

A. J. Pearce

The Rustler.

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ROBERT LEE COKE COUNTY TEXAS. DEC. 19 1902. NO 25.

A free roping contest will be given at Robert Lee on Jan. 1st. Free for all ropers from Coke county. A \$5.00 entrance fee will be charged for all contestants to defray expenses. First prize for best time \$50.00 Second prize \$25.00. Third prize \$10.00 and a pair of spurs worth \$2.50 given by Tom Cross.

Prizes for Bronco Busting, first \$10.00 second \$5.00. Bill Weathers will close the days sport by riding a wild steer.

The roping grounds will be in W. L. Clawsons pasture one half mile from town. Roping begins at 2 O'clock P.M. Jan 1st. Every body come.

Bill Weathers
Jim Barron
Will Posey
Managers.

CHADBOURNE.

Editor Rustler:

We are having Christmas like weather, also a good deal of talk about Xmas. Our people are getting ready for the Xmas tree and entertainment at Rock Springs school house Xmas eve night. Mr Bishop our live drug man has brought on a fine line of Xmas goods, fire works, etc. I think that our people are all ready for Xmas especially the young people. I know the children are and anxious for its coming. I am sure that the little folks would be glad if it would come twice a year. We hope to make it a pleasant time for all especially the little folks. We want it to be a bright spot in their lives.

Mr Denay Garry from Bosque Co, a brother to Mr Henry Garry our clever merchant, is here looking for a location. Mr Garry knows a good country when he sees it, we will be more than glad to have him and his wife settle in our part of the country.

Mr R. E. Douglas and son Bert went to Sweetwater last week.

Mr Med Richards who has been quite sick has gone to Angelo for treatment by Dr Marberry. We hope the Doctor will be successful in the operation which he says will have to be performed on Mr Richards, and that he will be given back to his wife and little ones much improved.

The young people enjoyed very much the candy breaking at Mr Fletcher Hendersons last Saturday night, given in honor of their oldest sons birthday.

Mr Wm Hazlewood is putting up a house on his place for his brother Ed who I understand is to cultivate Mr Hill's farm this next year. Mr Ike Johnson who has been on the place for two years past goes to New Mexico.

We have a new Doctor a Mr Reeves, also a new Barber I can't give his name just now also a new Blacksmith shop, so you see we are on what some folks would call a boom, but its not a boom its just gradually building up, hope it may continue.

With good wishes to all I am—Uncle Tom.

Born to Mr and Mrs J. D. Collier last Friday, the 12th a girl.

Methodist Church, South.

Monthly preaching will be held on the Robert Lee circuit as follows:

First Sunday—Bronte, 11 a. m. and Sunday night.

Second Sunday—Rock Springs 11 a. m., and New Hope, 3 p. m.

Third Sunday—Robert Lee, Saturday night, Sunday, 11 a. m., and Sunday night, and Hayrick, 3 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Sanco, 11 a. m., and 3 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—Hayrick.

All are invited. Saints and sinners.

Foils A Deadly attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester Ind., but was completely cured by Dr King's New Life Pills. They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles, cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at H. H. Pearce drug store.

Hit Him Again.

A small church was sadly in need of repairs, and a meeting was held in it with a view to raising funds for the purpose. The minister having said \$500 would be needed, a very wealthy and stingy member arose and said he would give one dollar. Just as he sat down a lump of plaster fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head, whereupon he rose up hastily and said that he had made a mistake, that he would give \$50. This was too much for an enthusiastic member present, who for getful of everything, called out fervently: "Oh Lord, hit him again! Hit him again!"—Baptist Union.

A Word To The Boys

If you have anything to do, do it at once. Don't sit down in a rocking chair and lose three-quarters of an hour in dreading the job. Be sure that it will seem ten times harder than it did at first.

Keep this motto: "Be on time in small things as well as great." The boy who is behind time at breakfast and at school will be sure to get "left" in the important things of life.

