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IMPORTANT AS TO LANDS

Land Commissioner A. J. Baker issues the following important letter calling attention to differences between the new law and that of 1895.

Classification—There is no change in cases where classifications have never been made under former law. The commissioner is still required to make classifications "upon such facts as may be satisfactory to him." But when the lands have been erroneously classified under former laws, the errors may be corrected upon the official certificates of the commissioner's court signed by the entire court and county judge or upon such other evidence as may be satisfactory to the commissioner of the land office. This can only apply to lands which are on the market and where they may be forfeited and before being sold a gain.

The smallest sale is eighty acres or multiples thereof (not forty acres, as in former law) except where there is unsold or any section less than eighty acres.

One purchaser can buy as much as four sections, and two of these may be classified as agricultural lands, and in such cases the purchaser must be an actual settler. Under the former law he could buy four grazing sections only, or if he was an actual settler on agricultural, then he could buy three additional sections.

Under the former law a purchaser had to be a purchaser of agricultural land in order to buy any additional grazing lands, but under the new law if he be a purchaser of any class of lands he can buy additional lands, not to include more than two sections of agricultural land altogether. Besides any actual bona fide owner of, or resident upon any lands, which includes lands purchased under certificates or otherwise, may also buy additional lands not more than four surveys, including his residence survey, but in such case he or his vendee must continue his residence on his home survey for three consecutive years after such purchase and make proof of occupancy in order to perfect his title to school land purchases, as in other cases for actual settlers.

Unsold agricultural lands may be sold at not less than \$1.50 and grazing land at not less than \$1.00 and timbered lands at not less than \$.50 per acre. These are the minimum and may be, in particular cases, sold high. But it must be particularly noted that all sales heretofore made which are not forfeitable when this law goes into effect, if they be in fact agricultural lands, cannot be repurchased by the forfeiting purchaser at any lower price than the price at which they were sold under the former law. This modifies what is known as the prior right clause under the former law in such cases.

Recording leases—Hereafter all lease contracts will be sent to the county clerks instead of the lessee who is required to keep a well bound book for the purpose and record therein a memorandum or abstract of the lands leased in the contract, showing the number of surveys leased name name of

original grantee, name of lessee date of lease and term of lease, for which the clerk can charge the lessee 25 cents. All prior lease contracts made before this law goes into effect which have not been recorded as they were required to be, must be sent to the clerk within three months to enable him to make the like entries as required above, upon pain of losing their leases. Especial attention of lessees whose contracts are not recorded, is called to the fact that under the new law the commissioner is required to accept applications to lease any of any such leased lands when accompanied by a certificate from the clerk that his old contract has not been filed for record, disregarding the old contract and treating as annulled. This provision was regarded by the legislature as necessary in order that the people desiring to lease land might know what lands were included in any lease. The law of the lease required that the lease should not take effect until recorded, but lessees seemed to have disregarded the law, and hence the new penalty.

All lands leased north and east designated in the bill which begins at the northwest corner of Yoakum county and closing at the mouth of the Nueces river, will be subject to sale, whether they be agricultural or grazing lands, and whether they are leased under the new law or any former law with the following exceptions only to wit:

1 When the lessee has actually settled upon a leased section, or part of it, and erected his residence or substantial improvements.

2 When he has placed on the section or part of section \$200 worth of improvements (This may be done without settlement.

3 When the lessee does not own by purchase or lease more than one section altogether.

With the above three exceptions any lands under lease are subject to sale when the requirements of the act of 1895 as to settlement etc. are complied with, provided that no person can buy additional lands situated more than five miles from his home survey.

No person who has leased land shall be disturbed in his lease possession by another applicant unless the original lessee has under the lease affected by the application more than ten sections, in which case a subsequent applicant being an actual settler may lease out the larger leasehold not exceeding three sections of land, provided that by so doing it will not reduce the larger leasehold to less than ten sections, and provided they are within five miles of the home section.

No lands leased south and west of the line designated in the law beginning as stated, at the northwest corner of Yoakum and ending at the mouth of the Nueces which are now or which may be hereafter leased, will be sold or leased during the life, provided the sections leased by any one lessee have not been selected so as to detach other sections of school lands which are thereby left un-

leased, and all persons who have so detached are reminded of the importance of applying at once for such detached sections.

Lands purchased prior to July 30, 1893, in quantity not greater or less than forty acres or multiples thereof which are in good standing as to interest account, can now be patented as in other cases.

All local county papers are especially and kindly requested to publish this article for the information of the people generally.

This act will not take effect until Aug. 20, 1897

ANDREW J. BAKER, Commissioner.

Mr. J. T. Watson editor of the Houston Post is dead. Mr Watson was editor of one of the best daily papers in Texas.

