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SPECIAL MID-SUMMER

CLEARANCE SALE!

At McDonald's Department Store
Beginning July 1, Continues 30 Days

Shirt Department.

All our men's \$1.25 shirts in the house in this sale, go at 95c
All the 50c shirts go at 38c
One lot men's Pongee shirts, value \$1.50, special price \$1.09
One lot men's shirt waists, value \$1.50 each, special clean-up price 80c

Clothing.

All our men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 pants in the house, your choice for 30 days at, per pair \$4.00
One lot men's all wool pants, worth \$2.50 a pair, for 30 days only, per pair \$1.50
12 dozen pairs men's pants, value \$1.50 and \$1.50 a pair, special price for 30 days, \$1.25
About 25 men's odd suits, broken sizes, regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 value, special clean-up price, per suit \$7.50
Men's "President" suspenders, sold everywhere at 50c, special price for 30 days 38c

Shoe Department.

One lot ladies' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Oxfords, our special price to clean up the lot \$1.95
One lot men's \$4.50 shoes, broken sizes, our special price, a pair \$2.95
One lot men's patent leather pumps and dog-eared oxfords, regular price \$1.50, special price to clean up the lot \$1.25
50 pairs old ladies' broad toe, lace shoes, regular \$1.00 value, special clean-up price 62 1/2c

Staple Dry Goods.

Lonsdale 36 inch bleached domestic, 10c value, in this sale at, a yard 7 1/2c
10-4 bleached Pepperell sheeting, special price for 30 days only 22 1/2c
10-4 unbleached Pepperell sheeting, special price for July 20c
36 inch Indian Head bleached domestic, suitable for drawn work and ladies' white dresses

special price for July, a yard 12 1/2c
36 inch bleached domestic, free from starch, price 7 1/2c, special price 10 yards for 30c
36 inch fine brown Sea Island domestic, value 7 1/2c, special price 6 1/2c
Men's bleached Laid thread shirts and drawers regular 65c value, go in this sale at 37 1/2c
Genuine Scrivens' elastic seam drawers, sold everywhere at 75c, our special price this sale 50c

Ribbons.

All silk watered taffeta ribbons Nos. 22 to 30, worth 15c, 20c and 25c yard, go in this sale 12 1/2c
One lot No. 30 all silk plain taffeta ribbon, worth 25c yard, goes in this sale at 12 1/2c

Hat Department.

All straw hats in the house 1/2 off regular price
SPECIAL—About 5 dozen men's hats, assorted kinds, worth \$1.00 to \$2.00 each, our special price to clean up the lot, each 50c
One lot John B. Stetson Big 4 hat, XXX beaver, extra fine, regular \$10.00 hat, special for July only, at \$7.50

Hardware.

A few specials in our hardware department.
26 inch Disston saws, worth \$1.75, our special for July, each \$1.37 1/2
A good 8 inch hack saw for metals, each 25c
12 inch mill saw files, value 25c, special price 15c
One lot large table lamps, regular price \$1.75, special price for July, each \$1.25

Gasoline Stoves.

All our \$3.50 gasoline stoves go in this sale at \$2.50
All our 3-burner gasoline, worth \$6.50 each, go at \$4.50
All our 4-burner gasoline stoves, worth \$9.00, go at \$6.50
All our \$12.50 and \$13.00 gasoline stoves go at \$9.50

A VISITOR'S OPINION

Of the Famous Rio Grande Country is Glowing.

Well Known Traveling Man For Chicago Commission House Tells What He Thinks of This Section.

The following letter from A. H. Stevens, who has traveled extensively, may be of interest to HERALD readers, as portraying some of the many advantages and possibilities of this section. The letter follows:

Brownsville, May 24, '05.
Editor Lockport Union-Sun:

Dear Sir—Having traveled over nearly every state in the Union and having some knowledge of the value of products in different parts of the country, I will endeavor to describe a section which I consider an ideal place to live in both for pleasure and profit. Cameron County, situated in the very southwest corner of the U. S., with Brownsville its county seat. Brownsville is the most southwesterly city of Texas, being on the border between Texas and Mexico and in north latitude 26. It is situated on the Rio Grande 16 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and 22 miles from Point Isabel the present harbor. It is 141 miles from Robstown, the junction point of the Texas Mexican R. R., and is the terminus of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexican R. R. The Rio Grande R. R. connects Brownsville with Point Isabel. It is 307 miles by rail from San Antonio via Corpus Christi to Robstown. Cameron County is favored with a delightful climate both summer and winter, is very healthful and free from yellow fever and epidemics. The average summer temperature for July and August is about 90 at midday. The cool and exhilarating breezes from the gulf blow almost continuously and the evenings and nights particularly are always delightfully cool and pleasant, as the rainfall is light the atmosphere is dry and invigorating such as is conducive to good health.

The winters are very mild and almost entirely free from frost or cold, weather that would not injure most tender of garden vegetables. Green corn, tomatoes, etc., can be found in the market daily in December and January. This fact alone will give this country an advantage for truck farming possessed by no other in Texas or anywhere. Now that the railroad is built and in operation fall and winter truck gardens will be a source of delight and great revenues to the intelligent and energetic farmer. Alfalfa grass all the year can be harvested any time; several crops of produce can be grown on the same ground and a crop is always assured by means of irrigation. The elevation above sea level is between 37 and 40 feet.

