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Texas has 4,250,000 acres of public land.

Coke county is making a big effort to build a railroad between Ballinger and Colorado City. —San Angelo Standard.

The boys building of the Buckner Orphan Home, near Dallas, was burned on the night of the 15th, and 16 inmates were burned to death. How the fire originated is not known.

The Colera's Stockman reports that a druggist in that city sold recently a drug bill of \$350 to a Nolan county man. In the name of Heaven what was the matter with the man. —San Angelo Standard.

Who could have imagined that a general opinion would ever prevail that John Sherman could in any way be a blessing. But the time has come. He'd be an improvement on Carlisle as secretary of the treasury. And Beelzebub would be an improvement on Sherman. —Texas Farmer.

Secretary Carlisle's suggestion that the greenbacks be retired to stop the everlasting drains of gold from the federal treasury, would surely accomplish the result at a cost to the people of about \$500,000,000. A much cheaper way would be to simply stop redeeming these notes in gold, as there is no law, moral or statutory, requiring it. —Texas Farm and Ranch.

It is to be hoped that East Texas selfishness and littleness will not prevent this session of the legislature passing a common sense scalp law.

While Governor Culberson's message to the legislature is a very plain unpretentious instrument, our state legislators will do well if they will follow the lines marked out in the same.

Not Like The Boy.

The girl stood on the burning deck,
But her loss we need not grieve;
She did not perish with the wreck—
She had sense enough to leave.
—Twinkles.

Has Money Ad Libitum.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Gov. Callerson today received a letter from New York broker who says: "No doubt you are interested in the development of your state. I can furnish one-half of the capital necessary to build long lines of railroads, when it can be shown that they would be good paying roads. When companies can raise one-half of the money I can furnish the other half. Hoping that I can be of benefit to your state, I remain yours very truly."
—Ex.

From Ballinger Ledger.

J. B. McDonald, of Bren's was in the city Saturday on business. A party of immigrants from Georgia numbering twenty, arrived here Saturday and have located on Oak creek. Austin, Tex., Jan. 8.—Col. J. G. (Pat) Murphy, the handsome editor of the San

Angelo Standard, is in the city. Col. Murphy is on his way home from the irrigation convention at Laredo, where he was elected president of Texas Irrigation Association, and stopped over to see a few Capital City friends and watch the Legislature gather. The colonel is a great believer in all kinds of irrigation and expects to see the arid West a blooming garden within the next few years, or as soon as farming by irrigation is generally adopted throughout the State.

And still they come. President Cleveland states in his message that "The number of pensioners on the rolls at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1896, was 970,678. This is the largest number ever reported." To these pensioners was paid \$138,214,931.91. There was added during the year more than \$90,000. What an immense power for consuming the money of the country and voting for a continuance of the conditions. At the present rate of increase, pensioners will soon be able to run the government in their own interest. —Texas Farm and Ranch.

It is said that Queen Victoria will abdicate the British throne in favor of her son, the Prince of Wales.

From Texas Farmer.

Chas. Govan, a newspaper correspondent, killed by the Spanish in Cuba, was one of the founders of the Coleman, Texas, Voice.

When women love us they for give us everything, even our crimes; when they don't love us, they give us credit for nothing, not even for our virtues.

A powerful X ray machine exhibited before the Academy of Science, Pittsburgh, can force a ray of light through four inches of solid iron. It is claimed that the X ray will yet be used for inspecting armour plates.

Hegg Family Names.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 12.—Editor Chicago Record: Replying to the inquiry in your paper, I beg to advise you that the names of my children are William, Ima, Mike and Tom—three boys and one girl—whose ages are, respectively, 21, 14, 11 and 9 year. They are all the children I have or ever had.

The names of Ura, Hessa, Shessa, Harry and Moore Hegg are the mythical creatures of campaigners who failed to beat me for office. The name Ima was given to my daughter a few days after her birth, and the singular application of it is the old, well-established name of her paternal ancestors did not occur to any one until I had entered political life. It then became a leading issue (in the aesthetic circles of dudes and dudines) in the campaign, and the people by a large majority settle it in my favor, at least to the effect that in my children's names the public had no substantial interest. Thus ended the discussion of this very important subject in Texas.

