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PEARCE HOTEL

Changed Hands.

I have now assumed control of the Pearce Hotel and have renovated, refurnished and greatly improved same and I most respectfully solicit the continued patronage of the people of Coke county. Respectfully,

MRS. M. REED.

THE STORY OF BILLY THE BURRO.

"Is that burro for sale?"
"No sir!"
"Not at any price?"
"Not at any price."

It was at the point in Mill creek canyon where in the ascent of Mount St. Bernardine, you leave wheeled conveyances and take the burro trail. In the summer season there are usually three or four "burro men," as they are commonly called, who make a business of hiring burros to tourist and of acting as guide and general helpers.

Our little party of half dozen persons had just alighted from the wagon that brought us by from Redlands. A burroman, with several of his long-eared little animals, was awaiting customers. As I walked toward the picturesque groups I particularly noticed the burro about which the above dialogue occurred—a dapple gray, below medium height, freshly clipped, with nicely trimmed mane and tail, pretty as a donkey picture, fat and sleek and saucy-looking.

But what first attracted my attention in glancing at the little fellow, was the unique head stall. It was a rather fantastic piece of Mexican carved leather worked, and the cross strap just above the eyes was half covered shining American silver coins, showing the obverse side. In the center was a bright dollar; next, on each side, came a half dollar; then followed in like manner a quarter, a dime and a half dime.

On the back of the burro sat a four-year-old boy. He had a bareback seat, as there was no gearing but the head-stall on the animal.

After we had fairly started, each of our party bestriding a burro, with the guide in the lead, I undertook to relieve my curiosity about the little animal that could not be purchased and that was not taken in our mountain tour.

"No, I don't often take Billy on the trail in hot weather. He stays at home as company for my wife and boy and the dogs," responded the burroman to my first enquiry. The trail there was broad enough for us to ride abreast, and the story of "Billy the Burro" proved interesting.

"Last August, just a year ago," said the burroman, "I bought Billy in Redlands. I didn't fancy him much, for he was rather light for trail work, and then he had been owned in a family where there were three or four children, and youngsters generally spoil burros. It happened that on Billy's first trip up the trail my wife and child were in the party. You see, I have three or four shanties near the summit that I let out to tourist, and my wife frequently went up to see about them. Of course she took the boy, hardly more than a baby then, for he was not quite three years old.

Well, it was the strangest thing, the affection that appeared to exist between the child and the burro from the moment they met. I never saw anything like it. Before we started the boy was continually escaping from his mother and going to caress Billy. And the little animal came around the door so often in search of the child that I had to tether him as sort of domestic nuisance. When we came to start, the youngster cried so pitifully for Billy that my wife had to keep burro in hand and let the boy ride him till he got tired and sleepy.

"At the noon camp the burros were unpacked and tethered, and I soon began assisting my wife in getting luncheon ready for our five tourist guest. The latter were strolling about near by, admiring the view, and the boy was playing a rod or two away. There were sharp appetites to appease, and my wife and I worked with a will.

"Where's the baby?" in the startled tones of my wife, caused me to quickly rise from the lunch work and look about.

"I soon saw the youngster not where I had last seen him, but nearly a hundred yards up the trail. He was sitting down and evidently enjoying

Chris & Geo. Hagelstein, SAN ANGELO,

The old reliable Casedy Sulky Plows, Oliver Chilled and Steel walking Plows, all other kinds of farming implements. BAGGING and TIES. Hardware, Glassware, Queensware, Tinware and all kinds of Iron, wagon and buggy wood material, Guns, Tools, Winchesters and Target Rifles, Ammunition, Cutlery. Old Hickory Wagons, "MOON" Buggies, Hacks, Spring Wagons, AER-MOTOR Windmills and all kinds of well supplies. Consult your own interest by seeing our lines.

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Highest Market Price paid for CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER and all kinds

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COLORADO, - - TEXAS.

himself; and, standing within three or four feet of him, beside the trail, was that plague of a burro. The rascal had evidently pulled up his stake and followed the child, trailing both tether and stake.

