

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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A. J. ROE,

The Best Place in West Texas For

Lumber and Wire, COLORADO, TEXAS.

HIPP'S Blacksmith Shop and Wagon Yard. COLORADO, TEXAS

Front new Wagon Yard, with finest water and every... Blacksmithing and wood work. Give us a trial.

J. D. Davis his premises here. W. F. Cathey was... Tuesday.

Will Perry is now out of... and a gentleman of... houses—in fact the best... and first class accom-

Arkansaw Smith is the only... Cash Grocer in San Angelo. The first links were struck at the new blacksmith shop last Monday.

Ed. Mobley has added a nice yard fence to his newly built residence.

G. W. Payne and daughter Miss Lavenia, of Saucos passed through the city Tuesday evening on their way to Angelo.

J. G. McCullouch moved from the C. L. Hughes residence to the W. L. Lowe residence in the western part of the city this week.

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

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

Judge McCarty of Robert Lee was shaking hands with Angelo friends Saturday.

E. Meinelle and G. C. Arnett stockmen of up the river were in town Monday.

Call on Cox and Carter at C. Smith's, San Angelo for cheap Lumber and Low Prices.

W. C. Barron and E. C. Good left Monday for Llano county, where they go to purchase steer yearling.

D. L. Buchanan is now sole proprietor of the Perry & Buchanan cold drink stand—having bought out Will's interest.

We heard a fellow say this week "Well, maybe they are going to build the railroad." Is it possible.

M. B. Patteson and brother, of Saucos were in the city Wednesday having some blacksmithing done.

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

J. H. Turner has bought a milk cow and a calf of Jim Byrd for which he paid \$35. He says the cow gives four gallons a day.

J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, Texas have just received a good line of dry goods, boots, shoes and hats and ask you to call and see them.

I. B. Walker made a remittance this week and ordered the Rustler sent to him at Waldrip, Texas.

The Sweetwater Review of last week reports a fishing trip to the Colorado from there. We hope no deaths will result.

Colorado Valley Railroad.

What The West Texas Stockman has to say on the 22nd.

General Manager Wheatcroft and his party of surveyors came in last week, to arrange for the final survey of the line of the Colorado Valley Railway and to commence work at this end of the line.

A meeting was held in the Colorado National Bank and the situation was fully discussed. Mr. Wheatcroft submitted a proposition which was to the effect that he was ready to commence work at this end of the line upon certain conditions. These conditions were satisfactory to our people and the required bonus will be promptly raised.

Work began on the final survey Wednesday, and it will be located 25 miles south of Colorado. Then the work of construction will begin here and the work will be pushed as fast as men and means can make the dirt fly.

There is no longer any doubt about the building of the line. The construction company will report here within the next two weeks and then the dirt will begin to fly sure enough. Colorado will be the long coveted southern.

H. L. Steven, of the Smith firm of McClusky & Smith made a business trip to the first of the week. They have purchased a large rock building at that place and is going to move it to this place.

Dr. G. W. Martin sold to Johnnie Gardner 28 steer yearling this week at \$10.

Mr. Z. Boezer, one of the most prosperous ranchmen in the county was in town Saturday and called into see us. He says the blackleg has let upon his cattle, after several had died.

Rev. Jno. Reed was in from Edith Monday. He says all is peace and prosperity up his way and that crop prospects are the very best possible.

Mr. Wheatcroft returned Tuesday from a trip to Galveston. He reports a pleasant time had while gone.

James Sparks, of Edith, was in town Monday on business. Jim reports everything lovely in his section of the county.

Rufe Whiteside and B. F. Montgomery, the Boezer sheepmen came through town Monday with four wagon loads of wool, bound for San Angelo.

K. M. Mayes and family, of Coke county, were visiting Alvin Campbell and family Wednesday. San Angelo Standard.

The Sheriff's contest of Crockett county has been compromised by Sheriff Gurley paying ex-Sheriff Broom \$200.

