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ABILENE

Wants to pull the New Railroad from Colorado to that point and is at work.

IS LOOKING TO BALLINGER

In An Effort to divert the road from its natural and most Feasible Route by a little horse play.

In the last issue of the Abilene News we find the following:

A road to Colorado City to connect with the T & P Query: Is this the road that will benefit Ballinger most? Let us examine the map and see. Good horse sense says no, in comparison with the following: Build north through Winters to Abilene, via Buffalo Gap, or west of it via Mr. Crow's on the old Abilene and Ballinger wagon road.

From Abilene down the clear Fork, via old Camp Cooper, through Throckmorton to Seymour, connecting with the line to Wichita Falls, thence northeast connecting with the Rock Island system, about 40 miles. This gives Ballinger and intermediate country direct connection with Kansas City and Chicago. So much for a northern connection.

Now, let us examine the map south Ballinger, south to Menardville, thence to Keerville, connecting with the Aransas Pass to San Antonio. The Rock Island wants to get into San Antonio and San Antonio wants the Rock Island to come there. This completes a great north and south route from the Gulf to Kansas City and Chicago, and would also necessitate the extension of the Texas Central from Albany northwest 15 miles to a junction with the line proposed north of Abilene thus giving the Central a Kansas City connection.

The writer is familiar with every foot of the country covered by the proposed route north and south of Ballinger; was with the surveying party locating a line from Keerville to Menardville, from there to Ballinger, plain sailing all the way via Ballinger to Abilene, and from Abilene to Seymour.

Will some of Ballinger's enterprising citizens please tell the writer what they will gain by building to Colorado City? Do they expect to draw trade and business away from the T & P railroad.

Do not depend upon diverting business from the T & P to the Santa Fe; if you do you will get left. Ballinger will gain more business by dividing the territory north and south, besides being on a direct line from Kansas city to the Gulf via San Antonio. All the business that the line from Ballinger to Colorado City can control will not add to Ballinger business to any great extent, four fifths of it will pass through.

Of course a railroad to Robert Lee will be a grand thing for Coke county, but if such a good thing, the Santa Fe will get the persimmon before long. But the fact is, if anymore railroads are

built in Texas it will be by Texas capital; no more money to invest in Texas until some wholesome laws are passed to protect capital already invested in Texas.

COMMON SENSE.

The man who wrote the above ought to go off and die. It is a sly and wicked snub at Colorado; of which town Abilene has been jealous ever since it was started. There has hardly ever been an effort towards public enterprise here that Abilene has not tried to counteract it. "Common Sense" asks in his article why the road should build from Ballinger to Colorado instead of to Abilene, and we will try and give him some satisfying reasons.

Because Colorado is the best town on the Texas & Pacific west of Weatherford, and her business men are live and progressive, while in Abilene they grow moss.

Because there has not been a business failure in Colorado in years, while in Abilene they are too common to call for comment.

Because Colorado is a live and growing town, while Abilene has long since gone to seed.

Because Colorado is the center of the great live stock interests of the west, while Abilene is given over largely to the prairie dog industry.

Because Colorado has the finest wool scouring mills in the West while Abilene has not enterprise enough to scour a fish pan.

Because Colorado has the only salt plants in the West, while Abilene manufactures nothing but inefficient railway booms.

Because Colorado is the best watered town in the West, while Abilene has nothing but \$20,000 hole bored in the direction of China.

The only sensible route for the proposed railway is that already mapped out, up the fertile valley of the Colorado river from Ballinger to this point and ultimately north to a connection in the Pan handle.

What strikes us as devilish peculiar is that so many opportunities exist for railway building in to and from Abilene and they have never attracted public attention.

Abilene should build some of those magnificent enterprises and let Colorado and her little ninety miles of unprofitableness severely alone. We don't want any of Abilene's opportunities.

We might go on and prolong the list indefinitely, but there is no use in horrowing Abilene's feelings by bringing up the unfortunate side of career.

She wants railways and has for years tried to induce the Santa Fe to build north from Colman, but without success. The present movement is entirely out of Abilene's territory, and should stand with hands off.—West Texas Stockman.

Greece and Turkey are wanting fight and all of Europe is seems to be busy trying to prevent it.

Arthur Duestrow has paid the death penalty for the murder of his wife and child, and the question of his sanity will probably remain a question for all time.