Yours truly,

J. S. Hegg.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

In the spring of 1864 I was a member of an organization attached to General Kautz's division of cavalry, and participated in his great Southside raid.

On the afternoon of May the 7th, we reached Stony Creek, Sussex Co., Va. situated on the Petersburg Railroad, about twenty miles south of Petersburg city. We found the place fortified and quite strongly garrisoned, but after a sharp little fight which lasted about an hour, succeeded in routing the enemy and captured the place.

Fifteen years later, business called me to Virginia, and on the afternoon of December 14 1879, I stepped from a train at Stony Creek, and set out on foot for Parham's store, distant five miles, my destination. I took the road leading eastward, as directed by the station agent, and here halted being puzzled as to which was the route for me to follow. In my dilemma I looked about and discovered a horse and cart approaching from the direction of the station, the same being driven by a white man. Accordingly I waited for him, in order to inquire my way. As he drew near I perceived that the horse was old and lean, the cart rickety and dilapidated and the driver, a man apparently about 38 years of age, thin and poorly clad. A thick matted beard of light red color covered his entire face. Altogether the whole outfit about the worst I had ever seen. The cart, covered with small particles of cotton, showed plainly that hauling that commodity was the work to which it was then being put.

"Stranger, can you inform me which road leads to Parham's store?" I asked of the driver, as he drew near.

"This one to the right," he replied, driving by me and turning into the same himself.

I followed along behind the cart for about a minute, when the driver, accosting me, said:

"Say, pard, I go a right smart ways on the road to Parham's myself, and if you are not afraid of getting cotton all over your clothes, you may jump in and ride with me."

As much for the sake of having company as for the benefit to be derived from the ride, I accepted his invitation and sprang into the cart, taking a seat on the edge of the high box, the driver being seated down on the bottom of the vehicle.

"I reckon you're a stranger hereabouts," said my companion, as I seated myself.

"Yes, sir, I am," I replied.

"Whereabout do you belong?"

"In the State of New York."

"I reckon you was never at Stony Creek before?"

"Yes once before."

"When?"

"If I recollect right, it was on the 7th day of May, 1864."

"What, pard," now ejaculated my companion in astonishment,

"was you one of Kautz's men?"

"Yes, sir, I was."

"Why, I was here myself that day," declared the Virginian, enthusiastically, "so let's shake,"

putting up his hand which I cordially grasped.

"So you was one of Kautz's Yankee raiders?" he continued, still retaining his hold on my hand. "Well, well, believe me, I am right glad to meet you, though you made us run right smart that day, and for forty hours I hid in the swamps above here, on the Nottaway, to escape being made a prisoner, while you were prowling hereabouts. Well Yank, how have you been making it since the war?"

"Only just fairly," I replied, "how has it been with your self?"

"Poor, pretty poor, pard. You see my people, who were reckoned some consequence before the war, lost all they possessed, about forty thousand dollars, by the same. Therefore, when the trouble ended I had nothing, but my hands to depend on. My health was bad, and I had not been accustomed to labor. However I did the best I could under the circumstances, and by hard work have managed to get a few acres of cotton land, on which I do my utmost to make an honest living. But times are hard and I tell you I have had a right smart struggle to get along. Yes, my people had forty thousand dollars he continued, "but Yank, that is all right, and I lay up nothing against you are any one else. We each fought manfully for what we considered was just, and as manfully must we abide by the consequences. But, darn me, Yank, it does me a heap of good to meet one with whom I've stood face to face in battle, though we were enemies at the time," and, impulsively seizing my hand, he shook it heartily.

Just then a dilapidated carriage containing two men, drove up behind us, and looking around, my companion, addressing the driver exclaimed:

"Good day, Jim; say who do you reckon I have got here with me?"

"Hav't the least idea," answered the man addressed.

"Well, I have one of Kautz's d—d Yankees, right from the North, and a tolerable good fellow he seems to be, too."