If you have a chronic habit of dreading and putting off things, make a great effort to cure yourself. Brace up! Make up your mind that you will have some backbone. Don't be a limp, jelly fish kind of a person.

Depend upon it that life is very much like you make it. The first thing to decide is what you are going to make it. The next thing is to take off your coat and go to work. Make yourself necessary somewhere. There are thousands of boys and young men who wouldn't be missed if they would drop out of the world tomorrow. Don't be one of this sort. Be a power in your own little world, and then depend upon it, the big world will hear about you. Selected.

Squire Byrne of Sanco and his daughter Miss Cora of Colorado City was a town Tuesday.

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the same test. It leaves the water bright and clear, because it's just pure coffee.

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Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassing on the ranch and lands owned and controlled by the undersigned, in Coke county, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood, hauling water, driving across said lands for water, hunting hogs, leaving gates open, or trespassing in any way, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Notice is hereby given that any one driving stock in or through my pasture, or hauling posts, or wood, on land owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. S. Chapman.

NOTICE

The first quarterly Conference of the M. P. Church, Robert Lee Circuit, Colorado Tex. Dist for this Conference year, will convene with the class at Cow Creek on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in this month. We expect a good attendance.

F. H. Carbell
President.

L. D. Schooler, of Edith, was in town Wednesday, and while here, informed us that his wife, who has been at San Angelo for the last three weeks, under treatment of Dr. Marberry & Cooper, for blood-poison in her hand, is getting along nicely, at home again.

Wanted—An Idea

who can think of some thing to patent? Product your ideas, they may bring you wealth.

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People You Know and What They Are Doing.

Jess Buchanan is still in the barber business.

Mrs M. B. Sheppard and children were trading in our city Monday.

I have bought the Shintz Drug Store, and have already received new goods. Come and see me I can save you money.

Tom Childress.

Brother Warren Graham filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

For new and second hand Furniture and Hardware go to T. W. Taylor, San Angelo.

J. H. Burroughs who is building a new house for J. T. Hamilton, knocked off Saturday eve and came in to attend the lodge that night.

When in Robert Lee dont fail to see Beeman & Hoyt's stock of picture frames, they are beauties.

J. C. Newton foreman of this sheet, returned home from Houston Friday. He reports having had a very pleasant trip.

Fruit cake ingredients at Barham Brothers.

S. Boyis has moved into the D. H. Woodlee residence last Friday.

Goods will be sold cheap for CASH, at Woodlee Brooks & Co.

A. C. Gardner and J. B. Winn brought in a remnant of cotton last Saturday, they report everything all O K up their way.

J. F. Stirman brought us in a lead of wood on subscription last week; let others follow suit.

W. T. Posey's wagon yard has the best accommodations in town. Buggies and Horses to let, also a full line of feed stuff for sale. Give him a trial when in town.

Isam Mobley of Gonzales county has moved to our county where he will make his future home.

Take your cotton and cotton seed to March Bros.

Beeman & Hoyt can frame any thing from a cabinet photo to a 16 x 20.

J. W. Brooks and Uncle Tom Smith attended Quarterly Conference at Hayrick Tuesday.

Bring your cotton to March Bros.

San Angelo, Texas.

If you want the best grade of marble work at the lowest price try Shipman & Izzard, San Angelo, Texas.

March Bros., at San Angelo, pay highest market price for cotton, hides and pecans and sell all kinds of groceries, dry goods, boots, hats etc at lowest prices.

We have just received a shipment of portraits, call and see them and give us your order.

Beeman & Hoyt.

Some good work stock for sale on 6 months time, or trade for cattle. — W. R. Boykin.

Robert Lee, Texas.

When in San Angelo dont fail to put up at Central Wagon yard.

D. E. Coerham Prop.

Dont forget about the fruit cake ingredients at Barham Bros.

Shipman & Izzard carry the best Stock of Tomb Stones, Monuments etc. in West Texas. Figure with them.

