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Hereford Auction Sale

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the Best Herds in Texas

Thursday, June the 6th, 1907, at Leedale Stock Farm
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS (Home of Herefords)

Sale begins at noon. A big barbecue will be served at 11 a. m. and ample transportation facilities will be afforded from San Angelo to Leedale, 7 miles southwest of the city. Vehicles will leave from Cobb & Christy's Stable. It's the chance of a lifetime to improve your herd of Herefords. Don't hesitate to attend this Big Auction Sale of Registered Herefords. This Sale is arranged at a time when belated bull buyers will be most in need of bulls, and it is the last sale of the season. Better buy these bulls while you can.

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C. W. B. COLLYNS

BROOME & FARR

LEE BROS.

San Angelo, Texas

From Mrs. M. F. Wilson,
Mulkeyville, Ill.

To my Coke county friends:

I take this means of addressing my Coke county friends. We left San Angelo the 4th of March and went directly north to Como, Beaver county, Okla. We had a very pleasant trip, the weather was fine, no very serious accidents, the horses got away once and we was in a burn, got the sheet burned off the wagon and a good many other things were burned. We were eighteen days on the road. I went through some as fine country as one need to see. Beaver county is very new, but they are getting along fairly well considering their chance. Como is 50 miles from a railroad and they have neither wood nor water, are farming without any fence for either field or pastures. But they are a very energetic set of people and if they have any providential aid they are bound to succeed. They have kaffir corn stalks and broom corn seeds. The land is fine so is the water when they can get it but the climate wont do. I stayed one month and then came on to visit the home of my childhood, but it affords me but little pleasure. There are so many changes that I almost wish that I had not come. It is grand to see the majestic oaks and other timbers after being so long where there was so little or no timber at all.

It looks about as much like summer here now as it did when I left San Angelo.

With a few exceptions I enjoyed my stay in Texas, but as none of our paths are strewn with roses I don't suppose mine was out of the ordinary, and I think I will return sometime in the near future. I don't know at present to what part.

heard from them since we left, but I hope that crops are good and you may continue to prosper as you have in the past.

With best wishes and kindest regards to all of our friends, I am very truly,

MRS. M. F. WILSON.

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

—We tip our hats to the people of Coke and invite them to call at our yard and buy one bill of lumber and see how they will be pleased. Sometimes we get wrapped up in some one outfit too much for our own good. Better stir around a little and see what you can do elsewhere. Clem Lumber Co., near bridge, San Angelo, Texas.

The Robert Lee Barbecue

From telephone messages received in this city late last night there is no doubt that the people of Coke county and their guests had a great time at the big railroad rally and barbecue. Many San Angeloites were in attendance, hoping by their presence and speeches to urge the many attending to raise sufficient money to build the proposed line from Robert Lee to Ft. Chadbourne and thus connect with the Orient.

It was reported by telephone that all of the amount necessary for the successful construction of the road had been raised and that work would start as soon as all arrangements could be completed.

Col. Austin Spencer of this city is one of the prime movers in the project and he was instrumental in having the big event of yesterday held. People for almost a hundred miles around Robert Lee were present. The best of barbecue products were served and there were plenty of speeches and plenty of enthusiasm. When Robert Lee gets that railroad she will take on city airs with a certainty.—San Angelo News.

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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.

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TELEPHONE No. 51.

All who read this will know in reality that we are not in Coke county, but we will not forget it's kindness and courtesy shown us by the friends we esteem very highly. We have not

Will Begin Soon

T. A. Bedford is in the city to start with forces of men, the tracklaying on the Orient grade.

Enough material is en route now to start the work and supply 25 miles of the distance.

Other material has been ordered and it will not be long until Sweetwater and San Angelo are connected. That will be a happy moment for the residents of both cities and also for the people of the towns along the way. When the work starts on this end of the Orient, and it will probably this week things will hum in San Angelo. Large forces of men will be necessary to lay the ties and steel and large forces of men spend large sums of money. All the merchants will smile broad smiles.—San Angelo News.

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To Stock Raisers!

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

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Epworth League Program. (May 26.)

Song 126.
Topic—Africa in the South, a Mission Field.
Scripture—Luke 10-29 37.
Bible Illustrations—Members
Invocation—J. C. Newton.
Song 99.
Talk on Subject—Bro. Critz.
Song 40.
Scripture Reading—Psalms 49—Zella Martin.
Song 42.
Paper on Subject—Miss Jessie Stickney.
Song 308.
Closing Exercises.
Leader—Miss Eula Bean.

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Subject—The mountain school work.

Leader—Carl Evans.
Scripture reading by leader.
The characteristics of the mountain people—Hesta Stickney.

How the school can help in the mountains—Bro. Knight.

Recitation—Myrtle Sturman.
What our home Board is doing—C. C. Merchant.

How can we help—W. C. Merchant.
Song.

Not if as Rich as Rockefeller

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Boogher Red's Show.

Boogher Red's Show at the barbecue grounds Saturday drew large crowds. There was some good broncho busting, and altogether the show was good.

Drive away that warm feeling by getting one of those cold drinks or a cooked cream at Williams & Turneys.

Stockmen of Coke County!

I have recently purchased a fine

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\$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.

Authority to do Business.

Number 8659.

Treasury Department.

Office of Comptroller of the currency,

Washington, D. C.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the First National Bank of Robert Lee, in the town of Robert Lee, in the county of Coke, and the state of Texas has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now, therefore, I William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby Certify that the First National Bank of Robert Lee in the county of Coke, and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the Banking, as provided in Section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United State.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this the twenty-third day of April, 1907. Wm. B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency.

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Miles Band Concert.

The members of the Miles Concert Band delighted our people and visitors with a splendid play, "Hic'ry Farm," at the court house Saturday night. The house was filled to overflowing and the play was splendid in every respect. The Miles concert band is not only composed of finished musicians but has some of the best amateur actors as well. Each one carried their part in the play well and greatly pleased the audience.

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, Droversville, Texas, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by the Owl Pharmacy.

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.

—To get something nice palatable and refreshing get an ice cream at Williams & Turney's Drug Store. Their cream is cooked.

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CHAS. SHROPSHIRE.

Chas. Coulson and wife returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit of 10 days to relatives at Sterling City.

Young Mens Club

The young men of the city have organized a Young Mens Social and Athletic Club. The object of the club is the betterment of the young men of Robert Lee in their social relations physically and mentally. J. James is president and Dick Stephens is Secretary. The club meets every Tuesday night. The members desire that every young man of good moral standing in the city and vicinity become a member.

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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 the appendix never has cause to make the least complaint. Guaranteed by The Owl Pharmacy Druggist. 25c Try them.

Ladies Home Mission Society

The Ladies Home Mission Society who were the successful bidders in securing the cold drink privilege at the barbecue Saturday were very successful. They cleared \$137 above all expenses which will be used in church work. The ladies are to be congratulated on their success.

Wanted.

Gentleman or lady to travel for Mercantile house of \$250,000 capital. If desirable the home may be used as headquarters. Weekly salary of \$1,092.00 per year and expenses. Address J. A. Alexander, 125 Plymouth Place, Chicago, Ill.

Card of Thanks.

The ladies of the Home Mission Society desire to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted them in furnishing cream and cold drinks at the barbecue.

H. A. Stephens, representing the Fort Chadbourne Business Club, was in the city Saturday in attendance at the barbecue. He stated to an Observer reporter that the people of his town were right after the railroad and would do what was necessary to get it.

We see from the San Angelo Standard that Col. Austin Spencer is advertising his mercantile business in that city for sale for the reason that his entire time will be taken up with the Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne railroad. This means that Austin Spencer will make his headquarters in Robert Lee. This sounds good to us for there is going to be something doing right away.

