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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY

WILL ASK FOR \$50,000 A YEAR

ADJUTANT GENERAL NEWTON WANTS APPROPRIATION INCREASE FOR RANGERS.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 15.—Adj. Gen. J. O. Newton will ask the ensuing Legislature to increase the appropriation for the maintenance of the State Ranger force at least 100 per cent. He believes that that department of the State's police force is being prevented from accomplishing even greater achievements than it does because of the meager appropriation upon which the Legislature expects it to flourish and fatten. The present appropriation is \$25,000 a year. General Newton will ask for \$50,000, and says that its donation to this purpose is absolutely imperative.

If the Legislature would manifest the generosity for which it will be importuned the ranger force of thirty odd men can be increased to at least fifty and the pay of the sergeants and privates raised from \$60 to \$75 and from \$40 to \$50 or \$60 respectively. Strange to relate, each ranger captain has a waiting list almost as large as his company, although the pecuniary offerings must be very limited, indeed. It is therefore purely the life and career of the ranger that induces applications for membership in the force. It is neither disputed nor complained of that the ranger force loses good men because the populace of the State is unable to pay them peace officers, Sheriffs, deputies or others, at a vast increase in salary.

The small ranger force that is now at the command of the State, declares General Newton, is altogether vastly inadequate. Rangers are called on to do thousands of things in their line of duty that are never disclosed to the public. In fact, the Adjutant General says, that their chief value to the State is largely their quiet and unostentatious manner of accomplishing dangerous missions.

Another very important recommendation of General Newton's report will be for an appropriation of \$20,000 for armory rents of the militia. The present appropriation is \$5000. General desires to quadruple it. Under the present system each organization draws between \$8 and \$10 a month for armory rent. As the guard is continuously growing larger it is not probable that the pro rata will ascend in harmony with the increased appropriation, but each organization will receive between \$15 and \$20.

COTULLA MAN GETS APPOINTMENT

M. T. DAVIS, SR., IS NOW INSPECTOR FOR CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION.

Last Saturday a delegation of the Executive Committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association met in San Antonio and appointed M. T. Davis Sr., of Cotulla Association Inspector for this territory. T. H. Poole who has been Inspector for several years resigned to make the race for Sheriff.

There were a number of applicants for the position but the contest finally settled down between Mr. Davis and Mr. W. N. Young of Bessie. Both had strong endorsements.

In the appointment of Mr. Davis, the Association could have selected no better man to protect their interests. He is thoroughly qualified for the position in every way.

DISTRICT COURT HAS ADJOURNED.

VERY LITTLE BUSINESS TRANSACTED—FIVE INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

District Court adjourned Thursday morning after a three days session. Very little business was done. A few minor cases were disposed of, and a number continued. It was probably the session of court in the history of La Salle county that not a single jury case was tried. The four alleged pickpockets, Long, Lee, Sommers and Bloom, who were brought here on change of venue were not tried on account of important witnesses being absent. Their cases were continued until next term.

The Grand Jury returned five bills of indictment, as follows:

Pablo Martinez, theft under \$50, and also for unlawfully carrying firearms.
Enrique Venegas, murder.
—, assault to murder.
—, theft under \$50.

GRAND JURY.

W. L. Hargus, Foreman; G. W. Henrichson, L. A. Kerr, T. R. Keck, A. G. Salmon, John T. Horton, John Roebuck, Jack Talbott, J. M. Williams, J. L. Hamilton, F. I. Rock and John P. Guina.

ARTESIA NOTES.

Artesia, Texas, Oct. 14.—To

best progress and prosperity.

Mr. Devilbis has his new house nearly enclosed.

The building of the new school house is being pushed.

Mr. Jennings has his house finished.

Prospectors from Asherton-to-be speak favorably of the prospects. They believe the proposed railroad will be built soon.

Mrs. Juvenal with her son Charles have moved from their farm to town, living at present in the house recently occupied by Mr. Hyland.

The baptizing of three children took place Sunday evening last. The ceremony was performed in the presence of quite a number of citizens by Rev. Mr. Barclay assisted by Mr. Gilstrap of Cotulla. McWhorter's tank was the place chosen. After the ceremony a preaching service was held at the house of Mr. Hill.

LOYAL AMERICANS GIVE BANQUET.

The order of the Loyal Americans of Cotulla gave a banquet last night in their Hall. The order has about 30 members here and as each member brought one or more guests, there were nearly seventy seated at the festive board.

The repast was fit for a king, and if occasions such as this are very numerous on the calendar of the order, it will be extremely pleasant to be a Loyal American.

The Hall was profusely decorated with Uncle Sam's flags and bunting.

Preaching Tomorrow Night.

Rev. T. G. Woolls will preach his last sermon tomorrow night at the Methodist church. This will complete four years work here. All are invited to attend.

The last two days have been very warm and likely a change in the weather will occur during the next twenty-four hours.

SCHOOL FUND GETS \$4,428.00.

PURCHASER OF SCHOOL LAND PAYS SECOND YEARS INTEREST.

H. L. Stewart purchaser of La Salle County's school land was here yesterday and paid the second year's interest on the principal, amounting to \$4,428.00.

Under the contract which Mr. Stewart purchased the land he is to pay this amount of interest for each year for fifteen years, before any of the principal can be paid. This sum makes a total of \$3,856.00 interest he has paid in since the purchase, nearly eight dollars for every school child in the county.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The two school basket ball teams played a match game Friday evening after school, being refereed by Rev. Mr. Cleveland and resulted in victory for the Reds on a score of 15 to 13. A game will be played with the town team next week perhaps.

