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PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas The Twenty-fifth Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 20 as follows:

Section 20. In addition to the powers of taxation granted in the foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the land owners of certain portions of Texas, as hereinafter provided, to organize with in that section of Texas which lies West-northwest, and southwest of the following counties, viz. Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, Davis, Blanco, Gillespie, Comal, Caldwell, Gonzales, Dewit, Goliad, Victoria, and Calhoun, irrigation districts without regard to county lines. In making provision for cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory it shall be lawful to create an indebtedness of not exceeding fifteen dollars per acre to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed. Within the term, cost of construction, shall be included the cost of riparian rights, dam seats and reservoirs, rights of way for canal and laterals, and other appurtenant expenses of the construction of irrigation plants. In case of destruction of the works, or any part thereof, the repair or rebuilding of the same shall be construed to be within the meaning of construction. To cover the cost of construction as above defined, bonds may be issued by such irrigation districts to run in time for forty years or less, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent per annum, interest payable annually, which bonds shall be sold at not less than par. The bonds shall be liquidated by the levy and collection of a tax on the irrigable lands within such irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land shall be taxed in proportion to acreage and not in proportion to its value. An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands sufficient to pay interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to liquidate the bonds above authorized. In addition to the tax above provided for, there shall be annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually receiving the water for irrigation of a sufficient amount to cover the ordinary cost of the maintenance of the irrigation works, the distribution of the water and appurtenant charges and the collection of said tax. The charge shall be upon a basis of the amount of water contracted for, provided that this shall not interfere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the water on the basis of acreage. The taxes above provided for shall, when assessed, be secured by lien on the land as now provided by general law for the security of State taxes, and when delinquent, shall be enforced as now provided by general law for the collection of delinquent State tax, but the lien securing the same shall be subordinate to the lien securing the payment of State, county and municipal taxes.

None of the foregoing provisions of this amendment shall be construed to give authority to create a lien on or tax in any manner any lands so long as they shall belong to the State nor after sale thereof shall any charge ever be created thereon which shall take precedence over the liens securing the balance of the purchase money due the State.

The indebtedness for the construc-

tion of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment shall be created only upon a vote of a majority of the land owners resident in the district proposed to be organized and whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed, only qualified voters under the existing laws of Texas, being such owners of rural lands, within such districts shall have the right to vote as aforesaid.

Any natural or artificial person having an interest in any of the irrigable lands in any such irrigation district shall have the right at any time within ninety days after the vote authorized has been declared, and not thereafter, to file a proceeding in any court having jurisdiction to test the validity of the formation of said district, the classification of the land as irrigable lands, or other details thereof, such proceedings shall have precedence through all the courts as now provided by law in quo warranto suits.

Irrigation districts organized under the provisions of this amendment are hereby declared to be bodies corporate and in the name of the districts they shall have the right to sue and be sued, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorized by law in the case of irrigation corporations all the property necessary for its organization, operation and existence, and may buy in under foreclosure of its taxes any property, but the property bought in at tax sales shall be held and disposed of as hereafter provided by law.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this amendment shall be passed upon and certified to by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds. When approved by the Attorney General said bonds shall be registered by the Comptroller of the State, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds, and when so registered shall be entitled to all the faith and confidence now prescribed by law in the case of county and city bonds.

To the end that this amendment may be put into immediate operation upon its adoption by the people, it is provided that until otherwise provided by law the Governor of the State, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Attorney General of the State, as hereby created a board and vested with complete power and authority to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to put into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable irrigation districts to organize and operate under the provisions of this amendment. And to that end, until otherwise provided by law, said board shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legislature of the State of Texas now have to enact laws. The rules when adopted by said board, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and when so filed shall remain in full force and effect until modified by some other rule made by the said board on file in the office of the Secretary of State, or until the same are changed by general law. Said rules shall be printed under the directions of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to any one demanding the same upon the payment of such fees as said board may prescribe.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amending Article XI of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending article XI of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts of West Texas."

Approved March 3, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 3, of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of rail ways.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article XI, of the Constitution of Tex be amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows: Section 3. No county, city, or other municipal corporation shall hereafter become a subscriber to the capital of any corporation or association, or make any appropriation or donation to the same, or in anywise loan its credit, except as hereinafter provided.

