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Pure Drugs...

When you buy Drugs and Preparatory Medicines, you should be sure they are fresh and pure.

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We allow nothing to be used or to go out, except what we know to be the best.

Our line of Druggist's Sundries are the best money can buy. Your Prescriptions filled day or night, by a registered Pharmacist.

THE CITY DRUG STORE

GOOD RAINS HAVE FALLEN

The Entire County Has Received a Thorough Soaking And the Prospects For a Bountiful Harvest Was Never Better.

Last Friday Col. Jupiter Pluvius got in his work in grand shape and now our entire population are all smiles.

The rainfall at Robert Lee was two and one half inches according to the measurement of local weather observer, H. D. Pearce. In portions of the county the fall was three or four inches. It has also rained at different points throughout the week.

Our farmers tell us there was never such a prospect for a bountiful crop in the history of the county. Some tell us that they will make as much as half a bale of cotton to the acre without another drop of rain and with another good rain in August the crop harvested this fall will be something immense. Our farmers have already harvested the best small grain and feed crop in a number of years and the recent rain will make considerable more. Most all farmers are now planting their stubble land, in June corn, cane and other feed stuff. Our ranchmen are all smiles for the recent rains means plenty of winter grass.

Truly 1911 is a year of prosperity for the people of Coke county.

Afraid to Stay Alone.

Cherry Valley, Ark.—Mrs. Carrie Moore of this place says, "I was afraid to stay by myself. I had headache nearly all the time; my heart would palpitate, and my vitality was very low. When I would lie down, at night, I had no hope of living until day. I tried Cardui, and now I feel better than I have for 5 years. I cannot praise Cardui enough for what it did." Are you a woman? Do you need a tonic? Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Your druggist sells it.

Borrowed Money Poll Taxes Not Legal.

Austin, July 15.—Any man who borrowed money to pay his poll tax is not only guilty of violating the law but is not a legal voter, according to an opinion today by Assistant Attorney General Mead. He recommends that election officers hold up the vote of anyone under suspicion of such action.

4-INCH RAIN FELL BEYOND CHRISTOVAL

Portions of Tom Green, Irion and Schleicher Counties Soaked—Coke County Receives General Downpour.

Rain that assumed almost the proportions of a waterspout fell Friday afternoon over the country from Christoval to ten and fifteen miles south, southwest and west of the town, and heavy downpours also descended in Coke County, while fairly good rains visited Mertzon, the O9 Ranch and the country immediately around Sheffield. A phone message to The Standard from the McCrohan Ranch stated that fully four inches fell on that place and probably as much on the ranches of John Sheen, Sam Allen, Jemeyson Brothers, Lee Williams, Dave Delong, Stone & Perry, and John Roach. Mr. McCrohan said all the draws were booming as a result of the heavy precipitation and that it was reported John Roach's windmill in a draw has been washed down. In covering these ranches the rain wetted portions of Tom Green, Schleicher, and Irion Counties. The McCrohan Ranch is about 12 miles south of Christoval, and a phone message from there says another rain fell over about half the ranch Friday morning and extended over an area of several miles between there and Eldorado.

The rain in Coke county over the section to the northeast, north, and west of Robert Lee lasted several hours Thursday and put an abundant supply of moisture in the earth. Bronte and the country adjacent was thoroughly soaked, as was also Fort Chadbourne. Maryneal had an hour's rain Friday morning. Robert Lee got little of the Thursday's rains, but came in for a downpour Friday morning and noon that lasted one hour and forty minutes, and at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon it was still raining north of the town.

Friday's visit of Col. Jupiter Pluvius also extended over that portion of the North Concho valley from Carlsbad to Water Valley and at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon the latter place reported that the rainfall amounted to two inches. The fall was heavy several miles south of the town.

Knickerbocker and the country immediately surrounding had a rain, Friday morning, estimated to have amounted to about one inch.

Crop prospects are made more promising and range conditions improved by Thursday's and Friday's rains, and overhanging clouds indicate that a general rain will fall before the weather clears again.

A young cloudburst fell 15 miles north of Abilene, Thursday afternoon and a heavy rain fell between Winters and Ballinger, said Sam Hill, who with his son Will, returned Friday morning from a trip over the water soaked territory. He

Frisco Seeking Route to San Antonio

An early entrance into San Antonio of the Frisco will probably be the result of the present visit of B. F. Yoakum and B. L. Winchell, Frisco representatives, to Texas. The officials spent Monday night in Brady and it was said here last night that their cars might return over the line empty—that they would make overland trip to San Antonio from Brady.

Mr. Yoakum, it is understood, will meet committees of citizens from several points on the proposed route to San Antonio while in that territory. A half dozen towns on the proposed line of this extension have propositions to make to the Frisco. A contract has already been signed with the Mason citizens, and the line is being drawn.

President Winchell said Sunday afternoon that they would leave Fort Worth Monday morning for South Texas, but instead their cars were hooked on to the regular southbound passenger train over the Fort Worth & Rio Grande and they spent the entire day on the trip to Brady, arriving there at 6:25 o'clock in the evening.

If the visitors make the trip to San Antonio in an Automobile their cars will probably be forwarded to that point via Brownwood and the Santa Fe.

W. T. Tyler, vice president and general manager of the Frisco, and W. B. Drake, vice president and general superintendent of the Frisco accompanied the visitors to Brady. —Fort Worth Record.

Progressive Farming.

If all other lines of business had adopted the ideas of many farmers that the old system of farming could not be improved on, we would still be using the forked stick, with a one eared ox, one man driving and one holding the plow, while the old reaper hock would still be used instead of the modern binders and the old flail instead of the threshing machine. A remarkable condition is that farmers have had their machinery improved on but will not listen to the soil culture theories, conservation experiences and results of demonstration work.

—Buy your groceries from W. H. Bell & Co., the men who have the same price the year round.

The Lee Drug Store

F. K. Turney, Proprietor.

THE VERY PUREST AND FRESHEST IN

Drugs and Medicines,

Jewelry, Toilet Articles, Stationery, Etc.

When you need anything in this line we would like to serve you. Prescriptions filled at all hours night or day by a competent Pharmacist. Give us a portion of your patronage.

states that cotton prospects were never better than at Ballinger and that a good crop is almost an assured fact.

In San Angelo a slow drizzle began falling at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon with prospects of a heavier rain —San Angelo Standard.

Kill More Than Wild Beast

The number of people killed yearly by wild beasts don't approach the vast number killed by disease germs. No life is safe from their attack. They're in air, water, dust, even food. But grand protection is afforded by Electric Bitters, which destroy and expel these deadly disease germs from the system. That's why chills, fever and ague, all malarial and many blood diseases yield promptly to this wonderful blood purifier. Try them, and enjoy the glorious health and new strength they'll give you. Money back if not satisfied. Only 50c at P. D. Coulson & Son.

Runnels County Onions.

The Ballinger Ledger reports a net profit of \$200 from three acres of onions on Runnels county land that was formerly used for grazing purposes only. The land belongs to Judge B. B. Stone and was only recently brought under cultivation. Only a little over half the crop has been harvested, which will give a net profit of about one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre when the entire onion crop has been sold.

The onion belt of Texas is rapidly spreading and the onion is one of our leading commercial crops.

Escaped With His Life

"Twenty-one years ago I faced an awful death," writes, H. B. Martin, Port Harrelson, S. C. "Doctors said I had consumption and the dreadful cough I had looked like it, sure enough. I tried everything, I could hear of for my cough, and was under the treatment of the best doctor in Georgetown, S. C. for a year, but could get no relief. A friend advised me to try Dr. King's New Discovery. I did so and was completely cured. I feel that I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure. "Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00 trial bottle free at P. D. Boulson & Son.

—Cold drinks at W. C. Hickey's

Cal McAulay Dead.

Cal McAulay was buried in the Bronte cemetery Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Rosser, in the presence of a large concourse of the friends of the family.

Deceased was just twenty seven years old, and is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Will McAulay of Maverick, died Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock in Little Rock, Ark; which place has been his home for the past three years. He was stricken with typhoid fever the 29th of June, from which he could never rally and at last nature yielded and the light of life went out. The mother and one brother of deceased were at his bed side when the end came. The body was shipped to Bronte to the old family burying ground for interment reaching here Thursday night and was laid to rest beside other members of the family who have gone on before.

Deceased was a splendid young man, and came from one of the oldest and best families that ever made West Texas their home. And in his death is another of those mysterious experiences that overtake the children of men alike in life. Young, and robust, and enjoying the love of mother, the counsels of father, the associations of other loved ones, and the friendship and esteem of a great host of friends, and in the midst of it all, he was stricken and taken hence. In his death his aged parents, in the sunset of life, suffer a great sorrow in giving up a son whom they loved as they do their own lives; brothers and sisters give up one who was noble and true and friends give up one who never violated their confidence. In this we are reminded that in the midst of life we are in death, and those to whom life is sweetest and means the most, the summons often comes first.

To the sorrowing parents in their old age and the other grief stricken ones who mourn the loss of this loved one, the Enterprise joins, with the great host of the friends of the family, in extending sympathy in this hour of bereavement and sorrow. —Bronte Enterprise.

—Spend your cash with the cash man and save money. W. H. Bell & Co.

From Hayrick.

Say brother Cowan that was not me, neither was it my ghost that appeared to you in a vision a few nights since, to correct some of your former prognatication I'm sure it must have been an evil spirit. It makes no difference who it might have favored I am sure no good spirit would like to hold close communion with you in the dead hour of night. The predictions are proving to be correct around Hayrick and on last Saturday night one of the heaviest rains that has fallen since Noah's Ark floated over Hayrick mountain visited this locality. We never had better prospects for a full crop than now and I will advise all farmers to plant all the sorgham and maize they can in this month and millet and turnips in August (with peas on the side.)

