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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1898.

\$1. IN ADVANCE.

NUECES BRIDGE.

STEEL SPAN BRIDGE TO BE ERECTED ACROSS THE NUECES RIVER.

THE MASSILLION BRIDGE COMPANY CONTRACTS TO BUILD THE BRIDGE FOR THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The Commissioners Court met last Saturday morning to give their final decision in regard to the Nueces Bridge, but, one of the Commissioners, D. W. McKey being in Laredo at the time it was decided to await his arrival on the North-bound train.

Immediately after the train Court was again opened and the following petition was presented.

"We the undersigned citizens and tax-payers of La Salle county, Texas, understanding that the proposed Bridge across the Nueces river, near the town of Cotulla, can be constructed for a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 which said sum can be paid in four annual installments of \$1,250 each without interest and without any extra levy other than the 10c on the one hundred dollar's valuation already levied, do hereby petition the Hon. County Commissioner's Court of said La Salle County to have said Bridge constructed by the lowest bidder therefor, it being hereby agreed and understood that there shall be no extra levy made for said purpose, and further, that the Warrants issued for the payments for said Bridge shall not bear any interest whatever, and that each annual installment be paid out of the taxes collected the same year."

The above petition was signed by 138 of La Salle county's tax-payers.

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

It is ordered by the Court, that as a majority of the tax-payers of the county have expressed their desire that a Bridge be built across the Nueces River (near the town of Cotulla) under the conditions set forth in the petitions ordered issued July 2nd 1898, that said bridge be built, as per said conditions to-wit:— That there shall be no extra levy made for said purpose, further than the levy already made of 10 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, and that the cost of building said Bridge shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00. The said sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid in four installments of \$1,250 each, and paid annually to-wit:—

On the 16th day of July 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902 respectively. It is further ordered that the warrants issued and made payable on the dates as heretofore set forth, shall be drawn on the Road & Bridge Fund and shall bear no interest whatever, and shall be paid out of the taxes collected for that fund (as on the levy of 10c on the \$100.00 valuation) for the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, it being expressly understood and ordered that the balance now in that Fund and the surplus, if any, derived by the said levy of 10c on the \$100. valuation be retained and used for the purpose of repairing and keeping in good condition the county roads, and that no part of the balance now on hand in the said Road & Bridge Fund, or the surplus, if any, derived from the collections of the said levy of 10c on the \$100.00 valuation be issued in payment

of any of the said warrants.

PROPOSAL FOR STEEL BRIDGE ACROSS THE NUECES RIVER AND TRESTLE OF 850 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

To the Honorable County Judge and Commissioners of the County of La Salle, State of Texas.

GENTLEMEN:—

We hereby propose to furnish all the labor and material of every kind, and build and complete in a workmanlike manner and to your entire satisfaction a high truss steel span bridge over the Nueces River, near the town of Cotulla, in the County of La Salle. Said span to be one hundred and ten feet long from center to center of end pins, with a road-way of fourteen feet, as per plan hereto attached. Said bridge to rest on steel cylinder piers, three feet in diameter, to be filled with concrete to cap plate. The joists to be 2x12-20, eight lines, space 2' apart. The flooring 2x12-14 with tire and hub guards. The span and cylinders to have two coats of paint, and one after being erected in place.

We also propose to furnish all material, and build and erect in a workmanlike manner, eight hundred and fifty feet of trestle. Said trestle to extend from the South end of span over and across the slough to base of hill on South side. The material to be used in the construction of said trestle to be of heart pine and cedar piling, in bents of 20 feet each. The piling to be well driven by pile-driver, capped with heart pine 8x10, well drift bolted to piles. Joists to be 2x12-20, eight lines to each bent. Flooring to be heart pine, well layed and securely spiked to joists. A good substantial guard rail three feet high on each side of trestle. Posts 4x4, hub guard 2x8,—all well and securely braced and fastened.

All and every detail set forth in this proposal shall be carried out in a workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of your Honorable Court. We propose to complete the work as above specified within ninety days from the signing of contract, and for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, to be paid in manner following:

We to make and execute a good bond in the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of this contract. And upon the filing of said bond, the County of La Salle shall issue through its proper authority a warrant on the County Treasurer for the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to William Payson, and made payable to his order within one year from the date of issuance. And when the material for said bridge and trestle as aforesaid is received at Cotulla, then the County of La Salle shall issue a warrant on the County Treasurer for the further sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, payable to William Payson or his order, and payable within two years from the date of its issuance. And on the completion of said bridge two warrants shall be issued for One

Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars each, and made payable three and four years from date of said contract, and payable to William Payson or his order. Neither of said warrants are to bear interest, but shall be issued in sums as called for by said Payson, but are to be accepted in full payment for said bridge and trestle. And the Honorable Commissioners Court of La Salle County shall at its regular term next after the signing of the contract make and pass an order levying a tax sufficient to pay off and liquidate said four warrants within the date of that payment.

Respectfully submitted,
THE MASSILLION BRIDGE Co.,
By WM. PAYSON, AGT.
La Salle County, Texas, July 16th, 1898.

After a careful consideration of the merits and demerits and an exhaustive discussion the proposition was accepted and the following contract was produced and signed.

CONTRACT.

BRIDGE AND TRESTLE ACROSS NUECES RIVER AND SLOUGH.

