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From Hayrick.

Rain, rain, all the time. Hayrick has never had so much rain in July as now and the grass is as good as could be wished for, and the cotton and maize was never better. The general health of the community is fine and all the complaint we can hear is for dry weather so we can finish plowing out the cotton.

Mr. A. E. Burdweid passed through this way to-day from Scurry county on his way to Coleman county and he states that the crops are as good as could be wished for from his ranch in Scurry county to Hayrick. However he says he thinks a little more rain would help the Silver neighborhood at this time.

Mr. Byron L. Bailey the young man that is stopping with his aunt, Mrs. H. H. Hayley for the purpose of improving his health is much better and we hope will soon be himself again.

Your correspondent has just had a talk with one of Bronte's commercial men and he tells us that John Maddox of Ballinger, candidate for representative of this district, recently made a speech in Bronte which was well received by the voters of that locality. It seems that Mr. Maddox is largely in the lead in

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From Fort Chadbourne.

Know all is anxious to hear of the blooming Fort Chadbourne country. Our city is on a boom and our people are feeling good.

Candidates are very plentiful in our community. Politics is all the go here.

Miss Eva Russell and sister, Mrs. McRorey were shopping in our town Saturday.

Mr. Sid Robinson and his new bride accompanied by Mr and Mrs Fair are down here on their honeymoon trip visiting relatives and friends. Their home is at Stamford.

W. C. McDonald, and wife attended church at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. Pilguer and sister and Miss Bass, of Marie, were Chadbourne visitors Sunday.

Mr. Spoons and wife have gone to Ballinger to meet their preacher son, of Indiana, who has recently held a meeting in the First Presbyterian church of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamilton entertained the young people with an ice cream supper Friday night.

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A. B. SHERWOOD, Cashier.

WE SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNTS.

Coke county as our next representative in the state legislature with Mr. West, the "baby busser," following and Mr. Silliman bringing up the rear.

Hoping this little communication will afford you much pleasure, I am yours truly,

PHINNIE.

Robert Lee Wants Railroad.

Citizens of Robert Lee have raised \$16000 by public subscription, for the proposed new railroad from Miles to Colorado City.

The capitol city of Coke county does not propose to be left behind in the matter of railway facilities.

When the Orient road was surveyed through Coke county the people of Robert Lee did every thing in their power to have the road take in Robert Lee. That they were unsuccessful was due solely to the topography of the country and the situation of the town with reference to the road's objective point.

If there is a ghost of a chance for Robert Lee to get a railroad we believe she will get it and here's hoping she will.—San Angelo Monitor.

Would Issue Bonds.

The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway company has applied to the state railway commission for the registration of \$1,261,000 on 78.84 miles of completed track between Sweetwater and Knox City, same being at the rate of \$16,000 per mile.—San Angelo Standard.

Mr. T. S. Foster brought in the first water melon to McDonald, Doughty & Co. last week, where he received the prize.

Well with best wishes. I am the same.

PIALPHA.

Subscribe for the Observer.

Congressman Smith returned to his home in Colorado City on the 6th inst and at once arranged to make as extensive canvas of the district as was possible in the three remaining weeks of the campaign, and to that end made speaking arrangements for Scurry, Nolan, Eastland, Runnels and Concho counties, beginning at Snyder to-day. Early this morning however, Judge Smith received a message advising that his wife, who has been sick all the year and who had been located at a point in Virginia near Washington, had grown worse and requiring his immediate return to her bedside. Accordingly Judge Smith left this morning for the time of his return to the district is indefinite and his appointments for speeches have necessarily been withdrawn.

We desire the people to know the distressing circumstances which prevent Judge Smith from personally seeing and speaking to them, knowing that when they become aware of the facts they cannot and will not criticize him because of his failure to do so.

The W. E. Smith campaign committee, by P. C. Coleman, Chairman.

Colorado, Texas, July 9, 1906.

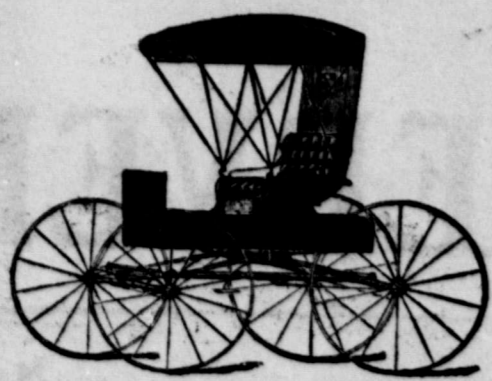
MONEY TO LEND ON LAND

We have \$100,000 to lend on good security for lands in Scurry, Mitchell and Coke Counties within the next four months, so if you want to borrow money, at eight per cent, on your farm, or ranch lands for any purpose, write us what you have and how much loan you want, and we will take it up with you at once. We make no loans for less than \$500.00, and the larger the better it suits us. Would like to make some big ranch loans up to any amount. If you want a loan and have any doubt about us being able to fit you up, then write to either, or all of the six National banks in this, Taylor, County and see what they say about us

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The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

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Entered in the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

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Gen. Tarrant's Grave Near Italy Texas.

It is known to but few people that the body of General Edward Tarrant, for whom Tarrant county was named, lies in an unmarked grave in the Hughes cemetery near Italy in Ellis county, and in a few years none will remain to even identify it among other unmarked graves.

