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The Peoples Bank

We make an earnest effort to accommodate all classes. Our aim is to make this in every respect the Peoples' Bank; a bank where all may feel at home; a place where those of moderate means may expect the same treatment as those more favorably situated.

The First State Bank,

BRONTE, TEXAS.

or at any gaming table or bank or other thing mentioned in this act, or shall bet or wager upon anything in any place to which people resort for the purpose of betting or wagering, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, provided, that where the conviction is for betting at any game, table or bank, the court or jury may in addition to said fine impose a jail penalty of not less than thirty days.

In the Passing

If we were never tossed upon the sea of trouble we would never land at the haven of rest.

If Joseph had never been Egypt's prisoner, he would never have been Egypt's governor. The iron chains about his feet ushered in the golden chains around his neck.—Haskell Herald.

The Blue Front Livery Stable.

We have bought the above named stable on the south side of the square and have refurnished it with good

Fresh Horses and New Vehicles.

We also own the Sweetwater and Robert Lee Mail Line and the end of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail Line. Besides a general stable business we will give special attention to handling passengers and express over the mail lines and want your patronage.

PERRY & McAULEY, Proprietors,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

DEATH BLOW TO GAMBLING

Governor Signs Bill Making it a Felony to Run a Gambling House or to Rent Premises to Gamblers.

If any person shall directly or as agent or employe for another, or through any agent or agents, keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming, any policy game, any gaming table, bank wheel or device of any name or any slot machine, any pigeon hole table, any jenny table, ten pin alley or table or any of any kind whatsoever, regardless of the name, or whether named or not, or of the number of pins, balls or rings used for gaming, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by confinement in penitentiary not less than two years nor more than four years regardless of whether any of the above mentioned games, tables, banks, alleys, machines or slot machines are licensed by law or not; provided that any such alley, table, bank, wheel, machine or device shall be considered as used for gaming, if the table fees, alley fees or money or anything of value is bet thereon.

If any person shall rent to another or shall keep or be in any manner interested in keeping any premises, building room or place for the purpose of being used as a place to bet or wager or to gamble with cards, dice, dominoes, or to keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming any bank, table, alley, machine, wheel or device whatsoever, or as a place where people resort to gamble, bet or wager, or which is under his control, to be so used, shall be guilty of a

felony and upon conviction shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than four years regardless of whether any of the above mentioned games, tables, banks, alleys, machines,

now authorized to be levied by the General laws. Said election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof made so far as practicable, in the same manner as is required by the general election laws of the State; at

after said election, and receive the returns and declare the result of said election, and if a majority of the votes cast in said county shall be in favor of said additional tax, the said county shall enter an order upon its minutes duly declaring the result of said election, and thereafter as soon as practicable, it shall levy an additional ad valorem tax for road and bridge purposes, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation upon the property in said county subject to the Jones

And any exercises. taxes shall be collected as provided in this act. The qualified taxpaying voters of said county at an election for that purpose shall otherwise determine, on which account an election shall be ordered by the Commissioners Court upon a petition of at least one hundred qualified taxpaying voters of the county; provided that said Court may at any time, within its discretion, order such election of its own motion without such petition.

All elections provided for in this section may be ordered either at a regular or special session of the Commissioners Court, within its own discretion. In case a tax is levied all funds arising therefrom shall be expended among the several Commissioners precincts according to the assessed values in each precinct.

A Pennsylvania legislator has introduced a bill which provides that any person who shall assault an editor or newspaper man who has written unkind things of him shall not be held guilty of any offense. At this rate it will not be long before the newspaper man will have to wear a dog tag. As the press becomes more independent the politicians become more tyrannical in their treatment of it.—Dallas News.

NEW ARRIVALS Of Spring Goods

Our immense line of new Spring Goods has arrived and is now on display at our store. Our buyer was in the market early and thus secured the pick of more than a dozen lines. The result will be shown you when you visit our store, and we will guarantee that you will be more than pleased. A nice line of

Ready-to-Wear Clothing

FOR BOTH GENTLEMEN AND LADIES.

Look through our lines before you buy. If its something correct at moderate prices you want you can find it here.

OUR STOCK OF FRESH GROCERIES

is the most select to be found. If you want to dress well and live well at moderate cost trade at

McCallum-Reed Co.

THE HOUSE THAT SELLS EVERY THING.

wheels or devices or things are licensed by law or not, and any place or device shall be considered used for gaming or to gamble or for betting or wagering, or if any fees, money or anything of value bet thereon, or if the same is resorted to for the purpose of gaming or betting. If any person shall bet or wsg

To Levy a Road Tax The following is an extract from the special Road law in regard to levying a Road Tax. It is the only successful and practical way of securing good roads and Coke county should hold an election and levy a road tax. Then and not till then will we have good roads. Below is the law in regard to such elections.

