

The Rustler.

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ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY TEXAS, NOV. 14 1902 NO 12

From Denver to the Coast.

the great clock in the station of the Union depot at Denver was striking 6 p. m. when the Conductor shouted: All aboard. The crowd was hurrying to and fro, and many were the kisses and handshakes, as the fireman rang the bell and the engineer pulled the lever and the Overland Limited rolled out for the Golden West crossing Cherry creek, which gave up so much of the golden treasure during the Pikes Peak excitement in Denver's early history. Winding out, passed the Grant Smelter with its immense smokestack reaching 311 feet in the air, ponderous engines, crushers, and furnaces, where the ore is melted, and the dross separated from the gold. We reach the open prairie and leave Denver, the Queen city of mountain and plains, in our rear. We are going almost due north, and as far as the eye can see to the east, is one unbroken plain, dotted here and there, with green pastures, fat cattle, fine crops, nice farm houses; white to the west, the snow-capped old Rocky mountains rise up from the gathering twilight, and show a rugged horizon. Many little hamlets are passed in rapid succession. Dark clouds in the great

est potato raising country on earth. Greeley, Col. was founded many years ago, by Horace Greeley, and was to have do saloons in its limits, and to day, Greeley is temperate in all things except the raising of potatoes, of which it boasts of its superiority over all other places, not only in quantity but quality as well.

Ten p. m. we land at Cheyenne, Wyo., the largest city, and Capitol of the state. It being night, and only a few moments stop, we saw but very little of this bustling city, where the famous Cheyenne Saddle is made. Wyoming claims about 75000 population, most of whom are engaged in the raising of sheep and cattle. The country over which we have traveled was for the most part, high table lands having very little timber, affording fine range for stock. At Granger, Wyo. we get off the Overland Limited and take the Pocotello, Portland Special, of the Oregon Short Line, for Pocotello, Idaho. After passing through the Diamondville coal district and some fine stock range, we cross the divide, and wind down a tributary of the Lewis and Clark river, passing some beautiful upland farms and ranches. We stop for another change of cars at Pocotello, 679 miles from Denver. From Pocotello, we go north again, gowing up the beautiful valley of Snake river with its numerous beautiful country houses and thriving villages. Gold and gold-hunters have gone from the sands of Snake river and the valleys are now left to the quiet farmer, who, judging from the appearance of his home, must have found the old adage true. "There's gold on the farm, if only you'll shovel it out." We once more cross the divide and are on the head waters of the Missouri river, here we

stop a few moments at a little town called Mouda on the line of Idaho and Montana; here the old Concord Stage-Coach, pulled by six horses, called up for the U. S. mail, and passengers, for Yellow Stone Park. A few hours stop in Butte, Montana, can be well spent; for of all the mining camps in the United States, Butte certainly holds supremacy, as she is the largest, richest, and pays her men the best wages. The town is situated on a hill-side about 8000 feet above sea level and has about 50000 inhabitants. The mines are just above the city, on the hill, where the miners can easily walk to work. The miners have large commodious shaft houses and ore bins, and are supplied with every known appliance for the handling of ore, and the safety of the employees. The hoisting engines and air compressions are certainly marvels of the mechanic's skill. The mines produce principally copper. The largest mine owner, is Senator Clark; of Montana, who, is dozens of times a millionaire. The Miners Union at Butte is the strongest in the world, and no man gets less than \$3.50 for 8 hours work under ground. At Butte we take the North Coast Limited of the Northern Pacific R. R. which, by the way is the finest train reach-

ing the Pacific Coast. We soon arrive at Anaconda, a great smelting point, which has one Smelter, recently completed at a cost of over \$3,000,000. We leave Anaconda and soon reach the Bitter Root country, here the tall pine, fir, tamarack and hemlock grow on every hill and stream. For miles we are winding along the river bank until we are again in Idaho, but in the northern part, in the great White pine belt. We are looking for an outlet from these pines and hills, when suddenly we round a curve and find ourselves in sight of lake Pend'd Oreille, one of the most beautiful lakes to be found anywhere. There are a number of steamers on the lake, some bringing Ore from the mines at the upper end, others to win logs to the saw-mills along the banks. From Hope, our first stop on the lake we can see Sand Point, a beautiful saw-mill town which enjoys the distinction of having the largest saw-mill in Idaho. From Sand Point we go through some fine timber for a few miles, then crossing into Washington, we find some of the prettiest farming country in all the west, and as we were admiring the waving wheat fields, the brakeman shouted: Spokane. And we are soon enjoying a long rest in dream-land.

success to the Rustler.

