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SPECIALTIES

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PERSONALS

H. G. Stillwell, the San Benito nurseryman, was transacting business in town today.

Customs Inspector Fred Starck is able to be out again after a long siege of pneumonia.

J. B. McAllen and wife started for McAllen ranch this morning for a fifteen day hunting trip.

Miss Adelaide Boyd, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Allen for the past eight months left yesterday morning for her home at Baltimore. She was accompanied to Houston by Mrs. Allen and H. M. L. Hurrellbrink. During her stay here, Miss Boyd has made a number of warm friends, who regret her departure and wish her a speedy return. Mrs. Allen expects to meet at Houston and bring back with her another niece, Miss Miller of Elizabethtown, Ky., who is coming to Brownsville for a stay of indefinite length.

Miss Mamie Clossner, with her cousin, Miss Ella Clossner, returned to Chapin, after a short visit in the city.

To the Point and Back.—Shortly before five yesterday afternoon, Dr. B. O. Works received a phone message from John Simo at Point Isabel asking him to go down to the Point to attend his wife who has been suffering some days with an abscess in one ear. Dr. Works found that the Rio Grande engine that had gone down in the morning had returned to replenish the water supply at the Point and would start back at once. The doctor said goodbye to his wife and friends and took passage. He arrived at the Point at nine, the tired old engine running into the station on five pounds of steam and then dying. Dr. Works attended to Mrs. Simo and then lay around until the other engine that had been phoned for arrived from Brownsville. The return trip was begun a little after one a. m., and concluded at 5.

Christmas Tree Plentiful.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—This year's crop of Christmas trees is abundant and of a good quality, although the price is about the same as last year. The open weather in the northern states and New Brunswick has made it an easy matter to gather stock. At retail the trees are selling for from 40 to 75 cents each, according to size and quality. The evergreens cost the dealer about forty cents a bundle, each bundle containing from one to five trees. Trees retailing at fifty cents are said to cost the dealer only about twelve cents, but this large margin of profit is defied by the inconvenience of handling this sort of merchandise, the large cost of delivery and the great risk. Trees left on hand after Christmas are only so much rubbish, and cannot be given away. New Brunswick supplies a large part of the trees used in New England and the East generally.

Advance Christmas Mails.
New York, Dec. 17.—To insure the delivery of Christmas mails in England, the American liner St. Louis sailed today, instead of Saturday. The ship carried an immense cargo of mail, largely gifts forwarded to Great Britain from this country. The advance in the sailing date will permit the distribution of mails throughout a considerable portion of England by Christmas Day. The sailing of the steamship Philadelphia from New York for Southampton, scheduled for Christmas Day, has been advanced to the 24th. These changes are agreeable to the postal officials.

The sailing of the St. Paul from Southampton for New York, originally set for tomorrow has been advanced to today, so that homecoming Americans may spend the holidays in the United States.

CONVENT ALUMNAE ENTERTAINMENT

MEXICAN SUPPER AL FRESCO, FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM.

In Which Vocal and Instrumental Music and Tableaux of Unusual Merit Delighted the Large Audience in Attendance.

Yesterday afternoon at the Convent of the Incarnate Word a Mexican supper was served to a crowd of appreciative Brownsville people that overtaxed the facilities of the culinary department of the Convent and made away with everything eatable that had been prepared. The sisters were assisted by a large number of the alumnae of the academy in preparing and serving the supper. Tables were placed in the large yard on the Seventh street side of the Convent and there delectable tamales and enchiladas and other creations Mexican were brought, steaming and savory and hunger-compelling to the multitude who had forsaken the usual evening meal in the usual place to enjoy something different.

Some staid householders and heads of families who refuse to be happy at meal time out of sight of their own hearths were seen toward dusk proceeding homeward from the convent grounds bearing huge dishes of comestibles that not even a tight covering could keep from emitting the most pleasing of odors.

In every way the supper was a great success, many more people attending than had been expected.

