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Forty Years After.
We climbed to the top of Goat Point hill.
Sweet Kitty, my sweetheart, and I,
And watch the moon make stars on the waves,
And the dim white ships go by,
While a throne we made on a rough stone wall,
And the king and queen were we,
And I sat with my arm about Kitty
And she with her arm about me.

The water was mad in the moonlight,
And the sand like gold where it shone,
And our hearts kept time to the music
As we sat in that splendor alone,
And Kitty's dear eyes twinkled brightly,
And Kitty's brown hair blew so free,
While I sat with my arm about Kitty,
And she with her arm about me.
Last night we drove in our carriage
To the wall at the top of the hill,
And though we're forty years older
We're children and sweethearts still.
And we talked again of that moonlight
That danced so mad on the sea
When I sat with my arm about Kitty
And she with her arm about me.
The throne on the wall was still standing,
But we sat in the carriage last night,
For a wall is to high for old people
Whose foreheads have linings white,
And Kitty's waist measure is forty,
While mine is full fifty and three,
So I can't get my arm about Kitty
Nor can she get both hers about me.
—Ex.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson is touring the West, avowedly for the purpose of learning personally the needs of that element of people whose interests he is supposed to especially guard. He is telling the farmers that it is his desire to bring the work of the Agricultural Department up to their actual requirements, and especially to extend and multiply the operations of the seed distribution system.
The aim is commendable, and it is hoped that the Secretary will meet with encouragement on his tour. It is doubtful, though whether there is a demand for extending the system of the seed distribution department, though there is a demand for increasing its efficiency. On this question a recent tabulated report of the Agricultural Department gives some interesting facts. The report shows that during the fiscal year ended June 30 these distributions of seed were made: Flower seed 1,012,500 packages, at a cost to the government of \$8,000; radish seed, 2161,000 packages costing \$13,000; to-

mato seed 2,000,000 packages, costing \$13,500; cabbage seed 2,000,000 packages costing, \$13,000; turnip seed 1,500,000 packages costing \$13,000.
In like proportions other ordinary garden seeds were distributed during the year, making a total of 20,000,000 packages sent out by the agricultural department of a cost to the government of about \$120,000.
Undoubtedly the governments liberality in this respect may accomplish some good if wisely directed, but it is extremely doubtful whether either either care or wisdom is applied to this seed distribution. Members of congress send out seed indiscriminately when applied to entailing the expense of transportation as well as the cost of the seed on the government. But if Secretary Wilson will systematize the work and thus lessen its abuses, the people generally will accord him credit for common sense and honesty.—St Republic.

Matter of importance.
Referring to the forced collection of taxes by suit under the new law which took effect on the 20th inst. Comptroller Finley states: "Under the provisions of the law enacted by the 25th legislature for the collection of the delinquent taxes the list will soon be compiled by the tax collectors of the counties, suits will be instituted in the district courts against all delinquents and their lands will be sold by the Sheriff under the decrees of court to satisfy all such unpaid taxes and costs."
"When suit is brought the costs of court will become a serious burden to the delinquent taxpayer, and when property is sold under the said act it can only be redeemed by payment of double the amount for which it is sold, including taxes, interest and cost. Prior to sale redemption may be made by payment of taxes with 6 per cent interest per annum and such costs as shall have accrued.

It is therefore, of the greatest importance to our citizens who may be in arrears for taxes that redemption be made at the earliest date possible before the institution of suit and the consequent accumulation of cost. Attention is thus directed to this important matter through the public press for double purpose: 1. With the hope that it may tend to the collection of delinquent taxes. 2. That many who may not otherwise be informed may be benefitted there and avoid the penalties sure to follow the institution of suit.—Ex.
The following dispatch from Kansas City if true would go to show that the people of Kansas are not hurt so badly by the hot winds as they were scared when the mishap came: "Over 6,000 cattle—202 car loads—were shipped to the country from the stock yards yesterday, to be fed on the farms, and all grades of feeding and stock cattle sold at advanced prices—so great is the change in the sentiment wrought by the

general rains. Commission men are receiving many orders to buy feeders and there is demand for many hundred thousand dollar to be invested in cattle for short time feeding.
—West Texas Stockman.

