

# THE ROBERT LEE OBSERVER.

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## 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.

### RAILROAD TO ROBERT LEE

#### SAN ANGELO PARTIES ARE BACKING THE PROJECT.

It is Proposed by Austin Spencer and Associates to Build a Tap Line from Fort Chadbourne.

Elsewhere in the Press is an article from the Robert Lee Observer in regard to the proposed line of railroad from Fort Chadbourne to Robert Lee. Austin Spencer of San Angelo is named as one of the promoters of the road, and when seen by a Press representative confirmed the report and stated that the company has ample backing to assure the success of the movement and building of the road. Mr. Spencer has been at work on the project for some months and a sufficient bonus is already promised to guarantee the building of the line. Attorneys are at work now drawing the charter for filing with the secretary of the State, and immediately following the rally announced to be held in Robert Lee on May 18, all preliminary arrangement for the building of the line will be attended to.

Arrangements are under way, in fact, Mr. Spencer has the promise of all necessary equipment and rolling stock for the road, and with the assistance of Co. T. Yates Walsh, who is associated with him, to look after the grading and construction of the line, the project is a success to begin with. With a hustler and popular, business man like Mr. Spencer to manage the affairs of the company, there is hardly room for doubt as to the wisdom of the stockholders in backing an enterprise that promises so much for the farmers of

Coke county and business men of Robert Lee. These have known Mr. Spencer for many years and are cognizant of his indomitable energy and splendid judgment when it comes to matters of vital importance to the

San Angelo. A large number from this city are expected to attend the rally to be held in Robert Lee on May 18, and from that time forward there will be something doing toward giving Robert Lee and a big portion of Coke county railroad connection with the outside world. It is fortunate for the people of that section of Coke county to be traversed by the proposed line that a man like Austin Spencer is at the movement, for he is essentially a man of the people, he has their interests at heart all the time, and in this project will demonstrate to the people of Coke county that he is one of the best friends they have. They are to be congratulated on the bright prospects that are unfolding to their vision, and the Press predicts that ere many months the people of Robert Lee will be

business men who said they would place advertisements in the paper. We are pretty sure that we can raise the subscription list to several hundred in a short time. The Club also raised the money to put in a wind-

others in today to locate. One to locate a lumber yard and one a livery stable. We also had some business men from the city of Bronte looking over the situation at this place. We have a man here who has leased a stone quarry and this place will be putting up stone buildings in a short while. Contractor Chilcoat has now three buildings to erect, which is just a starter. Hoping that Robert Lee will get a railroad in the near future, and wishing all the readers of the Observers success, I am still the  
RUSTLER.

#### The Man Who Won't Pay.

The person who will not pay his honest debts is a dangerous character to any business. It is the terror to any line of business, though insignificant in many respects, he must receive the greatest consideration at the hands of the man who does a public business of any sort. He is responsible for a large per cent of the volunteer and involunteer assignments. He it is who can read in the papers such notices and say in his heart, "Behold what a mighty work I am doing!" He is the man that causes so much trouble and inconvenience to his honest neighbor. Insignificant and worthless as he is, oftentimes uppermost in the thoughts of the once confiding business man.

He is the scoundrel that causes men to almost lose confidence in humanity and almost exclaim, "My God, is there none honest? Not meet his own obligations and others a position where he is unable to look upon the honest unfortunate with disfavor and disfavor and suspicion. In almost every walk of life, this villainous man who won't pay his debts spreads terror and unhappiness. And of all barefaced, up-to-date nuisances, he can easily boast of being chief.—Ex.

## ITS BARGAINS YOU WANT.

Not cheap sooddy goods at low price but good serviceable merchandise at lowest prices, is what constitutes bargains.

## Our Spring and Summer Goods

Are the very best values for the money. Here you will find things to suit the most exacting and the price will appeal to you as bargains. Our lines consists of everything to eat and wear together with every article used on the farm or ranch. Let us serve you.

## McCallum-Reed Co.

THE HOUSE THAT SELLS EVERY THING.

people and this section of the state.

Among those in San Angelo associated with Mr. Spencer are Dr. S. C. Parsons and Fred Beck. Dr. Parsons is vice-president of the company and is to well known to need commendation. The same is true of Fred Beck, who is pioneer citizens of

charmed with the whistle of the train on the F. C. & R. L. railroad.—San Angelo Press.

#### From Fort Chadbourne. (Delayed Letter.)

Know all men by these presents that Fort Chadbourne is on a great boom. The editor of the Robert Lee Observer with the banker, H. H. Pearce, and other of Robert Lee were on our streets shaking hands with our people the first of the week. The Observer man was looking after the interests of putting in a paper at town; the banker looking after the interests of the Fort Chadbourne State Bank of which he is a large stockholder. The editor of the Observer made our people a proposition which was brought before the Business Club Tuesday night. The matter was taken up by the Club and every man heartily endorsed the move, all signing a subscription list for from one to four papers, also there were fifteen

mill and watering trough at the public well. A committee was appointed to meet with the Wingate people to see about locating a road from Wingate. Mr. editor we mean business. We had a man from Falls county with us this week who bought four lots and has sent wagons to Ballinger for lumber to build a business house. We are expecting

### If You Have to be Sick

You want the best and purest drugs to be had Our stock

### DRUGS And MEDICINES

Are the purest and best money can buy. Our prescriptions are filled by a regular registered pharmacist and they are given the most careful attention. Our toilet articles and druggists' Sundries are well selected, and our prices are as low as it is possible to make them.

### The City Drug Store,

P. D. Coulson and Son, Props.

## To Stock Raisers! LUBIN FELIX

The German Coach Stallion will make the season at Johnson & Spinks Stable, Bronte, Texas,

Terms, \$25 Insured.

Arrangements have been made for good pasture and special attention and care will be given all mares left in our care.

YOURS FOR BETTER HORSES.

## GERMAN COACH HORSE CO.

JOHNSON & SPINKS, KEEPERS.

# The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Official Organ Coke County F. E. & C. U.

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

ADVERTISING RATES—Single column, 12 1/2 cents per inch each insertion. Locals 5 cents per line.

## BUSINESS CLUB HELD BUSY SESSION

Much Business of Importance was Transacted and Numerous Committees Appointed—Large Crowd Present.

The Robert Lee Business Club met in regular session Friday night at the usual hour. Vice-president J. H. Burroughs occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Collection of \$7 on dues was collected and reported. Judge D. I. Durham spoke on advertising Robert Lee and the advisability of having the census taken at once. Motion prevailed to appoint committee to secure party to take census and report to club. The following committee was appointed: A. D. Lane, D. I. Durham and C. C. Merchant. Motion made by W. B. Green to appoint committee to go before the commissioners and see if they could not be induced to buy a grader to be used by county and towns. The motion carried and D. I. Durham, W. B. Green and W. J. McFarland were appointed as the committee.

On motion the following committee, three were appointed to serve three months as an advertising committee: Geo. Cowan and J. E. Greer and W. C. Merchant.

Moved that the secretary be authorized to secure suitable stationery and receipts.

Moved that the names of Chas. Roe and Walter Perry be added to the soliciting committee recently appointed to solicit funds for the barbecue.

On motion the chairman appointed the following committee to look into the Water Works proposition and report at next meeting: J. D. Salmon, J. James and C. C. Merchant.

On motion the club adjourned to meet at the court house next Friday night.

J. H. Burroughs,  
Vice-President.

Geo. Cowan,  
Secretary.

### It is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold

How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by all Druggists.

## TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

I am now proprietor of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail line and I want to serve you when traveling between these points. I have a first-class service. Fare, one way, \$2 round trip, \$3. Time limited to one week. Special attention given express and packages.

**DAWSON, PERRY & McAULEY,**  
PROPRIETORS

### Fort Chadbourne Business Club.

The editor in company with R. L. Hall spent last Saturday afternoon and evening at Fort Chadbourne. We attended a session of the business club there Saturday night, and must say it was one of the most active clubs we ever attended. There were about forty present. All enthusiastic for the progress and upbuilding of their city. The local string band was present and dispensed sweet music during the evening. The musicians who composed the band are finished scholars in music.

There were many talks looking toward the advancement of that little city during the session and many measures of vast importance to their growth passed during the session. With such a business club composed of the material they have Fort Chadbourne is sure to grow and become a good town of considerable size. With such zeal and the excellent natural advantages their town can't help but grow. We never spent an evening among a more enthusiastic or better people than the citizens of this growing city.

### Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Sumner, Bremond, Tex., writes, April 15, 1902 "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with good success. It is the best liniment I ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

All kinds of job printing done on short notice and done right.

### A Modest Pair.

A revival meeting was in progress and Sister Jones was called upon for testimony. Being meek and humble, she said: "I do not feel as though I should stand here and give testimony. I have been a transgressor for a good many years, and I have only recently seen the light. I believe that my place is in a dark corner behind the door.

Brother Smith was next called upon for his testimony, and following the example set by Sister Jones, said: I, too, have been a sinner for more than forty years, and I do not think it would be fitting for me to stand before this assembly as a model. I think my place is behind the door, in a dark corner with Sister Jones." And he wondered why the meeting was convulsed with laughter of those who came to pray.

(Wonder if Sister Jones was a member of the "Lemon Club.")—Kansas City Star.

### A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant, of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson burr into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c at the Owl Pharmacy Druggist.

Buy your feedstuff of all kinds from Neely Bros., San Angelo. Good goods at low prices.

### Not as Rich as Rockefeller

If you had all the wealth of Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, you could not buy a better medicine for bowel complaints than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The most eminent physician can not prescribe a better preparation for colic and diarrhoea, both for children and adults. The uniform success of this remedy has shown it to be superior to all others. It never fails, and when reduced with water and sweetened, is pleasant to take. Every family should be supplied with it. Sold by all Druggists.

—Corn, chops, bran and oats at Sparks Feed Store.

### Junior League Program.

Subject—How Habits are Formed.

Leader—Ruth Simpson.

Song No. 45.

