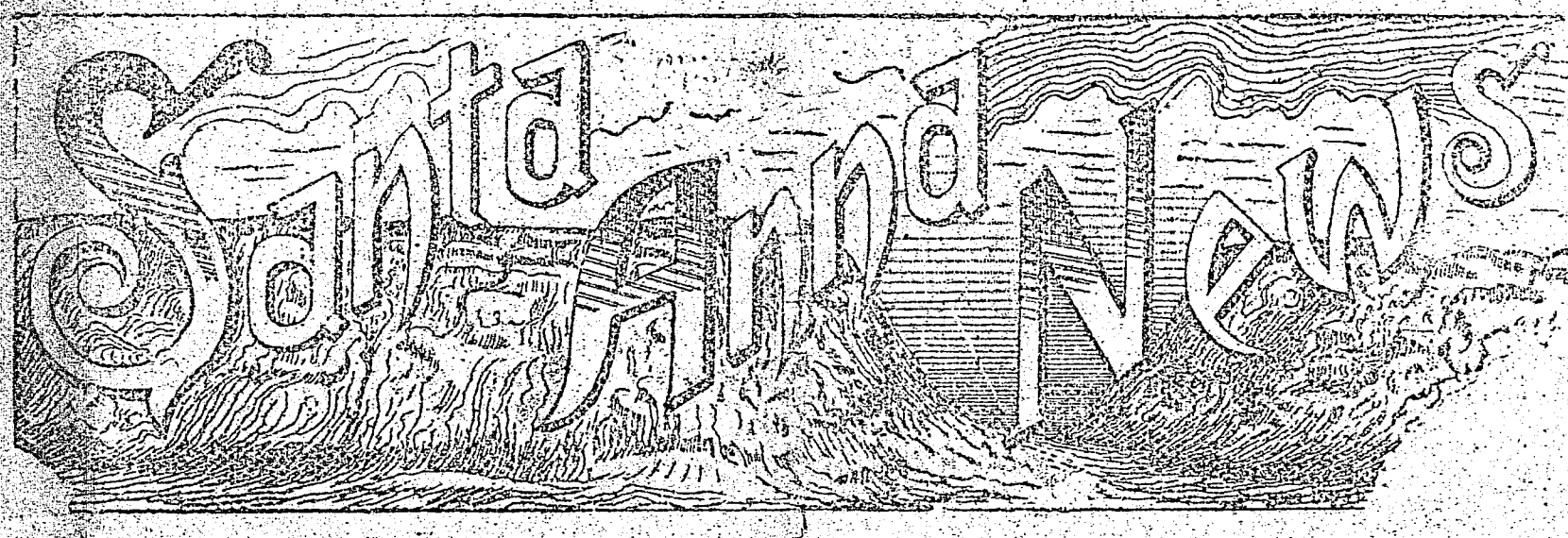


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**No. 20.**

**What Might the People Expect?**

It is a well-known fact that every man elected to the legislature was pledged or supposed to be, to reduce the salaries of public officials, and not to increase them. But such is democratic campaign promises. They are not worth a fig. We will say one thing; that no favorites would be so provided for or salaries increased if the populists were in control at Austin.—Coleman-Review.

While charging the Texas Democracy with unbridled extravagance and profligacy, our neighbor of the Review knows perfectly well that there are only three states in the American Union that have a lower rate of state revenue tax than Texas has. He knows too that Texas pays more than twice as much for the education of her children than she pays to maintain her entire state government with all of its branches, including the courts supported by the state. He knows that many of the states which have a lower rate of state revenue tax than Texas, including both revenue and school taxes. As to what the populists would do in case they were entrusted with the control of the state's affairs, can only be judged by what they actually did in the States where they once had control, notably in Kansas and North Carolina. In those States they raised the state tax to about double what it is in Texas under democratic control. As to what the people of Texas might expect in case of populist rule in Texas, just read elsewhere in this issue under the heading of "Sovereign to Park"—Master Workman. Sovereign is a populist and a member of the populist national committee, was a delegate to the Cincinnati convention, seconded Tom Watson's nomination at St. Louis, and set his electoral vote for him in January, therefore what he says ought to have great weight with the many sincere men who have heretofore affiliated with that party. Read what Mr. Sovereign says over his own signature and judge what the people of Texas would have a right to expect should the "middle-of-the-road" populists ever succeed in obtaining control of affairs in Texas.

**Where To Put a Kiss?**  
SAN ANGELO, May 7, '97.

Mr. Editor:  
A young friend and myself have been arguing a question, we cannot decide it ourselves, so thought we would ask you to decide in the columns of your valuable paper, which we are both readers of. The question in dispute is, "Where is the proper place to put a kiss?"  
Oblige,  
A Young Cub.  
That's a funny question. It is possible there are kissing methods published, but we know of none. Kisses are as old as creation, yet they have been kept green by Father Time in the sea of genera-

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tions, and are as young today as they were yesterday and will be tomorrow. Many in San Angelo are doubtless better prepared to give "Cub" a proper answer than we can, and if they will kindly forward their views for publication in the Enterprise, these might greatly assist in his education.