More anon,
C. W. Scarborough.

STARTLING, BUT TRUE.

"If every one knew what a grand medicine Dr. King's New Life Pills is, writes D. H. Turner, Dempseytown, Pa., 'you'd sell all you have in a day. Two weeks ago has made a new man of me.' Infalible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

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J. P. McDorman, of Halloway, Mo., is visiting his brother L. H. McDorman this week. Mr. McDorman reports crops good in Missouri this year.

New Fall Goods Now Arriving.

Complete Stock now on hand. Largest STOCK ever brought to Coke county. All the New Things.

Come and See Us.

J. W. Reed & Co.

NOTICE.

The firm of Graham & Jowers has been dissolved by mutual consent J. D. Jowers retiring he having sold his interest in said firm to John Stuart. All outstanding indebtedness will be paid by Graham & Jowers and all accounts are payable to Graham & Jowers Very Respectfully,
Graham & Jowers.

Referring to above will say that we will continue in the land and abstract business and will be pleased to have your patronage. The firm will hereafter be known as **Graham, Stuart, Land & Abstract Co.**

Respectfully,
Gid Graham,
John A. Stuart.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassing on the ranch and lands owned and controlled by the undersigned, in Coke county, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, hauling water, driving across said lands for water, hunting hogs, leaving gates open, or trespassing in any way, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

P. L. & R. H. Harris

STOCKMEN

HORSEMEN AND OTHERS.

The undersigned has bought the Texas Wagon Yard business, corner Twohig ave. and Courthouse street, and solicits the patronage of the public. Will buy, trade and sell horses, making a specialty of this branch on Fridays and Saturdays. Will break horses to ride and drive and board them by the day, week or month as well as take first-class care of vehicles. Also do a general livery business.

TOM PRIVETT.

The Red Headed Horse Breaker,
San Angelo, Texas.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that any one driving stock in or through my pasture, or having posts, or wood, on land owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. S. Chapman.

Methodist Church, South.

Monthly preaching will be held on the Robert Lee circuit as follows:
First Sunday—Bronze, 11 a. m. and Sunday night.
Second Sunday—Rock Springs—11 a. m. and New Hope, 3 p. m.
Third Sunday—Robert Lee, Saturday night, Sunday, 11 a. m., and Sunday night, and Hayrick, 2 p. m.
Fourth Sunday—Sawyer, 11 a. m., and 3 p. m.
Fifth Sunday—Tipton.
All are invited. Saints and sinners.

In next week's issue will be found interesting letters from brother Townsend and Charley Scarborough.

H. H. Pearce

A. S. GANTT, Furniture, Wall paper, Paints, Oil and Glass. San Angelo, Texas.

Cokeonians

People You Know and What They Are Doing.

Jess Buchanan is still in the barber business.

Charley Millican was trading with our Merchants last Saturday.

For new and second hand Furniture and Hardware go to T. W. Taylor, San Angelo.

J. J. Vestal has burned another kiln of lime this week.

Bowden Bros. have what you need at short crop prices. Go to see them at Ballinger.

Prof. R. Davenport, of Richard Springs, who will teach the Rock Springs school was in town to see the county Judge on business last Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Arnett and Miss Lizzie Stanford was in Robert Lee last Saturday. Miss Lizzie will teach the school in the Judge Chapman neighborhood.

Goods will be sold cheap for CASH, at Woodlee Brooks & Co.

W. F. Robinsons Law Office was open last Saturday the first time since the Campaign opened.

There's going to be a hot time in Runnels county when Bowden Bros. get rid of all their big stock of heaters, at Ballinger.

Will Robbins was in our city a few hours last Saturday.

Take your cotton and cotton seed to March Bros.

Bro. Hazie and children, made the Rustler pleasant call while in town trading last Saturday.

Bring your cotton to March Bros.

San Angelo, Texas.

NOTICE

All of our accounts are due Oct. 1st unless special arrangements have been made for longer time. Please come forward at once and settle, as we need the money.

Woodlee Brooks & Co.

The School is progressing nicely, and we predict a very successful term.

There was a tie between B. A. Taylor and M. H. Havens, for County Commissioner of precinct no. 2.