W. S. Palmer, who has 50 acres in cotton on his farm in Coke county, was in town Saturday. Mr. Palmer reports prospects for wheat, oats and cotton never better and grass abundant and cattle fat.—Standard.

We are the leaders of low prices in Coke county. Come and see us and be convinced. J. D. Collier & Co., Edith, Texas.

Will Gunnels this week moved the Elmo Trimble residence to his farm 4 miles south of town.

County Treasurer C. L. Hughes of Coke county, came in Wednesday with some surplus funds which he deposited with Treasurer Merchant.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Colorado, Texas, June 16, 1897. We hereby agree to pay as a bonus the several amounts opposite our names to the Colorado Valley railway as per contract attached: J. S. McCall, \$1000; S. T. Shorshire, 250; A. B. Robinson 1000; C. H. Earnest, 200; W. H. Snyder 1000; J. E. Hooper, 250; A. J. Coe, 100; John T. Johnson, 50; W. R. Smith, 200; V. W. Allen 100; Dan S. Park, 500; R. A. Jefferson 100; H. H. Sowell, 100; A. R. Earnest, 100; F. M. Burns, 500; J. L. Sheppard, 100; W. B. Crockett, 200; W. H. Moesser, 100; P. C. Colman, 200; Adams & Hill, 250; C. S. Knott, 100; G. H. Colvin, 100; M. Carter, 100; Mary M. Mann, 100; W. T. Scott, 100; Bert Simpson, 250; R. H. McNairy, 500; J. W. Smith, 100; Burns & Bell, 500; A. J. Payne & Bro. 150; Doss Bros, 200; Townsend & Mills, 100; Y. D. McMurray, 100; H. C. Caldwell, 100.

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Red, White and Blue.

On the banks of the Potomac there's an army so grand That threatens to subdue great Dixie's fair land. They say we have split this fine union into And altered the Colors of the Red, White and Blue. CHORUS. Hurrah! Hurrah! We are a nation that's true. And we'll all die defending the Red, White and Blue. Our colors are simple, but by them we'll stand, They'll float from the Potomac to the great Rio Grande. They waive over a people that's gallant and true, and we'll all die defending the Red, White and Blue. CHORUS. We had a nice little fight on the 10th of last June; McGruder at Bethel whipped out Picayune. They begun in the morning and fought until two, When glory waived over the Red, White and Blue. CHORUS. If you want to hear Greely and Yankeeedom rare Just mention the Mason and Slydell affair. Its when they first got them they made great to do, But now they curse England and the Red, White and Blue. CHORUS. All of the Ex-Confederate daughters that are to sing the above song on 17th of July at the Re-union are requested to meet at Robert Lee on Saturday the 10th to practice together.

PROBLEMS.

There is a broom for sale in San Angelo, almost a surprise, that turns out to be a broom as you can make a little less cost to this Owen Dougherty is one of this enterprisers.

Stepheas, of the late San Angelo, is aged as a big, state whether he abhors heavy broom isers are quite hand broers a few doz. First Doxner will from Robert Lee his share for only \$2. Co way of

The school will not be successful to their neighbor; we have day of last week at Mr. Colorado.

home. The ere is interesting great credit. Miss E. he expences who had his benefit to will also pay you've had yo. It will share each one of his ges which will amuse the young an see the old ed out the pr eve and loyal ed by the you; the enjoyment; in piest spent t son Ccr. in San

Pay Them Nickles.

I wish you would please pay me those nickles you owe me without me having to ask you for them as I need them in my business and that bad. So come on now and settle.

Yours for a settlement, GRAND PA HAYLEY.

Millinery.

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.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.

Could Not Take His County Paper.

