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Dallas had a \$120,000 fire on the 25th.

The Union depot and other adjacent buildings were burned at Ft. Worth on the 25th—loss \$10,000.

The Manager of the Southern States Cotton Exposition have decided to postpone the exhibition indefinitely.

The McLennan county Democratic convention endorsed the course democratic state executive committee, that is Judge Clark's home county.

Of course the supreme court could not decide against corporations, combines or sugar trusts: the sugar bounty law is decided constitutional and an other \$6,000,000 in gold will be withdrawn from the treasury.

The Colorado Times will bolt when it comes to cyclones—says she's openly, unequivocally, and irrevocably opposed to 'em.

It is suggested that a boat may be run from here to the dam on the Colorado in case it is put in which now seems probable, and that dam will probably grow larger fruit than steam boats for these "diggins."

It is said that Judge Kennedy, 2nd Judicial district, will have no opposition to his re-election as district Judge. He has held that rostrum down for many years and is in every way worthy of the place.

From Kentucky.

The following is a letter from J. W. Ramey, East Point, Ky.
(To The Rustler)
Mr. Editor:

You will find enclosed \$1.50, which you will place to my credit. Hope you will excuse me for not remitting sooner as I have been very busy.

I received your paper the last of January 1896 and weekly since that time. I am very much pleased with it and it is the first to be read when I receive it for I am always glad to hear how the people of Coke county are. I was once a citizen of Coke myself and liked the people very much, and I contemplate being one of her citizens again in the future would have been before now if I had my education completed.

Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the lower part of the Odd Fellows building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

**CALL ON
PROBANT & CO.
OF SAN ANGELO TEXAS.
FOR YOUR
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES
AND
GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

With my best regards for the people of Coke and the Rustler I will close for this time.

Yours Rept.
J. W. Ramey.

It strikes us that the newspaper business is running a little below par in this celebrated city just at present. Roy, the Sr. is down on Devils River cooking for a fishing out fit and Claude, the Jr. was forced to the expedient of hiring a long eared burro and a "hug-me-tight" to transport his best girl to the picnic Saturday.—Ozona Courier.

On the night of the 24th two terrific cyclones swept through portions of Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, killing 43 and fatally injuring a score more and 50 not so seriously injured.

Col. Foote received a letter last week from parties in New York inquiring after a relative by name of Felix Jones. It seems that Jones came to Texas some 15 years ago, went into the cattle business, sold out his cattle when they were at the top figures for \$75,000, placed the money in some bank in the state and has never been heard of since. His relatives offer a large reward for any information as to his whereabouts. Call on Mr. Foote and read the letter and see what your portion will be in case you find him.—Ozona Courier.

Maybe its "Black" Bill Jones up in Nolan county that the above refers to.

Block 97.

On the 18th inst. the case of Bacon & Graves vs. the state of Texas, appealed from the supreme court of Texas was dismissed in the United States supreme court for want of jurisdiction. It is supposed the last decision of the supreme of this state giving the lands to Texas will stand. This gives about 500 sections, mostly choice lands, to the public domain.—Colorado Spokesman.

A lot of 8000 lbs. of Texas wool (new clip) was sold in New York last week at 10 1/2 and 11 cents.—S. A. Enterprise.

It looks as if San Angelo will have a federal court.—S. A. Enterprise.

The Vat Taylor murder case, moved from Sweetwater to Colorado, was set for last Thursday.

In the district court at San Angelo H. H. Rushing has been found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary for murder of Eugene Chase at the Twin Mountain farm some months since.

IRRIGATION.

The San Angelo Standard has the following to say of the proposed irrigation scheme in this and Runnels counties:

The advantages to this section of an irrigation system of the magnitude this one is proposed to be almost indescribable. After the contracts are let, it would give at least two years steady employment to hundreds of laborers and mechanics from Tom Green, Coke and Runnels counties. It would increase the taxable values of Runnels county a couple of millions of dollars. Lands that are now worth from \$2 per acre would then be worth from \$40 to \$100 per acre. It would immediately induce the building of one or more railroads to the Colorado valley. It would increase the population of that section some 5000 or 6000. It would induce capitalists to build similar enterprises on the Concho rivers, where sooner or later the same transformation scene—a scene from a drouthy country to one flowing with milk and honey would take place. We could go on enumerating for a whole column the advantages that this enterprise will give this section, but space forbids.

