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Tahoka, Her People and Country

Now that we are citizens of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, we wish to give to the reading people and the outside world in general, what we have found here, in what we believe to be one of the Garden spots of this Grand Old State and the Great Staked Plains of Texas. First we would say a few words of the beautiful little city of Tahoka, the proud County Site of Lynn county.

Here we find one of the most beautiful little cities that man's eye ever roamed over, inhabited by about one thousand souls of God loving people who believe and act in the saying "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them do Unto You." The hearty greeting of the citizens of Tahoka and the warm hand clasp that they extend to you as soon as you are inside its gates, are something that you are not used to receiving in every place you enter. You are aware from the time you receive the first hearty hand-clasp and hear the words joyously spoken "You are welcome to our City" that you are indeed among friends that will take care of your welfare as they would theirs.

Possibly some few who read this issue have not heard exactly where Tahoka is situated, and for their benefit we are going to try and give them about the location of the coming Queen City of the South Plains. Lubbock lies something like 35 miles to our north, Post City about 26 miles to the east, Brownfield 30 miles to the west and Lamesa 38 miles to the south, all four places which we expect to some day to beg us to let them come in as superbs to Tahoka.

Now a few words as to the business men and the business which they conduct is where we are going to take you for a few minutes. Coming in from the north the first business we had the pleasure of viewing was true Mc Adams Lumber Yard, under the management of that efficient fellow, J. D. Vardaman. This is one of the pioneer Lumber Co's, of the plains and quite natural that they should have a good yard in our city and be doing a good business.

We next find the blacksmith shop of that genius smithy, W. P. Phenix, who has work and gasoline engines piled up around him until you have to risk a sprained ankle or dislocated collar bone before you are able to see him in his splendid shop.

We next find J. P. Marrs, Attorney-at-Law, and we wish to say right here that Judge Marrs is a Tahoka booster and a splendid fellow in every point of view.

Next place visited is the Livery Barn, conducted and owned by those two pleasant gentleman, Mall & Majors. Here we find fine fat horses, nice bright rigs and everything that goes to make one of the best in the Livery business.

Coming on down the street we run into that glad home, the Tahoka Hotel, owned and run by J. E. Stokes. It is an undenied fact that at this Hotel, one will sit down to one of the best supplied tables that is to be found in your Western travel, and many a hard drive has been made to reach

its protection and hospitable shelter, where was sure to be something nice and good to eat. Here we found cooking like Mother used to do.

On across the street to the south was found the Real Estate and Insurance of E. D. Skinner & Son. Here in this office we not only found a live-wire, but became so tangled up in them that it was difficult to tear loose and view the rest of the business houses. E. D. Skinner and son, M. M. Skinner, are city boosters and country settlers, and we are glad indeed that they are living in the same city as we.

But wait a minute, in our rambling way we forgot to mention that just north of the Tahoka Hotel, we found the Texas Realty Co., Donaldson & Walker being members of this firm. These gentlemen report a nice business, and from the prosperous appearance of their looks we have no reason to doubt but what they are selling much stuff.

We now come to the Tahoka Hardware Co., a store that sells goods for miles around. R. H. Robinson is manager here, and has one of the best stocks of Hardware that is to be found in this section. This is a store that can be explained in a few words, "It is Complete."

Next door south is the large building occupied by the Tahoka Mercantile Co., and under the management of H. C. Mays. Here we find not only some of the fanciest styles in clothing, but Groceries that are always kept fresh and up to the standard. A fine business and conducted by a splendid gentleman.

Now we come to the building occupied by Howell & McGill, with a brand new and fresh stock of Drugs and Sundries. An ideal Drug Store and ideal druggist behind the counters.

Next door is where we find the Saddle and Harness Shop of G. R. Milliken. Mr. Milliken makes his own stuff and we find everything here up to and above the standard.

C. E. Brown the dealer in West Texas Real Estate, comes next, and we will say that Charley is not only a dealer in real estate, but in big broad and pleasant smiles as well. Mr. Brown has done much in making Tahoka what she is today.

Next door we come to the Barber Shop owned and run by Ira Doak. Ira is a first rate barber and has all the business he can well take care of.

In the Barber Shop of Mr. Doak we find the Tailoring parlors of Anson Coughran. Mr. Coughran has a good and growing business, and thoroughly understands the tailoring business.

We are now at the General Mercantile establishment of Wells & Welcher, where we find a nice line of dry goods and groceries. This is one of the pioneer firms of the city and enjoy an enormous business.

Across the street on the corner is the Tahoka Real Estate Co., G. W. Small and R. A. Chambers of this company are boosters for Tahoka and are enjoying a fine business in their line.

Next door we find a nice wagon

yard and Feed Store, owned and run by G. W. Small. The yard and store enjoys a good business.

The Blacksmith Shop conducted by J. W. Reynolds, is a live and hustling place of business, and by the steady smile and glowing countenance of Mr. Reynolds, it is plain to be seen that he is indeed satisfied with his business in Tahoka.

The Auto Garage with Ellis F. Payne as owner and proprietor, is right up to the standard and no cars come in but what Mr. Payne and his assistants put it out in good shape.

Next we find The Fair, with Messrs. Larkin & McCarley as proprietors. This is a General Mercantile establishment, and to say that it has a fine trade, is only mildly putting it. Their stock of dry goods and groceries are complete indeed and their business great.

Next door east of this establishment, we find the Tahoka Tin Shop run by G. M. Milliken & Son. Their shop is prepared to take care of all kinds of orders and we find that none to large come in for them to fill.

Our next stop is at the Real Estate office of J. P. Weachter. Mr. Weachter is a believer in Tahoka and the Tahoka country and by his belief he has made many more believers.

On the southeast corner of the square we find the Tahoka Grain & Coal Co., with H. E. Baldrige as proprietor. Mr. Baldrige always keeps on hand a good supply and his trade is enormous.

On the northwest corner of the square we find the Cash Store, J. W. Davis proprietor. This is a General Mercantile establishment and is complete in every detail. We find Mr. Davis one of the live wires of the town and a booster from start to finish.

Our next stop is at the office of the Lynn County News, owned and conducted by H. C. Crie & Co. In Mr. Crie, we find an agreeable gentleman, and we are glad to have met him.

We then find the City Meat Market, owned and run by those fine fellows Bigham & Hutto. These gentlemen feed the city on only the finest and best of meats.

The next stop brings us to the Grocery Store of R. D. Morris. Mr. Morris has a nice line of fresh and fancy groceries and a nice trade.

Stepping in at the next door we meet the agreeable and ever accommodating Postmaster, Mr. A. B. McCloud.

The building is occupied by Parkhurst & Jones, Painters and Paper Hangers. These gentlemen are constantly occupied looking after their trade.

The City Confectionery and Cold Drink Stand, conducted by C. C. Whipp, is a model one. Mr. Whipp believes only in the fanciest of confections and has a large patronage.

Overhead in this building is the Staked Plains Telephone Co. with H. A. Talley, local manager. Mr. Talley by his many efforts is giving the people of Tahoka good service, and we must not forget to give the operator, Miss Maude Cantrell, her just praise for her part in the excellent service.

We now find ourselves in the Tahoka Tailor Co's., shop. Fred McDaniel is proprietor and is

Rousing Set Together Meeting

Tuesday evening, March the first, the business men and citizens of Tahoka were called together at the court house in Tahoka in mass meeting. The object of this meeting was to renew interest in the commercial club work and to raise funds to employ Don. H. Biggers now Secretary of the Lubbock Commercial Club to act as secretary of the Tahoka Commercial Club and to join the Association of Commercial Clubs of the South Plains.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Larkin and the object of the meeting stated by that live-wire man E. D. Skinner. Then Mr. Larkin called on the assembled business men for their opinions and also talks on the subject.

Talks were made by Judge J. P. Marrs, J. W. D. Davis, and others. Judge Marrs told the people that he for one would like to see Tahoka better advertised and that he thought it a good idea to raise several hundred dollars for this object. There was many other things that the Judge said that we failed to remember, but we are sure of one thing and that is, that Judge Marrs is for the advertising and up building of Tahoka and the better settlement of Lynn county.

In Mr. Davis talk we were completely carried away when he told us of what we could do by all uniting as one man in the upbuilding of Tahoka and the settling up of Lynn county. As Mr. Davis truly said, if we do not try and do something to let the people know where Tahoka and Lynn county is situated what are we to expect from them. He went ahead to say that the advertising of our city would be a good investment for everyone in the city from the man who dug the post holes and carried the hod to the banker and other business interests. He earnestly urged that all give to this, as all would be benefited, and in his original saying "If I scratch your back, I expect you to scratch mine in return" or in other words, if we put up our money for the advancement of Tahoka and Lynn county, it is your duty to do likewise for you will be benefited the same as we, and the man who refused to do this should be completely ignored, as he was worth nothing to himself, his town or his country.

doing an excellent business.

J. R. Hones, the barber, comes next in our view. Mr. Hones has served about twelve years in this trade and it is useless to say that he is an expert at this business and has a good trade.

The City Restaurant conducted by that gentleman, I. T. Metcalf we know to be first rate.

