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BRONTE, TEXAS.

ECHOES OF OUR BARBECUE

WHAT SHE SEVERAL SPEAKERS SAID OF OLD COKE AND HER RAILROAD PROSPECTS

Colonel Thomson's Speech.

J. T. Thomson made the following speech at the big railroad rally at Robert Lee Saturday, when \$133,000 bonus was raised to build the R. L. & F. C. road:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I don't care so much about the gentlemen, I meet them all the time, but I am proud of the privilege of addressing so many of the good people of Coke county upon this occasion. In response to the address of welcome just delivered by the gentleman who preceded me, I want to say to you that I claim an interest in Coke county. When 28 years ago, I became a citizen of Tom Green county, (at that time there was no Coke county,) Coke county was a part and parcel of Tom Green county. Many of her citizens at that time, and not so many, either, for there wasn't so many, but there was quite a proportion of them were clients of mine. In that way I became interested in the best interests of Coke county. She was a part and parcel of my adopted county, and I want to say to you that Tom Green county has a right to the title of mother of the counties for the state of Texas. She has presented her with 14 or 15 counties, of which Coke is the queen, and we are proud of Coke county for that reason. I want to say to you that as a father of six rosy-cheeked children, that I want to congratulate the fathers and mothers who are populating Coke county. I want to congratulate the gentlemen preceding me upon the good taste of your

people in the naming of your town. That it indicated good judgement to name your town after the greatest soldier and the greatest Christian gentleman that ever emblazoned the pages of history in the United States, or any part of the earth,

in any age or time, Robert E. Lee. I want to tell you we are proud also of the magnificent welcome extended to us in this county. I came here in the interest of my friends and in the interest I feel in Coke county. Whether you build a railroad or do not build one it is not worth one dollar to me. The question before you today is a great and vital one. Does Robert Lee and Coke county want a railroad? I don't think there could be a dissenting voice

on that question. If Robert Lee wants anything more than she has, it is connection with the outside world. I don't have to go any further than your neighbors for illustrations of your condition. When I came to West Texas, in 1879, I came to a town with better buildings and more advanced in privileges and improvements than Robert Lee is today—Buffalo Gap. It had a court house and was the county seat, with a good school and a number of rock buildings

I was so pleased I bought a lot and built my office there. I came on here by Paint Rock to Angelo and settled at San Angelo. Within a few years the T. & P. railroad that I helped to survey went through Abilene 12 miles north of Buffalo Gap. Within a few brief months Buffalo Gap shook like a wall struck with an earthquake. They picked up the records carried them to Abilene from Buffalo Gap, and I give you my word that I don't know where my lot is today. Some enterprising fellow hauled my house

as a road to Bronte would cost \$100,000 more than a road to Ft. Chadbourne. We want to get every facility we can at the lowest cost to your pocket books. And one thing about Ft. Chadbourne is when you get there, you have all you want, and then stop. I don't suppose you know how to play poker, but the game is to know when to stop. It is the same in business. When we have attained our object in this connection with the Orient we can get south, east

one-half or two miles, take the left hand trail; you go along then one and a half or two miles where there is a plum thicket so thick you can't see twenty feet, the fellow said: "I am in a plum thicket; what must I do then?" The old man said: You are lost. That is the best he could do for him. These people advise you to build more road than you can build. They direct you into a plum thicket, and you have no more use for it. I tell you there is no more vital condition before the people than this. It is up to you to exercise your judgment. It is as far as you need it. We can't have any interest in this road, but it is for you to say which do you want, and at what cost. I worked on an engineer corps four years in my life and I tell you if you get off at \$250,000 in building this road to Chadbourne you have it at as reasonable a price as you can expect, and every mile you build will cost you in proportion, and this is not counting the building of bridges and culverts, and they pile up and pile up until you can't see the cost of it. I understand the ground has been gone over to Chadbourne by experienced men and the grade is a nominal one. After you get your road to Chadbourne you have all you need, and I believe with all my heart and soul all you are able to pay for at this time.

People don't build roads for pastime, or any such reasons as that, and I do hope to see Robert Lee stay on the map, and it don't matter where you build the road, but build it somewhere and build it now. Don't quarrel among yourselves till you sin away your day of grace and your opportunity is passed. If you can't drive a nail where you want it, drive it where it will go. There is more or less

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off, made a barn of it, and I can't find Buffalo Gap on the map of Taylor county today. Then the Santa Fe ran almost in sight of the good old town of Runnels, and I need to ask you now, where is old Runnels? What ever is left of it is gone to Ballinger. They now have the county seat there and Runnels has shrunk away to a memory.

As I understand the proposition, it is to build you a road to connect with the Orient, that great trunk line, perhaps the greatest of them all. It will connect you with Ft. Chadbourne, and north to Kansas City where you ship all your stuff. A great line within your reach if you reach out and get it. It can be built, perhaps cheap enough to be within your reach. We have been thinking of this in your interest for three or four years, and we selected Ft. Chadbourne. Your business men will say "Why not Bronte?" We answer \$100,000 increase of cost. That is the best argument I can make to you. We have asked railroad engineers about it, and they tell

and west, and we don't want to keep on going, for we have spent all the money we can afford to put into this thing at this time, and have got all we started out to get, and it is time to stop. We might be like the man passing a road to a certain place. He asked a man to direct him. He was sitting on the fence, whittling on a stick. The gentleman asked him for direction, and he said: Keep down this road about one-half mile, go through the gate, take the road on the right go one and

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LAST SATURDAY AT FT. CHADBOURNE

The Soliciting Committee and Officers of Robert Lee & Ft. Chadbourne Railroad Were Properly Entertained.

The officials of the new railroad and soliciting committee spent the day last Saturday in Fort Chadbourne and to say they were royally entertained would be putting it light. The many hospitable homes of that wide-awake little city were thrown open to the visitors and the good people did all in their power to make the day what it was, one of the most enjoyable and successful ones for the railroad proposition.

The morning was spent in meeting the citizens and talking of the many advantages Fort Chadbourne would have in securing one end of the line

In the afternoon the citizens were called together under the large shed near McDonald, Doughty & Co., and were entertained for about three hours with good talks by different ones. Col. W. C. McDonald introduced the several speakers. The first on the program was Rev. D. A. McGuire, who was given splendid attention for some thirty minutes, then came Col. J. T. Thomson, Dr. S. C. Parsons and Col. Austin Spencer of San Angelo, Rev. W. K. Simpson of Robert Lee, R. E. Douglas, Dr. Lassater, W. C. McDonald and T. C. Baldwin of Fort Chadbourne. After the speaking a committee at Fort Chadbourne was selected to ascertain what could be raised as a bonus. The people of Fort Chadbourne are alive to securing the road and pledged themselves to do their utmost. The day was one well spent and was very successful.

