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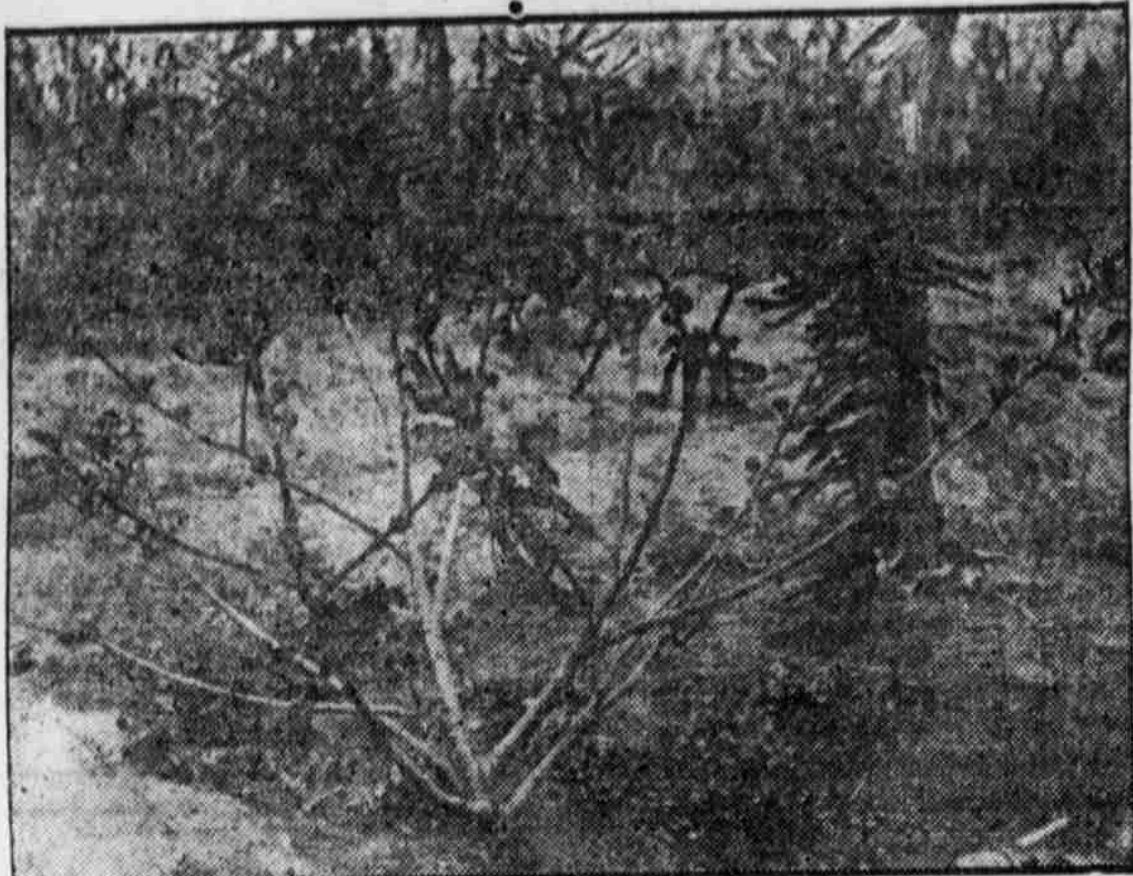


Fig tree—one year old—and bearing at H. G. Stillwell's San Benito.

Oranges and Figs at San Benito

Although San Benito is not old enough to have a producing orange grove nor a fig orchard that is bearing fruit, yet it is well known that the best authorities in such matters consider the Lower Rio Grande Valley, in which San Benito is located, as one of the best adapted regions in the United States for the culture of both these products.

Harvey C. Stiles, Texas, state horticultural inspector, says in his report: "I consider the orange industry, under proper development, capable of as handsome profits here (in Cameron County, where San Benito is located) as at any point in the United States. Orange groves can be brought into bearing here the second or third year after planting."

There are already in the Lower Rio Grande Valley many orange trees in full bearing—enough to prove that this is an orange country. There are several young orange groves already planted at San Benito. Among these are the orchards of Mr. Quinlan, Mr. H. G. Stillwell and Mr. W. O. Coleman. Each of these groves is doing well and the owners are more than satisfied with the outlook.

Not only is this an orange country but a lemon country as well. In fact the lemons exhibited by J. G. Kennedy of Cameron County, Texas, were awarded the gold medal at the recent Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. The large and delicious Ponderosa Lemons grown in this valley are the wonder of all who see them while the smaller size lemon of commerce grows here to perfection.

Figs

Will become one of the best paying products in the Lower Rio Grande Valley when our fruit growers have had time to develop their fig orchards and arrange for preserving plants. Figs are a fruit that cannot be shipped or kept long after they are gathered from the trees, so that it is necessary to sell them near the place where they are raised or else to preserve them so that they may be shipped to distant points. There are men ready and anxious to put in fig preserving plants wherever there are enough figs raised to justify the expense. However, it is not necessary to wait for a large plant to be built as it is inexpensive to supply yourself with a small home preserving plant.

The soil and climate at San Benito are especially adapted to the culture of figs.

