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SPARE THE DUMB ANIMALS.

In another column is printed an editorial from the Houston Post which might be copied with advantage by every paper in the state. By this it is not meant that the ideas expressed are original with the Post. No one with a spark of humanity in his breast can witness the cruel treatment often accorded our dumb servants without entering a protest. Probably the great majority of papers have at one time or another raised their voice in an earnest appeal for at least simple decency in the treatment of animals.

It is hard to understand how people who are not monsters can show utter indifference to the sufferings of animals. The Post speaks of horses being tied for hours in the sun. To be sure, it is not always easy to find shade, but a little consideration would do much to make things easier for the patient animals. It surely ought not to be necessary to leave them standing for hours without food or water.

Many things are allowed to be, not from sheer cruelty, but because men and women are criminally thoughtless. Why should diseased, half-starved animals be allowed to roam the streets? A little trouble would put them out of their misery. Why should not the powers that be see to the matter? Make an ordinance providing for such cases, if people are not humane enough to do it of their own accord.

In the case of animals nominally under the care of their owners, one would suppose that self-interest would dictate humane treatment. If that is not incentive enough a humane society should have authority to investigate cases of alleged cruelty and be armed with full power to inflict suitable penalties. Houston is not the only place which needs a society with the long name. Let Brownsville show herself willing to lead in a movement for the better treatment of our dumb friends.

The old nursery rhyme "Who Killed Cock Robin," is now obsolete in Brownsville. It has been changed to "Cow! Cow! Who Killed the Cow!"

The Brownies squeezed all the salt out of Billy Bowles' seaweeds yesterday afternoon, and today they will just wait and see! It's a shame to tell about it beforehand.

Poor old Corpus! You can't say we didn't warn you. We delicately informed you what to expect. From the looks of the score the "twinkler" must have twinkled. Eh?

We have some crack shots in our city government. One of the most prominent of them fired at a blackbird in his back yard yesterday, and hit a cow in the neck a mile away. It was a splendid shot, and won the first prize of \$75.00, which was cheerfully paid to the owner of the cow.

If there are any more "champions" let them come on and Billy Bowles' swatters will attend to them in short order.—Corpus Christi Herald.

The real "champions" are with you now, and your only claim to the title is that you are playing with them. It's a scheme to talk of Billy Bowles seaweeds as "champions."

Timmy—What kind of a shot could you call it anyway, when a man aims at a blackbird and shoots a cow?

Timmy—I would call it a fine shot.

Timmy—A fine shot! How do you make a fine shot out of such a miss?

Timmy—Why the fine was \$75.00.

PERSONALS

Frank Pierce and daughter went to Point Isabel Thursday for a day's outing.

C. Keeley made a trip to the Point yesterday returning the same day.

Among those coming up from Isabel yesterday were C. Garza, Jr. and John Kleiber.

Mrs. C. B. de Roman, with her nephew and niece, went to the Point on Wednesday returning the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Champion visited the Point Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Dr. Works made a flying professional trip to San Benito today.

A. Goldammer visited San Benito today to note progress of the repairs being made under his supervision to Col. Alba Heywood's house.

Miss Mary Blainck, who came down from San Antonio to be present at the Box-Burress wedding, and is staying a few weeks with Miss Florence Bell, made a little journey to San Benito today.

C. R. Kirby went out this morning on the branch train to Harlingen, where he is doing a job with his big steam plow.

John J. Dillon of the San Benito selling force, was an overnight visitor to town.

S. M. Hargrove of Fordyce, the railroad tie man, returned up country this morning after two days in the metropolis.

C. B. Givens, the well known attorney of St. Louis, left for home this morning after a short stay, expressing himself as delighted with this country. Yesterday, in company with C. R. Kirby and brother, W. J., he visited Tarpon Beach and enjoyed what he pronounced "the finest surf bath he had ever taken." Mr. Givens expects to return to Brownsville in the fall.

W. H. Moore of Harlingen has taken the Hollis cottage at Tarpon Beach for the summer. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lopez of Houston, Mrs. C. J. Larimer of Kingsville, Miss Willie Mayfield and H. A. Paine, Jr., manager of the cotton gin, of San Benito went down to put the house in order. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Paine and daughter expect to join the party tomorrow.

F. R. Ratcliff of San Fordyce is in town on business. He will probably begin work in the near future upon a canal and pumping plant to irrigate his land above Fordyce.

T. L. Phillips and wife formerly of Winchester, Ky., now residents of Harlingen, visited Tarpon Beach yesterday under the guidance of A. T. Rose. They expect to remain in town for a few days.

Frank Pearce and daughter spent yesterday at Point Isabel. Mr. Pearce has taken the Lightbourne cottage at the Point for the remainder of the summer and will move his family down tomorrow.

MEMBER OF SUMMER NORMAL.

Prof. C. G. Hallmark Chosen by State Superintendent of Education.

A letter was received this morning by Prof. C. G. Hallmark, principal of the high school from State Superintendent of Education R. B. Cusins offering Prof. Hallmark a place on the Summer Normal Examination Board which convenes in Austin on July 20th, and will remain in session from 15 to 20 days during which time between four and five thousand papers of applicants for teachers certificates will be examined. Prof. Hallmark, accompanied by Mrs. Hallmark, expects to leave Monday morning for Austin. Mrs. Hallmark expects to go direct to Lampasas, Texas, where she will visit her mother, Mrs. A. W. Owens. Prof. Hallmark will join her after he has completed his labors in Austin and spend a short time there before resuming his duties in the public school here. Quite an honor has been bestowed upon Prof. Hallmark and incidentally on Brownsville in being represented on the board of examiners. There will be only 25 members on this board selected at large from the state.

RAILROAD CHANGES.

In Circular No. 14 Names of Stations Have Been Officially Confirmed.

Circular No. 14 of the St. L. B. & M., R.R., dated July 1 at Kingsville just received, officially records some changes in names of stations and location of agents that were made some time ago. From this interesting and informing publication, we glean the important fact that what was once Adainston is now Ingram—woe be to the tribe off Adam—and that little wayside stopping place so euphronously misnamed San Francisco, large-sounding perhaps to those who know its greater namesake, but racially characteristic and in harmony with its surroundings is hereafter to be known as prosaic Bixby—smacking of stove polish and utterly lacking in romance.

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At Mission a station agent is now located. Riviera has been similarly favored, and San Juan is unofficially recognized as a prepaid station.

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Evidently the commission form of government would be a good thing for the nation in some ways, the Denison Herald thinks. Says The Herald: "It would have been less expensive and saved a world of time and energy if the whole tariff matter had been referred to a committee composed of Senator Aldrich and a few members of the senate and house who would follow his leadership and do what he desired done without any fuss. This is practically what the framing of the tariff bill amounts to as it is being whipped into shape, with the possible exception that some of the members of congress are manufacturing a little political buncombe for future use." It does look very much that way, too. Outside of the very few, there are hardly any members of the senate or the house that seem to be known in this matter, and so the tariff bill when completed will be the work of a very few.—Terrell Transcript.

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