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## Non-Committal.

Jim's a cur'us sort o' feller;  
Scolds a ter-ble heap;  
Been a worryin' 'bout the tariff  
Tell he couldn't sleep.  
When I asked him how the taxes  
Takes effect on him;  
Then his eloquence collapses—  
"I dunno," says Jim.

Talks about the war in Europe,  
And of tyrant foes;  
Says "Hurrah" fur lots o' people  
The't nobody knows.  
When I ask him what's the reason  
Fur his warlike trim—  
What's the actual cause fur fighting—  
"I dunno," says Jim.

That's the kind of occupation  
Seems to suit him best:  
Fret's 'bout things that don't concern  
him:  
Never takes no rest.  
When I ask him if his income  
Wouldn't be less slim  
Ef he'd stick ter his own troubles—  
"I dunno," says Jim.  
—Washington Star.

The Republican party claims  
credit for the prosperity which  
has not yet made its appearance,  
and they probably deserve it.

The annexation of Hawaii would  
probably prove to be a most danger-  
ous and expensive experiment.

From 100,000 to 200,000 coal  
miners are on a strike because of  
insufficient wages: Another wave  
of McKinley prosperity.

The Miller Mercantile Company  
of Ballinger, shipped the first car  
of wheat of the season to the Gal-  
veston market.

If there is a lazy loafer in town  
with a double window in the ca-  
boose of his bifurcated nether  
garment, he is the very man who  
knows more about all things under  
the sun than anyone else in  
town. He is also the censor of  
the local paper, the mayor, the  
pastors of the churches and all  
the light hearted girls within the  
range of his vision. Having no  
business of his own he must at-  
tend to that of his neighbors.—  
Ex.

As the time for voting on the  
constitutional amendments draws  
near the newspapers of the state  
are beginning to manifest a great  
interest in the proposed irrigation  
amendment and they are almost  
unanimous in favor.

Don't you ever be clump enough  
to argue that irrigation will be a  
disadvantage to Texas. The only  
disadvantage it will prove is an in-  
flux of population, a development  
of resources and an expenditure  
of money in irrigable districts that  
will raise values and place the  
country on the road to prosperity.  
—Snyder Coming West.

We are reliably informed that  
the Colorado Valley Railway Co.  
have had ties purchased and ready  
for shipment for some and that  
recently steel railing for twenty  
five miles of the road has been  
purchased. These and other like  
facts are known to some of our  
most reliable citizens, and these  
facts say plainer than words that  
Coke county will soon have a  
railroad.

## Red, White and Blue.

On the banks of the Potomac there's  
an army so grand  
That threatens to subdue great Dix-  
ies fair land.

They say we have split this fine uni-  
on into  
And altered the Colors of the Red,  
White and Blue.

### CHORUS.

Hurrah! Hurrah!! We are a nation  
that's true.  
And we'll all die defending the Red,  
White and Blue.

Our colors are simple, but by them  
we'll stand,  
They'll float from the Potomac to  
the great Rio Grande.

They waive over a people that's  
gallant and true;  
And we'll all die defending the Red,  
White and Blue.

### CHORUS.

We had a nice little fight on the  
10th of last June;  
McGruder at Bathel whipped out  
Pleayune.

They begun in the morning and  
fought until two,  
When glory waived over the Red,  
White and Blue.

### CHORUS.

If you want to hear Greely and  
Yankeedom rare  
Just mention the Mason and Sly-  
dell affair.

Its when they first got them they  
made great to do,  
But now they curse England and  
the Red, White and Blue.

### CHORUS.

All of the Ex-Confederate  
daughters that are to sing the  
above song on 17th of July at the  
Re-union are requested to meet  
at Robert Lee on Saturday the  
10th to practice together.

## Pretty Scarry.

Knee high green grass, streams  
running water, fat cattle and hor-  
ses, big bins of splendid wheat,  
great ricks of oats on every farm  
fine crops of corn in the ear, and  
the ground all over the country  
in a bog, cotton, milo maize, millet  
sorgum and dozen other crops  
pushing into exuberant growth—  
this is Scarry—a county situated  
in the dry grazing district where  
there is not "strictly speaking a  
single foot of agricultural land.—  
Snyder Coming West.