It shall be lawful for any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward Ector Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rannels, and South and West of the Colorado River, also, all those counties West of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and North of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines, also the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid, by and through its commissioners court, by the issue of bonds of such county, or other evidences of indebtedness, in the construction of standard gauge railway or railways into, through or across any such county, when, by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters of any such county voting at an election held for that purpose such aid is authorized; provided, however that no such aid as is hereinbefore authorized and provided for shall ever be given or paid to any railroad company or in aid of any such railway construction, except in proportion to and for such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And special authority and power is hereby given the commissioners court of any county within the territory herein prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and collect an annual tax in addition to any other tax authorized by this Constitution upon all property in such county subject to taxation to pay interest on and to create a sinking fund to meet said bonds or other indebtedness created for such purpose; provided that the aggregate of such tax, in any county, shall never in any one year exceed two per centum upon the assessed valuation of the property in such county.

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners court of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty at once, upon the petition thereto of not less than one hundred (100) qualified voters of any such county, to at any time order, and in all things provide for and regulate such election, and the holding, returns and determination of the same, and prescribe the form of ballot to be used.

All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such county under the provisions of this section, shall before being delivered, negotiated or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this State, and thereupon the Comptroller of this State shall register the same and endorse the fact of such registry on said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets "For the Amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rannels, and south and west of the Colorado River also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox, and Haskell, and north of Fisher Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines, also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized

thereto by a majority vote of any such county;" and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Rannels, and south and west of the Colorado River; also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox, and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines; also the counties of Matagorda, and Brazoria give aid in the construction of railroads, by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county." Passed April 2, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

Whereas the laws of the State of Texas authorize the several counties in this State, through their Commissioners court, to issue bonds for the erection of court houses and jails, and the construction and purchase of bridges, and

Whereas, the statutes of the State of Tex authorize the Board of Education of said State to invest the permanent school fund thereof in bonds issued for the purposes aforesaid by the said counties, and

Whereas, the Board of Education of this state, in pursuance of said statutory authority has purchased as an investment for the permanent school fund of the State of Texas, bonds approximating three million dollars, and

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Texas, provides that no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner for any city or county unless provision is made at the time of its creation for the levying and collection of a sufficient tax to pay interest thereon, and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund and

Whereas, it is believed that some of the bonds so purchased by the State Board of Education as an investment for the permanent school fund were not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether the proper provisions were made at the time of the attempted creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, for the levy of a tax to secure the payment of interest and the creation of a sinking fund, and that some of said bonds may be held invalid by the courts;

Therefore be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas: That article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto the following, which shall be denominated, "Section 11. Section 11. That all bonds heretofore issued by the several counties of Texas for the purpose of the erection of court houses and jails, and for the purchase or construction of bridges, and have been purchased by the proper authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at the time of the creation of said debt evidenced by said bonds, the provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund was not made, shall not be for that reason held to be invalid; but said bonds are hereby validated, and are hereby made valid debts against the several counties by which they were issued.

Be it further resolved, that this amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots "For the amendment article XI of the Constitution validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund," and all voters opposing said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held

by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund."

And that the governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Approved April 22, 1897.

And whereas the State Constitution require the publication of any proposed amendments once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before an election;

And whereas, each of said Joint Resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said Joint Resolutions to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection on the first Tuesday in August A. D. 1897, which will be the 3rd day of said month

Now, therefore I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolutions be held on the day designated therein to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August A. D. 1897, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this state, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
J. W. MADDER,
Secretary of State.

An English syndicate and the British government are figuring together on a submarine tunnel, which will eclipse anything of the kind ever before suggested. The scheme is to construct a tunnel under the Irish sea, lighted by electricity, connecting Ireland and Scotland by rail. The estimated cost is \$35,000,000.

The Colorado River was up higher this week than it has been this spring.

It is with some reluctance that we clip the following from the St. Louis Republic:

Nashville, Tenn., May 6.—Thousands of people, speechless with amazement, stood and stared today at the strange looking airship upon which the latest, greatest and least boastful of all the army of air navigators soared up from the Centennial Exposition grounds and rising higher and higher as the wondering multitude watched him vanish out of sight and left them all dumfounded.