There is a couple in Wichita, Kans., who have been married 39 years, and have just found out that they were brother and sister.—Ex.

Reports from Robert Lee are to the effect that the railway enthusiasm continues unabated. The gentleman who is spying out the land seems well pleased with developments and it is believed the road will be built.—Colorado Stockman.

The Standard favors an extension of the Santa Fe west, but in doing so the great religious weekly takes issue with many San Angelo business men. When the RUSTLER makes this statement it is not "off its little Jimmy" a little bit.

We are glad to note that Colorado City is in line for the railroad.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

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 W J Jameson, of Silver was in town Saturday.
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 Tomatoes, full weight 3 pound cans 10c each at J. Collier & Co., Edith, Texas.
 J. D. Colliers' prices are all leaders.
 Mrs James Stewart was sick several days this week.
 Mrs. Tom Richard was in the city Thursday. The guest of Mrs Chas. Roe.
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 Hurry up and have your picture made. The photographer will leave Saturday.
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If you want to know when your land is forfeited you should take the RUSTLER. We will publish the lists of forfeitures as they come to the County Clerk. We publish a list this week.

J. F. Deats is still in the push when it comes to groceries and grain.

The local option election comes off next Saturday, the 27th. If you are in favor of a saloon in Robert Lee go to the polls and vote for it. If you are opposed to a saloon in Robert Lee go to the polls and vote against it.

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Happy Jack Barton was down from Bell's ranch the latter part of last week as a witness in the contest case. The court was not exactly ready for Jack when he first came and he refused to wait on the court a single minute and took a very abrupt leave and drifted for the ranch Sunday morning.—Ozona Courier.

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Frank Harris, of the F. L. & R. H. Harris livestock firm was in from his Coke county home last week, accompanied by his family. Mrs. Harris had come in response to intelligence received that her father, Mr. Jones, the leading citizen of Rockwall county at Royce, was seriously ill, and it was her intention to take the train Saturday morning, but more favorable news as to his condition was received later.—San Angelo Press.

J. D. Collier & Co. are receiving New Goods every week and their prices are Bedrock.

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NOTICE.

To Tax Payers of Coke County.

I will close the tax books on March 1, 1897. All who have not paid their taxes for 1896 will please settle by that time and save collectors costs.

Very Respectfully,

L. B. Murray,
 Tax Collector of Coke county.

Following we mention a few substantial building improvements going on in town: John Barron is building an addition to the lower story of the Odd Fellows building that he has bought; Ed Mobley has lumber on the ground for adding to his residence; J. H. Burroughs is having foundation work done and a cistern dug at his building site and J. D. Davis is digging a cistern and making other substantial improvements on his hotel.

With the new railroad from Balinger and the Texas & Pacific machine shops that are now in Big Springs located in Colorado she would distance anything known or heard of for many years. Both of these are in easy reach. Will the business men and moneyed men of the country act? That is all that is required.
 —Colorado Spokesman.

Yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness, Mr. Richard F. Tankersley died at his home in Fourth ward. Mr. Tankersley has been a resident of Houston for twenty years, and at the time of his death was a trusted employee in the land department of the Southern Pacific company. He leaves a wife and two children, with a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his death. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. M. Pasby, No. 1010 Smith street.—Houston Post.

Mr. Tankersley was well known in San Angelo, where he headquartered for some time as agent for the H & T C Ry Co's lands in this section, and where he has many friends who will be shocked to hear of his death.—San Angelo Press.

Bronte Sittings.

ED. RUSTLER:
 Thought I would call around this evening and give you a few dots from Bronte.

Nothing new transpired since I called on you last.

Plowing is the order of the day. Most of our people will get through turning their land the coming week, if nothing happens.

We had a R. R. meeting at Bronte last night. There were several speakers, and if gas and wind will build a R. R. the job was completed last night.

We learned the all day singing was a success.

Our doctors are looking sad, I don't know what could be the matter unless it is because the la grippe has left us and their calls so far between.

Our graded school will commence in April. Three cheers for Bronte.

There are several bales of unsold cotton in our community yet. We are waiting to get McKiuley gold for it.

We haven't heard of any weddings to be soon, but we think Barnett will get another call for knot papers soon for we seen a certain young man with a nice piece of house furniture, and from the way he looked he intends bachelors. I will give you the first letters of his name Bob Chumble.
 Geo. Kelly, one of Brontes' ac-

ble young men can be heard quoting language about like this: She that will except my proposition can have a good home at my house, and a word to the wise is sufficient.