We are now in the General Mercantile establishment, J. E. Ketner. Mr. Ketner has one of the fullest houses we have seen in this part of the country. His dry goods are of the latest and best stuff and his groceries are fit to grace the table of the Kings.

We now come to the First National Bank of Tahoka, with a Capital stock of \$25,000.00. Here we find that ever agreeable and smiling countenances of W. D. Nevels, Cashier and W. B. Slaton, Asst. Cashier. This is an institution of which Tahoka is justly proud of, one of the soundest banks in the country.

Next door west we step into that agreeable Real Estate office of Shook & Sons. These people have also done much toward the advancement and up building of Tahoka are now enjoying a good business.

Our next stop on the corner brings us to the Drug Store of Thomas Bros. Here we find a nice line of drugs and sundries and the most accommodating of druggist. Their store is among one of the best equipped Drug

The subscription blank was passed around and the money was made up to employ Mr. Biggers and also to affiliate ourselves with the Association of Commercial Clubs of the South Plains.

Mr. Biggers came in Tuesday morning and has begun his work in earnest. Now a few words as to Don H. Biggers. You all know him by reputation if not personally, he being one of the best known Secretaries in the State of Texas, and this work is not an experiment to him, it is his business and he is a past master at it. Now a few words to the business men and citizens of Tahoka and Lynn county. You must stand behind Mr. Biggers in his efforts to make your town and country what it should. Don't sit down and expect him to perform wonders of another age that has past, help him with your financial assistance, whisper encouraging words in his ears, let him know that you are behind him in everything that he undertakes for Tahoka and Lynn County and then Biggers will do the rest.

LATER:—Another mass meeting was held at the court house Tuesday, the purpose of which was to finish closing the contract with Mr. Biggers. A short address was made by that worthy gentleman telling of what Tahoka needed and was entitled to have, etc., after which a committee of seven was appointed to close a contract with Mr. Biggers, viz. Messrs. Brown, Shook, Skinner Bartley, Davis, Alley and Marrs. Next there was a committee appointed to draft amendments to the By-laws and constitution of the club, the committee was composed of the following named gentlemen: H. C. Crie, H. M. Larkin and C. L. Shook.

After some fine talks by members of the club, it was decided to have clean up day for Tahoka, and Monday the 14th, was decided on as the day. It was decided that the teachers of the school would be requested to suspend school on the above mentioned date, so the children could help in this work. Everyone should take a great interest in his or her town and a clean town is one of the prettiest towns there is.

Stores in the west.

Over the Mercantile building we enter the office of Jack Alley, who handles West Texas Lands. Mr. Alley is one of the oldest settlers in this section and is a believer and booster for Tahoka and Lynn County.

The town also boasts of two of the finest Doctors to be had in the state; Drs. Windham and Wonack.

She has three nice churches, Methodist, Baptist and Christian.

We must not forget to tell you about her up-to-date gin, which will gin many bales of cotton here the coming season.

Now we wish to in a few words tell you something about the grand country that surrounds Tahoka on every side. Taken on an average it is a loam and cat-claw country, of course there is black land, and then land, but you may rest assured that is all land that will grow as much stuff as you used to see grown back east in the bottoms. Fact of the case is, Lynn county claims to be the banner county of the Plains and the Plains is the banner section of the state of Texas. Taken all in all, we are glad that we are now a citizen of Tahoka and Lynn county. We have lived in many places and countries that we thought could not be beat, but at last when we saw, we were captivated and we are glad.

Judge W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, was here Wednesday.

CURTIS MAY FLY AT AMARILLO

Arrangement Committee For Cattle-men's Convention May Have Flying Machine.

Glenn Curtis, the celebrated American aviator, may do exhibition flying at Amarillo during the convention of the Panhandle Stockmen's association, April 5, 6 and 7.

The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce received a wire yesterday from Curtis' manager stating that the aviator has an open date for the Amarillo territory, and asking if this city could be interested in a proposition to secure the aeroplanist for a series of exhibitions here. The message said that their proposition would make the deal profitable to this city.

The date the famous man-bird has open on which he would perform at Amarillo was not specified in the message, and Secretary Chanslor, of the Chamber of Commerce, immediately wired him for his proposition in detail, and said that Amarillo would entertain a proposition of Curtis flying at this city one day between the 5th and 8th of April. More definite information on the matter is expected today.

Curtis is now at Pueblo. He went to that city shortly after the aviation meet at Los Angeles a few weeks ago, where he broke all records and won all the medals for short distance speed events and quick starting and alighting contests. His biplane is smaller than the Farnum machine in which the French aviator, Paulhan, won all the long distance and height events. Curtis' machine is swifter and prettier in the air than the craft of his French rival, but is not practicable for passengers.

Amarillo has planned many surprises for the cowmen in April; but the slogan in this city now is "Nothing too good for the Stockmen," and it is likely that great efforts will be made to secure the aerial artist for a series of performances here during the convention. What Curtis will ask to fly at this city is a matter of conjecture, but his feature would be a powerful drawing card for the occasion and it is believed that the bonus he will ask can be easily raised—Amarillo News.

PRISONER BREAKS JAIL

Bill Miller Charged With Felony Digs out of Snyder Bastile.

One of the unanswered questions about town just now is—Where is Bill Miller? Bill was captured here several weeks ago on a very serious charge and has been occupying a cell at the county jail awaiting the coming of district court.

It seems that Miller and a pal, maybe more than one, had planned a scheme to get money from a bank. One man was located at Sweetwater and another on the telephone line between here and Sweetwater. The telephone wire had been cut and an instrument attached so that when at the suggestion of the Sweetwater pal, a bank there called for the financial standing of the party here, the answer would go back from the substation that he was o. k. It didn't work however. The officers got onto the trick. The paper was turned down, Miller was arrested, but the capitalist at the Sweetwater

connection got wind of the turn of affairs and pulled for tall timber.

Miller has remained in the county jail here till Friday night. It is learned that when the prisoners were locked in their cells Friday evening the jailer thought Bill was in his place, but in fact was at that time quietly roosting on top of the cell. When the place had become quiet the turnkey had gone and darkness was over the earth, Bill got busy and worked out a number of bricks under a window on the west side of the jail and made a hole through which he crawled and he is gone.—Western Light.

LOCAL OPTION LIQUOR LAW

Act Making Liquor Sale Felony In Dry Territory Is Now Restricted.

Austin, March 2.—Judge Ramsey of the court of criminal appeals, this morning rendered an opinion that makes the local option felony law passed by the Thirty-first legislature inoperative, except in a few districts in the state.

This law makes it a felony to sell intoxicating liquors in a prohibition territory. Judge Ramsey, in his opinion, holds that this law can only apply in districts that have adopted the local option since the passage of the law by the legislature. As the great majority of dry counties in Texas voted local option prior to this time, the decision of Judge Ramsey amounts to a practical nullification of the law. Judge Ramsey holds that had the law making the sale a felony been in effect, many places now dry would probably not have voted local option.

The decision was handed down in the case of Tom Lewis, appealed from McLennan county. Judge Ramsey ordered the case reversed and remanded.

At the same time he ordered the case of W. I. Fitch, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for selling liquor in local option territory, reversed and remanded. The evidence showed that only one sale had been made, and this, Judge Ramsey holds, does not prove that the dealer was engaged in the business of selling liquor. However it is stated that the ruling in the Lewis case would also cover this case.

A White People's Country

Years ago when the negroes began coming into this county in great numbers, The Independent said there would be trouble if the influx did not cease. That prediction is being verified, and we may as well admit that we are up against the race question. Serious trouble may not come for years, but it will come, because there has always been trouble between the races every since the emancipation where ever the negro race existed in large numbers with the whites.

Northwest Texas has ever been peculiarly a white people's country with a few excepted points. Wichita Falls is overrun with them, Henrietta is becoming so, but with these exceptions there are but very few of them northwest of Fort Worth. White people alone have settled this section, and whether right or wrong, their temper is to maintain it as white man's country. This spirit was manifested Monday when white men insisted that negroes employed on the new school building should

give up their places to white labor. It seems hard to put a fellow out of a job just because he is a negro, but there is another side to the situation. If negroes should go into an unsettled portion of the state, establish their homes and build up a community exclusively of negro population, at the same time letting it be understood that they did not want any white people among them, what would we think of a white man who should "butt in" on them. We would say that he was foolish

Roswell May Be Dry

Roswell, N. M., March 3.—Much interest is being manifested in the coming election at which the question of Roswell's continuing wet or entering the dry column will be decided. The contest promises to be warmly fought.

For two years there has been a truce between the "wets" and "drys," the five saloons paying a license of \$2,000 annually. The antis have attempted to continue the truce by promising concessions and paying a still higher license, but the pros refuse a longer peace.

The antis are attempting to capture the democratic organization and nominate a "wet" ticket, and the pros, at a mass meeting held Sunday, passes a resolution protesting against the democratic party entering the contest and pledging themselves not to enter the Democratic primary if such a course is taken.

Oldham county has on a county seat contest, and one that has the appearance of a warm proposition. The county seat at this time is at Tascosa, up in the northeast part of the county, and a petition has been presented the Commissioners' Court with the required number of signatures asking for an election to determine whether or not the county seat shall be moved to Vega, the more centrally located town. The court was enjoined from calling the election and there promises to be a hot time in Oldham county the next few weeks.

