

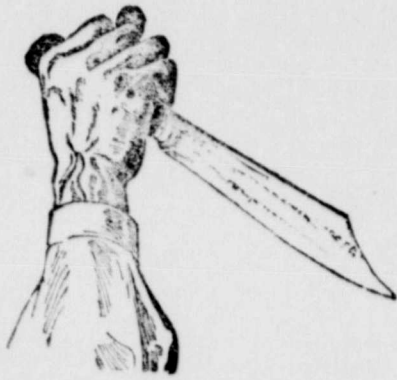
The Cotulla Record.

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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

\$1 IN ADVANCE

The Remnant Sale Has Been Making Things Lively this Week at K. BURWELL'S AND IT WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.



10 pr Lace Curtains, worth \$1 will be sold for 75c.
 7 pr Lace Curtains, worth \$1.50 will be sold for \$1.
 8 pr double window Lace Curtains, \$4, will go for \$3
 4 pr double window Curtains \$1.25 will go at 89c.
 6 pr Lace Curtains worth \$3 will be sold for \$2.50.



Bargains are to be had in all lines of Winter Goods. Marked down prices in Mens Underwear. Biggest kind of Bargains in Ladies Dress Goods, Trimmings, Fancy Articles, Laces and Embroideries. If you like to save money trade some with us next week.

K. BURWELL.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS APPROVED.

Accounts to Amount of Over \$4000.00 Ordered Paid—Bond Election Ordered in School Precinct No. 1.

The Commissioners' Court of La Salle county met in the first regular session of the year Monday.

The following business was transacted:

Jury of View composed of L. A. Kerr, T. R. Keek, R. A. Gouger and C. Herring, appointed to lay-out road from Seefeld's switch to intersect road running East reported. Col. W. A. H. Miller, representing Patrick Donnelly protested as the road would run diagonally through a section of land of Patrick Donnelly's, thereby cutting it into two triangular shapes which would damage the property greatly. After an argument of two hours the Court adopted the report. Col. Miller claimed the proceedings for laying out the road were not legal, and gave notice of appeal to the District Court.

The County Judge was ordered to ascertain amount of C. B. Burwell's land taken up by down the river road and allow him \$50 per acre for same.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., blank books, etc. from Feb. 1904 to date. \$ 361.15
 T. R. Keek, lumber for bridges 152.00
 J. S. Petty, sanitary work 20.00
 Jessie Bragg, hauling grass for Court House yard. 7.00
 W. H. Sylvester, surveying 11.81
 Green, Coleman & Co., cash and medicine for pauper. 17.00
 Dr. Langford, for attending Mexican shot in foot at Encinal. 100.00
 Dr. J. D. Motheral, operation on

Mexican at Encinal shot in foot. 100.00
 W. H. Wentworth, 3 months salary. 60.00
 Livery Stable, team for Jury of View. 4.00
 J. G. Moore, coffin and burying pauper at Millett. 6.00
 Cotulla Record, publishing notices and stationery. 50.85
 Artesia Mer. Co., lumber for culvert. 11.85
 W. H. Wentworth, for hackberry trees and shrubbery. 11.35
 L. F. Seed, work on Court House building. 53.00
 Green, Coleman & Co., road work and provisions furnished road hands. 88.03
 Green, Coleman & Co., road work and provisions for road hand. 156.32
 T. R. Keek, lumber for Nueces bridge. 460.21
 M. Gutierrez, grubbing out road down the river. 225.75
 A. Guinn, repairing Nueces bridge. 202.35
 Wm. Payson, road grader. 316.50
 W. H. Sylvester, surveying 146.05
 Candado Charco, road work 91.36
 A. H. Miller, road work. 12.75
 Jno. Winslow, road work. 137.64
 Candado Charco, road work 106.00
 West & Evetts, work on road from Cotulla to Irvin Ranch 1001.70
 W. H. Sylvester, surveying 101.07
 Jas. Hicks, repairing windmill 1.50
 S. Cotulla, interpreter. 4.00
 S. J. Jordan, road supervision one year. 30.00
 J. W. Baylor, road supervisor one year. 30.00
 J. J. Irvin, road supervisor one year. 30.00
 F. D. McMahan, road supervisor one year. 30.00
 W. T. Hill, salary jail guard and sheriff four months. 260.00
 W. T. Hill, official postage. 1.50
 W. T. Hill, feeding prisoners 3 months. 68.25
 Petition signed by W. F. Jay and about 20 others was presented asking that a road from the Jay neighborhood to Artesia be opened up. As no notices had been posted as required by law the petition

was passed up until loose land was located. In addition he will attend to grounds at a salary of \$30 per month.

