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WILL DISCUSS ELECTRIC LINE.

MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR
MONDAY NIGHT.

No Donations Will Be Asked—Propose Building by Stock Subscriptions.

D. J. Woodward, in a telephone conversation yesterday with L. A. Kerr, president of the Business Men's Club, stated that he would be here Monday with other parties with all data as to expense, etc., in regard to the building of an electric line from Cotulla by Woodward, and out into the Carrizo Springs country, and asked Mr. Kerr to call a meeting of the citizens at the Court House Monday night to discuss the matter.

Mr. Kerr has issued a call and urges everybody interested and especially the ladies to be present.

It is proposed to build this line by stock subscriptions and no bonus will be asked.

Electric railways are fast gaining favor throughout the East, as they can be built cheaper, operated cheaper and give better satisfaction than steam lines. The proposed route, by Woodward and on up the Nueces into the Carrizo country would penetrate a fertile section.

A road of this kind would be worth much to Cotulla. Mr. Woodward will start the ball rolling by subscribing \$40,000 stock. There are other property holders along the route who no doubt will do equally as well.

Don't fail to attend Monday night's meeting when the matter will be fully discussed.

Will Plant Figs

The culture of figs in Southwest Texas has attracted considerable attention the past year. Preserving plants have been established in some places and the crop is as great a money maker as onions. A number of fig orchards will be planted around Cotulla next season.

The Texas Honey Crop.

The honey crop in this State has been very good this year, save a few localities. Texas can more than ever be recognized as the greatest State for bee-keeping in the Union, and Texas honey is in greater demand than ever before. The increased demand may be explained as follows: The pure food law has put adulterated honey and syrups wrongly labeled into the shade, and pure honey must take its place. The sections like California, in the West, and Florida, etc., in the East, have very little honey to sell this season; hence the Texas crop is expected to supply a large part of the demand. California alone usually furnishes about five hundred carloads of honey to the Eastern markets. This year there will be very little, and as the prospects in the Northern States are poor, so far, honey prices will likely reach a higher level a little later on. This will be further strengthened by the lack of fruits, etc., in most parts of the State, for preserving purposes, and these will have to be replaced by the delicious honey from the Texas beekeepers' apiaries.—Pearsall Leader.

Birthday Party.

Little Miss Inez Hill, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. W. T. Hill, celebrated her eight birthday yesterday by a party from 6 till 8 p. m., which was attended by a large number of her girl and boy friends.

Mrs. T. H. Poole, Misses Hazel Glass, Lula Philbin and Stuart Miller assisted Mrs. Hill in entertaining the little folks and for two solid hours fun reigned supreme. Games of every kind were played and it was with regret the happy guests watched the drawing shades of night approach, which warned them it was time to go.

The colors of the party were white and red.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

R. C. Lewis of Irvin's Ranch is in town during the week.

Mrs. Vincent of Dilley is in the city visiting Mrs. J. H. Mabry.

A good shave any time you want it at the City Barber Shop.

Yesterday's 'Northbound' train was several hours late.

Henry Jay and sister Miss Dania, spent several days in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. H. Caley, of the woodland farm is visiting relatives in San Antonio.

T. R. Keek left this morning for a brief visit to friends at San Marcos.

Mrs. Brown has sold her restaurant on Front Street to Mr. Peters, who will take charge on 15th inst.

Jack W. Baylor returned from an absence of fifteen days in New Mexico and West Texas.

A. H. Miller is getting ready to put in a crop of onions on his place west of town this fall. Mr. Miller will irrigate from wells.

Judge Frank B. Earnest returned last night from San Antonio, where he spent several days on business.

Col. W. A. H. Miller, one of the prominent attorneys of La Salle's capital has been in Ft. Worth the past week on legal business.

Miss Caroline Cotulla, our obliging Postmistress, returned this morning from a pleasure trip to San Antonio. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. T. Hill.

W. T. Hill is planning to sink a well for the Bolton Lands, East of Cotulla, where he will sink a well for L. S. Elwell, who has purchased a quarter section of land.

C. F. Binkley has purchased from L. A. Kerr the residence now occupied by R. J. Jennings. Price \$1500. Mr. Binkley will move to town this fall to send his children to school.

THE END OF CHEAP LANDS.

According to a special report issued by the Census Bureau, the estimated population of the United States in 1906 was 83,941,510, an increase of 7,946,835 over 1905. The population of the United States exclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions in 1906 was 93,182,240. The growth in population in continental United States from 1905 to 1906 was 67,315, with one and a quarter millions added to our population every year, it does not take long to figure out the end to cheap lands in the United States.—Metropolitan Record.

Social Event.

The principle event of the week among Cotulla's young society people, was the social last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Ward, in honor of Miss Sue Carter of Luling.

A large and merry crowd of young people were present and it was nearly midnight when they departed from the scene of the evening's pleasure.

Making Cotulla Famous.

The Pleasanton Monitor says: The Cotulla Record will send out next week. The paper will contain a write-up of the Cotton Crop of the past season.

Judge Earnest Honored.

Judge Frank B. Earnest of this city has just received notice that he has been selected by Governor Campbell as the representative of Texas at the "Tennessee Home Coming," at Nashville, Sept. 23-28th next.

International Fair Premium List.

The Premium List of the Ninth Annual Fair of the San Antonio International Fair Association, to be held at San Antonio, Nov. 9th to 24th, inclusive, is on our desk.

An examination of this Premium List shows that more money is offered to exhibitors of live-stock and agricultural products, as well as to exhibitors in other departments, than is offered by any other Fair or Exposition held in the United States this year.

Exhibitors of live-stock, including cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats, will compete for cash prizes amounting to \$12,500. Over \$3,000 will be distributed in the Agricultural Department, this amount including \$600 added by the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway management. In addition to the special premiums offered by the above named railroad, the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association has seen fit to add \$200 to the already large amount of premium money offered by the Fair Association management on registered Angora goats.

The Poultry Department is recognized to the extent of \$1,000 and exhibitors in the Ladies Art and Floral departments will compete for prizes aggregating over \$2,000.

In the Racing Department over \$40,000 is offered in purses which will insure the best racing ever held on this Association's track.

The liberality of the San Antonio International Fair Association to exhibitors in all departments has brought this Fair ex-

BIG WELL MACHINE IS ON GROUND.

The big new well machine of W. E. Campbell's which was purchased to put down an artesian well at Gardendale has been unloaded on the ground. Mr. Campbell is now busy setting it up and work will commence next week.

Cotulla people are greatly interested in this well as it is only five miles from Cotulla. The promoters propose to go 2000 feet or get flowing water, and if a good flow is found we predict that a gusher will be spouting from the public square here in less than six months.

Gardendale is located on a beautiful plateau, overlooking Cotulla. The land surrounding is fertile and if artesian water is brought in will no doubt settle up fast.

Practices Diversification.

H. Caley, owner of the Woodland farm, is one of the few farmers in this vicinity who practice diversification to any extent. Mr. Caley is what you would call a scientific farmer; he is up on every thing and always has something to sell. Tomatoes is one of his leaders and he never ships anything unless it is packed in first class shape. Every package bears the Woodland Farm label, and the goods sent out from this farm are helping to make Cotulla famous.

This farm also grows alfalfa and good hogs—a good money making combination.

and garden than has ever been shown elsewhere in this State.

For premium List or other information, which will be cheerfully given, address the Secretary.

The present spell of hot weather seems to cover the greater part of the United States.

It is estimated that the increased acreage that will be planted in onions along the Nueces Valley contiguous to Cotulla this fall will be increased about 35 per cent over last year. From information that we can get it appears that the increase in acreage will be greater in this immediate section than anywhere in Southwest Texas.

STILL THEY SKIDOO AT K. BURWELL'S

We mean to make it especially interesting for you in the next two weeks. We will close out our Spider Silk at 40c. per yard. If you are not already familiar with this beautiful fabric don't fail to become so before this line is exhausted. We have one lot of India Linen still to place before you at the tempting price of 16²/₃c. and a big lot of Figured White Goods at 15c. We also place before you a large and fresh line of 7c. Colored Lawn at 5c. We have many bargains in Embroideries, Laces and Notions that are too numerous to mention here but we cordially invite you to call on us and see our line of goods that will save you money and that we must clear out of the way of our new fall line.

K. BURWELL

The Onion Industry in the Facts and Figures of the

THE onion industry in the Nueces Valley has grown so during the past two years that today it stands pre-eminently a leader of all industries in La Salle County. Through its channels thousands of dollars are monthly distributed among the laboring classes and the returns on the investment of the promoters are far greater than any industry which has a footing, not only in La Salle County, but in all this favored section called Southwest Texas.

For the successful and profitable growing of the Bermuda onion there are at least three essentials—soil, climate and water. There are but few places in the world where this God-given combination is found, and one of them is in the Nueces Valley. Here is found soil that possesses the accumulated fertility of ages; a climate that is almost sub-tropical, and pure sparkling water that makes the bulbous plants grow to perfection.

It has been demonstrated during the past three seasons that there are many places in Southwest Texas more favorable for growing the Bermuda onion than others, and the profits derived by growers in the Nueces Valley has clearly proven up this territory.

