

# The Cotulla Record.

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\$1 IN ADVANCE

Santa Claus has left a superb assortment of Toys Here.



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE OLD AND THE YOUNG.

By next week all of our Christmas Goods from Santa Claus' workshop will have arrived and will be ready for your selection. We have been busy all this week unpacking pretty things that will make suitable gifts for the young and the old. Come look at our pretty line. Don't select your presents before you see what we have.

### BOY'S CLOTHING:

We have the best line of Boy's Clothing to be found in the town. We have the kind that wears and the kind they need this rainy, wintry weather.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.

**K. BURWELL.**



### BORING FOR WATER AND STRUCK OIL.

QUANTITY NOT GREAT BUT FIELD WILL BE DEVELOPED.

Matt Russell Has Secured Leases on Land Surrounding Well.

W. H. Robbins, who was boring a well for C. H. Rock about eight miles below Cotulla struck oil at a depth of sixty feet. Before striking the oil the drill passed through a vein of salt water and a vein of sulphur water, both good indications. Below the oil strata the drill went into a deposit commonly known as "gumbo" which is invariably found in the oil fields of Texas.

Mr. Robbins brought a sample of the oil to town and left it at this office. It is a thick, heavy lubricating oil and the well produced enough to run down and over the sluice way.

Mr. Russell, who operated extensively in the Batson, Sour Lake, Humble, Dayton and other oil fields reports the indications as being one of the most favorable that ever came under his observation. He at once telephoned to town for a Notary Public and secured leases on all the land contiguous to the well and is making arrangements to have the field examined and tested by experts, with a view of getting the oil developed.

The well where the oil was found is on a distinct hill of about 75 acres in extent and lies back about half or three quarters of a mile from the Neeces river. With the tests that were made no trace of gas was discovered but as that is only one of the indications of oil its absence does not necessarily indicate anything, more especially as all the other indications are in evidence.

For years past it has been reported by well drillers that more or less oil and gas was found in wells over the county but no at-

tention was ever paid to it. At several places in the river, one of them being near where this well is located, traces of oil has often been seen at low water mark but never by any one who claimed to know anything about oil.

It will be remembered that a few years ago a non-resident who owns lands in various parts of LaSalle sent an expert to examine his holdings before placing them on the market and upon the return of his report his holdings were withdrawn from the market and no further effort to sell them was ever made. It was common talk at that time that the expert was finding tracings of minerals that might prove valuable. One section of the land he examined adjoins the land owned by Messrs. Rock, where the well is located.

Mr. J. J. Werner, who bored the first oil and gas well west of the Mississippi was shown the sample of oil taken from the well and stated that prospect work was begun by him on poorer indications than is shown here. He believes there is a good chance to develop an oil field here.

Pending further developments, work on the well has been stopped for the present.

#### Notice to My Customers.

All parties who are owing me will do me a great favor by calling and settling their account between now and the 15th inst. If you cannot settle in full, any amount you can pay will be appreciated, and promissory note can be made for balance.

Respectfully,  
ROLAND A. GOUGER.

Mrs. W. H. Robbins returned this morning from a week's stay in Laredo visiting Mrs. S. V. Edwards.

G. M. Magill of San Antonio was among the arrivals on today's train.

### RIVERDALE NOTES.

Riverdale, Texas, Dec. 5.—Onion transplanting has commenced in earnest. The plants are well grown and an ordinary good stand.

Mr. Poole will put in a pump and gasoline engine this week.

Will Robbins is drilling a well for Claude Rock.

Mr. Wheelock and family visited here for several days, and before returning home became convinced that this was the best part of Texas. He expects to return soon and become a citizen of LaSalle county.

Lea Daniel is recuperating on the farm this week.

Misses Ina and Elith Daniel, Dee Clauser, Sallie, Ruby and Ora Rock visited at the Keck farm last Saturday.

Mr. Robuck and family were pleasant visitors here Wednesday.

Cashier Harding of the State Bank, accompanied Mr. Poole to Riverdale community this week. As he did not kill a deer it was a visit of course.

Ed Cohenour and family spent a day here visiting last week.

Mr. Jess Talbott was a social caller in this community this week.

John Manly and John Yarbrough have killed two bucks each while other good marksmen have failed. John Manly says he just takes off his hat and the deer stops to admire his beautiful red hair and he gets a good shot. John Yarbrough don't say how it is with him, but those that know say that it is evident that he practices the same tactics.

Onion men here are hopeful that prices will be as good or better than last year, and base their hopes on the fact that the onion crop in the North is short and it is doubtful if there is enough of the pungent varieties to supply the market until the Bermudas come on the market.

BILLY SELDOM.

### MILLETT NOTES.

Millett, Texas, Dec. 5.—We have always heard it said when you had very little to say, the weather was always a good topic. That being the case would not the weather we have been having the past week be pardonable for mention. It has certainly been fine even to the old timers, but what must it be to those who have recently come here from the chilly North.

The farmers all seem alive and are getting ready for great things next year.

H. M. Moore bought of Philip Shull this week 160 acres of land four miles east of town and will commence to build on same at once.

Mr. Graves who moved in a few weeks ago has quite a number of men clearing off more land.

Mrs. D. W. McKey who went to the San Antonio Fair returned home yesterday.

Aubrey Clark, the real estate man went to San Antonio last night on business.

Mrs. E. L. Armstrong who has been visiting her mother for some time returned to her home near Hebronville Monday.

Mr. Juvenal and wife visited his mother on the farm near Artesia Sunday. Mr. Juvenal reports their prospects fine for an onion crop which they are raising without irrigation.

D. W. McKey left for San Antonio on today's train.

Mrs. C. W. Ryan is on the sick list this week with a good case of the mumps.

H. W. Earnest is still confined to his room with lumbago.

REPORTER.

#### Holiday Rat's.

Excursion tickets for the Holidays will be sold by the I. & G. R. R. to Interstate points and Mexico Dec. 19 20 and 21. To points in Texas Dec. 20 21 24 25 26 31 and January 1. See G. N. Agents.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Where is Santa Claus Headquarters? —Gaddis' Pharmacy

January Delineator at K. Burwell's.

R. E. Ward, after an absence of several months in New Mexico and Arizona is back again, and says Cotulla is good enough for him.

Where is Santa Claus Headquarters? —Gaddis' Pharmacy.

S. V. Edwards was here first of the week and moved Mrs. M. T. Dunham to Laredo where she will remain with her daughter Mrs. Edwards until she recovers from her injuries, received several months ago by a fall from a buggy.

W. C. Held of Millett was here on business during the week and incidentally to see if he could buy some onion sets. Mr. Held said he had had luck getting his seed up this year, and instead of transplanting six acres as he intended, got only four. He could not find any plants for sale.

Where is Santa Claus Headquarters? —Gaddis' Pharmacy.

A pretty little cactus and a fine pineapple plant was added to the display of the Optimistic Club grounds in the park by Winnie and Bobbie Mabry, Mrs. I. L. Reed also sent a collection of pretty specimens, Miss Mary Neal a nice oleander, Mrs. Judge Earnest two fine large date palms and Miss Bee Thomas a pretty Biota Nana, arbor vitae. Mr. R. F. Ward of Hacoita, New Mexico, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Haynie, kindly gave Wentworth a few Pinon nuts, from trees common in the mountain country N. M. The nuts were planted in the Court House grounds. The tree is a scrubby pine and is quite pretty. Mr. Ward also gave Wentworth some fine Cosmos seed to be planted in the spring. Thus, by the time the season of planting has past what a pretty place the Park will be and with a clear conscience we may say, "We did it."

