

## P H A R R

HERE WHERE PROGRESS MEANS GO,  
HERE IN THE RICHEST VALLEY ON EARTH,  
HERE WHERE PRICES SUIT THE BUYERS,  
HERE WHERE WE ALL WANT YOU TO COME.

PLACE TO LIVE THAT IS UNEXCELLED.  
PLACE TO DO BUSINESS UNEQUALLED.  
PLACE OF OPPORTUNITIES UNSURPASSED.  
PLACE WHERE THINGS MOVE UNPARALLELED.

IO GRANDE RIVER SUPPLIES OUR WATER.  
IO GRANDE RIVER HAS MADE OUR SOIL,  
IO GRANDE VALLEY THE PLACE TO LIVE,  
IO GRANDE CAPITOL THE PLACE TO COME.

EMEMBER THE BEST TOWN IN THE VALLEY.  
EMEMBER WHERE WE ARE LOCATED.  
EMEMBER HIDALGO, COUNTY, TEXAS.  
EMEMBER FOR 30 DAYS LOTS WILL BE CHEAP.

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FORGET YOUR TROUBLES AND COME.  
FORGET YOU HAVE EVER DOUBTED.  
KNOCK AT THE DOOR AND IT WILL OPEN.  
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND US.

BUY WHAT WE OFFER YOU AND YOU  
WILL ALWAYS BE GLAD.  
BUY A HOME AND YOUR WIFE WILL  
THINK MORE OF YOU.

COME AND CONSULT WITH US AND YOU  
WILL ENJOY YOUR TRIP.  
COME AND LOOK FOR YOURSELF AND  
YOU WILL BE CONVINCED.

ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND WE  
WILL SHOW YOU WE HAVE IT.  
ASK FOR THE TERMS YOU WISH AND  
WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.

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## While In the Valley

DON'T FAIL TO VISIT

## MISSION.

Elevation, 140 feet.  
Irrigation, unexcelled.  
Drainage, natural.

## WE PROVE IT

To be the most progressive, highly developed, prosperous, thriving proposition in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

A personal investigation will convince you of the greater advantages and opportunities offered.

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EXPERIMENT WORK  
SEEMS ASSURED

ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ASKED MAY BE INCREASED.

Sugar Growers Hope to Get \$15,000 for Experiment Station — Texas Senators May Amend Appropriation Bill to Cover Amount.

While the sugar cane growers of the valley will welcome a congressional appropriation of \$5,000, for sugar experimentation here under the direction of the government, many of them are beginning to feel that the amount originally asked for is decidedly too small to make the work complete and satisfactory. It is felt that the salary of a thoroughly qualified man, an expert in the sugar industry, will hardly be covered by the sum of \$5,000. At least when the salary is paid there will be little left for other purposes. Some of the growers have written to Congressman Garner frankly stating the case to him. His answer, given below in a letter to R. C. Wharton, secretary of the Rio Grande Cane Growers' Association, will be read with much interest. He evidently believes it will be possible to secure the funds needed, on the lines he indicates.

Washington, D. C.  
March 7th, 1912.

Mr. R. C. Wharton,  
Sec. Rio Grande Cane Growers' Association,  
Brownsville, Texas.

My Dear Sir:

I have delayed answering your letter requesting me to try and secure an appropriation of \$15,000 for sugar demonstration work in the Rio Grande Valley for the reason that when your letter was received the agricultural bill had been reported by the committee, and was pending in the House, and I hoped to secure an amendment providing for this work.

I interviewed Dr. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and he told me that \$5,000 would be all the money he would need to conduct this work. He being the officer who would have control of this demonstration and experimental work, I was, of course, governed by his estimate.

Under separate cover I am now sending you the Congressional Record of Saturday, March 2nd, and call your attention to pages 2878 and 2879; also Congressional Record of Tuesday, March 5th, and refer you to pages 2950-51-52, and 2959-60-61-62, which will explain the situation.