Reds.
Pearl Landrum, Capt.
Nannie Peters, Goulsman.
Rose Earnest, Center.
Maude Lesterjette, Guard.
Lauretta Binkley, Guard.

Yellow.
Lucie Burwell, Capt.
Alma Coleman, Goulsman.
Addie Roberts, Center.

The school basket ball team will play the 2nd game with the town boys this evening.

Literary Societies were organized Friday evening in Prof. Taylor's room, and the other rooms combined into one in Miss Thomas' room. The following officers were elected in Prof. Taylor's room: Lauretta Binkley, Pres.; Mamie McHenry, Vice Pres.; Pearl Landrum, Sec.; Geo. Russell, Critic. The officers in Miss Bee's room were, Addie Roberts, Pres.; Maggie Boyd, Vice Pres.; Lucie Reed, Sec.; Charlie Tarver, Critic.

The first program will be rendered next Friday eve, Oct. 23, after the evening recess.

HONOR ROLL.

1st month, 9th grade, Ray Keck 87, Lea Daniel 86.
8th grade, Clint Haynie 90, Everette Coleman, 89.
7th grade, Lauretta Binkley, 93, Willie Copp, 88.
6th grade, Erma Davenport, 91, Addie Roberts, 90.
5th grade, Curney Rogers, 90, Vesta Franklin, 89.
High 4th grade, Pearl O'Brien, 92, Walter Manly, 91.
Low 4th grade, Hobson Wildenthal, 95, Lucie Reed, 91.
High 3rd grade, Roy O'Brien, 95, Willie Happle, 92.

Grades of pupils in High School Department.

9th grade, Ray Keck 87, Lea Daniel 86, Mamie McHenry 81, Ruth Taylor 73, Ida Earnest 64.
8th grade, Clint Haynie 90, Everette Coleman 89, Adele Wildenthal 87, Pearl Landrum 75, Alma Coleman, 83, Nora Childers, 89, Roy Guina 74.

7th grade, Lauretta Binkley 93, Willie Copp 88, Maud Lesterjette 86, George Russell 86, Maud Bell 85, Beatrice Burwell 85, Elizabeth Kerr 85, Herbert Coleman 85, Nannie Peters 83, Lucie Burwell 83, Margie Rogers 79, Lee Boyd 77, Georgia Jay 77, Alma Coleman 76, Miles Childers 74, Alma Knapp 69.

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York to San Francisco.
 There will be 483 electoral votes this year, and the winner must have 242 of them. This much, we are certain of, beyond is mere speculation. However, it is conceded by the Republicans that Bryan's chances are better this time than ever before.
 It is reasonably safe to say that Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming, with a total of 197 electoral votes will go Republican.
 It is also reasonably safe to say that Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia with a total of 140 electoral votes will go Democratic.
 With this practically certain basis to start from we have sixteen states with a total of 146 votes to speculate on. Of this number Taft must have 45 to win and Bryan must have 102.
 The states that are doubtful and in which bitter contests are being waged, are New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska and Nevada, of which the Kansas City Star says:
 "Four years ago fifteen of these sixteen states went Republican. The sixteenth, Maryland, split its electoral vote, electing seven Democratic electors and one Republican. But the Democrats are putting up vigorous fights, hoping that changed conditions may give them the victory in some at least.
 It is evident that Taft can afford much greater losses in the contested States than Bryan. Should Taft carry New York he would need only six additional votes, which could be supplied by

contested States, for all of them together, leaving out New York, would furnish only 107 votes, only five more than he needs.
 Should he lose New York he would be defeated by the loss of either California, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Maryland, Nebraska or West Virginia. The defection of any two of the lesser State combined with New York would defeat him.
 Should Bryan carry New York he would need in addition sixty-three votes which could be supplied Indiana, California, Nebraska, Missouri and New Jersey or by various other combinations. A loss of forty-four votes would defeat him. He could not sustain the defection, for instance, of California, Indiana, Nebraska, Oregon and West Virginia, or of Missouri, New Jersey, Maryland, North Dakota and Idaho.
 Four years ago Roosevelt received 7,623,486 votes with 336 in the electoral colleges. Parker got all the States here described as Democratic except Oklahoma, which had no votes. His popular vote was 5,077,971; his electoral vote 140, including seven from Maryland. Roosevelt's popular plurality was 2,545,515; his electoral majority 106.
 In 1900, the year of the second Bryan campaign, McKinley received 7,207,923 votes with 292 in the electoral colleges. Bryan got 6,358,133 with 155 electoral votes. McKinley's popular plurality was 849,790; his electoral majority was 137.
 Roosevelt had 415,563 more votes than McKinley. Parker had 1,280,162 fewer than Bryan."

water on their crops, and cultivating their land sufficient. Rockwell at this writing is making an examination of the soil and farms along the Nueces river and is the guest of Mr. Jno. R. Beck, who induced him to spend a few days here. We expect an interesting report from Mr. Rockwell and will give it to our readers in our next issue. Mr. Rockwell is a practical man and any of our opinion growers can get much information from him that would be of value to them.
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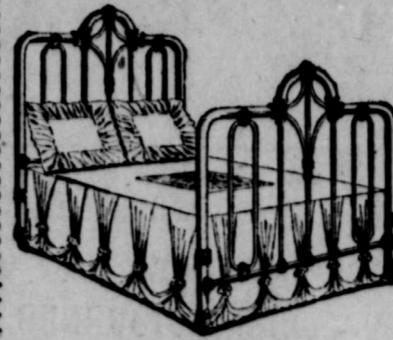
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The Lone Star of the West

The following beautiful poem was written by Hon. Edward J. Porter about the time that Texas was knocking for admission into the American Union. It was published in the Philadelphia Saturday Courier with the following foot note by the editor of the Courier.