### BANKS HAVE

#### PLENTY OF MONEY.

MANY SHOW MORE CASH THAN IN NORMAL TIMES

Condition Will Inspire Confidence and No Doubt Panic Will Soon Be History

The statements made at the close of business December 3rd by the National Banks of the country, in pursuance of a call by the Comptroller of the Currency, shows that great sums of money is in the banks, and this fact will no doubt have its effect upon the situation. It looks as if the banks had created the panic among themselves.

#### Local Bank in Good Condition

The statement of the Stockmens National Bank is published in this issue of the Record and shows the institution to be in excellent condition. The statement shows more cash on hand than when the last report was made in August, when conditions were normal.

In all probability the panic will soon be a thing of the past.

#### Building on East Heights.

Roland A. Gouger is building a nice residence on East Heights. W. A. Cox has the contract and work is progressing rapidly. Mr. Gouger will move into the building when it is completed.

#### Got 'Em Ourselves.

Miss Jodie Manly brought us a bag of nice oranges this week that were sent to her by a friend in Jackson county, with the query: "If we had anything like this out here." While very little attention has been paid to orange culture in this section, still there are a few trees in yards around Cotulla, and one in particular we have in mind is today loaded with even nicer oranges than ones from Jackson county.

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The Crystal City Chronicle says Crystal City is growing every day.

1908 will soon roll around and no one knows what the New Year has in store for us.

The safest place in the world to invest your money is in mother earth.

Congress has convened and there is great hope that something will be done at once to relieve the financial situation.

Culberson was elected Democratic leader in the Senate. Mr. Bailey is no doubt down and out for good.

Buildings are still going up in Cotulla and all the carpenters are busy regardless of the stringency in money matters.

November was a very wet month in Southwest Texas. The finest season known for many years is now in the ground.

A negro who killed his mother-in-law and then tried to kill his wife near Lavernia last week was shot to death by a posse of his own race.

The Comptroller has called for a statement from National Banks, and it may be seen that the banks have all the money in their vaults and caused the panic themselves.

The big real estate edition of the Express, issued Nov. 30th, was a dandy. Many thousand copies were put out, which will do much to advertise the wonderful resources of Southwest Texas.

Burglars have been reaping a harvest in San Antonio as well as many other cities since the people have withdrawn so much money from the banks. After all the bank is not such an unsafe place to have your money.

Cotulla is fast getting the reputation as the best onion growing section of Southwest Texas. When a man asks about onion growing here, we simply show him what has been done and let him figure out the possibilities of the future.

Cotulla has had a superabundance of shows the past ten days. The money stringency does not seem to have much effect on people when it comes to this, as many will spend their last cent and go without the next meal rather than miss a ten cent play that costs them forty cents.

Transplanting is going on at a lively rate on the irrigated farms. Several hundred men are employed and many more could be used. While the financial stringency has stopped work in many sections, work is going on here just the same and considerable money is in circulation.

## Molasses For Horses.

Feed your horses on old-fashioned black New Orleans molasses. This is no joke. No animal has a sweeter tooth than the horse. And this characteristic of equus has not been sufficiently encouraged. There is nothing new in the proposition, but the common run of people never heard of it and will scarcely believe it. Look at those magnificent Percherons drawing great loads in our streets. See those giant Normandies, weighing 2,000 pounds each. Feast your eyes on those sturdy Clydesdales, those dapple grays, able to pull a few tons without flinching. All fed on molasses.

A firm in Brooklyn, worth perhaps \$100,000,000 had been experimenting with molasses as food for horses. Two of the horses in the stable were given up as worthless. They got so thin and weak that they could not do a day's work, and were about to be retired on pension at eleven years, when the molasses man came along. The horses were off their feed, probably sick at the stomach. They refused oats, hay, clover and shorts. He looked them over and said he should like to try an altogether new regimen. "Go ahead," said the superintendent of the stable, in which there are over 200 magnificent animals, worth from \$700 to \$1,000 each. In two months one of the horses, a physical wreck, gained 400 pounds, and the other, a physical wreck, 356. Their coats were as shiny as satin. They were restored to duty and are still holding their own—on molasses.

In administering molasses—the blackest you can buy—first chop your hay into bits and to each peck add one pint of molasses. Mix thoroughly. The horse will do the rest. Use about the same quantity of syrup with oats, corn, shorts, etc. If you find that one horse may have a sweeter tooth than another, regulate the treat accordingly. So regulate it in fact that nothing will be left in the trough, you can buy good New Orleans (or Porto Rico) molasses for 13 cents a gallon; by the hogshead or barrel for a little less. Try it on your poor, old broken-down nag. He will live to bless you, and instead of retiring at eleven years, will be pulling you around the country or town at least twenty-five.—New York Press.

## In God We Trust.

As a matter of fact, how many of the excellent gentleman who protest so violently are familiar with the coinage of the United States? It was not until 1864 that the words whose disappearance agitates them first appeared on the two cent piece, which has long since been withdrawn from circulation. In 1866 the motto was first stamped on the eagle. Can any of the clergymen now so bitterly condemning President Roosevelt say off hand, without examining the coins, on which pieces of currency the motto "In God We Trust" is and is not to be found? Is there a single one that knows as an actual fact that it appears on the quarter, half-dollar and dollar silver pieces and on all the gold, and does not appear on the one-cent five-cent and ten-cent pieces? How many practical men in every day life can describe correctly the designs and lettering on one and on all these coins? Here is a simple test as to the effect of the motto upon the daily life of the average person.—New York World.

Will F. Woods, cashier of the Woods National Bank, which suspended some time ago, has been arrested on a complaint charging embezzlement, abstraction and willful misapplication of moneys and bonds to the amount of \$55,000. G. W. Deaton, a produce man of San Antonio, was also arrested on a charge of aiding and abetting the cashier in the embezzlement.

## Notice To Land Owners.

To Patrick Donnelly of waukee County, Wisconsin, E. Giraud of Travis County, Texas, and to all others owning or claiming all or any part of Survey 53, Cert. 552, A. B. & M. in Salle County, Texas, or of Paul McCombs Survey in La Salle County, Texas, lying South Survey 94, A. B. & M.

You are hereby notified of the undersigned jury of freeholders, acting under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable Commissioners Court of La Salle County, Texas, will on the 24th day of December A. D. 1907, proceed to lay out and survey a public road of the second class, commencing at Cotulla in La Salle County, Texas, and running in general Southeasterly direction from said point about twelve miles and terminating where said proposed new road will intersect said La Salle County the public road now on the ground running an Easterly direction from Town of Artesia in said La Salle County, and which said proposed new road may run through certain lands owned by you and will at the same time assess the damages incidental to the opening of said road, when you may present to a statement in writing of the damages, if any, claimed by you.

Witness our hands this 24th day of November A. D. 1907.

L. A. KERR,  
T. R. KECK,  
ROLAND A. GOUGER,  
CURTIS HERRING,  
Jury of View

## On A Deer Hunt.

W. H. (Bill) Johns, L. W. Gaddis and the editor spent last week in the woods in quest of felled bucks. We didn't bring back a wagon load nor go quite our limit, neither did we return with a fisherman's luck.

The first two days we stayed at E. Oliver's camp above Woodward, where we were royally entertained. Mr. Oliver killed a deer the evening we arrived so there was plenty of venison in camp.

Tuesday night we camped in the Hargus pasture, but deer were scarce here so on Wednesday we decided to pull on to the Johnson pasture, about fifteen miles further up the country. Just about the time we were making ready to break camp, the drizzly weather that had prevailed for three days culminated in a regular downpour. Early next morning we passed the Hall Ranch and stopped in to see Mr. Tom Hall, who has been sick for some time. At the time we were there we regret that he was a little worse than usual. Dr. McGarity of San Marcos was then attending him.

