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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 3 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, Dawit, 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, provided 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.

The indebtedness for the construction 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 3 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 3 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 hereinafter read as follows:

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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 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 the fact on each registry on 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 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 in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized

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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 were 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;

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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 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 [L. S.] the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas.

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

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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 [L. S.] the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas.

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

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 hereinafter 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 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.

H. D. Pearce

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LOCAL CHIPS.

The river is full of fish now.

Lee is on a boom this week.

The city was full of men this week attending court.

The railroad is a sure thing.

Write us the news.

Everything is lively this week.

County court is in session this week.

Grandpa Higgins was in the city Wednesday.

T. A. Higginbotham was in the city last Saturday.

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Arkansaw Smith is the only Cash Grocer in San Angelo.

Al Monteith was a witness in county court here this week.

D. F. Millican of near Edith was a juryman in county court this week.

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

Morvin Perry and family made a trip to San Angelo Thursday.

D. L. Buchanan made a trip to San Angelo Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Judge Truly, of Ballinger was attending county court here this week.

For Sale

A good Wagon For Sale. Call at this office.

J. W. Barnett has just received a map of the United States and it is a nice one too. It is the compliments of Congressman J. L. Slayden.

Lamp globes five cents each at J. D. Collier & Co's.

Edith Texas.

O. W. Richardson, of San Angelo is here this week receiving the muttons bought of Mrs. Weathers, Wiley Byrd and N. B. Stepp some time back.

G. C. Fletcher a prominent stockman and farmer of Bronte was in attendance on county court here this week.

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

J. A. Tubb of the Cedar Hill community was in town several days this week attending court. He reports every thing lovely in his section of the country.

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

Uncle Geo. Harris of Bronte attended the quarterly conference here Wednesday.

Ex-county Clerk Smith of near Bronte was in the city the first of the week on business. He reports every thing lovely in his section of the country.

S. S. Cospier, of Ft. Chadbourne was seen on on the streets Wednesday.

County Treasurer C. L. Hughes paid San Angelo a business visit Wednesday.

County surveyor Graham, is doing some surveying in the western part of the county this week.

J. F. Deats left Thursday for Llano county to visit his parents.

J. T. Hamilton is moving the Montgomery old store building to his ranch on Boezer creek this week.

Best American Sardines Packed in oil six boxes for twenty five cents. Every box guaranteed at the Edith Store.

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

Cotton and corn are humping themselves this warm weather.

F. B. Perry and James Trammell, of Sweetwater were in the city a day of two this week. They were here trying to buy cattle.

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

Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.

Sheriff Latham and one Mr. Taylor of Sterling county were in the city Thursday night on their way to Seymour Baylor county to attend court.

Dr. S. E. Baucom, of Sweetwater is in the city. Specialist for the cure of piles and rupture. He will examine you free and uses no knife and if he dont cure you he will not charge you any thing.

Billy Collins a cattle man of Sterling city was in the city Monday night and Tuesday morning.

There are five doctors in town this week.

Misses Odessa and Blanche Caloway of Ft. Chadbourne were in the city Tuesday, The guests of the Webb Hotel.

D. L. Buchanan bought out W. F. Buchanan's interest in Perry and Buchanan's cold drink stand last Saturday.

If the people of Robert Lee dont get a hump on themselves she is going so lose the railroad.

The Quarterly conferance of the M. E. Church South was in session at the church last Wednesday. Presiding elder O. F. Seasabaugh of Brownwood, Rev. W. E. Milburn of Ballinger, and Rev. J. N. Broyles of Decker were in attendance.

Wm Scarborough and wife, Frank Scarborough and family of Saeco attended the quarterly conference here Wednesday.

Dr. J. B. Latham is having him a storm house built this week.

Subscribe for the Rustler and keep up with the railroad news.

Judge Harvey Adams was up from Coke county Saturday, and told an agricultural tale of much interest.—West Texas Stockmen.

