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Latest Mexican War Dispatches state that All Soldiers in Sonora Desert and State is in Hands of Revolutionists.

RAIN BRINGS JOY TO FARMER.

SLOW DRIZZLE FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS DOES MUCH GOOD.

Wednesday night there was a drop in the temperature and a change in the wind, which came out of the Northeast. By Thursday morning a slow rain was falling which continued at intervals until last night. The total precipitation at Cotulla was .55 inches.

The rain was general throughout this section, although the fall was not equal. Along the Frio county line about one inch fell. At the Burks ranch and in that territory about a quarter of an inch fell.

The rain will be worth much to the farmers and of still greater value to the stockmen. January rains started vegetation on the range, and this will aid in its growth wonderfully. The "tallow weed," is said to be coming thick everywhere and this rain will mature it.

The total rain fall at Cotulla during January was 1.20. Total this year to date 1.75.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR COTULLA TO GET NORMAL.

Pro. R. A. Taylor has been working for some time to get a normal for Cotulla this year, and his efforts look like we will be successful in landing it. He has already secured the endorsements for Cotulla from Medina, Dimmit and Frio. And Judge Thomas has been in communication with Zavalla county, and their endorsement is expected in a few days. Uvalde county's endorsement has been promised.

A normal is worth considerable to the town as the citizens should not be short in offering inducements for it. The attendants will be in the neighborhood of a hundred and each one cannot get out of leaving from \$30 to \$50 in the town.

UPPER NUECES PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED.

According to the Crystal City Chronicle the land-owners along the Nueces in the Crystal City country are interested in the proposed new irrigation law as outlined by Cotulla citizens this week. The Chronicle and all other papers in this district are requested to urge the importance of this measure through their columns, and by this means get quick and united action in the matter.

PASS ORDINANCE AFFECTING GASOLINE STORAGE.

The City Council, in regular session Thursday passed an ordinance affecting the storage of gasoline within the corporate limits. The oil houses located just below the depot will be removed to the stockpens spur.

This action was brought about on account of the complaint of a number of citizens who were refused insurance on property in close proximity to the storage houses and tanks.

The ordinance as passed is published in this issue of the RECORD.

Geo. E. Reeder, contractor on the Holland-Texas dam, had the misfortune to have one of his fingers on his left hand partially torn off Wednesday by getting it caught in a piece of machinery.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF ODD FELLOWS.

SPEAKING AND SUPPER AT HALL LAST NIGHT.

There was a public installation of recently elected officers at the Odd Fellows Hall last night. The weather was bad, thus cutting the crowd down materially from what it would have been, but a large number were out to witness the installation.

Frank P. Carpenter, deputy district Grand Master, O. L. Smith, deputy district Grand Warden, M. M. Lorgino, deputy district Grand Marshal, A. J. Hamilton, deputy district Grand Treasurer, and H. H. Sackville, deputy Grand Herald, beautifully performed the work of installing R. A. Gouger, N. G., R. O. Gouger, V. G., J. H. Gallman, Treas., R. A. Taylor, Financial and Recording Secretary, C. E. Manly, Worden, W. A. Kerr, Conductor, Matt Russell, Chaplain, Matt Russell and G. A. Manly, Right and Left S. S., W. L. Pease and Z. Leonard, Right and Left S. to N. G., R. F. Knaggs and F. A. Franklin, Right and Left S. to V. G., J. H. Gallman, Inside Guardian, Outside Guardian, C. Wildenthal.

After the installation of the officers talks on Odd Fellowship were made by T. W. Dustin of San Antonio, Dr. L. Johnston, O. L. Smith, Prof. R. A. Taylor, Matt Russell and Frank P. Carpenter. Members and visitors took of a fine supper that had been prepared. An hour or more was spent in social intercourse, before adjournment was taken.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met in the church last Friday and had their regular monthly meeting. The following officers were elected for the year.

Mrs. T. R. Keck, Pres., Mrs. Chas. Burwell, 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. W. Gaddis, 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. A. Keck, 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. P. A. Kerr, Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. M. Lynn, Rec. Sec., Miss Fannie Wools, Treas., Mrs. R. H. Seefeld, Press Reporter.

SOCIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

A social congregational meeting was held at The Presbyterians church on Feb. 9th., and in spite of the great change in the weather and the falling rain, quite a number assembled at the appointed hour, to find that arrangement, decoration, program and last but not least by any means, refreshment committees had all done their full duty. Arrangements had been made for comfort and pleasure, beautiful ferns, calla lilies and Hyacinthis were tastily arranged.

The opening hymn, "I Love thy Kingdom Lord," by the congregation, was followed by a short but hearty address of welcome by the Pastor. All of the informal program was highly enjoyable, closing with the hymn so dear to all, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds." Then came several hours of sociability during which time refreshments were served, and all went home feeling glad they went and that it was still raining.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. C. B. Jones next Thursday. All members are requested to be present.

REPORTER, PRO TEM.

EARLY HARVEST OF ONIONS EXPECTED.

WINTER EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE FOR GROWTH OF CROP.

That the 1911 onion crop will be harvested earlier than any season since the industry began is the present outlook. But this prospect could be knocked into a cocked hat by a severe freeze, which is a possibility, and not a remote one either.

Since the freeze during the first part of January, which is estimated to have damaged the crop fifteen per cent, the weather has been warm and the crop has grown fast. In some sections of the belt thrip are reported to be doing some damage, and farmers are already spraying. In the Cotulla territory no complaint has been made of the pest so far.

The rains of this week will enable the crop to withstand a freeze without a great deal of damage. Farmers say that a real cold spell would be bad on the older onions, and as this section generally gets some low temperatures between 15th and 25th, many of the growers will be on the anxious seat until the danger is past.

JOY IN MILLETT SECTION OF COUNTY.

Millett, Texas, Feb. 10. - We have heard no complaint of thrip on the onions, and the farmers are wretched in smiles on account of the fine season we have in the ground. Some few have corn planted and up to a stand. Early gardens are getting green and fruit trees are blooming. Some complaint of thrip on the onions, but with that exception the prospects are good.

George Ryan, at one time a Millett boy but now a Methodist preacher, located at Smiley, is here with his family visiting P. Noah, Mrs. Ryan's father. George preached for us Wednesday night. He was pleased to see the development of the country and at the appearance of our church since it has been finished inside.

Mr. Spain and Mr. Ruse of Oklahoma have rented the old J. L. Hamilton farm and moved in.

Several homeseekers came in yesterday and are looking for a location.

H. M. Moore sold a house and lot to H. Harcastle in our town for \$450.00.

NOTES FROM WOODWARD.

Woodward, Texas, Feb. 8. - D. J. Woodward returned to San Antonio today after spending a few days here.

J. C. Lacy Jr., returned Sunday night from a trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. L. W. Franks spent a few days in San Antonio the first of the week.

Mr. G. W. Woods, and little son returned from Ft. Worth yesterday.

Misses Velma Franks and Winnifred Elkins visited in Ratama Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. Vesper left yesterday for San Antonio to spend a few weeks.

Four carpenters are at work on the depot here and the work is progressing rapidly.

Mr. Jas. Mastess spent Sunday in Woodward, returning to his work near Big Wells Monday.

SUNTANS SEVERE INJURY.

While home last Saturday evening Mrs. J. A. Gouger, mother of Roland A. Gouger, accidentally fell and sustained a broken hip. Dr. Graham was summoned immediately and reset the broken limb. Mrs. Gouger suffered severely for several days but is now resting easier.

MANY A LAUGH.

Pleasing the people has been a trade with the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette for many years, and their program contains lots of fun of a refined nature, as well as a wealth of fine music. Hear them at the Auditorium Feb. 14th.

LARKS DESTROYING CORN.

J. A. Johnson, recently from Mississippi, who is on the Riverdale farm, is first to get his corn crop up along the Nueces. Mr. Johnson was in town Thursday and said he had a fine stand, but he was having a fight to keep the field larks from destroying it. After trying several methods he decided the only way to win the fight was to poison the birds.

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THE COTULLA RECORD
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FORGETTING THE PAST.

Because a man has failed in achieving success, or because he has gone even further and wilfully wrecked the life that once promised so much, it does not follow that he can never get up again. Yet there are men everywhere who believe that certain incidents in their lives have placed them beyond redemption and that it is useless to try and begin over again. Sometimes they become impatient for the success that seems so far away and frequently give up just before it comes within their grasp. Repeated failures seem only to convince them that they can never hope to accomplish anything because of their former mistakes, and yet the miracle may be performed when least expected. It is wise to forget the past, whatever it may have been, and to train ourselves to live only in the present, says the Charleston News and Courier. Sometimes the past projects its shadows across our path and for a time we feel helpless and think it but natural that we should move in its gloom. It is possible, however, to leave the shadow behind and step out into the sunshine of the new and untried life which spreads all about us. No man can hope to make any headway in his business career who goes about with the remembrance of an unworthy past hanging like a millstone about his neck. Its weight will bear him down if he undertakes to begin the new life with the memory of the old still clinging to him.

A Russian who recently came to this country and located in Pittsburg became very irate because his wife "was disobedient and had become imbued with American ideas." So he threatened to shoot the woman, and did tear her clothes from her and burn them in the street. Then the police took a hand, and the overzealous Russian was fined \$50 and sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse. When he has paid up and gets out he is likely to have a lasting recognition of the fact that one "American idea" is that a husband cannot treat his wife like a slave. And if he objects he is at liberty to return to the land where the laws are less objectionable to him.

Continental United States has a population of over 31,000,000. That does not include outlying possessions, which have a number of millions more. The figures put this country foremost among nations having a homogenous and united people. There are several countries where aggregate population is larger than this, but nowhere else is there such solidarity and harmony of general purpose as in the United States. We have out little differences political and otherwise; but taking in the fundamentals the Americans are a pretty harmonious family.

The New York police have captured a band of kidnapers. This ought to afford a fine chance to make so signal an example of retribution that this despicable form of crime will receive a staggering blow to its industry of blackmailing distracted parents.

A dispatch from Berlin informs us that the kaiser drinks with "frankly boyish enjoyment." We are glad to hear that he enjoys it. We were afraid that he might do it purely out of patriotism.

New England women are protesting against the use of corked curls by stage people to portray their type. This is quite right. New England women are no longer in the dagger reetype period.

Since wholesale prices of meat have gone up a cent in Omaha, watch and see whether your butcher does not hear of it much more promptly than he did of the preceding decline of a much larger amount.

