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FORESTS HAVE BEEN STRIPPED FOR YEARS

WHITE PAPER PROBLEM IS NOW CONFRONTING PUBLISHERS OF UNITED STATES.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Bureau of Forestry has figured out that each Sunday edition of one of those great New York papers requires the stripping of 29.7 acres of timber land to furnish the white paper required, and that each single week-day edition requires the timber cut from 11.5 acres. That is the daily and Sunday record for one large New York paper alone.

When the figures for the entire United States are taken into consideration it is easy to see how it is possible that an area half as large as the State of Rhode Island is stripped of its spruce every year to make wood pulp. Carry this process back ten or fifteen years—it has been going no longer—and the reader will be surprised at the immense area on a map of the United States that it will block out. The trouble lies that this wanton destruction has been carried on without replanting, or without regard to the methods of enlightened forestry by which the forests are so stripped that the new growth may have a chance to replace speedily the old.

A belated effort is being made to stave off the prospect of timber famine in two ways: by reducing the size of the newspapers, which is already in progress, and by seeking new material for paper manufacture. In connection with the latter solution it will be interesting to note that a million-dollar company has been organized in British Columbia for the manufacture of wood pulp out of the waste and sawdust of the immense sawmills of the Northwest. The company is setting up a plant twenty miles from Vancouver which will have a capacity of 200 tons of white newspaper a week.

The dust and the waste from the sawmills from a vast region are to be floated down to the mill in a fleet of specially constructed scows. In addition to the use of sawdust and waste the mill has a process of utilizing fir, cedar and other resinous wood which has heretofore been found unavailable for paper making.

SEES WAR WITH JAPAN.

Washington, Jan. 9.—"Japan is rushing preparations for war and may strike us any moment," said Hiram Maxim, a member of the famous arms explosive concern. "It is a sad mistake to believe the Japanese are broke or that they would be unable to finance a war. It is an old Japanese game to rush war preparations while they cry poverty."

Slow About Paying Taxes.

Collector Hill reports that so far tax-paying has been slow but he looks for plenty of business at his office between now and the end of the month. Owing to the subdivisions of large tracts of land which has been sold the work in the Collector's office this year is nearly double that of previous years.

Cooler Weather

Since the Northwest wind began blowing yesterday there has been a considerable drop in the temperature. Last night the mercury went down to 36, and will probably reach freezing point tonight.

Announcement

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative, 97th Representative District, subject to the action of the Democratic party primaries. JNO. T. BRISCOE.

In this issue appears the announcement of Hon. John T. Briscoe of Devine, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative, 97th District, subject to the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Briscoe's record during his first term is well known to the voters of this district. He was on many important committees and help make a number of good laws. Mr. Briscoe was instrumental in getting the Wolf Seal bill through but was afterwards vetoed by the Governor, but because of lack of funds. If elected again he will endeavor to see that this bill goes through at the next term. He was joint author of the C. O. D. liquor law which makes local option more effective and voted for the Baskin-McGregor, anti gambling, and other good laws that were made.

Mr. Briscoe is a young lawyer of ability and high moral character.

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BEEN BLOWING A GALE FOR 36 HOURS

For thirty-six hours a hard northwest wind has been sweeping all this section of the State, and at noon today there is no indication of a let-up. While no damage of consequence has been done around Cotulla the wind is very disagreeable as sand is blown in mountain high and all outside work has been suspended. The gusts of wind as they come around the street corners are terrific and the dust almost blinding. In the prairie county East of Cotulla the wind must have been stronger, as some damage has been reported. At L. S. Elwell's place a windmill tower blew over and almost demolished a gasoline engine and pumping plant and the chimney was blown away from the house.

Fish every Saturday at MARTIN'S.

Lost—Lap-robe, one side covered with cloth. Finder please return to J. M. DOBIE.

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Mrs. W. G. Gilstrap left Monday for Taylor where she went to the bedside of Mr. Gilstrap's mother, who is dangerously sick.

If you want a first class meal or lunch, go to Martin's, Front Street.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dan DeVilliers who is now in New York city, requesting that the Record be sent to his address there. He says he will not be back to Cotulla until next fall.

More Park Donations.

True, as his word, Mr. Matt Russell brought with him from East Texas a fine collection of Lilly bulbs, a number of them he gave to help out the City park. Mr. Bob West has also donated a fine Maguay plant and a curious specimen of cacti which looks like most anything from a rats tail to an alligator head. Mrs. Dr. Motheral gave beautiful Duke Jassimine for the Optimistic Club grounds, Mrs. Morgan a nice bunch of Ten Weeks Stock, which flowers quite early and is very hearty; Attorney John Willson brought quite a bundle of trees and shrubbery from East Texas, among the number was several long leafed Pine, two of which he kindly donated to the Woodmen corner of the Park, thus the Camp a. this place start the beautifying of their selection of ground with the noble tree that has made Louisiana, Florida and East Texas famous, and no one may have the privilege of saying, the members of Camp 125 "Pine" for anything to beautify their grounds.

AGAIN TAKEN UP.

SENATE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES ASSAULT ON TEXAS TOWNS.

Washington, Jan. 9.—There was considerable discussion of the Brownsville case in the Senate Committee on Military Affairs today, and it was agreed that the committee should meet Wednesday and examine witnesses concerning the ammunition which has been under question. The expert analysis of the bullets gathered at Brownsville was submitted to the committee and it was decided that certain ordnance officials of the army should be called to give information concerning the ingredients of army bullets.

The chairman was directed also to summon officials of firms manufacturing cartridges for the Government. The committee desired explanation of the fact that antimony appears in the army bullets examined, although no antimony is recorded in their composition.

First Class Restaurant.

F. S. Martain now has control of the place on Front Street that has been conducted as a pool room and short order restaurant. All pool and billiard tables have been removed from the building and the place converted into a first class restaurant, with short-order lunch counter in connection. Good meals will be served at regular hours for 25cents. Short-orders can be had at all hours.

Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmens National Bank last week a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared. The net earnings of the bank for the past year was 18 per cent.

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Washington's birthday is next.

Prospects for a good crop year is before us.

Don't just think about that new school house, it's about time to move.

Southwest Texas has had an abundance of beautiful sunshine the last few weeks.

The cotton acreage of the South will be reduced considerably the coming year.

What do you think about incorporation? Don't you think it's time to move up a notch?

Don't be afraid to put your money in La Salle county lands. La Salle is the centre of attraction today, and it will always be thus.

Again this year the onion growers are due thanks to the weather clerk for the abundance of sunshine during transplanting time.

Cotulla has the greatest future of any town between San Antonio and Laredo. It is the only town with a water supply for irrigation. That's

One of the prettiest residences in the town has just been completed on East Heights, which addition is being brought into prominence as a residence section.

The second trial of Thaw has begun and for the next several weeks the columns of the big dailies will teem with the rotteness of high life.

The need of incorporation for Cotulla is more fully seen every day. Get the selfishness out of that old heart of yours, and get the right kind of spirit. Lets make a good town out of Cotulla.

Bryan announced in his Chicago speech that he was against the admission of the Japanese into this country, but asserted that the Orientals now here must be protected in their treaty rights.

From now on the homeseekers excursion trains to Texas from the North will be crowded. The man who comes from the ice and snow regions to this section of health and sunshine to live makes no mistake.