The contract to erect the new I O O F hall was let last week to S. C. Wilkins. It will be built of concrete blocks and work will begin at an early date.

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.

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Miss Bessie Newton's Birthday Party

Many friends of Miss Bessie Newton were delightfully entertained by her at her home west of the city Thursday night May 16 in honor of her seventeenth birthday. They presented her with many handsome presents. The evening was spent in games of different kind and in social conversation. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake was served at the proper hour. The guests left at an early hour every one wishing that Miss Bessie would celebrate many birthdays as she had her seventeenth.

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

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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.

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.

C. A. Adams who subscribed 500 and two lots to the railroad bonus. While at San Angelo the first of the week, phoned the bonus committee to take his two lots off and insert instead \$500. He also stated that he would also subscribe \$500 more to the railroad at the Fort Chadbourne Rally. It takes just such public spirited as Mr. Adams to carry to success such moves and if we had more of them no doubt we would have more public improvements.

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

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.

Dr. J. T. Griffith of Waco will be here to hold a meeting at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Everybody invited to come and be with us. Friday 24.

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

Still Raising Bonus.

The San Angelo enthusiasts who attended the big barbecue and railroad rally at Robert Lee Saturday returned Saturday night from Coke county, where they reported a satisfactory mass meeting.

Austin Spencer will return tonight from Robert Lee. It is stated that a satisfactory bonus was raised Saturday night and Monday to insure the building of the Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne railroad, a short line of 15 miles, a feeder for the Orient. —San Angelo Standard.

Frank Hickman and Larkin Hayley were here Wednesday as delegates from Bronte to meet with the prohibition committee of this place.

A BIG RAILROAD RALLY

IS HELD SATURDAY NIGHT AND \$33,000 BONUS IS RAISED FOR THE

ROBERT LEE AND FT. CHADBOURNE RAILROAD

This Was the Most Enthusiastic Meeting Ever Held Here-- Bonus Committee Appointed and the People are Donating Liberally--Success Assured.

We have been under the impression that we have been having good meetings of the Business Club and other enthusiastic public meetings looking toward the improvement of Robert Lee, and also for the purpose of securing a railroad, but the real thing was pulled off at the several meetings since last Friday.

The people were called together in mass meeting at the court house Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to meet the delegations from Paint Rock and Miles to look into the railroad proposition of a line from Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Colorado City, etc. J. H. Burroughs, Vice President of our Business Club called the meeting to order, and different members of the committees from Miles and Paint Rock spoke on the advantage of having this line built.

On motion the club accepted the Miles and Paint Rock proposition and appointed a committee to secure a bonus. They also offered a resolution of thanks to the visiting delegates for cooperating with us. After considerable discussion the meeting adjourned to meet again at the court house at 8 o'clock. The delegations from Paint Rock and Miles were as follows, besides other citizens: Messrs. Ike Ferguson, Mr. Rally, H. W. Robinson, Hon. Sam Farmer, Mr. Voss and John B. Parks, of Miles; S. Roach, D. E. Sims, T. K. Wilson, J. W. Norman and J. E. Howze of Paint Rock.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

During the afternoon Friday, Col. Austin Spencer, and other promoters of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad arrived from San Angelo in the taily-ho. A mass meeting was called to assemble at the court house at 8 o'clock and at that hour was found one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the court house. The Business club session was just called and considerable speech-making was indulged in. After much "rooting and resolving" a committee was appointed to look into the railroad proposition from that direction.

The delegation from the two towns stated the object of their visit was an invitation from our delegate to the Miles meeting to meet with our business club and see what could be done towards getting the proposed line. They stated that they had raised a bonus of \$100.00 and wanted to ascertain what Robert Lee would do. Judge Greer then delivered a splendid speech in which he expressed the appreciation of the Robert Lee people and the club that they had visited us and bid them welcome.

The business club then adjourned and the meeting was turned into a mass meeting. H. H. Pearce was elected chairman

and Geo. Cowan secretary and the balance of the evening was spent in speech making.

WHEN WE ALL GOT BUSY

A meeting of the business club was called for Saturday night at the Masonic temple and all the male population of the city and many from the country met to hear the proposed line from Robert Lee to Fort Chadbourne discussed. Col. Austin Spencer, president of the road, spoke at some length on the advantages of the road and what he and associates expected the people of Robert Lee to do. He said that if the people subscribed a liberal bonus in money and land that the road would be completed in twelve months or by the time the Orient builds to Fort Chadbourne. Mr. Spencer said he not only had moneyed men behind him but thought until he came to our rally that he had the best bunch of boosters but that when he arrived in the capitol of coke he found that he didn't have the only bunch, that we had a bunch here that beat his and from the way we went after a bonus subscription list we evidently had some of the cash, as was shown by passing around the bonus list. He said among other things that the Robert Lee Business club composed of the most energetic set of workers he ever saw.

Dr. Parsons, vice-president of the road, was then called and spoke in regard to what a road would be worth to us, in the transportation of cotton alone, and what it would save the farmer besides it would enable him to get a better price for his cotton and produce. During the session Judge H. L. Adams and J. W. Barnett addressed the meeting also others, all expressing the view that we wanted the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad and were going to have it and urged that everyone give as liberally toward raising a bonus as he felt justified.

The secretary was then instructed to read the bonus contract which is as follows:

CONTRACT

The State of Texas,)
County of Coke,)
Whereas, J. Austin Spencer, of San Angelo, Texas, the promoter of the Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne Railway Company, a Corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, for the purpose of constructing, equipping and operating a line of Railroad from the town of Robert Lee, Texas, through a portion of Coke county to intersect the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad as the same is now surveyed and graded, to the town of Fort Chadbourne, proposes to build said line in accordance with the terms of the Charter of said Corporation, and, whereas, in order to obtain said Railway and the benefits thereof, to the town of Robert Lee and Coke county, it will become necessary for the people of Robert Lee and Coke county, to give a bonus to said Railway Company, besides the right-

of-way through a portion of Coke county, and depot and terminal grounds in Robert Lee; and whereas, the subscribers hereto, recognizing the advantages which said Railway so constructed will be to Robert Lee and Coke county, and to themselves individually, and to induce said Railway Company to build to said town of Robert Lee, have and by these presents do subscribe the respective amount set opposite to their names for the purpose of raising said bonus, and providing the necessary fund to pay for said right-of-way and depot grounds and terminal facilities aforesaid, and agree and promise to pay to T. J. Goss, J. Austin Spencer and S. C. Parsons, Trustees at Robert Lee, Texas, or to their successors to be named by said Company, said sums subscribed by them respectively in payments as follows to-wit: One tenth thereof on demand after two miles of grade is completed and an additional One tenth thereof to be paid when the next five miles is graded, One tenth when the next two miles is graded, and an additional Two tenths thereof to be paid when grade is completed, and an additional Twenty-five per cent (25) thereof to be paid when seven miles of steel is laid on said grade, and the balance thereof to be paid when the entire track is completed and the rolling stock in operation thereon. Said several sums to be used as above mentioned, and

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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 booklets on California will assist you in making up your itinerary. Just drop me a card.

