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WORK ON PARK

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CITIZENS.

Work on the City Park, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Wentworth, landscape gardener is making great progress. Grass has been set over as much ground as that already furnished will cover and the balance will be put in as soon as more grass is supplied.

A large shipment of lygustrum trees arrived this week and were set along each side of the walk from the east to the west side of the park and around the circle in the center. These trees are a beautiful evergreen and will in a few years make a perfect tunnel of green over the walks.

A few pyramidal cypress, a very pretty ornamental evergreen, will also be set out. The remaining walks will be bordered with weastachie trees and a row of hackberries will be put around the edge of the park next to the fence.

Mr. Wentworth also received a shipment of fine rose bushes this week which he has beautifully arranged in the several flower beds.

The flower seeds planted a week or two ago in the circle are coming up nice and a pretty design has been laid off and set in violets.

The corner granted to the Optimistic Club to beautify has been laid out in a beautiful design and the words Optimistic Club made in raised grass letters at the east and north entrances. A star in grass and flowers will be made as soon as more grass can be hauled. A collection of cacti is being made on this corner and several donations of rare species have been made by some of our citizens.

The court house square has been receiving its share of attention and trees and grass are making it beautiful.

Gardendale Survey Completed

H. B. Strickler, civil engineer for the Gardendale colony lands five miles North of town, came in from camp Thursday morning having practically completed the field work begun in July. The entire tract consists of over 16000 acres, and has been subdivided into 750 tracts, each tract carrying with it a town lot which will be settled on by the purchasers next spring. Mr. Strickler will spend a couple of weeks in San Antonio, after which he will return to Cotulla and probably make this his future home.

Presbyterian Ladies

The Ladies Missionary Union of the Presbyterian church are requested to come together in a call meeting Monday evening Dec. 2nd at the home of Mrs. C. B. Jones. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. B. Jones, Pres.
Mrs. F. A. Gallman, Sec.

Married in San Antonio.

Mr. Charlie Bragg was married to Miss Rhoda Petty in San Antonio last Saturday, Nov. 23rd at the Plaza Hotel. Both are well known in Cotulla. The happy couple arrived home on Sunday evening's train. The Record extends Congratulations.

Low Rate.

For the Annual "Fiestas" and bull fight at New Laredo, Mex., Sunday Dec. 1st, the I. & G. N. R. R. will run an excursion to Laredo. Rate from Cotulla \$1.25 round trip for train No. 11 leaving 2:50 a. m., tickets good to return Monday, Dec. 2nd.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motheral returned Monday from San Marcos where they have been visiting relatives for a week.

One guess with every 25c purchase at S. Cotulla's. Person making the best guess will get \$5.00 in gold. Contest closes Jan. 1st.

Rev. A. Barkley, pastor of the Baptist Church will hold services tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 10. You are invited to attend these services.

Jesse Lowmiller of Platte City, Mo., who has been at Woodward for the past two weeks returned home Tuesday morning. Mr. Lowmiller said he had let out 160 acres to be planted in cotton next spring.

The fourth attraction of the Cotulla Lyceum Course will be here Thursday Dec. 5. This attraction consists of magic, sleight of hand tricks, mind reading, telepathy and illusions. It is highly recommended as being one of the best in its line and something altogether new and novel.

W. O. W. Meeting.

All Woodmen are hereby notified to be present at the next meeting to be held the first Monday in Dec. (Dec. 2) for purpose of electing officers and other importance business.

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The Chaparral Congressman

Congressman John N. Garner of Uvalde, who stopped here yesterday to attend the session of the Interstate Inland Waterways Convention, is on his way to Washington, where he has a number of things to look after before congress opens next month.

Ever since he has been in congress, and he is now serving his third term, Mr. Garner has been an advocate of the plan to improve the inland waterways. As a member of the committee on railways and canals he wrote the report which was adopted by that committee in 1903. This was the start of the movement.

The congressman is enthusiastic over the waterways question. "I am in favor of spending every cent we can get out of the treasury in this important work," said he. "Certainly the government can expend its money in no way that will be of greater value to all the people than improving its waterways to the fullest extent. In the fifteenth district are several projects of vast import, and I am going after its proportion of the appropriation."

Mr. Garner believes that the republicans will block any legislation tending to revise the tariff, though he considers this the most important matter which should be considered by that body. "I think that the tariff should be revised, and the democrats ought to press that issue. Duties should be reduced, and in some instances entirely abolished on articles controlled by trusts and monopolies and which are sold for a greater figure at home than abroad. It seems to me that there is absolutely no excuse for selling anything at a lower price when it is intended for foreign consumption than when it is for home consumption."

Dignity is not one of the characteristics of Mr. Garner, but what he lacks in this if made up by the energy he possesses. Many of the congressmen are greater orators than he, but as a mixer among his own and as a hustler for them

TO SAVE MEAT.

The time will soon be at hand for killing hogs, and as many of their meat last winter I thought that some suggestions on the subject of saving meat for the coming winter might be beneficial.

The mode and manner of saving meat as herein stated was followed by my great grandfather, my grandfather, my father and myself and in no instance was there a killing lost.

First item to be considered is insure success—kill at the first opportunity after hogs are in the proper condition that will be cold enough to drive out the usual heat. See to it that no hog is heated or excited before it is killed. Thoroughly clean the hog both inside and outside, cut up the meat immediately and salt it while warm, laying each piece out separately and let it lay overnight. The following morning knock off all salt put on the previous night and salt down; cover up in box, so that the light and insects cannot get to it. The meat lie from a month to two weeks, after which prepare a large kettle of hot water and put therein ground red until the water is strong with and dip all the meat there several times, and thereafter up in the smoke house to dry cure.

For four weeks build and maintain a smothered fire in the smoke house and smoke the meat.

The meat being cured, place each piece in a paper sack, surround the meat with hay and hang up, the sack being impervious, insects cannot effect the meat; the hay will prevent mould, and at any time after the meat is so treated it will be free from rancid taste and skippers. paper sacks cannot be procured, wrap the meat in paper, put cloth sack and use hay as previously stated.

Before the meat is smoked and cured prepare a mixture of lasses and ground black

Texas gamblers, like the migratory birds of Northern points, are now Southward bound. During the last few days scores of gamblers from Texas points and especially from San Antonio have put in their appearance in Monterey. They seem to have come in a bunch for they were exceedingly conspicuous on the streets of this city today.

Thus far they have, to all appearances not located, and indications are that they are here simply to get a lay of the land, preparatory to embarking in the business. While the advance guard reached this city a few days ago the main body did not arrive until shortly after midnight last night over the Mexican National. Their first day in Monterey was spent in sight seeing. They have not intimated what their future plans may be.

