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\$1 IN ADVANCE

CLEARING AND REMNANT SALE

A great reduction in Window Curtains in Swiss and Lace. All new and perfect stock but we want to clean them out. Some exceptionally good bargains.

OUR REMNANT TABLE has many interesting bargains. Here you will find many pieces of goods suitable for a garment for some one of your family that can be had for a song. It means money to you to investigate these bargains.

Special prices made on all Winter Goods on hand. Ladies Coats, Skirts and Millinery are being sold at extremely low figures. Call and examining our line.

K. BURWELI

Center Street.

NOTED FUEDEST KILLED BY SON.

JUDGE JAMES HARGIS DIES WITH HIS BOOTS ON.

Was "Boss" of Breathitt County, Kentucky and Many Crimes Were Laid at His Door.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 7.—Judge James Hargis, a feudist of almost national reputation, was shot and killed in his general store here yesterday by his son, Bruce Hargis. The son fired five shots at his father, who died while the clerks in the store were waiting upon customers.

He went into the store at about 3:30 o'clock apparently under the influence of liquor. Judge Hargis reprimanded him, and a quarrel resulted. Father and son walked behind the counter. Their words rang loud in dispute. Suddenly the younger Hargis pulled his revolver and shot rapidly five times. Four shots took effect, and a man connected with some of the most famous duels in the state dropped dead.

The dead man, for years, has been a prominent figure throughout the state, on account of the killings of Dr. Cox, Attorney Marcum and "Jim" Cockrill. Judge Hargis, besides being noted as a ready man with a gun, was the political leader of the democrats Breathitt county and the tenth district, being a member of the state democratic executive committee.

He had been on trial several times for complicity in the killing of Mreum, Cockrill and Cox, but was acquitted in all three. He recently was forced to pay a verdict of \$8000 to Mrs. Marcum, widow of James B. Marcum, a judgement having been found against him in the circuit court at Winchester.

The Cockrill trouble arose because of the opposition of that family to the judge. Bitter feeling was aroused when one of the

Cockrill boys met Ben Hargis, the judge's younger brother, in a "blind tiger" near Jackson. There was a gun fight and Hargis was killed. This brought on a feud. In the fall of 1902 Dr. Cox the guardian of the Cockrill boys, was the first victim.

Likes the Southwest.

Drs. F. T. Seybert of Council Bluffs, and C. A. Hess, of Bedford, Iowa, returned home Thursday after spending a couple of weeks in La Salle county the guests of their friend Jno. R. Black, at his place twelve miles down the Nueces. These gentlemen were delighted with the climate of this section and said there was no doubt about it being the coming country. Dr. Seybert has traveled extensively and told us he had never seen a country where there were such possibilities for a man as there is here. He visited several of the irrigated farms along the river and drove out to L. S. Elwell's place, which completely captivated him. Here, less than eight months ago, Mr. Elwell settled on the dreary looking prairie, put down a well which he equipped with a gasoline pump and has transformed a few acres of ground into a beautiful garden spot. Dr. Seybert says he saw with his own eyes what has been done and what is growing. He is convinced that there is no end to the fertility of the soil and with the early crops frankly says he does not believe there is another place on earth where the same results can be obtained.

To the Public.

I now own the Blacksmith Shop on Front Street for many years occupied by John Davis, and have this day opened it up for business. All kinds of blacksmith work and tinwork will be done by first class workmen. Reasonable charges will be made and a share of your trade will be appreciated. ROLAND A. GOUGER.

BIG BUSINESS DEAL.

C. F. Binkley Buys Kerr's Dry Goods Store.

A deal was consummated Wednesday whereby L. A. Kerr sells his big stock of Dry Goods to C. F. Binkley. Mr. Binkley will take charge of the business March 1st. The stock will invoice approximately \$15000.00.

Mr. Binkley stated that work would soon begin remodeling the building. Ventilators and skylights will be put in and other improvements made by the time the spring stock arrived.

Mr. Binkley is well known to the people of this county, and although he has been in the stock business for several years, he was raised behind the counter and knows dry goods from a to z. He will be a good addition to the business circles of our town as he is wide-awake, public spirited, progressive, in short—a "live wire."

Mr. Kerr will devote his entire time to the banking business.

Has Corn Up.

W. H. Holtby, who has a farm near Woodward was in our office and reported that he had several acres of corn up and looking well. Mr. Holtby came here last year from Oklahoma and it was December before he got his land cleared and broke. He says there is sufficient moisture in the ground to carry his corn several weeks yet, and says if he had gotten his land broken in November and had the proper listers to put his corn in with, it would stand till April without rain. Mr. Holtby says this is the finest soil to hold moisture he ever saw, and from his experience in Kansas and Oklahoma years ago, has no fear but what a man will win out in dry farming in this section if he goes at it in the proper way.

Services at Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mr. Cleveland will preach at the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday February 9th.

ABSTRACTS OF TITLE

Should show what taxes, if any, are due on the land.

My Title Department is the only abstract office in the county that is equipped to give tax certificates. The Tax Collector himself is unable to furnish such information, without first coming to me.

Mr. J. D. Watson, who has charge of my Title Department, is thoroughly familiar with the requirements of attorneys who examine titles and makes abstracts that show every vital point.

Have your abstract work done by an experienced man.

JNO. M. DANIEL.

Millett, Texas, February 7.—F. B. Earnest and his friend Mr. Critchfield, were visitors to our little village this week.

Miss Alice Wheeler left one day this week for San Antonio.

Mrs. L. F. Seed and Mrs. C. W. Ryan paid Cotulla a visit Tuesday.

The family of J. M. Cline arrived this week and are moving into their new quarters 4 1/2 miles West of town.

A Mexican by the name of Jaun Rios died at Mr. Moore's Ranch on the 3rd, of heart disease.

Mrs. D. W. McKey had quite a serious run away coming to town Wednesday, but fortunately neither she or little Grace May were seriously hurt—just a good shake up and fright but the buggy was badly demolished.

Quite a number of our citizens are complaining with the mumps.

Wm. Earnest, after being confined to his room for 6 weeks, left yesterday for Cotulla and Artesia to recuperate a few days before starting to work again.

We are still anxiously looking for a rain.

Cattle Sale and Ranch Lease.

Mrs. Irvin Leases Big Ranch for Five Years.

Mrs. W. C. Irvin has closed a deal with Naylor & Jones, selling to them 3000 steers at \$27 and \$1500 stock cattle at \$12 and leasing them the Irvin Ranch comprising about 42,000 acres for 5 years. The lease is for 12 1/2¢ per acre per annum, and subject to sale of the land.

This is the biggest cattle sale that has been made here for some time.

Wanted—Man to grub land and take wood as part pay, two miles North of Cotulla. Write A. J. GREINER, San Antonio, 209 Alamo Plaza.

John Robuck of ... here yesterday.

E. M. Irvin is making a shipment of fat steers today.

The rain today brought smiles to many faces.

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Mrs. H. Caley returned Wednesday from San Antonio where she had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Otto Fischer returned to her home at Laredo today after a visit of several weeks here to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copp.

The new Telephone Directory for the Southwestern Exchange at this place, which was printed at this office, is now in the hands of subscribers.

