

PERSONALS.

R. Joseph of Laredo arrived last night.
 Dr. D. B. McGee of Mercedes is in the city today.
 Mrs. Fletcher came down last evening from Run.
 H. K. Gotcher, a traveling agent from Dallas, is in town today.
 H. G. Stilwell, the nurseryman of San Benito, is in town today.
 Agent G. T. Porter returned last night from a visit to Santa Maria.
 J. J. Hackney of Harlingen is in town today, attending to business.
 C. M. Banks of Louisville, Ky., is among the visitors in Brownsville at present.
 Geo. McGonigle leaves tomorrow for Galveston, to be away several days on business.
 Miss Irwin of Point Isabel arrived last evening and will attend the Leap Year dance tonight.

WESTERN DOGS WON THE HIGHEST HONORS.

International Field Trials May Come to San Antonio Next Time.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 17.—“Western bred dogs,” declares Curtis Wright of Carthage, Missouri, a retired capitalist and ardent sportsman, recently judge of the Lone Star Field Club's meet held near this city, “have won highest honors in all of the meets this winter, and this has turned the eyes of the East towards our dogs. The result will be no doubt that the next International field trials meet will be held west of the Mississippi, and no better place could be found for it than near San Antonio where there is abundance of birds, a fine open country and bracing sunny winter weather not too cold to be out of doors.”
 Plans are on foot among local capitalists to make this city the mecca of dog fanciers, by the organization of a stock company and the purchase of a big ranch as a quail preserve. Nearly every State has a field trial club and the interstate meet is an event of national interest and importance. Efforts will be made to unite the Western sportsmen and breeders to secure this meet for the West or Southwest and San Antonio will be a lively competitor for the honor.

Editor Called it Blank.

The poet's lip curled scornfully. “But this isn't blank verse,” he explained. “Blank verse has no rhyme in it, whereas here rhyme is rife. ‘Mirky—turkey,’ ‘pumpkin—bumpkin,’ ‘frolic—colic’—don't you see?”
 The editor, however, still insisted upon declining the manuscript. “I called it blank verse,” he said, “to spare your feelings. It was a much stronger word, really, that I had in mind.”—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Land Transfers.

The reporter for THE HERALD was able to find only two transfers of realty that had been filed with County Clerk Webb for record during the past week. These were as follows:
 Adam M. Davidson to John Bruner of Dupuy, Ill., Lot 14, Block 2, Raymondville, for \$30.
 The same to the same, Farm Lot 3 in Block 1, containing 29.7 acres, near Raymondville, for \$668.25.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Report up to 8 a. m., and Forecast for Next 24 Hours.

Following are the observations taken at the South Texas Garden for the 24 hours ending at eight o'clock a. m. on the day named:
 TEMPERATURE.
 Maximum, 52; minimum, 39.
 FORECAST.
 Tonight, fair and warmer.
 Saturday, partly cloudy, warmer.
 Light easterly winds.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION

Move Organized for Campaign in Texas.

Already 154 Local Option Counties in the State—Issue Is a Live One and Likely to Cause a Bitter Contest.

Special to THE HERALD.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 17.—State-wide prohibition for Texas is the slogan of an organized movement in the Northern and Eastern sections of the State that is determined to force this issue upon the people of the state at the earliest possible moment. Already one hundred and fifty-four counties of this State are dry under the existing local option law, and but seventy remain wet. The prohibition movement is carefully organized and is prosecuted with vigor. It is said, in case the Governor calls a special session of the Legislature to enact a law guaranteeing bank deposits in State banks, that the prohibition fight will be forced upon the Legislature. West and Southwest Texas is strongly anti-prohibition, being largely German in its population. In this section are the big breweries of the State, who are of course opposed to prohibition. No whiskey is made in Texas, but there is great hostility between the brewers and the representatives of out-of-state distillers. These latter, the brewers charge, are aiding the cause of prohibition secretly, because whiskey is always sold surreptitiously in prohibition communities, but never beer. The issue is a live one and is likely to be bitterly contested in Texas in the next eighteen months.

WHAT AN INCH OF RAIN MEANS.

Seventy-Eight Tons of Water Falls on an Acre in Area.

Commenting on the abundance of rainfall along the Texas coast this year, which is coveted by the farmers in other parts of Texas, Dr. E. Bunnemeyer, director of the Galveston section of the weather bureau, explains the significance of an inch of rain, as follows: “Few persons realize,” he said, “that an inch of rain means seventy-eight tons of water to the acre, or 19,540 gallons. This sounds unreasonable when you know that a single downpour might mean three or four inches. The annual rainfall of more than forty inches for Galveston being nearly 80,000 gallons to the acre, means a great deal of water, but people should know that a great deal of water is necessary to any kind of soil, for it is the rain water that goes up into the plants and makes the leaves grow and the flowers bloom. For lack of rain in many parts of the country the rivers are being tapped, and many of these rivers, fed only by the rains, are apparently gradually growing smaller. Along the coast of Texas, however, there is plenty of rain.”

“I have been asked a great many times how the fall of rain can be accurately registered. We have a rain gauge on top of the weather building, which is a cylindrical vessel twelve inches in diameter, with a funnel arrangement at the top. The water runs into a tiny cup that holds a hundredth part of an inch, and when this is full it tips over, touching a wire that is connected with our office. Beneath the vessel in which the rain is caught there is another cylindrical receptacle, an inch in diameter, holding ten inches of water, and this instrument shows to the smallest part of an inch how much rain fell.”

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