BUTCHER REPORTS.

Butcher report of Geo. Copp, Ed Oliver, Dave Murray, W. L. Shillings, and A. Maldonado, approved.

ROAD OVERSEERS APPOINTED.

Prec. No. 1, Jas. Hicks.
 " " 2, J. A. Hamilton.
 " " 3, W. H. Johns.
 " " 6, W. H. Goldtrap.
 " " 7, C. T. Putnam.
 " " 8, Chester Smith.
 " " 9, Matt Russell.

Petition of tax payers of School Precinct No. 1, presented asking for bond election. Election ordered for April 18th, and L. A.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

OFFICERS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.

The following were appointed officers for the general election in November.
 Cotulla—L. A. Kerr, G. W. Henrichson, T. R. Keek and T. H. Poole.
 Millett—D. W. McKey, M. S. Garvin.
 Dulls Ranch—J. P. Bennett, R. C. Sutton.
 Encinal—Jas. Bredling, G. A. Welhausen, G. M. Berry and J. W. McMulin.
 Artesia—J. M. Ramsey, John Robuek.

TAX RATE THE SAME.
 It was concluded that the same valuations on land and cattle be recommended to the Assessor as last year, and the tax rate was fixed the same as heretofore.

RECESS UNTIL 20TH.

The Court took a recess until Thursday, 20th, inst., at which time they will reconvene to approve the reports of the Collector and Treasurer.

BIG LAND DEAL HAS BEEN CLOSED.

23,000 ACRES NEAR COTULLA SELLS FOR \$253,000.00.

Northern Parties Are Purchasers and Expect to Colonize Tract.

23,000 acres of land beginning within two and a half miles East of Cotulla, and known as the Altitto pasture was sold this week to Northern syndicate for \$11.00 per acre, aggregating \$253,000.00. The purchasers propose to colonize the tract.

This land was owned by Harry Landa of New Braunfels, M. L. Oppenheimer and Adams, Kirkpatrick Co., of San Antonio and Jno. M. Daniel of Cotulla.

Mr. R. O. Gouger and Miss Dorothy Reed were among the passengers that went to San Antonio this morning to see "Ben Hur."

Messrs. E. P. Rasmussen and V. H. Harding returned this morning from a ten days trip into Mexico.

Mrs. W. A. H. Miller and Misses Daisy Carr, Pearl Werner and Bee Thomas went up to the Alamo City to see "Ben Hur" played to-night.

Earnest & Earnest sold 30 acres of land belonging to L. F. Seed at Millett this week to Mr. Ketchum of Washington, Ind. The price was \$35 per acre.

Mrs. Judge Copp gave a cart load of fine Oleanders for the public improvements of our little city. Mrs. W. A. H. Miller ordered 2 large bunches of Pampas Grass for the Optimistic Club grounds and 4 beautiful Pyramidal Cypress for the Cemetery. It has been arranged with those who have trees and shrubbery planted at the Cemetery, that each bear the expense of having a barrel of water hauled there by the Mexican water carts each week, until we have a good rain, for the watering of all trees planted. The Ladies are negotiating for a well, windmill and tank to supply water for the entire grounds, a plan for a proper arrangements of the grounds, drive-way, walks, trees and shrubbery.

Delayed Paper Shipment.

On account of a delay in a shipment of paper the Record appears this week only half its regular size.

Will Grade Road.

Jno. R. Black will set an example for good roads in La Salle county by grading the public road through his pasture at his own expense. Mr. Black made the proposition to the Commissioners that if they would furnish him the grader he would foot the bill for the expense of running it and his proposition was accepted.

Social Meeting.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will hold a social session at the residence of Mrs. Bareley, Monday 17th., at 4 p. m. all Baptist ladies invited to come and bring scissors and thimble. Mrs. W. A. H. Miller, Pres.

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.

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Announcement

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

Good February rains signify good crop years.

Numerous county candidates are lining up in Frio.

Southwest Texas has been shipping out some good steers to the Northern markets.

Homesteaders from the North to Southwest Texas are on the increase.

Southwest Texas has been having an unusual amount of cloudy weather the past week.

La Salle has corn up and growing. How does that sound to the ice-bound farmer of the North?

