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EVERY DAY BRINGS

CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL VISIT
of Santa Claus with his great loads
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U. S. SUPERINTENDENT OF IRRIGATION SENT TO THIS SECTION

Making Study of Conditions and Advising With Farmers.

W. L. Rockwell, U. S. Superintendent of Irrigation, who spent several days in Cotulla a few weeks ago, gives the following statement to the Record for publication:

To Whom It May Concern, Greetings:

The Agricultural Department at Washington is taking great interest in the development of the West and is seeking to assist the farmer in the thorough and scientific methods of crop culture. The Department sent me from California to Texas to take up this work, and I am making a study of soils and conditions and advising with the farmers as to the best method of land preparation, canal work and distribution of water.

I have recently visited some sections about San Antonio, particularly that lying to the South and West of the City. You are especially fortunate in your water supply, it being excellent in quality and abundant in quantity. The soil in this country is a rich black loam, capable under intelligent irrigation and cultivation, of producing very large returns from market gardening. These lands are excellent and when put under cultivation, will be in a very great demand.

From long experiences of land values in the West, I am safe in saying that in the next few years these lands will easily double in value, and those who are wise and fortunate to obtain a few acres of this land will reap a rich harvest.

Yours,
W. L. ROCKWELL, Irrig. Mgr.
U. S. Dept. Agriculture.

"Sunshine Hawks" at the Skating Rink, Dec. 9th.

LA SALLE-FRIO CO., INSTITUTE.

Pearsall, Texas, Dec. 3.—The consolidated Institute of Frio and La Salle Counties convened at Pearsall Nov. 30th, and was called to order by County Judge Curtis at 2 o'clock.

Prof. R. A. Taylor of Cotulla was elected Chairman, and Mrs. Taylor was elected Secretary. The chair appointed Prof. Henry of Encinal, Prof. Turner of Pearsall, and Miss Moffett of Big Foot, a committee upon program arrangement. The enrollment was the greatest in the history of Frio Co., and was as follows:

La Salle Co.: R. A. Taylor, Mrs. R. A. Taylor, Miss Bee Thomas, Miss Dosa Shaw, Miss Annie Middleton, Miss Mollie Wingen, Miss Leandra Vela, Miss N. G. Baldrige, Miss Willie Lightfoot, Mr. D. M. Henry.

Frio Co: Misses Belma Herring, Hallie Arthur, Meoms Smith, Bertha Green, Velma Wilson, Leora Hubbard, Viola Gardner, Oma Slallings, Winfred Elkins, Adelia Adams, Ruby Wells, Mae Claiborne, Ora Hines, Mae Armstrong, Lupe Rodriguez, Laura Donaldson, Janie Thomas, Anna Bradshaw, Annie Henderson, Rose Moffett, Mrs. Betts, Messrs. J. Wier, C. O. Britt, T. C. Cannon, O. S. Cory, M. Wier, D. M. Howard, Wm. Hickey, Wm. Franks, C. D. Boyer, G. Turner.

The Institute will hold five days and the proceedings will be given later.

Lady Kills Two Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill returned Thursday evening from Mr. Hill's Cactus ranch, where they had been for several days. While there Mrs. Hill succeeded in killing two big bucks, which they brought home with them. Mrs. Hill is an expert shot with a rifle. Mr. Hill also killed two deer on the trip.

Jno. R. Black went up to San Antonio on a business trip this morning.

KNIGHTS & LADIES OF HONOR

On the night of December 3, 1908, a most enthusiastic meeting took place in the Woodman Hall for the purpose of organizing a Lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. A charter list of the most prominent people in Cotulla numbering thirty-five, presented themselves for membership in the great Benevolent Fraternal Insurance Organization, termed the Queen of Fraternal organizations owing to the fact it was the first to offer insurance to women, and placed her upon equal rights both in lodge room and rate of insurance to the men. The members honored the Grand Protector of the State, Mrs. Marie J. Cole, who was present, to institute the Lodge by naming it Marie J. Cole. There was also present Bro. Theo. Englehardt of San Antonio, who is the Grand Past Protector and Bro. Chas. Bosshardt, Protector of John Bosshardt Lodge of San Antonio, who very ably assisted in the work, helping to make the initiatory ceremonies very impressive.

The Hall was artistically decorated with the colors of the Order and pot plants, refreshments being served at the close of the meeting.

Too much praise cannot be given to Sister M. J. Roberts for her untiring efforts put forth to make the meeting a big success, which was proved, by many new applications being brought in by members for the called meeting Friday afternoon. The duly elected officers for the next term were as follows:

Past Protector, Mrs. M. J. Roberts; Protector, M. T. Davis, Jr.; Vice Protector, Miss Pearl Werner; Secy. Financial, Mrs. C. B. Jones; Recording Treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barclay; Chaplin, Miss Marie Neal; Guide, Otus Sullivan; Guardian, Miss Daisie Cary; Sentinel, Walter Roberts; Trustees, Miss Jodie Manly, Mrs. Florence Haynland Mrs. Lou Jackson.

With such a corps of officers

the Order cannot fail to grow and meet with success, and will be looked upon with pride by the whole community of this prosperous and beautiful town and surrounding country.

