

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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NO. 29.

We will soon have plenty of butter milk at our house; lambs quarter is already fine and several of our neighbors hens have built their nests handy, so we don't give a darn if we never see the airship.—Roby Banner.

From Midland to Washburn by rail is the cry. Some fear a new railroad would kill our town. If it would we would be willing to let her go. A new road would double our present population.—Midland Gazette.

The people of Coke county are still enthusiastic over the proposed new railroad, and are faithfully getting the required bonus of \$30,000.—Colorado Spokesman.

The New Railroad.

Mr. Wheatcroft, the chief engineer of the Colorado Valley railroad has written that he will be here in a few days and if the required bonus of \$50,000 is raised by Mitchell county he will be ready to begin work on the grade here in town in a few weeks.—Colorado Spokesman.

President McKinley has appointed Senator Walcott ex-Vice-President Stephenson, and Chas. J. Payne, as the Texas Farmer puts it, as Missionaries to Europe in the interest of international bimetalism. There are two of commission earnest bimetalists, while the other is a gold standard man. In this the President has shown bad faith if he really favors bimetalism why should he put a gold standard man on the commission?

An exchange says a boy can sit still on a sled six inches square tied to a sleigh going eight miles an hour, who couldn't sit still on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man will sit on an inch edge of a board fence and talk politics for three hours. Put him in a church pew and he gets nervous, twists turns and goes to sleep. A man can fill his mouth with tobacco until the juice of it runs down his chin, but a hair in the butter kills him.

A dispatch from Glasgow, Montana is to the effect that cattle has suffered greatly and the range will be strewn with carcasses when spring opens on account of the severe weather and unusually deep snows. The Home Land and Cattle Company will run a skinning wagon, as will probably other large outfits. The sheepmen have also been heavy sufferers near Glasgow. Jack Russell, who has a band of about 3,500 estimates his losses between four and five hundred. Another heavy wool grower lost seven hundred in one night when the sheep were in the sheds. Most of them smothered to death by them crowding to keep warm. Cattle are in the brush and many have died from eating brush to large to digest.—Ex.

The Jacksonville Banner says: A town is what its citizens make it. If it is a lively progressive place, its citizens are full of

life and push and possess and invariably possess a spirit of public enterprise but, if on the contrary, they are living a tortoise life, each in his own shell, the town will be somnolent, unprogressive and unattractive place and frequently overlooked by both capital and immigration. Foreign wealth will not hunt up or build towns without home investments in home enterprises that will inspire confidence. Live people makes live towns.

Greece and Turkey have severed diplomatic relations and formally declared war and are fighting fiercely, with terrible results. The situation presents all sorts of complications to Europe and no one is able to even guess, with any accuracy, as to what the outcome will be. New alliances and new alignments between the different powers are being asserted and prophesied.

The Colorado Spokesman thinks the irrigation law would do away with the necessity for the prairie dog scalp act. "Can just turn the water on and drown the bogs."

Colorado City is figuring on a telephone exchange.

It has struck Ballinger and they have a move on foot to abolish the city corporation.

Sweetwater is to have a tannery. The company have secured a charter and start off with a \$25,000 capital stock.

Air Ship Here.

An explanation of the flying machine seen at various points during the past week.

Colorado is strictly in it. Saturday night the residents of this town who were awake at a late hour were the witnesses of a thrilling episode.

A Great black craft, shaped like a General Author cigar, but having tremendous wings flapping on either side and a tail like a windmill, only wider and more pliant, was hovering over the city like an ominous cloud. It carried two powerful searchlight, which ever and anon were thrown down on the sleeping city as if in search of something.

It was a terrible looking thing and some who witnessed its advent thought it a celestial visitor foretelling the end of time, and one old negro was heard to yell as he made for Lone Wolf bottom "Jes skuse me fer a few minits, Lawd—ime gwinter pray."

The uncanny visitor moved very slowly over the town and the electric glare fell upon the streets and house tops from time to time as immense machine hung over the town and drew closer to the earth. Finally the light shone over the Colorado Ice plant, bathing the buildings in a sheen of electric glory and then the big craft settled gracefully down upon mother earth.—West Texas Stockman.

Tragedy at Colorado City.