The rain last Sunday and Sun-  
day night means much to every  
man woman and child in the coun-  
ty. And the benefits to our peo-  
ple of the Colorado Valley will be  
as unanimous. Every one will be  
brought as it were, so much near-  
er to a railroad and a railroad  
town—A centre of wealth and  
prosperity and every one will feel  
the influence of the same. But  
some have a conscience that will  
not permit them to encourage the  
enterprise.

No one is to be more profound-  
ly pitted than he who believes ev-  
ery evil thing reported of his  
neighbor. Such a disposition may  
be termed cancer of the heart and  
eats out all charity, mercy, and  
faith in his hand. We are depend-  
ant upon each other for life, and  
for all happiness in this world, and  
life is a dreary dark dungeon, if  
we loose faith in humanity. There  
are frailties enough in human  
hearts, but the world holds mil-  
lions of men today who would die  
for honor, and whose word is as

sure as life. Millions of pure wo-  
men worthy of all love and esteem  
live in our country, rear their chil-  
dren in the fear and admonition of  
the Lord and will one day pass  
through the Pearly Gates, as he  
who sees evil in innocent actions  
and imputes wicked motives to  
others is a human hyena, unwor-  
thy the name of man. This cus-  
tom of believing every evil report  
is so common that the most noto-  
rious blackguard in a community  
holds the power to tarnish the  
name of the purest woman leaving  
upon it a smirch never to be ef-  
faced. No weakness is produc-  
tive of such harm as that of cred-  
ulity in rference to slander, being  
responsible for more broken hearts  
than any other sin. If you want  
to be kind, or just or merciful, as  
you would obtain mercy, hold fast  
to faith in the integrity and purity  
of your friend.—Abilene Reporter.

There have been a great many  
prospectors—home-seekers in  
town the last few days and we are  
informed that some of them have  
pitched their tents in the county  
and will become land owners and  
citizens of the "Free State of  
Coke."

As the time for the vote on the  
constitutional amendments appro-  
aches the newspapers of the State  
are pretty generally opening up on  
the subject, more especially on the  
irrigation amendment, which is re-  
garded as the most important of  
the three. It should afford the  
west much satisfaction to note  
that the press of the east, and pre-  
sumably the people also, are frien-  
dly toward the move. It is proba-  
bly not altogether an unselfish mo-  
tive that prompts the eastern part  
of the State to look on the amend-  
ment with favor, as many counties  
have school land in the west.

There is no politics nor party  
division in the case, and the east  
seems to take the same enthusias-  
tic view entertained by the west  
on the subject.

It is true that some few individ-  
uals in different sections have  
formed mistaken ideas of the mea-  
sure and have manifested some  
opposition to it, but a better un-  
derstanding of what is really pro-  
posed to be accomplished, i. e., to  
give to our lawmakers the power  
(which they have not now) to for-  
mulate a just and righteous irriga-  
tion law, will probably remove  
nearly all opposition by the time  
the election comes off.

When the people are given to  
understand that the proclamation  
published by the governor did not  
contain the law proposed to be en-  
acted—that the law will be framed  
with an eye single to the every in-  
terest of the people of the west:  
that it gives us the privilege of  
local self government on that im-  
portant subject, which we now  
have not, and will add wealth and  
prosperity to the West, then the  
measure will receive the almost  
solid support of the West.

It is a question of local self-gov-  
ernment, and no one should be af-  
raid of that. The people are capa-  
ble of managing their own affairs,  
and it is a safe thing and a sound  
governmental policy to submit  
to each neighborhood the manage-  
ment of its irrigation system.

**Take The Rustler.**



## LOCAL CHIPS.

The Re-union will be a success. The Sheriff of Sterling county was in the city several days this week.

W. C. Barren says he thinks he will make 40 bushels of corn to the acre.

James Stewart and family paid Edith a visit Sunday and returned Wednesday.

Miss Edna Fair is teaching a writing school at Valley View.

