

# The Cotulla Record.

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## WORK IS BEING RAPIDLY PUSHED.

### IRRIGATION PROPOSITION STRIKING FAVOR WITH LAND OWNERS.

Work on the big irrigation proposition is being pushed with dispatch. During the past week a large number of land owners have been gotten in communication with by the office of the organization and the proposition seems to be striking favor whenever it is fully understood.

All parties interested in lands in this vicinity who have not received information in regard to this work are requested to send their name, address and description of their land to N. G. Simpson, Cotulla, Texas, who will see that they receive complete data.

You are urged to take this matter up with Mr. Simpson at once if you desire your land irrigated, as it will be a case so far as possible or practicable of "first come first served," as only about 50,000 acres will be irrigated and already a considerable portion of this acreage has been allotted.

This is strictly a farmers cooperative proposition and it is by far the cheapest as well most feasible scheme by which the land owners of this proposed district can ever hope to obtain irrigation, and to the ten, twenty or forty acre land owner let us add that this is the surest method by which you can make a success of your farm.

Let us compare this proposition with other methods of irrigation:

First we will take well irrigation. To dig your own well is a shallow one, equip it with engine and pump and build your reservoir, will cost not less than \$500. With a well and pump of this class, of good capacity you might possibly be able to irrigate ten acres, certainly not more. This brings the cost of your equip-

ment alone up to \$50 an acre, and does not include the very heavy cost of operation, which cost will be a continuous one. Also this \$50 an acre usually has to be paid in cash.

Of artesian well irrigation we will not speak as this would entail a prohibitive cost upon the small land owner, and irrigation by this system for him is out of the question.

The "Irrigation District" plan is this:

The majority of owners of land within a district, owning the majority of value of the assessed valuation, may petition the Commissioners' Court to call an election of the resident tax-paying voters within the district to vote upon the question as to whether or not the district shall be organized.

At this election they also vote for a Board of Directors, who must be residents of the district, and who control the affairs of the district, the same as trustees of a school district control the affairs of a school district.

If two thirds of the votes cast at such election are in favor of the district, then the district is organized and the Board of Directors proceed to have an estimate made showing the cost of the proposed system of irrigation.

This is then submitted to the land owners and upon a petition to the Board of Directors of the majority of such owners, owning the majority of the assessed valuation the Directors call an election of the resident tax-paying voters within the district to see whether or not bonds shall be voted to cover the cost of this system of irrigation.

These bonds draw from 5 to 5 1-2 per cent interest and do not start to mature until the 21st year from date of issue and are then matured in ten annual installments.

This gives the land owner 20 years in which to prepare for the first bond payment and in

## BEATTIE MAKES CONFESSION OF GUILT.

### GIVES WRITTEN STATEMENT TO SPIRITUAL ADVISORS BEFORE GOING TO HIS DOOM.

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., electrocuted yesterday at dawn left the following written confession of the murder of his wife.

"I, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this 23 day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact without the harrowing details remains. For this action I am truly sorry and believing I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into His presence, this statement is made."

### BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Prof. R. A. Taylor invited a few friends to his home yesterday to eat a turkey dinner with him, the occasion celebrating the 35th anniversary of his birth. Besides the family those present were: C. F. Binkley, R. A. Gouger, R. O. Gouger and C. E. Manly.

In the interim he is only required to pay a small annual tax to meet the interest on the bonds, and pay the upkeep of the ditch.

This method gives each land owner a perpetual water right and all this water cost him his pro-rata of the general expense of the district.

With our gravity irrigation proposition each land owner's pro-rata expense will probably not exceed from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per acre per year and this includes all the water he may want to use.

If you want your land included in this district, write Mr. Simpson at once and be prepared to do your part toward forming this district.

## Onion Growers Meet Today.

The Onion Growers of the Nueces Valley will hold a business meeting today at 1:30 p. m. at the Court House.