March Bros., at San Angelo, pay highest market price for cotton, hides and pecans and sell all kinds of groceries, dry goods, boots, hats etc. at lowest prices.

Stoves, stove pipe, Furniture and everything at Bowden Bros. Ballinger.

Duck shooting seems to be all the go these days.

Some good work stock for sale on 12 months time, or trade for cattle. — W. E. Boykin.

Robert Lee, Texas.

J. P. McDorman and wife and sister, Mrs. Nancy Stewart, of Haltown-Mo. are visiting their brothers, L. H. and J. W. McDorman, of this county, for a few weeks. Mr. McDorman reads the Rustler in Mo. and says he thinks we get out a good county paper.

P. P. Brown was delivering...

School books are cash. Second hand Buggy and Harness for sale for \$10.

G. W. Martin.

School books are cash at Pearce's.

We are thankful to Robert Hall for assistance in the Rustler Office this week.

You just ought to see the new and second hand Furniture at T. W. Taylor's San Angelo.

T. J. Newton of Bastrop co. brother of J. C. Newton is in our town with a view of locating.

Wood is legal lends at THE RUSTLER office for subscription.

Bowden Bros. can fit you up for house keeping the cheapest. see them, at Ballinger.

Coke was visited by another good rain yesterday.

When you want up-to-date millinery goods don't fail to see Miss Kate Moore, San Angelo, Texas.

M. H. Davis has sold his town property to A. J. Foster.

Bowden Bros. 14 1-2 years stove repairers, they know their business. Ballinger.

John A. Stuart has moved in to the L. V. Hamilton house.

Bowden Bros. will repair your stove or furniture the same day you bring it in.

D. L. Buchanan in the Correctionary business at the old Laswell place.

A fine line of Ladies and Misses hats at Miss Kate Moore's at prices to suit the times. Don't fail to see her, stock when in San Angelo.

For lack of space we leave out a letter from New Hope this week.

Every thing in queensware line at short crop prices at Bowden Bros. at Ballinger. Go to see them.

Mr. Henry a cousin of townman Bob Henry is in town this week, he represents Sanger Bros of Dallas.

If you want a new, or second hand stove for just a little money, try T. W. Taylor, San Angelo.

LUCK IN THIRTEEN.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Spirey of Walton Farm, Va., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible Fever Sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures Bruises, Felons, Ulcers, Eruptions, Boils, Burns, Corns and Piles. Only 25c Guaranteed by H. H. Pearce druggist.

Mr. O. C. Booker of Dallas who was with the Bronx Herald last week, came to our little town Monday. Mr. Booker is a practical Printer having followed the business for 16 years, he saw the appearance of an all-around good fellow He left for Ballinger Tuesday to make application for a position with the paper men of that town. The Rustler wishes...

Many of our customers responded quite liberally to our recent call for money, but we find it necessary, to again, remind others that their accounts are past due and we must have the money. No merchant wants customers, who take forever to pay their bills.

J. W. Reed & Co.

A Back Sider.

The Parkersburg (Ia.) Eclipse relates the following: "An amusing incident that taxed the gravity of a sedate congregation happened in a church not fifty miles from Parkersburg on a recent Sunday evening, when one of the deacons an estimable old gentleman, is passing the contribution box accidentally stepped off backward into the baptistry, which had been prepared for a couple of candidates at the close of the services."

NOTICE NOTICE.

All of my accounts are Due NOW, and must be settled at once. Come in and settle by Nov. the first as I must have the money.

W. B. Harrison

THE IDEAL NEWSPAPER.

Rev. James Moore, of New Brunswick, New Jersey has been looking into the possibility of an ideal newspaper. He says: "The ideal newspaper will not be secured until we have an ideal city, and an ideal city will never be secured until we have ideal citizens, will be unheard of until we have ideal citizens, and the ideal citizen will be unheard of until we have ideal voters, and the ideal voters are not to be had without ideal politics. The ideal newspaper will only be found in heaven, where it will be read by the angels, and then, and not until then will be seen the ideal newspaper."

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to me for Blacksmithing or Coffins will please call and settle for same I need the money and must have it soon.

Respectfully,

Tom Cross.

CHADBOURNE.

