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The Abilene reporter is now a semi-weekly and a good paper too.

Senator Vest of Missouri was re-elected, of course. And the whole country is to be congratulated.

The West Texas Stockman reports cattle dying with Blackleg. It also says some eastern stock on the range have died and that more will die.

Wonder if a few "depreciated, dishonest, fifty-cent silver dollars" would be accepted by the starving, freezing poor of the large cities of the United States?

San Angelo is in the middle of a bad fix. She knows she don't want the Santa Fe extended west and she don't see how she can afford for Coke county to get a railroad. On, its ———!

The public debt on January 31, less cash in the Treasury, was \$1,067,008,492. A statement of the condition shows: Available cash balance, \$215,362,420; gold reserve \$144,800,492.

John Millsap purchased from D. W. Stephens about 80 head of fine white face calves, paying him \$12.50 for them. He also bought about 20 head from C. H. Edis at the same price. —Roby Banner.

There is a greater demand for Panhandle lands than has been in years. As a result prices are going up. In five years time every section of land within five miles of a county seat will be worth five dollars per acre. —Clarendon Banner.

Newspaper reports are to the effect that multiplied thousands of the poor of the large cities of the country have been dependant upon the cold charity of the wealthy for food, clothing and shelter during the recent cold weather and many have died from starvation and exposure.

Of course improvidence and dissipation is responsible for such conditions to a great extent, but there are great numbers of the worthy poor to be accounted for in some other way. In a land of such boasted plentifulness it does not take a doctor nor a lawyer to make the discovery that there is something radically wrong, and it is quite plain that wealth should be more equally distributed. Such vast, useless and hurtful aggregations of wealth should be checked, even if harsh means are required to do it.

THE PROPOSED RAILWAY.

Mr. Irving Wheateof, an English, a civil engineer and the representative of an English syndicate, arrived here last Wednesday from New York, to look over the proposed route of a railway from Colorado to Ballinger via Robert Lee. He was met here by Mr. W. F. Buchanan, of Robert Lee, who carried him out to look over the field.

Mr. Wheateof was not very communicative in regard to the

enterprise, when seen by a representative of this paper, and said the time had not come to fully divulge the plans of his people. He did say, however, that an English syndicate was ready to furnish money to build the line if it can be demonstrated that it would prove a paying investment and the people to be benefited would put up reasonable bonuses. His people had been in correspondence with the movers of the enterprise for some time, and were ready to go ahead as soon as satisfied on these points.

From Colorado Mr. Wheateof went to Robert Lee and goes from that point to Ballinger. He expects to go over the entire ninety miles very carefully, note the topographic features of the country together with its development and prospects, and ascertain what the people are willing to do. He will return here within two weeks and then render a report to his people.

Mr. Buchanan reports the people of Coke county very enthusiastic over the prospects for the building of the road and says they will put up handsomely to cure the road. The idea is to bring the line up the valley of the Colorado river from Ballinger to this point, and ultimately to extend North to Washburne.

The Stockman hopes to see the enterprise put through, it means a great deal not only for Colorado, but for West Texas. It would open up a short and direct route from this section to the gulf, equalize freight rates and make Colorado the distributing point for an immense section of country. It would build here a city that would equal the fondest expectations of those who have imagined great things for Colorado.

It would develop our salt interests, our wool interests, our stock shipping interests, our mercantile interests and infuse new life into all property interests. It would encourage the location of new industries and give the old town such a general shaking up as it has not had since it was founded.

If these people mean business, and they say they do—the sending of a man here to canvass the situation adding weight to their assertions—then it is just the opportunity Colorado has been looking for, and she will come to any reasonable proposition.

It is true Colorado has suffered of late years in common with all of West Texas, but her people are liberal, according to their means as any people within the state. On the bonus question, they will give freely of their means, both in property and in cash to secure a railway outlet to the South, for there is no man who cannot appreciate its benefits and importance at a glance.

When Mr. Wheateof makes his trip over the proposed route, satisfied himself as to the other points and is ready to make his pass at Colorado, he will find our people ready and willing to meet him on any reasonable proposition. In the meantime, it would doubtless be well for our people to think the matter over and be

ready for him when he comes. —West Texas Stockman.

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no less than:—Mrs. Helen Campbell, Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., Col. Thomas W. Knox, and Inspector Thomas Byrnes, Chief of the New York Detective Bureau.

Mrs. Campbell, the principal writer certainly was a woman commissioned of God, and "In His Name" spent many years as a city missionary literally "In Dark New York." What a wonderful work she did. How devoted and blessed her labors were. It is a story never to be forgotten. This unique volume presents these thrilling experiences in a Christian endeavor with the hundreds of pathetic and amusing scenes that were packed into them; it portrays life in a great city by day and by night "As Seen by a woman"; it shows the power of the Gospel to redeem souls from the lowest depths; it gives striking testimonies of the redeemed and from all these rich and varied experiences it draws living truths for head and heart that are worth to any reader ten times the price of the book.