The meeting will be an important one as the proposition to systematic spraying of the crop for the eradication of thrips will be taken up, as also will other matters of importance.

### UNION SERVICES.

There will be Thanksgiving services at the Methodist Church beginning at half past ten. Rev. H. W. Hamilton pastor of the Presbyterian church will preach the sermon, and the people of the town are urged to be present and enjoy the occasion. J. M. LYNN, Pastor Methodist Church.

### HUNTING PARTIES.

R. A. Gouger, M. H. McMahan, J. P. Ginn, J. A. Reed and Jessie Bragg returned Wednesday from an eight day's hunting trip down in McMullin county. The crowd killed seven deer.

O. N. and Willis Johnson of San Antonio, T. R. Keek L. W. Gaddis, Ed Cohenour and W. H. Johns left Monday on a week's hunt.

W. H. Sylvester, Ham Russell, Delbert Neal and Sam Johns have been gone a week in the Easter n part of the county.

### TAXPAYERS NOTICE.

Tax payers of La Salle county are hereby notified that I will collect taxes due for the year 1911, at the following places on the following dates:

Millett, December 14, 1911.  
Woodward, " 21, 1911.  
Artesia, " 28, 1911.  
Encinal, Jan. 4, 1912.  
T. H. POOLE,  
Tax Collector, La Salle Co., Tex

## LA SALLE COUNTY CITIZENS ON FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

On the Federal Grand Jury that returned the indictment against General Bernardo Reyes, Sheriff Amador Sanchez, of Webb county, and others, for conspiracy to incite a revolution against the government of Mexico, were five citizens of La Salle: J. W. Suttan and A. D. Riddile, Cotulla; J. T. Kuhn, Artesia; G. R. Newman and Chas. Harr, Millett.

The grand jury was in session this term longer than usual. Considerable time take in collecting evidence against the alleged revolutionary plotters.

### CASE OF SMALLPOX.

Joe Sims, porter at the I. & G. N. depot is ill with smallpox. Dr. Graham and Dr. Johnston city physician took charge of the case last Sunday and isolated same. Every precaution has been taken to prevent its spread.

It is thought Sims contracted the disease over about Luling, where he went a few weeks ago.

### Football Player Recuperating.

Albert "Dutch" Knaggs came down Tuesday night from Marshall School to spend a few days at home, and recuperate from the effects of the last football game, which was played against the High School and won by Marshall. This was the hardest fought game of the Academic League this year.

The High School team had not been beaten in six years. Marshall will play a strong team from Terrell at Austin in the near future. This is "Dutch's" first year in football and has made quite a record by making good on the champion team.

## ONION TRANSPLANTING TIME IS HER.

### LAKE GROVE FARM FIRST IN VALLEY TO FINISH.

Onion transplanting time is here and next week hundreds of laborers will be employed in this capacity in the fields in the Nueces valley.

The Lake Grove Farm eight miles down the river began this work a week ago yesterday with a large force and have now about finished transplanting thirty acres.

Notwithstanding the shortage of seed the acreage along the valley will be increased over over last year. On two farms alone where there were only 45 pounds of seed planted last year 475 were planted this season.

Reports indicate that the acreage around Carrizo Springs and Asherton will also be materially increased.

In the fight for high priced seed a few months ago, no doubt unscrupulous dealers unloaded seed on the grower in various parts of the district that were not the genuine Bermuda. This fraud if such has been committed, cannot be detected for some time yet, but the extremely high prices was an incentive for such work, and no doubt it will be heard from in the spring.

### FOR SALE

3-4 in. Galv. Pipe at	51-2c.
1 " " " "	8c.
1 1-4 " " " "	11c
1 1-2 " " " "	

3 " " " "	\$6
4 1-4 " I. J. Casing "	\$25.79
4 1-2 " " " "	\$30.60
4 3-4 " " " "	\$31.43

W. L. CRAWFORD,  
Dilley, Texas.



## Closing Out Sale Now On!

### Ladies, Misses and Children's Heavy Coats all Going!

Winter has just begun but we have put on Special Sale our entire line of Ladies, Misses and Children's Heavy Coats and Sweaters and will close them out at Reduced Prices. Now is the opportunity to get a good Coat or a Sweater practically at the beginning of the season at a Bargain.

