

## REVOLUTION IN HIDALGO COUNTY

Civilization Overthrows the Wild Animal  
Kingdom--Pharr Progress Is Proclaimed  
Victor and Declared

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The best looking and most complete town of its size in the Valley. Finest hotel facilities, clean, sanitary, best equipped and most comfortable with finest cuisine in the Valley.

Cool in summer, situated in the

### Center of a Park

Where only days ago the cactus and mesquite grew wild.

Come make your home in this new and up-to-date town; fall in line, we are selling the ground fast.

Come early that you may look well over the ground and select a choice business or residence lot.

Come listen to the music of the hammers, its echo rings throughout the Valley telling the tale of progress.

An elegant bank and office building is fast nearing completion, where a fine hall will always be in readiness for dances, meetings, socials and theatricals.

Where can you find such an ideal location?

A handsome new brick church is nearing completion. A dozen handsome homes are rising in our midst. What can prove the success of a town more than seeing homes rise so fast from where only six months ago the cactus grew and the wild animals roamed at large?

Reservoirs are built and only waiting until the water works are completed to give us clear filtered river water.

There are openings for a first-class Drug and Stationery Store.

A Dry Goods, Boot and Shoe Establishment, High Grade Meat Market and Bakery, Combined Cleaning and Pressing Establishment with Barber Shop.

First-class Dentist also Physician and Surgeon. For further particulars address

PHARR TOWNSHIP COMPANY.

## While In the Valley

DON'T FAIL TO VISIT

# MISSION.

Elevation, 140 feet.

Irrigation, unexcelled.

Drainage, natural.

## WE PROVE IT

To be the most progressive, highly developed, prosperous, thriving proposition in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

A personal investigation will convince you of the greater advantages and opportunities offered.

MISSION LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

MISSION, TEXAS

JOHN J. CONWAY

President & Sole Owner

## FARRELL PROTESTS AGAINST PUBLICITY

PUBLICATION OF COST PRICES  
HURTS BUSINESS.

Says Gary Dinners Had No Influence on Prices But Helped to Maintain Stability. Carnegies Out of Touch With Steel Business.

Washington, Jan. 22.—James J. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, protested today before the Stanley Steel Investigating Committee against the unnecessary publicity of manufacturers' cost of steel products in this country as ruinous to the foreign trade of domestic manufacturers.

Chairman Stanley explained that his efforts to secure the records desired by several means had failed and hence the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum for the books. It is tentatively agreed that the expert accountants of the committee should make an investigation of the books.

Farrell also discussed "gary" dinners. He declared they had no influence in fixing or maintaining prices though he thought they had influence in maintaining the stability of the market. Farrell said he believed there should be publicity in corporations, but it should show profits and losses well as his general conduct of the business.

As to the statement Andrew Carnegie that it is obvious that there is some sort of combination among the steel men Farrell explained that Carnegie had not been actively connected with steel interests for eleven years, and that he was not informed as to conditions.

## SAME SYSTEM ALL THROUGH.

Evidence Shows National Packing Company Used Same System in Use by Other Packers for Figuring Test Cost of Beef.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—That the method of figuring the test cost of beef and the basis of crediting allowances for by-products used by the National Packing Company from 1907 to 1910 was substantially same as the system used by other members of the alleged combination, was demonstrated today in the packers' trial by reading to the jury numerous entries from the books of the corporation.

## NOT SUSPICIOUS OF HITCHCOCK.

If Postmaster General Has Been Guilty of Any Pernicious Anti-Taft Ploy of Any Pernicious Anti-Taft Ployed It.

Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Taft denied today that he placed any credence in the reports that Postmaster General Hitchcock had been politically active to prevent his re-nomination. The president also denied the report that the cabinet members had urged him to oust Hitchcock from his official family because of his alleged anti-Taft activity.

## Wilson At Home.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 22.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, returned tonight after a trip through Michigan. He declined to make any statement concerning the Watterson interview given out last week, in which Watterson said the governor was more of a schoolmaster than a statesman.

## Aviator Killed.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—Rutherford Page, a wealthy young graduate of Yale College who was flying on the first day after receiving his license as an aviator fell 150 feet today and was killed. The engine fell upon him and his body was badly crushed.

## Mitchell Scores Point.

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—John Mitchell secured the passage of a resolution in the convention of United Mine Workers of America today providing for investigation of his charge that the miner's convention in Columbus last year "packed" against him when it demanded his resignation as a paid official of the National Civic Federation. The convention also by a large majority declined to consider a resolution criticizing the delegates to the American Federation of Labor.

## RAILROADS MUST RECEIVE LIQUORS

TO BE CARRIED INTO "DRY"  
TERRITORY.

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision Declaring That Beer and Other Intoxicants Are Recognized As Subjects of Interstate Commerce.

Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 22.—The United States Supreme Court, in a decision handed down today, declared that railroads must carry beer offered for transportation into "dry counties" of another state.