It is full of wonderfully touching incidents. Stranger stories are here told than romance ever dreamed of, every one of them drawn from real life by a woman's hand. In every chapter she weaves in anecdote after anecdote, incident after incident, story after story and the reader's attention is held breathless to the end of the volume. "Strange, but most suggestive is the fact," says Bishop Cox in warmly commending this volume, "that Christ is to be visited in these dens and dives there are those whom He will bear in mind when He says: 'Ye visited me; or, when he says: 'Ye did it not to me.'"

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott's life-long interests in City Mission work, and his personal share in that work, pre-eminently fitted him to write for this book. In his introduction to it he says:—

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Mr. J. W. Rodgers, of Bronte was in town Monday and called to see us.
T. L. Vaughn, the Bronte gin man, was in town Monday. He says that Bronte is in line for the railroad.

The regular February term of commissioners court convenes next Monday.

Perryman & Pattenon have moved their law office to the bank building west of the square.

J. J. Fry went to Colman City this week to attend court.

County Clerk J. W. Earnett, has issued marriage licenses for nine couples since taking charge of that office.

J. G. McCulloch's father and mother, of Brown county, are visiting him.

Jim Stewart has had a touch of the gripe this week.

There is talk of a new business or being opened up in town.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston got onto the prevailing fad and took a trial of the la gripe the first of the week.

The doctors report that the gripe is on the decline—no bad cases on the docket at this time.

R. L. Hayley hand us \$1.25 on subscription this week.

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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.

Mr. J. A. Montieth and daughter, Miss Sallie, of Ft. Chadbourne are in the city. Miss Sallie is here under medical treatment.

A. C. Gardner is in the city, looking hale and hearty.

P. W. Hudman, one of Brontes best citizens is in town to-day, while here he handed us \$1 on subscription.

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J. D. Collier & Co. are the first in Coke County to sell Roasted coffee, Arbuckle and XXXX at 6 pounds for \$1.

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A definite proposition for the construction of the road has been made and the enterprise is placed within easy reach and at a meeting we will probably decide, by our action or inaction, and that for all time to come, whether or not we will secure a railroad.

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To The Public.

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There we expect to present, or have presented a question of vital importance to the school interests of, not only the town, but the entire county.

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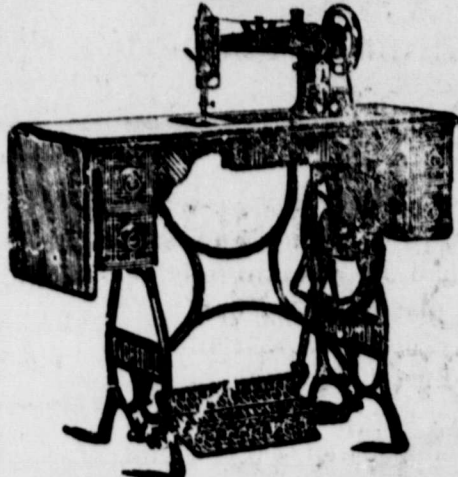
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W. D. Allen,
Ballinger, Texas.

Bronte Sightings.

Good morning Mr. Editor,—thought I would call around this morning and give you a few dots from this part. I bang the fire so close by reason of so much cold I've but little chance to catch the news.

A few days ago while Claude Hutchinson was chopping wood he missed his aim with the axe and the corner of the axe penetrating his instep of the right foot. We hope he will be on both feet again soon.

T. E. Williams and Geo. Woulard found their stock of goods were getting short and the middle of the week they went to San Angelo for the purpose of recuperating. T. E. Williams is a wholesale dealer, as well as retail. He handles gas by the wholesale and anyone wishing anything in that line he will take pleasure in waiting on you. He stands head since Dr. Lane left.

W. W. McCutchen, the old reliable weather prophet, is at present, perfectly silent on that line, as the weather comes so fast he can't make his calculation.

It is said that Dock Kelley can raise more chickens during one bad spell than any woman in Coke county can raise in one year. By the way Dock is a good fellow and a splendid rustler.

There has not been much plowing done the past week as our old mother earth has been dressed in spotless white nearly all the week but today the sun is sending forth its warm rays, thereby causing her dress to melt away, and we hope the next dress the old mother puts on will be a beautiful green then it will be that all nature will rejoice. The birds will sing sheep and cow men will grin and the old grangers will be merry. Their wives will be seen with their bucket and knife plucking the trimmings from our old mothers dress, in the way of onions, radishes, lettuce, &c, for the purpose of appeasing the appetite of their loving husbands, which affords them more pleasure than anything else.