Mrs. Jos. Cotulla was taken dangerously ill last night and was unconscious part of the night. We are glad to report that she is better this morning.

Ed Cotulla, deputy U. S. Collector of Customs at Laredo, came up this morning. He was called up on account of the sudden and serious illness of his mother.

L. L. Tucker of Saline county, Mo., is here spending a few days with his uncle, Wm. Shaw and other relatives. Mr. Tucker has been down in Mexico for a few months, and stopped off here on his way home.

Light Rain Falling.

A light began falling about daylight this morning and has continued since. Although the precipitation has amounted to but little as yet, still enough has fallen to benefit vegetation and prospects are good for more.

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John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has retired from his high place as head of the greatest organization in the United States. For many years he has been the head of this organization, and as it stands today it is largely the creation of his organizing and executive powers. His health compelled him to give up the arduous task of shaping the policies and directing the forces in an organization the most heterogeneous in character and the most numerous in membership in any civilized country today. Whether his successor will be able to manage this body as well as he has managed it remains to be seen.

John Mitchell came to this country as an emigrant lad years ago. By his own efforts he raised himself to the position in the body which he held, really created the place by creating the organization as it now exists. To do such work requires ability of a most unusual order. In fact few men of that stamp are produced in a generation. Possibly if he had not done it some other man would, but the very fact that a man creates something really great and really difficult, giving it the stamp of his own genius, argues that no other man could have done the work.

Those living away from the mines and the mill towns and the great manufacturing cities that have grown up about the coal and iron mines have little conception of the class of people from the various countries of Europe that make up the great body of mine workers. Those who work in the mines for precious metals in the West are a high class of intelligent people. The wages paid are good, and the conditions of life are by no means bad. Not so with the other miners. Life has little hope for them, even when they are not bowed down in ignorance of language and customs, and are at the complete mercy of the mine operators. Men and boys are but machines to bring coal and iron from the bowels of the earth to be used by mankind. No further consideration is had of them than to see that the greatest results are obtained at the least cost. Humanity does not count. The bright eyed lad goes into the mines to break coal; he grows in strength and gains experience, and becomes a miner; for a few years he labors in his strength and with hope; the years go by and he goes back to the tasks that he engaged in as a boy, and takes his place, this time with only death and release from the breaker's pile to look forward to. Such is the life of the coal or iron miner.

To bring these men together into a self-conscious body, to teach them that they have a real existence in the industrial world, to give them a class spirit, a class strength, was the work of John Mitchell. In so doing he created a great force of organized labor. He made this body of men a force which has been felt for good in raising the condition of living and in bringing about a greater sense of the responsibilities and the gains of

American citizenship. Along with this comes necessarily a wider outlook, a more hopeful life. The whole standard of living is raised for the miners and for their families. To uplift such a body of men composed of such varied elements was a task for one man to do, for one man to take the lead in doing. John Mitchell did it. Few men in this generation have made a greater contribution to the welfare of the people, directly and indirectly, than he.

DRAIN UPON THE FORESTS.

Are Being Cut Three Times as Fast as They Grow.

Since 1880 the sources of lumber supply have undergone remarkable changes. The first change was in the regions from which the principal kinds of lumber were procured, and this was followed by the substitution of other kinds of wood in their places. Neither the centers of the lumber industry nor the leading classes of woods are the same as they were twenty-five years ago. In 1880 nine States—Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Washington—produced 52.3 per cent, or more than half of the total lumber production of the United States. In 1906 these States produced 51.5 per cent, practically the same proportion, but the changes which have taken place in the output of individual States are very striking. Michigan, for instance, cut 23 per cent of the total in 1880, and but 5.6 per cent in 1906; Louisiana cut 0.7 per cent of the total in 1880 and 7.5 per cent in 1906; Washington furnished but 0.9 per cent of the lumber production of 1880 and 11.5 per cent of that of 1906. The cutting out of the virgin timber in the North and East has been followed by increased drains upon the forest resources of the South and West.

Despite these conditions the amount of timber required has increased year by year. The increase in consumption of timber since 1880 has been more rapid than the increase of the population, and greater than in any similar period in the history of the country. This shows in a striking manner how much the nation depends upon forest products, and indicates how greatly all interests must suffer as lumber becomes scarcer and dearer.

Statistics gathered by the bureau of the census and the forest service show that the quantities of timber used last year for cooperage, stock, mine timbers, lath, distillation, veneer, pole-timber, expressed in board feet, reveals in their own yards a total of approximately 50 billion board feet.

While these drains upon the forest are known with reasonable certainty, there are often no ready means for their relief. Here there is no ready had the benefit of a good fuel, and domestic purpose, while the berry bushes received cult to obtain information, insects were destroyed. He cut through no market, but a house adjoining the patch which he had enclosed with wire fence. The fowls seemed very happy, thriving finely, while the bushes afforded them the coolest of shade. When the berries began to be large enough to be a temptation to the chickens, the fowls were turned back into their own quarters, which by this time were fresh and green once more. After the fruit was picked the owner again gave the birds the run of the berry patch where the benefit would be mutual for the rest of the season. The plan worked admir-

ably, and convinced the farmer that he had hit on a most valuable idea.

We often hear of old orchards which seem to be past bearing, producing paying crops again after having been turned into poultry pasture. Such profits are not to be despised. Chickens and garden seem a strange combination, but the younger chicks (not the old fowls), are very useful in a garden in many cases. In one instance, after an experiment of three years on insect infested ground, good results were reported. Wire worm and turnip fly were almost gone. At the beginning of a turnip could be saved. Not one gooseberry caterpillar could be found, though before the bushes were stripped bare by them and even the green fly was greatly reduced, and the hens had the credit of it all.—Green's Fruit Grower.

Circular 129, just issued by the forest service, contains a discussion of the drain upon the forests and the resources and the duration of the timber supply. This publication will be sent free upon application to the forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

COMBINING POULTRY AND FRUIT GROWING.

It needs no argument to prove that the two distinct lines of fruit raising and keeping fit in together in a meritorious fashion. Such a combination is no longer an experiment, but the possibility is not all been realized. The shade in the poultry yard being supplied by fruit trees, and the special care being given to each branch of the coming at different times of season, it only remains to mine the way to bring about the best possible result.

The varieties of fruit trees should be selected that will find a ready sale in the market. Each section has some that thrive best in that section. A judicious choice one can be sure of good returns while the trees are once established. Poultry do especially well when helped by the continuous presence of the fruit trees, and by the wise choice of varieties, may be made exceedingly profitable. On account of their quick growth, plums, apricots, peaches and pears are much esteemed for planting in chicken runs. The plum curculio has a hard time of it with a crowd of vigorous fowls lying in wait for whatever of insect food may come the way.

It is in no means uncommon to find plum trees that never yield aught fruit to be of commercial value until chickens were allowed free access to the grounds which they grew. On this point the growing of plums in poultry yards meets with increasing favor, and it has been found that heavy plum trees are thus made possible.

The combination of fruit and poultry raising does not depend altogether on the train the yards themselves. It is a wider method combining public favor as its result, and appreciated. Small as it has been found, can be successfully raised with the help of the poultry than with the help of the fruit trees. It is not usually practical to grow the bushes in the yard chicken runs, but other arrangements can be made. One method of accomplishing this is under the writer's eye recently. A farmer, narrating his experience, said that he kept his in, expressed in board feet, reveals in their own yards a total of approximately 50 billion board feet.