MARIE J. COLE, G. P.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION —OF THE— COTULLA STATE BANK

AT COTULLA, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 27TH, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$20,115.76
Loans, real estate	12,215.01
Overdrafts	228.13
Bonds and Stocks	0.00
Real estate (banking house)	0.00
Other Real Estate	0.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,403.56
Due from Approved Reserve agents	\$4,433.88
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	393.09
Cash Items	403.03
Currency	543.00
Specie	1085.79
Total	\$40,821.25

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	576.51
Undivided Profits, net	0.00
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	0.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	12,244.74
Time Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Cashier's Checks	0.00
Bills Payable and Discounts	3,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows	0.00
Total	\$40,821.25

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF

LA SALLE, SS:

We, F. B. Earnest, as Vice-President, and H. B. Miller, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. B. EARNEST, Vice-Pres.
H. B. MILLER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1908.

J. H. GALLMAN,
Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:

K. BURWELL,
J. M. DANIEL,
C. E. MANLY,
Directors.

Tax-Payers Notice.

Notice is hereby given the Tax Payers of La Salle county that I will be at the following named places on the dates specified, for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1908.

Millett, Monday Dec. 28th.
Woodward, Thursday Dec. 31st.
Artesia, Tuesday Jan. 5th.
Encinal, Tuesday 12th.
Warning is given that January 31st, a penalty of 10 per cent is added to all taxes not paid.

T. H. POOLE,
Tax Collector, La Salle County.

Two "Longhorns."

Two relics of the old days can be seen at Gaddis' Pharmacy. They are two mounted heads of Texas longhorn steers and are good specimens of the noble old fellows that reigned on the ranges of Texas in days gone by. These mounted heads are the property of Mr. Jno. T. Maltzberger. The steers were regular "outlaws and were slaughtered last spring and sold to the local butcher, Mr. Maltzberger retaining the heads. The horns of one head measures six feet six inches from tip to tip and the other seven feet eight inches. They are among the last of these longhorns of this section.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. F. Neeley of Delhi, Caldwell county, is here visiting her son, Mr. D. L. Neeley, and daughter, Mrs. G. M. Soles.

Dr. T. T. Parker, one of Cotulla's prominent physicians, accompanied by his little son, left Monday for Nachadoches, where the doctor goes on business.

Mrs. Marie J. Cole, Grand Protector of the order of Knights and Ladies of Honor of Texas, was here this week and instituted an order of the above name.

R. E. Thweatt and family of Rockdale arrived in the city first of the week. Mr. Thweatt has accepted a position as cashier under Agent L. W. Sledge at the I. & G. N. depot.

Mr. J. T. Rees and family of Wabash, Ind., were among the arrivals on yesterday's train and will make Cotulla their home. Mr. Rees has purchased a tract of land near Cotulla.

Lyceum at Skating Rink.

The balance of the numbers of the Lyceum Course will be held at the Skating Rink. At the recent meeting of the Commissioners an order was passed prohibiting public gatherings in the Court House until it was repaired, they deeming the building dangerous and unsafe.

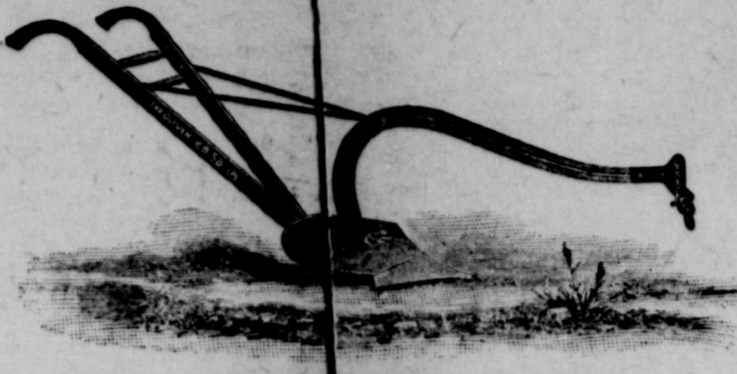
Amputated Boy's Arm.

Mrs. Motheral and Parker amputated the right arm of a little son of Mr. Tryee at Millett last Saturday.

The accident which necessitated the amputation happened a week previous when the little fellow was leading two horses, which became frightened and intangling his arm in the rope, broke it in several places below and above the elbow and tearing the flesh from the bone. An effort was made by the physicians to save the arm but blood poison set in and it was impossible.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Read the Record and you'll find it out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Black spent Sunday at Laredo.

R. O. Gouger has been in San Antonio the most of the week.

Sam McCombs and family of Millett were in Cotulla Tuesday.

T. A. Coleman of Encinal was in the city Monday between trains.

T. H. Gardner of Dimmitt county was seen on our streets Monday.

J. A. Conlan's dwelling on East Heights is nearing completion.

S. G. McMains was among the Dimmitt county people in our city Monday.

Notice—One furnished room for one or two gentlemen (no sick) at

No Vacation

Will Continue Right Through the Holidays.

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, has arranged this year, as usual, to accommodate all its students who desire to continue their studies during the Christmas holidays. Those who especially desire to return to their homes to spend the Xmas, will be excused on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd, and will be expected to take up their work again on or before January 4th, 1909.