You just ought to see the new and second hand Furniture at T. W. Taylor's San Angelo.

Messers, J. B. Lathan J. H. Burroughs, J. W. Barnett, and H. H. Pearce, "set up" the oysters at the Smith Hotel to the Masons last Saturday night.

Wood is legal tender at THE RUSTLER office for subscription.

J. D. Collier bought of John Reed 19 head of steer calves at \$10.

I run a transfer line in connection with my wagon yard I am prepared for hauling or moving any kind of household goods. Phone 139 D. E. Coerham Proprietor of Central wagon yard, San Angelo.

George Peoples of Maverick passed through town Tuesday on his way to the plains 90 miles north west of Big Springs.

When you want up-to-date millinery goods don't fail to see Miss Kate Moore, San Angelo, Texas.

Brother Simpson made us a very pleasant call Wednesday.

A fine line of Ladies, and Misses hats at Miss Kate Moore's at prices to suit the times. Don't fail to see her, stock when in San Angelo.

Uable Johnnie Conner was in town Tuesday. He informed us that he had sold out, and would move to the plains.

If you want a new, or second hand stove for just a little Money, try T. W. Zaylor, San Angelo.

A Million Voices.

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"It completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at H. H. Pearce's.

J. J. Vestal has a nice supply of fresh lime for sale cheap.

D. T. Averitt, one of our ablest attorney's is in San Angelo on legal business this week.

Go to J. J. Vestal the Blacksmith for fresh lime.

A certain young man who detected a piece of bark in his sausage went to the butcher shop to know what had become of the dog. The butcher is reported to have been so affected that he could only give him a part of the ale.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to me for Blacksmithing or Coffins will please call and settle for same. I need the money and must have it soon.

Respectfully,
Tom Cross.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, sore Feet and stiff Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at H. H. Pearce's

Mr Cawley the great Drug Drummer was doing business with our drug men the fore part of the week.

SAVED AT GRAVE'S BRINK.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newcom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of Indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

At the recent communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas the following officers were elected.

W. M. Fly,	W. G. M.
William James,	D. G. M.
A. W. Campbell,	G. S. W.
S. M. Bradley,	G. J. W.
B. F. Frymeyer,	G. Treas.
John Watson,	G. Sec.

He Found a cure.

L. H. Foster, 318 s. 2d st., Salt Lake City, writes, "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too: 50c at H. H. Pearce's.

Will and Charley Perry have come in to spend Christmas with their mother.

A young lady was going twisting along a street in San Francis the other day to all appearance like she had a flea on her. A newsboy with a bundle of papers ran up and exclaimed: "Examiner! Examiner!" The young woman replied: "No, not till I get home.

A scribe has discovered that "there are about ten people who wants to do something for a news paper." This proportion holds good everywhere.

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ROPING CONTEST At Robert Lee.

All who wish to enter the Roping or Riding contest at Robert Lee, January the first 1903, will please enter by the 24th, inst. so we will know how many cattle and horses to have.

ENTRANCE FEE \$5.

Entrance fee can be sent or handed to H. H. Pearce.

- First Prize \$50.
- 2nd do 25.
- 3rd do 10.

In addition to the above, Tom Cross will give the third man a \$2.50 Pair of Spurs.

Bill Weathers, }
W. T. Posey, } Managers.
Jim Barron, }

H. H. Pearce, Treasurer.

CITY WATER WORKS.

To the citizens of Robert Lee, don't fail to take water, and keep your ground irrigated and be prepared for a good garden in the spring. Water is good Fire Protection, and cheaper than Insurance.

T. J. GOSS; Prop.

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The place to buy Disc & Sulkey Plows. Four and six plow and Disc Cultivators, Walking Plow from 9 to 12 inch. Disc Seeder & Harrows. 60 Tooth drag Harrows, Planters & ect, in fact any thing in farm Implements. We guarantee satisfaction. We have all the Tools that a Farmer or Mechanic may need at a price that is reasonable and just. Stoves and Tin Ware. Fine line of Glass & Queens Ware, as low as the lowest.

