

Coke County Rustler.

IN GOD WE TRUST, BUT TRUST NO MAN.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Necessary Legislation Recommended by the National Railway Commission.

THE COMMISSION ASKS FOR MORE POWER.

They Want the Right to Prescribe the Minimum as Also the Maximum Rates—Congress is Now Ready for Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The following is a synopsis of the seventh annual report of the interstate commerce commission. Attention is called to the peculiar office of common carriers and the dependence of every occupation upon their facilities, the right of every person to receive just and equal treatment in all that pertains to public transportation and the paramount purpose of regulating enactments to secure to the people the actual enjoyment of this right. There must be a common public rate prima facie just and reasonable, which measures the lawful charges of the carrier. The enactment of the long and short haul clause was deemed a public necessity. The commission recommends additional legislation on the following subjects:

1. With respect to proceedings to enforce the lawful orders of the commission.
2. To give legislative construction to the word "line" in the statute.
3. To provide for establishing through routes and joint through rates.
4. To give the commission power to prorogue to competitive points.
5. To provide for the adoption of uniform freight classification.
6. To make to the corporation subject to the act liable to indictment for violation of the law.
7. To provide a penalty for the failure on the part of carriers to file their annual reports within a specified time.

The commission also calls the attention of congress to the subject generally considered in the body of the report, and the suggestions therein made with a view to further extension of the act by additional amendments.

Tariff Estimates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The meeting of the ways and means committee yesterday was brief. The estimates showing the probable difference in the revenue resulting from the new bill were not complete, and the committee adjourned until Monday. The labor of estimating the revenue under the new tariff bill has progressed far enough to warrant the statement that on the basis of the imports of 1892 the loss of revenue resulting from the enactment of the new bill and the repeal of the McKinley act will be about \$30,000,000 per annum. This is on the supposition that imports under the new bill will be no greater than under the present law. It is the conclusion of Chairman Wilson and his associates that importations will be so stimulated under the new bill that the loss of revenue will not be over \$35,000,000. This deficit it is proposed to make up by the tax on the incomes of corporations, on successions and playing cards, by increasing the tax on cigarettes and perhaps whisky. Tarney clings to the belief that the deficit cannot be supplied without extending the income tax to individuals. The Democratic members of the committee on ways and means met to-day to further consider the income tax and internal revenue schedules. In relation to whisky, expressions of members of the committee give no reason for believing the increase would exceed 10 cents per gallon and some think it is doubtful whether there is any increase at all or not. The sub-committee is debating the advisability of making any increase in the whisky tax applicable to all the whisky on hand at the time the new tariff law goes into effect.

Not Satisfied.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The sugar raisers of this country, that is a great many of them, are not satisfied with the proposition to gradually abolish the sugar bounty, as intended in the Wilson bill. Consequently they will continue the contest in the senate and house with the hope of securing a modification of the clause, if they can not get it stricken out entirely. They are asserting that under the promise of the continuation of the bounty granted by the McKinley law, which they consider as a time contract, they had every reason to suppose that the 2 cents a pound bounty would be continued for fifteen years from the time the bounty was provided.

Ready for Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The extra session disposed of all the preliminaries generally necessary at the opening of long sessions, consequently there will be some unusual reasons why congress may not begin business promptly upon convening to-day. There are fifty or sixty bills and resolutions on the senate calendar, so it can begin legislation immediately after the receipt of the president's message if desirable.

After an Embarrassment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The department of state has applied to the authorities in Honduras for an extradition of Menage, the Minneapolis ambassador, and to the authorities of Guatemala for information on the case. The department has been informed that Menage is now in Honduras.

Congress on the March.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Those who have been counting upon an internal revenue bill to be reported by the Democratic members of the committee

A REVENGEFUL NEGRO.

He Felt Rough on Rats on Turkey and in the Drinking Water.

SEVERAL PERSONS WERE POISONED.

The Negro Under Arrest Confesses All—A Killing at New Orleans—A Pension Fraud Unearthed at Guthrie.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 4.—A wholesale poisoner, is reported from Fort Deposit. On Thanksgiving day a negro by the name of Nathan Lamb, alias Sellers, had a grudge against Mr. F. M. Searcy, proprietor of the Houston house, and placed some "rough on rats" on the turkey after it had been upon the table for the guests. Those who ate of it were suddenly taken sick. The next day the negro put some of the poison in the drinking water and upon the beef stake. The result was the poisoning of Mr. Searcy, his wife and daughter, Mrs. McQueen and several druggists. Two very near dying from the effects of the poison. The negro was arrested, has confessed and his trial is now pending. Lynching is talked of, but it is thought it will not take place unless some of the victims die.

Mr. Joseph Van Grata.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 2.—There is in the custody of the police in this city a man who, it is claimed, is a member of the provisional government of the Hawaiian islands, on his way to Washington with a secret dispatch from President Dole to be laid before President Cleveland and his cabinet. His name is Joseph van Grata. The dispatch is said to contain President Dole's version of the arraignment of Lillokalanani and her supporters. Officers from Salt Lake City arrived yesterday and will request Governor Waite to issue extradition papers for Van Grata, who, it is claimed, obtained \$1500 worth of household goods in Salt Lake City under false pretenses. All of the goods which he received on credit have been restored to their former owners.

Killing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 4.—Court Officer Martin Geis shot and almost instantly killed Philip Schneider Saturday morning in this city. Schneider was a man of family, having a wife and six children. He had abused his wife frequently and she had finally been compelled to prefer an affidavit of threat with intent to kill against him. Officer Geis was intrusted with the warrant. When he tried to serve it Schneider drew a razor and advanced upon the officer in a threatening manner. Geis, believing his life was in danger, pulled his pistol and fired. The ball entered the abdomen of Schneider, who sank to the ground and died in an hour. Schneider was 48 years of age. Geis was arrested.

