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## Tahoka is Growing Rapidly Now

Tahoka is not booming but she certainly is building, and there is now life in everything, all kinds of business is picking up and as the old saying goes, "The Goose is hanging High in Tahoka." And why should she not build? There is no reason in the world why we should not have one of the best little cities here that is on the Great Plains. She is certainly located, an ideal location and has some as fine country around her as there is in the great state of Texas. If one of our eastern brothers were to come out here and see the great expanse of virgin soil, without stumps and gullies and rock piles running through it, they would at once be ours. The fact is, to come, see, and you are ours, is the way that most of the prospectors are located.

It is strange, but nevertheless true, that a great many people in other parts of the state and other states, have the opinion that there is nothing that can be grown on the plains, and what a sad mistake. If they could but know that here in Lynn county, the land was as rich as any they ever set foot on, and that one man could cultivate as much land here as five men could in some other parts of the world, and the land here would if properly worked, raise as much of any kind of stuff to the acre as some of the \$150 per acre land does, what a difference it would make. We are settling up the unsettled lands in Lynn county, but there is more here for the poor man who wishes to buy him a place and pay it out. There are several instances right here in this country where men have bought land and the first crop paid for the 160 acres of land that they had bought with a very small payment down and the balance on 8 and 10

years time. A place where you can do this, is the place where every hard working man who wishes to accumulate some of this world's goods should hike for as quick as he could possibly get started.

Mr. Reuter, you who have never owned a foot of God's green earth in your life, you who have been raised on the rented farm and who are in debt to your landlord at the end of every twelve months, pull up your stakes, break loose and make a run for this country. It is like an old horse that has been tied up to a post oak sapling and has knawed all the bark off of the tree, when he breaks loose and makes a run for a green wheat field, so would your run be made for the country where you could make an independent living and raise your children where they could have a place they could call home in the true sense of the word. And now to you Mr. Banker or you Mr. Man who has some extra money laying away in your vaults and wish to make an investment that will over-run you with profits, here is the place to come to, the place where you can make an investment with no possible chance to lose, where you can buy land at easy half or one-third its true value. Yes Tahoka and Lynn county is a good place alike to both the poor and the rich, for the poor to become rich and the rich to become richer. As we said at the beginning of this article, Tahoka is building, there are nice residences going up in all parts of the city and many other kinds of improvements that are of a minor detail but shows the substantial growth that she has taken on. Come to Tahoka, see, and you will be convinced.

### COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

[We are indeed glad to see Papa's Darlings from Edith, and Junius from 3 Lake come in this week, each with an excellent communication. Keep it up. We are proud of you and our readers will enjoy your letters each week. Who will write from the other neighborhoods? We need and want you. Remember this, Sign your name in plume name if you wish, but ALWAYS sign your right name, which will be withheld from publication if you desire.—Ed.]

### EDITH HAPPENINGS

We have taken the privilege of representing our community in your newsy paper. Friday morning Mrs. O. L. Bryant with her pupils and quite a number of the Edith people left bright and early for the canyons to enjoy a days outing. They reached their destination about 11:30. The children were like birds let out of a cage, and the older ones were not much better. After exploring caves and climbing hills for about half an hour, dinner was spread, and oh! You Dinner! You should have seen it. After dinner the young people strolled down the canyon for about two miles with their kodaks and quite a number of pictures were taken. Alas, the time came only too soon for them to start home. They arrived at home about 5 o'clock, a

very tired but happy crowd. Miss Sadie Dyer who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Shepherd, of Ragtown, has returned home.

There is quite a lot of sickness in our neighborhood now.

The new residence of Mr. Littlepage which has been under construction for the past two weeks, is almost completed and adds greatly to the looks of our community.

Our school will close Thursday after a six months session. The school will be closed with a number of recitations and dialogues. Earl and Joy Sherrod attended the party at the home of Mr. Tunnel in the Draw neighborhood Friday night.

S. B. Barnes returned Wednesday from Big Springs with the household goods of Fisher Patterson.

Irvin and Miss Horace Shuttuck spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Clayton of Tahoka.

Mrs. John Henderson visited Mrs. J. B. Recco Monday.

Mr. Bennett and family have moved from the F-bar community to Edith. They are welcome.

Miss Mattie Dyer spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lilye Harrison.

Papa's Darlings.

### THREE LAKE

As we have had no correspondent from these "diggins," we

## TALKS ABOUT LYNN

B. A. Carder of Mott, North Dakota, was a pleasant visitor at our office one day the first of the week. Mr. Carder was here looking after some property that he owns near town. While in our office we asked him what he thought of Tahoka and Lynn county. He replied that he could not see any reason in the world why Tahoka should not make among the best cities on the plains, that she had the natural location for a good town, there being several miles to any other town that amounted to anything, and that Lynn county was a winner and that he hoped and expected to find on his next visit here a full grown up town with the unsettled territory around her settled up with a progressive set of farmers, and that everything looks good to him.

This is the way they all talk when they once come and look around and take a little time to study the situation and give it a fair trial in their own mind. The best way for one to know a thing is to see it for themselves and then they know what it is. Mr. Carder has come and has seen and is now fully convinced of the future greatness of Tahoka and Lynn county then he over was before. He talked like he did not know whether he would continue to live in Mott very much longer or not, and who knows but what we may be counting him among our progressive citizens before many months pass by.

will send you a few items.

The farmers in this neighborhood are well up with their work and are now getting ready to plant a large crop, in fact the largest acreage will be planted this year ever known in these parts.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Mary Howell. However Miss Mary was sick last week and her place was filled by Miss Maude King.

Dura, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates has been confined to her bed the past week with pneumonia, but is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. French, Mrs. Everett and Miss Maugle were visitors at the Yates home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holt and little daughter Vallie, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hickerson last Sunday.

Marcus Edwards was visiting relatives and friends in this community last week. Marcus is just from McLennon county but he had inhaled the balmy breezes of Lynn county before so he couldn't stay away. When a man spends one summer and fall on the plains he never forgets it and is sure to return the first opportunity.

J. R. Dillard and family spent last Sunday night with our esteemed friend and neighbor Chas. Holt.

G. W. Hickerson lost a fine mare last week from something like blind staggers.

Hello! We want telephone connection with Tahoka. Can we get it?

Lonnie Bigham was in our neighborhood Tuesday buying fat cows and hogs for the Tahoka market.

R. L. Darrow, our efficient school trustee, is on the puny list this week. He is threatened with appendicitis. If he takes it he says some one will have to "come here quick."

JUNIUS.

## Some Reliable Railroad News

The work of completing the railroad into Tahoka could not be progressing more satisfactorily. The first seven and one-half miles from the junction has been completed and excepted by the company. The next three and a half miles, will be completed by Mr. J. E. Kirkes, within the next few days and the next ten miles, which brings the line into Tahoka, will be completed within eight or ten days. The first eighteen miles south of Tahoka is all covered by big outfits, and outfits are scattered along the entire remainder of the line to Lamosa, and with reasonably favorable conditions the grading will be finished all along the route not later than the first of May.

Track laying has been finished on the Plainview and Ft. York a branch, and the machine is reported as now ready for shipment to the Tahoka-Lamosa branch.

While no particular date is fixed for work to begin on this line it seems certain that it will not be later than the first of next week, and more than likely any day this week.