One of our exchanges describes the man who could not afford to take his home paper as follows:

By getting hold of a foreign advertising sheet he spent \$1 by writing to find out how to keep sober, the answer being to take the pledge. He also sent 50 two cent stamps to find out how to raise beets, and received a postal card replying "Take hold of the tops and pull." It was the same man that sent a man in the east 50 cents for twelve household articles and received a paper of needles. He is a near relative to a man who sent \$1 to find out how to make money and received the reply "Get a job in the mint." He is also related to the man who sent \$6 to find out how to write without pen and ink, and the answer was "Try a lead pencil." He was a twin brother to the man who sent two dollars to find out how to live without work, and received the reply printed on a postal card, "Fish for suckers like we do."

W. C. Barron was very sick several days this week with gripp but is improving at this writing.

J. F. Deats and D. L. Buchanan prominent business men of our town paid Angelo a visit Thursday and returned Friday.

Jack Montieff, of the Ft. Chedbourne country was in the city the last of the week.

The Banner-Bulletin come out in red, white and blue.

The West Texas Stockman still grows and improves.

Sheriff Murray made a trip to Colorado this week for the purpose of getting the bonus question fixed at that point. Both the Railway Company and the Construction Company are ready for work to begin, except a satisfactory arrangement with Colorado.

We are informed that Mr. Murray's visit did accomplish this arrangement, and that the Construction is being held off on that account. Mr. Wheatcroft, who is sick at this time, informs us that he has telegraphed the President of the Construction company to meet him at Colorado next Thursday, at which time it is hoped that arrangements will be made and work started soon thereafter.

J. Buntou, one of Sweetwater's best cowmen, was in town yesterday.

F. M. Green, of Saucos, is very low and his recovery is very doubtful.

A pic-nic at Silver yesterday and one at Saucos today. Some of our people attended each of them.

Some of our boys attended the dance at Bad Gardner's last night.

Messrs J. C. and Tom King bought nine sacks of wool at 63 3/4 cents a lb, 10,000 pound lbs at 8 cents, they also bought 700 lambs. Term private.—Sweetwater Review.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

W. C. Lock is under treatment of Dr. Barcou.

Mrs. Charles Collyns is visiting her parents at Clebourne.

Asa Robinson and sister of Ft. Chadbourne were shopping in the city Thursday.

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Turner left Thursday for Eastland City with Henry Russell as an attached witness.

Arkansaw Smith is the only Cash Grocer in San Angelo.

If you are hunting cheap dry-goods and groceries go to Harrison & Webb.

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

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

D. F. Millican of near Edith was in town Thursday on land business. He reports every thing lovely in his section of the country.

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

J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, propose to sell goods cheaper than any other house in Coke County.

We will have corn to throw at the hogs this year.

Considerable sickness around.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton of Valley View were in the city visiting Thursday.

Dr. J. O. Toliver is having him a well drilled on his ranch 2 miles north of town. Bob Winens and Mr. Graves are drilling it for him.

Every thing is very quiet in town this week.

Be sure and come to the Sheriff's sale next Tuesday. Remember the date is July the 6th.

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

W. C. Merchant and W. B. Harrison made a business trip to Sweetwater the first of the week.

H. H. Hayley informs us that he has made a contract with W. C. Barron to build the latter a tank, on his ranch which will cost him about \$140.

J. J. Vestal says he was well pleased with our writing school teacher. He says it was no trouble at all to learn the first lesson.

We carry the largest and best selected stock of Dry-Goods, groceries and general merchandise of any firm in the county, and sell as cheap and cheaper than any other house in the county.

J. D. COLLIER & Co.,  
Edith, Texas.

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

Manager Wheatcroft was sick several days this week.

Wm Childress was in the city a few hours Wednesday.

If it is blacksmithing you want, that is what we are here for.

McClusky & Stevens.

Will Green was right sick the first of the week but at this writing we are informed that he is improving.

G. W. Perryman of our well known law firm of Perryman and Patterson has gone to Brownwood on professional business.

An other rain would not do us damage.