The Commissioners Court of Coke county may, upon its own motion, or upon the presentation of a petition signed by one hundred qualified property taxpaying voters, order an election to be held in said Coke county, by the qualified property taxpaying voters of said county, to determine whether or not an additional annual ad valorem tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation shall be levied upon all property in said county subject to taxation for road and bridge purposes, in addition to amount

said election each ballot shall have written or printed on it the following: "For the tax" or "against the tax," as the case may be. At said election no person shall be permitted to vote unless he be a qualified taxpaying voter of Coke county. The Commissioners Court of said county shall convene in regular session within ten days

If You Have to be Sick

You want the best and purest drugs to be had. Our stock

DRUGS And MEDICINES

Are the purest and best money can buy. Our prescriptions are filled by a regular registered pharmacist and they are given the most careful attention. Our toilet articles and druggists' Sundries are well selected, and our prices are as low as it is possible to make them.

The City Drug Store,

P. D. Coulson and Son, Props.

To Stock Raisers!

LUBIN FELIX

The German Coach Stallion will make the season at Johnson & Spinks Stable, Bronte, Texas.

Terms, \$25 Insured.

Arrangements have been made for good pasture and special attention and care will be given all animals by our care. YOURS FOR BETTER HORSES.

GERMAN COACH HORSE CO.

JOHNSON & SPINKS, PROPRIETORS.

Do You Need Drugs?

Or in fact do you need anything kept in a well regulated drug store? If you are sick we want to fill your prescriptions day or night or sell you preparatory medicines of any kind. If you are well and want anything in

Toilet Articles or Jewelry

we have them. If you want to paint that house we can furnish you with paint, brushes, etc.,

Evans & Lyster,

Successors to Evans Drug Co.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, April 14.
Subject—God Revealed in Christ.

Lesson—John 1-14.
Leader—Miss Lottie Vestal.
Opening Song No. 56.
Scripture Reading—Leader.
Invocation—J. C. Newton.
Song No. 38.
Bible References—Members.
Song No. 89.
Select Reading—"Driftwood"
—Miss Lottie Stewart.
Duett—Mrs. Sims and Mae Stewart.
Recitation—Miss Jonnye Toliver.
Song No. 57.

Frigid Night's Fire

The beautiful residence in the western part of town formerly owned by J. F. Stephens but later the property of T. G. Hoskins of Eden, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night between 12 and 1 o'clock. The house was unoccupied and the origin of the fire is a mystery, the first known of the destruction the house was completely wrapped in flames from every quarter.

Recently vacated and bought the R. I. Rushing place. The building was one of the finest residences in the city and was valued at about \$1500. It is not known whether Mr. Hoskins carried any insurance on the property or not. The entire town was awakened by the alarm and most everybody attended the fire.

Wanted—Person to travel in some territory; salary \$3.50 per day and expenses. Address, J. A. Alexander, 125 Plymouth Place, Chicago, Ill.

H. H. Pearce and W. J. McFarland went to Fort Chadbourne Wednesday to confer with the Business Club and citizens of that city in regard to establishing a bank there. They were very successful on their trip and Fort Chadbourne and Robert Lee parties will establish a bank there in the near future.

—Make that old suit look like new by having me to clean and press it. Work done while you wait. Geo. Goss.

T. B. Lyster this week bought Prof. Evans interest in the drug business of Evans & Lyster. Carl Evans will remain with new firm. Prof. Evans has not yet decided what he will do but we are glad to say he will remain a citizen of Robert Lee.

BROWNWOOD AND WEST TEXAS NURSERY

Bangs, Brown County, Texas
Fruit, Shade Trees and Shrubbery

Buy your trees from a Nursery close at home and you get trees acclimated which will live and stand the dry weather. We make all trees that die good at half price. See me when wanting trees and shrubbery.

J. B. WINN, Local Agent,
EDITH, TEXAS.

OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Davis

Austin, April 1, 1907.

Some time ago the House adopted a resolution providing for sine die adjournment on April 6th. At that time, however, it was believed that the members of that body were not really in earnest, but put the matter up to the Senate knowing that it would not concur. Now, however, since the members have been working nearly a month on a salary of \$2.00 per day, it is apparent that the House is anxious—very anxious to adjourn next Saturday. Some of the Senators were willing and made a canvas of the Senate with the result that 13 members were in favor of adjournment on the day named, 15 were opposed to it and 2 were non-committal. There is never any telling how soon a Texas Legislature may change its mind on a proposition like this and the Senate may adopt the resolution before this appears in print. The fact that the revenue measures and the general appropriation bill have not been disposed of and that both will take considerable time to dispose of, make it appear that the Legislature will have to keep busy for several weeks to come even if an extra session is forced.