Jim, it appears, had also been in the fight, at Stony Creek, consequently he was also greatly surprised to meet me, and he, too, expressed his delight in language warm and forcible.

By this time we had reached the point where I was to turn off and proceed southward, my companion's route taking them straight ahead toward Sussex Court House.

On parting with the two exConfederates, both shook my hand warmly, and insisted that I should visit them before I returned North.

As they drove off, the one with whom I had ridden, and name I regret I cannot call, in a husky tone of voice, and with tears actually glistening in his eyes, exclaimed, waving his hand at me:

"Good bye, Yank, and God bless you and grant you a safe return to your friends and home."

Waving him a return "God speed," I turned and walked away feeling the tears also wet on my own cheek.

Never in all my life have I met

with a man who treated me as royally as this man did. Though poor, ragged and uncouth, he was one of nature's noblemen—generous, kind and brave, and before our meeting, after many years, will never be forgotten.—Blue and Gray.

Greed.

I can understand every crime of the heart except the crime of greed every lust of the flesh but the lust for gain, every sin that ever damned a soul but the sin of selfishness.

By all the sacred bugs and beast of ancient Egypt, I'd rather be a witch's cat—or even a politician—and howl in sympathy with my tribe; I'd rather be a tramp and divide my handouts with one more hungry; I'd rather be a mungy dog without a master and keep the company of my kind, than to be multi-millionaire, with the blood of a snake, the heart of a beast, and carry my soul, like Pedro Garcia, in my purse. When I think of the three thousand children in the city of Chicago without rags to shield their nakedness from the cold north wind; of the ten thousand innocents, such as Christ blessed, who die in New York every year of the world for lack of food; of the millions every year whose cry goes up night and day to God's great throne—not for salvation, but for soup; not for the robes of righteousness, but for a second-hand pair of pants—and then contemplate those beside whose hoarded wealth the riches of Lydia's ancient kings were but a beggar's patrimony, praying to him who r v sed the laws of nations to feed the poor, I long for the mystic power to coin sentences that sear like sulphur flames from hot hell, and weave of words a whip of scorpions to lash the rascals naked through the world. —Braun.

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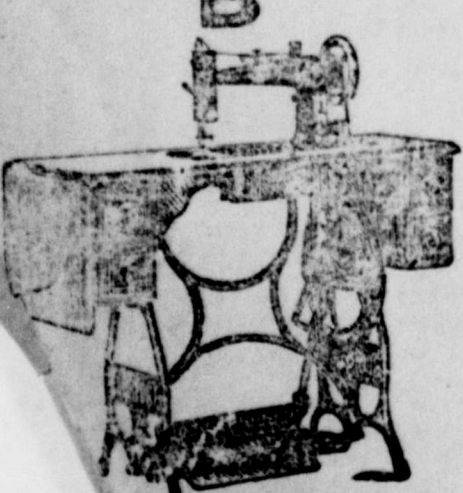
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Dots From Edith.

Edith, Texas, Jan., 18. 97.

We are glad to report that little Gazzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Curry, who has been very sick for two weeks is improving.

Mr. Thomas Webb one of our citizens, who has spent the last twelve months in Travis county is back with us again.

In the presence of quite a number of relatives and friends Mr. W. T. Price and Miss M. M. Allen were married at the brides home yesterday at 10 o'clock. All present were invited to the home of Mr. Price for dinner where his mother had prepared a fine dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to learn that J. B. Cotten is trying to sell his place, to move to Scurry county.

J. R. Arnett is rustling all the yearlings he can get at ten dollars.

H. E. Johnson came up to his ranch yesterday. We are always glad to see him as he used to be one of neighbors.

J. D. Collier is bringing on quite a lot of new goods which he says are for sale very cheap.

I am glad to see the Rustler come out an all home print paper.

We have not heard the train whistle yet, but from indications we expect a railroad in the near future.

Hugo.

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From Bronte.

(Extract from Dr. Keys communication.)
 Bronte, Texas, Jan., 19. 1897.