From parties who come up from Colorado last Sunday it is learned that a double killing occurred in a tough resort of that city known as the West End, on last Saturday afternoon. It is said that a young man by the name of Cook who was an attache of the west salt works, was on a spree, and that his mother, who was searching for him, requested Deputy Joe Binion to assist in getting him off home. He was occupying quarters at a bagnio when Binion, who started into the house to look after him, was greeted by a bullet from Cook's pistol and fell, pierced through the abdomen. As soon as Cook had slain his man, he turned his pistol to his own head and sent a bullet whizzing through his brain. Binion died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.—Coming West.

He was a nephew of Mart Binion who used to live near Saucos.

Colorado Valley Railroad.

Dr. McHenry is in receipt of a letter from Irvin Wheatcroft the representative of the "English money syndicate" of San Angelo Colorado railroad building tendency, stating his company will be ready to commence work thirty days after the people of San Angelo have raised the bonus required of them, and asking how the matter is progressing at this point. The doctor has replied that the citizens of San Angelo would not enter into a contract such as Mr. Wheatcroft demands; the more so that from all information received his company has no commercial rating in this country. If the gentleman would, however, agree to some satisfactory form of contract somewhat like that advocated in the Enterprise when the matter was first agitated, Dr. McHenry said San Angelo would come to the front and cheerfully put up the money.—S. A. Press.

Col. C. C. Slaughter, of Dallas, has purchased the famous World Fair premium bull, Ancient Briton, from Geo. S. Redhead, of Des Moines, Iowa, at \$2,400. Ancient Briton is one of the finest living Hereford bull and the coming of such stock into Texas is a matter of congratulation to the entire state.—West Texas Stockman.

Joseph Gould, of Boston, has made a shipment of about 400 fine meal fed steers to Liverpool through the port of Galveston. This movement is watched with much interest by Texas stockmen as it promises much for the future.

An outfit of movers from Coke county, passed through this week on their way to Oklahoma. The railroads are getting too thick in Coke county, the settlers some of them have to move and make room.—Roby Banner.

A man out in Colorado died recently while playing a game of cards. He held five aces and the other fellow held the gan.—Ex.

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I most respectfully solicit the people of Coke county to put up at my wagon yard when in Ballinger—the old Eskridge stand, across street south of lumber yard. Good water, good, roomy stalls and lots and large and commodious camp-houses. I sell grain and hay by single feed at wholesale prices.

Come to see me and I will treat you right.

The following notice appeared at the head of the editorial column of a Kansas paper during the absence of the editor in Mexico, who left his daughter to get out the paper:

Pa is in Mexico. I received a letter from him this morning. He has got ma with him and is having a darn good time, I guess. I wish he was home, as it is lonesome to be editor in-chief all alone. Pa and ma went to church and a bull fight last Sunday. Go well together, pa and ma, church and bull fight.—Ex.

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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.

LOCAL CHIPS.

B. F. Montgomery was in town Wednesday.

W. P. Walling, of near Edith was doing the city Wednesday.

Sheep shearing is going on all over the country now.

Several prospectors in town this week.

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

A nice rain Thursday night.

Rev. Haulet preached at the church.

There was a show in town last night.

Coke is coming to the front.

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

M. B. Patteson, of Sanco was in town yesterday having some blacksmithing done.

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

Lee J. Good, the Maverick cowman, was in town attending to business Wednesday.

Mr. Rapley of the firm of Knapp and Rapley of the Concho, was in town Thursday night.

Geo. Williamson, of Bug Skuffle was in town several days this week.

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

Double Shovels, Georgia stocks, Sweeps, Bull Tongues at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Geo. Moore, another Colorado Valley Railroad man, arrived here from New York City Monday, and is now assisting Mr. Wheatcroft on the profile and other such work.

Jno. R. Lewises outfit went to Ballinger the first of the week to receive 400 or 500 head of cattle from the east.

Prof. Thomas seems to have taken a fancy to Prof. B. U. Smith. The cause is altogether a matter of opinion.

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

James Stuart and W. L. Clawson made a trip to San Angelo this week after lumber for Perry and Buchanan.

Brother Bates, Judge Perryman and Miss Alvia Ingram attended the Epworth League as delegates at Ballinger the first of the week.

Perry & Dooley brought a herd of good eastern cattle through town the first of the week enroute to their Sterling county ranch.

J. S. MILES is agent for the best buggy sold in Texas, "The Hynes." Write him for prices, San Angelo, Texas.

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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.

