orioles live in Texas, though but two inhabit the Southern States generally. Orioles are among the few birds that evince a decided preference for weevils, and as they persistently hunt for the insects on the bolls they fill a place occupied by no other birds. They are protected by laws in nearly every state in the Union, but their bright plumage renders them among the most salable of birds for millinery purposes, and despite protective laws considerable numbers are still killed for the hat trade. It is hardly necessary to point out that their importance as insect eaters everywhere demands their protection, but ore especially in the cotton belt.

The nighthawk or bullbat, also renders importance service in the destruction of weevils, and catches them on the wing in considerable numbers, especially during its migration. Unfortunately the nighthawk is eaten for food in some sections of the South, and considerable numbers are shot for this purpose. The bird's value for food, however, is infinitesimal as compared with the service it renders the cotton grower and other agriculturalists, and every effort should be made to spread broad-

east a knowledge of its usefulness as a weevil destroyer, with a view to its complete protection. Of all the birds now known to destroy weevils swallows are the most important. Six species occur in Texas and the Southern States. The martin, the barn swallow, the bank swallow, the roughwing and the cliff swallow breed locally in Texas, and all of them, except the cliff swallow, breed in the other cotton states. The white-bellied or tree swallow, nests only in the north, and by far the greater number of cliff swallows nest in the North and West.

The barn swallow.—The barn swallow is not as common in the South as in the North, apparently owing to the absence in the South of large barns in the interior of which it can find a congenial home. Whenever the barn swallow occurs its presence should be encouraged in every possible way. The barn and cliff swallow, and for that matter all other birds, during nesting time are subject to parasites. Some of these look like bedbugs, and are indeed rather closely related to that very objectionable insect. Man, however, is safe from the attacks of these particular insects, since they live only on birds or in their nests and will soon perish apart from their normal hosts. Hence, no one pearancecwfvyppoSrd hrdllud need to fear to encourage the presence of swallows under the eaves of houses or about barns.

Roughwing.—This swallow is common in the South, nesting in the crevices of rocky cliffs, in sand banks, holes in masonry and in abutments, under bridges and in similar places. Protection is all this swallow needs to enable it to thrive and increase. Bank swallow; sand swallow.

This bird in appearance and habits is so similar to the roughwing as often to be taken for it. It is common wherever it finds sand banks in which to dig holes for its nests. Unlike the roughwing it usually builds in good sized colonies, which, if protected from mischievous boys and destructive cats, will flourish. It is desirable to increase the number of colonies to the utmost extent, and in a region where sand and gravel

banks abound this is easily done by cutting down the banks to make smooth faces good for nests and devoting them exclusively to the use of the swallows.

*Cliff swallow; mud dauber.*—Seventy-five or one hundred years ago this fine swallow was rare east of the Mississippi, being abundant only in the West, where about suitable cliffs to which the bird attaches its mud nests. Within recent times, however, it has become numerous throughout the North, having discovered that the eaves of barns and outbuildings are satisfactory substitutes for cliffs. The species is already present in Western and Southern Texas, and, if protected and its presence encouraged, there would seem to be no reason why in time it should not extend its range over the entire cotton growing area; but no practical method of hastening its occupancy of new territory has so far been suggested. In Germany the presence of a related species about dwellings is so much desired that artificial nests are made of clay or other suitable material and sold by dealers to be put up for the accommodation of swallows. Probably the same method would be found effective in this country.

*Martin.*—This, the largest and perhaps the most domestic of our swallows, occurs in summer here and there throughout the cotton states from Florida to Texas. Its large size, powerful flight, and the great numbers of insects (boll weevils among others) it requires for its own sustenance and that of its young make the martin the most valuable of its tribe to the southern planter; moreover, its habit of nesting in boxes provided for it renders its semidomestication comparatively easy, as its sociable disposition enables the size of a colony to be increased by the addition of new quarters to practically the limit of the local food supply.

Where martins occur sparingly it is not difficult substantially to increase the number of colonies simply by putting up additional boxes. As the settlement becomes populous, other boxes may be put up a mile or two away, and thus gradually the bird's range may be extended. It should not be forgotten that the nearer to the fields the birds are, the weevils they will destroy.

In districts not visited by the martins further steps must be taken to induce their presence. The practicability of transporting martin holes containing parent birds and their young from one locality to another has often been suggested, and in at least one instance has been tried with success.

The best time for the experiment is when the young martins are about two-thirds grown. Trap the birds in their houses, doors are so arranged as to close the openings when a cord is pulled, which is done after the occupants are in for the night. If close to a railroad the captives may be transported many miles by train before daylight the next morning. However transported, the house containing a colony of say six or eight pairs of old birds with their young should be moved as quickly as possible to the selected locality and fixed to a pole already set up. The doors may be opened the following morning before daylight. Should the old birds when released refuse to feed their young and desert them to return to their old home, a result especially to be apprehended if the parent colony be only a few miles distant, the only recourse is to bring up the young by hand, feeding them worms, grasshoppers, cockroaches, crickets, mealworms or other available insect food.