"Well, I was mad. I had no time to bother with Billy then, but I had to get the child, and I determined to round up the burro at the same time, with the good that I had mildly used on him for a previous offense of the kind. Graping the stick, I started on a trot. The trail was narrow and stony, fringed with dead undergrowth. I had got within perhaps a dozen steps of the child when out from the dead underbrush came the wriggling form of an enormous rattlesnake, not more than a yard from my boy. Even now I can see in mind, as I saw then, the horrid glisten of those lidless eyes, and the hideously beautiful markings, as it seem to me, of the sinuous body.

"If I had been turned into stone, with the quickness of a flash of lightning, I could not have stopped more suddenly. I knew well the characteristics of the reptile. I knew that the moment he saw the approach of danger he would instantly coil and strike my boy. Even then, whole thoughts were passing in my mind in the smallest fraction of a second, I thought how gladly I would give everything I possessed to have my shotgun in hand at that moment.

"The full length of the snake appeared, and I could see it clear back to its string of rattles, the longest I had ever seen. It was moving slowly toward the back of the boy, apparently, and as I stood there helpless I hardly dared to hope that the snake might cross the trail without the child's seeing it. I knew, of course, that rattlesnakes attack nothing but prey, and they that may pass harmless near a person if they be not startled for what they take danger.

"That was my only hope—the only chance for the life of my boy. I need not speak of the agony of the moment. That gray you see in my hair, and I just thirty-one now, all came in that awful moment.

"And then sudden is hope brightened. The rear of the snake and its fore part were passing the child, and the little fellow had not seen it. Oh, if it would only move faster! The life of the little one depended upon the reptile's entirely passing him before he noticed it, for the slightest movement on his part would instantly cause the coil, the rattle, and then the stroke.

"Then even the tail, down to the point, with those dreadful rattles came into view on the other side of the boy. A foot or two more, and he would be saved! The thought made the blood rush through my veins feverishly. Yes, the snake is getting away—but, what's that! The child is moving, he is bending forward, he is reaching for the very rattle-tipped

tail of the deadliest American serpent! And now with a flash, I see the slimy form, as its markings glisten in the sunlight, quickly thrown into the omniscious coil and I hear the quick, rasping rattle that precedes the death-stroke but an instant!

"I thought my eyes must be bursting from their sockets, or that I was falling in a faint, for the instant the rattle sounded I was conscious of a strange movement, a sort of dark clouding of the sunlight right by the child, like the instant changing of a panoramic view.

"A hurried step forward, and I saw all clearly. The indescribable movement, the mysterious clouding of vision, the sudden panoramic shifting, were all made by Billy the Burro, who was making mincemeat of that big rattlesnake!

"Why, when I got up to the scene, and you may be sure I didn't lose any time, there wasn't a piece of that snake big enough for a postage stamp; and Billy was still coming down on him like a four-stamp mill running about 100 drops to the second.

"That is why Billy is not for sale at any price. The fancy head-stall? well, I didn't know just what sort of present to get for Billy, but something had to be done, so I got that stall in Los Angeles, and had the coins put on it."—J. H. Webb, to Philadelphia Times.

A New Road

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 11.—A piece of road is now in course of construction in west Texas, extending from Sweetwater to San Angelo, a distance of about sixty miles. The enterprise is in the hands of a number of wealthy cattlemen and is being built entirely by private capital. Grading is now being done, and the work will be pushed vigorously. The country traversed by the new road is level and presents few difficulties to the builders, so that rapid progress will be made. The country opened up by the new enterprise is one of the richest grazing district in the state, and its completion will give San Angelo and that section two outlets, the Santa Fe and the Texas and Pacific.—Dallas News.

Chas. Echols and Campbell Lawhorn engaged in a fight Monday at San Angelo, during which the former was stabbed three times by the latter. The physicians pronounce the wound painful, but not dangerous, Lawhorn was arrested and put under \$750 bond.

J. W. HARRIS, Druggist Sundries, Paints and Oils,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

LOCAL CHIPS.

J. F. Starman had cotton ginned here this week.

Cap Hall, J. S. McCall, and Nancy Lee, of Colorado City were in the city Monday night.

Chas Roe made a trip to Sweetwater and other points on the T. P. this week.

