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MAJOR'S HORSE RACE.

"Gentlemen," said Major Bunker, "if I must tell a story, suppose I tell you about my first horse race?" Major Bunker was known all through the Southwest as a successful turfman. At the time of the foregoing conversation he was on his way to the fall races, with a string of thoroughbreds. He had stopped at Squire Bailey's for the night, and meeting some old friends and fellow-sportsmen on the same errand, they were passing the time in relating track reminiscences around the bar room stove.

"You see, boys," remarked the Major taking an observation of the stove pipe through the bottom of his glass, "my early life was as different from my present association as is possible, and my first horse race was attended with considerable difficulty.

"I was raised down in Rye Co. My father was a 'hard shell Baptist' and a deacon in the church. I was broke to Sunday school harness before I was a three year old. The old man drove me with a curb-bit, 'n' I hadn't no more show than a plow-horse in a forty race. The old man was very pious, and his especial aversion was horse racing; but one time, when Uncle Tom was on a visit from New York, 'n' the old man got pretty full of Bourbon, and from what I overheard them talking about—the time they cleaned the boys out with Injun Ned, and the racing on the Long Island—I concluded the old man hadn't always been such a good Christian.

"One Saturday, when I was about fifteen years old, I was sitting in the wagon in front of Radley's grocery, watching the team while the gov'n'r was inside doing the trading, when Sam Briggs, the ministers boy, came along.

"Let's go up to the hotel and see the race-horses, says he.

"What race-horses?" says I.

"That's just what I thought," he answered; "you never know anything out there in the woods until its all over.

"He then told me all about the Great-Green Valley races that was to come off next week; most of the horses were up to the hotel where he wanted me to go and see them.

"I looked into the store and found the old man sitting on the head of the barrel, sampling Radley's Bourbon, so I know I was good for an hour or so, and we started. Sure enough, the hotel was crowded with men talking horse; the jockeys were riding and leading the horses around, while the knowing ones were looking at their points and canvassing their chances in the coming contest.

"I got so interest I forgot all about the old man, when, all of a sudden, Sam Briggs yanked me behind a shed and whispered, 'Look! and by hokey! if there wasn't the old man talking with Colonel Cunningham, who Sam told, was the manager of the races.

"I got out the back way and hurried around the wagon as quick as possible, and when pop came back I was setting there as

innocent as kitten. When he asked me where I'd been, I gave him a ghost story about being over to see Sam's rabbits.

"That's all right, Tommy; I thought you'd been fooling around those depraved men at the hotel.

"All the way home he lectured me on the sinfulness of horseracing.

"Shun it! shun it as you would an adder: it is an institution of satan," said he.

"All the same, boys, I made up my mind to go to that horse race or bust.

"Tuesday was the day for the free-for-all races, and that was when I was going. I had it all planned out: I was going to go out in the field with dad and the hired man, then complain of headache, come back to the house, and then sneak out into the pasture and get Black George, a big horse Uncle Tom had out to grass, go to the race and take the consequences when I got back. But as luck would have it, Tuesday morning father said he was going to Smithtown and wouldn't be back until night; he told me what to do—particularly to stay with the hired man and keep him to work then, instead of hitching the colt to the light wagon, as he usually did when going away, he saddled Black George and rode him.

"That made plain sailing for me. I waited until the old man had been gone an hour, then put a saddle on the old mare and started. Uncle Tom brought the mare from the east to breed from about a year before this. She was pretty well used up when she came, but had improved wonderfully during the summer. She was blind in one eye and looked rather rough, but she could take a four-rail fence like a colt, and had good grit yet. She moved a little stiff when I started, but, after going a mile or so, she limbered up nicely.

"It was a hot day, 'n' I was jogging along on a pretty good gait, when a man mounted on a big rean came up behind and turned out to pass me. I didn't want to take his dust, so I chirped to the old gal and she let her self out a little: the other fellow spoke to his horse, of course, expecting to go right past me; but he was mistaken, the old mare laid her ears back, and gentlemen, the way she slung her legs it would have done your heart good to see! We had it hipity-clip for a half mile; I gained on him all the time, and was going right away from him, when he pulled up and hollowed for me to wait. When he came up he asked me who I was and who the mare belonged to. I told him who I was and the circumstances under which I was going to the race. We had a long talk, which ended in him proposing for me to enter the old mare in the free-for-all race, him to pay the entrance fee, and I was to divide the stakes if I got a place. The purse was three hundred dollars for the first one hundred for the second, and fifty for the third horse. I pondered on this offer a long time and finally concluded I might as well 'be hung' for an old sheep as a lamb; as I was out for a lark, a yhow, I'd go the whole hog; so I conscuted.

"When we arrived at the race-course my friend, who was no other man than Bill Andrews—I guess you all know him, boys; a squarer man, or a better judge of horseflesh, was never raised in Kentucky."