Count de Lesseps says he isn't going to fly any more. "It's all right for bachelors," he said, "but when a man intends to get married, well— It takes a good deal of courage to do either."

Inventing excuses for staying out late at night will not qualify any married man for membership in the inventors' guild, no matter how well the misus receives his inventions.

A class in a cooking school in Providence had all its members poisoned with their own cooking. This was retribution swift and sure, but it gave a great lesson to the community.

A St. Louis man made his wife cut his hair. Barbering, however, will never be included in any domestic science course.

One quail on toast is worth a whole flock of flying wild geese.

SEVEN YEARS OF MISERY

All Relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Sikeston, Mo. — "For seven years I suffered everything. I was in bed for four or five days at a time every month and so weak I could hardly walk. I cramped and had backache and headache, and was so nervous and weak that I dreaded to see anyone or have anyone move in the room. The doctors gave me medicine to ease me at those times, and said that I ought to have an operation. I would not listen to that, and when a friend of my husband told him about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for his wife, I was willing to take it. Now I look the picture of health and feel like it, too. I can do my own housework, hoe my garden, and milk a cow. I can entertain company and enjoy them. I can visit when I choose, and walk as far as any ordinary woman, any day in the month. I wish I could talk to every suffering woman and girl." —Mrs. DEBRA BETHUNE, Sikeston, Mo. The most successful remedy in this country for the cure of all forms of "female complaints" is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is more widely and successfully used than any other remedy. It has cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, indigestion, and nervous prostration, after all other means had failed. Why don't you try it?

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ROYALTY AS THE GODFATHER
Difficulty in Europe Successfully Overcome by the Exercise of Some Diplomacy.

In the early days of the reign of the late King Leopold of Belgium a seventh son was born to a Brussels woman, and when the king heard of it, he was told that it was a boy.

Such important institutions as those having half a million volumes in New York city, and can convince a librarian that he is bright and ambitious, and there is an opening, which by no means improbable, he will be put to work at a salary of \$18 a month. He will be employed from eight to five o'clock, with an hour for luncheon, and will be kept late at the desk, to learn the method of getting books for readers and returning them to the shelves, how applications slips are made out and handled, the keeping of records, and the general conduct of the business. After proving himself for three months, his pay is increased to \$22.50 a month, which will be the rate for the next year.

By this time your boy will begin to get hold of himself, as it were, and know some of the things he must acquire if he expects to get on. It looks simple enough for a boy to take the visitor's slip asking for, say Hegel's "Philosophy of History," but there are thousands of works on philosophy and history scattered through the library, over yards and yards of shelves, under different headings and groupings, and it is the duty of the boy to go at once to the exact shelf and position on the shelf for that particular work. The sooner he acquired the knowledge of the library and method of indexing and placing books, the sooner will he make himself valuable in that department.

EASY CHANGE
When Coffee is Doing Harm.

A lady writes from the land of cotton of the results of a four years' use of the food beverage—hot Postum. "Ever since I can remember we had used coffee three times a day. It had a more or less injurious effect upon us all, and I myself suffered almost death from indigestion and nervousness caused by it.

"I know it was that, because when I would leave it off for a few days I would feel better. But it was hard to give it up, even though I realized how harmful it was to me.

"At last I found a perfectly easy way to make the change. Four years ago I abandoned the coffee habit and began to drink Postum, and I also influenced the rest of the family to do the same. Even the children are allowed to drink it freely as they do water. And it has done us all great good.

"I no longer suffer from indigestion, and my nerves are in admirable shape since I began to use Postum. We never use the old coffee any more.

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Our Boys' Life's Work
What Shall It Be?

LIBRARIAN? You learn a valuable occupation at the start of the year. The student who wants to become a librarian, and the final mental reward steps upwards gradually.

OUR boy librarian? Well, suppose one can get the ladder of education, with a lot of extra sides there will be a profession for your life, if only he possesses an application that gets on in the world. It is one of the few lines that gives every opportunity young man to improve when he does get to the satisfaction of being a librarian that is not exceeded by any in the world.

Of course, education adaptability mean everything, if the going to get on. If he should possess the whole learning of the world, and he will not be a librarian. For instance, a graduate of Oxford and holder of several degrees failed to display the adaptability of a boy of eighteen, who given a job in a big city library because he kept his knowledge of literature pigeonholed where he could not find it readily; and so he had to go.

But, taking up the profession of a librarian, your boy should finish the grammar school, apply to the library in the city, the better; for largest libraries have the largest libraries, which means more extensive training, and therefore, greater ability. In smaller cities are generally from those trained in New York city.

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His pay grows to \$25 a month the second year, and then he will be learning to return books to their proper places, which is more difficult than to find them, for a misplaced book is lost, even if it should be on an adjoining shelf. Where, for instance, would he put Tyndall's "Science of Sound," under "Science," or "Acoustics," or "Sound," or "Tyndall," or "Physics," or what, and after having found the proper heading in what particular place on the shelf?

As he goes on he becomes somewhat of a skilled analyst in finding books that have been misplaced through carelessness or ignorance. The book is in the library, he knows, and it has been misplaced. Now, where would the bungler be apt to have put it. There is an opportunity here, as you can see, for your boy to display a lot of cleverness and by so doing attract favorable attention to himself from those over him.

After a year at \$25 a month, admitting ability, your boy becomes what is known as half-attendant at \$30 a month, when he is employed largely at the desk, as well as assisting in the cataloging department. Suppose the patron asks where he can find something about the Magna Charta, or Sheridan's ride from Winchester, or the salary of the librarian of con-

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I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a QUICK RECOVERY, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you \$25 just for writing this prescription, but I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, K-227 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power. It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Before he goes on up to first assistant, however, he must have acquired what might be known as a full library education, which means that he must be able to answer substantially the following specimen questions, taken from an entrance examination to one of the leading library schools: Mention nationality and century and characterize briefly an important work by ten of the following: Tasso, Marlowe, Ibsen, Maurice Hewlett, Le Sage, Balzac, Sir Francis Bacon, Montaigne, Sir Thomas Malory, Lessing, Walter Pater, Taine, Swinburne, Landor, James Bryce.

State briefly what you know of the literary work of the following: Saint-Beuve, Turgeneff, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Heine, Thomas DeQuincy.

Write an account of the poets and poetry of England at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries.

Name five important writers of ancient Greece, and specify in what department each is famous. Of ancient Rome.

Describe (only about five lines each) the character of the following: "The Faerie Queene," "The Rubaiyat," "Idylls of the King."

Name five of the greatest American essayists; characterize briefly the literary work of each, and mention the title of their greatest work.

Name two famous allegories; three famous historical epics; and States; five great works of the world.

Name one of the following: Thomas Carlyle, Victor Hugo, Robert Browning.

Then followed other questions on the Donkhorbs, radium, Henry Clay, the Hausatle league, Pestalozzi, etc., and reading in German and French.

One thing that enables your boy to do this is that he is encouraged by his superiors to read good literature during every moment he can spare from his work; and he should also attend night school, and absorb everything possible that he can concerning standard and other literature. He must also have a good reading knowledge of French and German, and he will find it to his advantage if he acquires other languages. He must know how to analyze and index new books, whether in his own or in another language. In the New York public library, for example, from 15,000 to 20,000 cards a month are added to the index, and it may be necessary to have as many as 20 cards on one volume to cover the contents adequately. He must know the shelves where new books should be placed.

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The Flag Paramount

By O. HENRY

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A DOZEN quarts of champagne, in conjunction with an informal sitting of the president and his cabinet, led to the establishment of the navy and the appointment of Felipe Carrera as its admiral. The wine had been sent by the Mogul Banana company of New Orleans as a token of amicable relations—and certain consummated deals—between that company and the republic.

Next to the champagne the credit of the appointment belonged to Don Sabas Placido, the newly appointed minister of war.

The session had been signally tedious; the business and the wine prodigiously dry. A sudden, pranks humor of Don Sabas impelling him to the deed, spiced the grave matters of state with a whiff of agreeable playfulness.

In the order of business had come a bulletin from the department of Orilla del Mar, reporting the seizure by the custom-house officers at the coast town of Solitas of the sloop Estrella de Noche and her cargo of dry goods, patent medicine, granulated sugar and three-star brandy. Also six Martini rifles and ten thousand Havana cigars. Caught in the act of smuggling, the sloop and cargo was now, according to law, the property of the republic.

The collector of customs, in making his statement, departed from conventional forms so far as to suggest that the confiscated vessel be converted to the use of the government. The prize was the first capture to the credit of the department for ten years. It often happened that government officials required transportation from point to point along the coast, and means were usually lacking. Furthermore, the sloop could act as a coast guard to discourage the pernicious art of smuggling. The collector would also venture to name one to whom the charge of the boat could be safely entrusted—a young man, Felipe Carrera, not, be it understood, one of extreme wisdom, but loyal, and the best sailor along the coast.

It was upon this hint that the minister of war executed his little piece of drollery that so enlivened the tedium of executive session.

In the constitution of this small, maritime banana republic was a provision providing for the maintenance of the champagne. The champagne was bubbling rickily in the veins of the mercurial statesman. A formidable document was prepared, encrusted with chromatic seals and jaunty with fluttering ribbons, bearing the moral signatures of state, and conferring upon el Señor Don Felipe Carrera the title of Admiral of the marine fleet and force of the republic. Thus, within the space of a few minutes and the dominion of a dozen extra dry, the country rose to a place among naval powers, and Felipe Carrera became entitled to a salute of twenty-one guns whenever he should enter port.

The southern races are lacking in that particular humor that finds entertainment in natural misfortunes. Owing to this defect, they are not moved to laughter at the deformed, the feeble-minded, or the insane. Felipe Carrera was but half-witted. Therefore, the people of Solitas called him "el pobrecito loco," saying that God had sent but half of him to earth, retaining the other. A somber youth, glowering and speaking only at the rarest times, Felipe was but negatively loco. He generally refused to answer all questions when on shore. He seemed to know that he was badly handicapped on land where so many kinds of understanding are needed, but on the water few sailors whom God had entirely and carefully completed could handle a sailboat as well. He could sail a sloop five points nearer to the wind's eye than the best of them. He owned no boat, but worked among the crews of the schooners and sloops that skimmed the coast, trading, and freighting fruit out to the steamers where there was no harbor. It was through his famous boldness and skill as a sailor, as well as the pity felt for his mental imperfections that he was recommended by the collector as a suitable custodian of the captured sloop.

