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## PROCLAMATION

### By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas The Twenty-fifth Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 20 as follows:

Section 20. In addition to the powers of taxation granted in the foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the land owners of certain portions of Texas, as hereinafter provided, to organize with in that section of Texas which lies West, northwest, and southwest of the following counties, viz. Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, Travis, Blanco, Gillespie, Comal, Caldwell, Gonzales, Dewitt, Goliad, Victoria, and Calhoun, irrigation districts without regard to county lines. In making provision for cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory it shall be lawful to create an indebtedness of not exceeding fifteen dollars per acre to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed. Within the term, cost of construction, shall be included the cost of riparian rights, dam seats and reservoirs, rights of way for canal and laterals, and other appurtenant expenses of the construction of irrigation plants. In case of destruction of the works, or any part thereof, the repair or rebuilding of the same shall be constructed to be within the meaning of construction. To cover the cost of construction as above defined, bonds may be issued by such irrigation districts to run in time for forty years or less, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent per annum, interest payable annually, which bonds shall be sold at not less than par. The bonds shall be liquidated by the levy and collection of a tax upon the irrigable lands within such irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land shall be taxed in proportion to acreage and not in proportion to its value. An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands sufficient to pay interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to liquidate the bonds above authorized. In addition to the tax above provided for, there shall be annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually receiving the water for irrigation of a sufficient amount to cover the ordinary cost of the maintenance of the irrigation works, the distribution of the water and appurtenant charges and the collection of said tax. This charge shall be upon a basis of the amount of water contracted for, provide that this shall not interfere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the water on the basis of acreage. The taxes above provided for shall, when assessed, be secured by lien on the land as now provided by general law for the security of State taxes, and when delinquent, shall be enforced as now provided by general law for the collection of delinquent State tax, but the lien securing the same shall be subordinate to the lien securing the payment of State, county and municipal taxes.

None of the foregoing provisions of this amendment shall be construed to give authority to create a lien on or tax in any manner any lands so long as they shall belong to the State nor after sale thereof shall any charge ever be created thereon which shall take precedence over the liens securing the balance of the purchase money due the State.

To be published for the construc-

tion of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment shall be created only upon a vote of a majority of the land owners resident in the district proposed to be organized and whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed, only qualified voters under the existing laws of Texas, being such owners of rural lands, within such districts shall have the right to vote as aforesaid.

Any natural or artificial person having an interest in any of the irrigable lands in any such irrigation district shall have the right at any time within ninety days after the vote authorized has been declared, and not thereafter, to file a proceeding in any court having jurisdiction to test the validity of the formation of said district, the classification of the lands as irrigable lands, or other details thereof, such proceedings shall have precedence through all the courts as now provided by law in quo warranto suits.

Irrigation districts organized under the provisions of this amendment are hereby declared to be bodies corporate and in the name of the districts they shall have the right to sue and be sued, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorized by law in the case of irrigation corporations all the property necessary for its organization, operation and existence, and may buy in under foreclosure of its taxes any property, but the property bought in at tax sales shall be held and disposed of as hereafter provided by law.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this amendment shall be passed upon and certified to by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds. When approved by the Attorney General said bonds shall be registered by the Comptroller of the State, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds, and when so registered shall be entitled to all the faith and confidence now prescribed by law in the case of county and city bonds.

To the end that this amendment may be put into immediate operation upon its adoption by the people, it is provided that until otherwise provided by law the Governor of the State, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Attorney General of the State, are hereby created a board and vested with complete power and authority to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to put into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable irrigation districts to organize and operate under the provisions of this amendment. And to that end, until otherwise provided by law, said board shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legislature of the State of Texas now have to enact laws. The rules when adopted by said board, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and when so filed shall remain in full force and effect until modified by some other rule made by the said board or filed in the office of the Secretary of State, or until the same are changed by general law. Said rules shall be printed under the directions of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to any one demanding the same upon the payment of such fees as said board may prescribe.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amending Article 8 of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending article, 8 of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts of West Texas."