Evidently the young man has some kisses to give away, and his friends seem to be whether to put them on the lips, chin, cheek, forehead or hand. Some young fellows regard the poorest of these places as the center of the universe. Perhaps a wide-awake girl would enjoy "Cub's" smooth lips resting upon her bashful cheek. Be this as it may, he will find it a suitable place to deal his gifts, but good judges have generally agreed that the lips offer superior inducements. It was Douglas Jerrold, who speaking of the beautiful lips of women, declared it "the usual fate of man to be lost among the coral reefs."

Then it also depends what kind of a kiss "Cub" wishes to give. If it is of the betraying class, for there's treason in a kiss, the sooner the parental foot deceives the rash desire, the better for all concerned. But if his heart is in a snare; if he has glorious visions of hope crowned with the quintessence of happiness, if his sentiment is divine and sunbeams of joy create the sweet desire, he will know where to put the kiss, for though passion gives it sweetness, affection will sanctify it, and the heart in it makes it a seal and a bond.

If intoxication follows he can repeat the following from Goethe:  
"When pressed against my bosom,  
She exchanges kiss for kiss,  
All through my marrow runs a thrill."  
Runs 'em my foot along!  
I feel so well, I feel so ill,  
I feel so weak, so strong!"  
—San Angelo Enterprise.

**Santa Fe Excursions.**

State Pharmaceutical Association, Galveston, May 18th to 20th. Sale tickets May 17, good to return until May 21, 1897. Rate \$11.10.

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**SABE DE RAT?**

**Leeper Lumber Yard.**

A movement has been started in Kansas to colonize the negroes from the flooded districts of the Mississippi valley.

The lower part of El Paso has been flooded by the overflow of the river. The Rio Grande is on its annual rampage.

The Atlanta Constitution says "Young men who are growing up should look around them. We are witnessing the last of a government by syndicates."

An exchange says if McKinley is the advance agent of prosperity he is a—ll of a long ways ahead in his show.

It reports be true, Temple has lost the general repair shops of the Santa Fe road. Cleburne will be the point of removal, that city of course getting a larger bonus and better inducements.

A deluge of rain and hail storm swept over Colorado county two or three days ago, playing havoc with growing crops. The cotton is reported to be totally destroyed in the path of the storm.

D. H. McDonnell, who calls himself "Arion, the king of the air," is preparing to astonish the world at the Nashville Centennial. He will walk a high wire charged with 500 volts of electricity. After walking the wire from pole to pole, he will scorch over it on a steel rimmed bicycle.

New England people are very much exercised over that provision of the Dingley bill which places a tariff tax on hides. The tariff on hides will cut down their profits on leather, shoes etc. So long as everybody else is taxed for his benefit the average New Englander is content, but when his profits are likely to be interfered with by such tax and somebody else likely to be incidentally benefitted thereby, he makes a kick.

Germany, France and other countries are raising objections to the Dingley bill on the grounds that it places the tariff tax so high that it practically excludes their surplus products from this country. And they threaten to adopt such retaliatory measures as will exclude American products from their respective countries. In such an event American farmers would be the main sufferers. For under the Dingley bill the manufacturers are enabled to put their goods at exorbitant prices, while the products of American farms are greatly in excess of American needs, leaving an immense surplus which has to find sale in foreign markets. With an immense surplus of American farm products on hand over and above what the country could consume and for which no sale could be found, it would not be difficult to see where the price would go. As a matter of

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fact, tariff taxes raised to the point of protection or prohibition cannot from any point of view be of any benefit to American farmers. Instead of being beneficiaries of the republican protection scheme, Americans are the chief victims of that scheme.

**Greece Has Yielded.**

Dispatches from the east state that Greece has unreservedly accepted the proffered intervention of the powers for putting a stop to the further continuance of the war. The further continuance of the war of the intervention are that Greece shall withdraw her troops from Crete, and adhere formally to autonomy for Crete and accept unreservedly the counsels which the powers may give in the interests of peace. As stated above, Greece has accepted the terms, and withdrawal of Greek troops from Crete has already begun. Turkey has not been heard from as to the terms upon which she may be willing to cease hostilities and resume amicable relations with Greece. Of course Turkey will demand indemnity, but what amount will satisfy her remains to be determined.

**Turkish Cruelty.**

Fourteen villages between Toul and Kastroskia were burned and the women and children massacred. Following are samples of Turkish savagism:

Arta, May 11.—It is reported that the Turks have severed the arms and legs of all the Greeks found in a village on the plain of Louros and left the mutilated bodies by the roadside to terrorize the population.

Not a stone of the village of Kamarina is left standing. The men fought like lions in the defense of women, who sought refuge in the woods and caves of Mount Zalougous and when chased by the Turks jumped from precipices to avoid capture and dishonor.

**BICYCLE GIVEN AWAY.**

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Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 15th day of April, 1897.—R. V. WOOD, Clerk County Court Coleman County.  
Pure Louisiana Syrup at L. L. Shield's.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by Mathews & Phillips.

**The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.**

The Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register says: Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she has used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Mathews & Phillips.

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To Contributors.

Parties writing communications for publication in the News are requested to sign their names to their articles—otherwise we cannot publish them. Of course, you can write over any nom de plume you may desire, but your name should accompany the article—for reference, not for publication.

Thoughtful people all over the country heartily endorse the action of the senate in rejecting the Olney-Pouncefote arbitration treaty. The wrath of the British papers on account of the rejection of this treaty seem to indicate that there were some advantages that England hoped to gain by this treaty.