This contract made and entered into this 16th day of July, 1898 by and between the Massillion Bridge Company, by William Payson, Agent, and the County of La Salle, by and through its Honorable County Judge, and the Commissioners' Court of La Salle County, Texas, to-wit:—

That whereas the said William Payson has this 16th day of July, 1898, filed his proposal to furnish all material and build and erect a steel high truss bridge over the Nueces River near the town of Cotulla, in La Salle County, as per his proposal, and also 850 feet of trestle on the South side of said steel span, as per his proposal and specifications, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, to be paid for as provided in said proposal, and which is made a part of this contract,

And the County of La Salle, through its County Judge and Honorable County Commissioners do hereby accept said proposal and the terms of same, and upon the compliance by the party of the first part of the terms of said proposal agree and bind the County of La Salle to the faithful performance, and agree to bind said County to pay said William Payson, or his order, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, in the manner and according to the terms set forth in his proposal, which is made a part of this contract.

Witness our hands at Cotulla, in the County of La Salle, this 16th day of July, 1898.

THE MASSILLION BRIDGE Co.
By WM. PAYSON, Agent.

J. N. DANIEL, County Judge.
D. W. McKEY, } County Commissioners, La
J. T. CARR, } Salle County.
SAM J. JORDAN, }
G. E. TARVER. }

Attest:—
GEO. H. KNAGGS, Clerk
County Court, La Salle County,
Texas.

Mr. Payson gave his \$2500 bond and will begin work in the near future to be completed within 90 days from date of contract. He is thoroughly competent to fulfill his agreement, and having a good company to back him will build a bridge that all the people of La Salle will be proud to know is theirs.

FORECASTS BY FOSTER.

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My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 18th to 22d and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 23d cross the west of Rocky country by close of 24th, great Central valleys 25th to 27, Eastern States 28th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rocky country about July 23, great Central valleys 25th, Eastern States 27th, Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 26th, great Central valleys 28th, Eastern States 30th.

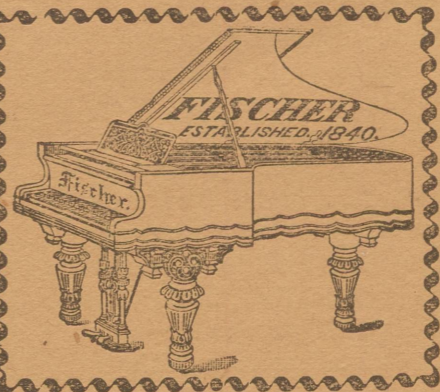
Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. August 1 will average above in the Northern, below in the Southern and about normal in the Pacific coast States.

About July 17 or 18 the great high temperature wave will have crossed the continent and a decidedly cool wave will have taken its place. But another warm wave of less force, will cross the continent through the Northern States from 24th to 28th.

Up to July 9th my temperature forecasts for July proved good with indications that they would continue so.

Up to and including July 4th, the seventeen weather bureau stations in and immediately surrounding the Ohio valley showed a reasonable deficiency of rainfall since April 1st to be 53 inches but an average of 3 inches at that station. This leans in favor of my forecast that the Ohio valley will be deficient for

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10:16 a. m. Lv.	Medina	Ar. 6:23 p. m.
10:39 a. m. Lv.	Lytle	Ar. 6:06 p. m.
1:00 p. m. Lv.	Devine	Ar. 5:45 p. m.
11:20 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar. 5:23 p. m.
11:40 a. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar. 5:05 p. m.
11:52 a. m. Lv.	Pearsall	Ar. 4:55 p. m.
12:08 p. m. Lv.	Derby	Ar. 4:36 p. m.
12:43 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar. 4:00 p. m.
12:57 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar. 3:47 p. m.
1:20 p. m. Lv.	COTULLA	Ar. 3:25 p. m.
1:38 p. m. Lv.	Tuna	Ar. 3:00 p. m.
1:40 p. m. Lv.	Trophy	Ar. 2:57 p. m.
2:10 p. m. Lv.	Barro	Ar. 2:38 p. m.
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3:03 p. m. Lv.	Webb	Ar. 1:47 p. m.
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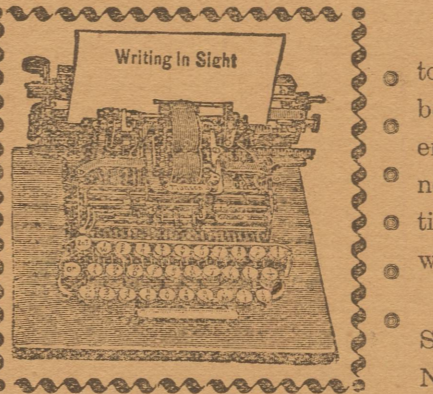
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FOR SHERIFF TAX COLLECTOR. W. M. Barwell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle County, and solicits the support of all voters.

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle county at the ensuing November election, promising a faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office if elected.

W. T. HILL.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE. We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle County.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR. The undersigned respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County, at the ensuing November election.

W. B. GUINN.

W. F. Jay announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle county at the ensuing November election and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

We are authorized to announce Edward Cotulla as Candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

W. E. Campbell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County at the ensuing November Election.

FOR TREASURER. We are authorized to announce J. A. Landrum as Candidate for Treasurer of La Salle County at the ensuing November elections.

FOR HIDE & ANIMAL INSPECTOR. V. G. Maltberger respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle county and solicits the support of all voters.

Atlanta is preparing for a Confederate reunion.

The Spanish army is exposed to a cross-fire, as it were, by the American on one side, and the Spanish malcontents on the other. Truly Spain is in the middle of a bad fix.—Ex.

