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The St. Louis Republic tells of a "kid" who has had the following name imposed upon it in its helpless infancy: Gabriel Marie Joseph Charles Ignace Antoine Alphonse Pierre Jean Gerard de Majilla Toussaint.

The Powers seem to be loosening their hold on Turkey and Greece and the chances now are that they will settle the Cretan-Christian question by war.

There is a bill before the State senate requiring state institutions to patronize home institutions and use Texas produce when quality and price are equal. A good thing, even for the example.

House bill No. 15, by Henderson being a bill to exempt certain counties from the operation of the stock inspection law laid before the house and passed finally. The bill exempts the counties of Matagorda, Brazoria, Walker, Tompkins, Sterling, Crockett, Sutton, Edwards, Feltner, Menard, Kimble, Runnel and Coke.

The San Angelo Press reports sorghum worth \$8 a ton and John sorghum \$11 a ton at San Angelo.

Tillman bombarded the senate again one day this week and made it too hot for some of his colleagues to remain in the chamber.

Perhaps the oldest person now living in this county, or in Texas, for that matter, is Mrs. Gardenhire who at present resides with her son-in-law, Rev. I. N. Lewis, of the Coyote creek country. This estimable old lady can boast of having celebrated her 100th birthday, she having arrived at that age on the 28th day of last January.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

It is reported that Captain General Weyler, of Cuba, has resigned, because his government has pardoned one of his prisoners, an American citizen, who he probably intended to have murdered.

From what the Banner-Leader has to say on the subject, we infer that Ballinger has never given the railroad project but about two minutes SERIOUS thought. From present indications we suspect that the extremely independent little city may give the matter years of serious consideration as the line is located elsewhere.

The Difference.

Ballinger: "No, thanks."
San Angelo: "IF YOU PLEASE, and kindly accept of our thanks to the amount of \$50,000 and right of way through the county."

It can truthfully be said of Ballinger, regardless of size, that it is as independent a town as there is in West Texas, or any other country.

The 4th of March was a big day in Washington—Cleveland stepped down and out.

IN THE OTHER COLUMN the Banner-Leader says: "On with that railroad." Don't that cork you?

It would humiliate some men, but never Cleveland, to know at the expiration of his political life that the opposing party is more friendly toward him and nearer in accord with him politically than the party that elected him. He will probably never recover from the idea that he is larger than the Democratic party—its past that stage.

Beats Prohibition All To Death.

The following bill is before the Oklahoma legislature.

An act relating to habitual drunkards.

Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma:

Section 1. It shall not be lawful for any habitual drunkard, or any person addicted to the use of opium or morphine, to hold any office of honor, profit or trust, and any such person shall be prohibited from teaching school or practicing law or preaching the gospel in this territory; also any such person shall not be granted a marriage license, or be allowed to marry.

Section 2. Any person who may be holding any position of trust, who shall be teaching school or practicing law or medicine, if it shall be found that such person is a habitual drunkard or addicted to the use of opium or morphine, he shall be dismissed from service and shall have his certificate or license revoked, as provided by law.

One Kind Of An Explanation.

Glad to hear it, Bro. Merchant; and for your information will say that when anything of a tangible nature seeps up in the arena, especially on railroads and irrigation Ballinger will be found square to the front and ready to hold her end of the bag.

Again, you are certainly very much mistaken when you say that Ballinger is all agog over the return of a draft you mention; at least, if such is the case, it is one of the quaintest frolics we ever attended, for we have heard but one two minutes' talk about this proposed railroad of which you speak, and that about ten days after the gentleman you mention was down here on that especial business.

No, to be plain with you, Ballinger has never been the least bit enthused over the prospects of securing the proposed new railroad, preferring to hold her peace until the time comes for action—if it ever does come—and then strike out straight from the shoulder and secure the prize at one fell swoop.

This is our way of doing business. We never blow hot one minute and cold the next in any kind of business, nor under any kind of circumstances. We have found out long ago to our sad detriment that that kind of a policy works only devilment.

