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Minutes of the Teachers Institute held Feb. 9 10.

Friday night program was well carried out. H.T. Carter delivered an interesting address on the education of the women of our country.

Mrs. Averitt recited a very laughable piece.

Next, Sister Sue's Wedding invitations—several interesting and laughable pieces were recited by pupils of the Robert Lee High School.

Institute adjourned to meet at 10:30 A. M. Saturday.

Institute called to order by chairman.

Teachers present.

Misses Thompson and Ingram Messrs W.T. Savage, J.D. Jowers, W. C. Shamblin, S. E. Williams, J.A. Thomas, J.L. Ross, B.U. Smith, H.T. Carter, B.H. Ross, C.C. Cooper F.E. Thomas and Acie Ross.

Program carried out.

1st. An interesting talk was given on compound portotian by S. B. Williams.

2nd. Discussion:— Are our Institutes accomplishing the desired results? Opened by W. T. Savage, followed by J. L. Ross, B.U. Smith, S. B. Williams, Miss Ruth Thompson and J. A. Thomas.

3rd. Language V. S. Grammar. Paper by Miss Alvia Ingram and a short but interesting talk Miss Ruth Thompson.

4th. Discussion what to do with a child who cannot understand language.

Opened by B. U. Smith and followed by other members of the institute.

Institute then went into Business Session.

Committee appointed to draw up resolutions. J. A. Thomas and J. L. Ross, Place and time for next meeting were then discussed and it was decided by vote of the members of Institute to meet at Ft. Chadbourne Mich. '16 17 1900. Programme committee F.E. Thomas, S. B. Williams Miss Ruth Thompson hand in the following Programme

- 1 Opening address J.A. Thomas.
- 2 Respose W. T. Savage.
- 3 Music By Bronte String Band
- 4 Necessity of cooperation of Patious with teachers—J. L. Ross.
- 5 Recitation.
- 6 Essay. Miss Thompson.
- 7 Music.
- 8 The need of higher education
- 9 Recitation.
- 10 Exercise by Rock Spring's school.

Saturday morning.

1 When to begin and how to teach primary Geog. Mrs. J. D. Jowers.

2 When should doublecolumn addition be introduced. J. B. Hermill.

3 Teory v s B. U. Smith.

4 Elementary Algebra. Jno. A. Stewart.

5 Memory Training. F.E. Thomas.

6 Nature Study in Primary grade Miss Alvia Ingram.

7 Duties of Teachers out side school room. F. K. Poppitwell.

8 Quers Box.

Report from committee on resolutions were as follo

Where as there exists a need

for the awakening of more interest in the subject of school and education throughout the county the teachers of the institute of Coke County hereby adopt the following resolutions.

Resolved 1st. That we join in an earnest appeal to patrons and rustees throughout the county to encourage the teachers in their work by frequent visits to the school.

2nd. That we urge upon all teachers the importance of attending the County Institutes believing it to be highly beneficial to the improvement of the schools.

3rd that we request that patrons and trpstees especially attend our institutes where ever practicable.

W. T. Savage Chairman.
Alvia M. Ingram Sect.



Let go or die. That's the alternative of the shipwrecked man with the money bags. If there was only some one to throw him a life preserver, he might save both life and money. Without help it is let go or die. A great many people have a like alternative before them. Business men come to a point where the doctor tells them that they must "let go or die." Probably he advised a sea voyage or mountain air. There's an obstinate cough that won't be shaken off. The lungs are weak and perhaps bleeding. There is emaciation and other symptoms of disease, which if unskillfully or improperly treated terminate in consumption.

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Mrs. Westfall was up at Mr. J. D. Wiley's one day this week.

The young folks met at brother Fubb's last Sunday evening and sang several hymns with Mr. Sam Cooper at the organ.

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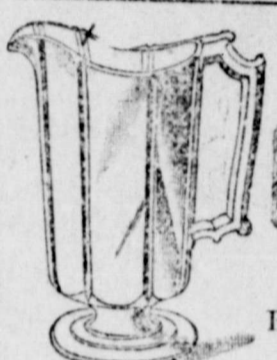
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PEEP AT SIEGE TRAIN

WHAT IS MEANT BY SOME RECENT DESPATCHES.

Some Points About the Wonderful Engines of War First Introduced by the Boers of South Africa — Accuracy of Fire a Certain Element.