The usual amount of scandal is being indulged in regarding the pending tariff bill. Senators engaged in the framing of the bill are accused of taking advantage of their positions and dealing in stocks. Thus it will ever be as long as a protective tariff is attempted.

A stranger hired a carriage at Niagara Falls to take him over to Canada, and while crossing the bridge jumped from the vehicle and threw himself into the angry torrent below. The horror-stricken gazed downward upon the mad torrent, his breast torn with emotion, and then turned and said to his horses that he'd be double blanked if the next man he haunted out there didn't have to pay in advance.—Ex.

Sir Isaac Holden, The millionaire member of parliament from Yorkshire, now nearly ninety years old, believer with John Wesley that phosphates of lime, in which flour is so rich are good for growing children, young people, and young mothers but shorten the life of the elderly by making bones dense and weighty muscles rigid 'furring' the large blood vessels like an old boiler, and "choking the capillary arteries." So he eats hardly any bread, his favorite food being oranges, bananas, and meat.—Ex.

A Missouri paper has the following to say about cigarettes: A cigarette is a roll of paper tobacco and drugs with a small fire at one end and a large fool at the other. Some of the chief enjoyments are condensed nightmares, fits, cancer of the lips and stomach, spinal meningitis, softening of the brain, funeral processions and plenty of subjects left, who are perfectly willing to undergo trials of such a trivial nature for the sake of style.

The Texas State Teachers Association will hold its ninth annual session in Waco, June the 29th to July the 2nd next.

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Jno. Alexander of Hayrick was in the city Thursday trading.

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

Garden vegetables are becoming slow sale they are so plentiful.

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

It is reported that there will be another wedding on Oak creek in a few weeks.

Mrs Emma Thurmond and Miss Lula Douglas went to San Angelo on a shopping expedition this week.

Rufe Whitesides and J. T. Hamilton bought a few cattle around town this week.

Call on Cox and Carter at C. Smith's, San Angelo for cheap lumber and low prices

Esq. W. L. Clawson is visiting in Delta county.

J. F. Sturman of Valley View was in town Thursday with Vegetables for sale.

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Severe colds are so numerous that almost any of us can afford them, and we have got 'em.

Dr Martin, wife and little child made a trip to San Angelo and back Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

News comes to town that Grandma Stepp who is stopping with her son near Bronte is laying very low.

Capt. Barnett is under treatment by Dr. Boucom.

We will have roasting ears in a few weeks, and them fine ones.

By the request of those people General Manager Wheatcroft spent several days in San Angelo this week.

Several sick children in town town this week.

Sam Sayner, of the Mule creek country was in the city a day or two this week.

W. C. Barron and family, paid a visit to Colorado city this week.

A show in town Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis Irving Wheatcroft and J. H. Burroughs paid San Angelo a visit Monday.

County Treasurer C. L. Hughes and fair bride went to Angelo Tuesday to purchase their house keeping out fit.

Mrs. Emma Thurmond and Miss Loula Douglas arrived in the city Monday evening, the guests of Mrs. J. T. Hamilton and Mrs. J. W. Reed.

Judge G. W. Perryman and Ed Mobley made a business trip to Angelo Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

H. A. Wolfgen, Dick Arnett and Cap Hall, prominent stockmen of Colorado City were in the city Thursday night.

John Patteson tells a nice little fish story but we have not heard him mention it since the prospectors returned from up the river.

W. C. Barron returned from a visit to Colorado last Wednesday. He was told there that cattle in this country were too high. The cattle business, he said did not appear to be on much of a boom.

Everything is lovely with Coke county, fat cattle, good crops, and plenty of grass and water and as we have said many times before Coke is the best county in West Texas.

Prof. Reynolds the show man showed at the court house Monday and Wednesday nights. He gives a splendid entertainment, attractions on Ventriloquism, Theurgy etc. All who attended were well pleased with the performance and say they got the full worth of their 25cts.

Notice To The People's Party.

A Convention called for Peoples party June the 15th 1897 to meet at Robert Lee. Business of importance to transact, and a county chairman to elect as I wish to resign.

T. C. Baldwin,
Co. Chairman.

Every portion of Coke county is elated with the continual good seasons and fine crop prospects. This season is expected to put every farmer up and ahead.

J. B. Rurroughs of the other side of the river banded us a sample of his oat crop the other day the heads are fully twenty inches long and well filled out. How is that for Coke.

Grandpa Hayley has our thanks for a treat to a nice cold drink of cider since he moved into his new business house situated south of the W. W. McElroy building. Thanks Grandpa we wish you much success in your new quarters.

Notice.

All members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A F & A M are requested to attend the next regular meeting of the Lodge Saturday night June the 12th 1897 as there is important business to attend. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

H. E. Johnston,
Secretary.

Bill Dancer, formerly of this county, but now of Coleman, has been very sick of fever, and is still very low but gradually improving and we hope he will be up in a few weeks.