Land auctions in La Salle county were placed at the same figures by the Commissioners Court as last year.

The editor of the Crystal City Chronicle is filling his paper with sparkling news from that section of the Southwest Texas.

Get in line and do your part for greater Cotulla. The town is going to continue growing. If you push right hard it will grow faster.

Here's for Davidson for Attorney General. He has made the best Attorney General Texas has had for many a day, and that's why the grafters want him ousted. The people of Texas are going to keep him where he is.

One of the biggest land deals that has been consummated in Southwest Texas for many months was closed this week. The tract sold lies within three miles of Cotulla and the aggregate amount of the deal was over a quarter of a million dollars.

Mills and factories that were closed a few months ago, on account of the panic are reopening right along, which indicates that conditions are gradually growing better. It was not expected that things would loosen up as quick as they tightened.

Count Boni de Castellane, Anna Gould's divorced husband, was found guilty in the correctional court of New York the other day of assault and battery on his cousin Prince Helle de Sagan. The prince was awarded twenty cents damages, and Boni promptly paid the judgment.

Heavy rains fell over a great part of Texas this week. The Southwestern portion received a slow fall that put a good season in the ground in most places, but no stock water was put out. The rains will be of great benefit to farmers and also the range. A little later in the season heavy rains come to put out plenty of stock water.

A Year's Progress on the Panama Canal.

The progress of work during the year 1907 on the Panama Canal was such as to confirm the recent estimate of Secretary Taft and Colonel Goethals, that this great work will be finished in six years' time. During the past twelve months there was excavated along the line of the canal a total of 16,764,095 cubic yards. Of this amount, about 11,000,000 cubic yards was removed by steam shovels, and over 4,800,000 cubic yards by dredges. The greatest results, of course, were shown in the Culebra division, from which alone over 9,000,000 cubic yards was taken out. According to figures published in the Canal Record, when the work was taken over by the Americans from the French in May, 1904, it was estimated that 57,000,000 cubic yards would have to be removed from the canal prism in the Culebra division alone. At the close of last year, of that total amount, 12,800,000 cubic yards had been excavated, leaving 44,800,000 cubic yards still to be removed. If the present rate of progress can be kept up, this work should be completed in less than five years. The grand total of all excavation, dry and wet, inside and outside the canal prism, completed since we took control, is 22,758,291 cubic yards, and practically the whole of this has been done since January 1, 1906, when the real work of excavation began. The total work of excavation done by the French during their ten years of active operation was 81,548,000 cubic yards. The amount of excavation in a given time has been steadily rising, and this is a most encouraging feature of the work. For the first time on record, the 2,000,000 cubic yard limit of monthly excavation was reached and, indeed, passed. This occurred in December of last year, when 2,200,539 cubic yards was removed. It now seems certain that the Culebra cut will not be the determining factor in the time of completion of the canal, but rather the vast and difficult work of building the Gatun dams and locks.—Scientific America.

The Fastest Warship Afloat.

The "Tartar," one of the five new 33 knot British destroyers, which had already in its preliminary trials broken the world's record for speed by attaining 35.352 knots on an Admiralty course, carried out its final speed trials in December, in the presence of various Admiralty officials. The vessels maintained the unprecedented speed of 35.363 knots throughout a continuous run of six hours duration, thus covering a total distance of about 212 knots during this period. Six runs over the measured Admiralty knot during the six hours run the mean speed proved to be 35.672 knots, and the best speed attained on any one run was 37.637 knots, thus creating still another record. This vessel, which was built by Messrs. John I Thornycroft & Co., is one of the first five high-speed ocean-going destroyers now being completed for the Admiralty, one of which the "Ghurka," was illustrated in the Scientific America of January 4.

The turbines of the "Tartar" are of the Parsons type, and steam is supplied by Thornycroft boilers using oil fuel. Of the other boats of this class, the "Cossack" on the six hours' run averaged 33.1 knots, the "Ghurka," 33.91 knots, and the "Mohawk," 35.29 knots. They are of 750 tons displacement and 17,000 contract horse-power. Great interest will attach to the trials of the destroyer "Swift," an 1,800-ton vessel, designed to make 36 knots.—Scientific America.

The weather man has been giving us Northeast and East winds all the week. Southwest Texas is glad to see this as it indicative of wet weather.

The Day of St. Valentine.