W. O. Richardson, a mutton buyer, of San Angelo was with us several days this week and bought of N. B. Stepp, 200 muttons at \$2.47 1/2 per head. And also bought of Wylie Byrd 400 muttons at \$2.22 per head.

Geo. Hagelstein, of the well known and enterprising Hardware firm, of Chrls & Geo. Hagelstein, of San Angelo was with us several days this week.

Arkansaw Smith will sell seven packages of Arbuckles and 4 X Coffee for \$1.00.

Ben Aere, the Hayrick sheep man was in the city a few hours Thursday. He says that he won't take less than \$2.50 for his muttons.

Quite a number of our business men are having neat signs painted to adorn their place of business which adds to the looks of the town.

Arkansaw Smith pays CASH, and sells for CASH. See him before you buy.

On Thursday evening a splendid rain fell over a good portion of the county, which insures some crops and gardens.

Wheat and oats are reported to be as fine as can over the county, and the rain Thursday insures a good yeald.

T. K. Wilson and Temp White-side were in town last Monday. We failed to learn their business, but looked a little suspicious and asked very curious questions.

Arkansaw Smith is the only Cash Grocer in San Angelo.

The Decker correspondent to the Sweetwater Review says that Miss Edna Fair is getting along nicely with her writing school at that place. Miss Edna recently took a course at the Ft. Worth Polytechnic college and we are glad to learn of her success as a teacher.

Dr. Martin paid the Rustler office a pleasant call Thursday evening. He is boarding at the Davis Hotel, and his office is at the Mobley Drug store.

Arkansaw Smith will sell you more good groceries for the same money than any man in Angelo.

J. T. Hamilton came in from his Boozer ranch the first of the week and reports everything flourishing. He says it is a pleasure to handle stock these days. He says he has always been suspicious of hardwork and that now he knows something against it, and hereafter he will act accordingly.

Now is the time to invest in Coke county dirt. With the railroad and good crops real estate will surely advance in price, and then it may be too late with some to procure a home. Buy while it is within your reach.

L. W. Middlebrook, of Co'nubus, Colorado county, Texas' J. W. Andrews, of San Antonio' and J. Sutherland, of Boerne, Kendle Co were in the city Thursday prospecting for coal. They went up to Pecan in the western part of the county and looked around where there is supposed to be coal, but they returned Friday and report that it is not coal, but a different mineral and say that there is nothing in it.

Major G. W. Perryman was here from Robt Lee this week attend the League Conference and visiting friends.—Runnels County Ledger.

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

To The Public.

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J. S. MILES,

The San Angelo Livery and Live Stock Commissionman of San Angelo, has sold more cattle and horses within the last six months than most any one else in West Texas. Mr. Miles will get you the highest market prices.

So if you have Stock of any discription to sell, call on or write him, San Angelo, Tex.

Messrs. J. H. Boyd and J. J. George, of Brownwood, were in town several days this week.

They are taking in the "wooly west" partly for recreation and at the same time have an eye to business. Mr. Boyd is engaged in the interest of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges. He spoke in the highest terms of our town and county—says that right here he has found the very best of West Texas. The chances are that Mr. Boyd will leave the possessor of a piece of Robert Lee realstate. He is a very pleasant gentleman and we are glad to have met him and we hope soon after the construction of the Colorado Valley Railroad to welcome him to our town.

There is something else about that Ft. Chadbourne court that must be explained. County Attorney Merchant goes out there on Saturday, ostensibly to help Justice Morris hold court and returns sometime Saturday night with a wagon load of chickens. We do not know their manner of court procedure, but if anyone in that country is short on chickens this may furnish a clue.

W. O. Richardson of Angelo bought 150 muttons of Mrs. Weathers at \$2.25, and 300 of W. C. Lock at \$2.25 this week.

Earl McRory and wife, Morgan Misses Ruth and Ruby Babley of near Hylton are in the city visiting W. C. Merchant and family.

Will Osgood, who was arrested at Pecos city and brought in Friday of last week, gave Lond Saturday in the sum of \$750 and was released.—Ballinger Banner Leader

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PROGRAMME.

All to meet at the church at 9 o'clock a. m. and march to the grounds, with banner and decorations. Crowning of Miss Lessie Storm "May Queen on arrival at the grounds.

Games, entertainment, out-door concert, sport and other pastimes will follow.

Mrs. W. F. Buchanan has been chosen "Mouth of May".