Well, Mr. Ed. I will not turn my 45 caliber intileet on any more at present. Success to the RUSTLER.

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REGULAR FEBRUARY TERM.
 On Monday February 9th the commissioners court of Coke county convened in regular session, Judge Chapman presiding.

E. C. Rawlings, precinct No. 1, Sam Sayner, precinct No. 2, J. C. Newton, precinct No. 3 and J. H. Campbell of precinct 4 and Sheriff Murray and County Clerk J. W. Barnett were on duty and the following proceedings were had:

A local option election for the precincts of Robert Lee, Sanco and Hayrick was ordered to be held on the 27th day of February, 1897.

An order was passed instructing the sheriff to work all parties on the public roads and other public works of the county who have had fines assessed against them and are unable to pay same.

A poll tax of \$1.50 and a tax of \$1.23 on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for all purposes was levied for this year.

Judge Chapman was ordered to lease to R. S. Ferrel; of Tarrant county, the Coke county school lands, 17,712 acres, situated in Cochran county, for a term of ten years at an annual rental of \$354, or at two cents per acre.

Supervisor reported the roads of the county in good shape.

Quarterly reports of the several county officials were approved, except the treasurer and clerk, who were given time on their reports.
 The court adjourned Saturday

evening, having been in session the entire week.

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W. D. Allen,
Ballinger, Texas.

Three hundred well armed and well equipped men left Texas on the 17th for the Cuban war.

County court was in session Monday and Tuesday. There were two pistol cases disposed of as follows: J. L. Hyde, accused of unlawfully carrying a pistol, acquitted by jury.

John Burnett, unlawfully carrying a pistol, fined \$25 and costs.

KILLING AT ROBY.

This morning about sunrise, John Goggins was shot and mortally wounded. The wound is in the left side, or rather in the back and the ball penetrated the left lung. John Miller surrendered to Deputy sheriff, Jack Newman and was placed in jail. The shooting was supposed to have been done with a 38 Winchester. Details are meagre at this time, but we will give the facts more fully after an examination is held. The sad affair has cast a gloom over our entire little town, as this is the first instance of the kind that has ever happened here.

—Roby Banner.
LATER: John Goggins who was shot at Roby last week, is reported to be improving rapidly and it is thought he will recover.—Sweetwater Review.

It seems that it is very hard for the men of means of Coke county, the men who would reap the greatest benefits, to make up their minds to make a little effort in concert for the biggest thing that has ever been offered them, or that may ever be offered this county again. As stated before in the RUSTLER it is just this: Coke county is offered a railroad for the sum of \$40,000, which is as nothing compared to the benefits to be derived. That amount and a great deal more would be paid back to the county and people by the time the road is built through the county. We are informed that up to date there has only been a little more than \$20,000 of the required \$40,000 stock in the line taken.

It is believed that the amount asked for will finally be secured, but our people are too slow in pushing the thing. There is danger in delay. It is a thing that our people, above all others, ought to jump at instead of waiting to be urged. Even San Angelo, it appears from the Standard, and Abilene and other neighboring towns have caught the railroad fever—probably from the Rustler—and claim that they would do wonders for a road if they had the chance that Coke now has. But if Coke is disturbed to any considerable extent it is hard to tell on her. Something less than \$20,000 more for Coke is all that is asked in order to secure the road, and the question will soon be settled—will we take the railroad?

The San Angelo Standard volunteers to inform the RUSTLER that it is not a member of the third party. Owing to the uncertainty

recently developed by that paper politically this little bit of information will doubtless be a source of much comfort to its many friends. Glad the Standard got up the courage to make the statement.

You Must Settle With Us.

We are very much in need of money and we must have what you owe us, and if you don't come in and settle we will have to SUE you.

Yours for Settlement,
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Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.

That railroad scheme is evidently a dead dog, when the so-called company refuses to honor its representative's draft for \$50. Beware of fakirs.