Rev. W. O. Baker, pastor of the Burnett Baptist church, and an old friend of this editor, called today and, renewed old acquaintance. He loves the West, having once lived at Robert. Some church wanting an able and earnest shepard should bring him back to the west.—Abilene Reporter.

To The Public.

I am now prepared to supply the public with good fresh groceries, in large or small quantities, at close figures. I propose to offer you inducements to trade with me. Come and see my stock and get prices.

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NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Colorado Valley Railway Co., is hereby called by order of the Board of Directors of said Company, to be held at the Head offices in Robert Lee, Texas on the 21st. day of July 1897. at 11 o'clock A M for the purpose of passing such resolutions as are required by law preparatory and prior to the issuing of bonds on the said Colorado Valley Railway and all its appurtenances and property, for an amount sufficient to continue the construction, and complete and equip the said Colorado Valley Railway, and to authorize the Directors and Officers to execute the Mortgage or Deed of Trust to secure the payment of said indebtedness, and to transact such other business as may be necessary and incident to this purpose.

WITNESS MY HAND at Robert Lee, Texas, on this the 15th day of May 1897.

W. F. Buchanan.

Secretary of The Colorado Valley Railway Company.

Signed A Contract For 100,000 Ties For The Colorado Valley Railway.

General Manager Wheatcroft signed a contract on last Friday for 100,000 one hundred thousand ties for the Colorado Valley Railroad delivered F. O. B. Texarkana Texas and shipment of same to Colorado or San Angelo is to be commenced within seven days after commencement of construction.

We are unable to ascertain the exact price paid for them but we learn it was a low price, and for cash.

Mr. W informs us he is open to purchase 100,000 more cross ties 8x8x6, delivered either at San Angelo, Colorado, or any anywhere on the route.

Grand Pa Haley has lumber on the ground for a business house.

County court was in session the first of the week. Nothing of especial importance was disposed of.

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The following is a list of Notary Publics appointed by Gov. Culberson and confirmed by the present senate in and for Coke county D. T. Averitt, L. H. Brightman G. W. Perryman, Sam Sayner, A. P. McCarty, and W. C. Merchant.

The family that spends just a little more than its income is always worried with bills, while those who spend just a little below their income always have the happy consciousness of laying up for a rainy day. Just now our general government is setting us example of vicious extravagance that all should avoid, as the plague.—Ex.

Gov. Culberson has appointed W. R. Smith, of Colorado, Judge, of the thirty ninth district, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Kennedy.

THE GOSS LAND BILL

Goss's senate bill providing for a reclassification of school lands in the western counties and permitting the purchase of two sections of agricultural land in the territory affected, and providing that lands east of a certain line bounding the dry lands of the plains may be sold while under lease was, on motion of Mr. Smyth placed on its second reading.

An amendment by Smyth was adopted creating a new section stipulating that agricultural lands belonging to the public free school and several asylum funds shall be sold for not less than \$1.50 per acre and timber land \$5 per acre. It provided further that no person who had bought under former laws and whose accounts are in good standing when the law goes into effect shall have the right to perfect his holding for the purpose of repurchasing under this act.

An amendment by Barney, including Kerr and Bandera counties in the section providing for the protection of lease holders was adopted.

An amendment by Smyth providing that land for which there is immediate demand for settlement may be withheld from lease and that all sections in counties organized prior to January 1, 1885 except Presidio El Paso and Pecos counties, detached and isolated from other public lands may be sold to any purchaser except to a corporation without actual settlement at \$1 per acre upon the same terms that other public lands were adopted.

An amendment adding certain counties to the territory affected by the act offered by Crowley was adopted.

The bill passed finally by a vote of 104 to 1.

