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PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas The Twenty-fifth Legisla ture, 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 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 20 as

Section 20. In adition to the powers

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. Monta- ed by law in quo warranto suits. wise, Parker. Hood, Somervell Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, ravis, Blanco, Gillispie, 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 existence, and may buy in under forerest as a charge on and be secured by closure of its taxes any property, but a lien on the irrigable land for the use the property bought in at tax sales and benefit of which said irrigation shall be held and disposed of as hereworks have been or may be construct after provided by law. ted. Within the term, cost of construction, shall be included the cost ervoirs, rights of way for canal and General of the State of Texas, as now tricts to run in time for forty years or less, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent per anum, interest payable annually, upon its adoption by the people, it is to meet said bonds or other indebtedwhich bonds shall be sold at not less provided that until otherwise providthan par. The bonds shall be liquid- ed by law the Governor of the State, ded that the aggregate of such tax, in ated by the levy and collection of a the Commissioner of the General Land any county, shall-never in any one tav the irrigable lands within sucu irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands suffito create a sinking fund sufficient to for, there shall be annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually recieving the water for crigation 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 ount of water contraca hasis of the ted for, prova hat this shall not into fere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the wite: 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 lieu securing the same submitting this amendment to the mendment to Section 3, of Article 11, ing 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 as they shall belong to the State' nor after sale thereof shall any charge eving the balance of the purchase mon-

The indebtedness for the construc- districts of West Texas."

tion of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment ehr 1 be created only upon a vote of a in the district proposed to be organi- State of Texas, be amended so zed and whose lands are susceptible as toauthorizecertain counties to give of irrigation works proposed only Section 1. He it resolved by the Leg-

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 of taxation granted in the foregoing having jurisdiction to test the validity sections, it shall be lawful for the land 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 provid- the Colorado River, also, all those

> 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 su ed, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorised by law in the case of irrigation on corporations all the property neces sary for its organization, operation and

All bonds issued under the provi-ions of this amendment shall be passed of riparian rights, dam seats and res- upon and certified to by the Attorney laterals, and other appurtenant ex- required by law in the case of county pences of the construction of irrigation and city bonds. When approved by plants. In case of destruction of the the Attorney General said bonds shall works, or any part thereof, the repair be registered by the Comptroller of the or rebuilding of the same shall be con- State, as now required by law in the strued to be within the meaning of case of county and city bonds, and construction. To cover tht cost of when so registered shall be entitled to construction as above defined, bonds all the faith and confidenc now presmay be issued by such irrigation dis- cribed by law in the case of county and eity bonds.

may be put into immediate operation terest on and to create a sinking fund Office, and the Attorney General of year exceed two per centum upon the the state, an hereby created a board assessed valuation of the property in and vested with complete power and such county. asthority to walks such rules and regshall be taxed in proportion to acreage ulations - may be necessary to put at d not in proportion to its value. into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable cient to pay interest on said bonds and irrigation districts to organize and operate under the provisions of this aliquidate the bonds above authorized. mendment. And to that end, until In adition to the tax above provided otherwise provided by law, said board shall shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legis-ature of the State of lexas 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 some upon the payment of of such fees as said board may

Approved March 3, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section majority of the land owners resident 3, of Article 11 of the Constition of the or painted on their tickets. "Against is hereby directed to issue the necessaof irrigation from and by the system aid in the construction of rail ways, thorizing all counties in this State ly- the Constitution and existing laws of qualified voters under the existing islature of the State of Texas: That is, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, laws of Texas, being such owners of Section 3, of article XI, of the Con- Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Runrural lands, within such districts stitution of Tex be amend so that the nells, and south and west of the Coloshall have the right to vote as afores same shall hereafter read as follows: rado River; also, all those counties municipal corporation shall hereafter kell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Bor- for four weeks commencing at least become a subscriber to the capital of den, Dawson, and Gaines; also the three months before an election; any corporation or association, or counties of Matagorda, and Brazoria And whereas, each of said Joint Resmake any appropriation or donation give aid in the construction of rail- olutions requires the Governor to isto the same, or in anywise loan its roads, by the issuance of bonds or oth- sue his proclamation ordering an eleccredit, except as hereinafter provid- crevidences of indebtedness, whet tion for the submission of said Joint

