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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

# PHARR

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.

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

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

**W. E. Cage**  
SALES AGENT

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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## AMERICANS STRIKE ON MEXICAN ROADS

FIVE HUNDRED TRAINMEN QUIT  
THEIR JOBS.

Railroad Officials Say They Are Able  
to Run Cars Without Interruption  
Except Where Trains Put Out of  
Commission by Rebels.

Associated Press.

Mexico City, April 17.—The American engineers and conductors on the National railways of Mexico walked out at noon today, almost to a man. Their action was based on the refusal of the railroad management to accede to their demands, the principal of which was that the order requiring train orders to be written in Spanish be suspended.

There are approximately five hundred Americans in the employ of the Mexican railways. Of these only ten have signified their intention of remaining at work.

The railroad management assert that except where trains are put out of commission by the rebels, they continue to run without interruption.

They claim to have sufficient men available to operate all trains, both freight and passenger.

## OLD FERRY BARGE CABLE HAS BEEN REMOVED

Last Vestige of Primitive Methods by  
Which Probably Millions of Dol-  
lars Worth of Goods Transported.

From today Brownsville will be minus a landmark which for 35 years has been a familiar sight. Judge E. C. Forto announced yesterday that the old barge cable, which for so many years has been spanning the Rio Grande at the freight ferry will be taken down.

Another evidence of progress, as the freight now goes across by rail. The international bridge across the river at this point caused the barge service to be abandoned. But the old barges and the stout cable by which they were pulled back and forth served well the purpose of freight transportation between Brownsville and Matamoros in their day. The amount of traffic which passed by the barge route probably would surprise the average person. For a great many years all of the freight for the city of Matamoros and the outlying settlements and ranches of this section of Tamaulipas was received by steamer via Point Isabel and Brownsville being ferried across the river by barge. In her palmy days Matamoros merchants carried very extensive stocks of imported goods of various kinds. The richest of silks, laces, fine jewels and other costly articles were sold there, and the Matamoros trade was very important.

Paving Company Buys a Hat.

An indignant citizen with a battered new straw hat confronted the representatives of the National Creosoted Wood Block Paving company Tuesday afternoon, with a demand for compensation for the loss of the aforesaid head covering. The hat, which looked somewhat as if it might have been cast into the ring before the recent election by one of the candidates who didn't win, probably saved the owner from a bruised head.

It was demolished by a branch of a falling tree which was being cut down by orders of the paving company. The wearer passed under the tree to speak to a representative of the company about some damage to the fence around the former's property alleged to have been caused by the falling tree. Just at this moment the branch fell, catching the hat and destroying any semblance which it may have borne to the latest spring styles. The wearer indignantly demanded damages at once.

The paving man was about to turn away, when the hat owner adroitly placed the smashed headgear on the former's head and then backed away refusing to receive it again. The paving man finally hung the hat on the fence, and went and reported the affair to Superintendent Hudson, who immediately bought another hat just like the damaged one and presented it to the claimant.

## Battle in Sonora.

Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, April 17.—Bavispe, in the state of Sonora, Mexico, has fallen into the hands of the rebels sent out from Juarez, according to telegraphic advices received here today. Eleven federals and four rebels were killed in the battle.

## BETTER REGULATION OF OCEAN TRAFFIC

CONGRESS WOULD MINIMIZE  
DANGER TO SHIPS.

Bills and Resolutions Pour Into Con-  
gress Yesterday—Designed to Pre-  
vent Repetition of Disaster Like  
That to Steamer Titanic.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Congress acted swiftly today on the Titanic catastrophe. Bills and resolutions designed to prevent the recurrence of such disasters poured into both houses.

In the senate a resolution deciding a thorough investigation by the commerce committee into the causes leading to the wreck with particular reference to inadequate life boats was agreed to.

Other resolutions introduced proposed that the president be advised that the senate would be in favor of treaties with maritime nations to regulate the safety of ocean craft, passengers and crews and for the equipment of steamers with adequate life saving apparatus.

Two resolutions were introduced into the house. One would direct the maritime nations of the world to appoint members on an international commission to define ship laws and routes, and to minimize the dangers of collisions at sea.

The other would extend similar invitations to nations interested in North Atlantic steamship travel, to form a commission to arrange for a patrol of North Atlantic waters to warn ships.

## MEXICO SENDS NEW CONSUL

To Replace Silvino Garcia, Who is  
Ordered to the Front.

Hon. Federico Mendoza y Vicaizino of Mexico City, who arrived in Brownsville Monday night, is the newly appointed Mexican consul at Brownsville. Senor Mendoza has come to take the place of Consul Silvino Garcia, who has been transferred to another branch of the service at Morelos. The new consul assumed charge of the consulate, when Mr. Garcia checked over everything to his successor.

Mr. Garcia is expected to leave very soon for Morelos, where it is said he will enter active military service.

## KILLED BY FALL FROM CONSTRUCTION CAR

Sad Accident on Interurban Near San  
Benito—Jose Ponce Lost Life  
While Unloading Piling.

Jose Ponce, a laborer on the interurban line which is being built between San Benito and Santa Maria, was killed yesterday morning near San Benito by falling from a car of pilings and being struck on the head by one of the piles.

