

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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How does the RUSTLER suit you this week?

The quarantine regulation went into effect January 1st.

Note the change in the quarantine line of last year, in the Governor's proclamation.

During the month of November \$141,565 worth of cattle came into the United States through the El Paso port.

The year 1898 is here, and with it comes another election campaign. There will be candidates for United States Senator and State county precinct officers, some of which are already bustling among the voters.

It seems that the Texas Farmer and the Texas Railroad Commissioner's are having quite a tilt over the Farmer's criticisms of the commissioners official action.

How will the ticket strike you for 1900 which reads "Bryan and Hogg." The indications point that this will be next democratic ticket.

There is some cattle losses reported all over West Texas, most of which were eastern or Mexican cattle. Many eastern cattle have been brought west, and if the weather is bad for the next two months the loss will likely be heavy.

On January 1, the tribal courts of the Indian Territory ceased to have jurisdiction, and Uncle Sam's court takes jurisdiction. This is likely the opening wedge to other great changes in the government of the Indians.

A dispatch from San Antonio says Hon. T. M. Paschal is working a gold mine in Llano, getting \$1000 to the ton of ore. The pay streak, so it is said, is sprinkled with native gold as big as bird shot. Others are said to be opening veins fully as rich.

The New Year is here, and it is now time to begin to figure on what crops can be grown in place so much cotton. Every farmer should lay his plans to "live at home" by raising everything that goes to make up his bill of fare, and a surplus, and then he will not be worried over 5 cent cotton.

J. O. Logan left Angelo Thursday morning for Sweetwater. Gen. McKenzie bet him a suit of clothes that he could not make it to Sweetwater at 8 o'clock that night. Mr. Logan took the bet, arrived at Sweetwater 7 o'clock and will sport a new suit at the General's expense. Eighty miles in eleven hours, without change of horses, is pretty good driving. —San Angelo Standard.

In addition to the choice of a new house of representatives, and of legislature in several of the States that will elect senators, the following States will elect governors: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The agriculture department of the government has decided to try the experiment of planting large quantities of young evergreens in the arid regions and deserts of the southwest, notably in Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma, and the Buglas Nursery company of Waukegan, Ill., has been given three years' contract to furnish thousand of young trees.—Ex.

Who would have had the temerity to predict a few short months ago that San Angelo's cotton receipts would have amounted to 4,000? It is a startling fact that it is so. Brownwood's receipts 10 years ago were less than 1000 bales; they now average between 30,000 and 40,000 bales.—San Angelo Standard.

Why, have you just realized that Coke was a close neighbor, and that San Angelo was one of our shipping points? There are four other railroad points that Coke county cotton has played a prominent part in their receipts too. Keep your eyes turned towards Coke if you don't want to underestimate your cotton receipts.

The European political pot is boiling; the robbers are out for booty; Germany, Russia and England want more territory. The Chinese Empire has the goods, and the powers named the powder and balls required to obtain it. They have been getting ready for a long time and everything seems to be all right for a grand coup that will not astonish the world. These great armies will need bread and meat. We can raise both in immense quantities. Let us make the most of it. —Texas Farm and Ranch.

Beauty, Utility and Value
Are happily combined in Hood's sassa-parilla Coupon Calendar for 1898. The lovely child's head in an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in mosaic, the harmonious pad in blue with clear figures, and the coupons by means of which many valuable books and articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable calendar we have ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's practical cook's book, a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell Mass.

BRYAN AND HOGG.

Tammany Is Said to Favor That Combination for 1900

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 31.—The rumors that ex-Governor Hogg is soon to leave Texas and reside permanently in New York is reiterated here with more force and detail than ever. A political secret is just leaking, however in connection with the matter, Richard Croker, it is said, has within the last ten days as good as won Hogg over to a final determination to move to the metropolis and the fields of national politics as the Eastern and Southern candidate for Vice President, with Bryan in 1900, backed by Tammany Hall. Croker's desire is to build up a greater Tammany that shall control politics beyond the confines of Greater New York, and to do this desires the aid of such Southern men as Hogg and Eustis, and is willing to join the West in the support and election of Bryan on a free silver platform, to win Tammany ends. Hogg has been in New York almost constantly for two months. He has just returned hurriedly to Texas, it is said, at Croker's suggestion. The Democrats of Texas has scheduled a Big Democratic reception to Mr. Bryan to be held at Fort Worth, on January 4, on Bryan's return from Mexico. Hogg's law partner, Mr. Robertson of Austin, however, on a "tip"