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Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that I own and control every acre of land in my Grape creek pastures situated in Coke and Tom Green counties and that all trespassers for hunting, fishing, hauling wood, hunting dogs, bee trees, gathering pecans, working stock or any other trespass will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
N. M. March.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises, for use in such cases Ballard's snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c 50c and 1.00 at H. H. Pearce's.

CHRISTMAS TREE

At a citizens meeting held at the Court House last Tuesday night it was decided to have a Xmas tree at the M. E. Church on night of 24th December. The following named committees were appointed On placing tree in house, W. H. Bell C. C. Merchant, Tom Smith, Robert Walker, and J. H. Burroughs. On Programme: D. T. Averitt J. W. Brooks, and H. H. Pearce. On dressing tree: Mrs J.D. Davis, Misses Lena Smith, Elsie Ottinger, Maggie Williams, Etta Roe, Joe Hall, and Robert Walker. Meeting adjourned.
G. W. Berryman
Chairman
Joe Hall
Secretary.

HELPFUL READING.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Dallas News will be reduced in price to 75 cents a month from Dec. 1, 1902.

The News takes pleasure in announcing to its readers a reduction in the subscription price of its daily edition.

Taking effect from and after Dec. 1, 1902, the subscription price will be 75c a month, whether delivered by carrier or through the mails.

Coughing Spell caused death.

Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, and her coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901. Ballard's horehound syrup would have saved him. 25c 50c and \$1.00 at H. H. Pearce's.

J. S. Augustine and wife of Peen were in town trading Wednesday Mr Augustine paid us a dollar on subscription while here.

J. A. Ostertag & Co.'s.

Closing Out Sale

As we are going to discontinue the Stove and Crockery line, We will offer same at

ACTUAL COST

for CASH. This will be the TIME to buy a new STOVE, CHINA and Crockery at a Bargain as we are going to sell it all, and the first to come will get the first choice. We have some fine goods in this line that will go cheap. Come see them.

New Furniture.

En route and arrive in a few days, which will be the finest line ever brought to this city, and we will make you prices that you can give. We went direct to market and selected our stock, consequently we know what we can offer you in NEW and UP-TO-DATE FURNITURE.

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Yours for Furniture.

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Kent Washington
 Editor Rustler

At your request I write

again.
 In my last letter I spoke of the beautiful scenery of this country. Since then we took a trip to our old home at Kingston, 17 miles from Seattle. We left Seattle at 7 a. m., on a little steamboat. After we got out on the water a mile or two the sun rose, his rays reflecting upon the Olympic range of snow-capped mountains. I think that was the most beautiful sight I ever saw in my life.

For fifty miles between us and the great mountains, were evergreen trees, of Fir, Cedar and Hemlock, where there was lots of game, such as Deer, Elk, Bear, and etc.

There are five little rivers making out of these mountains, emptying into the sound.

We have had but little rain for ten or fifteen days now and the weather is pleasant. One can go in his shirtsleeves all day. We have had but little frost to speak of. I saw berries in bloom in the gardens now.

I do not want to deceive anyone, neither unsettle any man in Texas, if you are satisfied there, I say stay. I am satisfied here. While this is a fine country it has its drawbacks and here they are: it rains too much in winter, and the timber is so large and thick, these are the drawbacks.

I have a fine of land 1-2 mile from Fort Chadbournae, if any man will sell it for \$5 per acre I will pay his way to Seattle, Washington. Mr. Bishop of Chadbournae, will show said land to any one wishing to see it.

Dec. 1st. Since we began this letter we have taken another trip to Desmoine, a little town on the sound halfway between Seattle Tacoma. This is a beautiful country settled up by farmers, owning from 2 to 20 acres of land, all making a good living. One of these two acre men told me he would not take less than \$800.00 for his place.

This land is cut up into small tracts and sell from \$50 to \$75 per acre. There is fine building material on this land.