Mr. Editor:
 As it is not often that the people hear from this part of the country if you will allow me space in your paper I give you a few happenings.

We are having plenty of rain and mud too, but we will not care for that next summer.

There is a blacksmith shop going up in Bronte. Business fair here. Lagrippe! Lagrippe! double fare, and most of it is the tightest grip I ever saw.

When I try anything I know what it is and I tried it for about three weeks. Just about the time I was getting in good way gripping I was invited to a Christmas dinner at N. C. Lucas's (with many others). When we were invited to dinner, behold! a large turkey on the table and the table well filled with all the good things that heart could wish for and there I was gripped and not able to do half justice. How I did feel over it, for I do love to shut my grinders down on something good to eat. But I was glad to see the others enjoy it.

So, after swapping ideas for a while on the topics of the day and the prospect of the future the crowd dispersed to their respective homes and ye scribe took his bed and it was Grippe, Grippe until at last my wife and some of my friends thought it best to send out for help, so Drs. Younger & Fowler, of Ballinger were written to about my case and a prescription and medicine were sent and Dr. Latham, of Robert Lee, was sent for and he came down ministered to my needs.

Also Dr. Clark and lady came in and gave me a little round of sympathy, which was all appreciated. But the funniest thing to me was, when I began to get at myself so I could be up, I began to investigate the medicine and found three bottles, two from Drs. Younger & Fowler and one from Dr. Latham, all containing either strichnine or arsenic.

Well, I was little puzzled for a while, but as I have associated myself with Younger & Fowler some back east I guessed they thought that there was a little dog left. But what got away with me was how Dr. Latham caught on so quick on so short acquaintance and him so young. But that is all right now. But I tell you Mr. Editor, the good of Bronte want let a person die if they can help it by good treatment and good things to eat.

I thank the ladies for so many little tokens of kindness. I thank the people for assistance rendered in helping me to pull through so I could walk alone again. And about that time J. F. Shook brought me a nice fish and I ate a hearty meal of it and in 30 minutes I was out on the streets hunting a razor to shave with, as my wife had prepared a birthday dinner for the next day.

It went well with me after taking such a quantity of strichnine and arsenic and at this writing I am able to eat all I can get.

With best wishey for the Rustler I close.

W. F. KEY

Go to J. F. Deats for your Groceries and Grain.

The church was completed this week.

Rev. Sausabaugh, the presiding Elder of the M. E. Church South preached at the school last night and at Hayrick tonight.

WAGON YARD.

I most respectfully solicit the people of Coke county to put up at my wagon yard when in Ballinger—the old Eskridge stand, across street south of lumber yard. Good water, good, roomy stalls and lots and large and commodious camp-houses. I sell grain and hay by single feed at wholesale prices. Always keep horses to sell and trade. Come to see me and I will treat you right.

W. D. Allen,
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Notice To Trustees.

Ed Rustler:—Permit me through the columns of your paper to give notice to the Trustees of the following Public School Districts in this county of an indebtedness that is likely to cause them some trouble, if not attended too soon. It appears that trustees of districts No. 8, 3, 5, 10, 11, 2, and I have bought school apparatuses from the Western School Supply House in Des Moines Iowa to be paid for out of the school funds appropriated to their school districts. The goods were delivered and warrants issued for same but owing to instructions given to County Treasurer those warrants were not paid off as per contract.

Other Trustees had reserved fund when contracting with teachers to pay said Warrants in the years 1895 and 1896, but said Warrants being neglected by State Supt. and County Treasurer refused to pay them; hence no provision having been made by the Treasurer to pay said Warrants out of allowance for this year. Said Warrants cannot be paid by present Treasurer, without Trustees authorizing him to do so, which will compel them to shorten their school term, which they cannot do without the consent of Teachers employed for this year, and my opinion is those claims are legal claims and can be collected by law. Hence I would advise the Trustees of said Districts to look after the matter at once, for I am of the opinion that said Warrants will be put in the hand of an Attorney for collection soon if not satisfactory arranged. I come to the foregoing conclusion from a communication I have read addressed to C. L. Hughes County Treasurer. My advise in this notice is holly-gratious on my part, but feeling as I do that this matter was of vital interest to those concerned and I have hastily penned the same.