## OBITUARY.

Isaac C. Gary was born in the state of Alabama Nov. 1st 1816 and died May 25th 1897. He came to Texas in 1839 and was married to Susan E. McCarry in 1849. They lived happily together until Sept. 13th 1884 when death claimed the wife. She was long a sufferer with consumption and lay patiently awaiting the Masters summons and was buried in the Hanna Cemetery in Bosque County Texas.

Bro. Gary was converted at the age of 18 and united with the Baptist church and was a constant member of that church to the time of his death, and the last 25 years of his life was a Deacon in the church.

He changed his place of residence often consequently held membership with quite a number of churches. His membership was with the Pleasant Grove Church in Bosque county from 1871 (the time of its organization) until 1890 when he removed with his son-in-law W. M. Billingslea to Coke county, where he immediately united with the Antioch church of which he was a member at the time of his death.

He withstood all the hardships of a frontier life, was of a sunny and cheerful disposition, was known in Bosque county, where he had a host of friends and relatives, as Uncle Isaac, and in Coke county he was known as Grand Pa.

He leaves one brother and sister, 5 children, 17 grand-children and one great-grand-child to mourn his loss. He was sick about 2 months and suffered much and often expressed a desire to go at the Lords will.

Bro. Gary was buried at the Rock Springs burying ground on May the 26th, the writer conducting the funeral services.

The writer has known brother Gary about 7 years and has never had reason to call in question his piety, but believed him to be one of the most devoutly pious men he has ever known.

"Asleep in Jesus; blessed sleep;  
From which none ever wake to weep,

A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes."

His friend and brother,  
R. M. CUMBLE.

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

W. C. Barron and Marvin Perry made a trip to San Angelo Wednesday evening.

W. C. Barron sold to Ware, of Montana between 1500 and 2000 head of cattle the first of the week at private terms. He is to deliver them to Mr. Ware this fall.

Mrs. Milt Havens of Valley View was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Several loads of sheaf oats were sold in the city this week at \$3 per hundred bundles.

L. B. Murray and the editor have gone to Colorado City this week. Murray is on railroad business and the editor is rustling ads.

Several attended the picnic on Pecan yesterday and we know they had a good time for we attended a picnic on Pecan once and we never enjoyed ourselves better.

Miss Edna Fair has gone to Bronte to teach a writing school. Her school closed here last Thursday night and every one seemed well pleased with her work.

E. C. Good and family visited the city Monday.

## 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.

J. L. Barron.

## TOM HENING.

GROCERIES, GENTS FURNISHING GOODS, NOTIONS and SECOND HAND FURNITURE.

Prices guaranteed to be as low as anywhere in San Angelo for the cash.

At old stand—two story red house.

J. S. MILES,

The San Angelo Livery and Live Stock Commissionman of San Angelo, has sold more cattle and horses within the last six months than most any one else in West Texas. Mr. Miles will get you the highest market prices.

So if you have Stock of any description to sell, call on or write him, San Angelo, Tex.

## BROOMS. BROOMS.

There is a broom factory near San Angelo, almost a home enterprise, that turns out as good a broom as you can import and at a little less cost to the dealer. Mr. Owen Dougherty is the proprietor of this enterprise and J. M. Stephens, of the Racket Store, San Angelo, is agent. In ordering, state whether light, medium or heavy broom is wanted. Exquisite hand broom at \$1.25 per doz. First Doz. brooms ordered from Robert Lee laid down HERE for only \$2. Call at this office.

Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.

Mrs. M. J. Dancer, returned home from Colman county where she had been some time at the bedside of her son Bill Dancer who has been very low with slow fever.

Mr. J. J. Vestal carried off the prize as the one who had improved the most in penmanship at the writing school and Miss Lula Webb as best penman.

The Jr. of the Rustler is all right side up with care this week. We have a "brau" new baby girl at our house which arrived on the 25th, and as it was the first we felt too large to work last week.

