

# The Cotulla Record.

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Don't delay your Christmas Shopping longer. It will save you worry and money to come now before our line is picked over. We have a line of numerous Toys for the little boys and girls that Santa Claus shipped here for distribution. We have substantial and useful gifts for the young and the old. Read what we have to say below and you might find a suggestion to help you. We repeat, don't delay. It is to your disadvantage.



### For Your Lady Friends

Buy a Lace Collar, a pair of Gloves, a Belt, a Gladly's Chain, a Belt Pin, a string of Beads, a Bandbag, a Satin-lined Suit Case, a Traveling Bag, a Fancy Comb, an Automobile Scarf, Toilet Trinkets, a lovely Box of Stationery—price from 50c to \$2.50, a Book, a Book-Rack, a Foot Stool, a Rug.

### For Your Gentlemen Friends.

Get a nice Handkerchief, a pretty Tie, a pair of Suspenders, a Fancy Vest, a pair of Gloves, a Hat, a hair Brush, a pair of fancy Half-Hose, a Blotter and Letter Rack, Nail Brush and knife, a Muffler, a pair of Cuff Buttons, a Silver Shoe Horn, a Button Hook, a Book, a Scarf, an Emblem Button, a Suit Case, an Umbrella.



### For the Baby and Child

Get a Doll for the Baby, or a Dog, a Rabbit, a Teddy, a Rattler, a Teething Ring, or perhaps a Pacifier. For the little girl get a Doll, a Doll Buggy, a Doll Chair, a Table, a Game, a Book, a Doll Dresser, Side-board or Chiffonier, a Post Card Album, a Story Book, a Vase, a Pitcher.

Get a Rocking Horse, a Ball, a Windsor Tie, a Standing Collar, a Hat, a Stick Pin, a Sweater, a nice pair of Shoes, a pair of Stockings, a Silk Handkerchief.



## Fireworks--Fun for the Boys!

We have an attractive line of Christmas Tree Ornaments and miniature Christmas Trees that we notice excite the admiration of the children more than almost anything. Our line of Express Wagons range in price from 90c to \$3.00. Our Teddy Bears are 25c, 50c and 85c. See our line of attractive small gifts of Books, Baskets, Vases, Scarfs, Sofa Pillow Covers, Silver Pieces for the Toilet Table, Stationery,

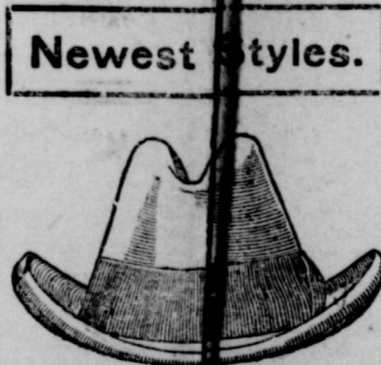
### A BUNCH OF SUGGESTIONS FOR HIM.



Some pretty Ties



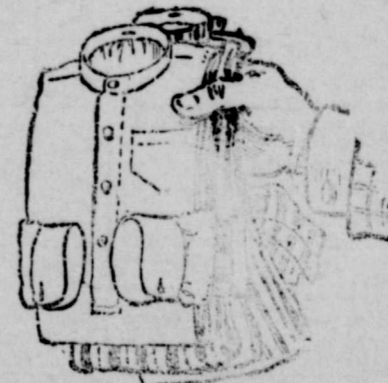
A pair of Shoes



A nice Hat.



A dozen Collars.



A half dozen nice Shirts.

## Our Line of Boys Suits.

We can't say anything too strong about our big line of Boy's Suits. They're right in every way and nothing would please your boy better for Christmas than a nobby new Suit. The price of our Suits range from \$5 to \$8, and we guarantee everyone of them.



# K. BURWELL.

# CHRISTMAS

## A Few Words to Late Gift Buyers.

There is always somebody who is late in gift buying. Always somebody doomed to disappointment and driven to buying something entirely different for a friend from what was first intended. That's the way it has been in years past, but we think we have provided for the late ones this year. At any rate it will pay you to seek gifts here even up to Christmas day. We bought heavily of this season's gift goods that it seems impossible that any one should be disappointed.

Every article in our immense stock is of worthy quality. We made many savings in buying and share them with our customers. It would be impossible to tell you all about our stock—you must see it. Don't depend too much upon finding what you want at the last minute. We are particularly strong on the following lines at present:

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pocket Books</li> <li>Purses</li> <li>Diaries</li> <li>Toilet Sets</li> <li>Hand Mirrors</li> <li>Hair Brushes</li> <li>Brush and Comb Set</li> <li>Traveling Sets</li> <li>Perfumes</li> <li>Ebony Goods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desk Sundries</li> <li>Celluloid Goods</li> <li>Fine China</li> <li>Cut Glass</li> <li>Jewelry</li> <li>Toy</li> <li>Triplicate Mirrors</li> <li>Oxford Bibles</li> <li>Fancy Atomizers</li> <li>Photo Albums</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Cards</li> <li>Shaving Sets</li> <li>Safety Razors—Sets</li> <li>Stationery</li> <li>Chafing Dishes</li> <li>Fountain Pens</li> <li>Vases</li> <li>Books</li> <li>Cameras</li> <li>Photo Sundries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sterling Silver Goods</li> <li>Pictures</li> <li>Burnt Leather Goods</li> <li>Fancy Pottery</li> <li>Soap Boxes</li> <li>Puff Boxes</li> <li>Burnt Wood Novelties</li> <li>Work Boxes</li> <li>Silver Candlesticks</li> <li>Brass Candlesticks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confectionery</li> <li>Dolls</li> <li>Games</li> <li>Watches</li> <li>Pocket Knives</li> <li>Table Cutlery</li> <li>Manicure Sets</li> <li>Cigars</li> <li>Pipes</li> <li>Lamps</li> </ul>
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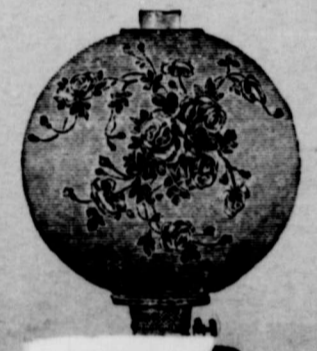


### WHO WILL TELL THE TIME WHEN THE WATCH WILL STOP?

That is the all absorbing question just now. This contest is for three reasons for it. First: The prize is well worth seeking. Second: It is not a contest of haphazard guessing, but of accurate mathematical calculation. Third: Because of the easy method by which one is entitled to enter the contest.

**A Ticket Good for One Guess With Every Purchase between Now and December 25th.**

Remember that the Watch to be Given Away is a fine, 25 year case, Ladies size, sold everywhere for \$25. On the afternoon of December 23, at 5 p. m. December 23, will be wound up, placed in a box and the time when it will stop will be given the watch.



...you spend at this Store.



**Photo Frames**  
Many beautiful new patterns to give with your photo for Christmas. Wood, Metal, Leather, Celluloid, Brass, 30 cts up.

**Work Baskets**  
Every thrifty woman will thank you heartily for a Work Basket for Xmas. See our stock and you will have no trouble choosing, 50c to \$3.00.

**Xmas Lamps**  
A gift that will keep the giver pleasantly in mind a long time. Any selection you make in our stock is sure to be welcomed and appreciated.

**Xmas Cards**  
Almost everybody gives a Christmas Card with every other present. You will find your choice here at any price you want to pay.



**Brushes**  
Unless a man is bald-headed he will thank the giver 365 days a year for a pair of our Military Hair Brushes. Any kind of Wood backs, per pair \$1.50 to \$6.00.

**Razors**  
Unless you are superstitious you will buy your husband a Razor for Xmas. There is variety and value in our stock not equaled elsewhere. A good Razor costs \$2.50.

**Purses**  
25c to \$3.00  
Always welcome and exceedingly tasteful is a Christmas Purse. No line in our store receives more attention or is better assorted or more moderately priced.

**Hand Bags**  
75c to \$8.00  
Every girl wants one, and she won't be happy until she gets one from our stock this Christmas. You can make any girl happy at any price above.

**Collar Bags**  
\$1.00  
These are for your men friends, and they will be appreciated too. Give something like this and you are remembered as long as your present lasts. Price from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

**Manicure Sets**  
Nine out of ten ladies now use manicure tools as regularly as a comb or tooth brush. A selection from our stock wouldn't go amiss, and you would not miss the \$1.00 to \$12.00 either.

**Xmas Dolls**  
We wouldn't consider our stock of Xmas Goods complete without Dolls. If you have a little girl in mind depend on it one of our Dolls will please her. They vary in price from 5c to \$5.00

**Xmas Novelties**  
When you can't think what to give come in and look over our Novelty Stock. That will solve the problem for you in a minute at just the price that suits.

**Music Rolls**  
For a young girl studying music, one of these rolls will be the useful present of the season—we handle good qualities only—They last for year. Price from 50c up.

**Xmas Pens**  
Haven't you a student friend who has use for a Fountain Pen every hour of the day? You will be liked for your thoughtfulness if you send a Parker Fountain Pen.

**Jewelry**  
Our stock contains a greater variety of useful pieces of Gold and Silver Jewelry for gifts this season than ever. The new things are very interesting.

**Xmas Perfumes**  
You could pick from our stock at random and be sure of being pleased in your selection. Come and see our stock anyway.

**Xmas Brushes**  
A Brush is always acceptable as a gift so we put in an extra stock at Christmas. Any you get here will give genuine pleasure to the receiver.

**Xmas Candy**  
In boxes, packed in the daintiest way. We are exclusive agents for the best line in the country and you will be safe in buying here.