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In the year just closed, leading stocks listed on the New York exchange shrank in market value to the amount of three and a quarter billion dollars. Coincidentally with this movement there appeared a powerful chastening of the taste for personal adornment. Persons who thought very highly of diamonds when U. P. was 183, discovered unexpectedly and irresistibly charms in tortoise shells and German silver when it got into the 80's. But long before that it was noted that diamonds were falling into disfavor, and that one might sit in the dining rooms of the very swellest hotels from breakfast time until after luncheon and not see more than a half a dozen gentlemen and a dozen ladies whose persons glittered powerfully with the most convenient and conspicuous of all insignia of wealth. Many more than this number had the price; but were restrained by a growing notion that diamonds were bad form.

We regret the notion, but such is fashion's law. By the time the man of the people learns to wear a two-carat solitaire shirt-stud without blinking and the plain woman gets acclimated to her sunburst, they discover that the beau monde looks down upon diamonds. —Saturday Evening Post.

COST OF COTTON PRODUCTION.

A man in Dallas, Texas, made a few days ago about as follows: "I've raised cotton, and the cost of production was not exceeding 5 cents a pound, and it is extortion for farmers to ask 15 cents."

This is not the word for word statement of the gentleman, but was the spirit and exact substance of what he said. He spoke in some bitterness, too, and was inclined, one would judge, from his manner and tone, to lay the blame of the panky times and hard times resulting therefrom upon the Union farmers who were holding their cotton. He thought they ought to sell for what they could get for the products of their fields and the gifts of mother earth in payment for the hard toil of themselves and their families. His business was at a standstill. All business was languishing, and the farmer should sacrifice himself and the dear ones of his heart and his home that business might pick up.

Now, this gentleman is not an unkind man, nor selfish, nor unjust. He was, and is yet, in ignorance of the facts in the case, and does not comprehend the fact that no interest or business can thrive, or even exist, as it ought to exist, and prosper, unless the farming classes are prosperous. He did not know then and does not know now, that this panic began in October last and just ending, was the deliberate, unscrupulous work of Eastern "captains of finance" for their own sinister purposes, utterly reckless as to what the effects might be on others so they prospered—a scheme, indeed, simply and purely for spoilation and to help along other ends they had in view for the further and continuous robbery of the people.

As to his estimate of the cost to produce cotton, let us look at that a little. He says he raised cotton at only a cost of 5 cents a pound. He did not do any such thing. At the time he farmed, some years ago he might have produced cotton at an outlay of cash of only 5 cents a pound, but that actual cash outlay did not represent the entire cost of production. His time was occupied in the management of the affairs of his farm. Was his time worth anything? His education and his skill were brought into full play and force in the preparation of his land, in the pitching of his crop, in its cultivation, in fighting and warding off crop enemies, in

THE NOBLE BRIDEGROOM.

Whatever advanced and eccentric sociologists may say in favor of such an arrangement for the vulgar, there is evidently no need of limited or probationary marriages where the bride is an American heiress and the groom a foreigner. There is evidently, in fact no need of any marriage of any sort or description whatsoever. The bride wishes a lordly designation and the niche in society to which it is the official tag. The groom wishes money. Both get their wish; but are so far bound by foolish traditions that they spend several miserable months trying to live together and are put to much cost and annoyance by the divorce which leaves each of them the essential consideration that prompted them to matrimony, but frees them from the galling conjugal relationship. In the latest international marriage which has come into the divorce court at this writing, a well meaning young woman might have been spared many harrowing days and a young man might have kept his follies to himself if titled and certified check had been sensibly exchanged at the altar, and the pair had then parted with mutual good wishes.—Saturday Evening Post.

gathering his crop, in preparing it for market, in marketing it. Is all this worth nothing? Is the wear and exhaustion of the body and mind and the worry and care incident upon the production of a crop worth nothing? Is the capital invested in a farm, in the teams and farming implements, in the feed stuffs for man and beast, needful in the year's work, worth nothing? Shall there be no interest on this investment added into the cost of production? All these things we have enumerated above enter into the expense account and cost bills in every other line of business under the sun, and why not into the business of farming, too?

Look back through the long, hard years since the war bugles ceased to sound in 1865, and the tramp of marching forces were no longer heard in the land; contemplate the fearful, awful struggle the cotton producers of the South have encountered and met bravely and say if the manhood, the culture, the refinement, the hopes and ambitions and ideals, the very lives of the Southern people, have not been absorbed in the production of cotton! And the womanhood and childhood of the South, too, for the United States census in its last report, chronicles the cruel fact that 80,000 Southern white women and their children have been forced to toil in the cotton fields, and why? Because the cotton planter has been robbed of his heritage, the product of his toil because of the unjust system under which he must market his crop.

Go to the Eastern cotton mills, go to the Southern cotton mills, go to the European cotton mills. See the polished spindles as they whirl drawing out the fleecy cotton staple into long strands of thread, into huge bundles of yarn, and in their very whirl you will hear the sighs of the Southern mothers as they chopped, plowed, or picked the locks, and the moans of the little girls and boys as they dragged along the heavy cotton sack. Look upon the trees. See how accurately, how wonderfully they weave the meshes of the yarns into cloth. In every mesh of yarn, in every yard of this cloth is woven the tears of Southern women and their heartaches and the injustice and wrong that greed and graft have heaped upon them. Shall not these things be charged up in the cost bill? Look at the young Southern farmer girls and young men, who, because they had to give the years of their childhood and youth to labor in the fields to ward off starvation, have grown up in ignorance without the blessings of an education and without the graces and beauty that education give, and answer if this should not be included in the expense account. Many and many a father and mother and the children have been forced to remain at home on Sundays from church or Sunday school because they had no clothes to wear, being deprived of the consolations and the training of religion. Will you say that this cannot enter into the cost of cotton production?

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The Farmers' Union has come to right these things; to extort that justice so long denied and to secure a just and honest price for farm products in a business-like, fair and honorable way. Read the following few words, taken from the report of a speech recently delivered to a cotton growers' association and ponder them:

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Yes, why should not the South demand something for the brains of the planters? We shall do so. That is why the Farmers' Union is a business organization that it may achieve its ends and purposes for the good of the farmers of the South and the West by business methods, and if we use modern farm implements in the production of our crops, there is no good sense in not using modern business methods to dispose of them. The Immortality of Right is our motto. —National Co-Operator.

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 A correspondent enclosed the trees with a temporary fence, put in a hen with chickens, and since then has had "bushels of delicious fruit, more indeed, indeed, than could mature. Subsequently others were planted in the poultry yard with results equally favorable. The jarring—to bring the destructive insects within reach of the fowls—is indispensable, and described as follows:
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A MORTGAGE STORY.

In the '70's, perhaps 1873 or 1874, there was a man whose name I will not mention, came to Coldwater, the town which I lived in, and presented himself to a merchant, and stated his case; that he had moved into the country and rented land from Major Busby, and wished to be credited for some supplies. Of course the merchant wished to know his chances to pay, so in response the renter stated that he had an old mare and a cow and a few simple plow tools. To this the merchant suggested that he give him a mortgage on his mare and cow and tools and crop and then he would let him have what he wanted. To this the renter made no reply, but dropped his head and walked off.