—Ballinger Banner—Leader.
From what we are able to learn in regard to the above, and we think we are in possession of all the facts in the case, the Banner-Leader is very much misinformed in regard to this draft business. We happen to have seen the now notorious draft—probably made so by the Ballinger bank, which was not drawn on the company represented by Mr. Wheatcroft nor was it on any other company, but on a private individual who is not in any way connected with the company represented by Mr. Wheatcroft. The draft shows this on its face. We have also seen a letter, that came through the Ballinger bank, in response to the much talked of telegram sent by that bank to Wheatcroft from the gentleman in New York who the draft was drawn on, asking where to send the money to and stating, as did the telegram received by the bank, that he was out of town when the telegram sent by the bank reached the city.

There is a great deal more talk going the rounds in this connection that has no foundation in fact. It was talked in Ballinger the first of this week, and is probably being talked yet, that Wheatcroft owed the bank at Ballinger for the telegram sent in regard to the draft. When the fact is we have seen what purports to be, and is unless it is a forgery, an acknowledgement of the receipt of pay for the telegram, signed by the cashier of the bank, dated February 7th. And still the latest from Ballinger is to the effect that the talk that Wheatcroft owes the bank for sending the telegram is still being circulated.

Now, as to the kind of a man Mr. Wheatcroft is we do not know but we are perfectly well satisfied that in this case a great injustice has been done him and the cause he represents. And for the cause he represents we want to see this little business straightened up and we have the promise of seeing it done in good shape.

No Brother Billups, the railroad scheme is not a dead dog, but Ballinger will probably be able to kill it by pursuing such tactics as these if that is the object, and we can think of no other.

Since Ballinger has said she wants a railroad to the tune of \$50,000 why in the Sam Jones has she turned loose to fighting it? Why?

We have felt enough interested in getting a railroad to look into the reliability of the backers of the project and believe them to be all right, and if Ballinger is onto anything to the contrary we would like to know it. There are ways of ascertaining these things and if Ballinger has been able to detect fraud where we have not we ask her to do us the neighborly

courtesy of pointing it out, but we believe the gentleman to be here as a beneficiary and not as a beat.

Santa Fe Specials.

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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 2ND,
1897.**

For this occasion, the Santa Fe Route will sell tickets from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to New Orleans and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on February 26th 27th 28th and March the 1st, limited to return on March the 12th, route via Houston and Southern Pacific or via Fort Worth and the Texas Pacific, and will be good returning only the route used going.

**INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT MCKINLEY
AT WASHINGTON D. C.
MARCH, 4TH, 1897.**

For this occasion, the Santa Fe will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to Washington, D. C. and return. Tickets will be sold on Feb. 28th and March the first only good for continuous passage in each direction, with final limit for return March the 10, 1897. Tickets may be purchased via St. Louis or New Orleans and diverging routes.

Through Pullman Palace sleeping cars will be operated from Galveston and San Antonio via Paris and the Frisco line to St. Louis, connecting at Union Depot with through trains to Washington.

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J. H. Campbell - - - " " 4.

COURTS.

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May, August, November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

Rev. Hamlet Pastor.
Baptist Church; 1st Sunday
G. C. Berryman, Pastor.
Christian Church 2nd Sunday
McGovock Pastor.

Valley View Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, West Texas Conference; services as follows:
First Sunday at North Conche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2nd Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3rd Sunday at Mt. Margaret Saturday night and 11 a. m. and at Juniper school house at 4 p. m.; 4th Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night, W. C. FURR, Pastor.

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

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The Teachers Institute.

The third session of the Coke county Institute convened at Sando, Friday and Saturday Feb. 12 and 13, 1897.

The entire program was executed with the exception of "Compound Proportion," which was omitted for want of time. The discussions were animated and interesting throughout the session. The teachers present were greatly encouraged by the presence of so many visitors and we felt sure they were amply paid for their time and trouble.

The good people of Sando vied with each other in extending their hospitality to the teachers and all were royally entertained. We hope to meet with those again.

The committee on program arranged the following:

FRIDAY.

10 o'clock A. M. Real courses of the Civil War, by B. U. Smith and Prof. Ramey.

11 o'clock. Practical Proportion, by W. B. Green and W. C. Laughlin.

1 o'clock P. M. The troubles of school teachers and how remedied, by J. A. Stuart and others

2 o'clock. Why, how, and when to begin teaching Texas History by Miss Amelia Caraway and J. L. Ross.

SATURDAY.

9 o'clock A. M. Examinations in public schools, by L. S. Byrd and A. P. Stone.

10 o'clock. Representative Powers, by O. W. Gardner.

