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Irrigation Talk.

Down in Mexico the great Juan irrigation enterprise is complete and water will soon be turned into the 800 kilometers of canal that have been constructed. This work was done on a government concession at a cost of \$3,000,000 in gold.—Eddy Argus.

The success of the irrigation movement now agitating the people of the semi-arid section, is dependent on favorable legislation and education in the opportunities of irrigation. The principal obstacle in the path of the adoption of irrigation is found in the prevailing idea that nothing can be made unless big plants can be put in and hundreds of acres put under ditch. While this is a to be hoped for consummation there is a great deal more in small individual irrigating plants than is generally supposed. There is a living in five acres of good land properly irrigated, and if more of this work was done on a small scale it would be but a short time until there would be no such question asked as to where the water is to come from to put on the land.—Live Stock Journal.

A SUNDAY AT BRONTE.

Last Sunday, the writer had an invitation to ride over to the neighborhood of Bronte and so being nothing lost, we were well on our way by 10 and with the prospect of a clear sky for the next ten hours at least, according to weather signs in west Texas. Old Jim ambled along steadily enough without any urging and what with the picturesque scenery of old Coke, the inviting ozone of the cedar topped hills, and the conversation of a convivial companion the 14 miles seemed only too short. One thing worthy of mention in connection with the county is the sizes attained by cotton from along this road which considering its total dependence on the rainfall is truly wonderful. We arrived at our destination in company with a quartet also from Lee and who had been within sight along the road every since our start. By the gentleman of this party we were informed the time occupied in the trip was one hour twenty five minutes, but I am inclined to think the Dr. waterberry was off its balance, as in any case our whip had never left its socket from the time we started. Arrived at the school house, we found its spacious interior to be filled by the thrifty inhabitants of the surrounding country, and immediately formed a favorable opinion of the men who found more pleasure in listening to an able discourse by the Rev'd Mr. McKenzie and the singing of the class under the Rev'd R. M. Cumbie than in discussing politics on the neighboring streets. Upon joining the singers, our high opinion already formed was considerably heightened upon observing the number of pretty girls that Bronte is fortunate enough to boast of.

At the close of the sermon, and after hearing several pieces by the choir, we partook of the good cheer of Squire McCutchen whose ranch is close by, and then returned to the scenes of the singing. I knew not how it is with others but in my opinion this part of our service at church is only half carried on as a rule. It is a pity that such a good use as was demonstrated by the performance upon this occasion. There are few pleasanter ways of spending the days than that enjoyed by the good people of Bronte last Sunday, and the Rev'd gentleman who acted as director is to be congratulated upon the success of his enterprise. I was unfortunate in not learning the name of the organist, but the playing was excellent. The people showed their appreciation of the affair by turning out in force.

Robert Lee folks will be pleased to learn that Brother Cumbie has agreed to bring his class here on the 2nd Sunday in March for the purpose of spending the day in singing exercises.

There will be quite a number from our neighbor town, and their ranks may be augmented by many excellent singers in and about Lee, who, we are sure will be on hand to aid in entertaining our hospitable neighbors.

R.

THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC

St. Louis, Mo.

The marriage fever has some what subsided in this section though the weather remains cold and a many young heart has beat lively at the words "keep your footsies tottays warm close to mine."

The newly married couple Mr Will Shepard and wife of the Bronte country, was in the city last Monday, stopping at the Davis Hotel, they both looked well pleased, I guess they both think they have got the one, no one else could have got.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Having assumed the control and management of the "Coke County Rustler" I want to say to its old friends that I solicit a continuation of their co-operation and support under its new management, and to those who have not been receiving the paper I will say that I should like to have patronage for I should like to have the paper go to every home in Coke county during 1894.

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It will ever be my object to give our people a county paper that they can justly be proud of and pledge my self to make every effort to do so.

Money Paid Out

Statement of money paid from funds subject to the governor's order, with vouchers, from January 3, 1893 to January 4, 1894 inclusive to wit:

For salary of private secretary 1,000.00. For salary of private secretary 4,000.00. For salary of stenographic clerk and secretary of penitentiary board 3,000.00. For salary and expenses of revenue agent 4,059.56. For salary of porter, executive office 960.00. For payment of rewards and other contingent expenses necessary in the enforcement of law 20,048.48. For books, stationary, periodicals and newspapers 368.68. For freight, postage and telegraphing 1,042.48. For contingent expenses executive 273.93. For collecting testimonial for county case new court of governors mansion 853.53. For repairs to mansion 1,810.12. For gardener and labor and keeping up of grounds surrounding mansion 725.75. For water and ice for mansion 282.05. For fuel and lights for mansion 840.45. Contingent expenses for mansion and grounds. 24.71.

Ed. RUSTLER—I have not noticed anything from this part for quite a while. The people are quite and seems to be enjoying themselves, since some of the out-laws have been chased from their hiding places and the bold spirit of the remnant quelled. Miss Edna Reed is teaching the Cow Creek school. The people in general are well pleased with her as a teacher. Prof. Gid Graham is teaching the Live Oak school. Miss Lela Douglass will teach the Rock Spring school. Mr. T. C. Baldwin gave a pound dinner Christmas day. every body was invited. They had a delightful time. The crowd was entertained in the morning by music, and about 10 o'clock the crowd tired of vocal and instrumental music, decided to change the programme, then the "chit music" began, every body took part in these exercises. The young ladies and gentlemen took an active part. I think some of them were deeply interested, at least they performed well. Broad smiles adorned the faces of all, especially the sweet sixteen part of the crowd, smiles were exchanged for smiles until they were invited to dinner, then they smiled at the table, enough to make us smile. The table fairly groined under the weight of so many delicious eatables. After dinner they had plenty vocal, instrumental and chit music. Some of the young people of Sance were there, we appreciated their presence and hope they will come again. Robert Lee was also represented in the afternoon. We were glad to have them join our crowd. The day was pleasant and all night at there was a fine moon.

Young Men.

There is certain things I want to impress on your mind and the first is when you start out in the world to manage for yourselves get a home and then learn a trade or profession you will observe that all men who, have homes are not tramps, nor beggars, nor rattle their adorn that home with a nice good little wife.

Sheriff John W. Clampitt and constable B. W. Pilcher made a trip up in Coke county last week and arrested James Moke, who is wanted in Lee county on a charge of horse and cattle theft. He was brought to Ballinger and on Tuesday morning sheriff Clampitt left for Cameron with him at which place he met the sheriff of Lee county, and captured a reward of \$50. Too much praise cannot be given these two efficient officers for their vigilance in hunting down and bringing to justice the offenders of the law. Success to their efforts, and peace to their ashes.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

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