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Southwest Texas Immigration Bureau,

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Brownsville, Cameron Co., Texas.

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married the second time in  
till to Agapito Menchaca  
Nuevo Laredo  
about two years ago.  
her children are  
of her relatives,  
of either of her hus  
Laredo Times.

ARRESTED THE  
DAUNTLESS.

The Plucky Filibuster In  
the Government's Hands  
Again.  
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 11.—A  
special to The Commercial-  
Tribune from Jacksonville says:  
The steamer Danntless, which  
has attained such a reputation  
as a Cuban filibuster, was seized  
by government officers last  
night on complaint of the  
ish consul general that she  
contemplating another trip  
Cuba. Her name is the  
away and she is to be  
Boutwell was  
To-night on de  
Bisbee

Cameron County is the extreme  
southern county of Texas. It is  
separated from Mexico by the Rio  
Grande on the south and has about  
100 miles of gulf coast as its east-  
ern boundary. It was organized in  
1848, and contains 3308 square  
miles. Farming and stock raising  
are the principal industries of the  
people the location, climate and soil  
being admirably adapted for both.  
The greater portion of the soil is a  
rich loam, and produces an exceed-  
ingly heavy yield of both cotton  
and corn the chief farm products.  
and sometimes three crops of  
averaging from fifty to seven-  
bushels per acre, are raised year-  
while cotton will easily yield  
one to two bales per acre.  
grow all the year, and stock  
storage without being fed or  
during the winter. But  
son and climate of the Lower  
Valley are "by nature  
adapted for the production of  
vegetables and fruits. Vegetables  
of all kinds grow all the year  
around, and northern people are as-  
tonished to find tomatoes, lettuce,  
spinach, English peas, etc., served  
fresh from the gardens in midwin-  
ter. This is undoubtedly the para-  
dise of truck gardeners, and so  
soon as rail transportation is ob-  
tained Cameron county vegetables  
by the car load will be shipped to  
northern markets during winter and  
early spring, and will obtain the  
highest prices, as there will be no  
competition. This is due to our  
exceedingly mild climate. Fre-  
quently the entire winter passes  
without a single frost, and there is  
rarely ever any cold weather before  
Christmas. Fruit culture has not  
been attempted in this county on a  
large scale, but there is one large  
banana plantation on which this  
delicious fruit yields most abund-  
antly and in the greatest perfection.  
Grapes are also raised extensively,  
growing in almost every yard. They  
ripen from two to four weeks ear-  
lier than in any other section.  
Many planters here make all of  
their own table wines. Oranges  
and lemons also grow in profusion,  
and this section could easily be  
made to rival Florida in the pro-  
duction of oranges. Sugar cane is  
also one of the most important pro-  
ducts of this valley. The Rio  
Grande plantation of Mr. Geo. Brulay  
and the Rabb Starck plantation  
produces great quantities of cane,  
which is all manufactured on the  
Rio Grande plantation. This cane  
makes sugar which is produced by  
experts to be even superior to the  
best Louisiana product. Havana  
tobacco has also proven a success  
here, Col. J. G. Tucker having  
made some most successful experi-  
ments with it; his samples were  
classified by New York buyers as  
equal to the best Havana.

1st. 300 acres of land, two must  
from city hall of Brownsville, sit-  
ated on Resaca la Guerra, and  
horse-shoe affluent of such resaca  
on mail road, suitable for fruit or-  
chards, 80 acres now in irrigation  
with pecan, walnut, chestnuts  
plum, peach, pear, apricot, cherry  
Japanese persimmon, fig grape and  
ribbon cane. Can be sub-divided  
into 5 or 10 acre lots, giving each  
abundant water supply, there being  
a depth of 5 to 15 feet of water all  
seasons of the year. Price \$10 to  
\$25 per acre, according to location.  
Will sell in a body at special rates.

2d. 32 pieces adjoining, one of  
200 and the other of 120 acres, situ-  
ated on Resaca-Rancho Viejo, five  
miles from city hall on mail road.  
Both pieces almost surrounded by  
water of 10 to 15 feet in depth, 40  
acres under irrigation. This land  
is equal to if not superior to the  
Mississippi bottom lands, and can  
be made a paying investment for a  
fruit orchard or truck gardening.  
Can be sub-divided into 5 to 10  
acre lots. Price \$10 to \$25 per  
acre; whole tract on special terms.

3d. 180 acre tract two miles  
from the city of Brownsville, on  
resaca, with good water supply.  
Ebony, Mesquite, Ash, Hackberry  
and other timbers. Alluvial soil.  
To one who desires to sub-divide in  
small tracts, this is a paying in-  
vestment. Sold in bulk only. Price  
\$10 per acre.

4th. 25,000 acres in one body,  
having a frontage of about six  
miles on the Rio Grande Railroad  
on the south, and the Arroyo Col-  
orado on the north. Well timbered  
along the streams and lakes; bal-  
ance prairie. Includes within its  
limits the famous battle fields of  
Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma.  
Arable and pasture. Price \$3, per  
acre.

5th. A tract adjoining No. 4,  
which together with that tract will  
include 100,000 acres in one body  
very desirable. Special terms to  
colonist.

6th. 10,000 acre tract about  
three miles from the Arroyo Post  
Office. This land is well timbered  
and watered, soil alluvial, adapted  
to fruits, cotton, corn, cane, etc.  
Special terms to any one buying  
tract, obligating to colonize.

7th. 1600 acre tract, fronting on  
the Rio Grande, about twenty miles  
from Brownsville and 8 miles from  
Santa Maria, 300 acres under cul-  
tivation on low lands on river front.  
All good arable land. Price \$3 per  
acre.

8th. 725 acres, triangular form,  
fronting on Rio Grande, 16 miles  
above Brownsville good land. Well  
watered. Price \$3,000.

9th. Numerous tracts of pasture  
lands from 1000 to 5000 acres each  
in different parts of the county.

10th. This is a very desirable  
place for a small fruit or truck farm,  
containing 103 acres, with a new  
brick dwelling of 6 rooms, frame sta-  
ble and other out-houses, and large  
underground cistern; three miles from  
Brownsville on Resaca de la Palma  
on the county road.

The county is watered by the Rio  
Grande with its ample flow along  
the southern boundary, and num-  
erous small streams called "arroyos,"  
and "resacas."

The population of Cameron county  
according to the census of 1890  
is 13,424. Brownsville, the county  
seat, has a population of about  
7000 Point Isabel, the seaport of  
the county, has about 400 inhabi-  
tants and Santa Maria, a growing  
little river settlement, has about 250.  
Improved lands sell for from \$5  
to \$25 per acre, unimproved for  
from \$2 to \$6 per acre. The aver-  
age taxable value of land is \$1.  
There are \$2,240 acres of school  
land in the county. The county  
has a total school population of  
4,000, and gives employment to 80  
teachers. The average length of  
the school term is five months. The  
total tuition received from the  
State is \$13,000. There are a  
number of public schools in the  
county, affording ample educational  
advantages.

Homesteaders are gradually be-  
ginning to find their way to this  
land where farmers can work in the  
open air 365 days in the year, but  
it is comparatively undeveloped as  
yet. With the building of the  
railroad to Corpus Christi, however,  
a great influx of settlers may be  
expected and they will be heartily  
welcomed. This valley is a noble  
land for settling.

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There are "a great  
many carriages used in the city  
Mexico," but not exactly  
the same as in Lincoln or  
ever." Buggies and phaetons  
are not used sufficiently to  
merit mention, coupes, landaus  
and the highest and most ex-  
pensive grade being most in  
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