Approved March 3, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 3, of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of rail ways.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article XI, of the Constitution of Tex be amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. No county, city, or other municipal corporation shall hereafter become a subscriber to the capital of any corporation or association, or make any appropriation or donation to the same, or in anywise loan its credit, except as hereinafter provided.

It shall be lawful for any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward Ector Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rynnells, and South and West of the Colorado River, also, all those counties West of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and North of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines, also the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid, by and through its commissioners court, by the issue of bonds of such county, or other evidences of indebtedness, in the construction of standard gauge railway or railroads into, through or across any such county, when, by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters of any such county voting at an election held for that purpose such aid is authorized; provided, however that no such aid as is hereinbefore authorized and provided for shall ever be given or paid to any railroad company or in aid of any such railway construction, except in proportion to and for such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And special authority and power is hereby given the commissioners court of any county within the territory herein prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and collect an annual tax in addition to any other tax authorized by this Constitution upon all property in such county subject to taxation to pay interest on and to create a sinking fund to meet said bonds or other indebtedness created for such purpose; provided that the aggregate of such tax, in any county, shall never in any one year exceed two per centum upon the assessed valuation of the property in such county.

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners court, of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty at once, upon the petition thereto of not less than one hundred (100) qualified voters of any such county, to at any time order, and in all things provide for and regulate such election, and the holding, returns and determination of the same, and prescribe the form of ballot to be used.

All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such county under the provisions of this section, shall before being delivered, negotiated or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this State, and thereupon the Comptroller of this State shall register the same and endorse thereon the date of registration and the date of maturity of said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets "For the Amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rynnells, and south and west of the Colorado River also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox, and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines, also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized

thereto by a majority vote of any such county;" and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rynnells, and south and west of the Colorado River; also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox, and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines; also the counties of Matagorda, and Brazoria give aid in the construction of railroads, by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county."

Passed April 2, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

Whereas the laws of the of the State of Texas authorize the several counties in this State, through their Commissioners court, to issue bonds for the creation of court houses and jails, and the construction and purchase of bridges, and

Whereas, the statutes of the State of Tex authorize the Board of Education of said State to invest the permanent school fund thereof in bonds issued for the purposes aforesaid by the said counties, and

Whereas, the Board of Education of this state, in pursuance of said statutory authority has purchased as an investment for the permanent school fund of the State of Texas, bonds approximating three million dollars, and

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Texas, provides that no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner for any city or county unless provision is made at the time of its creation for the levying and collection of a sufficient tax to pay interest thereon, and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund, and

Whereas, it is believed that some of the bonds so purchased by the State Board of Education as an investment for the permanent school fund were not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether the proper provisions was made at the time of the attempted creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, for the levy of a tax to secure the payment of interest; and the creation of a sinking fund, and that some of said bonds may be held invalid by the courts;

Therefore be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas: That article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto the following, which shall be denominated, "Section 11."

Section 11. That all bonds heretofore issued by the several counties of Texas for the purpose of the creation of court houses and jails, and for the purchase or construction of bridges, and have been purchased by the proper authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at the time of the creation of said debt evidenced by said bonds, the provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund was not made, shall not be for that reason held to be invalid; but said bonds are hereby validated, and are hereby made valid debts against the several counties by which they were issued.

Be it further resolved, that this amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "For the amendment Art XI of the Constitution validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund," and all voters opposing said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held

by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund."

And that the governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Approved April 12, 1897.

And whereas the State Constitution require the publication of any proposed amendments, once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before an election;

And whereas, each of said Joint Resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said Joint Resolutions to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection on the first Tuesday in August A. D. 1897, which will be the 3rd day of said month

Now, therefore I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolutions be held on the day designated therein to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August A. D. 1897, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this state, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April A. D. 1897.

C. A. Culberson,  
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:  
J. W. Madden,  
Secretary of State.

Would the following, from an exchange, apply to Coke county? "One farmer pays his debts every year, has feed for his stock and a little money to lay up or to extend operations, while a half dozen right besides him always have to buy feed, cannot pay their store accounts, and are forever howling about hard times. It would require only a short drive into the country and a glance at their methods of cultivation to explain their difference."

