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**WORLD RECORD BROKEN.**

The earliest first bale of cotton in the world's history was shipped from San Benito May 26. The bale weighed 630 pounds and was grown by Ernest Matz who has produced the first bale for three years. Mr. Matz is an uncle of our townsman P. H. Luecke.

The record for early bales was in 1916 but this year's date is 14 days earlier than the record. It is one month ahead of last year's first bale.

The Houston Cotton Exchange records receiving first bales as follows:

May 26, 1921.	June 25, 1920.
June 30, 1919.	June 25, 1918.
June 24, 1917.	June 6, 1916.