Don't neglect to have your pictures made NOW by Atchison & Elliott. All work guaranteed.

Arkansaw Smith is the only Cash Grocer in San Angelo.

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

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

Remember the Re-union is on next Saturday.

The Photographers, Atchison & Elliott, will be ready to make all kinds of pictures Tuesday the 13th inst.

W. C. Barron who was very sick a part of last week, we are glad to note is up again.

Several parties have gone on a hunting and fishing expedition down on the Concho.

J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, propose to sell goods cheaper than any other house in Coke County.

Call on Cox and Carter at C. Smith's, San Angelo for cheap Lumber and low prices.

Chas. Roe and little son Fred went to Angelo Thursday.

Dr. G. W. Martin is now one of the Colorado Valley Ry. promoters.

Rufe Whitesides and Judge Adams were in town Thursday on their way to San Angelo. Judge will go from that place to Brownwood.

In last week's paper we made it say that W. T. Scott, of Colorado give \$100 to Colorado Valley Railroad, when it should have been \$1000.

Every body come to the Re-union and bring your basket full of eatables.

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

We carry the largest and best selected stock of Dry-Goods, groceries and general merchandise of any firm in the county, and sell as cheap and cheaper than any other house in the county.

J. D. COLLIER & Co., Edith, Texas.

H. M. Bennick informs us that he will in about 10 days open up a \$7000 or \$8000 stock of dry goods and general merchandise in old building formally occupied by Bennick, Stewart & Co.

Last week broke the Coke county record for picnics: One on Pecan Thursday; one on Silver Friday; and one at Sanco Saturday, and those who attended them pronounce them all so many successes.

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

If it is blacksmithing you want, that is what we are here for. McClusky & Stevens.

There were prospectors in town this week wanting 5000 acres of land. If you have land for sale in Coke county you can sell it in the near future.

J. E. Stewart robbed his bees the first of the week of 200 pounds of honey.

Tom Hennessey informs us that lightning struck his house six miles down the Colorado during the rain last Sunday evening. He also says lightning killed 10 steers for Bill McAuley on the same day.

### MARRIED.

On last Sunday, July, the 4th, Edward McDorman and Miss L. E. Childress celebrated the immortal day by their marriage at the home of the brides parents near Edith. The happy event occurred at 4 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Hamlet of the M. P. church officiating. Brether Hamlet informs us that it was quite an enjoyable affair; that cake, watermelons and other delicacies were plentiful and that quite a number of relatives and friends of the young couple rejoiced with them on their embarkation into wedded bliss. The groom was 17 years of age and the bride 18. The RUSTLER with their many other friends, extend best wishes.

Coke county has an abundance of corn and oats.

Oats are worth 40 cents at the railroad, which is worth 19 cents in Coke county.

J. W. Hall returned from Ballinger the first of the week where he had been under the treatment of Dr. Marberry. He is said to be much improved health.

A great many fine watermelon have been brought in this week. Dan Nix brought in the first of the season last week.

Rev. H. Q. Kendall, of San Angelo preached here last Sunday at eleven o'clock. He was here in the interest of the Howard Payne College, of Brownwood, of which institution he is financial agent.

H. H. Hayley and sons, Alvin and Larkin built some two or three miles of fence for Wm. Childress this week.

Colon Lowe, his wife and baby, of Colman County, visited his parents near town the first of the week.

Miss Stella Turner is visiting relatives and friends in Michell county.

The rain that fell last Sunday and Sunday night is reported to be general all over the county.

Morgan Miller came in from the Sherwood country last Saturday and spent a day or two shaking hands with old friends here and left Monday evening for the Ft. Chadbourne and Boomer countries, where he spends few days with friends and relatives.

### THE RAIN.

Last Sunday, the 4th of July, proved to be glorious day for this section of the country. The middle of the day was disagreeable warm, but clouds began together in the evening and before night a fine rain had fallen and a great deal more fell during the night, leaving a fine season in the ground, which insures a fine corn crop and goes along way toward making the most abundant cotton crop ever raised the county.

Perryman & Patteson are in the market for \$1000 of Coke county Scrip.