But should the old birds consent to remain in the new neighborhood and to rear the young, the probability of the return of both old and young the following spring is great. Even if deserted by their parents and after being hand-reared there is at least a fair degree of probability that the young will find their way back the following year to the place where raised and built in the houses provided for them. The practicability of this method of extending the range of the martin has yet to be tested by actual experiments on a large scale, but the value of the bird as an insect hunter, especially in the South, is so great as to justify the trouble and expense necessary to test the plan thoroughly.

The English sparrow is a formidable enemy of the martin, as it is of all swallows, and if a

martin colony is to thrive determined efforts must be made to prevent this pest from ousting the formidable enemy from the rightful owners and appropriating their boxes. The smaller swallows are quite helpless to resist the attacks of the foreign invaders, and soon abandon their homes for more peaceful regions. But the martin is a good fighter and would be able to hold its own against the sparrow hosts but for the fact that in its temporary absence the sparrows kill its young and throw out the eggs, so that sooner or later the martin has to give up the contest and abandon the neighborhood.

Martins are not at all fastidious about the outward appearance of their dwellings, and a large gourd suspended from the top of a dead tree or pole, or any kind of a weather-tight box or barrel, however rude, when divided into compartments answers their needs as well as the most costly and ornamental house. The rooms should be about 4 1-2 inches wide, 7 inches high and 9 inches deep, with entrances about three inches in diameter. They will not build close to the ground, having a wholesome fear of cats and other invaders; hence the houses should be elevated from the ground not less than 15 feet. Drinking water is essential for martins and all other swallows, and the presence of a small pond, lake or river greatly increases the chances for a colonization.

From the standpoint of a farmer and the cotton grower, swallows are among the most useful birds. Especially designed by nature to capture insects in mid-air, their powers of flight and endurance are unexcelled, and in their own field they have no competitors. Their peculiar value to the cotton grower consists in the fact that, like the night hawk, they capture boll weevils when flying over the fields, which no other birds do. Flycatchers snap up the weevil near trees and shrubbery. Wrens hunt them out when concealed under bark or rubbish. Black-birds catch them on the ground, as do the killedeer, titlark, meadow lark and others; while orioles hunt for them on the bolls. But it is the peculiar function of swallows to catch the weevils as they are making long flights, leaving the cotton fields in search of hiding places in which to winter or entering them to continue their work of devastation.

Means have been taken to inform residents of Northern States of the value of the swallow tribe to agriculturalists generally, and particularly to cotton planters, in the belief that the numbers of swallows breeding in the North can be substantially increased. The cooperation of the Northern States is important, since birds bred in the North migrate directly through the Southern States in the fall on their way to the distant tropics, and also in the spring on their return. Important as it is to increase the numbers of breeding swallows it is still more important to increase the number nesting in the South, and to induce the birds to extend their range over as much of the cotton area as possible. Nesting birds spend much more time in the South, and during the weeks when the old birds are rearing the young they are almost incessantly engaged in the pursuit of insects. It is not, of course, claimed that birds alone can stay the ravages of the cotton boll weevil in Texas; but they materially aid in checking the advance of the pest into other cotton states. Important auxiliaries in destroying these insects, birds aid in reducing their numbers to safe limits, and once in safe limits in keeping them there. Hence it is for the interests of the cotton grower to protect and care for the weevil-eating species and to increase their numbers in every possible way.

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## FINNISH WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT.

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## CANADA EIGHT philips Wp BOLL WEEVILS ABUNDANT

Prof. W. D. Hunter has a rather pessimistic outlook for the future of the cotton crop. The ever widening field has spread through most of Louisiana, four counties of Arkansas and in part of the Indian territory. The present backward season is much in their favor also, and a marked decrease in cotton output sure. The crop is from thirty to forty days late and as this is in favor of the weevil, the prospect is not too encouraging. In addition to the weevil the boll worm is ravaging almost every section.

## MEATS COSTLY.

The packers claim the inspection laws are responsible for the increased cost to the consumer. The loss to somebody of diseased cattle is not scarcely more than 2 per cent, but it is sufficient excuse for somebody to raise the retail price two cents.

**BOYCOTT PROBABLE.** Bisbee, Ariz., after suffering a loss of \$200,000 by fire, was saved from further devastation by dynamite.

From the announcements of examinations for mail clerks, the service must be short on help as twenty-seven states need clerks for the railway service. Many other lines of work are suffering from a shortage. Examinations will be held in San Antonio August 6.

The first and most important question to be discussed at the Hague conference is arbitration. It is the wish, especially of the United States, to make this the beginning of the end of the war.

**A 60,000 acre ranch in Coahuila** is being cut up in 250 acre tracts and will all be irrigated from the Nazas river. A syndicate is rapidly colonizing the farms. This is the first of the large ranches to be cut up, and if successful many more will follow.

If the Japs are not given what they consider their rights, very likely a partial boycott will occur. The Tokio chamber of commerce has addressed letters to many towns, also to President Roosevelt, asking that they use their influence in behalf of the Japanese in San Francisco.

Judge Loving, tried for the killing of the man whom he thought misused his daughter, was given a verdict of not guilty. The Virginia jury held the sanctity of the home inviolable.