It is known, however, that since the recent laws by the Thirtieth Legislature have gone into effect, putting gambling in all forms out of commission in Texas, the gamblers have been trying to get located elsewhere and have sought Mexico for their future operations. Some of the party hail from the

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of these "town boomers" were de-

liberate falsehoods. Another point which Eastern investors should bear in mind, the paper went on to say, was the fact that the property platted into town lots was still Government land. The Town Company had no title, and perhaps never would have. It branded the entire enterprise as the most gigantic confidence game that had ever been perpetrated on an unsuspecting public.

It further recited that the swindling operations of the irresponsible and restless "town boomers" of Waterville were exceeded in of adroitness only by the mining operations in and about Butte City, Montana. According to the article, the mountain sides of Butte City were perforated with abandoned prospect shafts. Hundreds and thousands of dollars of Eastern money had been expended by local managers in riotous living and debauchery. The aim was made that it was a safe estimate that for every thousand put into prospect shafts in and about Butte City, not more than a twenty-five cent piece had been taken out. It spoke of the inhabitants of Butte City and Waterville as plebeians of the lowest sort and condition of life.

The worst cut to Fred, however, was the closing paragraph. It stated that the habit of promoters of these Western towns was to bribe correspondents of Eastern papers and that many were weak enough to fall, which was not only unfortunate for the journal publishing those flattering falsehoods, but a base injustice to Eastern investors who were led captive with their savings into Western "booms" through the machinations of unprincipled correspondents for Eastern papers.

The article had evidently been written by one particularly acquainted with some single town, and who thought he knew the entire continent—some one who had so many ideas about nothing that he had but few, if any, about a tangible something.

If Fred had been nonplussed upon receipt of the assistant editor's letter, he was now stunned. He thought very little of his own investment at Waterville, but rather of what his old associates on the Banner would think of him, for he regarded the article as a direct thrust at himself and his integrity. A man may be erudite without condemning, he may even suspect a friend without sacrificing him on the evidence of mere doubt.

After waiting a few days, and receiving no further communication from the Banner office, and feeling too humiliated to write to his city friends, until time had dulled the blow, he concluded to go to Waterville, and see if he could make arrangements with the Town Company whereby he could at once return the money invested by his associates in Waterville lots.

The more he thought of the article in the Banner the more indignant he became. "There is not a manufacturing or any other kind of an institution in the East rich enough," he said to himself, "to stand such wholesale boycotting as that to which this Western country is constantly subjected by the Eastern press. It is not conservative. I have not been long in the West, it is true, but my respect for it and its people is growing. Even Chicago, with all her greatness, energy and achievements, is belittled by the press of the East!"

"By birth I am a Gothamite, and by education I am an Eastern man, but my patriotism for America and all that is American has never allowed me to turn up my trousers when there is a heavy fog in London. I love Englishmen because they are loyal to England and the Union Jack, and the English love the American who is clanish to America and the stars and stripes. Bowing to the golden calf of precedent is a scorpion whip of pain on the bare shoulders of the broadest patriotism and persistent progress."

(To be continued.)

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Address of J. C. F. Kerr before the Frio County Farmers' Union at Dilly, Texas, Oct. 12th, 1907.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We will discuss the question, "Should Agriculture and Horticulture be Taught in our Public Schools?" We will take the grounds that it should be taught and in the most thorough and practical manner so that our children may have all the knowledge obtainable of the science of selecting and planting the seed, preparing the soil, cultivating and harvesting the crop. That there is much to be learned cannot be de-

wied. Have we not in one field a beautiful crop, while in an adjoining field with only a wire fence intervening the crop is poor? How do we account for this?

The soil, rain and sunshine are the same, but the men who till the soil are different. They may not be physically different, though the one with the poor crop may be the harder worker. But they are intellectually different; the difference in the crop in the two fields is measured largely by the difference in the knowledge of agriculture which these two men apply to their work. Since horticulture is a branch of agriculture in the broadest sense, we speak of agriculture only.

Education is a development of the brain, of the thinking and reasoning faculties. Education begets knowledge and knowledge is power. It is this power derived from the knowledge derived from the study of agriculture which enables a minister to clear \$2000 a year from 13 acres of ground near Philadelphia; after hiring most of the work done, besides providing his family with an abundance of the bounties of mother earth. He used his brain, he did the thinking and planning. It is the same power which enables Mr. Paxton in the state of Washington who having failed in business, to go on a little tract of timber land of 80 acres, with only the help of his little family, clear up and put in a high state of cultivation, 70 acres, from which he sold last year \$14,700 worth of produce. We might recite thousands of instances of equally great success attained through the knowledge derived from the study of agriculture.

Education begets power and power is of two kinds, power for good and power for evil; if your education be in that which is evil, your power will be for evil. Since the study of agriculture is the study of the laws of nature, and the laws of nature are the laws of God, for they were established by Him, it follows that knowledge and power obtained from this study is bound to be good and only good. In the history of the world, great events have small beginnings. This is exemplified in all nature. The utility of steam as a power, which is one of the greatest factors in the astonishing progress of modern civilization, came from the discoveries of James Watt, an humble Scotchman, while watching the steam escapings from the spout of a tea kettle.

It is the same with the great movement for the uplifting of the farmers, and through them of the entire world, for are they not the foundation? began with a few of the common people in a little village in one of the smallest counties of our state. Well may we believe its founder was the humble servant in the hands of Him who rules the destinies of man, and under the guidance of Him who doeth all things well. Education was made the prime consideration. We are the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, not Co-operative and Educational Union. Do you see the distinction? It was largely through the influence of the Farmers Union that the law was passed last winter requiring agriculture to be taught in our public schools and the same taught and taught well, recognizing the fact that a little education, like a little money, is just enough to make fools of many people.

The complaint is often heard that as soon as you give a boy an education he wants to quit work and also quit the farm; "tis true, 'tis pity; 'tis 'tis true; but why is it true—where lies the fault? where the remedy? That a remedy is needed, all must admit, for if so many of our brightest and most ambitious young men continue to leave the farm, it is only a question of time when the most of our farmers will be of the duller and less ambitious element, who sooner or later will be reduced to the condition of the peasantry of Europe, to the tenant class, servile bondage. Webster defines a farmer as one who cultivates leased ground (England) one who cultivates a farm, whether tenant or proprietor, (United States). Already in many of the States over half of the farmers are renters. Our organization is trying to solve the problem, "How to keep the boy on the farm?" First, by giving him an agricultural education, which will enable him to raise more and better crops with less manual labor; second, by co-operation whereby he shall be able to secure a fair price for his produce; a fair return for his services and investment.

"How much have you got already?" "Two pence, sir, and if I had another two pence—" "You can get a comfortable bed and a warm room at the Salvation

Army shelter in Shrewsbury street for two pence."

"Salvation Army? This with a decided sniff. "Thank you, sir, I haven't come to that yet!"

