

The Giddings News

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Varied Conditions

Rev. A. R. Vetter of Grassyville was in Tuesday. He has just returned from an extended trip to the Fredericksburg country where he attended conference and enjoyed meeting old friends in that section. He says that the grain crop in the many counties where he traveled is excellent, as high as a fence and ready for the harvest. The hail did much damage in one section from New Braunfels through Gonzales County, where there is a strip miles long where all crops were beaten down, and all leaves off the trees from the hail. It is estimated that 20,000 acres of cotton was destroyed and must be replanted.

Rev. Vetter is interested in pecans and relates how some of the people in the section where he visited began the pecan industry five years ago, and they are now thinking of devoting their entire time to pecans, and rent out the rest of their farms. Two brothers whom he knew and saw personally have so developed the pecan business that this year they received orders for 15,000 and 20,000 buds, amounting to \$300 and \$400, and they could have sold many more. They grafted high grade paper shell varieties on the common stock.

He says the grasshoppers are already doing damage, and that the people are organized and receive their poison by the car loads. Every body is at work burning around the edges of fields, scattering poison or otherwise following any method proposed to fight the pests, because they know of the damage done last year.