"Every man present knew him and was proud of it; so, after 'wetting' all round, Major Bunker continued:

"Well, he had the old mare put with his horse, and his man rubbed her down. Everything was new to me, so I found plenty to amuse me until it was time to get ready for the free-for-all race. Andrews had arranged all the preliminaries. He entered the old mare under the name of blind Sal. I mounted her, and soon found my self in the middle of the crowd on the track: there was about twenty starters, and my place was pretty well in the rear.

"While we were being placed and waiting for the word, I had to stand lots of chafing from the crowd. One sarcastic individual reckoned it was a good thing that the race wasn't on Monday, or my mother wouldn't let me take the washboard away from home, another fellow, who was as full as a good, requested permission to hang his hat on the old mare's hip while he went for a drink. As he staggered up, the old mare looked around, shot her eyes and bit by her heels; she took him square in the snuff, lifting him about ten feet. After that, although they continued guying me, every one kept a respectful distance.

After considerable swearing the master of the ceremonies got us in position, and the judges gave the word go! Away we went, every man for himself, and the devil for all!

"I got wedged in with a lot of others, the jockeys all swearing a blue streak at each other; but after going a half mile, they got split up and began to string out. It was a three mile dash, on a mile track. I was third or fourth from the tale end, and the old mare began to warm up, and although I hadn't urged her, yet, when we went under the wire, on the first mile, I had passed four horses, making twelve ahead of me. I began to encourage the old mare, now, and when I spoke to her, she forged ahead like a locomotive. I tell you gentlemen, she slung her legs to some purpose, for when we passed the judges stand on the second mile there was only four ahead of me.

"The old mare showed her grit. She just laid her ears back, stretched out her head and flarfy flew. I picked up the leaders one by one until there was only one ahead, a big black horse rode by an oldish jockey, with long gray hair flying from underneath his cap. I couldn't gain anything on him for some time. I kept looking a head at him, and the more I looked the more I thought there was something familiar about the whole rig.

We were now commencing the last half mile. I shoved the whip into the old mare, and she gained on the black, until on beginning the home stretch, there was no daylight between us. I was excited and had all I wanted to do to keep the old mare to her work.

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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 Bar.

The State will soon advertise and sell for taxes about 16 tracts of Coke county land and town lots. Save a few dollars and attend the and get a bargain.

Congress has approved \$200,000 for the Mississippi flood sufferers

LOCAL CHIPS.

Sheriff Murrah went to San Saba with attached witnesses.

Several Coke county people are attending court at Brady city.

Frank and Ralph Harris are in the city.

Sheriff Hall of Nolan, attended court here this week.

Champion and John Deere cotton and Corn Planters at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

J. L. Barron sells 6 lbs of arabica or xxx coffee for \$1.

N. C. Lucas, S. S. Craddock and C. H. Cooper were the Jury commissioners.

E. A. Dancer played the devil for us yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Deats and Miss Laura Finch, are shopping in San Angelo this week.

Lum Hudson and Tol Cawley, were in the first of the week.

Standard Cultivators, Avery and Jno. Deere Plows at Hagelstein's, San Angelo.

Hoes, Rakes, Shovels and all other kinds of Farm tools at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnson is out among the tax payers this week.

J. H. Burroughs and wife visited J. B. Burroughs and family of Valley View Wednesday.

J. F. Cole, a prominent citizen of Sanece, was in the city one day this week.

7 pounds of roasted coffee any brand for \$1, at J. D. Collier and Co. Edith Texas.

Considerable frost Tuesday night.

There is considerable immigration into the county and the stock farming interests are being built up.

A great tone of improvement prevails over the county and prospects were never brighter.

J. G. McCalloughs case in district court at Sweetwater was put off by the state, and Bud Warren was given two years in the penitentiary for cattle stealing.

Jim Harding, John Hanna J. Q. Hanna and deputy sheriff Bustin of Nolan county were here attending district court this week.

Lawyers Hill and Wright of San Angelo were in attendance to district court this week.

Rev. Jno. Reed of Edith was in town Monday having some blacksmithing done. He reports every thing lovely in his section of the country.

Go to J. F. Deats' Free Wagon Yard.

The handsome and efficient Sheriff of Runnels county, R. P. Kirk, was in town with witnesses the first of the week.

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H. A. Wolfen returned last week from Baird, where he bought 600 yearling steers from Horse Bros. at \$11.50. He will pasture them in Coke county until November.—West Texas Stockman

Tom Shaw, of Eagle Pass, formally of Coke county passed through Ft. Worth Wednesday on his way to Kansas City. He will soon complete his cattle shipments from Eagle Pass—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

The Teachers Institute is in session here today.

Commissioners court Monday Com. J. H. Campbell made a trip to San Angelo this week after supplies.