Editor Rustler:

The election is over and are all still alive; that is the vote, I can't say how it is with the defeated candidates, but suppose they all went up river together, I am very well satisfied with the result of the election. The thing for us to do is to try every way honorable, to bring our county to the front. We are glad to know that our county is now one of the foremost counties in West Texas. When the Orient is in the woods with the whistle of her Iron-horse, then Coke will take the lead. I hear that grading has begun. I think we should call for a Lee K Option Election in Coke county before the road is built. I hope this will be done right away.

We have had a fine rain, and some are plowing, preparing for the 1903 crop, others digging holes to set out fruit trees.

Mr. Davenport and wife rolled in last Friday, to begin school Monday. We are glad to have them with us again, and hope this will be a good school year at Rock Springs. Our trustees are...

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,
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Bring in a Bale of Cotton and have it ginned at Our Gin and see for yourself, how much you make by having your Cotton Cleaned as it is ginned.
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T. J. GOSS, Prop.
standing by our trustees and teachers, don't you Mr. Ed? [Yes by all means.]
A. D. Spencer bought the old Hancock place and has moved to it Mr. Wimberly has moved to the Townsend place. Will Oryer...

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Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that I own and control every acre of land in my Grape creek pastures situated in Coke and Tom Green counties and that all trespassers for cutting, fishing, hauling wood, hunting hogs, bee trees, gathering pecans, working stock or any other trespass will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

N. M. March.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.
J. W. Timmins, District Judge
B. E. Taylor, Attorney
J. W. Barnett, Clerk.

Court convenes on the third Monday in February and September.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Gid Graham, Judge
J. W. Barnett, Clerk
L. B. Murray, Sheriff & tax Col.
C. L. Hughes, Treasurer
W. W. McCatchen Tax Assessor
C. C. Merchant, Attorney
W. T. Savage, Surveyor

County Court meets Third Monday in February, May, August and November.

COMMISSIONERS.

T. C. Baldwin, Precinct 1
B. A. Taylor, " 5
W. R. Boykin, " 3
J. H. Campbell, " 4

Court meet Second Monday in February, May, August and November.

W. L. Clawson, J. P. Precinct 1
J. J. Fry, Constable " 1
Court meet's fourth Monday in

HELPFUL READING.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

To my friends in Coke County.

I take this method of tendering to you my sincerest thanks for the support given me in the recent election especially those of you who voted for me entirely disregarding the false reports circulated by the friends of some of my opponents one of which coming as it did too late for correction (to wit: that I had withdrawn from the race) caused some of my support to leave my ranks and drift to candidates who were supposed to be strong in the race throughout on my own merits and have stooped to no low mean political tricks such as have been used against me. I shall continue to reside among you and all the same courteous treatment as before. Again thanking you I am
Very Respectfully,
John J. Fry

Beautiful clear skies.

Herbine exerts a direct influence on the bowels, liver and Kidneys purifying and strengthening these organs, and maintaining them in a normal condition of health; thus removing a common cause of yellow, moths, greasy skin and more or less of purple blotches and blackheads. 50c a

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En route and arrive in a few days, which will be the finest line ever brought to this city, and we will make you prices that you can give. We went direct to market and selected our stock, consequently we know what we can offer you in NEW and UP-TO-DATE FURNITURE.

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Yours for Furniture.

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It is reported that grading on the Orient was commenced Wednesday, in the Willis Johnson pasture north of San Angelo.

Some tough Umbras' tore down the telephone posts for quite a distance, on the mountain between here and San Angelo, cutting off telephone communication between Robert Lee and San Angelo. Such conduct is condemned by all good citizens, and parties guilty of such low down behavior should be dealt with severely.

The Roping Contest, at San Angelo last week was largely attended there being about 6000 people present. The roping done by the expert ropers was as follows:

Wednesday: John Hewitt tied the first steer in 1 03 Sid Millsbaugh time 1 10 Hawley Allen 2 15 Will Ringer 1 55 Fred Bohlen 43 2 5 Rufe Carrol 58 4 5 Will Weathers no time Jim Barron 49 2 5 Charles McCrohan 1 39 Sam Moore no time Joe Gardner 1 30 John Keenan 1 20 Oliver Baggle no time Tom Coaker 1 36 Frank Tankersley 55 4 5.