Hoke Smith outlined his views in a noteworthy inaugural speech at Atlanta. He was greeted by an immense throng and great popular applause.

The war department has awarded contracts for the construction of two more first class battleships, each to cost about \$1,000,000. The balance of the \$13,000,000 appropriation will be spent in the construction of submarine boats, costing about \$300,000 each.

Senator Bailey at a recent speech at Grand Prairie declared war on all who have opposed him and will do his utmost to retire them to private life.

The state tax board has adopted the intangible value at 100 per cent. On the other hand tangible property was sealed to 60 or 70 per cent.

## MILEAGE OF TEXAS ROADS

The official mileage report of Engineer Thompson of the railroad commission gives 12,717 miles. This does not include log roads and interurban. Five hundred and sixty seven miles have been constructed the past year and 479 miles are surveyed and under construction, while 2127 miles are projected that it is thought is likely to be built.

A heavy electric storm did much damage at Palestine.

## LECTURERS AND ORGANIZERS MEET—A GREAT GATHERING OF FARMERS REPRESENTATIVES.

The great meeting of a great set of men gathered in Dallas last week. They were the lecturers and organizers of the State Farmers' union. They represented the greatest class of men the world ever saw or ever will see, a host of sturdy farmers. The work these men are doing in organizing the millions of farmers is more than any other band of workers ever did, farther reaching in results. Who can give rein to his imagination and forecast the tremendous probable outcome of the work done by the men assembled in Dallas?

The lecturers and organizers come from all parts of Texas and for three days held session fraught with interest to every man and especially to every tiller of the soil. These men came with unbounded enthusiasm, for they had been mingling with the workmen of the state and had seen the spirit of work and union that means success. They had seen the spirit of co-operation grow from community to community, from county to county, till all over the state there rests a spirit of union and self help never before known among the farming people of any nation or time. They had seen visions of the day surely dawning when the great body of toilers shall stand together, work together and win success as one united body of fellow men. No wonder the three hundred or more felt encouraged. No wonder they have gone back to their work with broader views and an unconquerable enthusiasm.

The great meeting was called to order in the Commercial club rooms at 10 o'clock Monday, June 17, and lasted three full days, with night sessions.

State Organizer D. J. Neill presided. Secretary B. F. Chapman of the State union acted as secretary.

Senator Foraker is still attempting to prove that the white people of Brownsville shot up their own town and killed and wounded their own citizens just to spite the negroes.

Richard Watson Gilder says he is convinced that the world is growing happier. We thought so, too, until we heard some of the remarks of our neighbors who had to shovel snow off the walk.

"The healthiest man is simply a mess of microbes," claims one cheerful germ expert. That explains why some men continually act as if something is biting them.

The New York Tribune is inclined to sneer at the South for sending such men as Jeff Davis of Arkansas to the Senate. And that is rather cruel, too, when you remember New York's superb Senatorial outfit.

A direct railroad will soon connect Los Angeles with the isthmus of Panama.

The result of the election in Philadelphia indicates a reaction in the moral wave of political reform. Having won half a victory, the people will be very all the political thieves shall have been banished.

Saturday three new companies advised the insurance commission that they wished to enter the state.

The Manhattan Life of New York is the thirteenth to give notice of withdrawal from the state when the Robertson law goes into effect.

The next valuation of San Antonio is expected to show \$5,000,000 more than the last report.

On July 23 the state association of county school superintendents will meet at Austin for a three days' session.

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A remnant of Hood's famous brigade met in annual reunion at Navasota Friday and Saturday. Senator Bailey was the speaker of the occasion.

A number of representatives from several southern states, in a meeting at New Orleans, declared for a "World's Panama Exposition" to be held in that city in 1915.

Subpoenas have been issued for the appearance of a number of Standard oil men. Information is wanted which their attorneys failed to give.

Aroused by a strike of 500 Italian track men on the New York Central, probably the 200,000 Italian railroad trackmen all over the United States will organize.

The Central Passenger association, centering at Chicago, will abolish second class fares as a result of the two cent fare law in many states.

The Fifty-ninth Congress seems determined not to leave much of a surplus in the treasury for the Democratic party to "view with alarm."

Governor Campbell has signed a deed of cession to the post property. The United States takes control, except the state retains concurrent jurisdiction with the United States. This gives state officers jurisdiction over persons amenable to state laws.

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## JIM—A REMINISCENCE OF SLAVERY TIMES.

By Frank E. Anderson.

Folks were always remarking the difference between Alick and Jim: the one, tall and straight and handsome—with long, scented curls and a victorious black mustache—a Gany-mede in gingerbread, whose business it was to wait on the table, but whose pleasure, to sport the Major's cast-off clothes—with a swagger unknown to his master; while the other, small, bow-legged and soot colored, was of a wistful countenance, and cleaned the Major's boots! Alick, who knew his worth—a thousand dollars had been offered for him more than once—was everybody's favorite, while even the kitchen bullied Jim, so he staid out in the cold until Alick led him trembling to that chair in the chimney corner nearest the cheerful flaming logs, and expeditiously thrashed big Joe, the leading persecutor. From that hour Alick liked Jim, but Jim loved Alick.