Scripture Lesson, Psalms 37-25-40.

Prayer.

Song 121.

How Habits are Formed, Isaiah 28-10—Frank Wade Cowan.

Key Text, Luke 4-16—Sarah Danner.

Central Truth, "Reputation Makes Habit"—Ila Ruth Turney.

Song 38.

Truth to be Applied—John Barron.

Connecting Links—Verna Rogers.

Point of Contact—By President.

The Text—Willie Barron.

Bible Illustrations by Members. Math. 13-18-23.—B. Morrow. James 1-22-24—Maggie Newton. Heb. 10-24-25—Alta Belle Popplewell. Luke 2-41-42—Thelma Reed.

Song 23.

Closing Exercises.

**H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, will pay you the highest market price for your hides**

### League Program.

(Sunday, May the 5.)

Subject—Accounting for our Time.

Leader—Addie Martin.

Opening Song 10.

Scripture Reading—Leader, Song 128.

Scripture References—Members.

Song 86.

Talk on Subject—Bro. Simpson.

Song 25.

Recitation—Thelma McGuire.

Closing Exercises.

### 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.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE SMITH & ROBERTSON LUMBER CO. have just been reorganized and adopted the name of CICERO SMITH & CO. The yards will continue under present management and Mr. Sidney Smith has been added. Great improvements are now in force and when completed will make this yard the best and most complete lumber yard in the West. Our facilities are now such that we are able to handle large assortment of lumber and supplies, for both wholesale and retail, giving you complete selection at all times. LET US SUPPLY YOUR LUMBER WANTS.

**CICERO SMITH & CO., SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

Formerly SMITH & ROBERTSON.

J. H. BURROUGHS, Local Representative.

### To My Patrons.

I have adopted the cash system for the future, and all work done at my shop will be cash hereafter. I appreciate the patronage received the past year and desire a continuance of your patronage and friendship. TOM CROSS.

### A Positive Necessity.

Having to lay upon my bed for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, I only found relief when I used a bottle of Ballard's snow Liniment. I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessity upon myself.

D. R. Byrnes, Merchant, Doversville, Texas. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

—When you get thirsty and want to be refreshed go to J. C. Rabb's cold drink parlor. Ice cream and all kinds of iced drinks

### Memorial Service.

The Richard Coke Camp No. 600, U. C. V., Robert Lee, Texas, will have a memorial service at Robert Lee June 3rd, 1907, and decorate the graves of Confederates and Confederate women buried in the Robert Lee cemetery. All are requested to secure flowers and prepare same for the occasion. Everyone that has relations or friends buried in that cemetery are also requested to decorate their graves. A program for the occasion will be published later.

P. D. Coulson, }  
M. C. Jones, } Committee.  
H. D. Pearce. }

### Don't pay Alimony.

to be divorced from your appendix. There will be no occasion for it if you keep your bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Their action is so gentle that an appendix never has cause to make a least complaint. Guaranteed by the Owl Pharmacy Druggist. 25c Try them.

### Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St. Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sciatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of that liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle has effected a permanent cure. If troubled with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 25-cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by all Druggists.

Miss Georgia Chaney, the Observer's office "angel," has been confined to her room the past week with chills, but is now up and will be able to be at her post of duty next week. Miss Bessie Newton is filling her place this week.

—Corn, oats, chops and bran at W. H. Bell & Co.

## Stockmen of Coke County!

I have recently purchased a fine

**Hamiltonion and Morgan Stallion**

\$10 SEASON, \$12.50 TO INSURE.

This Stallion will make the season at my place at Hayrick. He is one of the best all purpose horses ever brought to the county.

W. F. STEVENS.

## GENERAL REPAIRING.

We have recently opened up a blacksmith shop north of the Rob't Lee Real Estate Co., and are prepared to do your repair work.

## ADAMS & MANNING

### B Y P U Program

(Robert Lee Baptist Church)

Subject—The Power of the Contented Life.

Leader—Miss Ora Collier.

Song

Scripture Reading—Miss Dorinda Stephens.

Recitation—Myrtle Sturman.

Song

Paper on Prayer—Mrs T D Evans.

Scripture reading—Miss Annie Posey

Song

Recitation—Lois Griffith

Five minutes talk by selected members.

Song.

### The Races Saturday.

The races at the Roe Race Tracks Saturday was largely attended, and some splendid races were run. The mile race between the Chaney and Viers horses was not run as was scheduled. The fast pony race between Will Good's horse of Bronte and Rube Richard's horse of Hayrick was decided a tie by the judges. In the pony race between a horse treader and Bert Johnson, Johnson's pony won the race.

Several other races of minor importance were run during the afternoon.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

(First Baptist Church.)

Leader—H. S. Van Burklee.

Scripture, Phil. 4-10-20—Leader.

Prayer.

Song.

Explanation of this Passage of Scripture by President Madera

The Secret of Contentment—

W. L. Bishop.

Song.

How to Learn to be Contented (Paper)—R. H. McFarland.

Solo, "His Trials and Death"

—J. Madera.

What Should be our Great Ambition in Life—Eld. Schillings.

Song.

Closing Exercises—J. Madera.

When your backaches it is almost invariably an indication that something is wrong with your kidneys. Weak, diseased kidneys frequently cause a break down of the entire system. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford prompt relief for weak kidneys, backache, inflammation of the bladder and all urinary troubles. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

D. D. Marr, nephew of R. M. Stephens, caught a 25 pound cat fish out of Cedar Lake last Wednesday night which he exhibited on the streets Thursday morning.

Wylie Noah, Tom Hennessy, Elzie Ashley and John Gammons spent several days in San Angelo the first of the week.

### I WILL STAND

My Mammoth and Maltese

### JACK

This season at my place 8 miles North of Robert Lee. \$8.00 to insure.

E. Rambin.

### Methodist Meeting

The meeting closed at the Methodist church last night, with 16 conversions and 31 accessions to the church.

The meeting increased in interest from beginning to end.

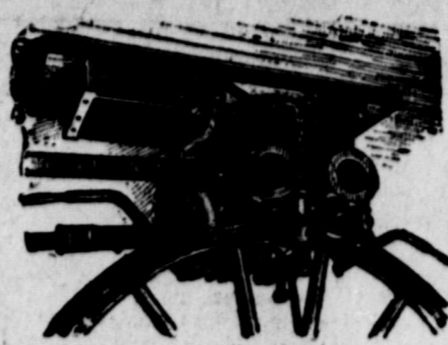
The church has taken on new life. A collection was taken Sunday night for a widow with five children which amounted to \$11.30. May the Christian people of Robert Lee pray for a revival in this community.

A strong appeal was made Sunday night for the men to help enforce the law in our community. A proposition was made to the men and nearly every man responded, promising to make Robert Lee the best town in the West.

May every good citizen do all he can to build up the moral and religious sentiment of the community. The Pastor.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve does not merely heal on the surface; it penetrates the pores and promptly relieves pain, caused by boils, burns, scalds, cuts, and skin diseases. It is especially good for piles. Beware of imitations. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

### Take the Observer.



Shrinking single tires 50c.  
double tires \$2.00.

J. J. VESTAL.

W. T. Hazlewood of Ft. Chadbourne was among the visitors to the city Thursday.

Reports of a cyclone at Bronte Monday when investigated brought out the fact that a high wind had prevailed there doing no other damage than to kill one mule—San Angelo News.

Take your hides to Neely Bros., San Angelo. They pay highest prices.

A. M. Smith, representing the San Angelo Candy Company, was in the city first of the week in the interest of his house.

### Good Posers.

It would be quite impossible to imagine people more courteous and considerate than our king and queen, and they are such perfect sitters. King Edward has, by the way, a very keen knowledge of how to arrange a group for photographic purposes.—The Teller.

### Defined Law's Status.

A lawyer once, rather clumsily responding to the toast of the law at a dinner of an art society, said that he did not see how the law could be considered one of the arts, at which point Jerrold interjected the word "Black!" which came out like a shot from a gun.

### Canals in Ancient Times.

The idea of canal building came from Asia in ancient times. Although it occurred several thousands of years ago, it will be news to most persons that old Nebuchadnezzar built a canal tributary to Babylon as long as the Erie canal.

### Costly Edition de Luxe.

A work which costs \$1,000 net! This is the price of a fine-art work, "Les Femmes de Versailles," which a Paris firm is issuing. It is in five parts, each of which contains ten plates, in the exact colors of the original pictures.

### Girls in Odd Occupations.

Miss Louise Cheatum makes her living by raising and training native song birds near the popular winter resort of Aiken, S. C. Beagle raising is the profitable occupation of another young lady, a Miss Asch, also near Aiken.

## I HAVE MOVED

From Bronte to Robert Lee, where I will be found at the post office building with a full line of Books, Daily Papers, Stationery and Racket Goods. Subscriptions taken for all papers and magazines.

H. D. PEARCE.

### Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Coce.

By virtue of an Order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on 2nd day of October, A. D. 1906, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of C. E. Woodrow and J. Hood versus J. R. Offield and T. H. Wright, No. 789, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in June A. D. 1907, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lots, tracts and parcels of land, being a one half individual interest in and what is known as the Wright and Cryer Gin property of three acres of land situated in the town of Bronte Coke County, and State of Texas out of the north part of the C. and M. survey No. 6, Certificate No. 130, Known as the G. W. Woulard 43 acres originally granted to I. E. Adams, on the date of the fixing of the said Vendors Lien and purchase of the same viz: Mar. 15 1904, and every since occupied and used as gin lots and property and still used for that purpose.