New students may enroll at any time during the Xmas holidays. We advise all those who are contemplating enrolling to do so at the earliest possible date. There is nothing to be gained by waiting until January first. We can give you equal advantages should you enroll at any time during the Xmas holidays or prior to that time. We have no term openings

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Basket Ball Team accompanied by a few friends went to Millett last Saturday and spent the afternoon arriving there at 1 o'clock. Each person took a lunch and we had a regular picnic dinner in the school building at that place. The teacher Miss Middleton supplied us with coffee, sugar, cream and dishes. About 2:30 the first game was called the score being 16 to 8 in favor of Cotulla girls. The second game was called at 4 o'clock and the score being 23 to 15 in favor of Cotulla girls. After the games were over the Millett girls invited us for supper but that being impossible we left there at 6 o'clock. The chaperones were Prof. R. A. Taylor, Mrs. Anna Earnest, Mrs. J. M. Daniel. The players were as follows:

Millett.
Alma Fairchilds, Capt. and Center; Beatrice Fairchilds, goal pitcher; Nora McCombs, goal pitcher.

Feed for your horses, your cow and your chickens at Fullerton & Co's.

Up to date Reception Invitations printed at the RECORD office on short notice. Send in your orders.

All the Cotulla school teachers went up to Pearsall Monday to attend the Institute at that place.

K. Burwell's store has assumed a Holiday appearance. Christmas goods of every variety are displayed.

Messrs. J. P. Haynie and B. F. Claunch who are building a house on Jno. H. Brack's ranch, was in town Sunday.

Nearly everybody knows DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are small, pleasant, sure Little Liver pills. Sold by Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Wood For Sale—I have 250 cord of good wood for sale at \$2.75 per cord, delivered. Leave your orders at the RECORD office.

W. N. GUINN.

J. M. Robbins was down from Pearsall Sunday. Joe says Pearsall is enjoying her share of prosperity these days, and growing right along.

Mr. Isaac Eaton and family of Leslie, Ark., arrived in the city first of the week and will make Cotulla their home. Mr. Eaton has purchased lots on East Heights and will build immediately.

Every case of backache, weak back, bladder inflammation and rheumatic pains is dangerous if neglected, for such troubles are nearly always due to weak kidneys. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are antiseptic and soothe pain quickly. Insist upon DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. For weak kidneys and inflammation of the bladder they are unequalled. Regular size 50c. Sold here by Gaddis' Pharmacy.

our school is the same one as another. The students work is principally all individual instruction, and each and every student is pushed each day to his full capacity. Slow students are not over crowded trying to keep up with fast ones, and fast students are not held back and discouraged on account of slow ones. It would really be better to enroll and get started before the big January rush.

Upon arriving in our city, come direct to the College, where you will be given prompt attention and choice of a nice boarding place with private family at a cost of from \$10 to \$12.50 per month for board and lodging.

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class shaves or anything else you get in a first class barber-shop at the City Barber Shop.

The RECORD has been rushed with job work orders the past fifteen days.

Transplanting onions is in full blast on some of the farms along the river.

You should always remember that most cough and cold cures are constipating. Yet the most important thing to do when you have a cold is to move the bowels. You cannot promptly cure a cold until you do this. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup stops the cough by allaying inflammation of the throat and lungs, and it drives the cold from the system by gently moving the bowels. Children like it for it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by Gaddis' Pharmacy.

hand, guard.
Cotulla.

Pearl Landsum, Capt. and Center; Mayme McHenry, goal pitcher; Nannie Peters, goal pitcher; Lucie Burwell, guard; Alma Coleman, guard.

Thanksgiving evening after the Base Ball game the school girls and the town girls played another game of Basket Ball the score being 8 to 4 in favor of the school girls. This is the fourth game we have played and won two games.

REPORTER.

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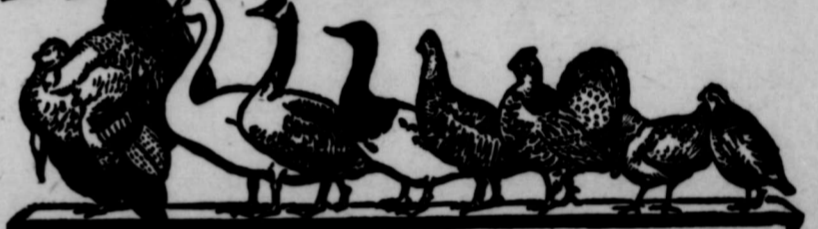
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D L. Neeley

GENERAL NEWS.

A Brief Summary of Happenings in the State, the Nation and the World.

STATE.

Hallettsville.—Sam Brown pleads guilty to a charge of swindling on the sale of a bale of cotton. The sample was not taken from the bale sold and Sam pleads guilty and was fined five simoleons, which he paid.

New Braunfels.—A large number of residences are being erected this fall at New Braunfels and the town and surrounding country is enjoying an unusual season of prosperity.