Onions require rich soil and if the soil is not rich it must be made so by fertilizer. At many points hundreds of dollars are spent annually for fertilizer, but such is not the case here. We know of an instance where onions were grown on land for seven successive years without an ounce of fertilizer being used and the seventh year 28,000 pounds were produced to the acre. Such soil as this is found in the Nueces Valley. Every grower acted independently in disposing of his crop. Some sold to buyers, and of course they came out at the big end of the horn; others trusted to commission men, and their tale was the old, old story. With every shipper acting independently it was impossible to properly distribute the crop. The result was that dozens of cars were sent to the same points at the same time and the slump was inevitable. Onions went down, as low as one cent a pound.

First Bermuda Onions Raised in Texas

The first Bermuda onions raised in Texas were raised in La Salle County. Mr. T. C. Nye, who lived on a ranch five miles from Cotulla, experimented with several different kinds of onions, and found that the Bermuda variety did the best. He irrigated a small patch from a well, and the next year Mr. Geo. Copp cleared out a few acres along the Nueces, put in a steam pump and demonstrated what Nueces water, Nueces Valley dirt and a little enterprise and elbow grease would do. He shipped the first carload of Bermuda onions produced in the State. The next year he planted more onions and a buyer from Milwaukee who was used to handling the genuine Bermuda onions came here to buy his crop, and found the quality of the Texas product so superior to the genuine article, that he immediately bought forty acres of land from Mr. Copp and put in a farm himself. That man was Mr. J. Seefeld, the owner today of the Las Palmas Farm, consisting of over 200 acres, which annually ships from thirty to fifty thousand crates of onions. There is a vast contrast now to conditions a few years ago when Mr. Copp cleared up the first little patch. From that little beginning a great big thing has grown. Where the thorn-covered cactus and jungles of mesquite thrived and protected the rattlesnake and tarantula and the wild long-horn lived a life-time undisturbed by civilization, has been transformed into a veritable gold-mine. Up and down the Valley for a distance of ten miles each way from Cotulla are dotted fertile farms and happy homes.

Had Rocky Road.

The first year or two the amount of onions produced did not amount to much and were easily disposed of, but other points began growing them and four seasons past was the first year the output of Southwest Texas amounted to several hundred cars, and the proposition of marketing them became serious. That year some of the growers came out all right and some of them did not. Next year a large acreage was

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days from April 20th to June 20th, a time when all old onions are practically exhausted, and before any new onions from any other part of the United States come on the market. The only competition is from the Bermuda Islands, and the Texas stock is so superior to the genuine Bermudas in both flavor and appearance that it takes the lead where both are displayed. Besides, the crop of the



IN THE NUECES VALLEY—WHERE THE ONION IS KING

planted all over Southwest Texas but the growers let their crop mature without an effort to organize and properly handle it.

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Valuable Experience

That season learned the growers an important and valuable lesson. They saw that if they continued in the business they must effect an organization and market the crop by proper distribution. The result was the birth of the Southern Truck Growers Association. Roy Campbell of San Antonio was selected as Sales Manager, at a salary of \$5000 per year. Many growers were a little "shaky" on the Association and did not go in, but in the face of outside competition and the battle of Commission sharks all over the United States in their eager effort to down the new organization, the Association had control of the crop, held the market and made good money for all members.

Seeing the practicability of the plans of the Association and the way they worked the first year caused practically all growers who had held out at first to come within the ranks, and the past season the Association controlled ninety per cent of the output. Under its workings the highest prices were received that has ever been paid for Bermuda onions since they have been raised in this country. From the first shipments never did the market waver. Instead, prices gradually grew stronger and at the end of the season were more than a cent a pound above the opening point.

The onion crop of Southwest Texas is marketed in the sixty

Bermudas is limited and onions never get far in the of the United States.

the Sales Manager and his efficient corps are on to their jobs. The



AN ONION FARM IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS

handled about 1500 cars or over half a million crates out of Southwest Texas and apparently did it with all ease. Increase the acreage fifteen or twenty per cent each year and we believe every acre that it is practical to grow onions on in Southwest Texas could be planted and a market found for all that was produced. Increase the acreage gradually and there is no danger of over production. There are millions of people in the United States that haven't yet heard that this little end of Texas grows Bermuda onions.

Some Facts and Figures About the Past Season's Crop in the Nueces Valley.

The onion crop in the Nueces Valley, (when we say Nueces Valley we mean along the river for a

Nueces Valley and Some Past Season's Crop.

of ten or twelve miles from Cotulla—as far as have been opened up) the season was a light yield, owing to the very early and warm weather which caused the onions to be about two or three weeks earlier than usual and before full growth was obtained. However, the price was the highest ever received.

along the Valley there were

ures on the crop of every grower from most of them, but some are off on a vacation seeing the sights at the Jamestown Exposition; others down by the seaside enjoying the briny dips and flirting with the summer girl.

The figures we are going to give will be true. They are not quite as large as painted in the literature of many realty agencies but they are large enough to stagger the belief of farmers of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and other states where they produce \$10 crops on \$200 land. The marvelous profits of \$200 on \$10 land reads like a fairy tale to them, no doubt, but any doubting Thomas can write any of the following farmers as to the correctness of the figures we give.

Facts and Figures.

GOLDTRAP & MILLS, on the Island Farm, five miles up the river had 11 acres in onions the past season. However, three acres of these were bad seed and out of the yield of 3800 crates 3400 were off 8 acres. These gentlemen contracted their crop before it matured for \$1 per crate, which brought them \$3800 or \$345.00 per acre. The crates cost them \$846.00; \$95 for hauling to station. Mr. Goldtrap stated that one man and a mule cultivated the crop, and while he could not say a positive he thought the expense of producing the crop was less than \$50. But figuring it \$50 leaves them a net profit of \$2489.00 or \$208.00 per acre. Goldtrap & Mills have one of the best and most highly improved farms in the Valley. Their water supply from the Harris Lake and the irrigation ditch is inexhaustible. The 300 acres under the irrigation ditch and will put in 60 acres in onions the coming season.

To the man who has been grow-

expense of raising the onions at a reasonable rate, \$60 per acre, gives him a net profit of \$317.50 per acre. Mr. Shaw has raised two crops of onions. He bought 40 acres of improved land at \$150.00 per acre and paid for it with the first crop.

E. T. LESTERJETTE is one of the growers that produced a crop the past season under difficulties. He bought a place up the river late last fall. On the 28th of October, a month after onions should have been planted, he got into his field, which was overgrown with care-less weeds five feet high. Instead of transplanting in December he got 3 acres out in January and 9 out in February. Despite this Mr. Lesterjette made money. He gathered 2350 crates of onions and sold them for \$3605. Mr. Lesterjette's expense including crates was about \$800, giving him a net profit of \$2800.00. On the 3 acres transplanted in January the yield was extraordinary heavy, but was very light on the nine acres put out in February.

J. H. DANIEL, ten miles down the river, planted 37 pounds of seed for 12 acres. He sold one acre of sets, and having plenty of land put the balance of the sets on 20 acres and cultivated with a mule. One man cultivated all the crop after it was transplanted. Mr. Daniel gathered and sold a few crates over 5000 for \$6435.00 net. After expenses for crates, labor on the crop and hauling to station was deducted he had a net profit of \$4599.00.

E. D. COHENOUR is one of the heaviest as well as most successful growers in the Valley. He had in 30 acres the past season, a crop 10 per cent lighter than his crop a year ago, yet he gathered and sold 7304 crates for \$9,913.92 net, an average of \$1.36 per crate. He is strictly an Association man and shipped all his stuff through that channel. Deducting \$1211.68 for crates and \$60 an acre for producing the crop leaves him a clean profit of \$6872.24. Mr. Cohenour has been growing onions four years; has never planted over 30 acres; was in the deal before the organization, and his profits on onions alone for that time aggregate \$20,000. Is there any place in the world except Southwest Texas where a farmer can do this?

R. W. WARREN harvested 3800 crates off of 11 acres which he contracted in the field at \$1 per acre. Mr. Warren was one of the men who sold too cheap, which of course he realized after the crop began to move. Nevertheless his yield was good and he realized \$230 per acre net.

MATT RUSSELL, nine miles down the river planted 2½ acres very late and his yield was light. He sold his crop for \$819.00. He did the greater part of the work himself so the net profits were not bad.

L. N. WOODER sold \$1500 worth of onions off of 3 acres of ground. His crop was late and he shipped the last car that went out of Cotulla. It net him \$912.70.

F. I. ROCK, nine miles down the river, is another man who is (Continued on 7th page.)

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Southwest Texas a Natural Cotton Country.

The cotton plant thrives in Southwest Texas. The soil of this section is especially adapted to its growth.

While the farming industry has hardly begun in La Salle county yet 2500 bales of cotton were ginned in the county last season.

There are four first class gins in the county, located at Encinal, Millett, Woodward and Cotulla. A new three stand gin, modern in every particular has just been completed at Cotulla.