MARK HANNA still has his weather eye on securing his election to the senate. His trusted lieutenants in the field in Ohio are laboring with might and main to elect enough republicans to the legislature to elect him.

READ in another column an extract from a letter by Grand Master Workman J. R. Sovereign to Milton Park, chairman of the national reform press association. Mr. Sovereign is a member of the populist national committee and what he says is populist testimony and therefore ought to have considerable weight with those who have heretofore affiliated with that party under the belief that nothing could or would be done for the relief of the people from the existing depressed condition of affairs.

Mex may come and men may go, but the principles of democracy are unchangeable. New conditions are continually arising and methods and policies change to make conditions, as they arise, conform to the principles of democracy upon which the government is based. The principles embodied in the Chicago platform are not new, but simply the reaffirmation of the principles of right, justice, and the equality of all before the law, which are as old as the government itself. Had these eternal principles of democracy been adhered to by national administrations for the past thirty years as they were during the better days of the republic, such things as scandalous bond deals, the eating out of the substance of millions of toiling American wealth producers by a few multi-millionaires, would never have been heard of in the glorious land of the free and the home of the brave.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

Pay According To The Law and the Contract.

It will be remembered that during the Harrison administration the gold speculators and bond buyers induced Austria to go on the single standard. Austria's national debt at that time was estimated at \$2,400,000,000 payable in silver. Her debt is now placed at \$2,900,000,000 payable in gold. Thus another great demand was created for gold as a money metal, thereby enhancing its value and increasing its purchasing power. In 1893 the gold combination wanted the Sherman act repealed, the only law of this country treating silver as a money metal. Mr. Cleveland took the ground that the Sherman law was ruining the country. He called congress together in extra session, the Sherman law was repealed without any substitute legislation, and as a result the panic of 1893 followed.

Since the close of the war between China and Japan, the latter country has been induced by the gold combination to adopt the gold standard. Her war indemnity is to be converted into gold. It is also stated as a matter of financial history that the Rothschilds combination has manipulated Peru onto a gold basis, and silver importations into that country are prohibited. Practically the government of Peru appears to be in the hands of a receiver.

To conduct these big gold operations with the nations creates an immense demand for gold, thereby enhancing its value and likewise immensely increasing its purchasing power, and at the same time greatly increasing the purchasing power of labor and the products of labor. For as the gold goes up in value, labor and its products go down.

Hitherto when gold has been required to carry on financial operations of the gold combination with the nations, it has been convenient for the foreign holders of United States securities to demand the gold on these securities from our government to meet their requirements, and the executive department has complied with these demands without a single syllable of law in support of such a policy. For under the law every obligation of the government is payable in silver dollars of 412 1/2 grains each. Then why should the government impoverish and bankrupt its own citizens by surrendering its option to pay its debts in either silver or gold to gratify the greed of the gold combination? Already raids have begun on the national treasury for gold to ship abroad. Let the government meet its obligations according to the law and the contract. This is democracy, pure and simple.

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PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas the 29th Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint Resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State, to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 20, as follows:

Section 20. In addition to the powers of taxation granted to the foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the land owners of certain portions of Texas, as hereinafter provided, to organize within that section of Texas which lies west, northwest and southwest of the following counties, viz: Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, Travis, Blanco, Gillespie, Comal, Caldwell, Gonzales, De Witt, Goliad, Victoria and Calhoun, irrigation districts without regard to county lines. In making provisions for the cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory, it shall be lawful to create an indebtedness of not exceeding fifteen dollars per acre to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed. Within the term, cost of construction shall be included the cost of riparian rights, dam sites and reservoirs, rights of way for canal and laterals, and other appurtenant expenses of the construction of irrigation plants. In case of destruction of the works, or any part thereof, the repair or rebuilding of the same shall be construed to be within the meaning of construction. To cover the cost of construction as above defined, bonds may be issued by such irrigation districts to run in time for forty years or less, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent. per annum. Interest payable annually, which bonds shall be sold at not less than par. The bonds shall be liquidated by the levy and collection of a tax upon the irrigable lands within such irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land shall be taxed in proportion to acreage and not in proportion to its value. An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands sufficient to pay the interest of said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to liquidate the bonds above authorized, in addition to the tax above provided, for the same shall be annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually receiving the water for irrigation of a sufficient amount to cover the ordinary cost of the maintenance of the irrigation works, the distribution of the water and appurtenant charges and the operation of said works. This charge shall be upon a basis of the amount of water attracted for, provided, that this shall not interfere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the water on the basis of acreage. The taxes now provided for shall be assessed, secured by lien on the land as now provided by general law for the security of State taxes, and delinquency shall be enforced as now provided by general law for the collection of delinquent State taxes, but the lien securing the same shall be subordinate to the lien securing the payment of State, county and municipal taxes.

None of the foregoing provisions of this amendment shall ever be construed to give authority to create a lien on or tax in any manner any lands which they shall belong to the State; nor after sale thereof shall any charge ever be created thereon which shall take precedence over the liens securing the balance of the purchase money due the State.

The indebtedness for the construction of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment shall be created only upon a vote of a majority of the land owners resident in the district proposed to be organized and whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed; only qualified voters under the existing laws of Texas, being such owners of rural lands, within such districts, shall have the right to vote as aforesaid.