Justice of the Peace Gavito was called and went to San Benito yesterday evening for the purpose of holding an inquest. The story of the unfortunate man's death is told in the statement of F. S. Robertson, as follows:

"On the morning of April 17, about 11:20, there was a gang of twenty men on a coal car unloading piling. Jose Ponce was standing on the end of the car with one foot on the side of the car and one foot on the end of the car. As the pile was rolled off, or just before it left the car, Jose seemed to lose his balance and fall head first and backward off the car, lighting on the ground on the side of the railroad embankment on his back with his head down. The piling was following and struck him in the back as near as I could tell. I was standing on the top of the same car but at the opposite end.

"I jumped down and called some men to help him up and put him on a car and brought him to San Benito, having sent Duke Jones in my auto before me to find a doctor and bring him to us. Dr. Garnett met us at the San Benito station and pronounced the man already dead. "I then had him taken to Pease's undertaking establishment and sent for the coroner.

"The accident occurred about 10 miles from San Benito on the line of the interurban railway, where the Santa Maria branch now being built crosses the San Benito Land & Water company's main canal."

## ROLL OF SAVED SEEMS COMPLETE

CARPATIA SLOWLY MAKING  
WAY TOWARD HARBOR.

A List of Third Cabin Passengers  
Relayed Last Night Through  
Scout Cruiser Chester—First and  
Second Cabin Lists Practically In.

Associated Press.

New York, April 17.—The roll of the saved from the Titanic tonight seems complete.

That 1,312 lives were taken as toll when the giant liner crashed into an iceberg off the New Foundland coast Sunday night, is regarded as certain.

The Carpathia, making her way to New York with 866 survivors, sent a list of the third cabin passengers tonight and a message sent through the scout cruiser Chester said that a full list of the first and second cabin passengers safe aboard had almost been sent in its entirety.

The Carpathia is about six hundred miles from this port and is expected to dock here early tomorrow night.

The first story of how scores went to death, and the incidents in connection with the Titanic striking the iceberg will be known in detail for the first time, unless the story is sent out from the Carpathia by wireless in the meantime. It is a curious fact that up to the present no word has been allowed to come from her in relation to the big liner's movements.

Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., April 17.—"The bodies of the victims of the Titanic disaster are at the bottom of the deep, never to leave," declared Prof. Robert Wood, of the chair of experimental physics, of John Hopkins University today. "It is altogether improbable that any corpses will ever return to the surface as in the case of bodies drowned in shallow water."

## COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED APRIL 12

Voting Very Light—No Election in  
Six Districts—Results Announced  
by County Commissioners.

The county commissioners' court yesterday afternoon canvassed the returns of the school trustee election held two weeks ago. The returns show the following results:

Trustee at large, A. Celaya, for For Com. Prec. 1, Charles Cham- pion.

For Com. Prec. No. 2, J. P. Cot- tingham.

For Com. Prec. No. 3, George B. Falligant.

For Com. Prec. No. 4, W. H. Jersig.

The polling of votes was very light. In districts two, three, four five, seven and eight there was no election. In district No. 1 each of the candidates received 26 votes. In district No. six all excepting Mr. Cottingham received 16 votes. Mr. Cottingham polled nine. In district No. eleven each candidate received 55 votes, while in district No. twelve only sixteen votes were polled for each candidate.

In addition to the election of county trustees, each district was to vote for district trustees. Those who were elected to this office were as follows: District No. 1, Ramon Delgado and Antonio Vallente.

No. 6, W. B. Newhall and W. H. Mead.

No. 9, J. C. Bennett, S. O. Tansill and V. W. Biggs.

No. 11, Julian Vera and Jesus Vera.

In the precincts where there was no election held, it will be the duty of the county school superintendent to appoint trustees.

With the exception of the appointment of Phil Barbour to the office of justice of the peace, this was the only important action of the afternoon at the commissioners' court.

## DRAINAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT IS APPROVED

San Benito Drainage District Will  
Vote on \$450,667.28 Bond Issue  
on May 9th.

The county commissioners' court met yesterday morning for the purpose of hearing the report of Ward Carpenter, district engineer for Cameron County Drainage District No. Three (the San Benito district).

The court approved the report and ordered an election to be held in the district on May 9 for the purpose of seeing whether or not the land owners shall vote to issue \$450,667.28 in bonds for the purpose of draining the district.

## COLONEL IN OMAHA SCORES PRESIDENT

CONDEMNS EVIL INSTRUMENTS  
FOR DIRTY WORK.

Roosevelt Makes Bitter Speech in  
Omaha—Says Taft Could Not Carry  
One State in Ten Were it Left to  
Popular Vote.

Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., April 17.—"It is not a nice thing to use evil instruments in order to do dirty work," said Col. Roosevelt tonight in an attack, in a speech, upon the supporters of the Taft administration.

"It is even a less nice thing to throw evil instruments aside when they are broken and loudly make believe that they are not used intentionally."

Roosevelt charged the Taft managers with a helpless acquiescence in Taft were relying solely upon bosses who stand for what is worst in our political life.