The announcement recently made that a siege train was being mobilized for service in South Africa no doubt conveyed very little information to the non-military mind, as was shown a few days ago, when a writer in the London Daily Mail was asked, in all sincerity: "What is the difference between a siege train and an armored train?" As a matter of fact, a siege train is the name applied to the complement of guns, ammunition and store wagons, and men employed to conduct a siege. According to the "Siege Artillery Manual," a siege train may consist of any number of divisions, heavy, medium or light, according to the requirements of the service. A division, as a rule, consists of sixteen pieces of ordnance, exclusive of machine guns; each division requires a personnel consisting of four companies of garrison artillery, with the following staff: One lieutenant-colonel, one adjutant, one quartermaster, two staff non-commissioned officers, and two staff clerks, in addition to a total of 596 officers, non-commissioned officers and men. In the present instance the armament consists of the new five-inch breech-loading howitzers throwing lyddite shell. All siege guns and howitzers are fitted with special sights known as "French's sights," which enable them to be laid on an object that is invisible to the gunner. With this advantage it is possible to place the battery behind a hill totally obscured from the enemy's view, and to pound away until either all his guns are dismounted or the fort breached so as to enable the infantry to carry the place by assault. Siege gunnery has now arrived at such a pitch of perfection that there is absolutely nothing that can withstand the attack of a well-organized and well-equipped siege train. The shell fire is so accurate and searching and the high explosives so destructive that it is only a question of time in demolishing any defense that can possibly be erected. By means of an observing instrument, invented by Capt. Tancred, each shot can be accurately observed as bursting so many yards short or over the object, thus enabling the necessary corrections to be made for the next round to strike the exact spot desired and insuring extreme accuracy of fire.

BEAUTIFUL SHOULDERS.

Take Care That the Child Does Not Stoop.

A common form of neglect is the shoulders, which are allowed in childhood to grow lop-sided, and take an ungraceful stoop, says the Syracuse Herald. Often they are crowded by so ill-fitting corsets that they seriously displace the collar-bone. Instead of such malformation they should be level, large, erect, insensibly descending and well-poised, making the waist appear round and small. Massage and oil will do much to tone up the neglected shoulders, and the skin can be whitened and made beautifully firm by this paste, which is of Spanish origin: Beat the whites of four eggs in rose water, adding a few grains of alum. Beat until the paste is thick, spread the composition on a layer of old linen and apply to the neck and shoulders at night. French ladies are so expressive with their shoulders that they give them every advantage, as their "shrug" is a part of French conversation. An authority on this subject says: "A difficult habit to break is that easy, lazy manner of sagging down when sitting, which, in addition to sleeping on high pillows, makes so many round shoulders and sunken chests. People should always watch themselves, and when they discover the fault straighten up; but it is so easy to settle down in this way after years of indulgence in the habit that many get discouraged and prefer to grow crooked. Let me warn you, ladies, to be eternally vigilant in acquiring a good sitting posture. The joints you possess were given you to bend with, and it is almost a crime to sag down as if you had no lungs or other vital organs. Hold in the backbone, throw the chest out, bend from the hips only, and so contribute to the perfection of your figure, your beauty and your health."

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DRANK ONLY WHISKY.

For Thirty Years a Man Held to a Strange Vow.

Joshua Reddik, an eccentric character, died here recently, writes a Lefler's Station correspondent to the Chicago Inter Ocean. For thirty-one years past he had not taken a drink of water voluntarily, nor had he allowed himself to take a bath. There was a feud between water and Joshua pathetic in its inception. Reddik was one of the first settlers in this section. In due course of time a young Joshua came to the family. He was a likely youth, who could plow a straight furrow when he was 11 years old. The family prospered exceedingly. During the civil war it is a matter of tradition that they sold hay to the government at a price approximating nine gold dollars a pound, and weighed it on their own scales. A few miles from the Reddik homestead flowed a placid river. In this stream Reddik and his son were accustomed to swim. They went swimming one fine warm day in July, 1868, and young Joshua was drowned. Mrs. Reddik, prostrated by the shock, died. Standing by her coffin, Joshua Reddik swore that never so long as he lived would he drink water or voluntarily come in contact with it. Joshua Reddik decided that whisky was about as far away from water as he could get, and he stocked his house with whisky. He bought it by the barrel, and as time went on his thirst increased. It happened that Reddik's oath kept him from traveling. He was virtually surrounded by water. His oath would not allow him to cross water for fear he might fall in, so he was condemned to spend his life in a territory about three miles square. Rain and snow were the bane of his existence. He became an expert in prognosticating rainstorms and was always able to avoid getting wet, but in winter he was compelled to spend most of his time in his lonely house. He would stock up with provisions in the fall, having a few barrels of whisky rolled in and prepare to hibernate. Whisky as a steady beverage palled on the old man after a decade of indulgence. Moehn's brewery was a short distance from the house. On one side of the brewery was a pond, and to avoid the pond in reaching the brewery the old man was compelled to make a wide detour and slide down a bluff. A special brand of beer was made for him in the brewery and a flight of stairs was built down the bluff for his benefit.

