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Another Philippine Letter.

Below we print a letter received from Mrs. J. S. Cox, at Tennyson, this County, from her son Clyde, now near Manila.

Manilla, Luzon Pi. Dec. 4th, 99

Dear mother,
I will try to write to you once more.

We left San Francisco on the 2th of October, we came by Honolulu, and stoppee there four days and then came on here. It took us thirty two days to come from San Francisco here.

I saw an active volcano when we were coming from Honolulu. It was not quite as large as Juniper peak.

We are camped nine miles from Manila. We have plenty to eat now, but did not coming over on the transport, and we done with out tobacco all the way over, only what we could rustle. Some of the "boys" sold their clothing in Honolulu, to the sailors to buy tobacco. we have good clothes now.

We drill two hours every, day and stand guard.

We are not mounted yet but will be soon.

Our groceries are hauled from Manila with water Buffaloes hitched to a two wheeled cart, and a Chiuaman driver.

I will send some of their picture after pay-day, and mine also.

There is lots of strange things here, that you all would like to see. All the natives go barefooted.

I saw in the paper this morning where the 27th Infantry captured 250 Filipino.

We had a good dinner. Thanksgiving day. Our first and second Lieutenant put in ten dollars each on the dinner.

We are camped about ten miles from a band of Insurgents.

I like this country very well, but it is most to hot for Americans.

There is lots of fruit grown here. Well I have got to go on guard so I will close hoping to hear from you soon I remain, your son
Clyde Cox

Tennyson Tales.

To the Rustler;

Health is generally good, except Grandma Nail, who is very low with dropsy.

The recent rains has stopped much plowing for a few days.

We have preachin' over here three Sundays in each month.

(Good for Tennyson! Ed.)

J. D. Hale has the school-house cistern nearly completed.

(Good move again. Ed.)

Our school is getting along nicely. [You are "fortunate". Ed.]

With reference to the great poetry from Bronte, I will say that I was taught when very young not to strike — certain kinds of people.
The Crank

Teachers Institute Program.

Friday night Feb. 9th 1900
Welcome Address, Gid Graham
Response. Prof. Jowers.
Song. Our Country. By all.
Recitation, Mrs. Averitt.

Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Mrs. Averitt and Prof. Savage.

Address. Prof. H. T. Carter.

Instrumental Music. J. S. Gardner, Fred Lewis, and Tom Cross.

Further entertainment to be arranged by Prof. Savage.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Language vs Grammar, Miss Alvia Ingram and Miss Ruth Thompson,

Compound Proportion, E. B. Williams.

Essay. General Culture, Miss Nelms.

Allegation. Prof. Jowers. and F. E. Thomas.

Are our institutes accomplishing desired results? General discussion introduced by J. B. Herall.

Institute adjourned to meet February 9, and 10th, 1900.

W. T. Savage, Chairman.

Alvia Ingram, Sec.

"If any one present knows of any just cause or impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, let him now speak."

That is the challenge of the old marriage service. It is the challenge of church and state, and rarely is answered. But if that challenge were offered to science how often would she forbid the unions, in the interest of woman's health and happiness.

Thousands of happy maidens who have looked to marriage as the consummation of their earthly happiness, have found it a blight to the body, a martyrdom to the mind. The irregular and painful periods of maidenhood were looked upon as a part of the common lot of woman, and so, neglected. Wifehood brought with it debilitating drains, and the trial of motherhood left an inflamed and ulcerated condition of the womanly organs. Then followed the slow decay of body and mind; the one tormented with pain; the other irritable or despondent.

Science which cannot forbid the banus of marriage, can undo these sad consequences. It is the hand of science which offers afflicted women that marvelous medicine, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It positively cures irregularities, female weakness and disagreeable drains on the system. It allays inflammation and heals ulceration. It makes the trial of motherhood easy and brief. It brings back lost health and beauty. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, whisky or other stimulant. Nothing is "just as good" for women as the "Prescription." Accept no substitute.

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Editor Rustler,
Robert Lee, Tex.

To Kill Prairie Dogs.

Put in a glass jar the whites of twelve eggs and five spoonfuls of green coffee let stand 24 hours. Dissolve in one and one-half pints of hot water one half pound of cyanide of potassium, and pour into the mixture of eggs and coffee, and shake well. Then pour it to the mixture one quart of a pound of strychnine, dissolved in one pint of hot water, mix well together. Then take one gallon of good syrup and stir in with the poison, and then mix with two bushels of wheat or kafir corn and stir in one gallon of meal-stir well so as to get well mixed.

Suicide.

On last Monday morning near Water Valley Mr. Norm Chapman shot himself in the head and died instantly. He left five letters one to his family telling them he had taken poison and not to try to save him. He wanted his remains interred at Water Valley with as little ceremony as possible. The contents of the other letters is not known here. He wrote the letters on Saturday. It will be remembered that Mr. Chapman was shot some time since near his house and had sufficiently recovered to be able to come home from San Angelo, where he was treated. Mr. Chapman was well connected in this county.

In Memorium

Died. On the 9th of January, 1900, Little Harvey Marcus McCraw, aged seven weeks.

Our sweet little baby

Is dead to-night,

And oh! how sad we feel,

I don't hear the little cradle,

Nor the little voice,

Every thing looks gloomy.

And, oh! so still!

But God, who gives,

Has a right to take,

And we must submit

To His holy will,

And know, that He is good,

And doeth all things well.

Grandmother

Union Soldiers

I will purchase additional rights of all who homesteaded less than 160 acres prior to June, 1874, even if they abandoned their claims. Will buy fractionals, if ever so small, also Forest Reserve Rights and Government Land Warrants. Great inducements offered agents.
R. K. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo.

Coke County.

Is the place for the home seeker to pull up his reins and stop.

Land suitable to make small and medium sized farms and ranches can be had here at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per acre.

Improved farms and ranches can be purchased at from 2 to \$6 per acre.

Town lots in Robert Lee or Bronte can be purchased at from 15. to \$100. according to size, location, etc.

The Colorado river runs diagonally through the County from North-West to South East. Other streams north of the Colorado, are Boozier, Big Silver, Little Silver, Yellow Wolf, Mess-box, Mountain, Meehatch Indian, Cow, Turkey, Double-barrell, and the three Kickapoos. All of these streams have living water in them almost all the time and have people living in their valleys, who have made a success in home-building.

South of the Colorado River are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, Salt, Wild Cat, Buffalo, Live Oak, and Mule creeks, on each of which can be found prosperous ranchmen and stock farmers, many of whom have made fairly good fortunes in Coke.

Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled against the time honored illusion that "this County is no good for graugers." Many have made a good living and paid for their land, besides year by year, buying land adjacent.

Any person desiring further information can address the undersigned, who pledges immediate reply, and will furnish any information concerning the country desired.

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General Merchandise and
Leaders of Low Prices

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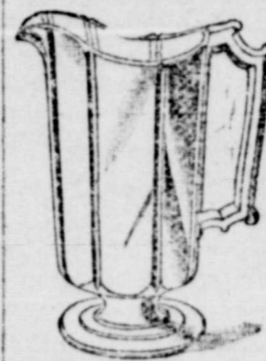
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Notice a few of our bargains listed in another Column.

Will prepare Abstracts of Land Title for our clients.

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WEST SIDE SQUARE, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Salt Lake City Chosen.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 20.—The third annual convention of the National Livestock association is over.

President Springer rapped with his gavel for the last time yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock and the exodus of delegates from the city was immediately begun. Many will make a tour of south Texas points before returning to their homes.

Briefly stated, the convention elected officers and an executive committee for the ensuing year, heard two or three papers read, and selected Salt Lake City, Utah, as the place at which the meeting of 1891 will be held.

President Springer and Secretary Martin were re-elected and the salary of the latter was increased from \$1200 to \$1800 per annum.

The land lease question came up again in the shape of a report, but was satisfactorily disposed of after a short, though lively debate.

The citizens of Fort Worth were tendered the thanks of the convention, by a rising vote, for the hospitality shown by them to the delegates.

Mr. Harris of Colorado moved to amend the resolution passed yesterday which condemned the railroads for the \$2 terminal charge assessed at Chicago on shipments of livestock, by including a protest on this score against the Union stockyards, it being alleged that the organization shared in the revenue thus derived. Carried.

The executive committee announced the election of the following officers, who will serve during the ensuing year: President, John W. Springer of Colorado; first vice president, John M. Holt, of Montana; second vice president, J. D. Wood of Idaho; secretary, C. F. Martin of Colorado; treasurer, George W. Goulding of Colorado.

Prepared Programme.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 20.—The Programme committee of the Texas Press association met in the office of the Christian Advocate, in this city, yesterday, for purpose of formulating a programme for the annual convention of the association, to be held in Brenham, Tex., in April. The committee consists of F. B. Baillio of the Cleburne Review, L. Blaylock of the Christian Advocate, Dallas; V. W. Grubbs of the Greenville Headlight. Following is the programme arranged:

Oration, Dr. G. C. Rankin, Texas Christian Advocate.

Essay, T. M. Lusk, News-Herald, Italy.

Poet, C. N. Ousley, Tribune, Galveston.

"The Country Press and Ready Print," E. G. Myers, Tribune, Austin.

"Sensationalism in Journalism," J. W. Crayton, Times, Farmersville.

"Is a Competitor an Enemy?" A. N. Justiss, Courier-Observer, Corsicana.

"How to Get Subscribers," H. P. Jones, Record, Hillsboro.

"How to Hold Subscribers," J. E. Verner, Leader, Lampasas.