When the outcome of Señor Placido's little pleasantry arrived in the form of the imposing commission, the collector wondered and then smiled. He sent for Felipe, placed the document in his hands, explaining carefully to him the high honor that the government had granted him. Without a word, the newly created admiral took his commission, and departed.

The next morning he came again to the collector, and, as he passed through the village streets many were the compassionate exclamations of "pobrecito muchacho," but never a laugh or a smile.

Somewhere, Felipe had raked together a pitiful semblance of a military uniform—a pair of red trousers, a dingy blue jacket embroidered with yellow braid, and an old fatigue cap abandoned by one of the British soldiers in Belize. In the latter he had fastened the gaudy feathers of a parrot's tail. Buckled around his waist was an ancient ship's cutlass contributed by Pedro Ladite, the barber, who proudly asserted its inheritance from his ancestor, the illustrious buccaneer.

At the admiral's heels tagged his

newly shipped crew—three grinning, glossy black Caribs, bare to the waist; the sand in the streets spouting in a shower from the spring of their naked feet.

With becoming dignity, Felipe demanded his vessel of the collector. And now, a fresh honor awaited him. The collector's wife, a thin, little, yellow woman who read novels in a hammock all day, had found, in an old book, an engraving of a flag purporting to be the naval flag of the republic. Perhaps it had been so designed by the founders of the nation; but, as no navy had ever been established, oblivion had claimed its flag. With her own tawny hands she had made a flag after this pattern—a red cross upon a blue and white ground. Having a little of the romance that abounded in her novels, she presented it to Felipe with the words: "Brave sailor. This flag is of your country. It you will defend with the life. Go with God."

For the next month or two the navy had its troubles. Even the admiral was perplexed to know what to do without orders, but none came. Neither did any salaries. The sloop was rechristened "El Nacional," repainted, and swung idly at anchor. When Felipe's little store of money was exhausted, he went to the collector and raised the question of finances.

"Salaries!" exclaimed the collector, with his hands raised. "Que salaries! Not one centavo have I received of my own for seven months. The pay of an admiral, do you ask? Quien sabe? Should it be less than three thousand pesos? Mira! You will see a revolution in this country very soon. A good sign of it is when they call for pesos, pesos, pesos; and pay none out."

Felipe left the collector with a look almost of content in his sombre face. A revolution would mean fighting, and then the government would need his services. It was rather humiliating to be an admiral without anything to do, and have a hungry crew begging for reales to buy plantains and bread to eat.

When he returned to where the good-natured Caribs were hopefully waiting, they sprang up and saluted, as he had taught them.

"Come, muchachos," said the admiral. "The government is poor. It has no money at present. We will earn what we need to live upon. Soon—his heavy eyes almost lighted up—" "You will be ready tonight for."

Thereafter El Nacional, with the other coast craft and freighted bananas and oranges out to the fruit steamers who could not come nearer than a mile off shore, there being no harbor at Solitas. Surely, a self-supporting navy deserves red letters in the budget of any nation!

There was a little telegraph office in Solitas whence a little telegraph line ran over the big mountains to the capital. After earning enough at freighting to keep his crew to provisions and pay for a week or two, Felipe would infest this office, looking like the chorus of an insolvent comic opera troupe besieging the manager's den. Sprawled in a favorite corner, upon the floor, in his fast decaying uniform, with his prodigious sabre distributed between his red legs, he awaited, day after day, and week after week, the long delayed orders from his government. Each day he would inquire, gravely and expectantly, for dispatches. The operator would pretend to make a search, and reply:

"Not yet, it seems, Señor el Almirante—Poco tiempo!"

At the answer the admiral would plump himself down, with a rattle, in his corner to await the infrequent click of the little instrument on the table. Outside, in the shade of the lime trees in the calle, the crew chewed sugar cane, or slumbered, well content to serve a country content with so little service.

One day in early summer the revolution predicted by the collector flamed out suddenly. It had long been smouldering. At the head of the insurgents appeared that Hector and learned Theban of the Central American republics, Don Sabas Placido. A traveler, a soldier, a poet, a scientist, a statesman, and a connoisseur—the wonder was that he could content himself with the petty, remote life of his native country.

"It is a whim of Placido's," said a friend who knew him well, "to take up political intrigue. It is not other-wise than if he had come upon a new tempo in music; a new bacillus in the air; a new scent, or rhyme, or explosive. He will squeeze this revolution dry of sensations, and, a week afterward, forget it, skimming the seas of the world in his brigantine to add to his already world-famous collections of—por Dios!—everything—from postage stamps to maquinas de vapor."

But the aesthetic Placido seemed to be creating a lively row, for a mere dieteante. The admiral of the people, they had risen almost in a body to seat him in the place of the incumbent President Prados. There was sharp fighting in the capital, where (contrary to arrangements) the army had rallied to the defense of the incumbent. There was, also, lively skirmishing in most of the coast towns. It was rumored that the revolution was aided by a powerful concern in the states—the Mogul Banana company. Two of their steamers, the Traveler and the Salvador, were

known to have conveyed insurgent troops from point to point along the coast.

At the first note of war the admiral of the naval fleet and force made all sail for Belize, where he traded a hastily collected cargo for cartridges for the five Martini rifles, the armament of El Nacional. Then back he hurried, to be prepared for his country's call. As yet, there had been no actual uprising in Solitas. Military law ruled, and the ferment was bottled for the time. There was a report that everywhere the revolutionists were encountering defeat. In the capital the president's forces triumphed, and there was a rumor that the leaders of the revolt had been forced to flee, hotly pursued.

In the little telegraph office at Solitas there was always a gathering of officials and loyal citizens, awaiting news from the seat of government. One morning the telegraph key began clicking, and presently the operator called, loudly: "One telegram for el Almirante, Don Señor Felipe Carrera!"

There was a shuffling sound; a great rattling of tin scabbard, and the admiral, prompt at his spot of waiting, leaped across the room to receive it.

The message was handed to him. Slowly spelling it out, he found it to be his first official order—thus running:

"Proceed immediately with your vessel to mouth of Rio Ruiz; transport beef and provisions to barracks, at Alforan—Martinez, General."

Small glory, to be sure, in this, his country's first call. But it had called, and joy surged in the admiral's breast. He drew his cutlass belt to another buckle hole, roused his dozing crew, and in a quarter of an hour El Nacional was tacking swiftly down coast in a stiff landward breeze.

The Rio Ruiz is a small river, emptying into the sea ten miles below Solitas. That portion of the coast is wild and solitary. Through a gorge in the Cordilleras rushed the Ruiz, cold and bubbling, to glide, at the last, with breadth and leisure, through an alluvial morass into the sea.

In two hours El Nacional entered the river's mouth. The banks were crowded with a disposition of formidable trees. The sumptuous undergrowth of the tropics overflowed the

clothes of all who drenched, bespattered and rent the thicket. Some stress of circumstance must have driven them, through flood, mire and jungle.

"Oh-he! señor Almirante," called the large man. "See us your boat."

The dory was lowered, and Felipe, with one of the Caribs, rowed toward the left bank.

The large man stood near the water's brink, just deep in the curling vines. As he gazed upon the scarecrow figure in the stern of the dory a sprightly interest beamed upon his moist face. Months of wageless and bankless service had dimmed the admiral's splendor. His red trousers were patched and ragged. Most of the bright buttons and yellow braid were gone from his jacket. The visor of his cap was torn, and depended almost to his eyes. The admiral's feet were bare.

"Dear admiral," cried the large man, and his voice was like a blast from a horn, "I kiss your hands. I knew we could build upon your fidelity. You had our dispatch—from General Martinez. A little nearer with your boat, dear admiral. Upon these evils of shifting vines we stand with the smallest security."

Felipe regarded him with a stolid face.

"Provision and beef for the barracks at Alforan," he quoted.

"No fault on the butchers, almirante mio, that the beef awaits you not. But you are some in time to save the cattle. Get us aboard your vessel, señor, at once. You first, caballeros—a prieta. Come back for me. The boat is too small."

The dory conveyed the two officers to the shore, and returned for the large man.

"Have you so gross a thing as food, good admiral?" he cried, when aboard. "And, perhaps, coffee? Beef and provisions! Nombre de dios! A little longer, and we could have eaten one of those sales that you, Colonel Rafael, snatched so feelingly with his sword scabbard at parting. Let us have food, and then we will sail—for the barracks at Alforan—no?"

The Caribs prepared a meal, to which the three passengers of El Nacional sat themselves with famished delight. About sunset, as was its custom, the breeze veered and swept back from the mountains, cool and steady, bringing a taste of the stag-

lessly at his short commands. The three passengers were watching intently the sea before them, and when at length they came in sight of a steamer lying a mile out from the town, with her lights radiating deep into the water, they held a sudden voluble and close-headed converse. The sloop was speeding as if to strike midway between ship and shore.

The large man suddenly separated from his companions and approached the scarecrow at the helm.

"My dear admiral," he said, "the government has been exceedingly remiss. I feel all the shame for it that only its ignorance of your devoted service has prevented it from sustaining. An inexcusable oversight has been made. A vessel, a uniform and a crew worthy of your fidelity shall be furnished you. But just now, dear admiral, there is business of moment afoot. The steamer lying there is the Salvador. I and my friends desire to be conveyed to her, where we are sent on the government's business. Do us the favor to shape your course accordingly."

Without replying, the admiral gave a sharp command, and put the tiller hard to port. El Nacional swerved, and headed, straight as an arrow's course, for the shore.

"Do me the favor," said the large man, a trifle restive, "to acknowledge at least that you catch the sound of my words." It was possible that the fellow might be lacking in senses as well as in intellect.

The admiral emitted a croaking, harsh laugh, and spoke.

"They will stand you," he said, "with your face to the wall and shoot you dead. That is the way they kill traitors. I knew you when you stepped into my boat. I have seen your picture in a book. You are Sabas Placido, traitor to your country. With your face to a wall. So, you will die. I am the admiral, and I will take you to them. With your face to a wall. Yes."

Don Sabas half turned and waved his hand, with a ringing laugh, toward his fellow fugitives. "To you, caballeros, I have related the history of that banquet when we issued that oh, so ridiculous commission. Of a truth, our jest has been turned against us. Behold the Frankenstein's monster we have created!"

Don Sabas glanced toward the shore. The lights of Solitas were drawing nearer. He could see the beach, the warehouse of the Bodega Nacional, the long, low cuartel occupied by the soldiers, and behind that, gleaming in the moonlight, a stretch of high 'dobe wall. He had seen men stood with their faces to that wall and shot dead.