The Hurley tract laying machine, with which the Santa Fe is now laying all of its track in this country, is said to be one of the most efficient and successful machines of the kind that has ever been manufactured, there being but four of them in existence. This machine lays the steel and ties at the same time, and with a well trained working force can cover from two to four miles per

day. It is therefore certain that the people of Tahoka will not only soon have the satisfaction of having a railroad in actual operation, but those who desire will be able to see what railroad men pronounce the world's greatest achievement in the way of a track machine in actual operation. Within less than a month from the time the first tie is put down on the Tahoka-Lamosa line the road should be completed into Tahoka, and this embraces finishing the side tracks and everything.

It is not known just when the telegraph company will begin putting in their line, but presumably in ample time to have service here by the time the road is ready for operation. The telegraph line is now completed and ready to install offices along the cut-off to the caprock, and it is understood that this line will be pushed into Sweetwater at once.

Mr. Storey, the chief engineer, passed over the line from Colorado to Lubbock a few days ago, and announced that the work would be rushed all along the line with the utmost rapidity, and he seems to be of the opinion that this section of the country will have connections with Ft. Worth by way of Sweetwater within seven or eight months.

It is a certainty that Tahoka can get ready to have a railroad arrival celebration on or before the 4th of July, and it is equally certain that the people of Tahoka will not overlook the importance of making this an elaborate affair.

Don H. Biggers spent Sunday and Monday in Lubbock.

J. E. Ketter is a new and appreciated subscriber to the Informer.

T. Y. Williams who lives south-east of town was here the first of the week.

T. W. Morgan who lives in the northeast part of the county, was in town Tuesday.

T. V. Claburno was in the city Tuesday from the northeast part of the county.

W. L. Kuykendall who lives 5 miles south of town, was a pleasant caller at our office Wednesday.

E. D. Skinner was among the many who had shade trees planted around his residence property last week.

G. W. Reed and family of Lubbock, were in the city this week. We suspicion that before long, we can again number these good people among our citizens.

Dorsey and Tom Kelley of Coleman county, were in the city this week on a prospecting trip. They were well taken care of by E. D. Skinner, who showed them over the east part of the county.

W. S. Swan who some time ago retired from city life and hid himself to the farm, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his many friends.

Mr. McLaurin a substantial farmer from the south part of the county, was in town the first of the week shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. McLaurin says he has plenty corn in his crib to last until another crop is gathered.

LOBT—one Fur Muff return to this office and get reward.

A. S. Howell of the drug firm of Howell & McMill had business in Snyder this week.

Geo. H. Henderson this week moved the residence of J. H. Edwards from where it formerly stood to his lately acquired property in the Bartley addition.

Uncle Newt Lewis who formerly lived here but lately of Ballinger, has come back to make this his future home. Many friends will be glad to know that Uncle Newt has returned.

G. P. Womack made the Informer office a pleasant visit Wednesday and placed a dollar in our hands which puts him on our mailing books for the next twelve months.

J. H. Lee was here Saturday evening and when he was given a sample copy of the Informer by a representative of this office, he at once had us place his name on our mailing books.

That whole-souled Groceryman, R. D. Morris, got us by the ear the other day and held us until he could place a couple of dollars in our hand for the Informer one for himself and one for a brother F. C. Morris at Bluffton, Ala., and another for J. A. Morris at Esom Hill, Ga. Many thanks Mr. Morris and may the reading of the Informer be the means of bringing the two brothers out and settling them in this fair country.

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### General Principles of Moisture Conservation.

The most important problem in dry land farming is to conserve the moisture in the soil so that it will be available when needed by the growing crops. The farmers who prepared their land thoroughly before planting demonstrated this year that by proper soil management a total crop failure can be avoided even in an unusually dry season. Generally speaking, the soil of the plains is fertile, and the controlling elements in crop production in moisture. It is quite probable that when the farmers on the plains are so managed that the soil will absorb all the water falling upon it and retains the water it has absorbed the crop failures will be less frequent. The average annual rainfall of twenty inches if properly conserved should be sufficient to produce a profitable crop of grain or forage each year.

Water moves downward into the soil by force of gravity and is drawn back to the surface by capillary action. The looser the soil the more easily will it absorb water, while the water moves towards the surface more rapidly in a compact soil.

Fall plowing is highly desirable in the semi-arid climates as it checks the capillary movement to the surface and prepares the soil for absorbing the fall and winter rains.

Land should be plowed as soon as possible after the crop is harvested, whether it is in the summer or fall. If it is not possible to plow immediately after harvesting a grain crop the binder should be followed by a disk harrow, and then plow later.

Fresh plowed land usually is too loose. The furrow slice is completely separated from the soil below, and often corn-stalks and straws have been turned under, further separating the two. Evaporation is rapid in such loosened soil, and unless it is firmed down so as to re-establish the connection with the lower soil much valuable moisture will be lost.

Several methods may be employed in firming the soil. Probably the implement that does the most satisfactory work is the subsurface packer. If the subsurface packer is not available, an ordinary disk-harrow may be used as a substitute. The disks should be set nearly straight and the harrow weighted, resulting in the firming of the lower part of the furrow slice, after which the land should be harrowed with some sort of tooth harrow. The land plowed during the day should be firmed and harrowed before leaving the field at night.

Subsurface packing and the harrowing which follows are very important operations in the management of soils in the semi-arid climate. The setting of the furrow slice lessens the circulation of air through the soil, checking the evaporation, re-establishes the connection between the furrow slice and the soil below. Capillary action is toward the driest soil and as the surface soil is usually drier than the subsoil the water moves toward the surface, and unless stopped by a soil mulch made by the harrow before reaching the surface will be evaporated.

Land should be harrowed after each rain in order to prevent a crust from forming on the sur-

face. Such harrowings break the capillary movement and prevent the moisture from rising to the surface and evaporating.

W. S. Hotchkiss

### Town Moves to New Site

Pecos, Tex., March 11.—The town of Saragosa in the Toyah Valley, twenty miles south of Pecos, is being moved to the new townsite one and one-half miles distant. When the Pecos Valley Southern Railway was located, the crossing of Toyah Creek at Old Saragosa was found to be so flat and low that the line was deflected to the west crossing Toyah Creek six miles further up stream near Balmorhea.

The enterprising citizens of Saragosa did not recoil when told this was necessary, but at once secured a section of land for a new town, and are now moving onto it as above stated.

The smaller buildings were handled without difficulty, but it was necessary to cut the large hotel building into sections before it could be gotten over the creek.

Thus is passing another of the historic spots in the lower Pecos Valley, indelibly stamped in the memories of hundreds of cowmen, because of the famous "bailles" for which the section was noted and for the free-hearted and open-handed hospitality of such pioneers as Stump Robbins and Horn Carpenter.

While there will continue a "Saragosa," it will be a busy hustling town on the railroad, and not the former quiet little settlement of adobe houses surrounding the dance hall under the cottonwoods.

### Building in West Texas

Colorado, Tex., March 11.—Mr. Dulaney broke dirt for the new 38x130-foot two-story brick building just west of Doss' drug store. The lower story will be used as a business house and the upper story as offices.

Snyder, Scurry County, Tex., March 11.—An independent telephone system, known as the Scurry County Farmers' Telephone Company, has been organized here and the wires are now being put up and will soon connect thirty-six farm residences.

Canyon City, Tex., March 11.—Contracts for nearly a thousand feet of additional concrete sidewalks in this city were let last week. All over town concrete men are busy in the work for better walks. Contractor Campbell is busy with the ditching machines on the sewerage system and about a thousand feet of pipe is being laid daily.

