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NO. 29.

PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

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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 construed 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 shall any charge or tax be created thereon which shall take precedence over the liens securing the balance of the purchase money due the State.

Indebtedness 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 land 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 on file 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 Rannels, 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 railways 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 the fact of such registry upon said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

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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 State of Texas authorize the several counties in this State, through their Commissioners court, to issue bonds for the erection 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 erection 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

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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 22, 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:

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 day.
 this weeks.
 inspectors in town
 week.
 Fishing is the order of the day.
 Coke county is coming to the front.
 Subscribe for the RUSTLER Only \$1 per YEAR.
 Miss Edith Montgomery, of New Hope was visiting in the city the first of the week.
 Judge G. W. Perryman is attending County Court at Sterling city this week.
 B. A. McGary, of Ft. Chadbourne was attending Justice court here Thursday.
 Several attended the dance and supper at Stewart Ackleson from here Monday night.
 Dr. J. B. Latham made a professional visit to A. C. Gardner's Tuesday.
 Arkansaw Smith is the only Casa Grocer in San Angelo.
 If you want to put your tired team in the best kept stable in San Angelo, try J. S. Miles' Brick Front.
Births.
 Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Trammell on Monday, the 3rd a fine boy.
 Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Williams, of Indian Creek on Sunday the 2nd a fine daughter.
For Sale
 A good Wagon For Sale. Call at this office.
 F. B. Perry and family, of Sweetwater are visiting friends and relatives here this week.
 The regular May term of the commissioners court convenes Monday.
 County court convenes Monday week, the 17th.
 Judge D. T. Averitt attended Esq. Newton's court at Edith Tuesday.
 Lamp globes five cents each at J. D. Collier & Co's. Edith Texas.
 Arkansaw Smith will sell seven packages of Arbuckles and 4 X Coffee for \$1.00.
 W. B. Harrison sold this week to W. T. Caraway 3 cows and calves at \$10 per head calves counted.
 District court meets in San Angelo next Monday.
 Work has been commenced on the San Angelo and Sonora Telephone line.
 Go to J. F. Deats' Free Wagon Yard.
 The immense rain Tuesday night and Wednesday was all right.
 Rev. G. C. Berryman filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.
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 Mrs. Terrell, who has spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Mari Trammell, returned to her home in Brownwood Thursday.
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 The May picnic, of last Saturday, is universally pronounced a grand success in every particular.
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 If you want fruit trees or ornamental trees or shrubs see Pleasant Storm.
 A. J. Shockley and I. Kenzie, of Edwards county were in the city this week prospecting. They say they are well pleased with our county and may locate with us.
 Jno. Patteson went to San Angelo Tuesday to meet his wife who had come up on the train from Colman county, where she has been visiting friends and relatives for some time.
 Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.
 J. S. MILES is agent for the best buggy sold in Texas, "The Hynes." Write him for prices, San Angelo, Texas.
 Messrs H. Webb and Judge Looney, of Colorado city were in the city several days this week. They are here looking for cattle. They say that Colorado had a terrible hail storm Sunday night and considerable damage done.
 Perryman & Patteson are now agents for the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land in this county; so if you want to buy or lease any of the above lands call on them.
 J. R. Purcell and wife, of Edith were in the city Thursday visiting Mrs. Purcell brother, James Stewart and family.
 W. G. Jameson, a prosperous stockman and farmer, of Silver was in town Wednesday morning after windmill repairs. He informs us that they have had fine rains in his section of the country and that stock were never in any better shape.
 Grandpa Higgins and wife will leave in a few days for their old home in Arkansas. He says that he is not leaving because he wants to leave Coke, but because he has some business there that he has to attend to.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McElroy, of Sweetwater, spent the week in town visiting relatives and friends Mrs. McElroy came down for the picnic last Saturday.
 With the continuous fine season, and increasing immigration and development, and the progress of the railroad enterprise, Coke is county looming up as never before.
 Best American Sardines Packed in oil six boxes for twenty five cents, Every box guaranteed at the Edith Store.
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 The G. W. Wollard gin building at Bronte is said to be nearing completion. Also a new blacksmith shop is being built.
 This editor made a change of residence this week; too far behind on house rent. Will our subscribers take the wink—those who are behind with us.
 Jim Stewart made a trip to Ft. Chadbourne the first of the week.

