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The Japs are "still achieving, still pursuing."

Local option went into effect last Thursday night at Lampasas, Texas.

Since the strike the retail markets of Chicago have been supplied with meat by the independent plants.

The Russians are preparing for another masterly retreat. All of the war correspondents have been ordered to Harbin.

The departure of the Russian Baltic squadron for the far east has again been postponed for two weeks. That Baltic squadron had much better remain where it is.

The state convention is now in session at Houston. The only business of importance is the framing of a platform and the selection of a state chairman.

The reported capture of Port Arthur last Saturday was a hoax. There had been three days of desperate fighting both on land and sea but the fortress still holds out.

Von Pichev, Russian minister of the Interior, and said to be the Czar's right hand, was assassinated by a bomb while driving in his carriage on the streets of St. Petersburg.

A petition is being circulated in Caldwell county asking the commissioners to order an election for local option. The last election held in Caldwell county for local option was defeated by a large majority.

Japan has issued notice to the world that New Chwang and Yin Kow are now under Japanese control. Russia has little left in Manchuria now except Mukden and Harbin, and will not have those places long.

A young lady of Newton Falls, Mass., coughed up a penny swallowed fifteen years ago. Had that been our old friend, Russell Sage, he would have continued coughing until the interest would have been forthcoming.

Sam H. Hopkins, Esq., of Gonzales, who volunteered his services to prosecute Gregorio Cortez, the slayer of Sheriff Glover and Morris, has been presented with a beautiful gold-headed cane by the sheriffs of Texas, as a token of their appreciation of his services.

Mr. R. B. Allen has declined the nomination given him by the republican party for congress from the Ninth district. Mr. Allen says he wants no office. This leaves the republicans without a candidate for congress, unless some other man can be found who is willing to sacrifice himself for the honor of running.

For Rent.

The Paul Sturke Store house, next door to G. W. Eschenburg's furniture store, Apply to R. L. Eschenburg.

The Gazette invites the attention of its readers to the letters from Dreyer. A new correspondent has taken hold.

Mrs. Wm. Herms and Albert Dittmer left Monday to visit relatives in Houston.

Assessments of Property in Lavaca County for the Year 1904.

LAND.	
Acres rendered.....	605,739.32
Value.....	\$3,306,095
TOWN PROPERTY.	
Value.....	\$700,102
Horses and Mules.	
Number.....	11,579
Value.....	\$231,570
Cattle.	
Number.....	41,010
Value.....	\$297,250
Jacks and Jennets.	
Number.....	30
Value.....	\$1,350
Sheep.	
Number.....	641
Value.....	\$550
Goats.	
Number.....	211
Value.....	\$221
Hogs.	
Number.....	10,881
Value.....	\$11,592
Dogs.	
Number.....	2,009
Value.....	\$3,119
Carriages, buggies, wagons of whatever kind, number, 5,627; value, \$80,157.	
Goods, wares and merchandise of every description, \$184,425.	
Material and manufactured articles, \$450.	
Manufacturers' tools, implements and machinery, \$69,082.	
Steam engines and boilers, \$35,220.	
Amount of money of banks, bankers, broker or stock jobber, \$63,600.	
Amount of money other than bank, banker, broker or stock jobber, \$13,740.	
Amount of credits other than bank, banker, broker or stock jobber, \$296,985.	
Amount and value of shares of capital stock companies and associations, \$500.	
Miscellaneous property, \$55,062.	
Total value.....	\$6,303,084
State Taxes.	
Ad valorem.....	\$10,634.38
School.....	11,596.31
County Taxes.	
Ad valorem.....	\$31,323.19
District school.....	2,034.27
Total state and county taxes, \$65,531.15.	
Poll Taxes Assessed.	
State.....	\$6,220.50
County.....	1,036.75

OUR BUYER....

Is now at the Northern Markets, and in order to make room for a large stock of Fall and Winter Goods, we will close out our Summer Goods at

Greatly Reduced Prices.