**A Gun for Xmas**  
Is about as appropriate a thing for a boy as anything you can think of. When you decide come in and see our stock.

**Cigars**  
A box of Cigars is at home in most any man's stocking Christmas morning. Any man who gets a box from our stock will certainly be at home. Prices run up and down from \$1

**Pipes**  
Ten to one your friend smokes, so a pipe will be appreciated—if you get any one of the hundreds we show.



Largest Line Dolls In Cotulla.

**Stationery**  
Many of the newest things in Correct Stationery, packed in dainty decorated Gift Boxes, make up that elegant line of Xmas Gifts Stationery we have here waiting for your critical inspection. Don't miss seeing this stationery showing for many are the pleasing gifts you can select from it. Prices range all the way from 50c. to \$2.50 per box.



**Fine Cigars.**  
The Cigars we offer for Holiday Giving are not the "gift cigars" the jokesmiths write about—they are the same popular brand we sell so heavily to particular smokers all year around. Your Cigar Gifts will be warmly welcomed, if secured here. The only "Holiday" part is the fancy Gift Boxes in which they are packed, and they're beauties.

**Metal Hand Bags**  
Among the gifts that will be popular for—and wanted by women this Christmas are these Metal Hand Bags.  
They are quite "the right thing" and we have them in exceedingly choiceful assortment.  
The Shirred Mesh is a bit newer than the plain,—though both are right up to date—we have them in price from \$4.00 to \$12.00.

## GADDIS' PHARMACY.

# SHANNON'S STORE -- Center Street.



## Just Four More Shopping Days

until Santa Claus is due to arrive. This store has been made especially attractive with pretty Holiday Presents and interesting Toys and by my reasonable prices shoppers are finding that their money goes farther and they have larger packages to take home when they trade here.

**COSTS NOTHING TO SEE!**

### Handsome Gift Articles

You'll find the prices right on our nice Gift Goods, and I have a choice variety. Gifts that will be appreciated, and they range in price so that you will be sure to find something to fit your purse.

TOILET AND MANICURE SETS, WATER SETS, BUREAU SETS, VASES, MIRRORS, WORK BASKETS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, FANCY STATIONERY, CARD BASKETS.

**Many Other Suitable Things.**

### Best Assortment of Toys.

Only Toys will delight the children, and here you will find them of every character. I have the largest and best assortment in Cotulla and your little fellows will be pleased if you direct Santa Claus to make his delivery from this store.

MECHANICAL TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, HORNS, JUMPING JACKS, WAGONS AND HORSES, DRUMS, PISTOLS, GUNS, ETC., ETC.

**Don't Wait Till the Last Day.**

### SEE OUR NICE LINE OF JEWELRY.

Pretty Assortment of all Sizes of Dolls. Prices are so that you can buy them. Two large and beautiful Dolls given Away Free. Call and let us explain how you can get one.

## A. E. SHANNON, Center St.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. P. Bennett and family were here this week from the O'Connor ranch.

See Arthur Jerome's hand balancing act with Fox's Minstrels here Dec. 21-22-23.

Roy Jennings is here from Zapata county to spend Christmas.

50 dozen fresh eggs at 50c per dozen.

J. A. REED

Pasture men seem to be in earnest about keeping hunters out of their pastures as several complaints have been made and parties fined since the season opened.

See Will Kyler, the celebrated wire cyclist with Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels. Here Dec. 21-22-23.

We are short on news this week on account of the unprecedented amount of Christmas advertising. However these ads are well written and it is to the interest of our readers to read them carefully, in order that you may be better prepared to do your Christmas Shopping.

W. H. Wentworth, representing the San Antonio Express, was in our little city Wednesday. His actions, and the smile on his face was like a boy who had been away for years and had the opportunity to return home. Mr. Wentworth says the future of Southwest Texas is grandest of any country on earth, and he will convince any one that will listen to his reasoning for five minutes. "It seems" said he, "that I left Cotulla yesterday and came back this morning, every one looks big and strong, the picture of health; and a mysterious something makes one feel like the best people on earth have congregated at Cotulla. The Grand Prize Contest of the Express has caused a rivalry to spring up right here in your city. The result will be a winner in the district contest with a fair chance at one of the Grand Prizes."

#### RIVERDALE NOTES.

Riverdale, Texas, Dec. 18.—Messrs. Dymen and Rock are making some nice improvements on their place.

Hint: I believe Frank Reed have put down several thousand feet of wood pipe, then by doing away with a lot of leaky flumes and surface dumps and ditches that took a great deal of ground and was a fine place to grow weeds.

We would say something about the widing of that road but we might be called a kicker, and we will just wait until some of the court with his wife in a buggy starts over it and meets a string of 7 or 8 wood haulers or crate haulers and he has to drive out in the brush and let them pass. Then the road will be widened.

I have a somewhat different preception of what a kicker is. Some folks confound knocker and kicker. There has been a lot of kickers in the world and it is about one of the greatest compliments that can be paid to a man to say that he is a kicker. Luther Calvin Knox and a host of other pious men were kickers. The Puritans that came over in the Mayflower were kickers. The thirteen colonist with Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and George Washington were kickers. Sam Houston and David Crockett were kickers. In 1800 a few preachers in the Presbyterian church kicked at the confession of faith of the Presbyterian church and organized the Cumberland church and for more than a hundred years they kept up their kickery and preaching against the doctrine of decrees election and fordination until the Presbyterian church reversed that ancient Westminster confession of faith by expunge said doctrine and now the two churches are united. When you find a kicker you have one who thinks for himself whether it political or religious, and there are a few men that give some thought about farm work too.

BILLY SELDOM.

L. S. Johnston, M. D.  
Physician

J. L. Hamilton and Sons,  
Dealers in

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Office at Shannon's  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SURGERY AND DISEASES OF WOMEN.  
COTULLA, — TEXAS.

Give us your patronage and we will treat you right.  
MILLET, TEXAS.

J. W. Hargus, M. D.  
Physician, and Surgeon.

Office at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
Residence Phone 14

F. B. Earnest, Attorney At Law,

Will practice in all courts.  
Office three doors of Post-office.  
COTULLA, — TEXAS.

W. H. Fullerton & Co.

Cor. Center and Main St.  
CORN, OATS, HAY, BRAN,  
CORN CHOPS,  
COTTON SEED MEAL.  
M. T. DAVIS, JR.  
Manager.

#### PLEASING MEALS

result from buying groceries from us. You will find quantities to be just as represented—every time. If you have settled upon a figure to which you must confine yourself for your table, you'll find that your grocery bill will be just what you expect.

GEO. E. TARVER.

Will Conking, the family comedie, is still with Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels and will be here Dec. 21-22-23.

"Dad" Roscoe says land breaking is progressing rapidly around Woodward. About 1000 acres has already been turned over.

neighboring towns and country have made business at the holiday stores this week.

Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels is larger and better this season than ever. Here Dec. 21-22-23.

## MONEY TO LEND

ON

### FARMS AND RANCHES.

E. B. CHANDLER,  
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,  
Next the river.

## SHANNON DRUG STORE.

Drugs and Patent Medicines.

A COMPLETE LINE.

A portion of the patronage of the people of Cotulla and La Salle County respectfully solicited. Fair treatment to All. PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY FILLED.

ARTHUR SHANNON, Propr.

## FARMING IMPLEMENTS

Cedar Posts Barb Wire Smooth Wire Hog Wire  
Lawn Wire Red Paling Fence Wire Netting  
Pipe Cylinders Well Casing Sewer Pipe Roofing Iron  
Galvanized Cisterns Lime and Cement  
Guttering Tinware Saddlery

## HARDWARE

We will take contracts to  
Erect Windmill Towers Put in Pipe Cylinders  
Put in Hot Water Tanks  
Put in Bath Tubs Gutter Your House  
Make your Harness, etc.

We are Sole Agents for the  
Genuine Eclipse Windmills Frazier Meaner Saddles  
for La Salle and Dimmitt Counties.

If we can't please you in Price and Quality, who can?

**ROLAND A. GOUGER.**

FRANK B. EARNEST. FRANK W. EARNEST.  
**EARNEST & EARNEST,**  
REAL ESTATE.  
Cotulla, Texas.

We have improved and unimproved lands for sale in all parts of the county. Can sell you what you want and at the best figures. Land in large or small tracts and suited to all purposes. We are ready to show you what we have at all times. Write to us or call on us.

## G. W. Henrichson

—DEALER IN—  
GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND FURNITURE.

Our Motto. "Best Value for the Least Money."  
We sell the Famous Walkover Shoes.

## THE SECRET OF A SUCCESSFUL GROCER

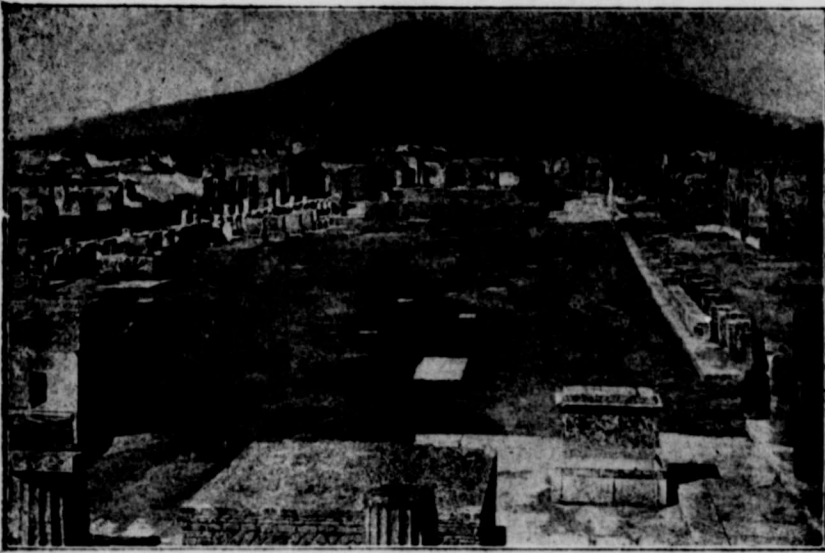
is in keeping just what the public taste demands. We have no room for unreliable goods, and we do not believe in handling anything for which there is no call. No matter what you buy here, you may feel assured of the quality. The prices assure you that you are getting your money's worth.