L. P. Hall of Joshua, Johnson

is here. Medical treatment, is one of a few men, and his brother Jacob Young of Italy is another who can now point out the grave. Mr. Hall married the niece of Wade Cobb, General Tarrant's half brother. He never saw the frontier soldier, but is familiar with his history.

"The grave contains no marks of identification," says Mr. Hall "except a small sandstone slab at the head and foot. Without inscription, and I think my brother and I are the only one who could point it out. Ft. Worth ought to erect a monument of some sort to the man who drove the Indians from this section and opened it to civilization.

"This cemetery adjoins a tract of land formerly owned by General Tarrant and that is why he was buried there. But there is no one to care for the grave. His wife was an Indian woman and the last time I heard of her was about five years ago when she was living at Morgan, in Bosque county."

—Croquet sets at the Racket Store.

Bowel Complaint in Children.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels which should receive careful attention as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears. The best medicine in use for bowel complaint is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as it promptly controls any unnatural looseness of the bowels. For sale by all druggists.



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

One of Mr. W. N. Cason's little girls got her arm broken one day this week. Dr. Pillans reports it set and healing.

Pastor Daily of the first Baptist church, is in the midst of a meeting at crews. He has calls to hold more meetings than he has time.

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

The Robert Lee Real Estate Co have a number of prospectors wanting coke county real estate. They have one wanting a ranch containing 10,000 acres and another wanting 3,000 acres. If you have property suiting the description list it with us

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.

Mr. Euel Angel, who has been with the Observer force for the past month left Wednesday of last week, for Scurry county, to visit relatives and friend. Mr. Angel is a good newspaper man and a hightoned gentleman.

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

Mrs. Addie McLeon of Pecos county, and Mrs. A. A. Rutherford of Sterling City, is here on a visit to their parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Coulson.

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."

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.

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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.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Relating to Certain Exemptions from Taxation.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to certain exemptions from taxation. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended that the same shall read as follows, to-wit:

"All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority of levying the tax; but the Legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools, also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages; that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property above mentioned shall be null and void."

Section 2. The Governor of the State shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election for State and County officers.

Section 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas shall vote upon this amendment on the — day of —, at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against amendment to Section 2, Article 8, of the Constitution exempting from taxation endowment funds used exclusively for school purposes."

Section 4. The sum of \$5000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation, and election.

[A true copy.] O. K. SHANNON, Secretary of State.

Will Succeed.

The enterprising citizens of this city have a move on foot that will prove to be of great value to the towns and communities affected. The Messenger, always on the alert for news has refrained from giving the move publicity until the improvement is more fully established, but one thing is entirely possible and exceedingly probable that this city is to have a new railroad. The Messenger will likely give particulars next week. Get ready to pull, for something will be doing in the near future. —Miles Messenger.

J. H. Burroughs is making headway on the new Masonic Temple. It is looking quite "house-like" now.

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A RAILROAD TO ROBERT LEE

An Interesting Mass Meeting Was Held At The Court House Friday Night and Permanent Steps Were Taken to Secure Road.

On last Friday night our citizens held a mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the several railroad propositions we now have and determine the best way of securing a line to Robert Lee at the earliest possible date. Interesting talks were made by several citizens as to the best way of raising a bonus for the first railroad that builds to Robert Lee after which the following resolution was passed.

"The meeting passed a resolution of thanks for the interest shown, and the visit to our town by Messrs John B. Parks, Sam R. Farmer. It was unanimously agreed that the committees appointed by a previous meeting be continued and that they report at as early a date as possible.

Agreed that we co-operate with the citizens of Miles in procuring a right-of-way through Coke county by way of Robert Lee and in raising bonus to secure the road. A vote was taken and opinion expressed that it is the firm opinion of this meeting that Coke county citizens can procure a right-of-way and raise a bonus of \$75,000 or \$100,000 provided that said road comes too or passes through the town of Robert Lee.

The proposed lines to Robert Lee is as follows.

Menard to Miles, Robert Lee and Colorado City which is later to connect with the San Antonio & Aransas Pass on the south at Kerrville.

Another line is an extension of the Texas Central from DeLeon in Comanche county, to cross the Orient at Fort Chadbourne to Robert Lee, Sterling and out through Glasscock county and on west.

Another proposition is for home capital with some outside capital which can be easily gotten to construct a line from Robert Lee to Fort Chadbourne or Bronte on the Orient, the most practicable route. A great number of our largest land owners have expressed the willingness to give as a bonus \$1 per acre on their land.

In this way it can readily be seen that a sufficient amount can be raised to secure the road without much trouble.

Committees have been appointed to see what can be done in raising the necessary bonus and it is expected that permanent

steps will be taken in a short while which will secure a road to this place.

Every citizen should put his shoulder to the wheel and leave nothing undone until the whistle of the locomotive can be heard in our city. A united action can accomplish anything.

Only 82 Years Old.

"I am only 82 years old and don't expect even when I get to be real old to feel that way as I can get Electric Bitters," says Mrs E H Brunson of Dublin, Ga. Surely there's nothing else keeps the old as young and makes the weak as strong as this grand tonic medicine. Dyspepsia, torpid liver, inflamed kidneys or chronic constipation are unknown after taking Electric Bitters a reasonable time. Guaranteed by Evans drug store. Price 50c.

Our Voting Contest.

