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**Dr. J. O. TOLIVER**  
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.  
Office—At My Store.

The Cuban question is still in the senate.

The Texas Cattle Raisers Association met at Ft. Worth Tuesday.

The Kentucky legislature still proceeds to fail to elect a United States senator.

"Bolter" Hardy wants to run Land Commissioner Baker for governor—poor recommendation for Baker.

Colorado city gets the district Republican convention for sending delegates to the national convention. The convention meets at Colorado on the 21st of this month.

Austin, Tex., March 7.—The attorney-general has about decided in reply to a question put by Treasurer Worthem to hold that judicial assentment is not necessary to forfeit sales of school and other lands under all acts previous to and including the act of 1895, on which interest is in default.—S. A. Enterprise.

Some times law and justice may be over ridden with impunity for a while, some times for a long time then if the good people see that the laws are insufficient, will not protect themselves to execute justice as did the citizens of Wichita Falls not long since. Unfaithful juryman and bribed judges make mobs.

Texas Farm and Ranch very aptly says:— One does not have to wear the collar of a political party to be a good citizen and perform the duties devolving on him as a factor in political affairs.

The man who reads and thinks and on election day goes to the polls and votes for the man or men whom he has reason to believe will carry out his matured views, whether democrat, republican, populist or prohibitionist, that man has performed his full duty in the premises. He who casts his ballot in blind obedience to the behests of party managers, has surrendered his birthright for a mess of poor political potage.

## Texas Cattlemen At Ft. Worth.

One of the most important conventions that ever met in Texas was the one at Ft. Worth on the 11th. The association is composed of 829 members.

The importation of Mexican cattle caused a great deal of debate in the convention, but no action was taken by the body on the question.

Following are a few facts taken from official and committee reports.

Treasurers report shows cash on hand to be \$9,725.

The general manager in his report says: The necessary for increase revenue is apparent.

Of cattle taken out by inspectors shows total:

Number and proceeds returned to owners	2,235 head
Total value	\$46,294.08

Number of cattle put into pastures or returned to owners 2,682 head

Number of cattle held up pending investigation 292 head

Total number of cattle caught and handled by the association

4,609.

Average value of cattle sold by the association \$20.71

This gives a total value of cattle caught and handled by the association during the past year of \$94,459.62.

The report of S. H. Cowan, attorney shows good work done by him for the year ending March 15 1896.

Cases tried and pleas guilty after getting ready for trial 22

Aquittals by verdict of not guilty 2

Cases tried in which there were hung juries 4

Convictions 16

Cases dismissed 4

Cases pending 67

Number of defendants against whom pending 41

Number of courts where pending in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma Indian Territory and Kansas 25.

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The grand jury at Ft. Stockton found no bill against the cowman, Livingston, who killed Brutinet, a sheepman. The evidence clearly showed a case of self defense.—Eagle Pass Guide.

A stock association has been organized in Sterling county.

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The following is the conclusion of an address of the chairman of Democratic Executive Committee of Texas, Dudley on Feb. 22nd.

"In conclusion let me say to every Democrat in every precinct and county in this state, that under the law any political party may order a primary election and it is protected by the law. The people cannot be deprived of the right to vote at any election by the refusal or failure of judges or officers of election to open the polls. Let the Democracy of Texas in every county and precinct assemble at their usual voting places on June the 6 next, and should there be no judge to hold such primary election at your voting place then and there select one of your number as judge of election, who will then appoint the other officers of election as provided in articles 1714, 1715 and 1716, new edition, revised statutes of Texas; hold your elections and preserve the returns that the result may be established. Where any executive committee of any county bolts and proposes to part from the regular organized Democracy of Texas, the democracy of such county has the power at once by precinct and mass meeting to re-

organize and reform the executive committee of such county and take such a course as they deem best to secure their right of expression on the question submitted. Democracy begins and ends with the people. With a firm reliance upon the people who make up the great army of Democrats; and trusting and believing that they will not falter or be robbed of their rights at a time when the happiness and welfare of themselves and their children are at stake, I leave the matter in their hands."

A man and wife by the name of Wood came down from Sterling county last week to have an operation performed on their child, about 18 months old, for hair lip. Drs. Marberry and Butler performed the operation Saturday afternoon and that night left orders for the child to be given a dose of laudanum, if fretful. The parents who it seems were intirely ignorant of the deadly effects of the drug, gave it the size doses directed but when the child continued the dose was repeated until fifty drops had been given with the result that the child died before day. The remains were taken to Sterling City for burial.—Eagle's County Ledger.