The climate of this section is especially favorable for the cotton plant and the nature of the soil enables the farmer to cultivate it so easily. In La Salle county one man can cultivate 100 acres of cotton, needing no extra help except at chopping and picking times. In the black land portions of East Texas on account of con-

tinued rains weeds frequently overrun cotton crops. The sticky soil prevents entering the field for at least a week after a rain, and by that time it is liable to rain again thus keeping the farmer out indefinitely.

In this section of the state you can get in your field twenty-four hours after a rain and in the industrious man's field there is no danger of weeds outgrowing the crops.

Hundreds of acres of land are now being cleared over the county and next year the acreage in the fleecy staple will be double what it is this year.

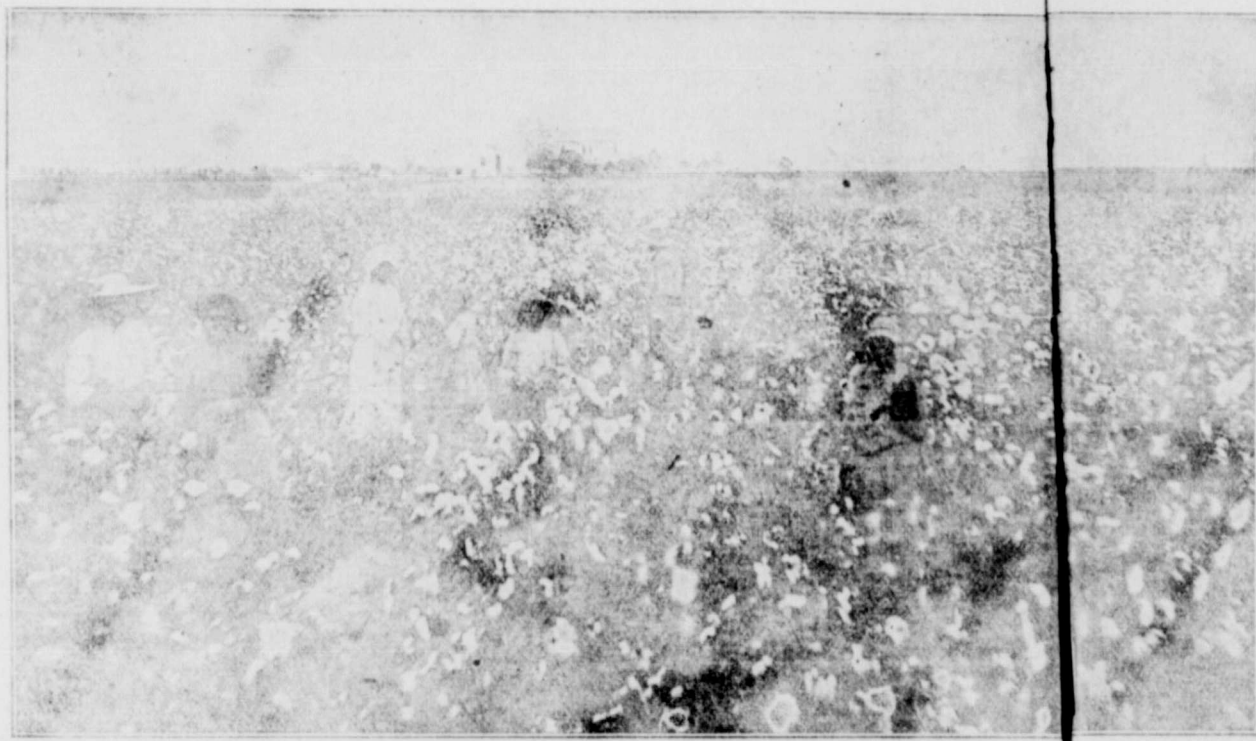
The cotton crop in this section will be short this year, as is the case all over Texas, but prices will be high. Prices have opened around 12c per pound with indications of an advance.

LAND OF THE WATERMELON

Among the profitable crops Southwest Texas is that of watermelons. Nowhere in the State can better flavored melons be produced than in this section of the State. They mature early enabling the farmer to get very highest prices. It is not uncommon thing for La Salle county farmers to sell from \$60 to \$80 worth of melons off an acre of ground. It costs very little to produce a watermelon crop.

WOOD PIPING.

A carload of California red-wood piping was unloaded here this week for W. L. Hargus, E. A. Keck, W. J. Coleman and W. F. Rock. They will use it on their irrigated farms instead of fluming.



A SOUTHWEST TEXAS COTTON FIELD

The Onion Industry in the Nueces Valley and Some Facts and Figures of the Past Season's Crop.

E. A. Keck had 9 1/2 acres in onions the past season. He sold 3270 crates for \$1472.46. Mr. Keck's expenses for crates and raising the crop was \$1425, leaving him a net profit of \$507.46.

STEELE BROS. sold 2000 crates of onions off of 8 acres of ground for which they received 2476.00. Their expense for crates and raising the crop was \$780.00, leaving a net profit \$1696.00.

W. N. GUINN rented 4 acres on the Warren place the past season which he planted in onions. He sold 1194 crates for \$1120.75. Out of this he paid for the crates, cost of raising the crop and \$25 per acre rent on the land and had left \$698.75.

BURWELL & GALLMAN had what they estimated to be 16 acres of onions, although it is very probable that there was not that much. They sold 3933 crates for \$5217.36. Their expense for crates and labor for raising the crop, seed, etc., was \$1500. Their net proceeds were \$3717.36.

SOLD INTEREST IN ONION FARM.

J. H. Gallman this week sold his interest in the Burwell-Gallman farm to his partner, C. B. Burwell, for \$4500.00. Mr. Gallman was one of the recent purchasers of the Lakeside Farm and will center his farming interests there the coming season.

TOO EXPENSIVE TO RISK.

We have received numerous inquiries as to whether or not onions could be raised without irrigation.

There are many seasons when they could be raised, and some of the best onions we ever saw was produced without irrigation. But, an onion crop is an expensive one, and it is not safe to risk growing them unless you have the water to put on them when they need it. One might get the crop almost through and just before they matured, after the expense of the crop was over, get caught in a dry spell, which would cut his yield in half.

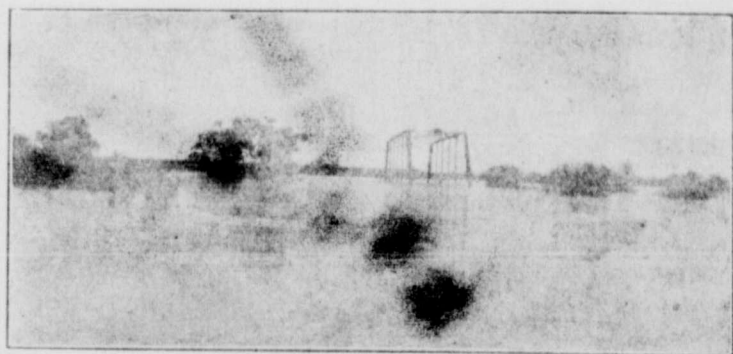
Nevertheless, small patches are raised nearly every year without water except the natural rainfall, but it is not advisable to attempt it on a large scale.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

There are 27 artesian wells in La Salle county, ranging in depth from 250 to 1500 feet, and in flow from 2 gallons to 350 gallons per minute. These wells are scattered pretty well in all parts of the county. The deepest well and the strongest is 10 miles East of Millett on the Hugh Burns Ranch. Several deep wells are now being put down around Millett.

NEW PUMPING PLANTS.

W. J. Coleman and W. B. Stanfield both unloaded pumping plants here this week. Mr. Coleman is opening up a farm 3 miles down the river. Mr. Stanfield is putting in a farm 8 miles above town.



NUECES RIVER ON ONE OF ITS RAMPAGES

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THE SOUTHERN TEXAS TRUCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION AND ONION GROWERS.

Every point in Texas interested in the growing of Bermuda onions has felt, last year and this year, the beneficent effects of the associations whose sales agents has their marketing in charge. The profit to the growers thereby is to be reckoned in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Two years ago growers of Bermuda onions in Texas received \$110,000 for their crop, approximating 3000 acres. Last year the association above paid out to its members a quarter of a million of dollars, and the acreage was no greater than the year before. This year the association has received \$380,000 and paid it to growers. Both last year and this the association has not handled more than 80 per cent of the crop. Growers outside of the association of course profited as largely by the existence of such an organization and its control over the markets.

The growing of any crop with profit can be done only when the market is stable within certain limits. Cotton is stable, so are common wheat and alfalfa. But a crop that must be put on the market at once when it is mature is at the mercy of the purchaser. In the case of the truck crops this

the commission man, for through him must go the product, and he not control the supply and demand of a perishable crop. Therefore to so analyze the marketing of onions that supply and demand would be adjusted was a necessity before the growing of onions could be made able and uniformly profitable.

Conditions two years ago forced this upon the attention of the onion growers. They realized, too, that one man cannot both grow and sell to advantage. Therefore an organization was necessary. To follow the various steps in perfecting the organization would be an interesting story, and the various features connected with the work. As this work is known to a very few men who carried it out successfully, serve well to illustrate the difficulties in making

an effective organization among a class of men the hardest in the world to organize.