"Which Makes the Better Boss, the Proprietor or the Public?" W. M. Rellly, Record and Chronicle, Denton.

"The Ideal Country Weekly," D. L. Leech, Inquirer, Gonzales.

"How to Awaken a Dead Newspaper Town," Ernst Goeth, Sticker, Schulenberg.

"The Newspaper and the Farmer," W. A. Shaw, Texas Farmer, Dallas.

It is expected that each of the above subjects will be generally and freely discussed by the association, and it is hoped the members of the association will prepare themselves to discuss the subjects assigned.

Head Blown Off.

Jacksboro, Tex., Jan. 20.—News reached here of a terrible accident, in which the 7-year-old son of Charley Anfeel lost his life. Mr. Anfeel had been killing hogs and had left some powder where little George and a smaller brother found it and poured it into the barrel of an old shotgun, and while George was looking into the barrel, or put his mouth over it, his little brother touched a match to the tube and the explosion tore off the whole top of George's head, killing him instantly.

Rich Case.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—The trial of Mrs. John D. Rich at Juarez, Mex., for the murder of her husband last May, was concluded yesterday before the Judge of Letters. The evidence was all transpired in longhand, and it was a tedious undertaking. The taking of evidence has been in progress several months. The attorneys argued the case yesterday afternoon, and then Judge Gonzales announced that he would render his decision in about eight days. This decision is subject to review by the higher tribunal at the city of Chihuahua.

Lasted Two Days.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—At a late hour last night the following special was received by the El Paso News from Nogales, Ariz., giving details of the recent battle between Yaquis and Mexicans:

"A message from Ortiz, a station on the Sonora railroad, is to the effect that carriers have arrived at that place from Macoyote, the scene of the last great stand of the Yaqui Indians against Gen. Lorenzo Torres and his force of Mexican soldiers.

"They state that the fighting lasted for two days, commencing on Thursday morning and ending at sunset Friday evening, when the Yaquis scattered, with the Mexicans in close pursuit.

"Official telegrams received at Nogales place the Mexican losses in killed and wounded at eighty, and a message over the government wires late yesterday confirms the report of the killing of the Yaqui chief, Teatabiate, and 200 of his bravest fighters. Five hundred Indians were taken prisoners and will be brought into Ortiz to-morrow.

"Father Beltran and the two Josephine Sisters, who were rescued from the Yaquis Thursday, will accompany the prisoners. Gen. Torres' victory and the death of Teatabiate, the most feared chief in the field against the Mexicans, will have the effect of breaking up the rebellion. Such appears to be the opinion of leading Mexican officials.

"Gov. Torres, at Hermosillo, has wired all points in Sonora to be on guard, and to look out for small bands of Indians. All stations on the Sonora railroad have been instructed to notify headquarters as soon as any Yaquis are seen."

Bremont Tragedy.

Bremont, Tex., Jan. 22.—In a difficulty at the Cottage hotel, on Sunday morning, between M. H. Stelbauer, justice of the peace of Bremont, and M. P. Lang, a druggist, which arose over an account, Stelbauer was killed. There was a fist fight.

The participants were separated, and it was thought all was over, but very unexpected firing opened, and when the smoke cleared Stelbauer was dead and Lang seriously wounded.

Stelbauer received three shots, two in his breast and one in his jaw, breaking his neck. He walked out of the office of the hotel, sat down on a bench on the porch and was dead.

Lang received a lick on the head with a pistol, a dangerous wound, and one shot in the side, the ball being extracted near the spinal column, and though seriously wounded he may pull through.

The inquest found in accordance with the above.

For Good Roads.

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 22.—Saturday night an enthusiastic good roads meeting was held by the citizens of this place at the opera house. R. C. Crane was elected chairman and the business men were unanimous in their advocacy of the better roads movement. During no year in the history of the town has the need of good roads been so much felt as this year, owing to the wet winter. A committee composed of Turner Rollins, A. S. Hardwick and M. Totten was appointed and instructed to investigate the cost of improving certain roads, grading, macadamizing, etc. The business men are a unit on the proposition that Abilene and surrounding country shall have good roads. Some favor and doubtless will make it an issue in the election of county judge and commissioners' court.

The Duke of Teck is dead.

Improvements.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 22.—It is understood that extensive improvements will be commenced in the near future on the Galveston, Houston and Northern railway, Mr. Huntington's recent purchase.

The property will be put in first-class condition in anticipation of the heavy traffic which will be turned into Galveston by the Huntington lines here. The steel is comparatively new and very little will have to be replaced. New ties, however, are needed almost over the entire road.

With impressive ceremonies, Rev. D. C. Limbaugh was ordained a minister in the First Unitarian church at Dallas by Rev. Mr. Chaney of Boston and then installed as pastor.

A freight train on the Mexican Central was wrecked between El Paso and Chihuahua. Eight cars were derailed, but no one was injured. Traffic on both sides of the wreck was delayed many hours.

Livestock Convention.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 19.—The question of the feasibility of legislation permitting the leasing of government lands in the west that are suitable for range purposes was disposed of yesterday morning so far, at least, as the National Livestock association is concerned. By a vote of 328 to 227 the convention expressed its confidence in both its feasibility and necessity.

Not in years have cattlemen debated more spiritedly upon matters concerning their welfare. This is the greatest organization of its kind in the world. Action taken by it would, it was felt, be sure to have some weight in the halls of congress. Under these circumstances, it is not remarkable that both sides showed a little feeling. But when the result of the ballot was announced the victors applauded and it was all over.

It is believed that this marks the passing from the United States of the picturesque and famous character known as "the cattle king."

It is contended that it means that free ranges and vast herds of rough, uncouth-appearing cattle will soon be a thing of the past all over this country.

The large cattle owner is making way more and more rapidly each year for the man who raises crops and fattens a small number of the kind of cattle that bring the top price on the market.

While it was not spoken, there were on all hands evidences of regret that one of the most prominent figures in the passing show of the settlement and development of this country is disappearing from view.

The convention held no session in the afternoon. Instead, the delegates visited the national range cattle exhibition at the stockyards.

Last night a reception was tendered to the delegates and ladies by the Fort Worth Commercial club. The reception was a brilliant affair.

The range cattle exhibit was at its best yesterday. Sunshine and a cool breeze combined to make the weather bright and invigorating. The comments of the visitors upon the appearance and condition of the stock on exhibition were a continuous repetition of expressions of wonder and admiration. Everybody naturally expects to see fine cattle on exhibition on an occasion of the kind, and Fort Worth has seen so many splendid specimens of blooded stock on display during the cattlemen's conventions that it would be difficult to surprise the crowds here with anything in this line.

But this range cattle show is something new. It demonstrates most satisfactorily that fine cattle can be raised on an extensive scale in the great pastures of the state. Graded cattle, which are also hardy cattle and fat enough for all purposes, have been turned out by the wholesale on various ranches, as is shown by the splendid specimens here.

Competition for the premiums offered in this exhibition was confined to parties who raised the cattle in all classes.

From Heart Disease.

Texarkana, Tex., Jan. 19.—George Dunn, one of the oldest railroad men this section of the country, was found dead in his bed yesterday. He was always a healthy man and never had an ailment. Upon retiring at night he was in the best of spirits and even remarked that he never felt better. The report of the coroner's jury was heart disease. Dunn had been in the car service of the Iron Mountain railroad for twenty-two years.

Date Set.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—The supreme court set for submission for Jan. 25 the case of W. H. Kimbrough vs. W. W. Barnett, from Harris county.

This is the case in which the superintendency of the Houston city schools is involved, both parties claiming to have been elected. The constitutionality of the school trustee law is also involved. The cause is in the supreme court on questions certified by the court of civil appeals of the first district.

Two "Touched."

Cleburne, Tex., Jan. 19.—Dr. J. J. Williamson and Joe J. Mickle of this city were "touched" for what money they had at Fort Worth Wednesday night while crowding into the coach to come home. Dr. Williamson lost \$70 Mr. Mickle about \$15. Dr. Williamson said to a reporter concerning the affair: "We were pushing our way into the coach and in the jam someone picked my pocket. I did not discover my loss until I sat down, when I found my friend Mickle had been robbed, too."

Stockmen's Meeting.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 18.—The stockmen were late in arriving and it was long after the appointed hour when the morning session was called to order yesterday.

W. L. Black of Texas offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, The presence of wild animals in our western states and territories, such as the panther, the wolf, the coyote, the wildcat and others, are a great drawback to the development of our wool and sheep industry, and are likewise very destructive to cattle and other branches of livestock; and

"Whereas, it is necessary to have united action from all of these states and territories in a measure to exterminate this great pest before any practical good can result; and

"Whereas, The destruction of wild animals will largely reduce the cost of producing wool from the fact that it will enable breeders to dispense with the use of shepherds and run their sheep in inclosures, the same as is done in Australia and other foreign countries; and

"Whereas, It is impracticable to get this united action from so many states and territories through state legislation; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That congress be requested to make an appropriation for the purpose of giving a bounty to trappers and hunters with a view toward placing the United States upon an equal footing with other countries in the matter of raising wool."

This resolution was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Bolton of Oklahoma offered a resolution calling for the admission of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood. Referred.

A. E. de Ricles of Colorado read a paper on "Livestock Securities." It was well received.

A paper on "The Relation of the Packing-house to the Livestock Industry," prepared by Phillip D. Armour of Chicago, was read by Mr. Sotham of Missouri. It was well received.

"Our Broadening Markets for Meat Products" was the title of a paper read by Col. John F. Hobbs, editor of the National Provisioner of New York.