Now Mr. Ed. it is wise to be right and right to be wise, so tell everyone that has the interest of their county at heart, and that Last Chance says subscribe for the RUSTLER. So good evening.
LAST CHANCE.

Found.

On the streets of Robert Lee, one pair of spectacles and case, any one describing the above can get them by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

The Hot Stuff!!!

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Ashall Dancee.

CITATION.

The State of Texas.
To the Sheriff or any constable of Coke county Greeting:—You are hereby commanded that you summon the heirs to the Estate of Geo. Gunderman Deceased and all other persons whom it may concern. The names and residence of said heirs are to me unknown, to be and appear before the County court of Coke County Texas at a regular term of said court for said county to be held in the town of Robert Lee, in said county on the 15th day of Feb. 1897. To answer the application of Henry Williams administrator of the said estate of the said Geo. Gunderman deceased. Said estate being numbered No. 20 on the docket of said court, and applicants demand being to close said estate and that applicant be released from said administratorship said application, considered together with final account and financial statement now on file with the papers in said cause, will be acted upon at the aforesaid term of said county court. Herein fail not, and of this make due return to the next regular term of said county court to be held on the 15th day of Feb. A. D. 1897.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of January A. D. 1897.

J. W. BARNETT,
Clerk Co., Court Coke Co. Texas.

Telegrams of January 29, from Conroe, in this state, announce the death there of Joseph ("Dock") Dickey, the well known stockman who has been ranching upon North Concho of late. He had left here recently with a shipment of horses and was taken with a severe attack of asthma at the place where he died on the 25th. Pneumonia set in and death followed in a short time. Deceased has been in this section of the country for quite a number of years, and one time was a practicing dentist. He was of a jovial, sunny, happy disposition, and made many friends who will sincerely regret his sudden demise.—San Angelo Press.

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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:
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G. C. Berryman, Pastor.
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McGovock Pastor.

Valley View Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, West Texas Conference; services as follows:
First Sunday at North Concho school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2nd Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3rd Sunday at Mt. Margaret. Saturday night and 11 a. m. and at Juniper school house at 4 p. m.; 4 Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night—W. C. BURR, Pastor.

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EDUCATIONAL.

The educational board to examine applicants who desire to teach in the public free schools of this county will meet in Robert Lee the 18th, 19th and 20th of February, 1897. Those desiring state certificates are hereby notified to meet the board the 18th (Thursday) and those desiring only certificates of the first or second grades can meet the board the 19th, and those desiring a third grade certificate need only apply on Saturday the 20th.

By order of State Superintendent.
S. J. Chapman, County Judge and Ex-Officio Co. Sup.

The West Texas Stockman is all right when it comes to railroading, as it is on everything else. See what it has to say on the subject in another column.

Garland Odom, of Oak creek, says he will give the railroad a lift.

FROM BALLINGER.

EDITOR RUSTLER:

This town did not escape the gripe. I do not suppose this country has ever been worse afflicted with gripe than for the last four weeks. We have had some good straight winter. And when such winters as this strikes down, it makes times mighty hard on the poor folks and negroes.

I was down two weeks in the time of the worst of the weather. I had the La Grippe. I had no money; I got out of money and we had time. But I am well now, got plenty of wood and as nice weather as anybody. So, now I don't care how long I shall live if everything goes this way.

Well, Mr. Editor, the young folks are marrying down here, just the same as in Coke. I understand that we are to have another wedding here next Sunday night.

One of our young men slipped out in the country last Sunday and married and married one of Ballinger's girls who was out teaching school. They played it nice on the old folks. But they ought to have been able to do that, for I understand that they had been sparking for five years. Well I want to say that my apology for writing just at this time is, I see that you people are about to get a railroad. It is to be built in the Colorado river valley. I was afraid that you people would become so enthused over the project that you would forget that Ballinger is going to put in a big irrigation dam on the Colorado river after a while, and then they will overflow your railroad. Please think of this.

William W. McKibley.

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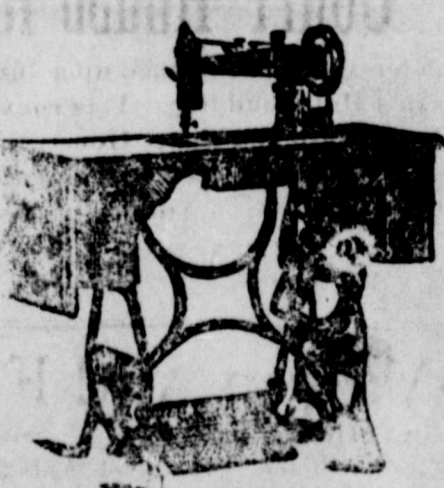
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