The condition which binds us to send the 25,000 Spanish troops, captured at Santiago, back to Spain is regarded in Washington as an excellent one. Although it is a big job, it can be much easier accomplished than was the landing of our army over there, as the ships that will carry them can go right up the Santiago wharves to receive them. It will be much cheaper to send them home than it would be to keep them as prisoners.

The breaking out of the yellow fever in our army at Santiago has made it certain that no summer campaign against Havana will be undertaken. The administration is unwilling to send our soldiers where that disease can hardly be escaped during the next three months. When the news first reached Washington that there were several hundred cases of yellow fever in our army at Santiago, it came very near to creating a panic. Every possible precaution is being taken to prevent the coming epidemic and, although, news of the progress, of the fever is very meagre, owing to rigid censorship at Santiago, there is now a little better feeling. But there is still much uneasiness, and ample cause for it too.

The Cubans are very pliant because they were kept out of Santiago and we may have to whip them now.

Everything that Admiral Dewey does appears to strike the people of this country as about the right thing, from showing his resentment at the commander of the German cruiser Irene, interfering to protect the Spanish garrison, of a fort in Subig Bay from an attack by the Philippine insurgents, by sending the Raleigh and the Concord to batter down the fort and capture the five hundred Spaniards composing the garrison, to that portion of his report to the Secretary of the Navy, especially commending the Chinese who are serving in his fleet in minor capacities, for bravery under fire. That he should be willing to say a good word officially for the much-abused Chinese, and to recommend that those in his fleet be rewarded with American citizenship, shows Admiral Dewey to be as well supplied with moral as with physical courage.

One of the most interesting experiments of the present year will be the effort which is shortly to be made in Switzerland under the direction of the weather bureau of that country to cross the high Alps by means of a balloon for the purpose of prosecuting scientific researches.

Experiments of this kind have heretofore been restricted to the low Alps with results which have not been altogether satisfactory on account of the limited range which has been traversed. So intent upon gaining definite scientific information in regard to the high Alps are the authorities of the weather bureau of Switzerland that they have spared no pains to make the experiment successful. On account of the dangers which it involves, as well as on account of the rewards which it promises, the expedi-

ments in both hemispheres are being conducted by the Swiss consul general at St. Gall, Switzerland, Mr. James T. DuBois, writes that the balloon which is to be used in the contemplated sail over the high Alps is rapidly nearing completion, and that it will probably be ready for its trip within the next two weeks. The balloon measures 124 feet in circumference and its contents aggregate 115,414 cubic feet. With respect to its lifting capacity, it is stated that it will easily be able to carry 7,400 pounds. Mr. DuBois goes on to say that careful observations are to be made from the balloon as to the humidity and temperature of the atmosphere, and that one of the most important results expected will be the photographing of the mountains in the distance, for which elaborate preparations have been made. Situated in the Canton of Wallis, was the point from which the balloon will begin its ascension.

In the scientific circles of Europe there exists much doubt as to the success of the experiment on account of the uncertain currents of air which prevail in the neighborhood of the high Alps, but still it is possible that the experiment will pan out much better than its critics suppose, and if it does, it is bound to result in important disclosures.—Atlanta Constitution.

Granted to Texas Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.

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HOW WILD ANIMALS DIE. Hanger Gets Them. Even if they Escape the White Man's Gun. What becomes of all the dead birds and animals? Some of them, basted in their exits by villainous saltpeter, go into cooking pots or yield up their blood-dabbled feathers for woman's adornment. But how about those who die a natural death?

It is the rarest thing to find the bones of wild animals, except such as have plainly died in conflict or by accident. At salt-fleets the ground is often covered with the bones of animals who have been killed in fights with each other.

In tropical countries the bodies of dead animals rapidly decay and their smaller bones are devoured by greedy beasts of the pig and hyena type. In the same scarcity of animal remains noted in the arctic regions, where the only animal remains are those of the Siberian mammoth have been "ossilized" for many centuries, and actually eaten at the last.

But each succeeding spring does, might be expected, disclose skeletons of birds or animals who have died during the year and been buried by the snow. Yet birds swarm by the millions in summer on the arctic tundra and seals, reindeer, foxes, walrus and other land and water animals are there. Nordeskiold notes this strange absence of "self-dead" polar animals. Not one did he see, though there were plenty of traces of man's wanton waste of life in creatures dead of gunshot wounds. "The polar bear and the reindeer," he writes, "are found in hundreds, the seal, walrus and white whale in thousands, and birds in millions. These birds must die a 'natural death' in untold numbers. What becomes of their bodies?"

It is strange that on Spitzbergen in order to find the vertebra of a single bird of the Tria (than the bones) a seal, walrus or bird which has met a natural death.

It is probable that animals almost universally hide themselves when they feel the pangs of approaching death. Their chief foe is hunger, coupled with old age. Distemper kills foxes, wolves as well as domestic dogs and cats. Chills and heart disease kill animals as well as human victims. Animals die of indigestion, especially when their teeth become too poor to permit of chewing their food.

Tumors, diphtheria and consumption are frequent animal complaints and anthrax, influenza, glanders and cholera claim their share. Rabies come in epidemics among wild animals as well as tame ones. It was so common among foxes in 1870 to 1873 in France and Switzerland that fox-hunts were organized for the protection of domestic animals.

All this, however, doesn't explain what becomes of the dead animals. It is hard to say what happens to them when we find out where they go. The shoe-binders of N. Y. City, for instance, who bury their dead animals in the city.