There don't seem to be any great rush to pay poll taxes this year, but then there remains more than half a month yet in which this can be done, and in this time of short money a fellow likes to squeeze the eagle as long as he can.

If some bright young man or woman wants a business education the Record has a scholarship in the best Commercial College of Texas that can be bought reasonable. In this day and time you must lag behind unless you acquaint yourself with business methods.

Against Fraud.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College is charged with the enforcement of several laws designed to protect the people against fraud. The Pure Feed law probably affects more individuals than all of the others combined. Before it went into operation, large quantities of adulterated stock feed were sold in Texas, much of which came from mills outside the State. Ground cottonseed hulls were frequently mixed with cottonseed meal and shipped as a pure product. It was well nigh impossible to get unadulterated bran or corn chops. The mill men put ground corn cob, peanut shells, rice hulls and sometimes chalk into the bran; while not infrequently they ground corn and cob together and sold the mixture as pure corn chops.

Under the operation of the law every sack of stock feed must carry a card showing the guaranteed analysis of its contents, the guarantee being attested by the Director of the Experiment Station, who is in charge of the Feed Control. Every mill in the State is visited and examined by an inspector at least four times a year, and its products are examined wherever they are found exposed for sale. Any infringement of the law is visited by heavy penalties. To do this work effectively required a large and active force of inspectors and chemists.

During the past three months 3,000,000 tags have been sent out. These tags represent 300,000,000 pounds, or 1,000 carloads of stock feed actually sold in the State. The mill men no longer object to the law; the farmer, stockmen and other consumers are secure in the knowledge that what they buy is pure and that they get exactly what they pay for.

The new vice president and general manager of the International Paper Co. at Northampton, Massachusetts, has issued orders to all employers that the news papers be accommodated with information when asked for in regard to wrecks or other accidents that may happen. Mr. Clark takes the view that accurate information should be furnished the news papers, as they always make a report and being compelled to do a lot of guess work often make things worse than they are. Such matters have heretofore been suppressed as far possible.

This is election year and the candidates will soon begin to bob up and inform the people what they have missed by not having them in office a decade since. Those with a hold on the public seat will tell you what great services they have performed, and what else they can do if they are but permitted to swing on. It has always been and will ever be thus.

Sometimes you hear people talk about over-production of the Texas Bermuda onion. It is beginning to be admitted that not every part of Texas will raise these onions, and the sales manager for the Association has figured out that the immense crop of last season only furnished one onion for every 23 people in the United States.

Roy Campbell, sales agent of the Association of the onion crop, filed claims last season against the railroad companies for the growers for over \$23,000 over-charges on shipments. Of this he has collected about \$16,000, which is enough saved for the growers to pay him his salary for two years.

Call money in New York dropped from 6 to 2 per cent Monday. That sounds good these strenuous times.

Something About News; High Price

Today there is a complaint among pulp printing paper is growing dearer. In West many local papers are in order to pay for their subscription wood, to the present day, from the time when first used movable type, to the present day, pulp papers, some of some the product of spruce in a single edition has in very large degree upon the forest.

In the face of a shortage of timber, the wood consumed each pulp has increased since 2 million to 3 1/2 million cords in 1906 marked an increase of 93,000 cords in the pulpwood, the high value per cord for all consumption greater by cord than that of any year.

Spruce, the wood from which pulp is made, was manufactured in 1899 three fourths of the leading wood, but it now produces a little less than cent of the total. How well suited to the manufacture of pulp is shown by the fact during a period in which total quantity of wood used doubled and many new have been introduced, the portion of spruce pulpwood remained nearly constant in the forests for other purposes. This time three different woods from widely separated regions have in turn held the leadership in the lumber supply.

Since 1899 poplar, which years was used in connection with spruce to the exclusion of other paper woods, has increased in total quantity less than 1000 cords, and is now outranked by hemlock. Pine, balsam and cottonwood are smaller.

New York alone year over a million and a quarter cords of wood in the manufacture of pulp, or more than twice as much as Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Michigan follow in the order given. Sixty per cent of the wood used in New York was imported from elsewhere, and even so the supply appears to be waning, since the total consumption for the State shows a small decrease since 1905, whereas the other States named have all increased their consumption. Other States important in the production of pulp are: Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The average cost of pulp delivered at the mill was \$7.21. The total value of the wood consumed in 1906 was \$26,400,000. The chief item determining the price of paper is the cost of pulp. An example of the increased price of paper is found in the case of a publisher of a daily in the Middle West, who recently paid \$1,200 for a carload of paper. The same quantity and grade of paper cost a year ago but \$800.

The chemical process of paper-making, which better preserve the wood fiber, are gaining over the mechanical process. In 1899, 45 per cent of the wood was reduced by the mechanical process; in 1906, less than 50 per cent.

All importations of wood for pulp are from Canada, and comprised, in 1906, 739,000 cords, nearly all of which was spruce. Four and a half million dollars' worth of pulp was imported in 1906, a slight falling off from 1905.

Circular 120 of the Forest Service contains a discussion of the consumption of pulpwood in 1906 based on statistics gathered by the Bureau of the Census and the Forest Service. The pamphlet can be had upon application to the Forester, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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General News

STATE.
Corpus Christi.—The truck growers have the brightest outlook for many years for a good winter crop.
Houston.—The Santa Fe terminals are merged with the Yankum lines.
Houston.—An immense crowd listened to Mr. Bryan's address on popular government.
Dallas.—Miss Tula May Ferguson, formerly of San Antonio, was fatally burned while drying a garment that had been cleaned in gasoline.
Houston.—Prof. Lovett of Princeton has been chosen president of the Rice Institute.
San Antonio.—A German expert has pronounced the leaden beds of Edwards County to be the finest in the world.
Houston.—The State Association held its session in Houston last week, Corsicana was chosen as headquarters.
Laredo.—An engineer was killed and a number of people hurt in a wreck on the I. & G. N.
Palestine.—An open switch caused a smashup in which the engineer was killed and others seriously hurt.
Aransas Pass.—Members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee are inspecting the channel and jetty.
Llano.—Geological surveys will be made of Llano and Burnet counties, and their mineral deposits.
Rhodes.—A mother administered carbolic acid to her infant, and then took her own life.
Houston.—Two deaths and a dozen persons injured is Houston's score for the holidays.

Laredo.—A hackman was arrested for assisting a Jap to smuggle himself over the Rio Grande. The Jap is detained by the inspectors.
Dripping Springs.—The postoffice safe was blown open by burglars and \$600 taken.
Sama Anna.—A boy was fatally hurt by a ditched freight train.
Houston.—The Missionary Conference of the Episcopal church is to hold its annual meeting this week.
Austin.—Senator Calhoun's boom as running mate for Bryan is assuming definite shape.
Kyle.—Very interesting races afforded interest to several thousand visitors.
San Angelo.—Work on the construction of the railroad toward Sweetwater has been temporarily suspended.
Dallas.—The full rendition law has increased the taxable property list by 100 per cent.
Houston.—W. H. Gill succeeds Judge Ramsey on the Penitentiary Board.
Austin.—A number of tax assessors are refusing to collect certain agricultural statistics without pay, as the new law requires.
Austin.—The statement of Banking Commissioner Love, giving condition of State banks Dec. 21, 1907, has been issued.
Fort Worth.—The Farmers' Union has arranged to purchase permanent quarters. It will also begin the campaign for construction of cotton mills.
Brownsville.—The residence of an Italian was dynamited by members of the Black Hand.
Galveston.—During November 1127 immigrants landed at Galveston, while 579 entered through Mexican ports.
Brownsville.—Representative J. A. Garner secured permission from the War Department for the botanical gardens established on the military reservation to use all the buildings of the old fort needed.
Tyler.—The Harris Exchange Bank, a private institution, closed its doors Monday.
DOMESTIC.
Goldfield, Nev.—Governor Sparks has issued a call for a special session of the Legislature to consider the mining difficulty fully.
Boston.—The trustees of Mrs. Mary Eddy Baker have been formally restrained from turning over the million dollars Mrs. Baker was to give to found a Christian Science College.