About two o'clock we pitched camp again at the "Broke-top" tank, said to be the greatest deer country in Southwest Texas, but the wise old bucks evidently learned of our coming, as most of them had moved out. Those that stayed were brought out in our wagon.

That evening the editor straggled up on a big old buck. He wasn't quite as big as one of Bannin's elephants, but looked like it, and carried a set of horns that looked like a rocking chair. That night we had fresh meat in camp. It was our first deer, and Johns and Gaddis would have had to set up with us, but they spent so much time in trying to find camp that our nerves had become normal by the time they put in their appearance.

Next morning both Johns and Gaddis slayed a buck. There were only two more deer left in the country and Gaddis searched them so bad that it isn't likely they have stopped running yet.

We stayed at this place until Saturday morning and most of our time was spent in hunting camp. We all came to the conclusion that a mistake had been made in naming the place. It should have been "Lost Tank" instead of "Broke Top." We also resolved

that if we ever got it in for anybody real bad, we would try and induce Mr. Johnson to let them go hunting in this pasture. There would be very little chance of them ever getting back home.

At noon that day we broke camp and headed for home. On the way Gaddis showed his ability as a driver by driving over a tank dump fifteen feet high and four feet wide at the top. When they were about half way across the mules began crowding each other for room and a catastrophe was narrowly averted. Gaddis, mules, wagon and all came near going down the embankment into a lake of cold water ten feet deep.

Notwithstanding the scarcity of deer, we had lots of sport shooting coyotes and javelins, and the trip was immensely enjoyed by all of us.

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The plan of the Jamestown Exposition as first conceived by its promoters, apart from observing the tri-centennial of the founding of the first English settlement on these shores, was to make a comprehensive exhibit of rare historical significance and interest, gathering together the many relics and heirlooms which in the three hundred years have become scattered over a wide range of territory, and giving this historic collection a positively unique setting. And in this, rather than in the variety or extent of exhibits, lies the greatest charm of the exposition.

One is better prepared for this charm, if one has chosen the overland route, which, leading through the far-famed Ohio River valley, through the almost primeval grand-cours of the Virginias, over historic battle-grounds, across the vale of Shenandoah, and on to Washington, brings one face to face with the very spirit of those early times, and wraps one in a veritable atmosphere of retrospection. From Washington the best way to complete the journey is to make the delightful trip on the rapidly broadening Potomac, and down Chesapeake Bay to Norfolk. Here again one's mind reverts to the historic past, for the blue waters of the Potomac lap the shores of the Mount Vernon estate, and one knows that somewhere up the sloping banks where great elms throw their solemn, watchful shade, lie the earthly remains of "The Father of our Country" and his wife, the noble Martha Washington.

As one approaches the exposition grounds, having come the few miles from Norfolk either by steamer or trolley, the first impression is made by the beauties of the site, and the unique location.

On the north is Hampton Roads, and the approach to the exposition site is marked by the imposing towers on the end of the government pier, which extends far out into the water. Here are gathered many great warships of this and other countries, which are constantly coming or going, or lying at anchor just off the exposition grounds. Just outside the grounds are the military camps, where are stationed many troops of United States infantry, cavalry and artillery, which give daily drills and parades on the drill plain near the center of the exposition known as "Lee's Parade."

Within the grounds one does not find the variety of exhibit buildings that some other expositions have offered, but the buildings themselves are the most practical structures of the kind ever designed and the exhibits are comprehensive, well arranged and the most selective ever assembled.

For the most part, the displays are in keeping with the character of the celebration, and possess an historical and romantic interest. The historic relic building contains what is perhaps the most expensive and the rarest collection of relics and heirlooms ever displayed. In this building there are original manuscripts signed by George Washington, Patrick Henry, President Monroe, and many others; the proceedings of the first general assembly of Virginia, weapons, wearing ap-

parel, etc., from the time of John Smith, down to the close of the civil war; the vehicles in which Marquis de La Fayette made his tour of state in '82, and the land-couch which conveyed President Lincoln to Ford's Theater on the night of his assassination, April 14, 1865.

In the historic arts palace, there are priceless manuscripts, relics, publications and paintings, illustrative of the national progress for a period of three centuries. In the Smithsonian Institution, the exhibit is unique, in that it distributed through several buildings. The war and navy departments, the treasury and interior departments, and the post office department, have all very comprehensive and vastly interesting displays, which in many instances detail and practically demonstrate the workings of many branches of the varied industries. The department of agriculture, the bureau of fisheries, and the geological survey have characteristic displays and in the machinery and transportation building may be seen the newest of modern contrivances in those lines, among them being the first solid steel railway car ever constructed. And one should not fail to visit the mines and metallurgy building, the palace of manufactures and liberal arts, where may be seen miniature factories of various kinds in actual operation, displays that are wonderfully instructive to the beholder; or the palace of education, the pure food building, and the buildings of the Latin-American countries.

The States exhibit palace is the largest structure on the grounds, and it attracts the greatest amount of general interest. In this building are agricultural, horticultural and industrial exhibits from many states. The decorations used there are almost entirely of natural products, tobacco, cereals, grains and grasses.

Virginia's exhibit is possibly the most complete of any, with tobacco predominating and with an excellent natural history display.

In the Louisiana exhibit may be found one of the most comprehensive displays ever made by this or any other state. The mining industry of the state is especially emphasized.

Maryland's exhibit is exclusively agricultural and horticultural, with particular attention being given to fresh and canned fruits. North and South Carolina have given much attention to textiles and cotton; Missouri's exhibit is agricultural and horticultural, as is also Georgia's and Ohio's; New Jersey's is a school and natural history exhibit; Connecticut's display comes from its fields and school and natural history exhibit; Oklahoma, the new state, offers excellent examples of its horticultural exhibits; New Hampshire's display is particularly interesting from an industrial standpoint, and Vermont's largely educational.

The states of Kentucky and California made no appropriation for exhibits, but in Kentucky the people donated an exhibit of agriculture and forestry, and Los Angeles county and city of California provided an exhibit, which for beau-

ty surpasses anything in the building, fruits, wines and gems being the leading articles displayed.

Twenty states have buildings here, and all but four states in all of Uncle Sam's domain, including Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippines, have exhibits of some kind at the exposition. Texas is among the very few not represented by some kind of exhibit, and the fact that the largest best state among states should have failed to provide in this way, is the subject of frequent remarks and wonderment by visitors, not only from Texas, but from other parts of the country.

In the west end of the transportation building there is a booth, with the accompanying cut, posters established by the enterprise of a private concern in cooperation with the Board of Trade, both of Ft. Worth, Texas, which is alone the only exhibit of any kind from the Lone Star State.

The booth has been furnished and decorated at a considerable cost, almost the entire expense of the undertaking being borne by the Foster-Epes Company of Ft. Worth. It was established to advertise the boundless resources of Texas. The booth is in charge of Mr. O. C. Soots and wife of Fort Worth, and their time from 8:30 a. m. till 6:00 p. m. is fully taken up in distributing literature and talking Texas to visitors, the most of whom are desirous of knowing more about our great state.

The exhibit occupies a space about twenty-two feet square, with an enclosure one-third this size in the rear, which is used for a work room and to store literature, also to afford wall space for a large collection of photographs and paintings which adorn the booth.