We close by stating that from the fact that the proposed dam will be built about half way between Ballinger and San Angelo at a cost of \$1,000,000 that the San Angelo business men will obtain a large share of the trade of that locality and should aid in all their power the furtherance of this laudable undertaking.

The Standard heartily wishes it success.

In this issue appears the new advertisement of L. Schwartz & Co. of Angelo. The reason they have planted such an ad, in the Rustler is that they have an immense business, and they desire to build up and increase that business, and their advertisement shows that they appreciate the Coke county trade. If you want Bargains go to a company with a large stock on hands to sell you go where you are wanted and appreciated, where they want to build up trade with you, go to L. Schwartz & Co. San Angelo.

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COKE COUNTY.

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D. D. WALLACE, Attorney.
EDM. MORLEY, Clerk.

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J. H. CAMPBELL, " " 4.

COURTS.

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May, August November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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.
Baptist Church; 1st Sunday No Pastor.
Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

DAVIS HOTEL
First class house, Good nice, clean beds a specialty.
FARE \$1. PER DAY.

Patronage of the PUBLIC Solicited.

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Proprietor



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Women are the real heroes of the world. Thousands on thousands of them endure the dragging torture of the ill peculiar to womankind in the silence of home. They suffer on and on—weeks, months, years. The story of weakness and torture is written in the drawn features, in the sallow skin, in the listless eyes, in the lines of care and worry on the face.

Inborn modesty seals their lips. They prefer pain to humiliation. Custom has made them believe the only hope of relief lies in the exposure of examination and "local treatment."

Take ten cases of "female weakness" and in nine of them "local treatment" is unnecessary. There is no reason why modest, sensitive women should submit to it. **MOLLER'S**

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is a vegetable wine. It exerts a wonderfully healing, strengthening and soothing influence over the organs of woman-kind. It invigorates and stimulates the whole system. It is almost infallible in curing the peculiar weaknesses, irregularities and painful derangements of woman. Year after year, in the privacy of home—away from the eyes of everybody—it effects cures.

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BOARD BY DAY, \$1. MEAL 25c
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Physician and Surgeon,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
Office at Hamiltons' Drugstore.

Dr. J. O. TOLIVER
Physician and Surgeon.
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
Office—At My Store.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen failing to subscribe for a great metropolitan newspaper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "twice-a-week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the large circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 papers in a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns next year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year, when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value twofold by adding many valuable features.

Right in Sight Sure Saving Shown

We'll send you our General Catalogue and Buyers Guide, if you send us 15 cents in stamps. That pays postage or expressage, and keeps off idlers.
It's a Dictionary of Menest Values: Full of important information no matter where you buy. 700 Pages, 10,000 illustrations; tells of 40,000 articles and right prices of each. One price list for men, women and children.

BARGAIN STORE. SPOT CASH,

Ballinger, Texas.
The place to do your trading. Just received.

250 Mens and Boys Suits

all new goods going at

\$1 TO \$14. Straw Hats.

for Men and Boys, are the cheapest

**300 Pair Ladies and Childrens
Slippers, style to suit the most
Fastidious tastes.**

In Prices, Beauty, Wear and Comfort, they are unexcelled.

We Cordially invite our LADY FRIENDS of

Coke County

to call and see our complete stock of
DRESS GOODS, SHIRT WAISTS, LADIES VESTS,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES & ETC.

Our Motto: "Quick Sales and Small Profits."

Yours,

A. R. Fancher & Son.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

SUCCESSOR TO
CAREY-LUMBARD LUMBER CO.
DEALERS IN

**LUMBER, BUILDING
MATERIAL, PAINT, OILS
AND VARNISHES.**

J. A. BURLEY, MANAGER.

ROBERT LEE LIVERY STABLE

I have now assumed control of the ED GOOD Livery Stable. I will keep good Teams, good Buggies and Harness for my patrons and will treat you right when put up at my Stable. Free Wagon Yard in connection.

Respectfully,

R. P. Perry.

Wagon And Feed Yard.

Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.
All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodations For The Least Money. We Appreciate Your Trade.
East of Nimitz Hotel.

J. W. REED.

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**Dry Goods, Groceries And
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.**

Better Bargains for the Cash than any other house in town.

J. T. Hamilton

[Successor to Hamilton, & Patteson]

DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,

Robert Lee, Texas,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENTS 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

For County Judge.

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.

