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The Coke County Rustler is now engaged in building a railroad from Ballinger to Colorado via Robert Lee. A good work brother. Push it through. Read an extract from that paper in this issue. The road may be built. Stranger things have happened. —Colorado Spokesman.

A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention and building up a city or town, than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor will locate where there is an enterprising community. No power is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper properly patronized. —Rev. DeWitt Talnage.

"Are you asleep, baby. Yes mamma, and you know the doctor told you not wake me up to give me my medicine." —Ex.

Paramore and Merchant have bought the T. A. X. pasture in Eddy county, New Mexico, lying on the east bank of the Pecos river. This contains 800,000 acres, 1250 square miles, lying in an oblong of 50 by 25 miles. This pasture is as big as eight average counties in Illinois, and in Europe would be a principality in itself. Messrs Merchant and Paramore will move 7000 young cows to this pasture from their big Arizona ranch. —Abilene Reporter.

There is one man in McDonald county who always pays for his paper in advance. He never has been sick a day in his life, never never had any corns or toothache, his potatoes never rot, the weevil never eats his wheat, the frost never kills his corn or beans, his babies never cry at night, and his wife never scolds. —Ex.

From what some of our contemporaries have to say about we suppose the RUSTLER will have all the praise for it when the Colorado River Valley R. R. is built.

Well, the RUSTLER can put up with it if necessary—anything for the rail road.

Colorado and Ballinger now have a chance to redeem themselves from apparent moss-backism by getting a "rail road move" on themselves.

Following is the contents of a letter from Mr. K. A. Lowe, received last Monday, which will be self-explanatory:

Fifth Avenue Hotel,
Madison Square, New York.

Jan. 19, 1897.

C. C. Merchant,
Robert Lee, Texas.

Dear sir:

Replying to your esteemed communication of 6th inst. after due enquiry and deliberation I write to say that we are so favorably inclined toward the Colorado Valley R. R. project, that we have decided to send down our representative to investigate and report on the enterprise.

Accordingly one of our consulting engineers, Mr. Irving Wheat-

croft, will leave N. Y. in a few days, and doubtless write you himself [for Mr. Buchanan] on what day to meet him at Colorado City.

We note you "will receive him with open arms," and we presume provide him accommodations and every facility to make his investigation as thorough and practical as possible.

Should Mr. W. be satisfied with the desirability of the enterprise, he may probably stay on the ground some short time, while we negotiate with you and your interested associates, through our representative as to what we are willing to do in the premises.

Respectfully yours,
K. A. Lowe.

Colorado and Ballinger will now proceed to settle the rail road question. If they want it there is but little doubt but that they can get it and it is also pretty certain that it will not be forced onto them over their inactive protests.

Robert Lee has gone ahead, unaided and alone, and has secured the listening ear of a moneyed corporation, which is amply able to put the enterprise through; has secured their interest to the extent that they have sent one of their consulting engineers here, from New York City, to look over the situation, to negotiate and to make a survey of the route—if it is made manifest that the road is really desired by the interested parties along the line.

Of course Robert Lee and Coke county will not be able to procure the road unless the two terminal points come through and do their respective parts. But it is believed and devoutly hoped that since the enterprise has been carried to where it now is that they will come to the front, and if they do the Colorado River Valley R. R. is ours.

STOCK NEWS

From San Angelo Standard.

The Gay ranch company of Ballinger capital stock \$50,000, filed its charter on the 20th. Incorporators, D. P. Gay, C. H. Clifford, Jack McGregor, William D. Williams, * * * G. W. Perry, man president of the Colorado Valley Ry. Co., which proposes to build from Colorado to Ballinger via Robert Lee, was in the city Wednesday submitting the first ten miles of the grade. * * * Billy Childress marketed several cars of 762-pound cows at St. Louis last Friday at \$2.65. * * * Bailey M. Collyus bought from Caleb Barron, of Coke county, 100 steer calves at p.t.; from L. D. Sheppard 100 steer calves at \$11; from Lum Hudson, 70 steers 38 and up at p.t. * * * Lum Hudson sold to E. W. Macdonald 75 long yearlings at \$14.75. Claude Broome made the trade. * * * Fayette Tankersley, through the agency of J. S. Miles, sold to W. S. Thompson 300 steers 4s and up for \$6,750.

E. Wilson has bought 14,000 head of cattle in New Mexico to be delivered on the M K ranch in Borden county between April and June.