If you and your people had called my attention to this matter earlier I would have had little or no difficulty in securing the appropriation from the Committee on Agriculture, but after a bill is reported to the House, the committee deems it its duty to see that it is not amended if they can prevent it.

If your association can get Senator Culberson or Senator Bailey to present this amendment to the Senate appropriation committee and have it put on as an amendment to the House bill there will be no trouble about its becoming a law, as I have the promise of the conferees on the part of the House that they will agree to it if it is put on by the senate. I have marked on page 2859 the amendment that should be put on in the senate.

I suggest that you and all in the Valley interested in this matter write immediately to both Senator Culberson and Senator Bailey urging them to offer this amendment to the Agricultural bill, and secure its adoption by the senate.

As stated above, I will use my influence to see that the House conferees agree to the senate amendment.

I am sorry that I did not succeed in putting this on in the House, but as stated hereinbefore, your request did not come in time for me to submit it to the committee, and it is quite difficult to amend it in the House, especially when it is an amendment in which only one district is interested, and in which extraneous matters, such as the sugar tariff, etc., are brought into the discussion.

I also suggest that you make an earnest effort to get the A. & M. College, through its agricultural bureau to join the U. S. Government in making these demonstrations. Money has been appropriated by the legislature that can be used for this purpose, and there is no reason why your people could not bring sufficient pressure to bear to have this

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TAFT WILL CONSULT  
TEXAS DELEGATION

ON CONDITIONS ALONG TEXAS-MEXICAN BORDER.

President Anxious to Have Texans Cooperate With Government in Securing Neutrality — Will Issue Proclamation Giving Intentions.

Associated Press.

Washington, March 12—President Taft will have a conference tomorrow upon the situation in Mexico with Secretary Stimson, Senator Culberson and the Texas congressional delegation.

It is understood that the president and the secretary wish to impress upon the Texas authorities that the neutrality laws must be strictly enforced and that no aid to the Mexican insurgents must be given from Texas.

It is intimated today that after the conference the president might issue a statement defining the attitude of the United States toward Mexico. It is understood that such a statement would contain assurances that the United States now has no intention of intervening. The president told callers today that he would not consider intervention unless Congress authorizes him to take such steps.

Ambassador Wilson of Mexico City, reported today that the recent proclamation of President Taft is now apparently understood in Mexico and is having a beneficial effect.

In the western part of Mexico, however, Wilson says, many Americans are so destitute they need help to get out of Mexico.

Consular reports today indicated that Jacotlan in Jalisco has revolted, that Tapachula in Chiapas is isolated, that the Yuchitecos Indians have been checked, and that the Talpico district is quiet.

MORNING BLAZE  
DESTROYS RESTAURANT.

Fire Breaks Out on Browne Property Across Street From City Hall. Origin of Blaze Unknown.

This morning at one o'clock the frame building occupied by the Angel Gutierrez coffee house, situated just back of the city hall, caught fire and was burned to the ground. The officers on duty at the city hall seemed to have difficulty in connecting with the city plant and it was about twenty minutes after the alarm had been turned in before the water could be raised to sufficient pressure to cope with the fire. When the volunteer fighters were able to get the water it was too late to save the building and the force devoted its energies to saving the Brownsville Drug company building and the city hall.

At the time of going to press the details at hand are very meagre as it was impossible to find the owners of the buildings or the proprietors of the restaurant at the scene of the disaster. The building which was destroyed was the property of the Browne estate.

The Brownsville Drug company's building, which abuts on the burned house, had a narrow escape. The window casing were blazing at one time, but thanks to the able handling of the situation by the firemen no serious damage was done.

PROJECTING SIDEWALKS  
MUST BE CHANGED.