Pecos, Tex., March 11.—Senator F. C. Weinert of Seguin and C. F. Woods have purchased four sections of land in the Berilla Flats, ten miles south from Pecos and will divide the same into small tracts for colonization purposes. This property lies in the artesian belt and contracts have been entered into for the drilling of artesian wells to supply the territory with water for irrigation purposes.

Colorado, Tex., March 11.—A well attended meeting was held at the Tabernacle to voice the sentiment of the citizens about a school building.

A number were in favor of

ward buildings, but the majority voted to proceed at once to put a fine High School Building on the site of the one burned.

### Bank Stock Boosted

"Rock-like in the sea of commercial activity stands the First State Bank of Hale Center." So much by way of parenthesis.

The stockholders of said institution met on March 5th and unanimously voted to raise the stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000. M. J. Ewalt, J. H. Reed, Robt. Alley, R. W. Lemond and N. M. Akeson were elected directors and M. J. Ewalt, president; R. W. Lemond, vice-president; J. K. Malone as cashier, continue in their present offices until the increase in stock is subscribed and the new organization completed.

Another year will possibly see our banking institution esconced in a new stone structure but in the confidence of their patrons they have already builded and builded well. Hale Center is proud of her bank.—Hale Center Livewire.

### Selling Town Lots

Messrs. Nichols and Hinn, Santa Fe men of Plainview, and representing the new townsite of Posey on the Lubbock-Coleman cut-off, were here Tuesday accompanied by Auctioneer, W. A. Nash, and Ralph Kerr. These gentlemen presented the claims of Posey and sold some lots to our citizens. This new townsite is twelve miles southeast of Lubbock and seven miles from the new town of Slaton on the cap.—Lockney Beacon.

### Partial Train Service

The Beacon is informed that partial train service will be inaugurated on the P. & N. T., beginning on Tuesday of next week, the train leaving Floydada at 8 a. m. for Plainview and leaving Plainview at 3 p. m. for Floydada. This service will consist of passenger and carload freight. Doubtless it will be but a few days until regular service will be fully installed.—Lockney Beacon.

A prairie fire last Friday burned off a great area between this place and Floydada. We have not learned if any one lost more than the pasturage.—Lockney Beacon.

### War on Cigarettes

The present outlook in Silverton seems to indicate that war has been declared on the cigarette habit at this place. On the request of County Attorney J. E. Daniel all of the Silverton merchants with possibly one exception have agreed to not handle any more Durham or Dukes smoking tobacco, these two brands being the kinds most generally used for cigarettes. Just how far this will go toward correcting the cigarette habit in this place remains to be seen. That the use of cigarettes is detrimental to the development of both body and mind is not a question of dispute; and that it is a growing evil among boys, and is conducive to moral debility is clearly to be seen in every town. Parents who regard the welfare of their children and who wish to contribute to the elevation of society should certainly exert their best efforts to discourage this useless habit in their children. The most efficient and impressive instruction we can give our children is by example. It stands to reason that much of the force of our precepts are lost so long as our examples contradict our words. As

a general rule the boy's ideal is not much above papa and if papa lectures his son on the evils of smoking between puffs there is reasonable grounds to question papa's sincerity. Since the crusade has been started on smoking cigarettes let's make a clean shucking of it. Say to the boys, "Let's not smoke any more." Throw away that old pipe and buy the boys a sack of apples with the dime you was about to spend for a cigar. Help the boys to quit cigarettes.

We have been asked for an expression on this subject and these are our sentiments.—Silverton Enterprise.

Howard County seems to be about the driest county on the Texas & Pacific Railroad when

it comes to prohibition elections. In the election last week Howard county went dry by over 157 votes the town of Big Springs giving the pros a majority. This should undoubtedly satisfy the people on both sides that Big Springs is strictly in favor of local option.

### West Texas Cattlemen

Sweetwater, Tex., March 11.—The West Texas Cattle Raisers Association elected Eugene C. of Snyder, president; The Trammell of Sweetwater, vice president; D. N. Arms Mitchell County, second president; T. L. Hughes Sweetwater, secretary. The association adjourned to meet this place July 4, when the members and friends will be entertained.

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### Texas Lumber

After two years and a half of trials and tribulations such as few industries have ever encountered, the lumber manufacturers of the Southwest appear to have reached a time when conditions justify them in looking into the future without the fear and trembling that has accompanied their predictions since the panic struck them in the fall of 1907. From the Gulf of Mexico to the city of Chicago the manufacturers and wholesalers of yellow pine lumber are members of the boosters club today, and there are more optimists in sight than have been apparent since the financial trouble before mentioned. Not that lumber has resumed the high position occupied by it before the panic. Lumber is still cheap, comparatively speaking, but there is so much improvement as compared with the prices and demand of the past two years, that the manufacturers justified into predicting that the run of adversity has reached a final termination, and that from this time on there will be gradual improvements, and that in the course of time yellow pine lumber will be met with a demand at least equal to the production, and that prices will bring renewed prosperity to the followers of the industry.

The new year has started off well for the pine manufacturers. It is customary with retail yards to reduce their lumber stocks before the first of each year, so as to have as little stock on hand as possible for the annual inventory, and last year they followed this plan as usual. The result was that the demand for lumber was remarkably strong early in January, due to the fact that the yards hurried to do their stocking up right after the first of the year. The demand from the Texas market was especially good, and was augmented by a very good demand from the Middle West district. Prices were increased, by keeping with the demand for stock, and everything was lively. After the first flurry in January the demand for yard stock quieted, the yards having acquired what they wanted, and early in February there was a lull in the buying.

This caused some uneasiness among the manufacturers, who feared that overproduction might again be getting in its work; but happily, the demand for stock has been such as to pull through this regular early February lull in the yard stock demand, and the high road to success for the manufacturers seems to be plainer than it has for many months. There is not a big demand for yard stock now, but it is a sort of general demand that is keeping the mill stocks down to a very low point, as far as assortment is concerned, and the badly assorted mill stocks are helping to boost the strength of the market. Few mills in the Southwest have well assorted stocks and for this reason have to be very careful with their selling. Items that are scarce with one mill, are generally scarce with all of them and while the mill operations are preventing a decrease in the mill stocks, the demand for a number of items keeps the stocks broken. It is almost as hard today to buy a varied assortment of stock, as it was last year to sell it, and the change one that is mighty pleasing to the manufacturers. Almost as much yard stock is

being sold to out of State points by the Houston mill companies at the present time as to Texas points, which shows the prosperity in the market is general, and that the demand for stock is not confined to any particular portions of the selling territory. Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana are getting a lot of Texas lumber and the prices are as good outside of Texas as they are in the State, which is not usually the case.

The Houston manufacturers are practically of the conservative kind, and they are holding for what they think lumber is worth at the present time, and this has done much to stimulate the market, for the mills represented in this city can either make or break the yellow pine market, owing to their great number and enormous output. More yellow pine mill production is represented in Houston, than in any other city in America.

The manufacturers deem themselves safe in predicting an improved market for the future, as the critical period for the year has just passed, and March and April will see the farmers of the Southwest using a great deal of lumber for their building and repairs. The building reports from all parts of Texas are very reassuring, for they show that an unusual amount of building is being done, and thus back up the optimistic predictions for the spring.

If, as the manufacturers hope and believe, the market advances reasonably in the spring, there will be every chance for a great year's business, providing there is no crop failure in Texas. Reports from the farming districts are all of the best, and nothing is needed to assure a big year for the lumber interests than a good crop throughout the Southwest. This would put a final end to the results of the panic, as far as the lumber manufacturers are concerned. As it is, the present conditions are very reassuring, and the prospects are very bright in the yard stock market.

