

# THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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**Colorado City, Texas.**

## GONE TO WORK.

W. F. Buchanan left for Sweetwater yesterday to commence work on the Colorado Valley, taking with him J. M. Perry, J. H. and E. A. Dancer and two wagons and teams. Mr. Buchanan has the contract for clearing the right-of-way for the first 25 miles. He informed one of the RUSTLER gang that he had been notified to report at Sweetwater next Monday ready for tearing down brush and making an opening from Sweetwater for 25 miles in the direction of Robert Lee.

When asked if he thought the work would start Mr. Buchanan said if any thing should occur to prevent the construction being started on the 10th as per arrangement, he thought the start would without doubt be made during the week. He also informed us that there was no doubt but that a very modest bonus would secure the road for Robert Lee.

The first mile of the Colorado Valley railroad will be built by the 15th of August. Will the Colorado Stockman please have its railroad eaters here to masticate the same? If Colorado City's representatives get away with the first mile what is the use of building more? Come down Mr. Railroad eater and make good your boast. —Sweetwater Review.

J. D. Davis, J. H. Dancer, Mart Trammell and Henry Walls, of the Colorado Valley surveying corps, got home Wednesday at noon. Mr. Davis informed us that the locating survey of the first 25 miles of the railway was completed on Tuesday and Mr. Wheatcroft and the balance of the outfit returned to Sweetwater to begin cross-sectioning, which they expect to complete in time for the work of construction to commence on the 10th inst. The 25 mile survey from Sweetwater this way reaches to the T. S. Foster ranch and stops in the field west of the house—pointing straight for Robert Lee and Mr. Davis is confident that a reasonable bonus

will bring the road here. He says he has heard enough from the management of late to know they are altogether in favor of Robert Lee and he thinks there is no doubt of the road coming here if the bonus asked is raised, and our people will have from now until the first 25 miles of the road is nearly built to recover from their fright and raise the bonus.

Robert Lee is to be congratulated on hatching such an enterprise and she will be one of the beneficiaries of the same.

It is settled. Coke county has snowed under the constitutional amendments all alike, with but few dissenting votes. While the official count has not yet been made reports from several of the strongest boxes the day after the election showed that the irrigation amendment, the most popular, or more properly speaking, the less unpopular of the three, did not receive more than 30 and probably not more than 20 votes in the county. The cry of trick, bonds syndicates was raised and any reasoning practical demonstration could not have materially changed the vote, though the passage of the amendment might have meant millions for Coke county, a large portion of which is so admirably adapted to irrigation.

But the Coke county verdict is that her citizenship shall continue to subsist on a meagre imported allowance, shipped in over bonded railroads and bought of northern trusts and combines, which affect a people but little if they raise most of their necessities, and that a few land owners in Texas may not organize themselves into a district and borrow money on their land for irrigation purposes, even though they may see it greatly to their interest to do so. But such is life etc.

It must be the first man the Review ever had down, or he would know when to get off. How long will it take you to get satisfaction Bro. Musgrove?

## Beats us Just a Little.

Mr. Mosely says while he was in the field a few days ago watching a race between two watermelon vines, and before they had crossed a two acre strip of hard a sun flower came up behind him and before he knew it, it had lifted his hat off and carried it so high that he could not reach it and there he stood in the shade of that flower bare-headed, in the meantime the vines had reached the fence and were still going through another field.—Duncan Banner.

That's nothing. A man down here in Fisher county went out in to his garden the other day, and planted a cucumber seed and started a run for the house, but before he could get out of the garden the cucumber vine overtook him, wound around his legs and threw him down; he ran his hand in his pocket to get knife and pulled out a cucumber six inches long.—Roby Banner.

## THE

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Frank L. Harris was a Coke county representative in San Angelo Wednesday. He is about to renounce his allegiance to the Free State of Coke and will take up his residence at the old homestead in San Angelo in about a month. . . . Lum Hudson was one of the country gentlemen from Coke county in San Angelo this week. He said he wasn't doing a thing only building wire fences.—Press.