**D. L. Neeley**

# Rome of the Romans

After the Empire was divided, and half the power was divested in the Emperor of Constantinople, the western part went rapidly on its way to ruin. The end of the third century saw the Barbarians pressing over the borders of the empire wherever the weakness of the defenders permitted. At this time too the last traces of the republic had disappeared and the Emperors were supreme. There was but one power in the state and that was the Emperor. This despotism was hedged about with all manner of eastern pomp and magesty of monarchy. The final adoption of the title, Dominus, so often re-

of the country and the throngs of the populous cities. These fearful conditions were aggravated by the barbarian incursions and still more by the number of barbarians that had at different times settled in the empire, and reached great power. The filled the legions and were trusted aids of the Emperor. It was to these enemies within that the first provinces of the empire were lost. The names of Alaric, Rufinus and Stilicho are most prominent in the empire. They wanted lands for their people and what they had power to secure. The vigorous young states in Gaul and Spain were as yet

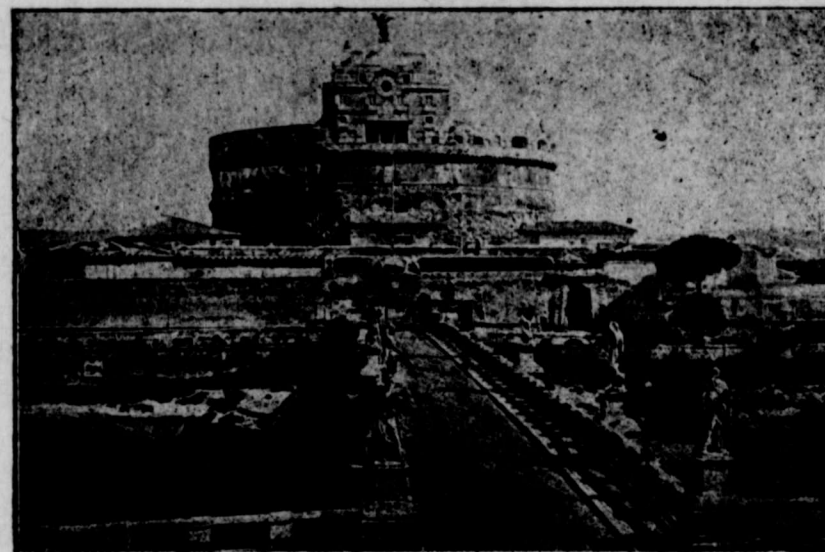


EXCAVATIONS AT POMPEII.

fused by the early masters of the Republic, the diadem on the head, the replacement of the republican salutation of a fellow citizen by the adoring prostration of even the highest rank were all significant marks that the old order of things had passed. Yet the creation of a complicated machinery of government and the assumption of power by the emperors prolonged the existence of the decaying empire.

The end of the fourth century saw such a horde of barbarians on the borders of the

nominaly under the power of Rome, but in reality they were self governing, and the question was, would they in the future maintain this relationship. Attila was the recognized power in a vast empire along the Danube and Rhine and far to the north barbarian tribes hailed him as king. He now confronted the Roman Emperor as an equal. His advance on Rome threatened, not the establishment of another barbarian colony, but the subjugation of the civilized and Christianized west to the rule of a heathen and semi-barbarous conqueror, but at this point

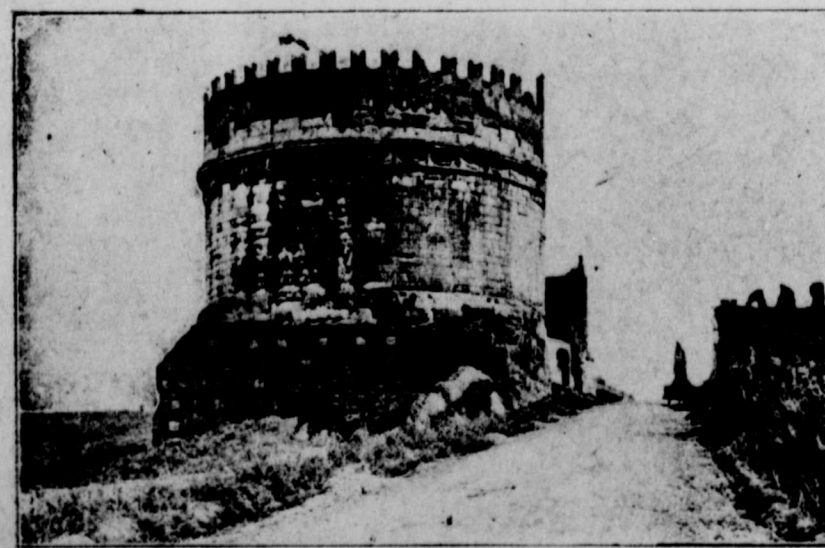


FORTRESS OF SAN ANGELO.

question of time when the vigorous blood of the more primitive men of the forests would sweep the walls of Rome itself of its defenders. All writers of the period bewail the signs of decay. The graver symptoms of economic ruin were the decrease of population, which impaired the power of the legions to keep their quota, as well as gave less taxpayers to be oppressed by the collectors. The spread of infanticide; the increase of waste land whose owners and cultivators had fled to escape the ruinous taxation; and the constantly recurring riots among both the peasants

barians who had settled in the empire rallied and helped to drive Attila from Italy. The death of the emperor and of Attila allowed room for all manner of confusion, so that in less than twenty years the Imperial city yielded her treasures to Gaiseric the Barbarian.

This mingling of the two nations made possible the Romano Germanic civilization, it gave a new impetus to the growth of distinct states and nationalities, and finally it gave a new impulse to the influence of the Christian Church and laid the foundation of the power of the bishops of Rome.



TOMB OF CECILLA METELLA.

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

Great God, long life and length of days, wherein to chant sweet praise Grant us, wherein to chant sweet praise For all the favors which Thy love Sends down to bless us from above. Let every voice grow bold in song. So that, on this Thanksgiving Day, As we our hearts lift up to pray, Each ransomed soul may clearer see The goal of immortality; And hearts pervert and Nature's blind Lag not, nor tarry long behind, But by the light of Charity, Be brought this day to honor Thee, Make Thou our hearts to open wide With love for those who plod beside Us—here on earth where favors seem To shine, but with unequal gleam. Let Fortune's favored seek the poor And bar for them misfortune's door, So as Thy gracious gifts we share Each cheerfully life's cross may bear. For surely we are brothers still, And here on earth we wait until The Angel Death comes down at last To level earthly lines of caste, Thy love, then, rich with Heaven's gleam, Should to us not unequal seem, For Thou mysterious ways doth go Thy wonders to perform below. Then, as we meet in prayer today The grave, the blithe—the sad, the gay, All fashioned in Thine image, Lord, Move Thou our hearts with one accord To honor Thee as God and King, While our Thanksgiving song we sing, And thus united may we be 'Til dawn of bright Eternity. One band—each vying with the other To make life happy for his brother, Each soul in hopes, at last, when free, To odwell forever, Lord, with Thee. NAT. M. WASHER. San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 26, 1908.

## WILL AFFECT NEWSPAPERS.

Cooper Has New Measure to Introduce in Congress.

Before leaving for Washington tonight Congressman S. B. Cooper said that in addition to doing all he can during the session for deep water he will introduce a measure that will make it compulsory for each newspaper owned by a stock company to publish a list of the stockholders. If owned by an individual or a private firm, a publication of the names of all interested in it is to be kept standing at the mast head of the paper. This, he thinks, will be a public knowledge on political and

## A STUMPER FOR BEVERIDGE.

Why Didn't They Pass on the Recommendations?

Senator Beveridge was speaking at an outdoor meeting at Garrett, Indiana. "Is there anybody present who desires to ask me a question?" he inquired. "Speak up, now; don't be afraid. Has any one a question he desires to ask me?" There was a pause. Nobody volunteered. Finally an old gray-bearded man said: "Yes, durn ye, I'll ask one." "What is it, my friend?" inquired Beveridge. "I'll ask ye one and here 'tis: Why don't ye pass the President's message, durn ye? Answer me that if ye can!"

## THE HIRED GIRL'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Plain Old Fashioned Food for the Children and Old Folks Is Best.

A manufacturer, whose business stationery indicates large enterprises, writes us from "Somerville (near Boston, Mass.):

"Editor Collier's: "Now that you have about got thro' with Patent Medicines and such, I suggest that you tell us what is best and most nourishing food to bring up a family on. My wife persist in feeding my growing boys on blanc mange and jellies and such stuff. I tell her it is no good, that good bread and butter with a little jam and milk is about the best for them. That's what I was brought up on.

"How would it do to print each week a daily bill of fare for a family? As things now go in my house, it seems to be all left to the hired girl. We get little variety, and so occasionally I skip into town to get fed up.