The man who sailed away in the blue is Prof. Arthur Barnard.

A feature of the Tennessee Centennial will be a high "see-saw," with a car at either end which will accommodate 50 persons and carry them to a height of 200 feet. That maybe all right for those who fancy it, but when we take up see-sawing again we would prefer the time honored way of using a pine board across a rail fence—none of your 200 feet high see-saws for us.

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Come to Coke.

And still it rains.

County court Monday.

Wheat and oats are fine.

Sheep shearing is about over.

Commissioners court is in session this week.

Coke is the garden spot of the West.

Will Perry is on the sick list this week.

J. W. Reed is having him a storm house built.

Crop conditions of the state are good—especially in Coke.

Subscribe for the RUSTLER—Only \$1 per YEAR.

Arkansaw Smith is the only Cash Grocer in San Angelo.

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

Good rains are plentiful this week.

You had better buy land while it is cheap.

For Sale

A good Wagon For Sale. Call at this office.

W. B. Harrison, R. P. Perry and son Charley made a trip to Angelo Monday.

Lamp globes five cents each at J. D. Collier & Co's.

Edith Texas.

F. M. Burnett was here the first of the week.

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

Some have so far failed to get a good stand of cotton on account of heavy rains.

W. C. Barron bought this week of E. J. Decey 500 head of mixed cattle—350 steers and 150 cows. Term private.

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

Roadoverseer H. W. Walton gathered his hands together and worked the Edith road Tuesday.

If you want fruit trees or ornamental trees or shrubs see Pleasant Storm.

Marvin Perry bought several head of steers this, paying \$11.25 per head.

A number of our people attended the picnic on Oak Creek last Saturday and all claim to have had an immense time.

The Colorado Valley Railroad company is now a chartered concern. The Company were notified by the state department Monday that the charter was granted.

Perryman & Patteson sold this week to Sam and D. E. Sayer of Mule Creek 640 acres of land at \$2.2 per acre.

S. S. Craddock, the Sanco blacksmith and Wm. Scarborough, the Sanco merchant passed through town Tuesday on their way to Angelo.

Loss Mobley has been appointed Constable of Pre. No. 4. J. W. Reed and John Murtishaw inform us that Loss intends to secure a very long six-shooter, if he has to sell a yearling.

Best American Sardines Packed in oil six boxes for twenty five cents, Every box guaranteed at the Edith Store.

J. D. Collier & Co

First give us the railroad, then give us irrigation; then develop the valuable quarries in the hills, then—then, the world can't beat Coke for a stock farming, manufacturing county. This is no lie.

With the railroad there is no county in the state that promises greater and quicker development than this. Without the railroad development would be slow and will have many set-backs.

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

Chartered.

The Colorado Valley Railroad company, with headquarters at Robert Lee, Coke county. Incorporators, Irving Wheatcroft, J. B. Latham, J. H. Burroughs, J. W. Reed, L. H. Brightman, I. M. Bennick, George Moore, F. Buchanan, Gid Graham and J. D. Davis. Capital stock \$500,000. The purpose of the corporation is to construct equip and operate a line of standard-gauge railroad from Colorado the county seat of Michell county, Texas, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, through a portion of Michell county and through Coke county and a portion of the county of Tom Green to San Angelo, the county seat of Tom Green county, on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe road, a distance of seventy-five miles more or less.

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

A new man has arrived at Sterling City from New York interested in the building of the Colorado Valley road. The ticket agent here, W. A. Crovder, has received several letters from prominent railroad officials in regard to the new road here. One man from Texarkana writes that the road will certainly be built and that the ties will be oak.—Colorado Spokesman.

Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.

Mr. J. L. Durham, of Sanco, was in town last Saturday. Mr. Durham had with him a sample of variegated marble, which has been pronounced good by those who have seen it. Mr. Durham says there is a vast quantity of this marble in the mountains up there by him. He also says there is an unlimited quantity of fine building stone; that lime stone is no object and that there is an abundance of stone that makes a first class cement. He also thinks that when the railroad reaches us something immense will be developed in the way of a whet stone quarry. He says there is any quantity of this stone in those mountains that make as fine stones as any imported. Mr. Durham is a professional stone mason, a well informed reliable man, and the

There is no doubt coming when these mountains will be a source of great wealth to Coke county.