The timber market is stronger even than the yard stock department. All of the mills have long orders of timbers and railway material on their books, and many orders of the kind go begging in Houston every week now. Many of the mills are oversold on timber. The railroads have been buying freely, more freely than they have since long before the panic, and this is the strong bolster of yellow pine. It has diverted a world of stock from the competition of the yard stock market, and thus helped the good cause. There is every reason to believe that the demand for railroad stock will improve, and the prices with it, as the railroads appear to be only well started in their buying.

The demand for car manufacturing stock is also fine, and has been for nearly a year. Only a certain amount of this material can be cut out of every thousand feet of logs, and the manufacturers are getting a healthy price for that.

There was a reported lull in the export market late in January, and some exporters reported an unaccountable depression in the European market. This was only temporary, and the mills that cut export report that they are getting first-class orders at first class prices, and they are giving their best attention to

the cutting of export schedules.

The improvement in conditions since the 1st of November of last year has been such as to justify an increase in the production of lumber. Where more than one hundred of the biggest mills in Texas and Louisiana were running four days and shutting down two days in each week before the first of the year, practically the same number are now running five days and shutting down one day each week. The reports of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association show that there is still an overproduction in the general yellow pine producing territory, and that the shipments are falling short of the output. The Texas manufacturers report that this may be true of the general territory, but that there is no sign of overproduction in Texas at present, and that the stocks at the mills are so badly broken that it is difficult to secure straight cars of almost anything in yard stock. It would seem that stocks are below normal, and that there is little chance of assorting them with operations as at present. The night operations of mills has been almost abandoned since the panic. A few mills that were built for two-shift work, and which would hardly pay to run otherwise, are running night and day, but they are very few.

Milling conditions are reported fine. A first-class winter has been experienced and the mills have been doing well.

### Public Spirit an Asset

Memphis News Scimitar: Public spirit is a private asset to every man in the community. By public spirit we mean a disposition to advance the interests of the community as a whole. The laborer or clerk with out property is benefited in such a community, because that spirit provides more comforts and pleasures available. If it is a man of property or business things that makes a city attractive to live in, brings people, energy and capital to it, and this increases the volume of business and the value of property. There are men in Memphis who have been conducting business enterprises while at the same time owners of property, and the increase in the value of property, whose care gave them no work, was greater than the net profits of their business, that gave them all their work. This increase in the value of property came from increase in population. The more rapid the growth of a community, the more rapid the increase in the value of property. If a man has \$200,000 invested in a manufacturing plant and the cost of living in the community and the pleasure of living in it make a difference of 50c per day for or against him in the cost of labor, and he employs a hundred workers, this is \$50 a day, or \$15,000 in the year, or 7 1-2 per cent on the capital of \$200,000.

Public spirit is not charity or giving, but investing.

Public spirit is that larger spirit of faith that is willing to invest in the community through faith in the community as a whole or organized segments of a community, just as private spirit is willing to increase investment in one's own business, where the faith is confined to oneself. Public spirit inspires a man to take a larger interest in the management of his community or its component parts to help get things done right, and

on the other hand the habit of interesting himself in public matters begets public spirit because he has more faith in the administration of affairs in which he has been exercising some voice. Every virtue helps every other virtue. Every reform helps every other reform that is worth while. Investment through public spirit may pay larger material returns than investment through private enterprise, and the man of larger vision is the one who sees it. He can see beyond his own business and his own bank account, and understands his part dependence on the business and bank account of every other man in the community and certainly of the community as a whole.

Building a community by private, as compared to public spirit, is doing what the world has been trying to get away from—the habit of pulling a load with four mules pulling one way to the front and three mules pulling the other way to the rear. Speaking figuratively, the business of life has been through all the centuries, in the broadest application, and touching the most vital and largest questions of humanity, to get all the mules pulling one way, and we are as much improved over former times as we have added mules to the front and taken them away from the rear. The same thing stated differently is that the business of life has been from the origin of man to reduce and stop friction. The search for frictionless machinery has gone on in the physical, moral and intellectual world.—Exchange.

### THE SUBMERGED TENTH

The sweetest thoughts known to the human mind are those in which freedom has its setting.

We, as a nation, are drawing people from the old world who have been attracted to our shores through a hope for larger liberty than they have enjoyed at home. It is hard to imagine their feelings when they are awakened to a realization that freedom is unknown in this supposed "land of the free; the home of the moral coward."

The ideals of the founders of America have been dimmed by the shadow of the dollar and the one time submerged tenth has swollen into a submerged whole. The young man of twenty-five years ago, started out for himself on his own account. The young man of today fits himself for the service of others. Subverting the will to the dictates of another in submersion in its fullest sense.

The ideals of the higher walks of life must be kept free from the contaminating influences of commercialism. So long as men are encouraged to success through the paths that are paved with the hopes and aspirations of others just that long will we be confronted with strikes and strife among those who toil with physical force submerged to the will of their masters.

Wealth is a powerful weapon with which to stamp out the rights of mankind and this has been the prime power used to bring about present day conditions. We no longer hope for success that does not embrace millions of dollars. A million dollars is too much wealth for one man to safely control and yet we have men in America who actually control billions. With

such unlimited power these men of many millions are easily made to believe that their's is a divine power, and of all the harmful agencies that work against the race, the man who rules by a supposed divine right takes the lead.

Rockefeller is one of these abnormal specimens, and Baer, the coal king, is another. They grant to themselves an unction that the devil has never had the nerve to presume. Morgan and Ryan are of a different mold. Their idea, is to crush, ruthlessly.

Of the two types, the latter is far preferable.

Optimism is the magnet that draws men away from contemplating unpleasant conditions, but without some logical basis of relief, optimism will not suffice.

We need a radical departure from the present trend, all are agreed. The man who can point the way has not been developed. Will he eventuate, or what will the ending be?

### The Care of Trees

Now that the people have planted so generously of trees it is of the utmost importance that the should be properly cared for.

One thing is plenty of water. Without it they are apt to die. It will not be much trouble or expense to have water hauled in wagons for this purpose and it must be done in the very near future, if good results are to be obtained from the planting. Let some enterprising citizen take hold of the matter at once and see that it is attended to. It will pay.

### Agricultural Prosperity

One does not have to look back many years in the past to recall the fact that farmers throughout the great grain-producing sections of the West, as well as in the cotton-producing States of the South, were groaning under not only a burden of debt, but under conditions adversely affecting prices, whatever the causes leading thereto, that made farming for the time being about the least profitable occupation a person could engage in. The industry of agriculture everywhere languished, despite the fact that harvests were, as a rule, bountiful. But all this has changed, and in so far as our farming population as a whole is concerned it is enjoying an era of "smiling plenty."

Recently at Joliet, Ill., farmers representing an aggregate farm wealth of \$18,000,000 gathered to attend a "farmers' banquet," said to be the first function of its kind ever held in the United States. Not unnaturally the speakers discussed their own vocation, its successes and reverses, just as banqueting bankers, or lawyers, or manufacturers, are wont to do. One orator discussed the hog, and grew eloquent in tracing the steady rise in its price. Other subjects having similar relation to the growing value of farm products and the increase of farm wealth received attention, but on the whole the banquet was pretty much on the order of those enjoyed by gentlemen engaged in other prosperous professions or vocations.

Since the enduring success of practically every other industry and calling is contingent on the prosperity of our farming interests, it follows that governments both State and National, should be very careful to refrain from all such legislation as would have a tendency to disturb this prosperity.—Houston Post.