About twenty-five from Robert Lee were present.

The San Angelo Standard of May 29 gives out that 25 cars of steel rails and ties have arrived in San Angelo and that work will begin laying steel out of that city at once. It also says that the road will be pushed through to Sweetwater on account of the freight rate over the Santa Fe being cheaper than over the T. & P.

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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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Childrens Day Program (June 16, 1907)

Leader—Willie Barron. Organist—Lena Simpson. Opening song No. 675. Prayer—D. A. McGuire. Bible reading—Carl Morrow Hymn No. 175. Dialogue—Verna Rogers and Thelma Reed. Song No. 177. Recitation—by six children Recitation—Song of Harpers. Hymn No. 179. Our offering—Herbert West. Duet—Margarette Pearson and Alta Belle Popplewell. Taking the offering—by Abbie Finch, Dan Roe and Marvin Simpson.

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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.

Dr. S. C. Parsons and family have arrived in town again after absence of ten days. The Doctor has been doing some speaking for the Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne railroad, as has also Fred Beck, Judge Burges, J. T. Thompson and Fred Gerber, Sr. They all report everything in a flourishing condition in and about Robert Lee and Bronte.—San Angelo News.

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Junior League Program

Subject—Partnership with God. Leader—B. Morrow. Order of service. Scripture reading—Psalm 48. Prayer and Song. Key Text—2 Cor. 6 1—by John Barron. Connecting links—by L. M. Morrow. Point of contact—Thelma Reed. The Text—by Herbert West, Ernest Ballard and Opal Bell. Recitation—by Willie Barron. Song. Recitation—by Thelma McGuire. League Benediction.

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.

B Y P U

Robert Lee Baptist Church Subject—How we may realize the presence of Christ. Leader—Miss Ollie Green. Scripture by leader. Song. Paper: how we know we are converted—George Brown. Song. Recitation—Ora Collier. Scripture; Jno. 16: 8-16 — Georgia Payne. Talk on lesson—T. D. Evans Closing exercises by leader.

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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George Barham Deceased

George Barham died at the San Angelo Heights Sanitarium at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, May 26, of tuberculosis. Deceased was 29 years of age, and was well known in San Angelo, having been here a number of years. He was in the employ of Taylor & Johnson, and later ran a grocery store in Robert Lee, but sold out there and the past two years has been employed by the G. C. & S. F. railway. He leaves a wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lovelace, of this city; also three brothers, Charles, who lives here, and two others who live in Temple, and was a nephew of Messrs. Clint and Willis Johnson. The remains were shipped Sunday afternoon to Henry, Tenn., accompanied by his brother Charles, and his wife. Mr. Barham made a host of friends in San Angelo and was a man whom every one thought well of. The Standard joins with the many other friends in tendering sympathy to the bereft ones.—San Angelo Standard.

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

Epworth League Program

Subject—A High Standard. Leader—Paul Brown. Opening song, No. 26. Scripture reading—by leader. Prayer—Bro. Simpson. Bible illustration—League members Song No. 138. Talk on subject—F. K. Popplewell. Song No. 111. Paper on subject—Miss Nettie Barrette. Doxology. Freewill offerings. Song No. 89. Prayer—by President. Scripture lesson Math. 3 7 13. Who are required to make freewill offerings to God. Mrs. Danner. What kind of spirit should characterize christian service? Math. 10:8 Mrs. Greer. The scriptures empower the Giver to be the sole judge of his gift. 2 Cor. 9 7 : Mrs. Irving Rushing. Select reading: Jewell Pillans. What is the promise of God to those who meet his requirements in the matter of giving? Cor. 9 8 : Mrs. Shropshire. Duet Misses Chapman. The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will have a special service Wednesday 4 P. M. June the 2, and it is desired that all members attend and bring an offering for the Lord's house.

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.

Colonel Austin Spencer, who has returned from Bronte says that the people of that little city are working hard to raise the bonus for the new railroad, and predicts that if the cowmen will come through as well as the town people have, there will be enough to justify the beginning of the work at once. In discussing the matter Mr. Spencer said "Robert Lee is going to be the distributing point, or terminal of the road. Mr. Burroughs president of the Business Club at that place, has the best committee that ever went out of any town, to solicit for the welfare of Coke county, and it is my opinion that we will have the bonus all raised so that we can commence work and complete the grade from Robert Lee to some point on the Orient by the time the steel is laid on that road."—San Angelo News.

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ECHOES OF BARBECUE.

L. H. Brightman's Speech.

L. H. Brightman, district attorney, made the following speech at the Robert Lee railroad rally:

Ladies and Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens:—I don't know which to call home, Coke county or Tom Green county. I have lived in Coke county longer than I have lived in Tom Green county, and was down here attending court at one place, and some of the boys laughing and making fun of me down there about registering at a certain place, and I registered from, Coke county. I told them I wasn't ashamed of no place I have ever lived, and especially Coke county. That was only a few days ago. There is a feeling of friendship, and there ought to be, existing between the citizenship of Tom Green county and Coke county. The adversity, the hardships and the droughts and distressing times we have gone through together ought to create a feeling between the people of two counties connecting them almost as the Siamese Twins, not by a ligament of flesh, but by the ties as existed between Jonathan and David. We have gone through adversities together. I remember when I lived in Coke county, some of the distressing times I have ever experienced in my life I have experienced in this county some of the most pleasant times I have ever experienced, and there ought to be a tie, and there is, that binds us almost as one family, and we need a railroad to connect us in a business way. If you have a railroad leading down here, from any county, makes no difference where from, you would not cross the Orient. You would buy your tickets to go to Angelo. I know all about you. The boys go to Angelo because we have a people there like you have here. When you get there, they treat you right, and you like to go back again, and that is the reason why this gang from Angelo is here today—because they know when they get among the citizenship of themselves, citizenship of Western Texas, who have grown together and raised together, and can understand one another. Your interest is a common interest. The Good Book says, "No man liveth unto himself," and it can be said also of towns that no town can live unto itself. You cut off the friendship and trade of Coke county from Tom Green county and San Angelo, and you have extracted the right arm of San Angelo, and our boys have sense enough to know it, and have backbone enough to come to your assistance, to help you when you need it. Don't you know that the trade from this county is a wonderful help to San Angelo? The cotton, the retail and wholesale trade is a great thing. It is to the interest of Tom Green county to keep in close touch with the citizenship and to keep the good will of the people of Coke county.

There are propositions coming before you and I want to say I don't want to soft soap or sugar-coat anything of the sort. You can't build two railroads unless you can do more than Angelo can. It pretty near killed Angelo to build one, but as Mr. Thomson has said, that the day has passed when a town can exist within ten or twelve miles of a railroad station where there is a railroad town. The time once existed when that could

have been done, but it is now a thing of the past. It is as natural for the people to flock to the railroad towns as it is for the eagles and buzzards to flock to the carcass, they will go. I feel this way, and personally I have no interest in this matter, more than my friendship toward the people of Coke county and my San Angelo friends. I know the parties behind this proposition. I know they have the nerve to do a thing. They have the financial backing to do that.