("The editor assumes the responsibility of the poetry, but not the sentiment of the poem.—Ed. Courier.")

Mr. Porter was a native of Ireland and a gentleman of classical education and fine literary attainments. He was a frequent contributor to the leading newspapers and magazines of the country about the time that this poem was written. He made Kingstree, S. C., his adopted home. He engaged in the practice of law and soon became eminent in his profession. In politics he was an unswerving Democrat, and in the days of reconstruction wrote many scathing articles against the corrupt carpet bag Governments that were plundering the South. He was true to principle. He respected a bold and open foe, but loathed a cowardly and traitorous friend. Liberal in views and kind and charitable in his daily walks, he died at his home in Kingstree, S. C., in 1873. He had a number of friends and acquaintances in Texas at the time of his death, one of whom furnished The News with a copy of the poem.—Dallas News.

Lone Star of the West; in their splendor careering,
Where Freedom, sure spirit, hath taught thee to shine,
Her radiance, her light, thou art brilliantly wearing,
As when she had placed thee aloft o'er her shrine,
The rays of thy youth undiminished are burning,
Prophetic of glory that never will set;
Yet alone in thy splendor thou'rt silently yearning
To gleam 'mid the gem of our coronal yet.

Lone Star of the West; that of glory has lighted,
The hearts of Jacinto, the tried and the true,
Where the chains of the despot, their links disunited,
Ere one teardrop fell o'er them, to fragments all flew,
The Mexican eagle, though practiced to gaze on
The splendor of morn from mountains afar,
But glanced at the glories thy pure disc that blazon,
And sung, 'neath their spellwork, lone, beautiful star.

Lone Star of the West; thy bright sisters are weaving
A song-wreath to bind o'er the light of thy brow,
And tones of sweet welcome their lute strings areaving,
For rays soon to twine in their chaplet's bright glow
They call on the gem in her solitude beaming,
Their wreath is unfinished, though lovely and bright,
It wants but the luster around thee now gleaming
To mingle its rays in that circle of light.

Lone Star of the West; latest boon of that spirit
Who twined of such gems our own luminous wreath;
When linked with our circle thy rays shall inherit
Whole sages of glory, unstained by a breath,
Thou should'st not be left in thy loneliness gleaming
While near thee are kindred so brilliant and blest;
Come, gild our cynosure—thy rays through it streaming,
Shall hallow the circle—Lone Star of the West.

Fruit Trees in the Poultry Yard.

The practise of planting fruit trees in the poultry yards is becoming quite general among poultrymen and farmers. It has much to recommend it, since it is good for both fowls and trees. The shade during the hot summer days is a very desirable feature. The loose soil under the trees (the top of the ground should always be kept loose about the trunks) affords excellent opportunities for exercise and dust baths, and the insects, which are certain to be attracted to the trees, furnish a wholesome change of diet. The destruction of these insects, of course, works to the benefit of both trees and hens; while the constant fertilization and tillage the trees will receive promote a healthy and vigorous growth.

The favorite trees for this purpose seem to be the plum and the pear. The latter is liked because of its sturdy, upright habit of growth; the other because the hens answer the hardest question of the plum grower—How to get rid of the curculio. Apples, or the larger growing varieties of cherries, may be equally satisfactory; and it would seem that the quince might be planted to great advantage in the poultry yard. This fruit does not ripen until late in the season, and is generally picked off before it

gets ripe enough to fall, so that the problem of what to do with the hens while the fruit is ripening is solved with much less difficulty than if cherries or plums, apples or pears were used.

Any of the lighter breeds of chickens could easily learn to fly into an ordinary plum or cherry tree, and would play havoc while there; while most apples and pears have a habit of ripening gradually and falling, one at a time. With any of these fruits it is almost a necessity to have another lot in to which the chickens can be turned while the fruit is ripening.

One caution may be given to the man who thinks of planting trees in his poultry runs; Do not plant too many trees. Shade is good for chickens in hot weather, but sunshine is a necessity. Do not have the trees so close together, or so arranged, that all of the lot will be shaded by them at any time of the day. Be sure, especially, to give the early morning sun a chance to get in. Remember, too, the trees are liable to make a very vigorous growth if the soil is at all suitable.

Cultivating Cotton.

As cotton is one of our largest crops, I will give my experience after many years cultivating the crop. The first es-

sential thing is to break the land as early in the fall as possible, good and deep; especially land that lay out that year, so the vegetation will have plenty of time to rot, the land can freeze, pulverize and kill out the cut worms and other insects. At the proper time lay off the rows four feet apart, deep enough to keep the manure moist, and wide enough to cultivate. Some land, of course, needs be wider, but just as much manure per acre as if the rows were only three feet. Plant the cotton, one bushel seed to the acre with a planter that has a roller attached. Set it to open two inches deep and it will cover the seed from one to one and one-half inches. When the seed is put in that quantity an dthat deep it will insure a stand most any year.

The faulty seed will sprout first and not come through. When the good seeds sprout they will break the crust and come through healthy and grew off at once; they are not stunned as they would be when there are so few. The distance the rows are apart, of course, has a good deal to do with the amount of seed.