Any natural or artificial person having an interest in any of the irrigable lands in any such irrigation district shall have the right at any time within ninety days after the vote authorized has been declared, and not thereafter, to file a proceeding in any court having jurisdiction to test the validity of the organization of said district, the classification of the land as irrigable lands, or other details thereof. Such proceedings shall have precedence through all the courts as now provided by law in quo warranto suits.

Irrigation districts organized under the provisions of this amendment are hereby declared to be bodies corporate, and the name of the districts they shall have the right to sue and be sued, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorized by law in the case of irrigation corporations all the property necessary for its organization, operation and existence, and may buy in under foreclosure of its taxes any property, but the property bought in at tax sales shall be held and disposed of as hereafter provided by law.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this amendment shall be passed upon and certified to by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds. When approved by the Attorney General said bonds shall be registered by the Comptroller of the State, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds, and when so registered shall be entitled to all the faith and confidence now prescribed by law in the case of county and city bonds.

To the end that this amendment may be put into immediate operation upon its adoption by the people, it is provided that until otherwise provided by law the Governor of the State, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Attorney General of the State, are hereby created a board and vested with complete power and authority to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to put into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable irrigation districts to organize

and operate under the provisions of this amendment. And to that end, until otherwise provided by law, said board shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legislature of the State of Texas may have to enact laws. The rules, when adopted by said board, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and when so filed shall remain in full force and effect until changed or modified by some other rule made by the said board or until the same are changed by general law. Said rules shall be printed under the direction of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to any one demanding the same upon the payment of such fees as said board may prescribe.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amending Article 8 of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending Article 8 of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas."

Approved March 8, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3 of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. No county, city or other municipal corporation shall hereafter become a subscriber to the capital of any corporation or association, or make any appropriation or donation to the same, or in anywise loan its credit, except as hereinafter provided. Any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid, by the issue of bonds of such county, for the construction of standard-gauge railway lines into, through or across any county, when by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of any such county voting at an election held for that purpose such aid is authorized, provided, however, that no such aid shall be hereinafter authorized and provided for shall ever be given, or paid to any railroad company, or in aid of any such railway construction, except in proportion to and for such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And special authority and power is hereby given to the commissioners court of any county within the territory hereby prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and collect an annual tax in addition to any other tax authorized by the Constitution upon all property in such county subject to taxation, to pay interest on and to create a sinking fund to meet said bonds or other indebtedness created for such purpose; provided, that the aggregate of such aid in any county shall never in any one year exceed two per centum upon the assessed valuation of the property in such county.

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners court of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty, at once, upon the petition thereof of not less than one hundred (100) qualified voters of such county, at any time and in all things provide for and regulate such election, and the holding, returns and determination of the same, and prescribe the form of the ballot to be used.

All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such county, under the provisions of this section, shall, before being issued, be negotiated or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this State, and thereupon the Comptroller of this State shall register the same and endorse the fact of such registry upon said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For the amendment to Section 3 of Article 11 of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article 11 of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads, by the issuance of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county."

Passed April 2, 1897.

Joint resolution to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

Whereas, the laws of the State of Texas authorize the several counties in this State, through their Commissioners courts, to issue bonds for the erection of court houses and jails, and the construction and purchase of bridges, and Whereas, the statutes of the State of Texas authorize the Board of Education of said State to invest the permanent school fund thereof in bonds issued for the purposes aforesaid by the said counties, and Whereas, the Board of Education of this State, in pursuance of said statutory authority, has purchased as an investment for the permanent school fund of the State of Texas, bonds approximating three million dollars, and Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Texas provides that no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner for any city or county, unless provision is made at the time of its creation for the levying and collection of a sufficient tax to pay the interest thereon, and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund, and Whereas, it is believed that some of the bonds so purchased by the State Board of Education as an investment for the permanent school fund were not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether proper provision was made at the time of the attempted creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, for the levy of a tax to secure the payment of interest and the creation of a sinking fund, and that some of said bonds may therefore be held invalid by the courts;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto the following, which shall be denominated "Section 11."

Section 11. That all bonds heretofore issued by the several counties of Texas for the purpose of the erection of court houses and jails, and for the purchase or construction of bridges, and that have been purchased by the proper authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at the time of the creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, the provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund was not made, shall not be for that reason held to be invalid; but said bonds are hereby validated and are hereby made valid debts against the several counties by which they were issued.

And that this amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund," and all voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund."

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

Approved April 22, 1897.

And whereas, the State Consti-

tution requires the publication of any proposed amendments once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election;

And whereas, each of said Joint Resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said Joint Resolutions to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1897, which will be the 3rd day of said month.

Now, Therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolutions be held on the day designated therein, to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, A. D. 1897, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of State [L. S.] to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1897. C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas.

By the Governor: J. W. MADDEN, Secretary of State.



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**BAPTIST**—Rev. J. P. Rutledge, Pastor. 2nd and 4th Sundays.

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**LOCAL TIME CARD.**

**G. C. & S. F. RY.**

Passenger, North Bound... 9:45 p. m.  
 South " " " 6:23 a. m.  
 Local Freight, North Bound... 10 a. m.  
 South " " " 3:45 p. m.  
 W. B. Mitchell, Agent.