You never heard of old Austin Spencer going after a thing and didn't get it did you? You understand the charter has been granted in this move. Of course that don't mean much, but it means something. Of course it can be amended so as to tap the Orient at any place. It occurs to me that whatever you strike the Orient road, it is the Orient.

Whether you strike it at Ft. Chadbourne or Bronte, it is the Orient road. When you get there, one end goes one way and the other end the other way and it don't make any difference where you strike it right; if you strike it at Tennyson and want to go south you don't change your direction but have just got to the Orient. It is immaterial in what direction you may make your connection.

It is the same road and the thing is, which way can, you go the cheapest. In my judgment, the least money you can get it with is the thing you want. I that was the way these Angelo people figured on it.

They figured on the least way all the time, and you notice when they go after a thing they get it. They don't figure with half a dozen at a time. They figure on building the Methodist College, the federal building or the Orient all at one time, but one a time, and put a committee out and when they got that, they said go after something else, but don't get too many irons in the fire at once. They go in a united spirit for one thing. I don't know whether there will be any proposition made to you gentlemen or not or what will be said by these railroad people but I do say this, that if you can interest them and I hope you can, because I would like to see the cars whistling into Robert Lee where I read law and where I tried my first case. And if you can interest these gentlemen, if you can show them something that is tangible and something they can depend upon, they have the money and nerve to build the road. There is no fun in building a railroad.

There must be something these gentlemen can see in it to get something out of it. Unless they expect to get something out of it, there would never be a road built in Texas. The thing is will you be interested enough to interest these gentlemen to take hold of it.

I thank you for your attention. Lots of these men know more about railroads than I do. I don't know anything about it. I have been railroaded a few times, but I don't know anything about railroads. I hope you will entertain this proposition and interest these gentlemen because you know these men are from San Angelo watching your actions, who have money and nerve and push enough to help you. They are not here for their health. They have fine health in San Angelo.

That is a health resort. Stop your horse swapping propositions if you want to interest these gentlemen, and say as one man that the Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne railroad must be built.

What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heart-burn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

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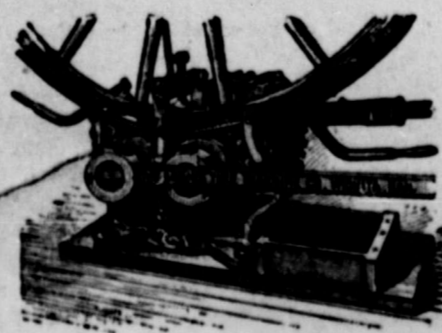
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TO ALSO HAVE A BARBECUE

Eighty-Five Registered Herefords From Several of Best Prize-Winning Herds of the Southwest Will be Sold.

A big event for the stockmen of Coke county is the auction sale of Herefords that will occur Thursday, June 6th, at Leedale Stock Farm, located seven miles southwest of San Angelo.

At this sale eighty-five registered Herefords, including both sexes, will be sold without reservation, to the highest bidder, and as the sale is the last one of the season, belated bull buyers will be glad of the opportunity to obtain a useful lot of Hereford cattle for their herds.

The offerings come from several of the best prize-winning herds of the Southwest—from herds of those like of Lee Bros., C. W. B. Collins and Broome & Farr. The entire herd of 42 registered Hereford cattle of C. W. B. Collins, who is selling out on account of having sold his ranch, will be auctioned at Leedale June 6th. Among the other offerings will be five individuals from Broome & Farr's herd, four of Lee Bros.' prize-winning herd, and thirty-four other selected Herefords from Leedale.

The stock will be halter-broke and in best condition for future usefulness. Fancy prices will not be expected.

A big barbecue will begin at Leedale at 11 o'clock on the date of sale, which will be conducted, rain or shine, under canvas. Vehicles will be furnished free to all who wish to attend the sale. These vehicles will leave Cobb & Christy's stable about 9 or 10 o'clock Thursday morning, June 6th, and there will undoubtedly be a large attendance.

Handsome catalogs are being sent out by Philip C. Lee to all buyers interested in the sale and it is expected that Hereford buyers will come from all parts of west Texas, as the sale will be the last opportunity of its kind of the season. Write to P. C. Lee, for beautiful catalog, gratis. The sale will be conducted by C. W. B. Collins, Broome & Farr and Lee Brothers.

Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years

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

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

My New Spring Stock Has Arrived

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

Let Me Save You Some Money!

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

J. L. BARRON,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

At Robert Lee
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, May 20, 1907

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$58,278 95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,629 65
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,300 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	315 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,528 39
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	14,965 32
Due from State Banks and Banks	8,432 08
Due from approved reserve agents	6,148 37
Checks and other cash items	19 10
Notes of other National Banks	600 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	32 87
Lawful Money reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	1,391 60
Legal-tender notes	670 00
Total	\$103,322 23
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$22,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	189 71
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	48 18
Individual deposits subject to check	80,818 73
Cashier's checks outstanding	75 00
Liabilities other than those above stated	190 61
Total	\$103,322 23

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$58,278 95
Overdrafts	3,629 65
Bonds and premiums	6,615 00
Banking house, fixtures	2,538 33
Cash on hand and in banks	32,260 24
Total	\$103,322 23
LIABILITIES	
Capital paid in	\$22,000 00
Undivided profits (net)	189 71
Due Trust Co.	48 18
Cashier's check	75 00
Other liabilities	190 91
Deposits	80,818 73
Total	\$103,322 23

STATE OF TEXAS } ss
County of Coke }

I, H. H. Pearce, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. H. PEARCE, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:

W. J. ADAMS,
J. R. PATTERSON,
Directors
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1907.
C. C. MERCHANT,
Notary Public

Subscribe for the Observer.

..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...

Partners of the Tide

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

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Continued from last week.

phone hot for the last half hour. He wants to talk to you the worst way."

Bradley was alarmed. Had anything happened to the Freedom? He entered the telephone closet, stood his drenched umbrella in a corner and gave the four rings which made up the Setucket Point call.

The wire buzzed and hummed like an overturned beehive. The receiver at his ear wailed and screeched like a banshee. At length a faint "Hello!" answered his call.

"Hello!" he shouted. "That you, Cap'n Knowles? Yes, this is Brad Nickerson. I want to talk with Cap'n Ez. Can you get him for me?"

The life saver laughed. There were more buzzing and humming. Then Captain Titcomb's voice rose above the maelstrom of the storm.

"Hello, partner!" it called. "That you? You don't say! Well, this is Titcomb. No, the Freedom's all serene. She'll ride it out as slick as a duck in a bucket. But there's a feller here wants to talk with you. Pick up your ears now!"