To The Public.

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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 description to sell, call on or write him, San Angelo, Tex.

OBITUARY.

Died, on Monday the 7th of August, at his residence in Tattal county, Ga., **JOSEPH HAWKINS MARTIN**, aged 73 years 5 months and 3 days. He was born in Fort Hawkins, on the Ocmulgee river, on the 4th day of March, 1798. While he was a youth, his father moved and settled in what was then known as Barnwell District, S. C., (now Barnwell county), here Hawkins grew into manhood, married and settled, as he thought for life. But circumstances, over which he had no control, caused him in after years to remove and settle in Emanuel county, Ga., where he resided until a few years before his death, when he removed and settled in Tattal county, Ga., where he died, lamented by a large family connection, and many warm friends, for he was the noblest work of God "AN H. NESTMAN." A second wife and two small children mourn their loss, they mourn not as those without hope. Six grown up children, and forty grand children, constitute his immediate family, together with a very large family connection, in South Carolina and Middle Georgia. Born amidst the din of battle, with in hearing of the savage warwhoop, many were the stories of yore, that enlivened the fireside circle of his declining years. The monument rots, but the marble tablet of memory retains the cherished dots of honest integrity.
JAMES P. BELL.

Mr. C. E. Coon of New York City, an associate of Mr. Wheatcroft, arrived here last Monday evening. On Tuesday he and Mr. Wheatcroft drove over the line from here to San Angelo. Mr. Wheatcroft informs us that Mr. Coon is very favorably impressed with the proposed line as surveyed, as well as with the Colorado river country. He further informed us that he and his associates will be ready to begin the construction of the road within two or three weeks from this date, provided the stipulated bonuses are secured. The final survey locating the line will be started, probably from San Angelo, in about two weeks, or just before the construction of the road begins. Mr. Coon will remain several days.

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To ED. RUSTLER:

Gen J. B. Gordon, Commanding United Confederate Veterans, respectfully requests the press,

both daily and weekly, of the whole country to aid the patriotic and benevolent objects of the United Confederate Veterans by publishing date Rerunion is to take place at Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday June 22nd, 23rd and 24th, by publication of this letter, with editorial notice.

It will be the largest and most important U. C. V. Rerunion ever held. The personnel of the Nashville Rerunion Committee under the leadership of its chairman Col. J. B. O'Bryan, is a guarantee that everything will be done for the comfort and convenience of the old Veterans and all visitors which is in the power of man; it is a splendid body of very able and distinguished Comrades, who are truly alive to the magnitude of the work entrusted to them in entertaining and caring for their old Comrades, and it will be their pride to make it the most memorable Rerunion upon record; and the citizens of Nashville are glow with enthusiasm, and patriotism, at the prospect of dispensing their far famed hospitality to the surviving heroes of the lost cause.

Also to urge Ex Confederate soldiers and sailors everywhere to form local associations, and send applications to these Headquarters for papers to organize Camps immediately, so as to be in time to participate in the great Rerunion at Nashville, and thus unite with their comrades in carrying out the laudable and philanthropic objects of the organization; as only Veterans who belong to organized U. C. V. Camps can participate in the business meeting at Nashville.

Business of the greatest importance to the Survivors of the Southern Army will demand careful consideration during the Seventh Annual Convention at Nashville, Tenn.—such as the best methods of securing impartial history, and to enlist each State in the compilation and preservation of the history of her Citizen soldiery; the benevolent care through state aid or other wise of disabled, destitute or aged Veterans and the widows and orphans of our fallen brothers in arms; to consult as to the feasibility of the formation of a U. C. V. Benevolent Aid association; the care of the graves of our known and unknown dead buried at Gettysburg, Fort Warren, Camps Morton, Chase, Douglas, Oakwood Cemetery at Chicago, Johnson's Island, Cairo and all other points to see that they are annually decorated, the head stones preserved and protected, and complete lists of the names of our dead heroes with the location of their last resting places furnished to their friends and relatives through the medium of our camps, thus recueing their names from oblivion and handing them down in history; the consideration of the different movements, plans and means to erect a monument to the memory of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, also to aid in building monuments to other great leaders, soldiers and sailors of the South; also to assist in the promotion and completion of the proposed "Battle Abbey;" to vote upon the proposed change of the name of the Association from U. C. V., to C. S. A.; and to change the present badge or button which is not patentable for the new one proposed which is; and to make such changes in the constitution and by-laws as experiences may suggest, and other matters of general interest.