from Croker, arranged for Mr. Bryan and Governor Hogg to be guest at a New Year dinner and reception at the executive mansion in Austin to-morrow, and the Fort Worth event was abandoned. At the dinner to Hogg and Bryan at Austin, to-morrow, the ticket of Bryan and Hogg for 1900 will be as good as launched. The matter may not be discussed in the presence of all at the dinner table, but if not it will be a caucus affair in one of the convenient chambers of the executive mansion.

Colorado Valley Railroad.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 28.—W. Allen, material agent for the Colorado Valley railroad at Sweetwater, has arrived home to spend a brief holiday vacation with relatives here. In conversation with The News correspondent he said to day: "The Colorado Valley is pushing things and will continue to do so until the road is ready for transportation. I positively deny the account published in the Colorado Stockman of recent date regarding old material being used in the construction of the road. I have received all material that has been placed on the road, all of which is new excepting rails, and which the company does not deny. Our rails weigh fifty-six pounds were purchased from the Fort Worth and Denver, and are intended only for temporary use until heavier material can be substituted by the company, which material has been ordered and is now enroute from Pittsburgh, Pa. The stockman claims that we have second-class ties. This is not true. All of our ties came from Zimmerman, La., and Beaumont, Tex., and are new heart pine. What track is laid is fully spiked, strapped and surfaced with 3520 ties and 704 rails to the mile.

"Assistant Superintendent Hennessey started for Chispey, Tex., on the 20th to load all stocks of that company which General Manager Wheatcroft has purchased. I would advise all persons who have property along the line of the Colorado Valley who hope for its enhancement in value to rest assured that the road will go through."—Ballinger Ledger.

Married.

The rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Author Cotton of Seurry county, and Miss Annie Poland, of Coleman county, on the 26th of Dec., 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. W. S. Maddox officiating.

The groom is the eldest son of J. B. Cotton, of Coke county. Author is a brave and noble young man. He has claimed for the queen to preside over his home, one of Coleman county's sweetest and purest flowers.

And now that the birdies have plumed their young pinions for soaring, have flown from the parental nest, may our loving Heavenly Father temper the winds of sorrow that it blow gently, and that their barque may be guided by the strong arm of love over the rugged path of life, is the wish of their many friends.

They were presented with many beautiful gifts, but failed to get a full list of them.

A FRIEND.

—Ballinger Banner Leader.

At midnight, Jan. 1st, New York gained more than a million people—five city governments were merged into one making Greater New York, the second city in size in the wor.

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.

L. A. STEPP & CO.,

DEALERS IN

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

The cheapest Dry Goods House in Town
H.M. BENNICK, Man'g'r.

PEARCE HOTEL.

Situated on Main Street. Transient custom solicited. All trains met by porter. Special attention given traveling men and those going to the country either by stage or private conveyance, and cheapest rates secured. Terms \$1.00 per day.

H. D. Pearce, Pro.

Ballinger,

Texas.

R. J. REED,

DEALER IN

Furniture and House Furnishings.

Bed Room Suits From \$15. Up.

An Elegant line of the above goods just received.

Coke county trade especially solicited.

South side Railroad, in Commerce Block, Chestnut Street, Abilene, Texas.

A. H. Van Pelt,

Ballinger,

Dealer In

Texas.

Hardware Of All Kinds,

Stoves, Queensware, Glassware, Mitchell Wagons, Hand-cock Disc Sulky and New Casady Sulky Plows. Aeromotor Windmills, Pumps, Water Pipe, Well Casing, Etc.

J.E. Stewart & son,

Dealers In

Dry-Goods, Grain Hay

We will give you a few prices on our Dry-Goods, as follows: Good children's shoes, 35 cents. Boy and men's hats, from 30 cents to \$1. Everything else in proportion. Also pay the Highest market price on your Chickens, Eggs, pecans, and in fact every thing in the produce line.

