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Our Aim.

To the Patrons of the Robert Lee Public School.

Recognizing that there can be no success in the school unless the father, the mother, the teacher, and the pupil keep school together, and that the degree of success is proportional to the amount of this co-operation, and feeling that without a thorough understanding of each other and of the purposes of schooling co-operation will be slight, we deem it needful to make known our intentions and plans for the ensuing term.

There are many views as to the purposes of educating. Some would have us make grammarians of their children, some book keepers, some mathematicians, and some good readers, or historians, while others of some what broader educational views would be well satisfied to have their boys and girls made proficient in the old standard only. "Reading, Riten, Rithmetie."

That all the patrons may understand from the beginning of our term what to expect, we will state now that there will be no efforts made to develop specialists. No more time will be given to one study than to another merely because a pupil may chance to be partial to that study. If pupils are more apt in history, or in arithmetic and like to study either of them in preference to the other branches, that is conclusive evidence that they should devote less time to history and arithmetic and more time to the disagreeable branches. We learn to like what we know most about.

Again, there is an erroneous idea prevalent that the number of pages gone over, the number books gone through with, and the number of studies the pupil is trying to keep up, is an index to the amount and quality of work accomplished by the pupil. It is a noted fact that many of our best teachers get over the least ground in a given length of time, while some of the poorest teachers can go through greatest number of books. As a test of a teacher's ability we think a more appropriate question would be, "How long a time can you devote to a subject," instead of, "How quickly can you get over it." To no action, does the old maxim "Make haste slowly," apply more appropriately than that of teaching.

It depends on the primary work or the foundation laid in arithmetic, history, geography, grammar or any other branch as to whether the child will go through the school interested in that branch or not. To lay a broad foundation both in books and morality upon which to build the "temple of character that will remain not only as long as the works of man shall last, but as long as Heaven endures," should be our aim.

How many, Oh! how many young men and women have attained elevations too lofty for the foundations laid in youth, have attempted to build among the clouds, without foundations fixed on the earth, thus to find themselves toppling over demolished by the ill winds and stern realities of

of life which encircles them!

Too many of our boys and girls are studying algebra, geometry, latin and chemistry, who should be spending their early school days in mental arithmetic, English grammar, spelling, and learning to read good books. Too many of our little schools are undertaking to do collegiate work, when they ought to be spending more time in the elementary work.

We know that a parent is proud to see a son or daughter advancing to the higher branches, but they should be certain the child is thoroughly prepared to enter said branches before they give their consent. We know, too, that many teachers owe their popularity to a peculiar ability to make the parent believe his child knows more than it really does, and in making them believe it is advancing when, in fact, it is only memorizing the words of some text book, without a thought of why it is learning this or that. While the immortal Pope says, "He wins his patrons who can tickle the best," we have a higher opinion of the intelligence of the patrons of the Robert Lee school than to believe they can be won by the tickling process alone.

The educated person or the brightest pupil is not the one who can answer the greatest number of question, but the one who can think and reproduce the thought of his lesson. That education is best, not which imparts the greatest amount of knowledge, but which develops the greatest amount of mental force. "To aid the pupil in developing self-reliance, to make pupils independent of the living teacher, and help him master the secret of getting knowledge from books is to fit him for graduation." The little knowledge we get in school is nothing more than a drop, compared to the great ocean of truth that lies undiscovered beyond our vision. Hence, our efforts in every recitation, throughout the term, will be directed toward the developing of mental power rather than the acquisition of facts.

While we will not deny that one great function of the public schools is to teach the pupils how to make a living, we desire to emphasize that the bread and butter question is naturally solved in a broad culture, mental power, honest industry and by righteousness.

Our special efforts will be directed towards building character, the main purpose of all instruction; to make men and women in the true sense, not merchants, legislators, governors, or presidents. "We have 'oodles' of men who are legally honest, but morally rotten." The great need of the world to day is, active, self-reliant, religious men and women with force of character, who delight in the true, the beautiful, and the good.

Very Respectfully;
O. W. GARDNER,
Prin., Pub., School.

An Orange Given Legally.