Abbie Finch, the little three year old babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Finch has been very sick for several days with fever but at this writing she is improving.

Esq. J. B. Morris, of Ft. Chadbourne passed through town Tuesday on his way to Angelo.

Prof. Gatlin, of Sweetwater was in the city the first of the week. He is here prospecting for a school.

Sheriff Akin, of Glascock Co. came through town Sunday with Henry Lucky taking him to Ballinger for medical treatment. He at times becomes insane and is almost unmanageable. Sheriff Murray accompanied them to Ballinger.

Every body can catch fish but us. We set out our lines one night this week and returned to them the next morning and we hadn't had a bite, not even a turtle, so we decided the sign wasn't right and pulled for town and when we got back there were several parties in town with fish for sale. So that's the way goes.

To The Public.

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George Moore, W. F. Buchanan, J. H. Dancer, I. M. Bennick and Tom Hennessey started up the river Monday to prospect for coal that was to exist in endless profusion in some uncertain locality up that way. They returned Wednesday and reported no coal found, but Gosh what a fish story they tell! We will not attempt to repeat it here but they say that it was in Pecan that they caught them.

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Lee Good the Bronte cowman was in the city Wednesday.

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We are informed by Mr. Wheatcroft who returned Thursday from a few days stay at San Angelo that Colorado will probably get her bonus fixed first and consequently work will be started on that end of the line first.

It is our opinion that this is the reverse to the way the Ry. Company would have it, as we are informed that they had arranged quite satisfactory freight rates over the Santa Fe. Mr. Wheatcroft will make a trip to Dallas, probably next week, to arrange freight rates with the T. & P. management. He showed us a letter from the Toledo Construction Company, who have the contract for the construction of road, which stated they were just completing a line of railroad and that they wanted to move direct from that to this work and urged the Company here to get ready for them as soon as possible. Mr. W informed us that the final locating survey would be started from Colorado on his return from Dallas, or within two weeks from this date.

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

The president did a commendable act, even though he is a Republican, when he appointed Mrs. Morrow, Sam Houston's daughter, postmistress at Abilene.

Willie Weathers has been arrested and put under bond, charged with the theft of cattle.

Several Mexicans passed through town Wednesday on their way to Sweetwater, where they said there was heap plenty work.

G. W. Webb was bragging around town yesterday evening about having fresh peach pie for dinner, the peaches from his own orchard at Ft. Chadbourne.

J. G. Moore sold to Dick Arnett, of Colorado City yesterday 205 head of 2-year-old steers at \$14.50 per head.

Will and Marvin Perry want to buy some fat cows.

Marvin and Will Perry returned from a business trip to San Angelo yesterday.

S. C. Wilkins continues to lead the bunch in fine, fresh vegetables.

Both the stock and farming interests of this section loom up as they have not before for years.

Lum Hudson was up from down the river yesterday.

Tom Hennessey played the devil for us last Saturday and Tom makes a good one too.

Brother Berryman preacher tomorrow and your presence will be appreciated if you are out.

G. S. McClusky, of the new blacksmith firm made a visit to Angelo this week after tools and material.

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A. C. Gardner was in the city Tuesday. He says he is still buying a few cattle, but that they are too high for him to take too deep a fish in. He says that crops on the Divide are looking promising.

Big Springs, Tex., May 26.—This morning George Bauer was lodged in jail charged with dynamiting the residence of J. I. McDowell Saturday night, and also charged with firing on officer last night.—Dallas News.

This week has been an unusually busy one with our hay farmers. The first crop of hay has been cut and baled. The market opened at \$12 per ton and all are in a rush to put their product on the market while the price is up.—Irion County Record.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY COKE COUNTY.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

J. W. Timmins - Judge.
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J. W. Barnett - Clerk.

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W. C. Merchant - Attorney.
J. W. Barnett - Clerk.
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H. E. Johnson - Tax Assessor.
C. L. Hughes - Treasurer.
Gid Graham - Surveyor.
J. M. Perry - Inspector.

COMMISSIONERS.

E. C. Rawlings - Pre No. 1.
Sam Sawyer - " " " 2.
J. C. Newton - " " " 3.
J. H. Campbell - " " " 4.

COURTS.

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday in 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 G. C. Berryman, Pastor. Christian Church 2nd Sunday McGovock Pastor.

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

First Sunday at North Coneche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2 Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3 Sunday at Mt. Margaret, Saturday night and 11 a. m. and at Juniper school house at 4 p. m.; Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night—W. C. BURR, Pastor.

