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Better Look Around, Mister

Or you may get a hard blow when you buy that next bill of lumber then find that I could have saved you several dollars on it. I mean what I say. Go to the other dealers and see what they have to offer you then come to me. You may think that is a pretty good bluff, but I will prove that it is no joke—any time. The next time you are in town come in and see my stock. Lumber, Builders Hardware, Paints, Oil—almost anything in the building line. It is the best stock that could be pulled together from all the best markets of the country. Our prices—well, the man who tries to beat our prices resembles the labors of a puppy dog pursuing his tail.

R. L. Eschenburg,

Shiner, Texas.

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Wm. Hillmann

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Write today, stating your age and if you have ever before handled a daily paper, to The Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas.

Better groceries for less money at E. C. Merseburger's.

Writing of the cotton seed and oil mill industries, the Gonzales Inquirer has this to say in regard to patronizing home industry, and the GAZETTE fully agrees with it:

"Tons of cotton seed that should be manufactured at home, giving employment to labor, encouraging local capital to be invested in local enterprises, and pulling the surplus money between the raw material and the manufactured product from the world at large to find investment at home. Gonzales has one of the best small mills to be found in the state. For several years it has not run full time on account of the scarcity of seed, yet hundreds of tons of seed have gone out of the county. It has paid but one dividend during its existence while the surplus it made has gone to bettering the plant and paying for improvements.

"It is the establishment of these local mills all over the state that has brought the value to cotton seed. The big outside mills did not do it. Close out the local mills, kill them off and the big mills would dictate the price. Not half the price now realized for the seed would come to the farmer."

From the amount of bacon being shipped into Gonzales one would be led to suppose that hogs were scarce in this section.—Gonzales Inquirer.

Shiner is shipping bacon to outside points.

Won't those localities be in the swim where a bumper cotton crop is raised at the present prices.—Flintonia Record.

Shiner is in it now up to the neck.

Plenty of fine stationery always on hand at the GAZETTE office. Leave your orders for anything you want.

The Cotton Crop.

Condition of the crop in Lavaca, Gonzales and Fayette counties.

LAVACA COUNTY.

(Ginned 1903, 21,707. Average 6 per cent more.)

Moulton—Cotton is about same as last year, although about two weeks earlier. Weather has been very unfavorable the past two weeks, and if it doesn't turn dry considerable cotton will rot. It has been damaged considerably by wet-weather and boll weevils. These latter are more numerous than ever known before. The season is fine for an enormous fall crop, but the weevils knock it all out.

Shiner:—Cotton crop will be 25 per cent better than last year; increase will amount to between 2,000 and 2,500 bales. Weather as a whole has been very favorable to cotton; several heavy showers only retarded picking a day or two. Bollworm and boll weevil are injuring cotton at present, the latter doing the most damage. Very few blooms are visible now in the morning, as the boll weevil stings every bud formed, causing it to fall off. Picking began in middle of July, four weeks earlier than last year, and is at present at its full height, keeping all four gins busy from morning till night. There are farmers here who have already gathered from eight to 12 bales this year, more cotton than they made last year for the entire crop.

GONZALES COUNTY.

(Ginned 1903, 11,089 bales. Average 1 per cent less.)

Gonzales—Crops in this section are very much better than they were last year. The boll weevil is doing much damage since the recent frequent rains, but by early planting and poisoning with Paris green cotton will be out pretty well. There will be an amount raised for home use. Cotton picking began about July 14th, and the first bale was received July 21st. To date 710 bales have been received against nothing this date last year.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Flintonia—Cotton crop is about the same as last year, which was an unusually short crop, taking eight or ten acres to make a bale. The weather is very unfavorable for cotton. Continued showers for the last ten days have made the boll weevil exceedingly active. Picking began ten days ago, with receipts very light on account of bad condition of crop. Flintonia shipped 2,300 bales last year. This is the estimate for this season.

LaGrange—Cotton in this vicinity and county is 10 per cent better than last year. The last three weeks the weather has been unfavorable for cotton on account of too much rain. Crop is being injured by boll weevil and rain, mostly by the boll weevils. Picking commenced about Aug. 1, but has progressed very slowly on account of wet weather.

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The English Cotton Market.

The brisk demand for goods at Manchester and feeling that an early settlement of the Russia-Japan war would follow the impending fall of Port Arthur, with resultant tremendous boom in commerce in the Far East, creates favorable impression in the English cotton market.

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