Call at once, if you want Bargains.

WOLTERS BROTHERS,

Shiner, - - - Texas.

THE COTTON CROP.

Report of Condition.

(Gleaner News.)
SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

The reports of thirty-four correspondents indicate the average condition of cotton in Southwest Texas as 4 per cent better than last year at the same time, and the crop two to four weeks earlier. Boll weevils are reported at work in all the counties and to be doing serious damage except in Bexar, Guadalupe, Llano and Gillespie counties and a few counties where the crop is new and the acreage small. In some of the counties, Gillespie among the number, the crop is suffering because of dry weather, which, upon the other hand, holds the weevils in check. In other counties, such as Blanco and Kerr, the crop is suffering from both weevil and drought. The weevil damage seems particularly acute in the coastal belt, where showers are causing the pest to multiply rapidly. In Karnes, Duval, Medina, Kendall and a portion of Nueces and Wilson counties the damage appears to be very great, being reported in some instances to be worse than it was last year.

SHINER COUNTY.
(Ginned 1038, 21,707 bales. Acreage 6 per cent more.)

Hallettsville—The cotton crop in this locality will be on the market at least two weeks earlier than last year. The crop is somewhat spotted. Where there has been much rain it is about the same as last year; where showers have not fallen it is much better; average will not be any better than last year. The plant is growing rapidly and forming many squares, which, however are shedding, forming few if any bolls. Weather conditions are very unfavorable, having too much rain. The damage to the crop up to this time has been more from unseasonable weather than from the boll weevil, but the continued wet weather is favorable to the increase of weevils and their possibilities of inflicting damage. Some of our most responsible farmers believe that all the cotton that will be made is now formed on the stalk. Poisoning has not been resorted to here to any great extent.

Moulton—Crop some better than last year and about two or three weeks earlier. Cotton is fruiting well, but is shedding very much on account of dry weather, or boll weevil. The hot weather has been favorable, but some want rain and some not. Considerable damage has been done by the boll weevil. Some Paris green has been used, but not enough to determine its value.

Shiner—Condition of cotton at present is fully one-third better than same date last year; in fact, condition of plant could hardly be better. Cotton has fruited well, and farmers look toward a good yield—from one-third to one-half bale per acre. Weather has been favorable up to present time, only a few scattering showers of rain, which did little or no damage. There has been little complaint of the boll worm this year, but the boll weevil are doing some damage now, and is multiplying very fast. Very little poison has been used here. Some farmers used Paris green, and reported good success, while others claimed cotton was too large and luxuriant in growth to be poisoned with success. Cotton three weeks earlier than

last year, and the first bale is expected before the end of this month.

Sweet Home—The condition of the cotton crop is about 5 per cent worse than last year. The plant is not fruiting. Weevils do not let it come to bloom. Weather conditions very unfavorable; too much rain. Weevils have damaged cotton very materially; no poisons have been used in this locality.

The Cotton Mill Strike.

At Fall River, Mass., 30,000 cotton mill operatives have struck because a notice of reduction in wages was served to go into effect this week. The workmen claim that the cost of living at this time is too great to permit a reduction in wages; the spinners claim that the low price of cotton goods rendered the reduction necessary. The independent mills at Lowell are not involved in the strike. The pending Presidential elections are conducive to strikes. The cotton mills are inclined to run short time in all parts of the world because the cotton goods trade has not yet lowered the value of raw cotton or the cost of manufactured cotton goods under the era of general high prices of supplies prevailing during the past two years. The cotton goods trade is therefore languid. Besides, these mills find the present time favorable to a crusade that will "beat" the price of spot cotton and cotton now in the field. The sooner cotton growers organize effectively to support the price of their product the better opportunity there will be to determine the present actual value of cotton (raw and manufactured) in the world's markets.