"Valentine: (1) A sweetheart chosen on St. Valentine's Day. (2) A letter containing professions of love or affection sent from one young person to another on St. Valentine's Day." So the dictionary put it, and for plain, concise, matter-of-fact explanation the dictionary is the place to look, but there is a great deal behind this simple statement of fact, curious and interesting. The origin of the observance and beliefs of St. Valentine's Day is matter of question, but several writers have called attention to a festival of ancient Rome which was held February, in honor of Pan and Juno, when the names of young women were drawn from a box, in much such manner as practiced for some time in England and Scotland. In the latter countries the names so drawn were accepted as the Valentine of the young men. It is quite possible that the selection of a sweetheart on the 14th of February was an outcome of the old pagan ceremony, and invested with the name of the saint in order that the heathen custom would be forgotten in the new festival sanctioned by the church. The fathers of the early church, instead of putting aside all the feasts of the pagan religion, adopted many of them with a few changes, and gave them their fatherly sanction, which was a very wise action on their part for it left nothing for the converted masses to regret and mourn for. In the time of Charles II. was the fashion for the chosen Valentine to give his sweetheart present, sometimes one which was very expensive, as is recorded in Pepy's Diary of that time. Shakespeare makes several references to the day, and the song that the poor mad maiden Ophelia sings in Hamlet begins:
Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day,
All in the morn'ng betime,
And I a maid of your window,
To be your Valentine.
It will be recalled

the Wyal, in The Fair Maid of Perth, made for his sweetheart, Catharine Glover, a gift of a small ruby cut into the form of a heart, and transfixed with a golden arrow, which he enclosed in a steel-link purse of the finest work, around which ran the inscription:
Love darts
Cleave hearts
Through mail shirts.

And then, when Catherine found him sleeping before her father's fire, tired with the battle he had fought in the morning beneath her window, she waked him with a kiss, thus signifying her choice of him as her Valentine. But the observation of the day are passing away in this age of progress. The conditions imposed by an advancing civilization make it impossible for the lovers to wait beneath the window of his lady-love, so that when she opens the lattice to admit the morning sun she will see her faithful Valentine keeping his tryst. And these little remembrances of impossible Cupids and duplex hearts and endearing rhymes, which not many years ago were anxiously looked for by the young lady upon St. Valentine's Day, where are they? One is almost compelled to believe that in this our present year of 1908 romance has fled entirely. But the poet still lives, and to him St. Valentine's Day is a never-failing source of inspiration. The themes suggested by that day appeal to him in all their beauty, and with him lies the power to call back those days of chivalry which appeal so to the youthful and romantic heart. Though the customs fade, the romance of young hearts is as fresh today as in those days of pagan Rome, and the lines at the close of the beautiful poem of the colonial times when John Alden courted the Puritan maiden Priscilla are as true today as they were two centuries ago:
"Old, and yet ever new and simple, and beautiful always,
Love immortal and young in the endless succession of lovers."
As to the good saint who

has so kindly given his name to these observances very little is known. Questions as to who he was and what he did naturally arise, but history has few details regarding him. Valentine was a bishop who suffered martyrdom in the third century, and his remains are preserved in the church of St. Praxedis at Rome where he died. And these few lines tell all that is known of him whose name is endeared to us by the observances of his day.—Sovereign Visitor.

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RIVERDALE NOTES.

Riverdale, Texas, Feb. 11.—We had a light rain here last night, in all about 1/4 of an inch. More would be appreciated very much. The river is running good and there is no lack for irrigation purposes. Onions are looking well and the average grower has a smile on his face that reaches from ear to ear.

The work on our new road is progressing slowly, but we are glad that it is so near completion. We can get to Cotulla over it and back and travel only 16 miles while we have to go 24 miles over the back road.

Now that we are going to have a road the community wants a school and there being about 30 children, we have been assured that the children will get the school.

It will not be necessary now for our younger people to send away for a preacher to tie the nuptial knot in the future, as we can boast of a preacher of our own. The Rev. Mr. Nickerson, a Methodist minister from Boston, Mass., has settled at Moore Lake and has commenced clearing up a farm just 2 miles up the river from Riverdale Farm.

Mr. T. R. Poole is opening up quite a farm on his lower section.