There died at Reading, Pa., a short time ago Daniel D. Lerch, who for 14 years had been totally blind. Despite this affliction Mr. Lerch personally managed the affairs of a large hardware establishment, of which he was one of the proprietors. He did all the buying for the house, and probably no man in the business anywhere was better posted in the value of the many different goods carried by a hardware store. Instead of looking at an article he could thoroughly judge its defects by the touch, while in his mind he retained at all times a perfect understanding of the exact state of any line of the goods carried in stock. On one occasion a customer asked for a particular make of saw, and a clerk responded that "they were out of that brand." Mr. Lerch at once stated that the clerk was mistaken, that "there were two of the saws wished in stock yet and they would be found in drawer so-and-so," giving the proper direction for finding them, and they were found, too. Many of his customers he knew by their walk.

The faculty which blind men possess of finding their way about depends on observation and memory. Naturally they are minute observers, taking cognizance of things which come to them by their other senses; things that those possessed of the blessing of sight would disregard or overlook. Memory is the strongest point. With memory, a sense of locality, observation and calculation, a blind man can readily make his way through the streets. There is such a man in Detroit who does not hesitate to go to unfamiliar places. His cane most usefully keeps him on the straight path. With it he fears no pitfalls, curbstone trips, or misdirections. This Detroit man knows in some mysterious way the different lines of street cars. He makes no mistakes as to the direction he wishes to go.—Detroit Journal.

Born at Waterloo Battle. Last year a man died at Birmingham, England, who had through life the satisfaction of knowing that his birthplace was of a unique character, inasmuch as he was born on the battlefield of Waterloo. He was the descendant of a family of soldiers, and his father, who was with the Ninety-seventh Cameron Highlanders, was killed in the memorable engagement at Hougoumont. The soldier's wife had followed her husband out and thus it happened that the little man made its appearance amid the din and roar of battle.—Chicago Tribune.

A Foolish Waste. Father—What's all this? I'll warrant you've been buying some more useless things, just to keep up appearances. College Junior—I admit the impudent, dad—there's a couple of Greek lexicons and a Latin dictionary in this bundle!—Pack.

A Right to Bloom. Mr. Spokes—What blooming cheeks Nellie Posidick has. Mr. Spokes—She is the flower of the family.—Detroit Free Press.

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Churches. Baptist Church—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m., J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services—3rd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. M. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services—On Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. B. Wildenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES. Knights of Honor.—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3105 Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros. Geo. H. Knaggs, Dictator. G. Philippe, Reporter.

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LOCAL PERSONAL.

Fresh Grapes at Cotulla & Co's.
 J. W. Elkins was in from his ranch Thursday.
 X Miss Peachy Lacey is in the city at present.
 Joe Robbins was in from Encinal Tuesday last.
 Old newspapers for sale at this office.
 M. C. Lacey left Saturday for Indian Territory.
 John Roebuck, was up from Twohig Thursday.
 N. J. Buckley, of Encinal, was in Cotulla Thursday.
 Frank Hillard came up on Monday's train from Encinal.
 Jim Edmiston was up from his ranch near Tuna Thursday.
 Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.
 Emmett Robuck of Millett was in town Tuesday.
 S. Elliot was down from the Level ranch yesterday.
 Ike Cavender, of the Taylor dam was in town Thursday.
 See Tarver & Hall's "ad" in another column of this issue.
 Jno. P. Davis came down from San Antonio first of the week.
 Shannon Burris came in from his ranch Tuesday on business.
 Simon Cotulla received a fine assortment of candies yesterday.
 If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros..
 W. N. Young, boss of the Cochina ranch, was in town Thursday.
 Carpenter J. J. Yowell is building a house on Mr. B. F. Burris' ranch.
 Go to Simon Cotulla & Co's. for Fresh Grapes.
 Buck Ramsey and pink Buckman was up from Twohig yesterday.

Peaches! Peaches!! Peaches!!! at Simon Cotulla & Co's.
 The RECORD printed 500 note-heads for Massengale Bros., and Simon Cotulla each, this week.
 X Robt. Jennings of Pearsall made Cotulla a trip on business during the fore part of the week.
 Wm. Clary, of Twohig, received a new buggy Thursday from D. J. Woodard & Co., San Antonio.
 H. W. Earnest and son William, of Millett, came down Thursday and spent several hours in our city.
 W. P. Mulholland came up from Laredo Monday, where he had been for several days buying cattle.
 Sam Massengale, of the firm of Massengale Bros., spent a couple of days in the Alamo City this week.
 X J. M. Dobie came down on Tuesday's train and left immediately for his large ranch near Ft. Ewell.
 BORN:-To Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy Smith, a baby girl, Thursday morning. Mother and child are doing well.
 Eugene Buck was in from Carrizo Springs Thursday and loaded his wagon with freight for J. W. Campbell.
 Buy an Iron Bedstead, it will last you a life-time. Barlow & Co., sells them cheaper than any one in the city.
 X Mrs. J. L. Rowell, Editress of the Pearsall News, came down on Thursday's train to visit Mrs. J. Guy Smith.
 X Mr. and Mrs. H. Riley left Monday for Arcadia, when they will visit their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Jr.
 Do you like GRAPES? If so, go to Simon Cotulla & Co's., they handle the Laredo grape; the best on the market.

VOTING CONTEST!

A Beautiful Present will be given to the Most Popular Young Lady of Cotulla.

Beginning at 12 o'clock on July 16th and ending at 12 o'clock of Sept. 1st. I will give one Ticket with every purchase of 25 cents worth of Goods, the Ticket being good for one vote for the most Popular Young Lady.

The votes will be counted and the prize awarded by competent and impartial Judges.

SIMON COTULLA & CO.

Shirts!
 SHIRTS!!!
 SHIRTS!!!
 Barlow & Co., received this week a complete line of men's Shirts. Call and look at them before you buy elsewhere.

X Sheriff Burwell, Capt. J. H. Rogers and F. D. McMahan returned Saturday night from a week's scouting trip in the lower part of La Salle and McMullin counties.

W. C. Bodiford, the popular I. & G. N. Agent at Twohig, spent several hours in La Salle's metropolis 'taking in' the 'sights' Saturday last. Before leaving he came around and had his name added to our subscription list.

X Miss Carrie May Moody, formerly of Cotulla, but later of Peragould, Ark., passed through on Wednesday's South-bound train enroute to Twohig at which place she will make her future home. During her residence here Miss Moody made many warm friends who rejoice at her return.

W. E. Campbell sustained a

We take pleasure in presenting to the voting public the name of Mr. W. E. Campbell for the office of Assessor. Mr. Cotulla has been a resident of this county for many years and everybody knows "Ed" and no word from us is necessary to establish his good name. If elected, he promises good prompt service alike to all citizens as well as the county itself by maintaining an office at the Court House, where he can be seen on business pertaining to his office. He will prove to be a swift man in the coming race.

Edward Mulholland, of Tilden, eloped last week with Miss Minnie Baker, of the same place. They proceeded to Oakville where they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Edward is well known in Cotulla, having lived here several years. The Record sends congratulations and wishes for a long and happy life over the rough seas of matrimony.

W. E. Campbell sustained a

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co. for any old sweet thing.
 X A'ty. S. T. Dowe made a flying trip to Austin Sunday, returning Tuesday.
 Merchant R. A. Gilmer, of Twohig, was a visitor in the city Thursday.
 For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.
 Dull Bros., shipped 25 cars of cattle to Comstock, Texas, Monday morning.
 Do you like candy? if so, go to Simon Cotulla, he has the finest candies in town.
 W. L. Crawford and John Wolf, two Frio County Stockmen were in town Monday.
 Mrs. Brown, of Millett came down Monday and spent a few hours in our city.
 Lee Harper, of Millett, came down and played ball with the Cotulla boys Thursday.
 X Miss Sallie Thomas returned Wednesday from a short visit to friends in San Antonio.
 Mrs. Av Neal came down from Fairview Wednesday, to be treated for cancer by Dr. Speer.
 Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest.
 Mrs. Mae Lowe, of San Antonio, is in the city at present, as the guest of Mrs. J. Guy Smith.
 E. P. Clarey arrived on Wednesday's train and will spend a few days here visiting his son.
 Judge J. N. Daniel went to Taylor's dam Thursday morning to take some acknowledgments.
 Messrs. Jeff West and Green Martin, of Tilden, passed through here Monday enroute to Laredo.
 X D. W. McKey returned Saturday from Laredo where he had been for several days attending court.
 T. A. Coleman and C. A. Keeran, came down from San Antonio Thursday and left the same evening for the Cochina Ranch.

no City Saturday and returned Sunday, accompanied by A. Armstrong Jr.
 Chas. Miller and wife, of Diley, attended the dance here Tuesday night and returned home the day following.
 X Miss Mary Ellis who has been visiting Mrs. W. L. Hargus here for several days, returned to her home in Laredo Wednesday.
 X Mr. H. B. Miller, the jovial and accommodating I. & G. N. Agent, was a pleasant caller at the RECORD office one day (?) this week.
 The dance at the residence of Mr. Earnest Clary's Tuesday night was well attended, and every one reported a most enjoyable time.
 Messrs. Heady and Henry White, Simps DeSpain, John Murray and John Lewis, of Twohig, were in the city Tuesday evening.
 X Mr. Frank Neal made the RECORD office a very pleasant call Tuesday last. He is now free from his mail contract and has time to see EVERYBODY.
 We erred in stating that W. W. Barker and wife were in Cotulla last week; it was Mr. W. J. Barker and his sister. We take pleasure in correcting the error.
 Buggy Oil, Harness Oil, Saddle Oil, Linseed Oil, Lard Oil, Wind Mill Oil, Machine Oil, or any other oil at,
 J. M. Williams.
 Received to-day a big line of Overalls, Jean Pants, All kind of pants. Made by a first-class Tailoring Co., therefore much superior to others. You can buy 'em cheap of LANDRUM.
 We added the following names to our subscription list during the past week.
 Lee Jay, T. H. Poole, Armstrong & Swink, W. N. Young, Cotulla. W. C. Bodiford, S. J. Bond, Twohig. Mrs. F. H. Dabose, Alice, Texas. L. D. Massengale, Kenedy, Texas.

day last. While we were paid our office a pleasant call and gave us a dollar for one years subscription to the Record. Come again.
 Jno. Frazier, of Carrizo Springs, loaded several wagons with lumber this week at Keck Bros., Lumber yard. Mr. Frazier is hauling the lumber to about five miles this side of Carrizo Springs, where he is having a house erected.
 By referring to our announcement column you will find a new name among those desiring the office of Assessor—W. E. Campbell, a name known all over the county. Who can say aught against him? We can ourselves answer the question,—No one. He is a man to be depended upon to do his full duty honorably and not be pulled about by any one. Mr. Campbell knows every one and every one knows Mr. Campbell, so we find it entirely out of our power to say of him anything that is not already better known.
 Wednesday afternoon a small crowd gathered at 'Sportsman's Park' to witness the first of a series of ball games between the "Cotulla Air Tights" and the "Anti-Sweat Club." Owing to a feeling of general debility on both sides the game was limited to four innings, which were resplendent with star plays by both teams. The principal feature of the game was the batting done by J. Hinton Daniel and Attorney C. C. Thomas, who were allowed to use a bass violin for a bat, the regulation size being too small. Whenever Mr. Daniel came to bat he distinguished himself by tearing three great, ragged rents in the etheral void; while Mr. Thomas always insisted on the umpire calling time while he explained to all present why he should be elected County Judge. Mr. Thomas is also a star pitcher, for after some practice he found no difficulty in hitting a ten by fifteen back-stop. At the end of the game the score stood 133 to 112 in favor of the "Air Tights." Killed; none, wounded; ten.

ing some work on a wind tower he jumped off on the sharp point of a crow-bar that was standing in the ground. The bar cutting an ugly gash in the calf of his leg and then penetrated the hip about three or four inches.
 At a meeting held July 21st, the Trustees elected Prof. J. O. Owen Principal of the Cotulla High School. Prof. Owen comes to us not only well recommended but with diplomas and other papers from Sam Houston Normal Institute, South Western University and the State University, showing him to stand at the head of his profession. He is already at work on a graded course of study and a catalogue of the school and is determined that we shall have as good a school as any town in the country. There will be competent assistants furnished him and there will be no excuse for any one to leave Cotulla to attend any school short of a University. Patronize the school and help build up your town and keep your money at home.
 Saturday night last, a crowd of 'the Boys' met at the Massengale Hotel and formed themselves into a club, to be known as the "Cotulla Colored Comedy Company." The object of the club is the cultivation of the home theatrical talent, and at no distant day the entertainment and amusement of the people of Cotulla. Some of the latest Negro Comedies and jokes have been ordered and practice will be commenced at once. There is quite a lot of crude talent in the club and with proper cultivation we may expect ere long to see a minstrel company bloom forth full-fledged and resplendent in burnt-cork and wooly wigs, and have our minds carried back to the long ago, by old plantation melodies punctuated by the clatter of the song and dance artist, as he executes the "grape-vine twist."

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VOTING CONTEST.
 The voting Contest at Simon Cotulla's stands for the first week as follows.
 For the most popular young lady.
 Votes.
 Miss Daisy Carr 21.
 " Jaunita Poole 19.
 " Eva Stevens 3.
 For the most Popular young man.
 Mr. Simon cotulla 15.
 " Emmett Stevens 10.
 " Bert Warnock 9.
 Votes will be counted by impartial Judges and published every week.

DILLEY DOTS.
 Mrs. M. G. Lowery returned to-day from Gonzales.
 L. F. Burris, of Loma-Vista was in town to-day.
 Several of the Dilley farmers have commenced to pick cotton.
 John Wolf returned to-day from the east after several weeks visit.
 J. W. Mathis, of San Antonio was in town to-day trying to buy a bunch of fat cattle.
 Miss Katie James of San Antonio is visiting her sister, Mrs. Avant this week.
 FRIO.

S. Elliot Jr. of the Levels ranch, sold 30,000 lbs. of honey to the Jennie Atchley Co., of Beeville, yesterday.
 The dance last night at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jennings was a grand success. EVERYONE enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.
 J. A. Kimball, Baptist Missionary to Mexico, came up from Nuevo Laredo yesterday evening. He will baptize six new converts in the Nueces river tomorrow evening.
 Barlow & Co., have just received a superior lot of Spring and cotton mattresses combined. If you need anything in that line, don't forget that they can make you lower prices than anyone else.
 Mess. Geo. H. Knaggs and Dr. J. M. Williams were appointed to the school board during the week past. The board now consists of five members, the three trustees and the two above named gentlemen.

SOME of our people evidently prefer the navy to the army. They would not fight on land at all, but they never hesitate a minute if volunteers are needed to tackle a few schooners.—Hondo Herald.

The red cross Society is doing a noble work in this war. While the instruments of death have been improved in recent years, the means of alleviating the suffering in war have also been improved.—Ex.

Oh, the man who howled the loudest a month or so ago—who was so mad because the president was "so infernal slow"—whose blood was fairly boiling, who was sweating bloody sweat—have you noticed that he's loafing around these diggings yet? Oh, the fellow who was steaming day and night—who was ripping, who was tearing, who was spoiling for a fight—have you noticed, gentle readers, that he doesn't fume or fret, and that he hasn't taken his departure from these diggings yet?—Exchange.

The floating machine shop of the United States navy has been named the "Vulcan," and this vessel is now with Admiral Sampson's fleet and was ready to repair any damage which might have been sustained at the hands of Admiral Cervera; but it is likely that now she will devote her attention to saving some of the wrecked vessels in conjunction with the wrecking companies. It is said that \$300,000 was used in altering and equipping this vessel. Officially the "Vulcan" is an engineers' repair ship, and formerly she was the "Catham." Shortly before the war, Engineer in Chief Melville recommended that two vessels be purchased which could be transformed into engineers' repair ships and attached to the Atlantic and Flying squadrons.

A steamer was purchased by the Auxiliary Board, and she was transferred at the Boston navy-yard. While the ship is not intended for fighting purposes she carries two rapid-fire pounder guns. The "Vulcan" is to follow in the wake of the fleet, and she has a large coal capacity which will give a radius of action. She will also supply fresh water to other vessels and make such repairs as may become necessary. The bow of the boat is devoted to a stock room; back of this is the blacksmith shop, foundry, and machine shop.