The strikes are but acute symptoms of a disease that breaks out periodically. Organized employers and organized employees must re-adjust the price of labor at intervals, suited to cost of living, or to market conditions. When discussion reaches the acute stage friendly arbitration is put aside and industrial wars takes the place of production—Farm and Ranch.

New Ginning Charges.

The Shiner ginners have decided to adopt a new uniform charge for ginning. The rates now fixed are 50 cents per hundred for ginning and \$1 for bagging and ties. The old rates were found entirely too low and could not be maintained except at a loss to the ginners. Seed will be taken at the highest market price.

If you want fresh groceries and want to save money go to E. C. Merschburger.

Miss Anna C. Koch returned from Austin last week, where she had been attending the summer school of the University of Texas. Miss Anna will teach the primary grade and German in the Shiner public school during the coming session.

Wanted, 10,000 dozen eggs and 5,000 pounds of butter at highest prices in spot CASH. Bring in your produce and get the CASH.
S. A. CANNON & SON,
The Cash Produce Buyers.

Mrs. L. E. Chevasia returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Moulton.

Notable Assassinations.

Chicago, Ill., July 25.—Notable assassinations of modern times are: Alexander II. of Russia, March 13, 1881. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, July 2, 1881. Marie Francois Carnot, President of France, June 24, 1894. Nasr-Eddin, Shah of Persia, May 1, 1896. Empress Elizabeth of Austria, Sept. 10, 1898. Humbert, King of Italy, July 29, 1900. William McKinley, President of the United States, Sept. 6, 1901. Alexander I., King of Serbia, and his noble wife, June 11, 1903.

Kentucky News.

Lang Bros., Druggists, Paducah, Ky., writes: "We sell more of Dr. Mandenbail's Chill and Fever Cure than all other remedies combined, having retailed over 700 bottles in one season. The physicians here prescribe it and persons who once use it will have no other." Sold by Schulze & Seydler.

It Pays to do Right.

It pays to do what is right. It pays to be reputable in business. It pays to be open and honest in politics. It pays to be square and fair in all the walks of life. It pays to be decent and virtuous in one's private life. And the man or woman who isn't so will suffer for it. The broad way always looks the easiest and pleasantest at the start, but the end, which is eternal destruction, is inevitable.—Gleaner News.

Rev. C. J. Bennis, rector of the Weimar Catholic church, will exchange pulpits with Father Heffernan of Yoakum on the 14th and 15th of August.—Weimar Mercury.

The Hochheim Prairie Fire Insurance Association held an important meeting at the opera house last Saturday. A large number of the members were present.

The ice cream supper given by the ladies at the base ball grounds last week was a very enjoyable affair and netted them the handsome sum of \$10.

John Fischlar, one of our substantial farmers, is painting his fine residence with Sherwin-Williams paint, sold by R. L. Eschenburg.

Have just received a large stock of 14 1/2 and 18 in width of pine and cypress for wagon beds and troughs, at R. L. Eschenburg's.

Miss Martha Speary, a charming young lady of Hallettsville, is visiting the family of Mr. Bob Martin, east of town, this week.

Mr. Max Wolters returned last Wednesday from a two weeks' trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis.

Prof. Nash of Cuero was here several days last week visiting his friend, Mr. C. L. Williams.

Mrs. C. L. Williams is visiting relatives and friends at Schulenburg this week.

Read the Gazette.



MRS. CECELIA STOWE,
Gleaner, Extra News Club.

175 Warren Avenue,
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 22, 1902.

For nearly four years I suffered from ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only way to get well. I, however, strongly objected to an operation. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, for home with a sick woman is a dismal place at best. A friendly druggist advised him to get a bottle of Wine of Cardui for me to try, and he did so. I began to improve in a few days and my recovery was very rapid. Within eighteen weeks I was another being.

WINE-CARDUI

Mrs. Stowe's letter shows every woman how a home is saddened by female weakness and how completely Wine of Cardui cures that sickness and brings health and happiness again. Do not go on suffering. Go to your druggist today and secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui.