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## THE BOWSERS TROUBLES.

Mr. Bowser Tries the Manufacture of Soft Soap, With Sad Results.

"What is on your mind this evening?" asked Mrs. Bowser after she had cleared away the supper dishes and Farmer Bowser sat on the back doorsteps, smoking his pipe and keeping very quiet.

"Soft soap," he briefly replied. "What do you mean?"

"Mrs. Bowser," he replied, as he turned on her, "we have rented this farm for the summer."

"Yes."

"We have had our experiences with hogs, hens, cows, sheep, plowing and mowing. To finish out the romance we ought to make soft soap. Every farmer makes his own—you know."

"But you know how soft soap is made, don't you?" she queried.

"Very likely. I've helped mother to make millions of barrels of it. In fact, the day you was born I was making soap."

"You must have soap grease," she suggested.

"Not necessarily."

"And lye. We should have to have a leech to get our lye, and I haven't saved any soap grease."

"That's the old fashioned way" said Mr. Bowser. "Here in this box is all we want to make soap with. I got the stuff at a hardware store to-day. You fill your kettle with water, put in the ingredients and start the fire, and when the soap is made you send chunks of it around to your friends tied up with fancy ribbons."

"Perhaps it'll work," she said in doubtful tones.

"It's got to work. The man warranted it to make soap in one hour. There's an old kettle down at the barn, and I'll get it up and start a fire."

"Just—just what object would it be to make soft soap?" asked Mrs. Bowser, as he got up.

"What object? What was our object in taking this farm for the summer? What's the object of living? You talk mighty queer for a woman who is sent out in the country for the benefit of her health! In the first place, it will remind us of a gypsy camp fire and weave a sort of halo about our position. In the second place we want soft soap for family use and to grease the tools and cow's heels with."

"I never heard of soft soap for a cow's heel."

"Didn't you? There's lots of things in this cold and cruel world you've never heard of. Before I was 10 years old I had learned that soft soaping a cow's feet helped her to increase her gait by 50 per cent. You rake some chips together and I'll bring up the kettle."

Mrs. Bowser wasn't at all enthusiastic, knowing that consequences were sure to follow, but she helped to hoist the up on some stones and start a fire. Mr. Bowser brought the water from the well, shook in his ingredient, and presently the twilight fell and his gypsy camp fire was lighting up the back yard like a beacon.

"Now, this is what I call romance!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser, as he sat down on the ground near the

fire and looked around with a smile.

"Mrs. Bowser, think of the hot and crowded city—the bricks and cobblestones—the suffering of the people who can't get away!"

Mrs. Bowser withdrew, and for an hour Mr. Bowser attended the fire in the most faithful manner.

The man had warranted soap in sixty minutes, but at the end of that time the stuff in the kettle was foaming away as at first. Mrs. Bowser strolled around to have a look and to say.

"I don't believe you'll make soft soap out of that stuff."

"What you doubt believe would fill a big book," sulkily answered Mr. Bowser, "I think it needs salt."

"Who ever heard of salt in soft soap?"

"I have, and I am going to put some in. We always used salt to solidify it."

Mr. Bowser got a bowl of salt and threw it in, but the only effect was to make more foam. He went back to the house for more, but changed his mind and brought out a box of ginger, a cup of white sugar and a package of corn starch and chucked them in one after another.

"That will be a curious brand of soap," said Mrs. Bowser, as she watched the proceedings.

Mr. Bowser turned on her and pointed to the door step. He had got his mad up and was dangerous. She retired, and he brought and other pail of water and increased the fire. He suddenly remembered of reading that old boots were good things in making soft soap and having noticed a barrel of them in the wood shed, he went after and brought out three pairs and dropped them into the kettle. When the contents had been boiling for another hour, Mrs. Bowser suggested that it was bedtime, and that he had all the next day to experiment in, but he drew him self up stiffly, and replied:

"It's bedtime, then go to bed! I set out to make soft soap, and I will make it if I have to stay awake two weeks!"

When she had gone in he thought him that his mother used to use a sassafras stick in stirring the contents of the soap kettle. He didn't know sassafras from rosewood, but, taking another trip to the kitchen and pantry he carried out a bath brick, a box of stove polish, a loaf of bread and three nutmegs, and these things went into the kettle to keep the old boots company. Ten minutes later he added a dozen potatoes and a little later he chucked in a straw hat from the stock in the woodshed. He was no nearer soap than when the fire was first lighted, and as he realized this he flung an old paint keg in on top of all and muttered to himself:

"By the beard of my father, but I'll have soap or death! If she doesn't come come in 15 minutes more—"

She didn't. The smell had got to be like the odors of three glue factories condensed and put up in original packages, and Mr. Bowser had worked faithfully for three long hours in smoke and heat. All of a sudden he rushed in and kicked the kettle off the fire and overturned it, and then, seizing

an axe, he hammered away until the vessel was in fragments. Ten minutes later coming his coming to bed awakened Mrs. Bowser, who sleepily queried:

"Well, how's your soap?"

"Not a word, woman—not a word!" hoarsely replied Mr. Bowser.

"But what's the matter?"

"Never you mind. I understand what has happened, and tomorrow morning we'll have talk and arrange matters. Long ago I warned you that you were driving me to the dead line. That line has been reached at last, and it only remains to arrange the parting—the parting Mrs. Bowser! Not a word—not a lisp—no excuse! You were determined that I shouldn't make soft soap, and to baffle me you willfully and maliciously—"

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Commissioners court meets next Wednesday.

M. L. Youngblood, one of Edith's prominent stockmen and farmers is in town today.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in the city today.

The Photographer leaves today He will have a branch gallery here—will return in July.

J. H. Burrough went to San Angelo yesterday on business.

Mrs. J. L. Barron and Mrs. J. W. Reed canvassed the town yesterday and in a very short time secured by subscription five dollars and some cents for paying for a pulpit for the new church.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Payne, of Saneo, were in town yesterday.

It is claimed that Saneo will go strong for prohibition. We will report next week how strong it went.

Standard Cultivators, Avery and John Deere Plows at Hagelstein's, San Angelo.

Double Shovels, Georgia stocks, Sweeps, Bull Tongues at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

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Mr. T. C. Baldwin, of the Ft. Chadbourne country, was in the willa last Saturday.

Prof. J. L. Ross, the efficient Hayrick preceptor, was attending to business in town Saturday.

#### The Record Broken.

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

J. L. Barron and wife and Mrs. J. W. Reed paid San Angelo a visit Tuesday.

Brother Bates preached in the new church last Sunday for the first time.

We would not have 'nothin' but a railroad.

Go to Robert Lee to hear Railroad talk and to Edith to buy cheap Goods at J. D. Collier & Co sells them and guarantees every thing as represented.

The prohibition election comes off today. Vote as you please and think right about it. But remember that one way is right and the other way wrong.

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W. O. Barron talks about right when he says: "We need a railroad and we are going to build it."

Messrs. A. J. Pettit and T. A. Higginbotham, two of Bronte's representative citizens, were in the city Thursday and paid this office their substantial respects. Mr. Pettit says it is his opinion that Bronte will do the right thing by the railroad. We have never, so far, heard of Bronte lagging behind in anything and it is certainly not to be expected to do so in this instance.

J. F. Deats is still in the push when it comes to groceries and grain.

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Mrs. Mart Trammell has been quite sick this week, but is reported to be improving.

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J. D. Collier & Co. are receiving New Goods every week and their prices are Bedrock.

Charlie Roe has bought the W. F. Buchanan place west of town, 200 acres of improved land. Consideration \$3000. Mr. Buchanan took the Roe residence here in town at \$1200. They moved to their respective places Thursday.

Everything lively in town—not hing like a railroad, you know.

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I will close the tax books on March 1, 1897. All who have not paid their taxes for 1893 will please settle by that time and save collectors costs.

Very Respectfully, L. B. Murray, Tax Collector of Coke county.

At a citizens meeting at the school house last Saturday night, a committee was appointed to solicit subscribers to a petition for an election to be held for the purpose of incorporating the town for school purposes only. The object of the move is the building of a school house. It is a matter of importance to the town and should be given the respectful consideration of everybody.

Robert Lee public school closed Friday, Feb. 26. School will be suspended for a few weeks, after which we will expect to open a Summer session for a period of months.

Frank E. Thomas, Bronte Siftings.

Editor Rustler: People here are about up with their work.

We would like to see rain, however, there is plenty of season in the ground yet. We learn that Mr. Allen has a fine stand of corn up. Some oats are being sowed here. Health of the community

fine and very fine—poor doctors We met yesterday at the Bronte graveyard and decided to fence it. Elder Ficker, of Taylor county, preached last night at the residence of Mr. Prewitt. He is a Primitive Baptist and an able speaker.

Prof. Popelwell perhaps can boast of owning one of the youngest mother cows in the west. The mother will be one year old some time in this month. The calf is about two weeks old. This should deserve space in the Stock Journal. Last Tuesday, if we mistake not, at the residence of Wm. Hulse, on Oak creek, Miss Nettie Aere and a gentleman from Brown county were united in matrimony. Rev. R. M. Cumbie officiating. We wish them pleasant sailing through life. We would say to Bob; remember that such is life. Grin and endure it old fellow—the only remedy, perscription free.

It is said that where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also. According to this John Baker's heart must be somewhere in the regions of Saneo. More anon.

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#### A Call To Confederate Veterans.

By order of Capt. J. L. Robinson, Commander of Richard Coke Camp, No. 609, all old Confederate soldiers of Coke county and members of the Camp are requested to meet at the court house in Robert Lee on Saturday, March the 13th. There is some very important business to transact that can not be put off. All who can't attend will please send in their dues for the year as the general roles must be made out by that time and no names will be sent to general headquarters unless 10 cents goes to register the name.

H. H. Hale, Ajt J. L. Robinson, Commander.

### THE COLORADO VALLEY RAIL ROAD CO.

Two meetings have been held during the past week, by the persons who are taking the most active part in securing the new railroad, and the prospects for the railroad are brightening rapidly.

A new proposition for the construction of the line has been presented, which the representative men of our community can more easily comply with, and it only now remains for our citizens to individually come forward with bonuses, in accordance with the benefits they will derive from the line, to secure the railroad.

All the capital Stock, necessary to meet the legal requirements of the Railroad organization, has been subscribed,—a large proportion of the same being subscribed by the New York gentlemen who are financing the enterprise, and the new proposition is not to ask the public to subscribe for Stock, but to give regular bonuses to secure the Railroad.

The terms on which this Bonus is required to be given have also been so amended as not to require any portion of this Bonus paid until the construction of the Railroad has actually commenced; and the following is a copy of the very fair and business like Contract for Bonuses, which is now being circulated:

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When the construction of the said line of Railroad has actually commenced, Ten per cent of the above amount shall be due and payable on demand. When five miles of the roadbed is constructed an additional Fifteen per cent shall be due and payable; and upon the completion of each consecutive section of Five miles of said roadbed, an additional Fifteen per cent, until the said Railroad reaches Robert Lee, when the remainder of the unpaid subscriptions shall be paid in full. In Testimony etc.

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Mr. J. H. Burroughs has been elected the Treasurer of the Company, and Mr. W. F. Buchanan the Secretary, and these gentlemen are giving substantial Bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

Other local gentlemen who are more actively promoting the enterprise, and to whom the thanks of this county will be especially due, should we secure the Railroad, are J. W. Reed, L. H. Brightman, J. B. Latham, W. C. Barron, L. B. Murray, J. D. Davis, E. C. Good, J. M. Perry and G. Graham.

As Ballinger seems to be somewhat indifferent, whether they get the Railroad or not, the promoters of the line, have almost decided to construct the railroad in a more direct line, down the Colorado Valley, crossing the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad, at, or near, Miles Station, and continuing from there in a direct line to Paint Rock. This is at least a cheaper and easier route, and will give the same Southern connection as Ballinger.

Weather permitting, the Survey of the railroad will be commenced on Tuesday morning from Miles Station, in a Northerly direction toward Robert Lee. So our citizens down the valley had better look out for the survey party and be prepared to give them a royal welcome.

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An automatic wagon brake has been invented.

The San Angelo opera house has been destroyed by fire.

Don't let flying reports about the railroad bother you; the railroad move is progressing nicely, and the chances for the road are good. So far as we know, the only question of getting the road is the question of getting the \$150,000 asked for by the construction company, and we are assured by those who are in a position to know that that amount will be raised. Push it along, it's a good thing and the only hope for our county and town.

Federal Judge Swoyne, sitting in Judge Rectors place, at Dallas, declares the Texas anti trust law unconstitutional and rank class legislation. The State will appeal the case.

If the Colorado Valley Railroad company mean business the Standard will guarantee that San Angelo will give \$40,000; right of way through Tom Green county and ample depot grounds, providing that the road will be built to this point within a reasonable time, —San Angelo Standard.