Respectfully,

S. J. CHAPMAN,
 Co. Judge and Ex-Officio Supt.

Mr. M. C. Brister, of Saneo, was in town yesterday. He called at this office and handed us \$1.50 on subscription.

E. Meneille was seen on the streets yesterday.

The senior of the Rustler force made a trip to Manestee, yesterday.

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J. T. Hamilton, made a trip out about Ft. Chadbourne yesterday.

Local are scarce this week.

Esq. B. P. Byrns, of Saneo, was seen on the streets yesterday.

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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 November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:

Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
 Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
 Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
 Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
 Saneo, 4th " 11 a. m.

Eugene T. Bates, P. C.
 Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Saneo, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

J. D. O'Daniel, Sr, was in town Wednesday.

Ed Hennessey, of Bronte was in town Tuesday.

If it is shoes you are looking for, goto J. W. Reed. He has just received a new stock.

J. F. Deats ordered the RUSTLER sent to Deats Bros. at Junction City, Texas this week.

J. L. Barron is talking of building a business house on the Lot east of the Rustler office.

Judge Perryman and W. F. Buchanan went to San Angelo Tuesday.

G. W. Payne passed through town Wednesday on his way home from Angelo.

J. W. Reed and J. F. Deats each received new goods from the railroad the first of the week.

There will be another real estate transfer in town not many days hence.

Wm. Richards was in town Monday night.

J. L. Robinson, Don Allen, J. L. and Bennie Ross, of Ft. Chadbourne were in town last Saturday.

D. L. Buchanan sold his interest of the old bank building this week to G. W. Perryman for \$50. It is reported that Perryman & Pattenon will move their law office into the same in the near future.

James Stewart has a card in this issue. Look it up and see what he has to say.

Prof. Thomas was sick and the weather being so bad there was no school Tuesday.

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J. D. Davis, went to San Angelo Thursday to meet his nephew and niece Pleasant and Lessie Storm of Brown county.

G. J. Moore, made a trip up to Fred McKenzie this week to make cattle deal.

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Some of the ladies suggest the construction of side walks. A good idea.

John Murtishaw has about come to the conclusion that not more than half that is said about his mule is true.

Mad and slush the first of the week.

Fully one inch snow fell last Tuesday morning.

Rufe Whiteside was in town the first of the week.

E. Dincer, a well known San Angelo sport, was in town the first of the week. He ordered the Rustler sent to him at San Angelo.

J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, have received a new and select stock of Dry Goods and Clothing and they are selling at prices to suit the times. They invite you to inspect their stock and get prices.

Jim and Miss. Pearl Good, of Pecan, took dinner at the Lee house last Thursday.

Capt Barnett, of Hattick was in town Thursday.

THE LEGAL TENDER

San Angelo, Texas. HARRY BENNETT, PRO. Wishes all his Coke Co. friends to Call on him when in San Angelo.

Restaurant in connection with the Bar. Xmas Goods A Speciality.

W L McAuley and Joe McCutchen, of Bronte, were in town paying taxes Thursday. Mr McCutchen remembered the Rustler with a round silver dollar. He says Bronte is for the railroad.

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

Lagrippe continues to prevail throughout the county as well as all over the state.

Kearney Mayes was in town Thursday night.

J. F. Deats sell for cash only

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W F Cathey traded a place in Baylor county this week to Sheriff Murray for his home place at Neco—640 acres of improved land.

Charley Acre returned from Brown county a few days ago and called around to see us Wednesday. He says it is surprising to see some of the land that is being settled and put in in Brown county—land he would not have if

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The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

You Must Settle With Us.

We are very much in need of money and we must have what you owe us, and if you don't come in and settle we will have to sue you.

Yours for Settlement,
BENNECK, STEWART & Co.

Found.

On the streets of Robert Lee, one pair of spectacles and case, any one describing the above can get them by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

The Hot Stuff!!!