11 o'clock. Elementary Algebra, F. F. Popplewell and Frank E. Thomas.

By motion the Institute adjourned to meet with Paint Creek school the second Friday and Saturday in March.

We feel sure the people of Paint Creek will welcome us among them as others have done and as chairman of the Institute I earnestly request the presence of every teacher in the county. We expect at this meeting, to discuss County Uniformity of Text Books and want the opinion of every teacher in the county.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. THOMAS.

Some of the Ballinger people present an extremely curious aspect fighting the proposed railroad with an energy worthy of a good cause. Strange that they see it to their interest to do so.

Forfeiture Of School Lands.

The following lands have been reported to County Clerk J. W. Barnett from the General Land as being forfeited for the non payment of interest.

East 1-2 of Section 382; Blk. 1a, Grantee H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate 38-4363, acres 320, price \$2. Dry Agricultural.

Section 418, Block 1a, Grantee H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate 38-4370, Acres 640, Price \$2 Dry Agricultural.

North-west 1-4 Section 442 Blk. 1a, Grantee, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate 39-4760, Acres 160, Price \$1, Dry Grazing.

South-west 1-4 Section 448, Blk 1a, Grantee H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate 39-4697, Acres 160, Price \$2, Dry Agricultural.

South 1-2 Section 454, Blk 1a, Grantee H & T C Ry Co., Certificate 39-4703, Acres 320, price \$2, Dry Agricultural.

West part Section 484, Blk 1a, Grantee H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate 39-4714, acres 86, price \$2 Dry Agricultural.

East 1-2 Section 70, Block 2, Grantee H. & T C Ry Co., Certificate 37-4031, acres 320, price \$2, dry agricultural.

Section 152, Block 2, grantee H. & T C Ry Co. Certificate 37-4065, acres 640, dry agricultural. Price \$2.

Section 302, Blok 2, Grantee H & T C Ry Co., certificate 37-4150, acres 640, price \$1, dry grazing.

Section 304, Blok 2, grantee H. & T C Ry Co., Certificate 37-4149, acres 640, price \$1, dry grazing.

South 1-2 Section 2, grantee D & S E Ry Co., Certificate 275, acres 320, price \$1, dry grazing.

Section 4, Block 2, grantee D & S E Ry Co., Certificate 39, acres 640, price \$1 dry grazing.

1-4 Section 8, grantee J. P. Angel, acres 160, price \$2, dry agricultural.

1-4 section 30, grantee C. H. Williams, Certificate 32, acres 160, price \$2, dry agricultural.

Section 32, grantee Alt, John McFarland, acres 80, price \$2, dry agricultural.

North 1-2 section 2, grantee H E & W F Ry Co, certificate 1258, acres 320, price \$1, dry grazing.

The senate committee on foreign relations took the fangs out of the tomfool arbitration treaty fixed up by Cleveland and Olney with Great Britain. The main infirmity, giving to a royal dude known as King Oscar the deciding vote—which really meant a decision according to the pleasure of Great Britain—was stricken out altogether. How much this will interfere with the brokerage business carried on by Cleveland and Olney cannot be determined at this writing.—Texas Farmer.

The legislature has passed a law putting the State nearer on an equal footing with the defense in criminal cases than heretofore, and another law has been passed preventing the reversal of cases on mere technicalities. Now if our legislature could create some efficient executives the State might enjoy a season of peace and tranquility.

There is a move on foot at San Angelo to get rid of the city corporation.

The Coke County RUSTLER is rightly named, it now being all home print and wide awake the interests of Robert Lee and that whole country.—Abilene Reporter.

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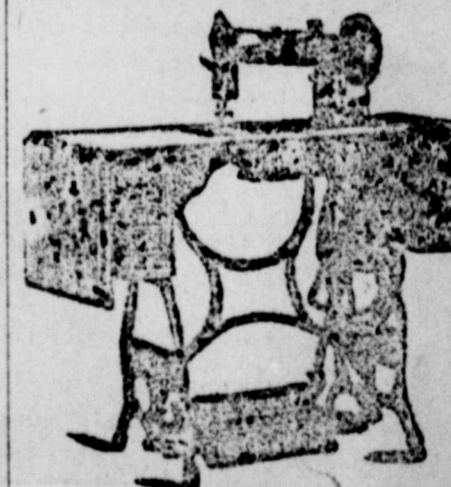
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