Pretty Line Novelties including Neckwear, Handbags, Ornamental Combs for the hair.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 27th, we will begin our Millinery Clearing Sale. Those who have not yet selected their Winter Hat will save money by coming here. Dress or Street hats to please you.

For Every Dollar you spend at this Store you get One Hundred Cents worth of Satisfaction.

K. BURWELL









## The Split Log Drag In Grand Old Texas

THE proper maintenance of a public highway is as important as its construction. It costs a few thousand dollars per mile to build macadam highways but by the intelligent use of a split log drag, dirt roads can be kept in good condition at a nominal expense. The drag can be built for five dollars, and operated at a cost of from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per day. The road mileage which a split log drag can keep in proper condition varies according to the character of the road and the amount of rainfall, but the average mileage assigned a split log drag is 12 miles. The average cost of operating the drags, according to the Federal Agricultural estimate, is \$3.20 per mile.



There Are 656 Split Log Drags In Operation in Texas.

In some cases the drags are built and operated at the expense of the county; in others the county furnishes the drags and the farmers along the route operate them.

Every County May not be able to permanently improve its Public Highways, but every County can operate Split Log Drags

### GRAPE CULTURE IN THE PECOS VALLEY, TEXAS.

By W. A. Daugherty, 29 years with U. S. Agril Dept. now located at Cotulla, Texas.

As important and far reaching as alfalfa culture and fruit raising have become in the Pecos Valley in Texas—so important, indeed, as to almost revolutionize conditions in all that section of country lying in the Pecos Valley and thence to the Rio Grande and all Southwest Texas, a development which is bringing into being a wonderfully to be developed country—the raising of fine California variety and even French variety Grapes bids fair to pall into insignificance the money returns from even alfalfa.

After several years experimentation and success, the Pecos Valley today, especially that portion of it in the vicinity of Pecos, Barstow, Fort Stockton, Texas, is raising the best commercial grape in the country and with its fine commercial aspects it has the flavor so much so, indeed that Pecos Valley Tokay grapes were awarded the first prize at the St. Louis Exposition. It seems that owing to climatic conditions and the character of the soil, also the long growing season, Pecos Valley grapes have no equal in the United States and the few attempts so far made to make vines from the same grape have produced a most excellent product and one which many say will compare very favorably with the wines of France, Italy and Spain.

It has been about five years since Pecos Valley grape culture was first begun, and its growth is now on a sure basis, but because of the more immediate returns from alfalfa and other crops until the past year or so grape culture has received but

scant attention, but the last two years have seen an increase in the industry. A large acreage is being planted this year and the State Irrigated Experimental Farm near Pecos is making exhaustive investigations and experimentations in their culture, fourteen different varieties are being planted this year.

Now the question is, does any of this apply to the Nueces Valley or the vicinity of Cotulla, Texas? and a reply can be very strongly made in the affirmative with more surity than of the Pecos Valley, for we have better soil conditions and with the use of river water, better water conditions. It is no experiment here, grapes are to be found all over this country for home use and of the more delicate varieties, if this is true, and it is, it means the hardier varieties of California grapes will do very much better, but let me go on with vineyards now in bearing in the Pecos Valley, Texas.