What is the matter with San Angelo? Is she dead or only taking a rest? Either way we would like her from Lee—Coke County Rustler.

She is all right. She does not talk "through her hat" but talks business when circumstances justify it. You need not lose any sleep keeping your eye on her—she'll get your ear in due time. San Angelo Press.

J. H. Turner moved back to Lee yesterday and today. He moved into the Mrs. William Carter house in northeastern part of town.

There was a grand ball and supper at J. H. Turners Wednesday night. They all report a good time and plenty to eat.

Geo. Moore of the Ft. Chadbourne country was in town yesterday and purchased one of those cotton planters of Burroughs and company.

Wylie Byrd was in the city Thursday. Wylie informs us that out of 357 ewes he has marked 374 lambs 17 more lambs than ewes. He says if any one can beat that he would like to hear from them. Says his sheep are fat and that he will go to shearing Monday.

Bud Warren was tried in the district court last week charged with the theft of cattle. The jury was out about 24 hours when they brought in a verdict of guilty, and assessed his punishment at two years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial has been made and if that fails an appeal will be taken.—Sweetwater Review.

J. R. Murrah, a stockman of Goldthwaite Mills co. was in town Wednesday looking for a pasture for several thousand head of cattle. He informed us that the Rock Hotel of Goldthwaite burned Tuesday night.

Lawyers Snodgrass and Sims of Coleman were here this week attending court.

Miss Edna Fair from Comanche who is visiting Mrs. W. J. Cook, and Mrs. Mollie DeGarmo, is getting along nicely with her writing school at this place.—Decker correspondent in Sweetwater Review.

Colorado city is a town that moves with it's eyes open and never lets a good thing pass.

The Tom Richard case, which was set for last Monday, was continued for the term by the defence Judge Timmins returned to San Angelo Tuesday.

Harrison and Webb moved their stock of dry goods and groceries this week from the I. V. Bennick building to the McEroy house, and the railroad company have opened up their headquarters in the vacated house.

If you want to put your tired team in the best kept stable in San Angelo, try J. S. Miller, Elk Front.

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The Colorado Valley Railroad

With reference to the position of San Angelo on the Colorado Valley Railroad question Dr. McHenry has written General Manager Wheatcroft, as near as he could ascertain, the views of our people, which were to the effect that San Angelo is willing and ready to do her part in a business transaction on a business basis. Any one who has any doubt on this question is respectfully referred to the securing of the Santa Fe by San Angelo, and the further item that the Santa Fe railroad had lost nothing on her deal with this "village" which, then as now, had neither corporation, mayor or official organ.—San Angelo Press.

One H. C. Read, in the last issue of the Pantagraph belched out a fusty diatribe against Colorado and its prosperous enterprise. The editor ought to have excluded such a sickly mess of rubbish and rotten lies from its columns. He slanders and abuses every business in Colorado, makes a childish attempt at ridicule in the idea of the new railroad coming here and says they have already unloaded the tools at Big Springs, and work has already actually begun on the road from San Angelo to that place; and intimates that the writer, H. C. Read, had been paid \$200,000 for locating the route. Now when has a maner, bigger or more unreasonable one been put in print?—Colorado Spokesman.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Maddox died on last Saturday and was buried at Edith Sunday.

Dr. G. W. Martin, of the Eastern part of the state has arrived in the county and will locate in Robert Lee and open up a practice in the near future we extend the doctor our best wishes for success in his new field.

J. D. Collier & Co. of Edith, have just received a few fine black imported clay worsted suits which will be sold cheap for cash call before they are gone.

J. J. Austin passed through town Wednesday on his way home from San Angelo.

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Tomorrow is Easter Sunday.

Judge H. L. Adams was in town yesterday. He spoke of moving to town when the railroad reaches here.

Jack Barton went to San Angelo Sunday to meet his family who came from San Saba county. They will move to Marvin Perry's place and Marvin will move to town.

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San Angelo,

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In answer to a letter written Mr. George J. Gould, of New York by Geo. E. Webb, of San Angelo.

Mr. Gould writes as follows—both letters were published in the Standard last week.

GEO. E. WEBB, Esq., San Angelo.

Dear Sir:—Yours of March 27th received. It is absolutely impossible to get any capital to go into railroads now.

Yours truly,

GEORGE J. GOULD.

Mr. Gould might more properly have said that he had no money with which to build railroads. With so much of his railroad property in the hands of receivers he is not supposed to have surplus money to invest in the construction of new lines. But we will say for the benefit of Mr. Webb and his people, that they may wait for Mr. Gould to become able to construct them a connecting line of railroad if they wish, but we know where we speak when we say that they are now placing themselves in a position to have to bid high for the construction of a railroad to San Angelo by other parties.

The Colorado Valley Railroad Company filed articles of incorporation this week.

