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FINANCIAL PANIC A THING OF THE PAST.

S. A. Gazette.

San Antonio banks have taken off the lid and limit.

The situation in banking circles of the Alamo City is now even better than it was previous to the time the bankers all over the country began to regulate the amounts of withdrawals. The state of affairs brought on by conditions in New York is at an end.

When the financial stringency began the local banks issued, through the clearing house, certificates to the value of \$250,500. Of this enormous amount there are out at the present time clearing house certificates to the value of only \$3000, and these will have been retired within a short time.

By a statement issued some time ago it was shown by National authorities this city stood first in the United States in the matter of cash resources. San Antonio was second to only one city in its cash reserve.

Business in local banking institutions is now being carried on as formerly, before there came the financial flurry which almost stagnated business all over the country. Today there is left scarcely a vestige of the panic which shook the country for a time. The scare is a thing of the past.

The lid is gone. None of the banks are operating under the methods which prevailed a month or so ago. The San Antonio clearing house has declared the withdrawal to be a thing of the past.

It is a fact that San Antonio has been on a cash basis for some little time. Ready money is plentiful.

The out of town banks—the little fellows—who were crying and shrieking for money a short while back, are now shipping coin into

this and other cities. It is a daily occurrence for local banks to receive these shipments from country institutions.

Bankers declare that conditions are excellent. They say the January business is out of the ordinary.

Effect Officers.

At the meeting of the Stockholders of the Stockmens National Bank Monday the following officers were elected. L. A. Kerr, President, T. R. Keck, Vice president, G. W. Henrichson, Cashier, C. C. Thomas Attorney, Directors L. A. Kerr, W. A. Kerr, Geo. Copp, T. R. Keck, C. F. Binkley, and L. W. Gaddis.

Private Banks Were the Hardest Hit.

Since the money stringency struck Texas ten banks have suspended payment; two of these were State Banks, two National Banks and six private banks. Both State banks have re-opened; one National bank is doing business again, and the doors of all the private banks are still closed.

Proposed School Building.

L. A. Kerr, president of the Business Mens Club has issued a call to the citizens of Cotulla to meet at the Court House next Wednesday night to discuss the matter of a new school building. Cotulla must have a new house and it is necessary that the movement should be started at once, as it will take several weeks to arrange preliminaries and before actual work can begin. The building should be completed by Sept. 1st.

Weather Has Moderated.

The weather has moderated considerably since yesterday, and by tomorrow no doubt all signs of the cold spell will have passed.

SULLY BOOSTING COTTON PRICES.

New York, Jan.—The cotton market was very active and excited to day with more business than for any day in months past and extremely favorable to an advance in prices.

The report that Dan Sully has embarked on a campaign to move up prices appeared to have a strong effect and local quotations advanced \$2.50 per bale since the low level of yesterday morning. The opening today was firm at an advance of 11 to 22 points.

There was heavy realizing but offerings were absorbed by a rush of buying on orders apparently from all sections and after a slight reaction the market advanced again with March selling at 11.47 cents and May at 11.53 cents before mid-day, or about a cent a pound above the prices ruling at the first of the year.

Spot cotton houses were heavy buyers here.

There was a moderate recession during the afternoon but the market continued active, making new high records in the late trading, March selling at 11.93 cents and May at 11.67 cents or 39 at 40 points net higher and 71 at 72 points above the low prices of yesterday. The close was steady at a net advance of 24 at 38 points. Sales were estimated at 650,000 bales, representing the largest single day's business this year.

Struck Small Flow.

J. W. Hornsey, who has been running one of W. E. Campbell's well machines putting down a hole on the Shaw ranch in Dimmit county near the Bruten Lake, finished up a couple of weeks ago. A small flow was struck at a depth of a little over six hundred feet. The machines of Mr. Campbell's at Gardendale and the Lane ranch are running day and night.

WIBA FREE IN 1909.

ment Will Then Be Turned Over to the People.