Misses Eva Vestal and Annie Daneer, Maids of Honor.

Miss Emma Merchant and Mrs. D. T. Averitt superintendants of exercises.

Committee on Management, Programme and Entertainment.

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John Barron.

Committee to Prepare Grounds and Erect Throne:

Larkin Hayley, C. L. Hughes, A. A. Ashley, Pleasant Storm and Walt C. Childers

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Mrs. J. H. Burroughs, Mrs. John Barron and Misses Emma Merchant.

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Mrs. J. D. Davis, Mrs. John Barron and Mrs. J. W. Reed.

Prof. F. E. Thomas, Master of Ceremonies.

And last, but not least all are request to attend, bring a well filled basket, participate in the exercises and have a good time.

Births.

Born; To Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Carter, of Valley View on Sunday the 18th a fine boy.

Born; To Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton, of Valley View, on Thursday the 22nd, a fine boy.

N. E. Eskrige, Jace, Harvey, W. P. Geaslin, J. V. Ketchum, John Gauey, and Jim Boskin, of Ballinger were in the city one day this week on their way to Odessa in Martin county to help H. M. Harver, the contractor build a stone business house there.

Elk Horn Wagon Yard.

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The young folks enjoyed a social party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Merchant.

R. P. Perry made a trip to San Angelo Wednesday and on his way home Thursday about nine miles this side of Angelo a single tree on the buggy came unbolting and dropped down on one of the horses feet and scared him and the horse began to kick and jump and threw Mr. Perry out of the buggy. He says the next thing he remembered he was under the buggy with the lines in his hands the lines being broke and the horses gone. But little harm done except buggy tongue broke and bruised Mr. Perry up considerably.

Elder Gid Graham and family, and J. H. Dancer returned Tuesday from Mullberry Canyon, in Nolan county, where Elder Graham filled his regular appointment last Sunday.

S. C. Wilkins was in town with vegetables and they were as fine as we ever saw. He says it will rain he will have them in great quantity. He has two acres in garden.

G. W. Webb, our hotel man and merchant is spending a few days out at his farm in the Ft. Chadbourne country.

E. H. Winens, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Valley View, was seen on the streets yesterday.

Cliff Creighton, passed through town Thursday on his way home from San Angelo with lumber.

Edith, Texas, April 21st 1897; Dear Sir:—The readers of your last issue would think I was late paying my taxes which had been paid long ago, please explain it was our occupation tax I paid while in Lee.

Yours Very Kindly,
J. D. Collier.

Commissioners Court is in session this week.

Mr. and Mrs Geo. Arnett Jr. of Edith were in the city this week.

Master Frank Price, of the Ft. Chadbourne country paid the Rustler office a pleasant call today.

Prof. Gardner is in the city from Coke county looking to securing the next principalship of the Ozona public school.—Ozona Courier.

In the district court at Brady City in McCullouch county this week Jim Chriswell was fined \$25 for unlawfully driving cattle, and J. G. McCullouch case for the same offense was continued till the next term of district court by the state.

W. C. Barron, who has just returned Brady City says there will be a man from Brady here in a few days to put up a beef market.

H. P. Faucher and R. I. Kirkland, of Ft. Chadbourne are in town.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY COKE COUNTY.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

J. W. Timmins - Judge.
D. D. Wallace - Attorney.
J. W. Barnett - Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

S. J. Chapman - Judge.
W. C. Merchant - Attorney.
J. W. Barnett - Clerk.
L. B. Murray, Sheriff & Tax Collector
H. E. Johnson - Tax Assessor.
C. L. Hughes - Treasurer
Gid Graham - Surveyor.
J. M. Perry - Inspector

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E. C. Rawlings - Pre No. 1.
Sam Sayner - " " 2.
J. C. Newton - " " 3.
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 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.
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 Conehe school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2 Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3 Sunday at Mt. Margaret, Saturday night and 11 a. m. and at Juniper school house at 4 p. m.; Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night—W. C. BURR, Pastor.

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Sanco, Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock, 1st Sunday, and at Silver same night.

Monday night after 1st Sunday, at Jamersons school house; and Wednesday night after 1st Sunday, at Boozer school house.

Live Oak school house, Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock, 2nd Sunday.

Holland school house, Saturday night before 3d Sunday.

Rock Springs, 3d Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Cow Creek school house, 3d Sunday at night.