Colorado Valley excitement has now broken out at Childress and may eventually extend to the moon. Bro. Wheatcroft was seen eyeing pale Luna at Sweetwater a few nights ago, and it has given rise to the suspicion that he has designs in that direction.—West Texas Stockman.

The country editor is a walking encyclopedia. A subscriber once sent this query to a country newspaper. "What ails my hens? Every morning I find one of them keeled over to rise no more." The reply was: The fowls are dead. It is an old complaint and nothing can be done except to bury them.
—Ex.

A Nebraska man who had a car or two of horses to sell wrote to a friend in Washington, D. C., asking if it would be advisable to try to sell them there. His friend replied: "The people of Washington ride bicycles, the street cars are run by electricity, and the government is run by jackasses. No need for horse flesh here."—Ex.

Freighters on a Strike.
The freighters who ply their occupation between San Angelo, Sonora and Ozona complain they are not receiving just compensation for their work and refuse to carry freight at the present rates between the above named points. They ask the following:
To Sonora—Salt 75 cents a sack, groceries and dry goods, 40 cents a hundred. To Ozona—Salt 80 cents a sack; groceries and dry goods, 50 cents a hundred; lumber, \$10 a thousand feet; furniture \$11 a thousand pounds. For points beyond, one-half cent a pound per mile.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Hon. B. J. Evans of Greenville has received a personal letter from Gov. Culberson, in which that gentleman announces his candidacy for the United States Senate next year. The governor says that while it was not his intention or desire to make such announcement so far in advance of the opening of the campaign, similar action on the part of others appears to make it advisable.

The Greeks are shouting for war again. And yet they certainly seem to acknowledge that they had enough of it by the celerity which they got away from the Turks on every possible occasion during their recent little difficulty.

W. L. McGaughey of Hood county in a letter written Dr. S. W. Johnston, of Corsicana, he says he has decided to make the race for Commissioner of the general land office.

J. W. HARRIS, Druggist Sundries, Paints and Oils,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Justice Clawson's court is in session this week.

Mr. J. G. Walton, of Bronte is moving to Lee this week.

Mr. — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker on the 24th a girl.

J. E. Higgins, was in the burg Tuesday attending justice court.

Mrs. G. W. Webb has our thanks for some nice peaches.

James Stewart and D. L. Buchanan made a trip to San Angelo the first of the week, after freight.

The young folks enjoyed an entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed last Saturday night.

G. J. Moore and wife and son Finis, returned from a trip to Ballinger Sunday.

Go to the Lee Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 25 cents.

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

J. F. Sturman, of Valley View settlement was in town Tuesday and Wednesday attending justice court.

Joe Robbins, the Hayrick stock farmer was in the burg Tuesday having some blacksmithing done.

E. E. Douglas, the Ft. Chadbourne Post Master was in town on business Tuesday.

It cost you nothing to look at Arkansas Smiths goods. San Angelo, Texas.

Arkansas Smith, of San Angelo is the cash man. See him for prices.

Notice To Scrip Holders.

All Jury Scrip from 171 to 516. Registered November 19, 1892, to Nov. 8 1894. Registered by Geo. Williamson can be paid off.

C. L. Hughes,
Co. Treasure
Coke county.

W. C. Barron and family, made a trip to Ballinger this week.

W. P. Walling sold to C. Hall, of Colorado city last week, 65 head of steer-yearlings at private terms.

E. C. and Will Good, of down the river were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Weathers and son Jim, passed through town Thursday on their way to San Angelo after supplies.

Wiley Byrd was in the burg the middle of the week.