May Try To Pass Bill Over Governor's Veto.

The Governor has indicated that he may veto the Santa Fe Consolidation Bill as soon as it reaches him, but the friends of the measure hope to be able to bid a two-thirds majority in line to pass the measure over his veto in case he does. The Constitution of the State provides that when the Governor vetoes a measure it shall require only two-thirds of the members present of the House in which it originated to pass it over his veto, but required two-thirds of all the members of the other House to pass it. This measure was a Senate bill, and it will require only the votes of two-thirds of the members present to pass it and thus 14 votes would pass it if there were only 21 Senators present, whereas it will take 55 votes, or two-thirds of the entire membership of the House to pass it. The fight promises to be a warm one and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

Bill Has Been Withdrawn.

Representatives Terrell of McLennan and Lively of Dallas, who have been urging the passage of a measure to abolish the convict lease system and the working of short term convicts on the public roads have given up hope of the bill receiving favorable consideration at this Legislature and have withdrawn the bill, offering one instead which provides for the abolishment of the convict lease system. They have the figures from the Financial Agent of the Penitentiary to show that the net income received from convicts on the State farms and in the manufacturing establishments at the penitentiaries exceeds \$15.00 per month per capita, while the net income per month received from leased convicts is less than \$8.00 per capita. They believe that if they can succeed in having the lease system abolished it will be easy in a future Legislature to pass a bill providing for the working of the short term State convicts on the public roads.

Close Vote on "Bucket Shop Bill."

The discussion of the Mayfield "Bucket Shop" bill in the Senate last week consumed considerable time. There were two bills, one by Senator Mayfield of Bosque, which aimed to put both the "Bucket Shop" and Cotton Exchanges out of business and a substitute by Senator Watson of Lee which recognized the exchanges as legitimate and only affected adversely the Bucket Shops. One or two of the Senators had remained non-committal on the measure and the result was in doubt as to the time the vote was taken but the substitute won, the vote being 14 to 15 in its favor with one Senator opposed to the Watson bill who was present paired with an absent member who was favorable to it. When the bill comes up in the House it is believed that that body will substitute as an amendment the Jenkins bill, which is identical with the original Mayfield bill, and send it back to the Senate in that form.

An Amusing Debate.

An amusing debate took place in the House and Senate Thursday of last week as to who should introduce Hon. W. J. Bryan to the audience Friday night. As the joint session which Mr. Bryan addressed was held in the Hall of the House of Representatives and the rules provide that the Speaker shall preside over joint sessions, the house members insisted that Speaker Love should introduce him, which insistence some of the Senators resented and in turn insisted that Lieutenant Governor should introduce him. Neither yielded, but Mr. Bryan was presented by the Speaker, as was his duty under the rules.

County Tax Assessors Held Meeting. The State Association of Tax Assessors held their annual meeting here during the past week. Considerable importance attached to this meeting by reason of the tax measures, and

Grade up your Horses and Mules

I have just secured at a considerable expense a fine STALLION and JACK which will make the season at Robert Lee and at my ranch. The Jack will be at my ranch and the Stallion in Robert Lee every Friday and Saturday.

STALLION \$10 SEASON \$12.50 TO INSURE
JACK \$7.50 SEASON, \$10 TO INSURE.

Both Stallion and Jack are Thoroughbreds. Both Stallion and Jack are the prettiest animals ever brought to Robert Lee.

A. G. SIMS,

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

especially the question of a full rendition of property, now pending before the Legislature. Members of the House and Senate who are taking the lead in taxation matters were called into consultation and the taxation question was fully discussed.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's Visit.

The steady downpour of rain did not keep away or dampen the ardor of the crowds that came last Friday night to hear the great Nebraskan deliver his speech in the Hall of the House of Representatives. He was given a royal reception and all who heard him agree that it was a great speech.

Has Had Interesting Career.