It shall be lawful for any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward Fetor Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and Runnells, and South and West of counties West of Hatdeman, Knox and Haskell, and North of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, and Gaines, also the counties of Matagorda and Commissioners court, to issue bonds proclamation, ordering that an elec-Brazoria, to give aid, by and through for the erection of court houses and tion as required by said Joint Resoluits commissioners court, by the issue jails, and the construction and pur- tions be held on the day designated of bonds of such county, or other evi- chase of bridges, and dences of indebtedness, in the con- Whereas, the statutes of the State of day of August A. D. 1897, in the sevstruction of standard gauge railway Tex authorize the Board of Education eral counties of this State, for the aor railways into, through or across of saidState toinvest the permanent doption or rejection of said proposed any such county, when, by a vote of school fund thereof in bonds issued amendments to the Constition of Texthe majority of the qualified voters of for the purposes aforesaid by the said as Said election shall be held at the any such county voting at at an elec- counties, and tion held for that purpose such aid is authorised; provided, however that of this state, in persuance or said stano such ald as is hereinbefore author- tutory authority has purchased as an ized and provided for shall ever be given or paid to any railroad company fund of the State of Texas, bonds ap- and in accordance with the provisions or in aid of any such : ailway construct proximating three million dollars. tion, except in proportion to and for and such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And spetial authority and power is is hereby given the commissioners court of any county within the teritory herein prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and and collect an annual tax in adition to any other tax authorized by this Constition upon all property in such To the end that this amendment county subject to taxation to pay inness created for such purpose; provi-

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners court of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty held invalid by the courts; 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 of court houses and jails, and for the under the provisions of this section, purchase or construction of bridges, shall before being delivered, negocia- and have been purchased by the proted or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this Ftate, and thereupon the Comptroller of this State shall register the same and en- the time of the creation of said debt dorse the fact of such registy up 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 invalid; but said bonds are hereby on the first . uesday in august 1897, validated, and are hereby made valid at which election all voters favoring debts against the several counties by The Governor is hereby directed to the amendment shall have written or sue the necessary proclamation for printed on their tickets "For the Ashall be subordinate to the lien secur- qualified voters of Texas on the first of the Constitution of Texas' authoriz-Tuesday in August, 1897, at which ing all counties in this State lying election all voters favoring the amend- south of the countles of Jeff Davis, ment shall have written or printed Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasson their tickets, "For amending Ar- cock Sterling, Cole, and Ronnels, and ment shall have written or printed ticle s of the Constitution of Texas south and west of the Colorodo River on their ballots "For the amendment tax in any manner any lands so long so as to permit the formation of irriga- also, all those counties west of Harde- art XI of the Constitution validating tion districts in West Texas," and man, Knox, and Haskell, and north bonds held by the State as an investthose opposed to said amendment of Fisher Scurry, Borden, Dawson, ment for the permanent school fund." er be crested thereon which shall shall shall shall shall shall have written or printed on their and Gaines, also, the countles of Mat- and all voters opposing said amendtake precedence over the liens secur- tickets," Against amending article, 8 agorda and Brazoria, to give aid in ment shall have written or printed of the Constitution of Texas, so as to the construction of railroads by the on their ballots the words "Against of indebtedness, when authorized Constitution, validating bonds held save for us.

thereto by a majority vote of any by the State as an investment for the such county;" and those opposed to permanent school fund." said amendment shall have written lng south of the counties of Jeff Dav- the State. Section 3, No county, city, or other west of Hardeman, Knox, and Hasof any such county.'

Passed April 2, 1897.

State of Texas authorize the several in me by the Constitution and laws of counties in this State, through their this State, do hereby issue this my

investment for the permanent school

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 Brittish government are figuring not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether the proper provis. ions was made at the time of the at- kind ever before suggested. The tempted creation of said debt, eviden- scheme is to construct a tunnell ced by said bonds, for the levy of a tax under the Irish sea, lighted by eto secure the payment of intere-t and the creation of a sinking fund, and that some of said bonds may be

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 spring. 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 per authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at 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

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 lexas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said propoed amend-

And that the governor of the State the amendment to Section 3, of Artic- ry proclamation for said election, and le 11, of the Constitution of Texas, au- have same published as required by

Approved April 22, 1897.