SOD-GROWING TREES.
(By H. M. Stringfellow.)

I will state the principles of the new horticulture, all of which are diametrically opposed to the old horticulture. The old horticulture taught that a tree planted in the bottom of a hole or trench, the better and the more the soil was packed around the roots, the better the tree would grow. This is the principle which has prevailed for centuries, and which has caused the orchard trees of the world to be planted in holes, and to be surrounded by a firm, unbroken substance, giving the tree a natural anchorage. A circle three feet around the tree should be kept fertilized and mowed. Where rocky trees are planted, they will grow less.

Next, we should give a firm, unbroken substance around the tree, giving the tree a natural anchorage. A circle three feet around the tree should be kept fertilized and mowed. Where rocky trees are planted, they will grow less.

Until trees are planted in holes, they will bear any crops may be grown between them except strawberries. Afterwards they should be left without any manure or cultivation and the orchard should be mowed often enough to keep down the growth.

Allow all shoots to grow from the short body until about one foot long, when all but the straightest should be removed. That is to form a future tree, and the knife should never be applied again, except, if necessary, when the trees are four or five years old, to shear off the tops which should be kept about seven or eight feet high.

Nature made the peach a spreading bush, and man makes it a tree by pruning, thus destroying the equilibrium between the roots and the top, thus exposing the trunk to blistering sun, and by cutting out the growth of branches, thus preventing overbearing. The peach should be pruned annually. If the peach makes a spreading bush, never adding the ground cover, retaining all of the soil. Such trees will make a fine outside, where they can be easily gathered.

Propagation should insure early fruiting, should be from only the best bearing trees.

These innovations save the cost of cultivation, and make possible a better fruit with greater ease in gathering.

I believe sod-growing peaches can be shipped successfully to Europe, experiments made by me having proved that the fruit has the lasting quality possessed by any other. On July 17 of this year I sent to the Practical Fruit Grower at Springfield, Mo., two baskets of Elbertas, with the request that the editor forward one of the baskets back to me and keep the other as long as possible, noting the quality of the fruit when eaten. The basket, after a trip from Lampasas, Texas, to Springfield, Mo., and return, reached me in perfect order, and the peaches kept by the editor were not eaten until August 5, when they were found to possess all of their original flavor. Similar test shipments were made to Rochester, N. Y., and Los Angeles, Cal., with highly satisfactory results.

All that I have written as to the advantages of a close-mowed sod is intended to apply exclusively to close-mowed trees. All the successes quoted were made with such trees, whose strong roots have anchored themselves deep in the moist subsoil and can laugh at grass and drouth. But for all trees set with long roots spread out in large holes cultivation and pruning are necessary evils, though the long, hot climate of Texas will surely kill them in eight years or less. Such trees establish themselves entirely when planted on a lateral, porous system from the ends of the long roots, victims of man's ignorance, and they must pay the penalty. However, had such an orchard farther north, so necessary are the feeding surface roots to all fruit trees that I would put to grass, top dress with fertilizer the first year and chance results. Fertilizing would never be necessary again.

STRINGFELLOW'S METHODS.
Plant trees in small holes made in firm soil, with lateral roots closely trimmed and the ground firmly tamped.
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Plant orchard or Bermuda

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By George Willis Emerson
CHAPTER XXII

Wealth is a gay fellow and is always happy, but others of the party are not unusually miserable, and Fred was not exactly hilarious when in looking over his accounts, he found he had to his credit in the Chemical National Bank barely six thousand dollars. He paced the floor for a full half-hour in deep thought. "She would advance her last dollar to sink the shaft deeper," he said aloud. "She, a weak, frail, little woman, yet stronger in her affections and devotion than a regiment of soldiers. Many a rich man has paid out his last farthing for experience and then died a pauper—but, I will try once more. It may be gambling my last dollar, for this is certainly nothing more or less than a gamble, and yet—well, quatenus. We may strike it after all. A wonderful memory suggests greatness, but the greatest achievement is a conveniently poor memory is a crisis, and I will try to forget that I ever put a farthing in the Shonbar, if—"

He drew a check for the amount, making it payable to Benjamin Hilliard. He looked at it long and thoughtfully. "Why am I doing this?" he said to himself. "It is not for Mr. Hilliard; it is not my faith in the Shonbar. I might as well 'fess up, it is love for Ruth, bless her heart."

His hand trembled a little in allowing the work to stop at the four-siding his name to the check. It was the last throw of the dice. He felt he had in a measure given his word to Ruth. Now there was the question of his daily bread immediately ahead of him that must be considered. He would call on Mr. Hilliard and then devote all his energies to the solution of the problem, and he would solve it, too.

Strong with resolution, and with a judgment sadly warped, perhaps, because of his infatuation for Ruth, he turned to the Hilliard home. Ruth met him at the door and together they went into the little parlor where a wood fire was burning brightly.

"I delivered your message to Mr. Hilliard," she said, "and almost immediately he fell into a restful slumber."

"Do not disturb him," said Fred, "but when he awakens, kindly give him this envelope; in it is a check for six thousand dollars. Tell him to start tomorrow for the five-hundred-foot level."

The impulsive Ruth took the envelope with hands that trembled, while two great tears dimmed her eyes. "Why have you done this?" she asked.

The object of an ardent love approaches a perfection as love ripens into completeness, and the longer a man is constant in love, the nobler he, himself, becomes. Fred would probably have answered her question then and there, had he not felt that, in a way, she was conscious of an obligation, and he spurned even the thought of telling her his love at such a time.

Mr. Hilliard appeared at the door. "Mr. Rockwell," he said, "your presence in my house brings sunshine with it. You know the worst. Ruth tells me she has informed you of the unfortunate low-grade ore found at the four-hundred foot level of the Shonbar, but there is encouragement in the improved geological formation as well as the increased values."

Ruth turned from Fred to her father while he was speaking and buried her face on his shoulder, crying with soft little sobs that nearly broke Fred's heart.

"Don't later, why are you crying? If I were giving you advice I would tell you never to shed tears in a man's presence. They have so blinded the eyes of many a little woman that whole battalions of choice opportunities have slipped by unobserved. Here, daughter, what's the matter?"

Ruth did not answer, but handed him the envelope. He opened it and carefully scanned the check. The old man's eyes were full of surprised gratitude as he looked at Fred. One arm was around his daughter, but the other he extended to Fred, as he said:

"Suh, you overpower me with your trust. I have been workin' away so long on the Shonbar that I can't blame my friends if they lose heart. But, suh, something that no mortal man has knowledge of keeps tellin' me that my efforts will be successful. You honor me by sharin' my hope in the outcome of the Shonbar, you do, indeed suh! There's good blood Mr. Rockwell cou'sin' through your veins and there's a crown waitin' for you when we

have once reached the five-hundred foot level; yes, suh!