G. W. Webb, the hotel man and family visited their farm on Oak Creek Sunday and were caught out in the rain.

Temp Whiteside, of the T. K. Wilson ranch on the Concho was in town Sunday.

### Pay Them Nickles.

I wish you would please pay me those nickles you owe me without me having to ask you for them as I need them in my business and that bad. So come on now and settle.

Yours for a settlement,  
GRAND PA HAYLEY.

Perryman & Patteson informs us that they have sold and leased a great deal of land.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tunnell went to San Angelo Wednesday on a trading expedition.

Wm. Childress was in town Wednesday. He says there is some fever with the cattle.

## To The Public.

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Go to J. F. Deats for cheap Groceries.

A rise of several feet in the Colorado this week indicates heavy rains in west.

L. W. Field has our thanks for a couple of nice watermelons. He informs us that he has as fine corn as he ever saw grow and his cotton about waist high. He has about sixty acres of cotton planted on his farm. You can keep a good man down all the time.

Bros. Hamlet and Bates will begin a protracted meeting on Oak creek at camp ground near Rock Springs on Saturday at eleven o'clock before second Sunday in July. Silver meeting will begin on Friday before fourth Sunday in July. The upper Oak creek meeting begins Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August.

All parties indebted to me will please come in and settle same with Ed M. Mobley.

Respectfully  
J. T. HAMILTON.

J. R. Finch went to San Angelo Thursday for groceries for J. F. Deats.

Rufe Whitesides has taken 250 steers to pasture for one Mr. Smith. He has grass for more cattle.

J. T. Parker, of Nolan came down last Sunday and spent a day or two in town this week visiting his wife and children, who are on a visit here also. John is building several tanks on the John R. Lewis Ranch.

Judge H. L. Adams was in town Thursday on his way to Brownwood. He was in Colorado the first of the week and he said the railroad question was very warm up there since the arrival there of the president of the construction company, Mr. Coon.

The Judge was rather slow to take to the idea of the Colorado Valley, but he is now numbered as one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the enterprise.

Dr. Martin informs us that he still entertains some hope for the recovery of Mr. Green of Sanco. He said yesterday that the patient had not lost any in the last 26 hours.

The first bale of cotton for Texas this year was raised in Duval county and shipped June the 29th to W. D. Cleveland & Co., Houston. This bale is one day later than the world record breaker on June 28th 1894.—Ex.

Dr. Latham reports a fine girl born to Mr. and J. E. Quann on Wednesday the 7th.

J. G. Moore bought several head of cow and calves this week paying \$12.50 with calves counted.

Will Perry bought four cows and calves this week of Eli Austin for \$100.

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 GID GRAHAM, Elder.

1st Sunday: Boozer Creek school house Saturday 11 a. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m.; 2nd Sunday: Sanco 11 a. m.; 3rd Sunday: Mulberry Canon Saturday 3 p. m. and Sunday 11; 4th Sunday: Robert Lee, 11 a. m.

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Notice.

We will hold a meeting at Paint creek, beginning in the evening of July the 10th embracing Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Wild cat at 4 p. m. and at night. Monday at Valley View continuing the meeting until Wednesday evening; Thursday at Mt. Margaret, continuing the meeting until Sunday the 18. We expect Bro. Wilson the president of the South West Texas Annual Conference to be with us, and we hope to have a good time. Come all.

W. C. Burr, Pastor.

Doose, Billups & Co. finally closed a deal Tuesday in which W. N. Gentry, of Williamson county, come in possession of 2001 acres of choice Oak Creek land, known as the W. E. Odom ranch. The consideration was spot cash; and locates one of the best "healed" and thorough going men in Texas in our midst, who will soon move his family to Ballinger to live. We gladly welcome them to our midst.—Ballinger Banner-Leader.

Coke county is threatened with such a land boom as she has never known before. It has in fact already set in.

More gentle, refreshing showers yesterday.

J. B. Armstrong and Tom Johnson, of Ft. Chadbourne were in the burg yesterday.

Ed and Lee Good were here yesterday.