We are authorized to announce Mace Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce J. D. O'Daniel Sr. as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

We are authorized to announce R. R. Smith as a candidate for the office of Judge of Coke County.

For Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce Frank Robinson as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce Mr. I. J. Good as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

District And County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce Ed. M. Mobley as a candidate for re-election to the offices of County and District Clerk of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Gardner Sr. a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce H. M. Bennick as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

We are authorized to announce W. R. McDonald a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

Wylie Byrd returned from Angelo Wednesday and reported that his Caraway's, Robbio's and Acry muttons, about 1100 head, had sold at \$1.55.

There were about three hundred ewes in the lot and Wily says they were not as fat as they should have been. He said there was from one to two train loads a day of the finest muttons he ever saw being shipped from Angelo.

J. B. Morris was in and called to see us Thursday. J. B. said that while he is no candidate for the Surveyors office, that he would be if there was another candidate for the place, that there would be no honor in being elected without opposition.

E. S. Gardner, oldest son of County Treasurer Gardner, of the Edith country, visited in town a day or two this week. Mr. Gardner is in the sheep business.

Mr. S. S. Cosper, and daughter Miss Amy, of Ft. Chadbourne, were in town last Saturday and Mr. Cosper (of course) subscribed for the Rustler.

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN
—AND—

FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a very small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,

John Barron.

Stoves at Hagelsteins, San Angelo

D. C. Williams, the genial and well known tank builder and Jno. Benson, his first lieutenant, arrived from Sonora Thursday and remained in the city until today when they left for Massies ranch to do some tanking. Mr. Williams is a thorough master of his business and we heartily recommend him to anyone desiring work in his line.—Ozona Courier

Strictly In It.

Grand Pa Hayley has opened up his Ice-cream parlor in the McElroy building.

All furniture and fixtures are brand new, and the old gentleman invites both ladies and gentlemen to come in and partake of ice-cream, milk-shake, lemonade, soda water etc., serve fresh and cool in the nicest style.

Buggies at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Sheriff Shield arrested Saturday morning Mrs. S. E. Powers who is charged with the murder of her husband near Knickerbocker last December.—San Angelo Enterprise

Notice.

Saturday before the first Sunday in each month is meeting time of the Peoples Party club of Pre. No. 1. at which time the doctrines of the party will be discussed by selected speakers.

J. W. Tunnell,
Chairman.

School Trustees Election.

On next Saturday, June 6th, school trustees are to be elected throughout the county. We hope that people will give this question the consideration that it merits. Good men, who take an interest in their schools ought to be given the places. In this, 10th district there is some misunderstanding as to who is the hold over trustee. It is claimed by some that John Murtishaw is the holdover trustee, while others claims J. T. Hamilton as the holdover.

Notice.

L. B. Murray handed us the following for publication, which relates to the Brightman—Mitholland land case, same being a certified copy of Mr. Murray's evidence in the case:

"On this day personally appeared L. B. Murray and after being by me duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with L. H. Brightman and that he seen him and his family camped on section No. 408 the land above described in the early part of September 1895."

Sworn and subscribed to before Ed M. Mobley March 11th, 1896.
L. B. MURRAY.

Mr. Swaiton, with two wagons and teams, came into town from San Angelo Wednesday with the large boiler and smoke-stack for the Robert Lee mill and gin.

J. W. Hall went to San Angelo this week after lumber to finish his residence north of town.

Mr. Keesee was in town trading Tuesday.

Ft. Chadbourne.

Our part of the country is getting very dry and some of our farmers are becoming discouraged. A great many of them have not finished planting cotton and cannot until it rains. Brother Cordell the Baptist minister, failed to fill his appointment at Rock Springs last Sunday. Rock Springs has quite an interesting Sunday school. We also have one at New Hope, but the measles in that neighborhood has caused the school to suspend for the last two Sundays. Live Oak boasts of the best Sunday school in the county, and as ye scribe had the pleasure of visiting that place last Sunday, we think they surely have reason to be proud of it. The different Sunday schools in and around the Ft. Chadbourne country are going to meet in a Sunday school celebration the 13th of June. A great time is expected. You had better take a day off Mr. Editor, and come over.

We noticed the bashful young man out at Live Oak Sunday. It is stated that he has drank a certain gentlemen well dry in that neighborhood.

Miss Mary Reed is spending a while at home now to the great delight of her numerous friends. Hay Seed is quite desirous of knowing who Flower Seed is, would like to correspond with her think maybe they might scrape up kin.