"Yours truly, A—B—C." We'd be glad to help, but we aren't sure the hired girl is a constant reader of Collier's. What interests absorb this wife's time—woman suffrage? Colonial Dames? We're in hearty sympathy with the father's old-fashioned ideas about die. Dr. Wiley the other night satirized some new fangled claims which flourish in the advertising columns and pointed out that so called "brain foods"

are at the big... ought to... the pre... sorbing... that folk... heart-to-h... or as w... nature of... ver lining... which se... for a hot... or a dee... Mrs. Gri...

## COTTON

The S... western Cotton Buy... ation has sent out... the follow... "Replie... from our correspon... date of Nov. 25, in... total crop for Texas... of 1908-09 at 3,700,000... Our estimate of... last sea... Nov. 2... 07, was 2,350,000... bales.

"The... rapid gathering, gin... ing and marketing of the... season's crop has been on an... unprecedented scale. The stocks... held by... merchants and farmers... are the... lightest in many years, and at... no time has there been any... general inclination to hold. On the... contrary, the tendency to sell... freely has been so pronounced... that the movement has... led many... people to largely over-estimate... the production."

## CANDY

In order to introduce our delightful Chocolates, Bonbons and Nadja Caramele in every home in the United States, we will send you on receipt of 50c in... stamps, a handsome box filled with a fine assortment of your dresser. Sent postpaid. Mention this paper when ordering. W. ANKE-WENNEKER, 698 Market St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Consult F. WILSON, M. S., Chemist, formerly State Chemist, for analysis of feed stuffs, waters, ores, soil, etc. Doc... in Commercial Fertilizers \$16 1/2 Main St. Houston, Tex.

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Products

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Duplex Pumps,

Drilling Engines,

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Pipe and Fittings

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Engine Fittings

Shafting.

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For Picnics and Barbecues Richter's "Butter Bread" and "Butter Buns" are the kind always used. Before placing your orders, get our prices on any sized shipment---We'll save you money---Write. Richter's Steam Bakery San Antonio, Texas

Figure Up Your Fuel Bill Divide the amount by the number of bales you ginned. Runs up considerably over half a dollar per bale, doesn't it? FOOS GASOLINE ENGINE WILL GIN FOR 25 cents per bale S. H. Burton, Ginner, Lome... doing good... not do without it. It pulls a four stand 60 saw gin outfit and 20 inch corn mill nicely. Forty page catalogue No. 51 shows why a Foos Engine will reduce your fuel bill enough to pay for the engine in two or three seasons. Southern Gas & Gasoline Engine Co., HOUSTON, TEXAS

# SHANNON'S STORE -- Center Street.



## Just Four More Shopping Days

until Santa Claus is due to arrive. This store has been made especially attractive with pretty Holiday Presents and interesting Toys and by my reasonable prices shoppers are finding that their money goes farther and they have larger packages to take home when they trade here.

**COSTS NOTHING TO SEE!**

### Handsome Gift Articles

You'll find the prices right on our nice Gift Goods, and I have a choice variety. Gifts that will be appreciated, and they range in price so that you will be sure to find something to fit your purse.

TOILET AND MANICURE SETS, WATER SETS, BUREAU SETS, VASES, MIRRORS, WORK BASKETS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, FANCY STATIONERY, CARD BASKETS.

**Many Other Suitable Things.**

### Best Assortment of Toys.

Only Toys will delight the children, and here you will find them of every character. I have the largest and best assortment in Cotulla and your little fellows will be pleased if you direct Santa Claus to make his delivery from this store.

MECHANICAL TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, HORNS, JUMPING JACKS, WAGONS AND HORSES, DRUMS, PISTOLS, GUNS, ETC., ETC.

**Don't Wait Till the Last Day.**

### SEE OUR NICE LINE OF JEWELRY.

Pretty Assortment of all Sizes of Dolls. Prices are so that you can buy them. Two large and beautiful Dolls given Away Free. Call and let us explain how you can get one.

## A. E. SHANNON, Center St.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. P. Bennett and family were here this week from the O'Connor ranch.

See Arthur Jerome's hand balancing act with Fox's Minstrels. Here Dec. 21-22-23.

Roy Jennings is here from Zapata county to spend Christmas.

50 dozen fresh eggs at 50c per dozen.

J. A. REED

Pasture men seem to be in earnest about keeping hunters out of their pastures as several complaints have been made and parties fined since the season opened.

See Will Kyler, the celebrated wire cyclist with Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels. Here Dec. 21-22-23.

We are short on news this week on account of the unprecedented amount of Christmas advertising. However these ads are well written and it is to the interest of our readers to read them carefully, in order that you may be better prepared to do your Christmas Shopping.

W. H. Wentworth, representing the San Antonio Express, was in our little city Wednesday. His actions, and the smile on his face was like a boy who had been away for years and had the opportunity to return home. Mr. Wentworth says the future of Southwest Texas is grandest of any country on earth, and he will convince any one that will listen to his reasoning for five minutes. "It seems" said he, "that I left Cotulla yesterday and came back this morning, every one looks big and strong, the picture of health; and a mysterious something makes one feel like the best people on earth have congregated at Cotulla. The Grand Prize Contest of the Express has caused a rivalry to spring up right here in your city. The result will be a winner in the district contest with a fair chance at one of the Grand Prizes."

#### RIVERDALE NOTES.

Riverdale, Texas, Dec. 18.—Messrs. Dysen and Rock are making some nice improvements on their place.

Hint: Do not let Frank Reed have put down several thousand feet of wood pipe, then by doing away with a lot of leaky flumes and surface dumps and ditches that took a great deal of ground and was a fine place to grow weeds.

We would say something about the widing of that road but we might be called a kicker, and we will just wait until some of the court with his wife in a buggy starts over it and meets a string of 7 or 8 wood haulers or crate haulers and he has to drive out in the brush and let them pass. Then the road will be widened.

I have a somewhat different preception of what a kicker is. Some folks confound knocker and kicker. There has been a lot of kickers in the world and it is about one of the greatest compliments that can be paid to a man to say that he is a kicker. Luther Calvin Knox and a host of other pious men were kickers. The Puritans that came over in the Mayflower were kickers. The thirteen colonist with Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and George Washington were kickers. Sam Houston and David Crockett were kickers. In 1800 a few preachers in the Presbyterian church kicked at the confession of faith of the Presbyterian church and organized the Cumberland church and for more than a hundred years they kept up their kickery and preaching against the doctrine of decrees election and forination until the Presbyterian church reversed that ancient Westminster confession of faith by expunge said doctrine and now the two churches are united. When you find a kicker you have one who thinks for himself whether it political or religious, and there are a few men that give some thought about farm work too.

BILLY SELDOM.

L. S. Johnston, M. D.  
Physician

J. L. Hamilton and Sons,  
Dealers in

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Office at Shannon's  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SURGERY AND DISEASES OF WOMEN.  
COTULLA. — TEXAS.

J. W. Hargus, M. D.  
Physician, and Surgeon.  
Office at Gaddis' Pharmacy.  
Residence Phone 1A

#### PLEASING MEALS

result from buying groceries from us. You will find quantities to be just as represented—every time. If you have settled upon a figure to which you must confine yourself for your table, you'll find that your grocery bill will be just what you expect.

GEO. E. TARVER.

Give us your patronage and we will treat you right.  
MILLET, TEXAS.

F. B. Earnest.  
Attorney At Law,  
Will practice in all courts.  
Office three doors of Post-office.  
COTULLA. — TEXAS.

W. H. Fullerton & Co.  
Cor. Center and Main St.  
CORN, OATS, HAY, BRAN, CORN CHOPS, COTTON SEED MEAL  
M. T. DAVIS, JR.  
Manager.

John W. Willson,  
Lawyer and Land Agent  
Will practice in all Courts.  
Real Estate a Specialty  
COTULLA, TEXAS.

Will Conking, the family comedie, is still with Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels and will be here Dec. 21-22-23.

"Dad" Roscoe says land breaking is progressing rapidly around Woodward. About 1000 acres has already been turned over.

neighboring towns and country have made business at the holiday stores this week.

Roy E. Fox's Lone Star Minstrels is larger and better this season than ever. Here Dec. 21-22-23.

## MONEY TO LEND

ON

### FARMS AND RANCHES.

E. B. CHANDLER,  
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,  
Next the river.

## SHANNON DRUG STORE.

Drugs and Patent Medicines.

A COMPLETE LINE.

A portion of the patronage of the people of Cotulla and La Salle County respectfully solicited. Fair treatment to All. PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY FILLED.

ARTHUR SHANNON, Propr.

## ALL KINDS OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS

Cedar Posts Barb Wire Smooth Wire Hog Wire  
Lawn Wire Red Paling Fence Wire Netting  
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Galvanized Cisterns Lime and Cement  
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We will take contracts to  
Erect Windmill Towers Put in Pipe Cylinders  
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Make your Harness, etc.

We are Sole Agents for the  
Genuine Eclipse Windmills Frazier Meaner Saddles  
for La Salle and Dimmitt Counties.

If we can't please you in Price and Quality, who can?

**ROLAND A. GOUGER.**

FRANK B. EARNEST. FRANK W. EARNEST.  
**EARNEST & EARNEST,**  
REAL ESTATE.  
Cotulla, Texas.

We have improved and unimproved lands for sale in all parts of the county. Can sell you what you want and at the best figures. Land in large or small tracts and suited to all purposes. We are ready to show you what we have at all times. Write to us or call on us.

## G. W. Henrichson

—DEALER IN—  
GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND FURNITURE.

Our Motto. "Best Value for the Least Money."  
We sell the Famous Walkover Shoes.

## THE SECRET OF A SUCCESSFUL GROCER

is in keeping just what the public taste demands. We have no room for unreliable goods, and we do not believe in handling anything for which there is no call. No matter what you buy here, you may feel assured of the quality. The prices assure you that you are getting your money's worth.

