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CHRISTMAS, 1902.

This is the eve of the honored Christian festival of Christmas, the time when all that have should give to them that have not, when joy should be universal, when peace and good will should reign on earth. This is the time, if ever, that all should open their hearts, and remember their friends and dependents, and especially the poor. The past year has, in some ways, been a hard one for Brownsville, and yet it has witnessed the foundation of certain prosperity for the people of this town and section for the near future. So that, though many may feel not quite so prosperous just at present as they would like, yet the bright hopes which all feel for the coming year are cheering indeed, and must add much to the happiness of this joyful season. THE HERALD joins in these hopes, and feels glad to see the old town on the eve of better things. It also wishes for its many patrons and friends a merry Christmas, and hopes that one and all may be generously remembered by the jolly old Christmas saint tonight. May their tables be laden tomorrow with all good things, and may the poor of Brownsville be kindly remembered also. It is sincerely hoped that no stocking that is hung tonight in trusting expectancy of old Santa's visit may be found empty tomorrow morning.

UNCLE SAM is called upon to settle the South American stew.

In response to President Roosevelt's request that their difficulty with Venezuela be submitted to arbitration, the allies have asked him to assume the role of arbitration. This is a high compliment to the American executive. Should Mr. Roosevelt accept the task, he will perform it conscientiously, yet he apparently realizes that it is a very delicate task to perform entirely unassisted.

Boring for oil in Northwestern Tamaulipas will begin very shortly. It is to be hoped that success may reward the enterprise. It is time for good luck to come to our neighbors of this corner of Mexico. There is probably no part of that republic that surpasses this section bordering the Gulf and the Rio Grande in natural resources, yet, for lack of capital to develop its resources, it has lagged behind the more favored portions of Mexico. But, with prospects of the early completion of the National railroad from Monterey to Matamoros, and the possible development of a rich oil strike, the future looks very promising for our neighbors just now.

RAILROAD building in Texas is rushing again. Every paper you read has something about a new road being constructed, or a railroad extension or some railroad project. This reminds us that Col. W. Lott, the well known railroad builder, is in Corpus Christi to-day, after an extended absence in the north. The railroad extending from Corpus Christi to the City of Mexico was started by him, backed by the late Captains King and Kennedy; also the Aransas Pass, the latter road backed by Captain Kennedy. The roads are worth a great deal to Southwest Texas and our people have much to thank Mr. Lott for. His presence here again means

something. He is likely figuring on interesting capital in the building of another railroad somewhere in this section.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Well, of course he is. Hasn't the Caller heard that Col. Lott is going to carry out his earliest intentions, and build a railroad to Brownsville?

PRAISES BROWNSVILLE.

M. G. Mayes Predicts Bright Future for Rio Grande Valley.

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 19.—Mr. M. G. Mayes of Fort Bend county passed through here yesterday en route to Bay City from a prospecting trip to Brownsville. He returns with most favorable impressions of that section. The irrigation proposition is, in his opinion, the finest to be found anywhere, not only for rice, but for all other crops. He had with him several specimens of the rice grown there this season, which is superior to any grown elsewhere. Only 1500 acres were planted this year, but over 7000 acres will be put in next year. He had with him a specimen of the lemon par lerosa, or American Wonder, weighing one pound and nine ounces. The tree from which it was picked was seven years old and contained about three hundred lemons just as large. He also saw sugar cane measuring fourteen feet. He states that land values have increased very rapidly, especially that which has been put under irrigation. A party who bought a large tract last year for \$1.50 an acre and improved it by installing an irrigation plant has recently refused \$20 an acre for 300 acres. He believes that Brownsville will have railroad connection inside of two years and that a road paralleling the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Laredo would pay well. Mr. Mayes had 700 acres in rice near Bay City this year. He planted early and harvested his crop before the rains set in. He sold his crop for \$19,000. He will locate at Brownsville next year and plant rice again.

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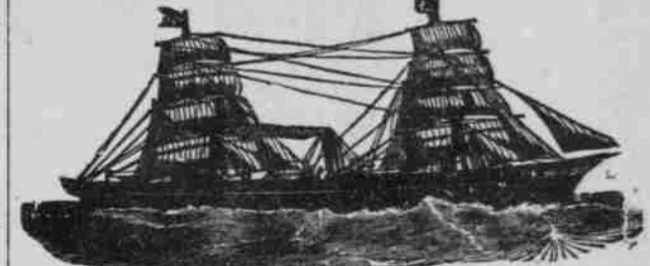
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