El Paso.—Thomas Madden, a mining man, is found dead in a hotel in El Paso. An examination of papers in the valise of the deceased shows that he is worth \$50,000. He has no relatives and leaves the bulk of his estate to Mrs. Ruth Greene and daughter Ruth of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dallas.—Tom Wallace, a negro, is indicted for the robbing of A. T. Spain, of Waxahachie.

Taylor.—Jake Breiger, aged 34, dies from an overdose of medicine, which he had been taking for nervousness. The decedent leaves a wife and child.

Houston.—Frank Sexton dies from wounds received in a fight in the yards of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad. Sexton refused to give the name of his assailant.

Galveston.—Joe Savini, the champion wrestler of the south, defeats Spillions, the Terrible Greek, in a wrestling bout held in the Auditorium. Savini had the match all his own way and toward the latter end of the bout simply played with his opponent.

Denton.—Ed Jones receives a knife wound which is probably fatal. Nevt. Gaddrey has been arrested and charged with the crime.

Beaumont.—Rev. Dr. Ridley denounces the race meeting at Beaumont and roundly denounces gambling in all forms. The Reverend Doctor is wishful of purging the "sin besotted" city of Beaumont of all social impurities.

Weatherford.—Stokes Clark is sentenced to seven years imprisonment for the killing of Ranger White.

Paris.—J. A. Ray, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is robbed of \$120 by chance acquaintances and left for dead on a road leading to Paris.

Corrigan.—The three-year-old child of John Journean is lost in the woods for one day and a night. When found the little one was calmly sleeping in a nest.

Claude.—Golden Knight, aged 18, killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

Austin.—Mrs. A. W. Terrell, wife of A. W. Terrell, dies at her home on San Antonio street from an attack of heart failure.

Austin.—C. H. Jenkins, representative from Brownwood, makes the statement that he will introduce a bill at the next session of the Legislature which will provide for the cutting out of much unnecessary red tape in connection with court procedure.

El Paso.—Construction work on the new railroad from El Paso to Quannah will be commenced shortly.

Comfort.—Mrs. Minnie Reinbolt, wife of William Reinbolt, of Seguin, dies while visiting relatives at Comfort.

Brownsville.—Arrangements are made by the Commercial Club to entertain Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan in a very elaborate manner on their visit to Brownsville.

DOMESTIC.

Chicago.—J. F. Yanner, an Illinois Central Pullman car conductor is arrested on a charge of assisting in the smuggling of Chinese into the United States over the Mexican border near El Paso.

Little Rock.—McNeil, Mena, and many other small towns in Arkansas are visited by a tornado which destroys much property and causes the death of six people.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Folk states that he will not tolerate the existence of so-called Sunday "clubs." This act is taken as the result of many saloons having evaded the license law by opening up these clubs and closing their regular places of business.

Spokane, Wash.—Mine operators, prospectors and all those interested in the mining industry in Northern Idaho, will remonstrate in a very emphatic manner against the reducing of the tariff on ores. A representative delegation has been sent to Washington for that purpose armed with a monster petition containing the names of every mining man and prospector in the district.

Detroit, Mich.—The much dreaded foot and mouth disease has found its way into Michigan. Several head of stock in Livornia Township have been condemned by the stock inspectors and rigid methods have been adopted to prevent the further spread of the trouble.

New York.—The Gould railroads report increased earnings as follows: Texas & Pacific, third week in November, \$342,541; increase \$50,597. Missouri Pacific, third week in November, \$957,000; in-

crease, \$99,000; increase, \$99,000. Central branch of the Missouri Pacific, third week in November, \$35,000; increase \$10,000. St. Louis Southwestern, third week in November, \$228,223; increase \$26,863. Denver & Rio Grande, third week in November, \$442,200; increase \$17,400.

New York.—In course of cross examination, John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, states that the company caused a reduction in the price of oil by utilizing the by-products.

Washington.—Statue of General Phil Sheridan is unveiled in the presence of President Roosevelt and a gathering of members of the cabinet and diplomatic corps. Practically the entire official life of Washington was present and the actual unveiling was done by Mrs. Sheridan herself.

New York.—Richard Croker, former Tammany chief, celebrates his sixty-seventh birthday.

Cleveland.—Valuable affidavits and legal documents which have an important bearing on the Standard Oil case, have been stolen from the office of the County Clerk.

Union City, Tenn.—Marshall Stinebeck, Edward Stinebeck and Jim Stinebeck, Negroes, are lynched by the citizens of Tiptonville. The cause of the action of the mob was the shooting of Special Deputy Burrows and the wounding of John Hall by the Negroes while resisting arrest for disturbing a religious meeting.

New Orleans.—John S. Hagler, an escaped lunatic from the Terrell Asylum, runs amuck in the St. Charles Hotel. Hagler shot up the hotel and bit a chambermaid in the neck before he was captured.

Philadelphia.—Fred Bradley, heavyweight puglist, receives injuries in a bout with Kubak, the Mexican Giant, which may result in his death. All participants in the exhibition have been arrested and are being held pending the outcome of the affair.

Sedalia, Mo.—The bank at Sweet Springs is robbed of \$5500 in currency by professionals, who opened the vault with dynamite. The robbers get away without leaving any clues for the police to work on.