Judge Ramsey, of the Court of Criminal Appeals has taken a slap at local option in a decision rendered in a case up from McLennan county. He partially knocks out the law passed in the last legislature, making it a felony to sell liquor in a local option district, by declaring the law operative only in the counties where local option went into effect after the law was made.

WEST TEXAS IMPROVEMENT

Activity in Many Towns is Unusually Great—Development on Every Hand

Colorado, Texas, March 4.—L. E. Ayers was awarded the contract for grading eighteen blocks in this city for \$1,080. He is at work with a big force, and when done most of the streets will be in fine condition.

Roscoe, Nolan Co., Texas, March 4.—B. F. Fitzgerald of Stanton was here Thursday and made final arrangements for putting in an electric light plant. A well is being drilled on the lots and work on the light system will be commenced in a few days.

Abilene, Texas, March 4.—Word has reached this city that the contract for the new Texas and Pacific passenger station, as

well as the new Pacific Express office and wareroom. The total cost of both buildings and all construction pertaining to them and the improvement of the grounds, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$60,000. It is understood that work will begin in the very near future and be pushed to a rapid completion.

Pecos, Reeves Co., Texas, March 4.—A company with \$25,000 paid up capital has been formed at Pecos for the purpose of erecting and operating an alfalfa meal mill, and application has been made for a charter.

The plant will be completed by June 1, this year, in time for the season's crop, and will have an annual capacity of 15,000 tons. The climate conditions in the territory tributary to Pecos are such that the alfalfa from this section commands the highest market price, and the report to the company just organized, by the experts employed, is that the meal from this alfalfa should be the equal of any in the world. Because of the absence of dews or other precipitation during the curing season the alfalfa goes into bales or is manufactured into meal in prime condition.

T. J. Sisk, who will be the general manager for the company says that in addition to the plain alfalfa meal there will be manufactured a mixed feed by combining milo maize and Kaffir corn with the alfalfa.

Pyote, Ward Co., Texas, March 4.—At a meeting of the citizens of Duval, Pyote and Grand Falls held in this city in the rooms of the Pyote Commercial Club, with the promoters of the Tucumcari, Portales and Gulf Railroad, arrangements were finally perfected for the immediate construction of this road from Pyote to Duval, a distance of twenty-two miles, the promoters guaranteeing by a good and sufficient bond, to begin work as all preliminary arrangements are made. The bonus asked by the promoters of the road consists of land, together with a cash bonus of \$25,000, all of which was readily subscribed at the meeting. It is the intention of the promoters to build the line to a connection with the Rock Island at Tucumcari, crossing the Santa Fe at Portales, a distance of about 250 miles; also to extend south to Grand Falls as soon as possible. Engineers will be in Pyote next week to begin making preliminary survey of the first section from Pyote to Duval.

Mexicans Starving

El Paso, Texas, March 5.—Hundreds of Mexicans denied admission into the United States because of having no employment or prospects are congregating at Juarez opposite El Paso.

They are starving and unable to find work. Many crimes being committed due to desperate circumstances of the men and authorities fear that riots will break out unless the Mexican government deports them back to the interior

Canyon Light Plant Sold

The electric light plant was sold at auction Tuesday afternoon in front of the West door of the court house. James Rogers bid \$3,500, and L. T. Lester bid \$13,750 and got the plant. The plant is in splendid shape and cost twice the amount of the bid.

DEMAND FOR SCHOOL LAND

Sixty Sections Sold in Upton County at An Average Price of \$7.50 Per Acre

Austin, Feb. 26.—The commissioner of the general land office yesterday, as per advertisement, sold sixty sections of school land in Upton county on which the leases have expired.

There were seven or eight bidders for each section. The average price was \$7.50 per acre. A few years prior to the adoption of the present plan of advertising such sales the average price obtained for lands of this character was \$1 per acre.

The commissioners of the general land office today sold a section of school land in the Toyahvale oil field at \$25 per acre. This is the tenth section sold in this field recently. It is located in Reeves county beyond the Pecos river and the last reports are that a number of small producers of high quality oil are being brought in there.

THE ROCK ISLAND TO ROSWELL

Report of Heavy Purchase of Steel Thought To Indicate Immediate Extension.

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Tax Collections Coming In At A Lively Rate Which Swell The Deposits.

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Postal Banks and Parcels Posts

The American Review of Reviews: One of the items selected by Mr. Taft in his program for immediate fulfillment of platform pledges was that of postal savings banks. It was generally agreed at Washington that this much discussed project would be carried through Congress in the present session. The opposition to it was widespread and quite determined, and there may be some difficulty in maturing the bill before adjournment. Yet it is thought probable that the scheme will be adopted. However that may be, it must be agreed on all hands that if the Postoffice Department were as well organized for practical results as some of our large business corporations, the friends of postal savings banks would have a stronger argument for their cause, while the opponents of postal savings banks would have much less reason for their fears. If the postoffice was what it ought to be in a business sense, its money order business, postal notes, postal savings banks, and related functions, could be made highly convenient for the masses of the people. It could give new uses to the free delivery service and add something to the revenues of the department, while encouraging rural tariff and helping the development of the country by increasing the volume of productive capital available for local enterprises and for sustaining the public credit by affording another market for the Government's 2 per cent bonds.

It is similarly true that a thorough business organization of the Postoffice Department would help to settle the question of a parcels post. We should hope to get a reorganization, county by county, of the fourth-class postoffices and the free delivery routes so that better practical results might be rendered for very much less cost. Then the question would come up on its merits whether or not the Government's great machinery for distribution should be made available, as in foreign countries, for the cheap carriage of parcels. It has been usually said that the chief opposition to a parcels post comes from the express companies. It would perhaps be more accurate to say that the chief opposition comes from retail traders who think that a cheap system of parcels post would help the business of the so-called mail order houses at the expense of local and neighborhood trade. In the end the thing that is for the benefit of the people will prevail as against conservatism. The proper sort of parcels post might be just as useful to near-by retailers as to those in distant places. It is evident that we shall not have a postal innovation of this kind until the subject has been very thoroughly worked out.

SANTA FE TRACK WORK

About 378 Miles of 90-Pound Steel Rails Now Started

Galveston, Texas, March 7.—In connection with the work of relaying the Santa Fe line between Temple and Coleman with the 90-pound rails, it was said Saturday at the Santa Fe offices that on 378 miles of the Santa Fe track system the old 75-pound rail would be replaced by the new 90-pound variety. The standards of the rail weight

have changed in the last few years, as the standard of four or five years ago was the 75-pound rail that is to be supplanted. This rail is not considered as junk, however, but it will be used—about 200 miles of it—for the purpose of extensions. It is also intended that the road between Temple and Brownwood shall be supplied with 90-pound material.

There are at present two standards by which the rails are classed. Those whose weights are 75 or 80 are called A. S. C. E. rails, the abbreviation meaning American Society of Civil Engineers. The rails with the even weights, such as 70, 80 and 90-pounders, are classed as A. R. A. rails, the A. R. A. standing for American Railway Association.

Child Labor

The Christian Register: It is a sign of the rising tide of civilization to find widespread interest in all questions that concern the welfare of children, especially those that are not sufficiently protected by their natural guardians or who have no guardians to protect them. Our laws and customs relating to the protection of animals are humane, and on the whole, well administered. If the facts were known to the public and to the representatives of authority no man or company of men would be allowed to expose animals to conditions which produce continuous suffering. There are exceptions to this rule in the case of animals in transit from one market to another, but these are improperly excused on the ground that their inconveniences and sufferings are brief, and occur but once in the lifetime of each individual.

Children, however, are exposed in many cases (not so many perhaps, as some would have us think) to labor unduly prolonged, at untimely hours, with conditions dangerous to health, and which make any proper growth and mental education impossible. To such facts as this the general public is becoming attentive, and a wave of sympathy is sweeping over the country which will surely cause the amelioration of the evils which are so evident.

The rules which should be applied to the labor of children by way of prevention are only such as are suggested by our common knowledge of the laws of physical growth, mental development and moral training. Anything that is preventable which interferes with these natural and rational demands is condemned by the laws of nature, the better instincts in our common humanity, and a due regard for the interests of the community at large.

To the plea that vested interests are threatened by the changes that are necessary to bring the labor of children under humane laws and within the limits prescribed by the interests of the children and the community, and that it is the duty of directors to guard the investment of business men and corporations against even desirable changes which threaten the life of their industries, we should reply that, if any business can not be carried on without the sacrifice of child life, that business had better go. If there is not enterprise enough to carry on business within the limits prescribed by humanity in any particular case, we should say such a business had no more right to

be protected than any other destructive agency of the kind commonly described as criminal.

