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## THE SAN JUAN PLANTATION

Incorporated by the State on the  
29th Day of June.

The Charter is Broad and Permits the  
Company to Grow Sugar Cane,  
Sell and Refine, and Make  
By-Products.

The San Juan Plantation situated  
about 6 miles down the Rio  
Grande from Hidalgo, has been in-  
corporated under and by virtue of  
the Laws of the State of Texas and  
will be hereafter known as the  
"San Juan Sugar Plantation" of  
Hidalgo County, Texas.

On the 29th day of June 1907,  
the application for the incorporation  
of said concern was granted by the  
Secretary of State and its Charter  
issued. The incorporators are the  
following well known and sub-  
stantial citizens of Hidalgo and  
Cameron Counties, to-wit:

- John Closser of Hidalgo, Tex.
- D. B. Ghapin of Hidalgo, Tex.
- R. L. Savage of Hidalgo, Tex.
- E. H. Goodrich of Brownsville,  
Tex.
- William Kelly of Brownsville,  
Tex.

The capital of this Company is  
\$500,000, divided into 5000 shares  
of the par value of \$100 each. The  
purpose of the Corporation is the  
growing and selling of sugar cane  
with the right to make and refine  
sugar, molasses and all by-products  
of sugar cane and to sell the same.

The assets of said incorporated  
Company consists of a sugar mill  
which cost \$100,000; a pumping  
plant sufficient to irrigate several  
thousand acres of land, and 6200  
acres of the richest and most fertile  
land in the world.

To Mr. John Closser of this  
county, the credit is due for the  
successful launching of this great  
enterprise. He is deservedly re-  
cognized as the pioneer sugar cane  
grower of Hidalgo County and the  
lower Rio Grande valley. In the  
year 1895 he began raising sugar  
cane on the San Juan Plantation  
of which he was proprietor and  
the results being so successful and  
the superiority of the sugar cane  
so evident that year by year he  
continued to increase his acreage  
in sugar cane, and so abundant  
and plentiful were his crops that  
he found it advisable and necessary  
to erect a modern sugar mill in  
order to utilize the sugar cane  
growing on his plantation. This  
he did in August 1901 and the  
continued success of the sugar cane  
industry continued to increase year  
by year. Last year (1906) the  
sugar mill on the San Juan Planta-  
tion made 549,000 pounds of sug-  
ar, from the sugar cane grown on  
400 acres of its land.

The continued growth of the sug-  
ar industry in the Rio Grande  
valley has necessitated the incor-  
poration of the San Juan Planta-  
tion with a capital of \$500,000, in  
order to meet the growing demand.  
It is the purpose of the incor-  
porators to make extensive im-  
provements in the way of adding  
considerably to the capacity of the  
sugar mill and to increase to a  
large extent the acreage planted in  
sugar cane.

It is the beginning of a big and  
growing industry made necessary  
by the fact that its domicile is in  
the "Sugar Bowl of the World."

### Body Found.

What is supposed to be the body  
of Benito Esparza, the Mexican  
drowned early on the morning of  
St. John's Day about 12 miles above  
Brownsville, was found Sunday  
about three miles below the spot  
where the unfortunate man fell  
into the river. The body was in a  
horrible condition and it cannot be  
said with any certainty that it is  
Esparza. What remained of the  
man was interred as soon as pos-  
sible.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Continuation of the List Published  
Saturday

British City Last Year Turned Over  
from Its Street Car System \$17,-  
500 to be Applied for the  
Relief of Taxation.

Continued the list published in  
the HERALD Saturday of some of  
the successes and also failures of  
utilities owned by municipalities  
in great Britain, it is but fair to  
state that the list contains only a  
very small portion of the cities  
owing and successfully operating  
waterworks and other utilities suc-  
cessfully.

Liverpool conducts a municipal  
humanized sterilized milk enter-  
prise. Hull installed a municipal  
telephone exchange and reduced  
the rates for an unlimited service  
from \$50 a year, the price charged  
by the trust, to \$37 50 a year.  
Ramsgate has built a municipal  
amusement pavilion and theater.  
Reading has bought its cattle  
market and its street car system.  
Portsmouth has municipalized its  
street railroads, electric light, tele-  
phones and docks. Its street car  
system turned over \$17,500 to the  
relief of taxation in 1906. Leices-  
ter owns its gas, water, electric  
light, street railroads and whole-  
sale and retail markets. Sheffield,  
besides enormous and profitable  
investments in all usual lines of  
municipal trading, has gone heavily  
into house building. Matlock Bath  
operates municipal pleasure boats,  
amusements, amusement program-  
mes, as well as gas works. Nor-  
wich has a municipal dairy farm,  
sells milk and poultry and makes  
money therefrom. Nottingham  
makes \$240,000 a year from vari-  
ous municipal enterprises, includ-  
ing gas, electric and steam rail-  
roads. The town of Bangor oper-  
ates a hotel as well as many other  
things.