The question of securing a special quarantine for Coke county is being agitated somewhat and there may be some definite action taken in the matter soon.

Coke county is prospering without a railroad and extensive irrigation. What will she do when she obtains these adjuncts.

From the San Angelo Standard.

Rev. Rufus Whitesides, of Coke county, the ex-sheepman, was doing the society act in Angelo Thursday.—T. C. Newton says that he has made the best sheep trade in years, the other day. He bought from Whitesides & Montgomery of Coke county, 3,500 sheep at \$1.85.

—W. McKendry, of the Odum ranch, J. P. Morris and W. T. Hazelwood, of Ft. Chadbourn, were in the city this week.

News of shut-downs and thousands of men being thrown out of work is the burden of the daily papers; more McKinley prosperity.

## Fine Ranch For Sale Cheap.

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All three of the constitutional amendments voted on last Tuesday probably suffered the same fate—all defeated.

The striking coal miners claim they will succeed in cutting off the supply of coal in a short while and their game will be won.

It is officially denied that Uncle Sam will assume a protectorate over Hawaii unless driven to do so.

It is claimed that the rich gold fields in Alaska threaten the peace of England and this country on account of unsettled boundary lines.

## From Mr. Wheatcroft.

J. W. Reed received a letter by yesterday's mail from Mr. Wheatcroft at Sweetwater, in which he notifies Messrs. Reed, Murray and Dr. Latham to attend a directors meeting at Sweetwater next Tuesday. Mr. Wheatcroft is not certain that they can get returns from the State department in time for the work of construction to be started Tuesday, though he is working day and night on the profile to that end.

He says six of the officials of the Construction Company arrived Thursday, including two of Mr. Coon's sons. The construction train is to arrive Monday. Rah for Sweetwater and The Colorado Valley!

## One On—The Standard.

It is rumored that the Standard Irrigator will be moved to Robert Lee and merged with the Coke County Rustler.—Press.

The San Angelo Press only stops crowing long enough to incidentally mention the fact that its pet measure, the school bond amendment, went down with the irrigation amendment, yet the Press has the gall to claim that election as an uncompromising victory and a vindication of her attitude in the recent election. Nothing like blowing your own horn, even if it is immodest and grates on refined ears.

Next Thursday at Water Valley Alex Gardner runs Sol Schoonover's "Cutler" against Frank Ritter's "Cub," for \$100 a side.

On the following Saturday Alex Gardner runs his two-year-old colt against Dud Reed's 2 year-old for \$100 a side. Each 1-4 mile dash.—Press.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

The camp meeting season is in the height of its glory.

Dan Dix informs us that he will go to picking cotton Monday.

J. J. Fry has thanks for some nice and fine watermelons.

I. C. Williams, of near Sanco was seen on the steers Thursday. Commissioners court convenes Monday.

Justice Clawson held court yesterday.

Surveyor Graham did some surveying for L. H. McDorman this week.

J. B. Barroughs has sold about \$50 worth of watermelons up to date.

The Rustler force is under obligations to H. H. Hayley for nice watermelons.

J. N. Linley is in from Ft. Chadbourne; says cotton is fine but is beginning to need rain.

Mr. Walton is getting his gin in shape for the big fall run.

Town property has been changing hands considerable this week.

Grand Ma Perry was sick several days this week.

J. J. Austin returned from San Angelo Tuesday with a load of lumber.

See Yardley & King's advertisement in this issue.

Wednesday was a big day for Lee. The streets were full of people.

W. C. Lock, the Wildcat sheepman was in the burg Tuesday.

Wm. Childress was in town on business a few hours one day this week.

Tom Gentry, of Water Valley was in the burg on land business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayley are visiting friends and relatives in Colman county this week.

E. C. Rollins sold to J. F. Newman, of Sweetwater 300 head of 2-year old steers at private terms. He is to deliver them the first of November.

Dock Box, of Brown county was in the burg several days this week. He an old school mate of G. W. Webb.

W. R. Presler, a prominent stook farmer of Sanco, passed through the city Thursday on his return home from San Angelo with lumber.

H. W. Walton is fixing up and repairing his gin and will be ready for ginning in a few days.

A great many farmers say they will make fully a half bale of cotton to the acre if it does not rain anymore.

Will Campbell from the Sanco was here yesterday and said that dry weather was not bothering him.

C. H. Cooper held the election at Silver Tuesday and was in town Wednesday. He informs us that the vote on the constitutional amendments went pretty much all one way—against.

L. W. Fields says he has four or five open bolls of cotton to the stalk.

We make the prediction that there will be Coke county cotton on the market in ten days, probably during next week.

W. P. Walling and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Price were visiting in the one day this week.

If you have land for sale advertise it in the RUSTLER, or if you want to buy land inform land owners through the same.

J. F. Byrd was in town Thursday with a fine lot of home raised onions and wild plums.

J. B. Murrab, a prominent stock man, of up the river was in the burg Thursday and while here paid the Rustler office a pleasant call. He wants to lease or rent a about a 12 or 15 section pasture.

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

Brethren Fairley and Merriek, of the Christian Church are holding an interesting meeting here this week and is thought much good is being accomplished.

W. B. Harrison and R. P. Perry made a trip to San Angelo Thursday and returned yesterday.

J. R. Finch went to Angelo after freight Thursday for H. M. Bennick.

If it is blacksmithing you want that is what we are here for. McClusky & Stevens.

The Colorado Valley Charter amendment, making Sweetwater the northern terminus instead of Colorado, cost the Company \$20

The amended railroad charter calls for Robert Lee and not Bronte, the report to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

R. E. Douglas, of Ft. Chadbourne was doing business in town Wednesday. He said his section needed rain some what.

Will Perry made a trip to San Angelo Monday and bought himself a "bran new" cart for his Ballinger stage line.

What has become of all our correspondants. Are they all dead or what has become of you. Let us hear from you.

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

Frank and John Ewel, of Comanche county are here visiting Dr. J. O. Toliver and family. They say Comanche county has not had a rain in about seven weeks.

Eli Rabin, of Sanco passed through town Wednesday on his return home from San Angelo with supplies.

### NOTICE

All parties indebted to me will please come in and settle same with Ed M. Mobley.

Respectfully  
J. T. HAMILTON.

J. H. Turner informs us that he sat up with a wounded man at A. J. Montie's at Ft. Chadbourne, last Wednesday night. He had forgotten his name but he is a doctor who has recently located up there. He and his wife were on their way home from Ballinger. His six-shooter was in the seat under him and went off, inflicting a serious flesh wound in his leg.

J. D. Collier & Co., at Edith are receiving New Goods every week. They are up to date and always in the LEAD in LOW PRICES.

Mr. W. E. Ingram, in company with his daughter, Miss Scottie, leaves to-day for Marble Falls, Burnett county, where Miss Scottie will attend school for the next ten months.

It is rumored that on account of J. W. Barnett's latest score Judge Perryman will soon make a formal announcement for the county clerk's office. The Judge might be reminded that the treasurers office seems to be equally efficient.

While in Ballinger don't forget to see the Money Making Machine on exhibition daily at J. F. Currie's. Next door to the Miller Mercantile Co. and Ed Walkers Drug Store.

J. N. Linley, a prosperous stock farmer, of the Ft. Chadbourne country was doing the city yesterday. Mr. Linley says that they are needing rain out there and that if they don't get it pretty soon the cotton crop will be cut short.

J. D. Collier & Co., at the Edith Store are selling Eight Pounds of Roasted Coffee—any brand for One Dollar.

Rev. Dan Mathews, who has been assisting brother Berryman in the protracted meeting here returned to his home at Sonora the first of the week. Brother Mathews said for us to tell the people his name Dan Mathews and not Abe, but said they could call him Abe if they had rather.

Yardley & King have bought the City Barber Shop, of D. L. Buchanan and invite their friends to call and see them when they want a nice hair cut, shave or sham-poo.