Washington.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon makes the statement that he is in favor of an honest revision of the tariff and says that the pledges made by the Republican party in connection with tariff revision should be

American Country Ways.

By Edward W. Perry.

(Reprinted from The National Grange.)

American country ways can scarcely be called ways of

pleasantness. On the contrary, they are usually crude and dirty, rough and noisy. They waste time, patience and energy, and they spoil the comfort of all who must endure these defects. In dry seasons they are dusty, in wet weather they are little better than canals of mud; and at all times they are needlessly steep and costly.

This is true largely because America highways, like Topsy, "jest grewed." Practically all our roads began as mere trails through wilds, were widened a little by the pioneer who lopped off a branch here, a root there and cut down a tree yonder, that his pack animal might squeeze past. Later comers dug up a stump or a stone, now and then, and trimmed down the sharp banks of the stream, because they were using cart or wagon to carry wife and babe and household belongings to their ne whome in the wilderness.

All these early travelers followed the line of least resistance, so far as they found it without too much searching. Believing that they would soon go that way again, and used to making light of such difficulties, our sturdy fathers did little more than was necessary to the moment. So many followed that in a few years they found it good to come together, now and then, to make roads, as neighbors in those friendly days used to have logging bees, house raisings, apple paring parties, and quilting bees, and such other meetings for mutual help as might fairly be made an excuse for dance and frolic. To this hour, in many a corner of the land, road making is regarded as a yearly "bee" at which neighbor and friend should swap tobacco and yarns and jests between short spells of work.

But millions who dwell in country places now see that their wagon roads should be made far better than they have ever been, even when at their best. It has at last been seen that the condition of these roads affects the pocketbook of every human being in all the land, more directly and materially than it is affected by any other one cause. This will be so while every human being in the

land must use products of the American farm, because all these products must be hauled over these thoroughfares from farm to market. The cost of such moving is increased by everything that hinders the easy moving of the wheels by which the products are carried.

More than half of the scores of millions of tons of things taken each year from American farms; practically all of the tens of millions of tons of food required by seventy millions of people of this country; all the millions of tons of cotton and of wool they wear, and many another thousand tons of other things they want for their health, their comfort or their luxury, must be hauled by animals through dust or sand or mud, up steep grades or over pebbles that make up the first stage of their journey from field to consumer. From this wastefulness no present relief is offered, because almost ninety-three of every hundred miles of American wagon roads are rough and steep, badly drained and costly.

These truths about our highways were scarcely known to the people as a whole, before the office of public roads, a bureau of the agricultural department at Washington, gave us, last year, the nearest approach ever made to the precise truth about the condition and the cost of our public highways. This is the more notable because at the end of each of many decades our national government has given us tomes of copious and most minute information about the number, birth and color, the work, wages and wealth of our people; about the size, products and value of our farms; but never before last year had any administration even an approach to fair support for its efforts to give to the nation accurate data covering the miles and the character, the annual cost and the existing condition of its country roads, which are as the arteries and the veins through which must flow that commerce which is as the very life blood of our prosperity.

Perhaps no more complete nor accurate information about our roads as a whole will be given before the national census shall have covered this field as fully and as accurately as it has covered other great interests of the nation. That census information will give us a larger number of our people, nor serve them more directly and clearly than would such full and exact information as the next national census may properly give about their highways.

From the best data we have it seems that all of the United States, except Alaska and our island possessions, had 2,151,570 miles of wagon roads in the year 1904. Of these only a minute fraction more than 7 per cent were called improved. This betterment was by means of realigning and grading, by draining and bridging and by surfacing with material intended to make the roads dry and hard at all seasons, therefore easier and more durable than ordinary earthen roads can well be.

Thus appears that we had, that year, about three-quarters of a mile of wagon road for each square mile of land in the territory mentioned, or about six feet of road for every acre of land. For each mile of such road there were 35 people in this country. That is, for each of us there were 151 feet of wagon road of all characters, but less than 10.7 lineal feet of improved road per capita. In fact, for each mile of improved roads in the country we had 494.9 people.

In the year 1904 the work done on all these roads was valued at \$79,771,418. This equaled \$37.07 per mile, or \$1.05 per capita of population—two cents a week for each of us. Many a frugal shop girl spends as much daily for gum.

Lack of such improvements as our roads need compelled us to pay, in the year 1907, much more than we should have been made to pay for about 196,153,000 tons of farm products, not including any of the many thousands of tons of fruit, of vegetables other than potatoes, none of the millions upon millions of gallons of milk; none of the myriad millions tons of wood, nor any of the other products hauled from field or forest to market. Nor does it include any of the hundreds of thousands of tons of fertilizers and of feed, or lumber, coal and wire, or machinery and other things taken from town to the farm.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1908.

Don't stand around and watch Cotulla grow, get in line and help.

HAD you ever thought that Cotulla would be a great deal better town if it was incorporated.

JUST watch Cotulla come to the front as the best town for good schools in Southwest Texas.

TEXAS will soon have another Legislature. Will it be remembered as long as the immortal Thi

PERHAPS it wouldn't be a bad idea to resurrect or reorganize the Business Men's Club.