Theodore G. Thomas, of Lamarque, Texas, has been awarded a gold medal by John Wedderburn & Co., solicitors of patents, Washington, D. C. for the invention of a monkey wrench of novel design. Pass us one of the wrenches, please.

It seems from recent developments that some one or more of the three San Angelo papers are going to have to vacate the field. The RUSTLER would suggest that there is a big range and lots of room over this way and it is also quite cool.

The singing at the church here last Sunday was all that could have been expected by any one.

Brother Cumbie was in good voice and came quite up to expectations as leader.

Besides Brother Cumbie there was a great host of other good singers from Bronte, Saeco, Valley View and, in fact, nearly every part of the county was represented in the blending of voices.

The commodions house was not equal to the occasion, such was the concourse of visitors.

Mr. Wheatcroft deserves especial mention as the organist of the occasion.

The high wind on that day must have marred, to some extent, the pleasure of the ride by the visitors, but it was a royal day for Robert Lee and we hope to enjoy many more like it.

Fayette Mayes was in town several days this week and last.

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J. W. Barnett Clerk
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J. C. Newton " " "
J. H. Campbell " " "

COURTS.

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

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

Commissioners Court convenes 2d, Monday in February, May, August and 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.
Saeco, 4th " 11 a. m.

Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Saeco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2d 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

McGivock Pastor.

Valley View Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, West Texas Conference; services as follows:

First Sunday at North Coneche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2nd Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at W. Cat 4 p. m.; 3rd Sunday at Mt. Margate Saturday night and 11 a. m. at Juniper school house at 4 p. m.; Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night. W. C. BURR, Pastor.

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Miss Ida McDonald was thrown from a saddle horse one day this week and had one foot crippled, from which we learn she is rapidly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patteson left the first of the week to visit relatives and friends at Coleman City.

It is said that a good rain now would make us a good wheat and oats crop.

One Mr. Murrah, of Goldthwait who was in town the first of the week, will soon locate 2000 head of 1 and 2 year old steers in the county.

Bill Dunbar's mother died at Bill's home in Sterling City, last Monday, of dropsy.

The young folks will have a May picnic.

The 1000 bags of wool, that the Standard of a week reported sold at 7 1-2 cents went at nearly 10 cents per pound.

We are informed that a sensational arrest or two has been made.

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 I will send you a few items from Bronte, and when you read them you will know what made me so lively when I was at Robert Lee Monday. We had a new baby to enter our house Sunday about 6 o'clock and as you know it is the case with all people that they always think the youngest is the smartest and best looking. I tell you for a fact it is ahead of all the spring babies in this neighborhood, for it has some teeth, and can articulate some words so it can be understood. Its name is Leah H.

The Bronte High School opened up well Monday. Prof. Popplewell speaks as though he anticipates a pleasant school and for good to be accomplished this term of school, and of course we all expect that our selves. There is one thing sure, he has as an intelligent looking crowd before him to instruct as I ever saw. Several different parts of county are represented, besides some from other counties. It is said that 'birds of feathers will flock together.' So I will say to other ladies over the county, that if they want to get with the best looking crowd of young girls there is in the west, they had better come to

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 W. F. Key.

From Ft. Chadbourne.

Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. April, 4.
 The Chadbourne country is all o. k. The old bachelors and widowers are rejoiced over the fact that Jim Burroughs has married. The New Hope people are proud of their school teacher. Mr. Sheppard is not only a first class school teach, but is a man thoroughly familiar with music and has not only advanced his pupils in books, but all of them have learned to sing well, and as one of the patrons I think it will be a hard matter to fill Mr. S. place.

We learn that Chas. Scarborough has quit the photo business and is running a bicycle stand at San Angelo. We learn he had a collision recently with a buggy and team, we didn't learn whether the team was injured or not, but from Mr. S. appearance I got the worst of it.

Coke is not behind the average eastern counties. It is a common thing to her of a man trading a good horse for a bicycle. That's a right for Bob Lee, but the Chadbourne people had rather have the horse.

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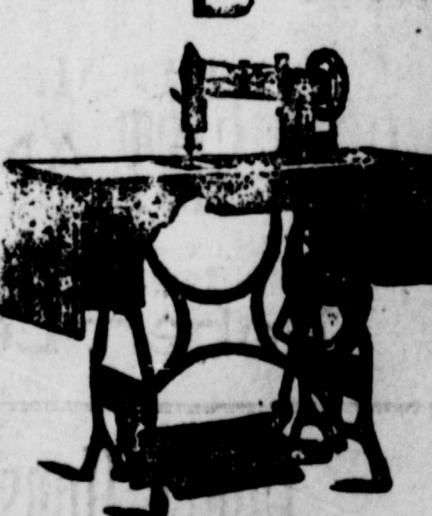
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