It was an experience which recalls General Booth's story of the drunken woman who was carried into a Salvation Army shelter. When she recovered consciousness and was told where she was she exclaimed in horror-stricken tones: "Salvation Army! Goodness gracious, I must get out of this, or I shall lose my reputation!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Kansas City—A Post editorial writer who had been discharged seriously wounded the president and managing editor of the paper.

French Lick, Ind.—The general talk that Taggart, the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, will resign.

Milwaukee—A man who refused to take bank script for a thousand dollars was loaded down with sixty pounds of hard silver dollars.

Jackson, Miss.—Mrs. Quackenbush, the only woman assistant to the Attorney General, is prosecuting a case of peonage, and hopes to have the practice stopped in a year.

ACCORDING TO DEFINITION.

"He's only a glazier, but he's a genius in his way."

"Indeed!"

"Yes, he has an infinite capacity for taking panes."

Austin—The Commissioner of Agriculture places the estimate of the cotton crop at 2,500,720.

Rockport—Contracts have been let for the construction of more jetties at Aransas Pass, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Washington—The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. is in session at Washington. Many of the most notable men of the country will be in attendance.

Dallas—In his address before the Methodist Conference, Bishop Bart denounced the use of tobacco by the clergy.

San Antonio—The real estate club recommended that the ticket brokers be prohibited from doing business in the city.

Hot Springs, Ark.—A boy aged 19 took summary vengeance on the man who killed his father two years ago. At the first meeting of the two the boy shot the slayer.

Taylor Tex.—The heavy rains of last week have caused considerable damage by overflowing the low grounds.

Waco—A dispute over the removal of a barn in the suburbs of Waco resulted in the death of the former owner of the barn.

Austin—The Railroad Commission has issued orders to nearly all the roads that they shall secure enough equipment to properly handle the business of the roads in a more satisfactory manner.

Waco—Miss Katie Duffan of Ennis was elected State Secretary of the general federation of Woman's Clubs, at the recent meeting at Waco. Mrs. Dibrell of Seguin was elected President of the State Federation.

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A Common Story.

I wandered to a grog shop Tom,
I stood before the bar
And drank a bowl of lemonade
And smoked a rank cigar;
The same old kegs and jugs
were there,
The ones we used to know
When we were on the round up,
Tom,
Some fifteen years ago.

The barkeeper is a new one,
Tom,
The one who used to sell
Corrosive tanglefoot to us
Is roasting now in H—
The new one has a plate glass
front,
His hair is combed quite low,
He looks just like the one we
knew
Some fifteen years ago.

I asked about that stately chap
Whom pride marked for its own,
He used to say that he could
drink
Or let the stuff alone.
He perished soon of Jas. A. Jams
Out in the storm and snow,
Ah! few survive who used to
bowl
Some fifteen year ago.

New crowds line up against the
bar
And call for crimson ink,
New hands are trembling for
they know
They surely should not drink.
But still the same old watch-
word rings,
"This round's on me" you know,
'Tis the same old cry of doom
you heard
Some fifteen years ago.

Old soaks came up and called
for booze,
And duds staggered in
And burned the lining from
their throats
With fine old Holland Gin.
And women stood outside the
door,
Their faces seamed with
And wept just as they used to
Tom,
Some fifteen years ago.

I asked about the time friends,
Those cheerful sporty men,
And some were in the poor
house Tom,
And some were in the pen.
And one, the one we liked the
best,
The hangman laid him low,
The world is much the same
dear Tom,
As fifteen years ago.

I wandered to the Churchyard
Tom
And there I saw the graves,
Of those who used to drown
themselves
In red frummenti waves.
And there were women sleeping
there
Where grass and daisies grow,
Who went and died of broken
hearts
Some fifteen years ago.

And there were graves where
children slept,
For many a forgotten year,
Unmindful now Tom of the woe
That marked their journey here.
And 'neath a fine tall monu-
ment,
In peace there lieth low,
The man who used to sell the
booze,
Some fifteen years ago.

A Belleville girl and a young
man, both of whom had steady
jobs, were married the other day.
The day after they were married
the girl said to her fond husband:
"Oh, George! now that we are
married, there is only one thing I
regret, and that is that I have to
give up my fine position."
The fond young husband stroked
the sicken tresses of the young
wifey's hair and soothingly re-
plied:
"Now, darling, don't worry.
You needn't give up your position.
I'll give up mine."—Judge.

A True Hero.

The Rio Grande News is entit-
led to the thanks of all lovers of the
brave and true for publishing the
following in memory of the
hero of that dynamite tragedy in
Mexico. It says:

"Another name to be added to
list of those who have achieved the
imperishable laurels of heroism.
Not the laurels of the warrior nor
of him who has become famous be-
fore the public, but the greener lau-
rels and nobler name of him who
without thought of reward, without
hope of future distinction, without
any of the thousand incentives that
may be supposed to spur even the
coward to deeds of daring delib-
erately, fully understanding the result
and with the astounding courage of
the truly brave, sacrifices his own
life in order to ensure the safety of
his friends and neighbors. There
are a few names in the history of
the world of men who have possess-
ed this noblest courage, and they
are remembered and cherished by
those of men who elevate our com-
mon humanity to a higher plane,
and who in their degree perform
Christ's work fully completely. In
future the name Jesus Garcia,
locomotive engineer, will be rec-
orded among those others, and one
of the bravest.

At Uacozari, Mexico two cars of
dynamite, standing on the track in
the middle of the town, took fire.
Jesus Garcia saw it from the cab of
his switch engine, understood the
awful danger to the town, and saw
the remedy.

Immediately coupling on to the
cars he ran them, blazing, out of
town, as far as he could and saved
the lives of his neighbors and his
friends.

And Garcia? He entered upon a
double immortality, for when the
explosion came, steadfast at the
post of duty, he died as die the
valiant, but his name will live for-
ever.

"Greater love hath no man than
this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends."—Laredo Times.

San Antonio Oil Field.

Newspaper dispatches reported
two gushers in the San Antonio
field last week.

Neither well is gushing, but it is
said one will flow about 1000 bar-
rels a day and the other 50 barrels.
The two wells referred to are
the Walsh Oil Company's No. 1 on
the Walsh property and the Mis-
sion Oil Company's No. 3 on the
Columbia Live Stock Company's
ranch, the latter well being only
200 feet from the Mission No. 2
which was completed last June and
since that time has been flowing 20
to 30 barrels a day of heavy oil.
The Walsh well is across the river
from the Mission Company's de-
velopment. As late as November
16 neither of these wells had been
brought in. The Mission No. 3
was drilled to a depth between
1100 and 1150 feet, and made a
flow similar to that made by the
No. 2 well. The No. 3 was cased
with 8-inch to about 850 feet and
the drilling below that depth was
done with 4-inch, which is now in
the well, but is not seated. Ap-
parently the oil is coming up both
on the outside and inside of the
4-inch pipe.