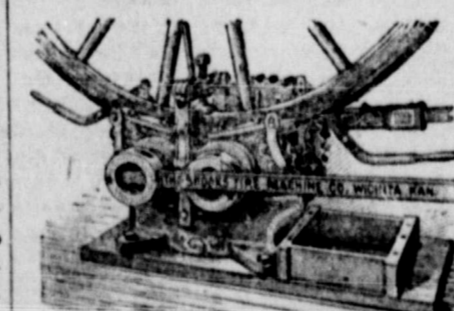


W. S. KEENAN,
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The City Drug Store,

P. D. Coulson and Son, Props.

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

Joint Resolution amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 9a, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted for the purpose of improving public roads, and to allow counties or political subdivisions of counties by a majority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, or subdivision thereof, voting at all elections, to be held for that purpose, to adopt same.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 9a, which shall read as follows:

Section 9a. A majority of the property tax paying voters in any county or one or more political subdivisions thereof, in this State, voting at an election held for that purpose may vote a tax for road and bridge purposes not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property subject to taxation in such county or political subdivision of such county, or may issue bonds not to exceed 20 per cent of the assessed value of the real property in such district for such road and bridge purposes, provided that such tax, or proceeds of such bonds, shall be expended in the territory in which it is voted, and no other, and this provision of the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be had in the State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified tax paying voters. And the sum of \$2000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the treasury of the State of Texas for the purpose of submitting this proposition to a vote of the people of the State of Texas.

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL,
Secretary of State.

To Apply for Charter.

The list of subscribers to the Robert Lee, Miles and Paint Rock railroad bonus has been increased several thousand dollars this week. A committee composed of S. Roach, D. E. Sims, T. K. Wilson, J. W. Norman, James E. Howze, left yesterday for Miles where they will join a committee there and proceed in a bunch to Robert Lee, at which place there will be a general meeting of the three committees, and if they can guarantee the required bonus, of which there is no doubt, they will report to headquarters. Application has been made for a charter which will be granted in a few days.—Concho Herald.

Public Speaking

There will be public speaking at the following places and dates given in the interest of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne Railroad. This road will likely be built at an early date and we want the assistance of every citizen in Coke county to secure the road.

Hayrick school house, Thursday night May 23rd.
Sameo school house, Monday night May 27th.
Valley View school house, Tuesday night, May 28th.
Paint Creek school house, Tuesday night, May 29.
Wild Cat school house, Thursday night, May 30.
Silver, Saturday night, June 1.
Let everybody come out and give their assistance to this all-important move.

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JOSEPH C. LINCOLN,
Author of "Cap'n Ez"

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Continued from last week.

saw there was no use arguing. Ira Sparrow took Bradley and Captain Titcomb to the Point in the You and I. Bearse, Ellis and some of the other men went with them. On the way Bradley and his partner discussed the situation. The work on the barge was going on as if nothing had hap-



"We'll stick to those who stick by us."

pened, although the news of the firm's loss had been telephoned to the life saving station early that morning. Barney Small met them as they climbed over the Freedom's rail. He was very sober and shook his employers' hands with silent sympathy.

"I told the boys to turn to," he said. "I didn't know what your plans was, but I want to quit till you said the word."

"Much obliged, Barney," said Bradley. "Call all hands aft. I want to talk to them."

The men came in groups, soot streaked and perspiring. They gathered in the waist, whispering to each other and glancing askance at Captain Titcomb and Bradley, who stood upon the raised deck by the wheel. In most of the grimy, sunburned faces there was a friendly concern. All looked embarrassed and awkward. When the whole crew was standing there, silently waiting, Bradley came forward.

"Fellows," he said, "when Cap'n Titcomb and I took the contract to get this barge off the shoals we risked every dollar we had. More than that, we mortgaged our new schooner to raise money to pay you with. She was burned last night, and, as the cap'n said, there is no insurance. The little money we have on hand belongs to the people who took the mortgage. We couldn't pay you for another week's work. So, then, either we must give up the contract—which will ruin us and drive the firm out of the wrecking business for good—or we must come to you with another proposition. I think every man who has worked for us knows that we don't play favorites. Every fellow knows that he'll be treated fair so long as he does his work. But this I want to say: We'll stick to those who stick by us. We shan't forget our friends. And this is our proposition: To the men who will volunteer to help us get this barge afloat, we will pay \$4 a day—instead of \$3, as you're getting now—when we float her and get our money. If we fail, you get nothing, and so do we. If we win, you win. We can float her if the weather holds good. What I'm asking is that you share our chances. It's up to you. What do you say?"

Bradley stopped and put his hands in his pockets. The men shuffled their feet and looked at each other. One or two of them whispered behind their hands. Then Barney Small snatched his rusty cloth cap from his head, tossed it to the deck and jumped upon it with both feet.

"Stage is ready for Orham, South Orham, West Harniss and Setucket Point!" he shouted. "Git aboard! Come on, you lubbers! Have me and Brad and Cap'n Ez got to work her off alone!"

Alvin Bearse struck the ex-stage driver a resounding thump in the back. "You bet you ain't!" he cried. "I'm in!"

"Me, too!" said Ira Sparrow. "Present and accounted for," observed Bill Taylor. Ellis simply nodded and stepped forward. Others joined them by twos and threes.

Then Peleg Myrick sauntered to the front. "I dunno's I jest understand what the boss wants," he drawled,

"but if there's anything me and Skeezicks can do, why—"

That settled it. There was a cheer, and the men began pushing each other out of the way to join the volunteers. In a few minutes there were only five who had not come forward.

And after that came work, work, work. The men were organized into day and night gangs. Bradley commanded the former, Captain Titcomb the latter.

The partners hired the You and I to do what she could of the work the Diving Belle had been engaged in. The lack of the schooner was a great handicap, but they had no funds with which to hire a large vessel.

They made their headquarters aboard the barge now. Bradley did not go up to Orham at all. When his day's work was over he ate a hasty supper and tumbled into a berth in the skipper's cabin, sometimes to sleep, but more often to lie awake and plan for the morrow. He was still pale and weak from the effects of the blow on the head, but he would not take it easy, as the captain begged. The worry and strain of the labor were in a sense reliefs to him—they kept him from thinking of other things.

Each morning the old maids telephoned to the station to learn how he felt and how the work was progressing. Bradley gathered from Miss Prissy's anxious remarks that in the village the partners' failure was regarded as a foregone conclusion. The news made him only more determined to succeed.

Cook & Sons wired daily, and every afternoon a report was sent to them. These reports were growing more optimistic. The barge was eating her way steadily through the shoal, and as she was lightened she moved faster. They watched the cables as a cat watches a rat hole, keeping them always tight. The captain said: "Brad, if I didn't know what was the matter I should b'lieve my old Sunday school teacher was right. He says a cat can dream about is ropes."

The captain's energy was something wonderful. A nervous man by nature, he flew from one end of the Freedom to the other, commanding, helping, hurrying. With the men he was always cheerful and sure of success, but once in awhile, alone with his partner, he showed his real feelings. One morning before turning in he went ashore to telephone. When he came back he called Bradley aside and said:

"Brad, Sam says the gov'ment weather folks are foretelling a big storm for day after tomorrow. It's comin' from the south and 'll strike here about then. It's a terror, they say. It worries me. I'm more scared of a gale of wind jest now than I am of the Old Harry himself."

The junior partner looked troubled. "Wonder if that's what's distressing Peleg?" he observed. "Peleg has been after me ever since the fire. Says he's got something to tell me."

"He's been pesterin' me too. I ain't had no time to listen to his yarns. Let's see him."

They sent for the weather prophet, who appeared, dirtier than ever. "Look here, Peleg," was the captain's salutation. "What do we feed you for? Here's the gov'ment weather sharp smellin' out a gale, an you ain't peeped. You'll have to put specs on your second sight or we'll ship a new prophet, one or t'other."

Mr. Myrick was troubled. "Now, Cap'n Ez," he protested in an aggrieved tone, "ain't I been tryin' to git at you or Brad for four days or more? I know there was a blow comin'. She's comin' a-billin' too. And I don't need no specs nuther."