The population of Brownsville is close to 8,000. The opening up of the new railroad for freight and passenger service will bring in many new comers. There are a number of excellent openings for business and professional men as the city is bound to grow in population and wealth. Immigration agents have been booming the Rio Grande country for months and now that the railroad has opened up for regular traffic home seekers and others will flock in. Some of the advance guard have already arrived. They have an excellent public school system and several denominations have already built fine churches. Secret societies represented here are Masons, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Honor and A. O. U. W. There are also two national banks and two good hotels. The press is ably represented by

the daily and weekly HERALD, recognized as the leading daily of the lower Rio Grande country.

The total valuation of real and personal property in Cameron County, as shown by the assessors' books is \$3,274,373.

There are 62,512 cattle, 6,840 horses and mules, 9,000 sheep. There are 1,584,718 acres of land. The court house which is a handsome and commodious structure, cost \$550,000.

Taxes, state, county and city are low and decreasing. The custom house for the district of Brazos Santiago, is located here. The supports in the district are Point Isabel, Santa Maria, Edinburg, Rio Grande City and Roma. Custom house building and postoffice building cost \$60,000. Brazos Santiago, 25 miles from Brownsville and just across the Laguna Padre from Point Isabel.

A distance of only three miles is destined to be a deep water port of great importance upon completion of the Panama canal.

The soil is two kinds alluvial and black waxey, like north Texas. The depth of the fertility of this soil no man appears to know. Its fertility equals that of the Nile and lasts for years without being renewed or fertilized.

The topography of the country is such that irrigation can be successfully carried on having a fall of about one foot per mile. There are few places that cannot be irrigated from one line to another.

The rice industry of the Texas coast deserves great credit for having redeemed millions of otherwise unprofitable acres of soil. Rice growers are progressive and it is largely due to the success they have made down this way. That a railroad has been built to Brownsville here they can grow and mature two crops a year and a remarkably fine quality of rice is threshed from the second crop. Excessive rains do not come during harvest and threshing, and the yield is from 15 to 20 sacks per acre. There has just been completed what is reputed to be the largest rice mill in Texas or the south, with ample capacity to handle all the rice in this section for several years to come.

Owing to their inability to secure a market for garden truck there has been but little raised. Both the soil and climate are ideal and with the railroad now operating to Brownsville there will be no reason why the residents of the northern large cities should not have green corn fresh from the truck farms of the Rio Grande country throughout the entire year. Roasting ears are common on the market during January and February, and in this vicinity they can market green cabbage, onions, new potatoes, string beans, peas, turnips, spinach, tomatoes and a score of other garden crops in November, December, January and February.

Nowhere in Texas or along the gulf coast does such a variety of wild game abound as in Cameron County. Deer, turkey, ducks, geese, quail, wild hogs, wild cats, etc., are plentiful and make shooting a delightful sport. Both salt and fresh water fish, sea turtles of enormous size, oysters and shrimp. It is the only place in the United States, where oysters are better in summer than in winter.

A. H. STEVENS.

A tall girl named Short Long loved a certain Mr. Big Little, while Little, little thinking of Short, loved a little lass named Long. To make a long story Short, Little proposed to Long, and Short longed to be even with Little's short comings. So Short, meeting Long threatened to marry Little before long, which caused Little to marry Long. Query—Did tall Short love big Little less because Little loved Long?

Old newspapers for sale here.

HIGHER THAN A HOUSE.

Laredo Man Has Cereal That Is Wonder Of the Neighborhood.

Justice of the Peace N. Idar, of this city, is exhibiting to the wonder and admiration of the planters of this section a patch of corn of extraordinary growth, the stalks of which stand like bamboo trees and are visible above the roof of a house near his garden, where the miraculous corn is planted.

He got the seed a few months ago from a correspondent in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, who describes the climate conditions of the section where this gigantic cereal is found to be in many ways like that of Southwest Texas. The name given to the corn by the natives of its natural soil is "maiz gigante," or giant maize. It is reported to reach in its growth to a height of more than twenty-four feet and to bear, upon each stalk about a half dozen ears of corn of over twice the linear dimensions of ordinary ears of corn, or eight or ten times in bulk. The ears sent to Mr. Idar measured from twenty to twenty-four inches in length and were big in diameter in proportion. The grains of the corn are much larger than those of ordinary corn. The stalks of this astonishing plant that have grown in Mr. Idar's garden from the seed he planted are now nearly twenty feet high. There are several ears budding upon each stalk, but they are very new and undeveloped.

The advantages that this corn will have over the usual variety in domestic and agricultural economy are not clear, as too little is known yet concerning it or its edible qualities, but as a wonder to agriculturists it is proving a great success and Mr. Idar is receiving orders from different sections of the surrounding country for seed. If the corn proves to have equal qualities accredited to it, there is no reason for supposing that it may not be introduced into this country with advantage.—Laredo Dis. to Monterey News.

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Green coffee, 8 pounds for \$1.00
3-lb can tomatoes, 2 for 25c
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