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A Confederate Story.

A number of years ago at a political gathering in Tescumby Ala. General Cullen a. Battle related the following story, in the course of his speech; During the winter of 63-4 it was my fortune to be President of one of the Court Martials of the army of Northern Virginia one bleak December morning while the snow covered the ground, and the wind howled around our camp I left my bivouac fire to the session of the Court - winding far miles along uncertain paths, I at length arrived at the campground at Round Oak Church, Day after day it had been our duty to try the gallant soldiers of that army charged with violation of the military law, but never had I on any occasion, been greeted by such anxious spectators as on that morning awaited the opening of the Court. Case after case was dispensed of, and at length the case of the Confederate State v. Edward Cooper was called, charged Desertion - a low murmur arose spontaneously from the battle-scarred spectators, as a young artillery man responded to the question guilty or not guilty He answered not guilty. The Judge advocate was proceeding to open the prosecution when the Court, observing that the previous was unrepresented by counsel interposed and asked who is your counsel? He replied, "I have no counsel." Supposing it was his purpose to represent himself before the Court, the Judge advocate was instructed to proceed. Every charge and specification against the previous was sustained. The prisoner was then told to introduce his witnesses. He replied, "I have no witnesses." Astonished at the calmness with which he seemed to submit to an inevitable fate, I said to him, Have you no defense? Is it possible that you abandoned your comrades and deserted your colors in the presence of the enemy without a reason? He replied, "There was a reason but it would not avail in before a military Court." I said, "perhaps you are mistaken you are charged with the highest crime known to military laws, and it is your duty to make known the cause that influenced your action. For the first time his manly form trembled and his blue eyes swam in tears. Approaching the President of the Court he presented a letter, saying as he did so, "There, General, is what did it. I opened the letter and, in a moment, my eyes filled with tears. It passed, from one to another of the Court, till all had seen it, and those stern warriors, who had passed with Stonewall Jackson through a hundred battles, wept like children, as soon as I had sufficiently recovered my self possession, I read the letter as the defense of the prisoner. It was in these words:

My Dear Edward: I have always been proud of you, but since your connection with the Confederate army, I have been prouder of you than ever before. I would not have you do anything wrong for the World, Edward, but before God, Edward, unless you come home, we must die. Last night I was awakened by little Edgar's crying - I called and said "what

is the matter, Eddie?" and he answered Oh, Mama, I am so hungry and Lucy, Edward, your darling Lucy, she never complains, but she is growing thinner every day, and before God, Edward, unless you come home, we must die - yours Mary.

Turning to the Prisoner, I asked "what did you do, when you got this letter?" He replied, I made application for Furlough, and was rejected; again I made application and it was rejected; third time I made application and it was rejected; and that night as I wondered backwards and forward in the Camp, thinking of my home with the mild eyes of Lucy looking up to me, and the burning words of Mary sinking in my brain, I was no longer the Confederate Soldier but I was the Father of Lucy and the husband of Mary - and I would have passed those lines if every gun in the battery had been fired on me - I went to my home; Mary ran out to meet me; her Angel arms embraced me; and she whispered O Edward, I am so happy; I am so glad you got your furlough - She must have felt me shudder, for she turned pale as death, and, catching her breath at every word, she said, "Oh, Edward; Go back, go back! Let me and our Children go down together to the grave, but, oh, for heavens sake, save the honor of our name." and here I am gentlemen, not brought here by military power, but in obedience to command of Mary; to abide the sentence of your Court. Every officer felt the force of the prisoners words, Before them stood the Beatific vision, the eloquent pleaders for a husband and father's wrongs, but they had been trained by their great leader, R. E. Lee to tread the pathes of duty through the lightning flashed scorched the ground beneath their feet and each in his turn pronounced the verdict Guilty. Fortunately for humanity; fortunately for the Confederacy; the proceedings of the Court were reviewed by the Commanding General and upon the record was written; Headquarters of H. N. V. The finding of the Court is approved - The prisoner is pardoned, and will report to his Company, R. E. Lee, General. During the second battle of Cold Harbor, while shots and shells were falling like torrents from the Mountain clouds, my attention was directed to the fact that one of our batteries was being silenced by the Concentrated fire of the enemy. When I reached the battery every gun, but one, had been dismantled; And by it stood a solitary confederate artilleryman, with blood streaming from his side - As he recognized me, he elevated his voice above the roar of the battle and said, General, I have one shell left, tell me have I saved the honor of Mary and Lucy? I raised my hat. Once more a confederate shell went crashing through the ranks of the enemy, and the hero sank to rise no more.

Written & expanded for the RUSTLER by W. L. I.

Charlie Bullock is working in Pearces Drug store this week.

A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at Pearce's Drug Store.

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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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- 2nd. We have a carefully graded course of study leading to matriculation in the University.
- 3rd. Teachers who wish to review branches required for any grade of certificate can get instruction here.
- 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.

Silver Siftings.

Will Foster Escaped.