A Pension Fraud.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 4.—T. A. Stockslager, special pension examiner, has unearthed a peculiar pension fraud in this city. A woman continued drawing the pension she had obtained as widow of a soldier, signing the vouchers in her former name. When confronted by the examiner she claimed to have discovered that her alleged husband had another wife, from whom he had never been divorced, and she, not being his legal wife, was entitled to a pension as widow of her former husband. The marriage of the couple was the result of a romantic meeting while holding down adjoining lots at the settlement of Guthrie.

Two Gully Lovers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A dramatic double suicide occurred at the Virginia hotel yesterday morning. The dead bodies of Victor Cyer, young drug clerk, and Mrs. L. E. Caron, wife of a druggist, in whose employ Cyer was at one time, were found in a room by a chambermaid. The woman, who was several years the senior of Cyer and a beautiful brunette, died by poison. Cyer shot himself three times and died stretched across the foot of the bed in which the woman lay.

Seven Persons Burned Up.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 29.—Seven persons four of whom were white and three colored, were burned to death in their houses, four miles from Blenheim, in Barnwell county, Monday night. The whites are of the Riley and Standley families, and the colored are of the family of April Franklin. The houses were about four miles apart and the fires undoubtedly were the work of incendiaries.

Sentenced to Die.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—Noel Mason, a French anarchist, who waylaid and killed Mrs. Sophia Ross and her husband at Calamity, Pa., was sentenced to death yesterday. The motive for the murder was that Ross was in possession of a secret of Mason's, who was to go to Canada and blow up the government buildings.

Killing at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 1.—Martin Norton, ex-councilman, shot and instantly killed James Smith, ex-United States storekeeper, last night at Willis' saloon, this city. Norton had been drinking heavily. There was no quarrel of any kind between the two men. Norton was arrested and lodged in jail.

Divine Concert.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1.—One of the most impressive ceremonies provided by the Catholic church was performed yesterday at All Saints Church. Rev. Edward J. Dunne, for nineteen years in charge of the parish of All Saints,

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THE AFFIDAVIT OF A WELL KNOWN BUSINESS MAN.

Attended with Locomotor Ataxia for Fifteen Years—Did not Walk a Step for Five Years—Was Given Up by the Leading Physicians of New York City and Discharged from the Massachusetts Hospital as Incurable.

(From the New York Tribune.)

For some time there has been an increasing number of stories published in the newspapers of New York city, telling of marvelous cures of various diseases that have been made by different medicines and treatments. It has long been the intention of the Tribune to investigate one of the most interesting cases that could be found and give the truth to the world as a matter of fact. Happening on the case of Geo. L'Hommedieu the other day an investigation was made with this result:

When the reporter called on Mr. L'Hommedieu at the residence of his cousin, Mr. Edward Houghtaling, 271 W. 134th St., he said: "I am 51 years of age, and was born in Hudson, N. Y. I served my time in the army, being corporal of Company A, 21st N. Y. Volunteers. It has been about fifteen years since I noticed the first symptoms of my disease. I consulted Dr. Allen of Yorkville, and also Dr. Pratt, since deceased. Dr. Pratt exhausted his powers in my behalf and finally told me that he could do nothing more for me. 'Finally I was advised by Dr. Gill to go to the well-known scientist, Dr. Hamilton. He gave me a most thorough examination and did me no good. I felt I was growing weaker every day, and went to the Manhattan Hospital, at 41st St. and Park Ave., and was under treatment by Dr. Seguin. He treated me for about three months, and then told me that I had locomotor ataxia, and was beyond the aid of medical science. I was now a complete physical wreck; all power, feeling and color had left my legs, and it was impossible for me to feel the most severe pinch or even the thrust of a needle. 'If my skin was scratched there would be no flow of blood whatever, and it would take it fully six weeks to heal up. In the night I would have to feel around to find my legs. My pains were excruciating and at times almost unbearable. I would take large doses of morphine to deaden the pain—about five years ago, Dr. Lewis A. Sayre of 285 5th Ave., made a trial of the French method of stretching the spine. Although I received no benefit from this treatment, I shall always be grateful to Dr. Sayre for his interest and kindness.

'So severe had my case become by this time that I could not walk without assistance, and was almost ready to give up life. 'I began the use of Pink Pills for Pale People in September last. I took them rather irregularly at first but the cold water treatment. It is a very short time I was convinced that I was getting better and I began the use of the pills in earnest, taking about one box every five days.

'The first sign of improvement was in November, 1892, when I had a rush of blood to the head and feet causing stinging and prickling sensations. February 22d, 1893, was the first time in five years I had ever seen any sign of blood in my feet. From this time on I began to improve. My strength and appetite have gradually returned. I now have perfect control of my bowels, and the pains have gradually left me. I can sit and write by hour and walk up stairs by balancing myself with my hands. Without a cane I am a new man from the ground, and I have every reason to believe that I will be hale and hearty in than 6 months. I have taken at least 10 boxes of pills.'

Sworn to before me this Eleventh of March, 1893. H. E. MELVILLE, Commissioner of Deeds.

[SEAL.] New York City. An analysis of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills show that they contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for diseases as locomotor ataxia, paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatic neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous ache, the after effect of a gripe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, and all forms of weakness either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 6 cents a box or 6 boxes for \$2.50—free, never sold in bulk or for the 100, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., or Brockville, Ontario.

Abstract Numbers. There are comparatively few names for other aggregations of abstract numbers besides the dozen and the score. Two things make a brace, a couple, a duo or duet; three things make a trio, a trinity; eight, according to St. Paul, are a few; thirteen makes a baker's dozen. But taking concrete numbers we find plenty of such names. Fourteen pounds makes a stone, twenty-eight pounds a quarter; a clove of wood is seven pounds; a tod is twenty-eight pounds; a sack is six and one-half tods; a sack is 14 ways, and a last is six sacks.

The Great Post Hole. The world's greatest post hole is last to be cleaned. The Sultan Turkey has resolved to put Mecca something like a huddly con. The decision is the effect of an union from the British government the holy city is to be taken means to prevent pilgrimages from Mecca. A few thirteen decided not to go to Mecca but to go to Mecca. The great hole is to be cleaned.