There are also evaporators and distillers of a capacity equal to a daily output of 10,000 gallons of water. There is a complete foundry with a cupola, which will enable castings to be made on the boat. She has two steam cranes with 10 foot arms, which are especially designed for moving weights from a man-of-war and for transferring machinery to a disposal ship. There are also plate-bending rolls, punches, shears, lathes, planers, drills, milling machines and other machine tools, which will enable them to repair the hulls, engines, and boilers or guns. The "Vulcan" carries a large complement of first-class machinists, and the repair shop has some of the finest engineers in the country. It is doubtful if any vessel has yet started out to war which has carried such a large complement of well-trained and well-educated men. The "Vulcan's" captain is Lieut.-Commander Ira Harris, who has been general manager of the Chicago Drop Forge and Foundry Company. The chief engineers are Gardiner Sims, the head of the Armington Sims Engine Works, of Providence, Rhode Island, who has thirty of his best machinists abroad, and Prof. Aldrich, of the University of Virginia, one of the best electrical experts in the country. Out of her entire crew of two hundred men, ninety-two have the right to wear the officer's cap.—Scientific American.

HEART OF THE WORLD.

"We are named the Son of the Sea and Ignatio the Wanderer," answered the voice of Maya.

"Son of the Sea and Ignatio the Wanderer, why come you here?" asked Tikal, "through the gate on which is written, 'Death to the Stranger?'"

"Because we have a prayer to utter, an offering to make, and because, although we dwell in a far land, we are the servants of the Heart," answered Maya.

Then the various signs of the ritual were made by Maya.

"Strangers," said Tikal, "your mouths are opened in the sanctuary according to the ancient form, and it is lawful for the council to listen to your prayer. Speak then without fear." Then I spoke, saying:

"Brethren, for so I will dare to call you, seeing that I also, though stranger, am of the Brotherhood of the Heart, as I can prove to you if need be, ay, and higher in rank than any present here, unless it be you, O Keeper of the Heart. On my own behalf, on behalf of my brother, who also is of our company, and on behalf of Maya, the Lady of the Heart, daughter of him who ruled you, and mistress to his power, I speak and make my prayer to you."

"Upon my word," said Tikal, "I am of the Brotherhood of the Heart, and, therefore, have committed no crime in visiting this city, which is free to us by the right of our rank and office."

OLD GOLDING'S SCHEME.

"I see," said Bennett to Carter, his partner, as they smoked their after-lunch cigars, "that old Horace Golding has taken his son George into partnership."

"I don't know," exclaimed Carter. "What did that happen?"

"Day before yesterday, and I suppose you know why he did it?"

"No, I do not," replied the other. "I have become a little rusty since I went on my vacation. How did it happen?"

"Well, I'll tell you, and I don't mind remarking that if the old man and that boy of his don't make things lively pretty soon, then I don't know much about their methods. Old Horace is pretty smart for his years, and George is nobody's fool."

"George began his work as soon as he got into the old man's office, a boy fresh out of college."

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Ex-Representative White, of Kentucky, some years ago secured for D. G. Colson a clerkship at Washington. Colson studied law during his residence at the capital, returned to Kentucky, beat Mr. White in the election and is now one of Kentucky's representatives in the house.

Consul-General Lee's friends are starting a boom for him for senator from Virginia to succeed Senator Martin, whose term expires in 1901. Nearly a year ago Gen. Lee's friends began to quietly work for him for this place. Since then the movement became an organized one in many respects.

On February 12 a grandniece of Andreas Hofer, the renowned Tyrolean revolutionist and popular poet, who caused the first Napoleon so much trouble, celebrated her silver wedding. She is the wife of Anton Holzer, a blacksmith in the town of Poynsdorf, in lower Austria, who is now 72 years old, but still active at the anvil.

Prof. James E. Keeler, who was elected director of the Lick observatory to succeed Prof. Edward S. Holden, was the discoverer of the fact that the rings of Saturn are composed of small satellites. He has made a specialty of spectroscopic work, and is one of the best-known astronomers of the country.

One morning recently Mr. White, American ambassador in Berlin, received a letter from a simple-minded old lady out west requesting that he secure for her the autographs of the German emperor, the empress, the crown prince and Dismarck. The names were to be signed on little pieces of linen which the old lady intended to use in making an autograph quilt.

Although the shah of Persia does not devote a penny to supporting his ambassador at Constantinople, Mirza Mahmood Khan, his representative at Stamboul has a handsome income, raised by means of a charitable fund.

The shah has in Constantinople about 15,000 subjects, and these are taxed for the purpose. Mirza Mahmood has no reason to complain of the arrangement, for by the help of half a dozen able-bodied collectors he secures an income of about \$100,000.

TITLE BY DIGESTION.
A New Zealand Native Custom in regard to Land Transfers.

Mr. Hugh Craig, the president of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco, tells some interesting stories about New Zealand and the native customs. He was born in that island, where his father, who was a native of Scotland, lived for a number of years. Mr. Craig learned the title to all land is vested in the natives, according to the agreement made with England, and that the land is to be transferred by the decision of a question of ownership before a court constituted to that purpose. On one occasion, the son of a chief, who was in possession of his father's land, and, in consequence, it now belonged to him, then some of the natives were asked if they spoke the truth, they replied that they did.