Miss Boozer, a sister to Glen a charming young lady from Alabama, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Z. Boozer.

The base ball fever has struck this neighborhood. The boys met at Mr. Geo. Williams last Saturday evening and practiced. They contemplate getting in trim and challenging the Bronte team to play a match game the 4th of July at Robert Lee. Mr. Alvin Calaway, who has been, on the plains for a year, returned home last Friday. Mr. W. B. Moore has been quite sick for the past ten days, but is getting up again now.

Nothing more for this time.

Yours,
Hay Seed.

Notice Confederate Veterans.

The Confederate Veterans of Coke county are hereby requested to meet at the court house in Robert Lee on Saturday, the 6th day of June, to elect delegates to the Re-Union at Richmond Va. and attend to other business of importance.

By order Wm. Scarborough,
Commander Camp Coke.
Per I. M. Bennick, Adjutant.

The ice-cream party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Day is Thursday night was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Marriage Licenses was issued on 27th for the marriage of Mr. J. M. Vaughn and Miss Scott, both of Bronte.

Licenes was issued by Co. Clerk Mobley on the 29th for the marriage of Mr. J. M. Matlock and E. E. Offield, both of the Bronte neighborhood.

Mr Thomas Vowel and Miss Alice Taylor were married at church at Valley View on last Sunday-night.

Sure enough alive business men and people who read judge a town by the way it advertises. How does Robert Lee loom up in the Rustler.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WASHINGTON & CO., 7 at at Astor, Wash., D. C. for their 50¢ price offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

Poor Pilgric,

there is no need for you to contemplate a wig when you can enjoy the pleasure of sitting again under your own "thatch." You can begin to get your hair back as soon as you begin to use

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

TICKETS ON SALE DAILY TO CRIPPLE CREEK

And Other COLORADO MINING CAMPS. Summer Tourists Tickets good until October 31, via FORT WORTH AND DENVER CITY RAILWAY, The Great Short Line from Texas. D. B. KEELER, C. P. A., Fort Worth, Tex.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

CRIPPLE CREEK—\$5 will buy 100 shares of gold mining stock; send for prospectus; references given. MOUNT & MOTT, Colorado Springs, Col.

If afflicted with sore eyes, use **Thompson's Eye Water.** WNU DALLAS. 22-96

When Answering Advertisements Mention This Paper.

Don't Get Too Familiar.
There are so many people whom their friends love if they see them only once a week, but who are only liked if seen twice a week.

No man has either hope or ambition after he is fifty years old.

When a woman whitewashes her cellar, she is said to look worse than when she cleans house.

Summer girls are really looking for husbands.

All About Western Farm Lands.
The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

Looking at pictures is an easy mode of thinking.

DON'T GET WET. TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKERS WILL KEEP YOU DRY.

'GOOD-BY, MATE, GOOD-BY!'

Telegraph Lineman Drops Forty Feet to Save His Companion's Life.

The life of telegraph linemen is full of peril. As a rule, the workman has served an apprenticeship to this arduous occupation or has previously qualified as a sailor, says Pearson's Weekly. It is no easy matter to climb hand over hand the huge telegraph poles, the sight of which is so familiar all over the country.

In stormy weather he carries his life in his hand. A few years ago a shocking occurrence drew attention to the dangerous nature of the work. Two men were engaged on a telegraph pole standing many feet above a well-known line of railway. A wire was broken and they were busy repairing the damage.

The wind blew fiercely from the east and the pole rocked to and fro in the blast. Suddenly a strong gust caused one of the men to turn in his position. In doing so he somehow pushed his companion, who, taken, unawares, fell backward. He clutched at his mate, and both tumbled over among the wires.

For a moment the two men hung without speaking. Then one of them said:

"Bill, I can't reach the post, and I am afraid if I move the wires will break."

And as he spoke a wire broke.

"Well, mate, it's a big drop down into the grass," replied the other man, "but as your married and have three kids I don't see why I should stay here."

"No, don't do that, Bill; you'll get killed, surely. Let's hang a little longer."

But another wire broke and Bill made up his mind.

"Good-by, mate," he said to the other, who had tears in his eyes, "good-by."

Then he dropped—a fall of forty feet. He fell among some bushes and rolled down the embankment. When he arose (for he was not dead) he crawled up to where his companion hung.

"I'm all right, mate, I'm going for help."