Cotton Is a Big Item With The Farmers.

The prices of it being very low this year does not make them feel a good, and order to give them a chance to feel rich at any rate once a year I will sell them a.....

Good 5-Year-old Whiskey \$2.50 a GAL.

Will also sell CASE GOODS as long as my present stock lasts. Your choice, OLD CROW, OLD TAYLOR or McBRAYER, quart bottles, at \$2.50. Come early, before they are all gone.

Favorite Saloon.

EDDIE MAIER,

San Angelo, Texas.

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EDITH DOTS.

Edith, Texas, Jan., 3rd 1898.
EDITOR RUSTLER:—I will try to give the news from here.
J. B. Winn who was badly bitten by a mule on Christmas eve is getting along nicely.
Yesterday at 10 o'clock Mr. W. T. Arnett and Miss Jennie Good were made man and wife, Rev. Isaac Reed officiating.
We learn that Miss Flora Phillips was thrown from her horse last Saturday night, and was badly if not fatally hurt.
Pete was aware of the fact that he was getting short on water, but glad to have "Good" neighbors who had plenty.
I. J. Good has gone to San Angelo with two bales of the fleecy staple to day.
Success to the Rustler.
PETE.

Married.

At the bride's father Mr. R. B. Ross, on Dec., the 23rd 1897, I joined in marriage Mr. Oscar Russell, and Miss Maggie J. Ross—all of Coke county. There had gathered together quite a crowd of the young people—middleaged, and old people; and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. The bridegroom and the bride, were neatly and nicely dressed. They were comely—cheerful and happy. There was an abundance upon the table, of good and nice—well prepared victuals—all well served, and I think that everyone ate to their hearts content.

After dinner had been served we had some good vocal music, led by Professor Shepherd, and the crowd dispersed.

EUGENE T. BATES.

Bronte Doings.

Bronte, Texas, Jan., 1st, 1898.
ED. RUSTLER:—As I have not seen anything from Bronte for a long time, thought I would give you a few dots.

Wonder where "Last Chance" is at.

Well, as I was going to state, the health of our community is good.

Grass is short, and no water at all, but what difference does it make so long as we are happy.

Some cotton to pick yet, some to gin, and quite a number of bales unsold in this community.

Mrs. F. K. Popplewell has been very sick for quite a while, slow fever being the trouble. We learn she is improving now.

We had a pleasant Christmas dinner on the ground and a tree in the house a Christmas.

Mr. D. T. Fairley has sold his farm and will leave us soon in the spring.

Mr. Ed Merchant, teacher of the Valley View school, spent Christmas with his many friends at Bronte.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie will preach at Union school house the 2nd Sunday in this month.

Our school is moving along nicely—could not do otherwise with Prof. Popplewell to engineer.

Dont hear of any weddings, but George Kelley is all smiles. We don't know what it spells.

We heard that Pink Eatin is going to build another blacksmith shop at Bronte. Competition is the life of trade.

Now Mr. Editor, as it is so dry and not much news afloat, I will sign off, by wishing you and your many readers a happy New Year. Hope will secure a correspondent in every community.

More father on.

ROUND UP.

To Incorporate For School Purposes.

The following petition was filed with Judge S. J. Chapman, Jan. 4th, 1898, praying for an election to be held at Robert Lee, to determine whether or not the said Robert Lee be incorporated for school purposes. The petition is as follows:

Robert Lee, Tex., Jan. 4th, 1898.—To the Hon. S. J. Chapman, County Judge Coke county, Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens of the town of Robert Lee, Coke county Texas, do hereby represent that said town is composed of two hundred persons, or more, that the signers hereof, are resident citizens of said town and are qualified voters under the provisions of Chap. 4, School Laws of Texas, issue of 1897, and that said town, as proposed does not exceed twenty-five square miles, bounds as follows to-wit: Beginning 400 vrs. South and 300 vrs. West from the N. E. corner of section No. 314, H. & T C Ry. Company., block No. 2, and 80 vrs. South and 300 west of the S. W. corner of a homestead survey in the name of R. L. White; thence E. five miles to a point near the common West line of river Survey, No. 437; Thence N. five miles to a point about 800 vrs. E and 600 vrs. N, from the S. W. corner of section No 417, H & T C Ry co. block 1a; Thence W. five miles to a point in section No. 412, same company, about 800 vrs E. and 600 vrs N. from its S W corner; Thence S five miles to the place of beginning.