Bradley heard his partner laugh. Then another voice began—a drawing, high pitched voice.

"Is that you, Bradley?" it droned. "This is me talkin'. Do you hear?"

"Me? Who's me?"
"Me, Peleg—Peleg Myrick. Cap'n Ez wants to know what I'd better do with the dynamite I've got buried under my shanty. I'm scart to death of it."

"The dynamite? What dynamite?"
"The dynamite I took off the Divin' Belle the day afore she was burned. Cap'n Ez ordered me to take it all out, so I done it the next forenoon. What'll I do with it? I've been tryin' to tell you an' the cap'n about it, but you never give me no chance. Skeezicks is the divil to dig, and if he scratches that stuff up, why—"

"Stop!" Bradley shouted it. "Wait a minute! Peleg, what are you talkin' about? Do you mean there was no dynamite aboard the Divin' Belle when she burned?"

"Ya-as. I took it all out that mornin'. What'll?"

Again Bradley shouted, "Stop!" He wanted to think. If there was no dynamite aboard the schooner, why, why then the insurance could be collected. If— His heart sank again.

"I'm afraid that won't do, Peleg," he called. "She certainly blew up. I heard her and felt the shock under water. Everybody on the hill heard the explosion and saw it too. No, Peleg. Much obliged, but I guess you must have left some of it."

The wire whirred and sang. Then the drawing voice went on. It said:

"Cap'n Ez wants to know if the explosion wasn't pretty small for a dynamite one, now that you come to think of it. He says what about the gasoline tanks?"

"The gasoline tanks! The gasoline for the engine! It had been stowed in the bow of the schooner."

The receiver fell from Bradley's hand. He stared at the calendar on the wall of the telephone booth.

THE END.

From James Herald.

R. L. Hull, a newspaper man of Robert Lee, was here Monday on business and favored the Herald with an appreciated call.

T. J. Hamilton a prominent citizen of Robert Lee was here this week.

Kirkland & Ratliff report the following sales for The Orient Land Co. to R. H. Hamilton one business lot on fourth block to Hendrix Hall for Orient land Co. one business lot on fourth block both parties are from Robert Lee.

Hendrix Hall the Robert Lee barber, was here Thursday prospecting.

Roy Hamilton of Robert Lee was here Thursday.

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

OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

Austin, Texas, May 6.

This has not in any way been a week of great things in the Capital City. Of course, the main thing before the present session is the problem of taxation. How dear to the legislative heart the free pass is, and how determined almost every "servant of the people" is to "get all that is coming to him," one needs only cite the ease with which a "short the quorum" condition can be brought about. There is not a dishonest man in the bunch, but the way this special takes good money for absent Saturdays is a caution. There was a whole plenty to do, and several members wanted to do some of the urgent things Saturday, but the free-pass-packing gang was so multitudinous that a quorum could not be found by fine tooth combing Austin Saturday. The public is gorged on this sort of patriotism. That the machine costs the State some \$1200 a day is not so important, though honest men don't have to "take money from a child," but it is important that these men who only last summer swore that they were the most trusty and most capable men in the State into whose hands it would be safe to entrust the public interests of four millions of people of Texas, should have some respect for the public confidence and their own honor. If this same body of men should hire the most disreputable nigger in Texas to do a job for them, and he should put so little care and "dollar for dollar" work into his job as they have done, and are doing, they would refuse to pay a cent. This does not apply to this body as a whole, for it is plainly evident that a majority are honest men, a majority have sense enough and honor enough to try to do the best they can under most trying conditions, but there is a disgraceful number who are making bad conditions by a doltish lack of the common sense that would enable one to lead a blind goose to water. It is one of the unaccountable things in the make-up of a sorry man that he is not the same sort of a person away from home that he is at home. Some of these slick fellows here are among the best citizens at home, diligent in their own business, models of morality and faithful followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene. They are made of such rotten material that the first temptation that comes along finds a victim, and the first attraction that boos up knocks all fidelity to both honor and duty over the ropes.

The "elder statesmen" movement should have had the hearty support of the people. The time is here that demands wiser management and less temporizing; less trying of wild experiments, less of doing things simply because they are opposed or supported by some body the Legislator likes or dislikes, as the case may be. To put it bluntly, this is a time when we need more common sense and old fashioned honesty. It would seem that hardly a measure is brought before the house that has not a "nigger in the wood pile," or if this is not true, somebody injects one at some stage of the game.

It seems that all of a sudden it has dawned upon the Legislature that there is absolutely no demand among business men and farmers for a two-cent railway fare bill, and that the very men whom this morsel was intended to placate, hoot at the idea, and some of them go even further and call it utter nonsense, and suicidal to the best interests of the State. At any rate, it may be pretty confidently stated that the bill is as dead as a herring.

Thomas B. Love, Speaker of the House, has announced his intention to stump the State in the hope of landing the Attorney Generalship plum at the next election. J. T. Adams, of the Twenty-Second District, is undecided as to his future political career. Judge Joe Adkins does not care for the honors of the House for another term, and the only chance his friends will probably have to see him in public life again will be to offer him the County Judgeship.

During the month of April the Secretary of State's office brought in more revenue than it has at any time in its history. Secretary of State Daschell finished the estimate of the revenues that came through his office for the past month. The total is \$140,228.56. The State is just beginning to feel the effect of the franchise tax law passed at the twenty-ninth session of the Legislature. Many of the franchise taxes due for the last two years did not come in until the limit had almost expired.

The work of sending out warrants to Confederate pensioners is not so well advanced for this quarter as it usually is at this date, and, as a consequence, many inquiries have been made. The work of sending out the warrants has been in progress two weeks. They are sent out by county, the counties being taken in their alphabetical order. Capt. Holmes, who directs this work, is about half way down the list of counties. The last of the warrants will probably not be sent out before May 20.

The flutter of excitement occasioned by the passage of the anti-gambling law, has about passed away, and since it has been proclaimed by the Attorney-General's staff that "pink tea" gambling was not embraced in the law, "all's quiet on the Potomac."

A bill for the codification of the laws was passed with a great flourish of trumpets, because such a law was one of the crying and obvious necessities, but, lo and behold, its passage carried no appropriation wherewith to pay the expenses, and so again it is a case of love's labor lost.

The proclamation ordering the election on the proposed constitutional amendments has been made by the Governor. It is well known that Governor Campbell is opposed to the salary raise proposed for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and the members of the Legislature, but there is no provision for a veto of a proposed amendment, and he will have to get in his work on these matters in the same way that a private citizen does.