My calculation is based on 3 1-2 foot rows, what most farmers have. When the cotton comes up run each side of it with a narrow hoe or tooth about 1 inch. If you cannot get it to it in a few days with the hoes, put on a little wider hoe and do the same thing. The first chopping is the one to take pains with. Chop it to a stand and get out all the grass. If the cotton is planted early it will come ahead of the grass, and save lots of expense. Middle, that are split just before the first of June and after, until the crop is gone over, should be done with a turn-plow with small wings twice to the row, good and deep. It is easier on the team and makes it easier the balance of the year. The roots will take deeper hold and the cotton will not shed as much in July and August. My observation and test is, it will make from 100 to 200 pounds per acre seed cotton more. It answers a good purpose, wet or dry weather. Another essential plowing is after a long wet spell. In cloudy wet weather the cotton roots will grow almost on top of the ground and cause the cotton to grow too fast and joint long. After awhile, when the sun shines, break the ground. Those roots die and leave a large sappy stalk with about half of the roots that made it grow to subsist on. The best thing is to plow just as soon as possible. Check the growth and cause the new roots, that will come at once to take deeper hold. I have done this as late as the 1st of August and found it paid. The cotton did not stand half as badly as that I did not plow. Home and Farb.

Green Irish Potatoes.

Care Should be Taken to Avoid Green while Curing.

To the human being the Irish potato tuber when green is a poison. We have seen it stated that farm livestock can be fed this without harm. It is not yet clear to us that such is the fact.

Quite a number of plants are made into good food from bad cultivation. Thus we have the carrot and celery. The Irish potato belongs to a family of plants with poisonous characteristics. Among its members is tobacco.

The tuber of this potato is kept from becoming green by being covered with soil or otherwise. It is thus denied light, without which the green vegetation cannot be produced.

The leaf, bark, and fruit of the Irish potato contain and alkaloid called solanine. The botanical name of the Irish potato is Solanum tuberosum.

The tuber of the Irish potato has an underground stem—a stem with buds regularly placed upon it and not a root without any such buds, as is the way among all true roots.

Ordinarily these potato roots are thus kept covered, and so they are free from any green, but if a portion becomes exposed to the light, and "especially to the direct rays of the sun, a change is wrought to a greenish shade at the exposed part, and even the flesh, for some distance under the skin, is also discolored.

Such potatoes, even when cooked, have an unpleasant, bitter taste, known to be due to the presence of the solanine." This solanine is regarded as a violent poison and unfit to be eaten by either man or beast. It will thus be seen that these tubers are to be kept from the light. After digging they should be left in the open and so exposed any longer than necessary, and that "all bins and barrels in which Irish potatoes are stored should be completely covered, in this way excluding the light."

A Common Occurrence.

Tempered sobs in a dim-lit room,
Bending silhouettes on the wall,
Faded peace in the place of bloom,
Angel wings and the Master's call
Common occurrence—that is all.

Or more group that is bowed with grief,
Shadowed silence throughout the whole,
Tumulous prayers all broken and brief,
Bursting sorrow beyond control,
One more dirge for a passing soul.

Or more knell of the village bell
Service said for the dead and gone;
Alas! then the thud of clay so well
To be recalled when years are flown,
And then a loved one left alone.

Or more mound for the sun to dry,
Lamb, with a name and a tender touch
Of heaven epitaph. Pass it by?
Common occurrence? Call it such?
But, O, my brother, it means so much!

Do not let us wait to be pitiful, or demonstrate those we love un-
derneath the sun or threatened with life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love; make haste to be kind.

But one more patch—the largest yet!
The time Half after one.
How much of love sewed in each stitch,
Before the task is done!

A few short hours of broken sleep
Till day—hard as the other!
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Big Boy Martyrs

By Mary Sidney.

There is a class of martyre, in the country, not generally thought much about. It consists of women, and men, too, for that matter, who live in houses several sizes too large for them. Many of them have come into possession of ridiculously big houses because they have hired farms or rented them, and had to put up with a woman-killer in the shape of a house, for the sake of the land.

But there are those, even in this enlightened age, who build immense dwellings, thinking, perhaps, that they will gain a little prestige by living in a big house; but the glory is soon lost sight of when the mistress finds herself alone, with no help to clean and scrub and dust and air and keep a lot of needless rooms in a condition conducive to health.

The long and the short of it is, she can't do it, but there are lots of women injuring themselves in the attempt; and when they find they have undertaken too great a task, they are apt to close up the front, with all its maddening bric-a-brac and furniture, and retire into the kitchen, where they can find a moiety of rest. Not all of them do this, however; the larger number of the big-house martyrs toil and drudge on until the light goes out of their countenances, the elasticity from their steps, and a second wife seems to loom up in the dim distance. You may know them when you meet them away from home, for they have nothing to say—they play wall flower, and it is about the liveliest sport that they ever engage in. Nobody seeks them out for a little feast of reason and flow of soul, for they can't talk; they have had no time to practise talking. You can not get out of a person what is not in them, and if they haven't done any reading, nor mingling with intelligent people of ideas, they have nothing to talk about and conversation with them becomes like that of the bashful swain who was escorting to her home a young lady equally bashful. With great trepidation he remarked, "Quite a moon to-night," and she replied, "Yes, very quite," and the talk ceased and they drove on in silence. But I don't think that men generally care much about this sort of women. They seem to admire most those who chatter all the time, even if they say nothing when they talk.

It would take as many servants as a Hindu bungalow requires to make life pleasant for the mistresses of some of the big farmhouses that are dotted over the country, to say nothing of large suburban and city residences where sufficient help can not be obtained, or if it can, possibly there is not enough money in the bank to meet servants' exorbitant charges and waste. Trying to ape gentility is as unprofitable a business as one can imagine; and many a home has been brought to destitution by large living and little lucre.

In founding a home, a man has need to remember that, "A little house well filled, A little field well tilled, A little wife well willed Are great riches."

Think of the comfort and content that may be found in a snug home where nobody is worked to death trying to keep up appearances. But be ye rich, or be ye poor, a big house with its usual environments is a weariness to the flesh of the poor woman who presides there. A house is not built for a day, nor for one family, but for a succession of them, and the builder should ponder a little on these things.