Gave a Realistic Recitation.

From the San Francisco Argonaut: E. A. Sothern of "Dundreary" fame was once dining at Portsmouth at a regimental mess. After dinner one of the officers asked Sothern to give them a recitation. Now Sothern would not tolerate being treated as an entertainer when he was by way of being treated as a gentleman. He coldly declined. They pressed him. He hotly declined. Still they would take no denial. At last he said, in a manner which showed that he was nettled, but yet yielding, "Well, if you won't let me off, I must. I'll give you the dinner scene from 'David Garrick.'" He did. He had never acted it better. They were delighted until, springing to his feet, he made his wild tipsy exit, just as he did on the stage, and dragged the cloth off the table and with it all the regiment's prized dessert china and decanters and glasses, etc. Thereupon he calmly resumed his seat, but thereafter Sothern dined no more with that regiment.

The National Beverage of England.

There is an enormous increase in the consumption of whiskies imported from Scotland and Ireland into England. If the present rate of increase of the spirit trade is maintained, England will presently have adopted whisky as the national beverage. Beer is losing ground as the people demand something stronger. The discussion of the relative merits of the whiskies has brought out the interesting incident that a short time since a vat containing 700 gallons of Scotch whisky for the consumption of the members of the house of commons was built, and that next recess will see provisions made for an adequate supply of the Irish product.

He Knew the Sex.

Doctor—"Your wife is a very sick woman, and I have my doubts as to her recovery." Husband—"Oh, she'll pull through all right. Her dressmaker sent home a new gown yesterday and she hasn't tried it on."—Chicago News.

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A gentleman of strong convictions in county politics told us last Sat. to start his Rustler again, that he had made a mistake in stopping it on New Year. This gentleman said that he had been misinformed about some things, and had thought the Rustler on the wrong track about some County matters. He is one of the only eight persons who had quit the paper since the present Editor took charge, over a year ago. We hope to have all the other seven enrolled again before the end of the year. We have lost seven and gained two hundred.

On Fri., Feb. 2nd, Mr E. L. Neff died at his home at McGregor, Texas. Deceased was 44 years old, and the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia— He was a brother to Mr Sam Neff, of this Co., who attended the funeral. We extend condolence.

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J.W. Jackson. W. H. Lewis.
K. M. Mays. B. F. Montgomery.
S. Smith. M. H. ODaniel.
W. R. Presler. F. M. Pritchard.
J. M. Spaaks. I. E. Aunms
J. L. Westfall. W. P. Walling.
Court Convenes Feb. 19.

Populist Meeting.

Pursuant to a call for a Mass meeting of the Populists of Coke county, for the purpose of electing a county Chairman and other officers ensuing two years, and electing a delegate to the District convention, a meeting was held on Sat., Feb. the 10th, at Robert Lee and the following proceedings had

The chairman stated the object of the meeting, and a motion to go into the election of officers for the ensuing two years was carried.

Moved that the election of Co. chairman and secretary be made by acclamation. Carried.

S. C. Wilkins and B. P. Byrne were re-elected county chairman and secretary, respectively.

Moved that the county chairman appoint temporary precinct chairman throughout the county, for the purpose of reorganizing the various precinct clubs. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that W. R. Boykin be elected to represent this county in the District convention, which convenes at San Antonio on Feb. 17, 1900.

Motion made and carried that the delegate to the above District convention be instructed to cast the vote of this county for Judge McMillan, as a delegate to the National convention.