T. W. Tomlinson of Chicago read a paper entitled "The Railroad and the Stockman." As Mr. Tomlinson stepped to the front of the stage, there was some confusion in the audience. President Springer said:

"Wait a minute. Has anybody got to go out and get a drink?"

A voice—Yes, sir; wait a minute—I'm going right out. (Laughter.)

The chair—Well, the riot around here must stop, if we have to appoint a committee to tie sacks around the boots of some of these men perambulating around on this platform and walking across the floor of this house.

"Livestock Exchange," a paper prepared by W. H. Thompson, the president of the National Livestock Exchange of Chicago, Ill., was read by Chas. W. Baker of Chicago. Other papers were read.

The executive committee recommended the adoption of the resolution offered Tuesday by S. H. Cowan of Texas, indorsing the action of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, the Chicago Livestock Exchange and the Interstate Commerce Commission in instituting suit to have abrogated the \$2 terminal charges imposed at Chicago.

The same committee recommended the adoption of the memorial on oleomargarine offered by Charles W. Baker of Illinois.

In substance, this resolution of memorial was a protest against adding an additional tax of 10c a pound on oleomargarine. It was adopted.

At the evening session the land bureau question was discussed.

Want It Changed.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 18.—Gen. J. B. Polley of Floresville, commander of the Texas division United Confederate Veterans, was here yesterday on business with the state departments.

Gen. Polley stated that immense pressure is being brought to bear upon him to change the date of the state reunion, which is set for April 22 at Fort Worth, to a later day in order to make it subsequent to the general reunion, which will be held at Louisville, Ky., on May 22.

Representations are being made to Gen. Polley that April 22 is a most undesirable date, because it is just at farming time and the farmers will not be able to attend the reunion. Unless there is some serious objection to a postponement, it is possible that a later day will be set for the Fort Worth reunion.

The Boers made two attacks on positions near Ladysmith on the 6th, but were repulsed.

Fourth district bankers convened at Waco.

The longest street in Chicago is named Western avenue and the Denver Post is inclined to believe that it probably extends from the banks of the Wabash far away to Omaha.

The Craving for Stimulants
Has lately attracted a great deal of attention. The use of them seems to be increasing. This clearly shows an exhausted condition of the nerves and blood, which may be remedied only by strengthening the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do this for you. It cures dyspepsia, constipation and nervousness.

To the man who likes raw onions had breath should be among the least of his troubles.

Perfectly Natural.
"I read this morning," said the shoe clerk boarder, "that Capt. Gotts, who distinguished himself so in the Modder river fight, was once a ladies' tallor. Seems funny, doesn't it?"
"Perfectly natural," said the Cheerful Idiot. "A business of that sort would necessarily give him a bias toward gore."

"I'd sooner take a drink than turn over a new leaf; how about you?"
"Oh, I'd just as lief."

Diamonds will certainly rise if the Boers carry out their threat to blow up the mines at Kimberley.

Do not feed your romantic daughter on 10-cent novels.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucus lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucus surfaces.

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Seaport of the South.

It has long been evident that the rapidly increasing movement of grain and merchandise towards the southern seaboard would demand an increase of shipping facilities on the Mexican Gulf. The most promising seaport city is La Porte, at the head of Galveston Bay. Peculiar natural advantages surround LaPorte, notably its being the farthest inland seaport on the Gulf, having high dry land with perfect drainage and the purest artesian water, a climate unsurpassed in the south and an attractive city site. The American Land Co., 188 Madison street, Chicago, is interested at LaPorte and announces the first general sale of property will be held Feb'y. 14-17, 1900.

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HUBERT A. PEARCE,
Editor.

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Coke County has several gentlemen of Democratic politics, who are qualified to fill a legislative chair.

The Rustler is ready to announce any of the candidates who may be willing to offer for office in Coke. The price will be the same now as in next October. Not a cent will be saved by delay.

Many counties in Texas have already considerable lists of candidates. Coryell has several for several offices in that County.

Coke County, the third largest in population, in this representative District ought to have the next Democratic candidath for that office.

Runnels and Tom Green Counties have been naming some favored son, for Representative, for lo, these many years. Coke County is the third County in the District in population, has not been favored once and we believe that it is high time Coke was allowed some legislative honors.

We learn with pleasure, that Judge Willingham, of Dallinger, will be a candidate for the legislature this year. We believe Coke will support him if he is after the Representative plum. We are not in his Senatorial District and could only extend good wishes along that line. No better man in West Texas as for either place.

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Notice to Tax Payers of Coke County.

There will be ten per cent penalty, and six per cent Interest per annum, collected on all taxes paid after Jan. 31st 1900.

Respectfully, L. B. Murray Tax Coll. Coke County.

The Rustler is always glad to say good things of its patrons; and we cannot refrain from expressing pleasure at the way subscribers pay us. Quite a number paid up last week, in cold cash.

Bronte High School.

Bronte High School is now occupying the new building and we respectfully solicit the patronage of all young ladies and gentlemen who are seeking an education.

The following are some of the reasons why you should attend school at Bronte.

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4th. Bronte is a quiet country village, free from the vice and allurements of a city.

5th. As an inducement this year, tuition is placed at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month.

The present term will close June 1, and next term will begin Sept. 3, 1900.

Call on or address
J. D. Jowers, Principal,
Bronte Texas.

A brother Editor, back East, seems to envy the Rustler its prosperity. He points out our typographical errors in a two stick editorial. You are wasting ammunition, brother, for the Rustler has already survived nearly ten years of that kind of a thing. It's a "mystery" how we get the paper out, each week, but it gets out all the same.

Valley View

well Mr. Editor,
News is scarce in this part Mr. J. Beason has bought Mr. J. B. Andrews place, we regret to lose Mr. Andrews, but welcome Mr. Beason to our country.

Mr. W. C. Earp is grabbing and improving his place, which makes a part of Petesville, and the most of it too.

Mr. Peterson of Bronte was in the Valley Sunday, also Mr. Homer Lowe.

Mr. W. E. Bradshaw is having him a cistern put down.

Good for Brad.
Mr. J. T. Jackson the cistern builder is doing the most of the work.

J. F. Stirman is bothered with Rheumatism but not serious.

Schery Earp is going on three legs the results of a cut foot.

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Dr. Newsome told us yesterday that he would return to locate here in four or five days. Robert Lee is moving to the front rapidly.

The Cedar Hill Baptist Church

Was organized, in the spring of 1895 without 11 members. There were enough waiting for letters to increase the membership to 15. Eight others joined in July of the same year; four of them by baptism. Since then there has been 16 received by baptism and probably 17 by letter. There has been several dismissed by letter and one excluded. There are now 38 members: 14 males and 22 females.

The Church has had two pastors. The first and also the last was Elder G. C. Ferryman. The other was the late Elder J. C. Averett.

The church now has no pastor. The above is written from memory and may contain mistakes.

J. I. Westfall

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Attorney, D. D. Wallace.
Clerk, J. W. Barnett.
Sheriff, L. B. Murray.

COUNTY.
Judge, M. H. Davis
Attorney, Gid Graham.
Clerk, J. W. Barnett
Sheriff & Tax Collector, L. B. Murray.
H. & A. Inspector, Will Perry.
Treasurer, C. L. Hughes.
Assessor, W. W. McCutchen
Surveyor,

Church Directory.

BAPTIST. Services on first Sunday in each month. N. D. Bullock, pastor.

CHRISTIAN. Services on second Sunday in each month and Saturday night before. J. B. Hooten, pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Services on third Sunday in each month, L. A. Clark, P. C.

METHODIST PROTESTANT. Services on fourth Sunday in each month.

EPWORTH LEAGUE. Meets Saturday night before the third Sunday in each month.

M. E. Sunday School meets every Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

All the above services are held in the M. E. Church-house at Robert Lee.

Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit.

M. E. CLAUEN South.
Bronte, 1st Sunday, 11 AM, & at night
Rock Springs, 2nd Sunday, 11 AM
New Hope 2nd Sunday, 3 PM.
Olga, 2nd Sunday, 7 PM.
Sanco, 4th Sunday, 11 AM.
Hayrick, 4th Sunday, 3 PM.
Robert Lee, 3rd Sunday, 11 AM & night
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

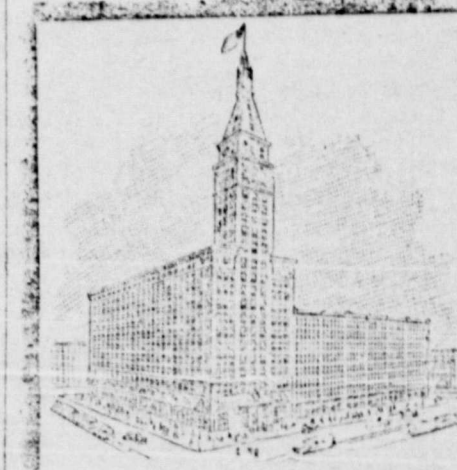
Lee A. Clark, Pastor.

Dr. Barnum has gone over to San Angelo to buy suitable furniture, with which to fit up his office. He is expected back to-morrow.

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Nanhattie.

Every body is so busy that we can't get news. Some are plowing, some are feeding cows, and some rustling for something to do.

Those who have not paid their taxes are looking around, times nearly up.

Steve Westfall has gone to Colorado.

S. P. Myrick and family, of Mitchell county, are visiting at Nanhattie.

Now, a whole lot of us are wanting a jog. If we are lucky enough to get on the jury next month and get bread and butter.

Willie Westfall has moved to Nolan County.

Mrs. Seuddy was quite sick a few days ago, but is better now. Brother Meek has gone to Lee.