If you have money, you have friends. If you have no money a microscope is necessary to locate your friends.

AND now they say Tom Johnson is not "busted" as was the talk a short while back. He is only "bent" financially, so his friends say.

IT will soon be time for New Year resolutions. How many have you to make. How many have you intact from the last "swearing off?"

THE CARRIZO SPRINGS JAVELIN says it longs for the day when the railroad will reach Asherton, so all Carrizo can say a sweet good-bye to that sandy lane West of Cotulla.

THE Texas longhorn will soon be a thing of the past. Very few of these old steers are now to be found on the ranches. The ranchman is breeding better cattle and each year the horns of his herd grow shorter.

Boys don't loaf on the streets. The education you get here may land you behind prison bars in future years. Put in your time, all of it, in school, and when you are grown and have to shift for yourself you will have the ability to make an honest living.

THE farmers in the Nueces Valley will put in about one hundred acres of spring tomatoes. There is good money in tomatoes, and with this acreage, car-load lots can be shipped. Break away from one crop idea. It may win for awhile, but it will fail in the long run.

Eggs fifty cents a dozen! Now Mr. Farmer with a hundred good laying hens, you're IT. Urge your hens with good treatment and plenty of the fruit producing food to do their limit. Bring your eggs to Cotulla, turn 'em into money and put it down your jeans.

WE heard a new comer remark the other day he might not make quite as much money here as he had made where he came from, but in summing up the money he had made had not done him much good, as the greater part of it had been spent for doctor bills and medicine. Health has a great value, but some people don't know it.

INSTEAD of talking politics lets talk good roads, good sidewalks, brick plants, parks, incorporation, artesian well for waterworks, electric lights and a few other things Cotulla needs bad enough. We must have all these things and many others besides. Bear it in mind. Keep talking and if you can do something besides talk. If you can't do more, talk for it. Talk is cheap and easy, and every little helps.

JUST twenty more days until the arrival of Santa Claus' but those twenty days will seem ages to the little boys and girls, who most eagerly await his coming. The toy stores are now all aglow with holiday day decorations and chuek full of pretty things from old Santa's workshop, and on Christmas eve, they will be distributed far and near to the good children. Remember Santa Claus only visits the good boys and girls. He don't like the naughty ones.

APPARENTLY financial conditions are getting better right along. Mills and factories have opened up by the hundreds since the election and hundreds of thousands of men have been put back to work. Down in this portion of Texas we have begun to feel and see the change. Money is some easier and the tide of immigration has begun. During the next two months thousands of Northern people will come to Southwest Texas looking for homes.

DIVERSIFICATION IS WISE!

We notice this year that on many of the farms around Cotulla there is more diversified crops than heretofore. We are glad to see will mean more money to the farmers.

Now that a start along these lines has been made we hope and expect to see it increase, until or two Cotulla will not only ship onions by load, but every other product that can be raised in this wonderful section.

The one crop idea is a bad one, no matter what that crop is. The one crop at Cotulla has been onions, and there is no better money crop than onions, but occasionally there will come bad years, but last season, and the farmer who has ever staked on this one crop will not fare so well as his neighbor who diversifies his crop. Last year he lost lots of farmers money, whereas if they had a few acres of other truck to fall back on they have come out all right.

Tomatoes, cabbage, cucumbers, melons and all kinds of garden truck does well here, a man with a 20-acre irrigated farm who puts in acres of each kind of truck, in five years time come out with more money than the man who has his entire place to onions each year. The time will come we believe that the farmers who are now planting 20 to 40 acres in onions will not plant over ten and plant the balance to other truck that pay just as well. In this way he will have some to sell every month in the year and if the market is not good for tomatoes it will be for onions and cucumbers, etc., and in this way his bank account will grow from year to year.

Because of the enormous expense of producing onions, planting big crops is too much like gambling. If you hit, you win with a big roll, if you have a harvest of prices are not good, you come out might in the hole.

There are fortunes to be made in truck farming because of our early seasons. The way to insure of success is to diversify.

MAN'S LENGTH OF LIFE.

Prof. Metchnikoff's announcement that he will devote his Nobel prize, amounting to \$19,000, to further his experiments in the prolongation of life excites no surprise. The anomaly would be that by a man of science of his new-found fortune for other purpose than the prosecution of his life work.

Metchnikoff is engaged on a line of laboratory investigation of peculiar interest to laymen. Others have studied bacilli in their relation to disease; he endeavors to apply them for the benefit of health to marshal against the microbes which contend for the possession of man's body in the intestinal tract, rival host of beneficent microbes extracted from the milk ferment which is a part of the national dietary of the long-lived Bulgarians.

He is a Ponce de Leon of science seeking the fountain of youth in sour milk. His "war of the intestines," as he well says, is a more dramatic conflict than the imaginary battles waged in the pages of fiction by the inhabitants of Mars.

If Metchnikoff succeeds in doubling the duration of life, what then? Will there be a guarantee of youthful vigor along with the years of Methuselah? Will the enthusiasms of youth, the friendships, the interest in life remain? Will the Osler limit of efficiency be protracted from forty to eighty? Or will the gain be only that of the lean and slippered pantaloon period, sans everything that makes life livable? There is the familiar classic example of the mortal endowed with immortality but without the boon of youth. Achilles chose the short and active life in preference to length of years without achievement. Given a man who reaches 120 under the Metchnikoff regime and then ceases to drink the life-prolonging beverage will the act constitute suicide?