There are now probably 3000 acres of grapes in the Pecos Valley in cultivation, producing crops valued at about \$825.00 per acre. The grapes generally used are the Flame and White Tokay's, Malaga, Black Hamburg, Rose of Peru, Thomas Seedless and Muscat of Alexander, all of which grow profusely where properly handled. Considering the successes already made, it would seem to be a safe assertion to state that thousands of acres of vineyards will be planted in the shallow water, artesian and pumped water belt of that Valley, and this is the kind of water they are compelled to use and any man there will tell you they would prefer

above all others, river water if they could get it. We have it. Lands cultivated to vineyards should increase almost in geometrical ratio and such is the case in many instances already. For what is land worth that will produce \$825.00 worth of grapes per annum per acre—not an exaggerated output by any means. In California this is about a normal average. In Texas this is hardly an average in the successes so far made, each normal healthy vine will produce about 75 to 125 pounds of grapes per annum. The number of vines will run from 450 to 600 to the acre all depends on the soil conditions, some soils will take more and some less. The State Experiment Farm made an average of their grape crop last year per acre, average number of vines to the acre was 440 vines, making an acre production normally of about 33,000 to 55,000 pounds, which at the extremely low average price of .021-2 cents per pound to the producer nets him \$825.00 to \$1375.00 per acre net on his crop.

The lands in the Nueces Valley are nearly all adapted to this class of grape culture and it staggers the imagination to think of what the country will produce when only a fraction of its available acreage shall have been planted in grapes.

Outside of California and a few places in Arizona and Oregon, Southwest Texas will have a real monopoly of the industry when properly commercialized, as it is sure to be. The trouble heretofore is the average farmer could not afford to wait on horticultural crops, he had to have an income bearing crop every year, and grapes take from two to three years before producing crops. What few grapes have been planted in the Nueces Valley have turned out exceedingly well.

no section of the country offers today a larger money return for work done than in the culture of high grade California grapes or the Vine vera variety in Southwest Texas and the growth of this industry is sure to see the rise of a great commercial industry. The great crying need of today is for men of experience, and this it must have to push along this great developing industry, which promises so much not alone for the Pecos Valley, but for the Nueces Valley and all Southwest Texas.

Grapes are now selling in Cotulla at 1 1/2-2 cents per pound, and have sold as high as 15c this season.

### CALOMEL IS DANGEROUS.

IS A POWERFUL CHEMICAL MADE FROM MERCURY—PEOPLE SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

The only sure way to avoid the danger of calomel is to take no danger of calomel.

Dodson's Liver Tone, a vegetable liquid of pleasant taste, more than takes its place. Where calomel shakes you up and shocks your liver, Dodson's Liver-Tone, mild but effective, builds up and strengthens. It "liven up the liver."

It may be taken without any restriction of diet or habits. You can give it to your children with fine results.

Get a bottle at Gaddis' drug store and if it doesn't do all that that you think it ought—if it doesn't make bilious spells mere trifles—if it doesn't "liven up your liver," your money will be waiting for you.

### ANOTHER HOLIDAY FOR MEXICO.

Mexico is noted for numerous holidays—and now another has been added to the calendar. Monday, Nov. 20th, was celebrated throughout the republic as the first anniversary of the successful revolution.

# Make it a Point

When you begin Christmas Shopping to visit this Store the very first thing.

We can solve the problem: "what to give," mighty quick. In our big line of Furniture there are many articles that are just the thing for a nice gift.

Our Men's Furnishings Department will offer numerous suggestions, and our up to date Hardware Department will be brim full of useful gifts---the kind sensible people like to give and receive.

In preparing the good things to eat for the Holidays remember that in our grocery department great preparations have been made and here you will find everything---the best and the freshest.

Next week we will have considerable to tell you. Watch!

## Cotulla Mercantile Co.

### TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

#### XIII. ABILITY

THOMAS JEFFERSON wrote the Declaration of Independence and founded a great nation on the western hemisphere. Benjamin Franklin taught wisdom, and he became the foremost American philosopher. Civilization has always responded to the inspiring touch of lofty natures and has given those who have led the mountain peaks of progress a prominent place on the of history. The hand of destiny is ever sifting the human for a genius who can inspire us with ideas that will travel like and shape the rising glory of our country.