And whereas the State Constitution requiree the publication of any proposed amendments once a week

authorrzed thereto by a majority vote 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

Joint Resolution to amend article Now, therefore I. C. A. Culberson, XI of the Constitution of the State of Governor of Texas in accordance Texas, by ading thereto section 11. with the provisions of said Joint Res-Whereas the laws of the of the olutions, and by the authority vested therein to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3rd several polling places of the election Whereas, the Board of Education 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 of this proclamation

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed, at

thecity of Austin, this 23rd day of April A. D.

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas. By the Governor:

J. W. MADDEN, Secretary of Sta An English syndicate and the

togeth er on a submarine tunneli, which will eclespe anything of the lectricity, connecting Ireland and Scotland by rail. The estimated cost is \$35,000,000.

The Colorado river was up high er this week than it has been this

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 Exposit on 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 accomodate 50 persons and carry them to a heighth of 200 feet. That maybe all right for thosewho faucy it, but when we take up see-sawing again we would prefer the time honored way of using a pine board across a rail fencepermit the formation of irrigation issuance of bonds, or other evidences the amendment to Article XI of the none of your 200 feet high secare fat.

Come to Coke.

And still it rains

County court Monday.

Wheat and oats are fine.

Sheep shearing is about over.

Commissioners court is in ses

rsion this week.

Coke is the garden spot of the

Will Perry is on the sick list this week.

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

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

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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.

T. M. Rurnett 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 Ed Decey 500 head of mixed cattle-350 steers and 150 cows. Term private.

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 Pleas-Storm.

Marvin Perry bought severa 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. Sayner of Mule Creek 640 acres of land at \$2.2 per acre.

smith and Wm. Scarborough, the these mountains will be a source Sanco merchant passed through of great wealth to Coke county. town Tuesday on their way to An

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.

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Chartered.

The Colorado Valley Railroad company, with headquarters at Robert Lee, Coke county. Incor- Mr. Miles will get you the porators, Irving Wheatcroft, J. B. highest market prices. Latham, J. H. Burroughs, J. W. So if you have Stock of any Reed, L. H. Brightman, I. M. Bennick. George Moore, F. Buchanan, Gid Graham and J. D. Davis. Caj. ital 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 born in Fort Hawkins, on the Ocmulrailroad, through a portion of geeriver, on the 4th day of March, 1798. Michell county and through Coke While he was a youth, his father county and a portion of the counenty-five miles more or less.

J. S. MILES is agent for the best buggy sold in Texas, "The Hyues." 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 rereived several letters from prominent railroad officials in regard to the new road here. One man from Texarkana Writes that the Go to J. F. Deats' Free road will certainly be built and that the ties will be oak .- . Colorado Spokesman.

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Mr. J. L. Durham, of Sanco. was in town last Saturday. Mr. Durham had with him a sample City, an associate of Mr. Wheatof variegated marble, which has been pronounced good by those who have seen it. Mr. Durham says there is a wast quantity of this marble in the wountains 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 quary. He says there is any quan tity of this stone in those meantains that make as fine itones as any imported. Mr. Durham is a professional stone mason, a well informed reliable man, and the

S. S. Craddock, the Sanco black t ne is no doubt coming when

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OBITUARY.

Died, on Monday the 7th of August, at his residence in Tattnal county, Ga., JOSEPH HAWKINS MARTIN, aged 73 years 5 months and 3 days. He was

moved and settled in what was then ty of Tom Green to San Angelo, (now Barnwell county), here Hawkins known as Barnwell District, S the county seat of Tom Green grew into manhood, married and setcounty, on the Gulf, Colorado and tled, as he thought for life. But cir-Santa Fe road, a distance of sev- cumstances, over which he had no control, caused him in after years to remove and settle in Emanuel county, Ga , whre he resided until a tew years before his death, when he removed and settled in Tattnal county, Ga., where he died, lamenfed by a large family connection, and many warm friends, 'for he was the noblest work of God' "AN II NEST MAN." 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 immediare family, together with a very large family connection, in South Carolina and Middle corgia.

Born amidst the din of battle, within hearing of the savage warhoop, 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

Mr. C. E. Coon of New York croft, 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 infrmed us that he and his assosiates 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 road begine. Mr. Coon will re- pectfully solicited main several days.