"I may never have mentioned it to you before, suh, but once I told your father that if he would stay by the Shonbar it would make you a millionaire. I have forgotten whether I ever made this observation to you or not but I wish to assure you at this time Mr. Rockwell, in the presence of Ruth, that your confidence in the Shonbar is well founded and it will make you richer than all the other possessions left you by your father; yes, suh, much richer."

Ruth dried her tears and was in a little while as cheerful as a mountain thrush that had never known a sorrow, and her laughing countenance with lashes still wet with tears, was a rainbow of hope. The old miner declared that he never felt better in his life, and that work on the Shonbar should again be commenced early the following morning.

Money is frequently the key that unlocks reserve, clears the domestic atmosphere of misunderstanding, changes reticence into enthusiasm and causes landscape and sky to glow with the brilliancy of beaten gold. It gives labor and surcharges the home with the perfume of hope.

On his way to the hotel, Fred called at the office of the Gold Valley Prospector.

"Where is your type?" he asked in the course of conversation with the editor.

"Haven't got any," replied the proprietor; "he left on this morning's stage. We'll not be able to get out an issue of the paper this week unless we find someone who can set type. Say, why can't I sell my printing office to you?"

"I'm not able to buy it," replied Fred.

"Well, I'll lease it to you."

"On what terms?" asked Fred.

"I'll lease it to you for one year. For half its earnings," replied the good-natured editor, who was never known to have energy enough to walk across the street to solicit an advertisement.

"What will it earn in a year?"

"Oh, twelve or fifteen hundred dollars—subscriptions and advertisements. I own the building. I call this the reception and editorial room, while the one still farther back is where the printer usually sleeps."

In Fred's college days he had been one of a trio who had edited a college paper, set their own type, made up their forms, and circulated the issue after night, contenting themselves for a compensation with the general wonderment of their fellow students as to who were the publishers. He felt he was capable of acting as a type-setter, as well as writing editorials of the Gold Valley Prospector. He examined the room designated as the living room of the printer, and found it comfortable, with an open fireplace or grate, but otherwise very plain.

The printing of the paper was done on an old-fashioned hand press, which would require the assistance of a boy for a couple of hours once a week. Aside from this Fred believed he was capable of handling all of the details of the work connected with the issuing of the paper. He told the proprietor he would accept his offer, and before he retired that night all arrangements had been made. The lease drawn and signed, and Fred commenced operations the next morning as proprietor of the Gold Valley Prospector.

He moved his trunk and personal effects into the shabby back room, to be used in the future as his sleeping apartment. After settling his hotel bill, he found he had but three dollars in his pocket upon which to begin the struggle for bread.

It was a new experience but had the novelty of excitement. After arranging his room he began setting type, and smiled to himself as he thought of the change from the New York Banner to the Prospector. Yes, he had made many sacrifices, and would he not willingly make many more for the sake of being near the one woman he loved, "with a love that surpasseth understanding."

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By John P. Brown.

Do not choose too large a tree; one of medium size will be preferable. There is nothing gained by planting an over sized tree, the working roots of which were sacrificed in digging. Usually two inches diameter is better than larger.

The tree should not be cut back when transplanted, as this causes a diseased top. Let the terminal bud continue in its upward growth, heading in such side branches as may be necessary to maintain the balance between top and roots.

See that the tree has all the make growth of top until roots are established in the soil.

The roots which feed and support the tree are the minute fibrous rootlets at the extremities and along the course of the large roots, and these must be formed anew before the tree can receive nourishment.

For this reason a small tree having all its roots preserved has a great advantage over a larger tree whose roots have been sacrificed in digging.

The feeding roots of a tree are far removed from the trunk, at times as far as the height of the tree, and in transplanting a very large tree it is impossible to save any of these, only a small portion of the larger roots being secured.

All feeding roots must be renewed from these stubs before any nourishment can be conveyed to the tree.

Meantime numerous buds expand, leaves are unrolled and evaporate moisture, all of which must be supplied from the body of the tree itself. How easy it is for borers and both insects and disease to prey upon a tree trunk so weakened, and how many such trees die or merely hold life for several years.

Elms, Willows, Cottonwoods, Soft Maple and a few other trees emit new roots so rapidly that they may live, while Oaks, Hard Maples, etc., cannot renew their roots quickly.

Uniformity. One expects in a park to see great variety, also on a private estate, but in a public square or park, uniformity is essential.

Preparation for Reception of Tree. Digging the Hole—If the soil cannot be dug deeply and thoroughly as for a crop of grain, it should be excavated not less than four square and eighteen inches deep, and larger than this for a larger tree.

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An Address delivered before the GEORGIA COTTONSEED CRUSHERS' ASSOCIATION. By Hon. Henry C. Hammond, Judge of the Superior Court, Augusta, Ga.

Cottonseed meal, until a comparatively short time ago, was a waste product—a troublesome, a dangerous waste product. Criminal laws were passed, directed against any person who should leave cottonseed where it could be eaten by stray farm animals, and against those persons who should cast it into water courses where it was thought it harmfully affected the health of the fish and, I suppose, the fishermen, though the latter drink so little water. The story of the developers of the cotton seed industry read like a romance. What they have done directly for humankind, animal and vegetable-kind, not to speak of the arts, puts them in a class with the fieries and geni. They have dug fine gold out of barren rock, and the vein which they have struck grows rich every day. Mr. Armour tells with pride about the one hundred and thirty-seven different products he gets out of a single steer. It would be interesting and instructive if some member of the Association would trace the products of cottonseed through their industrial ramifications. A cottonseed crusher, once boasting to me how completely he put to use everything in a cottonseed, said that he even sold the sand that was sifted through the perforation of the seed house conveyor. This by-product may not find, however, a ready market, for my active friend admitted that his only purchaser was the lunatic asylum in Columbia, and it may be that the inmates, rather than the management, insisted on the purchase.

The minute a chemist gets to work on a cottonseed, he realizes that he has opened a treasure house, not filled with one, but a multitude of most valuable stores. Indeed, before he gets on the inside he finds a down as soft as that of the peach and much more valuable, except perhaps, for poetical purposes. It is the duty of every man, woman and child in the South to exploit to the utmost these potential values of cottonseed. With dazzling rapidity new uses for cottonseed products are being discovered; won't you guess what will be next?

Cottonseed turns out a delicious salad oil, the next an excellent cooking grease, the next paint, the next a roofing, and so on. Then again some farmer, such as my friend Col. Allison of Texas feeds and fattens hogs on cottonseed meal, whereas ten years ago cottonseed meal would have killed a hog at a hundred yards. As a contribution to this, as yet undeveloped mine of wealth, I would like to go on the witness stand after being put under oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, that I may testify to the value, from actual experience of cotton seed meal as a horse and mule food. I have some experience on this line as a cattle feeder, having fed as many as five hundred head one season; but the use of cottonseed meal for feeding cattle has passed so far beyond the experimental stage, and has been so fully discussed and is so well understood, as not to warrant, at this time, any reference to it. To be sure, the feeding of some form of oil meal to the horses is not by any means a novelty. The experiment station reports, and leading text books on the subject all give a high place to oil meal as a part of a complete horse ration. Now that we are here in the South where there is greater need of oil meal as a part of a horse's feed, less of it is given than in any other country in the world. The Southern farmer who buys frost bitten, blin dried corn from Iowa at \$30.00 per ton, would throw a fit if you advised him to give his old weathered mule a pound or so a day of bright, rich golden cottonseed meal that came off his own sandy farm. Yet if the old mule's 150 feet of guts could be lubricated daily with this delicious, let us call it mayonnaise dressing on his otherwise dry, dusty rations, his muscles would be strengthened, his nerve steadied and he would run on and on for years and years—at least, if he did not run, he would step fast enough to side four acres of cotton a day and die old and honorably. As a rule, throughout the cotton belt the mule is not as big as an Angora goat, and couldn't pull a couler plow through molasses. On the awful dry feed he mounds away, and as the "niggers" say: "He jist natchilly dies."

