

# DIRECTORY.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS.

District Judge, John C. Russell  
 District Attorney, D. M. Turner  
 District Clerk, Louis Kowalski  
 District court commences on the first Monday in the months of Feb. and September.

## COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge, E. C. Forto  
 County Attorney, Agustin Celaya  
 County Clerk, Joseph Webb  
 Sheriff, S. A. Brito  
 Treasurer, Celedonio Garza  
 Assessor, George Champion  
 Collector, James A. Browne  
 Surveyor, John S. Hord  
 Inspector of Hides, Casimiro Tamayo

## COMMISSIONERS.

Precinct No. 1—Antonio Vazquez  
 Precinct No. 2—Thomas Carson  
 Precinct No. 3—Narciso Cantu  
 Precinct No. 4—Pablo Perez  
 County court meets for civil criminal and probate business on the first Monday in March, June, September and December.

## CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor, Thomas Carson  
 Chief of Police, James H. Khan  
 Treasurer, Alfred Taornham  
 Secretary, M. B. Kingsbury  
 Attorney, Frank Feuille  
 Surveyor, S. W. Brooks  
 Assessor and Collector, J. A. Michel.

## SCHEDULE.

### OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

#### DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at 8 a. m.  
 " Rio Grande City, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m.  
 For Point Isabel, daily at 9 a. m.  
 " Matamoros, Mexico, Except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m.

#### ARRIVALS.

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.  
 " Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.  
 " Point Isabel, daily at 6 p. m.  
 " Matamoros, Mexico, at 9:30 a. m.

### An Architect's Clean Shirt Front.

George Meikle Kemp's indifference to dress is amusingly illustrated by an incident which occurred when he was called upon to attend a committee meeting, in order to discuss the restoration of the Glasgow cathedral. He performed the journey from Edinburgh to Glasgow on foot, and on arriving at his destination it occurred to him that a fresh shirt front would freshen his toilet to a sufficient degree.

He bought the article, put it on, and quite satisfied with his immaculate appearance waited on the committee, and then, business dispatched, called upon a relative.

"Why, George," cried that "plain spoken" person, "what have you been doing to your shirt collar? Just look in the glass and see what a fright you are!"

Kemp looked in the mirror and then burst into hearty laughter.

"It does not matter now," he said, "for, fright and all as I am, I have been among the great folks."

He had forgotten to remove his travel stained collar, and there it appeared, rising majestically above the new and spotless one.—Youth's Companion.

### The Tailor Made Suit.

In fitting a cloth suit the modes of fitting peculiar to the tailor are many in number, but good in result. The measurements are numerous; the first fitting is an ordinary cotton lining; the second one a silk lining; the third one the silk and the material; the fourth one the almost finished bodice, which usually needs then only a few mistakes rectified, and there is the finished bodice for the head tailor to see in its entirety. No critic is so severe as is the master of the establishment, and a slight wrinkle will cause him to order the taking apart of the bodice and the making it so that it fits like the proverbial glove. The same care is shown in fitting a skirt, and at the really good tailor's a long train cloth skirt, unless it were for evening or house wear, is not even considered.—M. S. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal.

### A Valuable Clock.

There is no further need for the noisy little alarm clock, for a Swiss has just invented a clock that talks. It is much pleasanter than the grating br-r-r-r of the bell that always rings ten times as loud as necessary, to have a clock that will stand at the head of the bed and remark: "There are eggs, and a nice juicy steak, and a cold melon and milk and toast and fried potatoes and coffee down stairs for you, John Henry, and this is the day when Archimedes McGonigle promised you the twenty dollars he has been owing you so long. Besides day after tomorrow is Sunday, and you can finish your sleep then." That's the sort of a clock to have in the family.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## FAST OYSTER OPENERS.

### Workmen in New York City Who Take Oysters Out of Their Shells.

The crack oyster openers of New York can easily hold their own against the rest of the world as "lightning operators," as they are called.

One of the veterans is Dick Balmer, who has opened 9,000 oysters in a day of twelve hours, and he can now average 7,500 in a day of twelve or thirteen hours' work.