Washington, Jan. 14.—In transmitting to the Senate today the report of Provisional Governor Magdon on conditions in Cuba the President said:

"I am glad to be able to say that we can now definitely announce that by or before February 1, 1909, we shall have turned over the island to the President and Congress to be elected next December by the people of Cuba. Our word to turn the island over to its own people will be scrupulously regarded."

Mass Meeting Called.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Cotulla is called at the Court House in Cotulla Wednesday night, Jan. 22nd, for the purpose of discussing the ways and means of the building of a new school house. This is a matter of importance as work should begin as soon as possible in order for the building to be ready for the next term of school. Make it a point to be on hand.

L. A. KERR, Pres.
Bus. Mens Club.

Tom Lawson's Revised Edition.

New York, Jan. 17.—In the course of a stock vending advertisement in the leading New York papers, Thos. W. Lawson gets off the following little gem, under the general caption, "On With the Dance, Let Joy be Unconfined." "From Trinity's spire is being unfurled a brand new banneret, upon whose virgin field sparkles the bloodred supplication. 'Come into the Street all ye who are heavily laden and ye shall be relieved.'"

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Max Goeth left this morning for Marble Falls.

Rev. Campbell of Laredo is in the city.

Eiler's Big Show will be in Cotulla Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The Cotulla Record and the Semi-Weekly Express for \$1.75.

Col. John Anderson and wife are back after a few days' visit in San Antonio.

W. H. Jacobs, a well known ranchman from the Northern part of the county, is in town today.

Mrs. Lee Gouger of Floresville was here first of the week. She went to Laredo Wednesday.

Miss Ina Daniel went to Millett this morning to spend a few days at the McKey ranch.

Judge and Mrs. H. B. Gouger of Floresville are here visiting relatives.

Joe and Will Robbins are back from the Shaw ranch where they have been putting up some new windmills.

E. E. Scoggins of Sabinal is here and will probably locate. Mr. Scoggins is a Jeweler and there is a good opening here for him.

John Henderson returned last night from New Mexico where he has been for the past month. John says it is some cold up there.

For Sale—Two span fine 16 hand mules for sale, sound, gentle and young. Price \$325.00 span. Apply CARTWRIGHT RANCH, phone connection.

Mr. Nickerson of Boston, Mass., is in the city and will be here for several days. He is thinking of buying an irrigated farm on the Nueces.

A CITIZEN OF TEXAS FOR 70 YEARS.

Taylor, Texas, Jan. 17.—John Wesley Darlington, an aged and honored pioneer citizen of Taylor, yesterday celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his arrival in Texas. Seventy years ago on Jan. 14, 1838, Mr. Darlington, then in his fourteenth year, landed with a colony of Virginians at the mouth of the Matagorda River. Born in Virginia in 1824 he is now 84 years of age. Today he alone survives the company of twenty or more who landed with him on Texas soil. During the seventy years' residence in Texas Mr. Darlington has witnessed many changes. He participated in the making of Texas history, having served in the war for Texas independence. Most of his life has been spent in Travis and Williamson counties, coming to Williamson from Travis in 1873 and for the past thirty odd years has resided in Taylor. In earlier days he was engaged in many battles with Indians and Mexicans. Of the long list of Texas veterans only nine of those old warriors who were his associates now live, viz: S. F. Sparks of Rockport, J. T. Chamberlain, of Naogdoches, Alphonse Steele of Mexia, Milburn Harrold of Fayette County, Andrew Kercheville of Hays County, Asa C. Hill, of Live Oak County, — Scott, of Grimes County and W. P. Zuber, of Austin, Travis county. Of these only three are survivors of the battle of San Jacinto, viz: Sparks, Steele and Zuber. Harrold is the only survivor now living of the Dawson massacre.

Freezing Weather.

Southwest Texas has been experiencing some cold weather this week. The past three nights the thermometer has been below the freezing point and ice was plentiful.