The old adage, "Fools build houses for wise men to live in," has more of truth than poetry in it. Many a man has used up so much of his resources in a costly house that he has not the wherewithal to run it; debt and embarrassment follow, and he is obliged to sell out. Some thrifty fellow will come along who doesn't care much for a fine house, but if he can get one for half of what it costs to build, he will buy, and perhaps live happily and attractively in it, for he was wise enough to see to it, ere he bought, that his exchequer was ample for the requirements.

Many illustrations could be given of the folly of building unprofitably large domiciles. I know of a consequential coun-

try home that was erected a few years ago by a wealthy widow, for herself and children to live in. In a few years she died and the children married, and now the house goes a-begging for tenants. At present, an old pair live there who have an income of \$50 a month. It costs them \$100 a year to warm the house, and they don't need most of it after it is warmed; neighborhood debts are increasing about them, and they will soon have to seek humbler quarters. On their income they could live comfortably and pleasantly in a house of only a few rooms, and have no debts to worry them.

Long years ago I knew an old farmer and his wife, the owners of a fine farm. They were industrious, frugal people whom all the neighbors respected. They had lived a long term of years in a house so small that the wife called it a calabash. They saved money and grew rich, but had no children nor grandchildren to share their home with them. The good wife became tired of living in a calabash, and they determined to build a nice big house. So they put up a fine large double barreled stone mansion, with two parlors, a big hall and open stairway; with sitting room, dining room and a string of kitchens—one to save the other—that reached nearly to the barn. We should call it now the shell of a house, for there wasn't any heater, bath, toilet room, pantry, dumb waiter, nor other modern conveniences; but there were big windows galore to wash, and ceilings so high that a broom would not reach them to brush down a spider's web, and a hall so cold that it gave you a chill to pass through it. This good pair had no use for the house after they got it. They had no family, and were not society people, and the only use they ever made of the big end of the house was to keep it closed to save the carpet and furniture. They soon got tired of it and moved to another state, and there they died. The house still stands; the present owner lives in town. He tries to keep two laborers and their families in it, but much of the time one end is idle, and the surroundings are unkempt. It has the uninviting appearance of being a decayed gentry.

If people had a little more forethought I think they would put their money where it would be of more use than in great houses for bats and owls to live in.

It is far better to be crowded occasionally than to have too much room to take care of all the time.

A farm will bring more money with a moderate sized house, than with a mansion so large that nobody wants to furnish it. Thank fortune, the good sense of the people, or it may be their poverty, is opening their eyes, and they are not spreading themselves as of old. They are learning to know that "Tis not wood nor stone But hearts that make home."

The Ideal Newspaper

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What the public wants is an independent newspaper. The reader will tolerate, and like, any amount of teaching tactfully and modestly offered. He will not be preached at or bullied. It is really rather a matter of directing public thought up right lines than an indicating new and experimental policies. The newspaper, indeed, should be critical rather than constructive. Our constitution provides for three distinct functions of Government—legislative, judicial and executive; and it is the duty of what is correctly called, in England, the fourth estate of the realm, to provide the fourth necessity, healthy criticism for all three.

It follows that a newspaper may criticize a verdict or a decision of the courts, but must not meddle with the proper and lawful handling of a case on trial. In the same way, the newspaper should watch where corrupt legislation can be defeated, in order to drag it out into that dry light where the air is always too strong for its lungs. The legislators must do the rest, and it is the business of the newspaper to hold them

to their duty.

In like manner, the fullest publicity is one of the most valuable checks upon the acts of an executive officer. We know that the balance was most delicately adjusted by the framers of the constitution, and in the department there is a continuing tendency to usurp the functions of the other two. Nothing could be better for political morals than the way in which newspapers have emphasized the correct attitude of Gov. Hughes in confining himself strictly to his business, holding the other departments of our constitutional government strictly responsible for theirs.—"A New York Editor," in the October Atlantic.

Concerning Gold Finger Bowls.

It is a reflection upon the degenerate times that a Daniel Drew or Commodore Vanderbilt would be impossible now. The former, it is said, to the end of his long and interesting career, pronounced the chief elements of his trade in the same way that a tailor did. "The Arie shears" was his manner of designating the stock certificates of the Erie railroad. I great contemporary and rival, when rolling in wealth, contented to dress, act and spell like the simple, untortured child of the soil that he was.

Those celebrated characters were typical of their unsophisticated day. It is really touching to remember that then, and even somewhat later, one might see vast possessions and still remain an unassuming man, of the people, wearing ready-made pants and eating pie with a knife. It was a kind of poetic compensation that although the people couldn't keep their property, the man who got it held them to keep their plain habits. He was faithful to them in it, while taking their money, he set them no other bad example. How sadly times have changed is suggested by the little item that a noted Wall Street operator who formerly worked for a living is now purchasing old finger bowls at five hundred dollars apiece. The market price of the old-fashioned finger bowls is now fifty cents apiece.

A significant fact is that we have finger bowls at a Daniel Drew, for example, it have paid even more money for a diamond-mounted cuspidor and still have exhibited infinitely less essential sophistication.

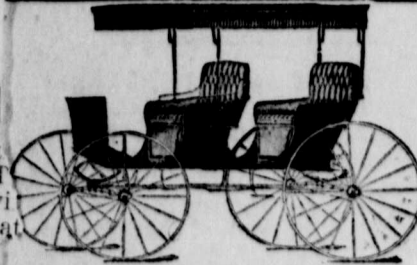
Nowadays, finger bowls, evening clothes, calling cards, eating peas with a fork, eschewing diamond shirt studs, and the whole train of unnatural distinctions connoted by the word etiquette, follow inevitably every killing in wheat or steel, so that you can hardly tell from his habits whether a man is a busted duke or a farmer who "got right" on the market last year. It is an un-American, undemocratic condition, and we pointed to it with disapproval.