Bro. Cambie is now pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

I. C. How.

Bronte News.

The new school house is completed and school opened last Monday morning, both pupils and parents are well pleased with Prof. Jowers and wife as teachers.

The people around Bronte enjoyed a fine hunt on last Sat. there being twenty men and twenty five dogs in the hunt. They killed 4 large wildcats.

L. J. Good, attended the stock convention at Ft Worth.

G. C. Fletcher, hauled three big loads of lumber from San Angelo last week to complete his new residence.

Mr. T. C. Baldwin, one of Ft. Chadbourne's best men traded for a fine horse from Geo. Harris of Bronte. Mr Baldwin knows a good horse when he sees it.

Mr. J. D. ODaniel had a very fine horse to die last Sat. week.

Folden Key killed a large rattle Snake on the 6th day of this mo in Lou Shooks pasture, also Walter Williams killed a large rattle Snake in J. D. ODaniel's pasture.

J. E. Shook bought B's Blair ranch near Hayrick, considerations, \$1000.00.

Elmer Hudson returned from Coleman with his Bride a few days ago.

Will Hickman has returned from Llano with his bride.

E. G. Walton and wife, W. M. Walton and F. L. Clark went to San Angelo last week with cotten.

A Mr. Bauldin of Brownwood was in Bronte one or two days last week buying mules.

He bought a span of mules from Mr. Billinslea, price \$80.00 one from Mr. Robinson at \$40.00 and one for \$35.00 I failed to learn the owner of the latter.

Doc Fletcher, Alex Eubanks, Buck Holman and T. L. Nations went to San Angelo last week.

Mr. Watkins passed through Bronte last week returning from I. T. to Coke Co., a county that is hard to beat in West Texas.

Coke County has no superior in the State for good health, peace and good order and law abiding citizens.

Rev. R. M. Cambie, accepted the call to the pastorate of the church having previously and unanimously been called by the Kieapoo Church.

Mrs. Mollie Stewart, of Marlin is visiting her daughters, Mesdames K. M. and Fayette May, accompanied by their Aunt, Mrs. Roberts, of Vanalstine.

The Bronte school is progressing nicely with 80 pupils in attendance.

Miss Dirdie Pearce, of Robert Lee, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Hayley.

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Dock Kelley, and Wm. Pruitt passed through town last Monday on their way from New Mexico.

We now have a new and complete stock of merchandise at prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co. Edith, Texas.

Mr. Alvis Ashley had his name put on the Robert Lee mailing list for the Rustler.

Dillon C. Daunelley dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and Confectioneries, Ballinger, Texas. Give him a call.

Doc. W. Smith, of Ft. Chadbourne will read the Rustler and keep up with the news after this.

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Cora, Ida, and Olin Johnston called in to see the Rustler while at press last week.

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S. S. Casper, of Ft. Chadbourne, had his date to the Rustler set for a year, last Saturday.

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L. H. McDorman killed a hog last week that dressed 460 lbs, how's that for Coke.

Elder, D. W. Townsend preached at Grandpa Dickey's last Thursday at 2 P. M. had quite a warm meeting, with four additions to the Church. The Church called Bro. Townsend as Missionary Pastor; the outlook for Paint creek is good, Services 2nd, Sunday and Saturday before.

Dillon C. Daunelley, dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and Confectioneries, Ballinger Texas.

Messrs Eld Good and Sam Neff were to town last Tuesday.

Amos Phillips was in town Tuesday.

F. L. and R. H. Harris will give \$100. reward for the arrest and conviction of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haunaford were trading in town Tuesday.

Miss Birdie Pearce returned to her home at Ballinger since our last issue. The Rustler force misses her a great deal. She could easily set up over two galleys of type a day.

Henry Wyatt from Valley View was in town Tuesday, a few hours.

Arthur Sikes, the man whose leg was broken some time back is improving.

If you want anything in the drug line. Call at Pearce's Pharmacy. If they haven't it in stock they will get it for you.

W. E. Kaye, the Ft. Worth Land Agent, is among us this week, looking after his interests here. He is an oddity, being deaf, and at the same time, one of the shrewdest land men in Texas.

H. E. Johnston and J. R. Patteson are off on a trip to San Antonio and Austin, combining business with pleasure.

D. B. McCallum has been off on a business trip, to the whole state.

H. B. Newsome, of San Antonio, accompanied by Judge Brant, an attorney, of the same place were over Wednesday. The Doctor thinks of locating here.

To Town People.

The Rustler desires to give the town people of Robert Lee fair warning that unless they clean up their premises there's going to be several kinds of trouble.

First. The health of the town will be much impaired, if proper sanitary measures are not enforced.

Second For every one's premises to be kept properly cleaned adds to the looks and comfort of said premises.

Third. The law makes it the duty of certain officers to see that these things are done.

Dr. J. B. Latham, the County health Officer desires us to say that he will be compelled to report to the Commissioners Court at their next regular term in February, all who fail to have their premises properly cleaned.

We feel sure none of our citizens would like to have the Sheriff call on them for this purpose.

Some of our people always attend to their part of these matters. To all such we have nothing to say.

As an example of how places look that are kept up properly, we would cite Mr. Ed M. Noble's home place here in town. Go ye, and do likewise, and live happy afterwards.

Rev. Hal A. Barnes, pastor of the San Angelo circuit, was in town Wednesday, and while here called in to see the Rustler force.

He will preach at Paint creek school house next Sunday.

In a communication from Rev. Eugene T. Bates at Burkett. Coleman county, he says: "I am very well pleased with my work."

He sent us a "wheel" for the Rustler a year, may the good brother live long and prosper is our wish.

Gin Notice.

The Robert Lee gin will run every Friday hereafter and the mill will grind every other Saturday as here-to-fore.

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A semi-circular drive of a few miles over on Wild Cat Creek, South-West of town, will convince any skeptical person that stock farming pays. Nearly every man who has "stayed with his knitting" over there has done well. The Wild-Cat people are thrifty, industrious, persevering and successful; and every one of them raises a crop along with his stock.

Notice

The share holders in the Bronte High School Company are hereby notified to meet at Bronte, on February 8th, 1900, at 7 P. M. to attend to important business.

J. B. McCutchen
President

J. D. Jowers, Sec.

Judge Perryman took a trip to the western part of the county, yesterday, on business.

W. F. Cathey, from Turkey creek, was in town Sat.

H. Christain, of Ft. Chadbourne was in town last Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Merchant were in town Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pressler were in town last Saturday, from Sanco.

Bro. Frank Robbins, of Bronte, was up to the capital paying taxes last Friday.

Mr. Jno. Reed and his son Jim, were in town one day, latter part of last week.

E. A. Drago, a San Angelo cattleman, was paying his taxes here last Fri.

Bro. Townsend preached an interesting sermon here one night last week.

Bro. Clark made a trip to San Angelo last week for lumber with which to enlarge the parsonage.

W. F. Stevens, the Hayrick stockman, returned Saturday from San Angelo, with a new wind mill for one of his wells.

W. A. Robbins returned Saturday, from San Angelo, where he had been for a load of lumber for the parsonage.

W. T. Caraway, who has one of the most comfortable and beautiful homes in Coke, near Hayrick, was in town last Saturday.

W. H. Batton, of Silver, was in town last Saturday. He said some kind words for the county paper.

J. N. Clason, of Bronte was in town last Saturday and while here, helped the printers along.

H. P. Faucher, from near Olga, was down last Sat. We like the way he keeps up with his Rustler account.

Mr. L. G. Phillips, of Bronte was in town, a few hours last Friday. Just came up to renew his taxes and the Rustler.

Mrs. Brown, Miss Jennie Scott, and Kelly from Edith were shopping in town Monday, and while here, gave the Rustler a pleasant call.

The Rustler has turned out job work lately for Judge M. H. Davis, Perryman and Averitt, J. E. Stewart, Vestal and Ashley, and J. W. Reed and co. Ask them if they are satisfied, and then come around and leave your order.

Mr. Ed Allen from Edith, was in town Monday, and subscribed for the Rustler.

Bro. Clark, the new M. E. Pastor, preached interesting sermons Sunday at eleven, and at night. His morning text was Exodus, 10th, chapter and 9th, verser.

Mrs. Cox, of Tennyson, has the thanks of the Rustler for permission to print the letter from her son, a Cavalryman in the Phillipinos.

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FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

The British want cavalry horses. Many farmers are settling in Nueces county.

A party of Kansas millers will soon visit Texas.

Blackleg killed some cattle in Burnet county.

Considerable oats has been sown in Grayson county.

Wheat prospects are reported excellent in the Indian Territory.

Stockmen report Uvalde county as having been deluged with heavy rains.

Some stockmen are giving their cattle red pepper chopped and mixed in the mash.

Runnels county farmers will increase their oat acreage this year nearly 100 per cent.

A Fort Worth cotton seed oil mill is furnishing feed for 3000 head of cattle in and near that city.

Judge Altizer of Boydston, near Clarendon, has lost twelve calves with blackleg.

A great many fine blooded head of cattle were exhibited at Fort Worth during the recent stockmen's convention in that city.

The cotton crop of Callahan county was short in 1899, but the increased price, it is said, brought the farmers more money than in 1898.

Tadlock & McCormick of Blooming Grove, Navarro county, have shipped twelve carloads of fat cattle to St. Louis.

H. B. Spaulding, who has purchased the Vermont ranch and cattle in Schleicher county for about 100,000, bought 800 more stock cattle from Will Talbot in an adjoining pasture for \$15,200.

C. T. Turney of Sonora bought from J. W. and J. A. Mayfield of the Lost Lake country 500 head of steers, ones, twos and threes at \$15, \$20 and \$23.50, respectively. Delivery June 1.

