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## EACH COUNTY'S VOTE IN STATE CONVENTION

Where the Democrats Will Come From to Nominate Their Candidates.

The vote in the next state democratic convention is going to be smaller than usual on account of the fact that the vote for governor two years ago was light and from the further fact that the poll tax law has reduced the state's vote to some extent.

As is generally known, the convention vote of each county and the state is based upon the vote cast for governor the two years previous, there being one convention vote for each three hundred votes cast for the democratic nominee for governor or major fraction thereof. All organized counties are allowed one vote whether they have three hundred votes or not, and this year there will be ninety-one counties of Texas that will have only one vote.

Dallas county leads in the convention vote with twenty, with Harris and Tarrant counties a tie for second place, each having fourteen votes. McLennan, Ellis, Hunt, Grayson and Bexar tie for third place, each having

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Tarrant 14, Terry 1, Terrell 1, Throckmorton 1, Titus 2, Tom Green 2, Travis 8, Trinity 2, Tyler 2, Taylor 3.  
Upshur 3, Uvalde 2.  
Val Verde 2, Van Zandt 5, Victoria 3.  
Walker 2, Waller 3, Ward 1, Washington 4, Webb 2, Wharton 2, Witchata 2, Wilbarger 1, Williamson 8, Wilson 3, Wise 6, Wood 4.  
Young 3.  
Zapata 1, Zavalla 1.

According to the Terrell election law, the convention vote of a county is given to the candidate in proportion to the vote he receives in the coming primary and it will be extremely difficult to figure this out.

It is generally conceded that no candidate for governor will receive a majority of all of the convention votes on the first ballot, and on the second ballot the man who receives the smallest number of convention votes the first ballot will be dropped. The candidate for any state office must receive 360 of the convention votes and in the race for governor it will be exceedingly difficult to make up the votes, if none of the candidates receive more than 360.

Falls 5, Fannin 11, Fayette 9, Fisher 1, Floyd 1, Foard 1, Fort Bend 4, Franklin 2, Freestond 3, Frio 2.  
Gaines 1, Galveston 7, Gillispie 1, Glasscock 1, Goliad 2, Gonzales 5, Gray 1, Grayson 12, Gregg 2, Grimes 3, Gaudalupe 1.  
Hale 1, Hall 1, Hamilton 4, Hansford 1, Hardeman 2, Hardin 3, Harris 14, Harrison 2, Hartly 1, Haskell 2, Hayes 1, Hemphill 1, Hidalgo 2, Hill 1, Hood 2, Hopkins 6, Horton 1, Irion 1.  
Jack (no return), Jack 1, Jasper 2, Jeff Davis 1, Jefferson 6, Johnson 7, Jones 2.  
Karnes 8, Kauffman 8, Kendall 1, Kent 1, Kerr 2, Kimble 1, King 1, Kinney 1.  
Lamar 9, Lampasas 3, La Salle 1, Lavaca 6, Lee 3, Leon 4, Liberty 2, Limestone 2, Lipscomb 1, Live Oak 1, Llano 1, Lubbock 1, Lynn 1.  
Madison 2, Marion 1, Marshall 1, Mason 2, Matagorda 1, Matamoros 1, McCulloch 2, McLennan 14, McMullen 1, Medina 2, Menard 1, Midland 1, Milam 7, Mills 1, Mitchell 2, Montague 5, Montgomery 3, Moore 1, Morris 1, Motley 1.  
Nacogdoches 5, Navarro 1, Newton 2, Nolan 2, Nueces 2, Ochiltree 1, Odham 1, Orange 2.  
Palo Pinto 3, Panola 2, Parker 6, Pecos 1, Polk 2, Presidio 1, Potter 2.

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eleven votes, and Fannin and Collin tie for fourth place each having eleven votes. The rest of the counties of the state have less than these nine and range from 10 down to one vote. The entire convention vote, so far as it can be made out at this time, will be 718, and by counties is as follows.

Anderson 6, Angelina 3, Aransas 1, Archer 1, Armstrong 1, Attascosa 2, Austin 5.  
Bandera 2, Bastrop 4, Baylor 1, Bee 2, Bell 8, Bexar 12, Blanco 2, Borden 1, Bosque 4, Bowie 5, Brazoria 2, Brazos 4, Brewster 1, Brisco 1, Brown 4, Burleson 3, Burnett 3.  
Caldwell 4, Calhoun 1, Callahan 2, Cameron 4, Camp 2, Carson 1, Cass 4, Castro 1, Chambers 5, Childress 1, Clay 2, Coke 1, Coleman 3, Collin 11, Collingsworth 1, Colorado 5, Comal 3, Comanche 5, Concho 1, Cooke 7, Coryell 4, Cottle 1, Crockett 1, Crosby 1, Dallam 1, Dallas 20, Dawson 1, Deaf Smith 1, Delta 8, Denton 8, DeWitt 5, Dickens 1, Dimmitt 1, Donley 1, Duvall 2.  
Eastland 5, Ector 1, Edwards 1, Ellis 12, El Paso 6, Erath 6.

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### Ft. Chadbourne News.

Rain! rain! Plenty of it we are having, and I'll tell you old mother earth and her people are certainly rejoicing over it. Farmers are wearing a great broad smile, and merchants are laughing.