Of all the fat jobs in the world the new mayor of Greater New York City will have the fattest. New York city has, by legislative

enactment added to her territory with a population of three and a half millions of people, or nearly so that it is now 369 square miles fifty per cent more than that of Texas. The mayor is to appoint all the officials under him except comptroller, and he also has the power of removal. His term of office will be four years, and as the city will collect about seventy five millions a year in taxes we may draw some idea as to what a provident mayor may be able to pick up during a single term. The city will be governed by a house and senate similar to those of a state, the city being divided into five boroughs, which elect as do legislative and senatorial districts, the senate having twenty eight members. The mayor's salary is placed at \$15,000 a year, but probably no one will be able to get into the office for less than a half million campaign fund. Ex.

If farmers in Central and middle Texas fail to make a crop they are handicapped by debt and it takes about two or three years to outlive the backset, but a crop failure in West Texas one year only tends to inspire and urge to a more thorough experiment. The average West Texas man is a stay and has learned many lessons of economy, which are of great value. He is studying the method of self support and how to keep out of debt.—Coming West.

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J. C. Newton - - - " " 3.
J. H. Campbell - - - " " 4.

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 and November.

Coke County Church Directory.

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

Bronte, 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

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Protestant Church, West Texas Conference; services as follows:

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Good News.

**The Colorado Valley Railroad Is Now
A Certainty.**

Conditionally that Coke County Makes up the Balance Of Her Bonus.

A \$10,000 Guarantee, Deposited With The Railroad Company Securing The Construction of the Railroad.

The past week has been an important one for the future of Coke county and the section of country which the Colorado Valley Railroad will run. There is now no further room for doubt, but that the promoters of this enterprise intend to carry it through, and the only possible contingency that can ever arise is in relation to the small bonus given by Coke county.

The contract for the construction of the entire Railway has been executed and a guarantee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) has been deposited by the Construction Company with the Railway Company that they will build the line, provided the stipulated bonuses are secured.

The Toledo Construction Company, of Toledo, Ohio will do all the work on the entire line and doubtless submit certain sections of the work to smaller contractors.

Mr. C. E. Coon, the General Manager of the Toledo Construction Company has been here for a week or so and been over the entire route with General Manager Wheatcroft and expressed himself well pleased with the intrinsic merits of the enterprise and the general route as surveyed.

The contract made by the Construction Company specifies forty days as the time in which work will be commenced on the Railroad after being notified that the bonuses are raised or properly secured.

Irving Wheatcroft and C. E. Coon went to Colorado on Saturday and the Railway Committee meetings were held there on Saturday and Monday nights. The citizens of Mitchell County all assure Mr. W. that the bonus required of their county can and will be raised.

Messrs. Wheatcroft and Coon advised the committee that they would be ready to commence work at Colorado with in a few days from the time they were notified the committee had complied with their part of the contract.

Messrs. Coon and Wheatcroft received a telegram on Tuesday morning before leaving Colorado that the Directors of the Toledo Construction Company had ratified, approved and accepted the contract made by the Railway Company and Construction Company and were preparing to ship their outfit and plant here on being advised by telegram by Mr. Wheatcroft that matters were in position to go to work.

Mr. W. returned to Robert Lee on Tuesday night and went onto Angelo Thursday morning to complete arrangements with the citizens there to commence construction at that end on the same terms as at Colorado.

The Railway Company will survey a final location of its line for twenty-five miles from each end before commencing grading, leaving the middle twenty-five to be constructed last. Twenty-five miles from San Angelo will leave the Railroad six miles from Robert Lee on the other side of the river and the Railway officials say it will depend upon Robert Lee

and Coke county coming up with their promised bonus whether or not the line is built through our county site. It estimated to cost about \$65,000 more to bring the line through Robert Lee than to go down the valley on the other side of the river, but the Railway Company have committed themselves to build the line to this point conditionally, that the \$30,000 is raised or properly secured. Without this bonus it cannot reasonably be expected that the Company will spend \$65,000 benefit this town without having a large interest therein.

It is certainly time for the citizens of Robert Lee and Coke county to get on a "hustle". This is no child's play, but most important and momentous business to every resident of our county.