Said school is to be known as the Robert Lee High School and we respectfully ask that said district or town, as above described, be incorporated for Free School purposes only and that you submit the same to the popular vote of the resident voters within the limits of said town or district as above described.

[Signed by twenty-two citizens of Robert Lee.]

The following is the order for an election to be held Jan. 17th, 1898:

The State of Texas, County of Coke: a petition having this, the 5th day of Jan. 1898 been filed in my office, requesting that the town of Robert Lee, in Coke county Texas, be incorporated for Free School purposes, only by twenty two residents of said town, who would be qualified voters in an election for that purpose, and said petitioners having in all things complied with the law authorizing such Incorporation.

Therefore, I, S. J. Chapman, county Judge of Coke county, do hereby order an election, to be held at the court house in said town and county, on Monday, the 17th

day of Jan. 1898, to decide whether or not the territory within the following boundry of which the said town of Robert Lee, is the center, be incorporated for Free School purposes, or not.

(Boundary same as appears in above petition) and that the school built therein shall be known as the Robert Lee High School.

It is ordered that I. M. Bennick be, and he is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election, and that said Bennick select two Judges and two clerks to assist him in holding said election, and that ten days notice be given by posting advertisements at three public places in the town of Robert Lee, one of them being at the court house and that said election be held in the manner prescribed by other cases by law.

S. J. CHAPMAN,
Co. Judge Coke Co. Texas.

THE LLANO GOLD FIELDS.

Valuable Deposits of the Ore Have Been Discovered There and Created Much Excitement.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mr. G. W. Angle, a well known mining man of this city, is back from an extended trip through the Llano gold fields. He expresses great astonishment at the evidence he saw there of the existence of valuable gold deposits. In the northern part of the district the gold occurs in combination with uranium ores, which accounts for its remaining undiscovered so long in the midst of a well settled community. He brought with him samples assaying \$1200 to the ton and reports that the ultride formation has been traced for a distance of several miles. Mr. C. A. Scurver is opening up a property that shows a fourteen-foot vein of ore, carrying ultride of gold. He has shipped three cars of surface ores which netted \$100 per ton. In the southern part of the district the gold occurs free and in a shaft that is being sunk by the Hon. T. M. Paschal, ex-congressman from the district, Mr. Angle states the pay streak is sprinkled with native gold as big as bird shot. An assay showed values of \$1000 a ton. Great excitement is being aroused in that section and is spreading throughout the state at the prospect of the development here of a second Cripple Creek district.

Fat Cows Wanted

I will pay good round price for fat cows. I want them to butcher. Call on me at my shop or at the Rustler office.

Respectfully,
W. S. DUNBAR.
Robert Lee, Texas.

Quite a number of our citizens changed places of residence about the first of January.

Ed Hennessey, one of Bront's jovial boys, was in our city the first of the week.

Whitney's Lightning Dandruff. Will cure dandruff and any diseases of the scalp. I sell it on a positive guarantee. Come to see me.
E. W. YARDLEY.

Walter Thomason, representing, Geo. Allen, the music dealer of San Angelo has been with us several days, and reports doing a good business.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

Thoroughly renovated and refitted, is now open to the traveling public. Rates \$2 per day. Patronage of coke solicited.
SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COMMERCIAL MEN.
W. W. BUSH, PROPRIETOR.
SWEETWATER, — — — TEXAS.

J. N. FARQUHAR,

DEALER IN
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,
Fruits And Vegetables.
Pays Highest Market Prices For All Kinds Of Country Produce.

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.