It was not enough to create a sentiment, nor difficult, for all knew the need of a remedy for the existing condition of affairs. When the first meeting was held, largely attended, too, there were plenty of growers present ready to air their grievances and tell their experiences. Thanks to one man present, not a grower either, but a newspaper man, plans were made for a meeting and permanent organization, and so this first meeting, held at the Fair in San Antonio in 1905, did not come to naught and vanish in hot air.

At the second meeting, small in numbers, but enthusiastic, this same man was ready with a plan for organization. After a full day's discussion this plan was adopted, and in a measure the association was getting down to business, with men interested who were responsible for doing something. This was not enough, however, for a mutual association could have no legal standing, and could be of little force. Hence this same newspaper man took up first with individual members of the executive committee plans for forming a corporation of onion growers. This plan was presented to the association and adopted. A charter was drawn and a constitution and by-laws adopted. Stock was subscribed according to acreage, and a board of directors named.

The organization was then ready to take its place as one of the business organizations of San Antonio, Texas, with headquarters in San Antonio. A salesman was selected, and into his hand was put the marketing of the Bermuda onion crop as grown by the members of the association, embracing about 80 per cent of the entire acreage. He knew his business, and the figures given above show the results. Such in brief is what the two years have to show.

The keynote of success in the work of the association consists in control of packing, so as to ensure stable graded goods to the buyer, a proper knowledge of market and points for distribution, so that the onions may

be sent when and where the market calls for them, and control of shipments so that they may be distributed only when and where they will be taken at good prices. These things attended to properly, as they have been for the past two years, and the Bermuda onion grower may be assured of success and profit if he but knows how to grow the crop.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Japanese at Korea have forced on the emperor an agreement to make the resident Japanese general the real ruler of the empire. Places will be made for 1200 Japanese officials, and control of the arm, capital.

will be secured. A Danish civil engineer has succeeded in producing beer in tablets to be dissolved in hot water. When the beer is cool it is of excellent quality and flavor. What a boon for local option towns!

The abductors of Manuel Sarabia at Douglas, Arizona, will be prosecuted by the Arizona government. Sarabia, wanted in Mexico as a revolutionist was carried away forcibly, but the state department secured his return.

Women in the Jewish quarter in Philadelphia raised a riot because the price of kosher meat was raised. Many shops were demolished and persons entering the shops attacked. More than fifty men and women were arrested.

The Southern Railroad has agreed to put on the rate of 25 cents demanded by the state of North Carolina. President Finley himself was arrested at Asheville, but released on habeas corpus by the federal court.

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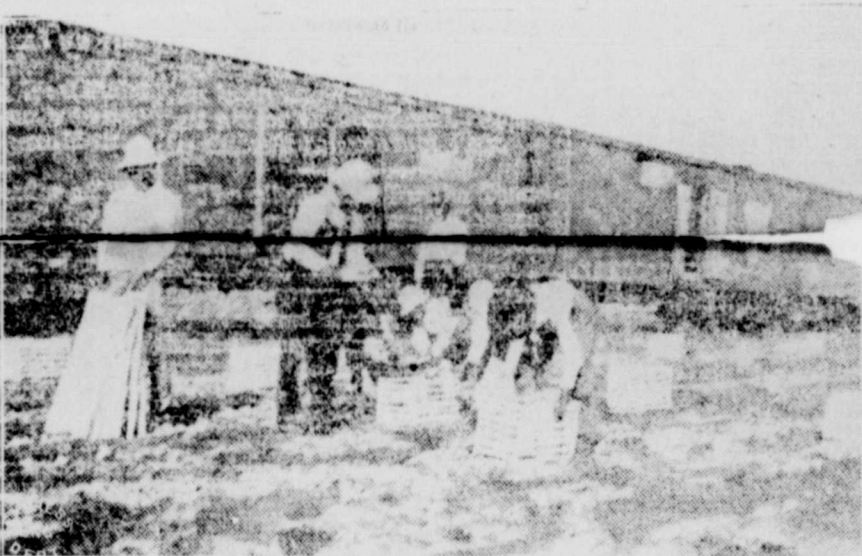
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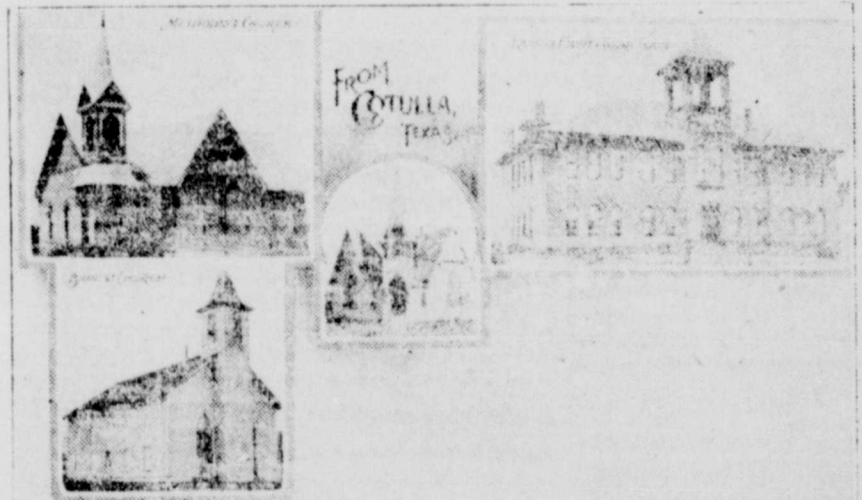
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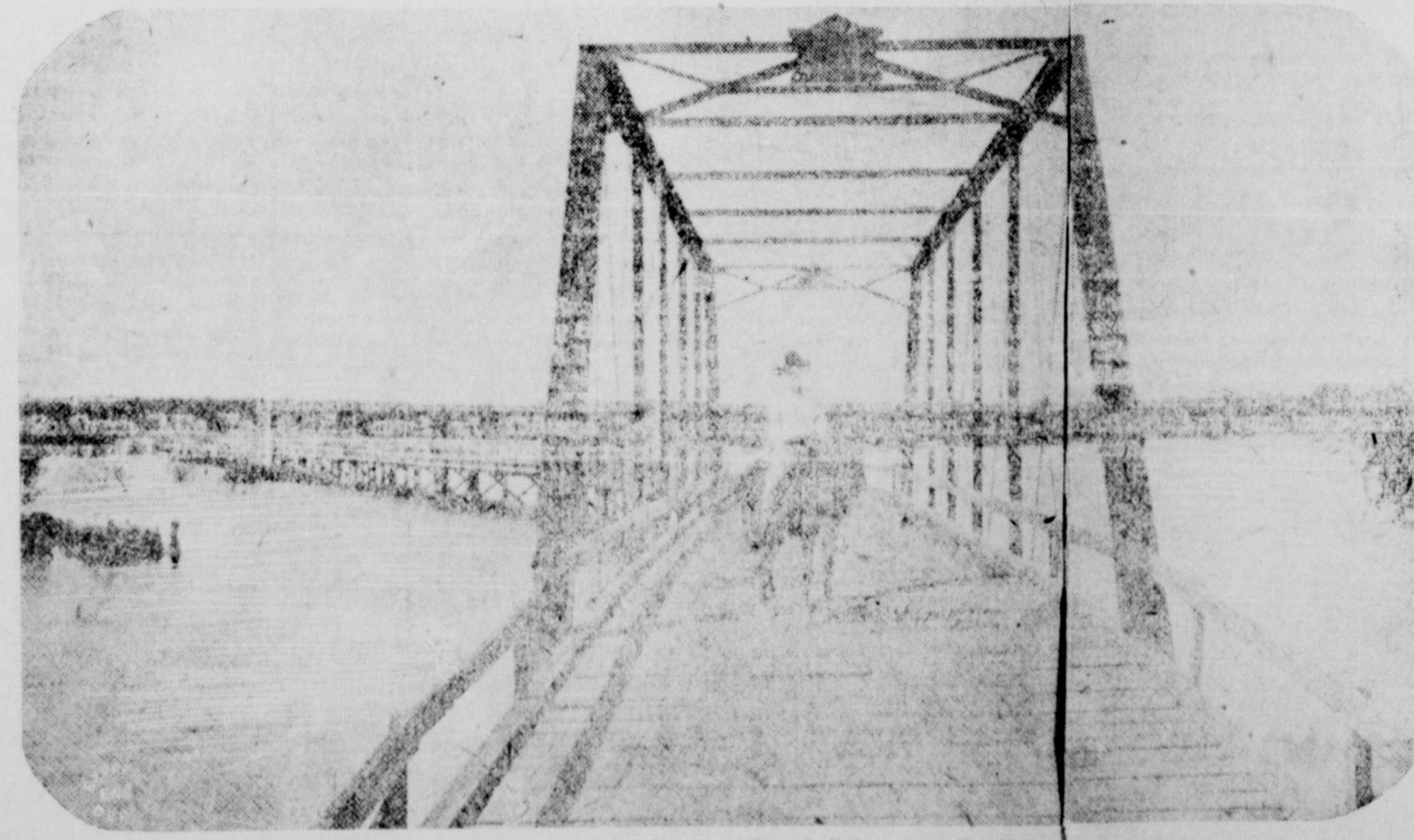
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SECRETARY OF TEXAS UNION SUGGESTS MEASURES FOR ADVANCING THE CAUSE IN THE STATE.