Following the al fresco feast, a Christmas entertainment was given in the Convent hall. The following program was rendered:

- Program.**
- Overture—Crown of Góla.....
 - Piano, Miss Scanlan; Violin, Mr. Viano.
 - Tableau—"ONR WASHINGTON"
Piano Solo—"La Tempestad".....
 - Ituarte
Miss H. Browne
 - Old Song—"Rock Me to Sleep".....
 - Poses Plastiques, Miss Etta Kowalski; Song, Mr. Roarke
 - Piano Solo—"Venicianischen Gondellied".....
 - Mendelssohn
Miss Rebecca Barragan
 - Waltz Song—"The Gleaners".....
 - Pupils of the Academy
 - Piano Solo—"Le Revell des Sylphes".....
 - Ketterrer
 - Boat Song.....Schubert
 - Ex-Pupils of the Academy
 - Tableau—"Angelus Domini Nuntia-vit Maria"
Misses Barron, Marion Layton, H. Browne
 - Tableau—"Rock of Ages"

The various numbers were well given and thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. The twelve little misses who took part in the chorus entitled "The Gleaners" undoubtedly won the honors of the evening. They sang and acted without a trace of self consciousness, seemingly enjoying the piece just as much as those on the other side of the footlights.

One, the littlest maiden of the twelve was especially good, singing the closing "good night" with just every bit of emotion of which her young soul was capable.

A very effective feature was the "pose's plastiques" in which Miss Etta Kowalski posed most gracefully, while the sweet old lullaby "Rock Me to Sleep" was sung.

The different tableaux were worthy of special mention, all being well posed and effectively staged.

The hall and stage were very prettily decorated with palm leaves and greenery and many hued flowers,

HERALD WANT ADS

For Sale.
FOR SALE—I am the agent (exclusively) for the "Hick's Reserve" land at San Benito. No water tax on this "Reserve" and the water charges are \$4.00 less per acre for truck growing than the regular prices. W. S. Blackshear, Brownsville, Texas. 12-14-7

FOR SALE—A four horse power gasoline engine. Can be seen in operation at The Herald. 12-7-7f

FOR SALE—First class team Missouri mules, wagon and harness, for \$450. Mules thoroughly acclimated. Address or call, Lyford Townsite Company, Lyford, Texas. 12-10-3

FOR SALE—1000 cords of good wood, regular length at \$1.75 per cord, F. O. B. Tincano, Texas, B. Lanata, P. O. Box 309, Brownsville, Texas.

1000 CLUMBER Onion crates. Cheap. Dr. Mount C. Wild, Harlingen, Texas.

SALE—Wooden counter, and cash drawer. Cheap. 12-7-7f

FOR SALE—Three horse power gasoline engine. Cheap. Box 412, care Herald. 12-7-7f

For Rent
FOR RENT—9 room house. Close in. Apply to J. J. Wolff, at Bollack's store. 17-3

FOR RENT—One new furnished room. Close in, for gentleman. W. H., P. O. Box 311. 12-16-6f

7 ROOM HOUSE—Both water and stables. Apply to K. H. McAvitt at the Brownsville Grocery Co. 12-14-6f

FOR RENT—Beautifully furnished rooms in a new house. All modern conveniences. Mrs. R. H. Wallis, Washington street, near fort. 12-11-19f

FOR RENT—Cottage on corner of Jefferson and 15th street. For particulars apply to Mr. V. Egly opposite. 10-28-7f

FOR RENT OR SALE—The Yznaga residence, formerly known as the Riverside Hotel. Nine spacious rooms and bath. Address Yznaga Bros., P. O. Box 154

Miscellaneous.
FOR LEASE—250 acres of land 7 miles north of Brownsville on Alice road. Water and all modern improvements. Will lease all or part. Can give possession on December 1st. Enquire of Geo. Champion, Brownsville, Texas.

LOST—Gentleman's locket on Elizabeth street; has picture of his wife and child. Return to Miller Hotel and receive liberal reward. 12-14-7f

Wanted.
WANTED—Position as bookkeeper or assistant bookkeeper, typewriter operator or warehouse clerk. Speak English and Spanish languages. Good reference. Address S. F. F., Brownsville Daily Herald. 12-8-12f

WANTED—To buy a lot on Elizabeth, Levee or Washington streets, or on side streets, between these streets. State price, size and location, etc. Address P. O. Box 294. 12-16-7f

WANTED—A first class hardware and implement man. Write at once stating salary desired and experience. Must speak Spanish. Address, R. P. Boeye, Donna, Tex.

WANTED—To Borrow on one or two years' time, \$2000, secured by improved irrigated land near Donna. Will pay eight per cent and use most of the money to increase value of security. Address, "Farmer," care "The Herald."

