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A Lumber Laden Vessel Sunk By an Unknown Ship—Crew Saved.

New York, Dec. 14.—The steamer Saginaw, Capt. Johnson which arrived here today from San Domingo and Turk Island, brought from the latter place Capt. Records, Mate Thompson and five of the crew of the schooner Amelia P. Schmidt of Bridgeton, N. J., which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 11, for New York laden. Capt.

Martin Kaiser, Pastor of St. Louis—Other members of the St. Louis, Mo. choir. 14.—Martin Kaiser, the youngest and the eldest active member of the United States Glee Club, honorary president of the Philadelphia Maennerchor of Philadelphia from 1845 to 1856, one of the founders of the Germania Maennerchor of Chicago and an active singer and worker of the German singing societies of the United States, is dead at his son's home in this city.

Martin Kaiser was 80 years of age. Mr Kaiser possessed a "saenger passport" which gave him a pleasant entry into every singing society of America. He was "vised" by many of the local societies.

Dec. 14.—Commercial West, Fla., by sponge fish war vessels Florida coast sea during their operations. Several on the

AND Southwest Texas Immigration Bureau, JESSE O. WHEELER, Secretary. Brownsville, Cameron Co., Texas.

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 eastern 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 exceedingly heavy yield of both cotton and corn the chief farm products. Two, and sometimes three crops of corn, averaging from fifty to seventy bushels per acre, are raised yearly, while cotton will easily yield from one to two bales per acres. Grasses grow all the year, and stock find pasturage without being fed or sheltered during the winter. But the soil and climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are by nature best adapted for the production of vegetables and fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow all the year around, and northern people are astonished to find tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, English peas, etc., served fresh from the gardens in midwinter. This is undoubtedly the paradise of truck gardeners, and so soon as rail transportation is obtained 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. Frequently 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 abundantly and in the greatest perfection. Grapes are also raised extensively, growing in almost every yard. They ripen from two to four weeks earlier 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 production of oranges. Sugar cane is also one of the most important products of this valley. The Rio Grande plantation of Mr. Geo. Brulay and the Rabb Starek plantation produce 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 experiments with it; his samples were classed by New York buyers as equal to the best Havana.

The county is watered by the Rio Grande with its ample flow along the southern boundary, and numerous small streams called "arroya," 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 inhabitants 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 average taxable value of land is \$1. There are 82,240 acres of school land in the county. The county has a total school population of 4400, and gives employment to 80 teachers. The average length of the school term is five months. The total tuition revenue received from the State is \$13,000. There are a number of public schools in the county, affording ample educational advantages.

Homeseekers are gradually beginning to find their way to this land where farmers can work in the open air 305 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 county is capable of supporting millions of people.

1st. 300 acres of land, two must from city hall of Brownsville, situated on Resaca la Guerra, and horse-shoe affluent of such resaca on mail road, suitable for fruit orchards, 30 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, situated 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. For one who desires to sub-divide in small tracts, this is a paying investment. 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 Colorado on the north. Well timbered along the streams and lakes; balance 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 colonizist.

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 cultivation 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 10 1/2 acres, with a new brick dwelling of 6 rooms, frame stable and other out-houses, and large underground cistern; three miles from Brownsville on Resaca de la Palma on the county road.

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