The station was half a mile distant. When the poor fellow who had risked his life for his mate told his tale he had broken his arm and a couple of ribs, but his noble action saved his friend's life and his own.

GARTERS MADE OF ROSES.

Flower Clusters Are Also Caught in the Flouncings of the Petticoat.

Parisian ladies have from time to time devised many startling and extravagant uses for flowers, but never until the present season have they used the choicest products of their conservatories as materials for garters. Garters of primroses, harebells, narcissus, violets, and lilies, all these are being worn at the balls and receptions in Paris and will soon be quite as popular in New York.

The idea prompting the fashion is a pretty one. The dame of dainty toilettes must wait rare scents as she moves about, and this must be accomplished not by the most costly imitations but by the fragrant blossoms themselves. Accordingly every garment that forms a part of the evening toilet bears a lavish scattering of the wearer's favorite flower. Knots of blossoms are caught among the thick flouncings and ruffles of the petticoats, and even the embroidered corset has its little bouquet attachment. The inside flounce of the most delicate evening gowns is made entirely of flowers, and the newest garter is simply made to conform to the general harmony of fragrance and color.

The more highly perfumed a flower may be, the more appropriate it is considered for a garter. Violets of most exquisite scent are in high favor and are almost invariably used for garters worn with lilac, lavender, delicate green, or white costumes. The very sweet and spring like fragrance of lilies of the valley is, however, almost equally popular, and roses are of course always worn, even as garters.

Very Young Widow.

This is the season of the year when beggars are most plentiful.

A little 10-year-old girl stood near an uptown hotel soliciting alms. In her hand she had a badly soiled note, which she offered to each passer-by but most of them were too busy to read it and contented themselves with dropping a small coin in her outstretched palm. Finally a benevolent-looking old gentleman took the note and read it. His hand was withdrawn from his pocket and he simply said: "Very remarkable" and passed on. The note read:

"To the Charitable: The bearer is a widow with four small children to support and is very destitute. A few cents may save her from starvation."

Interested in Science.

Boston Dame—My dear, where are you going?

Cultured Daughter—To Professor Drybone's lecture on Bacillus Lactarium Nonestibustibus. Miss Backbay is to be there, and I hear she has just got a nice bonnet from Paris.—New York Weekly.

Hosts of people go to work in the wrong way to cure a

Sprain, Soreness, OR Stiffness,

When **ST. JACOBS OIL** would care in the right way, right off.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER

Will restore gray hair to its youthful color and beauty—will thicken the growth of the hair—will prevent baldness, cure dandruff, and all scalp diseases. A fine dressing. The best hair restorer made.

R. P. Hall & Co., Props., Nashua, N. H. Sold by all Druggists.

RODS For tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore, lost or hidden treasures. M. D. FOWLER, Box 337, Southington, Conn.

Agents Wanted for **THE MODERN BANKER** the great reform novel, Sample 25c. C. H. KERR & CO., 44 Fifth Ave., CHICAGO.

The Woman's Bicycle

In strength, lightness, grace, and elegance of finish and equipment Model 41 Columbia is unapproached by any other make.

Columbia

saddles are recommended by riders and physicians as proper in shape and adjustment, and every detail of equipment contributes to beauty and the comfort and pleasure of the rider.

\$100 TO ALL ALIKE.

POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.

The Columbia Catalogue, handsomest art work of the year, is free from the Columbia agent, or is mailed by us for two 3-cent stamps.

Branch Stores and Agencies in almost every city and town. If Columbias are not properly represented in your vicinity, let us know.

All Columbia Bicycles are fitted with **HARTFORD SINGLE-TUBE TIRES** UNLESS DUAL-TUBE TIRES ARE ORDERED FOR. WE KNOW NO TIRES SO GOOD AS HARTFORDS.

OFFICE OF **BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY, DURHAM, N. C.**

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 We must sell our stock, so come to see us.
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 Large sized Turkish Towels only 10 cents each.
 12 papers of pins 10 cents.
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 10 cent quality Indian Linen only 6 1-2 cents.
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 10 pieces Cold Plaid Lawn 12 1-2c quality, only 7 1-2cents a yard.
 15 pieces Flutter Duck 15 cent quality, only 8 1-3 cents per yard.
 20 Cent quality, Wool Challie, during sale 9 cents per yard.

SHOES.