Already the leaven is working among candidates for 1908. In the House twenty-eight will positively offer for re-election. Forty-five will not be a candidate for anything. Twenty-eight are uncertain, some of whom are controlled by local conditions. Thirteen are in the "hands of the people." Sixteen will offer for other places of honor, and three will be candidates for Speaker of the House of the Thirty-First Legislature. It is noticeable that lawyers are among those most numerously desiring to return.

State Superintendent Cousins closes a letter to County Commissioners and Judges, with regard to the appointment of school superintendents, under provisions of House bill No. 147, as follows: He should be a leader among the teachers, one whose interest in educational matters has already been demonstrated. He should be the first and best school man in the county. Therefore, in the name of the children of your county, I beg leave to ask you to forget politics, sectarianism, factions, kinship, personal friendship and every other consideration except the fitness of the man for the work he is to undertake."

It may be said on pretty good authority that if the Senate passed the four corporation tax measures in essentially the way they came over from the House and that if the House, in turn, passed the Senate's full assessment measure, as it is certain to do, now that it has engrossed it, the Administration's demands with respect to revenue legislation will have been measurably satisfied. If, in addition to this performance, a satisfactory text-book bill is enacted, the members of the Legislature will be allowed to go home next Saturday at noon, which is the time when its session expires by limitations of law. Not much more than that is likely to be done.

Speaking of the situation, Representative Thomas, of Fannin, said Saturday: "While there is talk of another called session, I do not believe there will be one to follow the adjournment of the present session. I believe that next week's work will be sufficiently fruitful of results to satisfy the Governor for the present. There are six Constitutional amendments to be submitted to the people in August, and if these are adopted it would be the logical thing for the Governor to call a special session following their adoption for the purpose of enacting such laws as these amendments contemplate."

For many years there has been a row going on among the tax dodgers as to who it was that was lying the biggest in the matter of assessment. Some one with a taste for "diggerin'" has tabulated things a little, and it is discovered that ten of the counties of Texas are applying half of the taxes of the State. These counties are Dallas, Harris Bexar, Tarrant, Galveston, McLennan, Jefferson, Grayson, El Paso and Travis, whose payments are in the order named. This leaves out all the balance of over two hundred and twenty-five organized counties to pay the balance of the taxes. In that bal-

ance are included such counties as Lamar, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Johnson, Hill, Denton, and so on. In none of these counties is the average assessment of farm lands as much as eight dollars and the presumption is that other property is on the same plane. If the movement to make assessments at something like the value is adhered to the State will have to cut the rate to about one-third or else Texas will have an overflowing treasury, which will be a greater real danger than an empty-treasure box.

In the Thirtieth Legislature, two largest avocations represented are the law and farming. By far the largest number in any one class are the lawyers, 100 of whom are found in this Legislature. Thirty-five of the Legislature come from the sons of toll and the remaining number is about equally divided between the merchants, the teachers and doctors and newspaper men. Most of the farmers will go back to their plow handles and few will return to the Thirty-First.

AMARILLO TO BROWNSVILLE.
Col. Uriah Lott Has Another Railway Project.

San Antonio, Texas, May 19.—A railroad from Amarillo to Brownsville is the latest project to take shape in the brain of Col. Uriah Lott, and while not inclined to discuss in detail his scheme, he admits that it has been broached to capitalists. The proposed line would be 800 miles long and traverse a rich agricultural country which is rapidly developing.

Construction of the line would in all probability be commenced in San Antonio. Northward it is planned to have the road pass through Sisterdale, Fredericksburg, Mason and Brady, at the latter point connecting with the Frisco, then between Wichita Falls and Abilene, crossing a new road which is being built by the Colorado Southern, crossing the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient between Sweetwater and San Angelo, thence to Amarillo. This line would have approximately a mileage of 500 northward.

Southward from San Antonio it is planned to have the road touch at Pleasanton, Oakville, thence to Kingsville and from there to Brownsville. From Oakville a branch would probably be constructed to touch Beeville and Refugio, seeking a coast outlet at San Antonio Bay.

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

Growing Aches and Pains.

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

The next railroad rally of of Coke county people will occur Saturday May 25th, at Ft. Chadbourne, when a big meeting will be held to add to the bonus subscribed for the building of the Robert Lee & Ft. Chadbourne road, which is to be a short line feeder to the Orient, and the success of which is already assured.

Austin Spencer, the president of the newly chartered road, is selling out his dry goods and clothing business in San Angelo after a successful career here of eleven years and more, and will devote his entire time and attention to the R., L. & F. C. road.

A party of enthusiasts will leave here Friday to be gone until Tuesday night, the 28th inst. The success of the road is already assured.

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

Retirement of Mr. Spencer
Austin Spencer & Company have sold their large business to C. B. Henderson. With sale comes the retirement of Austin Spencer from the mercantile business of San Angelo after an active career of eleven years of progress and hustle. Mr. Spencer will not move but will devote his entire time to promoting, constructing and operating the Robert Lee & Ft. Chadbourne railroad of which he is president. The road will have a man at its head who is a pusher and a hustler, and for which we can all vouch.

In business circles Mr. Spencer has won a reputation any man has a right to be proud of. He has always been in the foreground when it came to any movement meaning good to this city. He has oftentimes neglected his own interests to further the city's and yet he never complained. His business was started in a small way and today it ranks among the best of its kind here. Only best wishes can accompany Colonel Spencer on his railroad mission and regret that he is no longer in the mercantile business of this city.—San Angelo News.

Farmers find many curious things happening around them every day which they cannot understand, and nobly, even the scientist, can explain for them. Why, for instance, does a horse strain a drink of water through its lips? Why does a cow poke her entire face into the gran mash, eat all she can, then lick her nostrils with her tongue? Why does a chicken drink exactly opposite to the horse and cow, having to hold its head up when it swallows a drink of water? Then note the pigeon, of the same feathered family, as it keeps its bill immersed while drinking. But a dog laps the water in its mouth. This animal moreover, never chews its food, while the cat, his companion household pet, always chews before swallowing.

How is it that failing to masticate does not hurt a dog, while in case of all other animals, including man, unchewed food causes dyspepsia. Why has a cow a cud, and why can a horse shiver its hide to drive away flies? These questions and many more like them that might be asked, will show us that we are far from knowing it all—Ex.

—We tip our hats to the people of Coke and invite them to all 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.

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

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

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles
Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if pazo salve fails to cure.

A Most Wonderful Physician

On April 10, 1907, in the town of Brownwood, Texas, a little crowd of anxious watchers sat by a bedside, upon which lay the tiny form of little John Bonner Price, the bright 16-month-old namesake of the editor of the Harpoon. The physician had exhausted all his earthly skill, and nothing else could be done except watch, wait and hope. A stranger gilded noiselessly into the room. No one heard his footsteps; no one saw him enter, and no one saw him leave. Silently he came and as silently took his departure, and when he was gone the little boy went with him, and all that was left the heartbroken parents was a tiny heap of pale white clay, over which to kneel and pray in tears and anguish. In their hearts they cried "our baby is dead," but they were mistaken.