The illustration hardly does justice to the exhibit and decorations of the booth. The lettering is all in glittering gold, and can be seen from afar. "TEXAS"—Texas Investments are as safe as Government Bonds, and like sentiments, are lettered above the line of the paintings and pictures, and the name of the firm, to whom Texas is indebted for its one display, is also conspicuous. It is a splendid way to attract the Eastern capital which is ever on the lookout for new avenues for investment, and goes far in exploiting the unparalleled advantages and opportunities of our great State.

Many visitors have been entertained at the booth, and not all Texans by any means. Nearly every one stops there, for all seem friendly to Texas and anxious to learn more of her.

Congressman Burleson to introduce bills at Washington to aid cotton farmers.

Seven burn to death in fire in a Kansas City Hotel.

Aliens both leaving America and arriving from Europe in unprecedented numbers.

Abandon plan to mobilize at New York warships going to Pacific.

Jury to try Caleb Powers is completed at Georgetown, Ky.

Financiers should be allowed to rule, says Chief Justice Brewer in address at Washington.

American Minister O'Brien secure promise from Japanese Government to stop frauds by Japanese immigrants.

In national Congress, to meet in Mexico City, December 2 to 9 has much important work laid out for it.

Undoubtedly—"What do you think an ideal quick lunch?" "I can suggest nothing more like it than a hasty pudding on a fast day"—Baltimore American.

Washington—All the 3 per cent certificates that are needed have been bid for, and the treasury withdraws the remainder from the market.

Washington—The Inland Waterways commission is working on a preliminary report to be submitted to the President.

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(Continued from last week.)

### CHAPTER XVIII

#### FRED RETURNS TO WATERVILLE.

A few days later Fred took passage in the stage coach for Waterville. It was a beautiful October morning—a morning made for happiness—both invigorating and crisp with a touch of hilarious briskness in air and sky. There had been a slight frost the night before, but it rapidly disappeared before the genial warmth of the sun, while the russet leaves, stirred by the autumn winds, sang brokenly the coming of old age.

October is the scenic month of the mountains, and when amid them, you are in Nature's picture gallery. The sumac leaves are as changeable in color as a blushing maiden or a chameleon, and from the low green foothills to the timber-line a sombre gray far up the mountains, the pines and spruce, the elms and boxelders, the poplars and oaks grow in abandoned profusion. The leaves, like Joseph's coat, vary in colors from deepest green to brightest scarlet, from golden yellow to soft, dull brown. This medley of color intermingled in the gorgeous panoramic scene, lends a charm and beauty that would baffle the skill of the most talented artist to produce on canvas.

Fred was seated by the side of Gideon Gibbons on top of the stage coach as they whirled along. In his face was a look of unspoiled faith in God and woman. He was thinking of the evening when Ruth first sang to him. It was music fit for the Gods—so rich, so deep, so plaintively low, so inspiring.

He could even see her how standing on the wide old porch of the Hilliard home as she waved to him at parting. The mild October breeze had stirred the ringlets of her golden hair, and they in some way seemed laden with promise for him, for he interpreted her every word and smile as reciprocal of his own earnest admiration.

One evening she had said, when, perhaps, he had shown all too plainly the great admiration that was growing in his heart, "He that goes slowly goes safely, and he that goes safely, goes far." She was smiling while talking, and looked archly at him as if uttering a prophecy.

Fred was thinking of this when he was suddenly brought out of his day dreams to present affairs by Gideon Gibbons remarking: "Things ain't so powerful brisk down at Waterville just now."

"How is that?" asked Fred. "Oh, I don't know," replied Gibbons, as he started his leaders with a ringing crack of his whip. "Can't say just what it is the matter, I'm mighty glad I am not in the real estate business. In my opinion there real estate agents down there will be jumpin' sideways for a sandwich before the winter's over. Already they're beginning to look lank, like a lot of South Sea Islanders clamoring for a feast of baked missionary."

Fred was decidedly depressed about his town lot investments, and Gibbons remarks merely strengthened, in a way, his fears. He was going to Waterville for the express purpose of disposing of his friends' property, in which they had invested upon his recommendation. He cared very little about his own money which had been put in town lots, for he was willing to wait or lose all, if his friends, who had trusted so implicitly in his judgment, could be prevented from sustaining loss.

Once a man said to a woman who had bitterly and heartlessly deceived him, and when they were about to part forever: "I do not care for the love I once gave you, because I was deceived into loving that which never existed save in my own imagination, and with the awakening it died. With the dying of the myth love came back in my own heart, but I am truly sorry for the love you gave me, for questionable as to quality as it may have been, it is now broken and lost even to the very fragments."

"In like wise," mused Fred, "I have experience returned to me for money, but my friends, if their money is lost, will have nothing but regrets for following my advice."

It was late at night when they reached Waterville. Fred was glad to find that Wilbur Winthrop was registered at the hotel, for he was very eager to see him. They

met the following morning at the breakfast table. The conduct of the usually polite and entertaining Winthrop was changed to a sternness, gruffness and silence for which Fred was at a loss to account but he said nothing, remembering that very frequently a man's nature is too nearly nude before he has breakfast to even utter subterfuges for the sake of politeness.

As they rose from the table and left the dining room Fred went out with Winthrop and asked him how he was progressing in the lot selling business.

"How am I progressing?" repeated Wilbur, "I am through and have left Butte City for good."

"How so?" asked Fred in surprise.

Winthrop was silent for a moment and then replied:

"It is rather strange, Mr. Rockwell, for you to ask such a question after the publication of your last letter to that New York newspaper, The Inter-Mountain Blade and the Butte City Miner both copied the article. It is hardly necessary to observe that as a result it is impossible for me to sell another lot in Butte City. Those who had purchased property became so infuriated that I deemed it best for personal safety to leave town."

Saying this, Winthrop turned abruptly and left Fred, who was for a moment, too dumbfounded to make reply.

Well merited praise takes away the dross from our souls, but harsh and ugly criticism adds slag to our lives, and Winthrop's words both surprised and chilled him.

A little later he visited the Town Company's office, where he found Bernard McCaffrey, the resident director, and Wilbur Winthrop deep in consultation.

McCaffrey was a man of commanding appearance. His associates often remarked that his face was worth ten thousand dollars in an important trade of any kind. He was dignified and commanding in appearance, and when talking with him the most skeptical fell in the habit of believing every word that fell from his lips. Fred discovered that he was de trop, but determined to vindicate himself.

"Gentlemen, pardon me for interrupting, but I must ask your indulgence for a few moments. Will you be kind enough to read this article? I do not care to have any more complications and misunderstandings than have already been experienced."

He handed the resident director a copy of the Banner. McCaffrey adjusted his spectacles and read aloud the entire letter on "Two Western Towns." When he had concluded, Fred turned to Winthrop, "Is that the article to which you referred a while ago at the hotel?"

"Yes," said Winthrop, gruffly picking up the paper. "But how is this? The Butte City papers published only that part of the article criticising Waterville. How came you to write such a thing at all, Mr. Rockwell? You surely know there is not a word of truth in it from beginning to end?"

Fred looked at Winthrop, and then at Bernard McCaffrey, and replied: "I did not write it."

Then very tersely he explained the history of his dismissal. "This was evidently written," he said, tapping the paper with the back of his hand, "to counteract the influence and effect of what I had written the week before."

"Of course, that puts the whole thing in a different light," said the resident director, rising and extending his hand to Fred. "I could not believe it possible that you, Mr. Rockwell, would be guilty of writing such a libelous article as this proves to be. Ignorance as the basis of nearly all misunderstandings, and complete knowledge usually entitles one to forgiveness, and I beg your pardon for misjudging you."

Winthrop also accepted the explanation as eminently satisfactory and expressed his sympathy for Fred on account of the loss of his position, at the same time apologizing for his lack of cordiality at the breakfast table.

