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## ROCK ISLAND TO BUILD A LINE INTO CARLSBAD

**Fort Worth Advices are That Steel and Ties Have Been Purchased—Line to Hit Carlsbad.**

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.)  
Fort Worth, Texas, July 18.—The Rock Island officials here today announce that that road is planning to build a cut-off from Mangum, Oklahoma, through western Texas to El Paso. The line will also cut across a corner of New Mexico, going to Carlsbad. The new line will shorten the distance from Mexico to northern cities seven hours.

### STEEL ORDERED.

The Fort Worth Telegram of Sunday also prints the item and says:

Advices say that the Rock Island has completed contracts for steel and ties, to be laid at once and work will be rushed. It is probable the towns to be touched by the road will be Childress, Floydada, Lubbock, Brownfield, Carlsbad, Westwater, and El Paso.

This line of railroad would be a most remarkable one. From a point twenty-five miles northeast of Floydada, where it would rise above the caprock and enter the Staked Plains, for several hundred miles there is a natural grade and rails can be laid with surprising cheapness. This country is perfectly level, so level that the early plainmen were often lost as would be a ship at sea without a compass.

The general slope is four feet to the mile to the southeast.

### COUNTRY IS FERTILE.

This is a suprising fertile country as well and the natural grasses which, for a quarter of a century, have furnished the finest pasture in the state, are now giving away to alfalfa and corn. Hog raising is one of the greatest money making industries of this country and alfalfa raised hogs are becoming recognized as a standard product of the plains country.

Floydada is a thriving little city and in a center of industrial activity. Lockney is a few miles to the north and will make a strong bid for the railroad, being a competitor with Floydada for every advantage that place hopes to attain.

Lubbock which for years was 110 miles from a railroad and which grew to a remarkable little city of some 2000 people under this adverse condition, is in the path of the proposed railroad. Lubbock is a frontier town, but though even now thirty-five miles from Plainview, its nearest railroad point, boasts of the finest machine shops in west Texas, and is looking forward to a fine future.

Regular automobile lines are run to Lubbock daily and the city has telegraphic connection both to the north and to the south. Brownfield, which also has good opportunity to get the railroad, is now ninety-five miles from Plainview, its nearest point

and nearly equal distance from Big Springs on the Texas and Pacific to the south.

It is probable the proposed route will cross the Pecos Valley lines at Carlsbad, already a thriving little city in New Mexico, and onward through Westwater and finally reach El Paso thru the famed Guadalupe mountains. This railroad will open up the most remarkable scope unexplored by railroads in the United States and will form a shorter route for the Rock Island from Oklahoma points to El Paso.

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## DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

We, the Democrats of New Mexico, in delegate convention assembled at Roswell, again renew our pledge of allegiance to those fundamental principles of democracy as originally enunciated by our first great leader, Thomas Jefferson, chief among which is contained in the maxim, "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none." We believe this maxim, rightly applied, is capable of solving all the great questions which are now agitating the minds of the American people—the reform of the tariff, the suppression of the trusts, the regulation of the railroads and the attitude of our government towards imperialism.

We recognize that the democ-

to faithful and impartially discharge all of his official duties; and we condemn the republican party of this territory for its disregard of this principle, for its mal-administration, corruption and ring-rule, expect for that brief period of time, which one Chief Executive of the territory was endeavoring to adhere to and carry out some of the principles of government we advocate and endorse and whose efforts resulted in his removal from office by a republican president.

We call the attention of the executive and of the Judicial Departments, and of the people of this territory generally to the many open, shameful and defiant frauds and violations of our election laws that have disgraced our public elections in this territory in the past, and notably at the last general election. It was conclusively proved by legal and competent evidence and was not denied, that in the coal camps of Colfax county the polls were established by the order of the commissioners of the said county on the private lands of the respective companies owning and operating coal mines; that the managers of said companies arbitrarily refused to allow any democrats to be present at the polls in said coal camps on election day; that in some of said coal camps, democratic challengers were subjected to indignities and forcibly ejected from said camps by deputy sheriffs acting under instructions from the managers of said companies; that the ballot boxes were stuffed and the registration and poll books were padded and hundreds of foreigners were compelled to vote the republican ticket under threats of discharge. We call attention to the fact that these arbitrary acts have been continuously practiced in Colfax county for the past eight years until they have ripened into an established system.

The undisputed record of the County Valencia in election matters for the past quarter of a century has been a stigma and a reproach upon the fair name of New Mexico. It is a proven and established fact and it is not even required that the voters should go to the polls in that county, but the officers of the election board cast the ballots for all the absentees, while in some instances the registration lists are copied into the poll books in strict alphabetical order. At the last election in this county and in Torrance county republican ballots were substituted in place of democratic ballots actually cast, and in one precinct in the latter county the judges of election openly refused to permit any democratic ballots to be cast.