"Humph! Brad, this is the devil and all, isn't it? That'll do, Peleg."

"But, Cap'n Ez, there's somethin' else I wanted to tell you. I"—

"Never mind now. Put it on ice Git!"

Peleg "got," but with reluctance. He kept looking back and shaking his head. Captain Ezra's face was very solemn. His forehead wrinkled, and he pulled his mustache nervously.

"By crimustee!" he muttered. "We have got to do somethin' quick. I know you don't take any stock in Peleg, but if that gale does come we're knocked higher 'n the main truck. She's loosenin' up so now that a tug might help us. I can git a little one from Vineyard Haven, skipper, engineer and all, for \$40 a day."

"But they won't work on spec."

"No. I'm going to Wellmouth to see the bank folks. I'll tell 'em that if they ever hope to git back the rest of

the money they lent on the Divin' Belle they must risk enough to pay for that tug. I'm goin' now."

"But you've been up all night. Let me go. You turn in."

"Turn in be durned! I'd sleep about as sound as an eel on a perch hook. I can turn in when I can't do anything else. Goodby. Put in your spare time prayin' for me, will you?"

He went to Wellmouth, saw the people at the bank and, as he said, "talked from his boots up." At 12 o'clock of the following day the little tug put in an appearance. She got a grip on the Freedom's bow and pulled with the tide.

The expected gale did not come that day, but the next afternoon the sky was overcast, and the sun disappeared behind angry clouds. It was blowing fresh when Bradley, worn out, went to his berth at 9 o'clock. He had fought against going at all, but Captain Titcomb said: "Put in an hour or two anyway. I'll call you if you're wanted."

He called him before the second hour was up. "Come on deck, Brad!" he cried excitedly. "That sou'easter's on the road, and it's backin' up the biggest tide ever I saw. Tain't high water till 2, but she's pretty nigh as high as usual now."

The junior partner hurried on deck. The wind was singing in the rigging, and the waves were rushing past the barge, slapping furiously at her as they passed. The night was a dead black, and the surf on the ocean side of the Point boomed like heavy artillery.

"I've sent ashore for the day shift," said the captain. "We've got to make our fight now. Looks as if 'twas our last chance, and a mighty slim one."

The dories brought the tired men from the beach. They had worked hard all day, but they were ready to work still harder now. They realized that, one way or another, this was the end of the big job.

The little tug, bouncing up and down on the waves, was throwing her whole weight on the tow line. Alvin Bearse stood by the donkey engine ready to take in every inch of the cable. The partners were in the bow. The buckets were flying from the hold.

"She gained a heap last tide," murmured the captain. "This extry high water and the waves ought to help her like fun. But I'm 'fraid 'twon't be enough, and tomorrer the sou'easter 'll land with both feet."

Waiting was the hardest thing. A half hour seemed longer than an ordinary day. The wind gained in force little by little. The tide crept up the barge's side. At 1 o'clock it was far higher than it had ever reached before, and so powerful was its rush that the huge hull quivered in its grasp. The water, seen by the lantern's light, was the color of chocolate, streaked and marbled with lines and eddies of foam.

Half past 1. The captain put his watch in his pocket and wiped his forehead.

"I know how it feels when you're waitin' to be hung," he observed. "Thirty minutes for the firm to live. Brad; then—"

A mighty blow from a wave, a tremble and then a roll. The lanterns in the rigging spun around in circles. The men on the deck and below fell in heaps. The Freedom lifted, straightened and then began to rock in her cradle. The cables sagged into loops. Their silent partner, the tide, had come to the firm's rescue.

Bradley got upon his feet. "Haul taut!" he screamed. Before the order was given Bearse was back at his engine. The windlass shrieked.

Captain Titcomb roared through his speaking trumpet. The towboat shot forward, then back, her screw thrashing the water. The little You and I bobbed beside her. She was pulling too.

And then a long, scraping, breathless interval. A halt, a shock, and, pushing a wall of sand before her, the Freedom plunged into deep water.

There was no cheering. A subdued murmur, like a sigh, came from the crowd on her deck. Men drew sooty arms across wet foreheads and looked at each other without speaking. She was off the shoal, but far from being out of danger yet. She must be got over into the deep hole behind the Point, where she could safely ride out the coming gale. And to get her into this haven there was only the little tug to depend upon. Could the tiny craft do it in that wind and sea? If not, then the barge would almost surely drag her anchors, would strike again, and then—well, then all the work and the triumph so nearly won would count for nothing.

They brought her up to her anchors out in the middle of the channel. There they waited for the tide to turn. The silence was heartbreaking. Only now and then did any one speak. In clusters by the rail they stared at the big waves and the foam streaks gliding by. At last Captain Titcomb snapped his watch case shut and shouted through his trumpet. The towboat puffed into position. The anchors were lifted from the bottom. The time for the final test had come.

Then the little tug showed what she was made of. Coughing, panting like a bulldog straining at a chain, she pulled at that hawser, and, slowly at

first, but gaining headway as she moved in the dead water of the slack of the tide, the Freedom followed her through the channel around the edge of the shoal into the cove and safety. At ten minutes to 4 that morning the last big anchor was sent down.

"There!" shouted Captain Titcomb. "She'll stay where she is now if it blows hard enough to frazzle out a handspike. Boys, the job's done. Knock off!"

They answered him with a cheer that woke the cat from his sleep beneath the stove at the lighthouse.

The tug took them to the Point. They perched all over her, heedless of the cold and the flying spray. The men were wildly excited over the unexpected good luck. They cheered the partners again and again and gave three groans for the "quitters," meaning Mr. Clark and his friends. Peleg Myrick was bearing his concertina to safe quarters in the shanty, and they insisted that he should play it. Peleg protested that it was too wet for music on board that tug, but they threatened to leave the "push and pull planner" overboard if he didn't play.

"Play somethin' we can sing," ordered Bill Taylor.

Peleg struck up a doleful dirge of the sea. It was loaded to the gunwale with wrecks and disasters.

"Belay that!" cried Barney Small. "We don't want no come-all-yes. That's the tune that soured the milk. Give us a hoe down."

The musician considered; then he burst into the air that every fisherman knows:

"The grub is in the galley, and the rum is in the jug— Storm along, John! John, storm along! The skipper's from Hyannis, and he gives us bully mug— Storm along, storm along, John!"

"Chorus!" howled Barney, waving his cap. They joined in with a whoop: "Storm along, John! John, storm along! Ain't I glad my day's work's done! Storm along, John! John, storm along! Ain't I glad my day's work's done!"

Bradley stood by the back door of the big shanty, looking out at the storm. The first sickly light of morning was streaking the dingy, tumbled sky. Inside the building the men were keeping up their celebration. No one had suggested turning in.

Captain Titcomb came around the corner. "There you are, hey!" he exclaimed, with a breath of relief. "Blamed if I didn't begin to be afraid you'd tumbled overboard. Well, son,

we did it, by crimus! We did it, thanks to the good Lord for sendin' that whoopin' big tide. Titcomb & Nickerson ain't ready for the undertaker yet. Now you can go up to Orham and tell Gus Baker somethin' wuth while."

Bradley shrugged his shoulders. Now that the strain was over and they had won the thoughts that he had put aside were coming back. He was realizing that the firm's success didn't mean much to him. After all, what did he really care?

"I guess Gus wouldn't be greatly interested," he said.

The captain seized him by the shoulders and spun him around. "Look here, son!" he cried. "What fool idea have you got in your head? What's the matter with you? Wouldn't be interested! The girl that risked her life to haul you out of the drink!"

Bradley shook his head. "I guess you forget that Hammond was in the drink, too," he said.