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At Victoria a few days since, while John Hiller was handling a loaded gun, it was discharged, killing his 4-year-old brother instantly. Dan Easters, colored, has been arrested in Cass county, charged with stealing meat and molasses, and with shooting at another negro. While Charlie Morrow, aged 14 years, was running along the Denver railroad track at Bowie recently, fell and broke his leg. Bob Booth was shot and killed recently at Runge, Karnes county, by John R. Lyons, who was also wounded in the Lyons.

A very disastrous fire occurred at Leonard, Fannin county, recently. It was thought to be the work of an incendiary. Two district judges, one at Houston and the other at Fort Worth, have decided the anti-scalpers law unconstitutional. The late funeral, at Austin, of Hon. M. C. Hamilton, ex-United States senator from Texas, was largely attended. F. M. Kelley's fingers were caught in a sausage grinder at Corsicana recently and two of them were cut off. A rock was thrown into a train recently near Winston, in Fannin county. No one seriously hurt. No clue. The Houston Labor Council is kicking because strangers are employed in preference to home labor. The Salvation Army gave a dinner at Dallas on Thanksgiving day to the deserving poor of that city. Eighteen cars of beef cattle were shipped in one day recently from Alice, Nueces county, to Algiers.

The young people at Marfa, Presidio county, have organized an amateur dramatic association. At Wharton recently lightning struck a minister and killed a child which was in the house. A gang of forty working men were arrested at Houston recently and put to work on the streets. The comptroller has purchased \$5000 of Fannin county bonds and \$11,750 of Robertson county. Lindale, Smith county, has shipped twenty-nine carloads of cotton seed so far this season. Failures are occurring and assignments are being made by merchants daily in this state. The comptroller has registered Dickens' county bridge bonds to the amount of \$9300. Chas. J. Pickering, general freight agent of the Cotton Belt road, died at Tyler recently. The newly appointed internal revenue collectors at Austin and El Paso have qualified. Copious rains have fallen throughout the state and stock water is no longer scarce. S. H. Wadley was recently fined \$50 and cost at Corsicana for selling lottery tickets. Sydney Lasham, an Ellis county lunatic, died in the Washachie jail recently. Cotton is nearly all picked in the vicinity of Terrell, Kaufman county. Work has commenced on the court house at Gollad. It is to cost \$68,000. The local demand for horses and mules at Luling is good. Work on the jetties at Galveston is progressing rapidly. The Salvation Army in Houston is doing effective work. Pecans are plentiful and buyers scarce at Victoria. Pecans are plentiful at Luling and the price good. Sherman is now a signal service station. Cotton picking is about over in Bea county. Debus now has telephone service.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 1893.

Corsicana had a two hundred thousand dollar fire on the night of the 2nd, in which fifty houses were cremated.

Congress met again last Monday, and now the people everywhere will be turned toward Washington for some months.

Never in the history of the Republic were there so many idle men, according to the reports from the whole country.

"A tariff for revenue only." Does it mean 5, 10, 25, or 50 per cent reductions? We would like to know what the term implies.

How would the people like an issue of interest bearing bonds again? This is likely to occur at no distant day. Watch the prediction.

Gov. Hogg is offering \$150 reward for the arrest and conviction of each party implicated in the wire cutting in Sterling county on the 19th of Oct., last.

The comptroller's report shows 3796 national banks in operation, with a capital stock of \$695,538, 120, represented by 7,450,000 shares which is owned by 300,000 shareholders.

The comptroller's report states that there has been an increase in circulation of about \$36,000,000, during the year just closing, but the people can't figure it that way by feeling of their pocket-books.

Secretary Carlisle's speech recently delivered before the New York chamber of commerce will likely be the outline of the president's silver policy. His language is, his mind cannot perceive two standards of value.

Let our people watch and read carefully the president's message, and see if his recommendations are accord with the promises of the representatives made at the called session, on the silver question.

The president's policy towards silver will be "within the limits that I have written, I am not to silver," but what's written shows friendship to that metal, is the query. "The international conference" is the thing to watch for it.

The average citizen, who has depended upon the good promises of "David reform," can almost see his old cloths that formerly sold for \$20, going at \$10. But how many his feathers, by should he make up to find these fond hopes decayed?

It is estimated that the new tariff bill will cause a deficit of about \$60,000,000 annually, and it seems to be a puzzling problem to devise a plan for this to be diverted, which can only be replaced by an increased internal revenue tax on incomes. Some of which will probably be the lines advised.

Van Allen, who it was reported with being appointed auditor to help for contributing to the democratic cause, has been appointed to the position of auditor.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's annual message was made public Monday and Tuesday's papers contained the entire document. The paper, taking it as a whole, is far from what was generally expected, and it fails to deal, at any length, with any of the great questions that confront the people, and it may be called, in the main, condensed copies of the reports of heads of departments, with but short suggestions and little comment. The public looked for the administration's financial policy to be at least made known, but this part is cut short by a plea to wait and see what effect the unorthodox report will have. A discussion at length of this question was due the people, and for them to still subscribe upon hope, and the policy not even outlined, is surprising. The recommendations on the tariff even, are but meagre, only suggesting the need of reform and approving the bill recently prepared by the ways and means committee. This and the civil service, however, are more fully discussed than any other subject considered. All the foreign relations are reviewed in the usual manner, however, no incidents have occurred that now interests the public except the Hawaiian affair, and that will be communicated after more fully developments. The income tax is only spoken of as a temporary necessity to meet the expected deficiency that may occur from the reduction of the tariff. It is advised that the statutes be cleared of all doubt as to the secretary of the treasury's authority for issuing bonds. It is our opinion that the document will not meet the expectations of even the most warm supporters, especially in the south and west. Let every citizen read it and study its imports, and decide personally what benefits are to be derived if the recommendations are adopted by congress.

NEGLIGENCE OFFERS. ED. RUSTLER—I am somewhat surprised that the teachers and members of the Farmers Alliance of Coke county have almost entirely neglected to take advantage of your generous offers made last summer. While it is true that the time of teachers is very much occupied in self-improvement, and the majority of our farmers are a little slow with the pen, yet it would seem that they cannot afford to throw away the golden opportunity you have given them of showing that the people of Coke are reading and thinking.