Brother Rosser has started a protracted meeting at Hayrick and it is to be hoped that the people will lay down the prohibition question and take an interest in something of greater importance, attend the meeting and try and get right with God. I am afraid some of us have said things and made hearts ache that will be a long time healing up. We are taught that no man can enter the kingdom of God with evil in his heart toward his brother that being the case I'm sure it is high time some of us were holding up.

Capt. Wm Acklin has been visiting his sister, old grandma Robbins the past week. He was in fine spirits, looked well and seemed to be good for several years yet. Grandma seems to be doing well for one of her age.

Mrs. Lula Peeler (ne Hayley) is visiting her parents for a few days.

The ice cream festival at Mrs. Parkers last week was well attended and all seemed to have had a good time. It was real amusing to see some of the old boys cut the fantastic step around the snap line with Prof. Tunnel in the lead. How strange but old age will long for youth again.

Tom Sumerall is acting a little strange of late Jeff Shook says he is like Sampson of old has had his hair cut too short and lost his job and has returned to wait for his hair to grow out; others say that the morning he started off that he heard a sound at the old camp ground that he taken to be an angels spirit inviting him to stay over for the camp meeting. But Roy Kirkland says that it was the shrill notes of a Kentucky mocking bird that he heard some time since that turned his head however we can tell the trouble soon as his hair is coming out again and he will soon have a new mein.

We regret to say Miss Etta Williams is reported right sick.

We notice Miss Nettie Barnett is in attendance very often at Hayrick. Prof. Tunnel says she comes over to see after a little boy that she and the old captain are looking after.

I hear Arnold Sumerall and Jim Tunnel have had no rain on their farm up to now and Jim sent Arnold over to Hayrick Sunday to ask the young ladies to pray that they may get rain on their farm. It is strange how things change so soon, it has been only a short while ago that a man could pray for rain publicly without being criticised but since a few good old women have gotten together and prayed

for rain constantly and we have been blessed with good rains, every old reprobate around here wants his wife to join the club so he will have some one to help her pray for him. I am a strong believer in prayer also in prohibition I expect to vote the ticket but do not believe we can get it any sooner with prayer than we can rain, with prayer.

Now if Jupiter Pluvius disturbs you any more hold him up until I can get a look at him for I am sure from his favor I will like his appearance.

A Correspondent.

Saved Her Own Life.

Lebanon Jct., Ky.—Mrs. Minnie Lamb, of this place, says, "I believe I would have been dead by now, had it not been for Cardui. I haven't had one of those bad spells since I commenced to use your medicine." Cardui is a specific medicine for the ills that women suffer. Cardui is made from harmless vegetable ingredients. It is a safe, reliable medicine, successfully used by suffering women for more than fifty years. Try it today. For sale at all drug gists.

Frisco Officials Looking for Route.

A Fredericksburg dispatch under date of July 11 reads: Messrs. Yoakum, Winchell, Nixon, Tillman and Jonah of the Frisco Railway system and Crothers of Brady and Charlie Martin of Mason arrived in Fredericksburg this afternoon at 6 o'clock from Mason, coming in automobiles. They will remain in Fredericksburg tonight and are here presumably on railroad business.

The coincidence of the arrival of the party of Frisco railroad officials in Fredericksburg the same day as the visit of the San Antonio party has aroused renewed interest in the railroad proposition.

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Col. H. H. Hayley and daughter Mrs. Peeler of Tahoka passed through the city Wednesday morning en route to Edith to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pat McMullan. Col Hayley says they had another good rain Tuesday night. He says the rain last Saturday night was something like 15 inches. The dam on his tank washed away and his garden below left immediately for Galveston. He says his shipment of Tomatoes by the water route was very large. He says never in the history of Coke county was there such a prospect for a good crop.

Happiest Girl in Lincoln.

A Lincoln, Neb; girl writes, "I had been ailing for some time with chronic constipation and stomach trouble. I began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and in three days I was able to be up and got better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.

Judge Averett and family and A. B. Blackwell and family returned Tuesday from a successful fishing trip to the Concho, where they spent a week with good success.

To The People of Coke County!



We Make This Interesting Offer!

For the next twelve days we offer a year's subscription to THE SAN ANGELO DAILY STANDARD for \$3.95. This includes a newspaper everyday in the year, and the one that gets the news to Coke county ahead of all others. If you would take advantage of this offer, mail check at once.

Murphy & Tupper,

Editors and Owners, Standard's Publications.

Laid up For Repairs.

If there is any change in this great "fountain of youth" this week for the better, credit is due the angel.

Ye editor started, Sunday, in company with Jeff Davis, for San Angelo, and got out 11 miles, when we met two gentlemen returning from San Angelo. We didn't go any further, but returned, reaching home about 5 o'clock that afternoon, and we have been laid up ever since, with a kind of swimming in the head with a constant desire for water. Our physician says it is biliousness, aggravated by riding in the hot sun.