**STAR ROUTE MAILS.**

**ROCKWOOD, WALDRIP, LOHN, BRADY.**  
 Arrives Daily... 7 p. m.  
 Leaves " " " 8: a. m.

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Arrives Daily... 5 p. m.  
 Leaves " " " 3 a. m.

S. H. Phillips, P. M.

**Good Newspapers.**

The Semi-Weekly News (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrate articles, etc.

We offer **Semi-Weekly News** and the **The Santa Anna News** for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.75 cash.

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**Criminal Discriminations. Crushing Local Industrial Enterprises.**

After enumerating and commenting on the varied natural resources of Nevada and showing what sources of prosperity these natural resources would be to the people of that State provided it enjoyed favorable transportation facilities, the New York Journal says, in part: "Why is a State so opulently endowed the paralyzed thing that we see? Chiefly because the Central Pacific Railroad, built with the public money, has forbidden this American State to grow. Whatever she imports from the East must pay the through freight rate to San Francisco, and in addition the local freight rate back. That is to say, a carload of merchandise which costs \$300 to carry from New York to San Francisco costs \$800 to Elko, for example, though Elko is 500 miles nearer New York than San Francisco is. Thus is this Nevada point placed commercially 5,000 miles to the westward of California's coast. It is impossible to build up manufactures in Nevada because of this criminal discrimination against her. With a fair chance, Nevada would grow rapidly and have a population large enough to secure her the respect of those contempters who mock her poverty but have no will, seemingly, to help in rescuing her from the clutches of the corporation which plunders and paralyzes her. The enforcement of the long and short haul principle by the Interstate Commerce Commission would affect Nevada as a rainfall does a dry field."

What is true of Nevada is equally true of Texas.

**Virginians Indignant.**

It is stated that the conspicuous appearance of Ex-Postmaster General Wilson at the recent \$12 a plate feed given by the New York Reform Club to the democratic boilers has created a fresh storm of protest in Virginia against the elevation of Mr. Wilson to the office of president of the famous Washington and Lee University. So great is the indignation of the Virginians against the selection of Mr. Wilson for this position that in case he takes charge of the institution they declare it ought to be boycotted. The reason assigned for this advice is caused by the contents of a letter written by Wilson to the editor of Harper's Weekly in which among other things he says: "I was influenced, I may say captivated, by the possibilities of making this institution a great center of sound learning and sound citizenship, a power to reproduce in the south some of that high thinking which made our leadership in past generations so conservative and so national. I am sure the seed has not run out. But it needs strength and wholesome culture."

Commenting on this letter, the editor of Harper's Weekly says:

"He is about turning his attention to the education of southern youth in the hope of doing something for that section of the country, and of enlightening the ignorance that now prevails among its public men. Surely there never was a people more greatly in need of education, and of such education in mind and morals as Mr. Wilson can impart and inspire."

These utterances have created such a storm of indignation among the Virginia people that it is said Wilson will probably be induced to ask a release from his acceptance of the position.

**For Sale.** Graded and Registered Poland China Pigs and Shoats for sale from \$1.00 up. Apply to ED CHAMBERS.

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**TO MERCHANTS,**

I F. W. J. BRYAN had made his famous Chicago speech in the presence of a few dozen men and had kept it out of the newspapers, how many people would know anything of that speech? Some merchants who have bargains to offer their customers wait for them to come in and ask about it, and consequently only a few hear about it. If a politician wants fame, let his utterances appear in the columns of newspapers. If a merchant wants to do business, let him talk to the people through the newspapers.—Whitewright Sun.

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**SOVEREIGN TO PARK.**

He Opposes the Convention to Be Held in July.

Sulphur Springs, Ark., April 16, 1897.

To Hon. Milton Park, Chairman of Committee of N. R. P. A., Dallas, Texas:

Dear Sir—Have just returned after a month's absence in the East and find your favor of April 1 on my table. You ask my opinion on the propriety of holding in the near future a national delegate conference of the People's party as recommended by the National Reform Press Association at its Memphis meeting. In reply I beg to say that I am decidedly opposed to such conference at this time. I can conceive of no good result from a conference that is invited and demanded from the point of the dagger. \* \* \*

If the conference which you seek was called, I have no doubt some of our Texas brothers would denounce me as a traitor to my party. Then I would hold up an Australian ballot which came to me from the first Texas congressional district. It is headed:

"Official Ballot. Election November 3, 1896."

On the ballot five tickets are printed, as follows: Democratic ticket, Republican ticket, National Democratic ticket, Prohibition ticket, Independent ticket. The ballot contains no People's party ticket, not even the name of a Watson elector on the whole ballot. But under the Republican ticket, and immediately following the names of the McKinley and Hobart gold-bug electors, appears the names of Jerome Kearby for governor and H. S. P. Ashby for lieutenant governor, followed by the balance of the People's party state ticket. With that ballot, and other equally strong evidence in my possession, I would have little trouble in convincing a part of the conference at least that what The Mercury calls a "middle-of-the-road" ticket is really a disreputable fusion with the Mark Hanna combine, and the gold gamblers of the world.

With such questions before a national convention, both the party and the cause would suffer incalculable injury.