Perhaps no member of the present Legislature has had as interesting a career or is a more unique character than Senator E. I. Kellie of Jasper county. He was born in Charleston, S. C. in 1845 and came to Texas in 1858, locating at Sabine Pass. For two years he worked in printing offices at that place and in Galveston and Beaumont and in 1861, at the age of 15 he joined the Confederate army and served through the entire war in Ross' Texas brigade, acting as color bearer in Whitfield's legion. Near the close of the war he was promoted to a captaincy for bravery. At the close of the war he settled in the town of Jasper and established the Jasper Newsboy, which he continued to publish for 13 years, the paper still being in existence. Captain Kellie says that during Reconstruction days he was arrested nearly every week after his paper came out for being "unreconstructed," and the Captain admits that he has never been reconstructed up to this present day. At that time, says he, there was no Democratic Party in Texas, the two opposing parties were known as the Radicals and Conservatives, E. J. Davis being the candidate of the Radicals and A. J. Hamilton of the Conservatives. A few of the old Democrats, including Dan McGary, then publisher of the Brenham Banner; John J. Elliott of the Lavaca Commercial; Cyrus Thompson of the States Rights Democrat at Lorange, declined to join either the Conservatives or Radicals, and at the suggestion of Col. McGary, familiarly known as "Uncle Dan," those named and several others met at Brenham to organize a Democratic Party. At that time there were no railroads and Captain Kellie rode from Jasper on horse-back to attend the convention, it taking him seven days of hard riding to make the trip. The meeting was held and organization effected and Hamilton Stewart, editor of the Galveston Civilian, was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Governor. Captain Kellie says one reason Stewart was defeated was that a large per cent of the Democrats were disfranchised by reason of having been in the Confederate army, but that it has always been a source of pride to him that Jasper county went solidly for Stewart, it being the only county in the State carried by the Democratic candidate. When Captain Kellie reached home after the Brenham convention he issued a call through the Newsboy for a Democratic convention at Beaumont to nominate Democratic candidates for Senator and Representatives from the first senatorial district. Ten counties out of the seventeen composing the district responded and sent delegates. After reaching Beaumont and while caucusing as to where to hold the convention, the negro bureau agent

came to Captain Kellie and told him that if any attempt was made to hold a Democratic convention every man involved would be arrested. He had a company of Federal troops camped around the court-house, but his threats did not deter the Veterans and they went to the court-house armed with double barreled shot-guns that night and held their convention without being disturbed. Col. E. B. Pickett of Liberty county was nominated for Senator, Jeff Chambers, now editor of the Liberty Vindicator, Dr. Simmons of Jefferson county and J. G. Smyth of Jasper county being the nominees for Representatives, and all of them were elected. Captain Kellie says that an imported carpet bagger from Boston, who was defeated by Col. Pickett, came to Austin to file a contest but before filing his contest he got drunk and was killed in a runaway accident, otherwise Col. Pickett would probably have lost his seat. They were about the only Democrats in that Legislature. The fact that they were elected, however, so encouraged the Democracy over the State, that they said that if the first district could elect Democrats they could too, and at the next general election Coke was elected Governor and the State was redeemed from carpet bag rule.

After severing his connection with the Newsboy, Captain Kellie ran a steamboat for some time and later engaged in civil engineering and was afterwards elected County surveyor of Jasper county, which office he held for 18 years prior to his election to the Senate. For 20 years he has been captain of the Jeff Davis Rifles, Co. A 2nd regiment, and of which he is very proud.

In Favor of Anti-Pass Law.

There is no question that Governor Campbell exercised a great deal of influence in securing the passage of the anti-free pass law. So watchful has he been on this question that he refused to approve the measure creating a charter for the City of Temple until a provision requiring the local telephone company to give the city officials free telephones was stricken out. He signed the anti-pass law as soon as it reached him and it will go into effect ninety days after adjournment.

Anti-Lobbying Bill Passed.

The Anti-Lobbying Bill has passed both houses finally and will be signed by the Governor within a few days. The law provides that if any paid agent or attorney of any person, association or corporation shall privately solicit the vote or attempt to influence any member of the Legislature on any measure pending or thereafter to be introduced he shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred nor more than two thousand dollars and in addition thereto may be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than six months nor more than two years.

All the stars, put together, would make a surface greater than the moon's, yet the moon gives more light than all the stars.

I want to correspond with owner who has from 820 to 1280 acres of land to sell cheap, near Robert Lee. Improved and unimproved. Address J. E. McPherson, Venus, Texas.

NOTICE

Saturday night, April 30, will be my last day to do Photo work in Robert Lee until Sept. the 1st, 1907. All parties due me for Photo work or all that I am due Photos will please come in and let us square up, as I would like to settle with all. While a good Photographer is with you is the time to have your pictures made. Parties desiring work done should come at once. Respectfully,

E. POWERS.

It Is Unlawful
To Ship Whiskey C. O. D.

SEND \$3.50 TO
Eddie Maier, San Angelo;

And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever bought for the money

MONEY IN THE BANK

gives you a feeling of independence and security that adds to your good cheer, brings contentment, and makes your whole life easier to live. These happy results do not require a big bank balance. Every dollar saved and deposited is just that much more placed between you and the ever possible time of need. Begin with any small amount you can spare and add to it regularly from your surplus earnings of these prosperous days. We will welcome your account and give careful attention to your banking needs. We offer you every protection of modern, conservative banking.



LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thad Green April 7, a son.