Derby has made a great success  
of its street car system, formerly  
operated by a private company.  
The service is vastly improved and  
makes money for the taxpayers.  
It is said to be one of the most pop-  
ular systems in England. Derby  
also bought up its electric light  
works and at first lost on the ven-  
ture. When the system had been  
largely remade, a profit resulted  
and has regularly continued.  
When Aldershot took over its  
electricity supply, the first two years  
showed losses, and the venture  
was looked upon as a failure, but  
the next year showed a profit, which  
has been increased every year  
since.

Most of these towns make elec-  
tricity for manufacturing and  
motor purposes as well as for  
lighting.

Bournemouth has from the be-  
ginning made money from its steel  
railroads. Crewe is the site of the  
great shops of the London and  
Northwestern railroad. For years  
the railroad dominated the place,  
supplying all the water and gas.  
Lately the town broke away suffi-  
ciently to install municipal electric  
works and discarded the gas lamps  
in the public streets. It now saves  
money on lighting and makes \$4,-  
000 a year on the electricity it sells  
to private consumers. Southport  
lost money for several years on its  
municipal street railroad. In 1906  
the account was even, and this  
year the system will begin to pay.  
Dover greatly extended the street  
railroad system after acquiring it  
and for that reason lost money for  
several years, though not much,  
the total on the wrong side amount-  
ing to \$4,000. But it is now be-  
ginning to reap the benefits of the  
broadened policy that private com-  
panies will not adopt. The lines  
are now making money and will  
probably continue to make more

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In the Brownsville District and near Railroad.

money hereafter. Southend-on-Sea  
built its own street car system five  
years ago, and at the end of 1905  
the enterprise seemed to be such a  
hopeless loser that a resolution was  
offered that the system be leased  
to a private company. It came very  
near carrying. All the time the  
business was increasing, and for  
the year 1906 a small net profit  
was shown. Now the thing is well  
on its feet and prospering, and  
probably nobody in Southend  
would care to surrender it to pri-  
vate control.

As a rule, then, the new idea  
has paid well in money returns,  
and in every case so far reported  
it has been profitable also in an-  
other way, for there has been sub-  
stituted for grab and greed and  
gain a decent consideration of the  
welfare of the community. Instead  
of the niggardly and paring policy  
of the private company there have  
been introduced better services,  
better precautions for safety, bet-  
ter equipment, new devices and  
inventions and better paid em-  
ployees.

There has been far less friction,  
far less annoyance,  
Strap hanging, crowding, poor  
and filthy cars, rough tracks, flat  
wheels, are unknown in these  
places.

No dweller in an American city  
needs to be told how different are  
the conditions that with astound-  
ing patience we tolerate in our  
country.

### River Booming.

Early this morning the Rio  
Grande began to rise rapidly and  
before noon it had reached a point  
within six inches of the high mark  
made Saturday. Very little drift-  
wood has come down so far which  
would indicate that the water is  
from the San Juan river, its banks  
having been scoured of everything  
loose Friday and Saturday of last  
week. The large amount of rain  
that has fallen within the past  
week makes conditions favorable  
for overflow here.

Visiting Cards—HERALD Printery.

### City Council Meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of  
the City Council was called to or-  
der last night by Mayor Combe,  
this being his first appearance since  
he was summoned to Washington  
to testify before the Senate Com-  
mittee on Military Affairs in regard  
to the Brownsville raid. Very lit-  
tle business was transacted beyond  
the approval of bills, and the de-  
termination of the council to have  
the market repaired by Contractor  
Hanson as soon as possible. L. M.  
Levinson appeared before the board  
to explain that owing to a misun-  
derstanding he failed to deposit the  
\$5000, a deposit required to show  
good faith when he recently ap-  
plied for a franchise to erect water-  
works. T. R. Batts, Jr., the en-  
gineer sent down here to make the  
survey in order that plans may be  
drawn for the erection of water-  
works and an electric lighting plant  
was introduced to the aldermen by  
the mayor.

As the call for election sent to  
the attorney general for approval  
had not been received, the council  
adjourned subject to call of the  
mayor.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the  
annual meeting of the Board of  
Directors and the Stockholders of  
the Rio Grande Railroad Company  
will be held at the office of the  
Company in the town of Brown-  
sville, Texas, on Thursday the 11th  
day of July, A. D., 1907, at the  
hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the  
election of officers for the ensuing  
year and the transaction of such  
business as may come before the  
meeting.

Signed,  
JEFF N. MILLER, President.  
W. I. CHURCH, Secretary.

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