Captain Titcomb smote his partner a blow in the chest.

"You crazy loon!" he shouted. "Is that what's aillin' you? Do you s'pose she cares a hurrah in Tophet for that scamp? Listen to me! I was closer 'n anybody to Gus when she rowed across the harbor that night. Sam was right under the bow of her skiff. He hailed her. She saw him—looked right at him. But she never reached out a hand. Left him to drown, like the durned rat he is, and went on after you. After you—d'you understand? Does that look—"

"Stop!" Bradley's eyes were ablaze. "Is that true? Say that again!"

"True? Say it again? I'll sing it or swear it on the Bible if you want me to. Why, you ought to git down and crawl to that girl. She's— Hi! Where you goin'?"

There was no answer. Bradley was running at full speed for the beach. A few minutes more and he was in the You and I, heading across the bay through the rising storm and in the dull morning light, bound for Orham.

And behind him from the shanty floated the chorus:

"Storm along, John! John, storm along! Ain't I glad my day's work's done! Storm along, John! John, storm along! Ain't I glad my day's work's done!"

CHAPTER XXI.

GUS rose early that morning. The storm had awakened her. She pulled aside the window shade and peered out at the bare branches of the silver leaf beating and whipping in the wind, at the sheets of rain scudding across the little pond in the pasture, at the whitecaps in the inlet and harbor and at the angry sea outside. Down in the village the storm signals were flying from the pole on the cupola of Cy Warner's observatory. The southeast gale, foretold by the newspapers, had come.

She saw the lighthouse on Baker's beach, a small shadowy dot in the distance. Beyond it was the bay, and miles beyond that lay Setucket Point. Only the landward end of the long beach was visible through the smears of wind driven rain, but she gazed in that direction for minutes.

Grandmother Baker was still asleep when Gus came downstairs. The girl went into the kitchen, where Winfield, gray muzzled and rheumatic, came, stretching and yawning, to meet her. She fixed the fire in the range, filled the teakettle and, putting on her apron, began mixing the rye muffins for breakfast. Every now and then she left her work to go to the window. The storm was growing steadily worse.



Then the reaction came.

The muffins were ready, and she put them in the oven. She went to the sink and pumped the tin hand basin full of water, but before her fingers touched it she heard the yard gate shut with a bang. She thought that "Blount's boy" must be coming with the morning's milk and stepped to the outside door to meet him, lifting the hook from the staple.

The door opened and Bradley Nickerson came in.

He wore no overcoat or oilskins, and his clothes were wet through. The rain poured from the visor of his cap, from his sleeves and the hem of his jacket. His face was dotted with drops, like beads of perspiration. He did not wipe them away, but stood there on Mrs. Baker's cherished Ingrain carpet dripping and looking at the girl before him.

She did not seem to notice his condition nor appear astonished at his coming. Her first words were strange ones.

"Oh!" she cried. "Is she lost?"

"Lost?" he repeated. "Lost?"

"Yes, yes. The barge. Has the gale wrecked her?"

Bradley seemed to be waking from a dream. "Oh, the barge!" he answered slowly. "The barge? Oh, she's all right. We got her off."

Gus gave a little sob of joy. Her eyes filled with tears. "I'm so glad!" she exclaimed. "I was afraid!"

He interrupted her by stepping forward and seizing her hands.

"Gus!" he begged. "Oh, Gus, & y' a love me?"

She did not hesitate nor seem surprised. "Yes," she said simply, looking up at him.

For an instant he returned the look. Then the reaction came. He swayed, sank to his knees and cried like a child, hiding his face in her apron.

And like a child she soothed him, stroking his wet hair and crying silently in sympathy.

"Oh, my dear," he pleaded over and over again, "I've behaved like a foolish child. Can you forgive me?"

She smiled, like the sun shining through the last drops of a summer shower. "It was my fault more than yours," she said. "I was selfish and so silly, but I didn't know—I didn't know."

"But you know now? You're sure?" The answer was not in words alone, and was entirely satisfactory.

When he got home Bradley swallowed the last drop of the "pepper tea" provided by Miss Tempy—he was in a mood where nothing short of a gallon would have daunted him—and hastened upstairs to put on dry clothes. When he came down he went through the motions of eating breakfast and answered as best he could the hundred and one questions regarding the floating of the Freedom that the old maids and Clara asked. He had been up practically all night, but was too excited to think of sleep, and, remembering how unceremoniously he had deserted Captain Titcomb, decided to go down to the postoffice and telephone to the Point.

The storm was in full blast by this time. The wind screamed through the treetops, and the thick ropes of rain shot downward with savage force. As he entered the postoffice the postmaster called to him through the little window in the center of the frame of mail boxes.

"Hi, Brad!" he hailed. "Is that you? I jest sent a boy uptown after you. Cap'n Ez has been keepin' the tele-

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NEW INCORPORATION ACT

Hereafter Fifty Per Cent Of Capital Must First Be Paid In

Austin, Tex., May 13—The new incorporation act does not become effective until July 11, and it is expected that there will be quite a rush to incorporate between now and then. For years the statutes have permitted incorporations with only 10 per cent of the authorized capital paid up, but the new law says that 50 per cent shall be paid in before a charter can be granted to a corporation. This will make quite a difference and incorporations thereafter may reduce to some extent and those incorporating will have as small a capital stock as possible to begin with.

There will never be a return of the floods of charters as was experienced during the oil boom when hundreds were being filed

each week. Numbers of these corporations were floated with barely 10 per cent of the authorized capital paid in, while others, having some backing, sought to make a big showing and incorporated for just as much as possible and named a capital stock that the funds in hand would prove 10 per cent of.—Dallas News.

A committee of the Ft. Chadbourne business club was down Saturday looking into the proposed line of railroad to run from Robert Lee to Fort Chadbourne. They express themselves highly elated over the prospects of the road building in the next twelve months. Col. Spencer said to the business club Saturday night that if everything went aright dirt would be flying on the line to Ft. Chadbourne in sixty days and grading would be completed by the time the Orient got to Ft. Chadbourne.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Creating the Office of Commissioner of Agriculture.

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 27, providing for a Department of Agriculture, with a bureau of labor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding thereto Section 27, when a majority of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of Texas at an election for that purpose shall vote in favor of the amendment, shall read as follows: Section 27. The Legislature shall provide for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall be either elected by the qualified voters of the State, or appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate, as the Legislature may provide; whose term of office, duties and salary shall be prescribed by law; in which department there shall be established by the Legislature a bureau of labor, when required by the public interest.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of Texas, to be voted upon on the first Tuesday in August, 1907. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor." And the sum of (\$2000) two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publications, proclamation and election.

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State.

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First Baptist Church
Subject—The Mountain school work.

Leader—Corabelle Wilkins
Opening address—Robert McFarland.

Scripture reading by leader.
The mountain region of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tenn—Emma Bishop.

The characteristics of the mountain people (paper) Eather Reed
How the school can help in the mountains—Prof. Van Burkleo.

Recitation—Katie Belle Pearce
How can we help. Address by W. B. Green.
Closing exercises.

There is no division among our people in regard to the railroad proposition. They are all united and will accomplish what they are after. There is not the least doubt that the railroad will be built at once. The grading will be done by the time the Orient trains arrive at Fort Chadbourne.

Mr. Clem, of the Clem Lumber Company of San Angelo was in the city Monday and paid us a pleasant call. Mr. Clem presented the editor with a nice pocket book that contained a memorandum book and also apartments for both silver and currency. Of course we carry neither silver or currency but can use the book to carry accounts we owe and other papers. We are under many obligations to Mr. Clem for the nice present.