Their master, the Major, was of the ancient type. He was a believer in the militia, swore by Jimini and by Hardee, never tired of the Five Great Commanders, shrined Uncle Toby and our Army in Flanders in his inmost heart, and never missed the musters of the Blues. The night before parade, he laid out his regimentals, and set out his boots and retied early. On one of these evenings—it was in May and the perfume of roses tiptoed through the wide hall as, drunken with moonlight, the mocking-birds were singing in the sycamore before his door—he was going to his room, chanting Mother Goose to his daughter Rose, who was riding on his shoulder, when he encountered Alick and Jim.

"I reckon I know what you're after," he said to Jim, fumbling for silver. You want some change for smartening me up."

"Yas'r; thank you, Sir," replied Jim, pouching the coin. "But might I be gwine ter an' Diner's break-down?"

The Major roared with hearty mirth, in which the silvery laughter of the little one was sweetly tangled. "What! with those legs?"

Timid Jim shrank back, and the cause would have been lost had not Alick struck an attitude, caricaturing the Major's most dignified posture, and suggested:

"He's to fiddle; he can do it better'n any man ten mile round; an' I'll dance fo' bofe, ef you'll let us go."

"Off with you, then, but be back by day-break. Don't forget my boots, though, Jim. What?" as he saw the wounded expression on that wistful black face, "I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. But shine the boots up well, boy, for the general review's tomorrow, and the Major must look his best."

"Thank yo' kindly, Marse Joe," exclaimed both servants, and they parted, the Major to dream of gold stars on his collar; Alick to brush his cheeks and scent his curls with stolen powder and perfume; and Jim to rosin up his bow and shine those boots.

When the two cronies trudged back in the early gray, the Major's charger was pawing the gravel, and he was nearly ready to mount, for his light-blue regimentals were on, his scabbarded sword was shining like silver by his side, and his head was graced by a martial helm, sprouting a waving plume of white-cock feathers. But, like Achilles, he was vulnerable in his heel, for his boots were missing. He was pacing the porch, keeping a keen look-out across his fields, which stretched away before the old Colonial mansion—the velvet cloak of Sir Walter cast again before Queen Elizabeth. Sure that his master would recognize his own white shirt and best black suit if he saw them, Alick whisked around the piazza, leaving the brunt to be borne by patient Jim, upon whom Mr. Bland wheeled, with fair hair and beard blowing like lightning round the head of Mars, as he demanded:

"Where are my boots?"

"I set 'em fo' yo' do', Sah!"

"They aren't there," quoth the soldier sharply.

"But, Marster!"

"The Major stamped: "You black rascal!" he thundered, "you must have worn 'em."

"Is these they?" said the valet, pointing to his clumsy

shoes, thick with yellow dust. But the master understood the foibles of slave-nature—its love of finery, its propensity for pilfering, its readiness to falsify. "No use, Jim," he answered; "you know you tell lies sometimes."

"Yas, Marse Joe," was the humble reply. "Sometimes, but not dis time."

The Major shook his head, while a perplexed frown wrinkled his features. "I would think it Alick—but his feet are too big," he said. "You had 'em last. It's a clear case, Jeemes."

(When he heard himself called that he winced as if he had been struck with a cowhide.)

"I won't have you whipped," (the good natured planter could not bear to order a human being flogged) "but tomorrow you go into the field."

The servant could no longer restrain his feelings. Seizing his owner's hand in both of his, he exclaimed:

"O, Marse Joe! Gimme as many licks on my bar' back as yo' wish to, but don't send me 'way fum you an' Misses an' little Rose. Call Alick. He can tell yo' I didn't have yo' boots."

But Alick had had so many drams of apple-toddy that he did not even remember walking home. Without listening further, the white Virginian pulled on gaiters, vaulted into his saddle and galloped down the lane. With his violin hugged to his breast, and with tears in his eyes, Jim watched the rider out of sight, and then, as he went indoors to tidy up for his successor, he whispered:

"O Gawd, I see on'y a po' black nigger, but Yo' knows I didn't lie."

That day the Major was late at muster! and made a mistake in tactics!—and the next, Jim went into the corn.

III.

At dusk, as he was returning to his cabin, a familiar form stole to meet him, and a stifled voice called out:

"Hi, Alick! I didn't think you'd go back on me. But I see sorry you couldn't 'member."

The two men walked on through the blackening shadows beneath the trees which seemed cast by terrible flying lizards of monstrous pre-historic days, until—when the next step would take them into the moonlight—Alick stammered out:

"I stole dem boots."

"Yo' did?" cried his comrade, stopping short. "What is dey?"

"Down the Chickahominy. I bu'st 'em tryin' to git 'em on."

"An' yo' lemme be took fer a thief! I'd not done dat by yo', Alick."

"Why, I had to! They'd er sent me, if dey had 'aknowd, and the sun would spile my complexion in a week—while I knowed nothin' couldn't hurt yo's."