If a man were to give another an orange, he would merely say, "I give you this orange," but

when the transaction is entrusted to the hands of a lawyer to put in writing, he adopts this form: "I hereby give grant, and convey to you all and singular my estate and interest, right, title, claim and advantage of and in the said orange, together with all its rind, skin, juice, pulp and pips, and all right and advantage therein, with full power to bite, cut, suck or otherwise eat the same, or give the same away, as fully and effectually as I, the said A. B., am now entitled to bite, cut, suck or otherwise eat the same orange, or give the same away, with or without its rind, skin, juice, pulp and pips, anything heretofore or hereinafter or in any other deed or deeds, instrument or instruments, of what nature or kind soever to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.—Ex.

News Paper Etiquette

It very frequently happens that visitors to a printing office do things calculated to annoy some of the employes. For the benefit of those we print a few rules:

When you enter the printing office do not handle the type in a case. If you want to handle it say so to the printer and he will be glad to leave his work empty upon the editors table where you can set in his easy chair and examine it at your leisure never mind putting the type back—the printer can do that after you have finished.

Don't read the proof sheet, clippings or manuscript. If you wish to know what is going to appear in the next issue of the paper ask the editor to read it aloud to you. He has plenty of time and will be grateful to you for the chance to quit his work and entertain you.

Never ask for a sample copy. Discover where the are kept and help your self to as many as you want, above all things do not offend the editor by tendering payment for them. It flatters him to think you want to read it, and it is cruel to end his satisfying daydream by the mention of so worldly a thing as money. Besides he only publishes it for the glory there is in it. Just help your self to the exchanges. If any are still in their wrappers take them out. They contain later news than the others.

Before going make some pleasant remark to the editor about how easy it is to run a paper and express your surprise that he does not run it better, you would leave an aching void in his heart should you forget to do so.

If you are interested in how things look in type have the printer set up your name in the nicest type in the office and then take it home with you for a curiosity. He likes you to have a memento of him. Other people's forgetfulness is the bone of existence. Ask the editor, if you are perfect stranger to him, to supply you with a duplicate key to his post office box, so you can get his exchanges regular. If he be a gentleman, he will give you the key without asking, but some editors are not gentlemen.—The Type Founder.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

The vacant houses in town. Grass is green. Cotton picking is the order of the day. Several new subscribers this week. Considerable sickness this week. Prof. Thomas was in from his Edith ranch one day this week. D. C. Nix had another bale of cotton ginned this week. G. V. J. F. Deats' Fred Wagon Yard. J. H. Burroughs and J. M. Perry, returned to Sweetwater Tuesday. Prof. J. B. Hudman, of down the river was in the city the first of the week. Farmer H. H. Hayley, of north of town is here this week attending justice court. W. R. McDonald and D. L. Buchanan went to Angelo this week. Fayette Mays, of the Oak creek country was in the city a day or two this week. Durmay McDonald, of Colorado city was here several days this week visiting friends. James Stewart is putting a partition in his business house. He will in a few weeks put in grain. R. L. Story and wife of the Valley View community were trading in the city the first of the week. It is reported that H. A. Walfgin bought several head of calves in the Conner neighborhood, near Silver at \$12.50 per head, but they were fine ones. W. P. Walling, the Edith cowman was in the city one day this week on business. W. B. Harrison, one of our business men made San Angelo a business visit this week. Grand Pa Perry and J. A. Powers, of the Indian creek country were seen on the streets Wednesday. J. D. Collier & Co., at the Edith Store are selling Eight Pounds of Roasted Coffee—any brand for One Dollar. J. C. Turner and W. R. Boykin went to San Angelo Wednesday with cotton. Alvis Ashley left Thursday morning for Brown county on a few days visit. Mrs. J. H. Burroughs will return home with him. Prof. O. W. Gardner will open the subscription school Monday morning. W. F. Buchanan and J. H. Dancer left Wednesday for Sweetwater to commence work on the C. V. R. J. M. Perry bought of Mart Trammel this week the house and lot now occupied by J. H. Dancer and family. We failed to learn the price given. Read the new ad of J. A. Hays & Co., in this issue. They want your trade and advertise for it. Road overseer Walton, and his hands worked the Edith road Friday and Saturday. H. A. Walfgin, of Colorado was in town a day or two this week hunting calves to buy. We will publish the Obituary of Mrs. Green and Mrs. Craddock in next week's issue. We would have published them this week but failed to learn the particulars.