Only two more weeks remain to get your votes in on our voting contest. Interest is greatly increasing all along the line and things promise to be quite lively before it is over. The prizes we are giving away to the most popular married and young lady are handsome ones and well worth your time in securing them. Ask everyone you see to subscribe for the Observer and give you the votes. You receive a handsome prize and at the same time help your paper. Votes can only be gotten by subscribing for the Observer, and clipping the coupons from the paper.

Twenty Year Battle.

"I was a loser in a twenty year battle with chronic piles and malignant sores, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; which turned the tide, by curing both, till not a trace remains," writes A M Bruce, of Farmville, Va. Best for old ulcers, cuts, burns, and wounds. 55c at Evans drug store.

Increase in Taxable Values.

The following furnished us by Assessor W. W. McCutchen will show the decided increase in taxable values of Coke county for 1906 over 1905.

Resident roll, 1905	\$109,700	
Resident roll, 1906		1205,860
Non-resident, 1905	447,580	
Non-resident, 1906		498,690
Un-rendered, 1905	82,100	
Un-rendered, 1906		\$100,480
Railways 1905	2500	
Railways, 1906		32.40
Telephones 1905	1000	
Telephones 1906		1200
Increase in polls		95
Total	\$1631,880	\$1809,470
Total gain		\$177,590

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

My Hair is Extra Long

Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only hair-food you can buy. For 60 years it has been doing just what we claim it will do. It will not disappoint you.

"My hair used to be very short. But after using Ayer's Hair Vigor a short time it began to grow, and now it is fourteen inches long. This seems a splendid result to me after being almost without any hair."—Mrs. J. H. Fernald, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of Sarsaparilla, Pills, Cherry Pectoral.

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. 406, wherein G. G. Odom 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 Fork 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 withholds 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 TEXAS WAGON YARD

I have leased the Texas Wagon Yard, have overhauled it and made it one of the best in San Angelo. I would like to have the trade of the people of Coke county when they visit the city. Good camp houses and lots,

STERLING POOL.

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 have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of same, using, enjoying and cultivating 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 Melver 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 Evan's drug store 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

To the Voters of Precinct No. 1.

Owing to sickness I will be unable to see you, but remember I am still in the race for Cotton Weigher of precinct no. 1 and would like to have your vote and influence on July 28.

G. A. HARMON.

Head Ache Sometimes?

If so, it will interest you to know that it can be stopped with Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills; and without any bad after-effects, and this without danger of forming a drug habit or having your stomach disarranged. They positively contain no opium, morphine, cocaine, chloral, ether or chloroform in any form. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills relieve pain, and leave only a sense of relief. The reason for this is explained by the fact that headache comes from tired, irritable, over-taxed brain nerves. Pain Pills soothe and strengthen these nerves, thus removing the cause. They are harmless when taken as directed.

"We use Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills for the cure of headache, and we think that there is nothing that will equal them. They will cure the severest spell of nervous or sick headache in a very few minutes. I am of a nervous temperament, and occasionally have spells when my nerves seem to be completely exhausted, and I tremble so I can scarcely contain myself. At these times I always take the Anti-Pain Pills, and they quiet me right away. It is remarkable what a soothing effect they have upon the nerves."

MRS. F. E. KARL, Detroit, Mich.
Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first package will benefit. If it fails, he will return your money. 25 doses, 25 cents. Never sold in bulk.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

—Until we close out our stock we will sell picture frames at cost. Our \$2 frames go at \$1.25 and others in proportion. The

Evan's Store.

—A visitor to the city Tuesday on business. He reports all farmers and ranchmen in high spirits in his section.

H. Tatum paid us a visit Monday and had the Observer sent to his brother, Joe Tatum at Clover, Burnett county.

Assessor W. W. McCutchen tells us that he is now ready for the commissioners to pass on the tax rolls for 1906.

Col. H H Hayley tells us that he will leave after the primary for Sagerton on the Orient where he will visit his friend Tom Childress.

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.

Walter Perry has returned again to Robert Lee, after some weeks visit in the eastern part of the state.

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

WHEW! ISN'T IT HOT?

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

J. C. RABB'S IS THE PLACE!!

Always Remember the Full Name Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in Two.

E. H. Brown on Box. 25c.

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.

That Was Jenkins.

A chemist who for many years was the manager of a concern in Massachusetts manufacturing various high grade explosives recently revisited the place of his former employment.

During a talk with his old friends of the institution he made inquiry with reference to a certain colleague of the name of Jenkins.

"By the way," said the chemist, "what has become of Jenkins? Fine fellow?"

"Fine chap indeed," agreed the foreman, "and very skillful in the use of chemicals, but a little absent-minded, Jenkins. See that discoloration on the wall over there?"

"Why, yes. But what has that to do with Jenkins?"

"That is Jenkins."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Snails as Food.

The Lancet advocates the use of snails as food. The snail, it says, has been called "the poor man's oyster." It makes an excellent fish sauce and may be used for the same purpose as oyster sauce. Care must be exercised in the choice of the snails for food purposes, as it is well known that snails feed on poisonous plants, and it is the custom in France to allow a few days to elapse after they have been taken from their feeding ground in order that any poisonous matter may be eliminated.

Of a Cheerful Turn of Mind.

The genial young man slapped the merchant on the back and exclaimed:

"How's business?"

"How's business?" the merchant repeated thoughtfully. Then he took a bundle of notes at anything from thirty days to six months from his pocket, and with an effort at cheer exclaimed:

"My boy, I never saw a time when business was more promising."