Since Greece and Turkey have opened up their little drama, Cuba seems to have been lost sight of by the daily papers. But it is quite probable that Turkey and Greece will have their troubles settled long before Cuba is a free country. If they prove to be unable to draw their difficulties to a close, the Powers propose to take the matter in hand.

Since the recent double murder at a house of prostitution in Colorado the soiled doves have been notified to vacate and they have wisely heeded the gentle admonition. That move will add much to the moral tone of that city.

That ably edited paper, the West Texas Stockman, of Colorado, arrived at this office this week very much improved in appearance. To us this is conclusive evidence that the wide range around Colorado is all-right. Now watch the stockmans paper of the West grow as it deserves.



## LOCAL CHIPS.

A good rain Tuesday.

J. F. Deats has the la grippe.

Dr. Martin was called to see Mrs. Will Gunnels last Tuesday.

Brother Bates preached at Saucos last Sunday. He preaches at Bronte tomorrow.

Johnnie Gardner was on the streets Thursday, wearing the usual smile.

Eb Dancer played the devil at his office this week.

H. M. Bennick paid a visit to San Angelo the first of the week.

It is claimed that there will be a good fruit crop this season. Is there anything else that you could ask for this year.

Jno. Graves, of Erath county was in the city Thursday. He is here looking at the country with a view of locating with us.

W. F. Buchanan sold this week two saddle horses to J. W. Reed and Will Perry for \$25 a head.

Elder Gid Graham preached at the school house at 11 o'clock last Sunday.

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Master Fred Perry, of Sweetwater, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Perry, is visiting relatives here.

Don Green and Grey Reed have formed a partnership and bought a five dollar wagon.

Capt. R. L. Barnett of near Hayrick was in town Thursday.

W. C. Barron and Will Perry went to Angelo Thursday and returned yesterday.

Prof. Geo. Sheppard, of Live Oak was in the city a day or two this and while here into see us and ordered the Rustler sent to him.

Messrs. Moore and Murrah, who have leased the H. X. W. pasture in the northern part of the county were here Tuesday.

### Births.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Will Sheppard, of near Brone on the 31 a boy baby.

Born:—To Mr. and E. J. Kee-see, of down the river on the 29th a fine boy.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McClusky, of near Edith on the 27th a girl.

A boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fry Tuesday and they are happy.

Johnnie Gardner sold 75 yearling steers to Q. D. Hall, of Colorado, at good figures. Johnnie says it was a good bunch of yearlings well sold, but he utterly refused to give the figures.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston returned from Mule Creek the first of the week, where he has been assessing taxes. He says the people in that section of the country are very dry—that they didn't get any of the last two rains that we got.

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J. D. Collier & Co. of Edith, have just received a few fine black imported clay worsted suits which will be sold cheap for cash call before they are gone.

The Saucos merchant, W. Searborough passed through town Thursday on his way to San Angelo after a stock of new goods.

Arkansaw Smith will sell seven packages of Arbuckles and 4 X Coffee for \$1.00.

County Clerk J. W. Barnett attended church Saucos last Sunday. This means a change of range that we are not yet onto.

Arkansaw Smith will sell you more good groceries for the same money than any man in Angelo.

A change has been made and the picnic will be held at the old barbecue arbor here in town instead of at the Pecan Mot as per the original programme.

It is a genuine pleasure to note the change that has come over our people. All is push, move and enterprise.

Arkansaw Smith is the only Casa Grocer in San Angelo.

S. C. Wilkins is supplying the town with the first vegetables.

Arkansaw Smith pays CASH, and sells for CASH. See him before you buy.

The claim is being made generally by sheepmen all over the country that they will raise 100 per cent of their lamb crop. Probably anything like was never before approached in this or any other country.

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

H. A. Wulfgun, of Colorado City, has just purchased 850 steers at Baird and located them in L. J. Good's and Tom Browns pastures up the river.

I. C. Brown, "the fiddler from Silver Creek," has been in the city several days this week.

Hoes, Rakes, Shovels and all other kinds of Farm tools at Hagelstein's, San Angelo.