Judge Harvey Adams was in the city Monday night on his way to Brownwood.

Arkansaw Smith is getting the trade. He sells for cash.

B. F. Montgomery of Boozier creek was in town Monday guest of the Lee Hotel.

If you want a cheap dress pattern March Bros. have them.

We liked to have made a trade this week, but as usual, we "back out."

Mrs. M. B. Ingram's is the place to buy your hats and dress trimmings. Call in and see her stock of Millinery at the Davis old Hotel building.

G. S. McCluskey, one of our worthy blacksmiths is just getting over a bad case of sore eyes.

Go to the Lee Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents.

Mrs. W. L. Lowe and son Homer of the Valley View country were in the city the first of the week, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Reed.

March Bros., New York buyers shipped all goods at reduced out rate and they expect to give their customers the benefit.

Rev. Eugene T. Bates, Rev. E. S. Hamlet and Rev. Gay, of Goldthwaite are holding a protracted meeting here and much good is being accomplished.

See Arkansaw Smith before you buy your groceries.

How do you like the Rustler this week.

Arkansaw Smith, the cash grocery man San Angelo always keep new and fresh goods all the time.

We can't look out but what we see J. H. Childress going through town with a bale of cotton. He must have that whole Wildcat country in cotton.

Notice the advt. of Gant & McNeese in our next issue.

J. L. Barron was on the sick list this week.

Go to March Bros., with your cotton where you can buy anything you want in dry goods, groceries, crockery, tinware and grain.

Mrs J. W. Reed was confined to her bed several days this week, with sickness but at this writing she is improving.

CROWN ORGANS HAVE THE Sweetest Tone

And Are The Most DURABLE.
Send for Catalogue.
GEO. ALLEN,
Factory Agent for Western Texas,
San Angelo.

TO THE READERS OF THE RUSTLER AND CITIZENS

Of Coke County:

When you come to San Angelo please call on us and learn by comparison that you can buy from us

GROCERIES AND RANCH SUPPLIES

to a better advantage than than elsewhere

Will pay you liberal prices for Chickens, Eggs, Butter and other Country Produce. We do not buy

COTTON,

but will assist you in disposing of same at the best market prices. We want your trade, and will treat you right. Give us a chance.

Yours Truly,

J. B. Taylor & Co

SAN ANGELO.

The Oldest and Most Complete Grocery House in town.

D. L. Buchanan has given out the idea of farming and will go into the grocery business. He went to San Angelo the first of the week after his goods.

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.

I. J. Good, of Edith was in the burg one day this week and while here remembered the Rustler and paid us—one dollar on his subscription. Many thanks Mr. Good.

James Stewart is the place to get your school supplies, such as tablets, chalk, pencils, pens and ink. So when you need anything in his line give him a call.

J. E. Stewart is at his ranch this week cutting his millet.

Grand Pa Hayley has just received a new stock of apples, pears, oranges, soda lemons, and ask you when in need of anything in his line to give him a call.

Noah Powers is holding down a position at the gin.

Gant & McNeese can furnish you Sewing Machines from \$15 up.

W. L. Clawson made a trip to Angelo the first of the week.

Gant & McNeese have the finest display of furniture Sewing Machines etc. in West Texas. Call and see them when in San Angelo.

Dr. G. W. Martih was called to see J. D. Colliers little babe on Monday night.

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

W. E. Ingram made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week.

Edith, Texas, Sept. 14, 1897.

Editor Rustler,

Robert Lee, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please change the local in your paper in regard to price of Coffee. Make it 9 pounds instead of 8 as heretofore.

Yours truly,

J. D. Collier & Co.

Ed Stoaks, of Sterling county was seen on the street Wednesday.

New Firm. New Goods. New Prices.

If you want anything in Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing and Mens' Furnishings Cheap

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A. J. PAYNE & BRO., COLORADO, TEXAS,

Married

Mr. James Modrall and Miss Martha Sheppard were married at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Sheppard, of Olga on Tuesday, the 28th. Rev. Eugene T. Bates officiating. The Rustler extends congratulations.