A Revelation.

In the midst of his passionate declaration she yawned slightly.

Though, with her white and jeweled hand, she attempted to conceal the movement, it did not escape him. His torrent of burning words ceased. The light died in his eyes.

"But why," he said hoarsely, "why speak to you of love? You are heartless—heartless. Your yawn showed it."

"Oh, Clarence," she whispered, horror stricken, "did I open my mouth as wide as that?"

A Boy and a Bird.

A Capitol Hill small boy received a pair of pet pigeons from his aunt. The youngster was very much interested in them and paid them much attention. He fed them a dozen times a day at least. He was very desirous that some eggs should be laid, but the hen pigeon did not seem inclined to please him in this respect. One day the little boy came running to his mother. He was excited.

"Mamma," he said, "I know why Mrs. Pigeon don't lay a egg!"

"Why?" asked his mother.

"Because her egg is stuck in her neck," he replied. He had felt the pigeon's full crop.—Denver Post.

A Weighty Consideration.

"I wish," said the bookkeeper discontentedly, "that I had taken up a scientific career. I've a great mind to be an astronomer yet."

"Are you tired of figures?"

"A little."

"But if you were an astronomer you would be obliged to make calculations on a scale that you never have to attempt now. You'd have to deal with millions and billions and quadrillions of miles, instead of hundreds and thousands of dollars, as you do now."

"That's very true. But I wouldn't be nearly so likely to lose my position if I made a mistake."

Tartar on the Teeth.

The remedy for tartar on the teeth will be of benefit in clearing the color. Get five cents' worth of powdered pumice stone, an orange stick and lemon. Sharpen the stick to a flat point, cut the lemon in half and dip the stick into the lemon juice and then into the powdered pumice. Rub over the green spots until they are removed and be careful to rub between the teeth also. Rinse thoroughly with warm water. You should use this only when necessary, not oftener than once in two weeks, as the pumice if used often destroys the enamel.

Salt a Luxury.

Salt is the greatest luxury known in central Africa. In some sections among the poorer inhabitants salt is never used. Even among the better classes a man who eats salt with his food is considered a rich individual. In some tribes where salt is not so scarce children are so fond of it that they may be seen eating pieces of lump sugar.

THE HUMAN EAR.

Its Range of Hearing and Some Sounds It Can Escape It.

A careful observer writes: "The range of the human ear is only supposed to be some nine octaves—two octaves more than the ordinary parlor piano, which, of course, is a ridiculously small section of the actual range of sound. It is only necessary to watch a cat out on the grass on a summer day to become convinced that it hears many things that we do not, and numbers of insects we know make noises which are far outside the compass of the human ear. We can see certain insects possessed of certain stridulating organs going through certain motions, and we hear the sound which they produce. We can also observe the effect which that sound has on others of the same kind of insect that are within earshot. Then there are smaller insects allied to them generically, with the same organs, which we can see going through the same motions. Again, we see precisely the same effect on other insects of the same kind that happen to be near. But no human being has ever heard the noise they make nor probably could any microphone make it audible—at all events experiments have failed. The air around us must be full of noises which we do not suspect.

"One of the Norse gods, so the sagas say, could hear the hair growing on a mouse's back. I know one little girl who, if she cannot quite do that, has, if not some octaves, at least a tone or two outside the normal range. 'What a noise the mice are making!' she will say as we walk beside a hedge row, where everything to all others of the party is as silent as one's bedroom at midnight—and that, we may be sure, if we could hear, is far from silent. Again and again I have known her when walking along a lane or across a field suddenly to stand still and listen and then to flop down on all fours, plunging her hands into a tuft of grass, from which they emerge with a struggling vole in the fingers.

"In the middle of a game of croquet she will drop her mallet and disappear into the shrubbery, to come back later with the information that 'it is only the young willow wrens,' and there is difficulty in convincing her that not her father or mother or any of the elders present, young or old, can hear the sounds which, she declares, are 'as loud as anything.' Most of us drop a tone or so for every decade we leave behind us."—Chicago News.

He Got the Billet.

When organizing the Red River expedition Lord Wolseley received from home the following cable: "Remember Butler, Sixty-ninth regiment." He thought no more about it. One day, some weeks later, Lieutenant Butler walked into Wolseley's headquarters and mentioned the telegram. He asked for a job. "I'm afraid there are no billets left," said Wolseley. "All Canada and the army wanted to get on this expedition." "There is one billet," said Butler. "What is that?" "You will want to know what is happening among the Indians on your flank during the advance." "By Jove, you're right!" said Wolseley, and the billet was his. Moreover, the general was so impressed by his forethought that he conceived the idea of keeping a record of the names of soldiers who think things and do things. Butler's was the first name on that list, which was afterward known as the famous Wolseley ring.—Dundee Advertiser.

Be a Grapevine.

The tentacles of the devilfish are less wonderful than those of a vigorous grapevine in the spring. Grasping ambition is as nothing in comparison therewith. See the tender yet audacious tendrils reaching out in blindness for something to catch hold of. The new vine may grow five, seven, ten feet, without support, and the tendrils may grope for weeks in search of something to tie to, but their groping invariably succeeds. They hitch on at last and their grip is tenacity itself. No sooner do they wind their way several times around the newly discovered support than they lose all their tenderness and being to harden into a wirelike coil. Their groping is finished. Their sense of feeling is lost. They become mere hoops of steel.