Mrs. W. M. McDonald and children, who have been visiting the home of W. C. McDonald, have returned to their home at Ft. Worth.

Miss Millie Baldwin, who has been attending the Normal at Ballinger, is at home now.

Miss Florence Robinson, who has been teaching in Taylor county, is spending her vacation at home.

J. H. McDonald, who has been here on business, returned to his home in Springtown Monday.

The firm of McDonald, Doughty & Co., have moved

into their new building over in the new town and now have everything looking nice. Last Saturday they served fine lemonade, cigars and pecans to the public horse breaking, a shooting contest, base ball and a big dinner were the amusements. All had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hasty and children of Brownwood, are the guests of W. E. Baldwin and family.

Roy Hamilton, of Olga, was a caller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Cryer entertained a crowd of young people with a nice ice cream supper last Saturday night. All report a nice time.

The little son of Jim Dent, who was taken to San Angelo to Dr. Marberry for medical treatment, died and was buried at the Bronte cemetery Wednesday. We sincerely give the bereaved parents and relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

The following is a list of the people who worked and contributed to the cemetery working at Ft. Chadbourne, where they fixed one hundred graves. They are as follows: M. C. and G. B. Allen, J. N. Linley, R. C. Robbins, Mark Richards, J. W. Goodson, Don Smith, G. D. P. and Conda Clark, Buck Richard, and C. F. Foster. It looks nice since the working.

With much success to the

Observer.

### Twenty Year Battle.

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### Tennyson Items.

Quite a number of the people from our neighborhood attended the big barbecue at Bronte the fourth.

Misses Maggie Allison and Annie Darden visited Misses Tommie and Ada Brown Sunday.

We have had several nice showers of rain the past week and the farmers are all smiles.

W. W. Brooks visited his sister, Mrs. S. W. Gaston last Wednesday evening.

Walter Bradley was the guest of Charlie Brown Sunday.

Rev. Rosser filled his regular appointment at the Mule Creek School house Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Edith Baker and Ona and Nellie Allen spent Sunday with Flora Gaston.

S. W. Gaston attended church at the County line Thursday night.

Jackson Brooks visited Elmer and Orval Allen Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin died Saturday at eleven o'clock and was buried in the Mule Creek cemetery Sunday evening. Rev. Rosser of Bronte, conducting the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sayner and little son, Collins, are visiting Mrs. Sayner's father, Mr. Ainsworth, in Borden county.

Mrs. W. W. Brooks and little daughter, Grace, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. J. D. Baker.

Rev. Rosser spent Saturday night with W. W. Brooks.

I will ring off with best wishes for the Observer.

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### Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded

to summon the unknown heirs of Seth Clark, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the fifty-first Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said fifty-first Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Coke county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Robert Lee, on the 3rd Monday in September 1906, the same being the 17th day of September, 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of June, 1906, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 46, wherein G. G. Odum is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Seth Clark deceased, and A. T. Jones, are defendants, and said petition alleging as follows: Plaintiff sues to recover the title and possession of the following described tract of land situated in Coke county, State of Texas, seven hundred and fifty-two acres of land, being the west one-half of Seth Clark survey number 475 of one-third league, originally granted to Seth Clark, and patented to the heirs of Seth Clark, by virtue of patent No. 331, Volume No. 11, dated Nov. 15, 1854, lies on Oak Creek, a tributary of the Red River of the Colorado river, about two miles northwest of Fort Chadbourne. Plaintiff alleges in said petition that heretofore, to wit: On or about the 1st day of June, 1906, he was lawfully seized and possessed of said tract of land, by fee simple title and that on said date defendants unlawfully entered upon and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and now unlawfully withhold from plaintiff the possession thereof to his great damage one thousand dollars. Plaintiff claims title to said land not only by a regular consecutive chain of deeds and transfers from the sovereignty of the soil to himself, but also by virtue of the statute of five years limitation: That he and those whose estate he has, and under whom he claims, claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of said tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying

the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding the filing and commencement of this suit, and that he, plaintiff, also has title to said land by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this:— That he and those whose estate he has, and under whom he claims, claiming to have good and perfect right and title, to said tract of land, had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the same for a period of more than ten years next preceding the commencement of this suit, having the same enclosed with and by a good and substantial fence.

Plaintiff alleges in said petition that defendants are asserting some character of claim to said land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff, which has cast a cloud upon his said title to his great damage. Plaintiff prays that defendants be cited in manner and form as prescribed by law in such case made and provided, and that on final hearing, he have judgment against defendants for the recovery of the title and possession of said tract of land, for his said damages and all costs of suit, and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. W. Barnett, Clerk of the District Court of Coke county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Robert Lee this the 29th day of June, 1906.

[SEAL] J. W. Barnett, Clerk District Court, Coke County.

**A Tragic Finish.**  
A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in the great North Sea dyke, which a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire province of Holland. In like manner Kenneth McIver of Vanceboro, Me., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed until a tragic finish was only averted by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by a neglected cold; but Dr. King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure at Evans' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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"I am thankful I do not have to defend Dowie or John D. Rockefeller. I am thankful that I am not a Mormon; I have trouble enough explaining things to one wife. I am thankful I am not a candidate for governor or on either ticket! I am thankful that I live in Kansas and therefore feel under no obligation to prove by scientific argument that California is in no more danger from earthquake than any other locality. I am thankful that I am not an aspirant for office now or at any future time and am therefore under no obligations to sit on a barbed wire fence that separates the railroad and Standard Oil factions from the people and make goo-goo eyes in both directions. I am thankful that I am not responsible for other people's mistakes; I make enough of my own to keep me busy worrying.—Ex.

**Notice Trespass.**  
Notice is hereby given that I own and control every acre of land in Grape Creek pastures situated in Coke and Tom Green counties, and that all trespassers for hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans, working stock or any other trespass will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. N. M. March, San Angelo, Texas.

—Geo. Goss' laundry basket will leave every Tuesday morning.

## WHEW! ISN'T IT HOT?

I think I'll go to Rabb's ice cream parlor and get me a nice cool refreshing drink or an ice cream. It's also the best place in town to get candies and cigars. Meet me there.

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### A Snub For Royalty.

Once during Heine's stay at Munich the poet and his writings came up for discussion at the dinner table of the Bavarian royal family. On the conclusion of dinner most of those present expressed a wish to make the acquaintance of the poet. One of the princesses who was rather fond of having notabilities about her at once offered to send for him. A royal servant was immediately dispatched to invite Heine to come to the castle and partake of coffee with the royal family. On receiving the invitation the poet coolly answered, "My dear friend, please present my humble respects to her highness and say that it is my custom to take coffee where I have also dined."

### Bookkeeping Necessary.

The roomer in a London lodging house does not yet need to number the hairs of his head as a precaution against theft, but he needs to keep careful account of everything else, says a writer in Public Opinion. An actor who had discovered his landlady's propensity for taking a portion of everything he bought numbered and listed his things. One night he roused the household by shouting down from his attic a demand for "No. 8."

"No. 8?" shouted the landlady back. "What No. 8?"

"I want cube No. 8 of my lump sugar," he replied.

Thenceforth the provisions in his cupboard were unmolested.

### A Peculiar Book.

One of the most curious books in the world belongs to the De Ligne family of France. This book is neither printed nor written. All the letters are cut out of the vellum and interleaved with a peculiar shade of blue paper. The work is so carefully done that the book is read with the greatest of ease. Rudolphus II. of Germany offered 11,000 ducats for it, but it was not sold. The most peculiar thing about this volume is that it bears the royal arms of England, but as far as can be traced it has never been in that country.

### Donald Was Right.

A man walking by an old graveyard in Aberdeenshire beheld sitting on a wall an aged highlander with his head wrapped up in a shawl, evidently suffering from a bad cold.

"Good morning, Donald," said he. "You seem to be suffering from a bad head" (cough).

"Ech, sir," said the old man, pointing to the graves, "but there's mony a yin over there would be glad to ha' it."

### A Good Reason.

A boaster related to an admiring crowd some of his marvelous deeds. Afterward a smaller man who knew him well remarked to a friend that the boaster, to his certain knowledge, had never done the things he had claimed to have done. "And why," said the friend, "didn't you call him a liar then and there and let the crowd know just what sort of a man he is?" "For the simple reason," answered the small man, "that my nose is of a blighted sight more importance to me than his reputation is to him!"

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## DOING THE COOK.

What Would Happen if This Custom Were Now Revived?

An English magazine printed in 1807 affords an opportunity to learn of the hygienic treatment of cooks at that period. Similar proceedings in these enlightened times would promptly depopulate our kitchens. It appears that in England at the date mentioned it was considered the correct thing to administer medicine to cooks at stated intervals. This was insisted upon whether or not they resisted. The theory in vogue as a reason for this heroic treatment was that the continued fumes of cookery and the necessity of drinking often to cool the throat produced bile and humors that injured the sense of taste. The local effect was to excoriate the palate, and unless prompt remedies were applied it became callous and the cook's usefulness imperiled.

To restore the integrity of the organs of taste it was considered imperative to resort to the following treatment: The victim was first subjected to two days of preparatory regimen, when a decoction of manna, senna and salts was administered. One day's rest was allowed, and the dose was repeated. A repetition of forty-eight hours intervened, when, if favorable results followed, a heavier dose was given.

The periodical quoted reviews the contingencies likely to arise from this enforced regimen. As a matter of precaution it insists that employers should make service dependent upon prompt acquiescence in this heroic formula. If the cook is recalcitrant she is either to be dismissed without payment of wages or reduced to the position of scullion. The forced administration of senna, manna and salts to the haughty beings who preside over our kitchens would promptly land heads of households in a police court, to say nothing of preliminary athletic manifestations with available pots and pans.

### Plan That Failed.

A certain henpecked husband of Muskogee read in the papers where a girl at Tahlequah had been scared to death by the discharge of several cannon crackers, and straightway went downtown and bought a large supply, intending to fire them. He hustled his wheelbarrow load of shells up near his wife's room and pushed them off. When the shower of shattered glass and broken pieces of timber ceased, the man felt something cold against his cheek, and, glancing that way, saw his wife with a revolver thrust in his face. She remarked coldly: "Now, you march into the house and go to bed or there'll be a second class funeral." He marched, muttering under his breath: "It might work on a Tahlequah damsel, but on a Muskogee woman, never!" —Pryor Creek Clipper.

### Not Even Standing Room.

A traveler on an electric car had a seat next an old negro couple; whose earnest voices attracted his attention. "I tell yo', Sam, dat's one ob yo' mod'n notions. I ain't got no patience wif dese yere mod'n notions," said the old "mammy."

"And I say again, just like I done say'd befo'," replied Sam, "dat I seen-it in de newspaper."

"Yo' mean foh't tell me dat yo' seen in de paper how folks was a-livin' on de moon?"

"Yas'm, dese yere wise folks say people am a-livin' on de moon. An' what's mo', dey say de moon is crowded wif 'em."

The old lady's eyes gleamed suddenly in triumph. "Den ef dat's de case, Sam, wherd' do all dem people go when de moon dwindles down t' a little streak?" —Youth's Companion.

### Money Dow on Leaves.

The peculiar deposit often noticed on the upper surfaces of leaves, especially upon those of the basswood and the hickory, has been accounted for in two ways—by the excretion of a species of a minute insect called aphides and also as an exudation of the leaves themselves. It may be truthfully said that the cause of this exudation, which is a saccharine liquid of wonderful sweetness, is still an unsolved botanical mystery. Gray says: "It seems to be caused by something peculiar in the atmosphere that occurs most frequently on trees growing upon islands in temperate latitudes."

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### HURRY CALL FOR A BRIDE.

Extremity of a Labrador "King" When the Bishop Came.

Every summer when the coast of Labrador is fairly free and vessels can approach that foggy and forbidding country the bishop of Newfoundland makes a trip as far north as the ice permits. He finds much to do in giving comfort and counsel, christening the infants that have been born during the winter, preaching funeral sermons and uniting the betrothed, who await him at the fishing stations.

Landing at the Seal Islands once, he found an assemblage clad in its level best at the house of the "king," or leading factor, for the king, having buried four wives, had resolved to take a fifth, and he had gathered the neighbors to witness his joy in the acquisition.

There are not many neighbors in Labrador, but there were enough in this instance to fill both rooms of his house. When the bishop had been warmed and welcomed and was prepared to speak the words that would fill the Seal Islands with rejoicing he discovered that the union was impossible because the bride and bridegroom were too nearly related.

"The church forbids this match," he declared, and great was the sensation. The bride sank down in tears of mortification and temper, and the bridegroom scratched his head in bewilderment. Something had to be done, and quickly, for it might be a year before a clergyman appeared on that coast again.

"Oh, well, there's plenty of others," said the king, brightening as he surveyed his guests. He turned to a woman in the company and asked, "Will you have me, Lizzie?"

"Not for a gift!" exclaimed the guest indignantly.

"Will you have me, Jane?"

"Not if you were the last man on Labrador."

"How for you, Moggart?"

"Never!"

The king looked ruefully over the wedding party and, spying the cook at the far side of the room, marched over to her resolutely, seized her by the arm, saying, "Come along, Sue; you'll do!" dragged her, none too willing, before the bishop, and they were married.—Youth's Companion.

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In the Observer's Diamond Ring Voting Contest for the most popular young lady in Coke county.

Name.....

Good Until July 20 P. O. Address.....

GENERAL RULES OF THE CONTEST

These prizes are given away solely for the purpose of increasing the circulation of the Observer and will cost you nothing. The votes are given those paying subscription and can only be obtained in this way. No votes will be sold. They will be issued in the following denominations on blanks furnished by this office. Either of the coupons printed below is good for Five votes when properly signed and voted within the week dated.

For every \$1.00 paid on back due subscription .....	50 Votes	For every three years subscription .....	375 Votes
For every one year new subscription .....	100 Votes	For every four years subscription .....	525 Votes
For every renewal one year subscription .....	100 Votes	For every five years subscription .....	600 Votes
For every two years subscription .....	225 Votes	For every ten years subscription .....	2000 Votes

For Every Year Additional Over Ten Years 250 Votes.

Ladies entering the race will be furnished with circular letters and envelopes in order to help him secure subscriptions. The vote will be counted each week and the vote announced; after which the votes counted will be placed in a locked box to remain until the final count, which will be made on the afternoon of the last day by a committee of prominent citizens.

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### GOOD RAINS COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Coke County Has Been Abundantly Blessed With Good Rains the Past Week—The Best In its History.

Coke is very wet as the effects of four day's rain the past week. It began raining Thursday the fifth, rained all day the sixth, most of the day the seventh. The rain fell steady and every bit of it went into the ground. Our oldest inhabitants tell us that it was the best rain they ever saw at this time of the year, and that the crop prospects, with the exception of corn, is the best ever known. The corn crop was cut a little short on account of the dry spell, but considerable corn will be made and also an abundance of feed stuffs. Our farmers and ranchmen are all smiles over the fine rains and old Coke is coming to the front this year with the largest cotton crop in the history of the county. We have heard frequent remarks in the last few days made by farmers that they were good for one-half bale to the acre without any more rain and with some good rains during next month will push a bale. With the bumper crop this year the immigration to Coke from the east will be something immense.

Everything was afloat Thursday morning in Robert Lee and surrounding country. A very

## LET US SHOW YOU

That we can save you money on your grocery bills by supplying you with the best

### High Grade Groceries

We will give you prompt service and treat you right. Let us show you this month. Phone your orders to

**Rushing & Turney.**

PHONE 42.