J. J. Austin is expecting his nephew, John Sherman down from Missouri about the first of next month.

Esq. B. P. Byrne, of Sanco was in the city one day this week. In answer a to question as to how much cotton he thought he would make he said he could tell me when he gathered it.

H. A. Jobe, an old railroad employe of the G. C. & S. F. R. R. was in the city Wednesday night on his way to Sweetwater to accept the position of bossing the laying of the ties and rails on the C. V. R.

Lost.

One iron gray horse about 14 1-2 hands high, heavy built, branded with the letter D on left shoulder. Will pay \$2 for information leading to his recovery.

Crews & McGregor, Ballinger, Texas

S. S. Craddock and others of Sanco passed through town the first of the week on their way to San Angelo with cotton.

J. J. Austin, of Sanco was in the city the first of week hunting water for his stock his in his pasture having give out.

When in San Angelo and you want a good square meal for 20 cents go to the Lee Restaurant.

W. T. Hazelwood sold last week to Willis Lawhorn, of San Angelo, 90 head of 1's, 2's, 3's and 4's at \$24. These steers were natives of Louisiana. -Ozona Couria.

March Bros. San Angelo will pay you the highest prices for Pecans bides and cotton.

Jno. Nicholas and J. B. Winn, two of Edith's prominent citizens were in the city Tuesday with cotton to be ginned and while here paid the Rustler office a pleasant call.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Kaufman Bros., Extensive Manufacturers and Dealers.

On our visit to Abilene last week we happened into the Saddlery and Harness building of Kaufman Bros. They keep a mammoth stock of Saddles, Harness, Collars, Whips, Lines, Bridles, Pads, Harness chains and in fact every thing you could think of and want in their line. This is the Oldest and Largest Saddlery and Harness House West of Ft. Worth. To their already large and growing business they have lately added a collar factory. So great has become the demand for their goods that they are now employing four experienced workmen in their factory, and so far has the fame of their fair dealings and excellent workmanship spread that they have now in negotiation a contract with a large wholesale firm in Brazil who desire to handle an exclusive line of ready rigged saddles and harness of their manufacture.

These gentlemen individually what their firm is—upright, straightforward and square in all their dealing.

Col. E. J. Norton returned Monday from the K. M. Mays ranch where he has been assisting J. D. O'Daniel in the erection of Mr. Mays dwelling.

They have ginned something over one hundred bales cotton here at this gin up to Tuesday night and ginning at the rate of 12 bales per day.

Newt Copeland, of Runne's was in the city Wednesday on his way to the divide to visit his father.

K. M. Mays, the prosperous ranchman, of down the river was seen on the streets Wednesday.

We have advertisement from San Angelo, Ballinger, Colorado, Sweetwater and Abilene. Read them all and then go where you think you can do the best, but always trade with those that advertise for they appreciate your trade.

Important Removal.

On account of political changes over which (unfortunately) I have no control, I shall be compelled to move my Jewelry and Watch Repairing Business out of the post office to the adjoining building, next door to L. Schwartz & Co. Don't forget when your watch goes lame, or you want anything in Jewelry, that I am no longer

AT THE POSTOFFICE. But Next DOOR.

Its only a change of base, not a change of methods. I hope to continue to give all my patrons the same old-fashioned satisfaction.

Very Truly Yours,

W. E. HEALD,

NEXT DOOR TO POSTOFFICE.

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BAGGING AND TIES

Bought before advance in prices

FOR GOOD GOODS AND LOW PRICES

JOHN FINDLATER, JR.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS,

Dr. J. B. Latham was called to see Miss Cora Scarborough, of Sanco Tuesday who was very sick.

Furniture, Sewing Machines, wall paper and everything in the furniture dealers line at Crews & McGregors, Ballinger. Call on them and get their prices before buying. They defy competition. Musical instruments cheaper than any house in Western Texas.

The Estey Organ for \$85, Estey Piano for \$300 and other organs for \$50.

Crews & McGregor, Furniture Dealers, Undertakers Pianos and organs.

Wiley Grubb, a prominent stockman, of Coryell county and an old friend of R. P. Perry was in town last Sunday night, the guest of the Lee Hotel.