G. W. Webb and J. W. Hall left yesterday for Mr. Webb's ranch and from there they will go to the campmeeting, O. Oak Creek.

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

Mr. A. C. Ashley and family, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Barroughs for several days returned home in Brown county Wednesday. Mrs. Barroughs returned with them.

T. A. Fannin and family, of Crews, Runnels county passed through town Wednesday on their way to Sterling City to visit friends and relatives.

Will Perry bought 30 head of cows last week of Lee J. Good. Terms private.

Brother Bates, who has been very ill for several days is again able to be up and stirring around.

B. F. Extina, Arcade, San Angelo, Texas, is the place to go when you want clothing hats, shoes, shirts, underwear and neckwear, when in San Angelo give him a call.

County clerk J. W. Barnett and wife went to San Angelo Monday, to purchase their house keeping furniture.

R. L. Hayley and family, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Coleman county returned home Monday.

W. L. Lowe, was in the burg Monday.

The notorious Will Green called in to see us Tuesday and told us if we not mention his name this week there would be more war in the Rustler office.

W. T. Richards and Geo. Moore, of the Ft. Chadbourne country were in San Angelo a day or two this week.

Sam Martin, of down the river was in San Angelo the first of the week laying in supplies.

N. B. Stepp, left for the eastern part of the state Monday morning, where he goes to buy cattle.

F. L. Harris and family, are visiting friends and relatives in San Angelo this week.

J. D. Collier & Co., at Edith are receiving New Goods every week. They are up to date and always in the LEAD in LOW PRICES.

J. B. Merrah, a stockman, from up the river was in San Angelo Monday on business.

Prof. H. T. Carter, informs us that he has cotton that will make a bale of cotton to the acre.

Marriage license were issued to Mrs. T. M. Vaughn and Miss Laura Warner on the 24th inst.

I. Kinzie, sold to W. C. Barron this week 20 head of stock cattle at \$13 per head calves counted.

Mrs. L. A. Hayley and children, of Cisco, Texas, are here visiting friends and relatives.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston, made a trip to San Angelo this week after lumber to do some repairing at his ranch near Edith.

J. D. Collier & Co., at the Edith Store are selling Eight Pounds of Roasted Coffee—any brand for One Dollar.

We have been crowded with job work this week.

Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Three bales of cotton were gined out this week.

J. M. Williams, of Bronte, was seen on the street Thursday.

Wheat was worth \$1 per bushel in St. Louis last Saturday and still rising.

Mrs. W. C. Lock and Mrs. J. I. Martshaw of cross river were shopping in the burg Thursday.

Keesee, of Tennyson was in town a day or two this week looking after land business.

Montgomery Trimble sold his farm about two miles south of town this week to R. L. Hayley. We failed to learn the price paid.

We done job work for J. F. Deats, C. L. Hughes, and B. J. Norton this week.

R. B. Higgins, of cross the river paid the Rustler office a pleasant call Wednesday. Come again.

Watch this Space.

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MRS. M. REED.

The RUSTLER is 5 a copy.

If you don't think B. J. Norton is a carpenter just call at the Rustler office and see the job he put up for us.

H. J. Kecton, of San Angelo was with us several days this week. He says he is well pleased with our town and while here purchased some property.

The case in justice court of the State of Texas vs. J. J. Vestal for unlawfully shooting cattle was tried Tuesday and Wednesday and J. J. Vestal was acquitted.

Mrs. C. L. Hughes, was sick several days this week.

I. M. Bennick, J. H. Dancer, W. F. Buchanan, E. A. Dancer, and Bill Dancer returned from Sweetwater the first of the week.

J. L. Barron, was sick several days this week, but at this writing he is improving.

J. L. Taylor, was fined \$5 and cost in Justice Court Wednesday for disturbing the peace.

If you have any carpenter work you need done call on B. J. Norton.

W. B. Harrison, visited his ranch near Edith the first of the week.

Died

On the 24th inst, the little 2 year-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Trimble, and was buried at the Robert Lee cemetery on the 25th. The Rustler extends sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

School Opens.