Mrs. L. H. Brightman and Mrs. J. O. Tolver and their children who have been visiting in Comanche county for several weeks returned home Tuesday and now you ought to see Doc and L. H. Brightman smile.

Geo. Allen, the music dealer and Billie Whytock the confectionary man, both of San Angelo were in the city a day or two this week doing business with our people.

Married

Mr. Buster Robinson and Miss Edna Fair, of the Oak creek country arrived in the city Sunday evening. Early Monday morning Buster was seen with county clerk Barnett and he procured his license and they were married at the Webb hotel about sun-up. County Judge S. J. Chapman officiating. They left town about an hour by sun for the Oak creek meeting. The Rustler wishes the happy couple much happiness.

J. M. Crawford, of Kerrville, son-in-law of I. C. Williams passed through the city Saturday on their way to Mr. Williams. They will make their home in Coke county.

I. C. Williams, of near Sanco, was in town the first of the week and reports everything lovely. He informs us that he is making molasses, and that he will make about a hundred gallons.

B. F. Moore, D. P. McCinnis and R. P. Edgar, all of Hamilton county were in the city the first of the week. They are here prospecting, and say they are well pleased with Coke and will locate with us if they can find what they want.

Married.

Mr. W. T. Hazelwood and Miss Loula Douglas were married at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas, of Ft. Chadbourne. The groom is one of Coke's prominent young stockmen and his fair bride is one of Coke's fairest daughters. They will leave in a few weeks for Crockett county, their future home. The Rustler joins their many friends in wishing them much happiness.

Pleas Childress who has been in the Indian Territory for several months with his father's cattle returned home Monday. Pleas says they come out alright this year and that all that had cattle there did not loose anything.

Dick Arnett, a prominent cowman, of the Divide was in town a few hours one day this week on the lookout for calves to purchase.

Commissioner E. C. Rollins, of the Bronco country and his brother A. J. Rollins, of Barnett county were in the city a few hours one day this week. Mr. A. J. is here prospecting and will probably locate with us. He wants to buy about a 7 or 8 section ranch. If you have one for sale it would pay you to see him.

W. F. Cathey, of Sanco country, was in town Monday on business.

J. F. Deats and family, made a trip to Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Deats returned home Sunday, but Mrs. Deats will stay at that place for some time as she is under treatment of Dr. Marberry.

E. M. Deats and Mark Boon of Llano, are here visiting J. F. Deats, the former is a brother of J. F. Deats.

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To The Cattle Raisers.

Robert Lee, Texas, Sept. 1, 97. To The Cattle Raisers of Coke county.

Gentlemen: I have been requested to call a meeting of the cattle raisers of this county at this place to take in the consideration of Quarantining this county against Southern and Southwestern cattle being introduced or driven through this county.

I have set Saturday, the 25th of this month for said meeting at Robert Lee. I respectfully ask and insist on every one who feels an interest in the cattle industry of this county to be on hand at the time and place in order that a full and free expression may be had, and such steps as prudence and justice to all concerned may be taken. And if thought best a thorough organization effected for our future protection and general welfare.

Very Respectfully,
S. J. Chapman,
Co., Judge.

Milt Goode and Mr. McElroy the merry-go-around man had a little difficulty at the barbecue grounds Thursday night, which added some to the county finances. McElroy said he was a distant relative of Milt's and had hoped to meet him here but he wasn't much stuck on the mode of introduction.—Roby Banner.

This was our W. W. McElroy, who drives the Sweetwater mail. He was at Roby with his "flying jenny," and the way we learned it, it was this wise: One of Mr. Goode's children was riding on his swing and when the time come for pay he would not pay, and Mc got after him and his father taken it up. We failed to learned whether he got his pay or not.

Died.