He went to another merchant with his request and met with about the same response and he acted likewise—hung his head and went still to another merchant with his request for credit, and met with the same fate.

But by this time his nerves had been worked up, his manhood was beginning to assert itself and he began to show what stuff he was made of. So he stood gazing for a moment in the face of the merchant, when he all at once broke loose with these words:

"I'll starve to death and go to hell before I'll do it!"

So he went home and went to work, lived on corn bread, butter and butter milk, worked out for other people some. His wife carried the little babe to the field and hid it under a bush in the fence corner and helped to work and gather the crop so he did not owe a dollar, only for rent, when he gathered his crop.

He moved away that winter to Arkansas, and I am informed that in about four years he was worth at least \$6000 and he said that the little lesson taught him how to make it.

Such nerve is to be admired, and is admired. This man's nerve was admired by the very men whom he asked for credit. Such nerve as this is what is necessary to win, and it will win, too.

I write this with the hope that it may stimulate some poor man to keep out of the clutches of a crop mortgage, for I tell you a man had just about as well starve to death, die and go to hell, as to allow himself to be degraded by placing himself at the mercy of unscrupulous men or what modern usage calls "business."

Very true, if I was selling goods, there are plenty of men I would not credit unless I believed I was made safe by some security, but if the man who wishes credit has a desire to build to himself an A1 reputation as a good, honorable citizen, he had better starve a while if he has it to do, rather than sign a crop mortgage for supplies.

This is a subject I have thought a great deal about, and have long ago made up my mind it was a curse to our country. It encourages falsehood, thieving and extortion, and these things lead to everything that is wrong by degrees.

So, Mr. Editor, keep punching them on this subject; you are doing good preaching.

I certainly hope the Union will hang together, for if they don't they will have to hang separately.

I talk for the Union every time I get a chance, and I'm sure I have done a great deal of good for it.

Your paper has got the right ring to it. Education should be the word. People act according to their education.—Co-Operator.

COTTON SEED MEAL FOR HOGS.

Make a mixture in bulk about one-third cotton seed meal and two-thirds corn chops, whole corn, wheat, bran, or shorts; mix with water to a thin mush in two vessels (an old barrel sawed in two is good) and leave to sour or ferment, which will take from 12 to forty-eight hours, according to the weather and other conditions; then feed from these alternately, using the contents of one, while that of the other is left to sour.

A good growing ration may be based on one pound of the dry

mixture per hundred pounds of live weight. For quick fattening this may be doubled, quadrupled or even more largely increased. Indeed the Texas experiment station fed as much as seven and a half pounds per day to hundred and fifty pound hogs, though this is extremely uneconomical, if not dangerous.

When ready to feed add fresh water to the feeding ration sufficient to bring to a thin slop, about the consistency of sweet milk and give the hogs all they will clean up.

All hogs eat it greedily and all thrive on it from the lordly head of the herd to the thinnest runtlet. But for "piggy" or sucking sows it is especially valuable, giving to the pigs both before and after farrowing a growth and vigor attainable with no other food on earth.

In an experience of over 25 years I have never seen a hog refuse to eat it, or injured by it. Indeed it is not only the best and cheapest feed on earth, but it is an effective prophylactic and hogs fed on it seem entirely immune to any of the common ills that hogs are heir to.

As to the feeding value of cotton seed meal compared with corn, chemical analysis, confirmed by years of practical tests answer this. A hundred pounds of corn contains from six to ten pounds of protein, of carbohydrates.

A hundred pounds of cotton seed meal contains from forty-five to fifty pounds of protein, from eight to twelve pounds of fat, and about twenty-five pounds of carbohydrates.

The Agricultural Experiment stations and the agricultural text books, all teach us these things.

First. To feed a balanced ration.

Second. That a balanced ration is one in which the three important feed elements, protein, fat and carbohydrates, are combined in such proportions as to meet the needs of the body in the best way at the lowest cost.

Third. That protein is the most valuable food constituent, supplying growth, muscle, bone and lean meat, and by it the value or all feed is measured.

Fourth. That fat in feeds supplies heat and energy and builds up fat in the body, but makes no muscle and flesh.

Fifth. That under the general term carbohydrates are classed the starch and sugars present in all feeds, forming the cheapest and most abundant feeding material and like fat giving heat and energy but making no flesh, bone or muscle.

Sixth. That a balanced ration for hogs should contain about one pound of protein to every 5 pounds of fat and carbohydrates.

Now, keeping these truisms in mind it is easy to see from the figures already given, that corn is seriously deficient in protein, is not properly balanced and is an expensive and insufficient ration when fed alone; that cotton seed meal in protein and fat combined is about five times, and in protein alone is about six times as valuable as corn and while too rich in protein with corn in the proportion of about two parts, corn and one part cotton seed meal, gives a ration which with ordinary grazing almost exactly fulfills the scientific requirements for a balanced hog feed, and of which the committee appointed by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association to report upon the feeding of cotton seed meal, after a thorough investigation say in their formal report, "is the most economical ration of which we have any record." When it is remembered that this is the solemn and deliberate verdict of a committee of expert and scientific swine breeders and feeders, these words ring with importance to the whole South. For they mean that in cotton seed meal, supplemented by her unquestionable climatic advantages and cheaper lands, than the Northwest, and this can but mean the ultimate transfer of the producing centre of the country from the Northwest to the South and an added wealth and productivity to our whole country.

TEXAS PEANUT INDUSTRY

Thousands of Acres Are Planted in This Crop

The lowly peanut is fast making its own. After having suffered the jibes and scorn of the world so long, it is now being treated to the dignity of a state. To speak of an off-cropper as a "peanut joke" has been to blanket him in contempt. But the peanut is no longer a symbol of derision. It is now a money-maker and the man raises it.

yields a good profit to the farmer from the fruit of his toil, cannot be held in low esteem.

Thousands of acres of land were given up to peanuts this year, and the profits have been so satisfactory that this acreage will be largely increased in the coming year. There are several peanut factories now in the state. We are informed that the factory at Terrell has, during the past season, shipped over 6000 to 8000 bushels per week. These figures serve to give one an ideal of the growing importance of the Texas peanut industry.

One of the strong points in connection with peanuts is that they thrive in soil that is too poor to grow any other crop. The sandy lands of East Texas can raise millions of bushels of peanuts, and add this wealth to the state.

The peanut is one of the richest seeds for animals that the farm can raise. It is far richer in protein—that valuable element that makes flesh and muscle—than either corn or oats, or any other of the staple farm crops. It is a better hog feed than corn.

Though the nut is the essential part of the crop, the vines make a hay that is considered the equal of clover for fattening stock. It is one of the farm products that yield rich crops below ground and above.

