

# THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

*H. D. Pearce,*  
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**Bronte News.**  
 Every thing is gliding smoothly. The new School building is nearly complete.  
 H. D. Pearce was delivering fruit-trees at Bronte Saturday.  
 Monroe Baugh sold a mule to the mule buyers at \$47.00  
 Mr. Lewis sold five head of mules, consideration \$195.00  
 T. L. Vaughn, one mule \$62.50  
 Bud Parish one span \$95.00  
 D. E. Scott one mule \$30.00  
 R. N. Henderson sold Geo. Casey 111 acres of land terms private.  
 Dr. Leach went to Hyllton this week on business.  
 Rev. R. M. Cumbie has a new Studebaker wagon.  
 Will Carlton and D. Best are drilling a well for J. D. O'Daniel.  
 J. D. O'Daniel, Sr. is building a new addition to K. M. Mayes' chimney.  
 Dr. Clark has completed two new rooms to his residence.  
 We saw one of Bronte's best citizens covering up a pig in his cotton seed, but now don't you think it was bug juice for it was too thick.  
 Rev. R. M. Cumbie, F. M. Cumbie and Forrest L. Clark went to Angelo last week.  
 There is a better season in the ground now than we have had since the first of last July.  
 As soon as the ground gets dry enough the farmers will begin breaking their land.  
 Mr. Kelsie Wylie, a Coke Co. ranchman was in Bronte last week on business.  
 Mrs. Fisher has a very sick child but is much better at this writing.  
 Every one seems to treat the Crauk with silent contempt on the negro soul problem, it seems that he is left where Moses was when the light went out. (In the dark.)  
 Mrs. Shook, mother of J. F. Shook accompanied by her son, K. J. Phillips are visiting relatives in Goldthwaite.  
 Pink Eaton has opened up a new blacksmith shop. So Bronte has two blacksmith shops.

LUCENE.  
 From Waco.  
 Waco, Tex.,  
 Dec. 3-1899

Mr. Editor:—  
 Being some time since I wrote I thought I would tell you of some of Baylor's happenings.  
 Thursday being Thanksgiving there was no school, but all of the students attended services at the First Baptist Church, where we heard an interesting sermon.  
 Our noble president gave the student's a reception at the Georgia Burselon Hall, which was well attended and highly appreciated and enjoyed by all who participated.  
 Friday morning we were to be addressed by one of the greatest men in the U. S., Hon. William

Bryan, and three of the greatest men of Texas viz. Gov. Sayers, Ex-Gov. Hogg, and Post Master General Smith. Their coming was hailed by the firing of cannon and music by the band. As they entered the University, they were greeted with applause from the assembled students and patrons.  
 In the afternoon a street parade was given in their honor in which the Baylor cadets participated.  
 Their speeches will long be remembered by the students and all connected with Baylor University  
 Baylor's foot-ball team were challenged by the A & M team, next best in south of Bryan. And Baylor concluded she had better learn how to play foot ball. It somewhat aroused Baylor for it was her first defeat.  
 The wheel of knowledge continues to turn in Baylor and will remain so.  
 We students are looking forward to the Christmas holidays expecting a pleasant visit home.  
 Wishing success to the Rustler and all it's readers. I remain  
 A STUDENT.

Christmas is coming.  
 Don't fail to notice the large new ad of Mistrot Bros & Co. this week.  
 What is meant by English Suzeranty over the South African Republic?  
 It means that England claims the right to "boss" the Republic wherever she takes a notion. So far, the English have never been able to establish their claim of "suzeranty. The word means "a nominally independent small state which owes its allegiance to a big State."

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**PELICANS IN THE BIG MUDDY.**

**Greatest Colony of the Birds on an Island in the Missouri River.**

From the St. Louis Republic: Pelican bend, in the Missouri river, near St. Charles, Mo., is the scene of a great annual gathering of pelicans. There is a big flat bar in the river there which has endured far beyond the usual span of a bar's existence in the treacherous, shifting current of the Missouri. This bar is the semi-annual stopping place of vast flocks of pelicans that migrate from south to north in the spring and from north to south in the fall. Persons who have observed their habits claim that they invariably arrive at Pelican bend on September 4, and remain until cold weather sends them south. The pelican is not an attractive bird. He offends both the eye and the nose. But he is commendably regular in his habits. The parent birds catch fish and after eating their fill deposit the others in their pouches under their bills and carry them to their young. These pouches will hold from three to eight pounds of fish. They are elastic, and when distended to their utmost nearly touch the ground. When empty the pouch lies closed up under the big bill and is merely a mass of wrinkles. It is this pouch that gives the pelican his characteristic and disagreeable odor, caused by particles of decaying fish. The pelican's legs are short and strong, and its feet have large webs. It is not a fast swimmer nor a rapid flyer, but it is practically tireless in both air and water. On land it is awkward and unwieldy. Its feathers are pure white except for a fluffy tuft of brown plumage that is seen on the top of the head for about six weeks in the early autumn. This tuft disappears in August and leaves a pimply bald pate that is not pleasant to view. At first the skin is red, then pink, then a straw color. By November 1 the skin on the head hardens into a horny crest, which grows as the winter progresses until by the time the bird arrives at its breeding place in the northwest it is so prominent that it is called the "centerboard" because of its resemblance to the centerboard of a sailboat. When properly cured, the pelican skins and plumage are largely used in women's garments and hats.