Also all houses, fences and improvements, machinery and fixtures of every kind and character thereon situated on said land on Mar. 15, 1904 including one Atlas Engine and one boiler, feeders and condensors, cotton pressers, four cotton gins, flues boilers, belting, shaftings, pulleys and all other machinery and belongings then on and appertaining to the gin plant and business then on said property whether specially mentioned and described or not, in which judgment it was ordered and Vendors Lien on said property and all of it be as it existed as aforesaid on said Mar. 15, 1904, foreclosed and that an order of sale issue to the Sheriff as by Constable of said Coke County, Texas commanding the seizure and sale of said property as under execution to satisfy said judgment with all costs in this behalf incurred with interest from said Oct. 20 1906 on said judgment at the rate of 6 per cent per annum levied on as the property of J. R. Offield & T. H. Wright to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1750.00 in favor of Woodrow and Hood, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 24 day of April A. D. 1907. Will Hickman, Sheriff. By Jim Eubanks Deputy.

Mrs. W. B. Hamilton and daughter, Ruth, of Robert Lee, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Rankin—Winters Enterprise.

"Here's to your health and happiness"—DeWitt's Little Early Risers—famous little pills. Nasty, sick headache or biliousness may come on any time; the cure is an early riser. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

Noah & McDorman have completed their gin building on the river and are ready for the machinery which will be installed right away.

Rev. J. C. Johnson, who formerly lived here, but is now a resident of San Angelo, was here Wednesday mingling with his many friends.

Mrs. Tom Williams, who has been suffering with blood poisoning, is doing remarkably well, and her restoration to health is expected.

### When you Want

### New or Second-Hand

Furniture or anything in second hand goods at the very lowest prices go to or write

T. W. HENNING,

San Angelo, Tex.

## The New Drug Store

has opened up for business with a complete line of the best Drugs that can be obtained from any market, just from the Laboratory. When you want medicine you want the best that money can buy. If you will go to Williams' Drug Store you can get the best. Prescriptions are always carefully compounded by us and we are ready to fill them day or night.

### Come in and Inspect our Handsome Stock.

of Sundries. We have the newest stock in town, and something that you need. If you can't come to our store when you want anything phone us and we will bring it to you.

## J. F. WILLIAMS' Drug Store.

TELEPHONE No. 51.

### Tresspass Notice

We will pay \$5 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone leaving gates open on our ranch in Coke county known as the Harris Ranch.

HARRIS BROS.

### Railroad Gossip.

It is rumored that work will begin at an early date to grade the road from Plainview to Brownwood. That the construction has been ordered to move forward from that point. This rumor, it is pretty generally believed, is no idle talk, but that the road will be pushed to an early completion with the Santa Fe road at Brownwood.—West Texas News.

### Photographs.

I am here for the Summer and to please. I finish all the work here and you don't pay a cent until you get it. Come and see my work. From 25c to \$5.00 per dozen. Yours for business.

CHAS. SHROPSHIRE.

### Men Wanted

This country is being organized by a force of private Detectives affiliated with the oldest, strongest and best Detective organization in the world. One good man wanted in each town, city and school district. Experience not needed, but must give references. Full time not required. Opportunity to make good money to right parties. Address by letter only. Superintendent, J. E. MILLER.

### FOR SERVICE!

My Black Spanish and Maltese.....

### JACK

Will stand the season at my ranch 12 miles west of town. Fee \$8 to insure. Will pasture mares free

W. GRAHAM.

### KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH Dr. King's New Discovery

FOR CONSUMPTION Price 50c & \$1.00  
COUGHS and COLDs Free Trial.

Surest and Quickest Cure for all THROAT and LUNG TROUBLES, or MONEY BACK.

The following young people composed a party who spent Tuesday afternoon very pleasantly at Elm Grove, above town on the river: Misses Emma Jones, Eula Bean, Jessie Varnadore, Jewell Pillans, Bessie and Jesse Newton. Messrs Walter Barron, Bernie Ashley, Henry Varnadore and Clifton Wyche.

For bran, hulls, meal, chops, hay and grain go to Neely Bros., San Angelo.

### All Egoists New.

Egoism is a positive disease of the day. People talk incessantly of themselves, their motors, their health, their chauffeurs, their achievements at bridge, their prowess at golf, their gardens—a great hobby of the day—their speculations in the city, and so far as the world hedges them around about, so far, and no farther, are they interested in it.—Lady's Pictorial.

### Ended the Discussion.

A little Winsted, Conn., girl, an adopted child, turned the tables with stunning effect upon children who were teasing her because she was an adopted child to the parents who loved her as their own. "My papa and mamma picked me out, and wanted me," was her retort. "Yours had to take you just as you were whether they wanted you or not."

### Puts it Up to Johnson.

During a dog fight in front of this office one day last week Sherman Johnson so far forgot himself as to call us a liar and hit us on the nose. Scores of people would have said that we ought to have him arrested for assault and battery, but we shall not do so. We shall let his own conscience punish him.—Hometown, Cal., Banner.

The Methodist ladies will serve ice cream and cake on the picnic grounds on May 18, the day of the Railroad Rally.

Ol Tubb of Sanco sent us a bunch of Loco weed Monday which he found near Sanco. This is the first species found in this county.

Tom Cross has treated the front of his shop to a coat of red paint.

Take your hides to H. H. Sigman & Co., San Angelo.

# Partners of the Tide

...By...  
**JOSEPH C. LINCOLN**  
Author of "Cap'n Ez"

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Continued from last week.

know whether I sold him salt at a cent a pound or cornmeal at a dollar a barrel. I'll have to put in the rest of the day callin' and addin' up, so's to know whether I've made money or lost it."

Soon the work on the Freedom was in full swing, and the great hull hummed like a beehive. Men were standing by the hatches and by the derricks. Men were working by the rail transferring ropes and ironwork to the Diving Belle. Down in the hold gangs of men with faces sooty black except where the sweat streaked them with pallid channels were shoveling the coal into the big iron buckets that the creaking derricks lifted and swung over the side. The donkey engines puffed and whistled, the chains rattled, and ton after ton of good hard coal roared from the opening buckets and splashed into the tumbling waves of the channel.

The captain and Bradley, together for a moment, stood in the bows, where the heavy cable led, taut and rigid, from the windlass out to the submerged anchors. The Freedom had moved slightly in the last few days, and the partners were encouraged.

"By crimus, Brad," exclaimed Captain Titcomb, pointing, with a grin on his grimy face, to the stout little Diving Belle just then shooting off to the point with a load of strippings from the Freedom, "that's the little critter that has made it possible for us to handle this job. I don't know what we'd done if we hadn't had her. See her go, will you? Flies round like a flea in a fryin' pan, don't she? You never put your money into anything better for the size than her, and don't you let that fact slip your memory."

The new schooner had proved her worth twice over. Equipped, as she was, with the engine, she performed the part of a steam launch, a tug and a ferryboat. She had carried out and dropped the anchors in the channel; she took her owners and a few of the hands to and from Orham every night and morning; she was always ready and always useful. In fact, as the captain said, they could scarcely have handled the job without her.

Bradley, dirty and bareheaded, looked at the little vessel.

"I shan't feel easy until we pay off that mortgage," he said. "And, another thing, you mustn't forget to see Obed and close that insurance deal. It worries me to think she is not protected at all."

"That's so. Fact is, I've been so everlastin' busy lately that I'd forgot to eat if I hadn't got in the habit of it. But I must settle that right off. The only thing that's kept it from going through afore is on account of that dynamite in the hold. The papers are ready, only Obed won't dicker until we take that stuff off; his company won't insure against explosives."

A little of the dynamite that they had been using in blowing up the hull, containing the tar was still stored in the Diving Belle's hold. Captain Titcomb had promised to see that it was taken ashore, but he always forgot it. Bradley would himself have attended to the matter, but the captain seemed to take the offer as a personal reflection on his own management. It was the same with the insurance. Any thing that the captain undertook to do he hated to give up to another.

"Don't you want me to attend to that dynamite?" asked the junior partner.

"No, no. I'll tend to it myself. Told you I would, didn't I?"

Bradley saw that it was time to change the subject. He looked across the ocean to the horizon. The air was clear and cold and the November sunlight lay upon the water with a steely metallic glitter that had no warmth in it.

"Wind to the south'ard," he observed, "and seems likely to hold that way. If it only holds fair long enough we'll win out yet."

"Where's that special weather bureau of ours?" asked the captain. "Ain't had a prophecy for two days or more." He stepped to the hatchway. "Hi, Peleg!" he shouted. "Peleg Myrick, ahoy!"

A distant voice from the hold replied that Peleg was aboard the Diving Belle.

"That's so," said Captain Titcomb. "So he is. Well, we'll see him later."

When the schooner again ran alongside the barge Mr. Myrick was summoned and clambered on board. The weather prophet had coal dust in his nostrils, in his mouth and in decorative smudges on his cheeks. As for

his whiskers, the red and gray had disappeared; they were now a solid black.

"Peleg," observed the captain, "does Skeezicks know you when you git home nowadays?"

"Know me?" repeated the astonished owner of the dog that was just like a human. "Know me! Course he does."

"Well, I didn't know. You look so much like a cross between a dorky and a Kickapoo Sagwa peddler in his war paint that I shouldn't think your mother'd know you, let alone a dog."

Mr. Myrick pondered. "Well, you see," he replied slowly, "mother, she's been dead for a considerable spell, and Skeezicks—"

"Skeezicks ain't. I see. That's the best reason I know of. Say, how about gales? Got any marked on the calendar?"

The prophet's dreamy gaze wandered mournfully to the sky.

"No," he drawled; "I don't cal'late there'll be a storm for the next week. After that—waal, I don't know. I've been havin' a feelin' that the weather'd shift, but p'raps 'twon't. Still, I'm kind of scart—kind of scart of the week after next."

Captain Titcomb looked troubled.

"Thunder!" he muttered. "I swan I hope that ain't so!"

Bradley looked at him in puzzled surprise.

"Now, honest, Cap'n Ez," he exclaimed, "you aren't worried because that half baked chap says—here, Peleg! Come back here a minute! Say, how do you get your tips on the weather?"

Mr. Myrick hesitated and looked troubled. "Waal," he replied, "I—I—you see, I don't gin'rally tell that, 'cause folks laugh at me; but, hein' as you're my boss, I s'pose I ought to tell you a little. You see, I jest sort of feel it in my bones."