Jim gave a short, dry sob. Taking his comrade's hand, he rubbed it across his own hot palm. "Dem is blisters fum de hoe, but yo've hurt my heart too much fo' me to feel 'em now," he gasped.

"Nem mind; I'll bring the Major round," said Alick, as they parted at Jim's door. Was the plantation dandy to be seen consorting with a common corn-field darkey?

IV.

Month followed month, but Jim never breathed a word of what he had heard. Blackbirds were whistling when he was first disgraced, but now red-breasts were piping their round sweet note. Each day that tired wagoner, the sun, was driving his ruddy team and golden wain—brimming over with yellow ears of corn—lower across the heavens, while on earth below, wild from their couch of passion flowering-glories—springing up from their couch of passion flowers—were clambering round nodding stalks of maize, like Indian maidens winding their arms about plumed Indian warriors; and here, there, everywhere in the meadows, silky white carpets of spider webs were gleaming with dew, where the dancing fairies, surprised by morning, had left their jewels. There was stillness in the air, undisturbed by except the occasional scolding of a squirrel in the tall hickory, or by the drowsy dropping of nuts. The year was dying and Jim was dying with the year.

He waned thinner and thinner; and the wistful look in his sunken eyes would haunt you. At any hour of night, if you passed his lonely cabin, you might hear his violin crooning like mad Cassandra. But if he

saw Alick (a rare occurrence, since that good friend was a house-servant, one of those colored aristocrats, who never mingled with black plebeians of the field) the look in his eyes would have touched Alick's heart, had not that heart beat time for a fop and fool. Once and again the Major put the old question, but, getting the old reply, the master would shake his head later when, after making a good report on Jim, the overseer suggested his re-instatement.

One day, the hands were harvesting near the railroad which, after curving through a dense thicket of pines, came in a straight line down the fence. At right angles of this steel tumpike of traffic, upon which it opened through a wooden-latched gate was a lane leading to the mansion. It was hedged by hawthorn, and over-arched by oaks with an ever moving roof of rustling leaves, through which the wind pattered with its bare feet, when the birds were at martins or vespers. Because of its delightful shade, it was a favorite haunt of the little ones; and all this morning little Rose had been frolicking here, while the laborers toiled yonder.

Noon at last! The sun arched overhead, and the sky and "reckoned it was time to knock off a spell," at which all clattered, with African antics and laughter, around the tin buckets and pail. How sweet the spring water tasted from the gourd! What white bread ever equalled those yellow loaves baked in fragrant hickory ashes? Where was the dower that might compare with nature's heaped counterpane of scarlet, golden and russet leaves? All were happy except Jim. Un-

aware that he was to be given his old place that night, he was leaning on the fence and envying the squirrel his appetite. It was not dinner-time at the Hall, though; else how could Alick be sitting with the nurse in the lane, and notwithstanding her genteel protests, measuring her waist with his arm, and her lips with his mustache, until she did not notice little Rose, listening the latch?

Noon! The fast mail is overdue! There is a distant rumble swiftly coming nearer—rowing—louder, louder, louder, through swaying pines, with a comotive plunging down the wheels, as, panting in its garment of smoke and flame, it towers up and swells out at each rapid bound along the singing rails. Its hoarse whistle gives a sudden long, blood-curdling shriek. The brakes grip down until dust and sparks leap in clouds beside the coaches. There the child stands. The sunlight laughs in her golden curls, and the wind is playing with her white dress. Her blue eyes are fixed on the approaching locomotive, but she is motionless with fright. The slaves, who had crowded forward to cheer the passing cars, stand terror-stricken. The overseer's face is stricken. The overseer's tanned face blanches as he runs up to vault over. The careless nurse faints in frightened Alick's arms. Good old Uncle Obadiah, the preacher, falls to his knees and prays with wringing hands: "O Gawd A'mighty, spare little Miss!" But Jim has seted as the saving angel of that Lord. He has reached her. He forces her aside. There is the awful thud of iron against flesh, and, hurled high, he falls beside her, only to fold her close, lest yet she be drawn beneath those cruel wheels.

They bore him to the great house and laid him on his master's bed. He was still alive when the Major met them at the door.

"I mean to set him free, Mr. Bland; but the surgeon answered:

"God has already made out his emancipation papers, sir. He is due in heaven tonight."

When the poor fellow heard his master's tread, he put one feeble hand out through the darkness, which was gathering about him, and clasped the Major's fast.

"Marse Joe," he said faintly, "Jim couldn't die befo' you come. Will yo' believe Jim now?"

"Yes, boy, yes!"

"Marse Joe, I didn't take 'em—A bitter cry broke forth from Alick:

"Marster, I took 'em."

The master sank on his knees by the dying man:—

"Jim—Jim—forgive me, boy! I've wronged you, but I didn't mean to," he exclaimed.