More than three weeks ago Mrs. Green with her five children, Frank Berry, Ham Russell and the driver left Cotulla one morning on a wagon with about 10000 pounds of freight for this place, and when 3 or 4 miles from town her little 4 year old boy fell out of the wagon and the hind wheel passed over his body. The road where he fell was too hard for the wagon to make a track and the child was picked up seemingly lifeless. The mother had the child treated at once with Christian Science. Today his cheeks are rosy and he seems perfectly well, the neighbors have watched the case with no little interest. Several Christian Science services have been requested and held at John Yarbrough's home this winter, at several different times.

That "Mulhatan" deer story you copied last week was quite amusing to some old deer hunters here, and some wagers have been offered that its equal cannot be produced in the next five years.

Mr. Luther Tucker and wife visited here last week.

Miss Sallie Rock is visiting in Cotulla this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders of Ill., visited the W. E. Rock family last week.

W. A. Kerr took a look at the onion farms here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnam of Iowa were at the Rock Farm a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Black of the Iowa Colony were pleasant callers at W. E. Rock's last week.

We have been assured that in the near future we will have a Postoffice, and what other good things will come our way, we don't know nor we hardly know what to expect, but we are expecting largely with our increasing neighborhood. We would not be surprised at some engineer ringing the bell and a conductor yelling all aboard for Riverdale.

BILLY SELDOM.

The Woodmen of the World now have over 400,000 members, nearly six million dollars in the emergency fund, and their last report shows a million on hand for immediate delivery.

There was a sudden termination of the drizzle spell of last week by a severe west wind and drenching rain Saturday evening. The rain lasted only a few minutes and amounted to half an inch.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Langford of Encinal was in the city on business Tuesday.

G. W. Chapman has moved his family here from Artesia.

Joe Robbins is having a well drilled on his place on East Heights.

Quite a number of people have tusseling with the grip the past week.

J. M. Dobie was in town the early part of the week on his way to San Antonio.

M. L. Dunlap went up to Moore last week to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Gates went up to Pearsall Saturday returning Monday.

Cotulla needs a first class dentist. For a first class man there is a good opening here.

Wanted—500 feet 2 inch black pipe, second hand, but threads must be good. J. M. DOBIE, Cotulla, Texas.

Sam J. Jordan, Commissioner of Encinal present was here this week attending the regular session of Court.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones returned from Pearsall Tuesday. Mr. Jones has finished up the painting contracts he had there.

Misses Nannie and Meka Graves and Frank Held were down from Millett Saturday night to attend the Skating Rink.

J. W. Buckow was in town a few days ago from the Artesia country. Mr. Buckow said his onion crop was looking well.

Col. W. A. H. Miller returned Saturday lass from Carrizo Springs. He said the spring term of District Court did not amount to much in Dimmit.

J. H. Gates was down from Pearsall this week where has a residence for Wm. Tognibulson under construction. He said the rains had put a good season in the ground in Frio.

Jourd J. Irvin, who represents Present No. 4 was in town the greater part of the week attending the spring term of Commissioners Court. Jourd says he expects to move his family to town in the near future.

Roy Campbell, who has been in San Antonio for the past two or three months working at the carpenter's trade has returned home. He says the financial situation has had quite an effect in building, and there are now three carpenters for every job in that city.

L. F. Seed has finished his contract on the Court House of making the building bat proff. The bats were about to take the building and the Commissioners employed Mr. Seed to stop up all crevices so they could find no hiding places. He seems to have made a good job of it.

J. W. Baylor, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3 came up Monday to attend the regular session of Commissioners Court. Jack says rain is needed very badly in that section of the county and they have lost a good many cattle in bog holes. However, he says these places have about all dried up now and he does not expect any more losses.

Henry T. Phelps, architect, of San Antonio, was here Monday to inspect the Court House at the request of the Commissioners Court. The roof has pushed out the West wall and the Court thought it advisable to have the building examined at once. Mr. Phelps recommended that the joists be streightened and the roof raised where it is sagged, and the wall be pulled back in place by putting iron rods through the building. He said the building was in good condition otherwise.

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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.

For Sale—1 dozen plymothrock hens. C. B. Burwell.

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

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"When I was coming home last night," said Miss Skeery, "I saw a man skulking along in the shadow. Oh, how I ran!"
"An' couldn't you catch him?"
"I required her little brother, innocently."

"I think it is really going to un-der extremes when Mabel gets me on the telephone just to give me a holding."

"hy so?"
"Because she calls me up only to call me down."

Naturally—"Well, well," said Uncle John, "and so you go to school, now?"
"Yes, sir," said Willie.
"And what part of the exercises do you like best?"
"By the exercise we get at school."