#### Silver Notes.

Rain! Rain! Rain! Well, I should say it rains. It has rained four days this week. I think we will have to get into our fields and pull the weeds out.

\*Grass is certainly fine in these parts, now.

The county union which met at Silver last Friday and Saturday was well attended. The local furnished barbecued beef, and the good sisters brought bread and many other good things to feed the crowd. Everything was carried on nicely and all seemed, as the saying is, "to have a hog-killing time."

Bro. A. M. Laakey filled his regular appointment at Silver Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday night.

Two women elders have preached some in our settlement this week.

L. D. Rodgers was bitten by a spider last Saturday. He suffered considerably Saturday night and Sunday, but is up, now, and able to work.

Mr. Rushing was in our country this week representing the Texas Nursery Co., situated at Sherman.

B. Jackson returned from Coleman county Tuesday, where he had gone after his daughter.

heavy rain fell between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning. There is going to be something doing in Coke this fall.

#### Notice.

If it is good clothes you want and made to fit it will pay you to see H. J. Gattman's samples. I also clean and press clothes. Leave orders at Goss Barber Shop.



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San Angelo, Texas.



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#### From Cotton-Stalk Fiber.

An inventor has discovered a process by which paper fit for all uses to which paper is put can be made of the cotton-stalk fiber. Should the invention prove to be practical there is no telling to what extent the manufacture of paper can be developed in the south. Millions of dollars of cotton stalks are thrown away annually. If this loss could be saved it would be as near like getting money from home as anything could be.—Ex.

#### Mrs. Icie Jackson.

Bert Miller of Colorado City was down here last week putting up a windmill for J. N. Padgett. GRANGER.

#### Tennyson Items.

We had a very nice rain on last Monday evening. It didn't come an hour too soon for the corn crop was already cut short. The rain was accompanied by a wind which damaged several houses, but no serious results.

W. H. Sorrell has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler returned to their home on Lipan Flat Monday after, visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Sayner, Saturday and Sunday.

Ed Allison spent Sunday night with his sister Mrs. Frank Palmer.

S. W. Gaston transacted business in San Angelo Thursday. Charlie Brown went to Miles Saturday.

The infant child of Mr. Baker near Juniper, died last Saturday and was buried in the public cemetery Sunday evening.

R. D. Allison and family were Sunday. Will Thurman, Chatter Box.

## In Business For Your Health!

This is a very healthy county, but there are times when you need the services of an accurate druggist, and a place where you can buy

### The Purest of Drugs and Medicines.

We carry nothing but the best in the drug and medicine line and when misfortune overtakes you we want to serve you. Our toilet articles, perfumes, and stationery always please. We sell adopted school books.

## The City Drug Store.

P. D. COULSON, Proprietor.

#### Saved His Comrade's Life.

"While returning from the Grand Army Encampment at Washington City, a comrade from Elgin, Ill., was taken with cholera morbus and was in a critical condition," says Mr. J. E. Houghland, of Eldon, Iowa. "I gave him Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and believe saved his life. I have been engaged for ten years in immigration work and conducted many parties to the south and west. I always carry this remedy and have used it successfully on many occasions. Sold by all druggists."

#### Tent Meeting.

We will preach a series of sermons, beginning on the first Sunday in August, leading up to our regular revival services, which will begin on the second Sunday in August. We cordially invite everybody to attend, and especially all Christian people, to co-operate in the great work of our blessed Master.

These services will be held under our new tent which will afford seating capacity for over six hundred. We are to have the assistance of Prof. Madera of Temple, Texas, in our song service. Let everybody come out and take a part in the song service.

#### List of subjects:

1. Sunday at 11 o'clock, "What Is Man?"
2. Sunday night, "God's Revelation to Man." Duet by Prof. Madera and Miss Williams.
3. Monday night, "Neglect."
4. Tuesday night, "Fall of Man."
5. Wednesday night, "How to Be Saved."
6. Thursday night, "The Soul Darning Sin."
7. Friday night, "How the Gospel Reaches the Heart."
8. Saturday night, "The Broad Invitation."
9. Sunday at 11 o'clock, "Shall We Live Again?"
10. Sunday night, "Will Christ Come Again?"

Other subjects will be announced later. The day services will be determined later. Cottage prayer meetings will be held with any home desiring same on invitation. Workers' meetings will be held at the church before each day service. All those desiring to take part in the work will please attend these meetings. I am,

Very truly yours,

M. W. DAILY,

Pastor First Baptist Church, Robert Lee, Texas.

#### A Hard Lot.

Of troubles to contend with, spring from a torpid liver and blocked bowels, unless you awaken them to their proper action with Dr King's New Life Pills; the pleasantest and most effective cure for constipation. They prevent appendicitis and tone up the system. 25c at Evans drug store.

—Your grand father used a Seth Thomas the best clock in the world. Get one at the Evans' Drug Co.

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I am prepared to serve you when you need  
**HARDWARE STOVES, CROCKERY GLASSWARE,  
 WASHING MACHINES, LAMPS, ETC.  
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**Robert Lee, Texas.**  
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**LOCAL NEWS.**

**Attention Business Men.**

The Robert Lee Business club will meet at the Court house next Friday night. Don't fail to attend as there is considerable business that needs your attention.

W. J. ADAMS  
President.

Geo. Cowan Secretary.

Always go to the Robert Lee Saddle Shop for saddles and harness.

—Try Goss for a shave.

J. F. Cole and family of Sanco were in the city Tuesday trading.

—Croquet sets at the Racket Store.

Will Doughtery, a real estate man of San Angelo, was out this week on business.

—Why not get a good book to read these long evenings? Evan's Drug co. has a large variety.

Misses Dolye Stewart and Hesta Stickney left to-day for Sherwood to visit friends.

—It floats—7 bars of Sunny Monday soap for 25 cents at the Racket Store.

Mrs. J. T. Culp of Elgin is here on a visit to her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton.

—Best hair brush in town 25c at the Racket Store

Mrs. Ben Cooper and children of Taylor county are in the city, the guest of Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. J. O. Toliver.

—Let Bell & Co., fill your grocery orders.

T. J. Newton of Colorado City is here on a visit to his brother, J. C. Newton and family.

—LeGear stock food the best on the market at the Evans Drug Store.

Judge P. D. Coulson is campaigning in the Tennyson country this week.

—Watch the bargain counter, it saves you money, at the Racket Store.

Misses Meek, of Elgin, Texas, are here on a visit to their cousins, Misses Bessie and Jessie Newton.

—Don't fail to call on Geo. Goss for a hair cut or shave.

Joe Hall returned last week from Roscoe where he has held a position with the drug firm of W. H. Bishop.

—We are exclusive agents for Goetting's perfumes, the best on the market. Prices from 15c to \$3 per bottle. City Drug Store.

Miss Myrtle Warren, of Sweetwater, is in town the guest of her cousin, Miss Belle Warren.

—When you think of something good to eat, think of Bell & Co. Their stock of groceries is complete.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickeson and child of Brownwood are here on a visit to their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis

—Tanglefoot and poison fly paper at the city Drug Store.

W. E. Samons and family, of Calaveras, Wilson county, arrived in the city last week. Mr. Samons will run the gin stands at the Noah & Day gin this fall.

—The largest line of the most popular stock and poultry food in town will be found at the Evan's Drug co.

Read Comperé Bros. ad and write them at once if you want to borrow money on your land.

Don't forget that a ten day vocal music school will begin at 8:30 a. m., July 16th at the First Baptist church at Robert Lee. Tuition will be \$1. Everybody invited to come and join on that day also patrons requested to visit the school.

BRUMMETT & POWERS.

We have connection with one of the best immigration companies in Texas and can get buyers for good ranch and agricultural lands at reasonable prices.

DURHAM & MERCHANT.

The baptizing, as a result of the recent meeting at the Robert Lee Baptist church, was postponed this week on account of the bad weather. It will be attended to the Fifth Sunday in July and also there will be services at that time.

If you wish to sell your lands list them with us now so we will have plenty of time to properly advertise them for the fall and winter trade.

DURHAM & MERCHANT.

—Just received a fine line of cuttlery consisting of knives and razors, also razor strops. Come in and inspect our stock. Evans Drug Store.

**OUR VOTING CONTEST.**

The following is the names of candidates and the vote to date each have received in our Machine and Diamond Ring Contest:

**MACHINE CONTEST.**

Mrs. D. I. DURHAM, Robert Lee..... 3361 Votes  
Mrs. L. P. HOLMAN, Bronte..... 3136 Votes  
Mrs. J. N. BRANNON, Sanco..... 919. Votes

**RING CONTEST.**

Miss ZULA BLALACK, Robert Lee..... 3407 Votes  
Miss WILLIE GREEN, Robert Lee..... 2163 Votes  
Miss KATE DOUGLASS, Fort Chadbourne..... 1332 Votes

All votes must be voted within the week received. Each vote must be dated and signed.

**Clean Up.**

Parties are notified that they should clean up around their premises. The sanitary laws of the town should and will be enforced.

W. J. ADAMS.  
F. K. TURNEY.  
Board of Health.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves signature is on each box. 25c.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congressional District.....\$15  
Representative District..... 10  
Judicial District..... 10  
County..... 5  
Precinct..... 2

The following candidates are announced subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

For Representative, 102nd Dist.:

W B SILLIMAN;  
D. M. WEST,

For County Judge

J D JOWERS  
P. D. COULSON

For County and District Clerk

J W BARNETT,  
JOHN S GARDNER

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

J A CLIFF,  
WILL HICKMAN,

For Tax Assessor:

L. B. MURRAY,  
W T HAZLEWOOD

For County Treasurer:

B F HALL, JR.  
W P GRAVES

For Public Weigher Precinct 1

J B ETHERIDGE,  
JAY AKIN

For Commissioner Precinct No 1

G. A. HARMON,  
M. C. JONES

For J. P. Precinct No 1.

J. A. HAYS,  
P. W. HUDMAN,

For Commissioner Precinct 2

M. C. JONES,  
S. W. GASTON.

For Commissioner Precinct 5

M. H. HAVENS,  
C. M. BARGER.

For Commissioner Precinct 4

J N PADGETT,  
T. J. GOSS,

A. J. ABRINS.

**"In The Good Old Summer Time"**

This thought suggests Lawns and Embroideries, Fans and Parasols. We've got 'em. Keep coming after them. Our large stock of these goods is fast disappearing and we feel that our customers appreciate our efforts in supplying the trade with good wholesome merchandise at popular prices.

**DON'T FORGET**

Our Queen Quality Shoes for ladies, and our Clover Brand Shoes for everybody. They are winners. We are more than pleased to serve you in these shoes. Come in and see us for anything you may need and if we do not have it in stock we will get it for you.

**OUR BUSINESS.**

is now all under one roof, two big rooms, and we are more able to serve you than ever before. If you are not one of our customers, then give us a trial. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

**Robert Lee Mercantile Co.**

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

—I am still in the photograph business and am prepared to make your photos. E. POWERS.

The Observer is under many obligations this week to Miss Mae Stewart for assisting us in getting out this week's paper.

If you want to borrow money on your land read Comperé Bros ad in this issue and write them at once.

Banker H. H. Pearce has placed a large portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the bank which adds greatly to the appearance of things.

—Creator of Competition cigar at the City Drug Store—when you smoke one you will have no other.

Geo. Barham, who was formerly in business here, was in the city a few days the past week visiting acquaintances. He is now working on the Santa Fe with headquarters at Temple.

—Evans Drug Store carries the best line of candies to be found in the city. We order in small quantity and always have it fresh.

The Observer will give a years subscription to the party bringing us the largest watermelon and six months to the party bringing the second largest.

If you want the payments on your land reduced and extended read Comperé Bros. ad and write them at once, at Abilene, Texas

Miss Elsie Toliver, who has been attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville, has returned home to spend the vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Toliver.

—Our line of hair brushes is one of the most complete lines ever brought to this city. They range in price from 25c to \$1, and every one is a bargain. City

**A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.**

Itching, Blind, Bleeding Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if ointment fails in 6 to 14 days. 50c

Thad Angel, of Humble Texas arrived in the city Wednesday. He was joined here by his brother Eucl and together they left Wednesday for Scurry county to visit their uncle.

—Big line of Simmons cuttlery consisting of the very best grades in pocket knives, scissors, shears at cost at the City Drug Store.

WANTED—To buy cattle on account W. J. Adams.  
Subscribe for the Observer.

**H H Sigman & Co**  
of San Angelo pay the  
very highest price for  
your hides

A. F. Daffern of Yellow Wolf was in Monday with a load of watermelons which was very readily disposed of at good prices.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL**

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Everything Up-to-Date,  
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**BARGAINS FOR YOU**

I have just received a new line of goods in both Dry goods and groceries and would like to supply your wants. My prices are the lowest to be had and I keep them so because my expenses are very light.

**J. L. BARRON.**

# The Peoples Bank

We make an earnest effort to accommodate all classes. Our aim is to make this in every respect the Peoples' Bank; a bank where all may feel at home; a place where those of moderate means may expect the same treatment as those more favorably situated.

The First State Bank, 

BRONTE, TEXAS.

## PRINCIPLES ADVOCATED

By John F. Maddox, Candidate for Representative of This the 102nd Representative District..

1. A reform in taxation whereby the state and county tax will be separated, the revenue for the state to be derived alone from a tax on corporations, the county revenue from a tax on land and personal property. By this means the corporations will be compelled to contribute a just proportion to the support of the state government, and a part of the burden of taxation will be lifted from the shoulders of the people.

2. A law prohibiting the issuance and use of free passes and other corporation privileges except to bonafide employees. In 1906 the railroads issued 418,000 passes, being 11,000 more than the number of poll tax paid in the state. The influence of this great evil is overshadowing our people and under its dark covering the railroads are escaping taxation. It is endangering the jury box and has marked for its prey the Judiciary of our state.

3. The enactment of a law that will remove from our seat of government the unwholesome influence of the professional lobby. The right of petition, or the open advocacy of, or opposition to any particular measure should never be denied a people but the lobbyist hired by corporations for corrupt purposes should be denied the privilege of perpetrating his pernicious profession.

4. The suppression of trusts by making it a felony to violate the anti-trust laws of our state. To fine them is only to further burden the people, as they have but to raise the price of selling and lower that of buying to recover the amount paid to the state. With the jails and penitentiaries staring them in the face, they will be good, and not until then.

5. To make it illegal, with imprisonment the penalty, for any corporation to contribute in any way to the support of any

candidate for public office. The penalty should apply alike to him who receives as well as to those who contribute, and should be sufficiently severe to guarantee protection from this nefarious practice;

6. There are three constitutional amendments to be voted upon as follows: (1) To exempt from taxation the endowment funds of religious schools. (2) Providing for the levying of a tax not exceeding fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, to pay jurors, and (3) Fixing the salaries and mileage of members of the Legislature, and prohibiting them from accepting free passes, tickets and other corporation privileges.

The first proposed amendment looks reasonable on its face, but this is a Democratic free and enlightened government, where all men, whether religious or not, are subject, and should be, to the same penalties, and have equal rights. While I have a veneration for religion and church affairs, I am unconditionally opposed to fostering any measure that gives religious schools, conducted for profit and teaching certain religious ideas of doctrine, any concessions by this government further than that given to the humblest citizen.

The second proposed amendment is a principle of local government and should be decided by the citizen tax payer, as is the special school tax: The juror who leaves his business to answer a summons should be paid, but it is a question of local interest for the tax payer to decide.

The third proposed amendment should be adopted, not so much because it will increase the pay of members of the Legislature, which however should be done, but because it will correct the free pass evil, that is wrong in principle and vicious in practice. [Advertisement.]