B. F. Halbert of the Devil's River country sold to W. A. Glascock 550 steers coming twos and threes at \$20, with 10 per cent out at \$18, delivery April 1.

Of 800 hogs recently shipped from the United States to Cuba, it is said 600 of them died within three days. Maj. Davis says the animals died of cholera, and recommends that no more be sent to Cuba from this country.

The impassable condition of the roads in various counties last week rendered wood hauling to the cities and towns an impossibility, and in consequence that article materially advanced in price.

Mr. F. R. Hall, who is engaged in the dairy business in Cuba near the city of Havana, has recently purchased near Waco 100 milch cows and two bulls, which he has shipped to Havana by way of Galveston.

Stem Daugherty has purchased the Reese & Cowden ranch, twelve miles west of Midland, and Reese & Cowden will move their cattle to New Mexico, where they have established a new ranch.

W. D. Kincaid of Alpine has bought the Lewis ranch in Uvalde county, the property of Nat and Dan Lewis, 36,000 acres, for a consideration of \$1.50 an acre.

A great many truck growers were in Tyler buying seeds, plants, etc. Several of them expressed their belief to a number of persons that the acreage this year in truck products would largely exceed that of last year.

The largest cattle trade that has been made in San Antonio for more than six months was made there recently. It was between David J. Woodward of that city and Lockhausen & Jones of Hayman, and represents \$71,500. By this trade Mr. Woodward buys 5500 calves of the 1899 branding for which he pays \$13 per head.

Fort Worth was the mecca last week to which hundreds of stockmen flocked, and little else in that line save the convention proceedings was transacted.

Mr. R. H. Kirby of Dallas county, and his brother, W. S. Kirby, are feeding 75 three-year-old steers near Dallas city. The steers have been on corn, but are now being finished on cottonseed meal and hulls and will soon be ready for market.

BRITON AND BOER.

They Fiercely Fight on Saturday and Sunday.

THE SCENE IS NEAR LADYSMITH.

Neither Side Appears to Have Gained Any Very Decided Advantage Over the Other's Forces.

London, Jan. 22.—The great battle which will decide the fate of Ladysmith and practically the whole campaign in Natal began Saturday morning and lasted all day. It was only preliminary fighting, for the decisive fighting is yet to come.

From the west Gen. Warren's division is making a swing around the left on the outer circle, while Buller with the main army has been creeping across the Tugela on a parallel inner circle.

Warren's greater sweep has enabled him to advance further northward, and as he closed gradually in toward Ladysmith his advance under Gen. Clery came first in contact with the Boers.

It is mere conjecture how many troops were engaged or what their exact positions are, since Buller's dispatch is so meager, but it is easy to deduce from the general plan of campaign that Clery, after proceeding north from the Tugela until he struck the main road near Acton Holmes, turned eastward and marched toward Ladysmith, while Buller is coming up from the direct south ready to concentrate at any point.

The British found Saturday's fighting similar to previous preliminary engagements, the Boers falling back from ridge to ridge on their main position, which is always their greatest strength, leading the British on to a final assault.

The great battle in Natal is now fully under way, and continued to wage fiercely all day Sunday in the rocky country twenty-five miles west of Ladysmith, little decided advantage on either side.

The fight is still in its preliminary rounds, as the main armies have not yet clashed.

Gen. Warren is striving to work around the Boer's right flank, while Gen. Buller remains a considerable distance south, waiting an opportune moment to strike.

The Boers have faced about to meet us in a new direction. For weeks both armies lay facing each other on opposite sides of the Tugela River, which runs west to east.

Gen. Buller then marched west and crossed the river higher up, and is now trying to reach Ladysmith from the west. Consequently, the Boers have shifted their position so that their lines extend north and south, with the lower end turned back in order to face the south and the British main position. They are strongly entrenched on a rocky ridge.

Gen. Warren, who has done all the fighting so far, is hammering the northern end of the Boer line.

Gen. Buller's own task is to attack the Boer angle.

The campaign is like Gen. Grant's in the closing days of the Civil War, when he started for Richmond, fighting day after day, turning flanks right and left.

At the earliest dawn Sunday Gen. Warren's troops, who had bivouaced on the battlefield, renewed the attack, aiming at the Boers' right flank.

Salina to Sabine Pass.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 22.—B. J. Hamilton of Salina, Kan., is in the city completing the details of a charter which he will file with the secretary of state for a railroad which he says will be built from Salina to Sabine Pass, Tex. The charter will soon be filed, he says. The capital stock of the company is \$5,000,000.

"We have secured," said Mr. Hamilton, "the right of way for this new line and the surveys have all been made."

Will Not Be.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—James Howard of the Washington Park club, who is vice president of the American Turf congress, announced last night that he would not act as president of that body, despite the fact that Wm. F. Schulte resigned his position Saturday at Louisville. Mr. Howard explained that Schulte is still the president technically, simply because his resignation has not been considered by the congress, much less accepted.

Immense Meeting.
Washington, Jan. 22.—The Grand Opera house, the largest auditorium in Washington, was packed to the doors last night with an enthusiastic audience, which vigorously expressed its sympathy with the Boers in their fight with Great Britain. The demonstration was planned as a means of evidencing public sentiment, and in numbers and enthusiasm was fully up to the expectations. The keynote of the speeches was that the Boers were fighting for their independence, as our fathers had done in 1776. The gathering assembled under the auspices of the United Irish Societies, and a number of leading Germans of the city joined in the movement. Among those who occupied seats on the stage were Senators Mason of Illinois, Allen of Nebraska and Tillman of South Carolina; Representatives Clark, DeArmond and Cochran of Missouri, Bailey of Texas, Carmack and Cox of Tennessee, Rhea, Jones and Lamb of Virginia, Shaforth of Colorado, Meyer of Louisiana, Sulzer of New York and Lenz of Ohio, and Van Sicken, representative of the Orange Free State at New York, and representatives of the United Irish Societies and others. A large delegation of Irish-Americans and German-Americans from Baltimore was in the audience. The meeting was called to by the chairman of the executive committee, P. T. Moran, the national treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with a few words of welcome, introduced Congressman Sulzer as the presiding officer of the evening. Mr. Sulzer was greeted enthusiastically and made a speech.

Representative Bailey of Texas said he came merely to give his moral support to the country. His address was a vigorous one and he was loudly applauded.

"I am sick of hearing about our brothers across the seas," he said. "England is brutal. She has hunted the Irish down and shot them in a brutal manner among the bogs and fens of Ireland. It is not merely English greed of gold desire for wealth that urges England on during this war. She finds an opportunity to blot a republic from the face of the earth and she does not hesitate to do it. I blush to say that there are men under this flag who hope to see this crime perpetrated. But they hope in vain." Senators Allen and Mason also spoke, besides others.

Germano Exercised.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—The seizure of the German ship, Marie, reported to be carrying war materials for the Transvaal, led to another outburst in the anti-English papers against the British high-handed action.

The Anglophile papers declare that Von Buelow himself admitted the indefiniteness of the term "contraband of war" and the right of search in certain cases.

These papers say that quite apart from the fact that the Marie is not an imperial German mail steamer, and that the British undertaking to search steamers only under certain conditions, does not apply to the case of the bark Marie.

England, the United States, Germany and Russia, it is learned, all favor the idea of a conference for the discussion and conclusion of a convention of international maritime law.

Austria-Hungary, Italy and France would follow suit, it is stated on good authority, if the plan takes practical shape.

Fletcher Neely, colored, was killed at Denison by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

Addressed His Race.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—Booker T. Washington addressed the Young Men's club at Quinn chapel, his subject being the "Industrial Development of the Colored Race in the United States." The speaker predicted a bright future for the negroes in this country. He appealed to his hearers to cultivate a high moral character and elevate men and women of the race who are less fortunate. At the close of the address a large sum was collected for the Tuskegee Industrial School in Alabama.

Colson Indicted.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 22.—The grand jury Saturday indicted ex-Congressman David G. Colson, who was colonel of the fourth Kentucky regiment, for murder on two counts. The first charges the willful murder of Lieut. Ethelbert Scott, one of the principals in Tuesday's triple tragedy, and the other with the murder of Luther Demarree, one of the bystanders who was killed. The grand jury was granted a further extension of time.

DUNDONALD'S DEED

His Cavalry Command Moving Toward Ladysmith.

SHARPSHOOTERS WORRY THEM,

But They Press Steadily on Toward the Relief of the Besieged Garrison at that Place.

Spearman's Farm, Jan. 20.—Gen. Dundonald's march was one of the most brilliant features of the campaign. His route lay through a hilly country infested with guerilla marksmen, where a moderate force of the enemy might have annihilated the adventurous British brigade.

After a long tramp the troops reached Potgeiters Drift, 600 feet below the heights, where the first view of the Tugela was observed.

Descending the tortuous roadway, the troops seized the drift and held it until reinforcements arrived. Some hours later Lytleton's brigade of infantry began to arrive, Tuesday evening. Entering the swiftly-running stream, the men waded across four abreast, supporting each other against the current.

The cable ferry on the other side of the river was quickly secured and proved an exceedingly useful transport for the heavy material as well as the troops.

Once across the stream, the men rapidly pushed ahead to an advantageous position, driving in the enemy's feeble outposts.

The hiltzer brigade was the first to get across, and quickly took up a position. All night the crossing was continued, daybreak witnessing the completion of the most arduous task of the campaign without the loss of a single soldier.