**DON'T WORRY.**

**A Few of the Epigrammatists' Shots at Woman's Chief Foe.**

Worry is the father of insomnia. Worry is forethought gone to seed. Worry is discounting possible future sorrows so that the individual may have present misery. Worry is not one large individual sorrow; it is a colony of petty, vague, insignificant, restless imps of fear, that become important only from their combination, their constancy, their iteration. Worry is the traitor in our camp that dampens our powder, weakens our aim; under the guise of helping us to bear the present and to be ready for the future worry multiplies enemies within our mind to sap our strength. Worry must not be confused with anxiety, though both words agree in meaning originally, a "choking" or a "strangling" referring, of course, to the throttling effect upon individual activity. Anxiety faces large issues of life seriously, calmly, with dignity. Anxiety always suggests hopeful possibility; it is active in being ready and devising measures to meet the outcome. Worry is the dominance of the mind by a single, vague, restless, unsatisfied, fearing and fearful idea. The mental energy and force that should be concentrated on the successive duties of the day is constantly and surreptitiously abstracted and absorbed by this one fixed idea.

**Cycling in France.**

The cycle tax in France serves one useful purpose—that of illustrating the growth of the pastime in that country. So great has been the rise of automobilism in France that some diminution might have been expected in the Frenchman's enthusiasm for the cycle. The actual figures, however, speak emphatically to the contrary effect. In 1894, the first year of taxation, the number of machines was 203,306; in 1895 it was 255,084; in 1896, 329,816, and in 1897, 408,869. The figures for last year, however, have just been published and show a total of 483,414, or nearly half a million. It may confidently be expected, however, that the figures for the present year will greatly exceed even this total, for not only is the pastime showing no signs of diminution, but regulations introduced this year with respect to the carrying of a plaque will insure a more widespread payment of the imperial tax, which many riders have previously found it possible to evade.

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Isaac Brock.

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HUBERT H. PEARCE,  
Editor.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1899.

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**Advertising Rates**  
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Nearly all of the best people pay for and read the Rustler.

Robert Lee will have plenty of fire-works and Christmas presents

Married. At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lowe, near Saco, Mr. Henry Wyatt of Valley View and Miss Bamma Lowe, on last Sunday. Eld. Gid Graham officiated. This young couple have the good wishes of the Rustler and a numerous circle of friends throughout Coke. Mr. Wyatt is an energetic and steady young man possessed of all the good qualities necessary to make his bride happy; while the bride has grown from childhood into radiant young womanhood. In our midst, and enjoys the friendship of all her acquaintances.

May Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt live long and always be happy.

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Teach your children that it is honorable to work for a living. It always makes us tired to see people who are as poor as Job's turkey turning up their noses at "laboring people" Such cant fills the brothels of the land with fallen women and the jails with criminals. The army of criminals is recruited from the ranks of those who consider it a disgrace to labor for an honest living. And it is natural, because he who will not work, is too proud to beg, must steal or starve.—Baird Star.

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### Court House News.

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J. J. Fry and wife to C. L. Hughes 11 acres, a part of Survey No's 981 and 982 in name of S. A. Maverick for \$350.00

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#### From Dickens Doings.

John Lindly of Coke County is stopping at the Try This Hotel. He will probably spend the winter here.

John Weathers, late of Coke County, has purchased the Dunwoody residence in West Dickens and will move into it as soon as he can get possession. Mr. Dunwoody has taken charge of the City Hotel.

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**Estray Notice.**  
Returned by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Sept. 29 1899. One bay mare, no brand, white spot in forehead, shed in front, about 6 or 8 years old, about 14 hands high. Running in F. and S. M. Conner's pasture near Silver.  
J. W. Barnett, Co Clerk Coke Co.

**Estray Notice.**  
Reported by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct, No. 3 Coke County Texas.  
One brown mare, five or six years old, branded VE on left shoulder. Also one brown ball faced mare three years old, with brown colt, branded VE on left jaw. Above stock running in W. S. Tripp's pasture. This Sept. 8th 1899 J. W. Barnett Co. Clerk. Coke County.