Justice Lurton, who read the opinion, declared that the decisions of the Supreme Court had "undisputably" determined that beer and other intoxicating liquors are recognized as legitimate subjects of interstate commerce; that no state can forbid a common carrier to transport such articles from one state to another, and until such transportation is concluded by delivery to consignee, such commodities do not become subject to the regulations restricting their sale or disposition.

The decision affected particularly shipments from Indiana into Kentucky.

## EXCESSIVE PROFITS ON LAKE REGION ORE

ENORMOUS ADVANTAGES OF 'BIG  
STEEL CORPORATION.

Commissioner of Corporation Makes Interesting Report to President. Sent to House Committee on Ways and Means for Consideration.

Washington, Jan. 22.—According to the preliminary report on the cost of production in the steel industry made by Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, made public last night, unreasonable profits are made on iron ore of the lake region, and excessive earnings flow into the treasury of the United States Steel corporation, from its ore transportation facilities, which suggests the necessity, from the stand point public policy, of segregating the ore of the railroads from the plant corporations. The reports were presented to the President tonight and sent to the house committee of ways and means for consideration in connection with the proposed revision of the steel tariff schedule upon which he democrats will caucus tomorrow.

## Cotton Market.

Associated Press.  
New Orleans, Jan. 22.—Cotton spots closed steady with 1-16 off. Futures closed steady, one point up to two down from last Saturday's close.

## Cattle Market.

Associated Press.  
Kansas City, Jan. 22.—Cattle, steady to 15 cents lower. Export steers \$6.65 to \$8. Hogs 10 cents lower. Heavies \$6.10 to \$6.20. Sheep steady to 25 cents higher.

## Socialists Lack One.

Associated Press.  
Berlin Jan. 22.—The Socialists as the result of today's balloting for members of the Reichstag lacked only one of an even hundred seats. This outcome indicates a remarkable change in the political atmosphere and coupled with 33 victories by the other left parties make the chances of the government's retaining its former majority more than doubtful.

## Case Not Ended.

Associated Press.  
St. Worth, Jan. 22.—The habeas corpus proceedings by which J. B. Sneed the Amarillo banker who shot A. G. Boyce Sr., to death seeks secure, release were not concluded today.

## Butter Cheaper.

Associated Press.  
Elgin, Ill., Jan. 22.—A break in the cold wave and not the increased output of the creameries is declared responsible for the three cents drop today in butter quotations. Butter was quoted a week ago at forty cents.

One of our contemporaries advises scales for the farm, and that San Jose critter is doing its best to supply them.

## FILTER PLANT REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

BY MR. GREER OF THE GREER  
FILTER MANUFACTURERS

Highly Satisfactory Report of Construction of Plant and Instructions Regarding Its Operation—Other Matters of Interest at Council Meeting.

The council met yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock with Mayor Kowalski, Aldermen Thorn, Cane, More, Crisell, Benavides, Scott and Cobolli present.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved the action of the water and light committee in employing E. A. Stobart as superintendent of the water and light plant was approved, and the contract with Mr. Stobart read and approved. The contract was the same as the one under which former Superintendent E. L. Burks was employed. Its most important features are:

The superintendent will be allowed expense money not to exceed \$15 per month and will receive a salary of \$1,800 per year. He shall be required to furnish bond in the amount of \$5,000.

## Want Railroad Spur.

After this action the city clerk read a petition from the owners of the eastern one-half of blocks 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 and 321 of the city, the above mentioned lots abutting on the right of way of the St. L., B. & M. railway company, asking that the railway company be allowed to build a spur track on and along the alley dividing said blocks and across street crossings between the said blocks.

The reasons given by the petitioners was that they were shippers and that the spur track would facilitate the loading and unloading of freight.

Those signing the petition were: Walker Bros.-Hancock Co., The Plasters and Ginners' Company, John Gosner, Louis Kowalski, J. L. Kowalski, J. B. Kowalski, Grant Lumber Company, Pierce Fordyce Oil Association, L. B. Puente, and the Hicks Hardware Company. No definite action was taken on the petition.

James B. Wells informed the council in writing that he had been building to his house, which is situated within the fire limits, and that he had been informed that he was violating the city fire ordinance.

Alderman Cobolli moved that Mr. Wells be referred to the city fire ordinance and informed that the ordinance must be complied with.

Alderman Cain informed the council of a claim made by the Fernatdez Liceaga Company that last year they had been taxed upon \$750 of property and that this year their taxes had been raised to \$1,500, though they had no more goods in stock than formerly. The firm also claimed that they had not been notified to appear before the board of equalization. The clerk upon referring to his records, found mention of the fact that the firm had been notified. The city attorney informed the council that the only recourse for the firm was the courts.

## Fire Department Needs.

The committee appointed by the mayor at the last session of the council to report on the needs of the fire department, submitted a report, which, in effect, advised that the city purchase on credit:

- 1 set of double harness, \$105.
- 1 set of double hangers with pulley and chains, \$20.
- 1 pull down hook hangers with and pole, \$20.
- 1 standard underwriter's play pipe tip, with one and one-eighth inch outlet, \$2.
- 1,000 feet of two and one-half inch red cross hose, \$1,000.
- Total cost to be \$1,147.