(continued next week)

Grape Growing

(H. E. Stockbridge.)

It is strange that the popular misconception as to grape growing in the South should be so general. Even among intelligent Southerners the belief is all prevailing that our claims to successful grape production must be confined to the muscadine type of bunchless grapes. The very people most willing to insist on our pre-eminence in peach growing, who laud the Florida orange and make great claims for our plums, figs, strawberries and apples still draw the line of success at grapes.

The greatest of all mistakes relative to southern grape growing is this doubt of our adaptation to the production of grapes. Like most general beliefs this misconception concerning the grape had its origin in some degree of reason. In the days before the cause of fungus disease was known and before modern spraying was heard of many of the thin skinned bunch grapes were found to be particularly susceptible to disease in the South. General disbelief in Southern adaptation to this whole class of fruits followed.

With modern knowledge and present methods of combating fungus pests the old misconception still lingers, though now entirely without rational cause.

In view of these facts it may be appropriate to preface our consideration of prevalent mistakes in grape growing by calling attention to a few of the facts showing the success of the industry in the South.

It should be understood at the start that by grape growing we mean the successful production of bunch grapes. The scuppernon and others of that family can never be considered commercial, and even their recognized value for wine making is lost in the tidal wave of alleged temperance reform sweeping over the home of the scuppernon.

There are no better vineyards anywhere than some of those in the hills of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, the least dreamed of as a grape section, had the remarkable fortune to defeat the whole world in wine making by winning the grand gold medal prize at the Paris exposition.

The champion vintage was a sour sauterne as unlike the scuppernon beverage (usually supposed to be typical Southern wine) as champagne is unlike a sweetened water.

The location of the vineyard is one of the most common mistakes of the grape grower. The wild muscadine grows naturally about bay heads and moist bottoms. So cultivated bunch grapes are often set in places carefully selected because of being moist. No greater mistake could be made. Excess of moisture is fatal to success in grape growing. Dry slopes and gravelly hill-sides are ideal vineyard sites. It must not be supposed that grapes do not require much moisture; they do, but excess, wet feet, must be carefully guarded against.

The rows of vines should be always run as nearly east and west as the contour of the land will allow in order that the fruit may be exposed as much as possible to direct sunshine.

VARIETIES. It is here that the Southern grower has most lamentably failed. Knowing that the Concord is the standard table grape of the world, he has set out hundreds of thousands of these vines, only to find that the fruit was not salable and hardly edible. It ripens extremely unevenly and is very subject to rot. Avoid the Concord should be the first rule in the catechism of the Southern grape grower. Consult your local nurseryman for the kinds to plant on your soil and for your conspicuous purpose.

FERTILIZER. Here is a serious and common seat of error. Stable manure, which is very commonly used for fertilizing the vines, should be but seldom or never used on grapes. The soil on which the vines are planted should be made fertile with manure or leguminous crops, but after the vines are once set mineral fertilizers should be depended upon for supplying the indispensable plant food.

The objections to manure are its liability to result in excess of foliage to detriment of fruit yield and its tendency to increase the prevalence of fungus diseases. The object of the grower

should be to make wood the first two years and fruit thereafter. For this reason the fertilizer should contain more nitrogen the first two years than thereafter.

A fair average application for these first years would be 800 pounds per acre, analyzing about 6 per cent phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen, 10 per cent potash. Thereafter the annual application should be made 1200 pounds of a 6-3-10 mixture. The first year the potash may be most economically supplied in the form of muriate; afterwards only the sulphate should be used.

It is important to note that the comparatively high proportion of potash is not based solely on the known importance of this material in influencing quantity and quality of fruit. It has been frequently demonstrated that the dropping of the fruit, so disastrous a trouble in many sections, is prevented by the liberal use of potash fertilizers.

CARE. Details for the setting and caring for the vines is not possible here. Mistakes only can be pointed out and remedies suggested. One of the very common mistakes is in the neglect of proper pruning of the vines. The actual method to be followed must depend on the form of trellising used. The principle is the same with all. This year's fruit is borne by last year's wood. This means that all excess of wood, the old wood, must be cut away. The number of laterals, two, three or more on each side must depend on the number of wires used for support, but the growth should be cut back to this one year old wood and the main vine or trunk. All else is worse than superfluous; it is an actual detriment to fruit production.

This should, of course, be done before sap begins to flow in early spring. Then with fertilizing at the first plowing, shallow cultivation and spraying with Bordeaux mixture after the fruit has set, one has a right to expect grapes, good grapes and plenty of grapes.—Farm and Ranch.

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Port of Spain—American fleet has left for Rio Grande with a grand cruise.

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OTHER TESTIMONY

For Cottonseed Meal as a Food for Live Stock.

At a meeting of the South Carolina Live Stock Association held at Columbia, S. C., on February 8th and 9th an address full of practical advice, backed by scientific knowledge, was delivered by the eminent Dr. Tait Butler, of Raleigh N. C., on "Practical Stock Feeding in the South." Dr. Butler is a recognized authority on feeds and feeding and what he says should have a special weight and influence throughout the entire South, and that part of his discussion touching the feeding of horses, mules and colts is of special importance to the Southern breeder.

In the official report of the general discussion which followed Dr. Butler's address this occurs. Dr. Butler was asked:

"You speak of feeding horses cotton seed meal. What about the muscular forming properties of cotton seed meal, on the animal, compared to corn and oats?"

Dr. Butler: "There is enough known about feeding horses cotton seed meal for me to state that if you had a horse that you were feeding 14 pounds of corn daily, that you could take out four pounds of that corn and put in two pounds of cotton seed meal and get better results. Not because corn is not the best feed we have for supplying heat and energy, but there is another thing needed. When that horse supplies his muscular energy he is burning up his muscles just as you burn coal in a furnace to supply energy to run the machinery in your factories, and he has got to have something to build up those wasted muscles, and corn does not contain it in sufficient quantity. A little cotton seed meal is better than an additional amount of corn. When you are already feeding your horse clover and ten pounds of corn, I would rather have two pounds of cotton seed meal added than four pounds of corn. I would rather have two pounds of cotton seed meal added than four pounds of oats. Corn is a splendid horse feed,

Strawberry Culture.

(By Prof. E. C. Green.)

It may be safely said that the strawberry is the most nearly standard of all the small fruit crops, and, taken one year with another, it is the most profitable in a commercial way. Although a delicate and juicy fruit, still it endures long shipment remarkably well, being nearly equal in this respect to the tomato and the peach.