—Big line of cotton mattresses and quilts at W. K. Simpson's Brownwood, Tex. April 8, 1907.

A. E. Wilson, Referee in Bankruptcy.

—Fine line of rockers just received. W. K. Simpson.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs Sunday, April 17.

—A splendid line of fishing tackle of every kind just received at the Lane Hardware Co.

Miss Minnie Weathers, of Hayrick, was in the city Tuesday trading.

—Corn, oats, chops and bran at W. H. Bell & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Byrd, of Sanco, were in the city Monday trading.

For that tired feeling take one at J. C. Rabb's cold drink parlor.

Squire B. F. Byrne, of Sanco, was in the city Tuesday on business.

—Big stock of cook stoves at Lane Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchee, have moved to their new home which was recently completed.

—You can now get all kinds of pipe fittings at the Lane Hardware Co.

C. D. Martin of Silver was in the city Tuesday and paid us a pleasant call. He reports his section in fine condition and land values on a steady increase.

—Miss Mattie Carder will not take a vacation during the summer but will remain in Robert Lee and conduct her music class.

Mrs. J. H. Benningfield and accomplished daughter, Miss Carrie of Sanco, were in the city Tuesday trading.

—Don't fail to visit the Robert Lee Millinery Co. and look at the many nice things in Millinery.

J. C. Reynolds, of Parker county and Mrs. Lucy White of this county were married at the home of the bride Sunday afternoon by Elder L. V. Hamilton. The Observer extends congratulations to the happy couple.

—My house is now filled with everything nice in the furniture line. Come in and get my prices and look through my stock. W. K. Simpson.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will give a Birthday party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Hillans tonight. A splendid program will be rendered and refreshments served. Don't fail to attend. The proceeds will be used for church work. The price of admission is a cent for each year you are old.

J. B. Brandon, one of Fort Chadbourne's prominent citizens was in to see us the past week and set his figures ahead on the Observer. Mr. Brandon says his town is growing fast and his people are going to leave nothing undone to make their little city grow and be prepared to take hold of the many advantages that will come to them when the Orient builds into their town.

—Paint, Oils, Varnish and Painters supplies, the celebrated Sherwin-Williams Paints, cover more and costs less at Lane Hardware Co.

Money to Loan.

If you want to sell your land notes or borrow money on land, see me at once. J. E. Greer.

Notice

On Thursday, April 18, the undersigned committee will receive bids for the erection of an I.O.O.F. Hall building in the town of Robert Lee. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A copy of the plans and specifications will be found at Robert Lee Bank.

J. L. Morrow Chairman
J. N. Buchanan
W. B. Green
Committee

FOR SALE—Brown Leghorn Cockerels at \$1.50 a piece. Also have eggs for sale 16 for \$1. My chickens scored 92 to 94 points at Temple Fair, winning first prize. Call on me at my poultry yard 6 miles West of Robert Lee or address me at Robert Lee. S. S. Wolf.

Lost—Pointer dog, white and liveried color spots, 8 months old, collar with lock and name on plate. Leave at the Observer office. H. C. Allen, San Angelo.

We received a nice poem last week which we would like to publish but could not do so for the reason the writers name did not accompany it. Send your name with your manuscript. This is the rule of every newspaper office.

FOR SALE—3-quarter Steel Dust Stallion. His Sire in an old Virginia 1 mile horse. Price \$200. Call on Thad Green.

Robert Lee Summer Normal.

JUNE 25—AUGUST 2.

W. L. BISHOP, Conductor; Gen. History, Grammar, Physics.
B. H. FISK, Arithmetic, Algebra, U. S. History, Physical Geography.
J. H. BEARD, Geometry, Rhetoric, Texas History, School Law Geography.

The other subjects have not yet been assigned, as another teacher is to be selected. We have been very fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Fisk of Tom Green county, and Prof. Beard of Runnels count, both of whom are able and experienced teachers, thus insuring a strong support from each of these counties. Robert Lee will furnish good board and accommodations at reasonable terms.

For Information and Circulars Address,
W. L. BISHOP,
CONDUCTOR.

We Want Correspondents.

The Observer would like to have a correspondent in every town and community and will be glad to furnish stationery and stamps to anyone who will write us the local happenings of their section.

Take your hides to Neely Bros., San Angelo. They pay highest prices.

D. Y. P. U.

To be rendered at Pecan Creek Baptist Church.

Opening exercise.
Leader—Miss Eather Reed.
Scripture reading.
Invocation.
Song.
How to behave in the house of God—Miss Olive Pearce.
Quartet—The Golden Gate.
Recitation—Miss Eula Beane.
The qualification of a pastor—H. H. Pearce.
Duett—Miss Leola Keel and J. Madera.
Questions from Quarterly.
Select reading—Bertie Dickey
Scripture reading—Miss Etta Bishop.
Duett—J. Madera and J. F. Williams.
Recitation—Miss Johnie Jones
Closing exercises.