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

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W. W. McElroy informs us that Judge J. W. Kennedy died at his home in Colorado last Friday. Judge Kenedy served his district as Judge for several terms and up to the time of his death there probably never was a man who merited and enjoyed a greater slave of confidence, respect and sincere love of an extensive acquaintance. He was a just judge and a noble christian man. Truly his place will be hard to fill as he filled it.

Pleasant Storm, one of our young and enterprising business men, succeeds Capt. J. P. Hutchison as local agent of the well known and popular Merkel Nursery. Besides the known reliability of this company their trees and shrubs have been selected with a view to the adaptability of West Texas soil and climate and it is pre-eminently the nursery for our people to patronize when wanting anything in their line.

The music at the picnic, furnished by the Bronte string band, the Robert Lee Glee Club, J. W. Tunnell and Johnie Gardner and others added much to the entertainment of the occasion. The elaborate programme was well executed in every detail. The weather was nice and pleasant, and the dinner was a glory forever; That's all.

J. J. Savers, of Ballinger was in town Thursday. He represents between three and four hundred town lots here, besides other good dirt in the county, and he informed us that one half of his property here will go to the Colorado Valley Railroad when built. He took blank contracts to have signed up to this effect. Mr. Savers is a pleasant gentleman and we are glad to have met him.

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The Enterprise is grieved to announce the death of Capt. C. L. Jones yesterday morning at his home in Royce, this state. Deceased had been suffering from diabetes for the past seven months and succumbed to a severe attack. Captain Jones was the father of Mrs. Frank Harris who has the sympathy of this entire community.—San Angelo Enterprise.

All the witnesses in the Barfield case which came up at San Saba Tuesday, returned this morning. Barfield was found guilty and his punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.—Menard County Enterprise.

There is joy in Mr. M. Barbee's household this morning. His son Lige has been pardoned, and arrived at home this morning, after an absence of almost five years.

Mr. Rodgers, a prosperous citizen of Coke county, paid his respects to Ballinger the first of the week.—Runnels County Leader.

FREE LECTURE.

Ex. Secretary of State, T. H. Bowman, of Big Springs, will lecture here on Thursday night, May 13th and at Bronte on Friday night May the 14th.

Subject: "A Leaf From Memory's Page."

Judge Bowman is lecturing for the benefit of "The South Battle Abbey Fund."

Ex. Confederates, and other friends of this sacred cause, are respectfully urged to attend.

Judge Bowman is reputed to be an able and impressive speaker, and we hope our entire people will take advantage of this occasion.

Cap Hall came in from Coke county Sunday night, where he received and branded 350 yearling steers recently purchased in Calahan county. He says the range is very fine down in Coke and stock are doing well.—West Texas Stockman.

The death of Judge Kennedy creates a vacancy in the district judgeship of the 32nd district. It is understood there are several applicants for the position from different parts of the district, and that the names of Capt. J. L. Sheppard and Judge R. H. Looney, of this city, will present to the governor for his consideration.—West Texas Stockman.

Dr. J. F. Riggs, of San Angelo was in town Thursday and Friday on his way to Nolan county on professional business. He informs us that he would probably remain with us a few days on his return.

Buffalo gnats have appeared all over north east Texas and have killed hundreds of cattle and horses. The pests have been especially destructive to work animals. Almost every county in northeast Texas reports heavy losses of stock.—Kx.

Ft. Chadbourne.

Ft. Chadbourne May 1st 1897. Editor Rustler.

Thinking maybe some of your many readers would like to hear from the garden spot of Coke. I will try and give you a few items. Last Thursday night while Mr. Vining Sumrall and family were were sitting around his stove lightning struck the stove pipe and running down struck a bedstead completely demolishing it. Every member of the family were knocked senseless, but none seriously injured.