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Cotton Carnival.

On July 29th the Third Annual Cotton Carnival of Galveston will open and hundreds of visitors will worship at the shrine of King Cotton. This Exposition was planned and carried out by the public spirited citizens of Galveston for the purpose of increasing the cotton production and increasing interest in the South's greatest staple, and has been made a permanent organization. Cotton in every shape and form will be on display and a replica of the Galveston sea wall will be an interesting feature of the Exposition.

Tom Goss of Sanco, was in the city Thursdy.

Before the Observer reaches you again, the great contest for or against state-wide prohibition, will be over. We have good men and conscientious citizens on both sides of the question to be settled by ballot. Remember that this contest will soon be a thing of the past, and that neighbors will be neighbors probably, a long time yet, and say nothing that will wound the feelings of your friend and neighbors. Don't get excited and tear your shirt, but be sure to vote, and vote as you see to the best interest of your county and state.

The time may not be far distant, when you will be called together to decide a local question, not by ballot, but by your time, influence and money. At a time like this, you must have the interest of your neighbor at heart, and every man must stand shoulder to shoulder, if the end sought, is reached.

A Peep Into His Pocket

would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Loper, a carpenter, of Marilla, N. Y. always carries. "I have never had a cut, wound, bruise, or sore it would not soon heal" he writes. Greatest healer of burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin-eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c at P. D. Coalson & Son.

The recent rains were all that could be expected, in fact they have worked wonders. The rain last week at the mouth of Mess Box sprouted a full set of chin whiskers for Lee Green, which without any more moisture except the usual evaporation will produce a full crop of whiskers for Lee which is very becoming to that Irish mug of his.

Ice, Ice, Ice.

—We will supply the trade in future with ice in any quantity which will be strictly cash.

R. Hickey & Son.

Other Rains.

With the town of Fort Chadbourne, located in the northern part of Coke county on the Orient railroad, five feet under water, the flood situation there, resulting from the heavy rain late Saturday afternoon, became serious at 9 o'clock last night, when the people living in the lower part of the place began moving from their homes to seek safety in the nearby hills.

Rescuing parties were organized later in the night to assist those who had delayed leaving their residences, hoping that the water would subside. At 10:30 o'clock, the water had reached the telephone office, which is in the highest part of Chadbourne. Despite the threatening danger, the lady operator was still on duty at that hour. She stated that the town presented the appearance of a river. Fears were entertained for the safety of some of the residents, whom parties at that time had gone in search of. One house had disappeared, and it was feared that others would be lifted from their foundations.—San Angelo Standard.

Parson's oem A Gem.

From Rev. H. Stubenvoll, Allison, Ia; in praise of Dr. King's New Life Pills. "They're such a health necessity, in every home these pills should be. If other kinds you've tried in vain, USE DR. KING'S and be well again. Only 25c at P. D. Coalson & Son.

HAVEN'T THEY?

"These warm days are bringing out the flies again." "I thought flies had been officially abolished."

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when on board the cars or steamships. For sale by all dealers.

The Observer.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

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

ADVERTISING RATES—Single column, 12 1-2 cents per inch each insertion. Locals 5 cents per line. Resolutions of respect and cards of thanks 5 cents per line.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL. The new postal law requires that all names in arrears one year be dropped until settlement is made. The month and year opposite your address is the time to which your subscription is paid.

All papers subscribed for and sent out of Coke county must be paid for in advance and will be discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

Texas Industrial Notes.

The buildings and other improvements for the big gin plant at Franklin are well under construction. The deep well which is to supply the plant with water has been completed at a depth of 250 feet. It will be one of the most up-to-date gin plants in the state.

A charter has been issued by the Secretary of State to the Idaho-Texas Land Co. permitting them to do business in Texas. The company has a capital stock of \$50,000.

A building permit has been issued for \$600,000 to the Dallas Hotel Association for the erection of a twenty-two story steel concrete fireproof hotel building in that city.

Houston is to erect a young woman's home at a cost of \$200,000. The building will be modern and up-to-date, and will be equipped with all the conveniences and comforts of a home for the use of the business women of Houston.

A new school building is being erected at Loraine at a cost of \$20,000. The building will be completed by November.

The Magnolia Coffee Company of Houston has increased its capital stock from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Smith Bros. Grain Company of Ft. Worth will erect a large grain elevator at Brownsville, preparatory to doing a large export business.

The election voting \$200,000 for good roads in Cameron county carried by a vote of 61 to 11.

Austin county has voted bonds to the amount of \$175,000 for building the Austin county link of the Red River to the Gulf highway.

At an election at Teague a bond issue to the amount of \$34,000 was carried, only 40 votes being cast against the issue.

Clay county is to vote on August 5th on the proposition of issuing \$200,000 for bonds for building good roads.

Angleton is to have an up-to-date cotton gin. The engine will be a 70 horse power and the boiler 80 horse power. Work will begin on the building in a few days.