The blackleg has been among the cattle here for a few weeks and the loss to several of our citizens has been right serious. Many have vaccinated their young stock now.—Colorado Spokesman.

Lee J. Good, the Oak creek cowman, came in on the West bound passenger last Saturday morning, after an absence of a week or so in other parts of the state.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

G. H. Adams is up from Brownwood, looking after the sale of 257 combing 2's he has down the river. He has been offered sixteen dollars around for the bunch, but has the offer under advisement.—West Texas Stockman.

Go to J. F. Deats' Free Wagon Yard.

When Henry Clay was defeated for the presidency he uttered the immortal phrase: "I would rather be right than president;" but when Bryan was in Denver last week he used the following language in one of his speeches, which deserves to outlast the epigram of Clay: "I love my country so much, I love mankind so well that I shall rejoice if the result of the campaign proves I was wrong and my opponent was right."

—Nacogdoches Chronicle.

The Brownwood flouring mill burned down recently and the Merchants National bank of that city will go into voluntary liquidation Feb. 1.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 13th, 1897:

There is a wide difference of opinion in Congress as to the wisdom of choosing Senator Sherman to be Secretary of State under the coming administration. Mr. Sherman's temperament is such that he has never been and could not be a popular man, in the common acceptance of the term "popular." While everybody admits his extensive knowledge and experience, there are many men, even among his party associates who doubt his success in handling our foreign relations, which of late years have seemed to grow more complicated and difficult all the time. His enemies, and he has many, say that he has made a failure as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and point out that only the other day that Committee was criticised in an executive session of the Senate—an almost unheard of thing—for the manner it had handled the Cuban question. The belief, which is general, that Mr. Sherman was virtually forced into becoming Secretary of State by the exigencies of Ohio politics, will not add anything to his prestige.

Senator Chandler, acting for Senator Wolcott, Chairman of the Republican Caucus Committee, has introduced the bill prepared by that Committee, authorizing the President, after March 4, 1897, to appoint representatives to any International Conference, called by the U. S. or any country, "with

a view to securing by International agreement; a fixity of relative value between gold and silver as money, by means of a common ratio between those metals, with free mintage at such a ratio." It will pass without opposition.

Few harsher criticisms against an individual have appeared in a report from a Congressional Committee than that in a report made by the Senate Naval Committee several days ago, on the cost of making armor plate. This report says: "The evil consequences likely to result from allowing Navy officers to be interested in patents, or unemployed by the owners thereof, are well illustrated by the facts which appeared to the Committee concerning Commander Wm. M. Folger, late Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, and his connection from beginning to end with what is known as the Harvey Process for face hardening armor for Naval Vessels, and various patents issued therefor." The report recites the assistance given the Harvey Company by Folger in his official capacity, and says in plain words that it was given to get the lucrative employment from the company, which Folger has had since he resigned from the Navy. It also gives other instances of Folger's having been in private employ while in the Navy. In 1874 he went to Europe as agent for the Gatling Gun Company, and drew a salary as such for two years. Later he was employed by the Simonds Rolling Machine Company, receiving as pay both money and stock in the Company, and afterwards by the American Projectile Company.

Congressional interest is greater in the settlement of the Pacific Railroads question than it was before the House defeated the funding bill, but it is doubtful whether the conflicting opinions can be sufficiently reconciled to get any legislation. It all depends upon the House. The Senate Committee has unanimously agreed to Senator Gear's bill, providing for a commission of members of the Cabinet to settle the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroads, and determine how it shall be paid, with an amendment, offered by Senator Morgan, reserving to Congress the right to regulate and prescribe charges made by those roads and all other rights it has under existing laws. This bill has been reported to the Senate, but no effort will be made to push it until the House acts upon a similar bill now in Committee. If the House does nothing, the matter will be left for the Executive branch of the Government to deal with. The Attorney General is now working on the papers that will be needed in the proceedings for foreclosure of the Government mortgage.

If the Free Homestead Bill, which was last week passed by the Senate, is killed in the House Committee on Public Lands, where it now is, its friends will blame Speaker Reed, and accuse him of being in sympathy with the eastern opposition to the bill. When the bill was originally reported from the House committee on public land, it only provided for free homesteads in Oklahoma, and it required hard

work to get the favorable report, which had only a majority of one in the Committee. The House passed the bill as it was reported but the Senate has added amendments extending the free homesteads to all lands acquired from Indians. When the bill went back to the House, Speaker Reed referred it to the Committee on Public Lands for consideration of the Senate amendments.