Grandpa Gary is very sick and Dr. Key of Bronte is attending him. Prof. Sheppards school closed last Friday. All the patrons were present. The morning was spent in a general review, and every scholar seemed to be well up in their studies and from the way they acquitted themselves all the patrons were unanimous in praising Mr. S. as a teacher while this is his first school, it is easy to see that he is a success as a teacher. At noon all the patrons spread dinner together and such a dinner, it makes me hungry to think of it now, there was plenty for every one and as many more if they had have been there. At two o'clock the bell called the crowd crowd together, and the evening was spent in speaking and reciting and I would like to make special mention of every scholar, but space will not permit, so I will only mention a few that I can remember. The Wedding Fee, by Miss Josie Ross, was well delivered, and by the applause, the audience showed their appreciation. Recitation by Earnest Kirkland, was very good. One by Fannie Moore was well spoken. The Three Sons, by Mary Ross, was well rendered. Jerald's Daughter, by Miss Maggie Ross, was highly appreciated, also Too late for the train, by Miss Burnis Kirkland. Traveling Companion by Miss Edith Montgomery, was well spoken and quite amusing. Mr. Asa Ross spoke a piece in a Cuban Prison, it was well spoken. Prof. John Ross added to the enjoyment of the occasion by an essay on fishing on the Sabbath. I would like to make special mention of every scholar but was not furnished with a programme but at five o'clock the patrons one after another got up and made a statement that they were well pleased with the school. That night the most of the school met at Mr. Montgomerys and spent the evening in singing.

Mr. Editor, Justice Morris and Merchant says they consider chickens legal tender and if you aint careful how you tell on them they wont whack up with you. Wishing the Rustler success I will close for this time.

B. J. M.

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J. J. Good, of Pecan was in the city Thursday night on his way to San Angelo.

H. Christian and family, of Oak Creek are visiting in the city.

It is reported that Yancy Kemp and Miss Castleberry were married at the brides home on Oak Creek last Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. L. Barron was right sick a day or two this week, but at this writing she improving.

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Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:

Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
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STOCK NEWS

Casberry & Miller sold Friday 400 muttons to Jim Hamilton at \$2.67 1/2.

Jackson & Richardson sold for J. P. Quigley, Friday 5358 shorn muttons to Jim Hamilton at \$2.85.

L. C. Dupree sold 50 cows to Lon Arnett at \$11.

E. A. Drago sold 200 steers 1's and 2's, to Sol Mayor at and \$14.

Capt Wm. Turner sold \$50 steers, grown, to Doc Riddles at \$19.

Jno. McHudky 1800 wethers, shorn to J. F. Quigley at \$3.

Otto Schauer sold a few yearlings and 2-year old steers to R. S. Campbell at \$12 and \$16 respectively.

Jno. Lovelady bought in Brown wood 500 steers, yearlings, at \$12 also 4 1/2 thoroughbred Durham cows at \$50.

John R. Nesworthy sold to J. B. Dall Sr. 175 two year old steers at \$17.50.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Will Collins bought last week 300 stock cattle and steers from H. Q. Lyle at \$15 calves counted also bought the latter's ranch on North Concho, about 8 section, for \$1200.

George Taylor sold to Green Bros. 174 head of good cattle at \$11.50.—Rock Spring Rustler.

The following are the pastures effected by the Stribbling herd and which are quarantined: G. J. Rice, M. D. Sutherland, T. B. Templeton, R. W. Foster; M. Z. Smissen, J. S. Johnson, House & Hodges, A. F. Jones, Jno. Findlater, Jr; Graham Kennedy; M. T. Sulevin; Reed & Kellis; Wilson Live Stock Co., B. P. Wade, Perry & Dooley have put cattle below the line in the M. P. Smith pasture, consequently it is also quarantined.—Sterling City News.

Victor Lewis, formally in the employ of his brother-in-law, E. D. Tullis, of Ozona, left for Eddy N. M., last week, where he takes a position in a large mercantile store of that place at a salary of \$60 a month.—Ozona Courier.

He Wanted a Preacher.