Last summer I was introduced to a "middle-of-the-road" meeting by a president of a single gold standard club, who wore a McKinley badge and was a capper and a flanker for Mark Hanna. The corruption fund of the gold combine was freely used to stimulate the "middle-of-the-road" campaign and "middle-of-the-roads" were given free railroad tickets to travel over the country to work up discord and disruption in our party, and while at Washington, D. C., a few days ago, I found "middle-of-the-roads" pleading piteously for recognition at the pie counter of President McKinley. With these facts before me I am of the opinion that it would be well for us to wait until we are a little better acquainted before we have a conference. I defend the action of Chairman Butler because I think he is right. He supported the entire People's party ticket and you did not. I bear no ill-will toward the people of Texas nor any other Southern State. They are as honest and patriotic as ever enlisted in the cause of reform in any country. But in some of the "middle-of-the-road" leaders I have little confidence. They do not want a victory for the people and would not have it if they could.

Respectfully yours,  
 J. R. SOVEREIGN

**Notice to Breeders.**  
 "RABBI," my thoroughbred stallion, Register No. 980; American Stud book, sired by Zeferino, the son of the noted racer, Rebel; and my Black Jack "Fitzsimmons," sired by Black Diamond, 1st Dam Black Salley by Crockett, will stand at my farm nine miles south of Santa Anna, at \$8.00, foal insured. Will try to avoid accidents but will not be liable for damage if any occur. None but gentle mares solicited. Pasture free for mares from a distance.—B. L. WITTON.

If you can find a week spot in the BUCKSKIN BREECHES put your hands in the pocket and take the printed guarantee to the dealer. He'll give you another pair or the money back. Suit yourself. Aint that fair? For sale by M. Tyson.

**FINE CHICKENS.**—Silver Laced Wyandotte eggs for sale—\$1.00 per setting. Apply to Mrs. M. E. Hubert.

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 Will pay the highest price for all cotton offered in the market.

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F. W. DODSON, THE DENTIST.

COLEMAN, - - - TEXAS. Special Day in Santa Anna.

Friday, May 14.

S. H. Liddell was here from the Rockwood country Tuesday.

Mr. Taylor of Camp creek, was in town yesterday.

Chamber's has a fresh stock of can goods of every description.

J. C. Jones of Coleman, was here Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Sanderson was in town shopping Tuesday.

Everything you want to eat at Chamber's.

Tom Cannon was here from Rockwood yesterday.

Mr. R. Cheatham was here from Rockwood Tuesday.

Cheese, Macaroni, Pickles and Cakes, all fresh, at Chamber's.

W. N. Gardner was here from the Rockwood country, Tuesday.

Will Steward was up from Rockwood Tuesday.

For bargains in Groceries, go to Chambers.

Sam Howard of Camp creek, was here Tuesday.

J. M. Currier is putting an addition to V. L. Grady's residence.

Don't forget the cheap prices at Lee Shield's.

Miss Campbell is learning printer's trade in this office.

Jim Sea of Trickham, was here Wednesday.

Lee Shield has a complete stock of dry goods. Just see those beautiful silks and fine satins.

Another fine rain fell over this country Wednesday morning.

E. N. Voss of Poverty Flat, was in the city on Wednesday.

All kind of produce kept at Shield's. A big bill of Groceries just received.

Mrs. J. M. Key and Mrs. Calhoun of Coleman, were visiting Mrs. C. A. Chambers Thursday.

C. T. Price and family of the Rockwood country, were here on Tuesday.

Strictly high grade Louisiana Molasses at Chamber's. Best in the land.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lancaster of Home Creek, were in the city trading on yesterday.

Chas. Stafford and family of Rockwood, were in the city trading Thursday.

Good Cedar Char Coal for sale at B. F. Bothermel's in any quantity.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Talley left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth, to be absent several days.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

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PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 Years the Standard.

THE CRADLE.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunwoody—a boy.

Commissioner's court is in session this week.

"General Green" will now be the object of assault by the farmer, for many days to follow.

The sun doubtless never shone on a more contented, free people than those who abide in Coleman county.

Jno. L. Compton left Monday on a fire-extinguishing tour. He is working the territory south of here.

The News reaches more homes and is read by more people than any paper published in the county. This is straight goods. Our country circulation is immense.

Mrs. A. E. Hicks has a card in this issue. Mrs. Hicks has assumed control of the old Commercial hotel at Coleman and will be pleased to cater to those who eat.

Mr. Stanley Byrd and Miss Jessie Melton, R. A. Gregory and Miss Annie Shaw enjoyed a ride on horseback out to Home creek Wednesday morning.

The Santa Anna Lodge K of H. organized January 28th, 1890, has paid to Mrs. Thomas Holmes the sum of \$2,000, insurance policy of the late Thomas Holmes. A like sum will soon be paid to the widow of the late Dan Sanderson.

Prof. J. E. Hickman left Tuesday morning for the Centennial at Nashville. He will visit Kentucky before his return, and it has been rumored that he will join the army of benedicts while in the blue grass state.

Hon. M. L. McFarland, M. S. Ussery and Esq. J. M. Smathers of Camp creek and Bro. Willis of Brownwood, attended the regular meeting of Mountain Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday night.

Wednesday was a delightful May day. The sun shone brightly and the atmosphere was sweet with the fragrance of spring flowers. It gives an inspiration to those who appreciate nature, and many enjoyed drives, horseback rides and other outdoor amusements.

Monday morning we noticed Mark and Frank Caradine and the father, en route to the cotton field to wage war on General Green. These hustling, thorough-going boys will raise king cotton, in large bales this year, and we wish them the success which they deserve.

