

# Coke County Rustler.

IN GOD WE TRUST, BUT TRUST NO MAN.

H. DAVIS, PUB.

ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1895.

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## THE WORLD

Secretary Carlisle has decided that Russian and Peruvian petroleum is dutiable at 40 per cent, since Russia and Peru tax petroleum imported from the United States.

W. K. Vanderbilt says he will give his wife \$250,000 a year and also give her the Newport and Fifth avenue houses during the children's minority. He has gone abroad.

A bill to provide for carrying into effect the international arbitration resolution adopted by congress in 1890 has been introduced in the senate by Mr. Sherman.

In the Debs case before the supreme court a writ of error was denied, but leave granted to file a petition for habeas corpus, returnable January 28.

While playing burglar at a house where she was visiting in Chicago recently, Miss Kistenmacher was probably fatally shot by Max Ehliert.

At the Big Lake colliery, Audley, North Staffordshire, England, recently, 120 men and boys lost their lives being entombed in a mine.

A few days ago William Randall Cremer, member of the British house of commons, presented an arbitration petition to President Cleveland.

For refusing to find the verdict ordered by the court, United States Circuit Judge Seaman committed a juror for contempt at Chicago.

The president sent to the senate the correspondence in the case of the Japanese students surrendered to China and beheaded as spies.

The naval appropriation bill provides for building three more battle ships at a cost of \$4,000,000 each and a number of torpedo boats.

General Master Workman Sovereign says a plan has been proposed to labor leaders to overthrow the United States government.

Alderman John Wagoner of Jolksburg, Miss., has been elected by the grand jury for illegue being, not being a naturalized citizen.

During a heavy gale at Gibraltar recently two vessels parted their

## SALARY AMENDMENT.

### MR. BRADFORD WANTS TO REDUCE SALARIES.

After the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer and Land Commissioner—Home Insurance Companies Bill.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 18.—Upon calling the house role Saturday morning eighteen absentees were recorded and Mr. Radford of Parker sent up a joint resolution, which was referred to the committee on constitutional amendments, providing for an amendment to the constitution to reduce the salary of the governor to \$3000 per year, the salary of the secretary of state to \$1500, the salary of the attorney general to \$1500, the salary of the comptroller, treasurer and commissioner of the general land to \$1800.

Mr. Bramlette's bill to create a more efficient road system for Fannin county was placed upon its second reading and the rules suspended and it passed to the third reading and final passage, with the amendment that it apply to Kaufman county.

For Local Option.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 26.—A bill was introduced yesterday in the house by Mr. Simmons of Grayson, providing a fine for the introduction of intoxicating liquors in local option districts; providing for the suppression of blind tigers; prohibiting the giving of prescriptions calling for liquor in local option districts, except in cases of actual sickness, and providing that an order of record be entered on the minutes of the commissioners declaring prohibition carried in a county shall be prima facie evidence that the law governing such election has been in all things complied with and that said election is valid, and said order or a certified copy thereof shall be admitted as evidence in any court.

## Allen's Lien Law.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 26.—Mr. Allen has secured a favorable report from house judiciary committee No. 1 on his bill providing a new line law for the protection of laborers, mechanics and material men. This is among the most important bills now pending before the house, for it repeals the present law and makes some radical but simple changes for protection against the abuse of the present law. The bill requires the owner to see that all bills for material and labor are paid before making any payment or advances to the contractors. It also requires that the builder and the contractor shall both keep a true copy of the building contract subject to the inspection of the material men and laborers or their agents. If this is done then the contract price shall be the measure of liability so far as the builder is concerned; but if the builder shall fail or refuse to permit material men or laborers to inspect such contract when requested in writing so to do, then the builder shall be liable for the full amount of the value of the material and labor furnished without reference to the contract price. The builder is required at any time during the construction of any building or improvement on the written request of any man or laborer to furnish a statement showing the amount of money paid, and liability incurred under such building contract up to the time of such request.

House Committee Reports.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 25.—The house committee on internal improvements ordered a favorable report on the senate bill extending the time for completion of work by sundry railroad companies, thereby saving their charters. It is understood that owing to the situation of two or three roads the committee will endeavor to have the bill pushed through immediately. This committee also considered and ordered a favorable report on the

## WILSON AND SUGAR.

### HOPKINS OF ILLINOIS WILL AMEND THE BILL.

The Amendment if Enacted Will Leave It Discretionary With the Executive Department to Enforce or Not as May Seem Best.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Representative Hopkins of Illinois, a member of the ways and means committee, will offer an amendment to Mr. Wilson's bill to remove the discriminating duty on sugars from certain foreign countries, which will be designed it is stated, to insure the efficiency of Mr. Wilson's bill in accomplishing its object, that is, the ending of retaliatory measures against American meats. The amendment will be substantially as follows: "Provided, that in the case of a foreign country, whether independent or dependent, that makes or permits any injurious discrimination in such country against any of the products of the United States, the duty mentioned in this bill shall remain in full force and effect as provided in the law in force prior to the enactment of this bill. The amendment, if enacted with the bill, will leave the power of enforcing the law in the discretion of the executive branch of the government. If Germany and her allies do not conclude to discontinue their discriminations against American meat and other products after the discrimination has been remitted, the president has authority to enforce it against the government offending. Without some safeguard of this character, Mr. Hopkins argues, there will be no assurance that the administration bill will attain the object for which it is designed.

All Waiting on Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—

## A Financial Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—In Senator Jones' financial and currency bill, introduced yesterday, authority is given the secretary of the treasury to issue \$100,000,000 bonds, payable in coins of the present standard value and bearing 3 per cent interest. The bonds are to mature thirty years from date and may be redeemed in twenty years. The proceeds of the bonds are to be used to defray current government expenses and for redemption of United States treasury and legal tender notes issued under the act of July 4, 1890. The bonds are to be of the denomination of \$20 and \$50 and multiples, and will be free from taxes. They must be paid for in gold, or the secretary may accept United States notes and treasury notes under the act of 1890.

National banks may issue circulating notes to the amount of bonds deposited with the secretary of the treasury, and the tax on such circulation is reduced to one-fourth of 1 per cent.

Section 3 provides that no national bank shall retire its circulation without written authority from the secretary of the treasury.

Section 4 says that national banks desiring to retire the whole or any part of their circulating notes are required to deposit gold coin equal to the amount of the notes to be raised, and at all times to keep on deposit with the treasurer of the United States in gold coin a sum equal to 5 per cent of their outstanding circulating notes, to be issued for the redemption of such notes.

Sections 6 and 7 provide for the displacement of all national bank and United States treasury notes of denominations of less than \$10 with silver certificates.

Vote on Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The bill pledging the faith of the United States to do the construction of the

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