The strawberry plant is not so particular as to soil as many suppose, for while it reaches perfection on well drained, rich, sandy loam, still it does very well on heavier soils, and with good care will make profitable returns on almost any land that is suitable for corn. However, it is well to avoid land that is especially subject to drouth or that is exceptionally wet or stiff; light, shifting sand, or cold quicksand is unsuitable. The ideal location is on rolling land, as this naturally provides good drainage, and is less likely to be affected by late frosts, such as occasionally destroy the early blossoms. Low places entirely surrounded by higher land should be avoided because of their danger from untimely frosts.

Strawberry soil should be fertile and well prepared before the plants are set if the maximum quantity and quality of fruit is aimed at. Perhaps the best preparation is to turn under deeply in fall a heavy crop of cow peas. Barn-lot manure and wood ashes put on broadcast and harrowed in during the winter is desirable, as this adds the right kind of food elements to the soil. Early in the spring, or rather late in winter, about February, the land should be again broken and worked into a mellow condition in preparation for setting the plants.

The success attendant upon obtaining a full stand depends much on the character of the

northern grower goes along the blank straw over the plants. For two or three days, and then back to light again while the blossoms and berries which otherwise would have suffered from frost development.

The plants are usually not set where fertilizers and culture should be plowed up, as they are for leaf and crown borers if not desirable are produced from old beds.

Difference of opinion exists as to the most profitable varieties of strawberries to grow. In South Texas any favor the Mitchell's, in the Coast Country, the Excelsior, Brandywine and H. and have their champions; and in Eastern Texas, the Keoke, Excelsior, Lady Thompson and Aroma are standard and reliable varieties.

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plants used, and in the manner of setting them. None but young plants that have never fruited should be used for sets, and in planting great care should be taken to spread out the roots in a fan shape before pressing the earth firmly about them. They must be set so that the crown bud is not above nor below the surface after the ground settles, as in the first case the root dries out, and in the latter the top smothers.

By paying strict attention to the above points a good stand can be had unless exceptionally bad weather prevails immediately after setting.

In the Gulf Coast region and East Texas, February and March are usually the most favorable months for planting, though as one gets into South Texas the truckers are frequently in favor of fall planting, as they experience difficulty in carrying the young plantation through the heat of summer successfully.

Cultivation from the time the plants are in the ground until the blossoms are set the following spring should be shallow and frequent. Hand hoeing must be resorted to in keeping the rows free from grass and weeds. In a general way the patch must be kept as clean as a well tilled cotton field.

If the soil is reasonably rich and has been prepared in the manner suggested, no further fertilization is necessary, but failing this, it is desirable to work in 500 pounds of acid sulphate per acre, and on sandy land 50 bushels of wood ashes in addition to the sulphate. Probably the best results from fertilizer are obtained when it is applied about the same time the plants are beginning to show blossoms. Cotton seed meal is good for enriching the land preparatory to setting the plants.

Mulches are used for two purposes by the strawberry grower. First, the mulch of pine needles or straw spread evenly over the bed to equalize the thawing and freezing of January and February in the northern part of the State, and second, the straw mulch used in the Coast Country to protect plants from the effects of sudden cold northerly winds. The straw is piled along the middle close to the north side of the row, and when a severe

experience and to give it first place as an egg producer, and for fat, flesh and condition.

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As in the cases, it should always be fed only, and mixed always with less highly concentrated food, such as corn chops, corn meal, wheat shorts or small grain. Mixed in this way, about one-third to one-half cottonseed meal, it may be fed either dry or wet into a thin slough, and the result will be quickly shown in added vigor, rapid growth, glossier plumage and in increased egg production.

In fact as with hogs it seem to act almost entirely as a preventative of nearly all diseases, and instances are absolutely unknown where any epidemic prevailed in flocks having it as a habitual ration. On the contrary numerous cases can be cited where they have remained entirely immune and healthy while neighboring flocks not having it have been destroyed by cholera and kindred diseases.

San Antonio, Jan. (Special).—Resolution passed unanimously by the Bexar County Farmers in session in this city yesterday, demanding that bank depositors shall be guaranteed against loss by the Government, a special tax for that purpose being levied on the bankers, and a similar expression of opinion by the bankers of Houston in published interviews a day or so prior, indicate the growing sentiment in this state for the adoption of what is becoming known as the "Oklahoma Idea." The action of Oklahoma in passing such a law, and the ideas of the subject advanced by William Jennings Bryan were specifically endorsed. Cashier Johnson of the Texas Saving Bank even goes so far as to urge a special session of the Texas Legislature to enact such a law. It is urged that such a law would at once restore public confidence and make recovery from the late panic instantaneous. Opposition to the plan is developing in this city by prominent business men who declare that recovery of confidence is already practically complete, and there is no need for such a law.

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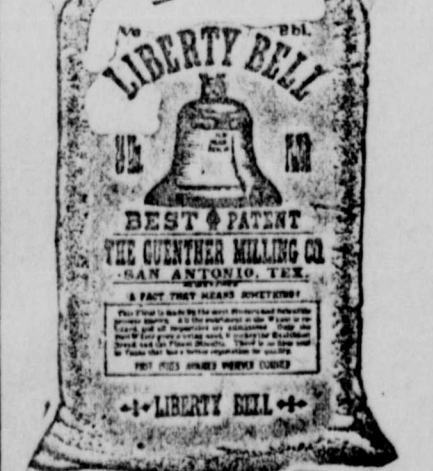
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At the annual meeting of the Southern Truck Growers Association held at San Antonio Jan. 6th, Cotulla was represented by E. A. Keek, J. M. Talbott, W. E. Rock, E. D. Cohenour and Frank Rock.

At this meeting Roy Campbell was again selected as sales manager. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Harry Landa, New Braunfels; Fred Warren, Kingsville; E. A. Keek, Cotulla; William Dobrowski, San Antonio; Joseph Flory, San Antonio; Rudolph Jersig, Yorktown; R. P. Boeys, Hidalgo. Advisory directors: John H. Davis, Laredo; B. W. Masterson, Laredo; William Green, San Marcos; and George C. Woodman, Laredo.

One of the interesting features of the meeting was the discussion of the crate question. It was shown that the onion growers have encountered a good deal of difficulty in securing this necessity. There were roundabout talks of establishing a crate factory, but no definite action was taken on this point. Members of the association, after the meeting, said that the situation will be again tested and if crates are not more readily secured this year there will surely be a factory established next year.

The financial report introduced by Mr. Campbell for the year 1907 showed that the profit of the association last year was 71 per cent greater than the profit of the preceding year, and the profit of the preceding year was 134 per cent, making a total of 205 per cent last year. This announcement was applauded, as it was a wonderful showing. Several took occasion to remind those present of the rule of the association that all members must market their product through association channels under penalty of expulsion from the ranks. It seemed to be the prevailing opinion that this rule is a wise one.

Mr. Campbell's report for the year showed that all onions offered for sale were sold. The association business for the year amounted to \$505,214.65 last year, as against \$250,567.58 for the previous year. In the expense of handling the crop was included the trip which Mr. Campbell made last summer to the Canary Islands and to Bermuda in search of information as to onion growing and other types of the onion. The expenses last year were \$26,727.24, as against \$17,243.18 the previous year.

One matter discussed somewhat at length was the best manner of shipping onions to Eastern markets, whether by rail or by water. Mr. Campbell said that the water route is the cheapest, but said that the steamship companies are refusing shipments on through ratings. He said that where the railroads make a through rate and part of the trip is by water, the steamship company gets half. As an instance in point he referred to the Cotulla-New York rate of 51 cents. If the onions are billed direct to New York, the railroad gets 25½ cents and the steamship company gets the same amount. If the shipment is billed to Galveston and then on, the steamship company gets 31 cents for the water haul. Thus it was pointed out that the steamship companies are trying to prevent through billing of the product. He expressed the opinion, however, that the companies are merely bluffing. He said that things can probably be remedied by this year's campaign.