J. W. Reed has just received a large stock of fine dress shirts. Call and see them.

Prof. O. H. Gardner, who has been employed to teach the coming term of the Robert Lee public school, was in town yesterday.

W. L. Clawson made a trip to San Angelo Thursday and Friday for James Stewart.

H. L. Stevens, of the firm of McClusky & Stevens went to Angelo Thursday.

Dr. Martin bought about 4000 acres of land at the Sheriff's sale on Tuesday.

Grand Pa Hayley keeps Soda on Ice.

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J. B. Murrain, ranching about ten miles from Robert Lee, has been spending several days in the city. His father-in-law came in Wednesday and reported a two inch rain at the ranch Sunday. They drove out for Paint Rock Wednesday, to prospect for some pasturage.—San Angelo Press.

R. M. Collyns, of Decatur, traveling representative of the Journal, in a recent letter remarks: "I met a farmer here, who sent early in the spring to Nebraska for seed corn; he reports it from two to three weeks earlier than native five seed; in other words, it was quite matured and filled out before the present dry spell set in. It might be a good idea for the Journal to 'harp' a little on.—Ft. Worth Stock Journal.

**OFFICIAL DIRECTORY COKE COUNTY.**

**DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

J. W. Timmins - Judge.  
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 J. W. Barnett - Clerk.

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**COMMISSIONERS.**

E. C. Rawlings - Pre. No. 1  
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 J. C. Newton - " 3  
 J. H. Campbell - " 4

**COURTS.**

District Court convenes 1st Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d Monday, 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 Conche school house at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.; 2nd Sunday at Edith at 11 a. m. and at Wild Cat 4 p. m.; 3rd 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.  
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READY FOR WORK.  
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BY NOW.**

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Colorado Valley Railway Co. was held at their office here on last Tuesday after which the editor had an interview with general manager Wheatcroft. He informs us that both the railway and construction companies were ready and anxious for the construction to be started and that Mr W. S. Coon, president of the Toledo Construction Co. was then in Colorado and that he would go to Colorado himself Thursday (last) and if Colorado would arrange her bonus according to promise, as he thought she would, the work of construction would be started at once. Mr. Wheatcroft says something definite will transpire while he is in Colorado that those people have now had time to get returns from non-resident property owners; that the company is not in a shape to have work delayed and the bonus question, so far as Colorado is concerned must be settled at once or it will no longer be depended upon.

The Colorado Stockman of this week has the following on the subject:

W. S. Coon, president of the Toledo Construction company, railway contractors, Toledo, Ohio, arrived here Sunday night. Mr. Coon was seen by a Stockman representative, and stated that this was his first visit to this section of the country. His company has been operating extensively in the construction of railroads in many of the Northern and Eastern states, having only recently completed several large contracts, notably the construction of the Lake Erie & Bessemer road in Pennsylvania. "I am here," said Mr. Coon, "for business, and if the people want the road and will comply with the required conditions, I have only to touch the telegraph wire and my \$15,000 construction outfit will be shipped down here immediately."

Mr. Coon further said that the construction of the Colorado Valley railroad would result in an immense advantage to Colorado and to the whole section through which it passed. He also stated that so far as the reliability of his company was concerned, he was ready and willing to go to the bank and give unmistakable evidence in that respect. He is here ready, able and willing to do his part, and it only depends now upon the action of our citizens.

The final survey of the first twenty five miles of the road was completed last week, and everything is now ready for work to begin when the people of Colorado give the word.

There is no necessity in further delaying with the matter. If we want the railroad, the bonus should be raised immediately. The amount asked for is not much from Colorado. A public meeting should at once be held and the balance of that bonus raised. Now is the time for Colorado to act.

Fayette Youngblood, of near Edith was in town Thursday on his return home from Hamilton county, where he has been visiting friends and relatives for some time. Fayette says that he never saw better crops than they have down there and that the wheat and oats are the finest they have been for years.

## -Program- Ex-Confederate Re-Union OF COKE CAMP

No. 600, U. C. V.

-Officers of Camp--

J. L. Robinson, Com.; H. H. Hayley, Adj., and Officer of the day.

**July, 17th 1897.**

AT

**Robert Lee,  
TEXAS.**

Forenoon.