Many years ago in a far-off land a little child lay cold and lifeless in the father's house.

A wonderful physician had appeared in the land, of whose powers strange stories and tales were told. The physician entered the stricken household amidst the jeers and scoffs of the crowd of attendants, who said: "The child is dead and cannot be saved." She is not dead, but sleepeth," declared the great Healer. "Why make you this ado and weep?" and taking the cold hand of the dead

child in His own, he said: "Little one, say I unto thee, arise," and instantly the stilled heart fluttered, the pulse beat, the red blood went surging through her veins, and the child arose to life.

In our hours of sorrow and anguish over the little pale form of our dead babies we cry out, "Oh, that we had such a physician with us now." Thank God we have. He is still practicing in every country and every clime and never fails to answer our calls for help. In days gone by He recalled to earthly life the pulseless dead in order to show His wonderful love and power to a doubting world. Today he performs a more wonderful deed by raising our lost dead to life eternal. The child quickened in to life eternal suffers no more and dies no more, but lives forever amid scenes of such dazzling grandeur, happiness and joy that the mortal mind can not grasp its wonderful beauty. Which is the greater miracle -- which is the greater cure?

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.

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.

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.

Herbine

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

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

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

—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.

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. BARROW

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

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

—Far famed Yara Cuba Cigars at the Owl Pharmacy.

List Your Town Lots With Us!

Robert Lee Real Estate Co.

L. V. Hamilton, Manager

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 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 taxpaying 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. 3. The lateness in the session, the crowded condition of the calendars of both houses, and the importance of this proposed amendment, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity demanding that the constitutional rule, and Senate Rule No. 37, requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same are hereby suspended.

(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

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 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." And the voters

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.

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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 hereinafter specified, to exceed 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.

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

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

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the

Legislature 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.

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T. B. Lyster, Proprietor.

BUSINESS CLUB WELL ATTENDED

The Business Club had Another Full House Last Friday Night—Much Business Attended to and Much Speaking.

Another one of those live meetings was held at the court house last Friday night, a splendid crowd being present. The club was called to order by vice president J. H. Burroughs.

The reading of the minutes of previous meetings was passed over.

The committee of arrangements of the barbecue reported that they had left over after all expenses were paid \$33.25 and on motion the amount was placed to the credit of the club. On motion the committee was voted the thanks of the club for their efficient work and were honorably discharged. The committee was composed of the following gentlemen: J. C. Newton, W. H. Bell and J. James.

The secretary reported \$47.65 collected. On motion the account of the Observer for \$13.05 for printing and minute books was allowed.

On motion the account for \$11.25 for merchandise and money expended for barbecue was allowed W. J. McFarland.

Moved and carried that the club ask Rust Telephone Company to give the citizens of Robert Lee an all day Sunday service and a better night service. Moved that the chairman appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions along this line. Dr. W. J. Adams, C. C. Merchant and Rev. D. A. McGuire were named as the committee.

Ordered that we pass resolutions asking citizens to refrain from throwing waste paper on the streets.

On motion A. D. Lane was authorized to secure janitor for court house for use of club.

On motion the advertising committee was authorized to have printed 2000 circulars and distributed an address to the people of Coke county on the railroad proposition.

Under the head of "Good of the Club" Judge J. T. Thomson spoke. Among other things he said that when he visited our barbecue he thought he would buy some lots in Robert Lee. He found out the price of certain lots from our real estate men and a few days later returned to purchase the property but found

out on his arrival that the lots had doubled in value in four days and that before he could make the purchase he would have to go back home and get more money. He said among other things that he believed the people of Robert Lee would get the new railroad.

Col. Austin Spencer then spoke. He stated to the club that he had disposed of his business in San Angelo and had come over to take hold of the new railroad and push it to where it would be a certainty and asked the people to stay with him.

On motion the club adjourned.

financially, socially and generally. He stated that the Orient road will be the best road in the United States, and that we ought to make a mighty effort to tap this Orient road in Coke county. The next speaker was Dr. Parsons, who spoke largely on values, brought about by organization and co-operation, which ultimately leads to the benefit of farmer. He gave illustrations, showing how people can have anything they desire by and through proper organization. Rev. W. K. Simpson then made a very enthusiastic talk which was greatly appreciated by everyone present. He showed how we all would be benefited by a road through Coke county by comparisons from other places now having roads. Rev. P. C. Schilling then followed with an eloquent talk. He believes the building of the road would be the best enterprise that the people could launch out upon. W. F. Stevens, J. F. Shook and Alvin Hayley were unanimously chosen a committee to canvas the Hayrick neighborhood in the interest of the road through that section. W. F. Stevens made a talk touch-

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And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever bought for the money

L. F. Scarborough, T. J. Goss and J. D. Gartman.

S. S. Craddock was elected president and T. J. Goss secretary of the Sanco Business Club.

The club then adjourned to meet with the soliciting committee. B. P. Byrne secretary.

The Sanco meeting was one of the most enthusiastic that has been held with the committee and much good is expected as a result of the meeting. The visitors from Robert Lee were treated royally.

Railroad Meeting at Paint Creek.

The railroad meeting at Paint Creek was a great success and was well attended. Quite a crowd went from Robert Lee and good speaking was had and all the necessary business to insure success was attended to.

The meeting was opened with a splendid talk by Rev. D. A. McGuire followed by talks to the point by Rev. W. K. Simpson, W. B. Green, C. C. Merchant and Rev. G. C. Field. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one from beginning to end. After the speaking was concluded the following committee was named to solicit the citizens of that community and see what could be raised as a bonus: G. O. Field, Bert Douglas, A. B. Blackwell, L. D. Schooler and Henry Russell, committee. The party that visited from Robert Lee are loud in their praise of the good people of Edith and Paint Creek.

Sanco Talk

I will try to write a few lines from Sanco as it has been a long time since there has been a letter from here.

Sanco is on a boom and we want it to stay so.

Ol Tubb has just finished a nice dwelling and is also adding more shelving to the store for a stock of dry goods.

Mr. Meek, the Sanco gin man is also building a nice two room house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Johnson gave the young people a cream supper Friday night May 24 which was well attended and enjoyed by all that were present.

Several citizens from Robert Lee were with us last night and they made some good speeches on the railroad question.

Among them was Judge Greer and I think from his talk that he wants one of our Sanco girls worse than he does a railroad.

I think Robert Lee can get the road if they get right down to business.

We had a nice shower after the speaking.

Everybody is in good spirits except Jess Craddock; he says he hasn't been feeling well since John Cole came home.

Ike Gartman is with us again after a two or three week stroll over the west. We are glad to see you back again.

Mr. Craddock is painting one of his dwellings this week. He is trying to get ahead of times.