Mrs. J. A. Green, (of 6 miles south of town) died on the 31st of August. The cause of her death was Consumption. She was buried in the Robert Lee Cemetery Wednesday, Sept. 1st 1897. She was sick only a few days. The Rustler sympathizes with the bereaved husband and children.

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.

Dois From Edith.

Edith Texas, Sept. 1st, 1887. Coke County Rustler:

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. R. Parcell has been very sick since our last writing, but glad she is now improving.

County commissioner Fred McKinzie, of Mitchell county, also a prosperous cattle raiser was down at G. C. Arnett's ranch on business last Saturday.

I. J. Good, made a trip to San Angelo last week after supplies for his ranch.

Jim Good, Al Key, and H. E. Johnston went to San Angelo last week after lumber.

Rev. Jno. Reed went to Colorado City last week and from there he went to Poscoe after his daughter, Miss Edna, who has been there taking music lessons for some time.

Dock Powell, a prosperous stock raiser, of Sterling county was here yesterday hunting grass and water for a bunch of eastern cattle until Nov. 15th.

Cotton picking will begin next week.

Rev. Simpson, State Missionary for the Baptist church will hold a few days meeting at Pecan school house, commencing Saturday before the Second Sunday in this month.

Respectfully,

PETE.

Died

Tuesday Sept. 1st Mrs. S. S. Craddock of Sanco, who was sick only a short time. The Rustler extends sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

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County Surveyor, Coke Co.

DR. B. F. DULANEY.

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Railroad News.

Sweetwater, Texas,
Aug., 30, 1897.
To The Coke County Rustler.

This morning at 6:30 o'clock I left my hotel and walked out to where the first cut was wanted to be made on the Colorado Valley Railroad. On my arrival on the grounds I saw several teams hooked up to scrapers and four large mules all harnessed with a large railroad plow attached to them. At about 7 o'clock a. m. the word was given and the work on the Colorado Valley was actually commenced. Now Mr. editor if some of those mind readers and wise men that inhabit this part of the world, together with their brother calamity howlers, who knew that this C. V. Ry. enterprise was nothing but trick, robing, scheming and etc. that the idea was an absurdity to think that a railroad could or ever be built through this portion of the world.

Could they have been with me this morning and have saw what I saw, surely they would have been bound to say, well, this looks like railroading? After seeing this outfit start off, Mr. Wheatcroft the general manager informed us that he was going out on the second mile, where a gentleman who had contracted for the work on that mile was ready with several teams to commence throwing the dirt on his contract.

We are officially informed that ere this week ends that there will be men and teams at work along for miles out the line.

One That Was There.

What Robert Lee Has

Robert Lee has three dry goods and grocery stores, two grocery stores, one hardware store, one millinery and dress-making store, one livery stable, two drug stores, one barber shop, one billiard hall, one cold drink stand, one carpenter shop, and three carpenters, two blacksmith shops, two wagon yards, one furniture store, two guns, four law offices and five lawyers, one grist mill, three hotels, one nice church, one school house,

three doctors, three land agents, one printing office, a daily mail from San Angelo and Ballinger, and semi-weekly from Sweetwater, and the best set of county officers a county ever had.

What Robert Lee Wants

Robert Lee wants a railroad and will have one in six months—more business men, more houses, more people and when we get the railroad we will get that. But at the present we need a good cotton buyer worse than any thing else. We will raise in the country this year about 6000 bales of cotton and we need a good cotton buyer and that bad.

The San Angelo Standard says, this week we have the pleasure to announce another valuable enterprise for San Angelo. It is a new ice factory and cold storage plant with 20 tons of ice per day capacity, and 10,000 cubic feet of storage room capable of handling ten car loads of perishable goods. The plant comply with all modern inventions and improvements will cost \$20,000. It will be a stock company, with Mr. Geo. Bond, and two of the largest breweries in the United States as stock holders.

Hush UP or Go.

Stand up for your county town. Its a poor man that will live in a community and run it down at the same time. If you don't like where you live, get out and go some where you do like and hush talking about your neighbors, and be perfectly quiet until you can get out. Then if you are bound to blow off "shoot your bazoo." There is a weak point about the person that is always running down the town and wont leave it.—Ex.