Mrs. Cook Tells Truth.

Dexter, Ky. — In a signed statement, Mrs. Cook tells the truth about how Cardui brought back her health and strength. She says, "I could not get any relief, until I tried Cardui, the woman's tonic. I suffered more or less for 10 years, and was so weak and nervous I could hardly do my house work. Now I am in better health than ever before, am regular as clock work, do not suffer at all, and gain strength every day." Thousands of women have been helped back to health by Cardui. Try it.



The Good Roads Improvement is State-wide.

The Texas Banks

Money is the blood of commerce and our banks are the heart of our financial system. They are a necessary and powerful factor in the state's development. Our politicians may agitate, our law givers legislate and our promoters enthuse over our industrial problems, but the banker is the man who passes final judgment and upon his decision rests the progress and destiny of the state.

Gen. Sam Houston's Views.

Gen. Sam Houston was opposed to banks and at the first Constitutional Convention introduced the following resolution: "No banking institution or office of discount and deposit or any other moneyed corporation or banking establishment shall ever exist under the constitution of Texas." General Houston defended the resolution on the floor of the convention, but lost. Since then our banking institutions have been growing rapidly.

Our Bankers.

The patriotism, ability and conservatism of the Texas bankers have protected, built up and directed the state's material growth, placing under our business institutions solid, substantial foundations and the financial fibre of the state is strong, vigorous and sufficiently elastic to care for our big problems in development.

Our Banks.

We have 527 national banks, 626 state banks, 174 private banks and five savings banks. The combined capital of the state and national banks is \$62,483,500, surplus \$26,135,041, undivided profit \$9,393,505 and the deposits on June 1, 1910, \$279,580,541. The figures on private banks are not of record and are, therefore, omitted in the above data. The amount on deposit in our banks is equal to \$70 per capita.

Texas Investments.

No state in the Union can offer such opportunities for investment as Texas. The rapid increase in value of all Texas property and the many business opportunities which are afforded every individual renders investments safe and profitable. Our real estate increases in value approximately one million dollars per day and we have \$700,000 of outside money coming into Texas daily.

Cornell Mentioned For Dist. Judge.

James Cornell of the Sonora law firm of Cornell & Wardlaw is in Kerrville this week on professional business; last week he was in San Angelo and the week before at Rock Springs, and incidentally we may remark that his services are in demand either as defender or prosecutor throughout West Texas and particularly the 51st Judicial District.

In the judgment of the News, James Cornell is one of the ablest practitioners, knows as much law and can bring forth the facts to the jury, for or against prosecution as any lawyer in Texas. He has a great and attentive legal mind, knows the jurisprudence of this state, and is what you would call or speak of as a natural born lawyer and a judge of law. In fact, personally we have discussed questions, at which we were at variance, but in an understood professional manner, and he has generally expressed a just opinion (after the trial of the case). He believes with Judge Hurt, that Texas has the best criminal code in the United States, but being a law and order man and a lover of his profession, he looks with alarm on mob violence as a lack of enforcement of the laws, and in his judgment hopes that at no distant day the voice of the people will enforce the laws.

Judge Cornell is a coming West Texas man and if it is within the power of the News he will be persuaded to strive for a position where his talents and patriotism will be awarded and while prominently mentioned throughout the District as desirable, the Bevil's River News would take pleasure in presenting, if he can be prevailed upon to make the race, the name of James Cornell as a candidate for Judge of the 51st Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries. — Devil's River News.

Railroad Activities.

"I suppose I'm the one who is meant in the story about the promoter who failed to finance the proposed Fredericksburg and San Antonio railroad and then tried to blame it on the Chamber of Commerce here by giving out the report that the business men of San Antonio were discouraging the building of the road," said J. P. Nelson, contractor, in his home last night. Mr. Nelson said he had a contract signed by Temple D. Smith, Fredericksburg banker, on the part of Fredericksburg, and by himself for the construction of the road, also letters from Mr. Smith purporting to explain why the deal was called off.

"The story about me says I tried to blame the San Antonio business men for this failure. Instead of trying to place the blame on them, before the letters came I had advised the Fredericksburg people that the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce stood ready to sign a contract with me as soon as the Fredericksburg committee signed with me. I got this information from Mr. Carrington, the secretary. On the strength of this the Fredericksburg committee got up a \$100,000 cash bonus and agreed to give depot grounds, right-of-way and the old grade, all of which were worth at least \$100,000 more, and a guarantee was signed, I was told, by 173 Fredericksburg business men. They had drawn up a contract which was signed by myself and Mr. Smith as one of the committee. This contract was to build the road on the terms known to the public—the Chicago bankers were to put up all the money necessary to complete the road; my contract was for about \$400,000, and I was to transfer my contracts and bonuses with the San Antonio and Fredericksburg people to the Chicago firm.