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Then point to One who heals the soul. God speed you on, you must not fail: Your kindly smile, a heart that's pure Will aid you in your glorious work, And make your great reward more

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ED. RUSTLDR:

A more vicious proposal was never submitted to popular vote of the people of Texas, than

By proclamation an amendment to Article 8 in relation to forming irrigation districts and taxation therefor. Don't fail to read it good neighbors, its a beauty. Under the specious pretense of promoting the development of West Texas, a prosal is to be submitted to the voters of the state which, if adopted, will virtually confiscate, without compensation the lands now under irrigation in the west. Read the amendment. It proposes to form irrigation disthreon to the amount of fifteen dollars per acre and the levying a tax annually on said lands to pay the interest and bonds. Having that sheep are selling at \$3 and up. forced the Gold Standard on us; fifteen dollars per acre iu bonds' as will blossom like a rose.

And this ain't all. They not on ly wan't to water our lands with water bonds but an other amendbonds as a bonus to build railroads for us to ride on if we pay Prof. W. B. Jones, of Tenny- the ride, of course we are going vote for the amendment and filing through this land of roses

bonds per acre mortgage. Won't Texas go flying then. And Texas voters there is one more amend. ment yet. It seems someone has issued bonds not sanctioned by law and they want us to vote to amend the Constitution to make the bonds good. Of course we must save the bond holders. Surely our legislators deserve a

A. P. McCarty.

It is said that 30,000 people in India, 200,000 from faminine.

Commissioners Court.

The Hon. Commissionrs Court of Coke county convened in reglast Monday morning, May 7th, ry. with the following officers present:

Hon. S. J. Chapman, county judge, E. C. Rawlings, of Prec. 1, Sam Sayner, Prec. 2, J. C. Newton, Prec. 3, L. B. Murray, sheriff, and J. W. Barnett, clerk, when the following business was trans-

Quarterly reports of the several county and pecinet officers were examined and approved.

Official bond of B. L. Mobley, was approved.

Orders were passed allowing the County Judge \$500 and the Clerk \$250 per annum for ex-offi cio services, to be paid out of the

common county fand. Scrip was cancelled as follows: First class, \$215,24. Second class, \$699,78.

\$915,02. Court remained in session three days and the following per diem

was allowed: Hon. S. J. Chapman, \$9,00. E. C. Rawlings, \$9,00. Sam Sayner, \$9,00. \$9,00. J. C. Newton, L. B. Murray, \$6,00. \$000,000. J. W. Barnett,

It is about time for those who do not want to see a railroad run into Robert Lee to begin to pack up for moveing, and their many friends would be glad to tell them Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry good-bye.

Read Judge McCarty's article is to be passed on August the 3rd on the constitutional amendments. NORTH TEXAS, This editor believes just as the Judge, only we fave the amend ments. The Judge must be mista-

ken about reading the governor's

proclaimation, judging from his

remarks on the subject. Do'nt become excited over it, W. S. Keenen, but it is just as well to say as later that the Colorado Valley Railroad is a certainty, notwinstanding the noise to the contrary-its

The Colorado Spokesman is tricts, by vote and issue bonds responsible for the statement that a clip of wool recently sold to the sconring mill of that place at between 8 and 9 cents a pound, and

only noise.

CENTRAL HOTEL. Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

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The Epworth Lenuge meets at the church to night.

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COURTS.

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

County Court convenes 3d . Monday niar session at the court house on May, August, November and Februa-

> Commissioners Court convenes 2nd1 Monday in February, May, August and November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South: services as follows:

Bronte, Rock Springs, 11 a. m. Hayrick. 4 p. m. Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m 4th

11 a. m Eugene T. Bates, P. C. Methodist Protestant Church; serappointed constable of Prec. 4, vices as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sun day; 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. Chritian Church 2nd Sunday

McGovock Pastor. Valley View Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, West Texas Conferance; services as follows:

First Sunday at North Conche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2 Sun. day at Edith at 11 a.m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 8 Sunday at Mt. Margatette Seturday night and 11 a.m. and at Juniper school houseat 4 p. m.; Sunday at Valley View Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and Sunday night-

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ROBERT LEE, ### TEXAS. Office:-North Side Public Square.

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interior courts of Coke and adjoining

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ROBERT LEE, .*.*. Office at the Court House.

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United Confederate Veterans.