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##### Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:  
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
Bronte, 2d " 11 a. m.  
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.  
Mt. Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.  
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.  
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.  
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.  
Geo. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

A. M. JAY, Pastor.

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### Decker Dots.

Decker, Texas, March, 8, 1896.  
**ED. RUSTLER:**  
Here I come again with my little budget of news.

We have church every first Sunday and Sunday school every Sunday at half past 10; you see by that that Decker is still improving.

Mrs. T. J. Everett died at her home at this place Friday morning after an illness of five weeks. The sincere sympathy of numerous friends go out to the bereaved husband and to her other relatives. Rev. J. N. Broyles passed through Decker Monday returning from his appointment at Silver Creek

Horace and Henry Cook attended church at Silver Creek Sunday. Mr. Percy Headland, of Colorado city was in Decker this week. S. W. Lynch visited Ballinger this week.

Mr. Rex Lewis of Olgo, is a constant visitor at the Decker Sunday school. Come on Rex, we are glad to see you and know the girls don't object.

Mr. J. N. Montgomery was in Decker Sunday last.

Mr. Geo. Robinson was circulating among friends at this place this week.

Yours Respectfully,  
Dick.

### Maverick News.

Maverick, Tex. Mar. 9, 1896.  
**ED. RUSTLER:**

If you will allow me a small corner of your newsy paper I will chat with its readers a bit.

First, I must tell you of the all day singing I attended at Bronte last Sunday, we arrived in the beautiful city at an early hour. The house was soon crowded with people eager to hear the commanding word of their leader, Rev. R. M. Cambie, which was promptly given. It was enough to make anyone rejoice to have seen those young ladies and gentlemen march to the front and take their respective places in that class and have heard the songs they sung. At the proper hour a

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3d Prize. Cash	50 00
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10 Cash Prizes, each \$10	100 00
60 Cash Prizes, each \$2	120 00
83 Prizes	\$1,195 00

The first prize will be given to the person who constructs the longest sentence in good English containing no letter of the alphabet more than three times. It is not necessary to use every letter of the alphabet. The other prizes will go in regular order to those competitors whose sentences are next in length. Every competitor whose sentence reaches twenty-two letters will receive a paper covered volume containing twelve of Wilkie Collins' novels whether he wins a prize or not. This contest closes April 15, 1896. The prize winners will be announced one week later and the winning sentences published. In case two or more prize-winning sentences are of the same length preference will be given to the best one. Each competitor must construct his own sentence, and no person will be allowed to enter this contest more than once. Sentences cannot be corrected or substituted after they are received. Residents of Omaha are not permitted to compete, directly or indirectly.

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The length of a sentence is to be measured by the number of letters it contains, but no letter can be used or counted more than three times. No word except "a" or "I" can be used more than once. The sentence must consist of complete words. Signs, figures, abbreviations or contractions, etc., must not be used. The pronoun "I" and the article "a" will be accepted as complete words. Proper nouns cannot be used. Each contestant must indicate by figures at the end of his sentence how many letters it contains.  
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June 3, 1895.  
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## A CHERRY TREE STORY.

But an Oil Man Blankets It at the Start with a Watch Yarn.

"You observe this plain gold ring on my little finger," said the man from Chicago in the presence of a New York Herald reporter, turning the circlet off as if it were a brass nut on a screw. "It has my wife's full name engraved on the inside. Well, it is our engagement and wedding ring. My wife lost it one day when we lived near San Francisco, and, though we searched high and low, we couldn't find it. One day nearly two years later a friend of ours insisted on presenting me with a small cherry tree—"

"I'll take a cigar this time, please," remarked the man from Oil City.  
"I said cherry tree," continued the man from Chicago, "and I'm giving you a true story. Well, this offer of my friend was declined at first, but my wife insisted, saying that we could set it out in a particular place in the lawn. She marked the spot and I sent for the tree. I dug down about fourteen inches where she designated and, so help me—I turned up this ring! How it got there we never could guess."