Ah, no, we would not cast one cloud rift in the way of the success of this important enterprise, and if the gentleman you name has had any drafts turned down on him from any cause whatever, and that rumor gained any kind of circulation in Ballinger, we have

ten to offer for the information of these people what you have to say on the subject, and trust it will have the effect of quieting the disturbance in Warsaw, and that erroneous statements will cease to circulate altogether.

If this is not sufficient, and you deem it all necessary, and you have made the proper investigation, and can vouch for it being a fact, we will not only state that the draft matter has been settled and the money refunded that went to pay for the telegram, but that the board bill has been paid regularly once each seven days since landing in the State, etc.

In the meantime get yourselves in readiness for a new line of railroad from Ballinger to Colorado City, via Robert Lee, Coke county, Texas and draw on us for the cost of—vot vill you take, eh?

—Lanner—Leader.
We will probably take a railroad, connecting with the Santa Fe somewhere west of Ballinger.

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Mrs. Campbell, the principal writer certainly was a woman commissioned of God, and "In His Name" spent many years as a city missionary literally "In Dark New York." What a wonderful work she did. How devoted and blessed her labors were. It is a story never to be forgotten. This unique volume presents these thrilling experiences of Christian endeavor with the hundreds of pathetic and amusing scenes that were packed into them: it portrays life in a great city by day and by night "As Seen by a woman"; it shows the power of the Gospel to redeem souls from the lowest depths; it gives striking testimonies of the redeemed; and from all these rich and varied experiences it draws living truths for head and heart that are worth to any reader ten times the price of the book. Mrs. Campbell's account of rescue work is full of wonderfully touching incidents. Stranger stories are here told than romance ever dreamed of, every one of them drawn from real life by a woman's hand. In every chapter she weaves in anecdote after anecdote, incident after incident, story after story and the reader's attention is held breathless to the end of the volume. "Strange, but most suggestive is the fact," says Bishop Cox in warmly commending this volume, "that Christ is to be visited in these dens and dives there are those whom He will bear in mind when He says: 'Ye visited me; or, when he says: 'Ye did it not to me.'"

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott's life-long interests in City Mission work, and his personal share in that work, pre-eminently fitted him to write for this book. In his introduction to it he says:—

"My interest in these phases of city life dates from my college days. From that day this—over a third of a century—I have continued the studies then begun, and the subject of this book has been one of the great subjects of my study—sometimes in liter-

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Grass is getting good.
 A rain Thursday evening.
 Corn planting is going on.
 Some corn in the county is up.
 Go to J. F. Deats' Free Wagon Yard.
 The Anties carried Robert Lee by eight votes.
 Tomatoes, full weight 3 pound cans 10c each at J. Collier & Co., Edith, Texas.
 Perry Bree-love was in from Sanco Wednesday.
 J. D. Colliers' prices are all leaders.
 Some warm weather this week.
 J. F. Deats sells for cash only.
 H. W. Walton made a trip to Angelo this week.
 Dan Buchanan paid San Angelo a visit the first of the week.
 Standard Cultivators, Avery and Jno. Deere Plows at Hagelstein's, San Angelo.
 Another grocery business soon to open up in town—Will Perry proprietor.
 Double Shovels, Georgia stocks, Sweeps, Bull Tongues at Hagelstein, San Angelo.
 J. R. Finch's family have all been down sick this week with la grippe.
 Champion and John Deere cotton and Corn Planters at Hagelstein, San Angelo.
 Wily Byrd was in town Thursday having some blacksmithing done.
 Judge Adams, and Will Cathey, of Sanco, were in the burg one day this week.
 The Record Broken.
 J. D. Collier & Co. are the first in Coke County to sell Roasted coffee, Arbuckle and XXXX at 6 pounds for \$1.
 G. J. Moore built an addition to his residence this week—Mr J. A. Green was the workman.
 Cyrus Odem and Frank Robinson were in from the Oak Creek country.
 Go to Robert Lee to hear Railroad talk and to Edith to buy cheap Goods at J. D. Collier & Co sells them and guarantees every thing as represented.
 J. F. Connor, of Silver, one of the old residents and best citizen of Coke county has our thanks for \$2 on subscription.

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W. L. Clawson, Lewis Maddox and Emmett Reed made a trip to San Angelo this week.
 Rev. McGavock came through town Monday on his way home from Sonora and other points.
 John King is holding down the second chair, which is the latest addition to the D. L. Buchanan barber shop.

THE LEGAL TENDER

San Angelo, Texas.
HARRY BENNETT, PRO.
 Wishes all his Coke Co. friends to Call on him when in San Angelo.
 Restaurant in connection with the B. R.
 Mrs. W. W. McElroy, of Sweetwater, is visiting Mrs. J. L. Barron and Mrs. Marvin Perry.
 Mrs. Ada Trimble opened a subscription school at the public school house Monday.
 J. F. Deats is still in the push when it comes to groceries and grain.
 A. J. Warner, of Content, Runnels county, brother of Mrs J. F Deats is visiting here this week.

L. J. Good of Pecos, passed through town Thursday on his way to Maverick, and from there he will go to Austin and San Antonio on cattle business.
 A full stock of Fresh Groceries always on hand and sold at lowest possible prices for cash at the Grocery Store of A. D. White.
 Mrs. Lester, of Merkel, Taylor county is visiting her brother, Uncle Isaac Davis and nephew, J. D Davis here.
 Hoes, Rakes, Shovels and all other kinds of Farm tools at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Perryman & Patten sold this week to C. L. Hughes the Howard house and lot in the eastern part of town and also a tract of land near Brone to Dr. Clark.
 J. D. Collier & Co. are receiving New Goods every week and their prices are Bedrock.

S. O. Richardson, by the way an expert at the business, is the general manager of the drug business formally run by J. W. Pierson.—San Angelo Enterprise.
 My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White,
 S. A. Standard
 It is rumored that S. A. Runkles will build a \$16,000 opera house on his property on Beauregard avenue next to the Hotel San Angelo Hurrah for Sam.—S. A. Standard

The following persons composed the surveying party, which started out Tuesday evening for Miles Station: Erving Wheatcroft, Gid Graham, John Gardner, J. H. Burroughs, Dennis Maddox, J. H. Dancer, J. M. Perry and E. A. Dancer. They will go to Miles Station and come this way.

The result of the prohibition election held last Saturday was as follows:

Robt Lee For Prohibition	23
Against	31
Sanco, For Prohibition	26
Against	3
Hayrick, For Prohibition	11
Against	2

It will be seen that the prohibition vote was 60, and the anti-prohibition vote was 36 in the three precincts, a difference in favor of prohibition of 24 votes.

To The Public.

I am now prepared to supply the public with good fresh groceries, in large or small quantities, at close figures. I propose to offer you inducements to trade with me. Come and see my stock and get prices. Don't go to Angelo—I can accommodate you. Yours for trade.

J. L. Barron.

It may be, for all we know that Ballinger has been run in on an irrigation scheme. But that does not appear to us as being any reason whatever for her objecting to a line of railroad—even though it should run through Coke county. But every one to his own way of thinking.

If Ballinger is going to scoop in the railroad at one "fell swoop," as the Banner-Leader says, we think it about time for her to make the swoop.

Although the surveying corps is the field at work and the prospects of a railroad running through Robert Lee are as good as could be asked for at this stage of the game, our people should bear in mind the fact that the balance of the \$40,000 asked of Coke county is yet to be raised. Remember that is one condition and the main condition of the road coming here.

I have received a fine lot of samples from one of the Chicago Tailors, and when wanting a nice suit of clothes just call at J. H. Burrough's hardware store and see my samples. Your patronage is solicited.

Yours very truly,
 PLEASANT STORM.