Ladies pink and blue Sandals worth \$1.50, during sale 75 cents.
 Ladies plain opera slippers worth \$1.00, at 50 cents.
 Ladies black Dongola one strap Sandal \$1.25, only 65 cents.
 Ladies black Dongola Oxfords square, patent tip, \$1.50 quality only 90 cents per pair.

Men's Kip Boots solid leather worth \$2.25, our price \$1.35.
 Boys Boots worth \$1.50, our price \$1.25.
 Men's Genuine Calf Boot, former price \$3.50 during sale \$2.00.
 Ladies Tan Oxford regular \$1.25 quality, our price 85 cents.
 Misses Sandals sizes 12 to 2 in tan and black \$1.25 quality, only 75 cents.
 Misses Oxfords sizes 5 to 6 in tan and black 40 cents per pr.
 Baby slippers size 3 to 8 our price 25 cents.
 An assorted lot of Misses Slippers with heels, worth from 75 to \$1.25 Choice 35 cents per pair.
 Men's Oxford Ties Viel Kid regular 2.25 quality, during sale 1.65.
 Men's 2-buckle Grain and Kip Brogan Shoes worth \$1.50 during sale \$1.10.

HATS.

Men's black Wool Hats, former price \$1, during sale 50 cents.
 Boys latest style Hats all colors worth 75 cents, during sale 35c.
 Men's Casimere Hats wide brim Black and White low crown, worth \$3.00 to \$4.50, now for \$1.25 each.
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LOCAL CHIPS.

Dry and hot.
 Corn will probably be cut short.
 Dr. Toliver was called to see Will Carter Thursday.
 Ft. Chadbourne and Bronte each have base ball clubs.
 Wagons at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 Mr. Jim Byrd was in town Thursday.
 J. A. Pearson, of Colman county, is visiting J. A. Stuart.
 Lots of fish in the Colorado river.
 Glassware at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 There is dam site talk down the river.

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Hacks at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 Ben Scott cut a bee-tree Monday and got ten gallons of honey.
 More measles and some other sickness in town this week.
 Jess Buchanan stands at the the head of the column when it comes to catching fish—29 a day and some of them 5 and 6 pounds.
 Mrs. J. E. Stewart was right sick for a while this week, but we learn she is much better or entirely well.
 W. C. Merchant has had a good case of measles this week, is doing well at present.
 Rumor says that Ft Chadbourne has a new candidate spotted for the county judges office.
 Willis McCraw was arrested and put under bond this week for the seduction of his wifes sister.
 Rufe Whiteside and Rex Lewis took Misses Barbara and Dora Davis to the Oak creek barbecue Tuesday.
 Wire, at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 Mowers at Hazelstain San Angelo.
 Eclipse Repairs at BL Wilson Angelo
 Prof. Poppowell, of Bronte, was in town Tuesday: he is improving his new place near where his school house will be at Bronte.
 John Barron went to Sweetwater Monday, took in the Oak creek picnic Tuesday and brought Mrs. McElroy home with him.

Nelson Webb and children, and W. M. Billingslea: of the Ft. Chadbourne country, were at the Webb hotel Wednesday night.
 Mrs. L. H. Brightman was taken sick at 11 o'clock church last Sunday and by the time she got home was delirious, was sick several days, but is now rapidly recovering.
 Well Supplies, Hazelstains Angelo.
 Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton and Misses Eva and Ina Vestal paid their respects to the Rastler office Tuesday evening.
 Binders at Hazelstain, San Angelo.
 L. W. Field got a letter from Geo. Adams of Brown county, this week in which he says that oats have failed, wheat only made half a crop and that corn is about given up.
 Prof. W. B. Jones, of Tennyson was in the burg Thursday and will henceforth read the Rastler and keep up.
 Rev. Gid Graham, Primitive Baptist, we understand will preach here tomorrow, probably at the school house.
 Implements at Hazelstains, Angelo.
 John Knight says that he may not make as much corn as some people might suppose.
 G. W. Weeb, for Commissioner of Pre. No. 1—how does that strike you?