In addition to its food value the peanut is rich in oil, and is the equal of cotton seed, or even has more oil to the ton. The oil is just as good, too, and will make just as fine oleomargarine or silver leaf lard. The uses of the oil of peanuts are many, and it is bound to become a rival of cotton seed oil, though it will be a long time before a sufficient quantity of it is produced to supply the market. Again, there are no finer forage crops than peanuts. When the peanuts are about grown and the vines are still green and fresh let the vines be pulled up by the roots and cured into hay. The vines combined with the nuts that cling to them, make a forage richer than almost any other single crop. As regards food value the analysis shows that peanut kernels with an average of 29 per cent of protein, 40 per cent of fat and 14 per cent of carbohydrates, in the dry material, take a high rank, and should be classed with such concentrated foods as soda beans, cotton seed, etc.

The vines are slightly inferior to alfalfa hay. The food value of the hay is, of course, the higher the more nuts are left on the vines. The hulls also appear to have considerable value as a feed stuff, being much richer in valuable food constituents (protein, fat and carbohydrates), than cotton seed hulls, which are used extensively for feeding cattle, and are about equal to the poorer grades of hay. European countries the groundnuts are used to a considerable extent as a coarse fodder. Peanut meal, the ground residue after the oil extraction, is a valuable feeding stuff, highly appreciated and extensively used in European countries. It ranks with cotton seed meal, linseed meal, etc., and in some respects ahead of them.

As regards fertilizing constituents the analysis shows that the nut, like other leguminous plants, is rich in nitrogen and contains considerable amounts of phosphoric acid and potash. The kernels are rich in these constituents as the kernel of cotton seed, and the hulls are nearly as valuable a fertilizer as cowpeas.

There are few mills in Texas for the cleaning of peanuts. The highest rates to the mills in Virginia and North Carolina are prohibitive, higher than the rates from Japan and Spain. Therefore, under present rates, producing centre of the country is not profitable to grow in Texas and ship to the mills in those states for marketing. There should be some regulating of this matter so that the nuts may be shipped at a profit to the grower.

The Bain Peanut Company, of Wakefield, Va., writes that they may come to Texas to establish a mill unless there be some remedy for present high rates. Now, also, a mill for the extraction of peanut oil is being talked of for Seguin.

Like many other exclusively cultivated plants, the peanut has not been found in a truly wild state, and hence it is difficult to fix upon its habitat. So widely has it been cultivated in Eastern

countries that some botanists have attempted to trace its spread from China to Japan, thence through the East India islands to India, and thence to Africa, where in the seventeenth century it was extensively cultivated and had become such an article of native food that the slave dealers loaded their vessels with it, using it as food for their cargoes of human freight. But the weight of authority seems to be in favor of accepting it as a native of Brazil, thus adding the peanut to the other four plants of commercial value that America has contributed to the agricultural world, viz, cotton, corn, potatoes and tobacco. Though it may have been a native of the Western continent it early became a largely cultivated plant in the warmer portions of the Old World, occupying a distinct place in the agriculture of those countries before its merits were recognized in the land of origin.

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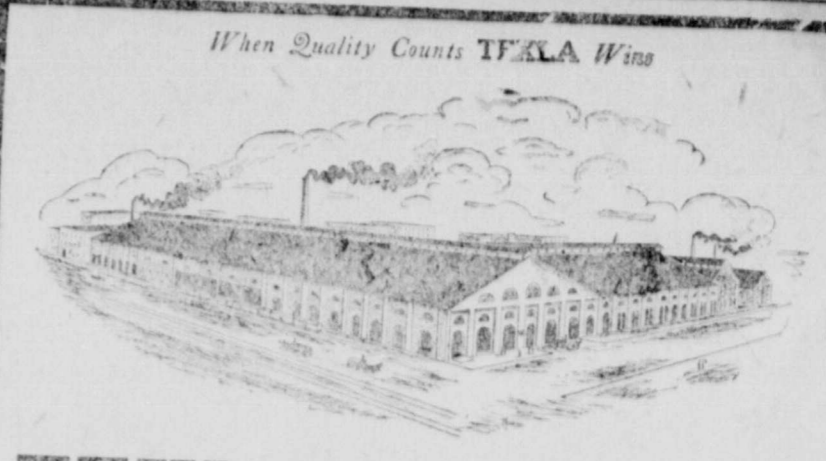
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THE BUILDERS

By Willis George Emerson
CHAPTER XXV.

THE THREE PATHS
Rufus G. Grim was not pleased with Fred Rockwell's policy of conducting the Prospector. A number of items had appeared in the columns of the paper which tended to vindicate Gideon Bibbons from all suspicion of any connection with the stage robbery, and Grim considered this an indirect thrust at himself. His money had made him a lion among the people of Gold Valley, but for some unaccountable reason he had been unable to secure the good opinion of Fred Rockwell.

The ambition of this self-made plutocrat was to represent the people of Idaho in Congress, and he felt it would never do to permit his own town paper to be prejudiced against him. Several times he had made overtures to Fred of a friendly nature, but had been invariably repulsed. On one occasion he had endeavored to curry favor with Fred, and told him patronizingly in his uncouth, pompous way, that he was very glad that such a scholarly gentleman had charge of the Prospector of Gold Valley.

But Fred was so unapproachable that it was quite plain, even to Grim, with his intense egotism, that he could not win over this self-contained young fellow who carried so pronounced a look of rugged honesty in his face. The rich miner was irritated at his own lack of words when in Fred's presence. With others he was as boastful as ever—bragging of his gold, and in his domineering way tried to subdue everything with which he came in contact. Those who knew his home life best said he was afraid of his wife. She was all the code of formality suggested, and Grim, in his way, honored her, while at the same time he feared her. It was whispered that he found more pleasure in his step-daughter's society than in that of his wife.

Helen, with her handsome face, appealing voice, and liping speech was too shrewd a woman not to humor her mother's whims of formality and to flatter the coarse vanity of her step-father, upon whose bounty she was dependent. She was a useful little woman, full of strategy and deceit, and hopelessly untruthful, but successfully hiding her artfulness under a soft, cooing voice, the most innocent of expressions and the sweetest of manners.

She was incapable of sincerely loving anyone excepting herself, but the admiration and adoration of men were as the breath of life to her. She did not love Fred Rockwell, but she exerted all her charms to make him love her, and she hated Ruth right cordially because Ruth won without trying while she tried without winning. Outwardly she courted Ruth, and never missed an opportunity of calling her "dear" and "darling" and of telling her how pretty she was.

Rufus Grim despised Arthur Boast with a hatred worthy of a better cause; hated him as a strong persistent man hates a vacillating weak one, and because he feared Helen Goodwin might become overfond of him.

Helen was far too clever to let Grim know of her affair with Arthur, and so successfully did she manage that while constantly meeting Arthur clandestinely, she flattered Grim into believing her the sweetest, truest and best woman in the world. His wife he respected, but Helen he secretly loved with every beat of his heart, and if there is any good in a man or woman, it develops when he cackles of the heart are warmed with honest affection.

In the early days of June, J. Arthur Boast returned permanently to Gold Valley, and at first paid a great deal of attention to Ruth, not as a lover, but rather as a friend of the family, and by every artifice known to his cunning endeavored to enlist her condolence, knowing that nothing so quickly gains a woman's interest as an appeal to her sympathies. He constantly assumed the attitude that no one was his friend, no one understood the depths of his nature, and it pleased him to hear Ruth say that she appreciated him and was sure she always would.