Again he addressed the extravagant figure at the helm.

"It is true," he said, "that I am fleeing the country. But, receive the assurance that I care very little for that. Courts and camps everywhere are open to Sabas Placido. Vaya! what is this molehill of a republic—this pig's head of a country—to a man like me? I am a paisano of every-where. Rome, London, Vienna, New York, Madrid, Havana, Santiago, they say: 'Welcome back, Don Sabas.' Come! tonto—baboon of a boy—admiral—whatever you call yourself—turn your boat! Put us on board the Salvador, and here is your pay—five hundred pesos in money of the Estados Unidos—more than your lying government will pay you in 20 years."

Don Sabas pressed a plump purse against the boy's hand. The admiral gave no heed to the words or the movement. Braced against the helm, he was holding the sloop dead on her shoreward course. His dull face was lit almost to intelligence by some internal conceit, that seemed to afford him joy, and found utterance in another parrotlike cackle.

"That is why they do it," he said, "so you will not see the guns. They fire—boom!—and you fall dead. With your face to the wall. Yes."

The admiral called a sudden order to his crew. The lithe, silent Caribs made fast the sheets they held and slipped down the hatchway into the hold of the sloop. When the last one had disappeared, Don Sabas, like a big, brown leopard, leaped, closed and fastened the hatch, and stood, smiling.

"No rifles, if you please, dear admiral. It was a whimsey of mine once to compile a dictionary of the Carib legends. So I understood your order. Perhaps you will now—"

He cut short his words, for he heard a sharp "swish" of iron scraping along tin. The admiral had drawn his cutlass, and was darting upon him. The blade descended, and it was only by a show of surprising agility that the large man escaped, with only a bruised shoulder, the glancing weapon. He was drawing his pistol as he sprang, and the next instant he shot the admiral down.

Don Sabas stooped over him and rose again.

"En el corazon," he said, briefly. "Senores, the navy is abolished."

Colonel Rafael sprang to the helm; the other officer hastened to loose the mainsail sheets. The boom swung round; El Nacional described a fluent curve and began to tack industriously for the Salvador.

"Strike that flag, señor," called Colonel Rafael. "Our friends on the steamer will wonder why we are sailing under it."

"Well said," cried Don Sabas, advancing to the mast, he lowered the flag to the deck where lay its too loyal supporter. Thus ended the minister of war's little piece of after-dinner drollery, and by the same hand that began it.

Suddenly Don Sabas gave a great cry of joy, and ran down the slanting deck to the side of Colonel Rafael, across his arm he carried the flag of the extinguished navy.

"Mira! mira! señor. Ah, Dios! Already can I hear that great bear of an

Gestreicher shout: 'Du hast mein herr gebrochen!' Mira! Of my friends, Herr Grunitz of Vienna, you have heard me relate. That man has traveled to Ceylon for an orchid—to Patagonia for a head-dress—to Benares for a shilpi—to Mozambique for a spearhead to add to his famous collections. Thou knowest, also, amigo Rafael, that I have been a gatherer of curios. My collection of battle flags of the world's navies was the most complete in existence until last year. Then Herr Grunitz secured two, oh, so rare specimens. One of a Barbary state, and one of the Makarooroo, a tribe on the west coast of Africa. I have not those, but they can be procured. But this flag, señor—do you know what it is? Name of God! do you know? See that red cross upon the blue and white ground! You never saw it before? Seguramento no. It is the marine flag of your country. Mira! This rotten tub we stand upon is its navy—that dead cockatoo lying there was its commander—that stroke of cutlass and single pistol shot a sea battle. All a piece of absurd foolery, I grant you—but authentic. There has never been another flag like this, and there never will be another. No. It is unique in the whole world. Yes. Think of what that means to a collector of flags! Do you know, Colonel mio, how many golden crowns Herr Grunitz would give for this flag? Ten thousand, like-ly. Well, a hundred thousand would not buy it. Beautiful flag! Little devil of a most heaven-born flag! O-he! old grumbler beyond the ocean. Wait till Don Sabas comes again to the Koeniglin strasse. He will let you kneel and touch the folds of it with one finger. O-he! old spectacled rascaler of the world!"

Forgotten was the impotent revolution, the danger, the loss, the gall of defeat. Possessed solely by the ordinate and unparalleled passion of the collector, he strode up and down the little deck, clasping to his breast with one hand the paragon of a flag. He snapped his fingers triumphantly toward the east. He shouted the psalm to his prize in trumpet tones, as if he would make old Grunitz hear.

They were waiting on the Salvador, to welcome them. The sloop came close alongside the steamer where her sides were sliced almost to the lower deck for the loading of fruit. The sailors of the Salvador grappled and held her there.

Captain McLeod leaned over the side.

"Well, señor, the jig is up, I'm told."

"The jig is up?" Don Sabas looked perplexed for a moment. "That revolution—ah—si." With a shrug of his shoulder he dismissed the matter.

The captain learned of the escape and the imprisoned crew.

"Caribs!" he said; "no harm in them." He slipped down into the sloop and kicked loose the hamp of the hatch. The black fellows came tumbling up, sweating but grinning.

"Hey! black boys!" said the captain in a dialect of his own; "you sabe, they got and vamos back same atchy boat."

They saw him point to the hatch, the sloop and Solitas. "Yas, yas!" they cried, with broader grins and many nods.

The four—Don Sabas, the two officers and the captain—moved to quit the sloop. Don Sabas lagged a little behind, looking at the still form of the late admiral, sprawled in his paltry trappings.

"Pobrecito loco," he said, softly. He was a brilliant cosmopolitan and a cognoscente of high rank; but, after all, he was of the same race and blood and instinct of this people. Even as the simple gente of Solitas had said it, so said Don Sabas. Without a smile, he looked and said: "The poor little crazed one!"

Stooping, he raised the limp shoulders, drew the priceless and induplicable flag under them and over the breast, pinning it there with the diamond star of the order of San Carlos that he took from the collar of his own coat.

He followed after the others, and stood with them upon the deck of the Salvador. The sailors that staided El Nacional shoved her off. The jabbering Caribs hauled away at the rigging; the sloop headed for the shore; and Herr Grunitz' collection of naval flags was still the finest in the world.

Girl's Beauty Bewitched Thief.

A hotel thief who is too susceptible for the hotel thieving business is Reltzner von Heideberg, an Austrian engineer, who was arrested in a room of the Hotel Britannique, where Senora de Vadillo, daughter of Marquesa de Vadillo, was sleeping peacefully.

Marquesa de Vadillo went into her daughter's room at eight o'clock and found the man gazing, lost in admiration, at the sleeping girl. She raised the alarm, and the man was arrested and subsequently confessed to having stolen various articles. He said he could have stolen much more if he had liked, but the beauty of the sleeping girl had bewitched him. He had remained for a quarter of an hour looking at her and would have done so all day had he not been interrupted—Patt Parisien.

Success.

Thy success, poor devil, what will thy success amount to? If the thing is unjust, thou has not succeeded; no, not though bonfires blazed from north to south, and bells rang, and editors wrote leading articles, and the just things lay trampled out of sight—to all mortal eyes an abolished and annihilated thing. For it is the right and noble alone that will have victory in this struggle; the rest is wholly an obstruction, a postponement, a fearful imperilment of the victory.—Carlyle, "Past and Present."



THE NEXT INSTANT HE SHOT THE ADMIRAL DOWN.

land and drowned itself in the fallow waters. Silently the sloop entered there, and met a deeper silence. Brilliant with greens and ochres and floral scarlets, the umbrageous mouth of the Rio Ruiz furnished no sound or movement save of the seagoing water as it curled against the prow of the vessel. Small chance there seemed of wresting beef or provisions from that empty solitude.

The admiral decided to east anchor, and, at the chain's rattle, the force was stimulated to instant and resounding uproar. The mouth of the Rio Ruiz had only been taking a morning nap. Parrots and baboons screeched and barked in the trees, a whirring and a hissing and a booming marked the awakening of animal life; a dark blue bulk was visible for an instant, as a startled viper fought his way through the vines.

The navy, under orders, hung in the mouth of the little river for hours. The crew served the dinner of shark's fin soup, plantains, crab gumbo and sour claret. The admiral, with a three-foot telescope, closely scanned the impervious foliage 50 yards away.

It was nearly sunset when a reverberating "hallo-a-o" came from the forest to their left. It was answered, and three men, mounted on chules, crashed through the tropic tangle to within a dozen yards of the river's bank. There they dismounted, and one, unbuckling his belt, struck each man a violent blow with his sword scabbard, so that they, with a fling of heads, dashed back again into the forest.

Those were strange-looking men to be conveying beef and provisions. One was a large and exceedingly active man, of striking presence. He was of the purest Spanish type, with curling dark hair, gray besprinkled, blue, sparkling eyes, and the pronounced air of a caballero grande. The other two were small, brown-faced men, wearing white military uniforms, high riding boots and swords. The

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LA SALLE county sends the first steers to market this season, fattened on cotton seed cake and prickly pear.

TEXAS mineral fields should be investigated. Stores of wealth are in the hills awaiting the hand of man to remove.

FRANCISCO Madero hasn't yet captured the Mexican government and neither has the government captured Madero. Looks like a stand off.

THE time is not far off when the Legislature will only be drawing \$2 per day. It don't look good to them, but Governor Colquitt says no extra session.

THE aviators attracted large crowds to San Antonio during the recent meet and performed wonderful feats for the onlookers. The birdmen have made wonderful progress the past year.

WHAT do you know about Mexican troops that don't know enough not to fire on the Red Cross flag? Certainly must be an ignorant bunch—but who expected anything better?

EVERY now and then some high up Mexican official will rush into print and strenuously deny that there is any semblance of a revolution across the Rio Grande. Funny isn't it?

THE Mexican government is commandeering the wires again, and from reports sent out of Mexico City, federals are victorious in every battle. Of course everybody believes it.

THE gasoline pear burner is a great thing, and saves the cattlemen many dollars in feeding. One man can burn pear for two or three hundred steers. The men who are manufacturing it are growing rich.

TIME for corn planting is near at hand. Farmers have their land in fine condition and after fifteen days seed will be in the ground. Right now farmers have already planted, but they may be too early.

A news item states that the promoters of the Nueces Valley railroad were at Aransas Pass this week making arrangements to begin work on the line West. We would like to see it begin and then hurry. We need it up this way.