A smile quivered on the poor

pinched features of that black face so fast becoming gray. He drew his master's hand to his lips and kissed it:

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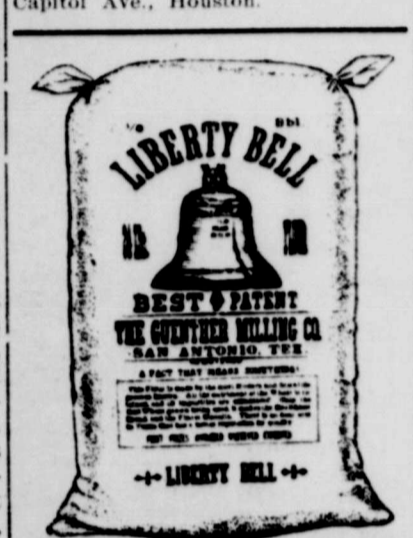
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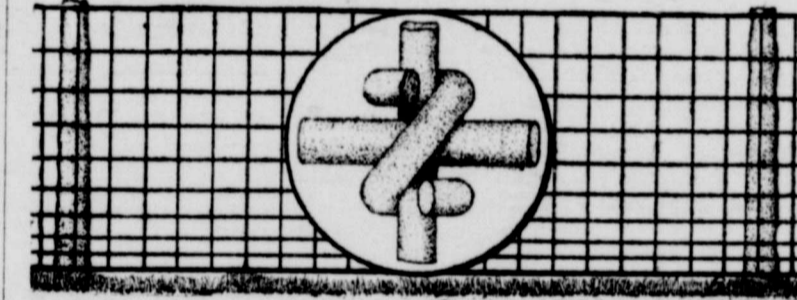
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## EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PRESERVE TEXAS FORESTS.

Washington, July 2.—"While to ordinary individuals the timber resources of Texas seem to be enormous," says the Bureau of Forestry, in a statement pointing out the need of proper preservation of the timber lands of Texas, "yet it is a fact that the merchantable forests cover only 10 per cent of the entire area. However, the lumber industry is exceeded only by the cotton industries, and therefore the wonderful productiveness of the timber areas within the State is made apparent.

"The same mistake is being made in Texas as has been made in other well forested regions, that is of practicing wasteful methods of lumbering. Under present methods the exhaustion of a great economic resource is taking place rapidly and conditions affecting the property of wide areas are rapidly changing for the worse, while the public interest in the most effective utilization of the potential wealth of the State as a whole remains unprotected.

"While the lumber industry of Texas is of greatest importance yet as in nearly every other State in the Union, agriculture stands first among the industries, and the production of farm products is far greater and the possibilities of the productiveness have hardly begun to be understood. Scientific farming will vastly increase the productive power of this State, and coupled with this scientific farming is the employment of careful management that looks forward to the improvement of the farm or ranch by planting trees.

### IS NEED FOR PLANTING

"In those portions of the State where trees already exist the care of woodlots is essential and in those portions where trees do not exist naturally, there is a great need for extensive planting. The ranchers and farmers of the western and northwestern portions of the State, recognizing the fact that trees conserve moisture, ameliorate climate and purify the atmosphere, have made great steps toward tree planting, and it is estimated that in the spring of 1906 over 500,000 trees were planted by them."

This intense activity in forest planting, it is pointed out, is due to a number of public-spirited men who realized that future prosperity of that region depends upon development of the home and that in order to properly develop the home it is absolutely necessary to provide protection from the prevailing wind by planting trees.

The United States Forestry Service has operated very largely in carrying on this tree planting movement in Texas and advice has been given to individual ranchers and farmers as to the most desirable trees to be planted. Men have been sent to that region to deliver addresses upon the importance of planting, and thus the movement has been given National recognition. The Forestry Service no longer prepares land for owners, but it cheerfully furnishes advice through correspondence and publications on the subject of tree planting.

## NATIONAL BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

The present thriving condition of the local banks indicate the prosperity of Cotulla and the surrounding country. The banks of Cotulla are steadily growing.

The Stockmen's National Bank, the oldest institution of Cotulla, declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent on June 30th.

In addition to the payment of this dividend \$4,000.00 was added to the regular surplus, which raised the capital stock and surplus to \$94,250.00.

### PIERCE WILL FACE TRIAL.

H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the board of directors of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, arrived in St. Louis and in response today to a question if he is on his way to Texas to surrender to the authorities to answer to an indictment at Austin in which he is charged with perjury it was announced that he will return tomorrow night. His son is authority for the statement that Mr. Pierce will face trial in Texas before his trial for extradition reaches the United States court of appeals, to which it has been taken.

### RELIC UNEARTHED

An old rusty bayonet, measuring eighteen inches in length, was dug up on the banks of the San Antonio River at Mission Concepcion yesterday by Edward Gray, and was presented to Mrs. Florence Eger Roberts, custodian of the Alamo, who in turn presented it to the Alamo.

This bayonet was found at a depth of two feet and was almost rusted away. In the same place where the bayonet was found were evidences of bones and it is believed that a Spanish Soldier was buried there with his gun beside him in the early days of Spanish missions. Insufficient excavations

were made to find any other parts of the gun.—S. A. Express.

"No," growled the Chronic Kicker, "I don't see why I can't have as much as my neighbor has. It ain't right."