He said nothing derogatory of Fred's character, but never lost an opportunity to depreciate him, as if by so doing he could raise higher his own puny standard in her estimation.

Fred did not understand why Boast left Waterville, especially as it was rumored that a great boom

had begun in that place, but not long after Boast's return he received a note from him, requesting Fred to call at the hotel that evening. Boast said he was slightly indisposed and could not leave his room, otherwise he would call at the printing office.

It was after 8 o'clock at night when Fred rather reluctantly called. Fred expressed sympathy, but Boast failed to notice his remarks. At the hotel, and at once went to Boast's room. He found him resting on a lounge, but as painstakingly dressed as ever. He seemed weak and very pale and no longer spoke in his usual thin, piping voice, but in a quiet, subdued manner that at once interested Fred.

"I sent for you, Mr. Rockwell, because I am lonely, and wish to talk to you. I suppose you think me supremely selfish in this as in everything else, but I have been quite ill the last week."

"We are admonished to visit the sick," responded Fred, good-naturedly, and I am sure it is only natural that one who is not well should like some one to enliven him up a bit."

"It is very kind of you to come, I am sure," Boast went on. "I have worried a great deal about a certain misunderstanding that seems to exist between us." Fred replied that he knew of no particular misunderstanding.

"No," replied Boast. "Not an open one, but I feel that you have failed to comprehend me from the first, Mr. Rockwell, and perhaps, in a measure, I have done you an injustice and may not have interpreted your acts as I should. I do not know whether there is any relational philosophy in the circumstances that seem to environ my life or not."

"Every life, we are told," replied Fred, "is strewn with the broken fragments of day dreams, high resolves and unfulfilled promises. However, I presume we should mold circumstances rather than permit circumstances to mold us."

"That's it," said Boast. "The eternal trying to direct our destiny brings on an endless conflict, not only between men, but with one's self. I have almost made up my mind that it is quite impossible for a man to hew out his own fate. Now, as a matter of fact, I respect you, Mr. Rockwell, and have confidence in your ability, honesty and judgment. I think you are making a great success of the Prospector. I cannot tell you how much I respect myself, the reason for this confidence and respect, I also feel that you cordially dislike me, while on the other hand I have missed no chance of making uncharitable remarks concerning you. Why, I do not know."

Fred was surprised at this seeming sincerity and began to believe that possibly his scales had been faulty in weighing this man.

"I cannot help being pleased, in a way," he said, "by your frankness. I will admit that I never stopped to analyze my sentiments very closely, regarding yourself, but I will not deny that I have been unable to discover any special affinity between us. Perhaps this is unfair. If so, I can do no less than make proper amends."

"You speak as if you were willing to be my friend," said Boast. "Friends with me are very scarce. My highest ambition has ever been to win them; and yet it requires no words of mine to tell you I have made a miserable failure of it all. I would like to be Rufus Grim's friend, but he will not permit me. He does everything he can to influence my cousin, Helen Goodwin against me, but in this he is not succeeding. She is my friend, and so is Ruth Hilliard," said he with ambition. "By the way, I suppose you know that Mrs. Grim is very ill?"

"No," said Fred, "I had not heard of it."

"Yes, she has never been very strong and I understand her present sickness is of a very serious nature. She is many years older than her pompous lord and master and it would not be surprising to hear of her death at any time. Personally, I should regret it, not only on account of my relationship, but also on account of Helen. I dread to think what might happen if my aunt should die."

"You do not regard her illness as being as grave as that, do you?"

"The case looks serious," replied Boast, without removing his eyes from the cheerful fire and the red coals on the hearth. "I would like to go and see her, but I presume Rufus Grim would not allow me in the house."

"What I most desired to say," continued Boast, brightening up and putting aside the theme of his aunt's indisposition, "is this: I want you for my friend, and would like to be yours."

For a moment Fred was quite at a loss to know what to say, and made no reply. After a pause that threatened to become embarrassing he said: "I could certainly do no less, Mr. Boast, than to meet you halfway, I am sure, in such an ambition."

"Ambition!" said Boast. "A detestable word. I sometimes think ambition has been the cause of all my undoing. I have wanted wealth all my life, and have never succeeded to any great extent. I ought to be in Waterville now selling town lots. There's great activity down there. I have the inclination, but not the strength. You may not know it, but my health is seriously impaired. I seem to lack vitality."

"If a man has a clearly defined principle in life to follow, why can't he adhere to it?" he asked after a short silence.

"I think he can," replied Fred. "In my judgment no life has ever been a success unless a well defined rule of action—as to policy, no detail—is first laid out and they lived up to."

"Yes," replied Boast. "The rule of life is one thing, but working out the details, that is where the rub comes in. Women should have precepts to follow as well as men, perhaps they have, but they soon become a mess of piecemeal."

"Do you know," continued Boast, turning his eyes from burning coals of the grate, and lying coolly at Fred, "that times I have an idea of my Ruth Hilliard? I fully make up my mind to do so the other day, but the following morning, finishing my toilet, I changed my mind, and decided to marry my cousin, Helen Goodwin. If it were an open question with me whether a man is conferring any special favor upon a woman when he marries her."

Fred flushed at the mention of Ruth's name, and the vulgar presumption of Boast. He felt that Boast had drawn the thorn from his side as soon as he had thrust it into his flesh, and he remained silent a little while. Boast looked at him as if he expected a reply.

Finally looking up he said: "There are three things, Mr. Boast, for every life moment of indecision along the highway of its restful ways, where shady places, purring water flow is found in moment and serene. Across the passionate dunes, sand-dunes with some faithful friend and chum who gives only quid-pro-quo for civilities, extended—a happy day affair in the sun shine of warmest infatuation, but a sad disappointment in the dark and dreary days of sorrow. And still another path is that of selfish celliacy that carries us into regions of lonely discontent with the world's people and ourselves—a void, instead of hope, creeps into the soul, and we weep when none may see or know, for a green oasis and a lost opportunity."

"I wish I could believe your philosophy," replied Boast. "I go to sleep at night, filled with the most laudable ambitions, but awake on the next morning to pursue an entirely different course, and therein lies the conflict. I don't know, Mr. Rockwell, I am lonely."

Fred assured him he was but soon after Boast became silent as if the interview were over, as he was concerned and Fred to his leave.

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Staff Cor., Chicago Produce News.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 27.—Within the next 90 days the famous Texas onions will be on their way to the Northern markets. Up to the present time weather conditions have been ideal for the plants and the growers feel now that it is too late for any great accident to happen, though February is sometimes erratic and might this year bring a freeze, which would hurt the plants. They are fairly hardy and it will take weather or down to 20 to hurt them. Everything points to a good yield.

The record made by the Southern Texas Truck Growers' Association was so good last year that independent shippers are applying almost every day for a membership. One exception to this is T. C. Nye, of Laredo. He was a member of the association but sold his crop last year to the M. O. Coggins Co., at \$1.60 per hundred and Coggins made a nice speculation on them. Nye's two sons in Laredo were members of the association and they averaged 46 a crate better than the old man. The elder Nye thinks he has some grievance against the association and has resigned. He will likely sell his crop this year to Coggins if the price is right. Thus far this has not been done so far as publicly known. Nye will have at least 30 cars.