Col. H. H. Hayley, the sage of Hayrick was in the city Monday to see about how the railroad move is getting along. He found everybody busy talking railroad. Col. Hayley expressed himself well pleased with the prospects we have of getting the road and says he is in to help push the road to an early completion.

Joe Rawls, of the Divide, was in the city Monday on business.

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Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing for the Creation of Improvement Districts in Certain Cities.

Joint Resolution amending Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the creation of improvement districts in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants, and charging the cost of certain improvements made therein against the abutting property.

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

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

In addition to the foregoing, cities of more than five thousand inhabitants may lay out within their corporate limits, improvement districts in which they, by and with the consent of a majority of the taxpayers owning real estate therein, may build sidewalks and charge the cost thereof against the abutting property, and may build sewers and pave streets and charge one-third of the cost there-

of against the abutting property on either side of the streets upon which such improvements are made in such district, and the amount charged against all such abutting property shall be deemed and held to be a tax against and a lien upon such abutting property, and the Legislature is required to enact laws prescribing the means for ascertaining the amount properly chargeable against each parcel of abutting property, and providing for the enforcement of its collection.

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the Constitution to the qualified voters of the State of Texas, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots: "For the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution, permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one-third the cost of which to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street."

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Establishment of a State Printing Plant.

Joint Resolution authorizing the submission to a vote of the people of the State of Texas of a proposed amendment of Section 21, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to printing, publishing, stationery, paper and fuel, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 21. All printing and publishing, and all stationery, paper and fuel for the various departments, and for all offices, whether created by this Constitution or by law, shall be done and supplied as may be provided by law, and for the accomplishment of these objects and purposes the Legislature may provide and establish all requisite means and agencies, invested with such powers as may be deemed adequate and advisable.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel," and all those

opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Providing for the Establishment of a Home for Confederate Widows.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors and such women as aided the Confederacy, and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows: Article 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled, Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers anterior to March 1, 1880; provided said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month, and provided further, that no appropriations shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for any one year, and also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided the Confederacy, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said homes shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State.

Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3. Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled, Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are either over sixty years of age or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers anterior to March 1, 1880; provided said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month, and provided further, that no appropriations shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for any one year, and also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided the Confederacy, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said homes shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1907.

The sum of \$5000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

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Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Fixing the Salary of Members of the Legislature.

An Act to amend Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the Public Treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each year in which the biennial session of the Legislature is held under the provisions of this Constitution, and five dollars for each day of any Special Session held during the subsequent year, and in addition thereto, they shall receive mileage in going to and returning from the State Capitol, not to exceed three cents per mile; the distance to be computed by the nearest railroad route, and the Comptroller shall prepare and preserve a table of distances for each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a Regular or Called Session.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday in August, 1907, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "For the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature," and all those opposed, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "Against the amendment to Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, and the sum of \$1000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(A true copy.) L. T. DASHIELL, Secretary of State.

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 You should be healthy. To enjoy
 good health you should have
PURE DRUGS
 When you are run down. Our stock is always kept
 up and are fresh. Our Druggists Sundries are the best
 to be had. Prescriptions filled night or day. Let us
 serve you.
The Owl Pharmacy,
 T. B. LYSTER, PROPRIETOR.

**COKE COUNTY
 AFFAIRS**

The Honorable County Commissioners Had a busy Session last Week—Many Measures of Great benefit to Coke County and Her People Passed.

The Honorable Commissioners Court met Monday Morning May 13—All Commissioners, County Judge P. D. Coulson and Sheriff Will Hickman were present.

The vote of the School Trustees election held in School District No. 2 was canvassed and H. A. Gary and Dr. G. W. Lasater were declared elected.

T. C. Bald win was released as surity on bond of T. F. Cryer. The exchange in land with H. P. Powers to straighten the Robert Lee and Bronte roads was ratified.

Ordered by the court that the clerk issue a warrant on the general road and bridge fund for the sum of \$28.55 to pay cost of officers in cause No. 179 State of Tex. vs. Carter in County Court. This amount having been paid to the County Treasurer by an error.

Ordered that the order passed at the February term levying one cent ad valorem tax for the benefit of Funding Bond fund be rescinded.

Ordered that the 24 cents county ad valorem tax levied for the benefit of the general county fund passed at the Feb. term of this court be rescinded.

Ordered that the tax of 25 cents levied be set apart for the benefit of the general county fund.

Ordered that the tax of 6 cents on the \$100 valuation for general and bridge purposes be rescinded!

Ordered that the tax of 2 cents on the \$100 valuation levied to

pay interest and create a sinking fund to pay off \$1545 general repair fund be rescinded

Ordered that a county tax of 8 cents on the \$100 valuation be levied for general road and bridge purposes.

Ordered that the quarterly report of B. P. Byrne J P of precinct No. 6 for quarter ending May 13, 07 be approved.

Ordered that a change be made in Ft. Chadbourne and James road as follows: Beginning at Fort Chadbourne post

office following railroad to Harris Heirs line to Dorsey survey, thence with Harris Heirs line to south line of Seth Clark survey thence west with said line to south-west corner, thence

**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.

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adopted as the acts and deeds of this court and all conveyances by the county judge of said county are hereby in all things approved as the acts and conveyances of this court

On petition of 250 qualified voters of coke county a prohibition election was ordered held in the several voting precincts June 8.

Ordered that the hallways of the court house be repaired.

The lumber floor to be taken away and said flooring to be laid in cement and concrete and two wooden arches be put in at doorway. commissioner S. W. Gaston voting on above order.

The quarterly report of B. F. Hail, Treasurer for quarter ending May 13 was approved.

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to east said line to intersect Ft. Chadbourne and James road.

Ordered that the quarterly report of M. C. Jones precinct No. 1 for quarter ending May 13 be approved.

Ordered that the quarterly report of J. S. Gardner, County Clerk for quarter ending May 13 be approved.

Ordered that the quarterly report of Will Hickman Sheriff and Tax Collector for quarter ending May 13, be approved.

It is ordered by the court that all sales and conveyances heretofore made or attempted to be made by the county judge of coke county of any lots included in the deed of conveyance from E. cartledge to H. L. Adams county judge of coke county Texas dated Dec. 29, 1890, recorded in book 3 on pages 200-202 deed records of county, conveying certain lots in Robert Lee Texas to said H. L. Adams and to his successors in office for use and benefit of the Public Free School of said coke county be and the same are hereby in all things and in every way approved, ratified and

collected for quarter ending May 13 approved.

Ordered by the court that five doors and two benches be sold to Geo. Goss for \$8 the amount to be placed to credit of court House repair fund.

The officers were allowed their usual per diem after which the court adjourned

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

W. C. Latham (hauling).....	\$1 25
J. S. Gardner recording births for quarter ending May 13.....	7.50
J. S. Gardner keeping finance ledger to May 13.....	25.00
Smith & Robertson lumber for bridge.....	93.55
W. W. Brooks hauling.....	3.50
J. M. Cole hauling.....	3.50
C. M. Campbell & Sons lumber.....	8.94
S. B. Williams typewriter work on bond issue.....	4.50
Geo. Cowan stationery.....	73.45
H. S. Van Burkeleo painting court house.....	116.68
T. J. Cunningham official reporter 51st Dist.....	15.00
Will Hickman waiting on District and County court.....	12.00
W. K. Simpson paint for	

**THE BARBECUE
 LAST SATURDAY**

Something Like Three Thousand Citizens and Visitors Mingled Together—Were Well Fed and Enjoyed Good Speaking.

Saturday the 18 will long be remembered by our people as the most successful barbecue and public day in our history. It was a day of good will and rejoicing throughout the city and everyone took advantage of it.