THOMAS JEFFERSON WRITING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Let those who would walk down the aisles of greatness first dig a channel into which men's thoughts will flow like a torrent; make a key that will unlock the door of wisdom; plant a civilization that will unfold like a rose; weave a prosperity that will charm mankind and wave a magic wand over Texas that will finish the sawdust in human nature. Texas needs great men.

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With every \$1.00 order one 25c package Sweet Pear free.

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If your account is Paid prior to Dec. 10th you are entitled to Premium Tickets. 5 per cent discount.

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OF THIS

Diamonds Given Away at Fawcett & Co's on Dec. 15th. Don't forget to ask for Premium Tickets.

## EARLY XMAS SALE

Christmas Shoppers will find best Bargains at Fawcett's.

IN ORDER TO REDUCE OUR STOCK PRIOR TO TAKING INVENTORY JANUARY 1ST WE PROPOSE TO PLACE ON SALE OUR ENTIRE LINE AT GREATLY REDUCED FIGURES. WANT TO IMPRESS ON YOU THE FACT THAT ALL OF OUR GOODS ARE NEW AND UP TO DATE.

Exceptional inducements to holiday buyers at Fawcett's.

**Positively No Old Stock. Everything New!**

WATCH NEXT WEEK FOR PARTICULARS OF "BIG DOINGS" AT THIS STORE.

Low prices on Things to keep and things to give away at Fawcett's.

## Fawcett & Company

Head to Foot Outfitters for Men, Women and Children.

When you buy here you are entitled to Premium Tickets.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

See the Big Doll to be given away at Horger & Windrow.

Extensive line silver table ware at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Go to Fullerton & Son for nuts. Big shipment just received—All fresh.

Low prices on things to keep and things to give away at Fawcett & Co's.

Deputy Sheriff B. Wildenthal, Jr., returned Thursday from San Marcos.

Horger & Windrow have installed a new Iceless Decater Soda Fountain.

Fullerton & Son want to make your Thanksgiving spread and ever after be your grocer. Phone No. 9.

Ladies gold and gold filled watches \$12.50 to \$60.00 at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Judge C. C. Thomas is down on the Rio Grande looking after some ranch interests.

Holiday goods will be on display next week at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

When you want anything in the feed line, hay, grain mixed feeds etc. Call W. H. Fullerton & Sons—Phone No., 9.

Horger & Windrow invites you to come in and look at their line of Christmas Goods now on display.

Geo. E. Kirk of Wheeling W. Va., was in Cotulla last week. Mr. Kirk was very favorably impressed with Southwest Texas.

Messrs. Z. Leonard and M. T. Davis returned Monday from Kerrville where they have been for some time. They are making preparations to move their families there.

Diamonds given away at Fawcett & Co's., on Dec. 14. Ask for Premium Tickets.

See those pretty boxes and baskets of Lowneys Candies at Horger & Windrow's from 50 cents to \$10 a piece.

Butler Smith, who has been confined to his room with fever for several weeks is much improved but yet unable to be out.

D. A. Walker came out from San Antonio Wednesday to look after his farm interests; transplanting will begin on his Bermuda Farm next week.

Mrs. O. D. Butler of El Paso arrived Tuesday. She will be here until after the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carr.

How long will the candle burn? A guess with every 50 cent purchase the nerest guesser gets a diamond ring, at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

"Buss" Jennings young stockman, came up from Laredo Wednesday evening. He said the rangers and the soldiers had stirred up a warm time in Laredo.

Notice—All parties owing me please call and settle. After Dec. 1st, will not sell beef on credit to anyone except those who are prompt about paying. Palace Market.

The general topic of discussion about Gaddis' Pharmacy now a days is How long will the candle burn?

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Ingersoll, Canada, were among the arrivals Monday. They were met by Mrs. J. T. Maltzberger, Mrs. Miller's sister, and went out to the Maltzberger ranch. Their many Cotulla friends were glad to see them. They will spend the winter in Cotulla.