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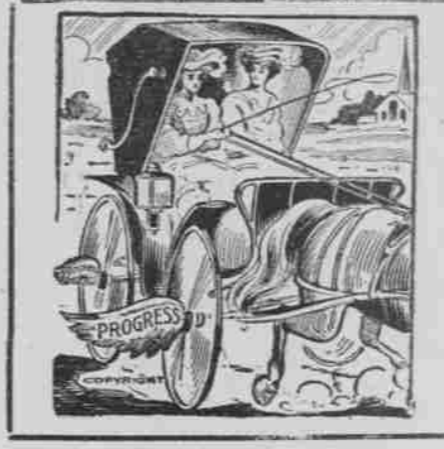
and lighted with electric lights that had been put up for the occasion.

The entire affair was in charge of Mrs. Jas. B. Wells, who was ably assisted by a number of the alumnae of the academy.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the support of the free schools maintained in Brownsville by the sisters of the Incarnate Word.

Teachers Coming.—The city-county teachers' institute will open tomorrow at the public school building, to last five days. There will be over fifty teachers in attendance, including both city and county educators, all of whom are required to go to school for these five days and study the art of teaching.

**CLOSING OUT SALE OF
The Hancock-Lamb Carriage and Wagon Stock
BEGINS 8 A. M. THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1909
Marking the End of High Prices on VEHICLES in South Texas**



We have purchased the entire stock of Carriages, Wagons and Harness of the HANCOCK-LAMB CO., and will shortly open up one of the largest Wholesale and Retail Vehicle Houses in South Texas. This means the immediate closing out of the stock now on hand At a Tremendous Sacrifice

Not a Carriage, not a Wagon, not a piece of Harness must remain when the new stock arrives. Get in on this early There will be something doing every minute

- Buggies, runabout type, strongly built, full wrought gear, heavy steel tires, body 23 in. wide wheels made of selected hickory, at and back upholstered in genuine leather. Regular price \$50.00, closing out price \$37.75
- Top buggies, piano box, stylish design, full wrought gear, selected hickory wheels, 23 in. body, easy riding, end springs, genuine leather back and seat, complete with top. Regular price \$65.00, closing out price \$49.00
- Bike wagons, new design with cut nuder body high arched, long distance axles, Studebaker patent body loops, selected second growth hickory wheels, 1 inch rubber tires, best leather trimmed made by Studebaker Bros. Regular price \$100.00, closing out price \$79.50
- Surreys, three quarter, cut under, long distance gear, Sarven patent wheels, 1 inch rubber tires, panel seats, with solid panel backs, full canopy top, oil lamps and double fenders. This is one of the most stylish surreys made by Studebaker Bros. Regular price \$170.00, closing out price \$135.00
- Village wagons, two seats, Sarven patent wheels, double collar 1 1/2 in. steel axles, drop end gate, very strongly built gear. Body, 6 ft. 6 in. long, 32 in. wide, 7 in. deep. Made by Studebaker Bros. Regular price, \$80.00, closing out price \$64.50
- Carriages and Village wagons are finished in the various standard colors to suit individual taste Columbus Farm wagons, 1 1/2 in. skein, substantial well built gears, made to give satisfaction, double box 7 ft. 6 in. long, 3 ft. 2 in. wide, 14 in. deep Regular price \$52.50, closing out price \$39.50
- Famous Studebaker Farm wagons, known as the best in America, 2 1/2 in. skein, extra strong gears double box 9 ft. 10 in. long, 6 ft. 6 in. wide, 18 in. deep. Regular price, \$75.00, closing out price \$64.75
- Studebaker Farm wagons slightly different from above, 2 1/2 skein, only \$61.50
- \$14.50 single harness complete with collar at \$9.90
- \$21.00 double harness at \$15.75
- \$28.00 double harness at \$19.75
- \$45.00 double harness at \$34.50
- Collars, all leather, well made. Regular price \$1.75, closing out price \$1.10
- 35c sweat pads, quilted at 25c
- 25c Canvas back bands at 18c

About 125 Vehicles and many Sets of Harness to be run out at these prices. Mr. Mercant, Mr. Farmer, get your wife a suitable Christmas present. A STYLISH RUNABOUT or a NICE COVERED CARRIAGE will make her happy. This is the only opportunity you have ever had in Brownsville to buy these lines at such MONEY-SAVING PRICES. Don't express vain regrets if you miss the golden opportunity. Everybody make a run on this store. We won't close the door. REMEMBER THE PLACE. REMEMBER THE DATE.

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And lasting all the week

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- For TUESDAY, Special Sale Suitable Gifts for PAPA
- For WEDNESDAY, Special Sale Suitable Gifts for SISTER
- For THURSDAY, Special Sale Suitable Gifts for BROTHER
- For FRIDAY, Special Sale Suitable Gifts for AUNT or UNCLE
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