"Nothing is so good as Cascasweet" writes a mother who has used it. "It saved my baby's life," writes another. Cascasweet is a vegetable corrective for the disorders of a child's stomach. Contents on the bottle in plain English. 50 doses for 25cents. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Trespass Notice

Notice is hereby given that all trespasses for hunting, fishing, driving cattle, cutting or hauling wood on my ranch on Mess Box north of town will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. C. BARRON

—Chas. Shropshire has leased the Goss Photo Gallery from E. Powers and will take possession the 15th of this month. Good work guaranteed. Small favors thankfully received larger ones in proportion.

Dr. F. K. Turney and family are expected home from Dallas Saturday. Their many friends will be glad to know of their return.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, will pay you the highest market price for your hides

Joe Turney who is working at San Angelo was here visiting his family Sunday.

M. F. Hall left Thursday for a few days visit to his daughter, Mrs. Lora Smith at Miles.

SPRINGTIME IS HERE!

THE TIME FOR

Ladie's Muslin Underwear

We have a splendid line of these goods, and among the selection, you will find some real dainty articles, good servicable ones too.

We Always Keep Something Nice.

If you don't see what you want, call for it.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.,

In Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the of the United States for the Northern District of Texas.

In the matter of R. I. Rush. In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt by No. 85.

To the creditors of R. I. Rushing, of Robert Lee, in the county of Coke, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1907, the said R. I. Rushing was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House in San Angelo, Texas, on the 19th day of April, A. D. 1907, at 4 o'clock, P. M. at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact other business as may properly come before said meeting.

—Late novels from the best writers at Evans and Lyster.

Without Alcohol

A Strong Tonic	Without Alcohol
A Body Builder	Without Alcohol
A Blood Purifier	Without Alcohol
A Great Alterative	Without Alcohol
A Doctor's Medicine	Without Alcohol
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	Without Alcohol

Ayer's

Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They act directly on the liver, make more bile secreted. This is why they are so valuable in constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick-headache. Ask your doctor if he knows a better laxative pill.

—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

—We are always in it when it comes to shoes. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

To My Patrons.

I have adopted the cash system for the future, and all work done at my shop will be cash hereafter. I appreciate the patronage received the past year and desire a continuance of your patronage and friendship.

TOM CROSS.

Good for everything a salve is used for and especially recommended for Piles. That is what we say about DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve. That is what twenty years usage has proven. Get the original. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

To The People of Sanco And Community.

I have recently received one of the best lines of **FRESH GROCERIES** in the county which I am selling at the lowest prices. Let me fill your next order.

W. O. Tubb, Sanco, Texas.

FINDLATER

American Field Fencing,
Baker Perfect Barb Wire,
Cable or Smooth Wire,
Poultry Netting, etc.

The above lines have no equal for Farm and Ranch use. Get the Best.

Hardware Co.

San Angelo, Texas.

The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Official Organ Coke County F. E. & C. U.

Entered in the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

ADVERTISING RATES—Single column, 12 1-2 cents per inch each insertion. Locals 5 cents per line.

Two Inhuman Skunks.

Complaint has been made by Sheriff Hickman by two owed ladies who occupy a tent in the eastern part of town, that they have been annoyed nights by two men lurking around their place of residence. The father of the two ladies live with them and has been absent for several days in Fort Chadbourne on business. Sheriff Hickman layed for the intruders a few nights ago but from his location he was unable to capture them and they beat a hasty retreat. Should Sheriff Hickman be successful in capturing the intruders they will no doubt be dealt with according to law, but should these skunks in human form persist in prowling around the property of others in the dead of night and a number of citizens capture them they will evidently be more comfortable in taking their meals from the mantle for thirty days after the exercises which will follow.

The Price of Health.

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents; cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Clayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Sheriff Hickman called a 10c ante down on the liver last week and in the "skin-down" the sheriff held the best hand. The style of suit was "playing-on-the-green." County attorney Ortiz opened the "pot" next morning and several members of the local "Tom Cat Club" came through with the usual fines and costs.

My New Spring Stock Has Arrived

And includes everything correct to wear both for gentlemen and ladies.

Let Me Save You Some Money!

When it comes to something good to eat, I have found the best line of groceries to be found.

J. L. BARRON,

Church Notes.

We are glad to announce that the work on the Methodist church is about finished and we have put on one coat of paint. We are only behind with the finances about \$30. We must finish painting and papering it.

We hope every member will open his heart and purse until the last dollar of indebtedness shall be paid.