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For 26 Years has Led all Worm Remedies. GUARANTEED  
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Large Line and LOW PRICES.  
Bed room suits, \$16.50 up. Rocking Chairs, \$1.50 up.  
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Established 1889.  
**Robert Lee, Texas.**

**\$3.20** Buys four full quarts (one gallon) of the very best Whiskey, better than Haynor's  
Cash with order, and if the goods do not give entire satisfaction, notify me and get your money back.  
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And get all the NEWS  
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## LOCAL CHIPS.

For Lime call on J. J. Vestal. Jewelry for sale at Pearce's Drug Store.

Mrs. Eli Rabin was shopping in town last Saturday.

Will Weathers was in town Saturday.

W. L. Hayley was in town Saturday in attendance on Judge Burroughs Court as a witness.

Joe Scott, of Bronte, was seen on our streets last Saturday.

L. M. Vowell spent a few hours in town Saturday.

Mr. Baldwin and his accomplished young wife, of Rock Springs, were in town Saturday.

**NOTICE!** The tax-payers of the Robert Lee High School District are notified that their taxes must be paid on or before January, 1900, or cost will be added. J. H. Burroughs, Assessor and Collector.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in town last Saturday. Prof. Carter is a gentleman of the old school, whom it is always a pleasure to meet.

Mr. Wylie from ten miles South of town was in last Saturday.

Prof. Allen Baldwin was in the capital last Saturday.

Prof. Cooper, from Silver, was in town latter part of last week.

### Notice.

The members of Richard Coke Camp No. 600, U. C. V. are requested to meet at the Court House in Robert Lee on Saturday Dec. 16th, to attend to very important business. By order of Commander J. P. Hutchinson, H. H. Hayley, adjt.

Bro. Clark and wife, Methodist minister, arrived here last Saturday. The Rustler joins the people of Robert Lee in welcoming them.

Mrs. B. U. Smith, an accomplished lady from beyond Edith, was in town shopping Wednesday.

Master Walter Martin, one of the Cedar Hill Sunday School members, was down this week with his father C. D. Martin.

Call and see the nice presents at Pearce's Drug Store. Plenty of fire-works on hand too.

Our photographer, Mr. Powers, is doing business right along.

J. E. and Wylie Byrd sold a beef in town Tuesday.

Each purchase of fifty cents worth of Holiday goods from Mrs. Ingram will receive free a chance at an eight dollar Album.

J. C. Newton made a business trip to Angelo this week.

Our friend, Will Lasswell, was adjudged "not guilty" of carrying a six shooter unlawfully.

640 acres of land, about 75 acre under fence, 15 in cultivation, good dirt, tank, Dwelling house, about 9 miles north of Robert Lee For further information call on Perryman & Averitt.

Judge H. L. Brightman was up from Comanche representing his clients in Justice Burroughs court last Friday and Saturday.

We learn that Dr. Toliver is just completing a new and nice home in Comanche.

Miss May Stickney is visiting at Bronte.

H. D. Pearce of Ballinger made a successful delivery of Fruit-trees here this week.

The Cliff Creighton case was continued at San Angelo this

### Gin Notice.

The Robert Lee gin will run every Friday hereafter and the mill will grind every other Saturday as here-to-fore.  
L. H. McDorman & Co

### Notice.

All persons are hereby warned that Mattie and George McDonald have separated, and everyone is warned not to trade for any stock branded, T Y on left hip or left thigh, said stock belonging to Mrs. Mattie McDonald, nor to trade for or buy any other property belonging as above.  
T. S. Vaughn.

The Cliff Creighton case was continued on application of defendant, for lack of witnesses present.

Pasturage. Can feed fifty head on sugar cane and can pasture 150 more. Plenty of water and good grass. B. L. Acrey Robert Lee, Texas.

Mrs. W. E. Cathey was shopping in town Wednesday.

W. W. McElroy is again carrying the Sweetwater mail.

Take a look at Mrs. Ingram's Christmas goods.

Mr. McFarland of Sterling City has moved into the Dr. Toliver house.

Mr. Ashley, of Brown County, has moved into the Deats house. He is brother-in-law to J. H. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCraw were in town Tuesday.

Remember the fine Album offered free by Mrs. Ingram.

Rufe and Temp Whitesides, two of our most jovial stockmen, were in town since our last issue.

Jim, Will, and Lee Weathers were all in town last Saturday.

If you want anything in the drug line. Call at Pearce's Pharmacy. If they haven't it in stock they will get it for you.

Call and see samples of cheap and fine tailor made clothing, at Lewis Bros. fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

Judge D. T. Averitt, one of the best Attorneys in West Texas, attended Court at San Angelo, first few days of the week returning Tuesday.

We now have a new and complete stock of merchandise at prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co. Edith, Texas.

Uncle Zack Boezer and wife, were in town this week from their home on Boezer Creek. It is always a genuine pleasure to meet Uncle Zack and talk with him.