"This article has completely killed the lot-selling business for me in Butte City," he said, "but, fortunately, having made some very excellent sales during the past few weeks, the Town Company has sufficient money in the treasury to pay all debts. The last obligation will be paid off at 12 o'clock today."

"Yes," said McCaffrey, they shall all be paid off, but it will leave the treasury in a depleted condition. The future, I believe,

have not lost faith, I hope, Mr. Rockwell, in Waterville real estate."

"No," replied Fred, "I have bounded faith in Waterville. By nature I am a chance-taker—a builder, but just now my mind seems a chaotic mass of ruin."

"It would please me very much, however, if the Town Company were willing to return the twenty-five hundred dollars which I have invested for my New York friends. They doubtless know of a dismissal from the Banner for an article, which puts an entirely new interpretation on the subject of Western investments, and I would like to clear myself from any suspicion. As to my own purchase, I am willing to take the chance."

"You must know," said Winthrop, "that you ask what is next to impossible, for notwithstanding I have, personally, the warmest and friendliest feelings towards you, and while Mr. Caffrey may think favorably of returning the money, it can not be done without an action of the board of directors."

Bernard McCaffrey invited Fred to take a seat at his desk. He would explain to him carefully the situation, believing that he could prove conclusively why he would be acting for the best interests of his friends by not disturbing the investment.

"Barney," as he was frequently called by his friends, produced great many maps and carefully spread them out on the table, adjusting his spectacles and with ten thousand dollar face looking directly at Fred by way of a prelude of what was to follow, he proceeded to go over the old, old story of the unlimited natural resources of the valley. He discussed length and in a very entertaining and convincing manner the number of acres of land already in cultivation, the probable annual increase in acreage of farm lands, figured out results that amounted to millions of dollars if the lands were seeded with wheat and barley, hundreds of millions if planted sugar beets. Then he carried Fred from one side of the map to the other, up to the top, down to the bottom, and back again to the point from which they started. No soon had he reached the point of arrival and departure than he struck a bait and went all over the map again, until Fred, although a little tired by such rapid mental gymnastics, was more enthusiastic than ever before in regard to the future outcome of the wonderful city of Waterville.

"Barney" lit a cigar, as though treating himself for valuable services rendered, and then confirmed Winthrop's statement in regard to their inability to pay any money out of the treasury without first having the consent of the board of directors.

"I advise you to write to your New York friends," continued the resident director, "and tell them their investment is all right, if—mark, I say if—they have the courage to stay with it for a year or such a matter."

"Of course, this article in the Banner has hurt us greatly. It is simply a high-handed piece of boy-cotting, but the West is accustomed to such treatment from the East, and it has received similar injustice at the hands of other great New York dailies—times without number—in years gone by."

Acting on Barney McCaffrey's advice, Fred wrote a letter that day to his associates on the Banner and felt relieved for having done so.

He determined to remain at least a week in Waterville and study for himself the local condition of the real estate market, but before many days he began to realize the wonderful far reaching effects of the derogatory article in the Banner.

A tidal wave of the ocean is generally destructive to everything in its path, even as a tidal wave of printer's ink is an irresistible moulding and voicing of opinion.

Rival towns copied the Banner letter, and with double-headed editorials called attention to the town that had overreached itself. They denounced the various members of the Waterville Town Company as unmitigated sharks, and predicted that now, since the boom had been pricked with the needle of truth the bubble had burst for all time. The city, they said, was dead.

The transient class of real estate agents and hangers-on at Waterville who had been doing rather thriving business, said one to another: "Boys, this ends it the job is up. We might better go somewhere else than hang around here

and see the dog's fennel grow in the streets of Waterville."

One day Fred called on J. Arthur Boast. Pride is principally useful among the foolish in preventing them from seeing their own shortcomings, and thereby keeping them on good terms with themselves. Mr. Boast was one of those so-called fortunate mortals of earth who never even suspect, much less see, any fault in themselves. The mote is invariably in the other person's eye.

Fred found him as immaculately dressed as ever, and engaged in typing up bundles of legal papers, deeds, contracts, etc.

"You look, Mr. Rockwell, as if you were quite disgusted with everything. I might say, you look as if you were blanked sore about something, possibly over your Waterville investment?"

"No," replied Fred, "hardly as bad as that. Are you getting ready to move from Waterville?"

"No, I am not going away, that is, not permanently," replied Mr. Boast, as he stopped to brush a speck of dust from his attire. "But I presume we shall not have any use for deeds or contracts for some little time to come, and I am therefore putting them away out of the dust until the boom opens up again."

"You speak discouragingly."

"Discouragingly!" said Boast, as he seated himself on the table in front of Fred. "Discouragingly!" he repeated. "Why, hang it, didn't I tell you the Town Company would ruin Waterville? I was away only two weeks visiting, as you know, at Gold Valley, and while I was gone they inflated the price of real estate and made promises right and left that were impossible to fill. Rival newspapers all over the country are denouncing them, and the result is that Waterville is dead. I say dead, and I mean dead, and all on account of the Town Company."

Fred was wavering. "Do you suppose," he asked, hesitatingly, "that you could possibly sell my twenty-five lots?"

Boast looked absent out of the window, as he said: "I might sell them in time by putting them on my special bargain list."

"At what price?"

"Let me see. You paid \$2500 for them, did you not?"

"Yes," answered Fred.

"Well, said Boast, as if he were conferring a favor, "I might get \$500 for them, but it would be a pretty green sort of a tenderfoot just now that I could unload them on, even at that price."

"But what's the use?" he continued, facing Fred suddenly and still sitting on the table. "What's the use of losing your nerve? Within one or two years Waterville will be all right. She can't be kept down. She has natural resources, the richest farming lands in the world, the greatest water power of any inland city in the United States, marvelous veins of coal, inexhaustible quarries of building rock unsurpassed forests of timber, and an abundance of water for irrigating purposes."

"Why, hang it, old feller," he said, slapping Fred on the shoulder with one hand—a habit some people have while employing the other to steal your purse, "Waterville is all right. All you've got to do is to hold on both to your nerve and to your lots, and you will come out on top."

"That's all right," replied Fred, "but one becomes, seared and scorched with the fire of this sort of experience, and the ray of hope you hold out is no far away to be very encouraging."

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"I believe he is making very good progress," replied Fred. "If the old man should strike it rich," said Boast, thoughtfully, "I would not mind connecting myself with the family. While it is true that a man with an object to attain in life, one who is possessed of ambition, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, needs a wife about as much as a freighter's wagon needs a fifth wheel, still, we must admit that money talks. Of course, I am not so hard to please as you New York chaps, nevertheless, I insist that the lady of my choice must be incumbered with a dot."

Fred thought of the saying that there was no necessity for a hell until greed and avarice entered into the souls of men. "One and one make two, and two and two make four," said Fred to himself, "which is a way to state a proposition of love, providing you state it before the window of the soul has been opened to the tender sentiment of purest affection."

Boast was rapidly convincing Fred that he was a man incapable of an honest love, and he was indignant and disgusted at his cold-bloodedness, for like all men of his stamp, Boast held women as an idle toy, a plaything to kiss or to kill as evil fancies might suggest. "I see you have no objection," said Fred, biting his lips in anger, and of course there is no doubt the Hilliards must be overwhelmed with the honor of having you as a member of their family."

"A woman's heart is only an apple at which a fool nibbles, and a wise man negatives," said Boast, grinning wickedly. "Possibly," he went on coldly, and a little more soberly, "if the old gentleman strikes it in the Shonbar it is worth considering anyhow. Ruth is not so bad?" There was a rising inflection in his voice and a wicked leer was on his face—not a smile.