**D. L. Neeley**

# General News of the Week

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

### STATE.

**Palestine.**—The police department raid a gambling joint and capture ten citizens who were whiling away the time with the pasteboards and fattening the "kitty."

**Ladonia.**—John Meacham is burned to death in a fire which destroyed a small building. Meacham is a stranger and no trace can be found of any friends or relatives.

**Weimar.**—Colonel Mike Nave, a former resident of Weimar and well known in San Antonio, dies at the home of his daughter in Galveston. The deceased was one of the old-time stage drivers of Texas and will be remembered as "Pap" by many of the older residents.

**Godlad.**—The business men of Godlad are making arrangements to secure control of a large acreage of marketable land for the purpose of placing it on the market at a price which will attract home seekers.

**Del Rio.**—The memorial services held by the local lodge of Elks, is made the occasion for the rendition of a splendid program as follows: March, Miss Eula Strain; opening ceremony and roll call of "Our Honored Dead," J. W. Childs, Leo Porter, R. G. Chapman and J. Q. Hearty; male quartet, "The Vacant Chair"; opening ode, the lodge; invocation, Rev. J. C. Wilson; solo, "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," Miss Clara Crawford, accompanist, Miss Clara Jones; violin duet, "Barcarolle," Mrs. L. W. Chase and Miss Pearl Boyce, accompanist, Miss Eula Strain; address, Bro. George Thurmond; solo, "Brighter Day," Mrs. J. W. Childs; violin obligato, Mrs. L. W. Chase, accompanist, Miss Eula Strain; violin solo, "Berceuse," Mrs. L. W. Chase, accompanist, Miss Strain; male quartet, "Beautiful Land," closing ceremonies.

**Amarillo.**—Two freight trains come together on a siding at Caney as the result of a mistake of the engineers, and a wreck results. Ed Mahan, engineer, and J. J. Smith, mail clerk, were killed, while conductor Melson and fireman Holstein were fatally injured.

**Austin.**—It is very possible that some important hotel laws will be enacted by the Thirty-first Legislature. At least if the lawmakers listen to the voice of the hotel men there will be. One of the laws proposed by the genial bonifaces of Texas provides for the hotel "dead beat," by making the jumping of a hotel bill a felony.

**El Paso.**—J. D. Dale, of Dallas has secured a site for a lard factory and preparations are now being made to erect a suitable building.

**El Paso.**—Charles Beall, of the Lanier ranch, is attacked by a mad coyote and bitten severely on the thigh. Beall is under treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Austin.

**McKinney.**—The new First Baptist Church is dedicated. Dr. A. J. Barton, of Waco, preached the dedicatory sermon to a large assemblage of both local people and visitors. The church cost in the neighborhood of \$42,000.

**Georgetown.**—R. M. Maxwell files suit against the "Katy" Railroad for \$20,000 damages. The alleged damage was the neglect of the railroad officials to notify Mrs. Maxwell of her arrival at Georgetown, and putting her off half a mile from the depot. The lady had to walk to town and carry a baby, thereby, it is alleged, sustaining permanent injuries.

**Sweetwater.**—The first train over the Orient line, ran into Sweetwater on Thursday night.

**Ballinger.**—The business men of Ballinger raise a \$75,000 bonus, for the Abilene Southern Railroad, in two hours time.

**Austin.**—Captain "Bill" McDonald, the revenue sleuth, is now on the trail of the patent medicine skow. Captain McDonald jogs the collector's memory on the matter and calls attention to the fact that all medicine shows must pay a tax of \$100 to the State and \$50 to the County.

**Dallas.**—Robert Bruce Kelly, a paper hanger and decorator, is instantly killed by being run down by a South Belt car. The accident occurred at night while Kelly was crossing South Lamar Street.

### DOMESTIC.

**Cincinnati.**—Owing to his name having been used in connection with the so-called Panama canal scandal, Charles Taft may institute a suit for heavy damages against both the New York World and the Indianapolis News.

**Paris.**—L. W. Roberson is knocked senseless by Negro highwaymen and robbed of all the valuables in his possession at the time.

**Barr, Vt.**—The Reverend Francis A. Poole, pastor of the First Congregational Church, has quadrupled his congregation by advertising in the newspapers of his district. The Reverend Poole states that he firmly believes that advertising methods are as applicable to church matters as to business affairs.

**Washington.**—A new counterfeit

\$5 bill has been discovered by the secret service officials. The bill is of the Indian head series and is printed on genuine Government paper procured by bleaching smaller notes.

**Washington.**—Mrs. H. D. Longstreet, widow of General Longstreet, has received the appointment as postmistress at Gainesville, Florida.

**Spokane.**—More than \$500,000 worth of gold bearing ore has been uncovered in the slopes of the old Republic near Republic, Washington. This mine was formerly operated with a cyanide plant but owing to a change in the ore, failed and went into the hands of a receiver.

**New York.**—It has been learned that among the creditors of the defunct Fidelity Funding Company, are a number of Catholic institutions to which the Company's books show an indebtedness amounting to \$4,000,000.

**Union City, Tenn.**—Owing to the investigations being conducted by the Grand Jury on the night rider outrages, there is much bitter feeling throughout this section and the majority of the citizens are going armed. Several indictments have been returned against night riders and the charge to the jury, on this subject, by Judge Jones, was very strong and called for the suppression of all forms of lawlessness.

**Washington.**—Owing to a call for investigation of the Panama scandal by the Democrats, a resolution is introduced in the House directing the Speaker to appoint a committee of five to ascertain how much of the \$40,000,000 purchase money was paid to the French company, and how much, if any, was paid to private American citizens.

**Washington.**—Listed among the appropriations for Texas for the fiscal year are \$95,000 for construction work at Fort Sam Houston and \$30,000 for the purchase of land adjoining the Fort to be used as a rifle range. The sum of \$7,000 is devoted to the creation of a National cemetery at San Antonio.

**New York.**—Under cross examination in the Standard Oil case, John D. Archbold admits that the Continental Oil Company, a branch of the Standard Oil Company, has made 115 per cent for the stockholders on their original investment, in seven years.

**Montana.**—Montana and Reed Smoot, of Utah, have emphatically declared themselves for tariff protection on hides and promise to co-operate with Texas movement in that matter.

**Omaha.**—Charles E. Davis is acquitted of the killing of Dr. Frederick Rustin. The jury was out thirteen hours and it required nineteen ballots to reach a verdict.

**Washington.**—President Roosevelt states that he will have the originators of the Panama canal scandal story prosecuted for criminal libel.

**New Brunswick.**—John D. Rockefeller donated five cents to a waiter in a restaurant here and advised him to put it in a savings bank.

**San Francisco.**—Abraham Ruef, once the all powerful political boss of San Francisco, is convicted of bribery after a long and sensational trial. His punishment will be fixed today.

**Pine Bluff.**—The Arkansas River is receding and all danger from flood is passed.

**Washington.**—As the direct result of the Southern Commercial Congress, a \$1,000,000 corporation is formed to exploit the resources of the South.

**Memphis.**—A short argument in connection with a game of "craps," results in the killing of four Negroes and the wounding of three bystanders.

**New York.**—The sixteen pairs of riders who entered the endurance and speed contest at Madison Square Garden have been reduced to eight teams by the high speed sustained.

### THE CLOSED SEASON FOR BATHS.

Winter Time Not Good for Application of Soap and Water.

An indignant Indiana citizen told the tale of his woes to Editor Charles B. Landis, at Delphi, where Mr. Landis edits when not busy with Congress.

"Now, Charley," said the indignant Indian, "I want to put it to you plain to see if I ain't right. Away along last spring an agent came around peddling portable bath tubs. Now, of course, I ain't got no bath tub in my house no more than some of my neighbors; so I bought one, thinkin' it was a good thing.

"He promised delivery the first April, but no tub. In June and July and August and September, not a sign of one. Now he comes along, here in the middle of October, with the bathing season practically over, and wants me to take this tub, and I'll be darned if I do it."

### Free Love.

#### DIVORCE CONDITIONS THUS DESCRIBED.

**People Too Much Bent on Pleasure to Realize Sincerity of Vows.** Baltimore, Md. — Forcible epithets were applied to the divorce evil by Cardinal Gibbons here today, after reading the figures given out by the census bureau, stating that one divorce follows every twelve marriages.

"The statistics given out by the census bureau," said Cardinal Gibbons, "are simply shocking. The revelations are nothing less than appalling. The extent of the divorce evil is so great as to strike at the very roots of our social system, myself am writing and speaking constantly on this subject, and I am in sympathy with any effort to check the growth of divorce in this country."

#### Evil Growing Fast.

"The government figures show that divorces are multiplying about three times as fast as the population. They disclose that one marriage in twelve ends in divorce. The figures are the more striking when considered by the side of the figures of Canada, for instance, where the number of divorces is relatively small."

"Divorce is becoming so prevalent that marriage is getting to be little better than a system of free love."

"People are too much bent on pleasure. Men and women enter the marriage state without regard to the sacred nature of the bond they are undertaking. They look too much upon life with regard only to what pleasure they can get out of it, and with too little regard for that solemn word duty."

#### Loose Gospel Helps.

"It is the result of a false, loose interpretation of the gospel. Every one of the gospels is opposed to divorce. If divorce is to be checked, there must be a stricter regard for the truths of the Christian religion as they are taught by the Catholic church. If we profess to be Christians, let us be Christians. "Another reason why divorce is on the increase is found in the attitude of society toward persons who are divorced. In former times a woman who was divorced was shunned. She was not received or recognized in good society, and was frowned upon. Now this is not the case. If divorce is to be checked, let the divorced person be shunned."