Tacoma is a town of about 100 families, with a good school, and a school building superior to the one in Robert Lee. The town site is a beautiful one. It fronts an Island which is about three or four miles distant, on which is a Government Light House. The island 3 or 4 miles wide and 15 miles in length. They have churches and schools on this island. Land is cheaper on it than on the mainland. There is one shingle mill and two saw mills in the town, which gives employment for all the men who want work.

D. W. Townsend.

To The Grand Lodge

On Monday Dec, the first, I boarded the Robert Lee and San Angelo mail truck for San Angelo which place I reached in due time to take the east bound Santa Fe at 3 P M. There I met up with one of my boyhood friends "James Brooks" who was on his way to Houston to see his brother Judge R. E. Brooks, who is a partner in the Hogg-Swayne Oil Co at Beaumont. "Jim" is one of Crockett county's big hearted stockmen. was a great pleasure for me to be with him, it having been 21 years since we last met.

We had a pleasant trip as far down as Temple, but from there to Houston our fare was not first class. We arrived at Houston at 7 P M Tuesday, tired and worn out, feeling that we could go no farther but being anxious to get somewhere to rest and refresh ourselves, we started out grip in hand in search of a lodging place where we rested for a few moments. We then repaired to the Temple, where we found a large number of Craftsmen.

At Rosenberg Junction, I met another one of my old time friends Rev. Clyde B. Garret pastor of Richmond Station Fort Bend County.

Sunday the 7th at 7 A M about 300 of the Craft took the train for a trip to Galveston to see the sights of that great city, we were met at the depot by our friend W. C. Merchaut, who conducted us to the Y. M. C. A. building where we took a part in Sunday School, also heard a fine sermon preached. From there we went to Mr Merchants home where Mrs Merchaut had prepared dinner for us. After dinner with Mr Merchaut as our guide, we pulled out for the beach where we saw many strange to a "Coke county man".

We were glad to find our friend Merchaut doing well in the Island city, that will be a day long remembered by us.

We formed many acquaintances while at Houston, whom we would be glad to meet again, especially those we traveled with, also our room mates.

Respectfully
 J. C. Newton.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Do not think our school is not alive because no "school notes" have not appeared in these columns. We have been too busy to write them.

The examination last week shows the character of the work done by the pupils. The grades made by nearly all are very encouraging to the pupils and teachers. The questions selected and the gradings were fair, being such as would rank equally with average teachers monthly certificate examinations. Mr Cate Walton after being one of our pupils for a month and half, returned home to enter the Valley View School. We are sorry to lose him, but we commend him to the Valley View teacher for he has been an excellent pupil while with us.

Mr James Tunnel entered school as a pupil Monday morning. He also is from Valley View. Our Literary Society had an interesting programme last Friday evening, enjoyed by pupils teachers and several visitors.

Those who have entered for the roping to date are as follows, Jim Barron, Bill Weathers, Dick Barton, Henry Fry, John Fauls, Dutch Brown Alf Mc Anley. Come in boys and give your name and a \$5.00 bill and try your neck.

Estray Notice.

One larged cow with some white under the flanks, about ten years old. Branded L X cross, on left side. Taken up by W. H. Bishop, and is running on the D. W. Townsend ranch at Ft. Chadbournae, Texas. Reported as an estray to T. C. Baldwin, Commissioner, precinct No. 2 Coke county, Texas.

Secret Societies
-IN ROBERT LEE-

A. F. & A. M. Meets on Saturday night on or before each full moon—M. B. Sheppard W. M. T. D. Evans, Sec

I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night R. B. Higgins, N. G. T. D. Evans Sec.

W. O. W. meets on first and third Monday nights in each month. Chas. Roe C. C. W. B. Green, Clerk.

Helpful Reading.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is reading it is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMERS DEPARTMENT. has helped many. Its not the theory of farming written by College professors and others up North on conditions that dont fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

SPECIAL OFFER.

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