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LOCAL NEWS.

We failed to correct the date on coupons in voting contest this week but all coupons bearing date of July 20th will be counted.

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

H. H. Pierce has moved into his new residence.

—Try Goss for a shave.

H. H. Wootton of San Angelo, is in the city this week.

—See my premium plan at the Racket Store.

W. C. Lock was in the city Wednesday on business.

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

Master Ed. Ten Eycke was here Tuesday from Bronte.

WANTED—To buy cattle on account W. J. Adams.

Monroe Parker of Valley View was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

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

Judge J. E. Greer visited Bronte Wednesday on business.

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

Mrs. A. N. Tupper and son of Sanco were in the city Tuesday trading.

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

Mrs. Dowell has bought and moved into the house vacated by H. H. Pearce.

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stephens visited at Wild Cat Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Smith who has been very sick is reported considerable better.

—25 cents gets 7 bars of the best laundry soap on earth at the Racket Store.

The attendance at the Sunday school last Sunday was only 79 the weather being bad.

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

Mrs. Annie Pearson and children visited the Arnett ranch near Edith last week.

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

W. M. Green and family of Cedar Hill were in town on business Tuesday.

—Our line of pocket knives scissors and shears are the very best and are going at cost, City Drug Store.

L. P. Hblman, one of Bronte's prominent citizens was in the city Tuesday on business.

—Buy your candy from Evans Drug Store. They order in small shipments and it is always fresh.

Tom Adams and H. C. Blankenship, two of Bronte's good citizens were here Sunday.

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

Jack Adkins of Sanco was here Wednesday and remembered us on subscription.

Watch for a new shipment of goods, something you need at the Racket Store.

Mrs. E. S. Kemp, of Austin, is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. C. Newton.

The health officers are liable to remind you very forcibly if you don't clean up.

Arnett—Ashley.

Mr. R. H. Arnett of Edith and Miss Pearl Ashley of this place were happily married Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Anna Pearson, sister of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. K. Simpson of the Methodist church.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. G. C. Arnett of Edith, and is one of our most prominent young stockmen who is well and favorably known throughout west Texas. They are now at home to their friends at the Arnett ranch near Edith.

The Observer joins their many friends in wishing them every joy of life.

—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.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Clift returned this week from Sherman where he went after Jim Lindley, charged with swindling.

—Why not get a good book to read these long evenings? Evans Drug Co. has a large variety at from 5c to \$1.50.

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. L. P. HOLMAN, Bronte.....	3788 Votes
Mrs. D. I. DURHAM, Robert-Lee.....	3679 Votes
Mrs. J. N. BRANNON, Sanco.....	1119 Votes

RING CONTEST.

Miss ZULA BLALACK, Robert Lee.....	8407 Votes
Miss WILLIE GREEN, Robert Lee.....	2528 Votes
Miss KATE DOUGLASS, Fort Chadbourne.....	1278 Votes

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

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Craddock, of Sanco died in this city Tuesday night at the residence of C. C. Merchant. The remains were laid to rest in the Sanco cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The Observer extends condolence to the bereaved parents in the loss of their little one.

Mrs. Jim Offield of Hamlin, Texas and Mrs. Williams of Bronte, were visitors to the city Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional District.....	\$15
Representative District.....	10
Judicial District.....	10
County.....	5
Precinct.....	3

The following candidates are announced subject to the action for 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. CLIFT,
 - WILL HICKMAN,
 - L. B. MURRAY,
- For Tax Assessor:
 - W. T. HAZLEWOOD
 - W. W. M'UTCHEON
- For County Treasurer:
 - B. F. HALL, JR.
- For Surveyor:
 - W. P. G. ALES
- For Public Weigher Precinct 1:
 - J. B. ETHEREDGE.
 - JAY AKIN
 - G. A. HARMON.
- For Commissioner Precinct No 1:
 - M. C. JONES
 - J. A. HAYS.
 - P. W. HUDMAN,
- For J. P. Precinct No 1.
 - M. C. JONES
- For Commissioner Precinct 2:
 - S. W. GASTON.
 - M. H. HAVENS.
- For Commissioner Precinct 3:
 - C. M. BARGER.
- For Commissioner Precinct 4:
 - J. N. PADGETT
 - T. J. GOSS,
 - A. J. ADKINS.

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

—A new buggy for one dollar by painting the old one with Rueter's paint. Sold by Evans' Drug Co.

Misses Dode, Emma and Johnnie Jones visited friends and relatives at Maverick last week.

—Evans' carries a large stock of watches to be found in the city, Waltham and Elgin movements. Price from \$4 to \$30.

Mrs. A. C. McAuley, of Maverick is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jones.

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

Pastor J. M. Baker assisted by Rev. Switzer, of Georgetown, is conducting a revival meeting at the Methodist church which is well attended every service. Great interest is being taken and it is expected that the meeting will result in great good to Robert Lee and community.

Rev. Switzer is a sound reasoner and eloquent speaker and his sermons are greatly appreciated.

Clerk Barnett issued marriage license Tuesday to Mr. C. E. Clark and Miss Sarah Allen of Wingate and they were later married by Elder L. V. Hamilton. There was some parental objections to the marriage and the young couple came to Robert Lee to have the nuptial knot tied. The Observer wishes them every joy through life.

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L. A. Jackson and little daughter, Miss Lula were here from near Robert Lee Monday. — Miles Messenger.