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Tahoka, Texas, March 15, 1910.

Mr. Farmer are you diversifying your crops this year? If you are not, why not?

The farmer who diversifies, is the man who has a good fat bank account and who sends his children to the best of schools.

The man who owns several sections of land and who cuts it up and sells it out in small tracts to the actual homeseeker, is a public benefactor.

Now that the people have gotten started to cleaning up, we advocate that they keep it up. If you will once get your place cleaned up, it is very little trouble to keep it up.

The Tahoka citizenship are awakening to the fact that it takes cash and vim to make a town and that they are pulling right along all in harmony in the move for a greater Tahoka.

Let's hear something from some of our business men in relation to a Trade Day once a month for Tahoka. It will mean money in every one's pocket and a jolly coming together.

When Tahoka gets her four streets graded, it will help the looks of the town a hundred per cent. After they are graded we think that her people will see the need of grading others, and so let's let the good work go on. Encourage it. Do anything that will be for the public's good. Don't be selfish and knock on something just because you think that it won't especially benefit you. Anything that benefits the public in general, benefits you personally.

It strikes us that the water-works in our little city are not looked after just as they should be. We have four good windmills on each side of the public square, but there are times when there is no water in either of the troughs. We do not know whose duty it is to look after these mills, whether it be the county or not, but do think that it would be a good idea to pay some in a enough to see that these mills are kept in good running shape and the troughs kept full of water. There is nothing that hurts a town more than for a traveler to come in and not be able to get water for his stock. We do not suppose that it is often the shape of things but since we have been here we have seen every trough dry. Can't we devise some means and a way whereby this can be remedied?

## A SCHOOL BUILDING.

We do not know whether the time is ripe or not to mention the building of a \$20,000.00 school building or not. But we wish to say right here, that if it is not thought to be, Tahoka has as bright a future as any city on the plains, she has some real nice buildings, but the public school building is a thing that ought to be considered a disgrace to the grand little city and county in which it is located. Hereinfore it has answered the purpose well, but the time has now come when we need and have got to have more school room, and what kind of a building are we going to put up? A little old five or six thousand dollar affair? We say no. Let's put up a building that will do us for years, one that we can take the visitors of our city to look at with pride, one that we can have plenty of room, light, etc., for our children to study in. What are we living for if it is not to raise our children to become men and women, yet they must have an education, not necessarily to become men and women, but they must have an education to make their way in the world, and would we have them crowded and jammed up in a barn where in the winter time they would suffer from cold, to try and get this education? No we wish for them the very best that can be had reasonably and if we take it right down to our homes, we know that we want another school building and we want a nice one. We think that the time is right here when we should begin to think and study about what kind of a building we are going to build, and after studying it out, get busy and have the work started as soon as possible so as to have it ready for the school the coming season. A building like Tahoka should have, cannot be built in a week and we must get started early so as to have it completed by the time that we need it. Take into consideration outside of the fact that we wish our children to have the very best in everything pertaining to school facilities, what is a better advertisement for a town than a good school? There is nothing that will help a town to build up of good substantial citizens more than a good school. Take a man of money and he wishes to locate in this country, he has a family, children who need to attend a good school and the first question he will ask you is, what kind of a school have you and what kind of a school building has Tahoka. Now people lets get busy on this proposition, and be able to tell them that we have one of the best schools in the west and that our building is a \$20,000.00, real brick.

The people who are busy setting out shade trees, are enhancing the value of their places with less expense than they could in any other way.

Don't let this cleaning up proposition slip your memory, for what is nicer than a pretty little city that has the vacant lots, alleys and streets clean.

Come into a town where there are long streets of nice shade trees, trees around the houses, in the back yard, out at the lots, and if you are a stranger, you will think that this must be a town of a very progressive set of people and that you would like to if you would change your location, locate among them. If you are a prospector, you make up your mind at once that it is a good place to settle down, for a town that is alive to its best interests, is a town that takes up everything that will be a benefit to same and goes ahead and puts things into motion. Yes, shade trees help the looks of a town wonderfully and more especially to the stranger or prospector.

There are four tanks that ought to be kept full of water around the public square in Tahoka, one on each side of the court house. What do you say to buying a few hundred feet of hose for each side of the square? Put it on a reel and let it sit out in front of some one of the business houses, then if a fire should get started in the business section, this hose could be attached on the hydrants at the tanks and we would have a little protection from the hungry flames. Of course this would be a small protection but it certainly would beat what we now have. Take this into consideration and see if you do not think that you could not rest a little at night if you thought that you had a hose running from the water to your business house. A town without any kind of fire protection is as helpless as a baby in a cradle. Let's get busy and buy that hose.

## A LETTER

S. B. Brooks  
President Baylor University,  
Waco, Texas, 3-14-10.

To Whom it Concerns:-  
When I was a student in Baylor University many years ago, Mr. R. M. Elford was a student here. He was a young man of good reports well liked by his fellow students, vigorous in the performance of every duty assigned him, and pressed at every point for money and help, but overcoming all to his credit and to the satisfaction of his friends.

It was then thought that he would succeed in any work that he might thereafter undertake, and I have been glad to learn that in his chosen profession he is reputed to be a leader among men.

S. B. Brooks,  
President.

Try the Lynn County Abstract Co., just for a chance. They have their books complete and would appreciate a little work.

Messrs. Gossett & Peavy, two of Lubbock's leading real estate men were in our city Saturday and Sunday. These gentlemen were on their way to Sweetwater and Abilene on a business trip.

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### MRS. S. C. McCARLEY DEAD.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of a good woman. The spirit of Mrs. S. C. McCarley left this earth last Sunday afternoon and ascended above to the one who gave it. Mrs. McCarley had been sick for some time with pneumonia, and there had been very little hope for her recovery for several days, but the news of her death was received with a great shock by her friends and neighbors who knew and loved her so well. She leaves a loving husband and children to mourn her departure, besides many friends. The funeral ceremony was held at the family residence Monday evening at 1:00 o'clock p.m., and interment in the Tahoka cemetery immediately afterwards. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. D. B. Doak. The Informer joins their many friends in offering condolence to the bereaved family and points to them as their only solace the Almighty One who does all things for the best, in Him can be found comfort and in Him alone.

J. W. Morrison spent a few minutes in telling the Informer staff what a great country this was last Saturday evening.

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Subscribe at once at the office of this paper.

Mrs. Preston Wagers was shopping in the city Saturday.

J. S. Grant made us a pleasant call one day last week.

J. M. Noble was into see us last Saturday.

The Informer acknowledges a pleasant visit from O. L. Bryant one day last week.

If you are in a hurry for an abstract see the Lynn County Abstract Co., they can write it before three Gods can cripple a nat.

H. C. Hickerson who lives southwest of here, was a pleasant caller at our office last Saturday evening and had us place his name on our mailing books.

H. C. Mitchell who lives in the northwest part of the county, was a pleasant caller at our office last Saturday and had us place his name on our mailing books. Many thanks Mr. Mitchell call gain.

Albert Taylor and family of the north part of the county, were in Tahoka last Saturday. While here Mr. Taylor came around and had us place his name on our books and he will receive the Informer for the next twelve months.

In another place in this issue we made mention that Jno. Caruthers would probably move here and put in a blacksmith shop. Mr. Caruthers has rented part of the building at the Livery Barn from Hall & Majors and his stuff is being brought in now. He will move his shop here from Lubbock. Mr. Caruthers is a fine man and an excellent blacksmith and we welcome him to one of the best little cities in the west.