I wish to call your attention, Mr. Editor, to some words of Secretary Carlisle's, spoken a week ago at Delmonico's, N. Y. Mr. Carlisle said: "For my part, I have never been able to understand what is meant by a double standard, or double measure of value." The question presents itself—Is Mr. Carlisle ignorant as he claims to be, or does he knowingly tell an untruth? If silver had been demoted three or four hundred years ago, instead of within the memory of comparatively young men, the people might be deceived; but when we know that our silver, and with it our produce, has been cheapened by the so-called mortgage bill of 1873; and that James A. Garfield, W. L. Holman, of Indiana, senator Allen G. Thurman, senator W. G. Beck, D. W. Voorhees, and James G. Bain all acknowledged that they voted for the bill in "ignorance of its import; and that Ernest Seyd brought over from London \$500,000 with which to accomplish the trick; and that foreign markets purchased \$25,000,000 worth of our cheap silver annually, which is 5-12 of the output, we may be excused for believing that silver is good money, and that all we need to place it where it belongs is the repeal of that other Sherman bill, the bill of 1873.

Nov. 30 1893. J. W. SAYNER.

Thank you for your message, and I am glad to hear that the public has been longed for.

BRONTE HAPPENINGS.

Pronte, Texas, Dec. 6 h. 1893. ED. RUSTLER—Since our last letter we have been visited by several northerly and cold storms, but still no rain, though wheat in some places is coming up nicely. The cotton crop is about all gathered, but not all sold, as some are waiting for better prices. 318 bales had been ginned at D. T. Farley's gin up to last week.

Christmas is nearly here, and if we are going to have any Christmas trees it is time we were making some preparations in that direction. For two years past the people of this community have met at Rev. B. M. Cumb's on Xmas day with their baskets filled with like things to eat, and enjoyed Christmas dinner together. This year Mr. J. S. Baldwin has been selected, of course with his permission. Mr. Baldwin is one of our best citizens, and we are looking forward to a "general good time."

Mr. B. L. Corley and family leaves this morning for Johnson county, where they will remain for next year, and probably make their home there. We regret to lose Mr. Corley, and heartily recommend him to the one with whom he shall cast his lot.

Mr. J. B. Corley and Miss Daisy Stone were married at the residence of Rev. G. C. Field, Thursday evening, November the 30th. We wish the young people much joy, and a safe journey to their home in Johnson county.

Rufus Sterling has been quite sick for two or three days, but we hope his sickness is no longer serious.

The residence of Mr. Alex. Enbanks was burned on Monday, the 5th, destroying everything in the house, as the family were about a quarter of a mile away picking out the remainder of cotton. We sincerely regret his misfortune, and think every one should help to restore his loss.

Our school is going along splendidly, with Prof. W. B. Jones as teacher.

Mrs. Willie Jones, who's teaching at Mountain View, is getting along nicely with her school.

More anon.

"LOREN DOONE"

Trustee's Meeting. The trustees of the public free school of the county met at the County Judge's office, Saturday, at 10 a.m., with A. J. Prichard, president and T. L. Vaux secretary.

The following trustees were present: T. L. Vaux and I. S. Baldwin, 11th district; W. W. Norman C. H. Cooper, 5th district; W. R. George and W. M. Moore, 8th district; J. A. Shaw, 7th district; W. A. Robin, 3rd district; W. J. Reed, 10th district.

It was resolved, that the trustees of the county bring to the next meeting of this body a list of the text books now used in their respective schools, and that the Teacher's Institute of Coke county be requested to discuss the text book question at their next regular meeting in January, and report the result of their discussion by committee of three teachers to the next meeting of trustees on the first Saturday in February, 1894.

Resolved second, that we favor a uniform system of text books in the county, but that owing to the financial stringency of the times, that it can only be accomplished by gradual introduction of old to the books now in use in our schools.

It is further resolved that the teachers of Coke county be respectfully requested to attend the teacher's institute.

Various other questions were discussed in the interest of education and economy in school matters.

A. J. PRICHARD, Chairman. T. L. VAUX, Secretary.

If the proper steps were taken Coke county could receive a good share of the emigration that is going west this fall, as it certainly can show up equal if not superior advantages to her neighbor counties. Let our people do their duty in this matter, and the result will be readily perceived by all.

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While you are earning it by making something which you probably don't want, somebody else is equally busy making something you DO want. Don't be worsted in the trade. Until you find the best place to spend it, hold the dollar so tightly that the Eagle screams and the Goddess of Liberty expostulates.

SPEND IT FOR THESE:

<p>Ladies Calf Button Shoes, standard sew, Opera and Common Sense, K, and EE lasts. Special \$1.25 per pair.</p> <p>Child's Glove graft button shoes, heels, 5 to 8 at 75 cts. 9 to 11 at 90 cts.</p> <p>Ladies Dongola button shoes, worked button holes, at \$1.00 per pair.</p> <p>Men's Calf boots, high and low heels, worth \$4.00, our price \$3.00 per pair.</p>	<p>Men's Congress and Lace shoes at \$1.50 per pair.</p> <p>36 inch Bleached Domestic Sets per yard.</p> <p>Extra quality cotton checks, worth 10 cts, at 6 cts. per yard.</p> <p>Good quality Red twilled Flannel, at 22 1-2 cents per yard.</p> <p>Pink and Blue Irish Freeze at 15 cents per yard.</p> <p>Latest style dress buttons, any color and style at 5 cts per dozen.</p>	<p>Five pair good quality hose, for ladies, for 25 cents.</p> <p>3 Papers good plus for 5 cents.</p> <p>Ladies All Wool long cloak, worth \$10.00, our price \$4.00.</p> <p>Children's cloaks in different styles for \$1.50 and upwards.</p> <p>Extra quality unbleached cotton flannel 14 yards for \$1.00.</p> <p>Our entire stock of 35, 40 and 50 cent dress goods will go at 25 cents per yard.</p>	<p>36 inch unbleached domestic, extra good, at 5 cents per yard.</p> <p>In our clothing department we have cut the prices in two.</p> <p>We offer men's cashmere suits, worth \$15.00, at \$7.50.</p> <p>Men's \$18.00 and \$20.00 all wool suits at \$10.00.</p> <p>Men's fine quality all wool Black Worsted suits, at \$10.00.</p>	<p>We will make your wife a hat for \$1.50 and upwards.</p> <p>A good white double blanket for \$1.50.</p> <p>An 11-4 grey wool blanket at \$3.00 per pair.</p> <p>Men's lace brogan shoes at \$1.00 per pair.</p> <p>We are nearly giving away children's suits.</p>	<p>Men's \$3.00 Black Fur hats at \$1.75.</p> <p>Men's extra heavy Camel Hair shirts and drawers at 50 cts each.</p> <p>A \$2.50 all wool men's top shirt at \$1.25.</p> <p>An extra quality Over All for 75 cts.</p> <p>The best pair of Jeans pants in the world for \$1.25.</p>	<p>In our Grocery department we under sell all our competitors.</p> <p>Only through square dealing do we wish to gain your trade.</p> <p>We have a few pair odds and ends in kip boots which we are selling at cost.</p> <p>We are selling shawls at half price.</p> <p>We are also buying Cotton.</p> <p>Ask your neighbor how he gets treated by us.</p>
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SCHWARTZ & RAAS, THE LEADERS.

S. J. Carpenter, The Ballinger Saddle and Harness Man,
 Now occupies the New Odd Fellows' Building with the finest line of Goods ever carried in Ballinger. Go and see him before buying. 4-1-1f

Hamilton, Reed & Co.,
 [Successors to Hubert H. Pearce]
DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,
 Robert Lee, Texas,

J. J. VESTAL,
Blacksmith & Wood Workman.
 Does all of blacksmithing and general repair work. Horse Shoeing a Specialty.
 Robert Lee, Texas.

Groceries and Grain.
COBB & DANCER
 Have opened up
A New Grocery and Grain Store,
 And invite a share of your trade. They expect to keep a complete assortment of staple groceries, and will sell at the Lowest Possible Prices. Will meet any competition.
Call ! And ! See ! Them,
 THEY WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

West side square, Second door south of Post-office.
SWEET WATER AND ROBERT LEE U.S. Mail & Stage Line.
 Good accommodations. Good teams and quick time. Makes the round trip twice a week. Leaves Sweet Water on Mondays and Fridays: 6 a. m. and arrives at Robert Lee at 7 p. m. Leaves Robert Lee at 6 a. m. and arrives at Sweet Water at 7 p. m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Round trip \$5.00. One way \$3.00. SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO FREIGHT AND EXPRESS MATTER.
 OFFICES: Davis Hotel, Robert Lee. C. C. MERCHANT, Proprietor.

TONSORIAL EMPORIUM.
 ASHAL DANCER, Proprietor.
 Shaving, Shampooing, Hair Cutting etc., done in the best of style. When needing work done in his line call on him.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Rev. G. F. Fair was on our street Monday and Tuesday.

Old papers for sale at the RUSTLER office at 25 cents per hundred.

Let our business men co-operate more, and they will find it will be to their financial interest and also to their patrons.

Advertise in the RUSTLER. It reaches a large number of homes in Coke county.

Mr. W. B. Fletcher of Bronte neighborhood, was in town Tuesday.

If you want an Organ, call on the RUSTLER office and get prices and terms. Will sell you on easy payments, and give you a bargain.

J. F. Conner, one of our honorable Commissioners, was in our city Monday.

The Pearce hotel at Ballinger solicits your patronage.

H. D. PEARCE, Prop.

Mr. J. C. Turner, of Stephenville, an ex-merchant of our town, was in our city Friday, shaking hands with old friends.

NOTICE.
 All parties indebted to I. M. Bennick are requested to call and make settlement at once.

Christmas incoming. What is our people going to do about a Christmas tree!

The Postmaster at Bronte, Ft. Cobb, Arkansas and San Antonio authorized to receive subscriptions for the RUSTLER. Call on either of them and leave the price of the paper with your name and it will be sent you regularly.

On last Monday the residence of Mr. Alex. Eubank, of Turkey creek, with its contents was consumed by fire. The family was all out in the field picking cotton when the fire caught and nothing was saved except what wearing apparel they had on. The loss was unforunate one, and is to be regretted by all.

Mens Clothing. Furnishing Good Hats and Shoes. At Cost. My entire stock must be closed out as soon as possible.

JNO. McMILLAN.
 Second door west of Postoffice, San Angelo, Texas.

Several loads of cotton passed through this week, going to market.

We will take wood, chicken, lumber, in fact all kinds of country produce that can be used in a family, on subscription to the RUSTLER. We want the paper to go to every home in Coke county, and make this offer to help accomplish the result.

Speak of the advantages Coke county offers when an opportunity presents itself. A wool comb, nothing and may be worth considerable to the country.

PROGRAMME.

The following is the program of the Teacher's Institute, which will meet at Sandoz on the 4th Friday and Saturday in January, next:

1st. Descriptive Geography, Texas, by W. C. L. Ughlin; Florida, J. L. Ro. s.

2nd. Arithmetic, W. B. Green, Fructious; J. I. Fricherd, Longitude and Time.

3rd. Grammar, Miss Lula Douglas; Parts of Speech; P. L. Thompson, Principles and Infinitives.

4th. U. S. History, B. U. Smith; Monroe's administration; J. A. Stuart, Jackson and VanBuren's administration.

5th. Reading, Miss Willie Jones, Primary reading; Mrs. H. H. Mitchell, Advanced reading.

6th. Texas History, W. B. Jones, Establishment of mission; H. T. Carter, Sam Houston.

7th. Composition, Miss Emma Ferchard, Oral composition, Mrs. Vida Hallmark, Letter writing.

8th. Physiology, W. C. Merchant, Skeleton; G. W. Berryman, Nervous system.