BURROUGHS & CO.,
General Hardware, Glass-ware And Queensware.
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

ED M. MOBLEY,
DRUGGIST AND STATIONER,
[Successor to J. T. Hamilton.]
Post Office Building.
Robert Lee, Texas,

BALLINGER LUMBER COMPANY.
BALLINGER, TEXAS
LEADERS OF LOW PRICES
HEADQUARTERS FOR
PAINTS OILS VARNISH WHITE PINE CYPRESS
POPLAR OAK FINISH BRICK AND CEMENT
J. A. BURLEY, Manager.

R. P. Perry. Will Perry.
PERRY & SON,
PROPRIETORS OF
Lee Hotel And Livery Stable
Reasonable Rates.
Everything First class.
Best of Attention given patrons
We Respectfully Solicit Your Patronage.
PERRY & SON.

J. W. HARRIS, For Holiday Goods.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Oh! For a rain.
Keep a stepping.
Christmas is gone.
A happy New Year.
Not a vacant house in town.
More strangers in town this week.
Here's your paper. How do you like it?
There is soon to be a new business opened up here.
The RUSTLER only \$1 a year cash in advance.
The town is crowded with freighters.
J. A. Powers was seen in the city one day this week.
Mrs. J. L. Stewart was very sick several days this week.
R. L. Hayley moved to Coleman county last week.
Mrs. W. W. McElroy, of Sweetwater is visiting here this week.
W. C. Barron made a trip to Sweetwater the last of the week.
Chas. Roe went to San Angelo the first of the week after lamber.
Go to the Loe Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents.
I. C. Williams, of near Sisco was in the city a day or so this week.
"Dady" Dancer has rented and moved to the W. C. Hayley farm a mile south of town.
Arkansaw Smith makes cash prices that sells. See him before you buy.
T. B. Murtishaw, of Ft. Worth, is here visiting his brother Jno. Murtishaw, of a cross the river.
Harrison & Webb have moved their stock of dry goods and groceries into the post office building.
G. S. McClusky, the blacksmith, has just received a full supply of material horse shoes, wagon timbers, etc., and is fully prepared to do your work.
Col. B. J. Norton who has been spending Christmas in San Angelo is at home again. He says he had a merry time a Christmas.
F. B. Perry and family returned from Mason county the last of last week, and left for their home at Sweetwater Sunday morning.
Vita Ore, the famous health restorer and tonic is for sale at Harrison and Webb's.
For a good meal, good beef steak, pork, or dressed turkey, (on Saturday) sausage, Chile, Con-carré, or anything in the eating line, call on C. W. Witt, opposite McGregor & Francis grocery store, Ballinger.
J. W. Reed, J. D. Davis, Dr. J. B. Latham, and E. C. Good Directors of the Colorado Valley Ry, attended the meeting of the directors at Sweetwater this week.
The RUSTLER wish to its patrons a happy New Year, and we shall try to make the RUSTLER's weekly visits to your firesides as interesting as our ability and facilities will allow. We thank you for past patronage, and will try to merit it during the year we are just entering.
Mr. E. J. Evans made the RUSTLER force smile the later part of last week by bringing us a good load of wood. Who will be next?
Now would be a good time for you to subscribe for the RUSTLER. This being campaign year, you will want to keep up with the times.

I. M. Bennick has returned home from Sweetwater.

E. Menelle one of Coke's prominent ranchmen was in town Tuesday.

J. T. Hamilton went to San Angelo the first of the week to purchase a new wagon.

Wonder who will "come through" first among our county candidates? THE RUSTLER is in no hurry for the campaign to open, but will state that its columns are open for announcements at all times.

Les Conner Knocked in the Head at Colorado

The report comes to us from Colorado City that Lee Conner, of the Bronco country was knocked in the head with a billiard cue at that place last Monday evening by one Lucas. At last account he was still living, but the doctors at that place think there is little chance for him. It was said that the trouble come up over 15 cents. We failed to learn any further particulars.

R. P. Perry returned from a business trip to Houston the last of last week.

The report comes to town that on last Tuesday W. F. Stevens, of Hayrick, had a dog to go mad and he bit several head of stock for Mr. Stevens. He is a big shepherd dog and he has not been seen since Tuesday night at a late hour.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store.