Well, as you are tired of reading I will ring off.

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

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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.

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THE HOUSE THAT SELLS EVERY THING.

Railroad Meeting at Hayrick.

The railroad meeting at Hayrick on Thursday night was attended by a good crowd. The meeting was opened by W. C. Merchant, who spoke on the possibilities and future prospects of Robert Lee and surrounding country. He was then followed with a speech by Judge Greer. The Judge spoke at large on the necessity of railroads in all civilized countries, stating that the entire civilized world is on the upward move, and that it behooves us to "get busy" and help build the road, and not depend on the railroad people to do all the work. He emphasized the points of benefits to each and every citizen all along the road,

ing on the advantages and disadvantages of a railroad.

A good crowd from Robert attended.

Railroad Rally at Sanco.

The railroad bonus committee of the Robert Lee Business Club met with the Sanco Business Club last Monday night. Besides members of the bonus committee who went a good crowd of Robert Lee citizens were also present.

The following is the proceedings as furnished us:

A public meeting was held at Sanco on Monday May 27 for the purpose of assisting in securing a railroad from Robert Lee to Fort Chadbourne. After several good talks as to benefit to be derived by the citizens of this county by having a railroad at Robert Lee. J. H. Burroughs was elected chairman of the mass meeting and B. P. Byrne was elected secretary.

On motion made and seconded the following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the above purpose:

S. S. Craddock, W. O. Tubb, J. A. Adkins, W. R. Preslar,

At Valley View

W. J. McFarland, Jim Burroughs, C. W. Merchant, W. C. Acton, Monroe Parker and John Burroughs composed the crowd that went out to Valley View Tuesday night to hold the railroad meeting with the good people of that community. They report a most enjoyable trip.

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

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E. W. Acton

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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.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Broom Friday, May 24, a daughter.

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

The local telephone reported a good rain at Fort Chadbourne and James Wednesday afternoon.

Nice line of California gloves at J. L. Barrons.

Ex-Sheriff W. T. Hazlewood of Fort Chadbourne, was in the city Thursday on business.

Fine line of stationary at the Owl Pharmacy.

Dr. B. B. Beakley, of Sterling City, is in the city on business and visiting friends.

For a delicious ice cream go to the Owl Pharmacy.

R. E. Douglas of Fort Chadbourne was in the city Thursday on business.

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

G. A. Beeman left Thursday for a business visit to Miles and Ballinger.

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

Will arrive in a few days, 100 gallons of the best mixed paints all shades. W. K. Simpson.

Post master Hamilton has moved the Post Office to the new building south of the Observer office.

Wanted—Butter and eggs. J. B. Etheredge, next to Post Office.

Contractor J. H. Burroughs has a squad of men at work putting in the new concrete flooring in the halls of the court house.

Clerk Gardner issued marriage license this week to Carroll Fields and Miss Ida Schooler, both of Edith.

Williams & Turney is headquarters for the best ice cream in town.

Patterson, Merchant & Co. sold to C. A. Adams 160 acres of land located south of the Colorado bridge at \$20 per acre.

Williams & Turney is headquarters for the best ice cream in town.

Sam Lewis, of Hayrick, was in the city Thursday. He reports a splendid rain at Hayrick Wednesday.

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

Squire P. W. Hudman, the high justice of Bronte, was in the city first of the week. He reports his section on the up grade.

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

G. P. Kirkland of Hayrick, was in the city this week. He says they had a splendid rain at his place Wednesday afternoon.

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

S. S. Craddock of Sanco, was in the city Saturday on business. He reports his city improving, considerable building being done and notwithstanding the dry weather his people are prosperous.

—The Robert Lee Mercantile Co., is still in the push with a fresh stock of down-to-now merchandise in all lines.

Rev. W. K. Simpson will deliver a memorial address at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock next Monday, June the 3rd, Decoration day. A meeting will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock at the cemetery where graves will be decorated. Everybody invited.

—When you want a good easy shave or stylish hair cut go to the Palace Shaving Parlor next to the postoffice.

LOST—On streets of Robert Lee, a heavy gold bracelet. Return to Observer office and get reward.

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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."

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.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a regular cough medicine, a strong medicine, a doctor's medicine. Good for easy coughs, hard coughs, desperate coughs. If your doctor endorses it for your case, take it. If not, don't take it. Never go contrary to his advice.

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We urge you to
consult your
doctor

The dose of Ayer's Pills is small, only one at bedtime. As a rule, laxative doses are better than cathartic doses. For constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick-headaches, they cannot be excelled. Ask your doctor about this.

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

Lyster-Stewart.

Mr. T. B. Lyster and Miss Mae Stewart, two of our most popular young people, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Methodist church last Thursday evening at 7:30, Rev. D. A. McGuire officiating. O. J. Leverett acted as best man, Miss Nettie Barnett maid of honor, bridesmaids Misses Sallye Lyster and Dollye Stewart. Flower girls Thelma McGuire, Ila Ruth Turney, Alta Belle Popplewell and Margurite Pearson. Ushers W. J. McFarland and Carl Evans. Miss Mamye Hart, of Baird, rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march as the happy couple and attendants marched in the west door of the church and in front of the chancel rail and Rev. McGuire spoke the words which united them for life.

The bride grew to womanhood in Robert Lee, and numbers her friends by those who know her. She has for a long time held the responsible position of saleslady with the Robert Lee Mercantile Co., where she gave satisfaction to both customers and employers. She is a young lady of rare business ability, and possessing all the high and noble traits of perfect womanhood, she has endeared herself to our entire citizenship.

The groom is a progressive young druggist of this city and is recognized as one of our most successful business men and an upright moral gentleman in all respects; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lyster, who recently moved here from Baird, Texas.

Their many friends join the Observer in wishing them a long happy and successful journey through life together. A list of the presents will appear next week.

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 HP connected on left shoulder, blotched.

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

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Something New

We are continually getting something new and right now we have some of the very latest novelties in Combs, Bags and Belts.

The goods have just arrived and among them are some beauties. Come and take a peep at these goods. They will please you.

More goods will arrive in a few days.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Evans & Graham have bought the R. I. Rushing stock and will move it to the building they recently bought next to the Posey & Roe stable.

—New goods, the latest in wearing apparel, just received at the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Mrs. J. A. Rankin of Winters, wife of the editor of the Winters Enterprise returned home Tuesday, after a weeks visit to her father's family, H. D. Pearce and other relatives.

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

Austin Stuart who has been attending the Southwestern University at Georgetown the past session, is in the city visiting friends. He will leave Monday for his home at Pecos City.

—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.

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

Col. Austin Spencer, president of the Robert Lee & Fort Chadbourne railroad and his brother, James Spencer, of San Angelo, are in the city and will remain here some days in the interest of the railroad. Col. Spencer said to the Observer reporter that the railroad prospects were very bright and he thought by the middle of June that something definite could be given out.