Robert Lee had quite a business like push on her Tuesday morning. The Colorado Valley Railroad Company making up its surveying party, buying hardware cooking utensils, groceries and other necessaries for the work—which, by the way, they paid cash for—and drummers in town taking orders. Some of our merchants for once, seemed to get real "railroad move" on themselves. Nothing like it.
 Foote Boykin, ordered the RUSTLER sent to W. M. Wade, Armour, Texas.

The Colorado Valley Railroad Co.

There was a railroad meeting held at the courthouse on Wednesday at 5 p. m., and the question submitted to the citizens of San Angelo and Tom Green counties as to whether they would give a bonus of \$10,000 in real estate and \$40,000 in cash towards building and establishing a railroad from San Angelo to Colorado City via Robert Lee, on the conditions embraced in the following agreement:

State Of Texas,
 County Of Tom Green

This memorandum of agreement between _____ of the party of the first part, and The Colorado Valley Railroad Company (to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas) party of the second part:

WITNESSETH: That the Party of the First part in consideration of the benefits accruing from the construction of a line of railroad, from Colorado City, or from a point on the Texas Pacific Railroad, through Coke county; to San Angelo, Texas, hereby agrees and promises to pay to the party of the second part, or their assigns, the sum of _____ dollars; the same to be paid as follows, to wit:

When the first five miles of the roadbed is complete from San Angelo terminus, and on condition that the construction is commenced from San Angelo within six months from the first day of April, 1897, ten per cent. of the above bonus shall be due and payable; when ten miles of the roadbed is completed, an additional ten per cent. shall be due and payable; and when the said railroad is completed to the center of Coke county, or Robert Lee, and the first train run over the line, as so completed, an additional thirty per cent.

When the railroad is complete to Colorado City, or a point on the Texas Pacific railroad, and the first train run over the line to the Texas Pacific railway, the remaining fifty per cent. shall be paid.

It is further agreed between the parties to these presents, that San Angelo shall be the southern terminus of this railroad for a period of three years after the completion of the line to Colorado City or a connection with the Texas Pacific railway.

Which was agreed upon by J. W Hill, O'K White, C A Broome Dr J A March, Dr G R McHenry, J R Nasworthy, E Blanchard, James Landon and J J Rhodes, the committee appointed to meet Mr. Irvine Wheatcroft at Landon hotel at 8:30 Wednesday night.

The question was discussed in all of its lights and bearings as to advantages to citizens of Tom Green Co. and San Angelo, which resulted in the above agreement being entered into and the following committee, O'K White, J W Hill, C A Broome, J G Murphy and M E Pulliam being appointed to solicit subscriptions from our citizens and non-resident property holders, so as to comply with our part of the agreement.
 —S. A. Press.

A good rain fell Thursday evening and night, accompanied by heavy hail.

Will Robbins, of Hayrick, was attending to business in town Thursday.

Just watch grass weeds, corn, oats, wheat and garden 'sass' grow since the rain.

The late rain promises an earlier spring than common.

W. L. McAulay and Lee J. Good, both of the Oak Creek country, spent the first part of the week in the city—Dance.

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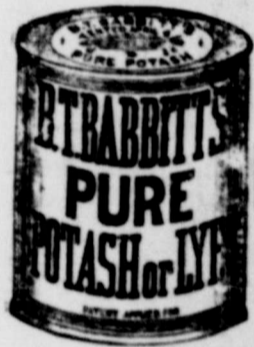
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STOCK NEWS

From San Angelo Enterprise.
William Childress bought from W. P. Hoover 1000 head of steers; from Wilkins Bros. 1000 cows; from Will Whitehead 800 steers all at p. t.

F. O. Perry bought from Henry Radde 20 yearling steers at p. t. It is however understood that the price paid was a shade under \$12.

An old sheepman living in San Angelo said a few days ago that it would not surprise him young ewes sold for \$4 to \$6 six months from this time.

Joe Thiele bought from G. W. Whitehead & Sons 4000 out of 11,000 muttons at \$2.25 a head.