Much interesting speculation is excited by the efforts of the Russian scientist to reverse the laws of nature through the medium of a few test-tubes in Paris laboratory.—The New York World.

A TEXAS ASSET.

An incident which occurred in a local real estate office recently teaches a lesson which should be brought home to every person who desires the welfare of his state.

A Texan who was seeking an investment, asked the price of a certain tract of land which he had often visited. He was told that the price was ten dollars an acre.

"Ten dollars an acre," exclaimed the native. "Why it is only a few years since I could have bought that land for two dollars. Land is too high in Texas now. I can't afford to touch it."

The same day a farmer from Illinois came to the real estate office and inquired about the same tract. He had visited it and seen for himself how rich the soil was and knew the wondrous crops the land would produce. He asked the price and received the same answer as the native Texan.

"Only ten dollars an acre," he said. "Why I paid \$125 an acre," for my farm in Illinois and I doubt if it is as rich as the land I have just inspected. This is certainly the time to invest in Texas lands. In a few years you cannot touch a barren hillside at that price."

One of these gentlemen, the Texan, was viewing conditions from the standpoint of the past; the other was looking forward to the future. The man who looks backward and views things through the wrong end of the telescope, is a drag on the community. The man who looks forward and has faith in what he sees, in the man who is building the Texas.—San Antonio, Gazette.

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what to buy.

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J. T. Hall was in town from the ranch this week.

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

Fine weather for onion transplanting.

J. D. Watson went up to San Antonio yesterday.

"Sunshine" Hawkes is the next number of the Lyceum course, Dec. 9th.

See my line of Jewelry before you buy your Xmas present.

YOUR FALL SUIT—REED

Hundreds of laborers are now employed on the onion farms.

Mr. J. H. Gallman made a business trip to San Antonio during the week.

Mrs. J. A. Reed left yesterday morning on a visit to relatives in Beeville.

Currants, seeded raisins and citron at S. Cotulla's.

Jno. M. Daniel made a business trip to the Alamo City during the week.

Hear "Sunshine Hawks" at the Skating Rink building Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock sharp.

Miss Cora Kuykendall returned Monday from a brief visit to Pearsall.

Preaching at the Methodist church tomorrow and tomorrow night.

If you want to make your hens lay, get a package of poultry food from S. Cotulla.

Sheriff Chub Poole returned Tuesday from a brief trip up the L. & G. N.

Mr. J. J. Werner is hauling out lumber to build on his farm at Potect Lake.

The cold wave of this week did not amount to much in this section of Texas.

All Carpenters in town are busy. That sounds like prosperity is returning, don't it?

Tony Pieper, who has been cashier at the depot here for the past year left Tuesday for Manchaca.

Christmas Goods are on display at C. F. Binkley's store. Mr. Binkley will handle a nice line of gifts and toys this season.

Don't fail to hear "Sunshine Hawks" at the Skating Rink building Wednesday night at 7 o'clock sharp.

J. M. Tarver and family who have been living at Del Rio for several months returned to Cotulla Wednesday.

Mr. Jessie Talbott was the first onion grower on the Nueces to finish transplanting. He wound up Thursday.

Nearly everybody knows DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are small, pleasant, sure Little Liver pills Sold by Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Gaddis' Pharmacy will give away a \$25 ladies watch Christmas. See ad for further particulars. If you are a good guesser you may win the watch.

The roof on the new school building is nearing completion, and also the plastering on the inside. The finish work on the inside will require probably a month to complete.

Notice.

We expect to have our residing Elder Rev. A. J. Weeks with us to hold the first Quarterly Conference at 2 p. m. Saturday Dec. 12, and to preach the following Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. M. LYNN.

Pastor Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rob Harris Fenress is in the city visiting Mrs. L. W. Gaddis, her cousin.

Roe Oliver returned Sunday from up the L. & G. N. We failed to learn whether he had been to Pearsall or Moore.

Miss Lizzie Campbell of Carrizo Springs passed through Cotulla Wednesday enroute to San Antonio on a visit.

Notice—December assessments of Home Circle Society due between 1st and 10th of December. Members please take notice.

C. E. MANLY, Secy.

John and Sam Pease and Roy Pease, brothers and nephew of W. L. Pease, of this city came out from Gonzales county this week on a deer hunt.

LOST—One hand grip containing a wool shirt and a bicycle lamp. Lost on road between Conlan ranch and my place in Cotulla. Finder return to me and get reward.—W. L. PEASE.

Mr. W. L. Pease, proprietor of the City Barber Shop, the only American Shop in Cotulla, informs us that he has ordered an electric massage machine, which will be here and be installed within the next week or ten days.

The lectures of "Sunshine Hawks" are instructive and very entertaining. He injects a lot of fun and laughter in his lectures and is a proven success. Don't fail to hear him at the Skating Rink Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock sharp.