Mike Foley, who may well be termed a lightning operator, and is now in his fifties, has opened as many as 9,500 oysters in one day, and on ordinary days, if he pushes himself, he can easily get away with 8,000 oysters. Of course the oysters opened are large and small, just as they come, as if they were all small and round the opening could be done much more rapidly.

John Lahey is good for an average of 8,000 a day, and so is an opener known among the oystermen as "Deaf George." In a trial of speed in opening 500 oysters John Lahey probably cannot be beaten.

To open oysters rapidly of course requires a great deal of experience in handling them, but there also seems to be a knack about it that every oysterman cannot acquire. Some men, for instance, can only open 4,000 oysters a day and they will not go much above that after years of work in this line.

The twenty-seven men employed by Alex Frazer on the North river will average 5,000 oysters a day, which is a much higher average than is reached by the majority of the crews around New York. These men also can turn out, when required, 150,000 oysters a day in all, which is 15,000 oysters above the average of 5,000 a man. There are very few oyster scows in the market can equal this average from week to week. It must also be considered that on some days work begins at 5 o'clock in the morning and on others at 6 or 8 o'clock.

There was an oyster opening match about a year ago between Mike Foley and Jack Gillon. The match was to decide which man was the quicker at opening 1,000 oysters. Gillon won in 57 minutes, beating his opponent by only seven oysters. Foley has opened 11,200 oysters at one sitting.

Dick Balmer has appeared in sixteen oyster opening matches and lost only two of them. Most of the contests were over the opening of 100 oysters. At one time Balmer opened 100 oysters in 4 minutes and 23 seconds, which is now the best "straight knife" record. Balmer has also opened 1,000 oysters in 53 minutes. The two matches in which he was defeated he lost to John Gillon. The first match was best two out of three records in opening 100 oysters, but owing to a dispute Balmer retired from the contest, leaving the match to Gillon. At the second match Balmer was beaten by eight oysters.

Among the lightning operators on William Foster's scow the most conspicuous undoubtedly is "Black Frank," as Frank Barrett, who is as white a man as any other white man in this country, is dubbed by his associates. Mr. Barrett has spent a good many years in the south, and from his association there in a business way with the darkies he came to be called "Black Frank."—New York News.

### Discarded India Rubber Utilized.

It is a matter of common knowledge that india rubber goods even of the highest quality are perishable. Although not subject to any great wear and tear the time comes when the rubber loses its elasticity and becomes soft and rotten. Hitherto such perished rubber has represented a waste material for which no use could be found, but by a process recently invented the perished rubber can be made, it is said, once more serviceable.

By incorporating the waste rubber with certain hydrocarbons and with a proportion of Trinidad asphalt, by adding to the mixture certain vegetable oils and submitting the product to heat, there is produced a substance to which the name of "blandyte" has been given. It can be made hard and dense or soft and pliable by modifying certain parts of the process, and it seems to be applicable to most of the various purposes for which pure rubber is used.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### The Cutaway Coat.

The cutaway frock coat may be worn at any time during the day, and is really the most useful all around garment in the vocabulary. The man in the black cutaway of dull finish cloth is dressed for any emergency that may arise during the hours of the day. It is suitable for the afternoon tea and for the morning stroll. It has been worn with excellent effect with the top hat at the noon wedding—indeed its efficacy and becomingness is so apparent that many of the more conservative swells have been deterred through their fealty to this garment of semidress from pinning all glances to the more distinguished but trying lines of the long tailed double breasted frock.—Clothier and Furnisher.

The municipality of Vienna has 600 clocks, regulated from four main centers, so that standard time is assured in all parts of the city.

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### LODGE NOTICE.

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### HERBERT SHERWOOD,

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### Dates for Teachers Examinations

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, }  
 AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18, '32. }

The regular Teachers' Examinations will be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday in February, April, June, August, September, and November.

Special examinations may be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of any other month, except July, provided notice is given the State Superintendent at least two weeks before the day the said examination is to begin.

No questions for these special examinations will be sent to any county, except at the request of the county superintendent or county judge.

Most respectfully,

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