E. Davis sold to R. A. Williamson and Ed Corbett 1080 muttons 12 months wool at \$1.90 a head.

Joe Thiele bought from Fred Koenig of Sonora, 200 dandy muttons at \$2.50 ahead.

Bean Bros last week bought 700 fat muttons from J. B. Hill at \$1.75 also 750 from Mayer & McKinzie at \$2.25.

John Norman of Paint Rock, last week sold to D. E. Sims 1040 head of dry sheep at \$1.75.

From San Angelo Standard.
M. Z. Smussen bought 200 steer yearlings from Tom Earnest at \$13.50.

W. S. Kelly sold to Harris & Childress 29 3 and 4-year old steers at \$19.

Willis Johnston sold to Winfield Scott 1000 steers 4's and up, for about \$23,500. They will go on feed at Brownwood.

Jackson & Richardson sold for Franks & Taylor, of Beaver Lake to Jim Hamilton, 900 muttons at \$2; 1100 muttons at \$2 and \$2.25.

Lum Hudson bought 100 head of cattle in Williamson county for \$1000. They arrived yesterday by rail and will be driven to Mr. Hudsons ranch in Coke county.

Knapp, Williams & Rappleye sold 3,000 head of mixed sheep yesterday to D. Q. McMullen at \$1.95 per head. This cleans up the flocks of this wellknown and successful ranch company, which will shortly be dissolved and the lands divided up.

H. G. Dearing purchased 1200 cows from Lewis & Renfrow, of North Conecho, at between \$10 and \$11.

It may sound a little odd in some places to hear of the sale and purchase of fat range mutton at this time of year. But it is nevertheless a fact that men have been engaged in that business all over West Texas during the entire winter. No wonder the sheep business is looking up.

Mr Campbell, of the other side of the Pecos, is reported to have sold all his wethers at \$3 27; 800 to Shrimpf with the wool on.—San Angelo Press.

It is now President McKinley.

District court convenes at Ballinger next Monday.

Edith Happenings.

Has I have seen nothing in the RUSTLER from Edith for some I will give a few dots.

Dick Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collier has been quite sick for several days.

J. A. Gardner, Sr. and Mrs. A. B. Blackwell have had La Grippe but we are glad to report them convalescent, and Mrs G. W. Peay has also had a tussle with grippe.

Rev. Thomas Sparks has put him up a house in his pasture on North Pecan and Frank Sparks is going to live in it he says he is going to batch, but I don't know so much about that.

G. M. Arnett has hauled lumber to build him a residence at the H X W ranch.

I learn that J. B. Cotten has declined the idea of moving to Scurry county and has commenced plowing for another crop in Coke.

Rev. G. M. Gardner filled his regular appointment at Paint Creek Saturday night and Sunday at eleven.

Sam Kemp from Grape creek came over to Edith Saturday and back Sunday. He reports his school getting along nicely.

Miss Delora Lamp is waiting on the customers at J. D. Collier's & Co. The boys all love to go to the P. O. now-a-days.

J. L. Hyde has drilled a well for G. W. Peay.

Messrs. G. C. Arnett and I. J. Good taking a few days hunt over across the river last week, but have not learned what success they had.

Miss Donn Brown is visiting her grand-mother in Kimble county. W. T. Price and wife visited her parents Saturday.

Respectfully,
BEM.

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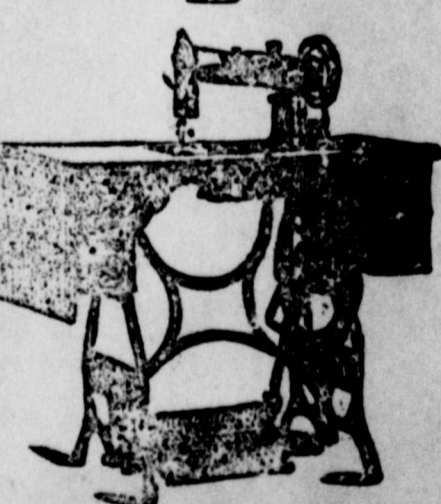


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