The RUSTLER is 5 a copy.

### Married.

County Clerk J. W. Barnett is a married man. At 7 o'clock last Thursday night, August 5th, at the home of Sheriff L. B. Murray, the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Barnett and Miss Exer Murray were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony, County Judge S. J. Chapman officiating.

Mr. Barnett is a young man of the highest standing and his unanimous popularity throughout the county is richly deserved, and the RUSTLER joins his great host of friends in congratulating him on winning the hand and heart of one of the fairest, most modest, unassuming and pure minded girls in West Texas.

May their troubles be few and light, and may their pathway ever be strewn with flowers and smoothed with unflinching love.

W. C. Benson, of Edith was in town the middle of the week on business. He informs us that he has fine crop and that he will make he thinks at least 30 bushel per acre on his June corn, but says that his cotton is needing rain.

Prof. Thomas, who has been visiting his old home in William county for several weeks, returned home Sunday. Mr. Bragg of the same place returned with him. The Prof. says they have not had any rain there for several weeks and that cotton looks better here than there. He also says he has not married, but is still on market.

R. E. Sammons, one of Brownwood's young business men is in the city prospecting this week. He is thinking of locating and going into business.

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## Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,

J. A. Knight and family returned the first of the week from a visit to relatives in Mills county. John says thing down there look real squally; that hail destroyed early cotton and unless the balance of the season proves to be unusually favorable this year will record a crop failure for that county. He says, also, that those people are in debt and are dissatisfied in many of them are looking this way and will come as soon as they can get loose.

Mr. Hood Tucker, of Kentucky, Chief Engineer of the Toledo Construction Company, arrived here Wednesday with his assistant.

C. E. Coon and V. R. Coon, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived here Wednesday evening, to take charge of the work on the Colorado Valley R. R. They are fine, healthy looking young fellows, and appear to be chuck full of business. —Sweetwater Review.

The Press reports that M. B. Pallium has acquired title to 29,000 acres of land near San Angelo. The consideration was \$35,000.

John Clement, an old and crippled man who lives six miles south of town, was bitten three times on the leg while asleep at his home last Friday night. The wound became so painful that he has gone to Coleman in search of a mad stone.

E. A. Barnett a prosperous farmer, of Valley View is in the city to-day.

The Ballinger boys slightly disfigured the Bronte team in their game at Ballinger last Saturday. All the Bronte boys ask is one square game with them on their home ground, and they say they would do a thing to 'em.

Mrs. J. S. Dickey and father-in-law J. D. W. Dickey, of the Divide were in the burg Wednesday fixing up deed, etc. They having sold their ranch on the divide to Tom Gentry, of Water Valley.

Tom Williams, the leading merchant of Bronte, was attending to business in town Wednesday, and he is strictly business. He says the meeting being carried on there by Bretton Pats and Hillburn is progressing nicely. He also said that Bronte buried the constitutional amendments to the tune of about 40 to 3. In answer to a question as to whether or not Bronte would raise a bonus for the Colorado Valley Railway, he said she would not.

Mr. Wm. Winens, of the Valley View settlement was in the city Wednesday and informed us that they had a good rain Monday evening. Mr. Winens is an old Mexican war soldier and is 79 years old; was a comrade of Big Foot Wallace.

Miss Mattie Gibson returned Monday from San Angelo in company with Jinks Johnson and is again with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Bennick.



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Robert Lee, Texas,

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THE ROAD WILL REACH THE DIVIDE: FROM SWEETWATER CREEK WITH A TWO PER CENT GRADE.

The Road Can be Built From This Point To San Angelo at a Saving of \$200,000 Over The Survey From Colorado.

## CONSTRUCTION COMPANY RECEIVING TOOLS

Preparatory to Going to Work and Work Will Be Commenced Next Week.