R. B. Higgins had a couple of bale of cotton ginned here this week.

Read J. B. Taylor & Co's advertisement in this issue. They appreciate the trade of Coke county, therefore they advertise for it and it is a mistake that they sell their goods higher than any other firm in San Angelo. Don't take our word for it, but first go see for your self.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie and his brother-in-law, Tom Killam, of the Bronte country were in the city Tuesday, the guest of C. L. Hughes. They were on their return home from Sterling City, where they have been attending the Baptist Association.

M. B. Patterson, of Sanco passed through the city Monday with cotton on his way to San Angelo.

Mrs. R. P. Perry and son Charley returned from a visit to Sweetwater last Saturday.

E. Meneille, of his ranch up the river was in the burg Wednesday.

MILLINERY.

MRS. T. BROWN, the San Angelo Millinery and Dress Maker wishes to inform her many friends in Coke County that she has received her fall stock of

Millinery Goods

and is now ready for the fall trade. So when in San Angelo and need any thing in her line give her a call.

L. A. STEPP & CO.,

DEALERS IN

Dry-goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Boots.

The Cheapest Dry Goods House in Town

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BALLINGER, TEXAS.

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.

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

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Hats, Caps, Clothing, Shoes, Boots.

Give me a call when in need of anything in my line.

West Side Square. Robert Lee, Texas.

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I

Run My

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.]

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EDITH DOTS.

Editor Rustler:

Edith, Texas, Sept., 22nd 1897.

Everybody is very busy picking cotton.

Stock water is getting scarce in some pastures around here.

J. A. Good and J. M. Sparks have gone to Angelo this week after lumber. J. M. Sparks taken two bales of cotton.

J. D. Collier and J. C. Newton both have sick children this week.

A mule kicked Miss Susie Brown on the arm Monday. She thinks her arm is broken.

G. W. Tubb's family, of Cedar Hill are picking cotton for Ed Allen.

B. U. Smith has a well of good water.

J. L. Hyde, the well driller is drilling a well for G. W. Peay.

Joe Webb and wife returned home last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Burnett and Travis counties.

J. D. Collier sold to McNeil 57 mules at \$27.50 per head.

PETE

The Aransas Pass railroad in Texas will remain a noted example even into the next century as to what the pluck and wisdom of one man can do in building a whole net work of railroad. Mr. Lott, the projector of this road, was far from being a millionaire when he began to build from San Antonio to Corpus Christi. And when he planned to run east via Cuero and Yoakum, toward Houston, the croakers and doubter just knew it never could, nor never would be built. But not only was it built to Houston, but also from Waco to Yoakum, and is to day one of the best railroad properties in the state of Texas. Thus not only has a large territory of Texas been greatly benefited, but Mr. Lott has taken the position of the leading authority on railroad building in the state.

Now, it may not be known by everybody, nor need it be, that Mr. Wheatcroft is not a novice in railroad building. He has successfully engineered two such enterprises to completion, and when he puts in his well-earned money in this new road, the substantial moneyed men of Nolan county have only showed their usual sound judgment in joining in, not with talk, but good hard cash, feeling sure that they will not have to wait years to realize in many ways from their timely investment. The road is being pushed on with all speed, and when the time comes that more money is needed than they possess, they are the men who have the ears of those who control the sinews of wars, and can command all that will be needed to extend it to the gulf if they so elect, and as far north as they may wish to run.—Sweetwater Reporter.

What Ballinger Needs.

Ballinger needs a few more merchants in different lines with capital to do an extensive business. The merchants we have are all right; but more would add much to our trade.—Ledger.

Ballinger needs another editor with sense enough to run a good common, weekly newspaper. The editors we have are all right of the kind—but a different kind would add much to the prosperity of this place.