9th. Music by Prof. Green and Class; Instrumental by Messrs. Gardner, Trumel and Hallmark.

11th. Recitations, Profs. P. L. Thompson, J. L. Ross, B. L. Allen, W. B. Green and Misses Edna Reed, Leah Reed, Luia Douglas, Emma Merchant, Poca Christian, Willie Jones and Jennie Stuart.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. C. MERCHANT,
 J. A. STUART,
 WM. GREEN,
 Committee.

The Royalty Hotel invites the people of Coke county to stop there when they go to Ballinger. Rates \$1.00 per day. Near passenger depot. 12-1f

NOTICE.
 All parties that are indebted to us are respectfully requested to come forward and settle at once. Respectfully,
 BURROUGHS & Co.

AT COST! I am closing out my business in San Angelo and in order to make quick work of it I am offering my entire stock of Men's Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Shoes at actual cost. The goods must be sold by January the 1st, if possible.

JNO. McMILLAN.
 Do not put off taking medicine. No serious little ailments, if neglected, will soon break up the system. Take Todd's Sassafras now to expel disease, give strength and appetite.

Good Looks. Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach be diseased you have a dyspeptic look, and if your kidneys be affected you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Light is the great restorative and tonic, especially on those vital organs. Samples, blotches, boils and a good complexion. Sold at the Davis Hotel, Reed & Co's drug store, 30c per bottle.

Dr. H. G. Martin, of Uvalde, Texas, who makes a specialty of the treatment of cancers, tumors, and such violent diseases, has been here treating the cancer on Grandpa Hyley's hand for the last ten days. The doctor says it is yielding to his remedial process, and that a cure will soon be effected. Grandpa is in splendid spirits at the progress it is making, and all his friends will rejoice with him should a cure be made, as he has been ailed with it for a number of years, and has suffered untold miseries with it. The doctor calculates that it will turn loose the early part of next week. If a cure is effected in this case the doctor will have a reputation in this country.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke your Life Away is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The cost is trifling and the man that wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-bac. Sold by all druggists.

Book at drug store or by mail free. Address the Sterling Remedy Co., Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

DECEASED—Last Thursday Mrs. W. B. Green and Misses Edna Reed, Leah Reed, Luia Douglas, Emma Merchant, Poca Christian, Willie Jones and Jennie Stuart. Respectfully submitted,
 W. C. MERCHANT,
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.
 I, B. F. Montgomery Tax Collector of Coke County Texas, hereby give notice that I will be at the respective voting boxes on the dates below given, for the purpose of collecting taxes:
 Rock Springs, Nov., 20 and 21, '93.
 Hayries, " 22, " 23, "
 Oso, " 24, " 25, "
 Mt. Margret, " 27, " 28, "
 Valley View, " 29, " 30, "
 Simpson Dec., 1, " 2, "
 Paint Creek " 4, " 5, "
 A C Gardner " 6, " 7, "
 Silver " 8, " 9, "
 Sandoz " 11, " 12, "
 REMEMBER TAXES ARE DUE ON the 1st, and delinquent Jan. 1st. Pay in time and save cost.

Given under my hand this the 20th day of Oct., 1893.

B. F. MONTGOMERY,
 Sheriff and Tax Collector Coke Co.

DECEASED—Last Thursday the little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ackless of near Edith, died, from the effects of a barbitate received a few days ago. The parents have the sympathies of the entire people in their sad bereavement.

Rare Bargains can now be had in Men's Furnishing Goods, Hats and Shoes, by calling on me while in San Angelo. My entire stock must be closed out by January the 1st if possible.

JNO. McMILLAN.

BALLINGER & ROBERT LEE U.S. MAIL AND STAGE LINE.
 Via Vale, Maverick and Bronte.
 Magnificent accommodations, fine passenger coaches, good teams and careful drivers. Leaves Ballinger and Robert Lee every morning, except Sunday, at 7 a. m.; arrives at Ballinger and Robert Lee at 5 p. m. Ballinger office at Barrow hotel; Robert Lee office at Davis hotel. Fare, \$5; round trip, \$5. Heavy baggage extra. Special attention given to express matters.
MELROY & WALLING, Proprietors.

ELKHART CARriage AND HARNESS WFG. CO.
 No. 112 Road Wagon. \$27
 No. 718A TIRE \$42.
W.C. PRATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South, services as follows:
 Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
 Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
 Bronte, " " 11 a. m.
 Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
 Mt. Carmel, " " 11 a. m.
 Oak Creek, " " 4 p. m.
 Sandoz, " 4th " 11 a. m.
 Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
 Decker, " 5th " 11 a. m.
 Geo. F. Fair, Pastor.

Baptist Church, services as follows:
 Edith, 1st Sunday; Robert Lee 3rd Sunday; Ft. Chabourne, 4th Sunday.
 J. C. AVERITT, Pastor.

Protestant Methodist Church, services as follows: Paines, 1st Sunday-Edith, 2nd Sunday; Fair View, 3rd Sunday; Robert Lee, 4th Sunday.
 B. L. HANCOCK, Pastor.

Alliances Directory.

The Coke County Alliance will meet at Robert Lee January the 25th, 1894. OFFICERS—T. C. Baldwin, Pres. G. W. Downy, Sec. and Treas., J. W. Sayner, Lect., Sam King Door Keeper, I. H. Brightman chap., B. U. Smith Business Agent.

SUB-ALLIANCES.

Union Alliance, No. 4927, meets Saturday before the 4th Sunday at 2 p. m., and Saturday night before the 2nd Sunday in each month. I. S. Baldwin Pres. J. W. Fletcher Sec.

Rock Springs Alliance, No. 4864, meets Saturday before the 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month, at 2 p. m. E. W. Stokes, Pres. W. F. Robinson, Sec.

[Other sub-alliances will be added to the directory as fast as the secretaries report same.]