"Any particular bones?"

"Why, my laig bones mostly. If a no'theaster's comin', my right laig sort of aches, and if it's a sou'easter I'll fetch me in the left one. Then there's other"—

Bradley interrupted him by a roar of laughter. The prophet looked hurt.

"There!" he sighed. "I knew you'd laugh."

"All right, Peleg; trot along. There, Cap'n Ez, does that satisfy you?"

The captain laughed, too, but he shook his head.

"I don't know," he replied. "Them leg bones of Peleg's seem to have been pretty good barometers afore now. Well, what is to be will be, as the fellow with dyspepsy said when he tackled the mince pie. My, this won't do for me or for you either, Brad!"

They separated to plunge again into their work. But Bradley's hint about the dynamite still troubled Captain Titcomb's conscience. When the Diving Belle came back from her next



trip to the beach he hailed Peleg and, calling him to him, said:

"Peleg, I've got a job for you. I want you to git out that dynamite we've got in the hold for'ard and take it ashore some'er."

Now, that dynamite was Mr. Myrick's particular dread. He was more afraid of it than he was of anything else on earth. The captain knew this, and that was why he always selected Peleg to bring up a stick of the stuff when the latter was needed. "It's the scared man that's always careful," said the skipper. "Peleg hangs to them sticks like a sucker to a barn door. He won't drop 'em unless his knee jints rattle loose altogether from nervousness."

When the weather prophet heard the captain's order the visible parts of his countenance turned white.

"Oh, my soul and body!" he gasped. "You don't want me to tech them pesky things, do you, Cap'n Ez? Git somebody else, do!"

"No," replied the skipper gravely. "I wouldn't trust nobody else. Tumble 'em out!"

"Tumble 'em out! Don't talk in that careless kind of way, Cap'n Ez. What'll I do with 'em?"

"Oh, dig a hole and bury 'em; put 'em under your bunk in the shanty; feed 'em to Skeezicks, only git 'em out of the schooner some time pretty soon!"

"Will—will Sunday do?"

"Yes, yes! Whenever you have the time. Hi, Sam Hammond! What are you settin' there for? Git back to your engine."

Mr. Hammond was still with them, although his usefulness as a diver was gone owing to the temporary abandonment of the venture. But because they anticipated returning to this work if the Freedom should be floated he was retained at his old wages and was now running one of the hoisting engines, a labor with which he was more or less familiar, although he considered it beneath him and shirked whenever he could.

This shirking irritated Captain Titcomb.

"Consarn him!" he growled. "Let him either fish or cut bait, one or 't'her. If he's too good for the job, why, then, the job's too good for him. If I had my way we'd come to a settlement in about half a shake."

The majority of the men hired by the partners were intensely loyal and thoroughly optimistic. They knew the circumstances under which the contract had been taken and would not consider the possibility of failure for a moment. But Hammond was the head of a little coterie of pessimists, among whom were Henry Simmons and a few others from Orham and Lon Clark and Ike Bodkin from Harniss. These croakers sneered at Captain Ezra when his back was turned and pretended to pity Bradley. When the pay envelopes were distributed they congratulated themselves loudly and wondered if this time was the last.

Bradley was aware of all this, because Barney told him, but he would not permit his partner to call Hammond to account. Sam should not have the opportunity of telling Gus that he was the victim of persecution by an unsuccessful rival—not if Bradley could help it, he shouldn't. Captain Titcomb understood, and so Sam was not reproached and grew more and more in-oleable.

All day long the Freedom's deck was a whirl of industry. The captain and Bradley were always in the thick of it and were dog-tired when 6 o'clock came. Then the cable was tightened and chocked, the watch was set and most of the crews were transferred in relays to the beach to eat supper in the shanty and shout, sing and play cards until bedtime. The partners, with Hammond, Bearer and a few others, went up to Orham in the Diving Belle.

The old maids had been very solemn of late. When Bradley first told them that his firm had secured the biggest wrecking contract ever handled by Orham men they were jubilant. But then came Miss Busted, brimming over like a sort of living "extra"—with exaggerated reports of village opinion concerning that contract, and the sisters began to worry. Other callers, whose views were more weighty than Melissa's, came also, and now even Miss Prissy was nervously anxious. Bradley went to bed early nowadays. On the night following the conversation with Peleg he took his lamp from the shelf soon after supper was cleared away. Captain Titcomb called, but remained only a little while.

As the young man rose from his chair Miss Prissy, who had been watching him over her glasses while pretending to mend some stockings, dropped the work in her lap and asked, "Bradley, how are you gettin' on down at the Point?"

"Tiptop," was the reply.

"Yes, you always say that, but are you gainin' as fast as you ought to? You don't think there's any—any chance of your not bein' able to git that vessel off, do you? Folks seem to think"—

Bradley laughed. "Has Melissa been here today?" he interrupted.

"No, she hasn't, but Mr. Langworthy has. Oh, Bradley, we hear such dreadful things! Mr. Langworthy came here almost on purpose to try to git us to coax you to give it up 'fore it's too late. He says the whole town thinks you can't carry it through. Men that know all about wreckin' say—"

"Who says, the Jeremiah club?" The Jeremiah club was Captain Titcomb's name for the daily gathering about the stove in Weeks' store.

"No, indeed! Men like Cap'n Jonadab Wixon and Mr. Wingate and lots more. They say that you've mortgaged your vessel and that if you fail you'll be ruined—absolutely ruined. They lay it all to Cap'n Ezra. Of course Tempy and me stand up for you and the cap'n and pretend we ain't a mite anxious; but, oh, Bradley, if any such awful thing should happen to you, to our boy, 'twould break our hearts!"

Bradley felt a pang of reproach. Miss Prissy's eyes were wet, and the tears were running down Miss Tempy's cheeks. He was very grave as he answered.

"Miss Prissy," he said, "please don't worry. I know how people are talkin'; but, honestly and truly, I think we shall succeed. If we do, it means everything to us. If we don't—well, whatever happens, if God lets me live you and Miss Tempy shall never suffer. I owe everything in the world to you. I'll promise you something else too. If we win out now, I'll never take another contract where the risk is as big as this. Now, good night, and, to please me, don't worry any more."

As he was leaving the room Miss Tempy said timidly: "Bradley, you don't go to prayer meetin' any more Prissy and me pray for you every night. I hope you won't let your business crowd out your religion."

Bradley shook his head, answered hurriedly that he was working hard nowadays and was tired and went up to his room. The last time he had been to prayer meeting Gus went with him. He had no wish to go there now and perhaps see her in Sam's company.

## CHAPTER XVII.

AT that very moment Mr. Hammond, seated on the fence by the vestry door, was puffing at a cigar and talking in an unusually loud voice of New York and his experiences there. He seemed to be very happy, and his boisterous laughter penetrated even to the little company of worshippers on the settees inside.

When the meeting was over he threw away the stump of his cigar and shouldered himself into the front row of waiting swains by the door. As Gus came out he stepped forward to meet her and in doing so bumped against Mrs. Piper, who, looking the other way, had not seen him, and, being deaf, had not heard his step.

"Gracious sakes alive!" exclaimed the old lady, rubbing her shoulder. "Excuse me, Mr. Hammond. I didn't see you."

Sam nodded serenely. "Don't mention it," he shouted, winking over his shoulder at Georgiana Bailey. "You didn't hurt me a bit."

Georgiana giggled, and most of the young men grinned at the joke. Gus glanced hurriedly at Mrs. Piper and then at Hammond. She looked surprised and troubled.

Sam took her arm without asking permission and led her to the sidewalk. She still looked back.

"I'm afraid you hurt Mrs. Piper," she said. "What made you so rough?"

Her escort laughed. "I guess it won't be fatal," he observed. "If I'd managed to fracture that voice of hers so she couldn't sing, maybe the congregation would give me a vote of thanks."

Gus didn't reply. There was something in her companion's manner that made her recoil instinctively. She disengaged her arm from his, but he took it again and walked on, joking and laughing.

"What a crowd of jays there is in this town," he remarked after awhile, with a sneer—"enough to stock a dime museum."

He had always spoken patronizingly of the townspeople—that she had not minded so much, coming from a city man, but heretofore he had not openly made fun of them. She resented the remark, but most of all the tone in which it was uttered.

"Why do you stay here, then?" she asked coldly.

"Why? I guess you know the reason all right. Don't you, Gus? Hey?"

He chuckled and bent down to look in her face. She shivered and drew away from him.

His hand upon her arm, the look he had just given her, his air of assumed proprietorship—above all, that new and vulgar something in his manner, as if the real soul of the man was showing for the first time—filled her with disgust.

She did not speak again until they reached the gate. Then she said, without looking at him, "Good night."

He put his hand over hers on the latch. "Oh, say," he exclaimed, with a laugh, "this ain't a square deal, Gus. Aren't you goin' to ask me in?" She tried to snatch her hand away, but he held it fast and, leaning across the gate, threw his arm about her waist and drew her toward him.

"There!" he cried exultantly. "This is more like it. This is more like friends. Give us a kiss. You're too high and mighty to be the prettiest girl on the Cape."

She struggled from his grasp and stood panting. "Oh," she whispered, with a shudder, as she realized the truth—"oh, you've been drinkin'!"

He laughed foolishly and shrugged his shoulders. "Oh, what's one glass between friends?" he said. "I stopped into Web's a minute, and he set 'em up. First drink I've had since I left New York. Thought you was too sensible to have blue ribbon notions. Come; be more sociable, that's a good girl."

She was afraid of him now—not afraid of physical violence, but as she would have feared the contact with something so handsome and unclean. A

sense of utter loneliness came over her. She longed for protection and help. She thought of Bradley. He would have helped her. She could have trusted him. But she had driven him out of her life, and this fellow—

"Go!" she cried. "Go!"

Sam ceased to smile. Other girls had told him to go, but never in that way or with such quivering scorn. He began to realize that this was the end of his game. He had lost the prize. But he made one more effort.