Ex-Mayor Frank P. Holland, editor and proprietor, of the Texas Farm and Ranch filed suit in the Fourteenth district court of Dallas against G. P. Meade, of Ft. Worth and J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls for \$100,000.

This suit grows out of the late constitutional amendments election and a circular which was widely distributed containing alleged statements as to the position assumed by Mr. Holland the irrigation amendment.

Mr. Julius Range, one of the oldest cotton buyers of Galveston believes that this is the time to hold cotton for better prices, on account of the mills of the world having a less supply on hand than any year since 1860. And even if a large crop should be raised, the spinners will need every bale of it.—Ex.

Jim Crenshaw has purchased the Legal Tender Saloon. The price paid is between \$5,000 and \$6,000.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Clyde Davis has retired from journalism and says he will never more be a candidate for office.

Habna's free and unlimited coinage of promises to office politicians are worrying him no little. He can't redeem them all.

Estimates, according to Gov. Calhoun's new fee bill will save annually to the state \$85,000.

Rufus Sanders, the great humorist, writer was shot and killed by Jap. Gafford at Greenville, Alabama. Gafford is threatened with lynching.

Married.

On Sept. 1st Mr Joe Green of Santo to Miss Ella Jameson of Cedar Hill neighborhood. The Rustler extend best wishes to the happy couple.

W. E. Ingram, who has been attending court in Barnett county several weeks returned home Saturday last. He reports good crops in that part of the state, but says Coke's cotton crop beats any thing he saw while gone.

Little Pearl Burroughs has been on the sick list this week, but is now improving.

C. H. Cooper of Silver was a pleasant caller at the Rustler office Thursday. He reports everything thriving in his neighborhood.

The post master at Frisco Oklahoma, has been notified by the whitecaps to leave town.

On Sept. 19th, tax on cigarettes will go into effect. The tax is \$10 for the state and \$5 for the county. The price of cigarettes has been raised by the manufactures, and now the price will be raised to 10 cents a package.

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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.

A. F. & A. M. LODGE.

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

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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 17th. Every one invited to attend this meeting.

W. C. Burr,
Pastor of Valley View Mission Conference.

THE FUZZLED DUCHMAN.

A Wisconsin paper contains the following good story: One who does not believe in immersion for baptism was holding an evangelistic meeting, and one night preached on the subject of baptism. In the course of his remarks he said some believed it necessary to go down into the water and come up out of it to be baptized. But this he claimed to be a fallacy, for the preposition "into" of the scriptures should be rendered differently, as it does not mean into at all times. "Moses," he said, "we are told, went up into the mountain, and the Savior was taken into a high mountain. Now, we do not suppose that either went into a mountain, but unto it. So going down into the water, it means simply going down close by or near to the water, and being baptized in the ordinary way by sprinkling or pouring." He carried this idea out fully, and in due season closed his discourse, when an invitation was given to any one so disposed to rise and express his thoughts. Quite a number of his brethren arose and said they were all well pleased with the sound sermon they had just heard, and felt their souls greatly blessed. Finally a corpulent gentleman, of Dutch extraction, a stranger to all, arose and broke the silence, that was almost painful, as follows:

"Mr. Breacher, I ish so glad I vas here tonight, for I has had explained to my mint some dings dat I never could believe before. Oh, I is so glad dat "into" doesn't mean into at all, but shust close by or near to; for now I can believe many dings vot I could not believe before. We reat, Mr. Breacher, dat Tainel vas cast into de ten of lions, and came and came out alive. Now, I never could believe dat for the wilpenst would shust eat him right off; but now it ish all clear in my mint. He was shust close by or near to, and did not get into de ten at all. Oh, I ish so glad I vas here tonight. Again we reat dat de Hebrew children vash cast into de firish furnace, and dot always look like a heeg story too, for dey would have been purat up; but it ish plain to my mint now, for dey vas shust cast py or close to de firish furnace. Oh, I vash so glad I vash here tonight. And den, Mr. Breacher, it ish said dat Jonah vash cast into de sea, and taken into de whalesh pelly. Now, I never could believe dat. It always seem to me to be a heeg feesh story; but it ish all plain to my mint now. He vash not into de whalesh pelly at all, but shust shumpt onto his pack and rode ashore. Oh, I vash so glad I vash here tonight.