Bros. Hamlet and Bates will begin a protracted meeting on Oak creek at camp ground near Rock Springs on Saturday at eleven o'clock before second Sunday in July. Silver meeting will begin on Friday before fourth Sunday in July. The upper Oak creek meeting begins Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August.

After doing what they could to bury West Texas out of sight, the legislature adjourned and taken free passage for the Tennessee Centennial, where they will be placed on exhibition, to show that Kentucky and Tennessee can't beat Texas when it comes to raising Jacks.—Ex

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stephens of near Hayrick were shopping in the city Tuesday evening.

In this issue will be seen the advertisements of some of the most progressive business men of Colorado. Their advertisements in this paper is all-sufficient evidence that they want the Coke county trade, and that is a guarantee of good treatment at their hands when you call on them.

Following we give their names:

The name of A. J. Roe, one of the oldest and most extensive lumber dealers in the State, will sound familiar to all. The Doss Bros. Drug Store is one of the largest institutions of the kind in West Texas. They are strictly business, thoroughly reliable and do an immense wholesale and retail business. Hipp's Blacksmith

Shop and Wagon Yard, where everything is done on the square. The old and well known O. K. Wagon Yard, W. H. Lemmons proprietor. The dry goods and grocery firm—Burns & Bell, who have had an advertisement in every issue of this paper for two years, is so well known as to need no commendation of this paper.

Dr. B. F. Dulaney, whose professional card will be seen, is well known by this editor; he is a regular graduate of the oldest and probably the best dental college in the United States; a first-class practical workman and a gentleman. Colorado is a good town of good people who offer our people many inducements to do business with them.

## McGREGOR & FRANCIS THE GROCERS,

BALLINGER.

TEXAS.

Respectfully Solicit the trade of Coke Co.

people when in Ballinger.

Our Assortment Is Always Complete.

The Quality Of Our Goods

"Equal To Any,

Surpassed By None."

R. P. Perry.

W. E. Ingram.

Put up at the

## ED GOOD LIVERY STABLE

Reasonable Rates.

Everything First class.

Best of Attention given Horses.

We Respectfully Solicit Your Patronage.

PERRY & INGRAM.

## Wagon and Feed Yard.

Alvin Campbell, San Angel, Texas.  
All kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodations For The Least Money. We Appreciate Your Trade.  
East of Nimitz Hotel.

## Kentucky Dew Whiskey.

STANDARD OF PURITY.

Distilled of carefully selected grain matured in wood. Kentucky Dew is the leader of fine old fashion whiskey and for mellowness and richness of flavor has no superior. RECOMMENDED by leading Physicians for the Club and Sick room. Buy from Distillers direct or our agents at distillery prices. 4 year old \$2.50, 8 year old \$3.50, 12 year old \$4.50 per gallon. No charge for packing. Send money with order, satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. \$5,000 guaranteed as to Purity of goods.

OLD KENTUCKY DISTILLERY.

265 W. MAIN ST. LOUISVILLE, KY.

TRY A JU'J DIRECT FROM OUR DISTILLERY AND BE CONVINCED.

## New & Second-Hand Furniture Store

Largest House of the kind in West Texas.

Opposite Post Office, " " " " " San Angelo.

I have just received a Car Load of the latest designs in Bed-Room Suits, Spring Mattresses, Rockers, Dining Chairs, Kitchen Safes, Oak Centered Dining Tables. Also carry a Select Stock of Second-Hand Walnut, Oak and Marble Top Bed-Room Suits, and everything in the House Furnishing line. Cook Stoves and Heaters. Articles at your own price. Don't forget the place—Opposite the Post Office, " " " " " San Angelo.

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald.

## Court House Restaurant.

The undersigned has opened up a first-class Restaurant in the Ranchman's Hotel building. It is convenient to March Bros. Store, Free Wagon Yard and Court House. My Motto is: "Good Meals and Clean Beds." Satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Yours Very Respectfully,

GEORGE T. KIRKLAND,

San Angelo,

Texas.