"We all were certain the road would be built—that is why Mr. Smith went to Chicago. Beyond this, I was under no obligation to finance the road and did not try to do so. I have tried to get this road built the past twenty years, and in the last three years I have spent a great deal of time and money trying to start the project again and again.

"I have been trying to help the Fredericksburg people, and they know it. Ever since I constructed the Aransas Pass grade there twentytwo years ago the road has been the work I most wanted to do. Now, when it looked as if everything was ready this opposition was met in Chicago. After my trip to Fredericksburg with Mr. Lacy and his firm's engineer and contractor, Mr. Lacy told me he was perfectly satisfied and he found everything as represented.

I shall give my correspondence with Mr. Smith to the public as soon as the Fredericksburg people are through with it.—San Antonio Express.

Military School For Albany.

The Reynolds College of Albany, Texas, which is one of the leading private colleges of Central West Texas, has recently established a military department to that institution. Hon. L. B. Gray is president, Paul Baker is Registrar and Capt. J. B. Ricker, commandant. This is the only military institute in Central West Texas.

Our schools and colleges rank among the best in the Union and the Texas institutes of learning are a strong plea for our boys and girls to be educated at home.

Buy your whiskeys in gallon lots from G. T. Avery, San Angelo, Texas.

LOCAL NEWS.

—Fresh Groceries at R. Hick-
ey & Son.,

Gus Joplin bought 160 acres
from W. P. Walling at \$15. per
acre.

S. S. Ackelson of Wild Cat
was in the city Wednesday on
business.

John McCabe of the Divide
was in the city Saturday on
business.

K. M. Mays of the Bronte
country was in the city Wed-
nesday on business.

J. R. Patteson and family re-
turned Saturday from a few days
visit to San Angelo.

I. C. Williams of San Angelo
was here on a visit to relatives
and old friends Saturday.

Chas Goss returned from San
Angelo Tuesday. He sold his
horse and buggy while absent at
\$100.

Miss Alma Murtishaw returned
Monday from San Angelo where
she visited relatives the past
week.

—The Rebekkah lodge will
serve refreshments at the old
Coulson Drug store building
July 22nd.

Miss Minnie Duncan of Edith
who has been attending school
at Mine returned home Sat-
urday. Wm Acklin

Mr. and Mrs. Joe May left
for Roscoe Thursday to spend
a couple of weeks visiting relatives
and friends.

Miss Carrie Benningfield re-
turned this week from a weeks
visit to her friend Miss Lillian
Bilbo at Sanco.

Misses Annie Harmon and
Katie Stroud returned Saturday
from Ballinger where they have
been attending a Normal.

Mrs. Chas Goss and children
returned Thursday from Abilene
and Roscoe where they visited
relatives and friends the past
week.

Prof. L. C. Crutcher and fam-
ily arrived in the city, Saturday,
and are occupying the Carl
Evans residence.

To show that prosperity is re-
turning, several good families
have bought land near Robert
Lee, and moved here during the
past month.

W. H. Bell and family returned
Sunday from a visit to relatives
at Loraine. Mr. Bell went out
to Hagerman, Roswell and Carls-
bad N M while absent.

Mrs. W. E. Lockheart, and
children of Brownwood arrived
in the city Saturday and is vis-
iting her father W. W. McCutchen
and family west of town.

Wm Scarborough the cham-
pion chicken raiser of Coke was
in the city Wednesday with a
bunch of choice Rhode Island
Reds which brought a fancy
price.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer
and little daughter, of Brown-
wood were here last week vis-
iting Judge and Mrs. H. L. Ad-
ams. Mrs. Sawyer is a niece of
Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Louisa Johnson, assessor
of Coke county, and little daugh-
ter, Angie left last week for
Burnet where they will spend
some weeks visiting relatives
and friends.

S. N. Walker and Robert Allen
two of the Silver sections most
progressive stock farmers were
in the city Saturday on business.
They report good rains and
their section in a prosperous con-
dition.

Mrs. M. C. Burney Dead.

Mrs. M. C. Burney died Sat-
urday night at 9:30 at the home
of her son-in-law and daughter,
Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams in
this city, at the advanced age of
75 years. The remains were
carried to San Angelo Sunday
and shipped from there to Cool-
edge where they were interred
in the old family burying ground
at Honest Redge. Mr. and Mrs.
J. B. Gordon and Jeff Burney
accompanied the remains to their
last resting place. Mr. Jeff Bur-
ney, Mrs. J. B. Gordon and Mrs.
W. J. Adams children of the de-
ceased were with her during her
illness and death. Mrs. Burney
came to Texas some fifty years
ago and was one of those brave
christian mothers who helped
blaze the way of our present
prosperous state. Her husband
died here in 1903 and she has
made her home part of the time
since then with her son-in-law
and daughter, Dr. and Mrs.
W. J. Adams. The Observer
joins with our entire citizenship
in extending sympathy to the
bereaved ones in their great loss.

Some of the best corn in the
history of the county has been
raised this year. We were
shown a sample of some north-
ern corn grown by Bob Higgins
this year which will make about
30 bushels to the acre. Mr. Hig-
gins has about 10 acres.