Putting Ginger into the Campaign.

The most exciting political discussion which we have been privileged to hear of late was as to whether the demand for free coinage of silver in 1896 was economically sound.

The affirmative maintained that we escaped those evils which Mr. Bryan attributed to a single gold standard only by an enormous increase in the world's production of gold. This leads naturally to the "crime of '73," when silver was demonetized; and it is only a step from that to the question whether the Republicans stole the Presidential election of 1876, as was so often and vehemently asserted at the time. In one of Madison's constitutional essays will be found language which, to say the least, is inconclusive, touching the right of a State to withdraw from the Union, and we think quite an absorbing controversy might be started over the question whether the southern states had any constitutional warrant for seceding. This, of course, would resurrect the whole burning issue which divided the Federal adherents of Hamilton and the state-sovereignty followers of Jefferson—certainly one of the most momentous questions of American politics.

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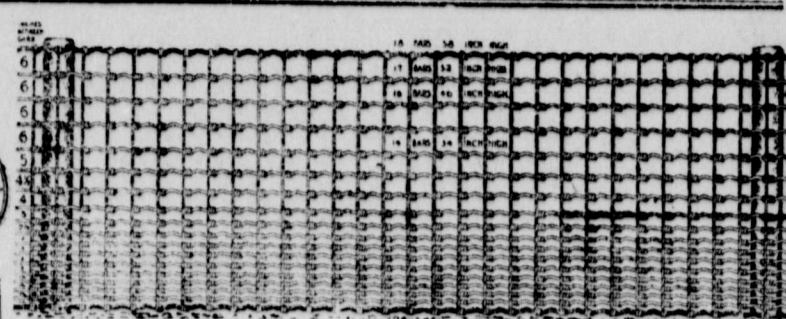
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Naturally the farmer looks to the merchant to fix prices on his produce and willingly pays the merchant what he asks for his goods, in cash or in trade, and naturally expects the merchant to treat him well, both in buying and selling. If however, he discovers the merchant with whom he has been dealing is playing "hog" with him he loses confidence and withdraws his patronage. This rule works the same where there is competition in all departments of business.

Farmers are not such dunces as some people think they are, but as a rule they are confiding, and at least do not look suspiciously upon every purchaser they meet. This fact is attributable to the fact of their having dealings with fewer people than others. This overconfidence often is taken advantage of by the unscrupulous, the avaricious, the greedy, and for which he often gets the name of "sucker." But he has produce to sell, and needs many things for immediate use. He sees the quotations in the paper, and "price-currents." He inquires and hears of a man in the city who handles such produce, it may be a wholesale dealer or a commission merchant with whom he has communication, and is encouraged to believe he will receive a fair price, such as will assure him satisfactory returns. Without delay he prepares, carefully and ships a quantity. Usually he has to wait a long time, unreasonably so, before he hears from his goods, and nearly as often is disappointed. Often, to his dismay he learns that nothing was left for him after "expenses were paid." Instances of this kind have often been traced out, when it was found that the farmer's goods sold on the market at from 100, 200 and even 300 per cent profit to the merchant. Thus the farmer was ruthlessly robbed by the man in whom he had confided; who had piled up this outrageous per-centage while making the hard-worked farmer the poorer for his pains.

To illustrate, a farmer who had been trading with a firm in San Antonio reputed to be "reliable," shipped to him a quantity of onions, supposing he would be accredited the usual price, or nearly so, instead after considerable delay report came that they could buy so and so and cut down the price accordingly. An insignificant sum both discouraging and ruinous to the producer. Such dealing though common is despicable. A farmer producing a large quantity of hen eggs could ship 2 crates per week, entered into an agreement with a firm to handle them at a stated price. He shipped and received returns far below the price agreed upon, the excuse given that "eggs had taken a drop the day they arrived." Of course the farmer dropped that merchant and this will continue to occur. But it occurs too often, and the farmer often is at a loss to know what he is to do. He is anxious to meet his obligations promptly, but is denied the privilege. He could, and would produce more but loses heart, and does less.

This state of things affects not the interest of the farming class alone but the manufacturing, mercantile and all commercial interests. To increase trade the merchant, the manufacturer and the banker should combine to encourage the farmer by giving him a

"fair show," allowing him reasonable prices for his produce. Instead, except he be one who has reached a state of independence, he is compelled to live at a pinched rate. Himself and family go to town in the farm wagon, wear thread-bare or ragged clothing, dispense with all luxuries, remain at home while others go to church and Sunday school, have no vacations or holidays and make few presents.

This we say is a shame and for the sake of increasing trades, if for no higher motive should be remedied. To be sure the preacher, the teacher and moralist has the great responsibility upon them to point out the sin and folly of greed, avarice and deceit. But such people are not good listeners. They avoid the preacher, they seldom darken church doors, and would not take the time to read literature given them. The law they do not fear, they are blind to their own and neighbors interests. The one thought with them is to get as much money as possible if not by fair, by unfair means, with no thought of the added responsibility. **A FARMER.**

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Too Much Water Used in Irrigation.

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"Irrigation in this section of the country will never be made a success until the farmers are brought to a realization of their folly," said Mr. Rockwell yesterday. "It's a shame, this wasting of water, swamping of fertile grounds and consequent ruining of what would otherwise be fine crops. A large number of farmers, I found simply flood their lands. One man, near Del Rio, had used more than five feet of water on his crop this season. Of course he had made a failure. How could a common farm plant of any kind thrive on land that had been converted into a veritable swamp?"