Dallas, Texas.—Secretary B. F. Chapman of the Texas Farmers Union has issued and given out his address to the members preparatory to the annual reunion of the organization to be held in Fort Worth early next month. The address follows:

As our great State Union of the F. E. & C. U. of A. will soon assemble in annual convention at Fort Worth, to recount the work already done, and to plan for the future, I feel that a statement from me as your state secretary and treasurer will be opportune at this time. The state union to assemble at Fort Worth August 6, will be the largest and most important that ever convened in Texas. Aside from being a meeting of delegates, it is going to be a state encampment of thousands of visitors of farmers and their families, who will come in wagons and on the train to camp in beautiful Como Park, where an abundance of room and all necessary conveniences are prepared to accommodate and make pleasant not only the grown folks, but the thousands of little ones.

The program anticipates a "feast of fat things." The entertainment will be grand. Every lecturer and organizer will be there, and some of the most distinguished speakers will be on the program, and a regular organizers' contest will be planned for one day during the meeting. I look forward to this meeting as the means of giving the greatest impulse to the movement of the co-operating farmers of America, and no doubt will create the greatest influx into our ranks of all previous meetings. There will be many pleasant surprises. The official reports will be an astounding revelation of the growth and development of the forces of organized farmers.

We have reached the time of the application of definite work and co-operation, that will bring to a realization the chief objects of the union. The line-up has been grand and the cheering prospects of the perfect organic unity of all the farmers is enough to stir up the blood of the aged and make the young strong as steel. As evidenced by the receipts in my office during the last twenty days, the Texas membership will understand much better the state of the increasing strength of national unity prevailing in Texas.

STANDARD HELP HIGH.
The standard of the great union army will be held just as high by the loyal farmers of Texas as by any other state. These reports show that the men and women of Texas who gave birth to this mighty movement are just as proud of its great accomplishments and possibilities as are the loyal men and women of other states. This great union of farmers had its humble beginning in Texas. How could we Texas people feel otherwise but proud of the National Union of Farmers that has been built up with so much sacrifice of time and money? For a period in our history it seemed that many of the members of Texas looked upon the National Union as something new—an innovation upon the rights or the original charter, Local Union No. 1 was to the original union was national in its scope, and covered the earth as far as America was concerned. The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America was organized and became a legal institution Aug. 23, 1902, and among other articles of incorporation it said: "The name of this corporation shall be The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America," not of Rains county, not of Texas, or of Georgia, but of America.

The purposes declared was to organize and charter subordinate unions in Texas and anywhere in the United States, and to assist each other in marketing and to secure better prices for farm products. You will notice the words subordinate union, which includes local, district, county or state, and such was understood to be the full meaning. By the authority of the charter, Local Union No. 1 was organized, and from this sprang several local unions, and county unions began to be organized. Then, in February, 1904, delegates from all county unions in Texas assembled at Mineola and organized State Union No. 1. Texas was the first state organization, but before this time, who represented the F. E. & C. U. of A? It was what we now call the National Union, the national charter, the property of the ag-

gregated states. It is regarded as a partnership of voluntary co-operators of all the states. Starting from the Mineola meeting, the state officers elected carried on the work of organizing in Texas, but the organization work in other states was under the jurisdiction of the original board of ten, who held the national charter.

Then at the Fort Worth meeting in August, 1904, the national charter was transmitted to the state union of Texas, and then it was that the work of directing the organization by the state officers began. But when several state unions were organized, this sacred compact, in response to the voice of equity, was moulded into a tangible partnership and an equal voice in the management was accorded to other states and we became a great national union, and the compact has been sealed by the inspiring unity of the loyal farmers everywhere. We have over a million co-operators who have taken the same obligation to support every institution established by the organization. All have paid the membership fee, and are not the members' rights the same? No one can be greater than another. No state has the right to usurp greater power than another. The glorious maxim of equity, justice and the golden rule" must be observed by all. Texas naturally has a home pride, as the parent union, and we should be willing for other states to come in and help to push this mighty movement to colossal victory. Already over fifty thousand in Texas have shown a willingness to carry their part of the national (not burden, but pleasure) and march shoulder to shoulder with the men of Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama and all others.

Pay up your national dues and assessment. If you have not already done so have your local secretary to forward them to my office at once, and let us make this one of the greatest years in the union everywhere. The national dues are only two cents per quarter per member, beginning the fourth quarter of 1906. Then an assessment of ten cents per member was levied by vote to raise a lecture fund. This ten cents is to be paid only one time. Do you want Texas to have the largest delegation of any state in the national meeting? If so, it is up to you, brothers, to make it so. Now act promptly and let us hear from you. Don't delay, but report by the time of the state meeting, if possible, or as soon thereafter as convenient. We must have our full quota of delegates and no member should allow our state to lose its full representation on account of so small a duty. In conclusion let me say I shall transmit to the state union a full account of my stewardship. I have been your secretary-treasurer for two years and will not be eligible to re-election. My office will fall into new hands. I will renew the fight in the ranks of the comrades. Trusting in a great, harmonious gathering at Fort Worth, and that we may build wisely for future work, and that your elected officers will direct our great union with firm hands and loyal hearts, I beg to subscribe myself as, yours for unity.

The Carpenter Fig company of Houston is planning to plant a mammoth fig orchard at Falfurrias. The Falfurrias Immigration company will also do experimental work with oranges, lemons, nuts and varieties of semi-tropical fruits.

The three year old daughter of Abram Seibel at Victoria wandered into the uncut sorghum and was struck by the mower and so cut as to die shortly afterward.

Federal Judge Pritchard has enjoined the railroad commission of Virginia from publishing the 2-cent rate recently enacted by the legislature. Governor Swanson favors ignoring the federal court.

The cotton crop in Louisiana and Mississippi is suffering for rain. Unless rains come at once the crop will be short, as there has been no good rain for some time. Cotton in Texas and Oklahoma is doing well.

The government has furnished August Richter of Laredo with a lot of fine date trees imported from Africa. Mr. Richter donated ten acres of his onion farm to the government as an experimental ground for date culture, and it is thought a new industry will be opened up in the southwest when it is demonstrated that dates can be successfully grown here.

TEX. FARMERS' CONGRESS ELECT OFFICERS

Officers elected at Texas Farmers' Congress. Dairyman's Association—President, B. F. Frazier; vice president, Prof. W. H. Alvord, College Station; secretary, Prof. C. O. Moser, Houston; executive commissioner representative, J. M. Vance, San Antonio.

Woman's Educational and Industrial Association, president and member executive committee: Mrs. Rebecca Hays, Galveston; vice president, Mrs. E. M. Barrett, Austin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. B. Aguillo, Galveston; recording secretary, Mrs. T. Georgetown; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Connell, Dallas.

Texas Bee Keepers Association. President, W. O. Victor, Hondo; vice president, D. A. Milam, Uvalde; secretary and treasurer, Louis H. Scholl, New Brunfels.

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Texas Sheep and Goat Breeders Association: president, I. A. Bradford, Taylor; vice president, C. M. Abram, Manon; secretary and treasurer, John Roberton, Grand View.

Texas Seed Breeders Association: president, T. V. Munson, Denison; secretary, B. A. Saunders, Waco.

Texas Nut Growers Association: president, C. Falkner, Waco.

Texas Division Southern Cotton Association; officers re-elected.

South Texas Truck and Fruit Growers Association: officers re-elected.

Texas Nurseryman's Association: officers re-elected.

Caleb Powers begins his fourth trial in Kentucky for the murder of William Goebel. He has been convicted twice before, but a new trial ordered. It will be difficult to secure a jury.

There will be also a discussion of the subject of "the largest and most progressive city in the South, in the healthful city in the world."

Speakers of note with the general topic as it affects politics, socialism, corporation capital, journalism, ostentatious wealth, the church and public utilities.

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Suit for injunction by claimant to sixty acres may postpone Mustang Island land sales.

State Health officer finds nothing serious in reported epidemic of dengue at Brownsville.

Senator Pettus of Alabama is dead. He will be succeeded by ex-Gov. Johnson, who received the vote as his successor at the last primary election. Bankhead succeeded Morgan.

The National Civic Federation in its report just out, does not favor the idea of municipal ownership after a comprehensive study of the subject. Public utilities affecting the health of the people, however, should not be left to private control.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

Oil found at the Mission Oil field near San Antonio has been tested thoroughly and found to be a first class fuel oil. The well is now flowing from 75 to 100 barrels a day.

The I. & G. N. railroad has let the contract for a new depot to cost \$200,000 in San Antonio. It will be two stories, Mission style, and will be completed in eleven months.

The Farmers' Congress adopted strong resolutions favoring the two proposed amendments to the state constitution providing for the creation of improvement districts in cities of more than 5000 people.