"There's nothing improbable about that," said the Oil City man, "unless it is the cherry tree. But did I ever tell you the story of my watch? This same watch"—pulling out a gold hunter. "Several years ago I was drilling a well up in the Bradford district and had got down about 1,200 feet without any sign of luck. I was looking at the hole under the derrick with something like despair one day—for we had stopped work on it. Pulling out my watch, which I carried without fastening, it suddenly slipped from my fingers and down she went, chuck! into that dry hole. The idea of adding that to my loss riled me, so I got a cylindrical tube, such as we get tests of sand with, and put some putty near the open end and let it down the hole, which it fitted neatly. My watch came up with the suction, stuck fast to the putty. It hadn't stopped running.

"Yes, and do you know we renewed work on that hole the next day and got first sand in six hours!"

"I hadn't finished about my ring," put in the Chicago man. "We had moved to Iowa and my wife lost it again. I offered \$100 reward for it, but no use. We came to Chicago and seven years after I had left the Iowa place I received the ring through the mail from the man we had sold out to. He said he was pulling cabbage in the garden and found it solidly grown on the root of a cabbage!"

We began to move away before the Oil City man could recover.

**Nervous Hysteria and Electricity.**  
An unusually rare case of supposed nervous hysteria was exhibited at Bellevue Hospital Medical college, New York, the other day, by Dr. Herman W. Biggs, professor of nervous diseases at the college.

The patient was a healthy, intelligent woman, 35 years old, who had suddenly become deaf and dumb, as it was believed. There was an effort to speak, but no sound could be uttered. At the same time the patient did not, or professed not to, hear what was addressed to her. Rest and quiet did not bring relief, nor did a calm reasoning, by means of writing, with the woman produce any change such as would be produced by mental treatment in ordinary cases of hysteria.

An examination revealed the fact that no local disease interfered, the trachea was in a healthy condition, but the patient had no control of the vocal cords. No vibrations could be produced; and, consequently, no sound was heard. It was clear that the vocal cords were temporarily paralyzed. Prof. Biggs told the students that if there was no permanent injury to the cords the local trouble would yield to and be disposed of by the use of electricity. The electric battery was then called into use, the cords were relaxed and the woman spoke as formerly. Hearing and speech were both restored.—Exchange.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

How the March wind does blow!

John Nicholas, of Edith, was in town yesterday.

There was a considerable frost Tuesday night.

Commissioners court was in session three days this week.

A norther Monday night and Tuesday.

Only three weeks till District court.

Mr. Tripp was in from the divide Wednesday.

Cliff Crayton, of Senco, was in Wednesday.

L. H. Brightman is now County Judge of Coke county.

M. H. O'Daniel, of Bronte, was in town Thursday on business.

Dan Buchanan's baby, Ethel has been quite sick for several days.

A joke on Brother A. M. Jav. he took dinner with the editor Thursday.

Come and see those new cultivators for sale by Burroughs & Co.

Mr. - Garrett, of Young county is stopping with Jeff Davis.

Come out to the school meeting at the court house tonight.

Remember Brother Bates' appointment here tomorrow.

Will Coke be represented in the State Democracy?

Remember that John Barrons' free wagon yard is open to all.

Browns Iron Bitters for sale by J. T. Hamilton.

Take the cash to Bennick, Stewart & Co. put your own price on goods wanted and take them.

Judge D. T. Averitt resigned and Sam Sayner was appointed County Judge in his stead this week.

From present indications the officers of Coke county will have to hunt the me for the next term.

It must be rather a lonesome race for one candidate who is running for office in this county.

Geo. and Clay Williamson, of Ft. Chadbourne were in the city several days this week.

Wm. Childress, W. C. Barron, Lee and Ed Good are some of our stockmen who attended the Ft. Worth convention this week.

Bob Chambers accidentally shot Jeff McFarland with a 45 six shooter near Sterling city recently. McFarland is reported to be in dangerous condition.

A. C. Gardner and family spent the first of the week in burg. A. C. was busy waiting on the commissioners court, but found time to pay us a pleasant call.

Rev. D. T. Fairley, Christian preacher of Bronte, closed a series of interesting sermons here Sunday night.

If you want a good tract of land in Rannels county read Chas. A. Dalley's ad in this paper.

Will Robinson, of Ft. Chadbourne went to Osceola, Mississippi a few days since and wrote back to a friend that he was to be married to young lady on the 12th.

Frank Robinson was in town Thursday and told us that he attended a most enjoyable singing at Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas on Sunday night, where standing room was at a premium, but said he got a rocking chair.