# Ballinger Lumber Co.,

NOT INCORPORATED  
Lumber, Building Material, Paints, Oils And Varnishes.

**J. A. BURLEY, Manager.**  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

G. S. McCLUSKY. H. L. STEVENS.

## McCLUSKY & STEVENS

BLACKSMITHS, WOODWORKMEN AND MACHINISTS.

### Horse Shoeing a Specialty

All work neatly quickly done at the W. L. Clawson old Shop.

## Elk Horn Wagon Yard.

### JNO. GUESS & POOL

Have opened up the Elk Horn Wagon Yard in the very best of shape, which they will run in first class style. They are good yard men and want your patronage and will extend every possible accommodation to please you. When in San Angelo go and see them. West of the Landon Hotel.

**JAMES STEWART**

DEALER IN

## Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Groceries And Drugs.

Cheapest House in Town for The CASH.  
WEST SIDE SQUARE. ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

## BURNS & BELL,

DEALERS IN

## Dry Goods, Groceries

Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Etc.  
MERCHANT TAILORING.  
WHEN IN COLORADO GIVE US A TRIAL.  
COLORADO CITY, TEXAS.

## J. W. REED,

DEALER IN

## Dry Goods, Groceries

Hats, Caps, Clothing, Shoes, Boots.  
Give me a call when in need of anything in my line.  
West Side Square. Robert Lee, Texas.

## THE CASH HOUSE

NO TO BE UNDERSOLD

RUN BY  
Grocery, Grain, Hay and Wagon Yard

On a strict cash basis—both buy and sell with and for cash only, and I thereby get my goods as cheap as they can be bought and I will sell for small profits and give my customers all the advantage of cash prices. Good Wagon Yard Free to All. Yours for Business.

### J. F. DEATS,

## ED M. MOBLEY,

## DRUGGIST AND STATIONER,

[Successor to J. T. Hamilton.]  
Post Office Building,  
Robert Lee, Texas,

## COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF COKE CO.

C. C. MERCHANT, Editor.  
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Made known on application.

**DR. B. F. DULANEY,**  
SURGEON DENTIST.

Office over Doss Bros. Drug Store.  
COLORADO, TEXAS.

The following are the appointments of Primitive Baptist church.  
GID GRAHAM, Elder.

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

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Notice.

We will hold a meeting at Paint creek, beginning in the evening of July the 10th embracing Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Wild cat at 4 p. m. and at night. Monday at Valley View continuing the meeting until Wednesday evening; Thursday at Mt. Margaret, continuing the meeting until Sunday the 18 We expect Bro. Wilson the president of the South West Texas Annual Conference to be with us, and we hope to have a good time. Come all.

W. C. Burr, Pastor.  
A GOOD BARGAIN.

On next Tuesday, the 6th of July there is going to be between 45 and 50 tracts of land and lots sold for taxes at the highest bidder for cash. The lands are in bodies all the way from 80 acres to 1280 acres and a good part of them have some improvements. The lots are in bodies all the way from 1 lot to a block and the taxes will not amount to but little. So come to town Tuesday and buy you a home with the least money that you ever bought one for in your life. Dont stand back and say there is nothing in it, but come and see if what we tell you isn't so. What would you think if you could get a good home for \$30.

Judgement for \$587.70 being found against R. M. Gatlin in favor of Grabfelder and Co., the Diamond Saloon was closed Monday and an inventory taken which shows a valuation, stock and fixtures, of about \$800. Gatlin made a transfer to his father last month but it is not known what it contained.—S. A. Standard.

Washington, June the 23rd—Among the appointments sent in by the president was that of Edward P. Blanchard as post master at San Angelo. From all that I can gather there has been a hot fight over this office. Judge Noonan having espoused the ambitions of Mr. Millspaugh, who had all anti-Grant forces at his back. Grant made his fight for Blanchard.