It is amply demonstrated that the Railroad Company mean business, and if San Angelo wants to get the railroad, she had better get a move on herself and make some definite proposition to the parties backing the enterprise.

We know that the promoters of this line would just as soon build to San Angelo as to Ballinger and we rather think they would prefer to do so if San Angelo would give a cash bonus of \$50,000, which was required of Ballinger.

The present intention of the company is to cross the G. C. & S. F., at Miles Station and continue on to Paint Rock; but if San Angelo will come to the front we believe they could secure the railroad.

If Colorado City gets the road from Ballinger it will not tarry there long. It will come on to Crosby county and give us a market, all that is need to make Crosby the best county in the West Texas—Crosby County News.

J. L. Dow, sheriff of Eddy county, New Mexico, was waylaid and murdered by two men on the main street in Eddy on the night of the 28th. D. E. Keap and Wm. Kudson have been arrested on suspicion.—Colorado Spokesman.

#### A Wealthy People.

The Osage Indians are the richest nation of people in the world. There are 1580 of them, with a fund of \$8,000,000 in the United States Treasurer, upon which they receive from the government \$400,000 interest annually. They are now asking for the withdrawal for their credit fund of \$700 per capita.

Taking the entire population each man, woman and child is worth \$5000, to say nothing of their 1,000,000 acres of land, their stock, improvement and other personal effects.—Ardmoreite.

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What The Sterling City News has To Say About The Railroad.

The promoters of the new railroad have submitted a proposition to Coke, Runnels and Mitchell counties conditional that the road be built and it appears they will meet the demands. This knocks out the last hope of Sterling City for a railroad for at least a quarter of a century. However, it throws us some nearer the railroad, and Robert Lee, being our nearest railroad and only thirty-five miles distance, will be in position to command our trade

Eugene Burt, the wife and child murderer at Austin who has been sentenced to hang, has turned artist. He is developing considerable talent on that line and is much pleased with his efforts.—Exchange.

She stood beneath the Mistletoe  
And Harry bent to kiss her,  
Just as her father happened in,  
Whereby did Harry miss her.  
As Harry tried to get away,  
The father thundered: 'Tarry!'  
And as they both went out the door

A missile toe struck Harry!  
—Detroit Free Press.

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a care. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Persie Griffin, who has been holding down a job on the Angelo mail line, has got a job in a livery stable at Roby and has gone there.

#### Santa Fe Specials.

MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES  
NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 2ND,  
1897.

For this occasion, the Santa Fe Route will sell tickets from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to New Orleans and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on February 26, 27, 28th and March the 1st, limited to return on March the 12th, route via Houston and Southern Pacific or via Fort Worth and the Texas Pacific, and will be good returning only the route used going.

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MARCH, 4TH, 1897.

For this occasion, the Santa Fe will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to Washington, D. C. and return. Tickets will be sold on Feb. 28th and March the first, only good for continuous passage in each direction, with final limit for return March the 10, 1897. Tickets may be purchased via St. Louis or New Orleans and diverging routes.

Through Pullman Palace sleeping cars will be operated from Galveston and San Antonio via Paris and the Frisco line to St. Louis, connecting at Union Depot with through trains to Washington.

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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:

Bronie, 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.

Rev. Hamlet Pastor.

Baptist Church; 1st Sunday G. C. Berryman, Pastor. Christian Church 2nd Sunday McGovock Pastor.

Valley View Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, West Texas Conference; services as follows:

First Sunday at North Conche 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.; 4th Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night. W. C. BURR, Pastor.

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

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Sam Jones says that if God were to take the church to Heaven now it would be a mighty awkward crowd. Many a man would have to do without his morning dram for the first time. Some old sister would say, "I don't know what I am going to do without the theater," and another would pipe up, "Husband, have you the cards in your pocket so that we can have a little game?"

When you want newspaper favors you strike your home papers don't you?

If you want your town boomed and your property increased in value, you expect your home paper to do it for nothing, don't you?

Yet you kick because your home paper hasn't as much reading matter as a city paper, don't you?

The paper don't charge interest on back subscription, but you wait until the last thing before paying it, don't you.

You think a publisher can forever digest the fact that his paper is a 'good thing' for the country and not receive anything in return. He can't do it, can he?