Asball Dancer has moved from San Angelo to Ballinger and is in the barber business—go and see him when there.

B. L. Mobley and W. C. Hayley paid San Angelo a visit Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

The dance at Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mertshaw, Monday night, was altogether a success.

Mr. - Kelly, the Ballinger Livery stable man passed through town yesterday on his way to Sterling City.

Get one of those excellent Cauton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge. Mrs. Carr kindly solicits your patronage. San Angelo, Texas.

Did you take any stock in the school meeting today? or are you identified with the school interest of your town?

It is reported that J. C. Turner who was out here some time ago will move back to Coke.

J. W. Barnett has been on the sick list this week and the "evil one" of this office suggests that perhaps his best girl has told him "No sir"

R. L. Goss, of Meadow Mountain, passed through town yesterday on his way to San Angelo with two bales of cotton.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Of fice at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

John Weathers delivered 76 yearlings to Ed Good at this place on last Saturday at \$10, and is to deliver 30 or 40 more today at the same figures.

Pres Walling and others delivered a small bunch of yearlings to Ed Good Saturday at \$10 per head.

The subscription school still fills up and runs smooth under the efficient management of Prof. Thomas.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

It does a fellow good to listen at those Bronte people talk of the school that they are going to have—They started in to build a school and nothing short of a calamity could stop it. Did you ever see them people start in after anything and fail.

Uncle Ziek Boozier was in the city Wednesday and call around and paid the RUTLER \$2.65 on subscription and subscribed for the Ft. Worth Gazette, so he will be up with the times for at least one year to come.

Sam Sayner was offered the County Judges office this week, but gracefully declined the honor.

### Died.

It is with much sadness that we have to record the death of Mrs. Sallie Glass, wife of Rev. J. W. Glass, of near Olga, this county. As near as we could learn from Mr. - Shepherd, who came after the coffin Thursday that, the death occurred at 2 o'clock Wednesday night. Her husband and several little children have the sincere sympathy of our people.

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Respectfully,

John Barron.

On last Saturday night, at Sanco, while church was going on, some parties started running by Mr. Wm. Scarboroughs house shooting off his pistol and the old gent got out with his shot gun and began to mix the fun and it is said that some ones horse caught a load of small shot. We do not know who the disturber was. But boys, that business is getting a little bit dangerous in these diggings.

Sam Sayner of Coke county, was in town Saturday and reported his section in finer condition than he has seen it for years.—S. A. Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Webb, of Ft. Chadbourne, were made happy on last Sunday, the 8th, by the arrival of a fine daughter.

Bring us a load of wood on your subscription and save us paying out the money for it.

Judge Pryman who returned from Ballinger two or three days ago says the proposed irrigation dam on the Colorado between here and Ballinger is almost assured.

If the enterprise does materialise it will be by far the biggest leap of advancement this section has ever known. Something like \$500,000 will drop into our midst the first rattle out of the box.

D. T. Averitt has resigned the County Judges office and intends moving to Cameron, in Milam county, and taking up a law practice some time in the future. Judge Averitt offered his resignation to the commissioners court some time since, but was persuaded at the time not to resign. He has made a fine record as County Judge and it is with much regret that our people give him up. And it is yet to be hoped that he may reconsider and continue to practice in Robert Lee.

The gratuitous information given out by the San Angelo Standard to its benighted contemporaries is just simply touching to the last degree. In its last issue it informed the RUTLER that Christ was over. Thanks! We believe you learned not long since that Jim Ellis had gone out of the Hotel business in San Angelo, did you not?

Mr. Will Robbins, the Hayrick stockman, called at the Rustler office Thursday and told us that he had 1000 fat muttons to sell; he has been feeding them cottonseed for some time and says they are in fine shape for the market.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### RATES FOR ANNOUCMENS

FOR OFFICE.

The RUSTLER will charge the following prices for announcing candidates for office.

**Announcement Fees Always In Advance.**

All District Officers.....\$7 50  
County Officers.....5.00  
Precinct Officers.....2.50

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

### Notice.

I or J. W. Reed, are now ready to receive all money subscribed to build the church in Robert Lee Eugene T. Bates.

J. F. Cole, of Senco, was in the city on land business Thursday.

J. R. Patteson went to Ft. Chadbourne on a surveying expedition Thursday.

Help to support and circulate your county paper and the help to locate as many homeseekers in your county as possible.