"There is not one state out of ten in which Mr. Taft would have any chance if the vote were left to the people themselves," he asserted during the address.

Roosevelt said Lorimer and Penrose recognize in Taft the kind of progressive whom they are willing to clasp to their hearts.

## NEW PHONE SYSTEM READY BY SEPTEMBER.

Will Be Equal in Efficiency to Those  
of Any Texas City, and Will Ac-  
commodate 2,000 Subscribers.

F. W. Yenson, chief engineer for the Southwestern Telephone company, who has been in the city making arrangements for the installation of the new telephone plant in this city, informs the Herald that the new system probably will be ready for operation by September.

The new switchboard, which is to be located on the second floor of the Stegman building, is what is known as a multiple common battery board No. 10. It is being made by the Western Electric company, which has contracted to have the board here the latter part of June or the first of July. It is estimated that it will take about sixty days to install the board and have it ready for operation. The new equipment will accommodate 2,000 subscribers. The outside plant is to be placed in the very best condition and will be able to take care of almost any amount of subscribers. As the inside equipment will be all new and every telephone in town will have to be changed, the company has undertaken a very large and expensive task. When it is completed, Brownsville will have an equipment fully as up-to-date as those of San Antonio, Houston or Dallas.

Mr. Yenson expressed himself as being highly pleased with the town, coinciding heartily with the expressions of the company's general commercial superintendent, P. K. Baker, who was here three or four weeks ago. Mr. Baker upon his return to Dallas informed the office that he had found Brownsville a live and progressive town, much better, in fact, than he had expected. Mr. Yenson left yesterday afternoon for points up the Valley.

## Alabama For Underwood.

Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., April 17.—The democratic convention instructed its delegates to vote for Oscar W. Underwood as the nominee of the party until the nomination is made at the Baltimore convention.

Similar instructions were given by the district conventions, and the state's allotted 24 votes will be cast as a unit for Underwood until the end of the balloting.

## MEXICO REPLIES TO WILSON NOTE

EXCEPTS TO COMMUNICATION  
SENT TO OROZCO.

President Madero Declines to Assume  
Responsibility for Acts of Rebel  
Leader—Says Wilson Note Not  
Based on Justifiable Incident.

Associated Press.

Mexico City, April 17.—Mexico replied to the note of Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson tonight, declining to assume responsibility for the rebel general, Pascual Orozco, Jr., and denying the right of the Washington government to deliver the admonition contained therein, taking exception to a communication directed to Orozco through Consul Letcher, and deploring the fact that the communication was made public in the same note to which the Mexican government is required to make an answer.

The reply says the reason the right of the Washington government government to admonish Mexico is denied is that it is not based on any justifiable incident.

It denies the responsibility of the Madero government, for acts committed in territory removed from obedience to law as contrary to the principles of international law, while accepting full responsibility for every loss or damage sustained by foreigners legally chargeable to the Mexican government.

Orozco is held to be answerable to the Mexican courts only for his offenses and therefore should not have been the recipient of a diplomatic communication as he was when Consul Letcher recently delivered to him a warning from Washington to respect the lives of the Americans in Mexico.

## SERIOUS BREAK ON LOWER RIVER

A Break in Levee Above Greenville,  
Miss., Will Flood Several Counties.  
Villages Inundated.

Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., April 17.—One Mississippi river levee gave way tonight forty miles north of Greenville, Miss., and the flood waters will sweep over all of one county and a portion of four others. Seven villages are on the edge of the flood and the water may reach a couple of others.

A break is also reported in the Arkansas river, fifteen miles north of Arkansas City, but those conversant with the situation say the result will only add to the discomfort caused by the back water.

The break above Greenville is regarded as the most serious of any in the lower reaches of the river. It is the first along the Mississippi shore.

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The weather changes, and the cost  
of living, like tariff revision is  
upward, but the price of ICE re-  
mains the same.

# Peoples Ice Co.

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

## RED RIVER FARM TO EXCHANGE FOR BROWNSVILLE PROPERTY



We have a client who has 452 acres of fine land four miles from Avery, Red River county, to exchange for Brownsville improved property and farm lands; 250 acres in valley land that will produce from one to two bales of long staple cotton. The farm is fairly well improved, 250 acres in cultivation and five sets of improvements for tenants. Price \$75.00 per acre. Will exchange for something of equal, or less value and give good terms on difference.

HALLAM COLONIZATION COMPANY, Brownsville Tex.

## Cotton Market.

Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., April 17.—Cotton futures closed steady with a net advance of 19 to 21 points. Spots firm, to 1-8 up.

## Cattle Market.

Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., April 17.—Cattle steady to 10 cents lower; export steers \$7.60 to \$8.55. Hogs steady to 5 cents lower; heavies \$7.90 to \$8. Sheep 10 to 15 cents higher.

## Cattle Importation.

Customs house broker David Maltby yesterday crossed fifty-three head of cattle from the Mexican side of the river.

## Weather Forecast.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C. April 17.—West Texas, fair Thursday, except showers in the Panhandle; Friday fair. East Texas, fair in the south, local rains in the north Thursday; Friday probably fair.