On Monday, Sept. 6th, I will open a private school for all pupils above the first grade. Especial attention will be given to those studies in which the pupil is most deficient, therefore those desiring to strengthen themselves on any particular branch or branches would do well to attend. Tuition reasonable. Your patronage cordially solicited. Very Respectfully,

O. W. GARDNER.

J. F. Steichney, of Jonesboro, Hamilton county is here this week prospecting and visiting friends and relatives. He is a brother-in-law of R. P. Perry's.

Robert Lee, Aug. 13th, 1897.

To the Trustees and Teachers of Coke county.

Gentlemen: I respectfully ask each one of you to meet in Robert Lee, on Saturday the 4th day of Sept 1897, for the purpose of a thorough organization, and a general understanding of the law and school work for the next school year.

Very Respectfully,
S. J. Chapman Co., Judge,
Ex. Ofico Co., Supt.

W. F. Robinson who has been in the Oklahoma country for several months returned to his home on Monday. Frank says that the Oklahoma country has fine crops and they think McKinley prosperity has struck them. He says he will leave Monday for Brownwood, where he will attend the Howard Payne College until about May 1898 and then he will return to stay a while with us.

Mrs. J. R. Purcell, of Edith is said to be very sick.

Brother Burr, was in the city Tuesday and informed us that the campmeeting, which commenced at the upper camp ground on Oak creek last Saturday night is being carried on with considerable interest and much good is being accomplished; that they are there from Sterling, Nolan, Mitchell, Runnels and Taylor counties.

The following preachers are assisting Brother Hamlet in the meeting: Bros Broyles, of the Decker mission, W. W. Hampton, Norris of Mulberry canon, Taylor county, W. W. McKinley, of Ballinger, and W. H. Grooms, of Hylton.

Wiley Byrd sold last week his entire flock of sheep numbering 975 head to A. W. Mills of Sonora at \$2 per head. He will leave next week for the eastern part of the state on a prospecting tour.

H. E. Johnston and son, assessor of Coke county, called on THE PRESS yesterday. He is in buying lumber for his ranch in Waier Valley, where he is making some improvements in the way of pens, etc. Mr. J. says his people are prosperous and contented.—PRESS.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Ballinger, Texas.

Mr. Henry Cooke and Miss

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A Challenge.
 Robert Lee, Texas,
 Aug. 9th 1897.
 Mr. Graham: At the close of my meeting at Robert Lee, you stated that you would affirm that the "Alien Sinner" receives remission of sins prior to baptism. I now challenge you to debate the question with me at your appointment. If you accept it answer through the Rustler and I will be there.
 Respectfully,
 D. T. Fairly.
 Robert Lee, Texas,
 August 25th 1897.
 Mr. D. T. Fairley,

Dear sir:
 In the Coke County Rustler of the 21st inst. we are greeted with an open challenge from you to debate the following proposition to-wit: The Alien Sinner receives remission of sins prior to baptism, claiming that I said at the close of your meeting at Robert Lee, that I would affirm said proposition. In answer to which I must say that I certainly made use of no such language. I did say, and you will not try to deny it, that I would affirm at my appointment, which I did, that a man may be born of God made an heir of God and a joint heir with the Lord Jesus, prior to baptism, meaning water baptism; the only kind of baptism you accept, and without which, according to your own argument, no man can become a child of God and feel the virtue of Christ's blood. Now Mr. Fairley had you quoted me correctly I might have felt under some obligation to accept your challenge; but since you have seen fit to misrepresent me and that without any reason as I can see, (since you could and did quote my exact language to me at Robert Lee fourteen days after you made the challenge.) To maintain self respect, I must refuse to accept the challenge. Believing that your conduct fully merits this reply, and hoping that you will be more careful in the future, assuring you that I bear you no personal ill will I am very respectfully yours,
 Gid Graham.