"Oh, say," he cried, "don't get mad, Gus. I was only fooling. Don't be such an old maid. Come here."

She turned on her heel and, without replying, walked toward the house. Hammond swore between his teeth, opened the gate, took one step in her direction and then stopped. He laughed a short, ugly laugh and nodded.

"You mean it, do you?" he asked. "Want me to clear out, hey? Well, don't you fool yourself that I don't know what ails you. You can't come the high moral game on me, my lady. You're whinin' after that sneakin' Sunday school kid, Brad Nickerson, the fellow that didn't care enough about you to lift his hand, but stood still and let me walk off with his girl as if she was as common as dish-water. The whole town thinks you're going to marry me. What'll they say when I show 'em I'm done with you?"

He laughed again and put his hands in his pockets.

"I'm going," he said. "I'm going all right. You go to bed and dream about Brad. Dreams come true sometimes, they say. Maybe I'll dream about him too."

He pulled his hat over his eyes and walked rapidly away. Gus watched him go. Then she went into the house, threw herself into a chair beside the table and laid her head upon her arms.

Sam plunged straight on through the mud and wet grass until he reached the back door of the billiard room. Web Saunders came hurrying to see who it was that had knocked; only the tried and true were admitted at that door.

"Hello, Sam!" he exclaimed, with a look of relief. "Why, what's the matter?"

"Nothing," replied Hammond gruffly. "Where's that jug of yours, Web? I'm dyin' for another drink."

After cautioning his visitor against speaking so loud Mr. Saunders indicated the whereabouts of the jug. Sam poured out a liberal dose of the villainous cheap whisky and drank it forthwith. Then he poured out another.

He refused to go home that night, and Web put him to bed upon one of the settees in the little back room. And in that back room he stayed throughout the next day, drinking frequently, in spite of his friend's protests, and growing more ugly with every drink.

That next day, Friday, was wet and foggy, with occasional cold showers, but there was no wind worth men-

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Robert Lee, a town of 1100 inhabitants, situated on the North bank of the Colorado river and within three miles of the geographical center of the county, is the county seat. The soil of this county is red soil with clay foundation from 14 to 24 inches of the top of the ground and is very productive. We have made 30 to 40 bushels of corn and 50 to 70 bushels of oats. Wheat does well here, making as much as 20 to 30 bushels to the acre. Feed crops, such as Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Sorghum, Millett and the like, as well as garden vegetables, Melons, Kershaw, and Pumpkins grow to perfection. Peaches, Plums, Apricots and Grapes are the principal fruits of the country that have been tried.

This is strictly a cotton country. One man can make more of it here than anywhere. One man can cultivate twice as much land here as he can further east. We have no boll weevil, and we usually have fine weather for gathering crops. While these lands have gone up in price within the last two or three years, 50 to 100 per cent, they are yet cheap as compared with lands in other parts of the state and the man who invests now will make better money than has ever been made before.

As a stock country, the Colorado river country is known far and wide as the best in the southwest. We have such a variety of feed which is necessary to the growth and development of stock, and many of the finest herds are bred here.

The climate is invigorating and healthy. The county is blessed with first-class public schools throughout, the graded school or class system being in practice in all schools of the county. Her inhabitants are a law abiding, thrifty and sociable people. Churches of all denominations abound.

The county is watered throughout with the Colorado river and its tributaries, and surface wells which can be had from 20 to 200 feet.

Along the streams are pecans and other tall timber, with mesquite throughout the county in sufficient quantity for posts and fire wood.

Peaches and other fruits, so far as have been tried, do capitally here. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad will soon be in operation through the Eastern part of the county, and there is a strong move on foot to extend a railroad from Kerrville to Colorado City on through the Panhandle country which will come through Robert Lee, the same being in a direct line.

If you want to live in a healthy and productive country, and among law abiding people you would do well to stop with us. Perhaps you can find something in the

following list which suits you, if not, tell us just what you want and we will send that to you.

1. 640 acres, one-half tillable, 75 acres in cultivation, two wells, one windmill and cistern, 4 room house with chimney, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, price per acre \$10.
2. 320 acres, 9 miles west of Robert Lee, 60 acre farm, new 2-room house, well and windmill, 2 miles from Paint Creek school house. Price per acre \$7.50.
3. 160 acres good land and very well improved, 4 miles north of Robert Lee, 400 yards of school. Price per acre \$19.
4. 560 acres, one-half tillable, well improved. Price per acre, \$10.
5. 328 acres near Robert Lee, 60 acres in cultivation, per acre, \$6.50.
6. 160 acres of land, very well improved, one mile from school. Per acre \$19.
7. 200 acres one and one-half miles from Robert Lee, 60 acres in farm, 10-horse power irrigation plant on farm, new. Price per acre, \$25.
8. 640 acres 3 miles northwest of Robert Lee, unimproved. All cash except \$560, on which amount good time can be had. Price per acre \$5.
9. 320 acres, mostly tillable, good farm and houses, one half mile from school. Price per acre \$12.25.
10. 1012 acres, good portion tillable, good farm and ranch combined, 5 miles north, half mile of school. Price per acre \$10.
11. 1452 acres, 500 acres tillable, plenty of water, 3 houses, 2 springs, wells and tank and creek, plenty of wood and grass. Half cash, balance land notes at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre, \$25.
12. 240 acre tract, 75 tillable, 33 under irrigation, general improvements very good. Price \$3500, \$2500 in cash or trade that can be used. \$1000 to be assumed by purchaser.
13. 640 acres good land, Pecan Creek runs through this section, school on joining place, 1 mile from church, third cash. Per acre, \$8.
14. 620 acres, all fine tillable land, 225 acres in cultivation, 3 sets of houses, one has 7 rooms, one 4 rooms and one 3 rooms. Barns, buggy house, good pens, 8 miles of cedar post wire fence on place, good well, cistern and phone line to Robert Lee, plenty of wood. Half cash, the rest to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Per acre \$20.
15. 2 sections, one in Coke and one in Mitchell county, 800 acres tillable, very good improvements near Silver. \$3000 cash, ten years time on balance, at 8 per cent. Per acre, \$10.
16. 160 acres, 90 acres tillable, 72 in cultivation and very good house, etc., will take some trade and give terms on part. Price per acre \$9.
16. 320 acres near Valley View, 5 miles south of Robert Lee, nearly all fine, level land, 160 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, good barn, at per acre, \$25.
17. 160 acres, 100 acres tillable, 75 in cultivation, 2 sets of houses, well and

- windmill, cistern, barn and lots, in one and one-half miles of school, one-fourth mile of post office. \$800 to be assumed by purchaser. Will take Robert Lee property in part payment. Per acre \$12.50.
18. 980 acres, 320 tillable, 80 acres in farm, 35 head of stock cattle, 8 mares, 1 good stallion, 1 good jack, good outfit of farming tools, well and windmill on the place, all for \$7000 cash, the purchaser to assume \$640 due the state.
19. 640 acres, 75 acres tillable, 25 in farm, well and windmill, plenty of wood and water, 2 sets of houses. \$2,640, \$1,000 cash, balance easy.
20. C. A. Adams' Gin property. Will sell half interest for \$2,600. Will take property in part payment. Gin situated on 5 lots. All been overhauled and machinery new. Owing to the fact that I have more than I can attend to without a partner, am compelled to sell.
21. 160 acres, 125 acres good land, 50 acres in farm, four room house with hall and galleries, at \$250 per annum, one mile of Robert Lee. Price per acre \$25.
22. 387 acres, 200 acres fine land, 75 acres in farm, good two room house. Price \$6000, \$4000 cash, terms on balance.
23. 365 acres, 160 good land, 100 acres in farm, balance in two pastures, tank on place, one three room house with gallery, one house with room about 18 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half mile of school, 4 miles of Edith. \$1,250 cash, balance on good time. Will take wagon and team for first payment. Price per acre \$5.
24. 320 acres, 175 acres tillable, 90 acres in farm, three room house, with gallery, well, storm house, etc., part cash, good terms on balance. Price per acre \$8.
25. 825 acres, 700 acres tillable, 310 acres in farm, three houses on place. This is a well improved place in reach of Robert Lee school, one third cash, plenty of time on the rest at 8 per cent. Price, per acre, \$20.
26. 302 acres, 200 acres good land, 110 acres in farm, one three room house, and one house well and windmill, three and one-half miles of Robert Lee. \$2000 cash, balance on good time. Price per acre \$14.
27. 4 sections; one section in Nolan county, is grazing land. Price on this section is \$1.50 per acre bonus and \$1 per acre due the state, to be assumed by purchaser, 3 sections in Coke county, all joins, 1000 acres tillable, two farms, 55 acres in one with two room house, corals, sheds, etc., 35 acres in other body of land, cut up into four pastures each, being watered by large tank, 2-room house, 17 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half cash, three years time on balance. Price per acre \$7.
28. 320 acres, 240 acres tillable, 95 acres in farm, 3-room house, 2 wells, 2 tanks, one acre in orchard, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, two miles of school, all cash except \$312 due the state. Will take two wagons and two teams on this. Price per acre, \$11.
29. 640 acres, 80 acres tillable, unimproved, purchaser to assume \$675 due the