Miss Willie McCabe, who has
been at Stanton, visiting her
sister, Mrs. Joe Hall, returned
home Saturday. Mrs. Hall and
baby accompanied her and will
visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank McCabe, on the Divide.
Mr. McCabe met them here.

Miss Maude Walling and her
friend Miss Gladys Wallace of
Dallas are here on a two weeks
visit to Miss Walling's sister,
Mrs. R. E. Douglas and other
relatives.

We received a card last week
from G. P. Gates, T. L. Vowel
and M. Prichard who are down
on the San Saba on a fishing
trip. The card indicates they
are having great success.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas county of coke:-
Notice is hereby given, that by vir-
tue of a certain alias execution, issued
out of the Hon Justice court Precinct
No. 1 coke county, Texas on the 13th
day of June 1911, by W. L. Clawson,
Justice of the Peace, under a judg-
ment, in favor of The First National
Bank of Robert Lee, in a certain
cause in said court No. 197 and styled
The First National Bank of Robert
Lee vs J. N. Tannehill B. N. Tannehill
and C. S. Bond insatisfaction of said
judgment amou nting to \$75.78 and
placed in my hands for service, I,
Will Hickman Sheriff of coke county,
Texas, did on the 13th day of June
1911, levy on certain real estate situ-
ated in coke county, Texas, de-
scribed as follows to-wit:

West part of the J. T. Hanson sur-
vey No. 2, certificate No. 1348 Ab-
stract No. 1878, containing 107-1-2 of
land, sold to B. N. Tannehill by the
State of Texas on the 17th day of
August 1901, levied on as the property
of the defendants J. N. Tannehill and
B. N. Tannehill, and on the First
Tuesday in August 1911 the same be-
ing the 1st day of said month at the
court house door of said county in
the town of Robert Lee, Texas be-
tween the hours of 10 o'clock A. M.
and 4 o'clock P. M. by virtue of said
levy and said alias execution, I will
sell said above described real estate
at public venue for cash to the high-
est bidder, as the property of said
J. N. Tannehill and B. N. Tannehill,
and in compliance with the law I
give this notice by publication in the
English language once a week for
three consecutive weeks immediately
preceeding said day of sale in The
Robert Lee Observer, a news Pa-
per published in coke county, Texas.
Witness my hand this the 6th day
of July A. D. 1911.

Will Hickman, Sheriff,
coke county, Texas.
By L. J. Cowart, Deputy.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Coke county, Greeting:-

You are hereby commanded to
summon the unknown heirs of Col-
lin M. Beason, deceased, the unknown
heirs of William I. Hunter, deceased,
the unknown heirs of W. L. Hunter,
deceased, and the unknown heirs of
James H. Durst, deceased, by mak-
ing publication of this citation once a
week for eight successive weeks pre-
vious to the return day hereof, in
some news paper published in your
county, if there be a news paper pub-
lished therein, but if not, then in any
news paper published in the 51st Ju-
dicial District, but if there be no
newspaper published in said judicial
District, then in any newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest Judicial District
to said 51st Judicial District, to ap-
pear at the next regular term of the
District Court of Coke county, Texas,
to be holden at the Court house there-
of, in Robert Lee on the 3rd. Monday
in September A. D. 1911. the same
being the 18th day of September
A. D. 1911, then and there to answer
a petition filed in said court on the
22nd day of June A. D. 1911 in a suit
numbered No. 625 on the docket of
said court, wherein H. M. Lightfoot
is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of
Collin M. Beason, deceased, the un-
known heirs of William I. Hunter,
deceased, the unknown heirs of W. L.
Hunter, deceased, the unknown heirs
of James H. Durst, deceased and R. M.
Thomson are defendants, said petition
alleging as follows:
The State of Texas, County of Coke.
In the District Court of Coke County,
Texas September Term A. D. 1911.
To the Honorable District Court of
Coke County, Texas:
Now comes H. M. Lightfoot, a res-
ident citizen of Nolan County, Texas
hereinafter styled plaintiff, complain-
ing of the unknown heirs of Collin M.
Beason, deceased, the unknown heirs
of William I. Hunter, deceased, the
unknown heirs of James H. Durst,
deceased known heirs of W. L. Hun-
ter, deceased, all of which defendants
residences are unknown to this plain-
tiff, and R. M. Thomson who resides
in Travis County, Texas, and for
cause of action plaintiff represents as
follows:

That heretofore to-wit: on or about
the 1st day of June 1911 plaintiff was
then and is now seised and possessed,
holding the same in fee simple title
as hereinafter shown, the following
described tracts of land located and
situated in Coke County, Texas, to-
wit:
1st Survey No. 22 1-2 in the name
of W. L. Hunter Certificate No. 22-193
for 114 1-2 acres, Abstract No. 92,
Patent Vo. 205 Vol. 16.
2nd. Survey No. 23 1-2 in the name
of Lewis Carrion certificate No. 3822-
3923 Abst No. 47 Patent No. 483 Vol.
23 containig 854,692 square varas of
land.
3rd. Survey No. 30 in the name of
Collin M. Beason located by virtue of
Unlocated Balance of Certificate No.
2902-3003 issued by the Commissioner
of the General Land office June 29th
1853, patent No. 257 Vol. 25, and con-
taining 1,107,252 square varas and
designated by Abstract No. 15.
That plaintiff and those under whom
he claims, have been so seised and
possessed of said three tracts of land
under deeds duly recorded in the
deed records of Coke County, Texas,
having paid all taxes due on said
land up to the date of the filing of
this suit, and in actual peaceable
and adverse possession of said three
tracts of land, having the same en-
closed by a good and lawful fence,
cultivating, using and enjoying the
same for more than five years next
preceeding the filing of this suit and
that plaintiff's said title to said lands
has long since been perfected by the
five years statute of limitation here-
in pleaded and asserted;

Plaintiff further alleges that he
and those under whom he claims
have been in actual, peaceable and
adverse possession of said lands,
having the same enclosed by a good
and lawful fence, cultivating, using
and enjoying the same for more than
ten years next preceeding the filing
of this suit, and that plaintiff's said
title to said land has long since been
perfected by the ten years statute of
limitation herein pleaded and asserted.

That on or about the said 1st day of
June 1911 while plaintiff was so law-
fully seised and possessed of the title
hereinbefore pleaded, the defendants
above named asserted and are now
asserting some pretended claim of
title in and to said lands, the exact

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pard, E. C. Rawlings, J. D. Collier, J. Q. McCabe,
A. P. Stone.

nature of which is unknown to plain-
tiff, which has cast a cloud upon the
plaintiff's title to said lands and dis-
turbed his peaceable possession there-
to to his damage.

Wherefore, premises considered
plaintiff prays that the defendants
whose residence is alleged to be un-
known be cited by publication in the
manner and form and for the length
of time required by law, to answer
herein and that citation issue to said
defendant R. M. Thomson as required
by law, and that upon final hearing
that he have judgment against them
for the recovery of the title and pos-
session of the said three tracts of
land, and that said cloud so cast there-
on be removed, and that he be quiet-
ed in his possession thereto, and for
all cost in this behalf expended and
for general relief. S. B. Kemp,
Attorney for plaintiff.

Herein fall not, but have before
said Court at its aforesaid next regu-
lar term, this writ with your return,
showing how you have executed the
same.

Witness R. E. Douglas Jr. Clerk
of the District court of Coke county,
Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of
said court at office in Robert Lee,
Texas this the 22nd day of June A. D.
1911.

R. E. Douglas Jr.
Clerk of the District court, of Coke
county Texas.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Coke-
Notice is hereby given, that by vir-
tue of a certain execution and order of
sale issued out of the honorable Jus-
tice court of Coke county, Texas,
precinct No. 2, on the 22nd day of
June 1911, by P. W. Hudman, justice
of the peace thereof under a judg-
ment and foreclosure of a lien in fa-
vor of C. B. Hines in a certain cause
in said Court No. 71, styled C. B.
Hines vs, J. J. Perry and J. A. Perry
in satisfaction of said Judgment and
foreclosure of lien amounting to \$59.85
placed in my hands for service, I
Will Hickman as Sheriff of Coke
county, Texas, did on the 22nd day
of June A. D. 1911, levy on certain
real estate situated in Coke county
Texas, described as follows in said
order of sale, to-wit: Belonging to
the defendant J. A. Perry, the North
half of Lot No 19 Block No 42 in the
town of Bronte, also 3-4 acres Ab-
stract No. 252, Cert No. 37-4062 origi-
nal Grantee H & T C Ry Co being
the same land conveyed by J. R.
Bierschwale and Hilery Bierschwale
to J. A. Perry by deed dated April 1st
1910 and recorded in book No. 25
page 185 Deed records of Coke coun-
ty, Texas, also the following prop-
erty situated in Coke county, Texas
levied on as the property of the de-
fendant J. J. Perry, to-wit: The South
half of Lot No. 19 Block No. 42 in
the town of Bronte, Coke county,
Texas, and on the 1st Tuesday in
August 1911 same being the 1st day
of said month at the Court house
door of said county in the town of
Robert Lee, Texas between the hours
of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M.
by virtue of said levy and said execu-
tion and order of sale, I will sell said
above described real estate at public
venue for cash to the highest bidder,
as the property of said J. J. Perry
and J. A. Perry, and in compliance
with the law I give this Notice, by
publication in the English language,
once a week for three consecutive
weeks immediately preceeding said
day of sale, a newspaper published in
Coke county, Texas.

Witness my hand, this the 6th day of
July A. D. 1911.

Will Hickman, Sheriff,
Coke county, Texas.
By L. J. Cowart, Deputy.

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