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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.

How do you feel about incorporating Cotulla?

Every officer from Constable to President is to be elected this year. Pay your poll tax.

Some of the onion farmers had more plants than they could use this year and sold enough to pay for their seed.

There has been a slight change in the schedule of the morning passenger train. It now arrives about ten minutes earlier than formerly.

There are quite a number of cases of tonsillitis in town at present, but the malady is in very light form and there has been no bad results.

The cold Northwest wind last Friday and Saturday damaged the tender flower plants in the Park badly. However, this was all the damage that was done.

Quail still seems to be plentiful out in the woods. Some of our local sportsmen go out every day or so, and nearly always return with their limit.

Southwest Texas was not the only part of the world that was hit by the hurricane swept last week. In fact from press reports it seems the storm was general from Canada to Mexico and in many sections considerable damage resulted.

Money matters have eased up in the East and everything is moving on serenely again. Of course where the trouble first tightened it will have to loosen, and as the panic was a long time reaching us down here after it began in Wall Street, so the prosperous wave will be some time in getting down this far. However, conditions are much better than they were thirty days ago, and in another thirty days we may expect to see things about normal again.

It is natural that denizens of the zoroic North should dream of Italian skies or long for the orange groves and winterless delights of California. But in Texas what's the use? Why worry about felicitous conditions far away when the same character of pleasures and profits can be created at home? Southwest Texas is a section where every prospect pleases and only Mexican man is vile, and he is not as vile as he once was. His hat is gradually shedding its spindle apex, and his love of horse flesh is subsiding into a more refined passion as civilization, culture and deputy sheriffs spring up around him. In fact, Southwest Texas is the present opportunity haunt of the State and the future Italy of the Union. It produces everything that is good, and numerous things that are better.—Current Issue.

Pertinent Points for Progressive People Who Would Be Prosperous.

Many a town goes backward because its business men are too lazy to get a move on themselves to improve it.

Don't lose hope in the future of your town, but study conditions that need correction and set about to apply a proper remedy.

Your town will not lose anything by impressing each and every farmer in the neighborhood with the fact that the place exists for his benefit as much as for those who reside within its corporate limits.

When there is any work to be done don't wait for your neighbor, Tom Jones or Dick Brown, to commence. Get a move on yourself, and go to them and pull hand in hand with them.

Don't be afraid of criticism. Study well your duty as a citizen and go about it without fear or favor and you will find that those simpletons who may at first call you a busy-body will be willing to give you credit for being an enterprising citizen when the needed reforms are brought about by your work.

Give support to the local paper. It can be made a power for good in the community. By the news and advertising pages of it the stranger can gain an excellent idea of the importance of the place. Encourage the editor by giving him all the support that you can.

Good schools can be maintained only in live, up-to-date communities. It has been generally observed that the education of one generation means benefits to coming generations. No community can afford to let its educational facilities decay.

Remember that there are few places outside the courts and the reform institutions where a liar is useful. Don't be a liar. It may work all right for a time, but a single lie may cost a reputation that will be destructive to business and success. If you are at fault, better tell the truth and abide by the consequences—Miami (Kas.) Republican.

Wool growers like the cotton growers are not just satisfied with the price offered them for wool, so they have stored it and are holding for a better price and it not given by the American buyers they will try foreign markets where they will be very apt to realize the desired price. We are glad to see a disposition on the part of the producers to ask for their rights and when not granted to organize and demand them. It has always been like this; when a producer, be he farmer, stockman or laborer, when he offers anything for sale, it was, what will you give me and when he wanted to purchase anything, it was, what will you take for it? Having absolutely nothing to say in the pricing either way. We hope the time is near at hand when the laboring man and producer will be accorded the right to price what he has for sale. So don't become discouraged, but stick to the fight to the finish.—Pearsall Leader.

The man who thinks that it takes dollars to make him happy will never be able to get the required number of dollars, no matter how many he gets.—Rio Grande News.