The barbecue was one of the most successful and largely attended gatherings in the history of the county. There were not only visitors from all over the county, but outside towns were well represented. We had a large crowd of visitors from San Angelo, Miles, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Sweetwater and other towns. Everybody enjoyed themselves and expressed in glowing terms their thanks to the hospitable people of Robert Lee and community.

The crowd assembled at the beautiful pecan grove east of the city at an early hour. The Miles Concert Band, one of the best bands in the West, furnished entrancing music, the Ladies Home Mission Society furnished refreshments, and Boogher Red's Wild West Show entertained the small boys while several prominent speakers entertained the older people. W. C. Merchant was master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers. The gentlemen who spoke in the afternoon were: Welcome address, Rev. D. A. McGuire, Robert Lee; Response J. T. Thomson, San Angelo; J. E. Greer, L. H. Brightman.

After a selection by the band dinner was announced and the attendants were drawn up in front of two thousands pounds of the most delicious barbecued meat, seven hundred loaves of bread, and pickles and coffee galore. There was an hour of feasting and when they had finished there was considerable left. In the afternoon C. C. Merchant, Dr. Parsons and Col. Austin Spencer spoke to attentive listeners. The crowd lingered at the grounds until a late hour in the afternoon and returned to the city and at night attended the play at the court house by the Miles band and also a rousing mass meeting at the Masonic Temple. Both meetings being attended with overflowing houses.

Every member of the committee deserve great credit for the manner in which they attended to their duties.

The meat and bread cutters deserve much credit in their excellent service so does Sheriff Hickman in his service. There was no disturbance whatever on the ground. J. B. Etheridge did the barbecuing and the service he gave was all that could be desired. The meat was cooked well and was tender and juicy.

The committee of arrangements will have about \$33 above expenses which will be placed to the credit of the Business Club.

..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...

**Always Remember the Full Name
 Laxative Bromo Quinine
 Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in Two.**
E. W. Brown on Box. 25c.

 * It Is Unlawful *
 * To Ship Whiskey C. O. D. *
 * SEND \$3.50 TO *
 * Eddie Maier, San Angelo, *
 * And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever *
 * bought for the money *

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court house.....	28.89
F. K. Popplewell making map of Robert Lee.....	10.00
McCallum, Reed co. mdse	7 20
Robert Lee Merc. comdse	4.55
Clark & courts stationery for county clerk.....	57.75
Clark & courts eight Jail Bonds, 40 copies.....	32.00
Clark & courts book for assessor and envelopes for sheriff.....	32.50

—When in San Angelo call and see how nice we stack our lumber and see what good grades we handle. Things are as neat as a pin in our yard. All bad plank thrown into lower grades and sold at reduced prices. Clem Lumber Co., just across river at the bridge, San Angelo.

Railroad at Fort Chadbourne.
 Col. Austin Spencer and capitalists of San Angelo will meet the people of Fort Chadbourne Friday and Saturday nights, in a railroad rally. They will meet with the Business Club at that place Friday night, and at 2'clock Saturday afternoon there will be a farmers meeting. It is expected that the Railroad Committee and a large crowd of railroad enthusiasts will visit from Robert Lee.

—Plenty of shingles at our yard. We are near where the Orient depot will be, just across the river at the bridge. San Angelo.

SAVING MONEY

IS SIMPLY a matter of growth. If you form the habit, financial independence will grow out of your small beginning, just as sure as the giant tree grows from the sapling. Nobody saves much at a time. Everybody can save a little at a time. Financial success is simply a matter of sticking to your saving plan—making your character stronger than any temptation to spend. Try the bank account plan of saving; see how fast the small change grows into dollars, and how the dollars will grow into tens and hundreds.

The First National Bank Robert Lee, Texas

LOCAL NEWS.

J. E. Greer sold two lots in block 4 to Geo. Cowan at \$75.

—For a delicious ice cream go to the Owl Pharmacy.

W. C. Barron branded one hundred calves this week.

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

Dr. J. O. Toliver returned Wednesday from a business visit to San Angelo.

—Fine line of stationary at the Owl Pharmacy.

F. K. Popplewell sold lot 23 in block 15 to Geo. Cowan at \$62.50.

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

Patterson, Merchant & Co. sold over \$800 worth of town lots Wednesday.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow and calf 5 miles West of Robert Lee J. K. Lofton.

The jail bonds have been printed and the contract to build the jail will be let at an early date.

—For all kinds of tin repairing, guttering, valleys, see L. Schott

Patterson, Merchant & Co. sold to Gray Reed and Jack West two lots in block 22 at \$150.

—Furniture, cheapest to be had at W. K. Simpson's.

Durham, Merchant & Co., sold to B. A. Boykin lot 8 in block 22 at \$100.

—Roof paint, 75c per gallon at W. K. Simpson's.

Patterson, Merchant & Co. sold to C. N. Chapman, lots 4, 5 and 6, in block 43 at private figures.

All are welcome to have water from my well.

J. K. Lofton.

Property took a big jump this week. Property owners realize that there is something doing in the railroad line.

—Big line of earthen wear such as crocks, churns milk crocks, jugs, etc. at Lane Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Barnett and Mrs. M. D. Chapman and children are visiting friends and relatives in Scurry county.

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

County Treasurer B. F. Hall left Monday for Mineral Wells, where he will spend some time for the benefit of his health.

—New shipment of summer lap robes at the Lane Hardware Co.

Ed Walton, of Bronte, was in the city this week on business, looking towards the incorporation of Bronte.

—The most delicious cold drinks of all kind at Williams and Turney's.

Rev. D. A. McGuire will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

T. C. Haldwin and W. Billingsley of Ft. Chadbourne were business visitors to the city Tuesday.

—See S. H. Babb at Bronte or all kinds of watch and jewelry repairing. All work guaranteed and delivered on short notice.

—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

John Culp of Bronte was in the city Tuesday.

Barbecue and Auction.

Of keen interest to the stockmen and stockmen-farmers of Robert Lee and Coke county is the announcement in this issue of the Observer of the Hereford auction sale (both sexes, all registered,) which will occur Thursday, June 6th, at Leedale Stock Farm, which is picturesquely located seven miles southwest of San Angelo. Eighty-five registered individuals from several of the best prize winning herds of the Southwest will be auctioned, absolutely without reservations. The sale will be conducted by such prominent breeders as C. W. B. Collins, Lee Bros. and Broome & Farr. It's a splendid opportunity for belated bull buyers.

Robert Lee Raises Bonus.

At the railroad rally held Saturday and Monday at Robert Lee, the sum of \$33,000 was raised as a bonus for the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad.

Austin Spencer, the president of the newly chartered road, returned last night from Robert Lee, and stated to a reporter this morning that the success of the R. L. & F. C. is a certainty.

The next railroad rally will occur Saturday, the 25th inst., at Bronte.

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

—THE—
WESTERN NATIONAL BANK,
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
J. WILLIS JOHNSON, President, LOUIS L. FARR, Vice-Pres.,
A. B. SHERWOOD, Cashier.
Capital, Surplus and Profits, \$135,000.
WE SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNT

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."

A prohibition meeting was held at the court house Monday night at which committees were appointed and other routine business attended to.

—Let Rabb refresh you with a cold drink from his fountain.

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.

Mr. T. B. Lyster and Miss Mae Stewart were happily married at the Methodist church Thursday night at 7:30. Rev. D. A. McGuire officiated. A more extensive write-up will appear next week.