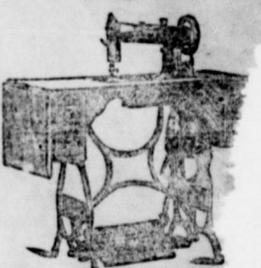
Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chafed breasts, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Hamilton, Reed & Co.

2,228,672.

These figures represent the number of bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and croup which were sold in the United States from March, '91 to March, '92. Two million, two hundred and twenty-eight thousand, six hundred and seventy-two sold in one year, and each and every bottle was sold on a positive guarantee that money would be refunded if a satisfactory result did not follow its use. The secret of its success is plain. It is a sure, disappointing and can always be depended on as the very best remedy for coughs, croup, and pneumonia, and \$1.00. At Hamilton, Reed & Co's drug store.

THE ELDRIDGE "B"



A strictly high-grade family sewing machine, possessing all modern improvements.
GUARANTEED EQUAL to the Best
 Prices very reasonable. Obsolete and make comparisons.
ELDRIDGE MANUFACTURING CO. BELMONT, N. H.

8 ft. \$25
 12 ft. \$50
 16 ft. \$100

AERMOTORS ALL STEEL GALVANIZED PUMPING OR GEARED CASE PRICE.

For the benefit of the public, the American Pump & Motor Co. has decided to sell its Aermotors at a very low price. These are the best pumps for the market. They are made of all steel and are very durable. They are also very small and portable. They are sold at a very low price. For more information, call on the American Pump & Motor Co. at 12th and F.

THE HIGHEST AWARD.

Royal Baking Powder Has all the Honors—In Strength and Value 50 Per Cent. Above Its Nearest Competitor.

The Royal Baking Powder has the enviable record of having received the highest award for articles of its class—greatest strength, purest ingredients, most perfectly combined—wherever exhibited in competition with others.

The result at the Chicago World's Fair is no exception. In the exhibition of former years, at the Centennial at Paris, Vienna and at the various State and Industrial fairs, where it has been exhibited, judges have invariably awarded the Royal Baking Powder the highest honors.

At the recent World's Fair the examinations for the baking powder awards were directed by the chief chemist of the Agricultural Department at Washington.

The chief chemist's official report of the tests of the baking powders, which was made for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder.

Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited, the next highest in strength tested contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas.

The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found to be 20 per cent. greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and 44 per cent. above the average of all the other tests.

Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures.

It is these high qualities, known and appreciated by the women of the country for so many years, that have caused the sales of the Royal Baking Powder, as shown by statistics, to exceed the sale of all other baking powders combined.

A British Scandal. A small scandal arises in British church circles from the fact that there were 500 applicants for a place as chaplain on a yacht and only five for a curacy of hard work in the slums.

Well, the long, and the short of it, we all accept her, and go shepherds in her expense. She knows perfectly well how we idolize her, but she never takes advantage of it as most children would.

As she grew older she developed a perfect passion for flowers, especially the goldenrod. Many a time have I can take about as good care of the little thing as any of you. I helped raise six kids of my own, and if you say so I'll turn nurse.

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LITTLE GOLDENROD.

TAKE care, sir, how you flourish that cow on the ground. Better not be so lively with it. If you should happen to hit that little one coming back in five minutes.

That's our little Goldenrod, and there isn't a man in camp that wouldn't lay right down, and let her trot all over him if she wanted for such names? Well, yes, rather. Maybe you'd like to know how she got it, and why she is here.

"You see, about twelve years ago, there was a gypsy camp right back of us for several weeks. One morning we found the lady left during the night, and when the captain came out of his cabin he almost stepped on a bundle that lay in front of it.

Picking it up he saw that it was something alive. For the sake of the boy, he played a joke on him. What was his surprise to find neither puppy, nor kitten, but a sweet baby face looking up at him from the wrappings.

Well, sir, he dropped into a chair just as if you'd struck him. "My gracious," he says, "what on earth shall we do with it?" and he looked so helpless we had to laugh at him.

She put up her little hand, and giving his long hair a gentle pull, nestled down in his arms as much as to say, "Take care of me, of course." He found a paper pinned to the white dress where his mother had written: "For the sake of the mother who loves you, take care of this little one. I can't keep her, though she has a perfect right in the world."

"Well, we were in a fix. At that time there wasn't a woman in camp, but you'll most always find where there's a lot of men together, that one of them is pretty sure to be about as handy as a woman, and as good luck would have it, that was the case here. There was an old man, as I said, and some of the most ridiculous suggestions had been made in sober earnest. Dan Draper steps up, and says he, "Look here, cap'n, I reckon I can take about as good care of the little thing as any of you. I helped raise six kids of my own, and if you say so I'll turn nurse."

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hand to us. As good luck would have it, of the party hailed to be a stirrup, and the captain happened to see Goldenrod coming. He rode back to meet her, and as she came up to him she put out her hand with such a look of love and thankfulness that he involuntarily stooped and kissed her.

"What is it, mine girl?" he asked, and she told how he had received a false call, and the danger that lay in waiting for him, and those left at the camp. As she finished speaking the poor child's strength gave way, and she would have fallen to the ground if he had not caught her in his arms.

You can just bet we were a scared lot, for we thought she was dying, but she had only fainted, and opened her eyes again in a few moments. The captain carried her back to camp in his arms, while I led her pony.

"On the way we saw Jack Siddons and Nate Carpenter, both of whom said to me, 'where is the plot? Before they reached us we raised our revolvers and ordered 'hands up.' They looked surprised and sullen, but had sense enough to see that we had the best of them, and obeyed. When we got to camp, the doctor examined them separately, and it was not long before we had all the particulars of a most villainous plot. By the next night we had captured the whole gang.

"Our little Goldenrod was completely prostrated. Delirium set in, and for two weeks the whole camp was as gloomy as a funeral. We had a good doctor, though, and he pulled her around until she was strong again. We were so thankful for her recovery we all clubbed together, and gave him \$100 extra.

"Yes, sir, our little Goldenrod is the light in our camp, and when you come around the next evening, we'll get into anyone's good graces, all you've got to do is to be 'specially kind to her."