Parties coming from the lower Rio Grande country, in about Zapata county report it very dry in that section and cattle are suffering.

The highest price traction that ever will be at the Court 24th.

When you are forget to go to Market if you want a Everything clean and

Prof Smith reports that School is progressing nicely pupils have gotten down illness again after their recess.

Surveyor Sylvester has laying out the new down road and work of grubbing has commenced. The down that way are now smile.

T. R. Keck is having a put up just North of the Stable on the East side railroad, which will be owned by John Davis, and a Black Shop put in.

Practically all of the growers will cultivate their with small mules this year. plows cultivate three row time. By this method expenses are cut down greatly.

Col. W. A. H. Miller has so residence to F. D. McMahan. Colonel says he does not expect leave Cotulla, but says he wanted the place better than he did, so he sold it to him.

The Mexican school teacher was slashed up with a knife Christmas eve by another Mexican, but completely recovered, but some ugly scars across his face at throat tell the tale of how near he came to crossing the river.

Mr. Warrenberger has begun delivering hackberry trees for the Park grounds. He informs us that since people have found out that he will furnish the trees at the low price of 30c each many have gave him orders and will plant trees out along the sidewalks.

The cold wind of last Friday and Saturday made onions had just been transplanted some of the farms look like thirty cents. But the damage was of little consequence as the plants recover quickly. It is hard to keep an onion down.

The Italian Boys and Elbert Foland, entertainer of Boston will appear at the Court House Jan. 24th, as the next Lyceum number. This attraction is the highest priced that ever came to Cotulla and you should not miss it. They are the best.

Judge Thomas issued a call for the Commissioners to meet Monday last and take up for approval the annual report of the Collector, but none of the Commissioners from the other precincts put in their appearance and there not being a quorum present no Court was held.

There was some lively times in Judge Copp's Court the first day or two this week. A representative of a Picture Enlarging concern was up before the bar of justice charged with simple assault. After a trial by jury he was acquitted, but was immediately re-arrested on the charge of carrying a pistol, and bound over in the sum \$250 to await the action of the grand jury.

Mr. Matt Russell received this week from the Alvin Coast Nursery about six hundred Magnolia fig trees that were ordered for different parties about town. Half of the shipment was for the Lakeside Irrigation Company. Figs do wonderfully well in this part of Texas and the Magnolia variety bears the first year. With a preserving plant at hand figs will return from \$300 to \$500 per acre after the second year. The Pullman Company alone can use all the figs that will be raised in Texas the next few years. The market is unlimited.

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Proceedings of Teacher's Institute.

(The following proceedings, probably by some mistake, were not sent in for publication until this week, although the Institute was held a month ago. But—better late than never.)

The La Salle County Teacher's Institute met at Cotulla Dec. 16, 1907, and organized with eleven teachers present. Prof. Daniel Smith was elected chairman and Miss Dossia Shaw secretary.

The Institute proceeded to address itself to the following program:

A Model Lesson in History, "Review of Revolutionary War," by Miss E. Bee Thomas, was both interesting and instructive. Discussion by Institute followed and agreed with Miss Thomas that the most important facts and dates should be dwelt upon and impressed upon the class.

"Purpose of technical grammar and place in curriculum. Its bearing on coming studies as Latin and Composition," led by Miss Mollie Wingren was next discussed. Institute was unanimous with Miss Wingren that too little of technical grammar was being taught instead of too much.

A very interesting talk was made on "Reports to Patrons," by Miss Ida McMullin, who favors monthly reports rather than quarterly.

"The purpose of the course in Agriculture" was then taken up. A model paper was read by Prof. W. F. Weeks. After discussion, Institute adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Institute began work Tuesday morning with twelve teachers in attendance. "A Beginners' Reading Class" was very successfully conducted by Miss Christie Steele. Miss Steele had real work with real beginners and first used an object, then the written word and had pupils trace the words; thus teaching writing with first lesson.