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20 " " " ".....	\$11.50	Road Wagon.....	\$15.00
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GID GRAHAM, Elder

1st Sunday: Boozer Creek school house Saturday 11 a. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m.; 2nd Sunday: Sanco 11 a. m.; 3rd Sunday: Mulberry Canon Saturday 3 p. m. and Sunday 11; 4th Sunday: Robert Lee, 11 a. m.

Good fishing within a half mile of the court house—how does that strike you.—Sweetwater Review. That's nothing, we have good fishing within two hundred yards of the court house.

On the 18th of last month Miss Daisy Coop, of Oak creek while on her way home from an entertainment had her leg broken. It happened this wise: Her and the young man she was with were riding along in a lope when all of a sudden the horse gave two big jumps and threw Miss Daisy in a deep wagon rut breaking her leg. It is thought that a snake bit the horse which caused him to jump as the horse is swollen up considerably. At this writing Miss Daisy is improving and it is to be hoped that she will be up in a few weeks.

The dam across the Rio Grande above El Paso broke one day last week and flooded a great part of the town, leaving about 1000 people homeless.

W. E. Ingram returned home from Burnett county Monday. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Ferguson of that place returned home with him. He says everything in the way of crops down that way are fine.

F. L. Harris and family left Monday for Sweetwater where they take the train for Royce city, Rockwall county Texas where they go to wind up the estate of the late Capt. C. L. Jones father of Mrs. Harris.

J. E. Higgins was in the city Wednesday. He reports everything lovely in his section of the country.

J. O. Higgins and wife left last Friday for Sweetwater where they took the train for Ada, Arkansas their old home.

We are authorized that Bronte will give an all-day singing on the Second Sunday of this month. Dinner on the ground. A general invitation is extended to every body.

Bronte Siftings.

May 30th 1897.

Ed. Rustler:—After a short spell of negligence, will once more give your many readers at least some news from this part.

The health of the community reasonably good.

On Thursday night the 27th we had a fine rain, so we all ought to praise him from whom all blessings flow.

Oats, wheat and all look fine and insure a fair yield. I think late season will give us at least some corn.

The cotton looks fine, in fact all vegetation is growing, weeds not excepted.

Mr. Wouhard has his gin house about completed. The machinery will be on Bronte soil one day next week. We wish the anticipated Railroad was so near completion, then we grangers could find a market for our produce at home and would not that be nice.

Well, Mr. Ed., forty eight members of Bronte's best looking peo-

ple, most pleasantly spent last Friday on the river cooking and eating fish. They all had plenty—besides, we had other fix ups to eat and that in abundance, Sanco and Lee were represented, with Frank Scarborough and family, of Sanco and Bro. Bates of Lee. We were all glad they were with us, and hope they enjoyed themselves to the extent that they will be with us again.

Geo. Kelly informed that on the same day of our fish fry that he hauled out a 30 pounder. That is a fish tale, but he is strictly truthful and we must except his statement and at such a rate as that we will not be surprised if he should catch one that would weigh 120 pounds and one that could talk. For such fish as that he uses love for bait exclusively.

The high school is moving on nicely.

We learn that there will be an all day singing at Bronte on the second Sunday in June.

Born: Last night to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Yeats a fine boy. The mother is doing well. The father, with proper care will recover.

Well, Mr. Ed as my wife is now preparing beets, potatoes, etc. for dinner I am forced to bring this communication to a close, for it is impossible for me to concentrate my thoughts enough to write intelligently and smell dinner cooking. Are you that way.

So good bye I am gone to dinner.

Last Chance.

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.

✓ Rev. John Reed, of Edith was in town Thursday. He sold 75 pounds of honey at 10 cents per pound.

✓ J. Q. McCabe, of the divide was in the burg Thursday.

✓ G. W. Webb made a trip out to ranch in the Ft. Chadbourne country the first of the week and says that everything is as fine as can be.

J. F. Deats returned home from Llano county Thursday. He says they are needing rain down there badly and that we have better crops than they have.

W. R. Boykin passed through town Thursday on his return home from San Angelo with supplies.

The San Angelo Standard says Messrs. L. K. Wilson, Lum Hudson, Billie Childress, Irving Wheatecoff, Don Green and Granville Moore, prominent citizens of Coke county, were in the city this week.

The following are those who have subscribed toward getting up the \$30,000 bonus asked of Robert Lee and Coke county to bring the Colorado Valley Railroad to Robert Lee.

J. H. Burroughs	\$500
J A Burroughs	25
W. F. Buchanan	300
Will Perry	25
J G McCulloch	25
J. B. Latham	100
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 Bennick	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. Carlidge	1000
L B Harris	1000
G W Perryman	500
A. B. Scott	100
W. C. Merchaat	100
M. H. Davis	30

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, 1887.

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.

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

CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Lee, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

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