#### Law Laws Responsible.

"The laws on the subject of divorce are responsible to some extent. They should be made more severe. As is well known, they differ in different states, and are in many cases lax. In South Dakota, for instance, a divorce can be obtained after a brief residence. A man forms an attachment for a woman or a woman for a man, and regardless of any existing marriage bonds, they determine to marry. Under the laws they find it is easily possible."

Cardinal Gibbons positively was called to the fact that the government statistics showed that the marriage rate increased in good conditions of the country, cost of living, and the like had a direct relation to the prevalence of divorce. He replied in the negative.

### Classified Advertisements.

**K. C. "RHODE ISLAND REDS"** Choice cockerels cheap. Pedigreed Fox Terrier puppies. Best ratters known \$10 pair. Mrs. Jeff Porter, Range Texas.

**WANTED**—Young men to learn telegraphy for immediate railway telegraph service. Situation positively guaranteed. Dallas Telegraph College, Dallas, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Bois d'arc posts, blocks and piling, price low S. E. Warner, Houston, Texas.

**I MOUNT** Deer and Wild Animal heads (been doing it for 20 years) and dress skins for rug purposes. E. Harshman, 218 South Alamo St., San Antonio, Tex.

**WANTED**—To buy several cars good bright Johnson grass hay, small bales. Box 166, Beaumont, Texas.

**BEST SHEET MUSIC 10c**—Send for catalog containing list of over 1200 complete songs, piano solos, violin and piano, mandolin and guitar and piano, etc., 10c a copy. Geo. Allen, The Music Dealer, San Angelo, Texas.

**FOX TERRIER PUPPIES**, sired by Sabine Recorder, out of Sabine Recorder, by Sabine Recorder is by Champion Sabine Recorder. Send for particulars, 225 Peabody Ave., Dallas, Tex.

**TEXAS SANITARIUM FOR TUBERCULOSIS**, El Paso, Texas. Best equipped and surroundings for comfort; modern conveniences, dairy, garden and all accessories. For literature, address Dr. M. M. Smith, Sec. Retary, Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Cat, wolf and fox hounds. Write Mountain Home Hound Kennels, Round Rock, Texas, Route No. 3, B. DeGress, Prop.

**WANT** to sell 1026 acres land at \$7.50 per acre. Good soil, oil well, Belt between Falfurrias and Reditos. Trade direct with owner, Eusebio Guerra, Falfurrias, Texas.

**WRITE** for information regarding our wrapping machines. Over three times cheaper than twice. Machine complete \$5. Hargraves Printing Co., Dallas, Tex.

**BERMUDA** hay, the hay your stock will eat; only a few cars left. Address Lock Box 225, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

**AGENTS**—You're always welcome. If you sell Tan-No-More, the skin beautifier, nothing like it, fully guaranteed. Write today for terms Wheeler Manufacturing Co., Desk 7, Dallas, Tex.

**PURE** Ribbon Cane Syrup, 5 and 10 gallon cans or 5 gallon kegs. 50c per gallon; 1 gallon buckets crated, six in crate, \$1.20 per crate. O. B. Cars at Willsboro; quality guaranteed. C. R. Shannon, Merrimac, Tex.

**WE BUY**, sell, trade, finance and build all kinds of industrial plants; we handle stocks and bonds and all kinds of business property. Industrial Exchange, Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

**THE BEST** new crop, strictly Pure ribbon cane syrup, home made and no sugar extracted. Retailed from the plantation at wholesale prices. Booklet free. J. E. McGuire, Redger, Texas.

**D. I. DEALE**, manufacturer of and dealer in Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, 50 gallon barrels, 1-2 and 1 gallon cans; 5 2 B. cans; mail orders promptly filled. R. F. D. Box 29, Col. La.

**OFFER**—\$2.50 per dozen cans, sealed, shipped direct from beds to consumer retaining all their natural oyster flavor, as the ice does not come in contact with the oysters; 21 years in oyster business. Giveys Packing Corp., Corpus Christi, Texas.

**BUY** four house bills direct from mill, \$5 to \$15 per thousand feet. Write for lumber after examining in town, Box 117, Rusk, Texas.

**SE** Wyandottes, 100 youngsters, weight, laced throat to hock, \$2.00. Write for "Two Hens with a d." Dr. Wilbanks, Bells, Texas.

**SEE**, Rough or dressed, straight sel car loads; manufactured according to the association specifications. Bertrand & Clore, Spring, Texas.

**TED**—Insurance agents in every county, Texas and Louisiana. Insurance, tornado, hail; strongest company in America. Cravens & Carey, Houston, Texas.

**MOTORS** perfected and manufactured. Drawings, patterns, dies, metal cutting, gear cutting. Prompt repair. Well equipped machine shop. E. Russell Machine Co., Dallas.

**FOR SALE**—500 head of delaine Merino ewes, from yearlings to 4 years old, large and smooth; good show-ers and in good condition. D. B. Little, Frio Town, Texas.

**STOCK HORSES**—For sale cheap 90 head of well bred stock horses, Booth, Tiger & Co., Marfa, Texas.

**TEX** BONDS—I want to buy county school bonds. John B. Oldham (Est. 1892) Dallas, Texas.

**DRO** cured; quick relief; removes all scars in 8 to 20 days; 50 to 60 cents permanent cure. Trial free. Given free to sufferers; not a fairer. Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Box 6, Atlanta, Ga.

**VETERINARY** instruments, artificial inseminators, breeders' bags, tent and other supplies. Kirby Instrument Co., Dallas, Texas.

**PRAIRIE** HAY—50 cars good bright merchantable three-wire hay, 30 to 35 pounds; per ton f o b Paris, \$6.50. Send orders to C. E. Green, Brookston, Texas.



**SEND THE KODAK FILMS** to Birdsong-Potchernick for High Grade Finishing EASTMAN KODAKS and all supplies. Order trade our specialty. See for complete catalogue. San Antonio, Texas.

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Lime, Sand, Roofing Paper, Roofing Iron, Plaster, Pitch, Paints, Varnishes, Oils, Etc. Agents for Carbolinum Arvenarium Pure Ready Mixed Paints, Acme Cement Plaster, Rex Flintkote Roofing, Ringbone Metal Lath.

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Continues with no abatement of interest; if the public in general could be made to realize what exceptional values these suits are at \$22.50 there would be such a rush for them the Washer Bros. Co. would not be able to take care of it; as it is, they're going mighty fast, and every man who wishes one should secure it today. Finest fabrics, finest tailoring; patterns exclusive with us, fifty different styles to make your selection from, choice at **22.50**

### WASHER OVERCOATS AT \$25.00.

Undoubtedly represent the biggest value ever offered for a like sum of money; the tailoring is very exceptional indeed; they are lined with best grade silks and wool linings, materials that will wear, we show them in herringbone and fancy stripe vicunas in every popular style, including, of course, the overcoat hit of the season, the handsome Protector model, with high standing collar, affording protection to the throat and neck, for **25.00**

OTHERS FROM \$10.00 TO \$50.00.

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That is if it is Good land in the Right place. The Time to buy Land is NOW The Place is in Southern Texas

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Special Summer Catalogs Now Ready

Send for Them - Sell Free Summer Furniture Catalog Office Furniture Catalog Refrigerator Catalog Go-Cart Catalog Kitchen Furniture Catalog - Hoosier Cabinets

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for want of the goods the people want. It don't pay. You lose profits and what is worse, you lose customers.

Why not fill up? We have an immense stock, and are making Exceptionally LOW PRICES

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## MEXICO'S VAST MINERAL BELT

### MOUNTAINS OF PRECIOUS PAY ORE IN SIGHT

Increased Activity in Development of Coahuila's Fields—San Antonio Companies.

(By W. J. Edgecombe.)  
 To The Republic: It is not a matter of general knowledge, that during the past twenty years approximately \$500,000,000 has been spent in developing the mineral resources of Mexico by English and American capitalists, assisted by Mexican investors. This, however, is a conservative estimate, and it is a well known fact that many splendid paying properties are now being operated in an unostentatious manner, but in the way that are returning almost fabulous profits to their owners.

**Favorable Mining Laws.**  
 The favorable mining laws of Mexico, which amply protect the prospector and investor, are to a certain extent responsible for the rapid development of the mineral resources of that territory, so richly endowed with mineral deposits of every character. President Diaz, realizing that the development of the Nation's mineral resources meant a great increase in its industrial growth, has aided in every way foreign investment in the Mexican mining fields, and his wise foresight is bringing Mexico rich financial returns.

Many of the rich gold and silver mines formerly worked in a crude manner by the early Spaniards, are now in the hands of American mining companies, and by the use of up-to-date methods are giving satisfactory results. True, Mexico is not a land where the searcher after gold finds it in nuggets, in the gulches or on the mountain sides, without labor; but with the necessary labor and development, it seems to be possible to uncover pay ore in any of the mineral districts.

**Rich Finds.**  
 The late discoveries at Sylvanite, Cananea, Gold Pass, and further South in the States of Sonora and Coahuila, have caused a general interest to be felt in the great mineral belt which comprises the entire southwestern portion of the North American continent. It was in that region that the late discoveries of any richness were made, centuries ago, and abandoned on account of the animosity of the natives and the consequent difficulty in operating. A trip to that section, through the sunny lands of the Southwest is particularly pleasant during the winter months, when the North is shrouded in ice and snow and surface development work is at a standstill.

**Cheap Labor.**  
 The Mexican laborer, when handled properly, is a good worker and reasonable in his charges. The yearly expense of operating is far less than in the rigorous North, where the operator has six months of winter to contend with. The Republic of Mexico is fairly well intersected by railroads, and the transportation of supplies is not the impossible proposition that it was ten or fifteen years ago. In the mining districts which are not supplied with water, it has been demonstrated that artesian water can be reached without much difficulty. In many sections in the State of Coahuila this water is piped into reservoirs and stored for use in the plants now in operation.