THE average rainfall over the State of Texas during January was only .15 of an inch, far below normal. During this month the fall at Cotulla and surrounding territory was 1.20 inches. Looks like we are starting out a "hoss on" the balance of the state.

PERHAPS it may be interesting to you to know that Texas produced more than half of the pecan crop of the United States in 1910. The total production was 900 cars, of this amount Texas contributed 594 cars. The finest natural pecan groves in the world are in Texas.

RUSSIA is the source of the world's supply of platinum. Now Texas comes to the front with a vein found between San Antonio and the Rio Grande, that Boston experts pronounce a high percentage of platinum. You can't never tell what you'll find or what you can grow in Texas.

THE reading of the newspaper is part of the work of the farmer of today. He can't afford to be without it because it is a channel of communication between the producer and the consumer. Where you find a farmer who does not read you will find one that is not prosperous.

EL PASOANS to the number of five thousand witnessed the novel sight of a fight between rebel and federal forces above Jaurez. The American report was that the federals "retreated at a dog trot." The Mexican government report will probably be "a complete victory for the federal forces."

THE supporters for commission government in San Antonio were defeated in Saturday's election by 160 votes. Alleging fraud, intimidation and force the commissionists will contest the result, and in the meantime put out a full ticket for the May election. Rather a close call for Callaghan, and with the fight still on.

The Necessity of New Irrigation Laws.

Since irrigation has become a great factor in the life of Texas the necessity of new laws is made manifest. The conditions of different sections require different laws. Although two new bills have already been introduced at the present session of the legislature, neither, in any way, bears on this particular section of the Southwest.

South of San Antonio there are a number of streams that are classed as running streams, yet they do not run continuously, and it is necessary to impound storm water for irrigation. A law that will apply to the San Antonio, Frio, Medina, Leona and Nueces river is one sought after by the landowners of this section, and this week at Cotulla a movement was put on foot, which it is hoped will result in a law that will solve the vexing questions that are now confronting developers.

On these streams it is necessary to build dams to impound storm water for irrigation. Under the present statutes the man who builds the dam, or the investor is not given the protection of the uninterrupted right of the water impounded, and it is this point mainly that those interested will seek to correct. The riparian rights of the owners of land along these streams has been the stumbling block. Just how far these rights go is a question. In California and other western States they include water for irrigation; in England, the country from which our laws were fashioned, the right extends only so far as for domestic purposes.

Roger Miller, a Canadian, outlined the laws of Canada, at the Cotulla meeting, and say so perfectly covered the legislation sought after for this particular section, that a committee was named to draw up a bill along the lines of the Canadian statutes, and every effort will be made to have this bill passed at the present session of the legislature. This bill will provide for gates in each dam which will let by the natural flow of the river. Only impounded or storm water may be used for irrigation, and this impounded water cannot be used by persons who do not have an interest in or who have not contributed to the building of a dam which impounds the water.

This bill when drawn up will no doubt meet the approval of every landowner in the territory which it will effect. San Antonio business men will lend their aid in its passage, because it directly benefits their trade territory and will mean much to that city.

As soon as the proposed bill is drawn up by the committee it will be published in the Record.

It Is Funny, Really Funny! ONION KING

ful less those words. The energetic Board grade—and others down Laredo way. There has been foaming at the mouth and gnashing of teeth of late down by the Rio Grande, all because of an article in a recent issue of the San Antonio Express proclaiming D. A. Walker the largest individual onion grower of Texas. Mr. Walker's onion farms are at Cotulla and Asherton—not at Laredo. This gentleman has done more development work the past twelve months than any individual in the territory from San Antonio to Laredo. His total acreage in onions today exceeds that of any individual in Texas. The San Antonio Express being a live paper, naturally looks up live topics for its readers. There is something new happening in this land of progress every day. Perhaps the throne of the onion king was formerly so near the land of manana. So was Roy Bean once the Law West of the Pecos. Conditions of today are not the same as conditions of yesterday. Laredo, by all means should wake up to the realization that things are changing—especially in the Cotulla and Asherton country.

The city wherein resides hordes of self-styled, envious, "onion kings," has styeed herself in a stereotyped form for so long that her people really believe it. They actually believe that Laredo was the birthplace of the Texas Bermuda Onion, when in fact every child from Maine to California (outside of Laredo) knows that the first successful demonstration of Bermuda onion culture was made at Cotulla and also the first carload shipment ever made in Texas was made from Cotulla.

It is funny, really funny.

Let's Join in the Movement. March 11th has been

designated by the Texas Board of Health as "Clean Up Day." Every city and town in the state is expected to take part in this movement. Cotulla should not be one of the few that do not and some steps should be taken by the city council to make the cleaning thorough. A clean town prevents disease and is a good appearing advertisement. Right here we desire to call the City Fathers attention to the fact that no dumping ground has been provided and that such a place is an absolute necessity. We are aware of the fact that efforts have been made to secure a place, but the fact remains that a dumping ground must be had and the longer the matter is delayed the more expensive it will be. Some people take a pride in keeping their premises clean. They employ carts to haul the garbage out of town. Do you know where nine-tenths of this refuse is dumped? In the public roads outside the town limits. Several stockmen have called this paper's attention to this matter, and pointed it out as a disgrace. Let the council act at once and secure an acre of ground somewhere.

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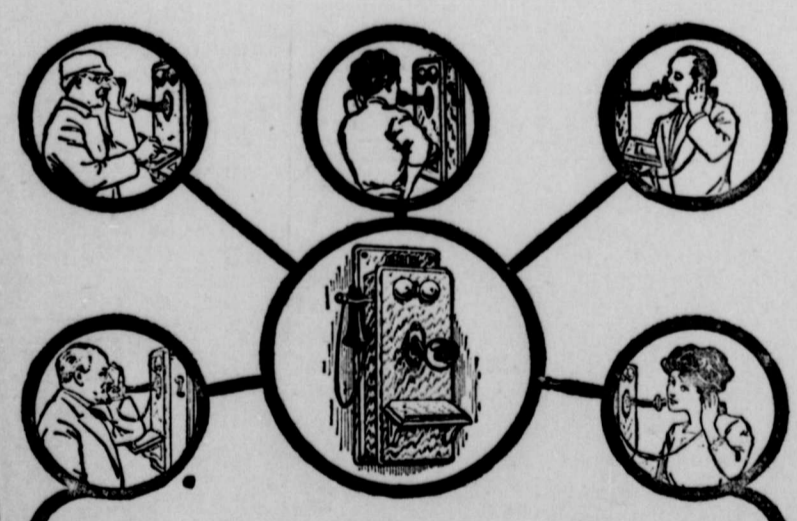
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MATT RUSSELL

NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that bids will be received up to Ten o'clock A. M. on the 13th day of February A. D. 1911 by the Commissioners Court of La Salle County, Texas, from all banking incorporations, associations and individual bankers in said La Salle County that may desire to be selected as the Depository for two years of all the funds, including the school fund, of said County, said bids to be in accordance with the law governing selections of County Depositories, and the right being reserved to reject any and all bids. In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office in the City of Cotulla, on this the 13th day of January A. D. 1911. COVEY C. THOMAS, County Judge of La Salle County, Texas.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of La Salle County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. D. Gilliam, W. H. Dickson, F. H. Pye, F. E. Pye, W. L. Quinn, R. P. Wetmore, the Texas Land and Development Company and the Southwest Texas Land Company and each of them by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of La Salle county, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof in the town of Cotulla, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1911, the same being the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the sixth day of February A. D. 1911, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 1052 wherein J. M. Ramsey is plaintiff and the West Texas Bank and Trust Company, Trustee, C. H. Dean, W. A. Hadden and the said C. D. Gilliam, W. H. Dickson, F. H. Pye, F. E. Pye, W. L. Quinn, R. P. Wetmore, the Texas Land and Development Company and the Southwest Texas Land Company are the defendants, and said petition alleging substantially as follows, to-wit:

That on or about November 29, 1909, the defendant, C. D. Gilliam, made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his four several promissory notes, one for the sum of \$5,000.00 and the other three for the sum of \$6,080.46 each, aggregating the total of \$23,241.38, each dated November 29, 1909, signed by said C. D. Gilliam, payable to the order of said J. M. Ramsey, due on or before six, eighteen, thirty and forty-two months after date respectively, bearing interest from date thereof until paid at the rate of seven per centum per annum, interest payable annually as it accrues and all past due interest bearing interest from date same is due until paid at the rate of ten per centum per annum, each of said notes providing that a failure to pay any note or any installment of interest when due shall, at the option of the holder or holders thereof, mature all notes then unpaid, and each of said notes further stipulated and provided for ten per cent additional on the amount of principal and interest then due to be added as attorney's or collection fees in case said notes or any of them were not promptly paid when due and suit was brought on the same or said notes were placed in the hands of an attorney for collection; that thereby defendant, C. D. Gilliam, then and the other defendants by their actions and conduct subsequently, agreed, became liable and promised plaintiff to pay him the total of the sums of money in said notes specified, together with all interest and attorney's or collection fees due or to become due thereon according to the tenor and effect thereof.

That said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in the county of La Salle in the State of Texas, to-wit:

1st. Tract, 483.30 acres of land out of and part of survey No. 8, Cert. No. 30, original grantee, S. W. Yeager, patented to the heirs of said Yeager on the 8th day of February, 1876 by Patent No. 451, Vol. 21, for 1476 acres of land, being abstract No. 703, said 483.30 acres of land being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 8 and the N. E. corner No. 11, H. & G. N. R. Co., a corner of fence; Thence S. O degree 04' E. 1940.32 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said survey No. 11; Thence N. 89 degrees 27' E. 63.18 vrs. to a stake; Thence S. O degree 04' E. 294.12 vrs. to a stake in center of lane between Ramsey and Dr. Ryee lands; Thence S 89 degrees 52' E.