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Railroad News.
 Work Begins Monday Without Fail.
 J. H. Burroughs returned from Sweetwater yesterday and informed us that work would commence Monday and that that was no lie—would have commenced yesterday, but Friday was an unlucky day: that The Toledo Construction Company's contract had been canceled and that Mr Coon is no longer with the Colorado Valley he says that they will let the road to small contractors and that about half of the line has been let. They are still grubbing and they have cross sectioned about 12 miles of the line. Work will sure commence Monday.
 Lee Lynch, of the divide was in town several days this week.
 John W. Lovelady returned from Coke county Wednesday. His observation was that it had rained and people were building houses and barns, especially Lum Hudson, who is building an 8800 one of the latter. He says they have got ears of corn out there as long—well, longer than the Colorado Valley railroad.—San Angelo Press.

The Journal again repeats what it has often said before, that she cattle are worth more and ought to sell for more than steers. This fact is fast dawning on those wanting to make investments in cattle, and doubtless in less than twelve months the heifer yearling of our big well bred herds will sell for more money than can be realized for the steer yearlings of the same herds.—Stock Journal.
 John L. Sullivan has announced for mayor of Boston, and his opponents are nervous over it. A synopsis of his platform is, "Honesty in public office, treat the poor right, tax the man that can afford to pay, scare thieves, do everything in the open.—Ex.
 Fred Beck received last week 40 head of fat cows, bought from Will Perry, of Robert Lee.—San Angelo Press.

**OFFICIAL DIRECTORY
 COKE COUNTY.**
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 J. W. Barnett - Clerk.
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 W. C. Merchant - Attorney.
 J. W. Barnett - Clerk.
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 H. E. Johnson - Tax Assessor.
 C. L. Hughes - Treasurer
 Gid Graham - Surveyor.
 J. M. Perry - Inspector
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 E. C. Rawlings - Pre. No. 1
 Sam Saylor - " " 2
 J. C. Newton - " " 3
 J. H. Campbell - " " 4

COURTS.
 District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.
 County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.
 Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May, August and November.
Coke County Church Directory.
 Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
 Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
 Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
 Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
 Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
 Saneo, 4th " 11 a. m.
 Eugene T. Bates, P. C.
 Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Saneo, 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
 McGoovock 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, W. C. BURE, Pastor.

The following are the appointments of Primitive Baptist church.
 Gid GRAHAM, Elder.
 1st Sunday: Boozer Creek school house Saturday 11 a. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m.; 2nd Sunday: Saneo 11 a. m.; 3rd Sunday: Mulberry Canon Saturday 3 p. m. and Sunday 11; 4th Sunday: Robert Lee, 11 a. m.

WAGON YARD.
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J. E. Stewart,
W. B. Harrison.

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All who are indebted to the firm of Bennick, Stewart & Co. will please come in and settle up by the 1st of September, or we, Stewart & Harrison, will bring suit against you for the amount due us. Respectfully,
J. E. STEWART
&
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(Brother A, who is organizing a church)
Brothers and sisters we have met here for the purpose of organizing a church as there are enough of us to organize.

We will ask all of the brethren and sisters to sit with us in conference.
We will have to elect one of our number Bishop, one Elder, one Deacon and one Clerk.
"Brother C, who is a member of the conference asked: "Can you find the passage of scripture where the Apostles first organized the church?"

A: Yes; It was at Pentecost or on the banks of Jordan or on the mount.
C. Who was the bishop?
A. Peter I guess.
C. Who were the elders?
A. I think Peter was.
C. Who were the deacons?
A. I think it was some of the apostles.
C. Brother A, we have chosen you as pastor of our church and we want to know where the church was first organized; and you said at Pentecost or on the banks of the Jordan or on the mount—I do not understand you. Is there no certainty about it? We hold that the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice; and does it not tell us where the church was organized? or do we have to guess at it?