**Immense Deposits.**  
 An examination of the rich mineral areas of the State of Coahuila reveals the fact that there are in existence immense deposits of sedimentary origin, which have so far been neglected for the metamorphic ores, and which are highly susceptible to the cyanide process; so much so, that 93 per cent to 95 per cent of the gold values can be saved by the cyanide solution. There are four species of country rock found in connection with the ore bodies in the rich district situated about a mile south of La Gloria Station, on the Monclova and Panuco railroad. The granite and syenite show an upheaval through slate, sandstone and shale, consequently constituting two distinct formations, sedimentary and metamorphic. This condition exists in the majority of the mineral districts throughout the State. The values in the metamorphic formation are in large chutes or chimneys of high grade copper ores containing a good percentage of gold and silver. The ores of sedimentary origin are carried in a sandstone formation and are very susceptible to the cyanide treatment.

This formation is particularly noticeable in the rich ore bodies being exploited by the Continental Mining Co., operating the old Panuco mines. The ore fields owned by the Progresso Mining Company also show indications of a like nature. Both formations carry gold, values, with a good percentage of copper and a trace of silver. The metamorphic formation carries clean quartz, which readily yields good values to the free milling process. Of course, these true quartz ores

constitute at present the real value of the properties, though there are undoubtedly large bodies of sedimentary ores which will later be treated by the cyanide process. Shipments of copper sulphides to the smelters, show 10 per cent to 35 per cent copper.

**A San Antonio Company.**  
 The Texas Land, Mining & Prospecting Company, with offices at San Antonio, Texas, and comprised of business men and capitalists of the Alamo City, owns several promising properties in the State of Coahuila and other sections of Mexico. This company was formed for the purpose of thoroughly prospecting the mining fields of Mexico, and its officers are: A. M. Fischer, president; C. W. Cannon, vice president; J. J. Coffman, treasurer and H. W. Tremlett, secretary.

**The Progresso Mining Company.**  
 Of which Dr. William Hope Davis is president, owns 500 acres of rich mineral land, comprising twelve groups of properties, which consist of 200 claims. Considerable work has been accomplished on this property by sinking five shafts, 30 to 120 feet deep, with numerous crosscuts and two tunnels, 100 and 300 feet in length, respectively. The pay ore consists of gold-bearing quartz, copper carbonates and copper sulphides, with both iron and copper ore in the oxidized state. Assays show as high as 35 per cent copper, and in free milling ore, gold values as much as \$85 to the ton. A stamp mill and concentrating plant have been placed in operation for the treatment of the free milling ores and a cyanide plant is under consideration. This particular district is situated at an altitude of 3,300 feet above the sea level, and while there is little running water on the properties now being operated, it seems that a water strata is in existence, which when tapped furnishes plenty of water for all practical purposes.

**The Treasure of Nature.**  
 The examination of the immense ore bodies of this rich and historic land is extremely interesting and causes one to view with credence the fabulous stories told of the rich mines worked by the first Spanish invaders, whose greed caused the revolt of the natives and the ultimate abandonment of the mines. The traditional wealth of the Montezuma dwindles to insignificance before the mineral treasures of Nature, now being uncovered by the enterprise and energy of the Twentieth Century mine operator and investor in the modern mining fields of Mexico.

**A Praiseworthy Movement.**  
 Should be Supported by All

**The Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association** is one that the people of this State should encourage with their moral and financial support. Its object is to conduct a campaign of education in order that the frightful loss of life due to tuberculosis may be lessened and finally averted. It is estimated that tuberculosis costs the State 5800 lives annually, and when the economic value of these is considered together with the cost of the care of the sick, the support of orphans and other dependents, the money waste reaches a total of \$46,000,000 a year.

If it were proposed to tax the people \$46,000,000 annually to support the State government and its institutions, the voters would turn the State upside down, and yet this tremendous loss of life and money goes steadily on and the majority of the people pay no attention to it.

The anti tuberculosis movement is a world wide crusade to control the most deadly of all diseases. Philanthropists and scientists have been grappling the problem a long time and wonderful progress has been made. It has been ascertained, for instance, that tuberculosis is not an incurable disease if the proper methods and treatment are taken in time, and that where the disease is far advanced, life can be prolonged many years without danger to others, under certain conditions.

It has been discovered, also, that the disease can be communicated from one person to another—that it is contagious, in other words—and that its terrible ravages are due principally to this fact and the ignorance of people of the common sense methods by which the spread of the disease may be prevented.

The anti-tuberculosis association desires to educate the people as to the ways and means by which the disease may be prevented, even where people come constantly in contact with it; it desires to inform those who have contracted it how to get well and how to avoid being dangerous to others.

In this way, much loss of life may be averted and possibly in a generation the malady may be stamped out entirely.

The objects of the association are so important and praiseworthy and we earnestly commend it to the kind cooperation of the people.

The way to aid this titanic effort is, first, by membership and paying a fee of a dollar a year by co-operating with the association and seeing to documents, instructions, vice are known to have are suspected of having

The home of the association is Austin and Dr. L. secretary.

**Cost of Hauling.**  
 Bad Roads Make It High

We have been told by the American loads an average of a ton and 2000 pounds on his and draws it 12 miles at a cost of \$3. This equals 25 cents a ton mile. If we assume that the wagon load is an even 2000 pounds, and that the cost of hauling will be \$2 instead of \$3; and if we assume that the 9,404,430 persons in agriculture in this country use half of the products of our farms, and the other 66,568,350 persons use only the other half of these products, the cost of hauling these to market would be \$96,153,000.

Many tests have shown that loads may be drawn in wagons over macadam in average condition at a cost only a little more than one-third that of moving like loads over ordinary roads. If this is correct, a saving of \$130,768,680 might be made in the cost of marketing half our crops of a year, if they could be hauled over macadam rather than over common earth roads. That saving would equal \$1.72 apiece for us, or much more than all our roadwork for the year costs.

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everybody knows that this can get, at moderate rates of interest, all the money it will spend on improvements which will pay interest and sinking fund, if the financing were done honestly.

This is a peaceful nation, but in the decade mentioned it spent for war purposes \$2,021,390,006 or forty-three times as much as was allotted to agriculture. Let our farms have for generations been our most effective defense against aggressions by other nations. No power dare so far on us as to check the flow of the mighty river of life that flows from America to feed the old world. Europe could not permit such stoppage, and live. A mere threat to do so would ensure peace.

#### ONE ON THE MEDICAL TRUST.

Last week, the first legal test, perhaps, of the new medical board law of Texas, as applied to those who have no medicine license, receiving fees for the services, was made in the court of Tarrant county. It came about in the trial of Franz Schraeder, who styles himself "the divine healer." Schraeder was charged with having accepted fees for attempted healing, having no certificate to practice medicine. The proof showed that while he made no charge, he stated to patients that gifts were customary and received a gift of \$2.50 before treating a certain case. The jury promptly acquitted him.

Schraeder is, perhaps, a sublime fake, instead of any kind of healer, but there was a principle involved in his prosecution which should arrest the attention of all who are opposed to special privileges to the few at the cost of the rights of the many. It is, perhaps, well enough for the state to require that those who administer drugs to her citizens shall have certain medical or pharmaceutical qualifications, but beyond this it has no just right or power to do. Every attempt to do it is an attempt to fasten another shackle upon the people's liberties.

#### ITS WOMAN'S NATURE TO BE SENSITIVE.

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Great interest is being manifested in the good results that come to San Antonio territory through the efforts of W. L. Rockwell, irrigation expert of the Department of Agriculture, who has been here during the past two months helping all farmers who desire his aid in the establishment and conduct of irrigation plants. The department has detailed Mr. Rockwell to this territory to assist, in an advisory way with the irrigation propositions, and several farmers have availed themselves of his assistance.

A resolution will be presented at the meeting of Business Men's Club directors Friday commending the work of Mr. Rockwell and asking the department to make his assignment here permanent, with headquarters in San Antonio. The business men recognize that such work as is being done by Mr. Rockwell is almost priceless in establishing the new order of things, and he fits so well into the situation that his permanent retention is earnestly desired. Quarters for Mr. Rockwell have been established at the Business Men's Club, and he is accessible there to any man who has an irrigation project. His services are available in an advisory capacity for anyone who needs to learn about irrigation.

**Southwest Will Eclipse California.**

Mr. Rockwell has just returned from the irrigated farm of J. R. Black, east of Cotulla, where he spent several days investigating and outlining irrigation plans which Mr. Black asserted yesterday amount to a saving of at least two years to him in developing his plans.

The development in the Lower Rio Grande country continues for five years at the present clip that section will outstrip California even in the quantity of the fruit and truck output, according to a prediction Mr. Rockwell made yesterday in reviewing the Lower Rio Grande situation, which many trips there have made him conversant with.

"Among the advantages the Rio Grande country enjoys over California," said Mr. Rockwell, who spent twenty years in Government work in the Golden State, "is in being 1500 miles closer to the big markets, and from two to three weeks earlier in production. The soils are equally as productive and the vastly larger territory, embracing that rich stretch between San Antonio and the border, will enable Southwest Texas to outrank California in these industries before the intense California situation is approached.

The lower Rio Grande country embraces about 500,000 acres, 250,000 of which are already under the irrigation system, and within a few years will all be in cultivation. The stretch between San Antonio and the Rio Grande, including the artesian belt, is equally as productive but practically no development of irrigation possibilities has occurred, although some big plans are pending. All necessary in this latter section is the proper storing of storm water in tanks and flood water of the rivers in reservoirs and the pumping of artesian wells. The people are just awakening to these possibilities and great development is embryonic."