## GOOD NEWSPAPERS AT A VERY LOW PRICE.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc.

We offer THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS and the RUSTLER for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.80 cash.

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**PERRYMAN & PATTESON,**  
Attorneys At Law.  
Land Agents And Surveyors.

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.  
Office—West Side Public Square

**W. C. MERCHANT,**  
Attorney-at-Law.

Will practice law in the District and interior courts of Coke and adjoining counties.

County Attorney Coke County  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.  
Office at the Court House.

**J. B. Latham, M. D.**  
Physician and Surgeon.  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.  
Office at Mobleys' Drugstore.

**J. J. VESTAL,**  
Blacksmith & Wheel Wright.  
All kinds of repair work done to order.  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Survey Your Land.  
!!! — 0 — !!!

I am now prepared to do your surveying. I will do your work, and if you have not the money I will take good trade that I can use, or will take a good note until fall.

GID GRAHAM.  
County Surveyor, Coke Co.

## WAGON YARD.

D. A. Cameron is proprietor of the Central Wagon Yard in Ballinger. And as its name indicates it is centrally located, easy of access; well, wind mill and plenty of good fresh water, dry graveled yard; good roomy stalls and camp houses; an abundance of all kinds of feed and in fact every accommodation belonging to a first class wagon yard. We will guarantee good treatment under the present management.  
Remember the Central Yard.

Mitchell and Scurry counties are under quarantine.

For two or three days previous to Friday of last week, very hot winds prevailed and the farmers who chanced to come to town would sigh and say that it meant death to their corn if it continued and if it did not rain soon, that up to that time there had been fine rains and continuous seasons and their corn were silking and tasseling and some in the roasting ear promised an immense yield if it would only rain again in the next few days and stop the hot winds. On Friday evening it began to cloud up and the wind blew hard from the East for awhile and it rained enough to settle the dust.

Colorado is talking a new college, as well as railroad.

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY COKE COUNTY.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.  
J. W. Timmins - Judge.  
D. D. Wallace - Attorney.  
J. W. Barnett - Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICERS.  
S. J. Chapman - Judge.  
W. C. Merchant - Attorney.  
J. W. Barnett - Clerk.  
L. E. Murray, Sheriff & Tax Collector.  
H. E. Johnson - Tax Assessor.  
C. L. Hughes - Treasurer.  
Gid Graham - Surveyor.  
J. M. Perry - Inspector.

COMMISSIONERS  
E. C. Rawlings - 1 re. No. 1  
Sam Sayner - " 2  
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.  
Saneo, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Saneo, 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. BURK, Pastor.

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- A fine crop of garden vegetables:
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As fine grass as ever grew in the West:

A well stocked range of well graded cattle, horses, sheep and hogs:

As rich productive land as there is in the State:

A fine healthful climate:

An abundance of as fine, pure, clear and cold water as ever flowed from mountain's gorge:

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**ELOQUENT BOB TAYLOR**

"If our forefathers, who died a hundred years ago, could come back from the 'longueless silence of the dreamless dust,' and see the miracles that have been wrought if they could see their children talking across oceans, and sweeping across the continents in palace cars swifter than the swiftest wing; if they could see the modern reaper sweeping like phantom ships through seas of sunset gold and hear the music of the harvest song, and if they could catch glimpses of the myriads of cities and towns and country homes, which are the habitations of seventy millions of people, if they could look down upon this beautiful White Centennial cities, rising like a seraph here in the heart of Tennessee, under whose wings the nations are gathered to join in this glorious jubilee, I doubt not that they would shout for joy and sing with us "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—Governor Taylor in a speech at the opening of the Nashville Exposition.

County Attorney Taylor, of Tom green county was in the city the first of the week on legal business

E Blancard, editor of the San Angelo Enterprise has been appointed post master at San Angelo.