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Cliff Creighton, one of Sanco's society boys, was in the burg yesterday.

J. J. Curry, of Edith, was in town Tuesday.

Charlie Roe attended the Tom Richards trial at Angelo, the first of the week.

John Hanna, Jr. of Olga was a in town Monday night on his way to San Angelo to attend the Tom Richards trial.

Prof. Thomas suspended school three days the first of the week on account of bad weather.

B. L. Mobley, the Wild Cat farmer, called in to see the Rustler gang yesterday.

Dr. Lockhart, of Brady City was in town a day or two this week prospecting. He may go into the Drug business here.

Mrs. J. D. Davises nephew and niece, Pleasant and Lessie Storm are here on a visit and may make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Several prospectors in town this week.

Who ever saw such weather?

Mrs. Ed Good is to take birth-day dinner with her sister, Miss Sallie Perry, today. It is Mrs. Goods birthday.

Do you heah de kyahs!

Keep off the track-train's coming!

There is not another town of its size in the State that has more pluck than Robert Lee.

Prof. Gardner, the Silver school preceptor, was weather bound in town the first the week.

CENTRAL HOTEL.

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J. L. Elliott is a fine photographer and a reliable man. You can depend upon getting good pictures at his gallery in Robert Lee during the next ten days.

In answer to a telegram received here last Monday W. F. Buchanan started to Colorado City to meet Mr. Irving Wheatcroft, consulting engineer of the International Promoting Syndicate of New York City.

After taking in the situation at Colorado they arrived here Thursday evening and discussed the rail road question with our people until yesterday evening when Mr. Wheatcroft, in company with Mr. Buchanan, started for Ballinger, by way of Bronte.

He will look over the situation at Ballinger and if he is satisfied with the prospect and Ballinger proposes to do the right thing, as it is said Colorado promises to do, a survey of the route will probably be made at once.

J. W. Tunnell started to Dallas today to attend the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge.

NOTICE.

To Valley View Mission, South West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist church: Our second quarterly conference will be held with Valley View Class, Methodist Protestant, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. Brother Wilson writes he will be with us then. Come one and all expecting a blessing.

Yours for Christ,
W. C. Burr, Pastor.

From San Angelo Enterprise.
G. W. Perryman, of Robert Lee, was in the city Wednesday. The Judge is as healthy and hearty as ever. Robert Lee is endeavoring to secure a railroad and the Judge is deeply interested in the scheme. * * * William Childress sold through Claude Broome to Rockfellow & Co., of Nebraska, 375 steer feeders 4's and up at \$12.50 immediate delivery. These will be shipped out Tuesday.

The most severe nother of the winter has prevailed this week. A very cold norther blew up on last Saturday night and continued until Tuesday morning when it began to snow. Two or three inches of snow fell, during which time the weather remained severely cold.

Judge Perryman returned from Tom Richards trial Thursday, at San Angelo. A hearing was had before Judge Timmins on Wednesday and Tom was admitted to bail in the sum of \$6,000, which he readily gave.

Jim Stewart says everybody that is taking his medicine is getting well and that Jim Burroughs will go broke on his car load of coffins. It seems to be Jim "agin" Jim.

school House Meeting.

Every man who is identified with the town: every one who is interested in the growth and up-building of the town: every man that is in favor of a good school in Robert Lee is requested to attend the school house meeting at the court house tonight.

Will Perry sold to Aheart & Lee last week 437 steer yearling at \$11 per head.

From Sweetwater Review.

W. W. McElroy is celebrating the arrival of a boy at his house. * * * John R. Lewis returned home Wednesday from east Texas, where he recently bought about 2500 head of stock cattle.

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From San Angelo Press.

J. D. O'Daniel, the Coke county stock farmer is making a specialty of thoroughbred and graded Galloways, of which he now has a fine herd of about 300, and for which he has been offered \$20 a head by J. M. Shannon. That wont begin to touch them, however, for among his sales are 2 yearling calves to Bob Wylie at \$50 a piece; 1 to Wm Childress at \$50, and a younger animal to Kearney Mayes for \$40. That's the kind of stock to raise—you might feed them a long time before they will eat their heads off.