Valley View, Saturday night before 4th Sunday.

Robert Lee, 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock and aud at night.

Second Quarterly Conference at Robert Lee, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April.

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April, 20th, 1897.

Editor Rustler:

As I have seen nothing from Edith for some time I will give a few dots.

Health is good.

The people are busy farming.

The frost done some damage to the gardens.

Prof. Thomas, of Robert Lee spent last week visiting B. U. Smith.

Tom Arnett, who has been attending school at Burnett since last September, come home the 11th, we are glad to see him among us again.

J. M. Sparks has a wind mill over his well on his ranch.

Mrs. A. C. Gardner who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lambert, of Fisher county is at home again.

Rev. A. B. Norrell preached at Paint Creek school house Friday night, and organized a Sunday school, with Uncle Joe Gardner as superintendent.

B. U. Smith was ordained Deacon of the Paint Creek Baptist church, last Sunday.

Mrs. Kemp, of Travis county is visiting her daughters Mrs. G. M. Gardner, of Water Valley and Mrs. J. C. Newton, of Edith.

We are anxiously waiting for work to begin on the Colorado

Valley Railroad.

Success to the Rustler.

PAT.

When they strike oil in West Virginia they dont allow any small obstacles to embarrass the development of the wells. The other day oil was found in a churchyard which had been leased by prospectors, and in order to erect the necessary derrick, the bones in the adjoining graveyard were dug up and removed to another spot. In the same vicinity the public school grounds were leased to prospectors and when it was found that there was sufficient room for the necessary operations school was dismissed, the school house moved to another place, and the work went on.—Ex.

New District.

A telegram recieved last night reports Melton's amendment to the redistricting bill passed the the house with only ten Negative votes. The amendment creates a new district known as the 49th Judicial district and is composed of the following counties; Tom Green, Menardville, Schleicher, Irion Sutton Sterling Galascock and Coke.—San Angelo Standard

The Mississippi river has at last began to fall and should cause a corresponding rise in the spirits of the flood sufferers.

Judge Perryman now drives a "bran" new buggy. It is a nice one too.

Editing a paper is a nice business. If we publish a joke people say we are rattlebrained. If we publish original matter, they say we dont give e'm selections, we are too lazy to write. If we give a man a puff, we are partial. If we compliment the ladies, the men are jealous. If we dont compliment the ladies we are publishing a paper not fit to make a bustle of. If we remain in our office, we are too proud to mingle with the common herd. If we are on the street, we are not attending to business. If we run with the poor, people say we are running with Jim-crow society. If we run with the rich, people say we are stuck up. If we wear poor clothes, business is dull. If we wear good clothes we never paid for them. Now what must we do Some may say we stole this from an exchange—and we did, and that exchange stole it from another and so on, ad infinitum.—Ex.

STOCK NEWS

E. P. Scott bought from B. F. Roberts of Sterling county 44 horses and mules at \$20.

Tom Sloan of San Saba county sold 40 head of stock horses at \$2.50 per head.

B. P. Wade bought from O'Daniel B o., of Coke county, 283 steer yearlings at \$11.

Campbell & Richardson sold to Jim Hamilton last Saturday, 4,200 shorn muttons at \$3.15.

John Rae from Ozona arrived Sunday and sold all his sheep 1200, shorn to Hector McKinzie at better than \$2.

Sidney Bremner has returned from Chicago where his sheep that he recently sold to G. S. Long brought \$4.75, recently shorn.

Wm. McAnley, of Coke county sold to Lum Hudson 500 stock cattle at \$12 and Lum Hudson sold them next day to Caleb Earon at \$13.
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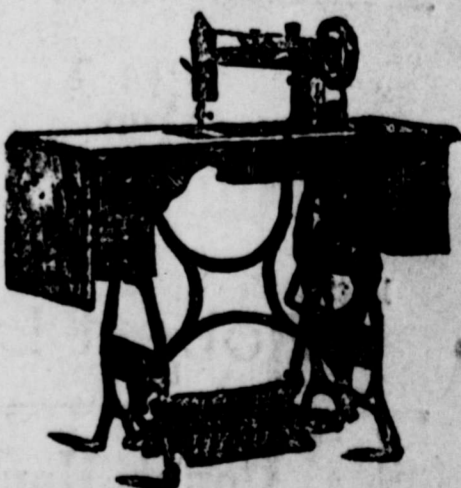
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