1173.78 vrs. to the S. W. Corner of a tract of land out of said survey No. 8 deeded on November 5, 1909 by J. M. Ramsey to Mary C. Albert Et. Al.; Thence N. O degree 05' E. 2202.90 vrs. along the West line of said tract deeded to Mary C. Albert Et. Al. to its N. W. corner; Thence N. 88 degrees 26' W. 1238.76 vrs. to the place of beginning; also

2nd. Tract, 485.79 acres of land out of and part of Sur. No. 8, Cert. No. 30, original grantee, S. W. Yeager, patented to the heirs of said Yeager on the 8th day of February 1876 by Patent No. 451, Vol. No. 21, for 1476 acres of land, being Abstract No. 703, said 485.79 acres of land being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the original N. E. corner of the said S. W. Yeager survey No. 8, whence a mesquite 20 inches in dia, brs. S. 14 1-2 degrees E. 37 vrs., and another mesquite, forked, 12 inches in dia, brs. S. 49 degrees W. 27 vrs.; Thence S. 89 degrees 33' W. 1241.57 vrs. along the North line of said survey No. 8 to a stake for corner; Thence S. O degrees 05' W. 2202.44 vrs. to a point on the South line of said Survey No. 8 in center of lane, a stake for corner; Thence S. 89 degrees 52' E. 1241.57 vrs. along center of lane to fence corner, stake for corner; Thence N. O degrees 95' E. 2215.08 vrs. to the place of beginning, said two tracts aggregating 969.09 acres of land and being all of said Survey No. 8 except 484.54 acres of said survey 8 sold by J. M. Ramsey to Mary C. Albert Et. Al., by deed dated November 5, 1909 and recorded in the Deed Records of said La Salle County to which reference is made; also,

the first day of October recorded in the Deed Records of said La Salle County which said deed and record thereof refer to made for description acres of land by met

Making the aggregate acres of land out of said Survey No. 11 corner and the total number of and part of said Survey conveyed 969.09, making the total number of acres out of surveys conveyed and the purchase price of said notes were given 14

Plaintiff further alleges lands were heretofore on day of November A. D. conveyed him, by his deed of in writing and duly acknowledged and delivered, to "The W Bank and Trust Company, Inc.," in consideration, and things, of the execution delivery to plaintiff by the said C. D. Gilliam, of the promissory notes here described, and that in said deed of conveyance the Vendor's Lien was expressly reserved on all said lands to secure the payment of said four notes and each of them; that note No. One of said series in the sum of \$5,000.00 was due on the 29th day of May 1910, together with the interest on same, and is still due and wholly unpaid; that the interest on the remaining notes was due on the 29th day of November 1910, and is still due wholly unpaid and that by reason thereof plaintiff, as provided by said deed and said notes, has elected to declare and does hereby declare all said notes due and that all of said notes are now due and wholly unpaid, and that the defendants though often thereto requested have failed and refused and still fail and refuse to pay said notes or any one or more of same or any part of any one or more of same and that said notes and each of them still remain due and wholly unpaid; that each and every of said defendants have assumed and agreed to pay said notes.

3rd. Tract, Part of Survey No. 11, Certificate No. 12-2558, original grantee, H. & G. N. R. Co., the whole of said Survey No. 11 being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 11 at a stake set for corner whence a mesquite 18" in dia, brs. S. 64 1-2 degrees W. 103-4 vrs. to another mesquite 12" dia, brs. N. 75 1-2 degrees W. 14 1-2 vrs.; Thence S. O degrees E. 1952.64 vrs. to stake set for S. W. corner of this survey; Thence N. 89 degrees 27' E. 1906.74 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said Survey No. 11; Thence N. O degrees 04' W. 1940.32 vrs. to the N. E. corner of this survey No. 11 and the N. W. corner of the S. W. Yeager Survey No. 8, corner post of fence; Thence S. 89 degrees 49' W. 1906.74 vrs. to the point of beginning, containing 657.43 acres of land.

LESS AND EXCEPTING from the three tracts of land hereinbefore described the following lands, to-wit:

Tract No. 1. Being 203.27 acres of land described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the S. W. Corner of said Sur. No. 11, H. & G. N. R. Co.; Thence N. 89 degrees 27' E. 1913.04 vrs. along the South line of said Sur. No. 11 to corner of fence, a stake; Thence N. O degrees 04' W. 600 vrs to a stake for corner; Thence S. 89 degrees 27' W. 1913.04 vrs. to the west line of said Survey No. 11; Thence S. O degrees 04' E. 600 vrs. to the place of beginning, being 202.6 acres out of and part of said Sur. No. 11 and 67-100 acres of land out of and part of said Sur. No. 8, S. W. Yeager; Thence S. O degrees 04' E. 1913.04 vrs. to the place of beginning, being 202.6 acres out of and part of said Sur. No. 11 and 67-100 acres of land out of and part of said Sur. No. 8, S. W. Yeager;

Tract No. 2. All that portion of said Sur. No. 11, H. & G. N. R. Co., that lies West of the East line of the I. & G. N. R. Co., right of way and containing 3.9 acres of land;

Tract No. 3. All of Block No. 1 and all of Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 14 and 15 of Block No. 2 of Ramsey's Addition to the Town of Asherton Junction in La Salle County, Texas as shown by the map or plat of said Addition recorded in the Deed Records of said La Salle County to which reference is made; and

Tract No. 4. Being 5.65 acres of land out of and part of said Survey No. 11, H. & G. N. R. Co., being the land sold to George Copp by J. M. Ramsey by deed dated

and costs of suit, and for the fore closure of his Vendor's Lien on the lands and premises hereinbefore described and that the same be decreed to be sold according to law and the Sheriff or other officers executing said order of sale shall place the purchaser of said property sold under said order of sale in possession thereof within thirty days after the date of sale, and plaintiff also prays the Court for general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same

WITNESS G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of the District Court of La Salle County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the city of Cotulla, in La Salle County, Texas, on this 9th day of February A. D. 1911. Issued same day.

[SEAL] G. H. KNAGGS, Clerk of the District Court of La Salle County, Texas.

Came to hand on the 9th day of February A. D. 1911 at 2 o'clock p. m. and a publication of the above citation ordered made in "The Cotulla Record."

T. H. POOLE, Sheriff of La Salle County, Texas. By B. Wildenthal, Jr., Deputy.

AN ORDINANCE. Providing for the Storage and Handling of Gasoline and other Volatile, Inflammable, Liquids, in the Town of Cotulla, La Salle County, Texas.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the town of Cotulla:

Section 1. That hereafter all persons of corporations handling, dealing in or selling gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids, conspicuously attach to each bottle, can or vessel the name of the liquid, in large or plainly written words, "Highly Explosive"

Section 2. That no dealer in gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids as aforesaid, shall store or settle any of the said liquids in open vessels or tanks; and that in no event, more than five (5) gallons of gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids be kept inside of any tank and then only in cans or other metal, except as provided in the following section.

Section 3. That no more than (55) gallons of gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids be kept inside of any portable filling tank of at least three-sixteens (3/16) inch tank steel, the construction of approved construction of said portable tank supported on all steel of less than thirty (30) centimeter, the same to be mounted on rubber tires and the tank provided with approved suction pump, this provided with hose and hose not to exceed six feet in length. The hose to be equipped with approved shut off cock at end of hose and hose must be convenient lock and be locked when not in use.

Section 4. No persons handling, dealing in or selling gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids shall handle, draw from the tank, barrel or other receptacle in which such liquid is stored, any such liquid after dark or when it is necessary to use any artificial light in or about such work, and all fire and lights on automobiles or under the boilers thereof shall be extinguished before entering the garage or any building in which any volatile, inflammable liquid is stored or kept, and the same shall not be lighted while in the building or within ten feet of the entrance. No tanks or other receptacles for the storing of gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids

in quantities of more than fifty (55) gallons, shall be erected or maintained in that portion of the town of Cotulla lying outside of what is known as the I. & G. N. R. R. reservation fronting on the Nueces River and embracing about thirty (30) acres unless the plans and specifications for such tanks or receptables shall first be submitted to the city Marshall and be approved by him.

Section 5. No person shall smoke in any garage or dry cleaning establishment and a notice in large letters, "No Smoking" shall be kept displayed in a conspicuous place and manner on all floors and at the entrance of all of said buildings.

Section 6. That there shall be kept on all floors of every garage, self closing metal cans, set firmly on four inch legs into which all inflammable waste material shall be deposited, and there shall be one such can for every twenty five hundred square feet of area or fraction thereof.

Section 7. For each 2000 square feet of floor area or fraction thereof, there shall be kept charge and ready for use, one approved three gallon chemical fire extinguisher. Each floor or separate enclosure shall be figured separately in reckoning this equipment.

Section 8. There shall constantly be kept and maintained convenient receptables filled with sand, to be used in absorbing waste oils on the floor, in addition to this sand shall be kept in a box or boxes, to be of approved construction, provided with hand scoop, to be used for fire extinguishing purposes only.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of every person handling, dealing in or selling gasoline, or other volatile, inflammable liquids to report such fact to the City Marshall and to have the tank or receptable in which such gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquid is to be stored and from which it is to be drawn, inspected and approved by him under the provisions of this ordinance before using the same for such purposes.

Section 10. Wherever the word "Approved" occurs in this ordinance, it shall be understood to mean "Approved by the City Marshall" whose duty it shall be to examine and approve or condemn all such storage tanks or receptables for gasoline or other volatile, inflammable liquids, and who shall report his approval or condemnation of such tank or receptable to the Mayor.

Section 11. Two printed copies of this ordinance shall be kept conspicuously posted on each floor of every garage or dry cleaning establishment. And any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars nor more than Two Hundred Dollars.

Passed and approved this 9th day of February, A. D. 1911. C. F. BINKLEY, Mayor.

Attest: C. E. MANLY, City Clerk.

THE I. O. O. F. Concerning the Schubert's which appear here on Tuesday, February 14th, at the Auditorium, Grafeon (W. Va.) Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F. says: "Every number presented was a gem and the performers were applauded to the echo. The entire entertainment appealed to the good taste of the large and appreciative audience and was a success in every particular."

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PLAN NEW IRRIGATION LAW. COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAW UP MEASURE.

The meeting at the Court House Monday evening called by T. N. Pienot for the purpose of discussing new irrigation laws, was well attended. Out of it may grow the legislation much needed for this particular section.

Judge F. B. Earnest was elected chairman and J. H. Gallman secretary. Judge Earnest outlined the object of the meeting and was followed by Marshall Hicks who told of laws now bearing on the subject. The idea of the land men seemed to be that a law was needed to protect capital and se-

cur corporations or individuals who build dams and impound water. The stumbling block along this line has been the riparian rights of land owners along streams. After talks by various land owners, Roger Miller, a Canadian who was in the audience was called on. He outlined the Canadian laws and told of their effectiveness and it was universally agreed that such laws would solve the problem for this particular section.

A committee composed of Judge F. B. Earnest, T. N. Pienot, J. R. Black, Matt Russell, assisted by Marshall Hicks, will draw up a bill modeled after the Canadian laws. The bill effects the territory South of San Antonio to the Nueces, where the streams do not run continuously. Every effort will be made by all interested in the matter to have it become a law at the present session.