Without Alcohol

A Strong Tonic	Without Alcohol
A Body Builder	Without Alcohol
A Blood Purifier	Without Alcohol
A Great Alterative	Without Alcohol
A Doctor's Medicine	Without Alcohol
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	Without Alcohol

Ayer's
We publish our formulas
We banish alcohol
from our medicines
We urge you to
consult your
doctor

Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They act directly on the liver, make more bile secreted. This is why they are so valuable in constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick-headache. Ask your doctor if he knows a better laxative pill.
—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.—

Short Line Feeder Assured.

In another part of this issue appears the report of the successful raising of the bonus at Robert Lee of \$33,000 for the building of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad. The amounts of the subscriptions of the Coke county people were liberal, and every one of the 2500 people who attended the railroad rally and barbecue are enthusiastic over the prospects.

Austin Spencer, the well known San Angelo merchant, and a man who has always come forward in advancing San Angelo's interests, is at the head of the enterprise, and this in itself means that the short line will prove a success.

Mr. Spencer said this afternoon: "The Coke county folk can raise any amount they want, and are as enthusiastic as the promoters to have this short feeder to the Orient, which will connect Robert Lee, the county seat of one of the best agricultural counties in all of Texas, with Fort Chadbourne, on the K. C., M. & O., thus affording that territory for 14 miles southwest of Chadbourne an outlet to the north and south."

The president of the road announces that the line of 14 miles will be completed by the time the Orient trains are in operation between Kansas City and San Angelo.

All the property owners of Coke county are delighted to know that the road will soon be in operation, and have backed their delight with the "dough," which is the best proof positive of their confidence in the R. L. & F. C. railroad.—San Angelo Standard.

Strayed

Strayed from the undersigned Feb. 24th last, one chestnut sorrel mare about eight years old, one hind foot white, a small white spot in forehead branded H P connected on left shoulder, blotched.

Will pay all it is worth to have her brought to me at Robert Lee H. D. Pearce.

Do You Want

- A White Parasol?
- A Nice Swiss Pattern?
- A Fancy Belt?
- Up-to-date Collars?
- A Fine Pair of Shoes?
- A Fancy Tie?
- A First-Class Suit?
- A Genuine Panama Hat?
- A Neat Dress Shirt?

- We Have it
- We Have it
- We Have it
- We Have Them
- We have them
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Ladies

Do not overlook our complete line of Muslin Underwear, almost anything you want Our prices are correct on everything

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.,

Patterson, Merchant & Co. had a deal on this week with Doss Day for the sale of the C. Harris lots at \$2800 but Harris Bros. took the lots off the market at that price.

—All kinds of tinware repairing, guttering, valleys, tanks or tin work of every kind done on short notice at the Lane Hardware Co.

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

Patterson, Merchant & Co. sold last week 24 lots from \$35 to \$150 per lot. These sales were made on the strength of the railroad proposition.

—The most delicious iced drinks and ice cream at J. C. Rabb's.

Jack Douglas died at Bronte Monday from the effects of a fall. He fell from the gallery of the upper story at the Bronte Hotel.

—We do not care to brag about selling cheaper than everybody else as this old story is to old to cram down the throats of the people, but we do boast of having just unloaded about 20 cars of the finest lumber in Texas. Good lumber talks louder than bragging about low prices. Well informed people know that anything good cost something. Clem Lumber Co., San Angelo, Texas.

col. Austin Spencer and associates will meet with the people of Fort Chadbourne in a big railroad rally Friday and Saturday nights. Robert Lee should send a large delegatinn to meet with them.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, wants your hides at the highest market price.

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.

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.

"WHY

do I take Cardui"? writes Mrs. Jelemma Mullins of Odessa, W. Va. "Because, after suffering for several years with female

trouble, and trying different doctors and medicines without obtaining relief, I at last found, in Wine of Cardui, a golden medicine for all my ills, and can recommend it above all others for female complaints."

Cardui furnishes safe relief for backache, headache, periodical pains, irregular, painful or unhealthy catamenial flow, and all ailments from which sick women suffer. A perfect tonic for delicate women. A pure vegetable medicine for girls and women who are subject to the complaints peculiar to their sex. Has benefited over a million who used to suffer as you do.

At every drug store, in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER
describing fully all your symptoms and we will send you Free Advice in plain sealed envelope. Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI

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." 5c. 50c and \$1.00.

Railroad Meeting

A call was made Wednesday night for our people to meet Thursday night with representatives from Paint Rock and Robert Lee to consider a railroad proposition.

Messrs. Norman, Sims, Brook, and Roach of Paint Rock and Mr. Brooks of Robert Lee were present and a good representation of our people.

J. J. Raley presided over the meeting and called upon John B. Parks to explain the object of the meeting. Talks were made by Messrs. Norman, Sims, Brooks, Roach, Ferguson, Farmer, Jennings, Meineke and Kuox.

After carefully considering a proposition made, a motion was carried to appoint a committee to solicit a bonus. The committee consists of Farmer Ferguson, Voss, Parks and Yarbrough.

Several thousand dollars were subscribed at the meeting. The proposed route is a good one and our people should leave nothing undone to secure the road. Robert Lee and Paint Rock stand ready with a big bonus and there will be something doing in the near future.—Miles messenger.

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 Aunika Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c at the Owl Pharmacy Druggist.

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

—Call and see which pattern of drop siding you like best. We have the latest and nicest and best. We have the old also if you like it. Clem Lumber Co., east near the bridge, San Angelo, Texas.

—Far famed Yara Cuba Cigars at the Owl Pharmacy.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Rannels 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 in dividial 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 Lein 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 condensers, 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 Lein 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 or any 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. 2d 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, By Jim Eubanks Deputy. Sheriff.

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.

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

TO LAY TRACK HERE AT ONCE

Enough Steel Rails And Ties and Material Will Be Here In Two Weeks To Lay 25 miles.

T. A. Bedford, resident engineer of the K. C., M. & O. arrived last night in San Angelo from 20 miles south of Sweetwater, and will make this city his headquarters.

Engineer Bedford is here to receive material that is now on the way to San Angelo, bills of lading for forty cars and more of which he has in hand. The material will arrive immediately and the laying of track from San Angelo will be begun within ten days, according to the statement of the engineer to a Standard reporter today.

There is sufficient steel rail and ties, bars, bolts, etc. now en route to San Angelo to lay 25 miles of tracks, or enough to cover the distance between here and the Colorado river.

Mr. Bedford said today:

"The laying of track will be commenced at once. The material is now en route, there are the bills of lading over there, and I am here to superintend the receiving of the steel rails, ties, etc.

"Just as soon as the track is put down here work will be begun on the steel bridge, which will be 700 feet across the North Concho river. The bridge will be of the standard width for a railroad bridge and will be completed as fast as possible.

"We will cross the Santa Fe about 250 feet east of the present stock yards. We now have the matter up with the Santa Fe of having an over-crossing built that is, to have the Santa Fe tracks raised so that the Orient will have a regular track crossing.

"Track laying will be completed as rapidly as human effort can do it, and as fast as the material arrives."

The above is quite in substantiation of the belief of many that the Orient will have its trains in operation between Kansas City and San Angelo by the end of the present year, and perhaps a little sooner.—San Angelo Standard.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, county of Coke.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke county, on 2nd day of April A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas vs. unknown owners No. 421, 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: lots 7 and 9, in block 62, in Robert Lee Coke county, Texas, levied on as the property of unknown owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$31.67, in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

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First Car Arrives

The first car of ties for the Orient tracklaying arrived in San Angelo yesterday. Many other cars are due to arrive at any time. The ties are being unloaded at the oil mill site and will be used at once in preparing for the steel laying. Forces of men are already here and the work of finishing the construction of the Orient between this city and Sweetwater will now start with a vim.—San Angelo News.

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