Now about those officers of the church; the answer you gave me was: I guess or I think, but I think your answer is weak.
Again I would like to know who was clerk of the church
A. Now look here, brother C, you seem to be very inquisitive! I guess you have been reading that paper, called the "Stumbling Stone".
C. No; I met a man the other day and he said that bishops and elders in scripture were all the same persons. He said elder meant older; and he said the church clerk was not needed; that a clerk ship in the church was unscriptural.
A. That man must have been crazy! How did he expect us to carry on our church organization? The clerk is the one that records our names and keeps the church record.

C. He said the church organization was unscriptural; and he said the only scriptural church register was kept in heaven.
A. That settles it? That man is a reader of the Stumbling Stone paper and is an old crank. We know the Bible speaks of churches and if there are churches we must have our names recorded.
C. But, he says, there is no authority for joining the church.
A. What does he mean! does he aim for us to stay out of the church.
C. No; he said that we were baptised into the church by one spirit, and that the word joined the church is not once mentioned in the scripture.
A. I understand. That is that old pull back you met.
C. If you do not give more scriptural answers than you have been giving, there is likely to be more pull-backs.

J. A. POWERS.
We don't publish the above because we believe in any such nonsense, but by request of J. A. Powers. After reading it, we taken a good dose of salts and now we feel all right.

Pro. Fall, of Vienna says that that the end of the earth will come November the 13th, 1899, when this globe will come into collision with a comets tail and all its inhabitants will either be burned to death or suffocated.

On last Monday wheat was worth \$1.05 -1-2 and on Thursday of this week it dropped to 96 1-2.

Edith Dots.
Edith Texas Aug., 25th 1897.
Editor Rustler:

As I have seen nothing in your paper from Edith for sometime I will give you the neighborhood news.
We have had fine rains of late but west of us five or six miles it has not rained enough to put out any stock water yet.

We are glad to report J. R. Pappell able to be up.
Jim Good came in from Scurry county last Thursday with his fair bride. We wish for them a long and happy life.
Mrs. W. H. Pearson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Arnett for two months returned to her home in Burnett county last Wednesday.
Dick Arnett went to San Angelo last week and brought out a new wagon and mower.

M. B. Sheppard, and wife Misses Maggie Fields and Dona Brown are attending the campmeeting on Oak Creek.
Sam King, went to Ballinger last week to meet his brother and family.

Born: On last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn a 11 pound boy.
Born: Yesterday to J. C. Newton and wife a girl.
Joe Harmon, of Johnson county, a nephew of J. M. Sparks is out here looking at our county. He says he likes the country very well.
A. C. Gardner has gone to Devils river after his sheep.
We are sorry to learn that uncle Joe Gardner is going to move to Lee for he is one of our best men.
Success to the Rustler and the C. V. R.

Respectfully,
PETE.

Average conditions of crops in the State of Texas for August 1897: Corn, 83 per cent; oats, 97; Irish potatoes, 95; sweet potatoes, 87; tobacco, 85; cotton, 78; sorghum, 94; sugar-cane, 74; apples, 67; peaches, 57; grapes, 63; and rice 77.

ANOTHER RAILWAY.

Colorado Receives a Proposition for a Line That Will Come from the North.
A communication was received here Friday from a prominent capitalist of Little Rock stating that a strong company had been organized for the construction of a line of railway from Memphis, Tennessee to Albuquerque, and that a branch would be built from a point in the Panhandle to this city, provided our people would extend the necessary encouragement. The matter has been taken in hand by local capitalists and the gentlemen will be given assurances that Colorado will give them a handsome bonus whenever they extend the line into this city.
—West Texas Stockman.

Notice
I will commence a protracted meeting on Saturday evening before the first Sunday in October at Valley View, Coke county Texas. We will hold forth our quarterly conference on Tuesday at 3 p. m. and our Annual conference, of the Southwest Texas Mission conference at Valley View, commencing at 10 A. M. Thursday, October 7th. Every one invited to attend this meeting.
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