Mr. Petty was in the city Tuesday.

W. S. Swann was in the city Tuesday.

C. W. Noble was in to see us the latter part of last week.

M. Tunnell who lives six miles southeast of town was here Tuesday.

B. F. Bailey a prominent business man of Lubbock, was here Monday.

Otis Knigler was a pleasant caller at the Informer office one day last week.

C. F. Holt was in to see us last Saturday and to get a sample copy of the Informer.

Judge Robinson of Lubbock was here Tuesday looking after business matters.

Mr. Williams who lives southeast of the city was here Tuesday trading with our merchants.

Mr. Nobles who lives in the west part of the county, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

W. H. May was a pleasant caller at the Informer office last Saturday evening.

Ed Henderson who has been in the north with his family for the past three months, arrived in Tahoka Monday night and will hereafter make good old Lynn county his home.

B. Humphries made the Informer office a pleasant call last Saturday afternoon.

U. S. Vaughn of Central, Texas, was a pleasant caller at the Informer office last Saturday afternoon.

A. F. Taylor of Gomez, was a pleasant visitor at the Informer office last Saturday evening. Mr. Taylor reports everything in his part of the country in fine shape.

Chas. E. Brown is in Ft. Worth this week telling the fat show people how large they grow on the range in Lynn county.

M. M. Skinner left Monday afternoon for Big Springs and will go from there to Ft. Worth, where he will attend the Fat Stock Show.

R. R. Napier who lives two miles north of town, was in to see us Tuesday and had us place his name on our subscription books.

E. N. Weathers was a pleasant caller at our office last Saturday evening and carried away with him one of the first issues of the Informer.

W. B. Nevels, Cashier of the First National Bank of this place, spent the week in Ft. Worth inspecting the fat stock and enjoying the hospitality of the Panther City people.

York Skinner left Monday afternoon for Big Springs where he caught the train for Ft. Worth. After seeing the sights at that place, Mr. Skinner will visit his mother at West, Texas, before returning.

Jno. Caruthers of Lubbock was in the city Saturday. We understand that Mr. Caruthers intends putting in a blacksmith shop at this place in the near future. We extend the right hand of welcome to Mr. Caruthers and we know him to be a fine smith.

Robert Hamilton of Amarillo, was in to see us last Saturday evening and left a fifty cent piece to keep the Informer coming to him for the next six months. Thanks Mr. Hamilton.

J. Dyer was among the many people who were in the city Saturday evening. Mr. Dyer had us place his name on our subscription books and said, let her come kid, and she is certainly going to go.

Frank V. Brown of Lubbock county was in the city this week, looking after the purchasing of some steers. Mr. Brown is engaging in the stock farming business on a large scale, having put something over four hundred acres in cultivation this year, besides over a hundred acres that he had in cultivation before. He has a large steam plow with which he does his farming, which has proven quite a success in that country.

### W. A. WOMACK

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### Doubts Peary Reached Pole

Washington, March 9.—By a practically unanimous vote the subcommittee of the House Naval Committee today decided against bestowing any reward upon Commander Robert E. Peary until he had furnished further proofs that he discovered the North Pole.

"I confess that I am exceedingly skeptical about Mr. Peary's ever having discovered the Pole," declared Mr. Macon, today, before the committee.

Mr. Macon said he wanted to direct attention to one "discrepancy in Mr. Peary's story." This was the speed which the explorer declared he made from the time Capt. Bartlett left him until he reached the Pole. Mr. Peary said that for five days he made 26.4 miles per day, but Mr. Macon said this appeared very singular in view of the fact that the Peary party had made but 9.06 miles per day up to the time Bartlett left.

During this part of his journey Mr. Macon said "no white man was with him as a witness, his only companions being his negro valet and four Eskimos."

"He claims to have made an average of forty-four miles per day on his way back from the Pole to Bartlett's camp, and 24.6 miles per day from Bartlett's camp to Cape Columbia. The greatest speed he had made before Bartlett left him was 9.06 miles per day, so Peary must have made nearly three times as great speed after Bartlett left him as he did before in order to reach the Pole."

Mr. Macon declared that Peary's own statements showed that he equaled this speed but twice during the entire journey to the Pole. The first day he started from land he made twenty-six miles and on another day twenty-nine miles in fourteen hours of forced march, which Mr. Peary has told us was about the limit of human endurance.

Mr. Macon quoted Lieut. Shackleton, Gen. Greeley and others to show that "ten to twelve miles per day or slightly more, perhaps is considered the limit of human endurance, traveling over Polar seas."

The only member of the committee who did not vote to defer action on the bill was Representative Englebright of California, who said he was convinced that Mr. Peary had discovered the Pole and that the committee had sufficient proofs before it.

Representative Bates of Pennsylvania, heretofore considered a supporter of Peary, offered the resolution, which was adopted, declaring that the committee must have further proof before proceeding.

### Pictures of Prison Life

Kansas City Journal: The actions of the convicts in the Missouri State penitentiary the other day in the matter of donning their new blue uniforms and discarding their hated stripes, affords another evidence not needed, but still cumulatively convincing, of the fact that the surest way to reform a fallen man is by kindness, and that even the most hopelessly degraded prisoner usually will respond to an appeal to his self-respect. The event had been in course of preparation for several weeks, during which the 2,000 or more suits of the new clothing were being made by the prison tailors

and of course every convict was aware of the coming change. Nevertheless, when it occurred each and every one of them bore himself with a newborn sense of pride, and that day all previous records were broken in one important respect, viz., not a single infraction of the rules was reported. Even the negro convicts who were steeped in densest ignorance as to matters of moral uplift, and who had for years maintained an attitude of surly indifference to all appeals to their better nature, evinced an almost childish delight at the change and walked with higher heads and changed mien when it was made. As for the others, a fresh access of dignity was plainly visible in their manner, and the new and remarkable record of perfect observance of the rules plainly evidenced their appreciation of the new order of things. The prison management scored a convincing testimonial as to its executive ability and fitness to handle the problems that confront it daily in new and trying forms by issuing an order putting all men on the same footing as regards the new rule, wiping out old scores and giving every convict an equal chance to earn his new uniform as a permanent article of attire. That was probably the secret of the perfect score in behavior. Every prisoner felt that in one respect, at least, he was as good as the best, and that it was in his power to maintain himself on that level of equality. The effect is bound to make itself felt as a strong and abiding force for good in the prison, greatly reducing the troubles of the management and adding immensely to the general moral of the institution. What tall oaks from little acorns grow!

### Neglected Texas

BY LIGE KELLY.

There is not enough attention given to tree culture in Texas, in order that the best results may be secured, and it is a study that is well worth time being given it. A tree's crop can be increased or decreased almost at will—it depends on the handling of it. I spent three years in California among the orchards, and while there I studied the systems of the fruit growers there, and I saw that they had so great success that I have put their methods in practice on my Erath county farm.

The Texas method of trimming up fruit trees so that the branches start out from the trunk several feet above the ground is practiced by successful orchardists. Then the tree is permitted to branch out at the ground, and the foliage on the branches protects the roots from the hot sun rays in summer. The body of the tree is also protected by the foliage. The tree is not permitted to grow tall, as is the case generally in Texas, but it has a bush-like shape, and when harvest time comes no ladder is needed to gather the peaches or apples, the fruit being plucked from the tree while the harvester stands on the ground. This saves labor and it also saves fruit from being shaken off and bruised in falling.