A BALLINGER MERCHANT.
San Angelo Standard

W. F. Buchanan, of Robert Lee, late secretary of the Colorado Valley Railroad is in town en route to Sonora. Mr. Buchanan says that work is progressing rapidly on the road from Sweetwater south; that two miles of the grade is complete and part of it is being tied and railed with new 56 pound steel; that a locomotive has been ordered from Philadelphia and a construction train will be put to work as soon as it arrives that the contract for the grading has been let for a total distance of 25 miles which will bring it to Mr. Foster's ranch house in Nolan county; and that when the first ten miles are completed the road will be bonded and so on. He thinks San Angelo is sleeping on her rights, and if she don't do something pretty quick, she will wake up some fine morning and find a rival city built on the Concho a few miles farther southwest.—San Angelo Standard.

Good Farm For Sale.

330 acres of land on east Kickapoo, one half mile of Bronte, 160 acres of it patented land and the other 170 acres is school land, 80 acres in cultivation, a good well of water, and running water all the year round in the Kickapoo, good orchard of about 50 trees, a very good dwelling house, good stables, cribs etc., all under fence. For prices and further particulars call on or address,

W. A. Kemp, Bronte Texas

Notice:

Robert Lee, Sept. 18, 1897.

Editor Rustler:—Permit me through the medium of our county paper to inform all persons, who wish their school land reclassified that the commissioners court will meet the 14th, 15th and 16th of October 1897 to pass upon the delinquent tax rolls now being prepared by the collector of taxes, and they can attend to the reclassification of school land at that time.

Respectfully,

S. J. Chapman
County Judge Coke Co.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

School Lands Bought and Leased.

Have able Attorneys to represent you in person before the General Land Office, Ward & James, able resident lawyers and land agents of Austin Texas, will represent you in person before the Commissioner General Land Office. Have W. C. Merchant, our local agent, at Robert Lee, Texas, prepare your applications etc.

WARD & JAMES, Austin Texas.
W. C. MERCHANT,
Robert Lee, Texas.

Under the new law the county commissioners as a condition precedent to approving the quarterly report of County Treasurer are required to make oath to the fact that they have counted all the money reported to be on hand in the different funds.

March Bros., San Angelo have the largest stock of dry goods, boots shoes, hats, etc and cheaper than anywhere.

SAN ANGELO STANDARD.

J. D. O'Daniel; the Galloway cattelman of Coke was in town Monday. He has been offered a big price for 500 calves.

I. E. Adams the wit of Bronte, was in the city Wednesday.

C. W. McCutcheon, a successful stockman and farmer of Robert Lee, was in town yesterday.

Col. Beason, of Coke county, a prospective third party candidate for the legislature, is in the city.

F. L. Harris and family have moved from Coke county to their new residence on Harris Avenue.

AT ONCE

The time of the year has come for all who are owing me in the shop to come in and pay me up and save the expense of sending some one to collect. I have waited on some of you for two years. I have got to have money to run my shop with. You will please come in and settle at once and save me the trouble of coming to see you.

Yours for a Settlement.

J. J. Vestal.

Our Quarterly Conference.

There will be a three days meeting at Rock Springs school house, beging Friday night before the first Sunday in October. And also the Quarterly conference of the M. P. church which will convene Saturday. All the official officers are expected to be present.

E. S. HAMLET, P. C.

W. S. DUNBAR

has purchased the cold drink stand and Billiard Hall of J. R. Finch and ask his many friends to call on him when you want a good cold drink of soda, wine, elder or a good cool smoke. He also runs a billiard hall in connection, so if you want to take a sociable game just call on him at the Round Front.

Cyrus Odom and family, of the Oak creek country, now occupy their Ninth street property, having moved in yesterday for the purpose of sending their daughter to school.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

W. E. Odom now occupies the Garland Odom Ninth street resident property. Garland Odom and family will move out to their Fort Chadbourne ranch for a few months.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

M. K. Sheppard, and little sons, Edgar and Willie, of the Olga country were in the city the first of the week having some blacksmithing done, and while here paid the Rustler office a pleasant call. Mr. Sheppard is one of Olga's most prominent stockfarmers. Mr. Sheppard is for the railroad and says that he cannot see why some people kick about a railroad; that it would be the best thing Coke ever got a hold of if she can secure the road. Well last but not least he paid us One dollar on subscription.

The man who went out to milk and sat on a boulder in the middle of the pasture and waited for the cow to back up to him, was the eldest brother to the man who kept a store and did not advertise because he believed that the purchaser would back up to his place when it wanted something.—Ex.