Will Foster escaped from the "dog house" sometime Saturday night. He was evidently helped from the outside as the chain with which the door was fastened was twisted until it had been broken in two places. He was under sentence of two years in the penitentiary for theft of a yearling. It is confidently expected that he will be captured, or his confederator arrested. Fosters wife was, through courtesy of Sheriff Murry, allowed to sleep with her husband and it is said that she never awoke until after Sun-rise Sunday morning.

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the World. Surest Pile cure on Earth. 25c a box at Pearce's Drug Store.

Mrs. J. C. Newton, who has been suffering with Sciatic Rheumatism for the last two weeks is improving.

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J. W. Hall and family have moved Amarilla.

J. J. Austin, of Tom Green Co. was over first of the week.

Al Hayley, a prominent Suttan County Cattleman, was up part of last week and this.

Mrs. John Gardner has been sick for some days—but we are glad to say is now convalescent.

The RUSTLER people have all tried some of the all-purpose soap made by C. H. Jones from his soap recipe, and it is all right. Mr. Jones has a number of other recipes equally as good, look out for him.

D. L. Buchanan has his new store building almost completed.

Mr. Charles H. Jones is in Coke County, and expects to canvass some for some valuable recipes, which we have examined and believe to be all right. Mr. Jones is a newspaper writer of marked ability, and in making expenses while here, in order to build up his health, we commend him to our readers through-out Coke.

Dennis Maddox has resigned his position with the Angelo "Klondike" and returned Tuesday to his first love—Robert Lee—Truly, old Rob Lee is the best place yet.

Andy Foster, of Silver, was in town Sunday.

J. H. McClanahan brought in a very sick child, Saturday, for medical attention, at last accounts the child was better.

Horace Boone is playing the "devil" for the RUSTLER this week.

Sacred Music at Mrs. Bennick's on Sunday night attracted nearly all our young people.

Banker Routs A Rober.

J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle in my hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any Throat, Chest or Lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free at Pearce's Drug Store.

W. A. Robbins was in town last week in attendance on the Court.

J. D. Collier, the gentlemanly merchant of Elith, was in town one day last week to take home his wife and baby who had been visiting Mrs. Dr. Martin.

Silas Connor was one of the Jurors, regular panel last week.

A. J. Taylor of San Angelo was over last week organizing a local lodge of the Protected Knights of America; a fraternal insurance order. He was also writing some fire insurance.

Julgld Rimes, of San Angelo, was over latter part of last week, looking after the interest of his clients.

W. S. Southern, a Medicine drummer representing Morley Bros, of St. Louis, was in town last week and sold some goods.

A drummer representing H. E. Buckler & Co. of Chicago, placed an advertising contract with the Rustler last Friday. He also sold our drug store some goods.

Our friend Kearney Mays, from Bronte dropped in last pressday and encouraged us to keep things going. He said the Rustler was worth more money than its subscription price.

What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but never if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin,—all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Check, Rich Complexion. Only 25c at Pearce's Drug Store.

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A Sad Death.

Little Roy Drennan, after some, two weeks illness, died Monday morning about sunrise. He was afflicted with the sore throat, which has proved so fatal to several of our neighbors children. He was buried Tuesday, in the Robert Lee Cemetery, Little Roy was four years old, and had come up with his grandmother Mrs. Karnegay, to visit his Aunt, Mrs. John Gardner. His mother, Mrs. Estelle Drennan, had also arrived about a week before the fatal end. Our people all regret this sad death. And the RUSTLER joins in extending condolence to the bereaved Mother and other relatives.

Eruptions and skin diseases are a blot upon

Beauty

These blots are actually blood blots. To cure them lotions and outward applications are useless. The blood must be cured, before the skin becomes clean.

That great medicine for the stomach and blood, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, is most effective in cleansing the complexion and healing diseases which defile and deface the skin. It acts directly upon the stomach and the organs of digestion and nutrition. It increases the action of the blood-making glands, and expels from the system the lurking poisons which defile the blood and through it deface the skin.

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Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Church holds regular services at the school on the third Sunday in the month and Saturday before. So. W. last r 2

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

Institute 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. Herrall.
- 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 outside school room. F. K. Poppiewell.
- 8 Query Box.

Report from committee on resolutions were as follows.

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 trustees 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 trustees especially attend our institutes where ever practicable.

W. T. Savage Chairman.
Alvis M. Ingram Secy.

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Nanhattie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Myrick, on the 20th a boy.

To M. and Mrs. Wm. Green, on the 22nd a girl.

Miss Lenor Hasey, formerly of Robert Lee but now of Midland is visiting at Nanhattie.

J. D. and Isaac Wiley have gone to Colorado this week. Brother passed through town this morning on his way to West brook.

J. A. and J. R. Tubb, of east steet, went to Colorado this week Brother Strickland have been working on his cistern lately, He dont like tank water. Prof. Cooper had Courting in has head this week. So our school has been scarce this week. Mrs Anna Lamb is visiting the Misses Wellfall. J. C. Raw.

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