Sales Manager Campbell of the association is as busy as a bee getting everything in order for the beginning of the season. His records for last year are complete and the returns were so good that the members are delighted. While Mr. Campbell says he cannot hope for the good prices of last season he will be in better shape to handle the business. He has all his traffic arrangements completed, except to some points out in New York. The Southern Pacific people who do the hauling over the Morgan Line from Galveston, are not inclined to give the same through rates to certain eastern points as prevailed last year. The rate to New York is the same, but the Morgan Line claims it cannot protect the fluctuations which are made by some of the lines out of New York. Strange as it may seem the very rates which are raised, those to Boston, Providence, Portland and other points, all take a water rate and are in direct competition with the railroads. There is no inclination on the part of the roads which could haul the onions, all rail, to meet the competition to New York via Galveston. If the trunk lines would give the same rates, it would put the onions into New York quicker but not likely in any better condition. After the Morgan Line put in ventilators last season the onions carried in splendid condition. There were a few boats last season which were not ventilated. These will all be in condition to move the crop this year. From present appearances New York will likely get 500 cars of onions this season if the price is right.

Mr. Campbell has decided to market the onions about as he did last year, so far as New York is concerned. M. V. Tadlock, who was stationed there last year, will probably go back this season, about two weeks ahead of the first car. It is planned to have Mr. Tadlock act in the place of a broker, or rather make him a distributing agent. He will sell to the big houses in New York, in carlots, who will be protected by keeping the price of the stock consigned to John Nix & Co., at a price at which the jobbers sell. In this way a larger distribution will be made. Mills Bros., will handle Chicago the same as last year. It

is more than likely that Ed C. Dustin will be stationed at Kansas City to distribute from that point. It is not fully decided just what will be done with Cincinnati. G. A. Schley, who was at Chicago last year, and traveled over the district will likely be in a similar position this season with headquarters at St. Louis. It is now the intention to supply Cincinnati through St. Louis. There is nothing definite settled on this and many changes may occur before the onions reach the market. It is more than likely that G. W. Rowland will handle Buffalo as he did last season.

Harry Landa, of New Braunfels, who was elected President of the association, at the annual meeting, has notified the officers that he cannot serve as president. He is willing to be a director and that is all. Fred Warren is acting president until someone else is chosen, which will likely be done about the middle of February. Last year Harry Landa did not plant any onions, but is on deck this year. The acreage at New Braunfels and San Marcos is largely increased.

This year will see the greatest number of Bermuda onions on the markets in the history of the industry. Only a short time ago the trade depended entirely on the imported stock from Bermuda to get the early onions. Since Texas has made such a good showing, other sections are coming into production. There will be for distribution this year over 1,000,000 crates of the Bermudas, divided about as follows:

Bermuda	350,000 crates
Coahuila Valley	150,000 crates
Texas at least	500,000 crates

Only an estimate is made of Texas. The production is apt to be nearer 700,000 crates than 500,000. All this portends to lower prices. The Texas people expect eventually to wipe out all other early producers of onions. Even with the present freight rates a crate of Texas onions can be laid down in New York and sold for \$1.25 and make money for the growers. There is no end to the soil here, or in the vicinity of this place, which will produce good onions. The Texans are becoming better growers each year and now that the seed can be secured cheaper the grower can afford to plant more. The Southern Texas Truck Growers' Association is the largest in individual handler of onions in the world. With a record last year of 742 cars and a prospect of fully 1,000 cars this year, something of the immensity of the thing can be realized.

Since the return of Sales Manager Campbell from Tenerife, where he contracted for the seed for 1909, the members have largely oversubscribed the amount allotted. Mr. Campbell says he can only deliver 66 per cent of the crystal wax and 51 per cent of the white seed ordered by growers. The members have placed orders for 6,852 pounds of white seed and 4,139 pounds of crystal wax, nearly 11,000 pounds and so such amount was contracted for.

Mr. Campbell will promote the seed among all ordering and for the following year he will be able to get a larger supply if needed. It would be impossible for the man in Tenerife to furnish the seed ordered by the growers from the next planting. This will force some buying from the regular seed dealers. It will also give an opportunity to compare the relative values of the seed furnished by the Association and the regular dealers.

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Nashville, Sept. 6, 1907.
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Item: Rosin the bow on the wing.

Item: One screech loses contest, two loses his life.

Item: Barked wire strings bared.

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"Sugar in the gourd and I could not get out, and I had to roll the ground to get the sugar out. And I hollered all around, and the fiddle fairly roared. While I played a little tune called "Sugar in the Gourd."

I am not particular about the date—any time after my term in the Senate expires. I would resign and come home earlier but I am trying a new hair restorer which might sour in your climate. Thanking you very much and awaiting your acceptance. I am Melodiously yours, Rob't Taylor.

—Hallesville Herald.

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"What is it, Johnny?" asked the teacher.
"You should put the lady first," corrected Johnny.

As the new minister was on his way to evening service in the village he met a young man whom he was anxious to have become an active member of the congregation.

"Good evening, my young friend," he said, solemnly. "Do you ever attend a place of worship?"

"Yes, indeed, sir; regularly every Sunday night," replied the young man with a smile. "I'm on my way to see her now."

The organist was absent from prayer-meeting, and after some little delay a good old sister voluntarily raised the tune of the hymn "Laban," pitching her voice so high she could not reach the top. "My soul, be on thy guard, Ten thousand—," she screeched. Three times she struggled to reach the point, only to again come to a standstill at "Ten thousand—," when an old deacon arose up in the audience and shouted, "Sister, suppose we try it at five thousand and see if we can't get there."

W. J. Oliver, the lowest bidder for the construction of the Panama canal, said of a contract that a friend had lost:

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"Oh, Mabel," the youth moaned, burying his face in his hands after his rejection, "make it easier for me to bear, can't you dear?"
"Yes, Will," Mabel gently answered. "I snore terribly."

It was at an election meeting, and an excited voter shouted to the candidate, "Don't beat about the bush; answered my question, Yes or No."

The candidate replied, "But, my dear sir, the questions which cannot be answered 'Yes' or 'No.'"

The elector turned rudely with the single exclamation "Bosh!"
The candidate continued, "Very well, I will prove what I say. Now, sir, the question I will put to you is this: 'Have you left off beating your wife?'"

And the meeting shouted to the inquisitive elector: "Answer him 'Yes' or 'No!'"

There is an elderly business man of Cleveland, of whom friends tell a story amusingly illustrating his excessively methodical manner of conducting both his business and his domestic affairs, says Harper's Weekly.

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Mr Wentworth, who has charge of the Park says somebody's dog delights in wallowing over his flower beds at night, and he wishes the owner would keep it tied up. This has occurred several nights in succession and of course considerable damage has resulted. If this is your dog it would be a good idea to keep a chain on him at night, for every now and then some person takes a notion to scatter a few pieces of poisoned meat around and your dog might get it.