The foregoing instances are but a few of the many open and defiant violations of our election laws and it is humiliating to be compelled to acknowledge that with the single exception of Mr. Frank W. Clancy, District Attorney of the Second Judicial District, no action has ever been taken by any republican official, National or Territorial, to stop these abuses or to punish the offenders.

We demand, and if entrusted with the power, we pledge ourselves to a strict enforcement of the election laws by the courts and the prosecuting officers.

We are heartily in favor of the nomination of all party candidates by a direct vote of the people at primary elections held for that purpose under the sanction of the law and hereby pledge our representatives in the next legislature to work and vote for such a law.

We believe that all county officers should be paid fixed salaries, instead of fees or commissions, for all services required of them by the government.

We condemn the policy of the Federal government in prohibiting the free grazing of livestock in the forest reserves of the territory, as unwarranted and arbitrary; such policy tends to injure and destroy the interests of many

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small livestock raisers and may create a monopoly of that industry by the very few wealthy owners of sheep and cattle. The conservation of our timber in such reserves and the wise regulation of its use in order to prevent its waste and destruction, is a commendable economic measure, but the free use of the lands in such reserves for the grazing of live stock under suitable regulations does not in any manner interfere with the proper care and protection of the timber growing therein and we pledge the best effort of our candidate for delegate to congress to secure the removal of pasture charges.

We recognize that under an act of congress, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has complete jurisdiction to regulate rates to be charged by common carriers doing business in New Mexico. We charge that in numerous instances such rates are not only excessive and exorbitant, but grossly unjust and done through discriminations. We therefore favor the creation of a commission by legislative enactment whose duty it shall be to investigate the facilities furnished, rates and discriminations and where injustice is being done any citizen or community present such grievances to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for adjustment. The Commission so to be created should be composed of persons identified with the principal commercial and industrial interests of the territory and funds should be provided so that every citizen or locality may obtain just treatment from common carriers at public expense.

We favor and demand the admission of New Mexico into the Union as a State. For about twelve years the President and both houses of congress of the United States have been dominated by the Republican party and during all that time the people of New Mexico have been begging and praying for statehood. All our appeals have been in vain. We therefore charge that all declarations of the National Republican party in favor of statehood for New Mexico are not sincere, but made for the purpose of influencing territorial elections, and we regretfully express it as our profound conviction that New Mexico will never obtain statehood except at the hands of a National Democratic administration.

### It Reached the Spot.

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### Catholic Services

are held regularly every Sunday at both of the Catholic churches of Carlsbad. High mass and sermon in English at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Instruction in Christian doctrine at 3 p. m. Benediction after instruction.

Mass at 7:30 a. m. every morning during week days.

Mass at 9 a. m. at the church of San Jose, for the Spanish speaking natives or others, on Sundays.

### A Californian's Luck.

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### Methodist Church.

Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching services, 11 a. m.; junior league, 3:30 p. m.; senior league, 7 p. m.; preaching services, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; choir practice, 8 p. m.

Thursday: Home Mission Society first Thursday in each month at 3 p. m.; choir practice, 7 p. m.

The pastor, as well as the Charity and Help Department of the League and the Home Mission Society, will be glad to learn of the whereabouts of the needy, sick or strangers.

### The Late Rains.

Rain commenced in these parts Monday evening and the weather continued broken until Wednesday morning, when a steady drizzle set in raining continuously for twenty-four hours, every drop of which soaked into a baked and burned soil. Though showers had visited many portions of the county nothing to compare with this general rain has occurred since last September. Kaffir, milo maize and cane that was up or planted just before this rain will now make a good crop and the range will be in fine condition shortly, especially because half the live stock has been shipped out during the past few months.

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racy of the United States has today, many tried and trusted leaders, anyone of whom would worthily fill the office of chief magistrate of this great nation, but we cannot fail to recognize the further fact that there is one democratic leader, who, above all others, has identified himself with all the reforms now demanded by our party and who has endeared himself to every believer in democratic principles and whose very name, of itself, constitutes a platform upon which the democracy of this nation could well stand in the coming campaign—in other words we believe the nomination of William Jennings Bryan by the democratic convention at Denver is demanded by every consideration of political principle and party policy.

Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates to be selected by this convention to represent the democracy of New Mexico at the Democratic National Convention to be held at Denver on July 7th, 1908, be and they hereby are, instructed to vote for William Jennings Bryan as the candidate of our party for the Presidency of the United States, as long as his name is before the convention.

Public office is a public trust and no man is worthy of any office, either elective or appointive, who does not appreciate the obligation he is under, not alone to his party, but to the whole people, whom he serves,