The naval guns were mounted on a hill commanding the drift and opened fire early the next morning, shelling the Boer trenches. The howitzers joined in the chorus, riddling the face of the distant hills with shrapnel and lyddite shells. A few Boers were seen in the distance running helter to a place of safety.

Meantime Warren crossed the Tugela six miles up the stream. The rain was falling heavily, but the engineers soon rigged up a pontoon, allowing the advance guard to cross and take up a position covering the engineers while they were building regular pontoon bridges.

The infantry lent a hand, while an occasional ping from the rifles indicated that the enemy's sharpshooters were in the immediate neighborhood.

One British private was killed, and then the artillery searched with shrapnel the bushes where the Boers were hidden. They soon silenced the enemy's fire.

Two hours later the military bridge of thirteen pontoons, covering a distance of 100 yards, was completed. This is a record in the way of quick bridge building.

Hurrying across, Warren's advance occupied Splenkopvey, a Boer position, north of the river passage.

The hitherto impassable water barrier stimulated courage into the British troops, who had grown rusty with long inaction. Having cleared the path of the Tugela for the army, Dundonald's cavalry started forward again and is now feeling its way to Ladysmith.

Has Been Captured.

Cairo, Jan. 20.—News was received here last night that Osman Digna, principal general of the late Kalifa Abdullah, has been captured.

It had been known that he was in the neighborhood of the Takah six days ago and several expeditions were organized from Suakim under Capt. Burgess, with the result that Osman Digna was taken unhurt in the hills. He will arrive at Suakim in a day or two.

Become Stronger.

London, Jan. 20.—Every hour that Gen. Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger. Transports continue to arrive at Durban and fresh troops are being sent up the line to reinforce those in front of Colenso. It appears that Gen. Buller's troops north of the Tugela number at least 22,000 and possibly 25,000, with fifty guns. His total force, forming a great outer curve west and south of Ladysmith, probably numbers 40,000.

In Memory of Lee.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—Yesterday was the birthday of the late Gen. Robert E. Lee and many cities of the fair southland fittingly observed the event—the natal day of the chivalrous son of Virginia whose name is a household word throughout the south, and whose exalted character, military ability and courteous bearing are handed down from sire to son, from dame to daughter as generations come and generations go as heritages of honor—gardens green in Memory's galaxy of glory. The anniversary of Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday was observed here by the closing of the banks and exchanges and the firing of a salute. Last night Pickett and Lee camps of Confederate veterans held a joint campfire.

At Wilmington, N. C., the birthday of Gen. Lee was generally celebrated.

At Baltimore, Md., the anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee was commemorated by the Maryland Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate states by their twentieth annual banquet last night.

At Savannah, Ga., Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday was observed as a holiday in the city by the banks, the cotton exchange, the board of trade and the militia. The flag was at half mast on the city hall and the banks were closed.

At Macon, Ga., Gen. Lee's natal day was duly observed.

At New York, the tenth annual banquet of the United Confederate veterans' camp of New York, given in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee, was held at the Waldorf-Astoria last night, 300 persons being in attendance. One of the features was the presence of a large number of women, members of the families of the camp members. Edward Owen, commander of the camp, presided. Mrs. Davis was ovated. Fans and napkins were thrown in the air. The dinner over, Commander Edward Owen proposed the toast, "The President of the United States and the Army and Navy." It was drunk standing. Thomas Nelson Page of Virginia responded to the toast, "The South Beyond Her Borders." The speaker first referred to the city of New York. He then spoke of Stonewall Jackson and paid the southern hero a stirring tribute. He next told of the life of Gen. Lee as a civilian and said that his motto was "Duty is the Sublimest Word in the Language." He alluded in glowing terms to the life-work of Mrs. Jefferson Davis. Letters of regret were read from President McKinley, Gov. Roosevelt, Mayor Van Wyck and Col. James Longstreet of New Orleans. "The Man on the Monument and the Memory of Robert E. Lee" was responded to by John Temple Graves of Georgia.

At Dallas, Camp Sterling Price observed Gen. Lee's birthday. Senator Miller delivered an oration. Senator served Gen. Lee's birthday. Senator served.

At Atlanta, Ga., Gen. Lee's memory was duly remembered.

Whole Family Dead.

North Brookfield, Mass., Jan. 20.—Martin Bergen, the catcher of the Boston baseball team of the National league, killed his wife and two children and committed suicide at his home here. An ax was the implement used in taking the life of Mrs. Bergen and one of the children, while a razor was employed to cut the throat of the other child, a little girl, and of the man himself.

It is thought the action was due to insanity. It had been suspected for some time that Bergen was a victim of mental derangement. In fact, some of his actions in connection with his baseball managers last season led to the supposition at that time.

Made Public.

London, Jan. 20.—The war office has made public dispatches from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, recording the scouting movements in Cape Colony, including the ambushing of the Australians when two of the latter were killed and fourteen reported missing. He adds:

"A Boer deserter states that the enemy suffered severely attacking French's advanced posts on Jan. 15. Seventy Boers are still unaccounted for."

Heavy Rains.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 20.—The almost unprecedented downpour of rain Thursday night in the section contiguous to Wilmington considerably delayed traffic yesterday on the different railroads. On the Yadkin division of the Atlantic Coast line all trains had to be annulled on account of wash-outs.

The Bundesrath's cargo has been released.

CROSS THE TUGELA

The British on the Other Side of that Stream.

NO RESISTANCE HAS DEVELOPED

But Some Military Authorities are of the Opinion that This is but Another Ruse of the Boers.

London, Jan. 19.—London waited eagerly all night for news of fighting in Natal, but none came. Gen. Buller is still slowly carrying on his westward flanking movement and his advance is within seventeen miles of Ladysmith, but there the great army of Boers, in strong intrenchments, amid rocky territory is between him and the beleaguered garrison.

Yet England is greatly cheered, because part of Buller's army has succeeded in crossing the Tugela.

So far the flanking movement has been successful, or rather without any great opposition.

Gen. Buller has issued a stirring address to his men, telling them that they are going to the relief of Ladysmith and that there can be no turning back.

Official messages issued last night are confirmatory of the reports that Buller has crossed the Tugela. As to the movements of the Boers there are very contradictory reports.

It is certain they will not be given much more leisure for work in preparing their position, though there must be some delay while more bridges are being constructed and all the available artillery is being brought up.

Dundonald's cavalry must certainly by now have been replaced by infantry upon Swartskop and thus be free to attempt further operations to the north.

A considerable portion of Buller's force still is unaccounted for, but it would be useless to conjecture where this is. There may be no light upon this puzzling story for some days.

Eight hundred men of the cavalry have been sent up the Natal coast to Zululand.

The British plan is for Lyttleton's brigade to engage the enemy's front, while Warren's division tries to attack their right flank.

If Buller should succeed in beating the Boers and joining hands with White, the Boer army must retreat across the Klip river between Ladysmith and Colenso and will be in a perilous position, for Buller will be as near Geneco on the railway to Newcastle as the Boers themselves.

But after all, it may only be Boer strategy that keeps the Boers in the background, and Gen. Joubert will doubtless be wherever the British are with some new plan of defense.

Military experts here are discussing with some anxiety the crossing of the Tugela by Buller's force without opposition, dreading another trap.

They point out that the Boers are very strongly entrenched five miles north of the river, from which they argue that the Boers are planning a determined resistance.

Buller's guns shelled the Boer line during the crossing, but not a shot was fired in reply. This silence masks the Boer position and the trick has proved fatal to the British heretofore at Colenso, Magersfontein and elsewhere.

Strategists point out that if the Boers, having forced a battle on a field of their own choosing, should defeat the British, Buller would find himself with a swollen river in the rear.

Webster's Statue.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A distinguished gathering of public officials, including President McKinley and his entire cabinet, representatives of the senate and house, the judiciary of the United States supreme court and other branches of public life, participated yesterday in the exercises attending the unveiling of the colossal bronze statue of Daniel Webster, executed by the Italian sculptor, Trentanove, and presented to the United States by Mr. Stilson Hutchins of this city. The statue occupies a position on Scott Circle, but prior to the actual unveiling the ceremonies of presentation and acceptance were held at the Lafayette opera house.

Secretary Long then accepted the statue in behalf of the United States. Senator Lodge delivered the oration of the day.

Implicated a Third Party.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 19.—Frankfort has begun to right itself after Tuesday's tragedy. Many strangers who were then in town have gone away, possibly through fear of another outbreak, and the lobby of the Capitol hotel is not in favor with loiterers. All the newspapers giving the later details of the Colson-Scott tragedy, however, are still bought up as soon as the newsboys cry them, and in numerous instances the same man purchases two or three different papers. New arrivals ask eagerly for every detail of the encounter, and those who were in the lobby at the time of its commencement are made to report the story over and over again.

Friends of Col. Colson assert that a third person was engaged in the shooting, and Colson is said to have made a statement to that effect. Friends of Capt. Golden, who was with Scott at the time the fight occurred, deny that he participated in the shooting. Capt. Golden was sent to Louisville yesterday and taken to St. Joseph's infirmary in that city for an operation.

Colson's condition is still serious. He remains in jail. The grand jury is still investigating the affair. The funerals of the victims took place yesterday.

Monetary League.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 19.—The executive committee of the Monetary League has decided to hold a national convention at the same time and in the same city as the Democratic, Silver Republican and Populist conventions. The object of the league is an endeavor to write the financial plank of the Democratic national platform. The following executive committee of the league, has been announced:

Judge W. Rucker, Judge Moses Hallett, Gov. C. S. Thomas, Justice L. M. Goddard, T. N. Patterson, Judge C. I. Thomson, Senator Oscar Reuter, Thomas Tonge, George M. Merriek, Mayor M. V. Johnson, J. N. Stevens, all of Denver; Gov. W. A. Poynter of Nebraska, Gov. J. S. Hogg of Texas, W. C. Hall of Salt Lake, Frank P. Drennan of Illinois, John C. Stallcup of Tacoma and A. W. Rucker.