The committee further recommended that out of the \$1,000 set aside for the use of the fire department in the last budget, the following purchases be made:

- A good team of horses, \$400.
- A hose reel shed in the First ward to be 10 by 12 feet, \$50.
- A hose reel shed to be 10 by 12 feet, in the Fourth ward, \$50.

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## SAN BENITO, Texas

The GEM CITY of the RICH and FERTILE Lower Rio Grande Valley

19 miles north of Brownsville, situated in the midst of an exceedingly prosperous farming community and conceded to be the most important agricultural shipping point on the Houston-Brownsville line of the "Frisco" Railway system.

THE PRE-EMINENCE of SAN BENITO, as a City, and its surrounding AGRICULTURAL community, as a farming proposition over any other town or section in the LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, has been established beyond any fear of successful refutation.

The MARVELOUS growth and ADVANCEMENT of this 2 1/2 YEAR OLD City and the extensive and wonderful DEVELOPMENT of the farm land tributary to the SAN BENITO IRRIGATION CANAL SYSTEM, are the source of AMAZEMENT and ASTONISHMENT to the VISITOR, easily CONVINCING him that this is the PLACE TO LOCATE if he is desirous of enjoying good health, living in comfort, securing successful results from his efforts and ultimately attaining financial INDEPENDENCE, as his just reward and to which he is entitled.

WE CAN'T BE TOO EMPHATIC IN OUR CLAIMS.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley, and San Benito in particular, has been endowed by Nature with a rich, deep and extremely fertile soil, the productiveness of which is the equal of, if not superior to the soil of any section on earth and a climate unsurpassed for uniformity throughout the entire year by any locality on this Continent.

These conditions, coupled with our excellent, Reliable Irrigation and Railroad Facilities, complete an ideal and perfect combination of advantages at San Benito offered by no other agricultural section in this country.

Inspection and comparison will prove all our statements and claims made in this regard.

The IRRIGATING CANAL SYSTEM at SAN BENITO (Gravity) is the largest in the South and one of the largest and most EFFICIENT in operation anywhere at the present time. The main canal is 57 miles in length, 250 feet in width and carries 20 feet of water at all times. There are 150 miles of lateral canals and 550 miles of lead ditches, giving a capacity SUFFICIENT to SATISFACTORILY WATER the 60,000 ACRES reached by this immense IRRIGATION SYSTEM. In connection with this our DRAINAGE SYSTEM TEM IS PERFECT.

TO MARKET YOUR PRODUCTS SUCCESSFULLY AND IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO YOU AS THE PRODUCTION OF YOUR CROPS. Here is where SAN BENITO has a tremendous ADVANTAGE over any other section. In addition to the "FRISCO" Railway system which traverses this farming section, in one direction, we have the SAN BENITO and RIO GRANDE VALLEY INTERURBAN LINE, now in operation with modern and up-to-date equipment. This line extends out of the city of SAN BENITO in opposite direction and traverses this vast AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY from END to END within convenient distance of every farm. HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE UPON SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT?

WE NOW HAVE OVER 22,000 ACRES UNDER ACTUAL CULTIVATION, EVERY ACRE DEMONSTRATING NOT ONLY THE FERTILITY OF THE SOIL, BUT THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR IRRIGATION AND EFFECTUAL DRAINAGE, AS WELL.

Don't forget that here is where the pre-cooling plant is to be located. There are now only three in operation, two in California and one in Florida. This will make the fourth in the United States. SEEING IS BELIEVING, COME LET US SHOW YOU.

## VALLEY LAND FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR OTHER PROPERTY

NO. 26, DONNA, 59.81 acres splendid first valley land. Soil is a very deep and rich alluvial loam adapted to all crops of this Valley, including cotton, sugar, cane, corn, alfalfa, truck and citrus fruits. 12 acres has been cleared. Has fully paid water rights under Donna canal. About 4 miles from sugar mill and loading spur and 6 miles from Donna. Price \$75.00 per acre with encumbrance of \$2,412.74, a part of which is due. Equity of \$2,973 will be traded for good, well located land or other property or stock of merchandise or automobile, that has cash value of that amount. Owner is away and property in north Texas or northern states preferred.

HALLAM COLONIZATION COMPANY, Brownsville, Tex.

## Unusual Opportunities in Irrigated Farm Lands at

# MERCEDES

One of the largest and finest canal systems in the world.

No land more than five miles from the railroad.

Light, sandy loam. Best for any crop.

The central town and irrigated district of the valley.

Every modern utility of an up-to-date town. Modern farms. Good roads and shipping facilities.

New churches. New schools. Public parks. Public Library. Fireproof hotel and business buildings. Electric Lights, Waterworks, Telephone and many other forms of development under way, both on the farms and in town.

Investigate the advantages of Mercedes for your farm and for your family. Train every morning.