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

—I have opened a repair shop next door to City Drug Store and am prepared to fix your gun revolver, bicycle, clocks, sewing machines, in fact most anything. Give me a call I guarantee satisfaction. D. J. F. Gottschalk.

Edward Hazlewood's mule team ran away Friday. They ran from the northern part of town with a load of cane to the front of J. L. Barron's store, but did no damage whatever.

—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.

The editor of the Observer in company with J. James spent last Saturday at the hustling city of Fort Chadbourne. It was our good fortune, with some half dozen others, to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald's where we were royally entertained and given a splendid dinner. With the other visitors we can testify that Mrs. McDonald is not only one of the most entertaining and pleasant lady's in Coke county, but she is also one of the best cooks.

—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.

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ECHOES OF BARBECUE.

disagreement among you. I want to tell you right now that differences and petty dissensions have done more to hurt San Angelo than all we have been able to repair by all putting our shoulders to the wheel and pushing. I don't want you to suffer as we have. I want you to dismiss it before your spirit has gone. Whatever route you may choose, choose it to the best advantage. Choose it like making a horse trade or any other trade. Get the cheapest route to this railroad over here and go to work and build it.

Don't quarrel with one another. There is no money in it. There is no business in it. If you have to quarrel, put these little fellows at it. You are grown; don't quarrel like children. You have children; let them do the quarreling. Come together and agree. You can't afford to have dissension and strife. Bring your opinions to bear on one thing, and your Good Book says “where two or three are gathered together I will be with you.” Let two or three men get together and say they are going to have this road, and there is no reason why they should not have it, if they are determined to have it. This grand old town you have built until it has become tied to your heart. If you want to preserve it, now is the time to put your shoulders to the wheel and push. There is no dissension among you that I can see, if you will but put yourselves together and do it. We have got to have a railroad for Robert Lee. Where do you want to build it? Build on the shortest and cheapest route before you. I don't want any man to think we are tied to Fort Chadbourne. We are not. I beseech you to get a road for this town before you destroy it. Look at the old town of Rannels turning into a prairie dog town. Look at Buffalo Gap, with fine schools that would have made it prosperous, and the railroad getting in twelve miles from it wiping it off the earth. It was on the map 28 years ago, and I doubt whether you can find it on the map of the state of Texas today. As I stated before, if you want a road tend to your business. You are going to wipe Robert Lee off the map unless you get it.

I wish you every success. I have been 28 years coming to see you. I may never see you again,

and I want to hear that you have buried the hatchet, if you have any to bury, and that every man has put his shoulder to the wheel and got a railroad connection from Robert Lee.

I thank you for the hospitality of the gentleman preceding me, for his kind words. I believe he is right, and I believe the gentleman who spoke last night at the Business Club had it right. He said: “Let every man put in together.” You don't want to build 50 miles of railroad when you don't need but 14. In other words, if you can get this railroad to Fort Chadbourne for \$250,000, why should you pay \$750,000 for more that you don't need. I beg you to pick out your route and build it, and you can do it.

The Post's Misconception of the Tax Measures.

In its issue of Sunday the somewhat perturbed Houston Post lets go the following:

“According to Governor Campbell, we have increased our annual revenues from corporations, liquor and inheritances in round numbers \$1,750,000. It was never shown that much additional revenues were needed, save the \$400,000 which the available school fund will get. The \$1,340,000 increase of general revenue was not needed. Senator Willacy showed clearly that without the gross receipts, intangible and inheritance taxes, the state would be on a sound financial basis and these three measures alone are calculated to increase the general revenue \$650,000 a year. The state is, therefore, to have a dangerous surplus, or perhaps an effort is to be made ultimately to exempt the homesteads from taxation.”

We do not know what the outcome of this revolutionary policy will be, but the new administration has succeeded quite well in embarking upon a sea of radicalism that will not be apt to remain perpetually tranquil.

The foregoing demonstrates the Post's misconception of both the executive's recommendations and the legislative intent as embodied in the revenue measures recently enacted.

The constitution declares that “all property in this state, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, other than municipal, shall be taxed proportioned to its value.” The last democratic platform declared, “that the owners of all property which is not exempt from taxation by the constitution of the state should be compelled to contribute their just proportion toward defraying the expenses of

the government; and to accomplish this result we pledge the democracy of Texas to the enactment of such further laws as will secure the just rendition of such property for taxation and compel the payment of taxes properly assessed against it, and to the enactment of such laws as will secure the taxation of all property; tangible and intangible, including franchises or intangible assets or property of those corporations which, by reason of the nature or character of their assets or property, under the present laws escape their just proportion of taxation.”

During the campaign last summer Governor Campbell vigorously contended for a true rendition of property and for an equalization of the burdens of government between the citizens of the state and corporations.

The laws recently passed will accomplish this end and this will be known of all men when facts supercede misrepresentation. Individual owners of visible property have in the past borne the burden of government in Texas, while secreted wealth, corporate franchises and intangible assets have to a very large extent escaped taxation.

The proposed policy is not revolutionary as the Post suggests, but it is reformatory in that it will lift a part of the burden of taxation from the shoulders of the farmers and tangible property owners of Texas and place it upon the intangible values and franchises of corporations. To illustrate: It will take \$3,970,295.53 to support the state government for the year, ending August 31, 08. Senator Willacy was doubtless correct when he contends that the present tax rate of 20 cents on the \$100 of valuation of property would produce that amount of revenue, but the burden of the individual taxpayer would not have been lessened. Under the new revenue laws approximately \$1,350,000 of taxes for state purposes will be lifted from the shoulders of the individual taxpayer and placed upon collateral inheritances, upon the gross receipts of certain corporations, upon the intangible values of railway companies and upon the liquor traffic, and this transfer of tax burden will inevitably bring about a marked reduction in the general ad valorem tax rate. The masses of the people will not complain at a tax reduction but the corporations, liquor dealers and such papers as these interests can control will be loud in their lamentations because of the tardy justice meted out to them.

The Post fears a “dangerous surplus.” (The automatic tax board law will control the surplus proposition. Under its provisions the state tax rate can not be raised above 16 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, on the other hand, the rate of taxation can be promptly lowered to any rate in the judgment of the board which will be sufficient to raise necessary revenue.

If the estimated income at the present rate of taxation indicates a “dangerous surplus” it becomes the duty of the state tax board to prevent that danger by reducing the tax rate for general revenue purposes and for school purposes, and under the revenue laws of the last legislature the people of Texas need not be surprised to see within the next two years a 5 per cent tax rate.

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The Standard sent several phone messages this afternoon to Robert Lee to ascertain the amount of bonus raised, but all answers were, “Busy at the barbecue.”—San Angelo Standard.

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