The party of San Angelo people who had such a thrilling experience in the jungles and mountain fastnesses of the free state of Coke, was composed of G. W. Shield, A. S. Gantt, T. C. Winn, J. W. Winn, Ed Corbett, Dick Runyon, C. W. Ozden and Mistah Tatt Harris. They were joined on the border by El Good, Lum Hudson, —Christian and eleven yaller, lop-eared hounds. The trophy of the chase—one little, old, measly fox tail—is in possession of Gantt, but recollections of the "fine time" had will be carried by others until the past is all healed over.

Tom Richards charged with killing Frank Myers, in Coke county about six weeks ago, was granted bail yesterday by Judge Timmins in the sum of \$6000.

J. T. Harmon left yesterday morning on a professional trip to Sterling, Coke and the Colorado and will be back in eight or ten days.

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Rev. Hamlet, of Ft. Chadbourne, was a pleasant caller at the Rustler office last Tuesday.

Brother Bates paid his respects to Ballinger the first of the week.

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J. L. Elliott the Sweetwater photographer is opening a photograph gallery in the McElroy house in Robert Lee.

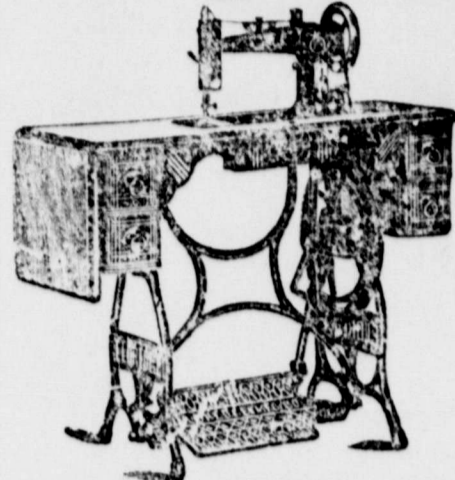
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—San Angelo Press.

From Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

The experiment jointly conducted by Missouri and Texas stations has proved that splenic fever, often called Texas cattle fever, is communicated by ticks and in no other way. Live ticks taken from cattle in Texas were mailed to the Missouri station, and there placed upon three cows, 11 of which took the fever and died. Then nine head of Texas cattle from which these ticks were taken were cleaned of ticks by dipping them in a cheap black mineral oil, and were shipped to the Missouri station, where they were fed and pastured with various bunches of other cattle for a period of seventy-four days, and no fever resulted. The oil is known as West Virginia black, and the expense of dipping was nine cents per head, * * * D. P. Gay, who owns a ranch in Crockett county, and who purchased some thirty days ago all the steer cattle located in Uvalde county belonging to Corkill & Smith, has just returned from a trip out to the cattle, and while there received 1675 head of the cattle and started them overland for his ranch in Crockett. The paid for these cattle was \$16.50 per head, being all three and four year old steers in the spring of 1897. * * * T. E. Peters, of El Paso, Tex., last week contracted with Gov. Tammans; of Chihuahua, Mex., for 20,000 head of cattle. Gov. Tammans is one of the largest cattle and sheep owners in Mexico and brands annually over 30,000 calves.

The West Texas Stockman at last ventures to open upon the proposed Colorado River Valley R. R. as follows:
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J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, have received a new and select stock of Dry Goods and Clothing and they are selling at prices to suit the times. They invite you to inspect their stock and get prices.

President Diaz, in taking the oath of office for his fourth consecutive time declared that Mexico is prospering wonderfully under a silver standard and hag too much business gumption to let go of a good thing. Foreign capital is pouring in, wages are rising, merchants are busy and jobs may be had for the asking. Same with us—I don't think! The difference between President Diaz and President Cleveland is that the former is a half-breed Indian with a large brain, the latter is a thorough-bred ass with an enormous belly.—Bran.

By failing to give the Sterling City News proper credit the Rustler has made T. P. Cooper and wife visit Robert Lee instead of Sterling, which, of course, was quite a calamity. The News editor saw that the San Angelo Standard gave the Rustler credit for the much prized and valuable local and went out of his head. We can not imagine what will become of the News man when he makes the discovery that two or three other neighboring papers have done as the Standard did. The News man knows, of course, that it was only an oversight on our part, but then he wanted to kick and he had one "a comin." Then, the News was short on news last week and had so much space to fill. So just let'er kick, it costs nothing and will do no harm.

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