The Walsh Oil Company's well
is not open to inspection, but from
reliable sources it is learned that
it is showing considerable gas and
some oil. It is reported to be
about the same depth as the Mis-
sion wells.

Oil men who have visited the
field agree that the prospects are
excellent for the development of
oil over a large area. The opinion
prevails also that whenever one of
the several wells now drilling is
properly finished the field will have
a steady producer. A large well will
be a surprise to most operators.
It is confidentially expected, how-
ever, that production will be de-
veloped in some quantity in the
new area now being prospected.
Fuel oil is in keen demand at San

Antonio and in the territory ad-
jacent to that city. There is also
a considerable consumption of fuel
oil at El Paso and in the mining
industry of Arizona and New Mex-
ico contiguous to El Paso. The
market for oil produced at San An-
tonio would be independent of the
Southeast Texas market, as the
San Antonio product would have
the advantage of 25 to 32 cents a
barrel freight.—Oil Investors Jour-
nal.

"Bobby, did you have a good
time at the party?"
"Yes mother."
"Why didn't you stay until it
was over?"
"What was the use, mother? I
couldn't eat any more."

"She acts as if she was the only
girl he ever loved."
"Yes, and she was telling me
he's just a perfect lover."
"That's the silly part of it. She
calls him a perfect lover and she
forgets that it's only practice that
makes perfect.—EX.

Young Winks—Dick, my boy,
will your sister be at home this
evening?

Little Dick—I think so.
"It's only a night or two since I
called, but I'd like to call again
this evening if I thought she'd be
at home. Here's some chocolate
for you Dick."
"Thanks awfully."
"Now Dick, I want you to be a
good little friend of mine."
"Well I'll be careful not to let
her know you're coming."

The Business Girl Who Fails.

The girl who expects to begin at
top instead of slowly climbing
the stairs.

The girl who airs her grievances
to others until she makes a mis-
take of herself.

The girl who thinks she is en-
titled to privileges not granted to
her brother.

The girl who is not thorough
and conscientious about her work.

The girl who is always doleful.

The girl who expects to carry on
a flirtation or two coincidently
with her work.

The girl who talks over the em-
ployer's business outside the office.

The girl who criticizes every-
thing and everybody.

The girl who fails to remain
womanly and affects mannish
qualities.

The girl who never punctual.

The girl who constantly "doesn't
feel well."

The girl who is indifferent and
stupid and cannot even assume an
interest in her occupation.

The girl who lacks courage and
self-respect.

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Now, kindly mark me well, my friends, in
what I have to say
Ancient the coffee of this morn and that of
yesterday.
That coffee served as yesterday was slaty-
gray and flat,
And I who know the coffee plant know what
is meant by that.
The berry grew indifferently from out im-
poverished soil,
Nor had 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 so 'twas tasteless, flat and tame, and
I put in my kick;
And I am pleased that Mrs. Brown has
changed her brand so quick.
This coffee has a brilliant brown, its body,
too, 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 CHASE & SANBORN'S growth,
you know—a firm that's proud to spend
its time and money on its plants. Care,
caring, roasting, too,
Are just the best that expert hands, expe-
rienced long, can do.
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PLATFORM DEMANDS AND LAWS.

Perhaps platform demands of the Democratic party have sat as heavy on the conscience of former governors and legislatures as those of last summer on Governor Campbell and the Thirtieth Legislature, but we have no evidence of it by their deeds. In his speech at the banquet given him by the Democrats of Southwest Texas in San Antonio on last Saturday evening Governor Campbell put the matter very tersely and very rightly when he said in substance that the man who offers himself for office should set forth clearly his plans and purposes if elected, and that there should be the same fidelity and honor in carrying out these plans and purposes in his office as the business world demands in its affairs.

That the Thirtieth Legislature kept its promise, and that Governor Campbell kept his, every man in Texas knows. It is equally well known that the Legislature kept its promise to the people because Governor Campbell insisted on it in a way that was not to be refused. When he appeals to the people of the State direct in the many speeches he is making for approval of the acts of the legislature he is but making an appeal for the approval of the policies which the Democratic platform demanded, and which he insisted upon from the time he made his first speech before the primaries till the Legislature adjourned and he had signed the last bill.

True, much of the legislation seemed radical, and there was manifest a disposition to regulate every thing under the sun; but the day is upon us when such legislation is needed. Big businesses today are all powerful, even to the shaping of legislation. The railroads, the insurance companies, the oil companies, the trusts and monopolies of all sorts want nothing more than to be let alone, knowing well that they have the people at their mercy, if they have any, as is not often the case, so that when the slate, through laws enacted, begins to curb their powers, they raise a great hue and cry that there is too much interference with business, and too much law-making. The day of our fathers was the day of individuality; today is the day of communalism.

Communalism does not mean socialism. The most radical laws enacted by the Legislature of Texas, or the Constitution of Oklahoma, a model of twentieth century government by democracy, are not socialistic. They but meet, in the best manner possible, the conditions of today in the business world. They but endeavor to preserve for the mass of the people those rights inherent to a man, the individual, when he stands alone in the business world, cultivating, perhaps, his few paternal acres, or keeping his small shop, or plying his trade or profession, and here is where nine-tenths of the people stand. A true government must have in mind always this nine-tenths and must so shape laws that they shall not be at the mercy of a predatory fraction who would despoil them of their just earnings. Herein is the true spirit of democracy. When democracy can cope with conditions successfully and preserve for the individual his rights against any stronger powers that beset him it achieves its highest aim. The democracy of Texas wrote in its platform, last year certain things which it believed would tend to preserve these rights of the people. The governor and the legislators promised to do these things, and that promise is being kept.

Norfolk, Va.—As the result of a boiler explosion in a lumber mill five men were killed and a number injured.

Birmingham, Ala.—Chairman Thompson, of the Republican committee says there is no doubt but that his state will go to the National convention intrusted for Roosevelt.

Waco—An enthusiastic meeting of the Texas Peace Conference was held at Waco last week.

Monterey, Me.—Much concern is still felt over the mining situation in the Republic, owing to the low price of metals.

Charleston, W. Va.—It is claimed that a man now dead, fired the shot that ended the life of Governor Goebel.

Washington—The Senate committee on military affairs has not yet decided as to whether to go to Brownsville or not.

Lincoln, Neb.—The world's record for target shooting, held by

Topperwein of San Antonio, was broken last week by Hardy, who hit 13,066 targets, and stopped with out missing.

Salt Lake, Utah—Four railroads have been indicted for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Waco—The Knights and Ladies Honor are holding their fifteenth bi-ennial convention in Waco, with a large delegation in attendance.

Baton Rouge, La.—A resolution favoring a bounty of \$5 a bale on cotton has been introduced in the Louisiana Legislature. This is especially urged for the boll weevil district. The excessive fees of tax collectors under the present system is to furnish the cash.