One big industry in California is English walnut growing. I have seen trees there that produced \$20 worth of nuts. Texas could do just as well in the nut line as California does in paper shell pecans by grafting, and big money could be made at the

business. If a California walnut tree will yield \$20 a season why wouldn't a 9-year-old paper shell pecan tree, grafted, yield \$30? In my opinion it would. Texas is asleep to a great opportunity in pecans. Twenty trees would yield \$600, or at \$15 per tree would have a \$300 crop. That beats cotton or corn because after the tree gets to bearing all the work to be done is to gather the nuts. Think of what 150 trees would yield.

And a man who plants grafted pecan trees can plant other crops among them until they get large enough to shade the ground too much, so there would be no loss from planting the trees from a crop standpoint.

"But," says one, "it takes a pecan tree fifteen years to get up in a pay producing point?"

It does if you plant the nut, but not in the case of grafting a paper shell pecan into good stock. The grafted pecan will often begin bearing in five years and the crop is larger each succeeding year. Out in California nursery men graft walnut trees and sell the young trees just like peach, apple and pear trees are sold in Texas. They are sold exclusively to progressive men and women, because it was that kind that brought the world out of darkness. A man with moss on his back won't do anything that will help push this good old world along.

Now I am doing a little diversified farming on my Erath county farm and last year I sold \$260.50 worth of by-products, consisting of melons, apples, peaches, a few eggs and some butter. I have found peanuts to be a sure crop and a pay crop, and my advice to Texas farmers is: Raise peanuts. I have a barn full of peanut hay now. Last week I sold fifteen dozen eggs, just because my hens had a go into the peanut barn when they were on a hunt for something good for them. Texas farmers should wake up.

### Early Maturing Crops

What this section of the country needs is early maturing crops. While the season is reasonably long, at the same time it will not suffice for the maturing of some species of crops unless they be of the early maturing variety.

With the advent of the experimental farm here we will be enabled to learn just what to plant and when. This is the all important object of those who are engaged in farming on the plains.

Some species of cotton can be raised successfully in this part of the country and they will be grown later on in large quantities. Fact is there is enough farm land in the plains to raise all the cotton necessary for the world's use, were it properly handled.

Many other crops will be grown in this part of the state as soon as their success is demonstrated. Everyone interested in farming should take hold of the proposition with the man in charge of the experimental station and swap experiences. He cannot develop all the crops as quickly by himself as he will if aided through the knowledge of what others have accomplished. The experimental farm for the Plains is the greatest step that has ever been taken looking toward its rapid settlement. When we can furnish the proof of what the country will do, it will be

easy to induce the farmers to come.

The development of the plains is to be looked for from a farming point of view. Indications all seem to point to the fact that this is to be final and full.

Not only does America need more farms, but the entire world is beginning to feel the need of more farm products. Aside from the reclamation of submerged lands, the Plains offers about all of the virgin soil of the civilized world. It is no trouble to put in a farm in this section and with proper judgment and management they will be successful investments.

At this day it is no longer possible to go into business in a careless way and hope for success. Science has reached out into every branch of human endeavor. Let us keep a look ahead and do all things needful, to make the Plains, the mecca of America. It can be done.

### Milo Maize As Hog Feed

Milo Maize is the surest grain crop that can be raised on the plains of Texas or in any semi-arid section of any country, and ten pounds of milo are equal to nine pounds Indian corn in fattening and growing hogs. This is the claim made by Prof. H. M. Cottrell of the Colorado Agricultural College. He said:

"A bushel of milo will produce from 10 to 11 pounds of pork, and experienced dry land farmers report that in an average year they can raise 25 to 40 bushels of milo per acre."

Milo in the head can be fed to hogs when first put on feed. For the final finish when fattening hogs, the milo should be threshed, the grain placed dry in troughs at the time of feeding, and enough water poured over it so that a small quantity will be left in the trough after the grain is eaten. It is doubtful if it pays to grind milo for hogs.

"Milo has an excess of starch and much larger gains can be made by feeding with it a small quantity of skim milk or of green cured, leafy, alfalfa hay. From seven to eight pounds of alfalfa hay should be fed with each bushel of milo, or thirty to thirty-five pounds of skim milk. "Stock melons will yield from ten to twenty tons per acre on the plains, and stored above ground and covered with straw and dirt can be kept through the winter. They will add materially to the gains made when milo is fed."

### Why Tillman Thanked God

Columbia (S. C.) State: "The man and the woman have made their bed and must lie upon it, for, thank God, there is no divorce in South Carolina."

We quote from Senator Tillman's "return" to the Supreme Court in answering the rule to show cause in the case in which his deserted daughter-in-law petitioned for the possession of her infant girl children, surreptitiously taken from her and deeded to Senator Tillman by their father. None is more proud of South Carolina's stand against divorce and her unique place among the States than we, but to make that attitude one for which Carolinas may thank God without hypocrisy there must be a deeper foundation of morality and justice in family life.

A law against divorce signifies little; we can not say to any

other State. "Thank are better than the lives lived in prove that the harsh legal separation is not sary unless there is some of the partners in the contract that position which is necessary ofness of an enlightened woman.

There is no divorce there justice to the with dissolute husband may to endure a hell on earth fear of his taking in children? There is no but does that fact on happiness or purity in when a man may his wife, and finally send her away, forever reach, with no faith against her, without the having redress?

We can not boast of against divorce unless point with pride to of such a condition. quite to happiness enlightened men and ing together in life is justice.

Justice in outraged South Carolina law mothers whose Senator Tillman has against a woman slain in the world, robbed babies!

### Profit on 129

A clear profit of \$88.29 1-2 per head is Harrington of Bureau Ill. made on 129 hogs one year old. The Duroc-Jersey's of his and were sold on market February 1 at 100 pounds. In Breeds he tells how he did the story follows:

"I had twenty-four sows, thirteen young sows; they all farrowed except two, which farrowed first week in May. I had saved 149 pigs selecting out thirteen to keep over, I weighed head and they weighed pounds. An average pounds.

I then turned seventeen acres of thirty-five acres of of clover. I estimated at sixty-five bushels I took them up when they weighed or about 211 pounds sold two out to weighed 410 pounds 28,280 pounds. I in the yard and on had fed them 504 bushels (75 pounds to the they weighed 34.6 little more than 230 I took out five head that weighed about that left 33,440 pounds head. On January them five miles in the ping station where 35,480 pounds, each.

I did not weigh they ate, but think to about 225 bushels and ashes by them. They cleared home. I fed the sows time 550 pounds of pigs 1,500 pounds in a thick slop learned to eat corn themselves, and acres of clover and ture. I gave them of corn twice a never had a ring in the yard feeding feed more than in an hour and until the last seemed to want

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# LYNN COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

Ten years ago Lynn County had ten voters and three women in it, and was attached to another county for judicial purposes. One could buy land here then for 50 cents to \$1.00 per acre. We were eighty miles from a railroad and one post office in the county supplied mail to the people for a hundred miles around. Today Lynn County has a population of Two Thousand Five Hundred, twelve organized schools, three post offices and cotton gins, Four Hundred voters, Four Hundred Fifty school children, and thousands of acres of fine farming lands which produce a bale of cotton per acre with one hoeing and two plowings. Don't shake your head, for I can show you men right here who have done it. Our land will grow sixty bushels of corn or oats per acre, sixty five bushels of Kaffir corn or maize, abundance of millet and alfalfa, big crops of sweet potatoes, two good crops of Irish potatoes per year, eighty pound watermelons, two pound tomatoes, twelve to fifteen pound cabbages and not half try. Lynn County soil grows fine grapes, several kinds of berries, squashes, pumpkins, canteloupes and all vine products. Apples, Peaches, Plums and Apricots do well here and are freer from pests and diseases than East Texas fruit. Lynn County cannot be excelled as a corn and feed producing country, and it is well that such is the case, for the Great State of Texas spends twenty five million dollars annually for imported corn, and several million for imported meat. The Plains country is destined to become the future bread basket of not only Texas but of a large part of the United States. She will also be expected to furnish a big per cent of the beef and pork for the hungry millions. What country under the shining sun is better adapted to pork and beef production than this? There is none. It is easy to raise abundance of feed, and our water is as pure as God ever made. Our air is cool and bracing the year round, so that mister hog and miss cow grow to maturity under the most favorable conditions possible.