- state, balance cash. Price per acre, \$2.75.
  30. 297 acres fine land, one and a half miles north of Bronte. Will cut this into three tracts or will sell altogether at half cash and good terms on balance. Price per acre \$30.
  31. 335 acres, all good land, 125 acres in farm, one good 5-room house, well finished, 2 good tenant houses, a good store house now rented to McCallum, Reed & Co., who are running a general merchandise business in it. Edith postoffice in the store. Well, windmill and cistern, \$1000 cash, good time on balance. Per acre \$16.
  32. 160 acres, all good land, 150 acres in farm, 2 houses on this place, good terms. Price per acre \$16.
  33. 540 acres nearly all tillable land, 140 in farm, 2 4-room houses on place, two good wells, one cistern, well improved in every way, \$6000 cash, 6 years on balance. Price per acre, \$20.
  34. Eight sections and a half in Nolan county, six sections in one pasture, two and a half in the other, well improved for farm and ranch purposes, \$12000 cash, balance easy time. Price per acre \$3.50.
  35. 1200 acres, mostly tillable, will sell altogether or will cut it as follows: Will sell 320 acres including improvements as as follows—a good 3 room house, barn, stock pens, well and windmill, etc., at \$16 per acre, and will cut the rest up at \$13 per acre, terms half cash, good time on balance.
  36. 2 sections, ten miles south of Robert Lee, a fine body of land. We will sell one section of this with their improvements consisting of a 5 room house, good barn, farm, etc., at \$12 per acre and cut the other section at \$9 per acre, or will sell all together, one third cash, good time on balance. Price per acre \$10.50.
  37. 2240 acres, six miles southwest of Bronte, 300 acres good farm land, the rest is good pasture land, two good tanks on the place, two room house, plenty of wood and posts for fencing, part cash, good time on balance, at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre \$16.
  38. 800 acres, well improved with two sets of houses, two wells, with windmills, two farms, plenty of wood and grass, 12 miles from Robert Lee, good terms, price \$8500.
  39. 15 sections, well fitted up for ranch and farming, 9 sections owned, rest leased, this place is a bar. ain. Price per acre, \$4.
  40. 25000 acres between San Angelo and Robert Lee, \$10 per acre, or will cut off any size tract from 100 acres up, at \$15 per acre, one third cash, balance in five annual payments. We can sell you railroad land at from \$1.25 up to \$4.50 per acre, one-fifth cash, rest in four annual payments.
- If you want to sell your land, list it with us. If you want to buy land, we have what you want, we advertise at home and all over the east. All property placed with us free of charge to the owner. We co-operate with all agents and are glad to answer all inquiries.

Write us for what you want. We can suit you both in quality and price of a home. Come to Coke County where you can buy the best farm land in west Texas at low prices. Write for list or visit us and let us show you.

## THE ROBERT LEE REAL ESTATE COMPANY,

L. V. HAMILTON, MANAGER.

**A Modernized Prayer**

O, Lord. I come to thee in prayer once more  
But pardon if I do not kneel before thy gracious presence  
for my knees are sore  
With so much walking. In my chair instead  
I'll sit at ease and humbly bow my head  
I've labored in thy vineyard Thou dost know,  
I've sold ten tickets to the Minstrel show  
I've called on fifteen strangers in our town  
Their contribution to our church put down.  
I've dressed three dolls, too, for our animal fair,  
And made a cake which we must raffle there.  
Now, with thy boundless wisdom so sublime  
Thou knowest that these duties all take time,  
I have no time to fight my spirit's foes.  
I have no time to mend my husband's clothes.  
My children roam the streets from morn till night,  
I have no time to teach to do right.  
But, thou, O Lord, considering all my cares  
Will count them righteous; also heed my prayers.  
Bless the bean supper and the minstrel show,  
And put it in the hearts of all to go.  
Induce the visitors to patronize  
The men who in our program advertise;  
Because I chased these merchants till they hid  
Whene'er they saw me coming, yes they did.  
Increase their contributions to our fair,  
And bless the people who assemble there.  
Bless thou the grabbag and the gypsy tent,  
The flower table and the cake that's sent.  
May our whist club be to our service blest  
The dancing party gayer than the rest.  
And when thou hast bestowed these blessings then  
We pray that thou wilt bless our souls.—Amen.—Ex.

**Notice to the Public.**

Attention of the public is called to Article 423 of the Penal Code. This relates to occupations and acts injurious to public health. The law is very plain, and the punishment for violations is not less than \$10 nor more than \$100. Mr. M. B. Patterson has been induced to attend to sanitation of Robert Lee, but he must be paid by owners of residences and business houses. Citizens must attend to their premises or pay for having it done. The officers of the law have been warned in no uncertain terms that they must attend to their duties in this respect or suffer the consequences. These are disagreeable duties but we hope it will be realized that we have duties to perform that can be no longer evaded. Persons who neglect their premises will be brought before the courts to answer for violations. This is no empty threat, because our duties can no longer be evaded. We will regret to prosecute violators but rather do this than be reprimanded by the grand jury and likely have scores of indictments against us for failure of duty. One of the most palpable abuses is obstructing and defiling of alleys. These are public as much so as the streets, for the special convenience of persons living on the same block. We must not forget that we are a civilized people, and should take a pride in having a clean town.

GEO. E. CRITZ,  
County Attorney.

**My Best Friend.**

Alexander Benton, who lives on Rural Route 1, Fort Edward, N. Y., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is my best earthly friend. It cured me of asthma six years ago. It has also performed a wonderful cure of incipient consumption for my son's wife. The first bottle ended the terrible cough, and this accomplished, the other symptoms left one by one, until she was perfectly well. Dr. King's New Discovery's power over coughs and colds is simply marvelous." No other remedy has ever equaled it. Fully guaranteed by the Owl Pharmacy Druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

—Have that old suit look like new by having H. J. Gartman clean and press it.

**OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR.**

Austin, Texas, April 23, 1907.  
"To tax or not to tax, that's the question," is a slight paraphrase of Plato's monumental question. Revenues must be raised to pay all sorts of increased expenses made necessary by enlarged growth and enlarged ideas of the situation—a third of the called session is gone and Texas still faces a hiatus in "special session legislation" and also any definite plan for raising the dough for expenses.

Enough tax measures have been introduced already to raise sufficient money to pay the National debt, if laws were the way to get money. The extreme anti-corporation ideas are exemplified in some of these measures. There are enough taxes proposed to be levied on corporations and business concerns to hurl the State into a commercial maelstrom and set the march of progress back for a score of years. Out of it all, those who have been in the "game," and a great deal of all the stuff that is ground out by legislatures is only playing to the public, see hopes of a regular pay-day.

But say, it was a rather good joke on some of the boys for them to find that the vouchers for their \$5 per were a little defective and that they must be "frothed over again" before they would "draw good money." 'Twas merely in the nature of a clerical error, however, and the boys managed to "raise the wind" enough to go to San Antonio and have street car money.

The ten days past has seen two measures engrossed in the House and then finally passed by the Senate. The Governor asked for action in the matter of about sixteen bills, which at the present rate will require another Extra-Extra.

When it comes to levying tribute, it is wonderful what an indifference broods over the whole house when the institution proposed for taxation is a foreign concern, when compared with active, alert and evidences heartfelt interest and anxious care when the concern happens to be from "my home town." "Tariff is largely a local question," once said a prominent politician of National repute. He might have included a lot of other things whose results are of a general nature, but whose operations effect "local issues."

An indirect, though tremendous, tax on the people is the judiciary department. Some one has said that our department of justice was our rankest injustice, and judged by the language of Senator Bentler, who has been pleading for a simplification of procedure and an acceleration of progress, the wag was much of a philosopher. The writer is not at this moment in possession of exact figures, but the cost of the judiciary is about \$750,000, and is more than twice as large as any other item of State expense outside of

**This Summer on the Pacific Coast**

California this year is just as alluring as ever with her Resort Hotels, Ocean Beaches, Old Missions, Orange Groves and air redolent with the perfume of roses and lilies. The stopovers en route and Harvey meals make your journey hence a vacation in itself.

**Doctors**

National Electric Medical Ass'n, Long Beach, Jun. 18 to 21, 1907. One fare round trip, destination of tickets Los Angeles or San Francisco

**Teachers**

National Educational Ass'n, Los Angeles, July 8 to 12, 1907. One fare plus \$2.00 round trip.

These rates, while made primarily for events named, are open to all. Our several very interesting book-lets on California will assist you in making up your itinerary. Just drop me a card.



W. S. KEENAN,  
G. P. A., GALVESTON.

pensions, which runs to about \$525,000, but if the cost of the Court of Civil Appeals were added, the amount climbs up to about a round million or over a fourth of the State's entire expenses. There is no need to say that wholesale reform is not only needed but is urgent.

The anti-pass straw seems to be edging around again. The servants of the people seem to have concluded that in passing their "let none escape" bill, they rather overdid the matter in many things, besides invading the "right to contract and barter" It may turn out that there will be some "undidding," and if it turns out so, there is apt to be a swing of the pendulum so far that the Governor will get in his work.

The civil engineers, who are an underpaid and overworked class, so they say, want a bill passed compelling railroads and others wanting a "job of engineering" done, to put up bond in every county in sufficient amount to pay the engineers for the work done. This, they say, is to secure the engineers against imposition of unreliable parties or organizations. The washer women have not yet presented a petition asking that "de wite ooman" make a show down of the coin of the realm before the suds are manipulated, but as they have a sounder claim upon the protecting meroles of the law than the "corporation assistants," they ought to "come forward and file" concurrent claim with the others who need protection. A nice law along this line would make the County Clerks' office a "smug" sort of a job; and think of the picnic the printers even would have preparing forms for shoe shines, shaving, restaurant, wood sawing, "tote-up-your-coal," and other blanks to cover cases wherein the employer is liable to prove shy at the end of the job. The dreammakers, God bless 'em, they'd come in, too, and the doctor. A special law would have to be made for the case of one who insisted on being laid away "kshmethed"y sisted on being "decently laid away."

The insurance agents have been busy "seeing the Governor," and it was thought for a time that the rather drastic bill regarding investment of money received for premiums would be vetoed. Those close to Governor Campbell say that that individual has given an invariable nix to all appeals and has suggested that the law is in line with the State and will stand. The fact that the Yoakum interests

are arranging to spend nearly ten millions of good dollars in Dallas, Galveston and Houston—about equally divided—for terminal improvements, is an indication that railway legislation has not yet become so "drastic as to drive capital out of the State." It might be well to remember that if the time ever comes when some acute attack of insanity induces such legislation, that confiscatory laws are boomerangs, and would soon thrack the addlepates that passed them into a state of consciousness.

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T. B. Lyster, Proprietor.