I respectfully invite my old friends, when in Ballinger and wanting your whiskers pushed in or a hair cut in the Latest Style, to drop in and see me at the Hubberd stand.

Ashall Dancer.

W. P. Prestige, of Crows Nest was in the city yesterday paying taxes and while here called around to see us and informed us that he had sold his farm and ranch and would leave for Oklahoma about April the 1st.

We are informed that Tom Reihards will stand a Habes Corpus trial next week for the purpose of obtaining bond. It is not known yet whether the trial will be held here or at San Angelo.

Ladies: I will sell my hats at a 10 per cent discount for the next two weeks.

Mrs. M. B. Ingram

Lost.

On the streets of Robert Lee Sunday, one Scarf Pin with Ruby set. Finder will please return it to this office and receive reward.

Rev. W. C. Enrr paid the Rustler office a pleasant call yesterday.

Notice.

I will preach at the Divide church house in the Chapman neighborhood the 5th Sunday at 11 O'clock.

Respectfully,

W. C. BURR.

Court House Restaurant.

The undersigned has opened up a first-class Restaurant in the Ranchman's Hotel building. It is convenient to March Bros. Store, Free Wagon Yard and Court House. My Motto is: "Good Meals and Clean Beds." Satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Years Very Respectfully,

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The Second-Hand Furniture Store

I desire to express my thanks to the people of Coke county for the liberal patronage given me during the past year. And I desire to say to them that I start into the year '07 with a fuller and better selected stock of Furniture than ever before, which I will sell surprisingly cheap, and I most cordially invite you to inspect my stock and get prices before buying elsewhere.

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Reasonable charges on all packages or freight.

Don Green : Proprietor:

Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the Davis Hotel building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

STOCK NEWS

From Review.

T. S. Foster, of Decker, of the Tucson ranch, has 100 yearlings for sale. J. P. T. bought the Crowson stock of cattle this week, paying \$14.25 per head. There were over 300 head. He sold to Mr. Buckingham, of Kansas City, 100 of the steers, receiving \$16 for 1s; \$18 for 2s and \$23 for 3s and over. R. M. Clayton and Pyron bought of Pink Roberson, at Decker, 120 head of cattle, paying \$13 for cows and \$10 for calves.

Silas George, of Decker, sold a bunch of stock cattle for \$11 around.

Wm. Seymour bought 250 yearling steers this week from Kearney Mays at \$11 per head. — San Angelo Standard.

From San Angelo Press.

N. B. Spearman has sold to Perry & Dooley 40 cows at \$12.50

Jackson & Richardson sold for W. D. Jones to H. A. Barbee 60 steer yearlings at \$15 per head.

Jackson & Richardson sold for J. A. Manning to J. O. Logan, late of Colorado, but now of Big Lake 1500 head of stock sheep at \$1.50 per head.

Mr. Ford, of Illinois, bought 62 head of nice 2's past from Pete McKinley on the Lipan, at \$20 per head.

From St. Louis Republic.

It is gratifying to observe that while Canovas and Olney are dickering over peace and liberty in Cuba, General Gomez is winning both. Hetty Green's young son, E. H. R., is conspicuously absent from the big Texas delegation that has gone to Canton to boom John Grant for a Cabinet portfolio. Mr. Green is one of the finest young men in Texas, but he did not hit a good political pace.

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P. S. - Next week see how your farm will look after taking.

HAPGOOD PLOW CO., Box 99, Alton, Ill.
W. H. ROGERS, Agent, Brown, Texas.

THE RAILROAD.

What A Business Man Has To Say About It.

There is a belt of country lying up and down the Colorado river between Ballinger, in Runnels county, on the G. C. & Santa Fe R. Ry., and Colorado City, on the Texas & Pacific R. Ry., a distance of about ninety miles, which if taken notice of, offers the best inducements for a short line of railroad of any section of country west of St. Louis and doubtless anywhere on the American Continent. A railroad connecting the above named towns together with the two great railway systems of the State, if built on the nearest and most practical route, will traverse the rich and fertile valley of the Colorado river from one point to the other.

