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One of the noblest and most generally beneficial uses that can be made of money is in combatting disease. It appears probable now that almost every disease that afflicts humankind, as well as the lower animals, may be either cured or prevented and finally eradicated by proper treatment or precautionary measures. Scientific experiments have made marvelous progress in the work of aiding suffering humanity by the discovery of means of preventing or relieving various maladies which were thought formerly to be incurable. The gift of \$1,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller to aid in the work of combatting the hookworm disease scores strongly to the credit of that multi-millionaire. If other men who have amassed such stupendous fortunes out of the people's money would act with equal generosity in aid of the anti-disease crusades now being waged all over the world, they might succeed in modifying the effect of the scriptural dictum to the effect that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the portals of heaven.

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It is up to the citizens to make Brownsville what it is entitled to be—the largest and most prosperous city in South Texas.

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**FUNERAL OF SANTOS VALDEZ.**

Longest Cortège Seen in Brownsville in Years.

The largest funeral cortège seen in Brownsville for many years was that which accompanied the mortal remains of Santos Valdez, the late tax collector and assessor for the City of Brownsville for a period of 24 years to the cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by the Catholic church by Rev. Father Bugnard. The procession which followed the remains from the church to the cemetery was about six or seven blocks in length and included at least six or seven hundred people.

At the cemetery the burial services were conducted by the Mexican Knights of Honor assisted by the Unidos Libres Obreros. Mr. Valdez having been a member of both societies for many years.

The honorary pall bearers were: Judge Jas. B. Wells, Judge E. C. Forto, Joseph Webb, C. Garza, Jas. A. Brown and M. Alonzo.

The active pall bearers were A. K. Goodrich, G. Putegnat, J. A. Canales, S. H. Bell, Jr., Jose Celaya, Jr., and V. L. Criswell. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, the grave being literally covered with them. During the funeral services at the church, the bell in the city hall was tolled in honor of the faithful and beloved city official who had crossed the Great Divide.

The death of Mr. Valdez is mourned by a host of friends both Americans and Mexican and in his death the city has suffered the loss of a faithful official.

France uses 650,000 horse-power developed from water; Italy, 494,000; Switzerland, 380,000, and Germany, 300,000.

**FATHER OF GERMAN LITERATURE**

**BIRTHDAY OF HANS SACH, THE SHOEMAKER POET.**

It is claimed for Him That He Founded the School of Tragedy as Well as Comedy—He Wrote Thousands of Poems.

Hans Sach, the shoemaker-poet and "father of German literature," from whom Goethe and many others drew much of their inspiration, was born at Nuremberg 415 years ago today. He lived to the ripe age of eighty-two, dying in the picturesque old city of his birth, which still preserves with jealous care the house of Hans Sach, in the street named for the poet.

It was decided that Hans should follow his father's calling, that of a shoemaker, but he was first carefully educated at the Latin school of the city. He then began to learn his trade.

A trade meant something of importance in those days, when the guilds—or labor organizations—were supreme powers in civil affairs. One of the chief features that counted largely in the connection of learning a trade was what was called the "wanderjahre." A young man must perfect himself in his preparation to announce himself ready for patronage by going to work in many cities, learning methods and customs and broadening himself in thought and experience.

Hans worked at what he called his "craft" in Ratisbon, Passau, Salzburg, Leipzig, Lubee and Osunbrunn. Then he came back to Nuremberg and spent the rest of his days as a shoemaker making literature his pastime and real joy in life.

He married when he was 25 and the first wife having died, he married again in 1561. Both wives bore him children, so he had a large family, but he supported them in the careful well-regulated German home-life that is full of simple and far-reaching influence.

It is claimed for Hans Sach that he founded in Germany the school of tragedy as well as comedy. The great poet, Goethe, repeatedly said that he got the outline of his "Faust" from Sachs and the idea of many of his other works from the same source.

Hans felt the need of preparation for his place in the ranks of the Meistersingers, and he went to Munich for a time to study. He wrote thousands of poems—they say in Nuremberg over 6,000. His imagination was fertile and he had a happy way of expressing his thought. It was an original style, and its flashes of fun gave an added charm to it.

There came a time, some 300 years ago, when German writers abandoned the traditions of the early singers and began to copy the style of foreign writers. Thus it happened that there was a period in which Sachs was almost unread, even in his own city. It was, in truth, Goethe who awakened afresh the interest in this admirable poet. And he is now familiar to all readers who enjoy and appreciate poetic genius and expression.

**SEWERAGE COMPANY.**

Sewer System Project to Crystallize in Regular Form.

Tomorrow night a meeting will be held at the federal court room for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization to be known as the Brownsville Sewerage Company. As Herald readers know, this company will have for its object the construction of a sewerage system for the city of Brownsville. It is proposed to organize with a capital stock of \$20,000, one-half of this amount having already been paid in. The company will elect its officers and board of directors tomorrow night, as well as making all necessary arrangements for incorporating.

**IRISH LAND BILL AMENDMENTS DEFEATED**

By Associated Press.  
London, Nov. 5.—By a vote of 219 to 54, the house of commons today refused to agree to the house of lords' amendments to the Irish land bill.

Another Job for obb Lovett.  
By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 5.—It is announced today that former Judge Lovett was elected to the committee on law and finance of the Illinois Central railroad company, to succeed the late E. H. Harriman at the meeting of the board of directors in this city yesterday.

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