The Windsor Saloon, at Sweetwater, solicits the patronage of the Coke county people. They carry one of the best lines of Old Whiskies in West Texas, and mail orders will receive prompt attention. Orders for one gallon or more will be prepaid to Robert Lee.

Perry & Buchanan, Props.

On Dec. 25th, W. T. Arnett and Miss Jennie Good, both of Edith community, were married, at the residence of the bride's father Mr. I. J. Good. THE RUSTLER extends congratulations.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Don Green on the 7th a fine boy.

Nelson Webb and family of the Ft. Chadbourne country are visiting in the city this week.

The progress ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Ed. M. Mobley.

W. W. McCutchen, one of Bronco's prominent stockmen was a pleasant caller at the Rustler office yesterday.

C. L. Hughes, our worthy Treasurer has our thanks for \$2 on subscription this week.

Notice to Tax Payers of Coke County.

There will be 10 per cent additional tax collected on all taxes unpaid after Jan. the 31st 1898.

Respectfully,
L. B. MURRY,
Tax Collector.

There are inquiries almost every day for houses to rent. We would suggest to some of our people that it would be a paying investment to build a few neat cottages for rent purposes.

New Firm. New Goods. New Prices.

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

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

Col. B. J. Norton, after spending Christmas at San Angelo is back with us, and is again doing a good business.

R. I. Kirkland, of Coke county, was in Ballinger on land business Wednesday.—Ballinger Ledger.

"My daughter, when recovering recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Lendon Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Ed. M. Mobley.

Last Friday night in an altercation between R. C. Dudley and a young man by the name of Jones, the former was stabbed in four different places. One stab in the breast near the heart, another in the front of the shoulder, another in the hand blade and a slash along the ribs. Dr. Fowler who is attending the wounded man reports him resting well and the wounds doing nicely, though complications may yet arise because serious trouble. Jones is under \$500 bond.—Ballinger Ledger.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnson is at his ranch this week.

Mr. Ike Kenzie will open up a grain store here in the near future.

Mothers whose children are troubled with bad colds, croup or whooping-cough will do well to read what Dr. R. E. Roby, of Olney, Mo., say on this subject. He writes: "For years we have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and always keep it in the house. It is regarded in our family as a specific for all kinds of colds and coughs. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Ed. M. Mobley.

Prof. T. J. Kellam, who has been teaching music at Winters has returned to the city, and says "just tell them that you saw me."

M. G. Reed Junior of the RUSTLER force made a trip to Sweetwater and other points on the T P last week, on business.

Judge McCallum, of Mitchell county, says that with a dog poison made by Bass Bros. in Abilene, \$2 per section has rid large portions of his country of the dog pest. He says that all we need in this country is co-operation upon the part of all, and a few days will settle them for years. Even three times the cost mentioned would be returned several times in one year in grass alone. When we come to calculate the number of cattle the grass eaten by prairie dogs would fatten, we can see something of the loss they inflict upon the country yearly. We shall take up this subject again in the near future.—Abilene Reporter.

This is a little better than Bass Bros. promise, but the dogs can be killed with this poison cheaply. The price is \$1 per bottle (for peck wheat) 4 bottles, \$3.50; 5c per bottle extra by mail. For sale by all druggists.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of William H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomachs and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; sold by Ed. M. Mobley.

G. S. McClusky,
Blacksmith & Woodwork-
man.

—All kinds of work neatly and quickly done.—

IF YOU WANT GOOD
**BLACKSMITH AND
WHEELWRIGHT
WORK DONE GO TO**

R. A. LINDERMAN.

He offers you one of the best horse shoers in West Texas.
San Angelo, Texas.

Read This Stockmen.

We are offering a Vaccine for the prevention of Texas Fever and Blackleg. It has been thoroughly tested by many of our leading cattlemen, and has given entire satisfaction. We refer to any, who have used it as to its merits. One application is all that required, while the cost is less than any other virus of this kind. For particulars address.

DR. W. K. LEWIS, V. S. OR J. W. PERSON, M. D.
Colorado City, Texas.