### Sunday School Picnic

Brother Hamlet informs us that there will be a Sunday School Picnic on Saturday May the 8th on Oak Creek near Live Oak at the old Camp Ground. Everybody is invited to attend.

7 pounds of roasted coffee—any brand for \$1, at J. D. Collier and, Co. Edith Texas.

There was a show at the school house Saturday. We suppose, as we had no "comps." and consequently did not attend, that it was a rather slim affair.

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

The M. P. church Quarterly Conference was held here last Saturday. Brother Lane, Hamlet and Burr were present and did some good preaching.

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

The fine rain of last Tuesday is a full assurance of a good wheat and oat crop as well as of spring gardens. And the prospects for a general crop could not be better at this time. Watch Coke blossom.

If you want to put your tired team in the best kept stable in San Angelo, try J. S. Miles' Brick Front.

J. T. Hamilton reports everything flourishing at his Boozier ranch since the rain.

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

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### Married.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Carraway, of Hayrick, at 5 o'clock last Sunday evening, in the presence of a few friends, Mr. Will Burnett and Miss Alice Carraway were happily married, Elder Gid Graham performing the ceremony.

After extending congratulations to the happy couple the guests spent some time very pleasantly in social chat and listening at sweet vocal and instrumental music and then departed.

Mr. Barnett is to be congratulated on winning the hand and heart of such a beautiful and accomplished young lady as is Miss Alice and the RUSTLER joins their large circle of friends in extending best wishes to them.

G. W. Webb says the Ft. Chadbourne country promises more than ever before at this time of the year.

Mrs. Ed Mobley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Christian of Ft. Chadbourne, and Ed threatens to shave off his mustache.

J. S. MILES is agent for the best buggy sold in Texas, "The Hynes." Write him for prices, San Angelo, Texas.

Mrs. R. B. Ross and Mrs. W. C. Burr were in from New Hope, Thursday.

We turned out job work for the following parties this week: J. F. Deats, J. L. Barron, J. W. Reed, Perry & Buchanan, L. H. Brightman and Pleasant Storm.

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A well attended meeting of the state society of Robert Lee was held at the Davis Hotel on Monday night and the advisability of organizing a choir, and singing and musical was thoroughly discussed.

It was unanimously decided to organize an association to be known as—"The Robert Lee, Glee and Harmonic Society."

Among the many commendable objects for which the society is formed, is to constitute a choir, and render anthems and select music, at the Sunday services at the church.

The primary purpose of organization is for mutual benefit, in practicing, developing, and cultivating the voices of its members; and it is confidently expected that when the local talent is properly developed, the society will be able to render music, of which Robert Lee and Coke county may feel proud.

On suitable occasion such as Picnics, and outings, the society will not confine itself, to sacred music, but will render glees, Poet songs, Solos, Duets, Trios, Quartettes, Choruses, etc, etc. and at an early date the association will give a concert, for the purpose of procuring an organ for the church and a piano for the society.

Practically all the singers and musicians of the town have applied to join the Society and as the membership is limited, only a few more can be admitted.

The following is the present list of members of the society: Irving Wheatcroft, J. H. Burroughs, Mrs. J. H. Burroughs, George Moore, Hon. L. H. Brightman, Mrs. L. H. Brightman, Miss Emma Merchant, Miss Lessie Storm, J. S. Gardner, F. E. Thomas, Larkin Hayley, Don Green, Mrs. J. D. Davis, Hon. D. T. Averitt, Mrs. D. T. Averitt, Miss Sallie Perry, Miss Alvia Ingram, Miss Eva Bennick, Major G. W. Perryman, Jno. A. Stuart, H. L. Stephens, C. L. Hughes, Pleasant, Storm, Dennis Maddox, Dr. G. — Martin, Mrs. G. — Martin, Miss Annie Dancer, Miss Ada Fry, Miss Pearl Hamilton, Miss Minnie Buchanan, Miss Annie Pierce, A. A. Ashley, and Albion Hayley.

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Read the governors proclamation on the first page while it is new, it has yet to run three more issues. Probably by the expiration of that time, gentle reader, you will be prepared to vote for the amendments.

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