From San Angelo Standard.

J. D. O'Daniel and L. D. Shepard, prosperous Coke county citizens, were in the city yesterday.

P. L. Maitland had a mob of polo players at his ranch near Eden last week, and experimented with horse meat. A fat young pony was killed and horse steak was pronounced excellent by the entire company. The grain of the meat is a little coarser but otherwise it cannot be detected from bovine flesh.

J. P. Cranke, of Uvalde, representing the Baker Telephone Co., of Texas, has been in the city several days and has succeeded in organizing an exchange in the city with over fifty customers.

The central office will be located at one of the central Drug stores and the service will be day and night. Mr. Cranke is now arranging with his company to extend the telephone to Knickerbocker, Sherwood, Ozona, Sonora, McKavitt, Sterling city and Robert Lee. If each of the places mentioned will assist in the enterprise there will be no difficulty putting the matter on foot. How the Angelo merchants would be benefited by all these connection with neighboring towns does not need to be stated. If the towns spoken of will do their part, Angelo will not be slow to do hers.

The Angelo exchange, it is confidently anticipated, will be in full working order with in two months.—San Angelo Standard.

Robert Lee is ready and will meet San Angelo half way on the road any time she will show any desire for a telephone line from there here. A little co-operation between the two towns on this line would result in much mutual benefit.

Some sneak thief stole Jimmie Barrons' saddle out of the barn at his home on the night of the 10th.

Mr. Probandt, the San Angelo Dry-goods and Groceryman spent a night in Lee not long since and when ye Sr. met him in Angelo a few days since he had much to say in praise of our little town and the country around it. Among other things he said that we had the prettiest located little town in the whole country and he proved that he meant what he said by planting an ad in the RUSTLER—read it and go and see him when in Angelo.

## THE SPRING ROUND UPS

AT ROBERT LEE.

—THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

Parties desiring photos are informed through this medium that I will positively be at Robert Lee through March only, and you will only have a few more days to get a nice picture here.

Respectfully, T. Irby.

"Pho to list."

The dam surveyors—that is to say the surveyors who are surveying a dam site—or, more properly speaking, the surveyors who are surveying a site for a dam in connection with the prospective irrigation scheme, came into town on account of the rain last week, but returned to their work the first of this Mr. Hollingsworth who is at the head of the scheme seems quite enthusiastic over the prospects and thinks that fifty thousand acres is a low estimate, of the fertile land that may be irrigated by this reservoir.—Rannels county Ledger.

## Commissioners Court.

A special session of the commissioners court convened on last Monday for the purpose of appointing a successor to D. T. Averitt, resigned.

Sam Sayner was put in nomination and was appointed by the court to fill out the balance of the term.

Two of the commissioners went to Mr. Sayners home, near Mr. Margerette and conferred with him and he came to town with the intention of accepting the appointment, but when he became aware of the fact that he would have to be at the office from day to day he declined to qualify. The court thereupon appointed L. H. Brightman County Judge for the remainder of the term.

W. D. Cochran, attorney, of San Angelo, was allowed \$300 to represent Coke county in the cases of Coke county vs. W. C. Hayley et al.

Communicated: Some say that the senior editor has got so poor and weak that he has to lean against his desk to gobble.

A. P. Bush was re-elected president of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association.

San Antonio gets the next Cattle Raisers convention.

McKinley For Silver.

The Kentucky Republican Convention adjourned on the 11th inst having, of course, endorsed the Hon. Wm. McKinley for the presidency. His financial plank runs thusly:

We contend for honest money; for a currency of gold, silver and paper with which to measure our exchanges that shall be as sound as the government and as untarnished as its honor; and to that end we favor bimetalism and demand the use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by international agreement if that can be obtained or such restrictions and such provisions to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parity of the values of the two metals so that the purchasing and debt paying power of the dollar whether silver, gold or paper shall be at all times equal.

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**Buggy, Hack and Harness**  
is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection  
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rooms, and beds that you can  
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A. J. Roy, Proprietor.

**Wagon Yard Chang-  
ed Hands.**

We desire to notify the public  
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Wagon Yard formally owned by  
W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave  
and will take the utmost pains  
to see that all customers are given  
every accommodation. Good  
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LOOK OUT!

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Mr. Irby, the photographer,  
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Put up in  
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