The business men of San Antonio are at work raising the \$50,000 asked for by Col. Uriah Lott for the building of a railroad from that city to the Rio Grande.

The Railroad Commission will not take up the matter of a reduction on cotton in round bales till the September meeting. If a reduction is made it will not be in force till about October 1st.

There are now 270 state banks recorded by the State Department of Banking. Seven concerns chartered have liquidated for various reasons, but no losses have been sustained.

The Wells Fargo Express Company has brought suit against the railroads for enforcement of contract to carry certain goods free. This contract was made impossible by the anti-pass law. So that is really a test of the anti-pass law.

United States officials are inspecting the tobacco fields about Nacodoches. They are the leading tobacco experts of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry.

A movement is under way among the goat men of Uvalde and other western counties to raise \$150,000 for a mohair factory. Mohair is now shipped to Boston. It is estimated that such a factory in would pay, for the raw product comes from here.

Revenue that the state will derive from saloons under the Baskin-McGregor law will total about three quarters of a million dollars. About four thousand saloons will be licensed.

Dallas and Fort Worth are holding meetings to secure the diamond jubilee planned by the 5,000,000 club in 1911. The meeting at El Paso in August will decide whether or not the jubilee is to be held.

Frank Swetlick a prominent farmer near Hallettsville, was fatally injured by being run over by a buggy. His spinal column was dislocated and his body below the armpits paralyzed.

In a speech at Wills Point Governor Campbell approves the acts of the legislature and says that if a special session should be called it would be to make the anti-pass laws of the state more stringent.

The recruiting officer of the regular army at Houston has received instructions to enlist negro recruits for the cavalry. These are the first negroes called for since the Brownsville affair.

Only few more than half the counties of the state have reported on tax valuations yet, although all reports must be in by August 15th. The tax rate cannot be announced till all have reported.

Wednesday of this week at Fredericksburg the Mountain Remnant brigade meets in annual reunion. Governor Campbell and Senators Bailey and Culbertson are present and 20,000 people gathered in the little city.

An explosion wrecks a tenement house in New York, killing 14 and injuring a score. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The tenement was on the east side.

The official call for the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress to meet at Muskogee November 19, 20, 21, 22 next, has been issued. Representation is provided for from states, cities and business organizations.

BURNING THE STRAWBERRY FIELD.

Concerning the burning of the old plants in a strawberry field after the crop has been picked, "The Strawberry" has the following to say:

Go over the field with a common mowing machine, allowing the horse to walk astride the row, and mowing off one row at a time, being careful to see that the mower does not get too close to the crown, although there is very little danger of doing this, as the crown usually is well protected by the surface of the soil, or a scythe may be used for the purpose. The mowing should be done in dry weather, and when the indications are that no rain will fall till after the field is burned over. If this dry weather continues for thirty-six or forty-eight hours after the mowing is done, the field will have become sufficiently dry to burn very readily. In the event a heavy rain should fall between the mowing and the burning, the vegetable matter would be so wet as to make it dangerous to burn over at all, as a smouldering fire would be sure to destroy the crown of the plant.

But assuming that the plants are thoroughly dry, select a day when the wind is blowing quite briskly, and set fire to the plants. In doing this you should go to the windward side of the plants, and set the entire bed on fire as quickly as it can be done. Five or six acres frequently have been burned over in a space of time not exceeding fifteen minutes. If the mulching has been put on quite heavily, it is best either to remove part of the mulching or to loosen it up, a work which may be done with a hay tedder if the field be a large one. If the patch is not large, the work may be done with a fork.

Narrowing down the rows should be done immediately after the burning over is completed. To do this take a common breaking-plow or bar-share, and throw a furrow from each side of the row into the center. This will leave a ridge directly between the rows, which may be leveled down or thrown back to place by the use of a one-horse five-tooth cultivator. After the cultivator has been run through, a reversible harrow, with the teeth drawn slightly backwards, drawn across the rows, will level the surface nicely. It also will draw fine soil over the crowns and bury them completely, a very important work, by the way.

One Strawberry reader asked the other day when the crown was covered in preparation for second crop, whereas, when we set out the original plants, we leave the crown above the surface of the soil. The reason for this is that after the plants have fruited a crop, the original roots are entirely exhausted, and have become a lifeless mass of wire-like vegetation. By covering the crowns, a completely new root system is established just above the old roots, and beneath the crowns of the plants. If we fail to cover the crowns of the plants at this time with soil, the roots will grow very sparingly, the plants will send out no runners, the foliage will be small, and the fruit-yield insignificant. But where the crowns are covered as described, the plants will come up through the soil in a few days, and in a short time the foliage will have the bright, glossy appearance of health, and the beds will be as vigorous and capable of producing as fine crops of fruit as would be the case with newly set plants.

After the plants have started to growing again, go over the field very carefully, looking for the weak ones that should at once be cut with a hoe, leaving nothing but strong, healthy plants to act as mother plants in this old-new field. The mother plants should be left about sixteen inches apart, and if you have adopted the double hedge row, allow four runners to form and layer them the same as you would do in setting out the new bed. In cultivating the field for second crop, follow the same general plan as that observed in cultivating young plants, carrying forward this work until the early fall. Keep the runners in check, never let the weeds and grass get the start of you, and your second crop will be a bumper.

William S. Haywood was acquitted Sunday at Boise, Idaho, of complicity in the murder of ex-Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho. The jury was out for 22 hours. At first it stood 8 for acquittal, finally changing. Moyer and Pettibone will now be tried for the same crime.

BEST METHOD OF PLANTING PECAN GROVES.

(By Herbert Post.)

In these days when parties having money to invest are seeking safety and surety of earnings there is none which promises to give large returns on safe investments which equals that of pecan culture.

This long neglected industry has within the past five years taken on a new interest and the days of planting pecan nuts and seedling trees has passed and grafted and budded trees have taken their place.

These trees, while more expensive, come into bearing early and the price of the large pecans they bear soon gives sufficient earnings to pay all they cost. Such pecans find ready sale in the northern markets at wholesale from 25 to 40 cents a pound for table use.

The method of planting such trees is a great improvement from custom prevailing years ago when the nuts borne upon the wild forest trees were hardly worth gathering because of no market. Pecan trees were planted in fields 40, 50, 60 or 100 feet apart for shade, the same ground being planted in corn or cotton. Now that pecans grown upon these grafted trees are worth three to four times as much as a pound of cotton, it pays to make every acre give the best results, and planting pecan groves by the equilateral triangle method is the best. This has been practiced in California for the past 20 years in planting of orange, lemon, prune, olive trees, etc., giving seventeen more trees to the acre than by the square method.

Planting our pecan trees 20x20 feet apart we get 125 trees to the acre without crowding. To prevent this we head in the trees (an old practice) when they are two or three years old, the results of which make a wonderful advance over former methods. This heading in consists in taking out the center limbs, which opens up the middle of the tree to the sunlight and free air circulation. It also makes short trunks, the shade of the limbs preventing sun scald, dwarfs the trees, so that oval tops are secured and the crops are easily gathered by the cane pole. By planting the trees so near, the tree is easily pollinated by the constant circulation of the pollen by the air currents among the trees at the time of bloom, the result being annual crops which can be obtained by no other method of planting. Some may say this is too close planting. Very well. Let the trees grow and get the crops for 20 or 30 years and then if the owner has the nerve to destroy a tree whose crop is worth \$25 to \$50 a year let him cut away all the trees he may wish.

Commercial planting of pecan groves of grafted trees is coming, for there is no other tree growth that can give such earnings. Let us take for instance a grove of forty acres, which will contain 5000 trees. Planting the 3 to 4 or 4 to 5 foot trees under cultivation they come into bearing when three or four years old and when six years old they should easily earn \$5 a tree (a very conservative yield of only twenty pounds at 25 cents per pound). This means an income of \$25,000 on an outlay of only \$4000 to \$5000 for the trees. Not only this, but the income increases each year, when at ten years of age it should average \$20 or \$25 each tree. Pecan trees are known to have a bearing life of hundreds of years. This is no guess work. We have authentic records of trees at six years bearing thirty pounds and when only two years from transplanting bearing one hundred and fifty-five pounds. Cut these figures in two and any reasonable man should be satisfied.

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To any doubting persons will investigate these facts which we give herewith we think they will find much more in this industry than we have unfolded.

POTASH FOR STRAWBERRIES AND TOMATOES.

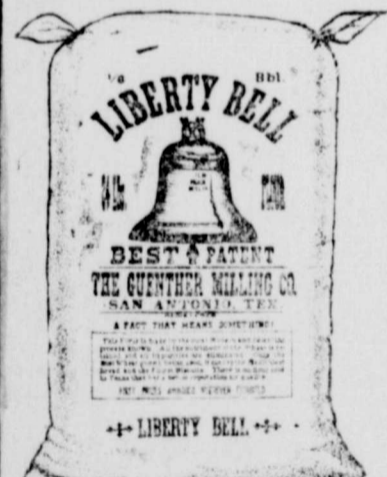
Strawberries like potash. Its color is helped by reason of its health giving plant food content. But the tomato will appropriate potash to a far greater extent than will the berry or other fruit or vegetable. This fact was recently brought to the attention of Mr. C. A. Hotchkiss of Swan. He was burning some old heaps on land where strawberries and tomatoes were to grow. He found that where only the brush had been burned the berries and tomatoes thrive and did well; where the heavy logs were burned the strawberry plants failed to grow. But on exactly similar spots tomatoes luxuriated and the fruit was as fine as any ever produced on Holmwood farm. (No dropping of booms in this case.) Crops all require potash and lime. Both are found in ashes. Vegetable crops are especially fond of heavy rations of potash. These, however, vary somewhat in their "avidity" for potash.