We wish now to put in a protest against two dangers which are to be noted in the application of humane sentiment to reform and the protection of childhood. There is a danger that all manual child labor will come to be regarded as degrading, something to be avoided, when children are compelled to perform tasks which many regard as menial. In the old days in New England and the Northern States there was no element in the education of boys and girls more wholesome and effective than that which came from the necessity of working for the good of the family, according to the ability of each member of it. The doing of chores in the old days was a necessary part of the education of the men who have made the fortunes of the country. A girl of 10 years of age in a properly managed household, will take delight in such manual tasks as are commonly, when possible, left for so-called servants. To be allowed to go into a kitchen, when the cook is away, and do real things in the way of cooking, washing, sweeping, will give a child with a healthy mind more pleasure than can be provided by artificial means. Another danger which is very evident in modern life comes from releasing the children from responsibility. Nothing is more wholesome for the mental and moral education of children than a sense of responsibility for the welfare of the family. Among these many children who are working prematurely and too hard, are little heroes and heroines who, according to their limited strength and capacity, are making good the loss of fathers, mothers and other supporters of the family. In the lives of our over-rich young people there are few things more lamentable than the loss of a sense of responsibility and a scorn of honest toil. Desirable reforms can be carried on without creating new moral dangers and introducing causes of social deterioration.

Jobless Man: Manless Job

The Trade Review and Industrial Record of Dallas credits the News with having suggested "that the postal service be utilized as a basis of information for the man who is in need of help and for the man who is in need of a job." The Review thinks it is a good idea, which gives a double edge to our regret that, instead of suggesting it, we merely commended a bill embodying that idea that has been introduced in Congress. However it is a good idea, whatever its authorship; for, as the Review says, "if the machinery of Government can be brought to the assistance of the man out of a job and help him to do the best he can, then it has truly added help to the great uplift of humanity and has assisted in a great economical move."

It is one of the most commonly observed facts that the supply of labor in this country is very unevenly distributed. In one section there is a dearth of labor and in another a dearth of laborers. The means of bringing the man and the job together are very deficient. It is an equally well recognized fact that this condition is a compound evil. Idle jobs entail heavy losses on communities which have no workers; and idle workers entail

heavy waste on communities which have no jobs. The problem of bringing the man and the job into connection is one of immense economic and social importance.

Assuredly, the News did not commend this idea of using the facilities of the postoffice as a means of disseminating information as to the state of the labor market in various sections and communities under the delusion that it solved the problem. It recognizes the problem as one of very much more complexity, one made of many causes, and therefore, one which will not be solved by a single measure. It seemed to the News, though, that at very slight and perhaps no cost, the postoffice could perform a service which would aid considerably in its solution. It is more firmly of that belief now than it was then.

Two objections will be lodged against this proposal, of course. One will be that it is "impracticable," the other that it is "paternalistic." Those are stock objections, set up invariably and indiscriminately when no concrete argument is possible. Progress has encountered them at every step during the last century and probably will continue to encounter them until, by overuse, the plating is worn off and the base quality of the metal becomes fully exposed, even to the dullest. We believe there is enough ingenuity in our legislative halls to make the idea workable and that once it is made workable it will perform a valuable service.

As to the protest that it is "paternalistic" we shall say merely that it is a form of paternalism which could be very easily endured if it should result in bringing the man and the job in quicker and better communication. Even if we concede that such paternalism is as awful as it is made out, still, we think it is measurably less awful than is the fact that there are so many jobless men and so many manless jobs in the same country. —Dallas News.

New Hotel For Quanah

Quanah, Texas, March 7.—Quanah is to have a modern three or four story hotel. The plans actually being drawn and the man who will build the hotel is William Cameron, president of the William Cameron, Company (Inc.) of Waco. The building will be located on the corner of Main and Third streets, having west and south fronts and just opposite the new three story Farmers' State Bank Building, being erected by L. Simpson and associates. The hotel will be complete in its equipment, with handsome lobby and office, large and well lighted dining room, baths and all modern conveniences. The hotel will probably cost, if the present plans are carried out, in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Mexican-American Boundary

El Paso, Texas, March 3.—Gen. Anson Mills, the American Commissioner, who arrived today, declared the dispute over the Mexico-American boundary has not been decided by the commission, and that any report that the commission had decided El Paso is a part of Mexican territory is unfounded.

The dispute has been referred to the State Departments of both countries. A Monterey newspaper recently published what purported to be the final decision that El Paso belonged to Mexico.

For Cotton Palace

Waco, Texas, March 7.—Beginning at 7:30 o'clock tonight, two-thirds of the citizens of Waco, took part in a demonstration the like of which was never before seen here. The occasion was described on transparencies to be the celebrating, jollifying and glorifying of the raising of funds with which to re-establish, in substance, in the midst of this community of progress, prosperity, culture, refinement, happiness, liberality, beautiful and educated women and brave and intelligent men, the Cotton Palace, which for so many years has nestled closely to our hearts.

The celebration consisted of a procession of three brass bands, 120 automobiles, 7,000 torch-bearers, three companies of the Second Regiment Texas National Guard; the Woman's Federation of Clubs in carriages, the officials of the county and city, the entire police force, the Sheriff and Constable and their deputies, the fire department and nearly all of the civic organizations. A battery of artillery, handled by cadets, kept up a continuous cannonading during the march. Red fire blazed along the route, which covered over four miles. After the parade a meeting was held on the public square, with oratory.

It is probable that delegates from neighboring towns swelled the number of people on the streets and in the line of march to over 30,000.

ONE WET; ONE DRY

According to recent elections held in two Texas counties, Bowie and Hardin, one county is in the wet list and the other is dry. The following reports appear in the Daily papers of the 5th:

Kountz, Texas, March 5.—Returns from nineteen boxes in Hardin county at 10:00 o'clock tonight indicate that the county went wet in the local option election today.

Texarkana, Texas, March 5.—Bowie county went dry in a local option election today following a spirited contest between pros and antis. Four wards in Texarkana gave the antis a majority of 237 but the total county vote resulted in a victory for the pros by a majority of 537. The total vote cast was 3,500. The county districts went overwhelming dry.

Capt. Fowler Slightly Hurt

Austin, Tex., March 7.—Railroad Commissioner Colquitt today received another telegram from the Department of State at Washington relative to the whereabouts of Capt. Reese Fowler, of Texas, a grandson of the late Judge John H. Reagan, who was reported injured while commanding an insurgent battery during a recent battle in Nicaragua. That Capt. Fowler is safe and only slightly wounded is made evident by the following quoted telegram from Huntington Wilson, acting Secretary of State:

"American Consul at Bluefields, telegraphs that Fowler is staying with friends, being slightly wounded in the foot."

To Inspect Texas Orchards

Austin, Tex., March 7.—State Entomologist F. M. Mally of the Department of Agriculture left today for San Antonio on some orchard inspection work. From there he will go to Alvin, Galveston, Corpus Christi and Buckeye, where he will inaugurate a local campaign for the extermination of all injurious insect pests of orchard and truck crops. A similar campaign was recently inaugurated in the Beaumont district, and the Department of Agriculture has received requests for assistance at these points. The campaign will be waged throughout the entire Coast country.

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This week we come before the people of Tahoka and Lynn county with a new paper, The Tahoka Informer. In launching this paper, we do so with a large degree of faith in the future of the Tahoka country. We believe that the future of the town and the South Plains is so bright that there is no question in our mind that this will be one of the grandest counties on the plains, and it is our desire, while benefitting ourselves, we may be able to accomplish a great deal for the town in which we are located, by way of helping to let those who live abroad know of the greatness of Lynn County.

The promoters of this paper are not new men on the plains or west Texas. We are thoroughly acclimated, and are in good trim to get busy for the advancement of the town and country.

We do not care to say a great deal as to what we are going to do, but one thing that we wish to urge upon the people of Tahoka and Lynn County, and that is, if you will give us the proper assistance, we will publish a paper that will reflect credit to the town, and we will let the people know what is doing in this section of the country.

The newspaper business is no experiment with us. We have been engaged in the business for a number of years and know just what can be done in the newspaper work. Our office is equipped with good material, and we are in position to turn out job work of a high class, as well as first class paper.

With these few remarks, we make our bow, and join the band of boosters and builders of a greater Tahoka.

It is absolutely foolish to kick at hard times with meat, butter and eggs at the price they are selling at. How many of our readers use their own made meat, butter and eggs? How many of them have these articles to sell. There is always market for them. Raise more at home and don't figure on living so much out of a paper sack.

The Tahoka country is veritably a garden spot. You can grow as much and in many instances more of most anything you might wish to plant than you could off of that grab pile you left in the east. The man who diversifies is the man who is becoming rich on the farm today. Diversify in your crops, raise only the best blooded stock, chickens and hogs and you are a winner.

Beautiful your homes by setting out a nice line of trees around your premises. There is no one thing that will enhance the value of your property more for the money invested. Take a stranger and let him come into our town and find beautiful trees surrounding our homes and the good impression made on him, will settle him here at once if he is looking for a new location.

How many hens have you today busy working for you and your family? The little brown, yellow, or whatever color hen you may have, is ever busy singing and piling up riches for you. Why in the world don't you add a few more to your flock? You know the big money there is in poultry, but you have never stopped and figured out how much there is. Do this and we are quite sure that you will enlarge your stock of chickens.

If you know of any one who is here visiting, who has left on a visit, someone who is going to visit or any other news of a local nature, tell us about it or ring No. 30. You can be very instrumental in making the Informer one of the leading papers of the Plains by helping us to gather up the local news. Don't think that the editor knows everything that is going for he does not, but rest assured that he will appreciate any news given him. Now good people bear this in mind and see how much you can tell of the doings in Tahoka and Lynn county.