The surveying outfit arrived here last week and have completed a survey of 25 miles in order to comply with law, before commencing work on the road bed. We learn from the general manager, Mr. Wheatcroft, that he is more than satisfied with the route, etc, of the recent survey, and that it is much better than he expected. He says that he will reach the divide south of town with less than two per cent grade and from there on he has "smooth sailing" down the west of Oak Creek. He is of the opinion that his company will save \$200,000 in building this road over the survey made from Colorado and the line of the road will be through a better portion of the country. The gentleman is more than delighted with the generous treatment he has received at the hands of our people, and he is trying to prove to them by actual deeds that the road will be built at once. They may vary a little from the date published in the Review last week (August 10) of commencing the construction of the grade, but it will not be over two days from that date and that delay has been caused by the illness of their draughtsman Mr. Moore. Mr. Coon, of the Toledo Construction company says; "I will be ready, all I wish to see is the pegs in the ground and I'll make the dirt fly. I'll make it interesting for some of those fellows who claim the road won't be built."

### THE COLORADO VALLEY,

when completed will be one of the best roads in the state. We will have connection with the Gulf ports and Kansas city and Chicago. The road will run through the following counties south: Nolan, Coke, Tom Green, and perhaps Iron, thence through Schleicher, through Kinble by Junction city and on to Kerrville in Kerr county, connecting at Kerrville with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass road, giving us direct connection with the Gulf. At Junction city, Kinble county, a tap will be run out to connect with the Southern Pacific and Mexican International at Spotford, Kinney county, giving us direct communication with Old Mexico and the shortest route to the city of Mexico.

### NORTHERN ROUTE.

The road will go through Fisher, Stonewall, King Cottle cross the Fort Worth and Denver at Childress and on through Collingsworth and Wheeler and connect with the Santa Fe at Canadian, in Hemphill county, giving us direct transportation to Kansas city and other northwest cities. The road will be the best paying roads in the state, running, as it will, through the heart of the stock country and giving our stock men about 14 hours shorter route to markets.—Sweetwater Review.

July 14th, 1897.

DEAR RUSTLER:

Please give room for this announcement. On July the 30th will commence a meeting at or near Willett School House to continue until Second Sunday in August.

Committee of arrangements are brothers Bird Boykin, W. C. Benson and J. L. Taylor.

By order of Valley View Yearly Conference.

W. C. BURR, Pastor.

P. S. Every body is cordially invited to attend our meeting.

### 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.  
G. J. Graham - Surveyor.  
J. M. Perry - Inspector.

#### COMMISSIONERS

E. C. Rawlings - Pre. 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.  
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  
McGoock Pastor.

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

First Sunday at North Conche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2nd Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3rd 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.

The following are the appointments of Primitive Baptist church, G. D. 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.

#### 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. M.  
J. H. Burroughs, S. W.  
T. A. Higginbotham, J. W.  
J. T. Hamilton, Treas.  
H. E. Johnston, Sect.  
J. A. Burroughs, Tiler.

#### CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals only 20 cents.

Good rates by the week or month. The patronage of Coke county solicited.



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## Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

COLORADO, TEXAS.  
The Coke County People are especially invited to call and see us.

### GO TO THE O. K. WAGON YARD

WHEN IN COLORADO.  
Windmill and best of water, best Stalls and Camp houses—in fact the best yard in town. The patronage of Coke county solicited and first class accommodations guaranteed.

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### HIPP'S Blacksmith Shop and Wagon Yard.

COLORADO, TEXAS  
Conveniently located new Wagon Yard, with finest water and every accommodation. High grade blacksmithing and wood work. Give us a trial.

## We Buy To Sell! AND SELL TO BUY.

Paying Spot cash, and with our Extensive Experience we have no hesitancy in  
GUARANTEEING THE LOWEST PRICE  
We handle every article belonging to the Family Grocery Business; can supply your wants no matter what you need

### In The Grocery Line. MILLER MERCANTILE CO.,

Grocers, Cotton Buyers and Commission Merchants,  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.  
F. C. Miller : Man'g.

## Take The Rustler.

### Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the Davis Hotel building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM,

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

## 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 us to Purity of goods.

OLD KENTUCKY DISTILLERY.