F. L. and R. H. Harris will give \$100. reward for the arrest and conviction of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

Dillon C. Dannelley dealer in Dry goods, Groceries, Hardware, and confectioneries, Ballinger, Texas. Give him a call.

Robert Hagerton and wife were up to Sanco Sunday, to the wedding of Miss Bamma Lowe and Mr. Henry Wyatt.

Dillon C. Dannelley, dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and Confectionaries, Ballinger Texas.

F. M. Prichard, a good citizen from up on the divide was in town Tuesday.

Several young ladies called on the Rustler this week. We are always glad to see them.

Our friend, C. D. Martin, of Silver, was down Wednesday and pleasantly remembered the Painter.

Dillon C. Dannelley deals in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Texas.

J. M. McGary, a handsome gentleman from Ft. Chadbourne was in town Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Mobley spent a few hours in town last Monday.

One of Silas Conner's children has been sick some days, near Silver.

Mr. Smith, from up on the divide was in town Tuesday.

B. A. Boykin was in Tuesday.

Mr. Stokes, from up near Cedar Hill was in town Tuesday. His wife accompanied him.

H. W. Walton, of Valley View, was up Tuesday.

Raymond Lowe, one of Sanco's young men spent a day or two in town this week.

Mr. Bob Hayley was in Bronte one day last week.

Mr. Holiday Hayley was in from Hayrick last Saturday.

Mr. G. C. Lasswell made a business trip to Angelo this week.

Jim Stewart went to Angelo this week.

S. C. Wilkins went to Angelo this week.

Miss Lola Lambert, our charming primary teacher here, attended the teachers' meeting in Angelo.

Miss Amelia Caraway, one of the teachers of this county, was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Durham and son, Mr. Elton, of Sanco, were in town last Saturday.

The "boys" who ate the thanksgiving turkey were all released last Thursday.

Our people are all making preparations for the holidays.

Prof. Gardner and Prof. Savage two of our reliable teachers attended the teachers' meeting in Angelo.

Mr. Ed Fletcher and sister, of Bronte, were shopping in town Saturday.

Prof. J. L. Ross was on our streets Saturday. He is teaching the Valley View school.

Judge H. L. Adams, from above Sanco, was down last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ella Padgett and Miss Cofer, interesting young ladies from Silver were in town shopping in town last Thursday.

A New Year will soon begin.

# A Big Display

## AT MISTROT BROS. & CO.

OF DOLLS, TOYS, and, in fact, a nice line of Christmas Goods We are making the prices, and the "Rush is on."

BLANKETS, CAPES, BOYS, YOUTH'S AND MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, AND A Complete line of Dry Goods, Shoes, and Boots.

We claim to buy goods cheaper than our Competitors, as we have 23 Retail Stores and a large wholesale establishment. Which places us in position To carry out our claims.

We haven't time to quote prices, but cordially invite you to call and get our prices.

Our Ladies' fine \$2 00 Kid button Shoes; Regular, but our leader for \$1.35 Are big values and fast sellers. See the pair we have cut open at our store.

25cts gets each of the following articles: 8 spools of best thread, 6 large pencil Tablets, Set of Plates, Pair of men's rubber shoes, and many other equally good values.

Fifteen per cent off until Jan. 1st on all our trunks. This alone is a big saving over and above our already low prices.

Remember our price, that one and all and our aim, to sell and please you So that we may be able to sell you again.

YOURS TO PLEASE,

## MISTROT BROS. & CO.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

## J. E. Stewart

Is "in it" with a large and well assorted stock of

## Holiday Goods,

—CONSISTING OF—

## Fire-works, Fine Presents

And GIFTS of every description at prices ranging From 5 cents up.

Look at my stock of Dolls, Albums, Toys, Candies,

Also Fruits and numerous other desirable things not mentioned.

Don't fail to see my goods before you purchase.

We have the BEST, CHEAPEST, NEATEST AND CLEANEST line of

## Tin and Glassware

Ever brought to the county. Drop in and take a look at Our prices and quality. It will pay you.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

## J. E. Stewart.

J. V. Sumrall was in town Saturday and while here pleasantly remembered this paper.

Eld. R. M. Cambie was unavoidably absent from his last appointment at Cedar Hill, but will be there on Saturday night before the first Sunday in January 1900.

A nice rain fell over our country last Friday and Saturday.

Our Waco correspondent favors us with an interesting letter this week.

Mr. H. D. Pearce, of Ballinger, is up on a business trip this week.

Cold weather.

Hon. Sam Saynor has the thanks of the Rustler for furnishing the first data received at this office, from which we could give a sketch of one of Coke's many organized churches. Who will be next?

Read the two big advertisements on this page.

Died. On Tuesday the 12th, inst the eighteen month old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Ross, who live southwest of town about four miles. The little child was buried Wednesday afternoon in the Robert Lee cemetery.

**HOOD'S GUARANTEES** a cure. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.