The interest in the Methodist meeting increases, and the people are attending as well as possible, considering the falling weather. Brother Switzer and Pastor Baker are doing some good for the meeting, as well as the faithful choir and other members.

J. S. Roberson one of Water Valley's most prominent citizens was in the city Tuesday and paid us a pleasant call. He remembered us on subscription while here.

Our friend L. H. McDorman and family will leave on the 23d inst for Montana to visit relatives. They expect to be gone about two months.

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A WHITE CARGO.

It looked like snow in the vessel's hold, but it was not.

Looking down over the high hatchway coming into the open hold of a steamer discharging an East river wharf, a water-side stevedore saw in the hold below what seemed to be a cargo of snow—so white cargo for a vessel to bring.

They had already got out the bulk of it from immediately under the hatchway and almost down to the vessel's floor, but all around still across white banks of it reaching up almost to the vessel's deck. And half way up one of these steep snow banks a man was at work with a pick, dislodging masses of it to fall to the open space at the center, where stood men with scoop shovels, piling this snow into great iron tip buckets, which as fast as they were filled were hoisted up to be dumped into a shoot running down over the steamer's side, this shoot emptying into carts on the wharf.

From the steamer's forward hatch, at the same time and in like manner, they were discharging from the same snowy cargo, a customs officer at each point noting the weights of it as the stuff was hoisted out.

It was salt, the snowy white cargo with which from stem to stern this steamer was loaded; a cargo of 3,500 tons of salt, brought from a place in Sicily where they make salt by the evaporation of sea water from artificially made ponds of about twenty inches in depth.

To one whose ideas of salt were confined to the trifling quantities of it that he saw in shakers and salt cellars on the table this cargo of thousands of tons seemed like a lot of salt; really like something of interest.

As a matter of fact, in the bluffed uses to which it is put salt is used in enormous quantities, and to those acquainted with salt and salt trade salt in full cargoes, large and small, is something quite familiar.—New York Sun.

Only a Hint.

The old colored "mammy" who had ruled the Greenough household for more than twenty years was known to the tradesmen and the world in general as "Mrs. Washington," although she allowed the Greenoughs and their friends to address her as "Aunt Euphrasia."

She had a flow of language which has seldom been equaled, and delighted in it more even than in her skill in cooking. On one occasion Mrs. Greenough overheard Aunt Euphrasia berating a tardy grocer's boy.

"What yo' been, yo' triflin', lazy, destructful, owdacious, aggrvatin', presumptuous boy, while I's been a-waitin' and a-y'arnin' for dese yer condimental spices?" demanded Aunt Euphrasia, her turbaned head threatening the delinquent, who covered before her. "Ef I hadn't got ter put dese yer right into my cake dat's been kept unfinished fer yo' to go dawdlin', philanderin', sojerin' round, I'd stop a minute and gib yo' some idee ob my opinions regardin' yo'!"—Youth's Companion.

HOW THE SEXES DIFFER.

Contrary Ways, Men and Women In Doing the Same Thing.

Ever watch a man as he takes a chair? He'll shove it—every time, even if it's only an inch. He would not sit in it just where it was for the world. Watch him next time and see if he doesn't move it. A woman will seat herself without touching the chair. A woman is more philosophical anyhow.

Men are queer creatures, as every one knows. A man will always stir his coffee before drinking it. This is very foolish. He should taste it first to see if it needs stirring.

Few men open their personal correspondence without looking at the postmarks to see the time of posting. Women, on the other hand, tear open the envelope at once. They are in too much of a hurry to waste any time.

When a man puts on his hat he almost always looks inside it first. What he expects to see remains a mystery, but he looks for it, all the same.

He subjects the point of his pen to the same careful scrutiny before commencing to write a letter. A woman starts right off, jabs her pen in the ink pot and straightway begins to scribble as if her life depended on it.

It is the man who reads with his back to the light, holding his book in one hand. Herein lies wisdom. A woman rests her book on the table and leans both elbows thereon. But the foolishness of the man's act lies in the fact that he is seeking comfort and seldom takes this position because it is the most scientific one. Of course he finds it isn't comfortable. His arm aches after the first ten minutes, whereupon he puts his book down and remarks he is going out.

It is the man who lets out secrets—not by telling them, but by ill timed silence; He does worse; by refusing to gratify the curiosity of his questioners he invariably causes them to jump to conclusions much more damaging than the truth of the matter.—New York Press.

Diplomatic.

"Mr. Gidmore," began the young man, "when you proposed to your wife—or to the estimable lady who is now Mrs. Gidmore—did she tell you to ask her father?"

"She did, my boy," affably replied Mr. Gidmore.

"And did you try to shirk the job?"

"Well, come to think of it, I did. I—I believe I tried to get her to do the asking, 'pon my soul! Ha, ha!"

"And when you did ask him—of course you had to speak to him finally—"

"Of course I did; of course."

"And when you did ask him did your knees shake, and was your tongue dry, and did you have stage fright generally?"

"I was scared to death."

"Well, that's the way I feel. I told Gladys I knew I could find some mutual bond of sympathy between us when I came to tell you that she has promised to marry me."

—Life.

Silk From a Fish.