S. J. Webb, the Edith, stock-farmer was in the burg a day or two this week.

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It is reported that the Houston Post is considering the advisability of starting a morning paper at Ft. Worth.

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It's a hard saying, but in nine cases out of ten, lawlessness begins at home, and family misgovernment sows the seeds that spring up and produce convicts. Let the families enforce law and we would have but little need of sheriffs and constables. Every court house spire is a monument to sins of parents and guardians. Every cell in our prisons is a boquet presented to lax parental discipline by the author of all evil. Give us pure families and the government will be pure. Give us honest parental precepts backed by example and debt collectors will have to change their occupation. Give us strict obedience at home and law will be strictly observed abroad. Save the children today and the men and women of tomorrow are safe. Place in the child's heart respect for law, obedience to duty and reverence for God and he will never give his country any trouble. What an appalling weight of responsibility is placed upon the shoulders of parents! Sad it is that those to whom immortal souls have been entrusted will start in by filling their minds with falsehoods in order to frighten them into obedience. Lie to them about boogers in their tender years, and then hope to instill into their hearts a love for truth. Teach them that honesty is right and lie in their presence every day. What harvest shall we reap from such sowing? Parents are writing not upon tablets of stone that shall endure for centuries, but upon spirits that live forever. Given proper home influences and nations may be governed by a child. A corrupt fountain cannot send forth a pure stream, but with pure spring water, if polluted, soon purifies itself. If ever a motto should be a prayer from every heart, it is "God bless our home."
—Abilen Reporter.

Marriage Cheap Now.

After September 1st, marriage license will cost only \$1. This is one of the last legislature acts. It would have been much better if the price had been raised to \$10 or \$20 for there are too many poor young fools getting married now and raising a family to starve.—Jefferson Jimplecute.

BYRAN ON PROSPERITY.

The Great Silver Champion Talks After Three Months Of Silence. He Talks Of Supply and Demand.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 4.—The Post Dispatch tomorrow will print a letter from W. J. Bryan, the first utterance after three months' travel and observation during the return of prosperity. Among other things, he says: "Wheat has risen because the foreign crop has been exceedingly short.

"The fact that silver and wheat have parted company will cause no dismay to those who understand that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of both.

"Nothing can better disclose the weakness of the republican position than the joy manifested by the republican sovereigns, for which the administration and their principles are in nowise stronger.

"If the republicans desire to claim credit for the high price of wheat, they must assume the responsibility for the famine in India.

"A general rise in prices should be followed by a rise in wages."

Mr. Bryan says that the joy over the increase in money from wheat is evident that we have too little money; that if the farmers are benefited by the rise in one of their products, how much of this rise will be universal? That the price of wheat will fall when the foreign demand becomes closed, and that the present spasmodic rise will not injure the cause of bimetalism.

Wild Horses Terroize Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 7.—Wild horses have become so much of a nuisance in northern Arizona that Attorney General Frazier has asked if they may not legally be slaughtered. That vicinity has been overrun by several large bands, hundreds in number, unbranded and unclaimed by any one. They have rapidly increased in number and have become wilder than deer, and vicious as well. The matter has been referred to the live stock board.—Ex.

A Big Barbecue

Sweetwater, Tex., Sept. 15.—It is learned from reliable authority that the Colorado Valley railroad people expect to run a train over the first five miles of their road by the 10th of October. On that occasion the event will be celebrated by a big barbecue at the terminus of the road, and everybody who attends will be given a free ride from Sweetwater to the terminus and return.

The democrats of Ohio have tackled Mark Hanna's war record, which, by the way, is not very replete with heroic and daring deed at the front. Fact, is Mark admit that because of the determined opposition of his pa and ma he desisted from making a target of himself for the "Johnny Rebs" during the late unpleasantness. But he says he hired two substitutes.—Colorado Spokesman.

The Dallas News gives an account of a man shot in the Klondike. We once heard of a man being shot in the "difficulty," and the woman who got hit in the "fracas," but the News fails to state what place on the human anatomy the Klondike occupies. However, the shot was fatal.—Ex.

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