SOWELL & WEBB,

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QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION

Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—The governor to day issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, the live stock sanitary commission of the state of Texas on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1897, passed the following orders:

"The live stock sanitary commission of the state of Texas are reliably informed that cattle located in the certain area of Texas situated south and east of quarantine line hereinafter described are liable to communicate a contagious and infectious disease known as southern or splenic fever to cattle located north and west of said line within the said state, should said cattle from said infected area come into contact with said cattle on the north and west of said line or should said cattle located on the south and east of said line be driven over or grazed over the land situated west and north of said line. Now, therefore, the live stock sanitary commission of the state of Texas by virtue of the laws under which they are appointed and which prescribe the duties, in order to prevent the spreading or communication with said disease, now hereby fix and establish a quarantine line in the state of Texas as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the county of Pecos on the bank of the Rio Grande; thence following the western boundary of Pecos county to the southeast corner or Reeves county; thence following the boundary line between the counties of Pecos and Reeves to the Pecos river; thence south-eastwardly following the Pecos river to the northwest corner of Crockett county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Crockett and Schleicher counties to the southeast corner of Irion county; thence north with the eastern boundary line of Irion county; thence northerly, crossing a portion of Tom Green county to the southwest corner of Coke county; thence northerly along the western boundary line of Coke county to the southern boundary line of Mitchell county; thence easterly to southeast corner of Mitchell county; thence northerly along the western boundary line of Nolan county; to the northwest corner of Nolan county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Nolan county to the southwest corner of Jones county; thence east with the southern boundary of Jones county to the southeast corner of said Jones county; thence northerly with the east boundary line of Jones county to the southern boundary line of Haskell county; thence easterly with the southern boundary line of Haskell county; thence easterly with the boundary line of Haskell county to southwest corner of Throckmorton county; thence northerly along the western boundary line of Throckmorton and Baylor counties to the northwest corner of Baylor county; thence east with the north line of Baylor county to the southeast corner of Wilbarger county; thence north with the east boundary line of Wilbarger county to Redriver. And now here make the following rules and regulations in relation to such quarantine line:

"1. That from the 1st day of January, 1898, to the 15th day of November, 1898, no cattle are to be transported by rail, driven or moved in any manner whatever from said area south or east of November, 1898, no cattle shall be shipped, driven, transported or in any manner moved from or out of any of the following counties:

"2. That where a pasture lies partly on each side of the above quarantine line, no cattle shall be shipped, moved, driven or in any manner moved to any portion of the territory lying north and west of said line between the 1st day of January, 1898, and the 15th of November, 1898, and no cattle during said time shall be admitted into any of such line pastures from any of that territory lying east or south of such quarantine line.

"3. That from the 1st day of January, 1898, to the 15th day of in first described, provided, that cattle in said counties may be moved by permission of this board after inspection if found free from ticks or fever and in a healthy condition and provided further, that such inspection shall be made on the range before the cattle are moved.

"4. That from the 1st day of January, 1898, to the 15th day of November, 1898, no cattle are to be transported by rail, driven or moved in any manner whatever from any portion of the republic of Mexico into any portion of the state of Texas, except in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States department of agriculture governing the movement of live stock from the republic of Mexico.

"5. Now, therefore, the live stock sanitary commission of the state of Texas hereby orders that the violation of any of the aforesaid rules and regulations is an offense and punishable as is provided by the laws of the state of Texas. And we respectfully ask your excellency to issue your proclamation promulgating these rules and regulations as is provided by law."

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culbertson, governor of the state of Texas, in conformity with the provisions of chapter 7, title 102 of the revised statutes of Texas of 1895, do hereby declare that the quarantine lines, rules and regulations set forth in the above recited order of the live stock sanitary commission of Texas shall be in full force and effect from and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1898.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of state to be affixed at Austin, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1897. C. A. CULBERTSON, Governor of Texas.

By the governor:
J. W. Madden, secretary of state.

Then She Took Him In.
He (looking out at the window). "It's so bright and cheerful within and so cold and gloomy without."
She—"Without what?"
He—"Why, without you, dearest."—Chicago News.

Only three bills were found by the Tom Green county grand jury. We're a pretty orderly set of boys out in this part of the world.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Attention: To Richard Coke Camp, U. C. V., No. 600.