We have quite an interesting prayer meeting every Wednesday night; the subject for the next few weeks will be the Sermon on the Mount; beginning with the 5th chapter of Matthew. We also have a question box on the lesson.

The Sunday School is growing in interest and members. The only thing we need to make it a perfect success is to get the fathers and mothers interested.

The Junior and Senior Leagues are progressing nicely. Let every member join in praying for a revival of old time Religion.

THE PASTOR.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Immediately relieves hoarse croupy cough; oppressed, rattling and breathing. Henry C. Stearns' druggist, Shullsburg, Wis., writes, I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Mr and Mrs. M. B. Sheppard and accomplished daughter, of Olga were in the city Tuesday trading.

Summer Furniture

Such as

LAWN SWINGS, LAWN SETTEES, CAMP STOOLS, CHAIRS, ETC.

Full and complete line of Wicker Goods, Folding Cots, Hammock Chairs, Hammocks etc. In fact everything else in the general furniture line and its all

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The Kodol Almanac.

The Observer today has received from the Evans & Lyster Pharmacy of this city, a copy of the 1907 Kodol Almanac and Two Hundred Year Calendar, published and owned by E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago. Through the courtesy of E. C. DeWitt & Co., these will be given free to the people of Robert Lee who call at the Evans & Lyster Pharmacy.

There is no more distinctively American institution than the Almanac, and despite the changes in American customs that the years may make in other directions the Almanac has come to stay.

It provides entertainment, business advice, health hints, weather predictions and is invaluable as a medium of general information.

First Baptist Church Notes.

The Church in conference, last Saturday, set apart the next regular monthly conference to call a pastor.

Missionary Schilling is doing faithful work as supply pastor, and, during the regular services Saturday and Sunday, six were received into the fellowship of the Church, and eleven went forward for prayer, while The Young People's Union had one accession to its membership.

At the close of the service Sunday night a collection was taken for a destitute widow, by the Church, amounting to \$10.15.

All these circumstances go to show a growth in spiritual life of the Church.

Prof. Laird, of Dallas, addressed the Union during its session. It was good to have him with us, and he seemed to enjoy it too.

He was much surprised at the evidence of life in the First Church, and its auxiliary organizations, the Sunday School, Chorus, Class, Union, prayer meeting, as well as the Ladies Aid Society.

Brother Laird informs us that Fairland Association has responded very liberally to the University Bond Issue. It seems that our own little Association has subscribed for about twenty nine \$100.00 gold six per cent Bonds, many of them one at the time. This will help the Texas Baptist University, and yield a little profit to the holders.

Bitten by a Spider

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington of Boqueville, Texas, would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores. Had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores. Heals every sore. 25c. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

When in town come in and take a look at the Observer printing plant. Everything runs by power and we have one of the best country plants in West Texas. You get your work while you wait and it is done as well as can be gotten anywhere. When in town come in and watch us work and give us the news of your community. The latch string always hangs on the outside of the door.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves signature is on each box. 25c.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE SMITH & ROBERTSON LUMBER CO. have just been reorganized and adopted the name of CICERO SMITH & CO. The yards will continue under present management and Mr. Sidney Smith has been added. Great improvements are now in force and when completed will make this yard the best and most complete lumber yard in the West. Our facilities are now such that we are able to handle large assortment of lumber and supplies, for both wholesale and retail, giving you complete selection at all times. LET US SUPPLY YOUR LUMBER WANTS.

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Doing Business Again

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old and am still gaining daily." Best tonic on earth. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, wants your hides at the highest market price.

W. C. McDonald, the big merchant and J. C. Clift of Fort Chadbourne, were in the city Monday on business. They report their city growing and everybody in good spirits.

The Easter edition of the San Angelo Standard was a thing of beauty. It contained twenty-four pages filled with well written advertising, and its news service was up to the highest standard. The daily and weekly Standard are two of the best papers that come to us. They have the best men obtainable in both the news and mechanical departments, just what it takes to get out a good publication. C. H. Tupper, the news editor, is one of the most brilliant writers in the state, and judging from the amount of advertising the Easter edition contained they have an advertising rustler that is a hummer, and the evidence is there that he got as busy as a red ant at a picnic on this edition. The Standard Easter edition is the best we ever saw for the size of the town.

What is it that tastes as sweet as maple sugar and quickly relieves coughs and colds? Mothers who have used it will answer: "K. C. McDy's Laxative Cough Syrup." The pleasant cold remedy that expels the cold through its laxative action on the bowels. Conforms strictly to the pure food and Drugs Law. Contains no opiates. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Hendrix Hall has sold his interest in the City Harbor Shop to Harry Hall.