A colored brother, writing to the Bishop to send a preacher, said: Send us a preacher Sunday. If you can't send a bishop send a sliding elder; if you can't spar him send a stationary preacher; if you can't spar him send us a circus rider; if you can't spar him send us a locus preacher; if you can't do no better, why not send us an exhauster.—Ex.

John R. Lewis, of Sweetwater was in the city Friday. Mr Lewis who is an extensive stockman was on his return from Burleson and Austin counties, where he had just completed the shipment of about 3000 head of cattle to his grazing grounds near Muscogee I. T. Speaking of the inferior class of cattle in the South counties Mr. Lewis said that they were just realizing down there the necessity for improvement and catching on to the idea that it was imperative if they expected to realize anything like the prices obtained for Western Texas stock Crop conditions, Mr. Lewis states are somewhat backward owing to cool and chilly nights which retard both cotton and corn.—Farm Journal.

Sales of yearlings at \$15 to \$16 are reported almost every day of late. Upward markets are to some extent responsible for these good prices but not altogether. On investigation it will be found that the men that get these figures are those who have been improving their herds, and the stock is so well known that buyers are content to buy the brand "sight unseen."—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

An exchange remarks: "It was recorded that Noah was the first advertiser. He advertised the flood and it came through all right. The fellow who laughed at the advertising was drowned. Ever since Noah's time the advertiser has been prosperous, while the other fellow has been struggling to keep his head above the disaster."

Another disastrous flood has visited Oklahoma doing great damage to railroad property and growing crops.

The Turks have turned the tables on the Greeks and it is expected that the war will soon be a thing of the past. The Powers are only awaiting an opportunity to intervene. The crowned Prince of Greece has been turned down by his people and all is confusion with them.

Ex-Senator Richard Coke is suffering from paralysis, and is said to be in critical condition.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Caleb Bacon, a prominent cattleman and leading citizen of Coke county, was in town Wednesday. He says the Colorado Valley road will surely be built.—San Angelo Standard.

Cameron & Co. and Cicero Smith have been requested by Manager Wheatcroft, of the Colorado Valley railroad company, to bid on the cost of furnishing 225,000 railroad ties laid down at San Angelo for the new railroad.—San Angelo Standard.

Campbell & Richardson bought about 40,000 pounds of wool from Coke county sheepman at from 7 to 8 cents.—Standard.

L. Jernigan was in town two or three days the latter part of the week, representing Gault & McNeese, of San Angelo.

Be sure to attend Judge Bowman's lecture here, next Thursday night.

If you want dental work done leave word at the post office: Dr. Riggs will return in a week or two and stay with us a few days. He will be at Bronte before coming here.

Lum Hudson, the Coke county stock farmer, loaded with supplies yesterday. . . . J. D. Davis one of the popular hotel man of Robert Lee, was in the city Saturday on business.—Press.

The general manager of the Toledo Construction Company is expected to arrive at an early date and contract for the construction of the Colorado Valley Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gunclis are rejoicing over the birth of a fine boy baby.

Marvin Perry and family moved to town this week.

Six negroes were hanged to one tree near Hempstead, for murder and rape.

The Banner-Leader announces a pig show at Ballinger on June 5.

Several parties left here yesterday to attend the picnic on Oak Creek, today.

Justice Clawson disposed of several cases in his court Thursday, and he has one set for today.

Report has it that Hon. W. J. Bryan will visit Mexico this winter for the purpose of observing for himself the workings of the silver standard policy in that country. Then he will visit the gold standard countries of Europe and make observations. Bryan will be a well loaded man by the time the next national campaign rolls around and he will be heard from.

The Mississippi floods have at last begun to recede.

Probably the legislature will attend to some business just before they adjourn. But when the idea of adjournment will strike the worthy solons is hard to even guess at.

"Beans sell in Texas for 50 cents a bushel. After they have been boiled and put in cans by Northern packers, we buy them back for \$6 a bushel." That is the way the Comanche Chief truthfully puts it, and a list similar to the above might be started and extended almost indefinitely. Cottons, wool, hides, timber and a thousand other things are concluded.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

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