The Herald has been authorized by Chairman Louis Cobolini of the street and bridge committee to state that all sidewalk curbs that project upon the streets and other obstructions, such as awnings on the streets that are to be paved, must be either removed or reconstructed so as to be in line, without loss of time. The city attorney, the mayor and the street and bridge committee have personally informed owners of property abutting upon these streets, whose walks and awnings will have to be changed. It is important that the work be done at once. Mr. Cobolini states, as the paying contractors are ready to begin work and we must be ready also. Any loss of time on account of delays on our part will cost the city money as demurrage.

Several sidewalks have been found out of line, some being only a few inches and some taking as much as two feet off the street. Those not over three or four inches will not be disturbed, but those taking more of the street must be removed at once.

BRIEFS FILED  
IN MERGER CASES

APPEAL FROM DECISION IN EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

Government Criticises Lower Court for Decision that Railroads Can Not be Competing Lines When One Road Must Use Track of Other.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 12—The government has filed a comprehensive brief in the supreme court today of the oral arguments to be made shortly after April 1st, in the suit seeking to dissolve the merger of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads.

In the brief, the Circuit Court of Appeals of the eighth district, which dismissed the petition for the dissolution of the merger, is severely criticised.

The decision is attacked because the court held that the Union Pacific could not be a competitor of the Southern Pacific by reason of the fact that its traffic is moved to California points over the Southern Pacific from Ogden, Utah.

The government held the trial wrong in holding that two railroads could not be competitors, unless competitive business could be handled by them wholly over their own rails. The government attorneys contend that the "rule of reason" applied by the supreme court in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases was not to be applied in passing upon this merger.

FRUIT GROWERS  
MEETING ADJOURNED

VALLEY HORTICULTURAL MEETINGS CLOSE YESTERDAY.

Last Session Transacts Important Business—Will Urge Government to Give More Liberal Support to Plant Experiments.

One of the most successful gatherings of its kind ever held in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, came to a close yesterday morning, when the Rio Grande Valley Horticultural Association adjourned. From the first session to the last the meetings were not only practical but also full of interest to all who attended them.

The final sessions was called to order by President Pomeroy at eight o'clock a. m.

The resolution committee reported through its chairman, Mr. Sprague of San Benito, that it had drawn up resolutions, thanking the S. L. B. & M. Ry. Co., for its kindness in lowering the rates to the meeting; the Brownsville business men for the entertainment of the association, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce for the use of its room for the purpose of holding the convention, State Agricultural Commissioner Ed R. Cone for his interest in the horticultural enterprises and the state agriculture department for grape cuttings which had been furnished to the members of the association, and the National Drainage Congress for its campaign for national river regulations.

Besides the foregoing, one of the most important resolutions drawn up by the committee was one asking the government to widen the scope and increase the activities of the plant introduction garden at Brownsville, so that the rapidly increasing agricultural interests of the Rio Grande Valley may have the benefits of its counsel and experience. The resolution further asked the state agricultural department to cooperate with the government to the end that the present urgent problems may receive the attention which they should have.

After the resolutions had been read and endorsed the meeting was turned over to informal discussions of various activities of interest to the growers.

W. B. Newhall, of Raymondville, first talked upon the advantage of farming with dynamite. Mr. Newhall gave a graphic and interesting talk, showing how the use of dynamite gave the tree or seed the advantage of the subsoil which under the old way of plowing was denied them.

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## Democrats Still Fight Pitney.

Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., March 12—The nomination of Mahlon W. Pitney, of New Jersey, to be associate justice of the supreme court was fought for an hour and a half in an executive session of the senate today and was finally deferred until tomorrow. The regular republicans are solid for confirmation but the democratic opposition is increasing. Senator Culberson of Texas is one of the leaders in opposition to the appointment of Pitney.

## Militia Lack Discipline.

Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., March 12—Secretary Stimson today urged the house committee on military affairs to recommend legislation to increase the efficiency of the National Guard. He pointed out that in the event of war the country will have to rely to a great extent on the militia. His criticism of the present militia was that it lacked discipline, organization, and the men had an insufficient knowledge of military tactics.