New York—The contracts for December delivery of cotton are said to be short, and this accounts for the widely circulated report that the holding of cotton by the farmers is responsible for the present stringency.

Montgomery, Ala.—The prohibition women and children so fill the lobbies at the capitol that women lobbyists are crowded out.

San Antonio—Steps looking toward an extended automobile tournament are being taken. The loop at Hot Wells is considered ideal.

Vera Cruz.—A storm swept the Gulf Coast so fiercely that for several days shipping was tied up, though little damage was done.

Columbia, S. C.—Much time is being taken up by the Association of Agricultural Commissioners, at their ninth annual meeting now in session, looking toward the opening of direct export of cotton to European markets.

Vladivostok—Reports come that 200 soldiers have been hanged for mutiny, and that there is a great deal of unrest in the army.

Muskogee, Okla.—The eighteenth meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Congress was welcomed to Muskogee by an Indian, Moty Tiger, speaking in his native tongue.

Vladivostok—Secretary Taft has begun his journey across Siberia to St. Petersburg.

Austin—Commissioner Milner says Texas farmers are in a good position now, and cites the fact that the last five years have given them \$250,000,000 more for the same amount of cotton than the previous five years.

Austin—The Security and Refining Oil Companies have been allowed to continue business, and a weekly report is required of them.

Muskogee, Okla.—The T Pryor of San Antonio, introduced a resolution in the Trans-Mississippi Congress that the railroads should jointly own the cars. This is claimed to be the correct way of doing away with the car shortage.

San Salvador—President Figueroa has notified Mexico that he wants peace.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Senate passed the prohibition bill and the house has concurred. The Governor will sign it, so Alabama will be dry after January 1, 1909.

San Antonio—The Ninth Cavalry, the greater part of which is at the post here, will be relieved the first of December to go to the Philippines. The Third Cavalry, now in the Islands, will be stationed here.

Rome—The Pope has delegated Abbot Cuspet to associate with himself such scholars as he may desire, and undertake a thorough revision of the Vulgate, St. Jerome's Latin Bible.

LABOR.
There is a potion of forgetfulness
As wonderful as sleep, and exquisite,
And he who once hath drunk his fill of it
Loses his sometime heartbreak and distress;
No lethe this, yet in its depth no less
Lies peace. And Life, who brewed this cup with wit,
Hath called it "Labor" and those men who sit
About his board drink deep and laugh and bless,
Drink, and forget the burden of old sighs;
Drink, and behold, the world is glorious!
This was God's plan; this wondrous gift and glad

from going mad.
—Theodosia Garrison.
He gave to Adam, losing Paradise:
"Behold, I bid you labor!" Yea,
and thus
Saved the first man, perchance

El Paso—The Navajo Indians are in an ugly mood on their reservation, as the result of fines imposed for killing more deer than the law allows.

New York—The Twelfth Ward Bank, an institution that closed its doors some weeks ago, has re-opened, and \$35,000 were deposited at once.

Chicago—The clearing house of Chicago has notified New York that it is ready to go on a cash basis as soon as New York signifies its readiness.

New York.—Gold imports have reached the enormous figures of \$75,000,000 and yet other contracts are to be filled.

The new state of Oklahoma, ushered into the Union on the 17th, has written a constitution which has embodied in it the wisdom and experience of a century of government in a republic. It com.

Assistant Attorney General Pollard renders opinion on telephone charges, reversing Department's first position.

San Antonio and Mexico Day at the Fair Grounds attracted a great crowd of people.

About 25 persons were injured, two fatally, by the explosion of gas in a house in Pittsburgh. A lighted match set it off. It was natural gas and had escaped from a leaky pipe and filled the house.

Miss Rose Johnson, a London Resene worker, declares that Chicago is the clearing house center for the white slave trade, and that from that city girls are sent all over the country and to Panama and the harems of Turkey and Egypt.

Japan is making changes in the customs duties charged in Korea, and American merchants are protesting to Japan that this is in violation of the treaty existing with Korea, made of course, before Korea was swallowed by Japan.

Monterey, Mex.—Plans are being and property purchased for the erection of a first class hotel on the Zona Toza Plaza.

San Antonio—Merchants are enthusiastic over the result of the Fair in securing them trade from Mexico. Large sales are reported many of them going to interior points hitherto not reached.

Columbus, O.—The Executive Committee of Ohio Republican clubs has endorsed Senator Foraker for President and approved his stand in the Brownsville matter.

Dallas—There is a move on foot among the bankers of the leading towns of the state to deal directly with Europe next fall when it comes to moving the crop, the failure of the banks of the East to rally this year is causing the Southern bankers to make plans to secure money without having to depend on the eastern banks. This will also be in line with the move of the Farmers' Union to ship cotton direct to the European manufacturer.

A number of quaint and clever Hindu aphorisms have been gathered together by Arthur Guiterman in a unique little book. The name of the volume "Betel Nuts," is derived from the nature of the proverbs which are said to be ever in the mouths of the people of Hindustan, giving spice and color to their speech even as the betel nut—the chewing gum of the Orient. We quote a few of the proverbs:

God ripens the mangoes,
The farmer shakes the tree;
God cures the patient,
The Doctor takes the fee.

"Who cooked this rice?"
"Not I—that worthless hound!"
"Tis very nice."
"Why—yes—I stirred it round!"

You have no debts?
Endorse a note,
You have no cares
Then buy a goat.

This under the rose,
But it's true to the letter;
The man thinks he knows,
But the woman knows better.

"O Allah, take me!" prayed Ram Chunder,
Above him crashed an drolled the thunder,

"Not now!" he cried in fright and sorrow,
"Not now, O Lord!—I meant to-morrow!"

The donkey to the camel said,
"How dainty are your feet!"
The camel to the donkey said,
"Your voice is very sweet!"

Marseilles is swept by a hurricane, which does great damage and causes death in collapsing houses.

A complete victory for the anti-clerical party is achieved at the general conference at Rome.

The Japanese Government appropriates \$5,000,000 for a national exposition at Tokyo in 1912.

King Edward gives a banquet for the Kaiser in the historic St. George's Hall at Windsor Castle. Ambassador Reid being included among the diplomatic guests.

Spain's navy reform commission recommends the expenditure of almost \$40,000,000 for additions to the navy.

A French naval officer confesses to being a spy and to negotiating with foreign power for the sale of secrets.

Dr. David J. Hill, minister to the Netherlands, is selected to succeed Carlemagne Tower as United States ambassador to Germany.

A \$2,268,500 fire occurs in the Great Northern elevator at Superior, Wis.

Claimants for damages from the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the New York City Railway Company ask the Supreme Court of the United States to order that the receivers of these companies be vacated.

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(Continued from last week.)
CHAPTER XVII.

