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About the R S and P Railway.

Prominent Abilene Citizen Says Our Chances are Good

John Hughes, brother of Ed S. Hughes, the wholesale hardware dealer of Abilene and a leading official of the R. S. & P. railway, was in the city Tuesday and a part of yesterday on business.

Mr. Hughes says that he considers Gail's chances of securing an extension of the R. S. & P. good. That road is going to build out of Fluvanna in a short time and arrangements are being made to that end.

With a little effort Gail can probably land this road. Let's be up and doing. The more rail roads the better. Let the wave of progress and development march steadily on until Gail is one of the leading towns of the west.

James F. Denton and H. T. Dodson, with Hugh Scarborough of Fluvanna acting as chauffeur, left this morning in their car for Brownfield on important land business.

We note that the Gail Public School during former terms has gotten out quite a creditable little school paper, the pupils of the school being the editors. The Citizen would like to see this started again, not for pecuniary benefit to ourselves, but for the purpose of increasing the interest in the school and education in general. We would gladly do the work at actual cost of material and labor if, by so doing, we could be of any assistance in the upbuilding of the school.

Notice

All hunting or wood hauling in either mine or the Prince pasture is strictly forbidden. I will prosecute all trespassing to the limit. J. C. Dorward.

Child Burned to Death

One of the most horrible tragedies that has ever come to our notice occurred on the York place near Durham Saturday night.

Mr. Hays and family, tenants on the above named farm, had been to church and upon returning had lain their infant on the bed. Mrs. Hays was doing some chores about the place while Mr. Hays was putting up his team when it was discovered that the house was on fire. He rushed in and picked up a quilt which was rolled up, mistaking it for the infant. The error was only discovered after it was too late to rescue the child from its fiery furnace. It is presumed that the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The house and contents were a total loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cash Sunday evening and the little child was laid to rest in the cemetery near Durham.

The Citizen joins their many friends in extending sympathy and condolence to the heart broken parents.

The Citizen will appreciate it if our readers will kindly hand us each week all the local news they may know. This will greatly assist us in thoroughly covering the local field.

Singing Convention

At Mesquite school house near Tredway on the 5th Sunday in this month. The classes from the different places in the county are requested to send representatives or come in a body. An interesting and instructive time is assured.

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School Lands to Forfeit

Some time ago an open letter was filed from the Land Commissioner to the respective county clerks throughout the state concerning the changes in the School Land Law, so that all interest money goes through the hands of the Land Commissioner before reaching the State Treasurer.

In this way the land office secures and makes a record of every tract of land on which the interest for the current year has been paid as it comes in. As it had formerly been all money had gone direct to the Treasurer, and he would make out and balance his books before reporting to the Commissioner of Land what tracts interest had been paid on and which ones not. This required time—generally from five to seven months, this giving the landholder a chance to wait till after, or over-run the set time (October 31) because the commissioner had no record and therefore could not forfeit till the middle of the following year. This has caused many to be careless, numerous cases having occurred where parties would inadvertently overlook to pay the interest and recover, perhaps three or four months later without ever being contested.

The new law thus places the careless or negligent person in danger of losing his home and persons interested will do well to take warning and send in their interest by the 31st day of this month.

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Any block head can tear down a house, but it takes a mechanic to build one. A man with fillet ability and less sense can point out the defects of a magnificent structure, but it took an architect with both skill and brains to plan it. The back woodsman who has never been within forty miles of civilization, can find faults with the construction of a railroad, but it required the genius of a civil engineer to put it into operation. Any street loafer or goods box whittler can knock on a town, but it is one of energy and public spirit which build one.

Before criticising the work which is being done for the building of your town and country and the men who are putting their money and their time into that work, ask yourself what you have done in that direction. What kind of a town and what kind of a country would we have if all its citizens were such people as you? Put up your little hammer, brother, and put your shoulder to the wheel and push. You may not be doing any particular harm with it, but it prevents your being a booster.—Crosbyton Review.

Joe Bailey can take a white cat by the tail and hold it before some people in Texas and ask them what color it is, and if they say it is a white cat, and Bailey should say, "no my countrymen, that is a black cat I hold by the tail," they would yell, "yes, yes, it is a black cat. We must be color blind or we could have seen that it was a black cat. Hurrah for Bailey." There are some people in Texas politically color blind.—Ex.

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Secret Orders

Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceding the full moon.

W. O. W. meets 1st Saturday night after each full moon and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

Gail Memorial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

Churches

Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J. L. B. Cash, preacher in charge.

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Gail, Texas, Oct. 21, 1909

The Lubbock Avalanche last week printed a special railroad edition that was a hummer in every particular. Lubbock is a good town and the Avalanche is one of the best weekly papers in the State and richly deserves the splendid patronage it receives.

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The great State Fair of Texas is now in progress at Dallas and many people from all portions of the State, and other States, are in attendance. The Dallas Fair is an institution of which the entire State may well feel proud.

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The great handshaking event at El Paso between Presidents Taft and Diaz has passed into history. The populace cheered, of course, but the predominant fact that 'Jones paid the freight' cannot be lost sight of. The American people, already tax-ridden and oppressed by corporate wealth, are putting up the coin for this jaunt of our President and it is a burning disgrace to a civilized country.

OO

Senator Culberson, in his statement to the press, has no apologies to make for his obedience to the platform demands of his party. He has a clear conscience caused by duty well performed. He does not need to tour the State in an effort to justify his votes. They were all Democratic votes and his constituents are satisfied with his services. We wish the same could be said of his colleague in the Senate.