"Very well," replied a passing microbe, "one of your neighbors has the smallpox. I'll attend to you at once."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

Teacher—Tommy, something has got to be done about your behavior, I think today after school I shall call and see your father.

Tommy—If you do you will be sorry of it.

Teacher—Why?  
Tommy—It'll cost you \$5 if you do. Pop's a lawyer and aint in the habit of giving free advice.

### NATURE'S WARNING.

Cotulla People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions.

See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment.

Passages frequent, scanty, painful.

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P. J. Garrett, living in the north part of Beville, Texas, says,

"Doan's Kidney Pills are good medicine for the kidneys and one that, from my own experience, I can recommend. They relieved me of kidney trouble by correcting the too frequent action of the kidney secretions and alleviating the burning sensation in the neck of the bladder. I know of several other people in town who have used this medicine with splendid result."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doans—and take no other.

## BUSINESS MEN NOMINATE CANDIDATES.

At a meeting of the Business Mens Club Tuesday night seven candidates were nominated for School Trustees to be voted on July 16th, at the same time the incorporation election is held. The men that the Club has named and asks the people to support, are the three present trustees, T. R. Keck, W. H. Johns, and W. A. Kerr, and L. W. Gaddis, D. L. Neeley, T. H. Poole, and C. E. Manly.

## TEXAS WILL QUARANTINE AGAINST CONSUMPTIVES.

Austin, Tex., July 1.—Dr. William Brumby, State Health Officer, has indicated that within a short time he will issue a State quarantine against hopeless cases of tuberculosis. Since a week ago, when he first proposed such a move, the press of the whole United States has commented favorably upon the proposition made by the Texas State Health Officer. With one exception so far as has been learned here his proposition to exclude such cases has been commented upon favorably.

One New York newspaper thought Texas would work an unnecessary hardship upon itself by excluding such patients. The article in this paper argued that Texas is a large, roomy place where tubercular patients could live without coming in contact with other persons who did not have disease. Those acquainted with conditions in large cities in Texas, however, know this is not the case and in several cities the influx of tubercular patients is a menace to public health. In San Antonio, for instance, the tubercular patients are being excluded from the City Hospital because so many of them apply for admission the resident

patients cannot be accommodated.

"I think the San Antonio Board of Health is right," said Dr. Brumby, "in excluding such patients. It was a condition which had to be met in Houston.

Even though that town is not a health resort there were many tubercular patients there who were taken care of to the detriment of local patients who required care."

The present condition is one which has arisen partly because of the defeat of the tuberculosis sanitarium bill in the Legislature last winter. The bill for a State sanitarium passed the House by almost an unanimous vote. The bill was killed in the Senate. The argument used was that the great influx of patients from other States would make the burden of support of such an institution greater than the State could bear. The physicians who favor such an institution believe that if it could be shown that the State is quarantined against the hopeless cases of tuberculosis that the next Legislature would establish a tubercular sanitarium.

### FOR SALE.

Sealed bids for the purchase of the Methodist parsonage will be received at the office of T. R. Keck. Possession will be given when new parsonage, for which the contract has now been let. Purchaser will be required to move property when possession is given.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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Now, kindly mark me well, my friends, in what I have to say —  
Anent the coffee of this morn and that of yesterday.  
That coffee served us yesterday was slaty, dry and flat,  
And who know the coffee plant know what meant by that.  
The berry grew indifferent from out impoverished soil,  
Nor did the richness at its roots from which to draw the oil.  
Or, if a bit of oil were stored, the roasting was not well,  
And being charred the oil escaped from out each tiny cell.  
And 'twas tasteless, flat and tame, and out in my kick;  
And I am pleased that Mrs. Brown has changed her brand so quick.  
This coffee has a brilliant brown, its body, to, you'll note;  
Those little bubbles mark the oil—observe them where they float.  
That means the berry had the best that sun and soil can lend —  
'Tis GEORGE & SAMPSON'S growth, you know—a firm that's proud to spend its time and money on its plants. Care, curing, roasting, too,  
Are just the best that expert hands, experienced long, can do.  
And when this richness is unlocked by Nature's charm of heat,  
You have the best that Nature gives,—a draught of cheer, complete in every coffee attribute. Thus speaks your Autocrat, who was never caught sneaking through his hat.

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About the wildest, craziest, most excited bunch of human beings we have seen in a long time chased a mad dog almost into the center of town Tuesday evening. Mad dogs are dangerous things to be loose, we'll admit, but we had rather be pinned up with a dozen of them than be in close range of the wild gang of half a hundred that chased that poor little mangy cur to his death Tuesday evening. It is nothing short of a miracle that some body was not shot, and there were narrow escapes. There were guns in evidence from 22-short to 65-90, automatics, shotguns and other kind of guns and everybody was shooting. They wasn't particular about which way they were shooting either. Steel jacket bullets whistled through the air and small shot peppered several houses. There were people that shot that never saw a dog. Such a proceedings could not be gone through with again without some citizen loosing his life and the next time such a hoodlum gang gets loose if the sheriff will round 'em up, we will prefer lunacy charges.