"Here she comes again with her cap on, and she has never looked out of her eyes, but I've staked my life it's all right, and all I fear is that some relative will happen along and recognize her. Don't care how many she has if they will settle among us, but it would break up the camp if she should leave.

"Quite interested in her? Well, everyone is for that matter. See, here, stranger, seems to me you and the little girl have a good deal the same look about the eyes especially. Noticed it first time I glanced at you. What, going? Well, good luck to you. Better wait and speak to Goldenrod. No? All right then. When you some around this way give us a call. 'Good morning."

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Why William B. Bate of Tennessee... Senator from Tennessee... never lights a cigar. He has always one between his fingers or between his lips, but no match to put to it. He is a familiar figure in the upper chamber—his abundant snow-white hair, a carefully tended mustache of the same color, his stooped form and lined face, with massive overhanging jaw, making him marked in an assembly of strong personalities.

His advocacy of the "dry-smoke," as it is called, and his habit of tobacco five-cent weed as chewing tobacco have continued for more than a quarter of a century. A story is attached. He is the last man in the world whom one would suspect of superstition, but his avoidance of matches is due to that part of our natures and to nothing else.

He entered the war as a private when first state secured by the Union, and rose through the successive grades of lieutenant, captain, lieutenant-colonel, colonel, brigadier and major-general. He had a taste of military life in the Mexican war and embraced the first opportunity to re-enter it. One day toward the end of a long and bitter struggle, when the two stars of the major-general were on his shoulders, his corps which was a part of the army of the Pacific, was engaged in a battle in the mountains.

At that time he was an inveterate smoker. Always cool in action, his cigar case was as much of his make-up as his horse and saddle. Along toward noon, when the fire from the federal under assault was particularly heavy and vicious, he moved up to an exposed position in order to give encouragement to his men. His gun went with him. Senator (the General) Bate reached for his breast pocket and took out a cigar. He bit off the end with customary nicety, scratched a match on the back of his saddle and settled down in his stirrups to enjoy himself.

There was a shock in the air, the nameless, indefinable stir produced by the close passage of a shell or round shot, and the match within two inches of the end of the weed went out. The senator's shoulders and preparing to light another light, he glanced about him. His brother who had been sitting on his horse a little to the left and in the rear, was a corpse. The ball had struck him in the chest, and all that Bate saw was a mixed mass of dead flesh ten feet behind. The horse stood unmoved. The man who was alive looked at the unlighted match between his fingers. He twisted it about a moment and then rode to the rear for an ambulance. The cigar he held in his hand for an hour or two and slowly chewed into bits.

From that day to this he has never known what it is to smoke. "Some sense of an awful danger, a danger which had been with him. It is possible that he has come to look upon the lighting of a cigar as a desecration of his brother's memory. Anyhow he does not light it. Day after day in the senate chamber or in the corridor of the capitol he may be seen with a cigar in his hand that is frequently carried to his lips, but it is unlighted. When worn down to a mere end he takes another.

FACTS ABOUT THE HEART. Interesting Statistics Showing the Vast Work It Has to Do. The human heart is a hollow muscle of a conical form placed between the two lungs and enclosed in the pericardium or heart sac. The ordinary size of the heart in the adult is about five inches in length, three and one-half inches in breadth at the broadest part and two and one-half inches in thickness. Its weight is from ten to twelve ounces in men and from eight to ten ounces in women.

Dr. Benecke of Marburg, has made known his observations on the growth of the human heart, the fact appearing that the increase is greatest and most rapid during the first and second years of life. Its bulk at the end of the second year being exactly double what it originally was. Between the second and seventh years it is again doubled in size. A slower rate of growth then sets in and continues during the period of maturity of other portions of the body. After the fifteenth year up to the fiftieth the annual growth of the heart is about 2001 of a cubic inch, the increase ceasing about the fiftieth year.

The heart, although so small, is a wonderful piece of mechanism, and of great power, says Lesuire Moments. With each stroke or beat it projects something like two and a half ounces of blood into the conduits or channels of the body, throwing it for a distance of nine feet. This it does sixty-nine or seventy times a minute. Six number of its pulsations varies in the sexes and in the seasons. In the male it beats eighty-one times a minute when standing, seventy-one when sitting and sixty-six when lying. In the female it is ninety-one, eighty-four, eighty in the similar positions respectively.

The Castle of Heidelberg. The castle of Heidelberg is the largest in Germany. It stands 330 feet above the Neckar river and was occupied as a castle as early as 1294 A. D. In a cellar in one corner of the ruins is the famous "tun" or monster cask capable of holding 9,000 gallons. This was for the storage of wine used by the nobility who dwelt in this castle. It is believed that the grand duke of Baden will abandon the idea which he recently entertained of attempting to "restore" the ruins and convert them into a modern palace.

The Deep Sea. One day, while his apparatus for deep-sea soundings, by means of steel piano-wire, was being constructed, Lord Kelvin entered Mr. White's shop in Glasgow, along with the great Dr. Joule, celebrated for his determination of the mechanical equivalent of heat. Joule's attention was called to a bundle of piano-forte wires lying in the shop, and Thompson said, "I intended to use 'sounding purposes.' "What note?" he inquired. "Joule," and was so simply answered, "The deep C."

Miss Carrie Lano Chapman says that more than half of the women who marry properly in Iowa are graduates of eastern colleges. There is, she says, a little south of the Crow Creek reservation a section of women, every one of whom is a bona fide farmer. She says: "The fields are plowed and crops gathered by women. One of the most intellectual and most refined women of the section is a breeder of fine horses. She has no hired men. All the help are women. Among these women are graduates of universities. Among them are old maids, young maids and widows."

When one says of anything that it is "not worth a straw," one means to imply that it is worthless, for what can be the value of a straw? The older saying was "not worth a rush," and this brings out the origin of the phrase better. In the days before carpenter was the custom to strew the floor with rushes. The staves of rank were entertained, rushes, green, fresh and sweet, were spread for them, but folk of lower degree had to be content with rushes that had already been used, while still humbler persons that had to do without any, as not even being "worth a rush."

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