AN AWAKENING.

Fred Rockwell was not of a morose nature, and the following morning he ate a hearty breakfast notwithstanding the two severe disappointments of the day before. While smoking his cigar he frankly acknowledged to himself that he was delighted with the picturesque scenery of mountains, rivers and lakes around Gold Valley. He did not wish to leave it, for the inspiring effect of the invigorating western atmosphere had firmly convinced him that his future would be a successful one. Optimism is largely a matter of health and absence of headaches.

Everything about him had an exhilarating tone. He rather congratulated himself that he was far away from the hot, crowded city, for while this unconventional, impulsive life of the West was in some ways like a continuous performance of comic opera, still it was far more interesting than the serious grand opera grind of the East.

He was surprised, after the first shock of disappointment had subsided, to find how indifferent he was becoming to the loss of his position on the Banner.

During the following week most of his time was spent with Ruth, and the nights swallowed up the days all too quickly, when in her society.

One morning he awakened to a keen sense of emptiness where completeness had dwelt, and a feeling of restlessness where contentment had reigned. His love for mountains, rivers and picturesque scenery was but a prelude, a prologue of promise, thumping plaintively and yet sweetly the epilogue of a great, unselfish love that had taken root in his heart, a love for Ruth.

A sense of godliness had been planted, and it was radiating through his pulsing blood.

God gives to the sincere lover a joy and gentleness, gratitude and goodness, rest and reward, hope and heaven, peace and plenty, sunshine and sympathy, billing to overflowing his very soul with the attributes of nobleness.

Love is awakening, an inspiration, dulling the edge of resentment, sharpening the eloquence of wit, impoverishing distinction, guaranteeing equality and proclaiming the omnipotence of a God.

Fred's unrest dated from a certain evening when Ruth first sang to him. He remembered how he had been charmed with her full and richly sweet voice, like the velvety nectar of some rare old vintage of ancient distillation. He remembered she began by striking the chords in a hesitating way, but soon the genius of her musical nature seized her with its wondrous power, and she sang with the innocent and forgetful abandon of a mountain thrush.

LOVE'S QUEST.
In the olden time, when the gods were good,
'Neath the Grecian skies of sapphire hue,
Two Parian marble columns stood,
Like steadfast friends, long ages through.

Below the wave, in a seashell hid,
Two pearls pure as angel's tears,
Like mated moonbeams dwelt amid
A coral grove, in old, old years.

In the splendid days of sun-loved Spain,
Two roses bloomed in a garden fair
As they drank of the fountain's silvery rain,
And blent their sweets on the tranquil air.

To Venice, crowned with the golden dome,
There came two doves on pinions white;
Together they fashioned their blissful home
In that fair haven of love's delight.

But fate's fixed law all life involves—
That dread decree of sure decay;
The marble crumbles, the pearl dissolves,
The doves and the roses pass away.

Yet each by a law more strange than this,
Is born anew in a fairer form;
The red rose lives in the lips that kiss,
The marble in lithe limbs, soft

and warm,
In mouths fair-fashioned for greetings sweet,
The pearl's chaste beauty again shall glow;
In the fluttering hearts of lovers meet
The glad white doves of long ago,
Or, else how come the strong swift ties,
To stranger folk who have walked apart
Till the first fond meeting of eyes with eyes
Unite them utterly, heart with heart.

And we, dear friend, we have met before,
And now is the old sweet dream resumed;
Was it Venice? The sea? Some far-off shore?
Or deep in a court where the roses bloomed?

So, dearest, my spirit would still disclose,
Your soul's strange secret and bid you tell,
Were you marble, or pearl, or dove or rose,
In that old world where we used to dwell?

As she sang Fred marveled at her gift. He gave himself up to the intoxication of the song and the singer. His heart was thrilled with a strange and sweet sensation of power. His soul broke through barriers and went out to hers, and when the song had finally died, and the music ceased with a few reluctant chords, he knew that a great and tender love had sprung up in his heart; a love that was not for a day, but for all time.

"Miss Hilliard," said Fred, with emotion, "you are a constant surprise to me. Your playing is beautiful, while your voice is not only plaintively soft and musical, but of marvelous range. To hear you sing fills me with an indescribable longing for the loftier, nobler and gentler things of earth."

Neither Ruth nor Fred understood that not infrequently music has an ennobling sensation in it for the dulcimer-pitched nerves of virgin purity, and only a remembrance of a fulfillment.

"Thank you," said Ruth. "I seldom play or sing, excepting for daddy. Your praise, however, is welcomed all the more, perhaps, because you have doubtless heard many cultivated voices."

"Yes, but there is something about your voice that—well, it pleases me greatly, and as long as I remain in Gold Valley I hope I may have the pleasure of hearing you often."

"We promise not to ostracise you altogether, Mr. Rockwell," said Ruth laughingly. "But, may I ask how long do you expect to remain with us?"

There was just enough hesitancy in her voice to suggest interest. "I do not know," replied Fred. "Perhaps you think it strange that I have remained as long as have. To be frank with you, Miss Hilliard, I have lost my position on the Banner."

"Lost your position!" exclaimed Ruth, with unmistakable concern. "How unfortunate."

"Yes, I regret it," replied Fred, "whether it is a misfortune or not, I had an offer today to take charge of the Gold Valley Prospector, and am thinking seriously of accepting."

"I am surprised, but how daddy will be delighted if you decide to remain with us in Gold Valley."

"Of course," said Fred, thoughtfully, "there is quite a difference between the New York Banner and the Gold Valley Prospector—one is a cosmopolitan daily, and the other a country newspaper without any special circulation. It would be profitable to me only as I increased its circulation and its importance to advertisers. I shall not decide for a few days, meanwhile an explanation may come from the Banner."

"I have almost decided that it would be advisable to remain in Gold Valley," he continued looking at Ruth rather inquiringly. "My confidence in the Banner is increasing, and I believe it is a question of only a short time until your father's efforts will be crowned with success."

"Mr. Rockwell," said Ruth, feelingly. "I thank you for your confidence and faith in my father. It seems that almost every one believes in his ultimate failure. I cannot tell why, but my belief is unbounded."

There is in every noble woman's heart a glint of the immortal, a spark of divinity that like a star of hope is never seen in the broad daylight of prosperity, but it comes

out in all its sparkling effulgence and luster in the dark hours of night's adversity, and Ruth had been a constant inspiration and comfort to her father when every one else doubted his wisdom in regard to his mining ventures.

"Even sister Virgie," continued Ruth, "has lost hope and at times daddy is greatly disheartened because sister and Aunt Phoebe talk so discouragingly, still I am sure that time will fully prove how mistaken they are."

As Fred rose to go that night he took her hand and said: "You are a noble daughter of a worthy father, and he is most pardonable for wishing to keep you with him in the hills. I fully understand how great a comfort and support you must be to him."