The Santa Anna mountains, clothed in their garments of green and enlivened by the chattering voices of numberless birds, and the magnificent view afforded the eye, is a pleasant place to pass away leisure hours. Try a walk, it will do you you good. If you appreciate nature you cannot but be entertained.

Jessie M. Adams, of the Coleman Review, passed down the road to Lampasas Monday morning to attend the Reform Press Association; returning on Tuesday night's train. He reports having had an immense time and speaks words of praise for Lampasas hospitality, stating that all the conveniences of the city (even the bath houses) were placed at their disposal. That act alone is commendable in Lampasas.

L. L. Shield will get in position today his big burglar and fire proof safe, purchased of the Brownwood national bank.

The streets of Santa Anna put on an animated appearance last Saturday. Scores of people were in town and our merchants seemed to be rushed during all the day. What is true of Saturday was true of the past week. Santa Anna controls an immense trade, and by keeping complete stocks and with judicious advertising on the part of the merchants, her trade can be greatly increased. The News reaches the people in all territory adjacent to Santa Anna. Wise merchants need no further hint.

A. G. Weaver & Son,

See our DRY GOODS. We keep almost everything.

Our SHOES are known everywhere. The famous SELZ. You can't get a better shoe. We sell them at the smallest possible margin.

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In GROCERIES, we handle a staple line. Make no leaders, but sell everything cheap.

If you are hunting bargains, give us a trial. Respectfully,

A. G. Weaver & Son.

Want a House?

WE think we can suit you.

When in the market for the lumber give us a call.

We buy direct from manufacturers; thus saving middle man's profit.

We pay Spot-Cash; thus saving from 18 to 30 per cent interest.

We have neither clerk hire nor rent to pay; thus enabling us to sell at lowest prices and our customer's get the benefit.

Morse's Lumber Yard.

CALL AND SEE US.

Hamlin's Bond.

J. F. Hamlin's bond has been made and accepted; the following gentlemen becoming his bondsmen, to-wit: J. P. Richardson, T. J. McIlvain, M. R. Cheatham, M. S. Ussery, N. D. Collins, Jno. T. Pope, A. R. Ferguson, J. S. Martin and R. E. Hollingsworth. The bond is a good one. Any one of the sureties is amply able to pay the full face of the bond, and some of them could pay the bond several times and not be seriously embarrassed thereby.

Miss Annie Kidd is with us again, having recently closed her school at Salem.

Don't, by no means, forget that L. L. Shield is in the Binder business. You will save money by seeing him.

Harry Thomson of Ballinger, is visiting the family of Capt. A. C. Thomson.

P. B. Talley of Love Hill, is spending a few days this week with his father, Uncle B. F. Talley, of this place.

L. L. Shield has just received a big lot of guns. All kind and descriptions, see them.

Mrs. Secrest and Mrs. H. C. Randolph of Coleman, were visiting in Santa Anna Thursday, guests of Mrs. M. Tyson.

Fresh Oat Meal, Eli Pettijohn's Best, and Snow Flake Hominy, at Chambers.

Prof. Bartlett of Hill county, is visiting in the Mountain city, guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. McCorkle.

Anybody can find Lee Shield's store if they will notice where all those blue bundles come from. Cheap prices tell.

Mrs. Bodenbamer and daughter, Miss Lala, Mrs. Elva Horseman and children, and Miss Tacie Vice of Rockwood, were shopping in the city Thursday.

Much interest is manifested in the Christian revival meeting at the M. E. Church conducted by Rev. A. W. Jones of Dublin. Bro. Jones is an interesting speaker, always securing and retaining the closest attention of the congregation, which at night are in entirely large.

ABOUT COLEMAN.

Items Parloined From the Coleman Papers.

Rev. J. R. Cason has resigned his post as pastor of the Baptist church in this city.

The babe of C. A. Hemphill is very sick.

James Roberts is building a neat frame cottage near the Christian church.

Miss Lomie Beaumont returned Thursday night from a two-months visit to her sister in Palestine.

Quite a number of our people are speaking favorably of the proposition to place a neat iron fence around the courthouse yard and to plant shrubs, etc., in the enclosure.

The Commissioners' court is in session this week, attending to routine business and especially public roads.

The school trustees have so far appointed Prof. Glasgow as principal and the two Misses Broraugh as teachers. Other appointments will be made later.

The New York Work World mentions our countyman Wm. Anson as one of the participants in the polo games now on at Middlebrook, L. I.

F. L. Snodgrass while in Austin last week met Will Vining, who informed him that he had assurances of help in the construction of the Coleman and Vining railroad.

If you don't want to buy a wagon it will be to your interest and cost you nothing to see the Wagon Show at Lee Shield's Saturday. Everybody come.

Brown County.

Miss Florence Brown left this morning for a visit to San Saba.

Mrs. Willie Vaughn of Paint Rock, was en route Home Sunday from a visit to Mrs. Jessie Cross in Limestone county.

Rev. W. L. Skinner, well known to Brownwood people, has resigned his pastorate at Comanche.

J. J. George is suffering from a loss of eyesight. His friends hope the affliction is only temporary. From Brownwood papers.

The finest and cheapest guns ever seen in Santa Anna has just arrived at L. L. Shield's. He has a lot of them.