Motion made and carried that the county chairman notify the temporary chairman of their respective precincts, to organize their respective clubs immediately, and report their organization to the county chairman on or before the 11th day of March 1900.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

S. C. Wilkins,
County Chairman.
B. P. Byrne
Secretary, P. P.

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The Cedar Hill school will be out in two more weeks. Special tax accounts for a short term of school. I have not heard any complaint against the teacher. I am sorry the school does not last longer.

Mr. Cooper has agreed to teach the Silver school.

I was pleased to read the letter in the Rustler from Bro. Barryman, glad to hear that he and his family were well. I bid him Gods speed.

Bro. Cumbie filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday and preached two interesting sermons.

J. R. Tubb has been visiting friends in Mitchell and Seurry counties, he reports a pleasant time.

Dock Umble and family of Itau are visiting their parents at Cedar Hill.

Mr. Cooper and little son Charley of Iolanthe attended church at Cedar Hill Sunday.

Prof. Thomas attended church at Cedar Hill Sunday.

Enoch Sparks, of Pecan accompanied by the Johnston boys helped to make up the congregation Sunday at church.

Mr. Smith of San Angelo was here several days ago offering \$13.50 for steer yearlings didn't get any as they are held for higher prices.

Miss Mamie Stokes and Mr. Fayette Youngblood was united in marriage last Sunday at Colorado City. The writer wishes them a long and prosperous life.

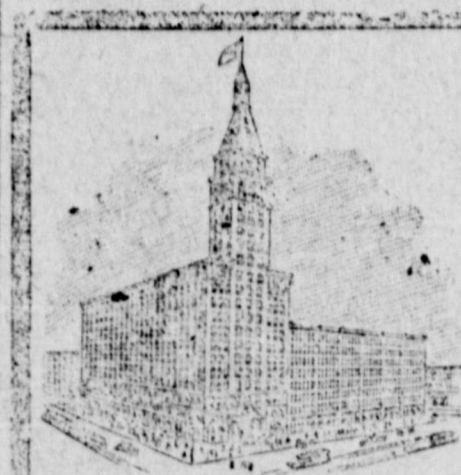
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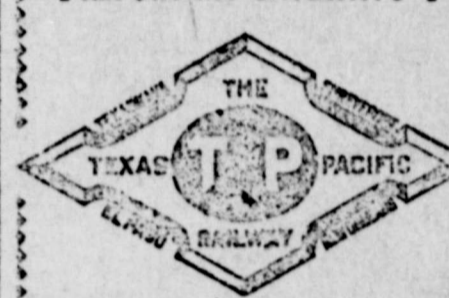
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Clerk, J. W. Barnett,
Sheriff, L. B. Murray.
COUNTY.
Judge, M. H. Davis
Attorney, Gid Graham.
Clerk, J. W. Barnett
Sheriff & Tax Collector, L. B. Murray,
H. & A. Inspector, Will Perry,
Treasurer, C. L. Hughes.
Assessor, W. W. McCutchen
Surveyor,

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.
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Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit.

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G W Moore was in town Monday from Ft Chadbourne.
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The Rustler may not at all times please every one of its subscribers in all matters, but we propose to be frank, open and courteous to one and all any way

Uncle Johnie Conner and J H B Norfleet, both attended the Masonic communication here Sat. night.

J D O'Daniel, Sr., from down the river attended the Masonic Lodge here Saturday night.

A. C. Gardner, of Edith, was among the Lodge boys Sat. night.

J J Robbins, the big merchant at Bronte, is now an affiliated member of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A F & A M.

The Northern Methodist-Baptist-Patriotic preacher who lectured at the Court House Sat. night was, we believe, a reformed Populist who has turned Gold bug and Expansionist. We BELIEVE the above and we KNOW he was of the "travelling bum" order, who take up collections at every place

Large German MILLER SEED for sale by L. H. McDorman at seventy five cents per bushel.

Elder J B Hooten preached interesting sermons Sun. at eleven and night.

Bro Cumbie, of Bronte will shortly leave to visit his old home in Hamilton Co.

W E Kaye, the Ft. Worth land agent, has been in town this week, looking after his interests here.

Col H H Hayley returned last Sat. from the State Odd Fellows encampment at Galveston. He says that is a good place for a good time, and that he enjoyed the trip very much.

G. C. Merchant spent a few days of last week in the country.

Bro. Cumbie preached at Cedar Hill last Sunday at eleven, and at Mr. Colliers residence, at Edith, at night.

Green Rushing, from Jno. Metabe's ranch was in town Mon.

Prof. J L Ross was in town last Sat.