Recent developments show this portion of country to be very productive. And all branches of agriculture, with ordinary seasons, are proving a success. Oats make from 40 to 80 bushels per acre; wheat 15 to 30 bushels per acre; corn 20 to 40 bushels per acre; cotton 12 to 1 bale per acre. Millet, milo maize, cane, Colorado grass and all kinds of garden vegetables together with fruit farming has proven to be a remunerative business. Where lands are put under irrigation the above estimates are generally doubled.

Only a few years ago this section of country was unknown to civilization. The seat where Colorado City stands, now a thriving town of about 4000 inhabitants, as late as 1880 was an open prairie, inhabited then by antelope, buffalo and the wild coyote wolf, Ft. Worth then being the nearest railroad point, a distance of 230 miles.

Only ten years back the seat where Ballinger now stands and all the country up the Colorado Valley to Colorado City was, comparatively speaking, a wilderness.

Now Ballinger, county seat of Runnels county, with a population about 4000, which is rapidly increasing.

Robert Lee, the county seat of Coke county, besides the small villages of Maverick, Bronte, Sando and Silver, has since been located and built up and down the beautiful, healthy and fertile valley of the Colorado and the country is fast settling up with a prosperous, energetic, industrious, enterprising class of people.

Besides the enormous amount of local business that our county will insure when once developed, there is still a greater inducement offered for the construction of this short line of railroad in the way of through freight and passengers by the connection of these two railroads, as it will give all of North-West Texas and New Mexico a route to deep water on the Gulf Coast. It will be the nearest route for Galveston and Houston and the only direct route for Temple, Belton, Lampasas, Gold-twait, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo and Robert Lee and all intermediate points to all the north-western states and territories. It will, in fact, give the above named towns and country a direct connection by rail from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

At present Colorado City has a plant of soft works which is turning out several tons per day, and the supply seems to be inexhaustible. The proposed Colorado River Valley road will give them a direct route to market for a large amount of this product which they

have not got for want of shipping facilities.

We will mention as another evidence of the fact that this is an inviting section of country for capitalists and investors when once taken notice of, there is now an English syndicate taking up an irrigation project in the eastern portion of Coke county and the western part of Runnels county, the seat for the reservoir is located on the Colorado river about 25 miles above Ballinger; the preliminary survey is made and all preparations are very near ready for work to begin. It is estimated the cost of the dam and ditch will amount to one million dollars and will irrigate when completed from forty to fifty thousand of the rich valley lands, which are now mostly lying in their virgin state of idleness. The development of the country by this irrigation canal alone will insure the future success for this proposed rail road as it will traverse the same country on a parallel with the canal from one end to the other.

This road can be built at a comparative small cost to the company who takes it in hand.

The whole route will be over a very smooth country for railroading and without one difficult obstacle throughout the entire distance.

We are fully satisfied that the citizens along the route and at each terminal point are so desirous of the enterprise that they will offer as an inducement to forward the project to secure a right of way with liberal donations and to aid and assist to the full extent of their financial ability.

The question may be asked by some as to why it is that this desirable and inviting locality has not heretofore come into notice? The answer, as before stated, that it is only of very recent years that the natural resources of this section have been known to the civilized world. And besides this, the railroads of this State and as a general rule, in all others are tending to build in a westerly direction, taking no notice of the advantage of short lines to connect the North and South until the western lines are complete and the country thickly populated.

Is there another section of country today within the United States that can offer a more meritorious enterprise for investment in railroading, distance considered, than this? A route without any competition whatever.

It will pay to build this road for the through freight alone.

It will pay to build it for the passenger traffic and through mail and express matter alone.

It will pay to build this road for the business furnished by the Colorado City salt works and the produce raised on the lands irrigated by this Coke and Runnels county irrigation plant.

It will pay to build this road to develop the natural resources of the country through which it will pass, by giving an outlet to market for the produce raised and affording facilities for opening up the vast and inexhaustible rock quarries of fine building stone which this road will pass through or near.

If you have any school or church notes that you would like to have published please send them in. We take pleasure in publishing anything of that nature.

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