Our Mountain city seems to be headquarters for prospectors. They may be seen at all hours of the day moving out in different directions admiring our cheap, rich and productive lands, together with the promising crops growing thereon. Choice farm lands ready for the plow can be purchased here for less money than is required in less favored localities to grub and prepare the same class of lands for the plow. Another very important thing that should not be overlooked is that a man can cultivate three acres here with less hard labor to himself and team than he can two acres in the black waxy land. Rev. H. M. Fletcher, S. J. Pieratt and others who could be named who purchased land on time, have improved their lands and paid off their land notes, principal and interest, all with the proceeds of crops raised on their lands.

Brownwood, Texas, May 6. To Officers and Members of Santa Anna Lodge, K. of H.:

On May 5th I received \$2,000 of the Santa Anna K. of H. Lodge in payment of death claim of my deceased husband, Thomas Holmes; for which please accept my thanks. I had always opposed life insurance and my husband told me a few weeks before he was taken sick that if I insisted on his dropping his insurance he would do so after awhile. I thought I could get along without insurance, but now that he is gone and I have my two little children to support I find the way is not so easy. With this fund I expect to buy a home for my little children and believe I can raise and educate them. On the other hand, had my good and wise husband yielded to my request I would have been left unprovided for, and the way would have been very hard. I can see now that he was right in carrying life insurance. My husband had enjoyed perfect health since our marriage, eight years and seven months before his death, and I always thought he would outlive me, but these things we cannot understand. Respectfully, Mrs. Thos. Holmes.

Franklin D. Gurley, for many years a resident of Runnels county, where he owned 640 acres of land, died suddenly in Chicago, April 23, leaving a widow with life insurance policies to the amount of \$7,000. The relict has buried four husbands under circumstances quite similar, and is still fair, fat and forty-two.—Goldthwaite Mountaineer.

The Populist Editors. Lampasas, Tex., May 10.—The Texas Reform Press association met in annual session today. The meeting is slimly attended, about twenty five members being present. Among those in attendance are President J. M. Mallett of Abilene, General Vandervoort, Harry Tracy and Milton Park. Very little enthusiasm is manifested.

Estray Notice.

In compliance with the estray law now in force and upon return of A. W. Blue, Commissioner precinct No. 2, Coleman Co., Texas, I herewith report the following Estray which has been found running at large, to-wit: One brown horse, 14 hands high, 5 or 6 years old, branded R on left shoulder, and HF connected on left thigh. If same is not legally proven away will be estrayed as the law directs. Witness my hand and seal of office this 13th day of April, 1897.

—R. V. WOOD, Clerk Co. Court Coleman Co., Texas.

KADRIS

An imported French Coach Stallion will make the present season at the O. C. Lane ranch, at \$10 by the season.

Also a full blooded Percheron Stallion at \$10.00 by the insurance. I have pasture for mares.

Chartered.

Austin, Tex., May 8.—Chartered. The Colorado Valley railway company, with headquarters at Robert Lee, Coke county. Incorporators, Irwin Wheatcroft, J. B. Latham, J. H. Burroughs, J. W. Reed, L. H. Brightman, I. M. Bennick, George Moore, F. Buchanan, Gid Graham, and J. D. Davis. Capital stock, \$500,000. The purpose of the corporation is to construct, equip and operate a line of standard gauge railroad from Colorado, the county seat of Mitchell county, on the Texas and Pacific railway, through a portion of Mitchell and through Coke county and a portion of the county of Tom Green to San Angelo, the county seat of Tom Green county, on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe road, a distance of seventy-five miles more or less.

The Houston Post on May 6th, showed a picture developed by M. L. Sanders of Waco, of an X-ray shadowgraph made by Prof. Heyer, of Georgetown. It plainly shows a bullet embedded in the bones of a man's neck. By means of this photo an operation was performed, but it was so long delayed that the man died a few days later.

A Fitzsimmons knockout on Saddle, Harness and Furniture. Money will hit the right lick in the right place at W. D. Stephenson's, Santa Anna, Texas.

Try Time Coming. Elegant Screen Doors and adjustable Window Screens, (will fit any window) good and cheap at Morse's Lumber Yard.

C. A. Chambers made a business trip down on Mukewater below Trickham yesterday. He reports a lively battle going on between the farmers and the weeds, while the growing crops are whooping for the landing.

CEMENT. Fresh Portland Cement just received.—Lee's Lumber Yard.

MUSIC. CHEAPEST PIANO AND MUSIC HOUSE IN THE SOUTH WEST. Get Catalogs free. GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, COLEMAN, TEXAS. MRS. A. B. HICKS, PROPRIETRESS. This popular Hotel has been thoroughly renovated and everything put in splendid shape. No pains will be spared to secure the comfort and convenience of guests. Charges reasonable and suited to the times.

DR. J. P. MATHEWS. PHYSICIAN & SURGEON. Offers his services in all branches of the profession. Calls promptly answered at all hours. Office at my drug store during the day and at night will be found at residence south of depot. SANTA ANNA, TEXAS.

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W. R. KELLEY & CO. EXCHANGE BANKERS. Can transact any business for you in that line. We respectfully solicit your Custom. V. L. GRADY, CASHIER

I have located in Santa Anna for the purpose of making Boots & Shoes to Order. LIVE AND LET LIVE PRICES. Also do general Repair Work. Good work and prompt attention. J. E. MCLESKEY