"Evidently there is nothing," said Fred, "so dear to a father's heart as the admiring love of a daughter, which I am beginning to believe at times is almost idolatry, and I know there must be up love on earth so precious to a daughter as the sympathetic, appreciative love of a father. We might almost wish it were not so," he continued, smiling.

Ruth seemingly did not catch Fred's point of view, and replied: "I am sure daddy cannot want me with him any more than I wish to remain. There are natures, we are told, that cannot be changed, neither emancipated from an idea nor contaminated with fear of failure, and daddy is an example—his is true blue clear through."

Fred had become accustomed to Ruth's frankness of speech, and he was delighted when she said: "I shall be very glad, Mr. Rockwell, if you conclude to remain in Gold Valley. You have no idea how lonely I would be were you to go away."

His heart took a sudden jump into his throat, and there performed acrobatic feats for a moment as he attempted to thank her. The expression of his face evidently betrayed his feelings, for she quickly drew away, as if a veil had suddenly been lifted and a discovery made. With a formality that was new to Fred, she said good night in a distant sort of a way, and he felt awkward, chagrined and displeased with himself.

After leaving the Hilliard home he found himself in a perturbed state of mind, bordering on that peculiar style of wretchedness that always overtakes one when dissatisfied with self. He walked along the road which led up the mountain side to the Shonbar. The moon large and brilliantly bronzed, like a sheet of copper, was just lifting itself above the eastern horizon.

An odor came up from the wide expanse of sand ridges, a perfume of the valley, and from far to the westward came a vanishing sound like the dying of day, or the outward ebbing of a night wind.

He walked on past the shaft, where the night force of men was busy working away towards the four hundred foot level, and soon found himself at the old prospect shaft near the Peacock mine. The little city of Gold Valley nestled far beneath him. He saw a light glimmering from one of the windows of the Hilliard home, and wondered if it meant forgiveness and hope.

There are times when the sensitive souls of lovers can hear the words of a loved one, if only whispered in the sacred recess of the heart, when sighs are caresses on the soft warm winds of hope. He listened, but no sound came save the beatings of his own heart.

"Yes, he said to himself, as he thought of her words in regard to his remaining in Gold Valley. 'I will remain, no matter what explanation may come from the Banner office' and filled with this determination he returned to the hotel.

About a week after receiving the letter of dismissal from the Banner force, the mail brought him a copy of that great New York paper. He looked it over eagerly to see if his last communication had been printed, but luck needs to look out for look-outs. His letter had been rejected.

In its stead he found an article entitled "Two Western Towns," which was devoted to Butte City and Waterville. It referred in the most vindictive manner to the members of the Waterville Town Company, classed them as a lot of townsie boomers, warning Eastern people not to be caught and misled by such wildcat speculations as were offered in the Thief River Valley.

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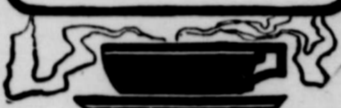
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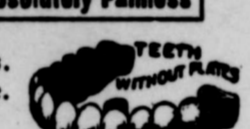
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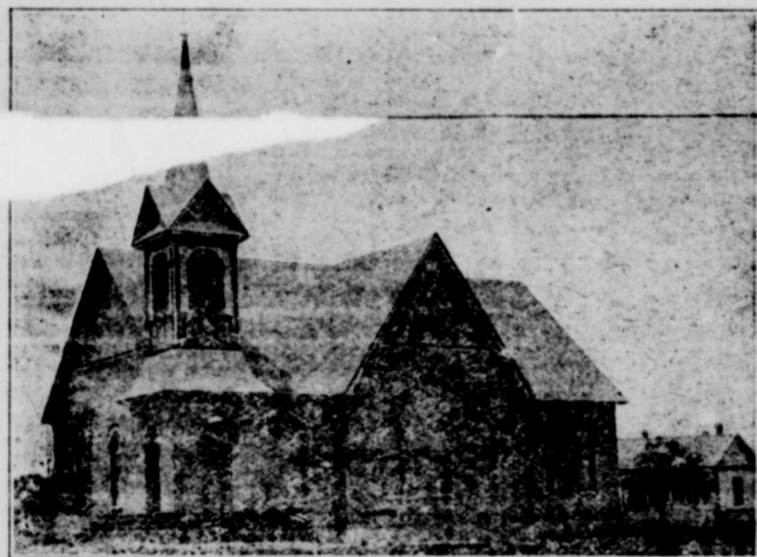
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On this page we present engravings of the Methodist Church and parsonage of Cotulla. The church is a brick veneer, beautifully finished with stamped steel ceiling and furnished with circular pews and all furnished to correspond. It is centrally located. The parsonage has just been completed and is one of the most handsome cottages in Cotulla. Everything about it is modern. Both of these buildings have been erected within the past two years and illustrates what an energetic people can do. Two years ago the Methodist Church property in Cotulla was worth only a few hundred dollars, today it is worth \$7,000.00 and this has been almost entirely paid for by the

membership of the church, which is less than seventy members, with the usual proportion of women and children.

These new buildings have been constructed during the pastorate of Rev. T. G. Woolls. The money for the buildings was raised by him from the membership by popular subscription, and the success of the work was largely due to his wise leadership.

Rev. Woolls has been pastor here for three years and has just been returned by conference to serve his fourth year, which the people regret will be the last, as the rules of the Methodist forbid a pastor serving at one station more than four successive years.



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Next the river.

Only A Mule.

Roland Gouger and Will Earnest got in late Saturday evening from a ten days stay out in the cactus after deer meat. They said it was all a mistake about deer running in droves where they went, although they succeeded in getting about their limit of bucks, and they brought evidence with them that they got some big ones. Will Earnest tells a good one on Gouger. He said it was one of those dreary, drizzly days and it was just about dark when Roland walked into camp after being out all the evening. He was all excited and most out of breath and began talking as soon as he got in sight. "Boys, you want to look out for panthers, I think there's a whole nest of the varmints in here from the racket I heard while ago. I never heard such darn squallin' in my life." He then proceeded to tell where he had located the critters, and while he hadn't seen any of them, knew they were panthers because nothing but a panther could make such blood-curdling shrieks as he heard. The panther question was very much discussed in camp that night.

Next morning it was raining and no one stirred from camp, but toward noon it ceased and they all took a round. Will said he had a kind of hankerin' for a panther scalp so made it a point to get over in the country in which Roland had assured them

was inhabited by a "whole nest of panthers." He crept stealthily through the brush, and although the ground was wet not a track that had the appearance of being made by a panther, was visible. Presently he heard an unearthly shriek behind him, and turning, fronted a poor little pot-bellied motherless mule colt. The unusual exertions in calling for its mother together with the cold weather had contracted its vocal chords, until the frightful sound issued resembled a wail of despair from the eternal depths. Will said he would have confirmed Roland's story in camp that night had he not looked back. Although his legs had a good start toward camp, his head involuntarily turned and his eyes instead of meeting the gaze of a carnivorous beast of the jungle stared at a meek little motherless mule. "If Roland had taken time to look back," said Will, "he wouldn't have had a panther story to tell and I wouldn't have been scared out of five years growth."