Mr. Farmer or ranchman, when you come to town, come to the Informer office, tell us how your farm work or stock raising is progressing. We would like to become acquainted with every man in Tahoka and Lynn county. Come in and read our exchange papers, if you have some letters to write, have a seat at our desk and make free use of the Informer stationery, in fact, we would like for you to make this office your headquarters when in town.

We came to Tahoka thinking we were among strangers, but since looking around we find many people in Tahoka and Lynn county that we knew elsewhere, people whom any man could wish pride call friends, and on a whole we find this city and county filled with just such people. Yes it is very gratifying to know that we have cast our lot among such people as Tahoka and Lynn county boast of.

The days are but few now when our little city will be overrun with prospectors from every part of the Globe. Get that Sunday smile of yours in shape and prepare to tell them nothing but the truth, but that Tahoka is one of the best little cities on the Plains and that the country surrounding it cannot be surpassed. Be a booster for your home town and country.

It should not be a hard matter for anyone to boost Tahoka and the Tahoka country for the simple reasons that we have the stuff here to show. If the persons you are talking to are from Missouri, you can easily show them.

We have not been here long enough to learn as yet whether Tahoka has any of those long horn cattle called KNOCKERS or not, but we sincerely hope not, for if there is anything we do despise and loath it is the sickly knocker. A man, woman or child, does themselves a great injustice when they stop long enough to let one of these things dressed up in human clothes, purr their wonderful yarns in your ears. If there are any knockers in the city of Tahoka, this is meant to reach your sight of vision, if you are not to short-sighted to read.

There is one thing we find about Tahoka that is gratifying, and that is, her people are becoming one united band of boosters and workers for their town and country. This is a trait any town may well be proud of.

Read the advertisements that you see contained in this paper and always remember that when you trade with our advertisers you are going to get your moneys worth. They want your trade, that is the reason they are advertising for it. Had you not rather trade with a man or firm that appreciates your trade than with one who does not even ask for it? When you study it out, I think that you will decide that you had. When they advertise their bargains, go and say to them, I saw in the Informer where you advertised so and so, and I wish to buy. You will be treated right.

READ THE ADS

The Santa Fe road will soon have rolling stock in our city and then Tahoka will hum, there is no doubt about this. But here is the point which we wish to get before you, why wait until the Santa Fe gets here to make things hum. If we will as individual workers for our town and country do our part as citizens, before you know it, things in Tahoka will be humming and buzzing until you will not believe you are in reach of a hornets nest, and then the persons who are in it will have to either get busy or get up and quit the diggings. Let's start this humming noise that is so sweet to the progressive citizens ears right now.

Always bear in mind that this advertising costs the advertisers something and that they are after your trade, when you read an ad, it is meant directly to you who are reading it the same as it does the other fellow. Remember this and buy of the man who advertises.

STREET GRADING

A move is now on foot to raise funds sufficient to grade several of the main streets of the town. A petition to the property owners of the town is being circulated this week, and we understand that the people are responding to the call liberally, and there is apt to be something doing in this line of work within the next few days. A number of the property owners who reside in other places have been notified of the move, and have been asked for a donation to the worthy cause, and as soon as they are heard from contracts will be let for the work to begin right away.

The streets that are to have this much needed attention are Porterfield, Sweet, Alley and King streets, and when the work is done it will give us a splendid graded street into the four corners of the square. We understand, too, that there is to be some work done on the square also, which will add greatly to the appearance of same.

The people of Tahoka are awaking to the interest of the town, and with the advent of the railroad into town, there will be a general advancement all along the line.

Good streets and a clean town are among the essentials of town building, and when the people get together and do things like they have started to do in Tahoka, there will be results most noticeable obtained. Let the good work go on. Let Tahoka grow.

Boost and the world boosts with, knock and you are crazy.

A deal was consummated this morning whereby B. L. Shook becomes the owner of the W. D. Nevels residence in the east part of town.

O. B. Shook.
 We are authorized to announce in this issue of the Informer O. B. Shook as a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Lynn county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. It is with pleasure that we present this gentleman's name to the voters of Lynn county for we are sure that if elected, he will make an excellent officer, being well qualified for that position. We ask you to take Mr. Shook's claim under your consideration and when you come to cast your vote in the primary give him a fair and impartial trial.

The Informer has received many encouraging words from the business men and citizens of Tahoka and Lynn county, and to say that it has spurred us on to do our best and put out a paper which they will be proud of, is not half telling the story. We believe that we will have the co-operation and assistance of the enterprising people of Tahoka and Lynn county, and we are going to try to give you a paper which you will not be ashamed to send to your relatives or friends in the north, east or elsewhere.

THAT RAILROAD GRADE

From the best information that we can get at this time the railroad grade from the Santa Fe Cut-off to Tahoka is about completed, and the people of this town are expecting every day to hear of the beginning of the laying of steel on the Tahoka extension. Every thing seems to point in the direction of Tahoka having a real railroad within a few weeks.

The graders are putting the finishing touches on the grade all along the line, north and quite a good distance of the grade south toward Lamesa has been completed, with work being pushed to the limit every day.

It is the general opinion that as soon as the track laying machine completes its work on the Floydada branch of the road from Plainview to that place they will turn their attention to this end of the road, and once they get started, it will only be a matter of a few days to complete the track into our fair little city. A large amount of material has been assembled at the junction, which is to be used in this road, and there will be no delay in the work on account of shortage in building material.

G. W. Harris, Chief Engineer of Construction, was here Wednesday, and went over the grade between here and Lamesa, seeing what shape it was in.

Announcements

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, to be held Saturday, July 23, 1910.

- For District Attorney
REUBEN M. ELLERD
- For County Judge
GEO. W. PERRYMAN
(Re-election)
JNO. P. MARRS
- For County Clerk
O. B. SHOOK
JESE P. HATCHETT
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector
W. H. MILLER
J. H. EDWARDS

Rolly Wester of the Daily Panhandle, at Amarillo, is here visiting the family of his uncle, C. M. Whipp.

Rolly Wester accompanied by his cousin, Miss Mary Whipp and Miss Verda Phenix, were pleasant callers at the Informer office Friday evening.

R. B. Haynes of Lubbock, has accepted a position in the mechanical department of the Informer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dow and children, of Lubbock, were visitors at the home of Geo. M. Hill this week.

A deal was closed this morning whereby Bob Chambers becomes owner of the P. B. Hall property in east Tahoka.

P. B. Hall will begin at an early date the building of a three room addition to his residence in west Tahoka.

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All accounts due the Jack Alley Co., not paid by Wednesday, March 16th, will be placed in the hands of an attorney with instructions TO COLLECT at ONCE.

Jack Alley Co.
By Jack Alley, Mgr. 11t

**THE
INFORMER
\$1.00
FOR 12 MONTHS**

16 China Sets Left

With every \$1.00 CASH PURCHASE at our store you will receive a coupon which entitles you to a chance at a beautiful Dinner Set. One given away every Saturday evening at 4:00 o'clock. Keep these coupons. They take a chance on every set and the \$30.00 China Cabinet given at close of contest.

Our Nice New Line of Dry Goods

is one of the most complete stocks in Tahoka and we invite you to call and see what we have to offer. Don't forget our

New and up-to-date Line of Millinery

which we are receiving. It will pay you to inspect this stock before purchasing your spring needs in this line.

G. E. Ketner, Tahoka, Tex.

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TAHOKA HARDWARE COMPANY

Builders and Shelf Hardware, Queensware, Crockery, Tinware and Stoves

RAGINE VEHICLES ECLIPSE AND STAR WINDMILLS

We carry a full line of windmill piping, casing, wood rod and windmill repairs. We are equipped for doing all kinds of pipe, tin and tank work. Let us figure your hardware bill.

WEST SIDE SQUARE

TAHOKA, TEXAS

Socals and Personals

W. L. Stanfield of Abernathy, was here Wednesday.

B. F. Chancellor of Post City, was here Tuesday.

Perry Graham of Post City, had business here this week.

Jno. W. Woods of Rotan, was here this week on business.

J. H. Tackett of Floydada, had business in Tahoka Tuesday.

R. Hamilton of Amarillo, had business in our city this week.

A. M. Hensley of Lubbock, was here the first of the week.

J. A. Evans of Tulia, was here the latter part of the week.

D. B. Johnson of Tulia, was in our city Wednesday.

H. E. Mosley of Abilene, was a business visitor here this week.

A. L. Stoveall of Floydada, was here this week looking after his business interests.

J. Hamilton of Vernon, was among the many visitors in Tahoka, this week.

J. W. Harris of Lubbock, was here the first of the week on business.

C. C. Cheshire of Abilene, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

C. W. Alexander of Lubbock, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

The new residence of Mr. McGill's will soon be completed, and it will be a beauty.

Uncle Sam Singleton was in town yesterday from his ranch 20 miles west of town.

J. S. Russell purchased 8 lots yesterday, 2 from T. J. Blankenship and 6 from C. G. Alford.

Mrs. S. C. McCarley who has been very sick for some time, we are sorry to say, is not improving very fast.

Parkhurst & Jones, are today, remodeling the front of their building. They are putting in double windows, doors, etc.