"Suppose you think you could run the government better than we do," said the statesman.
"I do," answered the energetic citizen.

"And I do not doubt you are happy and hopeful in that belief?"
"I am."
"It is a beautiful state of mind. It would be a pity to destroy it by allowing you to be elected to office."

Jimmy had his week points, as an example of the result of modern educational methods, but his brain was of excellent quality.

When the teacher looked at him and inquired, coldly, "What is a synonym, James?" he was ready with his answer.
"It's a word that you can use when you don't know how to spell the one you thought of first," he replied, cheerfully.

In Philadelphia is a small girl, who, until recently, was the only child in the family. The arrival of a baby brother was regarded by her as something of an intrusion, and her parents endeavored in every way to cultivate in her an affection for it. Wishing to ascertain how successful their efforts had been in this regard her father one day said:

"Many, a man came into my office today and said that he would give me a big boxful of money, enough to buy all the candy and toys in the city, if I would sell him little baby brother. That is a great deal for such a little fellow. Shall I sell him?"

An eager assent trembled on the little girl's tongue, but she hesitated, and a shrewd look came into her eyes.

"No, don't papa," she said, "I'll try to stand it."

"Oh, you are commencing to love baby, then?" the father said, delightedly.
"Huh! No, I ain't!" was the reply. "If you can get so much for him now, I guess you could get twice as much when he's grown bigger!"

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Good meal 35c at Martin's.
 Postal cards at S. Cotulla's.
 C. E. Manly went up to San Antonio Thursday.
 Buy your fruits, candies and cigars at S. Cotulla's.
 Jim Shull and Bud Moore were down from Millett yesterday.
 JONES will paint your house and save you money.
 The Commissioners took a recess yesterday until next Thursday.
 F. D. McMahon went down to Artesia Wednesday.
 Miss Susie Burris was in town this week from the ranch.
 You always get a good shave at the American Barber Shop.
YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED.
 Orville Carr will call and get your laundry for the White Star.
 See JONES wall paper samples the latest designs out.
 I. C. Hamilton was down from Millett one day during the week.
 Little Kerner Rogers is quite sick with fever.
 When in town don't forget Martin's Restaurant. Best meals in town.
 A strong norther blew up Thursday night and continued through yesterday.
 W. H. Wentworth went up to San Antonio last night to see Ben-Hur.
 Rev. Doggett of Austin lectured at the Presbyterian Church last night.
 Judge Frank B. Earnest made a flying trip up to Millett Wednesday.

Miss Robuek of Artesia was in Cotulla yesterday.
 Henry Huff of Laredo spent a few days here this week with his mother, Mrs. M. T. Dunham.
 The swellest line of 1908 Wall Paper samples on the market at JONES.
 Eugene Irvin came in yesterday and took last night's train for San Antonio.
For Sale—Some good second hand furniture. Mrs. F. MARTIN, at Martin's Restaurant.
 Tom Moore, a prominent stockman of Encinal was in our city during the week.
 If you think of painting your house this spring don't fail to figure with JONES.
 E. A. Keek, one of our prominent onion growers, made a business trip up to the thriving town of Milet Wednesday.
 Mrs. Harry Knotts and little son who have been here for some time visiting relatives, has returned to San Antonio.
 Roland A. Gouger, the hardware merchant, went up to the Alamo City Thursday to see "Ben-Hur."
 Whit Neal came up from Laredo yesterday morning to attend the Valentine Ball at the Skating Rink last night.
 Mr. Ketchum and wife of Washington, Ind., were here this week with the view of locating in this section.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gaddis and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motheral went up to San Antonio this morning to see "Ben-Hur" played tonight.
 Rev. Campbell Presbyterian minister of Laredo was here this week and preached several sermons to his Mexican congregation.