After the meeting of the members the directors elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Harry Landa, of New Braunfels; first vice-president, Fred Warren, Kingsville; second vice-president, E. A. Keek, Cotulla; treasury, William Dobrowski, San Antonio; secretary, J. C. Chambodet.

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He takes them in His arms,
His care will keep "Our Baby"
From Earth's sorrows and alarms.

Yet how sadly we shall miss her!
Our little brown-eyed one,
Though short her stay among us,
Our every heart she'd won.
The Christmas days were coming
And in planning for the rest,
Each one thought first of "Dorsey"
For she must have the best.

And oft we were repeating
This poem to our pet,
"Hang up the baby's stocking
Be sure you don't forget."
Now, when the Christmas joybells
Shall tell of Christ's dear love,
We'll know our snow-white flower
Blooms for Him there above.

E. B. T.

December 10th, 1907.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Another week will practically wind-up transplanting on all the onion farms.

The work of repairing the Nueces bridge, which has been in progress for several weeks is about completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Deopker and family have moved to Falfurrias where Mr. Deopker has secured a position as bookkeeper for a mercantile firm.

J. M. Dobie, one of La Salle's most prominent ranchmen, accompanied by his wife returned last week from an absence of several weeks in Beeville and San Antonio.

From a review of the situation as outlined by Roy Campbell, sales agent for the Truck Growers Association, onion growers anticipate good prices for their product the coming season.

Mr. W. P. Brundage, of the firm of Hust & Brundage, San Antonio, passed through Monday morning on his way to Dimmit county, where the firm has large land interests. He spent the greater part of the week in the county.

Dr. R. O. Lacey was down from Gardendale Saturday and reports prospects good for a fine crop of onions on his demonstration grounds. He has installed a gasoline engine and pump to a shallow well and will prove the value of this kind of irrigation on the Gardendale Colony lands.

W. H. Goldtrap was in from his farm Monday hustling men to transplant the onion crop on the Goldtrap & Mills farm. They will have in about 75 acres this season. Mr. Goldtrap has invented an onion plow and secured a patent on it, but was unable to have same manufactured this season. Next year he expects to have them on the market.

Until February 1st.

J. A. Reed will allow 15 per cent discount from regular price on any suit of clothes in stock. About 1000 styles to make your selection from. This offer is not good after Feb. 1st, so make yours selection early.

Something New Under the Sun.

People say there is nothing new. This is not correct, for Mr. Montague, Supt. Telegraphy of the Cotton Belt Railway, is doing something unheard of before. He is placing several instruments between his office and the Relay office in one of the big General Office buildings at Tyler, Texas, and will take the Tyler Commercial College telegraphy students as they qualify, and give them, under his own supervision, eight or ten days special practice before placing them in a station. This, coupled with a loop of the Cotton Belt train wire, bearing to the desk of each of our advanced students messages passing over the wire from Mt. Pleasant to Waco, gives advantages to the learner of telegraphy never known before.

The practical equipment of the three large departments of telegraphy in our school is also unequalled, the most modern machinery of every kind is in use, miniature electric railways running on regular schedules, handled in the same manner as trains on a regular road; every blank form and record book used by the Cotton Belt R. R. is used in our freight and passenger offices. Our Western Union office is equipped with every form and rate sheet known to the Western Union business. We have, perhaps, the only practical school of telegraphy in the world, one that teaches you to do by doing practically every detail of railroad and commercial telegraphing. Free courses in English, Penmanship, Typewriting, and Mathematics, are given with the course. It is but little wonder that the Management of the Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, have the greatest respect for telegraphy in the world, they have spared neither time nor money in making it so.

It is estimated that over 10,000 new telegraph operators will be needed after the first of March, owing to the new National nine-

hour law going into effect. This is certainly a golden opportunity for our young people who desire to spend a few months in school, then go direct into splendid positions.

New Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cotulla State Bank held this week G. M. Magill was re-elected President and F. B. Earnest Vice President, H. B. Miller, Cashier. K. Burmell, J. M. Daniel, H. C. Lane, Jno. N. Garner and C. E. Manly were elected Board of Directors for the ensuing year. All net earnings for the past six months was passed to the surplus and no dividend declared.

Warning to Tax Payers.

Warning is hereby given to the tax-payers of La Salle county that the time for paying taxes due for the year 1907, without penalty, expires January 31st. After that date the law provides for a penalty of ten per cent additional. Office open daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

W. T. HILL,

Tax Collector of La Salle county.

Claims Against Mexico.

Old Texans who filed their claims against Mexico before the Robb Commission in 1872 and 1873, or their widows and children, will hear something of interest to them on writing to the undersigned.

A copy of their Petition will be sent any one on receipt of postal order for \$10, where claim is over \$10,000, and \$5, where their claim is under \$10,000.

Correspondence is solicited by
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Washington, D. C.

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Everything first-class
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Good Teams and Vehicles, and
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Haircuts in the latest style.
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Center Street.

COTULLA, — TEXAS

John W. Willson,

Lawyer
and
Land Agent

Will practice in all Courts.
Real Estate a Specialty

COTULLA, TEXAS.

New Pumping Plant.

Of the many new developments on the Nueces, the most successful project recently reported is the De Hymell Water Lift outfit set in motion last Saturday on the plantation being prepared by Chas. Wallace, about five miles from town.

Mr. F. J. Hailes, representing the Water Lift Company left Sunday after spending ten days supervising the erection of the pumping plant. The trial developed a greater flow of water than the contract called for. Mr. Chas. Wright, superintendent of the property, expresses himself as more than pleased with results.

This is the first machine of this kind to be installed in this locality and is attracting a great deal of attention by reason of its wonderful economy of power.

Send in the News.

In order that we may make the RECORD more newsy than ever, we request that our subscribers assist us when they have the opportunity. If you have relatives or friends visiting you, or you go visiting, tell us about it. In the way of social and other gatherings send in a write-up and it will gladly be published as news. So many people expect a write-up of affairs when we do not have the opportunity of knowing anything about them. Assistance of this kind will be duly appreciated, and we ask you to help us make the RECORD during 1908 better than ever before.

All should hear the "Down Mobile" show band at noon. It is said to be one of the best bands traveling and well worth hearing. You make no mistake by attending the performance at night. Eiler's shows are always good. Under canvas Tuesday, Jan. 21st.

City Meat Market

FRESH MEATS DAILY

SAUSAGE,
BARBECUE,
LIGHT BREAD.

COLD STORAGE,

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Center Street.

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The Morning Cup

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.

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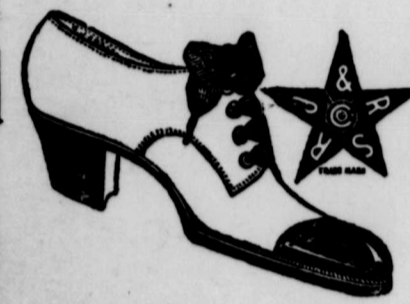
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STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER

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VENDOR'S LIEN NOTES BOUGHT

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

E. B. CHANDLER,
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,
Next the river.

Jos. Cotulla Sr., returned Wednesday night from Austin, where he had been for ten days with his son Joe, who underwent an operation, the nature of which was recited in our last issue. Mr. Cotulla said Joe was doing finely and gaining strength right along. He said the operation was the only one of the kind ever performed in the United States; there is a record of only one similar in the world. That was performed in Germany some years ago. Dr. Wooten, Mr. Cotulla said, was much elated over his success of the operation, and certainly he has a right to be.