Bysas, of which fine, iridescent stockings and shawls are made in Sicily, is a silk made by a fish. The puina is a Mediterranean shellfish that has an odd little tube at the end of its tongue. Out of this tube, spider fashion or silkworm fashion, it spins a silk thread, with which it fastens itself to any rock that it wishes to adhere to. When the puina moves on its fastenings its silk cable remains behind. This cable, which is called bysas, the Sicilian fishermen gather. Bysas weaves into the softest, finest, sheeniest of fabrics, but it is very rare and expensive.—Popular Science Bittings.

On Even Lines.

In the olden days many a good Scotchman fought in the ranks of La Belle France. A MacDonald, whose sword had won him a captaincy, while at mess with his brother officers was jeered at by a provincial major for a foreigner. "Bah," exclaimed the sneerer, "you beggarly Scots but fight for gold!" "And what fights my brother Frenchman for?" exclaimed Mac. "For honor," exclaimed the Frenchman. "Well, well, man," coolly replied the Scot as he emptied his glass, "we both are fighting to gain what we need the most."

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A BATCH OF QUEER TRADES

Fly and Flea Catchers—Lion Hunters Human Incubator.

A request was recently sent out by an English paper for suggestions of novel ways of earning money. Some of the replies have novelty enough and to spare. Here are a few "professions" which were proposed:

A professional flea catcher, a custodian for safety pins, a collector of dried flies for hens' food, purveyor of fads to the leisure classes, a lion hunting agency for society's use, a motor car library to call at out of the way places with the newest books, a maker up of minds, a grievance abater, a manners teacher.

Among the queer occupations described as already followed is that of artistically painting with harmless pigments fictitious, if scanty, hair on bald heads.

"A man I know," says one answer, "makes his living out of funerals and weddings. He attends a funeral, gets a list of the wreaths from the undertaker (on reciprocal terms), takes a shorthand note of the minister's address, draws up a souvenir report of the whole thing and offers it to the survivors.

"Bereaved people are an easy prey. Not infrequently he receives encouragement also from the printer or typist if he can persuade them to have it put in type.

"His tactics are similar in regard to weddings. But there, as he suffers severely from the competition of the newspapers, his great source of profit is acting as agent for the loan of wedding presents. It is said that at the second wedding of a well known politician at Birmingham the presents were valued at £60,000, and two-thirds of them were hired. Commission on £40,000 worth of business is not to be despised.

Another case is that of a busy farmer's wife in Australia, who had the misfortune to have a paralytic son who was bedridden. She was a notable manager, and, considering the great cost of the invalid and the loss of his services on the farm, she persuaded him to allow clutches of eggs to be placed with proper precautions in the bed, that the equal and continual warmth might hatch them. This was accordingly done, and the paralyzed youth was as proud of the broods as possible and thoroughly earned his living besides gaining an interest in life.

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Will receive the proper care if you send it to us. Our machinery is the latest and our workmen are skilled.

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CROP CONDITIONS IN COKE COUNTY

The Prospects for a Good Cotton Crop This Year is Said to be Equal to That of 1900—Plenty of Feedstuffs Also.

We hear from every section of Coke county that the prospects for a crop this year is equal to that of 1900 and some say it is even better than that famous years yield. Some of our farmers say they are good for from a half to three-quarters of a bale to the acre without another drop of rain. Taking into consideration that there is from a third to a fourth more cotton planted this year than last you can easily see what the crop will be if the present favorable conditions continue. Coke is easily the best farming county in West Texas as every one knows. It never gets too dry but that our farmers make a reasonably good crop and taking into consideration that one man can tend about double the amount of land here as can be worked in the crab grass sections of East Texas, there is a great deal more money in farming here every year than in the eastern part of the state and when these more favorable years come every once in a while the farmers literally has "all the coons up one tree" if he is a Coke county farmer. There is splendid farming land all over west Texas, but the Colorado Valley is the garden spot of the west by odds. From the recent wet weather we have been having it would seem that the weather clerk has gotten his directions mixed and is under the impression that Coke county is a part of Arkansas or at least one would judge so by immense rains which fell all over the county Monday

Chickens & Eggs Wanted

Bring us your chickens and eggs. We pay highest prices.

Fresh Line of Groceries

at lowest prices.

J. R. GILBERT & CO.

SAN ANGELO.

That Vehicle, Plow

Or any kind of implement or machinery, may need repairs, then take it to

FOX CROSS.

and Wednesday. There will be no necessity in inviting the farmer of the boll weevil districts of the east to come and make his home among us. He will come and when he gets here will never look back but will be contented to stay and take advantage of this most favored section. We predict this year the greatest immigration for Coke ever in her history.

Election Judges.

The precinct Primary committee met last week and selected the following Judges of election for the several voting boxes.

1. Robert Lee—J. H. Burroughs
2. Bronte—Frank Hickman
3. Ft. Chadbourne—A. J. Gray
4. Mule Creek—J. D. Baker
5. Valley View—Monroe Parker
6. Edith—M. B. Sheppard
7. Divide—J. Q. McCabe
8. Sanco—J. H. Campbell
9. Silver—W. R. Walker

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.

Had Good Revival.

Pastor W. A. Knight and Rev. B. A. Copass returned Monday from Robert Lee where they held a revival meeting. They report a good meeting, notwithstanding the rain and other hindrances. There were 15 professions and many more deeply interested.—Miles Messenger.

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.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Levy of a Tax to Pay Jurors.

Joint Resolution Amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the levying of a tax of not exceeding fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, to pay jurors.