The officers are: Judge Rucker, president; H. V. Johnson, treasurer, and J. N. Stephens, secretary.

Bound and Gagged.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—Three safe robbers bound and gagged the watchman at the frame factory of E. R. Clark & Co., 156 to 170 Mather street, blew open the safe and held up a police officer who intercepted them. The night watchman escaped from his bonds while the robbers were blowing open the safe. He called an officer and Private Watchman Considine. The robbers, who had completed their work, assaulted the policeman and took away his club and pistol. Considine, however, jumped behind a telegraph pole and opened fire. The robbers returned the fire and then ran, pursued by other officers, finally escaping through an alley. Nearly fifty shots were fired, but no one was hit. The amount of money secured is small.

Fruit Growers.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—The fruit growers and farm product shippers have formed a permanent organization, to be known as the Growers and Shippers' National Protective union, with headquarters in Kansas City and branch offices in other cities. The officers are: J. K. Saunders, Pierce City, Mo., president; S. N. Barrick, Kansas City, secretary; John P. Logan, Siloam Springs, Ark., treasurer.

Among the vice presidents chosen are H. M. Foote, Sulphur Springs, Tex., and J. C. Williams, Fayetteville, Ark.

Anarchy Said to Prevail.

Paris, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Caracas is published saying anarchy prevails in Venezuela. Owing to their refusal to advance the government money the directors of the banks of Caracas and Venezuela including a Frenchman, M. Montaban, and other foreign nobles have been arrested.

The representations of the French charge d'affaires, have been disregarded and the French colony at Caracas energetically demands that the French Atlantic squadron be dispatched to the coast of Venezuela.

Agrees With Manifest.

Hamburg, Jan. 19.—A cablegram received by the owners of the Bundesrath at Hamburg says all of the cargo of that steamer has been discharged and entirely agrees with the manifest. The prize court has not yet rendered a decision.

SURPRISED BOERS.

The British Soldiers Score Against Their Opponents,

ACCORDING TO LATE ADVICES

That Have Been Received by Journals in London—Gen. Warren is Marching Steadily On.

London, Jan. 18.—Gen. Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter Drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso, on Wednesday, Jan. 10. This intelligence is contained in an exclusive dispatch to the Times, dated Tuesday. He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches.

This news completely disposes of the statement that Sir Charles Warren's forces went in the direction of Weenan, and it tends greatly to restore confidence in Gen. Buller's tactics. The supposition that he had divided his forces into three columns had given cause for anxiety. It is now seen that such a view was erroneous, as Gen. Buller's forces are concentrated. In Cape Colony, Gen. Methuen has made a demonstration in force, shelling the Boer works. Gen. Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno, and Gen. French has been throwing a few shells at the Boers at Rensberg. Col. Plumber is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland. He is now in command of less than 2000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way, the siege being pressed with determination and the Kaffirs are deserting because of pinched rations and the necessity of eating horse meat.

The Standard's vivid account of the assault upon Ladysmith shows that the garrison was surprised, and that several times the situation was critical. Out of a detachment of thirty Gordon Highlanders who surrendered, every man was wounded, says the correspondent. Curiously enough, this is the first mention of the capture of Highlanders. The Boer repulse at Ladysmith was the heaviest counterstroke of the war.

The government is relaxing its efforts to send out reinforcements. It is quite undecided as to when the eighth division will be shipped.

The war office declines the offer of a third battalion of Northamptonshire militia, and says that no more militia will be sent abroad. It seems probable that only 5000 instead of 10,000 yeomanry will be mobilized.

The war office sent for Lord Strathcona Tuesday, and he had a long interview with the officials, particularly Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood. The details of his force have been arranged and cabled to Canada.

The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearmans Farm, dated Jan. 17, 9:20 p. m.:

"The force marched westward on Jan. 10. Lord Dundonald by a dashing movement occupied the hills above Potgieters Drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso, taking the Boers completely by surprise.

"The same evening the infantry followed. Gen. Lyttleton's brigade crossed the river yesterday and to-day shelled the Boer trenches beyond with howitzers.

"Gen. Warren's force is now crossing Trichardt Drift, five miles above. He is not opposed, although the Boers are holding a position five miles from the river.

Roberts Case.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The special committee of the house to investigate the case of Brigham H. Roberts of Utah yesterday reached a final conclusion. On the polygamous status of Mr. Roberts the committee was unanimous and agreed upon a formal statement of facts. On the question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided. The majority, consisting of all members except Littlefield of Maine and DeArmond of Missouri, favored exclusion of the outset. Messrs. Littlefield and DeArmond will make a minority report favorable to seating Roberts on his prima facie rights, and then expelling him.

Ernest Truelove of Ardmore, I. T., was killed at Gainesville.

Gen. Wheeler will soon return to the United States.

A separate coach bill unanimously passed Virginia legislature.

Conferred With President.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The two most able and famous Indian chiefs in the world conferred with the president yesterday morning. They were T. M. Buffington, principal chief of the Cherokees, and Pleasant Porter, chief of the Creeks. Neither is a full-blooded Indian, and their appearance, dress and demeanor differ in no way from Americans of high position.

Chief Buffington is 6 feet 8 inches tall and before his election as chief, was judge of the Indian court.

The two chiefs were accompanied to the white house by Representative William E. L. Williams of Illinois and ex-Judge Springer. The two chiefs told the President that their tribes have just appointed delegations to come out here to assist the committees of congress in agreeing upon the details of the treaties now pending and which will soon be submitted to congress by the interior department, in reference to the allotment of lands, titles to town-sites and the dissolution of the tribal governments.

Addressed Legislature.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 18.—William J. Bryan addressed the members of the legislature yesterday just before the election of Blackburn. The chamber of the house of representatives was never more crowded than when Representative Nelson introduced Mr. Bryan. The latter was accompanied by J. C. S. Blackburn and Senator Goebel. Mr. Bryan proposed two laws that he hoped would be enacted in Kentucky. One to make it a felony for a corporation to contribute to campaign funds, and the other to prohibit betting on elections. He believed that men often bet for fear of showing lack of confidence in their cause.

No Demands.

Washington, Jan. 18.—It is stated without reservation at the state department that no notes have been received from any European power making demands upon this government respecting the "open door" and the Philippines. So far as can be learned, such communications as have come from the continental powers have been entirely favorable to the proposition made by the United States respecting China, and that all that remains to make the open door a complete success is the return of two or three notes, reducing the agreement to a final form.

Bombarded.

London, Jan. 18.—The following dispatch has been received from Mafeking:

The enemy began a renewed and vigorous bombardment Jan. 1 and deliberately fired six 9-pounder shells into the women's laager, killing a little girl and wounding two children. The strategical position is unchanged.

Col. Baden-Powell sent a strong protest to Commandant Snyman against shelling the women's laager.

Two mules killed by a shell were eaten by the Kaffirs.

Interested.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Kentucky delegation in congress and members in general were deeply interested yesterday in the Kentucky tragedy in which ex-Representative Colson figured. Representative Berry of Kentucky telegraphed Colson: "You have my deepest sympathy in your troubles."

There is a balance of about \$2000 to Colson's credit, which was held up by the controversy over the right of a member to hold another office, and the amount was recently turned back to the treasury.

Spoke at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 18.—Col. Wm. J. Bryan addressed an audience of 5000 people at Music hall on "Pending Questions," under the auspices of the Cincinnati Bimetallic council. He announced that the time had come when no farmer or laborer could afford to be a Republican. He said that party had entirely changed front. He quoted from Lincoln's letter to a Boston Republican meeting in 1859, and also from his message, in which Lincoln said that he feared monarchical tendencies in the republic.

Probably Her.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 18.—The magistrate has received the damaged lifebuoy picked up Tuesday in St. Mary's bay, which, as before reported, has the name of the wrecked steamer painted on it, but the lettering of which is partly illegible from the fire and water. On the lifebuoy are the letters "Elligoland." No doubt these letters are a part of the word "Heliogoland." It is reported that some bodies have been brought to land.

A MINNESOTA FARMER

Does Well in Western Canada.

Viriden, Man., Nov. 18, 1899.
Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada—Sir: Thinking that my experience in Manitoba might be both useful and interesting to my fellow-countrymen in the United States who may be looking to Manitoba and the northwest with the intention of settling there, I have much pleasure in stating that through information received from Mr. W. F. McCreary, immigration commissioner at Winnipeg, I was induced to visit Manitoba in February, 1898. When I called upon Mr. McCreary he spared no pains to give me all the information, etc., in his possession, the result of which was that I came here with a letter of introduction from him to the secretary of the Viriden Board of Trade. That gentleman provided me with a competent land guide, and, although there was considerable snow on the ground, I had no difficulty in selecting three homesteads for myself and sons. Having made the necessary homestead entries at the land office in Brandon, I returned to my home in Lyon county, Minnesota, and came back here in May following, accompanied by one of my boys, bringing with us two teams of horses, implements, etc. Our first work was to erect a temporary shanty and stable, after which we broke and leveled seventy-five acres and put up thirty tons of hay. I went back to Minnesota about July 20, leaving my son here. I returned in October, bringing my family with me. I found that the land we had acquired was of good quality, being a strong clay loam with clay subsoil. Last spring I sowed 100 acres in wheat and fifty acres in oats and barley. (Seventy-five acres of this grain was sowed on "go-back" plowed last spring.) My crop was thrashed in October, the result being over 2,700 bushels of grain in all. Wheat averaged fifteen bushels per acre and graded No. 1 hard, but that which was sown on land other than sod ("go-back") went twenty four and one-half bushels per acre.