"Farm lands down that way I found to be unusually rich in their productive qualities. The major portion of the soils inspected by me is what has been termed a slit, and is regarded as the best kind of land for a great many kinds of crops. This land does not require as much water, really as does the normal soil in sections more frequently visited by rainfall. With proper watering cultivation this land could be made to produce an enormous crop of almost any kind planted. As it is in a large number of class, it is now practically worthless.

"Large quantities of water are turned into the ditches at the beginning of the season, and the farmer not content with having converted his land into a bog, keeps opening his floodgates throughout the year. If the land becomes a little dry after such a drenching it cracks just a little on the surface. This condition invariably alarms the unexperienced farmer, and he concludes that its need is more water. Quick action is suited to the conclusion. Now if the farmer, instead of hastening to his irrigation traps would give this land the cultivation it really needs he might realize some results. A little plowing at this juncture would loosen the cracked surface and put the soil in splendid condition.

"Farmers in that section I found purchase a water right for the year of some irrigation company, instead of buying their water by measure. Out in California the farmers purchase a water meter and pay only for the water used. Therefore they are not apt to use more than is necessary. But down here it is different. The farmer reasons that as he has paid for his right he had as well get the benefit of it. Consequently he overdoes the thing."

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The Men and Boys have been very carefully looked after in our selection of Fall and Winter Clothing, and we can fit you up in a very snappy suit at shockingly low prices.

We are still in the lead for stylish and up-to-date Millinery. Have just received a shipment of new shapes and trimmings. See them.

LADIES: If you haven't got your Fall Hat yet don't fail to see our line before buying. If you don't want to buy an entirely new hat and have a nice plume, bring it down and our Milliner can fix you up in most any style and color desired.

With the Patriot \$4 Shoe for Men and Society \$3.50 Shoe for Women we are giving away a beautiful gold-plated English steel Knife.
The "Patriot" carries with it style, service and comfort.
The "Society" is made to please exacting women and we know we will meet all your requirements.

C. F. Binkley,
Head to Foot Outfitter for Men, Women and Children.

MONEY TO LEND ON FARMS AND RANCHES.

E. B. CHANDLER,
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,
Next the river.

Among the prominent Laredo men that attended District Court here this week were: Mayor Amador Sanchez, City Marshal Mike Brennan, C. M. Fish, Commercial agent of the Mexican National Railroad, Geo. R. Page, County Clerk, Judge A. Winslow, Justo Penn, editor Laredo Times, A. H. Kelly, I. & G. N. Yardmaster, Chas. Ross, M. Didiw and J. J. Czar.

Col. W. A. H. Miller of Asherton was here during the week attending District Court and hand-shaking his old friends. Colonel Miller says that he had not expected the railroad to be built into Asherton until about June 1st next, but he believed now that it would be completed by April 1st. A contract has been signed for the road to be completed by that date and the Company will file bond with a San Antonio bank within a few days. Col. Miller has completed his new office at Asherton and will soon begin building a residence. Two fine artesian wells have been brought in on the town site.

William D. Rockwell, government irrigation expert, arrived here Wednesday and went out with Mr. Jno. R. Black's to the latter's ranch down the Nueces. Mr. Black has put in quite an extensive irrigation plant and will not doubt get much information from Mr. Rockwell that will be valuable in the way of the best crops suited for different kinds of soil. To talk with Mr. Rockwell only a few minutes will convince anyone that he understands irrigation thoroughly and we wish every farmer on the Nueces could talk to him. We understand he will be here several days and will likely visit a number of the farms.

Constable Les Petty arrested a Mexican Wednesday evening for raising a disturbance while under the influence of liquor and while on the way to the calaboose the Mexican attacked him. The Mexican had a dog and as soon as the fray opened the dog grabbed Petty by the calf of the leg and held fast. Petty hit the Mexican three or four times over the head with his sixshooter, but it didn't seem to faz him, and although covered with blood succeeded in getting hold of the officer's gun and was struggling to wrench it from his hand when Deputy Sheriff Wildenthal arrived on the scene and with his assistance the offender was landed behind the bars.

Rev. W. G. Gilstrap, who has been living on A. H. Miller's farm west of Cotulla had the misfortune a couple of weeks ago to get nearly all of his household goods and clothing destroyed by fire. Rev. Gilstrap and family were preparing to move to Millett, and moved some of their goods, and had the balance ready to move; when a spark from the fireplace set some bedding on fire. By heroic efforts the house was saved, although holes were burned through the walls on one side of the building.

Several notices of pasture men prohibiting hunting in their pastures will be found on another page of this issue. Before the hunting season opens no doubt all pastures will be posted and hunters had better sit up and take notice. Ranchmen are becoming stricter each year about hunters, and this year we do not believe there will be a pasture in the county where hunting will be allowed except by written permission from the owner. The Callaghan ranch has announced such in this paper for the first time.

Judge J. F. Mullally, District Attorney Jno. A. Valls, Justo Penn, Chas. Ross, Geo. R. Page of Laredo and Marshall Hicks of San Antonio were the guests of W. A. Kerr of this city on a two days fishing jaunt at Harris Lake the fore part of this week. On account of the recent rise in the river the waters of the lake were muddy and trout and bass fishing was not good. However, the boys landed several catfish, and Charlie Ross succeeded in hooking a big blue cat that made him call for help. It was a magnificent specimen and weighed 32 pounds.

For Sale—Good milk cow. Apply at this office.

DIZZY

in the morning? Then it's your liver out of order and the quicker you get it in condition with a treatment of

GADDIS' ANTI-BILLIOUS PILLS

the sooner you will feel like your old self. Trial bottle 25 cents.

GADDIS' PHARMACY.