At this point an old native, who was sitting in the rear of the courtroom, arose to his feet, and, throwing aside his mantle, stood forth, stark naked, and, coming forward, addressed the court. This mode of dress—or, rather, undress—Mr. Craig said, was by no means uncommon when natives appeared before the land court. He proceeded to tell the court that the young man was mistaken in claiming the ownership of the land. He himself held the title to the property. He said that years ago he went to war against the owner of the property in question, and that not only was the proprietor of the land killed, but every member of the family except the young man who had just claimed the land.

"He was then a babe," continued the old man, "and I had seized him by one of his feet and was about to dash his brains out against a rock, when my wife interceded on behalf of the boy, and begged that his life be spared, and that he be given to her."

He went on to say that he granted her request, and gave her the boy, who had ever since lived in his family.

"Now he claims the land," he added, "because his father owned it. But I fought his father and killed him and all the members of his family. What is more, I ate all of his body that was edible, so that all that remained of his father passed into me."

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OUR PREMIUM OFFERS,

A \$100. ORGAN, \$16. GUITAR, AN 25 PER CENT CASH COMMISSIONS.

The first person sending in 100 subscribers, with the cash, will receive a \$100. Farrand & Votey Organ.

The person sending in the second largest list will receive a \$16. guitar.

All persons getting up clubs will receive 25 per cent on all subscriptions taken.

As an extra inducement we will give all persons, competing for Organ or Guitar a commission of 10 per cent on all orders taken.

ANOTHER GRAND OFFER.

A \$5,000 Cash Offer!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance, SEND IN AN ESTIMATE ON THE COTTON CROP SEASON OF 1897-98 CONTEST BEGAN MARCH 1—ENDS SEPT. 1, '98.

TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR



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In connection with this Clubbing Rate, we will, if you send your guess with the subscription price, forward all for you and thus GIVE YOU A CHANCE AT THE SPLENDID CASH PRIZES

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Here it is, read it all very carefully and be sure you understand the terms

First Award:	Second Award:	Third Award:
To the subscriber or subscribers naming the exact number of bales in the cotton crop of 1897-98 we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber or subscribers naming the first next nearest we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber or subscribers naming the next nearest we will give if the estimate is received
During March, 1898..... \$2,500	During March, 1898..... \$1,500	During March, 1898..... \$1,000
If During April, 1898..... 2,000	If During April, 1898..... 1,250	If During April, 1898..... 750
If During May or June, 1898..... 1,500	If During May or June, 1898..... 1,000	If During May or June, 1898..... 500
If During July or August, 1898..... 1,000	If During July or August, 1898..... 750	If During July or August, 1898..... 250

SO, THAT THE FIRST THREE PRIZES AMOUNT TO \$5,000 IN CASH.

Note Specially. If the EXACT figures are not given during this contest, the money will be paid out to the NEAREST TO THE EXACT figures. Somebody will get the money, it does not go back to the Constitution by any means. Those who solve the problem at the longest range will receive proportionately the highest prizes, as you notice the figures grow less as the time expires and because the number of bales received up to certain dates, as the time advances, can be known exactly, leaving shorter time and probabilities to figure against.

On such a Vital Problem You Ought to Make Figures.

THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop that has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898. This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899. It is for the crop already in and marketed, official figures of which will be announced in September. As a guide for making your estimate we give official figures for each of the last ten crops. The conditions under which this last crop was grown and its probable output are elements for you to compute from and will aid in the correctness of your present estimate.

Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop	Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop
1887-88	18,961,897	7,048,833	1892-93	18,067,924	6,700,395
1888-89	19,362,073	6,938,290	1893-94	19,684,000	7,549,847
1889-90	20,171,896	7,311,322	1894-95	21,454,000	9,901,251
1890-91	20,809,053	8,652,597	1895-96	18,882,000	7,157,346
1891-92	20,714,937	8,035,379	1896-97	22,341,000	8,757,964

Their figures will be used in deciding this contest.

Their Estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

Following Are the Conditions of the Contest: First—If the prizes offered under the EXACT estimate upon the number of bales, the prizes offered under the second proposition will go to the nearest estimate, but if the prizes are given for the NEAREST ESTIMATE, no one having named correctly the exact figures, then the second prizes would come in for the second nearest estimate and the third prizes for the third nearest estimate.

Second—If someone should submit a correct estimate in one division of the time shown above and someone should send a correct estimate in some later division, this last estimate would rank only among the second prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the amount correctly in the former period.

Third—The conditions for sending an estimate at the Cotton Crop is that each and every estimate must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution. If sent through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the estimate of the cotton crop will be forwarded. This must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the subscription. You cannot subscribe now and send your estimate afterwards, nor forgetting it or leaving it out by accident or otherwise, or not knowing of this contest at the time you subscribe, or any other reason, will entitle you to send an estimate afterwards. The estimate must come with the subscription, or not at all. In sending your estimate by an agent of the Constitution, you make him your agent and not ours in forwarding your estimate, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and the certainty of the forwarding of the estimate. Should a party send more than one estimate, he or she will be entitled to a share of the prize fund under which it may secure a prize for each correct estimate sent. Persons may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules the same person may receive a prize with each of the three propositions.

Fourth—In making your answer, just state simply: "I estimate the number of bales of cotton will be for the season of 1897-98, _____." All the year figures very plain. If you want to make estimates later, or if you want to repeat the estimate you have made, send other subscriptions. Don't forget every subscription for yourself or your friends will entitle you to an estimate.

ADDRESS ALL CLUBBING ORDERS TO THE RECORD, COTULLA, TEXAS.