Wm. Peyson of San Antonio was here this week and closed a deal with the County Commissioners for a road grader.
 Mrs. M. T. Dunham, who has been at Laredo for the past two months visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. V. Edwards, returned home Monday morning.
 W. E. Campbell reports that he expects to bring in an artesian well on the Lane Ranch within a short time. He says he has gone through exactly the same stratas of soil as in the Burns well.
 Capt. B. D. Linsey came down from San Antonio yesterday on a short business trip. He has formally announced as a democratic candidate for the office of Sheriff of Bexar county.
 The cedar trees that were planted in the Court House yard, are beginning to green up nicely, and it looks as if nearly all of them will live in spite of the unfavorable weather they have had to get started.
Cold in the North.
 Mr. W. H. Ross, who with his family is spending the winter here, has received some letters and papers from his home. Ingersoll Can., which tells of fearful winter weather in the Dominion. The spell has been on for three weeks or more and there seems no let up to it. Roger Miller, in a letter to Mr. Ross says all trains are from 10 to 20 hours late and some are abandoned altogether. In an Ingersoll paper received this week the statement is made that the losses and cost of work will aggregate a million dollars on one or two of the principal railways entering Ingersoll. Several photographs are printed showing entire trains blockaded in the snow and ice, with just the top of the locomotive and cars sticking out. Mr. Ross says he is glad to be in Cotulla today basking in the sunshine.

A Tent Meeting.
 Bro. Price, the Missionary evangelist of Rio Grande Baptist Association will begin a tent meeting in Cotulla March 6th. A good gospel singer will lead the music. Everybody invited to come and get good and do good.
 A. BARCLAY, Pastor.
Cold Wave.
 A cold wave struck this section Thursday night and the temperature lowered almost to the freezing point last night. Reports from North Texas and the Panhandle country indicate severe weather, and for the next two or three nights we may expect the mercury to hover around the freezing point.
T. J. Buckley in Kansas City.
 The far South Texas country was represented at the quarantine yards yesterday by T. J. Buckley of Encinal, one of the old time ranchmen of La Salle county. According to Mr. Buckley, who is an authority on cattle matters in that country, about the usual number of cattle are left there. And he states that they are doing well, and have had sufficient feed to bring them through the winter. "But we are short on feed cattle," said Mr. Buckley. "Last winter I fed 600 steers. This winter I had just 300 on feed, and here is the last of them on the market now. Feed was too high, and steers were scarce, and high prices also. Our country looks all right, and we are expecting our regular spring rains before long to put the grass in shape. As a rule the rains set in along the latter half of this month, and continue over into March, and sometimes April. In that part of the state no farming is attempted. In some places truck farmers are raising early vegetables under irrigation. It is a very profitable business."—Kansas City Telegram.

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The ladies of the Optimistic Club wish to thank those who contributed so generously in their effort on Wednesday last, to clean up the Cemetery grounds. Two of the committee appointed were on the grounds superintending the work, that no grave be neglected no matter what the conditions were, all were carefully re-mounded, cleaned of obnoxious weeds, and refilled when sunken. Those at a distance, who are unable to care and attend to the grass of their loved ones, may rest assured the noble women who have undertaken this work will care for each grave without partiality. There was some one to mourn and grieve for each mound there. When important work called your reporter away at 5 o'clock p. m., two of the ladies were busy with hoes, one mounding up an unmarked grave, the other, wielding a hoe almost as heavy as herself cutting away the weeds and burr grass from another unmarked grave. About half the grounds is now in good condition, and one may see at a glance the great need of completing the work.

Notes from Artesia.

The I. S. A. Club held its fortnightly meeting Friday night the 7th, to give its members the opportunity to attend religious service announced to be held on Saturday night by the Baptists, which did not occur. The Club meeting was one of the best every way. Selections were read by Mrs. Lee Henrichson and Mrs. G. H. Eddy, an instrumental solo by Mr. C. Price. A recitation, composed by his mother, a Burlesque on "Woman's Suffrage" by Mr. Putman. A quartette with piano accompaniment, Mr. Wm. Earnest of Millett, Mrs. C. Price, Miss Williamson and Mr. Juvenal of Artesia, and a debate on the question of "Womens Suffrage." Judges gave their decision in favor of affirmative. Several new members were added. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. John Protheroe Feb. 22nd.

Recent rains, though light improved the appearance of vegetation.

Except for the ravages of the cutworm onions are doing well.

Corn, melons, etc., are being planted.

Newt Ramsey has shipped quite a quantity of lettuce.

Mr. Hill Sr., received a severe injury by a kick from a horse he was driving. Though painful, it is not regarded as serious but will keep him from work for a few days.

Since last reported it has come to our knowledge that two, a brother and sister of the Bonner family were recently married. The former to Mrs. Laura Turner of Cotulla, the latter to Mr. Roebuck of this place.

The Railroad Company are transforming a freight car into a dwelling for their Agent to live in. It is placed upon an extra siding close to the depot. A neat cottage instead would have been suitable and appreciated by town people as a permanent improvement. They naturally feel that it is due.

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