OO

The criminal libel proceedings against the Indianapolis News brought by the government has been dismissed. This proceeding was brought by Teddy after the above mentioned newspaper had charged graft and rottenness in connection with the purchase of the Panama Canal. Beyond a question the charges were true and the fact that they would be substantiated by the News was no doubt the prime cause of the dismissal by the government. It was a victory for a free press. When the time comes that the newspapers can no longer freely censure public officials for wrong doing the liberty of the people is gone to the eternal bow-wows. It must be protected at all hazards.

OO

The sympathy of every liberty loving American, whether Socialist or not, goes out to Fred D. Warren in the persecution that is being brought upon him by the Federal government. He did no more, he wanted to accomplish no more, than any other good citizen would have desired. Taylor, the Republican criminal and defeated aspirant for Governor of Kentucky, had had Gov Goebel foully murdered and fled into Indiana where a Republican governor was refusing to honor requisition papers for his return to Kentucky. Warren simply offered a reward for his return just as is done every day. We have always thought that he who harbored a criminal and indorsed the crime was as guilty as the perpetrator, hence we can see no justice in persecuting a man who merely wanted to see justice done. The Democratic party, and all honest Republicans, should stand behind Warren in this fight, although we cannot indorse the creed of his party. Let justice be done, irrespective of persons or parties

OO

Love and the Law

An unfeeling officer brought a beautiful love scene to an abrupt close in this city Thursday. A Mexican Romeo and his Juliet were giving a public demonstration of their affections in a very conspicuous place and some hard hearted person sent for an officer to terminate the tableau.

The interesting scene was being enacted near the public school building and the pupils in several of the rooms hugely enjoyed the spectacle while it was in progress.—Big Springs Herald.

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Gail

Borden County

Texas.

Are We Your Agents?

Work to Begin

Within the next two or three days the actual work on the construction of the Santa Fe extension to Sterling City will begin. Contractor Moore, Kansas City, who has charge of this extension arrived in San Angelo Saturday and states that he is ready for business.

The surveyors have practically completed their work, but it is not necessary that they have the lines completed from one end to the other that the construction may begin. The tracklayers can begin at this end of the line and go right ahead.

A vast amount of material is already on the ground and as the route selected is not a difficult one for rapid railroad construction it is thought that splendid time will be made.

It will be recalled that when

the bonus for this line was being raised, J. J. Lanin, who afterward sold out to President Riply promised the citizens of San Angelo a Christmas present in the form of the opening of service between San Angelo and Sterling City. Now, the Santa Fe has made no Christmas gift promises but it has certainly rushed with all possible dispatch. Just when the line will be in operation is not known.—San Angelo Press-News.

Give the automobile men just as square a deal as he is authorized by the law to receive, and if he refuses to comply with the law in steering his gasoline consuming machine, lose no time in making complaint. The Weatherford Herald puts it this way;

When the man in the automobile coming up behind you in

the public road toots his little horn it is not a signal to you to leave the road or to get off the whole face of the earth. The law compels him to toot in order to let you know he is coming, and if you are driving a fractious team, give him the signal to stop. If your team is not afraid of automobiles, do the clean and proper thing, by pull-

ing to one side, give half of the road and let the machine go by. The instinct of a gentleman will always prompt you what to do under such circumstances."

Notice Trespassers

Anyone fishing or cutting wood on the A. J. Long ranch will be prosecuted to the limit of the law 11.1 Sam Sanford.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Clark visited their son John and family, on the river, Sunday.

Houston Benton and family, from the northeast part of the county, are visiting J. H. Berry and family.

H. C. Dilshuntz moved his cattle this week to the Pecos country for pasturage.

Uncle Jimmy Kincaid and wife have gone to Corpus Christi to spend the winter with H. A. Kincaid.

Rev. J. L. B. Cash preached at Durham Sunday.

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hale Friday night.

Mrs. M. E. Berry is attending the Dallas Fair this week.

W. S. Street came in Tuesday from Mineral Wells where he had been for some time with his father. We regret reporting the death of his father, who passed away at that place last week. The remains were shipped to Roscoe for interment. The Citizen extends sympathy to Mr. Street and family in their sad bereavement.

J. J. Dodson informs us that he will move to New Mexico where he is opening a general store. W. A. Clark and H. T. Dodson will have charge of the store here. Gail regrets losing Mr. Dodson but wishes him much success in his new location.

Land Deals

We neglected last week to report the sale made by the Texas-New Mexico Land Co. of 320 acres of Plains land for J. Y. Everett to R. H. Nale. Consideration \$11.50 per acre.

Texas-New Mexico Land Co. bought of J. Y. Everett 320 acres of Plains land at p t.

Fine Rains

Gail, and in fact all west Texas, so far as we have heard, was visited by fine rains Sunday night that will be of inestimable benefit in preparing land for fall and winter ploughing as well as providing plenty of water for stock.

J. A. Scarlett is in Gaines county this week on important business.

A horse fell with Clyde Miller Monday morning on his father's ranch, and badly injured him about the head. He was unconscious for some time.

Gail is getting to be quite an automobile town. J. Y. Everett is the latest to acquire a "honker" which fact we neglected to note last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop at Vincent Friday, a new baby.

H. H. Nisbett was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

J. R. Jenkins was in from his ranch in the east part of the county, Tuesday.

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Painful Items

We had a good rain Sunday night.

Montgomery Simpson has returned from railroad work near Lubbock.

John Perry made a business trip to Shoka Friday.

R. L. Rains has returned from near Lubbock where they have been working on the railroad.

The Misses Simpson visited the Misses Jones Sunday.

General health of community is good.

Not much doing in railroad circles this week. Nothing definite to report.

NOTICE

To the People of Borden county:

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