Atty. John W. Wilson made a business trip to Laredo during the week.

The Moving Picture Show has moved into the Spang Rink Building on account of cold weather.

John F. Gaddis is here from North Texas on a visit to his brother L. W. Gaddis. He will probably be here several days.

If your account is paid prior to Dec. 10th you are entitled to Premium Tickets, 5 per cent discount. C. C. Fawcett & Co.

At the adjournment of the County Commissioners' Court last week that body, accompanied by County Clerk G. H. Knaggs and Sheriff T. H. Poole, made a trip over to the new town of Fowler, in the extreme Eastern part of the county. They report things humming out that way.

Jim Bell was up from the ranch Wednesday. He said it took a good fence rider to supplement the warning in the RECORD to keep hunters out of his pasture, but so far he has made pretty near a success of it. The other morning he got close enough to a couple of fellows to capture a large hunting knife, which they dropped. He says from the evidence he has he is satisfied it was two of Cotulla's business men, and they can get their knife back by calling at the RECORD office and identifying it.

Andrew Armstrong, Sr. formerly a prominent ranchman of this county, now of Henrietta, Okla., was in the city yesterday shaking hands with his old time friends. He had been down to Laredo on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Jennie May, and stopped off on his way back. Mr. Armstrong says good crops were raised in Oklahoma this year, cotton on his farm producing a bale to the acre. He likes Oklahoma.

### CLASSIFIED.

FOR SALE—One mule 15 hands high. Inquire this office.

FOR SALE—About 40 head of good stock hogs. Bargain if taken at once.—L. N. WONDER.

FOR SALE—\$40 feet of 25 head 12 inch wood pipe. Address' A. VALLS, Laredo, Texas.

FOR SALE—At a bargain my 25 h. p. boiler and duplex pump.—MATT RUSSELL.

FOR SALE—Good cord wood, leave orders at Fullerton & Son.—J. H. Gilbert.

Anyone desiring Automobile supplies of any kind call at W. W. L. Crawford's, at Dilley, Texas.

FOR SALE—Four good Jersey milk cows with calves and one fine Jersey bull. Inquire at Record Office.

FOR SALE—Large amount of cabbage plants. U. S. crop short. High prices expected.—Holland-Texas Agricultural Co., Cotulla, Texas.

NOTICE—I have about 3 acres of good cabbage plants for sale cheap. Will sell in small lots or all.—Hill Crest Farm—W. N. GUINN.

ONION FARM FOR RENT—Well improved onion farm, one mile of Cotulla. New 5 room house, large barn, good pumping plant. Address, F. F. KNOTTS, Wagoner, Illinois.

WANTED—Man and wife, no children, who have wagon, team, plows, chickens. Man to raise garden and make crop. Wife to run hotel. Small capital required. Address, Mgr. Hotel, Woodward, Texas.

Want Land To Sell, must be good agricultural stuff and can use large or small tracts but only from owners direct. We have been very successful in selling La Salle County Lands and can sell yours if you really want to sell. JNO. H. GRIST, Austin, Texas.

ONION SETS, A No 1—Will have few acres of sets for sale, first come first served.—D. A. WALKER, Cotulla, Texas.

FOR SALE—566 acres of good land at \$11.00 per acre, one third cash, balance on easy terms. 5 miles North of Woodward on the C. C. & U. R. R. and 9 miles West of Millett on the I. & G. N. Three miles from church and school. For further information address, F. S. Moffett, Millett, Texas.

FOR SALE—Four good saddle horses, address W. C. HELD, Millett, Texas.

FOR SALE—One Jersey cow and calf; also yearling bull and heifer. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT OR SALE—380 acres 2 miles East of Cotulla, 60 acres in cultivation, 2 wells, will also rent same to a good party.—ADOLF HOLZ, New Braunfels, Texas.

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