Thursday: Buster Jones tied the first steer, time 2 18 John Tankersley 2 16 Lum Hudson 6 37 Alfred Mc Canley no time Labe Hanson 2 20 Jim Gordon 1 23 Fred Baker 51 3 5 Oscar Cane 1 36 Gus Cavender 49 1 5 Corbet Spears 3 01 Bruce Drake 1 59 Bert Weir 32 the best time made \$100 prize. Dan Mc Crohan no time W.M. Haywood no time Frank Tankersley 46 4 5 Rufe Carrol 1 16 Hawley Allen no time Theodore Dunman 52 4 5 Jim Harkey 2 04 John Tankersley 2 24 Corbet Spears 1 39 Tom Conner tied in 1 25 Jack Taylor 56 4 5 Fred Baker 32 2 5 best time for Friday. Buster Jones no time Kirby Nutt tied the last steer for that day in 1 48.

Fridays Roping. John Thornton tied the first steer for that day in 1 29 Sid Millsbaugh 1 51 Frank Tankersley no time Jack Yarbrough 1 51 Dap Mc Crohan 1 15 Joe Gardner 2 12 Charlie Mc Crohan 1 19 Jim Barron 1 12 Billie Mixon 58 Bill Weathers 42 Wesley Ditto 47 2 5 C. Barkley no time John Hewitt 43 Francis Tankersley 1 36 Emmet Tankersley 51 3 5 John Keenan 1 08 Ford Day 2 02 Perry Cavender 1 02.

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Ed. Rustler.
 In asking space for a few remarks I do not wish to call in question the honesty of purpose expressed in Brother Townsends excellent letters descriptive of the Pacific Coast country. His letters have a fascinating effect upon those who are looking for an Eldorado where they can live in luxuriant splendor, forgetting perhaps, that Texas in all of her greatness and unlimited resources is inviting them to grasp the opportunities that are equal to if not greater than can be found in Washington elsewhere. Distance lends enchantment to the view and when our imagination carries us to Puget Sound we forget that Texas claims all and more than can be found from lower California to British Columbia. It is not necessary here to enumerate the advantages that present themselves to us here at home. It is true our people are in various stages of unrest and discontent. The same conditions prevail in other places. Texas compares favorably with any other State in every way, and those who are tickled over the prospects of living in indolent ease had better compare conditions nearer home and of which something is known to the illusive and seductive visions of globe trotters going up and down the earth in search of an Eden of rest. The accumulation of wealth alone is not our purpose in life. If such was the case however, there is no need to away to accomplish that end. Our great State has as progressive, intelligent people as can be found anywhere, and all things considered if you to attain to that degree of citizenship which commends you as an honest man to honest people. Don't leave Texas but come to Coke county.

Will peek of the Linden (Mich) writes under the nom-de-plume of "Bill pique." "Bill," says among other things: "Talk the town up dont sit down and let your under lip drop down in the celler where it is damp and musty but keep er up and keep er wiggling. If you are determined to punt however go down to the pond, get a boat and row off up the river where busy people cant see or hear you."
 Heres a wether note to remember and talk about when you get old on Wednesday the 17th day of August 1902, the employes of the Beloit call officer called for fire because it was too cold to handle type with comfort. Think of it a fire in a print shop in August.

One of the fads is men's socks for women. There is a rumor prevalent that some wifes wear the trousers, but no one imagined that the socks would also be appropriated. If the women continue the invasion of the wardrobe of the men there will be mighty few articles of wearing apparel that man can call his own. His hat, shirt, vest, coat, collar, tie and socks are gone. He has remaining his chewing tobacco and suspenders. Not much of a lay out for a cold day.

An exchange says: Do not attempt to ask the editor to write up and rebuke every evil in town or community, but when convinced that such need attending to, write an article and sign your name to for publication. The man who is too big a coward to thus express an opinion, is the very one who will stand on the street corner and talk loudly about the cowardice of the editor.

Stray Notice.
 One large red cow with some white under the flanks, about ten years old. Branded L X cross, on left side. Taken up by W. H. Bishop, and is running on the D. W. Townsend ranch at Ft. Chadbourne, Texas. Reported as an stray to T. C. Baldwin, Commissioner, precinct No. 2 Coke county, Texas.

Secret Societies
-IN ROBERT LEE-

A F. & A M. Meets on Saturday night on or before each full moon—M. B. Shepard W. M. T. D. Evans, Sec

I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night R. B. Higgins, N. G. T. D. Evans Sec.

W. O. W. meets on first and third Monday nights in each month. Chas. Roe C. C. W. B. Green, Clerk.

Helpful Reading.
 Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is reading it is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMERS DEPARTMENT.
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