**The Masonic Installation.**

The Masonic picnic here on the 24th was a success in every respect. There was a large attendance from all over the county; the day was cool and pleasant, the dinner was abundant—probably one half was carried home after every one had eaten heartily of as good out door dinner as he ever attended: the order and behavior was perfect—not a drunken or disorderly person on the grounds. Every one seemed to have come to have a good time and there was nothing to prevent it. The masonic fraternity marched from the hall to the grounds, wearing their regalia where a public installation of officers took place, after which Judge Chapman delivered an appropriate address: Rev. R.M. Cambie also delivered an interesting address in the evening. Some of the young folks repaired to a dance hall in the evening and protracted the merriment late into the night.

**READY FOR WORK.**

Toledo Construction Company Ready To Commence Building The Colorado Valley Railway.

The Toledo Construction Company, a corporation having the contract for constructing the Colorado Valley railway, having notified Mr. H. B. Smoot that they are ready to begin work on the line just as soon as the first \$6000 of the required bonus is placed in the Colorado National Bank, subject to terms of contract.

Mr. Smoot is the trustee agreed upon as custodian of the funds, and he cannot notify the construction company that we are ready for work to begin until that \$6000 is placed in the bank. As Colorado has so much to gain from the building of this line that that money should be placed in the bank in short order. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are to be spent in the construction of this line and every business man in the city will enjoy a large increase of business from the day work is started. Knowing this to be a fact the \$6000 should at once be collected and deposited, and the committee continue in the good work of raising the entire amount.

The railway people have shown every disposition to favor our people, and should not be hampered by unnecessary delays, especially when our own interests demand that the work be expedited as fast as possible.

Men who have not yet placed their name on the subscription list should do so at once and not wait for their neighbors to spend their money to enhance the value of all the property in town. Don't stand back any longer but come up like men and help raise the required amount.

Non resident property owners are responding slowly and in some cases evasively. The committee having in charge this feature of the business should go after them again and impress upon them the fact that our home people are responding liberally and that it is their duty to come up with their share of the needful. Arrangements should at once be made at the bank by the subscribers to the bonus to arrange to guarantee the first \$6000 and let the work begin and the committee should again take the field and rustle those who have not yet subscribed harder than they have ever been rustled before.

The final survey of the line will have been completed for the first twenty five miles in a few days and the announcement to that effect should be the signal to com-

mence work. The railway people are ready. Let Colorado give the word for the dirt to fly.—West Texas Stockman of June the 29th.

**-Program-**  
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**OF**

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J. L. Robinson, Com.; H. H. Hayley, Adjt., and Officer of the day.

**July, 17th 1897.**

**AT**  
**Robert Lee,**  
**TEXAS.**

**Forenoon.**

Exercises commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

Old soldiers meet at the Court House—form line and march to the arbor at 10 o'clock sharp.

Song by the ladies.

Instrumental music.

Welcome address, by G. W. Perryman.

Music.

Dinner.

**Afternoon**

Address by Judge Crosson, of Ballinger.

Reorganization.

Every body invited to attend.

Members of neighboring camps specially invited to attend.

Everybody invited to attend, bring a basket of eatables, help to make the affair a success and enjoy a day of sociability.

**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.

W. L. Clawson returned home from Delta county Monday. He says that crops are fine all the way from here there. His mother-in-law, Mrs. McDonald returned home with him. She will make her home with him.

Doss Bros., Druggists of Colorado, are putting up a Liquid Screw-Worm Killer which they guarantee to kill the worm, cure up the wound and keep the flies away.

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 Bargon	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. Cartledge	1000
L B Harris	1000
G W Perryman	500
A. B. Scott	100
W. C. Merchant	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.

**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.

**A. F. & A. M. LODGE.**

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

- M. B. Sheppard, W. V.
- J. H. Burroughs, S. W.
- T. A. Higginbotham, J. W.
- J. T. Hamilton, Treas.
- H. E. Johnston, Sect.
- J. A. Burroughs, Tiler.

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

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