Exercises commence at 10 o'clock A. M.  
Old soldiers meet at the Court House—form line and march to the arbor at 10 o'clock sharp.

Song by the ladies,  
Instrumental music.

Welcome address, by G. W. Perryman.

Music.

Dinner.

Afternoon

Address by Judge Crosson, of Ballinger.

Reorganization.

Every body invited to attend.

Members of neighboring camps specially invited to attend.

Everybody invited to attend, bring a basket of eatables, help to make the affair a success and enjoy a day of sociability.

### NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Colorado Valley Railway Co. is hereby called by order of the Board of Directors of said Company, to be held at the Head offices in Robert Lee, Texas on the 21st day of July 1897, at 11 o'clock A M for the purpose of passing such resolutions as are required by law preparatory and prior to the issuing of bonds on the said Colorado Valley Railway and all its appurtenances and property, for an amount sufficient to continue the construction, and complete and equip the said Colorado Valley Railway, and to authorize the Directors and Officers to execute the Mortgage or Deed of Trust to secure the payment of said indebtedness, and to transact such other business as may be necessary and incident to this purpose.

WITNESS MY HAND at Robert Lee, Texas, on this the 15th day of May 1897.

W. F. Buchanan,  
Secretary of  
The Colorado Valley Railway Company.

Doss Bros., Druggists of Colorado, are putting up a Liquid Serew-Worm Killer which they guarantee to kill the worm, cure up the wound and keep the flies away.

Our people will extend a cordial welcome to Mr and Mrs. Ben Plaster, who are now occupying the residence purchased from Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Plaster has moved his stock of cattle back here from Arizona and says he has come to stay this time.—West Texas Stockman.

We have the finest crops that we have had for years.

The following are those who have subscribed toward getting up the \$30,000 bonus asked of Robert Lee and Coke county to bring the Colorado Valley Railroad to Robert Lee.

J. H. Burroughs	\$500
J. A. Burroughs	25
W. F. Buchanan	300
Will Perry	25
J. G. McCulloch	25
J. E. Latham	100
Gid Graham	100
J. M. Perry	200
Don Green	100
J. W. Reed	500
G. W. Webb	25
J. L. Barron	100
J. E. Stewart	10
J. T. Hamilton	200
J. W. Barnett	100
H. E. Johnston	100
J. F. Deats	100
J. R. Finch	50
H. M. Bennick	100
J. D. Davis	300
J. J. Fry	50
E. C. Good	500
H. H. Hayley	100
J. W. Hall	100
C. L. Hughes	10
L. H. Brightman	100
T. J. Goss	10
J. H. Warren	20
I. M. Bennick	100
Pleasant Storm	25
I. W. Evans	15
E. Cartledge	1000
L. B. Harris	1000
G. W. Perryman	500
A. B. Scott	100
W. C. Merchant	100
M. H. Davis	30
J. H. Turner	50
Henry Williams	50

There has also been real estate worth several thousand dollars subscribed, but as yet the value of the same has not been agreed upon.

The following is the very liberal contract:

The Colorado Valley Railroad Company.

Robert Lee, Texas Mar. 29, 1887,  
We the undersigned in consideration of the benefits accruing to us from the construction of a line of standard gauge Railroad from some point on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad to some point the Texas & Pacific Railroad via Robert Lee, Texas hereby agree and promise to pay the respective amounts set opposite our names as a bonus to the Colorado Valley Railroad Co., or their assigns, the same to be paid as follows to-wit:

When five miles of the road-bed is actually constructed toward Robert Lee, Texas from either of the aforesaid Railroads, ten per cent of the amount herein subscribed shall be due and payable when ten miles of the road-bed is constructed an additional ten per cent shall be due and payable. When the Railroad is completed to Robert Lee, Texas and the first train run over the line from either of the aforesaid Railroads to Robert Lee the remaining eighty per cent shall be paid. In case the construction of the said new line of Railroad is not commenced within six calendar months from the first day of April, 1897, this obligation is to be null and void, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

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