# Burton-Lingo Co.

Lumber, shingles, sash, doors, mouldings and all other building material, for less money at our yard than anywhere else.

San Angelo, Texas.

## CHINESE THRIFT.

Celestial Empire a Poor Field For Accident Insurance.

"China would be a poor field for accident insurance companies," said a man in the tea trade to a representative of the New York Sun. "The inhabitants would be only too glad to get hurt in order to collect their insurance."

"Up the river from Hongkong there's a little settlement of Englishmen. Just across the river is a graveyard inhabited by a few scrub birds of the snipe family. They are very poor shooting, but your Briton must have sport of some kind, and shooting these birds is the only sport in sight."

"One day an Englishman let drive at a snipe and hit a Chinaman, who had just bobbed out from behind a tombstone. The charge of shot struck the coolie in his wrist, putting his hand out of business."

"Of course the Chinaman made a roar. The Briton, wanting to do the square thing, offered to pay the damage. The coolie demanded \$10. The Englishman generously made it \$15."

"There was never any good hunting in the graveyard after that. Whenever an Englishman was seen approaching, a Chinaman hid behind every gravestone."

"With marvelous cleverness they'd manage to get in range just when the Briton fired. If one of them had the luck to get two or three birdshot in his system he would come out, roar and collect."

"Of course this drove away the snipe, but the coolies took to catching birds, tying them by the leg to gravestones and hiding themselves in holes, from which they could rise and get shot at the proper moment. The Englishmen had to stop hunting. It was too expensive."

"One of the pleasant and refined Chinese tortures is crushing the ankle. There are coolies in Shanghai who keep a standing offer to submit to this torture for the benefit of tourists at a rate of \$5."

"I know of several cases where this offer has been accepted. The coolie submitted without a howl and smiled when he collected the money."

## Two Strange Languages.

Among the strange languages used by humankind throughout the world are those of the Gomeros, inhabitants of one of the Canary group of islands, and the Kameruns of west Africa. The Gomero whistle what he has to say to his neighbors, using both fingers and lips so expertly as to express all the signals that are required to make the conversation intelligible. A Kamerun man uses a drum. The instrument is rather peculiar, its surface being divided into uneven halves, so that when it is struck it yields two different notes. With a code in character not unlike the taps of the telegraphic system, the people make this drum express every syllable of their language. A Kamerun chieftain can summon any one of his subjects and at the same time intimate the purpose for which he is required by the mere use of the drum.

## Fanning.

Outside of Spain and the orient fanning is not a graceful art, but a manual labor. It is not soothing, but heating. The only persons to whom fanning is a real relief are those who follow the oriental fashion and wave their generous palm leaves with the same sang froid with which Cleopatra's slaves on her immortal barge swung theirs to and fro. Fans are as old as history, and the ancient Egyptians well knew their use, but it is not possible to imagine those stately queens of ancient days permitting in their presence anything so vigorously undignified as the modern method of fanning.

## Turning the Tables.

Clergyman (to his wife, returning very late from a gossiping party)—Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, wifey?

Wife—Oh, I did not wish to disturb you in the preparation of your sermon.

Clergyman's Wife (ready for the fray on Monday night, to her husband, returning very late from his club)—Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, hubby?

Clergyman—Well, you see, dearest, I didn't want to disturb you in the preparation of your certain lecture.—Flagrant Blatter.

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# Your Summer Outing

Should Be Your Thought at the Present Time,  
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## SUMMER TOURIST RATES

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To All Points Where a Most Enjoyable Vacation Can Be Spent. You Cannot Make a Mistake in Going to

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I have several interesting pamphlets that I would like to send you if you will drop me a card. With harver serving the meals and a dustless track, your trip cannot be other than joy.

Kindly Address

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A.,  
G. C. & S. F., Galveston, Texas

## Modest Claims Often Carry the Most Conviction.

When Maxim, the famous gun inventor, placed his gun before a committee of judges, he stated its carrying power to be much below what he felt sure the gun would accomplish. The result of the trial was therefore a great surprise, instead of a disappointment. It is the same with the manufacturers of Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. They do not publicly boast of all this remedy will accomplish, but prefer to let the users make the statements. What they do claim, is that it will positively cure diarrhoea, dysentery pains in the stomach and bowels and has never been known to fail. For sale by all druggists.

We are having numerous inquiries from people in the East about lands in Coke county and are in position to handle good agricultural lands to the best possible advantage to those who wish to sell.

If you desire to sell your lands for good value call at our office and list them with us.

DURHAM & MERCHANT.

GuttaPercha is the best on earth for all outside and inside painting. We also handle all kinds of leads, oils, varnish brushes and painter's supplies. We want your orders and will save you money. City Drug Store.

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Superb Pullman vestibuled Sleepers and handsome reclining chair cars, seats free, on all through trains. Only line with fast morning and evening trains to St Louis and the east. Only line with Pullman sleepers and high back Scarritt seat coaches through, without change, to New Orleans daily. Only line with handsome new chair cars through, without change, daily to St Louis, Memphis and El Paso. Only line with a saving of 12 hours to California. Only line with Tourist sleeping cars semi-weekly through, without change, to San Francisco and St Louis. Elegant dining cars to St Louis on.....

THE CANNON BALL, NIGHT EXPRESS.

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