—Frooms at the Racket Store

Cures Coughs and Colds

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St. Topeka, Kans., says "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to taste. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Miss Bessie Carder left Tuesday for Sweetwater where she takes the train for her home, Corsicans, to spend several weeks on a visit to her parents. She was accompanied to Sweetwater by Clarence Jones and daughter, Miss Johnnye.

Buy your feedstuff of all kinds from Neely Bros., San Angelo. Good goods at low prices.

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Growing Girls

Growing girls need care, advice and medicine, especially on reaching the age of puberty. A mother's tender care and words of caution will often accomplish wonders. As for medicine, a gentle, safe and reliable strengthening tonic is Wine of Cardui.

It will prevent and relieve pain, regulate the functions, clear the complexion and strengthen the constitution.

It is a valuable medicine for growing girls. It has tided thousands over a critical period, and saved them from years of suffering. It can never do harm and is sure to do good.

A relief or cure for all female disorders in girls and women.

At every druggist's in \$1.00 bottles. Try it.

WINE OF **CARDUI**

Quaker Reflections.

If all the world's a stage, where do the critics come in?

It is safer to say that all men are liars than to try to prove an individual case.

Of course, success is largely a matter of luck, unless it happens to be our success.

In spite of the fact that there is no such thing as the biggest half most people want it.

Marriage used to be considered a lottery, but nowadays it seems to be a game of skill.

What do you consider the best years of a man's life? Cynicus—"The years that come after his best years have been wasted."—Philadelphia Record.

Cattle Shipments.

Following is a list of the cattle shipments that will leave San Angelo from April 5 to 10, inclusive. For the six days the aggregate will be 575 cars.

- M. B. Pullium, 5 cars April 5.
 - J. M. Shannon, 75 cars, April 5.
 - Bevans and Cooper, 40 cars, April 6.
 - Bevans and Cooper, 75 cars, April 6.
 - S. J. Blocker, 20 cars, April 7.
 - Russell and Bevans, 15 cars, April 7.
 - T. J. Clegg, 5 cars, April 8.
 - J. S. Todd, 75 cars, April 8.
 - J. B. Hendricks, 50 cars, April 9.
 - J. M. Shannon, 30 cars, April 10.
 - J. S. Todd, 45 cars, April 10.
- San Angelo Standard.

Dangerous is Carbon

A short time ago Ed Harret who lives at Cross Cut, went to Brownwood and while there got some carbon with which to exterminate prairie dogs. When he came home he heard the cork pop out, whereupon he got up and struck a match. Instantly the room was ablaze. The gas ignited and with difficulty he and his family escaped from the burning building with only their night clothing. Mr. Harrell was badly burned and had to throw some of his children out at the window to save them. Edna Echo.

—Each 50c cash purchase entitles you to a coupon, one of which gets the \$65 buggy now on exhibit at our store. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April, A. D. 1906, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus M. A. Woody No. 426 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit: 7 1/2 Block 13 Levied on as the property of M. A. Woody to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$10.39 in favor of the State of Texas and cost of suit. Given under my hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906. Will Hickman Sheriff By Jim Eubanks Deputy.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, county of coke. By virtue of an Order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District court of coke county, on 2nd day of April A. D. 1907 by the clerk thereof, in the case of the state of Texas versus J. P. Angel No. 426 and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the court House door of said coke county, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property to-wit:

Lots 4 and 5 Block 68 in Robert Lee in said coke county levied on as the property of said J. P. Angel to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$12.55 in favor of the state of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906 Will Hickman Sheriff By Jim Eubanks Deputy

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April, A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Unknown Owners of town lots No. 492 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 7, in block 22 in Robert Lee coke county, Texas levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$3.72 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906. Will Hickman Sheriff. By Jim Eubanks Deputy

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April, A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus B. F. Wheelis No. 419, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell for cash within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 10 in Block 45 Robert Lee, Coke County Texas levied on as the property of B. F. Wheelis to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$10.09 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906. Will Hickman Sheriff Jim Eubanks Deputy.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April, A. D. 1906, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Unknown Owners No. 416 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit: Lots 5, 7, and 11 in Block 37 levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$21.16 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906. Will Hickman Sheriff Jim Eubanks Deputy.

Health is Youth

Disease and sickness bring Old Age. Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. White, Whitney, Texas says, "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it. 50c. Sold by Evans & Lyster

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April A. D. 1906, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Joe Burton No. 413, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 11, in block 38, in Robert Lee Coke County, Texas levied on as the property of Joe Burton to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$13.13 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under my hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906 Will Hickman Sheriff By Jim Eubanks Deputy.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas County of Coke. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 2nd day of April A. D. 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Unknown Owners No. 415 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in May A. D. 1907, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 Block 83 in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$17.17 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.

Given Under My hand, this 8th day of April A. D. 1906. Will Hickman Sheriff By Jim Eubanks Deputy.

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