Total number of Camps now admitted 900, with applications in for about one hundred and fifty more. Following is number of Camps by States.

Northeast Texas Division 81; West Texas Division 55; Southwest Texas Division 33; Southeast Texas Division 31; Northwest Texas Division 17; total Texas 217; Alabama 89; South Carolina 81; Missouri 71; Mississippi 63; Arkansas 59; Louisiana 51; Kentucky 33; Tennessee 31; Virginia 34; Florida 30; North Carolina 29; Indian Territory 12; West Virginia 11; Oklahoma 6; Maryland 6; New Mexico 3; Illinois 2; Montana 2; Indiana 1; District of Columbia 1; California 1.

Very respectfully,
GEO. MOORMAN,
Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

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BROTHER FAIR.

Perhaps some of the readers of your excellent paper would like to know how we are getting along here in Comanche county. So I will penell you a few lines.

This is said to be one of the best counties in the state. The county is about two-thirds timber and the other prairie and at least

three-fourths of the land is tilable—not more than one third of which is in cultivation. There is more than forty school houses, and about half dozen graded, or or high schools, in the county.

We are having plenty of rain, and crops of all kinds are growing off nicely. Our prairies that are not in cultivation are decorated with many varieties of lovely flowers, such as butter cups, daisies, hollyhocks, blue-bells, "kiss me and I'll tell you" and many others too numerous to mention.

The 4th inst, was decoration day. We formed on the square and marched to Oakwood Cemetery, about a mile distance. The procession was a half mile in length. Comanche Cornet band and Miss Mary Roberts string band furnished us excellent music. The Ex-confederates and Ex-union soldiers decorated the graves of their fellow comrades—17 in number. Two speeches were made in the cemetery in honor of the Gray and Blue, after which we marched to the picnic ground where the ladies spread a delicious dinner and we all ate to our stomach's full content. After all had satisfied themselves and several "baskets of the fragments were taken up" fine speeches were made by ex-soldiers, interspersed with music by the string band of nine instruments. The occasion was a grand success.

We have some railroad prospects here in Comanche county. The enterprising citizens of Sipe Springs are trying to negotiate with the Ft. Worth & Rio Grande railroad company to build an extension road from here to Sipe Springs 22 miles. We already have two R. R. through the county and telegraph and telephone lines connecting all the town and making our freight and news facilities very convenient.

I am eagerly watching the news of the C. V. R. R. through Coke county and rejoice in the prosperity of Coke county. I wish to extend congratulations to the parties who have recently married in Coke county, especially, my friend J. H. Burroughs. For I know what a hard time a widower has in this world. I will close for fear this will reach the waste basket. Success to the RUSTLER and all material and prosperity of Coke County.

Your Comanche Correspondant
GEO. FAIR.
Comanche, Texas, May 6th, 1897.

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

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Last Monday evening Dr. Martin and wife walked down to the river, and while standing and looking at the water Mrs. Martin was suddenly stricken down with paralysis. A buggy was summoned and she was taken to a hotel and Dr. Latham and Tolver were called in. She remained in a critical condition for some time, during which she was speechless. We are glad to say that her condition has steadily improved since and at this time she is able to be up most of the time.

A special meeting of the Directors of the C. V. Ry. Co. was held yesterday and the contract between the Ry. Co. and the Construction Company for the construction of the C. V. Ry., was executed, by the officials of the respective companies. We understand that this contract calls for the commencement of construction of the Railway within forty days, conditionally that the stipulated bonds is raised.

A. K. Landers and family passed through town Thursday on their return home from San Angelo.