You frequently sneak off to some other town to have your job work done to save a few cents, don't you?—Navasota Tablet.

Bob Fitzsimmons demands a physicians certificate of Corbett's ability to stand the Fitzsimmons knock-out blow without falling dead, but he should also offer proof of his ability to deliver the goods in case the market is declared ready.—Ex

### MORE RAILROAD RUMORS.

With railroad rumors to the south of us and railway whispers to north of us, it begins to look like something is going to happen in West Texas. The Lubbock Press.—Leader says:

And now comes the rumor that the Two Buckle range is to be turned into a colony for a large number of Bohemian settlers and that a railroad will be built right through the range from the Fort Worth & Denver on the North to the Texas & Pacific on the South. The Bohemians will do the rough work on the road and be paid in homes in the Two Buckle range. This range takes in a good part of Crosby, Dickens and Motley counties and will bring a road within forty miles of us.—West Texas Stockman.

From the San Angelo Standard.

R. H. Harris will ship 2500 head of 4 year old steets to the nation in a few weeks.\*.\* R. W. Foster, of Sterling county, sold to Green Igo, of Colorado City, 600 last spring calves at \$13 and \$13.75 per head respectively.\*.\* Capt. Wm. Turner, of North Concho, was in the city Saturday. He reports that 1000 acres of grass was burned on his ranch Saturday and that even a large quantity was destroyed in B. M. Collyb's pasture. Cause of fire unknown.\*.\* B. M. Collyus sold to Messrs. Clark & Smissen, 490 coming two-year-old steers, at fancy figures. They are a part of 2000 head of 2's bought in the San Angelo country in the past few weeks that will be shipped to Wyoming by Messrs. C. & S. They will be driven to Amarillo.\*.\* Tom Holmesly has been down in the Devils River region during the past two weeks on a mutton expedition. He purchased during his trip 2,500 fat muttons with wool on, from different parties at \$2.10 per head.\*.\* All the counties in the 95th Representative district are exempt from the enforcement of the Johnson grass law. Hurrah for Jim Callin.

Santa Anna Will have the honor and profit of furnishing the gray sandstone used in erecting the handsome union depot at Galveston.—Coleman Voice.

Ballinger it is said will pay \$50,000 toward the new railroad. Now what will Robert Lee and Colorado pay? The matter will be worked up soon. Begin doubling up on what you first thought you would pay. We need the road and must have it.—Colorado Spokesman.

San Angelo Milling Company, a ginning and cotton seed crushing and flour milling concern of San Angelo filed its charter with the secretary of state last Tuesday. Capital stock, \$20,000. Incorporators: J. L. Millsbaugh, John R. Nasworthy and J. W. Johnson.—Standard.

Governor Culberson did the presentation act at Galveston on the 19th inst. He presented the latte ship Texas with a splendid silver service, a present raised by popular subscription in this state

From present appearances Senator Turney's irrigation amendment to the constitution may be passed. It is similar to the California law on the same subject and it is believed that the measure will be the inauguration of extensive irrigation in West Texas.

Consul General Lee, the American consul at Havana, Cuba, has resigned because the department of state, or Cleveland and Olney, refuse to support him in protecting the lives of American citizens in Cuba. It appears that the consul has reported repeated murders of United States citizens to the state department and little or no attention was given the reports.

If it be true that Texas cowboys are bound for Cuba in large numbers, Weyer and his men are in for a siege of fighting compared with which their previous experiences will seem the most peaceful of summer dreams.—St. Louis Republic.

### CENTRAL HOTEL.

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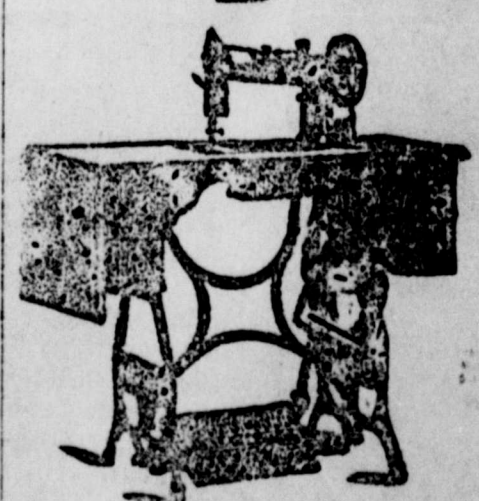
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