Bob Stoker of Lubbock, was here Thursday and bought a bunch of hogs of Hall & Majors, the Livery men.

D. W. Harris who lives 14 miles south of Tahoka, sold the first of the week to S. I. Johnson of Lubbock, 400 two year old steers at private sale. This bunch of steers will be delivered about the first of April.

Ring No. 30 and tell us the news.

Tom Higgins from the northwest part of the county was in the city Friday and Saturday.

J. H. Rogers Feed Inspector who lives at Merkel, was here the latter part of last week.

Ira Doak moved the latter part of last week into his new residence in the southwest part of town.

Dr. R. J. Hall of Lubbock, was here on a professional visit Wednesday.

Mr. Holt who lives in the west part of the county, was here last Saturday.

Mr. Mosley who lives ten miles south of the city, was here the latter part of last week.

Bart Reese who lives some three or four miles west of the city, was taking in the sights here Saturday.

Irwin Shattuck who lives five miles east of Tahoka, was a smiling visitor here Saturday.

Jim Cowan who lives four miles south of town was here Saturday.

Jim Estridge who lives several miles southeast of the city, was here Saturday seeing the sights.

Prof. Bills teacher of the Pride school, was among the many Saturday visitors in Tahoka.

J. M. Noble who lives in the west part of the county, was here Saturday.

G. W. Riley who lives in the north part of the county, was on our streets Saturday afternoon.

W. D. Kingston who resides in the northeast part of the county, was a business visitor in the city the latter part of last week.

Mr. Darrow a prosperous farmer who lives six miles west of the city, was here the latter part of last week.

Mr. Harrison who lives in the east part of the county, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

J. W. Luttrell who lives eight miles south of town, was in the city Saturday trading with our merchants.

Mr. Fowler of the southeast portion of the county, was in town Saturday evening shaking hands with friends.

Jesse P. Hatchett, candidate for the office of District and County Clerk, was in from Lynn, Saturday.

We wish to call your special attention the page ad of Jack Alley. Mr. Alley is strictly a business man and is after your business in a business way.

That whole souled drummer, John Rix of Ft. Worth, was here Saturday selling our merchants goods. Mr. Ricks told us that business was good which speaks volumes for this section of the country.

Mr. Izzard who resides some 14 miles north of here, was in the city Wednesday and while here made the Informer a pleasant call.

J. W. Snell, formerly cashier of West Texas National Bank of Big Springs, was here Wednesday on business.

The following named business men of Lubbock had business in Tahoka Wednesday: Jno. W. Baker, J. T. Bullock, Geo. R. Bean, Bert Cooper, and J. D. Quick.

W. S. Norton of Lubbock, was in the city a day or so this week in the interest of the K. of P. lodge which he is organizing in this place.

The new residence of W. B. Slaton in the Bartley Addition, is to soon be finished. This is to be a nice building and will add greatly to the residence portion of Tahoka.

Jno. Henderson made a business trip to Lubbock the latter part of last week, bringing back with him about 4300 pounds of material necessary to the getting out of the Informer.

Word was received in Tahoka Wednesday, that Tuesday night in the suburbs of Lubbock a barn and a fine cow and calf were burned. They belonged to Bob Graves who is the Floral Hill Dairy man. It was not learned how the fire originated.

A very nice deal was pulled off the first of the week, whereby Geo Small became the owner of a couple of lots formerly owned by S. W. Joplin. Consideration \$1,350.

W. C. Cowen the first of the week tore the old lumber shed down which was on the east end of his lots on which his residence is. With the other improvements which Mr. Cowan has made around his place, is making it look city like.

Mr. Mitchell of the west part of the county was in the city trading Saturday. Mr. Mitchell was a pleasant caller at our office while here and reported that farming was moving along nicely in his neighborhood.

There has been a great many shade trees set out around the public square in Tahoka the past week. There is nothing that will help the looks of the square more than these trees, for we, for one, are certainly proud of the progressive spirit of those who have had the work done.

W. H. Miller of Draw and candidate for the office of sheriff and Tax Collector of Lynn county, was in the city Saturday and while here called on us, authorizing us to put his name before the people besides plunking a shining wheel down for the Informer for the next twelve months.

Read the Informer and grow fat.

Mr. Scott of Draw, was in the city Friday of last week.

Mr. Sherrod who lives six miles east of town, was here Saturday.

Mr. Hopkins of Draw, was here the latter part of the week.

J. B. Miles who lives in the south part of the county, was here Saturday.

Prof. Grant who is teaching the Draw school, was a visitor in the city last Saturday.

Mr. Simpson who is a resident of the southeast part of the county, was here last Saturday trading with our merchants.

F. M. Brown of Merkel, was here Saturday looking after some property interests that he has in Tahoka.

Wednesday of last week Dr. Baugh of Lubbock, was called in consultation with Dr. Windham in the case of Mrs. Joe Baldrige.

Mr. Hickerson who lives in the west part of the county, was here on business Saturday.

Don Hatchett who lives nine miles northeast of here, was in the city the latter part of this week.

The Tahoka Hardware Co., has a complete supply of Screen Wires. It will not be long ere you will be compelled to screen your house. Call and get our prices. 1 tf

H. G. Mitchell who resides in the southwest part of the county, was here the latter part of last week.

Ben Redwine who lives about twenty miles southeast of here, was among the many visitors in Tahoka Saturday.

H. T. Gooch who lives ten miles southwest of here, was in the city the latter part of the week.

Boyce Hatchett who lives twelve miles northeast of here, was in town Saturday.

W. L. Tunnell who lives some eight miles east of here, was in the city the latter part of last week.

Walter Robinson who lives in the northeast part of the county, was here Saturday.

Our Screen Doors are dandies, call and see them and get our prices. They are right. The Tahoka Hardware Co. 1 tf

G. C. King who lives seven miles southeast of Tahoka, was here the latter part of last week.

Jim Hart and his house moving outfit, came in yesterday and are now busy moving the residence of W. D. Nevels to the property recently purchased by him in the Bartley Addition. Where Mr. Nevels residence was standing, it was in the way of the Iron Horse that will soon be running through Tahoka.

Don't never put off until tomorrow to do a good deed.

If it is Poultry Netting that you are in need of, we have it and our prices are right. Call on us before going elsewhere. The Tahoka Hardware Co., 1 tf

Coleman Wells, of the firm of Wells & Welcher, is in Dallas on business.

The following named parties made a business trip to Post City last Monday evening: A. E. McPaul of Terry county, P. B. Hall, F. E. Redwine and T. J. Blaken-ship.

Mrs. Curry and her daughter Miss Alma, left Tuesday evening for Big Springs. Mrs. Curry going to market to buy her Spring and Summer Millinery stock of goods and Miss Alma to visit in the east and South part of the state.

J. F. McManis of the west part of the county was in town Saturday, and while here paid this office an appreciated visit. Mr. McManis told us that he had 135 acres of land ready for the seed. He will read the Informer for the coming twelve months.

F. P. Thomas a prosperous farmer from the west part of the county was in the city Saturday and while here called at the Informer office and had us place his name on our subscription books. Many thanks Mr. Thomas, may your shadow never grow less and may your watermelons grow to an enormous size the coming season for we are sure that a man of your kind will remember the editor in the good old watermelon time.

Saturday in Tahoka.

Every day in Tahoka is a big day, but Saturday if you had of been in town, you would have thought that you had dropped back two or three hundred miles east. The square was thick with autos, farm wagons and buggies and our sidewalks and business houses were thronged with busy shoppers who were busy exchanging the filthy lucre for the goodly things of the world. May we see many more such days in our city.

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For County Judge.

In this issue of the Informer we are authorized to announce Judge Geo. W. Perryman for re-election to the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Judge Perryman is the present judge and asks that you look his record up and deal with him as he has dealt with you in the past. The Informer asks that you give his claims your due consideration for Judge Perryman is a capable man and thoroughly understands the law.

W. H. Miller for Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Miller as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lynn county subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Miller is well and favorably known to most of the voters of the county. He is now living at Draw in the southeast part of Lynn. He has seen service on the Night Police force in Houston and is in every way fit to hold this office with honors to himself and county. We ask you to carefully consider Mr. Miller's claim when you come to the polls to cast your vote in the primary.

For County and District Clerk.

We are authorized to announce in this issue of the Informer to the voting public that J. P. Hatchett is a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. If elected Mr. Hatchett promises to fulfill the office to the best of his ability, and expects to treat one and all alike. Mr. Hatchett is well qualified to fill the office of County and District Clerk and the Informer asks that you give his claim your due consideration when you come to the polls to cast your vote.

J. L. Leonard
Pastor, Park Baptist Church, 701 Linn St.
Brookfield, Missouri, 1-14-10
To Whom It May Concern:-

It affords me great pleasure to speak a word in behalf of Hon. Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview, Texas.

We met first in the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., became room mates and class mates. I found Mr. Ellerd to be capable, honest, studious, persevering and judicious in the midst of difficulties, conscientious, unselfish, true as steel, loyal to his God and to his fellowman. In nothing during that time, nor since, has he depreciated with me, but the powers of his splendid manhood have asserted themselves more fully, and the strength and beauty of his strong character have become more evident in his life as the days, months and years have come and gone.