By order of J. L. Robinson, commander, you are requested to meet at the Court house at Robert Lee, on Saturday Jan. 15th 1898. There will be some very important business to come before the camp at that time.

Respectfully,
H. H. Hayley Adj.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

Edited By
O. W. GARDNER.

Another series of weeks, perhaps the most trying and disagreeable to teachers, have come and gone: those immediately preceding and following the Christmas holidays. Let each one of us, teachers and pupils, re-to our work with renewed energy. Let us determine to do more and better work from now till close of school than we have done for the same length of time.

"Teachers, is there anything in which you take a greater interest than you do in your work? If so, then you were probably born for that other thing. To a dead certainty, you have mistaken your calling."

When we are permitted to view the libraries of some of our teachers it makes us very desirous of asking them how much reading and study they give to their professional training. Each teacher should have from two to four good works on Psychology, School Management or Methods. Some one has this to say about professional growths. "The teachers that has ceased to study, has ceased to grow; the teacher that has ceased to grow, has begun to die; the teacher that has begun to die; will soon be dead, and blessed be the school board that maintain an active undertaking establishment for the final disposition of all such."

If the teacher is not doing better work this year than he did last year he is in the first stages of the road which leads to the "Have Been." Every teacher should be conscious of his growing power, and should be doing better, truer, and nobler work than was done at any period in his experience as a teacher. Growth is the law of nature, the evidence of life.

The following letter was received by a certain trustee in the county from State Supt., Carlisle, regarding the assignment of pupils to the various schools in a district. As there has been and is some difference of opinion regarding this, it is thought profitable to publish the letter in full: Where there are two schools in a district, the trustees have the authority to assign those pupils within scholastic age to the various schools in the district. It is also their duty, under the law to divide the money of the district between the schools thereof. The matter rest entirely in the hands of the trustees. They can assign the pupils referred to to any school in the district to which they see fit subject, of course, to appeal to the county Superintendent. They also have the authority to divide the money of the district between the school thereof, subject to appeal to the county Supt. The matter is one which with these instructions, appeals entirely to their judgement.

The state text book commission reports the following books to be used in our schools for the next five years. We will publish the price of them when something more definite is learned about them.

Readers will be Stickney's first, second, third and fifth. Woodward's fourth. No sixth yet.

Arithmetics will be Sutton & Kimbrough's. Geographies, the Rand-McNally series.

Language lessons and English Grammar, Hydes Lessons in English, Hyde's English Grammar, and Whitney and Lockwood's English Grammar. Pennybacker's Tex. History. Hutchinson's Physiologists. Benson's speller.

Zaner Ware & Webb, copy books. The United States History Sixth Reader and Physical Geog. were not determined upon, and the selection of which were postponed until the second Monday in February.

Skin Diseases.
For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

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Jim Logan the rustling sheepman and Mr. Newman, the Sweetwater barber passed through town Tuesday on their way to San Angelo.
Dr. G. W. Martin sold this week to Nox Barfield 73 head of cattle at \$15 per head.

Rev. Jno. Reed, of the Edith country was in the city the first of the week hunting a carpenter to build a new house.
T. A. Higginbotham and Mr. Warner, both prominent stock-farmers, of the Front country were in the city the first of the week.

Alvis Ashley, who has been spending the holidays in Brown county, with his parents and, has returned home.

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The young folks enjoyed a grand ball at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Trammell's on Tuesday evening.
Grand Pa Burrough was on the sick list the first of the week.
James Stewart is putting in groceries with his dry goods, grain and hay.

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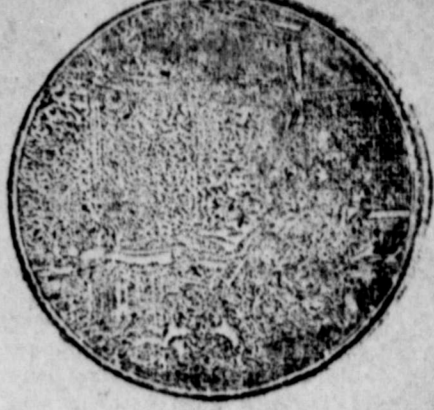
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