205 W. MAIN ST. LOUISVILLE, KY.  
TRY A JUJ DIRECT FROM OUR DISTILLERY AND BE CONVINCED.

## Robert Lee & San Angelo STAGE & EXPRESS LINE.

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Good Horses, Hacks and fast time a Specialty.  
Orders left at R. E. HARRIS & Bro. San Angelo, or J. T. HAMILTON'S, Robert Lee will receive prompt attention.  
Reasonable charges on all packages or freight.

Don Green : Proprietor:

### 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.

### Information Concerning Amendments to the Land Laws.

Austin, Tex., July 24.—The land commissioner gave out the following:

1 All the school land laws, including the amendments to the act of 1855; the act authorizing forfeitures in the general land office; the act validating sales of detached lands which are not canceled or forfeited for the non payment of interest, and the act validating Confederate patents and location which were not contiguous will take effect August 20, 1897.

2. All lands unsold will be on the market for sale after August 20, 1897, on classifications now shown on the clerks books of the county, and at not less than \$1 per acre for grazing and \$1.50 per acre for agricultural, whether under lease or not, subject to the exceptions named in the act, which exceptions are as follows:

1. No lands under lease, which are situated south and west of the line designated in the new act of 1897, where the sections leased are contiguous the one to the other, will be subject to sale during the term of the lease contract and where the lease contract has been recorded, and no old lease contracts, not recorded within three months after the 20 of August, will be regarded as subsisting after that date; provided, the applicant shall transmit, with his application to lease any such lands, the certificate of the clerk showing that the lease contract is not recorded. 2 All land north and east of said line will be subject to sale, whether under lease or not unless (1) the lessee actually settled upon the section or part of the section and erected his residence and substantial improvements thereon, without regard to value. 2 Where he has placed on such section or part of section, improvements to the value of \$200. This has no reference or relation to the last preceding exception but is independent of it, so that he may have his residence and substantial improvements on his home section and may have \$200 improvements on another section and neither would be subject to sale. 3 When the aggregate of the land owned and leased together does not exceed one section, so that one person may lease one section, without any improvement and retain it.

3 Any lands on the market when the law goes into effect, which have been erroneously classified, may be reclassified by the commissioners court as the law provides, and any person aggrieved by the action of the court may file their protests accompanied by the proper affidavits, and all will be considered together. This may not delay application to purchase but before award, if the errors are regarded, the applicants may amend their applications and substitute the amended application for the original without prejudice.

4 The forfeitures of sales made under the acts of 1831, 1833 and 1835 will be executed on August 20, and the list of such forfeited lands will be forwarded to the county clerks within a few days thereafter. They will be classified from data in the office, and if any errors are thereby committed they will be subject to correction as provided in the preceding item.

5 No applications for lands now on the market will be considered which are dated and sworn to prior to the 20th of August, if they are made to purchase lands under lease, unless they be made in accordance with the law now in force and to be determined under the present law.

6 None of the lands to be forfeited will be subject to purchase until the county clerk receives the list, and applications made prior to that time will not be entertained.

7 Owners and residents of any lands, whether school, certificate or homestead lands, will be permitted to buy three sections additional, and if the home survey is not agricultural land, two of the additional sections may be agricultural. Any person intending to become an actual settler may make his application for his home section and at the same time send three separate applications for three several additional sections, making four in all, two of which may be agricultural. Owners of lots and residents upon them in town will not be regarded as of the class of persons entitled to buy additional lands, until advice from the attorney general is obtained on this point.

8 No additional lands will be sold to any settler or resident owner if the lands desired are not within a radius of five miles of the home section or survey. This means that you may measure from any part of the home survey and the circle must include the entire section desired and not merely touch it.

The purchase of any part of a section will be treated as a whole one when the purchaser desires to buy additional lands, so that when a purchaser makes four purchases, although they are only parts of sections, his right is exhausted.