One of the world's greatest needs is a noble manhood and a high sense of civic righteousness in the men who give themselves to the profession of law; officers who have a high sense of honor and stand unmovable on principles of right and justice. No man will do it unless inwardly fitted for such duty; he must have anchored deeply in his life a reverence for God and the eternal principles of divine law as the foundation and source of all law.

From my observation and close study of Reuben Ellerd, his life and word, I state freely and with pleasure that I know of no young man that measures up to the standard here laid down more fully than he does. I speak these words for him without reservation or hesitancy, because I know that his splendid manhood will back up what I have said and meet the demands wherever placed.

Truly,
J. L. LEONARD,
Pastor Park Baptist Church, Brookfield, Mo.

CANDIDATE SPEAKING

Last Friday evening the citizens of Tahoka were called together at the court house in response to circulars proclaiming that Reuben M. Ellerd of Plainview, candidate for the office of District Attorney, would address them and the county candidates would also make their announcements.

Rev. Doak was made chairman of this meeting and after a few well chosen and appropriate words to the waiting audience, in which he emphasized that we needed as officers MEN, men in every sense of the word, he introduced to his expectant hearers Mr. Ellerd.

Mr. Ellerd started his remarks with the statement that his candidacy for the office was purely a business proposition, and as an illustration that if he sought employment of one of our merchants that they would like to know something about him and his former career before they would employ him. He then went back and gave a sketch of his former public life, telling the people that he was proud for them to see his back record and that he would gladly answer any questions put about anything in his past life. He also discussed the prohibition question and said that he was a prohibitionist and that he was proud to stand up in the public and declare himself as such. Before taking his seat Mr. Ellerd said that he expected to again be with the people of Tahoka and Lynn county before the election, and when he comes we are sure that he will receive a hearty welcome from our citizens.

The next on program was our clever and ever full of wit County Judge, Judge Geo. M. Perryman. Judge Perryman told the people that he had not expected to make a speech on this occasion, but that he would tell them that he was a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Lynn county and that if elected, believed that he could make them a better Judge in the future than he had in the past.

Following Judge Perryman came the introduction of Judge Jno. P. Marrs. Judge Marrs like Judge Perryman told the people assembled that he had not expected to make an announcement on this occasion and had no speech prepared to make them, but as the opportunity was at hand that he would announce himself as a candidate for County Judge and if he should be elected that he would fill the office to the best of his ability, but that he expected to get the entire population of Tahoka and Lynn county out to gether some time in the near future and then he would make them a talk and all have a rousing big time.

Mr. Whipp candidate for the office of County and District Clerk followed Judge Marrs. Mr. Whipp said as none of his opponents were present that he would not try to make any kind of a talk but that he would tell them that he was a candidate for the above named office and that if they saw fit to elect him that he would serve them to the best of his

ability and earnestly solicited their support and confidence.

J. H. Edwards, candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector, was then called on for a talk. Mr. Edwards said, that unlike the rest, he had expected to be called on for a speech, but owing to the fact that his opponent was not present, he would simply announce himself as a candidate for the office mentioned and leave his speech off for some future time.

There being no more candidates present, the meeting was dismissed.

There was an exceedingly large crowd present and because there were no more there was, was due to the fact that it had not been duly advertised and that the people in general did not know that there was such a meeting to be held.

TRADE DAY FOR TAHOKA

Why not have a regular Trade and Exchange day for Tahoka? We are quite sure that the merchants would endeavor to give you something extra in bargains one day out of the month. Take this down and reason it Mr. Merchant, of course we are sure that you give the very best at all times, but on an occasion like this you could and would make a few better prices on the goods that your customers have to have, and now Mr. Farmer or ranchman, you have a horse, a good milk cow, a plow, a wagon, a buggy, gun, a hog, mule or something that you do not need, your neighbor has something that you do need and he needs the article that you have but neither of you know of the others wants. You meet in Tahoka on this day and make your exchanges, thereby both of you profiting. And now last, but not least, when you get ready to come to town on this special Trade Day, bring the whole family, the good wife and the children; be come better acquainted with each other, be social and let it be gala day for one and all. There is one thing that the world is in common about, and that is, we are all to social and in such meetings of this kind of day would bring about we would be more social. We would become better acquainted with our neighbors, our neighbors wives, daughters and sons would become better acquainted, and in a social way as well as a financial way, a Trade day for Tahoka would be a Grand Day.

Correspondents Wanted

We would like to have a Correspondent from every neighborhood in Lynn County. If you will send us in the news every week, we will be glad to place your name on our subscription books and will also furnish you with stationery and stamps. Let us hear from you. Help us make The Informer a Lynn county paper in every sense of the word by giving our readers the local news from every section of the county.

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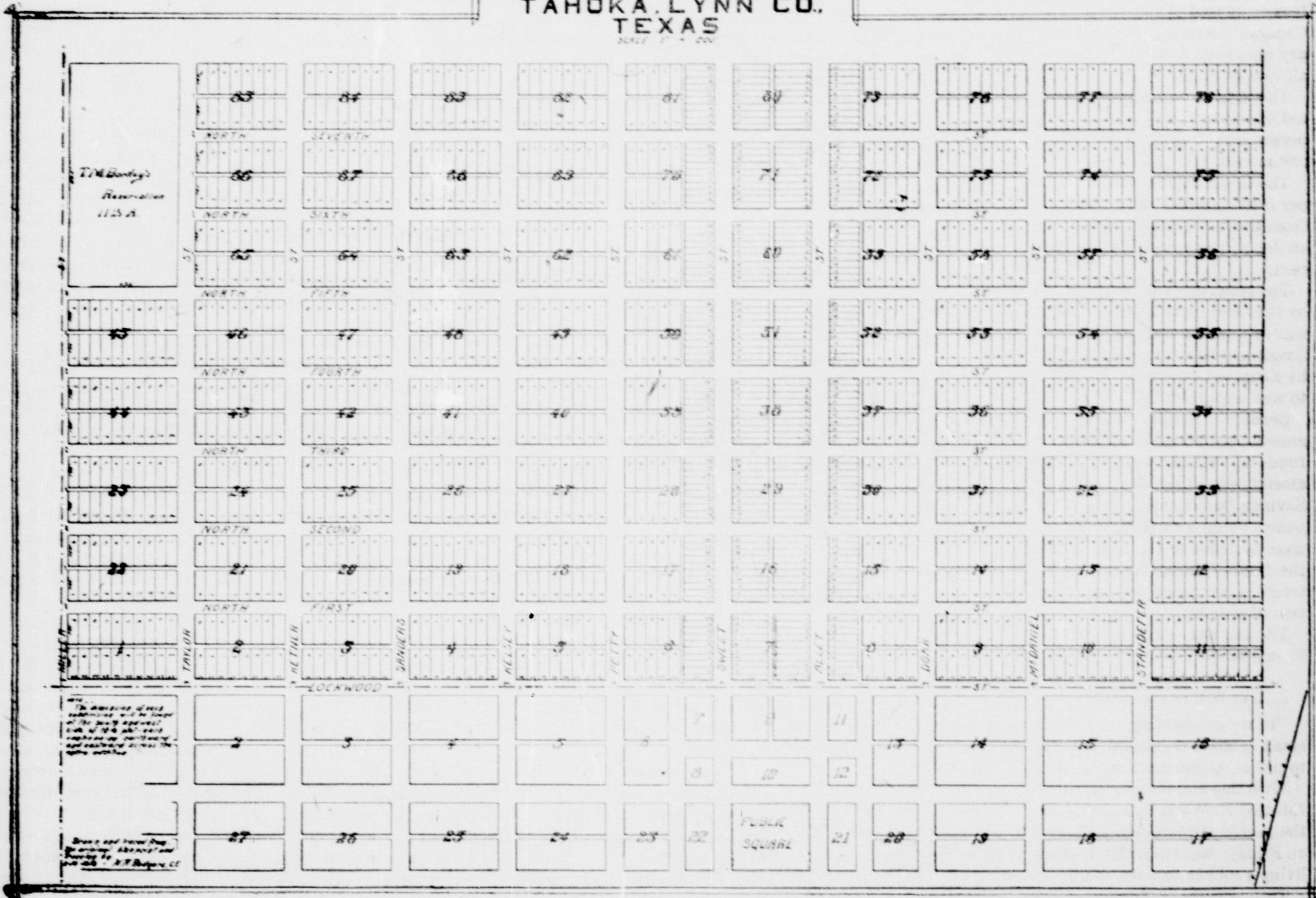
S. J. Slaton, W. D. Nevels, A. L. Lockwood, O. L. Slaton

The Banner County of the Plains and its Metropolis

Ten years ago Lynn County had ten voters and three women in it, and was attached to another county for judiciary purposes. One could buy land here then for 50 cents to \$1.00 per acre. We were Eighty miles from a railroad and one postoffice in the county which 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, about Four Hundred voters and Four Hundred and Fifty school children. Tahoka the county seat has a Thousand population and is the only town in the county. It has a good school employing four teachers; has three nice churches; two drug stores; a National bank, hotel, livery stable, confectionery, hardware, telephone exchange, long distance connection to all important towns, a number of dry goods and grocery stores, cotton gin, grist mill, wagon yards feed stores, blacksmith and tin shops, and everything that goes to make a town. The Santa Fe has its grade completed to Tahoka, and will be running trains in Sixty Days. It will afford us connection with Amarillo on the north and San Angelo on the south. We have offered the Texas Central \$30,000 and right-of-way to build to Tahoka from Rotan and their surveyors are running the preliminary surveys through our county now. The Rock Island has bought material and will build to Roswell via Tahoka.