W T Caraway was in town a few hours last Sat.

Prof. Frank E Thomas was in town last Sat.

Prof. Savage and his pupils deserve and receive praise for their programme rendered last Fri. night at the beginning of the Institute.

Esq. B P Byrne, of Sanco, was one of the most prominent Populists here last Sat.

J C Newton spent a few days latter part of last week looking after his roads- He will move his family back home sometime next mo.

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Prof. A J Couch was in town Saturday, attending the Institute.

Mr. R B Ross a good citizen from beyond Hayrick Mt was in town last week.

Mrs. Fields, and son Hubert, of Edith, were in town a few hours Monday, and while here called at this office.

Notice, Populists.

In compliance with a motion of the P. P. convention held on Feb. 10, 1900, I as county chairman, hereby appoints the following named persons as temporary precinct chairman, and request each to call meetings of their respective precincts not later than Mar. 11, 1900, for the purpose of reorganization, and to report to the county chairman the name of their respective Permanent chairman, in order that it may be known who will become the county execution committee, for the next two years.

Robert Lee, Will Green; Bronte J. D. O'Daniel; Hayrick, W. F. Stephens; Paint Creek, W. C. Benson; Rock Springs, S. S. Cosper; Valley View, M. H. Havins; Sanco J. H. Campbell; Silver, J. F. Conner; Pease, Hugh King; Simpson, W. S. Tripp; Cedar Hill J. I. West fall.

S. C. Wilkins, Chair. P. P. Coke Co.

NOTICE. All those indebted to G. C. Lasswell will please call on me and make settlement or satisfactory arrangements, otherwise their accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney.

G. C. Lasswell.

Clay Williamson, and old time Coke County boy was visiting in our city Tuesday.

BORN. To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burroughs on Sunday morning last, a girl.

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.

Bro. Townsend, Baptist Missionary, was in town this week and informed us he would preach at Edith on his next regular appointment on the Second Sunday in March. He was compelled to miss his last appointment there on account of sickness in his family.

If you want Fruit Trees Shrubs or Vines from the Reliable Austin Nursery, just drop H. D. Pearce at Ballinger, Texas, a card stating what you want, and they will come in a few days. Will do to set out until the first of March

M. A. Perkins, and two sons, of Edith, was in town Monday, on business.

The commissioners Court will appear next week.

Hon. W W McCutchen was in town last week several days looking after his official business.

Hawley Allen was in town Wed.

"I am in favor of a county primary to nominate every officer from Constable to President" said Judge McCarty, when he was in town Wed.

W. C. Merchant returned Tuesday from a trip to Nolan Co.

Our lawyers are all getting up their cases for District Court next week.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis, and babe called on the Rustler force last Wed.

The celebrated novel, "In his steps," for sale at Peares Drug Store.

J. E. Stewart & Co. is the new merchandise firm in town. J. A. Green is the "Co" and the firm will add a large stock of groceries to their stock of glassware, notions etc. The new firm will handle everything in the general merchandise line except dry goods. We wish the new firm success.

D. L. Buchanan is erecting a store house just above the round front. It will be 18X30 feet, when completed. He expects to run gro-

Frank L. Harris was in town Wed.

Court House News.

Reported for the Rustler by H E. Johnston, abstractor of lands.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. F. Robinson to E. J. Robinson 150 acres survey No. 4 N. S. Anderson for \$100.

D. L. Buchanan to J. P. Angel Lots Nos. 4 5 in block No. 63 in the town of Robert Lee for \$15.

J. M. Gunnels and wife to R. B. Higgins 160 acres the N. W. 1-4 of sec. No. 6 S. P. R. R. co. for \$80.

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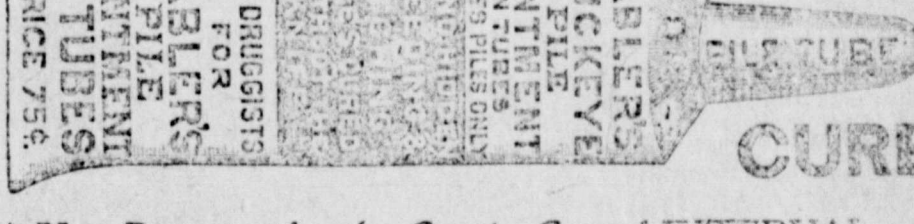
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Editor Rustler,
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