Section 1: Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for road and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment September 25th, 1883, and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

Sec. 2: The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the Constitution to the qualified voters of the State of Texas, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1908; at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to authorize the levy of a tax to pay jurors." The voters opposed to this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "Against the amendment to authorize the levy of a tax to pay jurors."

[A true copy.] O. K. SHANNON, Secretary of State.

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



MRS. J. E. DOUGLASS,
The Healer.

229 Chadbourne St. San Angelo.

col. H. H. Hayley was in to see us Thursday from Hayrick. He says the bottom just fell out Wednesday at his place and it rained a regular flood. He tells us the good people of Fort Chadbourne are going to have a picnic Saturday, at which all the candidates will be given a chance to tell the dear people how well they would like to serve them the next term of office.

A few friends dropped in along and col. Hayley became reminiscence and told us of some of his fishing expeditions in Mississippi when he was a boy. He said they caught fish there every time they went. Said he had a neighbor who owned a sein that was just a mile and a quarter long which was drug by a stationary engine and that they frequently caught great tons of all kinds of fish from the creeks in his neighborhood. After the col. had finished his "fish story" our friend Jim James went out to see if he couldn't buy a mess of fish for their dinner as it had been reported there was a fish wagon in town and he was fish hungry.

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.

Just received a fine line of cutlery consisting of knives and razors, also razor strops. Razors from \$1 to \$5. Strops from 50c to \$1.25. Knives from 5c to \$1.50. Evans Drug Store.

THE EVILS OF CONSTIPATION.

Everyone Knows When He is Constipated and Everyone Should Know the Risk He is Running When He Fails to Promptly Correct it.

Any Disease Epidemic or Otherwise to Which He or She May be Exposed is Sure to Result Seriously.

There are two ways to remove constipation; the wrong way is to drench the bowels with a powerful, gripping, drastic cathartic that injures the coating of the bowel channels and produces an early return of the trouble in a more chronic form. The right way is to use a natural, easy and mild laxative that tones up and strengthens the bowels and leaves a healthful influence behind it. Prickly Ash Bitters will empty the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsher cathartics, and combines all the tonic and strengthening properties necessary to permanently cure the habit.

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Our Mail Line from Robert Lee to Ballinger will in future meet the 4 o'clock passenger going east. Will leave Robert Lee at 6:30 and arrive at Ballinger at 4 p.m. Fare \$2 each way.

WARREN & EVANS,

Proprietors

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Fixing Salaries and Per Diem of Legislators.

House Joint Resolution authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of the State of Texas of a proposed amendment of Section 24, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, fixing the salaries and mileage of members of the Legislature, and preventing the acceptance, for themselves or for others, by members of the Legislature of free passes, franks, rebates, privileges or advantages from certain persons and corporations.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That at the next general election of the State of Texas, or at any previous election, in case an election for the State shall be had or ordered by the Governor for other purposes, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Texas, for their approval or disapproval, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, as provided for in Section 1, Article 17 of said Constitution, relating to proposed amendments thereto, it being intended to amend Section 24, Article 3, of said Constitution, relating to the pay of members of the Legislature, so that the said Section shall read as follows:

Sec. 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not exceeding one thousand dollars for the year succeeding their election, payable in equal installments, on the first days of January, February, March and April of the year succeeding their election, and five dollars per day for each day of every special session held during the second year of the term for which said members shall be elected. In addition to said compensation the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed three cents per mile, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or water routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat, now or hereafter to be established, and by said table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after adjournment of any regular or called session. It shall be unlawful for any member of the legislature during his term of office to accept any free transportation over any railway line or lines in this State, and any member of the Legislature violating the provisions of this Act prohibiting the acceptance of free transportation shall forfeit the office to which he has been elected. And it shall be unlawful for any of such members to accept, receive, have, use or enjoy, directly or indirectly, for themselves or any other person, any free pass, frank, rebate, privilege or advantage not accorded to the general public from any railroad company, telegraph company, telephone company, sleeping car company, or other corporation, or any persons, firm or corporation acting as a common carrier in this State. Any member of the Legislature violating this provision shall forfeit his office. And the necessary laws shall be enacted to carry out the provisions of this Article.

[A true copy.] O. K. SHANNON,
Secretary of State.

FEELING LIVER-ISH This Morning?
TAKE
THE FORD'S Black-Draught
Stops Indigestion—Constipation
25c
A Gentle Laxative And Appetizer

A Pleasant Afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beeman gave a delightful party Friday night in honor of the Misses Meek, of Elgin, Texas. The evening was spent in social conversation and games of different kinds. They report a splendid time. Those present were: Jewel and Vinnie Meek, of Elgin, Miss Percy Cooper, of Fisher, Misses Winnie Clift, Georgia Payne, Dorinda Stephens, Jewel McInish, Johnnye Folliver, Bessie and Jessie Newton, and Eula Bean. Messrs Hendrix Hall, Richard Stephens, Paul Brown, Leo McInish, Earnest Newton, Oscar Clift, Austin Stuart, W. J. McFarland and Calvin Merchant.

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.

Squire P. W. Hudman of Bronte, was in the city Tuesday. He reports everything progressing nicely, plenty of rain good crops and plenty of grass. He also reported Bronte improving rapidly.

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We have sold our stock of dry goods to the Robert Lee Mercantile Co., and have moved our stock of Groceries to the building formerly occupied by them on the north side of the square. We have added several new shipments of fresh goods to our stock and are now better prepared than ever before to serve you and save you money.

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