There is not a man in Coke county even the poorest, but that the railroad will benefit at least \$100, while property owners will be benefited many thousand from the enhancement in value of their property. If every family in this county would give \$100 this would much more than raise the necessary bonus. Men of any means whatever in the county ought to be ashamed to subscribed less than \$100, while the few (rangers), who will and are howling calamity, ought to bid goodbye to the people of Coke county and get out.

Persons who are willing to do what they can to get the railroad, but who have not money to give should give some amount in work which every man can do and doubtless such donations given by deserving men will be the means of securing the grantors a permanent situation, on the Railroad.

The Railroad Company like all other corporations will give the preference of their situations and engage their employees from those who demonstrate the greatest interest in the enterprise; and make the assertion that it will pay any man to give a bonus of \$100 payable in work, to help secure the railroad irrespective of the benefits the railway must essentially be to him.

Has it ever occurred to anyone that the total value of the real and personal property in Coke county is only just about equivalent to the value of the railroad and as the county as yet made no offer to exempt the railroad from taxes. The amount of taxes the railroad will pay to Coke county in a few years will be greatly in excess of the small bonus we are asked to give to secure it.

The following Committee was appointed in Robert Lee to secure the Coke county bonus:

J. T. Hamilton, D. T. Averitt, Perryman & Patteson and C. C. Merchant. If anyone in the county will volunteer to help these gentlemen in the good cause they are invited to advise one of the committee and copies of the necessary papers will cheerfully be sent. Now let every body coming into town and even those that don't come see or communicate with one these committeemen and see that their name is immediately added to this honorable subscrip-

tion list and if our citizens will all pull together with one long strong pull the bonus will be easily and quickly raised and shrill whistle of the locomotive will re-echo down our beautiful fertile valley and the thriving industrious population will soon fill up the sparsely settled regions of this section of the county.

The following list of subscriptions already received by the committee.

J. H. Burroughs	\$500
J. A. Burroughs	25
W. F. Buchanan	300
Will Perry	25
J. G. McCulloch	25
J. B. Latham	150
Gid Graham	100
J. M. Perry	200
Don Green	100
J. W. Reed	500
G. W. Webb	25
J. L. Barron	100
J. E. Stewart	10
J. T. Hamilton	200
J. W. Barnett	100
H. E. Johnston	100
J. F. Deats	100
J. R. Finch	50
H. M. Pennick	100
J. D. Davis	300
J. J. Fry	50
E. C. Good	500
H. H. Hayley	100
J. W. Hall	100
C. L. Hughes	10
L. H. Brightman	100
T. J. Goss	10
J. H. Warren	20
I. M. Bennick	100
Pleasant Storm	25
I. W. Evans	15
E. Cartledge	1000
L. B. Harris	1000
G. W. Perryman	500

There has also been real estate worth several thousand dollars subscribed, but as yet the value of the same has not been agreed upon.

The following is the very liberal contract:

The Colorado Valley Railroad Company.

Robert Lee, Texas Mar. 29, 1897.

We the undersigned in consideration of the benefits accruing to us from the construction of a line of standard gauge Railroad from some point on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad to some point the Texas & Pacific Railroad via Robert Lee, Texas hereby agree and promise to pay the respective amounts set opposite our names as a bonus to the Colorado Valley Railroad Co., or their assigns, the same to be paid as follows to-wit:

When five miles of the road bed is actually constructed toward Robert Lee, Texas from either of the aforesaid Railroads, ten per cent of the amount herein subscribed shall be due and payable when ten miles of the road-bed is constructed an additional ten per cent shall be due and payable. When the Railroad is completed to Robert Lee, Texas and the first train run over the line from either of the aforesaid Railroads to Robert Lee the remaining eighty per cent shall be paid. In case the construction of the said new line of Railroad is not commenced within six calendar months from the first day of April, 1897, this obligation is to be null and void, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

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My line of Spring Millinery has arrived. Have full line Hats, Novelty Trimmings and etc. I invite you to come in and see them, and get prices.

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