The next subject was "Agriculture, its place in the public school curriculum" led by Prof. Weeks. Prof. Weeks thinks since agriculture has been introduced in our common school course, it must have a place and probably it should begin in fifth grade. In discussion it was agreed the subject might be taught incidentally in all the grades but that a text book not be adopted below the fifth grade.

The subject of "Teaching the four fundamental processes of Arithmetic" was taken up by Prof. Smith and very ably treated.

"What to stress in teaching the noun" was discussed by Miss Wingren, who teaches first what the noun is, then its different properties and constructions.

"Daily program, its best arrangement and the carrying out of same" was introduced by Prof. Henry, who thinks the most important subjects should come first, while pupils' minds are fresh, and after a program is made out, it should be adhered to strictly.

The next subject "School Funds" was led by Miss Dossia Shaw. Permanent, Perpetual and Available funds were discussed. Institute adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Institute opened Wednesday morning with primary work. Miss Steele reviewed Tuesday's work, taught a new word having a new object, then gave pupils busy work at seat.

In "Agriculture for beginners" Prof. Weeks began by talking of and defining soil and subsoil, speaking of its fertility, cultivation, drainage, etc.

The "Review of the Texas Revolution" a model lesson for sixth grade by Miss Thomas, was good.

"How to teach pupils to be self-reliant and honest in school life" was discussed by Prof. Henry who believes in showing confidence in pupils, and encouraging and praising self effort and persistence.

Institute gladly welcomed Judge C. C. Thomas as visitor in afternoon and appreciated his talk on School Laws.

Institute adjourned until Thurs-

day morning.

Miss Steele's primary work each morning proved quite interesting both to pupils and institute. The little boys did so well that Miss Steele was laughingly accused of selecting her pupils.

Prof. Weeks in his subject of Agriculture discussed the roots of plants and trees; the different kinds, how they feed, etc.

The question of favoring a Summer Normal at Dilley was introduced and opened for discussion. Motion carried that Institute endorse the Normal.

Prof. Smith in teaching fractions began by defining a fraction and illustrating on black-board for first lesson. He thinks teachers should be careful to stress the six principles of fractions. He illustrated fully the principles of multiplication and division.

What to stress in teaching the verb was briefly discussed by Miss Wingren. She teaches what the verb is, then its different constructions.

"Spelling" by Miss Florence Hall was ably discussed.

"Securing regularity and promptness in attendance" was introduced by Prof. Henry, who says be regular and prompt yourself, then teach its importance by different illustrations. Work should be made so interesting that pupils would not care to be absent.

The finite and infinite verb was explained fully by Prof. Smith who defined each, gave modifications and constructions, illustrating by example.

Institute adjourned until Friday morning. Miss Steele had primary work which was similar to that already given, then gave the "Ten Steps in Primary Reading."

Prof. Weeks in his subject of Agriculture took up the plant, its feeding on air, its blossom and fruit and made an interesting talk.

Physiology by Miss Thomas as taught in sixth grade was the next subject. The lesson was a review of Digestion.

"Spanish in the school of South Texas" was led by Miss Zenaida Perez. She thinks the subject is very important one and it should be taught.

The subject of Interest was then discussed by Prof. Smith. This being the last subject on program, Institute adjourned.

Dossia Shaw,
Secretary.

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.

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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.

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"How's things in Lonely asked the first farmer.

"Everybody's on the jump, replied the second farmer, proud.

"Then the automobiles struck your town too, have they?"

Editor—I wish I knew our lady readers want.

Assistant—Why don't you put out a circular letter and them?

Editor—Great Heavens, do you suppose they know?—

D'Auber—That's my latest canvas. I started it six months ago. You see some days I paint av forefully, feverishly, while other days I can't paint at all.

Crittick—I see; you painted on some of the other days.

Governess—Who was the wisest man?

Tommy—Solomn.

Governess—And who was wisest woman?