Ham Russell, who has been at Houston since August returned home Sunday. He will stay here and work in his father's onion farm this winter.

We call your attention to the card of Miss Mary Muller in this issue of the Record. Miss Muller is now in charge of a rooming house at 335 S. Presa St., San Antonio. It is only three blocks from the business center of the city. Accommodations strictly first class.

ONION SETS for sale. I have a large surplus of onion sets that I will sell for \$20 per acre. Estimate 100,000 plants to acre. All large healthy plants. Come and see them. If you can't come write me at once how many you want.—JOHN H. DAVIS, Laredo, Texas.

"Sunshine Hawks" who is well and favorably known to Cotulla audiences, will be here Wednesday evening and deliver a new lecture beginning at 7 o'clock sharp at the Skating Rink building. It will cost only fifty cents for a solid hour of instruction and entertainment.

Messrs. W. E. Campbell, W. L. and Wright Pease returned Thursday from a hunt in the lower country. Mr. Campbell killed a buck that caps anything we have seen in many years, it having a set of horns containing 35 points. The largest deer brought in this season before this one had 17 points.

Matt Russell has on exhibit at Jno. M. Daniel's real estate office, one of the most curious of natural growths ever seen in Cotulla. It is a "Devil's pen cushion" cactus which has grown into an almost perfect U. S. Mr. Russell calls it his patriotic cactus and says it bears its own evidence of being a Texas product with no hint of Mexican origin, otherwise it would not advertise its patriotism to the world.

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Prof. Taylor, Mrs. R. A. Taylor, Mrs. Harrison, Misses Bee Thomas and Doria Shaw attended the Teacher's Institute at Pearsall this week.

"Sunshine Hawks" will deliver one of his interesting lectures here Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock p. m., sharp, at the Skating Rink building, under the auspices of the Cotulla Lyceum. Admittance 50c.

Messrs. Ed Rock and Ed Dessor are building nice homes on their irrigated farms below Cotulla. There is a great deal more improvement going on in the country than in town, but as it takes the country to support the town, we can expect to move ahead faster after awhile.

J. M. Henegon returned Saturday from San Antonio, bringing with him samples of some pressed brick made from Cotulla clay. These brick were not burned but merely pressed. Some of the brick are now being burned at Calavaves and the samples will be out in the next few days. These will demonstrate that Cotulla can turn out as fine brick as any place in Southwest Texas.

Armstrong Poole, ten year old son of Sheriff Poole had the misfortune to break his arm just above the wrist last Monday morning. The little fellow with several other boys were riding burros near the river.

Armstrong fell off catching his arm under him and breaking it. Fortunately Mr. S. H. Anderson and several other gentlemen were in a hack coming to town and saw the accident, and picked him up and brought him to the doctor.

In mentioning the completion of a new dam across the Nueces twelve miles below Cotulla last week, we erred in stating the building of it was superintended by J. E. Black. Mr. W. H. Morford had charge of the work and the dam which is constructed different to any on the river, was built according to his plans. While this dam was being built the water was thrown out of the channel through the old river bed, which connects with the present channel some six miles below, thus the workmen was not hindered in the least by water. After its completion the water was turned back and the reservoir is now filled and water is going over the dam. The reservoir will furnish an abundance of water for all the farms in that neighborhood.

Sunshine Hawks at the Skating Rink Dec. 9th. Lecture will begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

Max Goeth of Marble Falls was here this week looking after his land interests. Mr. Goeth owns some valuable property fronting on Harris Lake and has had Surveyor Sylvester surveying it into one and two hundred acre farms, and will place it on the market for sale. Mr. Goeth says they have had some real cold weather at Marble Falls, ice forming an inch thick, and was surprised to find vegetation still green and growing here.

Mr. Edward Buckley, one of La Salle County's pioneer ranchmen, and up until recent years identified extensively with our ranch interests, was here this week from Eagle Pass, where he is now in the hide and wool business. Mr. Buckley has a host of friends here who are always glad to shake his hand, and naturally he feels more at home in Cotulla than anywhere else in the world. Mr. Buckley says business has been dull all the way all the year, but is reviving some since the election and he hopes and expects to see normal conditions again soon. He does a big business in Mexico, and says that country was affected more by the panic than was Texas. Conditions are gradually getting better, and every inducement possible is being offered to American capital. Mr. Buckley will leave to lay for Eagle Pass.

Dr. J. W. ... Physician, was up from Encinal Thursday, where he is in charge of the small pox situation. He said the situation was under control, although he expected some new cases and it would probably be forty or sixty days before it was entirely stamped out. Five new cases has developed in the past ten days. About thirty-five cases is now convalescing. The disease is scattered in every part of the town, and a large number of guards is required. Whenever a member of a family contracts the disease, the entire family is quarantined in the house, and as it is confined to the Mexican population, who are nearly all poor, it devolves upon the county to support all in quarantine. The county is now feeding probably seventy-five or more persons, and with their maintenance of a large corps of guards together with the Physicians salary and necessary medicines, is at no small expense. If the situation is now under control, as it is thought, the cost to the county will be from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

AN OPPORTUNE TIME

The beginning of a New Year is a good time to start your business on a systematic basis.

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