"But, of course, there's no use quarreling over something that has not happened. Our standard of morals is more largely determined by latitude and longitude than by depth and discipline, and much depends upon one's point of view."

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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.

One person killed and ten hurt in wreck of electric car at South Fort Worth.

Boise, Idaho.—The trial of Pettibone for the murder of Governor Steunenberg is in progress.

Constantinople—Kurdish tribes are again lawless, and a massacre is feared.

Yaokum—A test well for oil is being sunk near this town.

In railroad circles there is great preparation being made for moving the homeseekers to the Southwest, and no falling off in the number is predicted.

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 Daffan 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.

San Antonio—The real estate committee of the Business Men's 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.

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 noted men of the country will be in attendance.

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Gave Him a Start—Doctor to patient—"Your heart is rather irregular. Have you any thing that is worrying you?" Patient—"Oh, not particularly. Only that just now when you put your hand in your pocket I thought you were going to give me your bill."—London Telegraph.

Sidelights on History—The wood on horse was standing before the beleaguered city. "That seems a heavy beast," remarked Paris to Hector, surveying it critically. "Of what weight would you say it was?" "Troy weight, of course," answered Hector. Whereat envy burned Paris green.—Harper's Weekly.

Financial Research—"No," said the grocer firmly, "I can not trust you for a ham." "I don't want your old ham," responded the man addressed. "My purpose was to ascertain if the conduct of the President really had disturbed credit. I fear it has."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Point of View—The countess has gone on her first shooting-trip and stops at the gamekeepers' house for the night. "I have never heard the nightingales sing so loud," she remarked. "You can easily quiet them, my lady; I have put a bootjack on your ladyship's bedside."—Jugend.

On the Top of the Stagecoach—"What a clear view! Not a single air-ship in sight!"—Jugend.

Above It—Countrywoman—"I find that the prize hens I bought do not lay very well." Her Friend—"Exactly so. They do not need to."—Megendorfer Blaetter (Munich).

Conclusive—"Do you think that after death all is over?" "By no means. Last week one of my creditors died and still I have to pay what I owed him."—Megendorfer Blaetter (Munich).

A Brutal Creditor—"What is the veterinary surgeon always at your house. You have no cattle." "He is treating me." "You? A veterinary surgeon?" "The rogue owes me fifty dollars, and that is the only High Honor."—Won't Honor let me brush that out of your coat?"—from Duke.

El Paso—The Yaqua Indians are again on the war path in the mountains. Several people have been murdered.

Montgomery, Ala.—A Federal Judge has suspended the railroad rate laws passed by the recent legislature until claims of railroads can be investigated.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Many manufacturing plants are preparing to resume operations, now that they can get money to pay laborers.

Refrained—Mama—"And what did you say when Mr. Tigwode gave you a penny?" Tommy—"I was as polite as I could be and didn't say nothing."—Cleveland Leader.

Ask the Cook—"Can you tell me when the Fortich Regiment is to arrive?" "No, but I'll ask my cook, she is certain to know."—Megendorfer Blaetter.

Perhaps So—"Why is that blind beggar getting out of the way so quickly?" "Perhaps he sees the policeman coming."—Megendorfer.

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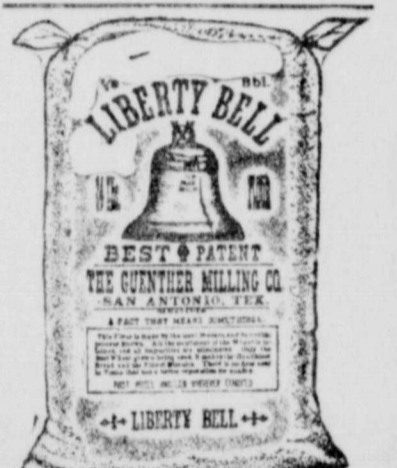
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#### ARTESIA NOTES.

A party of five young men of this place went deer hunting one day last week. One of the party, Chas. Hunter, brought down a fine buck which was divided between them.

Thanksgiving was observed quite generally. Several parties at private houses feasted on turkey, chicken, venison, etc. Stores were closed, and a Thanksgiving service was held at the school house at night. Mr. Lee Henrichson was made chairman. Appropriate hymns sung, several short talks, passages of Scripture quoted by several as expressions of Thanksgiving. Part of the President's message and suitable selections read by Miss Pauline Eddy, all of which was listened to with good attention by the audience. Unfortunately the principal speaker, Rev. Mr. Wright was detained at home on account of illness of a child.

The recent soaking rains have given farmers, stockmen and everybody much confidence, and a larger amount of land than ever before is being prepared for crops. More than 140 acres are planted in onions besides many acres in other garden truck. All growing fine.

Several house lots have been sold to parties intending to build. W. G. Burris has moved his house upon one of them.

Eddy and Son have put in a steam irrigating plant and are thus prepared for any emergency which may call for its use.

Many acres of land have been, and many more are to be cleared for planting next summer.

Beaver & Hinds have their large reservoir completed and about 50 acres of land cleared and fenced, considerable of which is planted in onions, etc.

The Sunday School which we recently re-organized, and is now a strictly "Union School" with

Rev. N. J. Wright as Supt., J. M. Ramsey, Asst., and Will Protheroe as Sec. and Treas. are to have a Christmas entertainment and tree. The usual committees are appointed and a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated.

An organization has been perfected by the Christian people of the community for mutual helpfulness, which is named "Biblical College of Artesia." Officers to be elected semi-annually. Such as are members of evangelical churches will be accepted as active members. And believers who have not a membership in them will be accepted as associate members. Rev. Mr. Wright is President, Mrs. S. R. Eddy Vice-president, Mrs. C. Price Sec. and Mrs. Lee Henrichson Treas. for the first term.

He was comparatively new at the business, and had already found out that the life of an insurance agent is not all a bed of roses, but he was fully determined to make a good record in the small town he had selected for his operations. At one house his ring was answered by a comely young woman, who waited calmly for him to state his business.

"Is your husband insured madam?" he began, in an ingratiating fashion.

"No," she responded.

"Indeed!" he answered, confident that he had found a bonanza. "Do you not think he should be insured?"

"No," with the same calmness.

This was a staggerer, but he promptly rallied.

"Why, madam, do you not think that he owes it, as a sacred duty to you and his family that his life should be insured?"

"No, I do not."

"You do not! Will you please tell me why?"

"Certainly! I have no husband. Good morning."

And the interview was closed.

#### NEW FORAGE PLANT.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. Government experts at the agricultural experiment station near this city have demonstrated another forage plant for this country. It is called guar, and comes from Asia Minor. The plant grows up about two feet, and is covered with bean pods like snap beans. Not only these beans but the whole plant leaves stalk and all is very high in protein and other food products. In fact it is said to be more nutritious than cowpeas or alfalfa, and to yield a far greater gross tonnage per acre. Furthermore the plant withstands droughts, and is not only hardy but requires little cultivation. A number of farmers hereabouts made the experiment of cultivating this plant simultaneously with the Government farm, and the first crop now being gathered is a decided success. The first experiment with this plant was made here because the climate is more like that of Asia Minor from which it comes, experts believe, however, that the plant will grow equally well in the Western states, and the government will follow up its experiments in those states with Texas raised seed. This plant is used in Asia Minor as food by the natives but in America it will probably be used chiefly for animals, though possibly it may be served as a breakfast food. It belongs to the legumes, and promises to be a valuable addition to the agricultural products of this country.

She—What! Miss Plainleigh going to be married! Whew! That proves what I've always said no matter how ugly or ill-mannered a girl is, she can always find some fool to marry her. Who is the poor man?"