At the regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World Monday night, it was voted that the Camp accept the Southeast corner of the Park to beautify. It is essential that the work begin at once as spring is drawing near and time will soon be past for putting out trees, etc. The members who feel like making a donation of any kind can leave same with R. A. Gouger, Consul Commander. A team can be used to advantage for half a day or more. This is a work that the Camp should not miss the opportunity to carry out, as it will be an advertisement of value and strangers who visit our city can at once see that there is nothing dead about the W. O. W. Camp of Cotulla.

In company with Mr. Wentworth we were out at Mr. T. Warrenberger's place seven miles West of town this week and contracted with him for 100 hackberry trees to be used around the Park and Court House yard. These trees are from four to six inches in diameter and seven to nine feet high. The cost delivered 30c each. 100 will be more than will be used on the Park and Court House grounds and if anybody wants some of these trees at this low price they should not miss this opportunity to get them. Mr. Warrenberger can furnish any number wanted. The business men should plant trees along the sidewalks, especially on Center street where there is not a tree. Mr. Warrenberger is opening up a fine farm on the West side of Harris Creek which he expects to irrigate from wells. On this place a number of years ago a subterranean stream was found at a depth of 18 feet, but the well caved in and was abandoned. Mr. Warrenberger expects to go after this water when he gets his land in readiness. He has about 25 acres cleared at present, and we do not believe there is better land in the county.

Officers Installed.

The following officers were installed at the regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World Monday night: R. A. Gouger, Consul Commander, W. L. Pease, Advisor Lutenant, H. Neal, Banker, B. F. Clauneh, Clerk, M. T. Davis, Escort, Herbert Neal, Sentry, W. H. Jackson, Watchman, T. H. Keck, W. H. Johns, and W. A. Tarver Managers.

Land in La Salle county will soon be higher than it is now. Don't wait until the rise has come. Buy now and get the benefit of it.
Jno. M. Daniel.

Matt Russell tells us that the prospects are good for an Oil Company to develop the field down the river where strong indications were found. He says he would like to see the business men take some steps toward getting the field developed as it would be a great thing for Cotulla.

Bernie Wildenthal returned Wednesday after an absence of two months in Arizona and California. The greater part of his time was spent in Los Angeles, California. Bernie says Arizona does very well for a laboring man but, a fellow has no business in California unless he has money and plenty of it. So many people flock there for their health with small means that they take jobs as clerks, bookkeepers, etc. at just what they can get, which is about a living. He thinks Texas beats golden California bad.

GADDIS SAYS

There is nothing quite so good for the face and hands as

BENZOIN AND ALMOND LOTION.

It prevents chapping and all roughness of the skin whenever used but is particularly fine as an after Shaving Lotion.

You Can't Go Wrong

If you buy La Salle County land from me. I have listed every kind and character of proposition and can suit you. See what I have before you buy—it will cost you nothing to look.

Jno. M. Daniel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Daniel deals on a 5 per cent commission basis. Get his prices before you buy.

Choice steaks at W. Butcher Shop, Center Street.

Miss Ura Barker passed through Cotulla Tuesday on her way to Carrizo Springs. She had just returned from Floresville where she spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. McDaniel.

C. B. JONES. Drop him a card if you want to see him.

School resumed Monday last after a Holiday recess of three weeks.

Mrs. A. Armstrong, accompanied by her son Otto, have returned to Austin after spending Christmas here with friends.

Paint costs money and if you get an inexperienced man to put it on your house you get a bum job and it costs you more than if you had hired a man who knows. Figure with JONES.

Anything you want in the feed line at Robbins & Sutton.

F. M. Shaw and Gus Jones were among the prominent cowmen seen in Cotulla during the week.

Collector W. T. Hill returned Tuesday from a two days stay at Encinal, where he went on collecting trip.

Shelt Rogers, who was known by almost everybody around Cotulla, was fatally injured on the Rio Grande a few days ago by his horse falling with him. For several years he has been working for W. G. Johnson, until recently.

Next Lyceum to be January 24th.—The Italian Boys.

Tom Salmon of Encinal and Burnet, Robuck of Artesia were here Monday between trains.

Miss Willie Campbell and brother Harold, of Carrizo Springs passed through here Sunday on their way to San Antonio where they are attending school.

Lincoln J. Carter's, big scenic production "Down Mobile" under the personal direction of W. A. Eiler is one of the best shows that will visit our city this season. They come well recommended by press and public. Under canvas Tuesday, Jan. 21st.

Let Daniel show you what he has listed. It will pay you.

List your land with Daniel, he has the connections that will produce the buyers.

Miram Coleman who has been at Round Rock for several weeks telegraphing, is back at home again and is working at night in the railroad office here.

J. W. Campbell of Carrizo Springs was through here Tuesday enroute home from San Antonio where he had been to attend the meeting of the Truck Growers Association. Mr. Campbell said he would have about 40 acres of onions this year.

Grain and Hay at Robbins & Sutton.

H. R. Trammell and family were in town yesterday from up the Nueces.

Clarence Sledge has been holding down the I. & G. N. station here this week during the absence of his brother, who went to Thordale to ship his household goods.

On another page of this issue where the names of those who represented Cotulla at the Southern Truck Grower's Association, that of W. L. Hargus does not appear, but he was there just the same. So many passengers go and come on the night trains that we fail to secure lots of items.

There was a number of deals in town property yesterday.

Wm. George of Carrizo Springs during the week.

Work was begun this week on opening up the road down the Nueces on the West side which will shorten the distance to town from the farms along the river considerably.

TO TRADE—I have a good 160 acre farm in Cedar county, Mo., to exchange for land or town property in Cotulla. C. C. AKIN, El Dorado Springs, Mo.

The Northwester yesterday was by far the severest of the winter.

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Tom Buckow was in town yesterday from Artesia. He recently returned from Tylar, where he took a course in the Tyler Commercial College, and in a few days will leave for Raymondville, where he has a position.

Will Terry and family of Dimmit county are now living at the W. G. Johnson place three miles East of town.

YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED.

Atty. John W. Willson and wife have returned from a month's visit to relatives in East Texas.

Clare Richey and wife of Carrizo Springs passed through here Thursday enroute to San Antonio.

U. S. February 1st.

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C. B. JONES is the man to figure with when you want a first class painting job done. He will save you money.

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Mrs. J. T. Hawkins of Artesia was in the city Thursday.

Assessor R. L. Henrichson of Artesia was in the city yesterday.

Some of the onion farmers are already receiving their crates.

The date of the next Lyceum will be Jan. 24th. Don't miss it.

J. A. Brown was in town during the week from Dimmit county.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hanson came up from Laredo Thursday on a visit to relatives.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fischer Friday morning, 10th.

For Sale—One surrey, running gear in good shape, cheap. Apply at this office.

Jno. M. Daniel went up to San Antonio Thursday on real estate business.

I. N. Span, who was known by many Cotulla people died in San Antonio last week.

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