The "nine-juror" bill is doomed to defeat. The Senate has determined to block the measure, though a platform demand and especially championed on the platform by the Governor. The chances for a mistrial would be reduced to a minimum under the measure, and a whole lot of "legal business" would be "lost to sight, tho' to memory dear."

The text book bill, in that it was at best a compromise measure, and besides being in contravention to some of the anti-trust laws of the State, is innately imperfect, will, no doubt, be vetoed by Governor Campbell, who is most heartily opposed to any side-slipping, side-stepping, or contradictory ways of doing things.

The measure to increase the cost of charters will no doubt be handled this week. This is a double-edger, for besides being a revenue getter, it is proposed to compel the payment in of a good proportion of the capital stock of all incorporated concerns. Hitherto money enough to pay the charter fee would float a million dollar concern and it has happened that these hot air organizations have done a big business in fleeing the lambs. It is the temper of the solons to put it up to the would-be magnates to make a show of good faith.

There is but little doubt that the 2c fare bill will come up in some form. The fact that the amount of railway fare paid per capita in the State is twenty cents, shows how vitally important the measure is. It's full of dynamite, however, and there are those who like pyrotechnics. When this matter comes up the fireworks will go off, and no doubt about it.

The recent scandalous farce of the D. A. R.'s make it necessary for the State to take over the control of the Alamo or else forget all about it. Between selfish ambition and the rattle of coin there has certainly been the dickens to pay, and if the Governor is empowered to appoint about five sensible and patriotic "men persons" to take care of its "priceless purchase of blood," no more cat and dog seances will be pulled off.

Even the wolves are enjoying the present era of prosperity. The government has issued a bulletin in which is shown the flourishing condition of the coyotes on the western cattle ranges and of the larger wolves known as "loafers," or "lobos." The natural food of these beasts of prey was the buffalo, but they find cattle and horses a satisfactory substitute. Cattle are preferred; not that the wolves have any prejudice against eating horse-flesh, but because the old method of attack from the rear, which they practised on the buffalo, is equally successful with range steers. When they try it on horses, however, they meet with a painful surprise. How serious is the pest of wolves, remarks Youth's Companion, may be gathered from the fact that

Wyoming alone has paid out \$65,000 in bounties in the last ten years, and this makes no account of the sums paid by counties and stockmen's associations. The cattlemen reckon their losses to be about ten per cent. of the herds. Great organized neighborhood wolf-hunts on the western ranges have been advertised all over the east during the past winter.

**Sleep and Old Age.**

There is no question that the quantity of sleep required steadily diminishes from infancy to old age. This is a rather interesting exception to the general rule that, as in so many matters, old age returns to the needs of infancy. As regards sleep, says London Pall Mall Gazette, old age is more remote in its needs from infancy than is any other period of life. If elderly people obtain good sleep during the first few hours, and if they have not lost that delight in reading which we all had in youth, but which so many of us curiously lose, their case is not to be grieved over. The special value of the earliest hours of sleep, by the way, has been proved by psychological experiment. The popular phrase "beauty sleep" is well warranted. It is the early (the deepest) hours of sleep that make for health and beauty.

**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.

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gives you a feeling of independence and security that adds to your good cheer, brings contentment, and makes your whole life easier to live. These happy results do not require a big bank balance. Every dollar saved and deposited is just that much more placed between you and the ever possible time of need. Begin with any small amount you can spare and add to it regularly from your surplus earnings of these prosperous days. We will welcome your account and give careful attention to your banking needs. We offer you every protection of modern, conservative banking.



### LOCAL NEWS.

Ructer's paints and varnishes at the Owl Pharmacy.

M. Byrd of Sanco was in the city Wednesday.

—Fire proof roof paint, the best ever at the Owl Pharmacy.

G. T. Cain of Hayrick was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

—All kinds of can goods at C. W. Sparks.

Judge J. E. Greer spent several days in Ballinger this week on business.

—Ladies! inspect the nice pattern and street hats at the Robert Lee Millinery Co.

J. E. Robbins of the Hayrick community was in the city Wednesday.

Base ball supplies at the Owl Pharmacy.

E. Millican of Pecan was in the city Wednesday greeting his many friends.

FOR SALE—One good second-hand buggy. Will trade for cow and calf. See Dr. Pillars.

J. G. Plant of near Edith was in the city Friday and paid us a pleasant call.

—See the nice Millinery at the Robert Lee Millinery Co. Prices always right.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Durham are at Sweetwater on a visit to friends and relatives.

—Herpicide, the famous dandruff cure at the Owl Pharmacy.

R. H. Farr, of New Mexico, is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. I. C. Williams.

—Finest line of Cigars in the city at the Owl Pharmacy.

Miss Nettie Barnett, teacher of the Olga school, was in the city Wednesday visiting friends.

—Far famed Yara Cuba Cigars at the Owl Pharmacy.

S. S. Byrd and family and Ira Byrd and family, both of Sanco, were in the city Wednesday trading.

—Largest and most select line of jewelry ever brought to the city at the Owl Pharmacy.

J. M. Sawyers of Edith was in the city Monday and remembered the Observer with a year's subscription.

—All kinds of tin repairing, guttering, valleys. Also a full line of stoves. L. SCHOTT.

Prof. and Mrs. F. K. Popplewell and little daughter, Alta Belle, returned first of the week from a visit to San Angelo.

### My New Spring Stock Has Arrived

And includes everything correct to wear both for gentlemen and ladies.

### Let Me Save You Some Money!

When it comes to something good to eat, I have it—The best line of groceries to be found.

J. L. BARRON,

### Friendship School

The Friendship school community was highly entertained on last Friday afternoon by school exercises rendered by the pupils of that school. A large number of visitors were present and many gave expressions of hearty appreciation. We are justly proud of the splendid progress of our school under the efficient management of Mrs. Evans. We hope for another entertainment in the near future. A Visitor.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the people of Robert Lee and community for their kindness during the illness and death of our dear wife and daughter, Mrs. A. W. Segraves. They stood by us nobly in our great sorrow, and their deeds of kindness will always be remembered by those who loved her. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gates. A. W. Segraves.

Clarence Jones, Thad Green and Cal McAuley spent several days in San Angelo the first of the week on business.

### Home Circle Notice.

The County Council of the Home Circle of Texas will convene in the town of Robert Lee, Texas, on Saturday, May 11th, 1907, for the purpose of transacting such necessary business as may be brought before it.

All members are urgently requested to attend. A large representation is desired.

W. B. GREEN, President.

Subscribe for the Observer.

## —THE— WESTERN NATIONAL BANK,

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WE SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNT

### Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Evans & Lyster please call and settle at once. I have sold my interest in the drug business to T. B. Lyster and am very anxious to close my business. The accounts are in the hands of Carl Evans at Owl Pharmacy. Thanking my friends for their loyalty and liberal patronage in the past and bespeaking a continuance of same for my successor, I am

Yours very truly,  
T. D. EVANS.

—Phone your orders for fresh groceries, best goods and lowest prices. W. H. Bell & Co.

The First National Bank of Bronte has been chartered with a capital stock of \$25,000. W. A. Norman of Ballinger is president, J. B. McCutchen of Bronte vice president and P. H. Van Winkle cashier. Bronte is coming to the front, this being the second bank for that little city. And it is said, no town in West Texas is building faster.—Ballinger Ledger.

When your food has not been properly digested the entire system is impaired in the same proportion. Your stomach needs help. Kodol For Indigestion and Dyspepsia not only digests what you eat, it tones the stomach and adds strength to the whole body. Makes rich, pure blood. Kodol conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

W. S. Tripp, one of the Divides most energetic citizens was circulating among his many friends here the past week.

—Go to Lane Hardware Co. for both raw and boiled Linseed oil. Now is the time to oil your wagon, hack or buggy. Best oil on the market.

## The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.,

WE HANDLE THE MOST COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE

### Line of Clothing

Ever brought to Robert Lee. For Style, Quality, Workmanship and beautiful patterns, this line cannot be beaten.

We want you to inspect these goods, because here you can get a real snug fit—just as neat and pretty as a tailored suit, and much cheaper. We also have an excellent line of Summer Pants, in cotton, linen and wool ranging in price from \$1, to \$5 per pair.

COME AND SEE US

### Herbine.

Will overcome indigestion and dyspepsia; regulate the bowels and cure liver and kidney complaints.

It is the best blood enricher and invigorator in the world. It is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, and should you be a sufferer from disease, you will use it if you are wise.

R. N. Andrews, Editor and Mgr. Cocoa and Rockledge News, Cocoa Fla. writes; I have used your Herbine in my family, and find it a most excellent medicine. Its effects upon myself have been a marked benefit. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

### Trespass Notice

Notice is hereby given that all trespasses for hunting, fishing, driving cattle, cutting or hauling wood on my ranch on Mess Box and on the Colorado river north of Robert Lee will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. C. BARRON

### Exposure

To cold draughts of air, to keen and cutting winds, sudden changes of the temperature, scanty clothing undue exposure of the throat and neck after public speaking and singing, bring on coughs and colds.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best cure. Mrs. A. Barr, Houston, Tex. writes, Jan. 31, 1902: "One bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup cured me of a very bad cough. It is very pleasant to take. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy."

We read in many of our exchanges that good rains have fallen in many sections of the state. It can't be many days before Coke will be visited with a heavy down pour. Of course, we are no weather prophet or the other fellow, but rain is getting a little closer every time and at the conclusion of this dry spell we are sure to get a good rain.

See Adams & Manning for cold tire shrinking. They have the latest improved tire setter on the market Satisfaction guaranteed.

Rev. P. C. Schilling will preach at Pecan Sunday, May the 12. Everybody invited to attend. There will be dinner on the ground.

### Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at the Owl Pharmacy Drug store. 50c.

The Observer published last week a write-up of the new railroad to Fort Chadbourne. The report was taken from the San Angelo News and should have been credited to that journal, but through an oversight no credit was given.