Victoria capitalists are organizing a company to prospect for oil at Nursery. Geologists believe that the section is in the oil belt. It is known to be in the artesian belt.

Important events for the week include the election of a congress for the Philippines, the decision of Judge Landis of Chicago in the Rockefeller-Standard Oil case, the opening of the fourth trial of Caleb Powers on an indictment charging him with the murder of Gov. Goebel of Kentucky, and probably further legal proceedings in the test cases to determine the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the North Carolina state railroad law.

The sentence against the Standard for violating the interstate commerce law, pronounced in the United States district court at Chicago by Judge Landis. The sentence may

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The Onion Industry in the Nueces Valley and Some Facts and Figures of the Past Season's Crop.

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thoroughly convinced, after three years' experience, that there is money in growing onions. This year Mr. Beck had in 101 acres from which he gathered 3950 crates of onions and sold them for \$5354. He sold about half of them at the depot platform and says he lost several hundred dollars by doing it. Mr. Beck's farm is ten miles down the river and it costs him 10¢ per crate to have them hauled to the station. He figures that his expense for raising the crop, crates and hauling will not exceed \$1300, leaving him a net profit of \$4050.

W. B. BROWN, a son-in-law of J. F. Beck of the South. They sold 1600 crates of onions this past season out of 15 acres which brought them \$1000.00. After deducting cost of raising and hauling, he had about \$700.00 left. He says he had no other crop and he says the Association is doing the work for the growers now.

T. W. GARDNER, who has a farm up the Nueces just over the line in Dimmit, had 11 acres but a very poor stand. He gathered 2200 crates and netted \$1000.00. Mr. Gardner says he is 32 miles from the depot and he had to haul his onions to the depot. He says he is going to raise his crop in 1917, expecting to raise the crop to 1000 crates.

L. P. WILLIAMS, who has a farm near Mr. Gardner's, had 11 acres but a very poor stand. He gathered 2200 crates and netted \$1000.00.

PAUL C. KNOWLES, who has a farm at the end of this month, had but one crate from 100 acres in 20 acres in onions from which they gathered 100 crates. All of the onions were sold through the Association and net them \$200.00. Mr. Knowles says he is 32 miles from the depot and he had to haul his onions to the depot. He says he is going to raise his crop in 1917, expecting to raise the crop to 1000 crates.

THOMAS W. GREGORY, a farmer just across the river from Paul C. Knowles. They had 10 1/2 acres and had 1200 crates in the valley. Their crop averaged 375 crates to the acre. They shipped a total of 2700 crates and brought them net \$4100.00. Mr. Gregory says they kept no account of the cost of production, producing the crop but that they bring expenses, crates all labor and seed was \$3000.00. This leaves them \$1100.00 clear on 17 1/2 acres of land. We asked him if he thought the expense of producing the onions exceeded \$60 per acre and he said he did not. Raising it at these figures which is certainly within \$10 per acre of cost, gives \$3700.00 per acre of net profit. These boys' success from Woodville two years ago is to be shown.

W. L. HARRIS, whose beautiful farm is just five miles West of town, had in a 10-acre acreage in onions the past season. On a little less than five acres he gathered 1570 crates and sold them for \$2200.87. Mr. Harris says that his crop cost \$17 per acre to produce. He will put in a large acreage in onions the coming season.

IRRIGATING FROM WELLS.

While practically all of the irrigation in La Salle county is in the Nueces Valley, the past season or two has demonstrated that there is money in irrigating a small acreage from shallow pumping wells.

W. C. HARRIS, 12 miles North of Cotulla and 3 miles from Millett, gathered and sold from 4 acres of ground \$1534.00 worth of onions. His expenses were \$1000.00, which included money paid for crates. His clear profit on the 4 acres was \$1125.00, an average of \$281 per acre. Mr. Harris shipped the first car out of the county. He pumps from a 200 foot well with a 4 h. p. gasoline engine. This season Mr. Harris will irrigate six acres of onions from this well.

Down in the Artesia country a number of farmers are also making money by irrigating a few acres of truck from wells. In this section of the county light flows can be obtained in wells 500 feet deep.

J. W. BROWN, East of Artesia, has a well that flows about 20 gallons per minute from which he gathered 5000 crates of onions and 7000 crates of cantaloupes the past season. He sold \$1000.00 worth of onions, which paid all his expenses

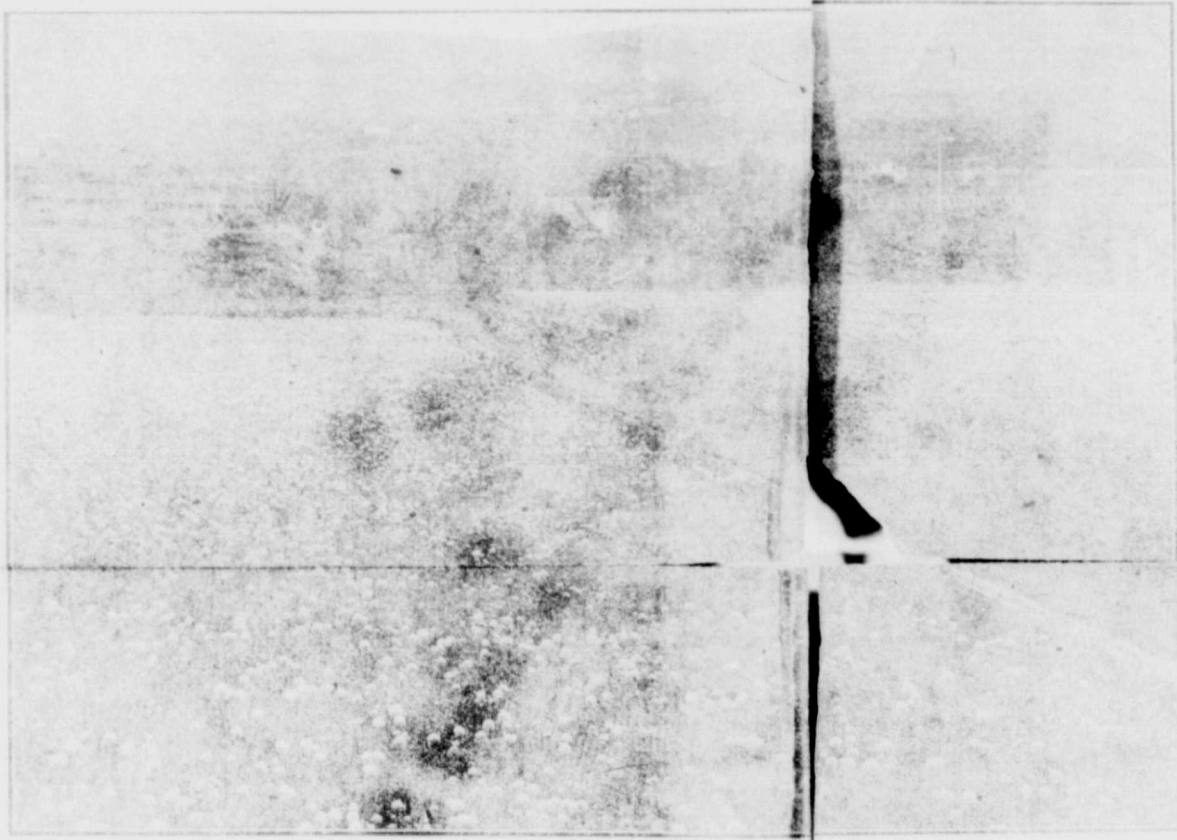
for the crop, raising a 50 acre land farm and the cantaloupe crop, and then gave him net \$71.00-\$134 per acre. Mr. Brown sold by local express \$22.00 worth of cantaloupes.

J. F. KRAE, who lives on the Nueces just below the Barkow dam, has a pumping proposition and irrigated 11 acres of onions the past season. He was very late however and did not transplant until February. He received net returns for \$1200.

J. M. RIVNEY, also in the Artesia district has been raising onions for three or four years by irrigation from wells. He has produced some of the best onions as we ever saw. We have not been able to see him and get figures on the past season's crop.

Mr. R. S. ELYELL, now having well put down on the Robinson lands, 12 miles East of town, and all put in a demonstration farm. He will grow tomatoes principally. Mr. Elyell is a practical truck and fruit man.

This year a number of pumps are going to cover in the Western part of the county near Woodville and it will not be long until every farmer will have a plant of this kind, which will pay his running expenses almost every year.



A SCENE IN TENNETTE—WHERE WE GET OUR ONION SEED.