For further particulars and illustrated booklet write

San Benito Land & Water Company

San Benito, Texas. ALBA HEYWOOD, President and General Manager.



Sugar cane on farm of B. C. ZUBER, San Benito—Planted in January, 1909. Photo made June 25, 1909. Already engaged at \$5 a ton for seed. Estimated to be good for at least 40 tons to the acre. We repeat that this Valley is the best sugar cane region in the United States.



The liquor dealers of Omaha have employed lawyers and will fight the 8 o'clock closing law.

Another rebellion is on in Columbia. The president of the republic, Rafael Reyes, is in Paris.

A special session of the Alabama legislature has been called for July 27 to consider legislation to strengthen the liquor laws, since the supreme court has decided laws against "locker" clubs unconstitutional.

Mayor Busse of Chicago has recovered from his recent operation.

Francis W. Cushman, representative from Tacoma, Wash., and known as the "humorist of the house," died in New York City as the result of an operation.

Nine men were killed by an explosion of gas in a mine at Teller-ville, Colo.

Arthur G. Langham, former president of the Provident Life Insurance Society and a resident of Louisville, Ky., lost his life through the explosion in his hand of a giant firecracker, July 4. The accident occurred at Seymour, Ind.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Burkett may have opposition for renomination in Congressman Norris of the Fifth Nebraska district.

Republican leaders are talking about nominating for mayor of New York, Theodore A. Bingham, the chief of police whom Mayor McClellan deposed. Judge Gaynor may be the democratic nominee.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Plaindealer prints an editorial urging Governor Harmon as the democratic nominee for president in 1912.

Manila dispatches say that the Sixth United States cavalry led by Captain George L. Byram killed Jikiri, the famous Moro chief, and exterminated his entire band.

The Missouri river navigation congress in session at Yankton, S. D., elected Governor John Burke of North Dakota, president. Omaha was chosen as the next meeting place, and December as the time. Vice presidents of the congress were elected as follows: North Dakota—General E. A. Williams, Bismarck; S. D., C. E. Deland, Pierre. Iowa—Judge J. L. Kennedy, Montana—Jerry Sullivan, Fort Benton. Nebraska—F. W. Wead, Omaha. Kansas—W. P. Childs, Kansas City. Missouri—Judge W. K. James, St. Joseph. The resolutions adopted by the convention favor the issuance of bonds that the Missouri river may be permanently converted into a channel of commerce, work to commence at once; disapprove of the recent report of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors upon the 'lakes to the gulf deep water project;' protest against the application to that great project of the rule which has already been too far recognized, that improvement of waterways shall respond only to the needs of commerce actually moving upon water; command the work of the executive council of the congress in undertaking to make a thorough traffic survey of the seven states, and of the

area tributary to them, and recommend its continuation; favor locks upon navigable rivers dammed for irrigation, and opposition to all obstruction on navigable rivers.

Governor Albert W. Gilchrist of Florida delivered an able and eloquent address on July 4 before Tammany Hall. The address of welcome was delivered by Daniel F. Cohalan. Numerous letters and telegrams of regret were read. John Sharp Williams, senator-elect from Mississippi, wrote: "If there, I would choose as a subject: 'When a Democrat is not a Democrat; Some Recent Illustrations.'" Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio, wrote: "Freedom from the impositions of a foreign government is not worth what it cost if our government is permitted to impose on all the people by increasing the cost of living in order to swell the profits of a few."

The Washington correspondent for the New York World sent to his paper this dispatch: "Through going to Fort Myer repeatedly to 'see' the Wright brothers fly in their aeroplane Senator Gore, the blind statesman from Oklahoma, is becoming one of the most enthusiastic aeronauts in Washington. Senator Gore's substitute for the eyes he lost in youth is his wife and a keen sense of hearing, to both of which his mind is peculiarly attuned. From them he obtains the same thrill of excitement that others experience through first-hand perception. Few men in Washington are affected by the 'atmosphere' of an event as is Senator Gore. It helps him to comprehend the quiet words of his wife as she explains every movement of the aviators of the success or failure of the machine in starting, in maintaining itself in the air and in descending. When all is concluded he is as quick to applaud as any other 'spectator.' Mr. Gore is also very fond of 'watching' a baseball game. He is a frequent patron of the American league games here, where Mrs. Gore, who knows more about baseball than do many men's wives, helps him to follow the play closely, although his eyes can not distinguish night from day."

President Taft has taken up his summer home in Beverly, Mass.

A Paris cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: "Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney at New York, and Staurt McNamara, assistant United States attorney for the District of Columbia, who was sent here as a special committee to obtain testimony in the Panama libel case, have reached Paris, but can do nothing until the arrival of Delancey Nicoll and John D. Lindsay, counsel for the Press Publishing company, publishers of the New York World. The prospects of the commission's gaining much information are anything but bright, as the path is blocked with numerous obstacles. The consent of the French government, which is not based upon treaty stipulations, but is merely an act of courtesy, has not yet been obtained, the government having replied to the American embassy's communication that the list of witnesses and the questions to be asked must first be submitted to the minister of justice, who shall decide whether it will be possible to comply with the request. The position of the French government is ex-