## Alcohol not needed

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a strong drink. As now made, there is not a drop of alcohol in it. It is a non-alcoholic tonic and alterative. Ask your own doctor about your taking this medicine for thin, impure blood. Follow his advice every time. He knows.



Ask your doctor, "What is the first great rule of health?" Nine doctors out of ten will quickly reply, "Keep the bowels regular." Then ask him another question, "What do you think of Ayer's Pills for constipation?"

—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.—

Geo. Adams, one of Bronte's prominent citizens, was here Wednesday on business and greeting his many friends.

**Wanted to Rent**—A dwelling house with three or four rooms. Will make contract for year at reasonable rent. Apply to the Observer.

Joe Rawls of the Divide was in the city Wednesday. He ordered us to change his paper from Edith to Divide postoffice, the office recently established on the Divide.

F. K. TURNEY,

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Robert Lee, Texas Offers his services to the people of Robert Lee and surrounding territory. Office at City Drug Store.

## To The People of Sanco And Community.

I have recently received one of the best lines of FRESH GROCERIES

in the county which I am selling at the lowest prices. Let me fill your next order.

W. O. Tubb,

Sanco, Texas.

# No Operation

Mrs. Malinda Akers, of Basham, Va., writes: "I had what doctors call 'prolapse,' and couldn't stand straight. I had pain in my back and shoulders, and was very irregular and profuse. Doctors said an operation was needed, but I couldn't bear the thought of the knife. After taking three bottles of Wine of Cardui, I could walk around. Can now do my housework and am in splendid health."

Cardui is a pure, vegetable, medicinal essence, especially adapted to cure women's diseases. It relieves excessive periodical pains, regulates irregularities, and is a safe, pleasant and reliable remedy for all sick women. In successful use for over 70 years. Try it.

At Every Drug Store in \$1.00 Bottles.

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## OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Davis

Austin, April 15. The closing of the regular session of the Thirtieth Legislature last Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock was the quietest and most orderly closing in many years, due, perhaps, largely to the new rules which exclude all but members and employees from the floor, and to the further fact that no member of either house found it necessary to talk the session out of existence in order to kill some measure. The clocks in the Senate Chamber and the Representatives' Hall showed that since the adjournment took place at exactly 1 o'clock, though as a matter of fact it was nearer 3 o'clock, according to correct time, as both clocks had been turned back in order to allow time for the enrollment and signing of bills that had passed finally to be completed.

**Two Days in One.** As the called session of the Legislature begun on the same day that the regular session ended, the members and employees received pay for two days, the members receiving \$2 for the last day of the regular and \$5 for the first day of the called session, while the \$5 a day clerks received \$10. Not long ago I called attention to the fact that the Senate took a recess from Monday until Tuesday, instead of adjourning in order to continue Monday as suspension day, thereby making for legislative purposes one day out of two. In this connection it may be interesting to state that although according to the Senate Journal there was no such day as Tuesday, they drew pay for both Monday and Tuesday just the same, and the rule by which they drew two day's pay for Friday is evidently a poor one, since I have always heard that it was a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.

**Senator Culberson's Speech.** One of the most notable events of last week was the visit to Austin and the speech before the joint session of the Legislature by United States Senator Culberson. The most notable utterance during his speech, was his declaration against Bryan's government ownership views. He expressed the highest admiration for Mr. Bryan and praised him for the purity of his life, both private and political, and practically predicted that Mr. Bryan could be the Democratic nominee for President. As Col. Bryan recently addressed the Legislature and announced that it was his opinion that government ownership would have to come as the final solution of the problem of controlling the railroads and as Senator Culberson followed him in a few weeks, taking a decidedly different view of the matter, it was easy to tell that a big majority of the Legislators and others who heard the speeches are not in favor of government ownership. Senator Culberson was given a very flattering reception and his popularity was fully attested.

**Governor's Veto Overridden.** Never during the entire session of the Legislature was tension as high as when the veto was being taken on the

motion to pass the Santa Fe merger bill over Governor Campbell's veto. The Senate had already taken a veto on the proposition and the bill was passed by that body over the veto by a vote of exactly two-thirds of the entire membership, one more vote being cast in favor of it than the bill received when it passed by the Senate the first time. Nobody knew how the vote in the House would go. The friends of the measure were hopeful, but there is no doubt but that they were scared—yes, badly scared, and the same thing was true of the opposition. The vote was so close that the last man to vote had it in his power to decide the result of the battle. This man voted to sustain the Governor's veto and it appeared that the bill had lacked one third of one vote of receiving the necessary two-thirds vote. However, one member, Hon. J. M. Alderdice of Ellis county, who had voted against the bill, promptly moved a reconsideration and on the second ballot the merger won by one and two-thirds vote. Mr. Alderdice changing his vote from "no" to "aye." More interest centered around the result on account of the fact that this was the only veto filed by the Governor, though one or two other bills had been recalled from the Governor's hands and amended so as to meet his approval.

### Barbering Bill Passed.

The bill offered by Senator Paulus to regulate the practice of barbering and to create a State board of examiners was passed and unless vetoed by the Governor, which is not probable, the law will go in effect ninety days after adjournment, or on July 11. The measure provided that persons must work two years as apprentices before they could apply for license to practice barbering and must then stand an examination on facial diseases, etc., before the board and receive a certificate or license which will entitle them to practice barbering. It does not apply to those already in business, except that to continue to practice the profession, they must make affidavit that they have been in the business at least two years, and it does not apply at all to villages of 100 population.

### Convict Lease System Doomed.

Messrs. Terrell of McLennan and Lively of Dallas, who urged the passage of a law abolishing the convict lease system, failed to get their bill through, but they say that the sentiment created in favor of their measure, due largely to the facts brought out during the session, make it all most certain that the convict lease system is doomed and that the next Legislature will pass their bill.

### Had Remarkable Course.

No bill introduced during the session that has just closed had a remarkable course as the Jenkins bill. The bills introduced in the House by Mr. Jenkins and in the Senate by Senator Mayfield were identical, and both bills escaped being killed in committee by a majority of one vote in each committee. When the Mayfield bill came up in the Senate the Matson substitute bill, which exempted the exchange from the provisions of the bill, was substituted for the Mayfield bill by a majority of one vote. The

bill then went over to the House, and that body promptly substituted the Jenkins bill for it, and sent it back to the Senate in the same form as the Mayfield bill. Whereupon the Senate reversed itself and concurred in the action of the House, passing finally the Jenkins-Mayfield bill by a majority of one vote. Last week I felt rather shaky in intimating that this bill would pass, but results have fully vindicated my right to the title of a true prophet, though it was a close shave.

**Employees Make More than Members.** Up to Friday there had been ninety-five Legislative days and for sixty days the members received \$5 per day and \$2 per day for the remaining thirty-five days, making a total compensation of \$370. Most of the employees receive \$5 all the way through and their total compensation was \$475, or \$105 more than the members had received. Of course the members received mileage aggregating sums from \$5 to \$280, according to the distance they reside from the State capital, but even the sum received for mileage by the members living some distance does not reimburse them for the expense of the campaign, an expense to which the employees were not put. One member stated during a speech in the House that his campaign cost him an excess of \$1000. A man with any earning capacity at home has to make a financial sacrifice in order to gratify his ambition to go to the Legislature, friends or his enemies.

### Another "Combination" Formed.

The writer had a few minutes' conversation in the lobby of the Driskill Hotel last Thursday night with Senator Culberson and we were joined by State Chairman George A. Carden, who had been accused of having formed a combination with Senator Balley and Governor Campbell to elect the latter United States Senator in the place of Culberson four years from now. Senator Culberson remarked that he had taken a drive with Governor Campbell that afternoon, and turning to Mr. Carden, he laughingly remarked, "The Governor and I have fixed everything, as we have formed a combination."

### Austin Likes the Legislature.

Sometimes citizens of the State imagine that the worst thing that happens to the State is the convening of the Legislature, but it is safe to say that the people of Austin do not share in that opinion, because that is about the best thing that ever happens at Austin. Not only does it bring about two hundred and fifty legislators and employees to their city for three or four months, but it brings a great many visitors and lobbyists. All these people have to have a place to board and they make business good for the Austin hotels, boarding houses and tradesmen, even including the saloons. Therefore, it is safe to say that Austin is always glad when the Legislature meets and sorry when it is over. It is a dull old town except during the Legislature, in spite of the fact that it is the State Capital.

### Abusing the Legislature.

Already I have begun to hear people abuse the Legislature, the most common remark being, "They have done nothing." Of course, the Legislature might be subject to criticism for passing certain measures or for failure to pass certain bills, but when one makes a remark like that he simply displays his ignorance, and in nineteen cases out of twenty they couldn't tell you what the Legislature has done or what it has failed to do. For my part I am free to say that the Thirtieth Legislature, in my opinion, is one of the best ever assembled in Texas, and while it has made mistakes, just as all past ones have, and all future ones will, yet great good has been accomplished.

### A Record Breaker.

This Legislature has been a record breaker in more ways than one—a notable instance being the passage of the general appropriation bill during the regular session. The custom has been in former Legislatures to make no effort to pass this measure during the regular session, and several extra sessions have been called to pass this bill alone. This was accomplished by having the bill enrolled before it was passed finally, and in a few moments after it was passed the enrolled bill was signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker and had gone to the Governor.

### Many Bills Passed.

Much business was transacted during the regular session of the Legislature, and not less than two hundred and fifty new laws were placed on the statutes. The last few days were especially productive, as seventy bills were sent to the Governor on the last day and a great many more were killed, either by failing to pass or because of failure to come up for consideration. Of course, a great many of the laws passed are local in their character, but there were a great many important measures enacted into law.

### A Voluminous Measure.

The largest bill passed during the Legislature was the bill granting a new charter to the city of Dallas. The bill was passed the latter part of the week and in order to be sure to have it enrolled in time, Alderman Read of this city employed outside help to enroll the bill, paying for this work over \$50.00. There were over two hundred large pages of the bill.

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