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Pearsall, Texas, June 3, 1907. I am well acquainted with Mr. Sweeney and know that he is a scientific surveyor, and that he is prepared to do first class work. I recommend him to my friend and former patrons.

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John Cotulla returned yesterday from Devine.

Send your Job Printing to the Record office.

Will Held of Millett was in the city yesterday.

L. L. Isbell of Dilley was in the city yesterday.

Alse Salmon was seen on our streets yesterday.

J. S. Petty returned from San Antonio Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Motheral is visiting relatives at Devine.

Willie Mulholland returned home Monday from Tilden.

Jourd J. Irvin was in town from the ranch Wednesday.

Jno. M. Daniel has been absent at Rockport this week.

A carload of Alfalfa just received at J. W. Fullerton's.

A carload of new hay just received at Geo. E. Tarver's.

Several town property deals have been consummated this week.

Y. P. Bowen & Co. sells the best groceries at the lowest prices.

Miss Bessie Manly is visiting at the Lake Grove Farm this week.

Since the hot spell was broken the weather has been very pleasant.

A heavy rain fell West of Millett Thursday evening, but was very high at Millett.

County Judge Thomas favored this office this week with an order for Litho Letter Heads.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanders of Pearsall are in the city for a few days.

G. Philipe came down from Dilley and spent the 4th with his family.

V. H. Harding returned Thursday night from a business trip to San Antonio.

Judge C. C. Thomas left Thursday morning for San Antonio, on legal business.

Miss Alma Lansford of Carrizo Springs is in the city visiting Mrs. R. J. Jennings.

### YOUR NEW SPRING SUIT—REED.

Burnett Robuek and wife of Artesia were in town between trains yesterday.

Will Held reports an inch and a half rain at the McKey Ranch Thursday evening.

J. W. Petty of Galveston came in on Wednesday's train to spend a few weeks with relatives.

J. T. Fish left Sunday for Minera to take charge of the goat ranch he recently bought near there.

The revival at the Baptist Church closed Sunday night. There were a number of conversions.

Telephone reports from the Dobie ranch state that a four inch rain fell there Wednesday night.

Miss Mira Foster, returned to her home in San Antonio, Tuesday after a month's stay in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fisher, are in the city visiting. Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copp.

Miss Alma Coleman left Wednesday for Devine, where she will be for several weeks visiting relatives.

Lee Keithley was in from the Jones Ranch yesterday. Said the rain was light in that section of the country.

Miss Louise Cotulla has returned from a three week's trip to City Mexico, and says she had a fine trip.

R. J. Jennings, one of our well known Stockmen, returned last of the week from a business trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. Adolph Petry and children of Carrizo Springs are in the city for a few days stopping with Mrs. R. J. Jennings.

W. H. Johns came up Wednesday from Jos. Cotulla's ranch in Webb county. He said the rain was light down that way.

Mrs. G. W. Hill left Thursday for Llano to spend the balance of the summer with her granddaughter, Mrs. Katie. Sweeney.

F. D. McMahon and family left Monday for Abilene where they will spend a couple of weeks visiting Mr. McMahon's brother.

A. H. Miller has moved his family to town from the ranch. Mr. Miller has a good irrigation proposition for the right man.

Miram Coleman, who has been working at the Depot here, was called to San Antonio Thursday to dispatcher's office to stand examination as telegrapher.

Sheriff W. T. Hill and wife returned Monday night from a tour through Mexico. They spent several days at Corpus Christi before returning home.

The Fourth was celebrated by Cotulla people with a barbecue on the river above the Cotulla ranch. It was one of the best barbecues the people have enjoyed in a long time.

The High School ball team went to Millett Thursday for another game. The game was called on the second inning on account of the rain. The score at that time was 5 to 4 in favor of Cotulla.

A number of Cotulla passengers were on the "Bollweevil" which wrecked this side of Dilley Wednesday morning, and arrived home eleven hours late.

John Horton of Artesia was in the Hub yesterday. Mr. Horton said it was very dry in the Artesia district and a hard rain was needed to put out stock water.

D. L. Neeley, one of Cotulla's prominent business men, left Tuesday with his family for Delhi, Gonzales county, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

A. A. Norton and wife of Wharton, Texas, were here a day or two this week. Mr. Norton purchased some residence lots while in the city and will probably locate in Cotulla later.

Miss Mary and Emma Cotulla returned home Tuesday after a pleasure trip to the City of Mexico. They were accompanied home by their little nephews, Rueben and Shelby Cotulla of Laredo.

If you want to make some good preserves send out to the Woodland farm and get what tomatoes you want at 40c per bushel. These tomatoes are some that will not make first class shipping stock and Mr. Caley is selling them out to local people for preserving.

A large vault is being put in at the Stockmen's National Bank. The vault will be 6x9 feet in the clear and will be used principally for papers, etc. It will require a carload of brick, the walls being three feet thick. Andy Guinn has the contract for putting it up.

T. H. Miller and wife went up to San Antonio Monday night, returning Thursday. Mr. Miller recently came here from Cuero, but has been unable to rent a suitable dwelling and will take his family to San Antonio until fall, when they will return and Mr. Miller will probably build.