The above is a picture taken on the Island of Tennette, off the Coast of Mexico, where the onion seed great care must be given and to plant one acre. These are now pulled up and transplanted in one by hand, and someone has figured out that it requires twelve hundred thousand motions of the human hand to transplant one acre of onions. From ninety to one hundred and twenty five thousand plants per acre are planted between September 29th and Oct. 10th. The plants are transplanted in December. Hereafter the crops have been cut down by plowing with small mules, which walk between 14 inches without injury to the plants. One man and a mule can do the work of six men.

MONEY IN TOMATOES.

The wetness of the seasons in this section makes the tomato crop a valuable one. While as yet they have not been grown extensively, beyond a question it has been proven that the soil produces that fruit with the finest flavor, and within the next year or two we expect to see this crop cultivated extensively.

As an instance of what can be done Mr. R. H. SHELTON had one and a half acres this spring. He shipped by local express off the patch \$400 net and sold the remainder at \$50.

Mr. H. Caley of the Woodland farm has had both a spring and fall crop of tomatoes the past two years and has always made large profits.

ALFALFA.

To those who are familiar with alfalfa, they are of the opinion that the soil of La Salle county is adapted to its culture. However, it is not advised to plant it where it can not be irrigated, although there are many seasons when the natural rainfall is sufficient.

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EYES fitted ACCURATELY with GLASSES for all cases of ametropia by Graduate in Optometry. My glasses are giving satisfaction where others have failed. I have my lenses specially ground in Philadelphia which enables you to get the best and no substitute.

I have for sale the celebrated Edison Phonographs and Records.
ENGRAVING WATCHMAKING

Mrs. I. C. Jennings and daughter, Miss Nell left Saturday last for Corpus Christi where they will spend a few weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Motheral left Tuesday for a week's stay at the Epworth League Encampment at Corpus Christi.

Mark Jones and son Henry Jones, father and brother of Mrs. Chas. Sullivan of Granger are here. They were called to the bedside of Mr. Sullivan, who is seriously ill.

T. K. Hall, the champion heavy-weight of this region was in town yesterday from his ranch. Mr. Hall said rain was needed badly up his way and the sooner it fell the better it would suit him.

Jack Talbott, one of the prosperous onion growers of the Nueces Valley left Wednesday for Marshall, Mo., where he will spend a few weeks with his boyhood friends.

W. E. Ramsey of Artesia was in the city this week and was a pleasant caller at the RECORD office. Mr. Ramsey says the Artesia section would like to see a good rain just now.

The many friends of Mr. Chas. Sullivan will regret to learn that he is confined to his room and is in a very serious condition. He has been in bed for a week. He was slightly improved yesterday.

Wm Guthrey returned Thursday from a ten days trip visiting his father at Vincent, La. Mr. Guthrey says a very severe drouth covers that section of the country. No rain of consequence has fallen since the first of June.

W. L. Pease proprietor of the City Barber Shop returned Wednesday night from Topo Chico, Springs Mexico. Said J. T. Carr and R. A. Gouger, who have been over there for several weeks would not be home until last of the coming week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Fresh line of candy at S. Cotulla's. Walter Ellis of Laredo was here this week.

Wm. Earnest was down from Millett one day this week.

V. H. Harding left yesterday for Houston on a business trip.

Any old thing in the cold drink line at S. Cotulla's.

YOUR NEW FALL SUIT—REED.

J. P. Bennett returned Wednesday from San Antonio.

Sheriff Hill has been absent from the city most of the week.

Mrs. C. F. Binkley is visiting relatives over at Pleasanton.

The biggest loaf for 5c at S. Cotulla's.

Our readers attention is called to the ad of Robt. H. Hall in this issue of the Record.

Clan Cigar she best 5c smoke at S. Cotulla's.

Mrs. W. L. Pease has returned home after a visit to friends in Mexico.

Try an Apple-o at S. Cotulla's fountain.

Mrs. R. J. Jennings arrived home Thursday after an absence of three weeks from the city.

Just received at S. Cotulla, some new postal cards.

Miss Loraine Uhl of San Antonio is in the city visiting Misses Alice and Jessie Copp.

Mrs. E. A. Keek and children are visiting relatives in Hays county.

Miss Dot Reed left first of the week for Corpus Christi for a weeks stay.

William and Claude Landrum are visiting at the McKey ranch near Millett.

J. L. Hamilton and party of Millett were down on the Nueces fishing this week.

Lemonade, milk shake, cream, cream soda, bottled and fountain sods at S. Cotulla's.

Besides our full line of fall and winter shoes, we will have in stock next week more low quarters.

Y. P. Bowen & Co.

Miss Alma Lansford returned to her home in Carrizo Springs Monday after a visit of several weeks here.

Mrs. D. W. McKey and Mrs. McBride were in the city from the McKey Ranch this week.

FOR SALE.—Nine good Berkshire and Poland China hogs. For further particulars address, OTTO ARMSTRONG, Cotulla, Texas.

C. B. Gillespie of Millett was in Cotulla Saturday.

W. H. Jackson, the Telephone man is kept busy repairing wire along the line these days.

Copies of this edition of the RECORD can be had at this office at 5c each.

John Freeman of San Marcos was here this week shaking hands with his old time friends.

John Henderson of the Cartwright ranch was in town Thursday.

Miss Adeline Butler returned to Floresville yesterday after a visit to friends here.

Mrs. T. R. Keek and children left Monday for San Marcos on a visit to relatives.

Just received more all over lace patterns, all over embroidery netting, ladies Peter-pan shirts.

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E. A. Keek, one of our prominent onion men, returned Thursday night from a business trip to San Antonio.

Miss Sue Coulter of Luling arrived here first of the week on a visit to her friends Misses Willis and Minnie Leonard.

Work on the Methodist parsonage is progressing rapidly and will be completed in another two weeks.

H. Caley made a business trip up to the Alamo City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kerr will leave Monday for St. Louis to purchase a line of fall and winter goods for their store.

Mrs. J. A. Landrum left this week for San Antonio where she will be for several weeks under medical treatment.

Why not trade where you can get dry goods, groceries and all kinds of fresh fruits at the same place.

Y. P. Bowen & Co.

The weather man says we are still to have a few more days of this hot weather. He can change the program as soon as he likes, as far as we are concerned.

Our gasoline engine refused to go for several hours Thursday and the presses stopped, which accounts for this edition getting in the mails a little late.

Alsie Salmon has returned from San Antonio where he spent a couple of weeks under a physician and had a growth cut from his throat.

Gaddis' Pharmacy

As ours is a modern drug store our stock is varied and contains hundreds of things besides drugs, medicines and articles especially for those who are ill.

Soaps, Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Brushes, Rubber Goods, Nursery Supplies, Cigars, Confectionery, Hammocks, Fishing Tackle, Base Ball Goods, Etc. are all included in splendid variety in our superb stock. If you seek quality in any of these lines you will find it here and at most reasonable prices, too.

Gaddis' Pharmacy

Wednesday and Thursday nights were very close and warm. When a cool breeze fails to blow at night it is greatly missed, and there are but few nights during the year that we fail to get it.

The Reds and High School ball teams played two games on the local diamond this week. The Reds took both games. The first by a score of 8 to 2 and the second 11 to 8.

Jas. P. Licklider, Asst. Sec. of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Land Bureau and Leslie P. Huey, Sec. to General Passenger Agent of the M. K. & T. Ry. were here yesterday with a special M. K. & T. car collecting exhibits for the Eastern Fairs. They caught several views of the irrigated farms with the camera and Cotulla will have a writeup in "The Coming Country," of which several hundred thousand copies will be distributed at the different fairs. The Business Men's Club succeeded in getting up a small exhibit for them.

Notice.—A large number of extra copies of this edition of the RECORD has been printed which can be had at this office for 5c per copy. Where one person takes as many as 20 papers and will furnish the names they will be wrapped and mailed free of charge, if so desired. If you want any of the papers send in your order at once because they are not going to last always. We already have orders for about half the extra copies put out.

Gerke & Shnakel, the music men, are doing a rattling good business in this territory. Mr. Gerke had seventeen and Mr. Shnakel 19 years experience in building, tuning and repairing pianos and they are hustlers. No grass has grown under their feet since they have been here, having sold an average of two pianos a week through July. They are working the territory East and West as far as Tilden and Carrizo Springs.

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See Our Travelers' Checks. Good Anywhere on Earth.
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We do a Conservative Banking Business on Strictly Banking Principles.

6000 ACRES OF RIVER LAND FOR SALE IN SMALL TRACTS.

The undersigned owns 6,000 acres of land with four miles front on the Nueces River beginning three miles West of Cotulla which they are now having sub-divided and by the 15th inst. will be ready to sell in tracts of 80 acres and up. About 1,000 acres of this land is fine onion land that can be irrigated from the river. At least ninety per cent. of the land is fine agricultural land and about 3,000 acres of this can be cleared for \$1.50 per acre. Buy this open land and save \$10 to \$20 per acre for grubbing. The land will be sold direct by the owners and no commissions will be paid to agents. Apply for prices and terms to either of the following

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