"And now, Mr. Breacher, if you will shust explain two more passages of Scripture, I shall be, oh, so happy dat I vash here tonight. One of dem ish where it saish de wicked shall pe cast into a lake dat burns mit fire and brimstone always. Oh, Mr. Breacher, shall I pe cast into dat lake if I am wicked, or shust close by or near to—shust near enough to be comfortable! Oh, I hope you tell me I pe cast only shust py a good ways off, and I will pe so glad I vash here tonight. De odder passage is dat vich saish blessed are dey who do dese commandments, dat dey may have right to de tree of life, and enter in troo de gates into de city, and not shust close by or near enough to see vat I have lost—and I shall pe so glad I vash here tonight."

E. N. Tammill has our thanks for a nice lot of sweetpotatoes, and they were due ones too.

Afraid Of Fermentation.

I desire to inform the public that by the consent of the editor of the Rustler, I put a piece in our worthy paper in the form of a dialogue between Bro. A and C, upon religious matters such as question and answers that are every day agitating the minds of religious people the world over.

It was a piece in which I considered was not a grain of personalities; yet our most worthy editor has seen fit to spend his opinion about it.

His remark was, that we do not 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.

I do not exactly understand what he means. He failed to explain what part of the dialogue was nonsense. He may have had reference to the usages of the so-called churches (of which Bro. C was trying to obtain, and Bro. A trying to give authority for) or he may not believe in any such nonsense as is practiced by the denominations of to-day, or perhaps he doesn't believe the bible at all—hence can afford to criticize a scriptural subject. But, that is the first time in life I ever known of an editor to criticize (with out assigning any reason whatever) any contributions that are given him for publication, when it contains no personalities, but only shows the difference between truth and error, by question and answer.

The scripture teaches us that if we put new wine into old bottles, that the bottles will break and the wine will be spilled.

I suppose that the danger of their breaking is caused by the fermentation that sets up when the wine is put in the old bottles. And the fear of fermentation caused from new ideas taking the place of old ones, seems to have induced our young editor to take the large dose of salts he spoke of.

Guess he didn't want any "splooin' his'n' d'you?"

I do not write this because I wish to retaliate, or because of any malice, but because I desire to, and must defend myself.

So I will close for the present. Success to the Rustler and all its readers.
J. A. POWERS.

Turn On The Hose.

I. J. Good was in the burg Thursday night. Ask him what he has done with his straw hat and what he will take for it.—Coke County Rustler.

Edith, Texas, Aug. 21, 1897.

To the Coke County Rustler:
I have got my hat yet, but will sell out without a fight. Say, what did that fight cost you and how much would it take to get you to rope up just one more? I thought I would give this to The Press, as it don't take so much water to run it. If you want to ask anymore about the hat, let it come. I hate a d-d thing.

I. J. Good.

We are glad to hear that you have not sold your hat yet, but will say, if we had the money back that we paid out on that fight we could buy us a straw hat too. So you can guess what the fight cost us. Well Mr. Good at the present we don't feel like fighting and don't think we could stand—know we couldn't, unless there was something wrong with our legs. We don't fully understand the water question.

Well yes, if we want to ask anymore about the hat we will see the little boy at Cedar Hill, who was so inquisitive. Now Mr. Good, if you want to know anymore about the fight, see the County Attorney he got the money.

First Bale of the Season.

The first bale of cotton to reach San Angelo this season was brought in Tuesday by D. C. Nix of Coke county, and was bought by S. Lapowski & Bro. at 7:60. The second bale was brought in the following day by D. W. Hale, of the Tennyson neighborhood in Coke county, and was purchased by the same firm at 7:1-4. Mr. Hale secured the first bale premiums last year, and would have been first this year had he not been delayed several days in picking by the heavy rains.

—San Angelo Enterprise.

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