We received a communication from Sanco after the paper was printed last week, would have been glad to have gotten it in time for publication.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Reed and daughter, Miss Amanda, of New Hope, passed through town enroute to San Angelo Monday.
 Jim Stewart and Larkin Hayley took their flying-jimmy to the Oak creek barbecue and they report a good business done and a fine time had, they say that Sweetwater was well represented. All the Nolan county candidates were there and much speaking was done; dancing lasted till eleven o'clock at night.
 J. W. Boyngton, who is somewhat of a newspaper man himself called to see us last Saturday evening, and we have since discharged dictionaries etc., and have adopted Harters Almanac instead.
 Mr. I. J. Good, candidate for sheriff of Coke county, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Good is one of the best citizens of West Texas and is deserving the support of the better class of Coke county.—San Angelo Standard.
 Rev. J. C. Cordell, Baptist, who lives on Valley creek, in Runnels county, has been called as pastor of the Baptist church at Rock Springs.

Hardware at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 Lum Jagers, one the Rustler readers of North Branch Canon, came through town on his way to San Angelo Wednesday with wool.
 Prayer meeting at the school house next Wednesday night.
 Bill Jagers, of North Branch shipped 300 muttons that net him \$1.80 per head.
 Aeromotors at Hazelstains Angelo.
 When you come to Lee and want a good cold drink, call on J. H. Turner, in the old Bank building.
 Tinware at Hazelstains, San Angelo.
 Mrs. W. W. McElroy, of Sweetwater, is visiting relatives and friends here.
 Brother Bates preaches at Sanco tomorrow and tomorrow night.
 Real hot political talk goes now.
 J. B. Morris and H. H. Hayley can draw a crowd into the shade on most any hot day.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Montgomery were in town Thursday. Mrs. Montgomery says she likes the ranch very much, and that Robert Lee looks dry to their country.
 Dr. Latham is treating Mr. Hazelton for the morphine habit.
 B. P. Byrne, was in the city Thursday.

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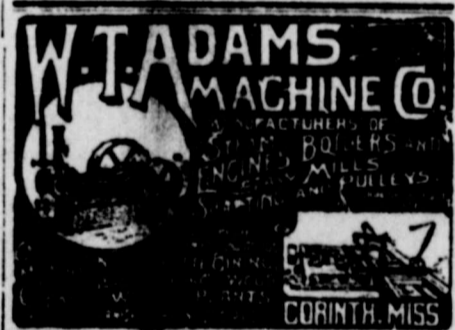
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Respectfully,
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Wholesale cattle stealing has been going on in Taylor & Nolan counties. In the last few months more than a thousand head have been stolen in Taylor county, and T. S. Foster, in the southern part of Nolan, claims to be short 100 head, while his neighbors, Everett and George are out about 150 head.

Withdraws From The Race.

Austin, Tex., May 26.—In an address to the Democrats of Texas ex-Governor O. M. Roberts withdraws from the race for governor. In his letter he states that the many factions within the party are working it a great injury and advises Democrats to pause and find out "where they are at."

After a long review of the party and especially in Texas he ends by saying:

"Under all the circumstances present and future considered, I think it best now to withdraw my name as a candidate for governor and beg leave to suggest that after all of the national platforms shall have been published, that the Democrats of Texas should hold a real democratic convention in support of the democratic party of the United States and of Texas. There will then be plenty of time for a thorough canvass.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Mr. (Hardy's) third nomination is now in order.

The Queen of England's seventy-seventh birthday occurred Sunday, but she is still hale and hearty, and the chances for the Prince of Wales coming to the throne seem as uncertain as Barney Gibbs bolt on the Populist Party.

The Laurada recently landed about 100 filibusters in Cuba with a cargo of rifles, 310,000 rounds of ammunition, 100 pounds of dynamite, two electric batteries and a quantity of insulated wire, saddie medicine chests, etc.

CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Lee, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

An Essay.

The following is an extract from a small boys essay on the "hed." "There is lots of kinds of heds red heds, wooden heds, soft heds, cabbage heds, bawld heds and so 4th. Pa he's got one, its bawld, Ma she's long headed and pa's bull heded, but I'm red heded and level to. The smart end of a boy is his hed, except when he gets spaked, but the smart end of a bee aint there. Oh, no! Pa says if a feller has a hed, he will get ahead in this world, but I don't want no hed like he gets when he goes out with the boys.—Ex.

Forty-two people were killed by a cyclone in Michigan on the night of the 25th.

Suicide at Roby.

A special to the Ft. Worth Gazette, dated May 26th, from Roby Texas says: Geo. Richie, a young man of this city, shot at a young lady of Roby named Fannie Thomas, but missed her. He then went to an outhouse and, placing the pistol to his head, blew out his own brains. The young lady had previously refused to receive attentions from him.

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