To ED. RUSTLER:

Gen J. B. Gorden, Commadii g United Confederate Veterans, respectfully requests the press, both daily and weekly, of the whole country to aid the patriotic and benevelent objects of the Uni ted Confederate Veterans by publishing date Remnion is to take place at Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday June 22nd, 23rd and 24th, by pulliention of this letter, with editorial notice.

It will be the largest and most important U. C. V. Reunion ever held. The personnal of the Nast ville Rennion Committee . nuder the leader ship of its chairman Co! J. B. O'Bryan, is a guarantee that everything will be done for the comfort and convenience of the o'd Veterans and all visitors Staff. which is in the power of man; it is a splended body of very able and d sting mshed Comrades, who a e intly slive to the magnitude of the work entrusted to them in enter. timing and caring for their old Comrade, and it will be their pride to make it the most memorable Reunion upon record; and the citizens of Nashville are glow with enthusiam, and patriotism, at the prospect of dispensing their far famed nospitality to the surviving heroes of the lost cause.

Also to urge Ex Confederate soldiers and sailors everywhere to form local associations, send applications to these Head-Camps immediately, so as to be in or high schools, in the county. time to participate in the great Rennion at Nashville, and unite with their comrades in carry ing out the laudable and philanthropic objects of the organizato organized U. C. V. Camps can participate in the business meeting at Nashville.

Business of the greates importance to the Survivors of the South ern Army will demand careful con sideration during the Seventh Annual Convention at Nashville, Will practice law in the District and Tenn .-- such as the best methods of securing impartial history, and to enlist each State in the compli-County Attorney Coke County cation and preservation of the history of her Citizen soldiery; the benevelent care through state aid or other wise of disabled, destitute or aged Veterans and the widews 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 Island, Cairo and all other points to see that they are annually deco grand success. orated, the head stones preserved and protected, and complete lists with the location of their last rest ing 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 ad-

mitted 900, with applications in for about one hundred and fifty more. Following is number of when it comes to grooeries and 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 A'abama 89; South Carolina 81; Florida 30; North Carolina 29; In-11; Oklahoma 6; Maryland 6; New Mexico 3; Illinois 2; Montanna 2; Indiana 1; District of Columbia 1; Calafornia 1.

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

BROTHER FAIR.

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

This is said to be one of the best conuties 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 and which is in cultivation. There is more than forty school houses, quarters for papers to organize and about half dozen graded, or

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

The 4th net, was decoration day We formed on the square and marched to Oakwook Cemetery, about a mile distance. The procession was a half mile in length. Commanch Cornet band and Miss Mary Roberts string band furnish ed us excellent music. The Exconfederates and Ex-union soldiers decorated the graves of their fellow comrads-17 in number. Two speeches were madein the cemertery 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 stomache's full content. After all had satisfied themselves and several "basand unknown dead buried at Get | kets of the fragments were taken tysburg, Fort Warren, Camps up" fine speeches were made by Morton, Chase, Douglas, Oakwood ex-soldiers, interpersed with mus-Cemetery at Chicago, Johnson's ic by the string band of nine instruments. The occassion was a

We have some railroad prospects here in Commanche county. of the names of our dead heroes 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 facil ties 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 par ties 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 back et. Success to the RUSTLER and all material and prosperity of Coke County.

Your Commanche Corrospondant G.O. FAIR.

Comanche, Texas, Moy 6th, 1897.

J. F. Deats is still in the push

Last Monday evening Dr. Martin and wife walked down to the river, and while standing and look. ing at the water Mrs. Martin was Missouri 51; Mississpp 63; Arkan suddenly stricken down with pasas 59; Louisiana 51; Kentucky ralysis. A baggy was summoned 39; Tennesree 31; Virginia 34; and she was taken to a hotel and Drs. Latham and Tolver were dian Territory 12; West Virginia called in. She remained in a critical condition for some time, du:ing which she was speechless. We are glad to say that her condition has steadily im; roved since and at this time she is able to be

> A special meeting of the Dire . tors of the C. V. Ry. Co. was held yesterday and the contract between the Ry. Co. and the Coustruction Company for the construction of the C. V. Ry., was executed, by the officials of the respective companys. We understand that this contract calls for the commencement of costruction of the Railway within forty days, conditionally that the stipulated bonns is raised.

up most of the time.

A. K. Landers and family pass ed through town Thursday their return home from San Ang