The Floyds Unique as Magic Entertainers

The Harrisburg, (Pa.) Telegraph says: Some of the most mystical illusions ever seen on the local stage, were performed last evening by The Floyds, who furnished one of the entertainments of the Y. M. C. A. Star Course. The dexterity displayed in those tricks which require no apparatus was really wonderful. The second part was given over to Telepathy with Mrs. Floyd as the medium. The reading of numbers on watches belonging to persons in the revr of the parquet and the naming of persons and their occupations was as easily done by the blindfolded mind reader as though she had been acquainted with the watches and persons for a life time.

The Floyds will be at the Court House, Thursday night, Dec. 5th.

DR. FRANK KENT.

Hicks Building, San Antonio, Tex. Specialist in diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, will visit Cotulla December 6th and 7th. Office with Dr. Motheral. Examination Free.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Floyds.
 Cranberries at S. Cotulla's.
 Plant your dollars in dirt and see them grow. Daniel has it.
 J. W. McCombs was in town first of the week from Millett.
 Fresh Coconuts at S. Cotulla's.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Chalk was here from Pleasanton this week.
 Delbert Neal returned home Monday from San Antonio.
 Lots of drummers in town this week.
 The Floyds, Magicians.
 New Post Cards at S. Cotulla's.
YOUR NEW WINTER SUIT—REED.
 R. E. Robinson has been on the sick list this week.
 Bob Gouger returned first of the week from San Antonio.
 Luzianne at S. Cotulla's.
 The San Antonio International Fair closed Sunday last.
 Coconuts at S. Cotulla's.
 Mrs. W. G. Burris was up from from Artesia one day during the week.
 The Floyds, Magicians, Dec. 5.
 Shell Boxes and Water Set at S. Cotulla's.
 Daniel has something good in rent propositions, both irrigation and regular farming.
 Mrs. Alderman was in town from Artesia during the week visiting relatives.
 Large Soft Shelled Pecans at S. Cotulla's.
 The Floyds, Magicians, Dec. 5, at the Court House.

Lee Henrichson was up from Artesia during the week.
 Don't fail to see "The Hidden Hand" next Thursday, Dec. 5th.
 Chas. Cavender of Dilley was in the city this week on business.
 Miss Jodie Manly returned home from San Antonio first of the week.
 Fresh Fancy Candies at S. Cotulla's.
 Shelled Pecans 60c per pound at S. Cotulla's.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hanson was up from Laredo first of the week visiting relatives.
 Jos. Cotulla Jr., who has been very sick for the past four months is improving rapidly.
 Remember the date—Thursday Dec. 5 is the next Lyceum attraction—It's near.
 Land in La Salle is the stuff that will win. Get some from Jno. M. Daniel.
 Oranges at S. Cotulla's.
 Mrs. Simon Cotulla and little sons left first of the week for Devine on a visit to relatives.
 John Henderson was in town from the Cartwright Ranch Tuesday to meet some hunters.
 Theodore Elder was down from Pearsall Sunday on a visit to friends.
 Cook Bros., big show will be here Thursday, Dec. 5th.
 London Layer Raisins and Figs at S. Cotulla's.
 If you want the best propositions in land there is on the market call on Jno. M. Daniel.
 One of the best numbers in a good course will be here Thursday night, Dec. 5. Be sure you see it.

Miss Fronie Jones who has been here for some time visiting Mrs. T. Dunham returned to her home in Waelder Monday night.
 Miss Flora Chapman returned Artesia Sunday after visiting sister, Mrs. Roland Gouger, a few days.
 Saturday Evening Post at S. Cotulla's.
 Claude C. Guinn came from San Antonio first of the week on a few days visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guinn.
 Don't fail to see "The Floyds" their programme of magical deeds at the Court House, Thursday night, Dec. 5th.
 Melvin Cox of Shelby, arrived in the city last Saturday and will spend the winter with his brother, W. A. Cox.
 Abb Rowland was down Millett Wednesday. While he called and left two whistles for the Record.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill and children returned home Monday from San Antonio where they spent a few days.
 Cook Bros., Show, "The Hidden Hand" will be in Cotulla for one night, Thursday, Dec. 5th.
 W. H. Stubblefield and wife of Missouri arrived in the city this week and will spend the winter here.
 Now is the time to have your photo made, you can get 20 nice stamp pictures for 25c. See Shear at the Exchange Hotel
 Eddie Woodward came down from Pearsall Wednesday night and spent Thanksgiving with P. A. Kerr and family.
 Miss Lizzie Chalk who has been visiting at the Cotulla Ranch for two weeks returned to Pleasanton Thursday.

Cook Bros., Big Company

Will give one performance at cotulla in their large tent theatre, Thursday, Dec. 5th. Present the useful Mystical Comedy Drama Mrs. E. D. N. Southworth, entitled "The Hidden Hand" No rap parade given by a cheap band and acts, but the best dramatic talent engaged to give a performance on the inside of the tent not on the outside. Specialties between the acts, the best that don't miss it.
 The next attraction of the Lyceum course will prove interesting and entertaining. You can't afford to miss it. Thursday, Dec. 5.
 W. H. Johns, L. W. Gaddis and the editor left last Saturday on a week's hunt, and up to Thursday morning they had captured two "javelins".
 Mrs. Peaky Baker and children, who have been here for some time visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Hill, returned to her home at Galveston Wednesday morning.
 Misses Lizzie and Ada Williams returned home Sunday from San Antonio where they spent a few days visiting their friend, Miss Emma Cornnett.
 A. G. Smith of Omaha, Neb., arrived the first of the week on a visit to his son, Prof Daniel Smith and family. Mr. Smith will spend the winter in Texas.
 Let me sell you a Totter Acetylene Gas Plant. It is the safest and best light made.
 S. COTULLA,
 Agent for La Salle Co.
 Another pretty Amaryllis was added to the list of donations for the City Park by Miss Pearl Werner. With no misfortune, Wentworth says, the park will muchly resemble a "mid-summer's night dream"—"When the spring-time comes again gentle Annie."

Holiday Goods Come in

It is interesting at our store these days to see the new holiday goods coming in. The display we'll have this year will certainly be a delight to those who appreciate the beautiful. Our stock will be so large and so varied that unless one keeps posted as the new things arrive it is apt to be confusing later.

The goods you'll see here now are the latest things out and prices are as low as they will be during the season. Early choosing is best, especially in novelties, because many of the choicest things we shall be unable to duplicate.

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