Jim—Me.


Send your job printing to this office.

"Pat," began Emily Louise sweetly, "God makes and everything," replied at from behind his newspaper. "We," said her father, "that's as easy for God to do as it is to make the peach. You see, God first makes the stone and then puts the peach in the outside. That's for our convenience; you see, we eat the peach and not the stone, and so God puts the peach on the out-

side." Emily Louise was silent for a moment. Turning again to her father, she inquired: "If God makes all things for our convenience, father, why does he put the nut inside the wooden shell?" "What's become of your umbrella?" "I loaned it to Tomkins." "Why doesn't he return it?" "The owner caught him with it and demanded it."

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Any student who wants to enter at once, but is hindered from getting the ready cash, owing to the temporary financial flurry, may come right on to school, bringing such money as he has at his command, in the form of money order or currency, and make satisfactory arrangements for balance.

### Importance of Domestic Service.

A Georgia lady, writing to the Atlanta Constitution, advocates the training of young men and women for domestic service as the only possible solution of the vexatious servant problem. Of the more than 30,000 people in the United States engaged in gainful occupations, not less than 6,000,000 are engaged in domestic service. Here are 20 per cent of the working people, the great majority of whom never receive any special training for the work by which they earn their living. They merely "pick up" what they know by working around and never become really proficient.

There is no better argument for practical training than this very fact. If the public schools taught the boys and girls how to do all the things included among the duties of a servant, not a particle of harm would result. The training would be valuable, even if they did not enter domestic service. There is nothing that a good servant ought to know how to do that would not be useful knowledge to any boy or girl, and such knowledge ought to be imparted because in the growing scarcity of competent servants the American home are not conducted with the economy and efficiency that should mark a nation's domestic life.

To merely advocate such training for negroes is unjust to the whites who likewise need it. A girl who grows up without knowledge of domestic science cannot, when she marries, conduct her home economically for obvious reasons. It is not at all uncommon now to find married women who are grandmothers who know no more of housekeeping than a cat knows about astronomy. Then ignorance has resulted possibly in the poverty of their husbands, whereas had they been properly trained they would have escaped penalty in their declining years.

Even the daughter of wealthy parents should know every branch of domestic science if for no other reason than that she ought to be able to teach her servants. To depend entirely upon servants, the great majority of whom are ignorant, and in the South ignorant blacks, is to endure a life of domestic helplessness that is almost pitiable.

It is important, of course, for negroes to be taught because hundreds of thousands of them are dependent upon domestic service for a livelihood. It is a matter of existence with them. But white children ought to know because in such knowledge lies the hope of domestic happiness that can only be found in well regulated homes.

Twenty years hence people will look back upon this generation and smile at our lack of comprehension in permitting children to grow up in ignorance of the homely duties upon which depends real happiness.—Houston Post.

## SCHOOL GARDENING.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 1. San Antonio has developed in its public schools a system of school gardens, which W. T. Carter of the United States Department of Agriculture, pronounces one of the finest in the country. Mr. Carter who is an expert is making a tour of inspection of school gardens, and says he finds great interest in the movement to make gardening and agriculture a part of public education.

Naturally this newest phase of public education has received great attention here for San Antonio is the center of the largest trucking section in the Southwest. Soil and climate conditions have combined to develop thousands of acres of gardens in this section that ship annually thousands of carloads of vegetables to the North and East, nearly a thousand carloads of onions alone went out, and other vegetables in proportion. The school children of course have caught the agricultural enthusiasm and have made a display of the products of their gardens at the San Antonio International Fair, just closed here that was astonishing. Their tomatoes, corn, beets, peas, cabbages, beans and peppers of every variety were as fine as those displayed by any of the professional gardeners.

Public-spirited citizens are to start a school farm outside of the city limits, so as to extend the teaching from gardening to the staple farm products. Texas is essentially an agricultural state and intends to encourage its rising generation to go back to the soil. This movement towards a further practicalizing of public education, now making such a hold in the West and Southwest, especially appeals in this state, and a liberal part of the magnificent public school endowment of Texas will be used to develop a splendid system of public school agricultural training.

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"Well, David," said the young man, "I guess I'll marry Sue and take her away. What do you say?" "Thank you," returned the boy politely.

## TaxPayers Notice.

Notice is hereby given the Tax Payers of La Salle county that I will be at the following named places on the dates specified, for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1907.

Millett, Monday, Dec 16th.  
Artesia, Tuesday, Dec 17th.  
Enemal, Wednesday, Dec 18th.  
Dulls Ranch, Friday, Dec 20th.  
Sauz Ranch, Saturday Dec 21st.

Warning is given that after January 31st, a penalty of 10 per cent is added to all taxes not paid.  
W. T. HILL,  
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**HUNTING**—Positively no hunting will be allowed in my pastures this winter. Gates are posted according to law and all parties are hereby warned to keep out.  
MATTHEW CARTWRIGHT.

**HUNTERS BEWARE**—No hunting will be allowed in my pastures this season. All gates have been posted and violators of this warning will receive speedy prosecution.  
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of coffee. How the delicious brown nectar whets our appetite, tones up the system, and puts the brain in condition to do good work! There's lots of good coffee in the world, and you can get it every time—if you go to the right place. We have good coffee in abundance. We never buy anything else. The way it is treated before it reaches you has a great deal to do with its goodness. We sell Chase & Sanborn's coffee.  
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W. L. Pease, Prop.  
Haircuts in the latest style. Everything up to date. Hot and Cold Baths.  
Center Street.  
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**Ice Cream Soda**  
BOTTLED SODA  
FOUNTAIN SODA  
COCO COLA BOTTLED  
ALL KINDS COLD DRINKS  
Candy, Fruit and Cigars.  
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Give us your patronage and we will treat you right.  
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STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS. AMERICAN and EUROPEAN PLAN  
**TERMS:**  
Eat-peak, \$1.00 up; American, \$2.00  
Special Rates By Week or Month,  
359 E. COMMERCE ST.,  
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**ONION SETS AND SEED**  
for sale. Red, white and yellow onion sets. Seed rye, seed oats, seed barley, rye seed, alfalfa, stock peas, stock beets, German millet, turnip seed, all kinds of garden seed.  
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High Grade Work. Work Guaranteed Reasonable Prices. and kept in repair.  
Will Visit Cotulla on special dates.

**City Meat Market**  
FRESH MEATS DAILY  
SAUSAGE, BARBECUE, LIGHT BREAD.  
**COLD STORAGE,**  
BUTTER and EGGS.  
**M. H. McMAHON**  
Center Street.  
COTULLA, — TEXAS.

# CHRISTMAS GOODS

ARE BEING UNPACKED  
AND PUT ON DISPLAY  
at prices Lower than Ever.

See them before you Buy.

# L. A. KERR.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Stuffed dates at S. Cotulla's.  
More cloudy, drizzly weather.  
Sleeping dolls at S. Cotulla's.  
Yesterday's Southbound train was several hours late.  
How many times did Teddy shoot the Bear?  
Order your Christmas suit from Reed and have it on time.  
Xmas and New Year post cards at S. Cotulla's.  
S. F. Elliott from up the Nueces was here yesterday.  
Dr. Starkey of Millett was transacting business here yesterday.  
Shelled pecans at S. Cotulla's.  
**YOUR CHRISTMAS SUIT—REED.**  
How many times did Teddy shoot the Bear?  
Figs, dates, currents, citron and orange peel at S. Cotulla's.  
Joe Buckow of Artesia was in town yesterday.  
Xmas candies at Y. P. Bowen & Co's.  
How many times did Teddy shoot the Bear?  
Mrs. F. W. Yaeger of Millett was in the city shopping yesterday.  
Fancy candy at S. Cotulla's.  
How many times did Teddy shoot the bear?  
Robt. Hall and John T. Hall have purchased T. K. Hall's stock of cattle.  
Ed Henrichson of Artesia was seen on our streets during the week.  
Assessor R. L. Henrichson of Artesia was in town Thursday and Friday.