To say that I am well pleased with the result of my first year's farming operations in Manitoba does not adequately express my feelings, and I have no hesitation in advising those who are living in districts where land is high in price to come out here, if they are willing to do a fair amount of work. I am ten miles from Viriden, which is a good market town, and nine miles from Hargrave, where there are two elevators. This summer I erected a dwelling house of native stone and bought a half-section of land adjoining our homesteads, for which I paid a very moderate price. There are still some homesteads in this district, and land of fine quality can be purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway company at \$3.50 per acre on liberal terms. Good water is generally found at a depth of from fifteen to twenty feet. I have 175 acres ready for crop next year.

The cost of living here is about the same as in southern Minnesota. Some commodities are higher and others lower in price, but the average is about the same.—I remain, your obedient servant. (Signed.)

JACOB REICHERT.

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Delinquent Tax List

Of Taxes due the Robert Lee Independent High School District, and unpaid, on December 31st 1898.

RESIDENT ROLL.

LAND. Owner, J. B. McCraw; Abst. No. 971; Survey No. 3; Acres, 120 Original Grantee, R. L. White; School Taxes, \$3.97;

TOWN LOTS. All located in Robert Lee, Texas.

Owner	Lot No.	Block No.	Amt. School Taxes
E. I. Austin	28		.13
Tom Chaney			2.08
Mrs. M. J. Dancer	do		.42
E. W. Eacu	do		.72
Jack Harris	Lot No. 1	Block No. 1	.65
R. B. Higgins		(personal property)	.88
J. N. Lindly	do	do	.45
J. B. Morris	Lot 2 in Block 35		.65
W. C. Martin (the barber)		(personal property)	.77
W. C. Merchant	lot 7 block 9; lots 2, 4 and 24 block 14; lot 4 block 16; lots 2 and 8 block 19; lot 5 block 5; lot 7 block 51		1.37
J. A. Stuart		(personal property)	.90
L. A. Stepp & Co		(personal property)	2.25
J. F. Stuckney	lot 9 block 73; lot 19 block 13; lot 1 block 54		.79
J. R. Smith	lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 block 34; lots 1 and 2 block 27		.13
H. W. Walton	lot 1 and 2 block 25		6.77
E. W. Yardley	lot 3 block 24		.79

NON RESIDENT ROLL.

Owner	Lot No.	Block No.	Taxes.
M. E. Childress	2, 4, 6, 10, 12	8	
do	20, 22	12	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	45	
do	6, 8	48	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	53	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	54	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	57	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	58	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	60	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	61	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	56	
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	59	
S F & L Kelley	16, 17	13	\$3.15
do	7, 8, 11, 12	39	.34
Maud Kirby	1	73	.65
J. M. Murphy	12	13	.45
V. Martin	7	14	.68
F. B. Mason	2	4	.07
G R McHenry	5	13	
do	1	23	
do	5, 6	32	
do	1, 2	59	
do	7	54	
do	6, 4	28	1.04
J. W. Ratliff	7	63	.05
J. H. Reynolds	1	43	.11
Raney Garnett & Co.	3	63	.07
J. S. Shupert	7, 8, 9	11	.13
Land. Owner M. E. Childress and Junita Harris; Abst. No's, 189, 556, 559 Cert. No's, 662, 8-576, 8-577; Survey No's 466, 972, 971; Original Grantee, C Hornbuckle, and S A Maverick S. A. Maverick; Acres, 80, 80, 80; Taxes \$3.24			
Land. Owner, F. C. Woodard; Abst. No. 1338; Cert. No. 38-4383; Survey No. 440; Original Grantee, B. H. Carlton; Acres, 320; Taxes, \$3.78.			
Town Lots all in Robert Lee, All Unknown Owners.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 77	54	
Lot No.	Block No.	Taxes	
16, 17, 22, 23	2	.23	
17,	3	.65	
23,	4	.65	
2, 3, 11,	5	.13	
1, 3, 5,	6	.13	
8,	9	.05	
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,18,23,	12	.54	
21, 20, 15,	13	.16	
3, 7,	15	.16	
2, 3,	16	.09	
4, 17,	17	.09	
4, 6, 12,	19	.13	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,	20	.27	
4, 8,	31	.09	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 23,	22	.45	
12,	23	.09	
1,	24	.05	
9,	25	.04	
10,	26	.05	
7, 8,	28	.09	
4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,	29	.36	
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11,	30	.27	
1,	31	.05	
4,	32	.65	
2,	33	.05	
1, 5, 7, 11,	37	.18	
1, 3, 5, 7, 9,	40	.22	
1, 6,	41	.11	
2, 4, 5, 6, 8,	41	.23	
2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12,	43	.34	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21	44	.63	
3, 11, 19,	45	.23	
2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10	46	.32	
1, 10, 20, 23,	48	.23	
5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	49	.68	
3, 9,	51	.09	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,	52	.27	
11, 13, 11, 16, 18, 20,	53	.27	
4, 8,	55	.09	
5,	57	.05	
1, 3, 5,	60	.14	
7, 9,	62	.06	
1,	64	.07	
3, 5, 10, 11, 12,	64	.23	
2,	66	.07	
3,	67	.16	
4,	73	.05	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,	74	.27	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,	75	.27	
2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 2,	76	.27	

LAND. Owner unknown, Abst. No. 199; Sur. No. 3; Original Grantee L. B. Harris; acres, 127; value, 500; Total Taxes, \$2.25.

LAND. Owner unknown, abst No. 200; Sur. No. 2; Original Grantee, L. B. Harris; acres, 160; Value, 500; Total Taxes, \$2.25.

LAND. Owner unknown; Abst. No. 542; Certificate no. 8 507; Survey No. 983; Original Grantee, S. A. Maverick; Acres, 3; value, 25; Total Taxes, 11c.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct List of all taxes Delinquent and unpaid to the Robert Lee High School Dist. for 1898.

Witness my official signature this Jan. 2nd 1900.

J H Burroughs Assessor and Collector. Robert Lee School Dist.

Edith Etchings.

Bro. Mulligan came to my house the other day, and says, Bro. Greenhorn, did you read what I had to say in last week's Rustler on gambling? I told him I had, and that there were many young in Coke Co. who ought to read and remember it.

Since Bro. Mulligan was here I have been thinking that I would write something for the Rustler, but there are so many things to write about that I don't know

where to begin. Bro. Sharp is our neighbor, and a mighty good one too. Now Bro. Sharp doesn't take any stock in politics and he don't spend much of his time at the country post office, either.

As I passed Bro. Sharps the other day I noticed how neat and convenient looking every thing was about the place.

The gates were in good repair and swung open, without dragging around like my gates do. I also noticed some nice fat hogs and lots of fine Dominique chickens and a nice comfortable hen house; and I could not help thinking of the poorly constructed affair that Patsy (that's my wife) had patched up of old boards and barrel staves for our chickens to winter in, and they have done so for the last ten years.

Bro. Sharp was plowing and had most of his land broken and I wished that I had time to plow some while the land is in such good condition. You see, I have so much riding around to do that I have not had time to plow any yet.

The other day I was sitting in the house reading the Dallas News I heard some one open the front gate, you see, it is so hard to open that we can always hear it, so I looked out and saw Sister Sharp coming in. She went right on to the back yard where Patsy was trying to make a chicken coop.

I heard sister Sharp say, do you make your coops sister Greenhorn? And Patsy said, yes, sister Sharp, I make them all and I made that hen house ten years ago Green, (that's what Patsy always calls me) never has time to do any thing like that.

Then I heard them coming to warps the house and I did not feel just like I wanted to meet sister Sharp after hearing her say that Simon is the handiest man about the place that I ever saw. I think that Sister Sharp is one of the best little women in Coke County and I wanted her to think that I am not the worst fellow in Tex.

As her and Patsy came in I slipped out at the back door and finished that coop and nailed some boards on the old hen house resolving at the time to build a new one as soon as I have time.

Greenhorn

The attention of our town people is again called to the bad sanitary condition of the town. There will be vigorous steps taken by the court about the middle of February, unless our people get a "move on themselves."

It is a peculiar thing how some people can live for years in one place and never take one single precaution in the way of cleaning or disinfecting their premises.

Mrs. Alice Caldwell, of San Angelo, was over here this week, looking after her business interests.

Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Church holds regular services at the school on the third Sunday in the month and Saturday before W. M. Snith, Pastor.

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Populist District Convention.

A call is hereby made for a delegate convention to assemble in San Antonio on Saturday Feb. 17, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the People's Party National Convention. The chairmen of the various counties in the district will call their conventions at as early a date as possible. Let the delegates be instructed as to the choice for delegates to the said National Convention; also, as to date for holding a Congressional convention to nominate a candidate for Congress in this district, and to transact such other business as may come before the convention.

J. H. Foster,

J.T. Warden, Chair, 12, Con. Dist Secretary.

In obedience to the above call, I hereby call a Mass Meeting of the Populists' of Coke county, to be held at the court house at Robert Lee, on Feb. 10th 1900, at 1 P.M. for the purpose of re-organization, the election of a County Chairman and other officers for the ensuing year, the election of delegates to the above District convention and such other business as may come before the body.

A full attendance is requested, S. C. WILKINS, Chair. People's Party, Coke Co.

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