We printed this week for Ball Committee, 150 Ball Invitations; J. D. Motheral, 250 Envelopes; Simon Cotulla, 250 Envelope; W. R. Ryan & Son, Millett, 500 Note Heads, 500 Envelopes; Jas. Breeding, Encinal, 1000 Note Heads; Gilmer Hotel, 1000 Note Heads, 1000 Envelopes; J. H. Gilbert, 500 Milk Tickets; Geo. E. Tarver, 1000 Envelopes; County Clerk Geo. H. Knaggs, 500 Envelopes, 500 Letter Heads; Earnest & Earnest, 500 Letter Heads; T. R. Keek, 500 Envelopes, 500 Note Heads; Mexican Committee 500 Circulars.

The Optimistic Club is certainly doing some good work and much needed work at the Cemetery. The grounds have already been cleared of brush and much other good work done. The ladies have set a day, Feb. 12th, which they ask a representative of every family in Cotulla to bring an ordinary garden hoe out and finish up the good work. On this date all sunken graves will also be refilled and enclosures that have not been kept up repaired. Don't fail to help the ladies in this worthy move. If it is possible that you can't go yourself it will only cost you 75c to hire a good hand in your place.

D. J. Woodward was here first of the week and informed us that plans had been perfected for putting the Woodward Vichy Water on the market. Mr. Woodward thinks there is no question about this being the best mineral water in Texas and his company will spend several thousand dollars advertising and introducing it, after that, he says the water will do the rest. The water is being put up in 2 quart bottles which makes a nice looking package. It is handled in Cotulla by Gaddis' Pharmacy, but Mr. Woodward wants the people to know they are welcome to all they can use free of charge, if they will go to the well and get it. If you don't want to avoid your-elf of this opportunity Gaddis will sell you 2 quarts for 25c and give you 10c back for the bottle.

Roland A. Gouger now has control of the Blacksmith Shop on Front Street and has opened it up for business.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Figs, dates at S. Cotulla's.

Gaddis' Cold tablets cures colds.

J. R. Black was in town Wednesday.

Apples, oranges, bananas, and Lemons at S. Cotulla's.

Ira C. Jennings has returned to his Zapata county ranch.

Buy your feed for your horse and cow from Robbins & Sutton.

Valentines and postals at S. Cotulla's.

Try our ribbon-cane syrup. It's good. Geo. E. Tarver.

Tom Gardner was up from Laredo a few days ago.

Things are looking lovely on the onion farms.

All kind of nuts at S. Cotulla's.

YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED.

W. E. and Frank Rock have been hauling onion crates this week.

Robt. Hall was in town from the ranch one day this week.

Always sharp razors at the City Barber Shop. Bath any time you want one.

Easter postals at S. Cotulla's.

The bird season is now over so clean up your gun and put it away until next fall.

Mrs. M. G. Talbott, who was seriously sick first of the week has about recovered.

Your money will be refunded if Gaddis' Cold Tablets don't do the work.

J. G. Childress returned to Temple this week, after spending some time on his ranch here.

Daily Express and Saturday Evening Post at S. Cotulla's.

E. E. Critchfield has been out at C. F. Binkley's ranch enjoying life for a week.

E. P. Rasmussen, the genial ranchman from the upper waters of the Rio Nueces, is in town.

Valentines at S. Cotulla's.

Clean towels and sharp razors at the American Barber Shop. First class haircuts.

Just send your Job Printing to the Record office and we will give satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Elwell were in town yesterday to meet the Bolton party of excursionists.

The dry winter has been very hard on the trees and shrubbery set out about town.

Jno. R. Black returned yesterday from a business trip to San Antonio.

T. J. Alderman of Artesia was seen on our streets one day this week.

Col. W. A. H. Miller has been out at Carrizo Springs since Monday attending District Court.

Why don't you buy the best when you buy. S. Cotulla's is the place.

The Collector's office reports that collections for January were exceedingly good considering the stringent times.

Mrs. W. B. Guinn and Mrs. G. H. Knaggs both made nice donations of flowers to the Park this week.

Fresh Light Bread at S. Cotulla's.

Mrs. V. H. Harding and children left yesterday morning for San Antonio where they will spend a few weeks.

W. H. Robbins has begun operations for opening up an irrigated farm on the land he recently bought up the Nueces.

Mrs. J. B. Tomlinson is in the city visiting Mrs. J. B. Coleman.

Mrs. J. D. Motheral went up to Devine yesterday on a few days visit to relatives.

Dainty, artistic Valentines expressive of pretty sentiments. They are showing in great variety. Gaddis' Pharmacy

If you want to keep up with the National political news read the New York World, The Third week World and Cotulla Record \$1.75 per year.

D. L. Neeley has moved into his new residence in the Southwestern part of town. Mr. G. M. Neeley has moved into the dwelling vacated by Mr. Neeley.

Malcolm V. Bolton and a party about ten homeseekers were arrivals on yesterday's train from Cedar Rapids Iowa. They went out to the Arcadia lands.

Several of the farmers have been planting corn this week. This is a little earlier than usual, and there's no telling anything about the pranks of the weather man.

T. K. Hall and wife are in town from the ranch spending a few days. Mr. Hall's numerous friends will be glad to know that he is improving right along in health.

Bees For Sale—My entire Apiary of 180 colonies, and all fixtures; also my dairy. Will sell either one or both. If you are interested inquire for further information.

J. H. GILBERT, Cotulla, Tex.

W. E. Earnest of Millett was in town yesterday on his way to Artesia to spend a few days with his friend Chas. Juvenal. William has just recovered from a spell of fever.

In reporting a land sale last week from Kerr, Henrichson & Thomas to J. B. White of Mexico, Mo., a typographical error made the price read \$50 per acre, when it should have been \$30.

Goldtrap and Mills have finished transplanting on their Island Farm and got in about 70 acres. They had about 20 acres of sets to spare and sold them for good money. Most of them were bought by W. L. Hargus.

E. E. Scoggins returned Thursday night from Sabinal where he went to get his Jewelers tools, work-bench, etc. Mr. Scoggins expects to move his family here in a short while. He has been delayed in getting a dwelling.

News reached here this week of the death of Mrs. Ed Buckley at Eagle Pass. Mrs. Buckley had many friends in Cotulla who extremely regret to learn of her demise, and extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Your abstracts should be made by a man who is familiar with land titles. My Title Department is in the hands of a man who has had years of experience and my system is so perfect that a mistake is almost impossible.

Jno. M. Daniel.

L. P. Williams was down from Prairie View yesterday after a couple of wagon loads of onion sets which he secured from Goldtrap and Mills. Mr. Williams said he planted for six acres this season but his seed did not do well and he fell considerably short.

The last remnants of the old turn table was torn away this week. The track laid out to the table was removed, and now nothing remains but a little dump. The turn-table was a good ride for the town as far as appearances are concerned.

Myron E. Nickerson and son Mark Nickerson, who purchased half a section of river land down the Nueces last week, have let the contract for clearing 20 acres and work is now under good headway. They will be near neighbors to Mr. J. J. Werner, as their land adjoins his.

VALENTINES

There is no message of Friendship, Love, Goodwill or affection that cannot be conveyed in a Valentine from our stock.

We are noted for Valentines and our stock grows in importance. There is no let up in the interest shown for this pretty custom of sending a Valentine.

From our stock you may select anything costing from a cent to five dollars and you will get good value for your money no matter what you pay.

Come in and look over the stock. They are interesting.

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