Fancy vests are more stylish than ever. See Reed's big line of styles.  
B. Vesper was in town yesterday and reports an abundance of rain up his way.  
Pecans, walnuts, almonds, filbert, coconuts, Brazil nuts at S. Cotulla's.  
J. W. Dines of Weatherford, an old friend of Mr. Matt Russell, was here this week.  
Howard Guinn has purchased the Lunch Counter on Front Street from R. E. Robinson.  
A swell fancy vest will make your old suit new. See Reed's line of samples.  
Robt. Hall was in town yesterday from the ranch and reports that his father is much better.  
Christmas goods are arriving daily at K. Burwell's and are being displayed as fast as they arrive.  
Hot bath any time you want it at the American Barber Shop.  
J. H. Mabry, Prop.  
G. A. Manly is drilling a well on East Heights for Roland A. Gouger.  
L. A. Kerr has begun putting out his display of Christmas goods.  
Messrs. S. F. Brown and J. M. Whit of Dilley were here yesterday.  
Miss Pearl Guinn left Wednesday for San Antonio to be gone several days.  
Our beautiful line of jewelry is selling fast. Come and make Xmas selections before it's too late.  
Y. P. Bowen & Co.  
Joe Jennings is here from Brackett. Joe says it has been raining up in that section for the past month and a fine season is in the ground.

K. Lamity Bonner and party of hunters, after spending a week in Dimmit county returned to Austin last Sunday.  
Col. W. A. M. Miller returned home Sunday after an absence of two months in Dallas and San Antonio.  
A large amount of shrubbery has been ordered for residents by Mr. Wentworth, who has charge of the Park.  
V. H. Harding went out to the Rasmussen Ranch Wednesday with Mr. Rasmussen to spend a couple of days hunting.  
Dr. C. McGarity of San Marcos is at the Tom Hall Ranch attending Mr. Hall, who has been sick for several weeks.  
How many times did Teddy shoot the Bear?  
All who want photos enlarged free. Come and get ten dollars worth of dry goods or groceries.  
Y. P. Bowen & Co.  
A. H. Miller has assumed charge of the Skating Rink Building and announces that he will give a series of Balls there during the Holidays.  
The City Barber Shop, W. L. Pease proprietor, has been moved from Center to Front Street, and is now located one door South of Simon Cotulla's Confectionery.  
A Party from Waco accompanied by W. A. Kerr and J. T. Maltsberger of this place, left yesterday on a ten days hunt in the Green Pasture.  
The show that was billed here for Thursday night got a cold deal. Their crowd was so slim that they did not even give the performance. If Cotulla will give the grand exhibitions that are coming the next ten days a like reception, probably such an infiction will not be sent upon us again.

**To the Public**  
I have leased the Cotulla Skating Rink. It will be thoroughly cleaned and well lighted, the dates will be put in first class condition. Our motto will be to please you. Skating Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.  
A series of Holiday Balls, inaugurations out next week.  
Respectfully,  
A. H. MILLER.  
Leave your laundry bundles at Gouger's store. Basket shipped every Wednesday morning. Orville Farr, agent.  
Gaddis' Pharmacy has their Christmas display completed, and is usual it is up to date in every particular. Santa Claus goods of every description can be found here.  
How many times did Teddy shoot the Bear?  
Jos. Cotulla Jr., accompanied by his father and mother went to Austin last Monday where Joe will go under the treatment of Dr. Wooten for tumor of the stomach. It is probable that it will be necessary to perform an operation.  
H. M. Moore of Millett was in town Thursday and called round and renewed his subscription to the RECORD. Mr. Moore recently sold his farm near Millett, but decided La Salle was good enough for him so bought another tract the other day and will build on it right away.  
The Floyds, magicians and mind-readers, the fourth entertainment in the Lyceum Course, entertained at the Court House Thursday night. Despite the inclement weather and a tent show in town there was a full house. The Floyds are certainly artists, and everybody present was glad the weather did not keep them at home.

## MONEY TO LOAN

On Farms and Ranches.

VENDOR'S LIEN NOTES BOUGHT

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

E. B. CHANDLER,  
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,  
Next the river.

### This Must Be An Easy Town

From the number of small shows billed for next week certainly the managers of these tented exhibitions must be of the opinion that Cotulla is full of fish—the kind that bite; that the people and their money are easily parted.

"A little fun now and then is relished by the best of men," and a show now and then is alright, even if you do get taked, but when it comes to a whole bunch in one week, may the Lord help us to keep our money.

Three shows are already billed for the coming week and it is said several more are to follow immediately. Three fourths of these exhibitions that travel over the country in sway-backed "Pullmans" are not worth one-tenth the price they charge to see them, and many of them are far from being decent and communities which they impose upon should greet them with a shower of rotten hen fruit before the performance begins.

Just at this particular time, while the financial stringency is on, money scarce and work not plentiful people should be loath to patronize these traveling shows, and it seems that at this particular time they are coming thickest. Why, we don't know, unless as we said in the beginning they have sized us up as a bunch of gullible fools and know that a "fool and his money is easily parted."

Some people will spend their last cent to get faked, and a rule the people that never miss an opportunity of this kind are the people that can't afford it. They will stand the grocery man off for something to eat and give their money to the fakir. They are always sorry after the skinning but their sorrow don't last long, and you will invariably find them up on the front row with their mouth open at the next show.

Of course its none of our business what you do with your money, but before you give up your hard-earned cash to the traveling wonders that will inflict their presence upon this town the next ten days to come, give your grocery man, your dry goods man and your hardware man a thought. They probably have been extending credit to you for some time, and a little payment, no matter how small, will be appreciated by them. While the entire country is under the financial strain give your money to the man who has been standing by you, and not to the man who will carry it away and give you nothing of value for it.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION —OF THE— STOCKMENS NATIONAL BANK

AT COTULLA, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 3RD, 1907.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$164,383.93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	40.10
U. S. Bond to secure circulation	60,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,254.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	8,885.60
Banking furniture, and fixtures	549.10
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	8,040.74
Due from State Banks and Bankers	153.10
Due from approved reserve agents	11,731.76
Checks and other cash items	220.72
Fractional paper currency, nickles, and cents	7.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	6,992.40
Legal-tender notes	2,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$268,758.45</b>

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8,968.30
National Bank notes outstanding	60,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	96,393.13
Cashier's check outstanding	3,397.02
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$268,758.45</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE, SS:

I, L. A. Kerr, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. A. KERR, Pres.  
Subscribed and sworn before me this 5th day of December, 1907.

B. WILDENTHAL,  
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

W. A. KERR,  
L. W. GADDIS,  
T. R. KECK.

#### OFFICERS:

G. M. Magill, Pres.  
Frank B. Earnest, V.P.  
V. H. Harding, Cashier.  
J. H. Gallman, Asst. Cashier.

#### DIRECTORS:

K. Burwell,  
Jno. M. Daniel,  
H. C. Lane.

## Cotulla State Bank,

Capital Stock \$25,000

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See Our Travelers' Checks. Good Anywhere on Earth.  
Small Deposits Accepted.

### WATCH OUR GROWTH

We do a Conservative Banking Business on Strictly Banking Principles.