REPORTS ONION CROP OUTLOOK EXCELLENT.

D. A. Walker, largest individual onion grower in the state of Texas, has just returned from a three weeks trip North, and was out over his onion farms at Cotulla and Asherton this week. "The crop is looking fine," he said. "I was a little late on finishing transplanting, but don't believe that is going to be such a great disadvantage, as the severe freeze early in January, unquestionably did considerable damage to the older onions."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. D. N. Cushing returned Wednesday from San Antonio.

L. W. Gaddis made a business trip to Laredo first of the week.

Horace H. Shelton, of the San Antonio Express was in Cotulla Monday and Tuesday.

A. B. Alford returned Wednesday from a ten days absence in San Antonio.

Jas. Breeding of Encinal was a passenger on Wednesday morning's train to San Antonio.

Marshall Hicks, a prominent attorney of San Antonio was here Monday to attend the meeting of the river land men, who will urge a new irrigation law.

Among those who went to San Antonio Saturday night to see the aviators were: Phil Mewhirter, Henry Jay, San Turner, J. T. Carr, J. E. Muly, Will Copp and J. D. Neal.

Miss Mary Kerr left last week for Tyler to take a shorthand and Typewriting course in the Tyler Commercial College. Every year Cotulla is sending more young men and women to this college, and all are highly pleased with the results.

GREAT NATIONAL EVENT.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The High School Basket Ball Team received a challenge from the Devine High School Team for a match game at Devine the 4th, which of course was accepted, and Alma Coleman, Adele Wildenthal, Bobbie Mabry, Lexie Peters and Beatrice Burwell were selected to represent Cotulla, and the following party accompanied them to Devine: Prof. and Mrs. Taylor, Misses Clem Loggins, Jessie Copp Eva Rumsey, Mrs. Ray Seefell and Mrs. B. Wildenthal. Cotulla was victorious. The score was 10 to 8.

The High School Base Ball team also challenged the Devine team for a ball game the same day but so far the Devine team has not arranged for it. We hope to have some games later in the season.

Some of the High School pupils organized a debating society Friday eve to meet alternate Friday nights. The membership is as follows: George Russell, Herbert Coleman, Everett Coleman, Clint Haynie, Owen Widener, Granville Widener, Paul Rees, Harry Bruton, Alma Mendal, Adele Wildenthal, Alma Coleman, Pearl West, Alma Tarver, Beatrice Burwell. The following officers were elected: Geo. Russell, Pres., Paul Rees, Vice-Pres., Alma Coleman, Sec. and Clint Haynie, Beatrice Burwell and Pearl West were appointed a committee to draft by-laws. The first question is, Resolved, that the U. S. should fortify the Panama Canal. The first meeting will be two weeks from Friday.

HONOR ROLL.

10 grade. Adele Wildenthal, 94 1-8; Everette Coleman, 88; Clint Haynie, 85 7-8.

9 grade. Jim Rowland, 92 1-4; Elizabeth Kerr, 92 1-8; Margie Rogers, 90 5-4.

8 grade. Eula Sutton, 90; Paul Rees, 89 5-8; Harry Bruton, 89 1-4.

7 grade. Hobson Wildenthal, 95 5-8; Willie Hawkins, 95 2-8; Genevieve Kerr, 92 1-2; Alma Tarver, 90 5-8; Pearl Evans, 90 2-4; Fannie Mae Simpson, 90.

6 grade. Georgia Wheeler, 87 3-4; Bobbie Mabry, 85.

5 grade. Alva Gaddis, 91; Florence Taylor, 86.

4 grade. Dollie Hawkins, 95; Iris Hawkins, 94; Keith Askew, 93; Olin Scoggins, 91; Alma Hicks, 91.

3 grade. Spence Taylor, 94; Willie Hicks, 94; Dorothy Morrow, 93; Aileen Morrow, 91; Ora Ratchiff, 91; Eva Campbell, 91; Ralph Haynie, 90; Reed Hargus, 90.

2 grade. Aubrey Galbreath, 94; Arlena Smith, 93 2-7; Chester Yowell, 90.

1 grade. Brook Yowell, 94; Alice Kerr, 94; Anna Hargus, 93 1-6.

Cases of tardiness for January. Prof. Taylor's room, 11. Miss Ozelle Loggins room, 11. Miss Velma Wilson's room, 51. Miss Myrtle Rowland's room 16. Miss L. Henderson's room, 27.

THE LYONS IN THE WAY.

Many young people who lack "gnmpion," get-up-and-get, or whatever you may term it, often reason thusly: If it had not been for so and so and such and such a thing, I could have made a great success. The lions in the way of these young people and such a successful career is barred by the ifs and the ands that enter into their daily life and courage. They are the breastworks thrown up by the weak and vacillating which beguile and deceive, and which are offered as excuses for many failures. The lions in the way and nothing more.

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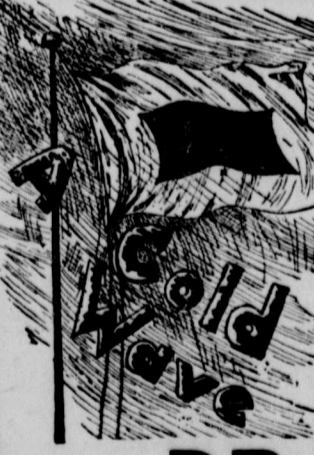
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J. L. KNOWLES,
Headland, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 8th day of September, 1909, J. Loftus Knowles who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

J. W. WHIDDON,
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"My son was about three weeks old when I noticed a breaking-out on his cheeks, from which a watery substance oozed. A short time after, his arms, shoulders and breast broke out also, and in a few days became a solid mass. I became discouraged, and as I had read the advertisements of Cuticura Remedies and testimonials of a great many people who had used them with wonderful success, I dropped the doctor's treatment, and commenced the use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and in a few days noticed a marked change. The eruption on his cheeks was almost healed, and his shoulders, arms and breast were decidedly better. When he was about seven months old all trace of the eczema was gone.

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The Latest Golf Story.

Two Scotchmen met and exchanged the small talk appropriate to the hour. As they were parting to go supperward, Sandy said to Jock:
"Jock, mon, I'll go to a roond on the links in the mornin."
"The mornin?" Jock repeated doubtfully.
"Aye, mon, the mornin," said Sandy.
"I'll go to a roond on the links the mornin."
"Aye weel," said Sandy. "I'll go ye. But I had intended to get married in the mornin."

Led by the Nose.

"Pa, what is a 'leading woman'?"
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

In the District Court of La Salle County, Texas, 49th Judicial District, W. S. Starkey, Plaintiff, No. 1051, vs. Rebecca Cox, et al., Defendants.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of La Salle County, Texas, greeting.

You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the said County of La Salle once in each week for eight (8) consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof you summon Rebecca Cox and unknown heirs of said Rebecca Cox, and L. D. Murphy and the unknown heirs of said L. D. Murphy, and J. W. Glass, and the unknown heirs of said J. W. Glass, the residence of each of whom is unknown, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of the 49th Judicial District of Texas, held in and for said La Salle County, to be held at the court house of said La Salle County, in the City of Cotulla on the 5th Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1911, the same being the 13th day of March, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1911, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1051, wherein W. S. Starkey is plaintiff and the said Rebecca Cox and the unknown heirs of said Rebecca Cox, and the said L. D. Murphy, and the unknown heirs of said L. D. Murphy, and the said J. W. Glass, and the unknown heirs of said J. W. Glass, are the defendants, said petition alleging substantially as follows, to-wit:

That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of a certain tract of land and parcel of real estate lying and being situated in La Salle County, Texas, to remove cloud from the title of plaintiff to which tract of land and parcel of real estate this suit is brought, which said land and real estate is described as follows, to-wit:

Two hundred and thirty-two and 8/10 acres of land in La Salle County, Texas, out of and part of Survey No. 97, Abstract No. 797, patented on December 23, 1876, by Patent No. 566, Vol. 35, for 640 acres of land to Rebecca Cox, assignee of Alexander, Crain, Harris and Brooks, by virtue of land scrip No. 55, issued to Alexander, Crain, Harris and Brooks by the commissioner of the general land office on January 22, 1875, and transferred to said Rebecca Cox on February 29, 1875, the part of said Survey No. 97, owned by plaintiff being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original common corner of Surveys Nos. 97, 42 and 88, which is the S. E. corner of said Survey No. 97, thence N. 30 degrees E. along the east line of said survey 97 to the west line of said survey 42, nineteen hundred (1900) varas to the N. E. corner of said survey 97, which is also the N. W. corner of said survey 42; thence N. 60 degrees W. six hundred and 48-100 (600.48) varas along and with the north line of said survey No. 97, to the D. W. McKee fence, a stake for corner; thence S. 75 degrees W. 100 varas to the west line of said survey 42, and 8-10 (1908.8) varas along said fence to intersect south line of said Survey No. 97, a stake for corner; thence S. 60 degrees E. seven hundred and eighty-three and 43-100 (783.43) varas along and with the south line of said Survey 97 to the place of beginning, being 232.8 acres of land out of and part of said Survey No. 97.

Plaintiff alleges in said petition that he is the owner in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of said above described tract of land by a good and fee simple title; that he and those under whom he claims have had such possession for more than five, ten and twenty years continuously next prior to the time of filing of this suit, claiming the fee simple title to said land under deeds duly recorded and payment of all taxes thereon; and that he and those under whom he claims have held and now hold, peaceable and adverse possession of all of said tract of land for said length of time and he pleads the five, ten and twenty years statutes of limitation and each of them.

Plaintiff further alleges that said defendants are asserting a right or title of some character of claim to said tract of land hereinbefore described, and that said tract of land is reasonably worth at least Five Thousand Dollars and that a cloud is cast upon the title of plaintiff and should not longer rest thereon. Plaintiff further alleges that if the said defendants, or any one or more of them, ever had any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in and to said land or any part or parts thereof, such right, title, interest or claim of each and all of the said defendants has long since been barred by the statutes of limitation of five and ten years and by the law of state demand and that plaintiff brings this suit to remove the cloud from his title cast upon said tract of land by the claims of defendants and each of them.

Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants and each of them removing from his title the cloud cast thereon by the claims or pretended claims of defendants, and each of them, and for judgment that he be quieted of his right, title and possession of all said tract of land hereinbefore fully described, and further that plaintiff have judgment against the defendants and each of them for all of said tract of land and costs of suit and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of the District Court of La Salle County, Tex. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at my office in the City of Cotulla, County of La Salle, State of Texas, on this date, the 12th day of January, A. D. 1911.

Issued same day.
(Seal.) G. H. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the District Court of La Salle County, Texas.

Came to hand January 12, 1911 at 1 p. m. and a publication of the above citation ordered made in the Cotulla Record.

T. H. Foote,
Sheriff of La Salle County, Texas.
By B. Wildenthal, Jr., Deputy

A LOST ART.



"It seems to me that our new maid ought at least to know how to serve water, if she was six years with her last employer."

"Well, it's not surprising, dear. I know her last employer."

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Statue of Ingersoll to Stand in a Peoria Park.
Monument to the Brilliant Orator and Noted Agnostic Erected by Association Composed of Admirers—Pose Declared Life-Like.

Peoria, Ill.—There recently arrived in Peoria a splendid bronze figure representing the great orator, Robert G. Ingersoll, as men knew him in his prime. It is the work of Frederick E. Triebel, a Peoria sculptor of interna-



The Ingersoll Statue.

tional reputation who has made his home in Italy for the last 20 years. The statue represents Colonel Ingersoll in one of his favorite attitudes while delivering an address. His hands are placed firmly on his hips, his broad chest is expanded, his penetrating glance is riveted on his audience. The pose is pronounced by men who knew Ingersoll to be especially life-like and vigorous. The project of a monument to Robert Green Ingersoll has been fostered by a number of Peorians who have united their efforts under the name of the Ingersoll Memorial association. Many leading citizens are members. The figure, which is seven feet in height, will stand on a handsome granite pedestal and will be placed in a commanding position in Glen Oak park, this city.

RURAL SUSPENSION BRIDGE
Unique Affair for Pedestrians at Fentonville, N. Y., Built by Popular Subscription.

Fentonville, N. Y.—The suspension foot bridge pictured here runs east and west across the Conenango river at Fentonville. It was built about two years ago by popular subscription among the cottagers and residents of Fentonville. Since the Warren and



Bridge at Fentonville.

Jamestown trolley passed through the village, it is quite well known as an excellent place on the banks of the river for picnic and outing parties. In the distance from the bridge may be seen part of the buildings on what was the 1,000-acre farm owned by the late W. H. H. Fenton, a brother of Gov. Reuben C. Fenton.

The river at this point is about 150 feet in width and 50 years ago all traffic between Dunkirk, N. Y., and points south crossed the river about where the foot bridge now is, it being a state road, with a road bridge. But through some misunderstanding between the two townships, the town of Carroll being on the east side of the river and the town of Kiantone on the other, the road bridge was abandoned and traffic was forced to take what is known as the Jamestown and Warren highway, on the east side of the river. The state road is still open on either side of the river, and residents have repeatedly petitioned for a road bridge to be built. But as eight feet of the west approach would be in the state of Pennsylvania the question arose whether only one state ought to build it. About six feet south of this point near the wire fence in the picture is a mile stone on the state line between the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

Appeasing Souls of Oxen.
Tokio, Japan.—The ceremony of the "beef soul celebration" took place recently here. To appease the souls of thousands of cows and oxen killed during the recent war to supply the army in Manchuria. It is estimated that 130 a day were killed. A monument was erected "to prevent the souls of these slaughtered animals rising in retribution against the butchers."

A Robber.
"Were you ever confronted by a robber?"
"Sure."
"And did you play the part of a hero?"
"No, indeed, you can't throttle a gas meter?"

To Economize Space.
"But why is it that you always serve toast with each slice stood up on edge?"
"Oh, I just got into the habit; you know we lived in a flat when we were first married."

Vagaries of Finance.
"I understand you have paid the mortgage of your place."
"Yes," replied Farmer Cornstossel.
"Then why do you complain of hard times?"
"All the neighbors have done the same thing. That leaves me with money on my hands that nobody wants to borrow."
Couldn't Last a Day.
Howell—I can tell you how to live on ten cents a day.
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A CASE OF GRAVEL.
Harrison A. Mevant, G and Maple Sts., Tulsa, Okla., says: "I was in bad shape with kidney trouble. Too frequent urination compelled me to arise at night, my bladder became inflamed and I suffered severe pain. When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, a gravel stone three-quarters of an inch and variegated in color. After this my trouble disappeared."

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Crutches or Biers.
Richard Croker, at a dinner in New York, expressed a distrust for aeroplanes.

"There's nothing underneath them," he said. "If the least thing goes wrong, down they drop."
"I said to a Londoner the other day: 'How is your son getting on since he bought a flying machine?'"
"On crutches, like the rest of them," the Londoner replied.

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"I dunno. How does he do it?"

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You Look Prematurely Old
Because of those ugly, grizzly, thinning hairs. Use "LA CROIX" HAIR DRESSING. PRICE, 61.00, retail.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

February 14th, at Auditorium.

Cane seed Kaffircorn and Maize at Fullertons'.

John Landrum returned Wednesday from San Antonio.

Miss Belle Taylor visited San Antonio during the week.

Seed Irish potatoes at Fullerton, s.

See H. B. Miller at Cotulla State Bank for tickets to Lady Quartett, Auditorium Feb. 14th.

Geo. E. Reeder and wife were among the passengers to San Antonio on yesterday's train.

If your account is past due please call and settle, W. H. Fullerton.

J. T. Story of San Marcos was here yesterday looking after his stock interests.

Frank Rock is shipping cabbage daily. His yield this season will be excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston of Asherton Junction were in town first of the week.

Tickets on sale at Cotulla State Bank for Schubert's Symphony Club Lady Quartette for Feb. 14.

Miss Tula Coleman returned Wednesday from a visit to Miss Pearl Werner at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Pienot went up to San Antonio yesterday.

Ben J. Yowell returned Wednesday from a two days trip to San Antonio.

J. T. Maltsberger was in from his ranch Tuesday. Reports his steers on feed doing well.

Don't fail to see Schubert's Symphony Club Lady Quartette, Tuesday, February 14.

Woodlief Thomas, mounted Customs Inspector, stationed at Minera, is here for a few days. He came up Thursday night.

W. W. Wilson the Tailor, is equipped with all the necessary preparations with which to remove stains, ink, scorch, etc.

Rev. Boyle, Christian Minister of Laredo will preach at the Presbyterian Church Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Askew are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home, two miles down the Nueces.

Roy Star of Bertram, Texas was here last week and bought a tract of land East of Cotulla from Grist & Gullette of Austin.

The Woman's Home Mission Society will have a call meeting the last Friday after noon in the month Feb. 21th, at the Methodist Church at 4 o'clock.

J. C. Case of Austin was in Cotulla this week to attend a meeting of the Holland Texas Dam Company. Mr. Case is associated with John H. Grist at Austin and they own land fronting the river above the dam.

Americans like to laugh, and this fact is not overlooked by the Schubert Symphony Club. Several numbers on their program, as well as all their encores, are full of fun, and you will be highly entertained by their program at the Auditorium, Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Judge C. C. Thomas spent a couple of days in Laredo this week on legal business. Said there was no evidence of a revolution around Laredo, but that prominent men coming in from the Republic stated a real struggle was on.

Roger Miller says the present method of fattening steers on cotton seed cake and pear by burning the latter with a gasoline burner, is accomplished at one third the cost that it requires to fatten a steer in his country. He thinks the stockmen have a bonanza and are just beginning to realize it.

Arthur Mabry returned last night from El Paso. He says well to do Mexicans are flocking to this side by the hundreds and El Paso hotels are crowded. He brought back with him a number of postal photos of actual scenes on battle grounds of the insurgents and federal forces.

The City Council expects to commence more street improvement at an early date. Practically all of the available clay along the railroad dumps has been used and it will be necessary to locate a clay pit before much work can be done.

Mayor C. F. Binkley went to San Antonio yesterday to receive the Knights Templar degrees in Masonry.

NOTICE—My office hours are somewhat irregular owing to wife's illness, although I am in position to appreciate your patronage.—W. W. WILSON.

F. M. Harper, mail contractor between here and Woodward reports the rainfall good in that part of the county, and the farmers rejoicing over the excellent outlook.

REWARD—Stray or stolen one dun horse branded D on shoulder, One bay mule one ear split and drooped, one gray mule. Liberal reward will be paid for their return or information as to whereabouts.—W. H. FULLERTON.

F. D. McMahan, cattle buyer, returned yesterday from a brief trip to San Antonio. Reports a good rain all the way up.

Schubert's—Auditorium February 14th.

R. W. Horsley, of Birmingham Ala., arrived here last week and has accepted a position as Jeweler, with Horger & Windrow. Mr. Horsley comes recommended as a first class jeweler, and is prepared to do any kind of repair work and engraving. Horger & Windrow will carry an up to date line of Jewelry and the department will be in charge of Mr. Horsley.

Martin Cowan of Cleveland, Ohio, was in Cotulla this week with D. A. Walker who was down looking after his onion farms on the Nueces. Mr. Cowman and wife are stopping at the St Anthony, in San Antonio, for the winter, and he is greatly pleased with the climate. "I have been here since the beginning of the year, and the weather has been springlike all the time. Since San Antonio can accommodate the tourist with hotel accommodations I believe many people will hereafter come to this section of Texas."

ARRIVAL OF CANADIANS.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller of Ingersoll, Canada, surprised their many friends Monday morning by their arrival on the Southbound train. They had not expected coming down this winter, but the opportunity presented itself for a short vacation and Mr. Miller stated they "just took advantage of it." The balance of the bunch are enjoying splendid health as are Mr. and Mrs. Miller. They are stopping at the Gilmer and will be here about sixty days. Mr. Miller's appearance here was at an opportune time. He was present at the meeting of the landowners Monday, who are seeking a new irrigation law, and by having had experience and being familiar with the laws of Canada bearing on riparian rights, was able to solve a problem for them that they had been wrestling with for some time. In the new proposed law it was the idea not to impede the natural flow of the stream, but with a series of dams, the proposition of how to let the same amount of water pass by each dam was the question that brought on considerable argument. Mr. Miller told of the laws of his country and they seemed to be exactly what is needed here. Each dam has a gate or valve at the bottom. This valve is regulated by the county engineer. The unimpeded volume of water at the head waters of the stream is measured and each dam must let by this amount of water. The new law will also protect the man who impounds water by a dam from those living along the stream who refuse to contribute to the expense of building a dam.

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