A BANK'S FIRST DUTY

is to its depositors. The business of this bank is conducted on this basis, which is, in truth, SECURITY AND CONSERVATISM. Safety is considered before profits.

We feel justified in asking for your banking business, assuring you always, courteous treatment and satisfactory service.

COTULLA STATE BANK.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Fresh groceries at Neeley's.
Richard Overstreet of Encinal was here during the week.
Miss Daisie Carr is visiting friends at Stockdale.
For sale—1000 Cummer erate at 13c each.—L. N. Wonder.
M. T. Davis Sr., returned Sunday from San Antonio.
J. L. Hamilton attended Court here this week.
Otis Sullivan returned Monday from San Antonio.
Albert Elliott was in the city Thursday.
Terrill Bobo is in the city visiting his sister Mrs. J. A. Reed.
Not a single jury case was tried at this term of District Court.
D. W. McKey was here during the week attending District Court.
YOUR FALL SUIT—REED.
Mr Tisdale of McMullin county was in Cotulla this week on business.
For Sale—Piano in very good condition. A bargain, C. D. BRAGG
Jno. R. Black returned Monday from San Antonio where he had been for several days.
W. T. Gardner brought in several bales of cotton from his ranch Saturday.
F. M. Evans has returned home from an absence of several weeks in Gonzales county.
Misses Lucy and Carrie Manly returned first of the week from San Antonio.
A large number of witnesses from Laredo attended District Court here this week.
Sam Childress was in Cotulla Thursday from his ranch below Ft. Ewell.

Mrs. Wiley of Cibola is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Reed.
Marshall Hicks of San Antonio had business in the District Court here this week.
Gus Jones was out from Gonzales county Thursday looking after his ranch interests here.
Gus Welhausen of Encinal was among those that attended District Court here this week.
Mrs. Clifton Burr and two children are here visiting her mother, Mrs. S. F. Brooks.
District Court adjourned Thursday. Very little business was transacted.
Thos. Gardner was among the Prairie View people in town Wednesday.
J. H. Pettit of Encinal was among the jurors on the District Court here this week.
H. W. Earnest, proprietor of the Millett Mercantile Company was in the city on business Thursday.
John Robuck and J. W. Buckow were here from Artesia this week attending District Court as jurors.
Paddy Lann and family left Sunday last for Cometa City on a visit to relatives.
Mrs. J. M. Beckham returned home first of the week after spending a week here with her mother, Mrs. Boyd.
For Sale or Rent—640 acres of and near Woodward. For particulars inquire of L. G. COOVERT, on adjoining section.
Mr. J. W. Hawk of Iowa has purchased a tract of the Bolton land East of Cotulla and has moved here with his family to settle on it. Mr. Hawk is looking for his car of household goods in a few days.

Judge John J. Bivins of Pearsall was among the lawyers that attended District Court here this week.
Jno. T. Horton and wife were here from from Artesia several days this week. Mr. Horton was on the Grand Jury.
Miss Kate Lesterjette, who has been at Kerrville for some time visiting relatives returned home last week.
Judge J. F. Mullally and District Attorney Jno. A. Valls came up from Laredo Sunday and opened District Court Monday.
R. C. Lewis was in the city from Encinal during the week. Mr. Lewis reported things in a prosperous condition in his part of the county.
L. W. Sledge, our genial station agent informs us that his brother, Clarence Sledge now has a splendid position in the dispatcher's office at Taylor.
Rev. Bruce Roberts, formerly of Cotulla, who has been pastor of the Baptist Church at Devine for several years, has resigned and accepted the pastorate of the Dilley Baptist Church.
Andrew Armstrong Sr., of Sanderson and Andrew Armstrong Jr., of Hondo, both formerly stockmen of La Salle, were here this week. Both said it happened they dropped in about Court week, but that they were here on other business.
The campaign speeches opened in Cotulla Wednesday night. Nie Adair, Justice of Peace of Laredo spoke in behalf of the Republican party to the Mexicans. From his point of view he explained why all Mexicans should vote the Republican ticket. He said the Republicans had been Mexico's friends and dwelt at length on the prohibition question, and objectionable laws that the State Democratic legislature had passed.

Local sportsmen are anxiously awaiting the opening of the hunting season. It is said there is considerable game in the woods this season.
T. R. Keck, W. A. Tarver, G. W. Henrichson, W. A. Kerr, Henry Neal and C. E. Manly have been summoned as jurors from Cotulla at the Fall term of Federal Court which convenes at Laredo November 9th.
W. H. Morford who has opened up an irrigated farm on the Nueces was in town Wednesday and had his name put on the Record's subscription list. Mr. Morford reports that he has a good stand of onions up.
For Sale—2 horses, 2 cows, 2 calves 5 brood sows, 6 shoats, 9 pigs, Apiary, Incubator, 2 Wagons, 5 sets Harness, Farm Implements, Carpenter tools, etc. Farm for sale or rent. Irrigating plant installed. Near R. R. depot.—G. H. EDDY, Artesia, Texas.
The San Antonio Express is responsible for the information that Jno. M. Green, who was nominated by the Republicans for the Legislature, will not be a candidate and leave the field clear for the Democratic nominee. The Express also adds that while Mr. Green had issued no formal statement, it was quite probable that he had a cinch on being re-elected Commissioner of Precinct No 4 of Dimmit county, and that honor is a plenty for just a plain cowman.
Rev. M. E. Nickerson left Monday morning for South Dakota where he will enter active church work again. Rev. Nickerson has been here since last fall assisting his son, Mark Nickerson in opening up an irrigated farm on the Nueces, and they have one of the prettiest farms on the river. Rev. Nickerson made many warm friends in Cotulla during his few months stay here, and they wish him well, wherever his good work may carry him.