Tommy—Well—er—it's eith you or ma, I can't make up n mind which.

Stock ale perhaps. As he cre softly upstairs the clock stru two.

Where have you been, Alfr—she asked quietly.

"At the office taking stoc came the glib reply.

"I thought I smelt it," said I wife, "and I suppose you'll ke on taking it till you land t children and me in the poor hou—Ex.

Backward, turn backward, o time in your flight, feed me or cruel just for one night; I am so weary of sole leather steak, petrified biscuits and galvanized cake, oysters that sleep in a water bath, and butter as strong Goliath of Gath; weary for pay for what I can't eat, chewing rubber and calling it meat.

ward, turn backward, how I am, just give me a swipe grandmother's jam; let me dr milk that hasn't been skimme let me eat butter whose whiskers are trimmed; let me once have an old fashioned pie, then I am ready to curl up and die—Ex.

Not long ago a large clothing house in New York received a letter from the remote Southwest to this effect:

"What is the proper dress for a groom in the afternoon?"

The clerk who opened the mail referred the inquiry to the livery department, and the head of that department dictated a brief reply:

"Bottle green coat, fawn-color-trowsers, with top boots, silk hat and cockade. We can make you prices."

In about a week came a plaintive note:

"I always knew it was expensive to get married, but can't you suggest something a little less elaborate?"

Yvette Guilbert, the famous French actress praised at a dinner in New York the festival of Thanksgiving.

"It is a pleasant festival," she said. "I am sorry that in France we have no such day of gratitude for the year's harvest. It is a great day with you. You have novels, tales, anecdotes and poems based upon it.

"An actor this morning told me a Thanksgiving anecdote. He said that a penniless young man entered a cheap restaurant one Thanksgiving day, and said:

"What do you charge for a plate of turkey?"

"A quarter, sir," the waiter answered.

"Any charge for bread?"

"No, sir."

"Or for gravy?"

"No."

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A letter was received here recently from a trucker with a State wide reputation who has made a tour of the Northern cities, which says there is a scarcity of onions throughout the North and the outlook for Bermuda onions is excellent. The onion crop in the Northern states is the shortest for a number of years. One point in Indiana that shipped last year 300 cars this season only shipped 150 cars. Onions are perhaps higher today than for many years past, and our little crop of Bermuda in Southwest Texas cannot fill the demand for onions until the crop in the North comes in. The onion man wears a smile on his face for the above reason.

Frank Berry and Mrs. Hilery Green was called to the sick bed of a sister at Buda this week.

Mrs. E. Daniel has moved to town for the winter.

Mrs. Shaw of Cotulla is visiting Mrs. W. E. Rock today.

Mrs. F. M. Harper went to Ham's Lake to visit her son.

Miss Jodie Manly is putting in an onion crop here.

Miss Jodie Manly is visiting the Misses Daniel.

The Misses Rock and Daniel accompanied by John Landrum and Jesse Rock attended the 21st birthday party of Frank Held at Millett.

Mr. Elwin Couch and wife of Colorado Springs are visiting at the Rock farm today.

County Surveyor Sylvester finished up the road survey from the crossing to Shoemaker lake today, and the Mexican that has the contract to grub out the road was to commence this morning and will finish it just as fast as he can get it done.

Rumor says just as soon as the Court will open up the road so it is passable there will be an old fashion basket picnic and fishing party at or near Russell's pump. One entertaining speaker has promised a speech, others will be

invited and probably several candidates for county offices will be hatched out by that time and they will be expected to come with their families and baskets too.

We expect something to be done toward the developments of an oil field here the coming summer. Those that have had experience and have saw the indications say that they are as good as ever come off Spindle Top.

Mr. Editor it is on old saying that nature marks her children and it is by their marks that the experienced eye is able to point out the place where coal, lead, oil etc., might be found. Suffice to say the location for an oil field here is a logical one. At present we are not authorized to give out what is being done toward developing the field.

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