10 When any person being the owner of other lands, or of lands the title to which does not appear in this office in his name, desires to buy additional lands, he must make affidavit of his ownership and residence as required in other cases.

11 Where proof of occupancy has been filed and excepted in the land office, persons owning such lands will not be required to reside on such land in order to buy additional lands above referred to.

All persons are requested to preserve this notice and thus be enabled to act accordingly without reference to this office for information hereon contained.

ANDREW J. BAKER,  
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

If you are blind or deaf, you don't have to scurve on the jury. If you are under 21 or over 65, or have been convicted of any felony or can't read and write the English Language; if a minister, physician, druggist, lawyer, professor or teacher, dentist oculist, aurist, clerk or officer in any court, postmaster, road overseer, coroner, constable, miller, judge of a court or record, or superintendent of a county farm; or, if a person of bad reputation or without visible means of support, you don't have to serve on a jury, and in some of the above cases you couldn't serve if you wanted to—Ex.

The is actually said to be an actual scarcity of cattle in the Panhandle of Texas, said Col. Lesse Evans who has just returned from his ranch near Big Springs. "I don't know of any cattle for sale in my section at all. Those ranch men who have cattle are disposed to hold them, and are asking such prices as to keep them out of the market." Ones he quotes at \$14, two's at \$16 and three's at \$20. These prices are said to be \$4 to \$5 higher than last year, and, as said above, there are none on the market at these figures, which indicate an extreme bullish feeling in that section. —K. C. Journal.

## Dr. Moseley

THE EMINENT  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
NOW AT GARDON'S HOTEL.  
HIS SKILL IS  
Phenomenal.

Mr. M. W. Warren, a merchant and stockman of Edwards county, has been dismissed as well by Dr. Mosley, the Specialist. Mr. Warren has tried the physicians of San Antonio and other places and finds that four days treatment under Dr. Mosley has given more relief to his eyes than he has experienced during the past ten

July the 15th, Mr. Warren has now so improved under thirteen days treatment that he can read print, and his delight is beyond expression. He will start home soon a cured man, after having spent much money, time and confidence with physicians of pretended skill and ability of some of our so-called oculists. But says, without hesitancy, he has at last found the surgeon who knows his business.

Dr. Mosley has many friends in San Angelo and is gaining more all the time. He is considered one amongst the finest physicians and surgeons in the South.

Considering the class of disease he treats, he is plain but frank in his statements. He don't want your money for nothing. Charges you nothing for examination. His charges are reasonable and are in keeping with the circumstances of the patient's ability to pay him for his service.

Never Talks About Other Doctors.  
The Doctor says the Physician's lot in the struggle of life is a hard one and they deserve credit for what they can do.

The Doctor, as a diagnostician, is reported to be superb, the most difficult cases being readily diagnosed.

### DISEASES HE TREATS.

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Lungs Heart and all chronic Diseases. call and see him at Gardol Hotel, San Angelo, Texas.

For the length of time that he has been in San Angelo Dr. Mosley enjoys the largest practice of any physician in the city. He treats patients for hundreds of miles by letter. He is thoroughly educated in his profession.

A REMARKABLE QUICK CURE of a Severe case of Granular Eye Lids. Mr. John Wilkison, of the wool mills, has had sore eyes since last fall, one week's treatment has cured him sound and well. Dr. Mosley can cure the worst case of granulated lids in fifteen days.

He positively cures

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### CHRONIC DISEASES.

Such as Rheumatism, Disease of Women, Heart and Lung troubles, in fact all diseases that take on the Chronical state. Dr. Mosley will meet any physician in consultation in the diagnosis and treatment of disease, come and see him at Gardoni Hotel, Room 38 no charges for examination. He has located for the practice of his profession in our city. His patients are talking loud in their appreciation of his success; they have a good word for him.

Governor Culberson is to deliver an address at Sweetwater in September on the completion of the first five miles of the Colorado Valley, so says the Review.

Robert Lee will stop at nothing short of an address from Hon. W. J. Bryan when the road reaches the future city of the Colorado.