## Our Land is Cheap, Fertile and Plenty

And it is rising rapidly in value. It has doubled in value every three or four years without a railroad. Now, who can tell what it will do with a railroad, and may be two or three? Young man, do you suppose this land will long remain at the present prices? Do you think it will ever be cheaper? Certainly it will not. Then why not buy now? Don't wait until you can pay for a whole section, but pay one-third down on a half or quarter section. Whether you have little money or much, invest it in good real estate, either city or country.

TAHOKA is the County Seat of Lynn County, and is the only town in the county. It is 28 miles from any other town, and has a territory 75 miles across to supply. It has a Thousand population, 250 school children and a good school employing four teachers, and a proposition on foot to issue bonds and erect a Fifteen Thousand Dollar brick school building just as soon as the railroad is completed to our town. We have three nice churches, two drug stores, two barber shops, a National Bank, hotel, livery stable, confectionery, hardware, telephone exchange with long distance connection to all important points, a number of dry goods and grocery stores, a cotton gin, grist mill, wagon yards, feed stores, blacksmith shops, tin shops, and in fact every thing that goes to make a town. The Santa Fe Railroad has its grade completed and will be running trains into our town within sixty days. We have offered the Texas Central, at their request, a bonus and right-of-way through Lynn County, and their surveyors are now running the preliminary survey from Rotan through our county. The Rock Island Railway is planning to build a line through our county to Roswell or El Paso, and the material is already ordered, and their charter is granted.

I have lived in this country twenty five years, and have seen our country change from a buffalo range to the greatest farming country west of the Mississippi. The change has been rapid, but I predict that our progress the next five years will be far greater than the last twenty five. And why not? Then, it was the ox team age. Now, it is the steam and electric age.

Let me sell you a beautiful building lot in North Tahoka, where the title is simple and clear as the blue sky, where water is pure and plenty, where the sand, dust and trash from the city never comes. I can sell you a lot NOW from \$100.00 to \$401.00 and guarantee abundance of good water. Think it over. Do it now.

## Read My Bargains in Farm Lands

**Best improved 1-2 section of land in Lynn County. Price \$15.00 per acre.**

**Well improved 1-4 section of land in Lynn County. Five miles from Tahoka. Price \$14.00 per acre.**

**1-2 section of land, good 3 room house and some fencing, two miles from Court House, 15.00 per acre.**

**Good three room house and two lots, with cistern, all in good shape, in Tahoka. price \$1,000 .**

**2000 acres of tillable land, can all be put in one farm and not 10 acres waste land in entire body. Has \$6,000 worth of new up-to-date improvements, Everything in first-class shape. Price \$15 per acre. 5 room house, 2 lots, all under good fence, barns, shed, chicken house, well of good water, hot and cold water in house, very conveniently arranged. \$2,000. The terms on above to suit any one.**

**2 Sections of well improved land in Terry County, on line of Roswell and Tohoka R. R. \$12.00 per acre.**

**3 Sections land, living water, \$8,000.00 worth of improvements all fenced and sub-divided. Finest place for stock in the State. 200 Acres will grow alfalfa. Lays in 2 miles of switch on Railroad. Price \$15.00 per acre. Only 8 miles from Tahoka.**

# JACK ALLEY, LAND AND TOWN LOTS

TAHOKA, TEXAS

We Are Busy Cleaning up For Our New Dry Goods  
That are to Arrive the First of the Week  
**WELLS & WELCHER** DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

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List your land and City Property with us if you want quick action on same. We know how its done. — We have been in the business for a long time, and trading is our long suit. We will also write you some Fire Insurance in some of the Best Old Line Companies doing business in the United States.

**E. D. SKINNER & SON**

The Real Estate People

West Side Square, Tahoka, Texas

Judge T. M. Bartley went to Lubbock Thursday, and it is reported that he has sold his entire Addition of North Tahoka for \$150,000.00, the purchaser assuming all outstanding contracts of the seller.

T. B. Preston was in to see us one day last week and while here subscribed for the Informer for himself besides sending it for a year to W. B. Preston, of Erant, Texas. Many thanks Mr. Preston, if there were more of your kind here this country would be settled up in a third of the time that it will take to settle it as things now are.

H. C. Hickerson was here trading with the merchants Saturday, and while in town stopped us and had us put his name down for six months and his fathers W. Hickerson of McGregor, Texas for six months. Many thanks Mr. Hickerson, may you and family enjoy the Informer.

L. D. Young a former resident of Lynn county, but now living in Chaves county, New Mexico, where he has a nice farm of 320 acres. He says that a rain or a snow, provided it was a warm snow, would be of great benefit to the farmers in that section. He is here visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. DeBord.

What for awhile had the appearance of being a real fire and one that would have done worlds of damage to the north side of the square broke out in the City Restaurant here Tuesday morning. It seemed that the fire caught from a defective flue, and it was not long in making a nice little blaze and a mighty big scare. There was no damage done that would amount to anything, a hole burned and tore in the roof and a few minor damaged articles. This only brings back to mind the utter helplessness of the city should a fire get once good started. Her citizens would not amount to as much as a straw in a whirlwind.

We wish to congratulate the business men as well as the citizens who were so prompt in responding to the call to clean up. The change in the appearance of the streets, alleys and the back of the business houses is marked indeed. If you have not cleaned up around your premises, whether it be residence or business, you want to get busy and stay busy until you have them shining like your face will when that good rain comes.

Quite a force of men began work yesterday morning digging up the trees on the outside row and placing back in the yard where others had died, so as to move the fence in a little and making the streets a little wider. As soon as this is completed the streets will be graded and the square will be put in tip top shape. Let the good work go on is the slogan that has been taken up by the citizens of Tahoka.

**B. L. SHOOK & SON**

Have good black land farms in Central and east Texas to exchange for Lynn county property at a reasonable price, also 500 town lots in the most desirable location in Tahoka to sell or trade. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, come and see us.

Come in and See us North Side Square

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As a trustworthy family paper, The Semi-Weekly Record has no superior. It isn't for any limited set of people for every member of every family. If you don't find some interest in a particular issue—well, the editor looks on that as a failure. In addition to printing all the news of the day in form, The Record has special features for each member of the family. The remarkable growth of The Record is the best evidence of its merits.

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White Face Flour	\$3.70	10 and 12 cent Gingham	40c
Large size Cottolene	1.45	8 cent Gingham	40c
Small size Cottolene	.60	75 cent work Shirts	40c
\$1.00 bottle Pickles	.75	All Hats at COST	
All bucket Coffee	.80	All Shoes at COST	
Everything else in the Grocery Line in proportion.		Bargains in Hosiery, Mens' Shirts, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, etc.	

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