**Sugar Cane and Alfalfa Abundant.**

Mr. Rockwell predicts that sugar cane and alfalfa will become the staple crops in the Lower Rio Grande region. He reports that about 2000 acres are now growing cane producing from thirty to sixty tons an acre, 25 to 50 per cent better than Louisiana. The crop

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will net the farmers from \$60 to \$120 an acre. About 5000 acres are in alfalfa, the growers expecting to clear about \$40 an acre, this estimate being most conservative.

Onions are also panning out well, says Mr. Rockwell, and prospects are that 1000 acres will net about \$200 an acre. There is equal as much acreage in cabbage, with the promise of similar returns.

Over 25,000 acres in the Lower Rio Grande country are now under cultivation, report Mr. Rockwell, and nearly all of this has been brought about within the past year. Next year Mr. Rockwell expects to see this acreage trebled. All of this increase will create a tremendous tonnage, Mr. Rockwell points out, and railroad facilities are now grossly inadequate. "Within two or three years," said Mr. Rockwell, "that country will need three or four or four railroads and annex all this wonderful business. It is its her territory, and the condition points out the importance of action. Lack of other railroads will surely hamper the development of the District."

Mr. Rockwell will leave today for Cotulla, Carrizo Springs and Uvalde County to give advice in irrigation projects.

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**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.  
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Warning is given that January 31st, a penalty of 10 per cent is added to all taxes not paid.

T. H. POOLE,  
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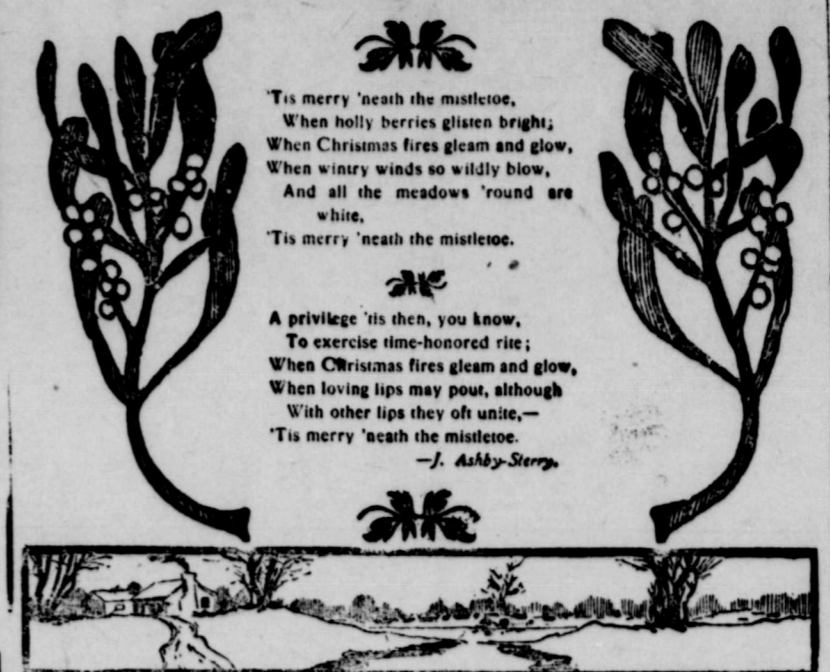
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To exercise time-honored rite;  
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W. A. Kerr made a business trip to San Antonio during the week.

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Clarence Jennings of Zapata county is up to spend the holidays in Cotulla.

F. S. Moffett and W. H. Jacobs two of La Salle's prominent citizens were here this week.

Mrs. Therp of Kansas, is here visiting her daughter Mas. J. J. Werner.

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Joe E. Hill a prominent attorney of San Antonio was here this week on a hunt.

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S. F. Elliott was here this week. Mr. Elliott has moved his family to Uvalde, but he is still located on the Nueces above Cotulla.

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### To the Public.

I have sold my residence and business to Dr. L. S. Johnston and will move to San Antonio in a few days. All parties indebted to me will please call at my office as possible and settle either by cash or note.

Respectfully,  
T. T. PARKER, M. D.

Watch the watch.

Atha Thomas, who has taken up some State land above the Coal mines on the Rio Grande, is up to spend Christmas with homefolks.

R. A. Burwell, J. A. Reed, Jessie Bragg and Clyde Reed returned first of the week from a ten days hunt on the Rio Grande.

We put all small gifts of Jewelry, Perfumes and etc., in Holly Gift Boxes free and wrap ready for mailing.

Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Henry Yaeger, a well known stockman of Zapata county was in Cotulla on business yesterday. Mr. Yaeger reported the range down that way fairly good and that cattle would winter all right.

Mrs. L. S. Johnston, wife of Dr. Johnston, accompanied by two children and her nephew, M. B. McCoy, arrived here from Waco Sunday. Dr. Johnston has purchased Dr. Parker's residence.

C. F. Binkley was carrying around an unusually broad gauged smile yesterday. The cause therefor is that he owns a 300 acre farm near where artesian water was struck in the Lane well. That ought to make a man smile.

The young men of Cotulla will give four dances at the Skating Rink during the holidays. The first of the series will occur Monday night, the next on the 25th, then 28th and 31st. The dance of the 28th will be a masquerade.

Watch the watch.

### Wired For Particulars.

Judge C. C. Thomas received a telegram Tuesday from Mrs. John Chisholm, wife of the man who committed suicide near Artesia last week, asking for full particulars of the death of her husband. The telegram was from St. Johns, Quebec. Judge Thomas furnished her with full particulars.

Mrs. Otto Fischer and little son of Laredo are in the city to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copp.

Earnest Coleman returned from Tyler Tuesday where he has just finished a course in Telegraphy. He has been there only four months yet is competent of receiving 30 words a minute, which speaks splendidly for his own efforts and for the Tyler Commercial College.

Watch the watch.

Mr. William L. Ratcliffe, Treasurer of the Thomas G. Plant Company of Boston, was here and spent a couple of weeks with his half brother, Jno. H. Brack, at his Rio Vista ranch 25 miles up the Nueces. This is Mr. Ratcliffe's first visit to Texas and to say that he liked the looks of things down here is putting it mild. The country and the climate captured him, and he goes back home with a different opinion of Texas than he has entertained all his life.

Messrs. T. R. Bradstreet of Grand Island, Neb., and W. J. Windnugh, of Broken Bow, Neb., were in Cotulla this week for the purpose of inspecting the Altito ranch for themselves and about one hundred other purchasers in their home counties. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as delighted with the country and property they inspected. Mr. Bradstreet shipped home about a hundred pounds of assorted vegetables and we imagine they will look odd enough up in that frozen-up section of the world just now.

### FOR CHRISTMAS

Port, Sherry, Claret and Supper Wines, Champagnes, Apple, Peach, Apricot and Blackberry Brandies. Best Whiskies and Cigars.

J. A. REED.

R. S. Howard, Secretary of the Finney County Land Company, was in Cotulla first of the week on business. Mr. Howard says sales of the Altito property is being made fast.

We are requested to announce that there will be a Christmas Tree at the Baptist Church Christmas eve for the Sunday School children. Presents for anyone outside of the Sunday School will be put on the tree if sent in by afternoon of 24th.

Dave Rummell was in Cotulla from Millett Thursday and said J. M. Fairchild was making arrangements for a big Cash Reduction Sale to begin January 5th. He left an order for several hundred large circulars.

Watch the watch.

H. W. Binder, a prominent capitalist of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was in Cotulla this week. Mr. Binder is largely interested in the Black ranch down the Nueces and spent several days there hunting. This is his first trip to Texas since 1906, and he says the development is wonderful, especially between here and San Antonio. "This development is bound to continue," said Mr. Binder, "and it will not be three years until it will be almost a solid farm on both sides of the track from here to San Antonio. Only a short time ago, a clearing was a rare thing to be seen along this route." Mr. Binder stated a great amount of development work had been done by Mr. Black down the Nueces. "John Black had the reputation of having the most ideal farms in Iowa, and his place down here is beginning to look like his home farm in Iowa," said Mr. Binder. He left Sunday morning for his Northern home.

### ARTESIAN WELL AT LANE RANCH

An artesian flow was brought in Thursday evening by W. E. Campbell in the well at the Lane Ranch, one mile East of Millett.

The drillers had just gone into the water sand at a depth of 1500 feet, and Thursday night the well was flowing 100 gallons per minute. The water is fine and the sand is as white and clean as is found in the deposits along the Nueces river.

Mr. H. C. Lane was in Cotulla yesterday and was highly elated over the well. He said it was his intention to go through the sand strata, or about 50 feet further, and was confident of a big flow.

If the result is as he expects, he will contract for another well on his place.

The fact has been demonstrated that good water and plenty of it is under the ground, and the bringing in of this well has had

the effect already on land values. One man who owns a farm close by, remarked that his land was worth \$50 an acre more than it was before the flow was struck. This well is eleven miles North-east of Cotulla.

Miss Pearl Werner left first of the week for Moore where she has accepted a position in the bank at that place.

Figure with Jones before you have your house painted. There's a difference between having paint put on a house wrong and right. It's cheaper to have it put on right. JONES knows how to do that.

H. C. Lane, a prominent young attorney of San Antonio and ranch owner of this county was in Cotulla on business yesterday. Mr. Lane and his family have just returned from a two months trip to the Pacific coast, and reports a splendid trip.

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If you save \$100 from your earnings during a year it is the same amount you would receive on a \$2000 investment for one year at 5 per cent.

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