NORTH TAHOKA

TAHOKA, LYNN CO., TEXAS



I CAN SELL YOU THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF GOOD SMOOTH FARMING LAND THAT WILL PRODUCE 50 BUSHELS OF CORN, FOURTH BALE OF COTTON AND KAFFIR CORN, MILO MAIZE AND SORGHUM WITHOUT LIMIT. WHERE ONE MAN CAN HANDLE TWICE THE LAND HE CAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. HERE ARE A FEW BARGAINS:

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. 5 miles from Tahoka. Price \$14 per acre.

1-2 section of land, good 3-room house and some fencing, 2 miles from court house, \$15.00 per acre

Good 3-room house and 2 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 \$15.00 an acre.

5-room house, 2 lots, all under good fence, barns, shed and 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 Tahoka R. R. \$12.00 per acre.

3 sections land, living water, \$8,000 worth of improvements all fenced and subdivided. Finest place for stock in the State. 200 acres will grow alfalfa. Lays in 2 miles of switch on R. R. Price \$15.00 an acre. Only 8 miles from Tahoka.

JACK ALLEY; LAND AND TOWN LOTS, TAHOKA, TEXAS

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL

Passes by a Vote of Fifty to Twenty-two—Democrats Vote Negative.

Washington, March 5.—Dividing practically upon party lines, the Senate at the close of the third session of the Legislative day of March 3, today passed the administration Postal Savings Bank bill.

The vote was 50 to 22 in favor of the measure, all negative vote being Democratic.

Senator McEnery, who voted with the Republicans throughout consideration of the bill, voted against it on passage. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon was the only Democrat voting for the bill, as it goes to the House.

The bill authorizes that money order postoffices accept sums of \$1 or more and deposit them in local banks where money will remain unless in the case of war, or other emergencies, in the case of withdrawal under such conditions funds are to be invested with Government securities with the provision that such securities will draw not less than 2 1/4 per cent interest. Control of the fund is vested in a board of trustees composed of the Postmaster General, Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General.

The aggregate balance permitted one depositor is \$500, and no person may deposit over \$100 in one month.

The Government must pay 2 per cent interest and extract from the bank, which has some on deposit, one-fourth of one per cent.

The provision for withdrawal by the Government in case of war or other exigency is the Smoot amendment and an effort by Senator Cummings to limit it to war was defeated.

Senator Borah put in an amendment about investment of funds so withdrawn. By an amendment of Senator Gallinger Savings Banks and Trust Companies doing a banking business, were included in the bill. Under the Heyburn amendment no interest is computed on the fraction of a dollar.

The bill has been before the Senate since January.

Live Within Your Means

"If we are earning only chuck steak salaries we should not try to put on porterhouse style."

With this and similar sayings, Edward E. Watt, in a lecture to the pupils of the Graham School on Friday went to the cost-of-living problem and its solution.

Through the influence of a variety of causes of nation-wide and even world-wide operation the man finds that his money does not go so far as it used to.

Whole volumes might be, have been and will be written on these various causes and their importance.

For the average man the important question is not the causes. It is now to ameliorate their immediate effects. And the way to do that is to apply to the spending of his income some of the brains which the typical American has been applying almost exclusively to getting the income.

For years Americans have been notorious to other countries for the extravagance of their personal and domestic expenditures.

This is not an impeachment of the American housewife. In the

over-whelming majority of households she has done the best she could. If she had not, the situation would be far worse than it is.

But she has not from her husband the help she deserves. Millions of Americans buy intelligently and thriftily in business, and not only permit but even encourage unintelligent and unthrifty buying at home.

Many a man who diligently holds down business operating expenses permits loose extravagance in domestic operation and commits it in his personal expenditures.

It is not only the high cost of living but also the cost of high or even brainless living that is our problem. And it is for each of us to apply his brains to the task of living within his means.

For most of us this does not mean parsimony or hardship. It means only taking thought against extravagance at the home as against waste at the office.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Kennedy In Houston

Ed. Kennedy of Houston returned yesterday from North and West Texas, where he is building a railroad running from Altus, Okla., to Roswell, N. M. traversing a portion of Texas and touching a number of important towns in the plains section. The road, known as the Altus, Lubbock and Roswell, and of which Mr. Kennedy is president, has been graded for a distance of 170 miles. Sections of the work has been done, leaving small gaps between. When completed the road will be 350 miles in length.

Bonuses amounting to \$600,000 have been made and President Kennedy expects to have trains running from Oklahoma to New Mexico within eighteen months. Steel has been purchased for June, July and August delivery for that portion of the road between Memphis and Cap Rock, a distance of fifty miles. The contract has been let to R. C. Lemon Construction company. This portion of the line will connect with the Fort Worth & Denver City road at Memphis. The terminus of the road, with round-house and terminal shops, will be located there.

Mr. Kennedy has been absent from Houston almost continuously for the past two years, but after April 1 will make his headquarters in Houston with an occasional trip to the railroad site.—Houston Post.

Important Ranch Deal

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—Gillis & Eden have sold the B. Bar ranch and cattle, near Vanhorn, to J. G. Canon and Mrs. L. J. Hall. The purchasers live at Vanhorn, and formerly owned the ranch, buying it from R. B. Bean and selling three years ago to Gillis & Eden, from whom they have again purchased it. The price paid was \$90,000, including a large number of uncounted cattle.

SOUND DOCTRINE

Mr. J. J. Dillard, of Lubbock, a candidate for Representative from this, the 101st district, advocates in his platform that Commissioners' Courts be compelled to publish itemized statements of all bills paid by that court. In our opinion this is a splendid idea, for at each session of the Court thousands of dollars are paid out, and the public (tax payers) never know for what their money is paid.—Colorado Record.

FLOYD COUNTY SELLS LAND

County Commissioners Close Deal With Plainview Many For County School Land

Floydada, Floyd Co., Texas March 3.—The Commissioners' Court sold the Floyd County school lands situated in Bailey County to J. J. Ellerd of Plainview, 17848 acres, at \$8 per acre, 5 per cent interest, payable annually and on forty years' time.

The Court also contracted for the erection of a bridge across the Blanco Canyon, five miles southeast of Floydada, on the Emma Crosbyton road. Prospectors are coming in every day from all parts of the State and other States, and with passenger service the Santa Fe will put on soon there will be a great activity in all lines of business. It is estimated that from 35,000 to 40,000 head of stock will go to market over the Santa Fe from Floydada in the spring.

MAN AND THE BRUTE

All of Texas feels with Dallas in her late shame. All of the nation, where manhood counts, will bow with her in her grief. The God who guides and controls the destinies of mankind will not mar the records by chronicling the work of the mob.

America is, by divine right, a white man's country. America will ever defend her title against any encroachment of this right.

We, as a nation, are broad in our ideas of the rights of others and in this way has the nation advanced to its present high rating.

When a crime is committed against society that has nothing except the elements of bestiality for its incentive, an outraged citizenship rises in the power of its unity against crime and justice is swift and sure.

Allen Brooks was guilty of a crime that is peculiar to his kind. One may search the records from the beginning of time and in none of them will you see evidences of debauchery of this nature outside the realms of the negroes' domain. It was left for the negro to introduce this most heinous of all crimes in the catagory. The mind of man is not capable of analyzing its enormity—man can only kill.

Another side to this question, and one that is germane to the issue, is laid at the door of the courts.

Our country has been unfortunate in its power to cope with arch criminals. Justice has been circumvented through chicanery.

We need a harking back. The times are ripe for it. The times demand it. The law should be supreme. Respect for the law should come first in the hearts of our countrymen.

Hanging, burning and shooting the beasts who rape will not stop the offense. We need a rigid and prompt enforcement of the law. So long as matters stand as they are at present we will have the mob. Remove the causes that encourage them. Enforce the law.

J. W. Hunter, an experienced newspaper man and a practical printer announces that he will launch a new paper in Tulia within a few weeks. Tulia has one splendid paper, seemingly filling the requirements along the line of printing and publishing and we doubt seriously the wisdom of a second paper there. However we wish Mr. Hunter much success.

Settle the Alaska Coal Lands Question

Chicago Tribune: Now is the time for Senators who have said that they were for the conservation of National natural resources and against their exploitation by syndicates and trusts to show that they have not been tickling the ears of the people with vain words. The enormous mineral wealth of Alaska as regards coal has been established by Government reports and the admissions of the agent of a syndicate which wishes to get for a trifle a generous share of the deposits. The problem is: How shall they be saved for the people?

Senator Beveridge has a common-sense, simple solution. He has introduced two bills. One of these withdraws all coal lands in Alaska from entry and makes them an inalienable part of the public domain. Pass the bill, and the Cunningham claim and similar claims would be extinguished. Pass it, and no matter how negligent or dishonest Government officials might be, there could be no spoliation of these valuable lands.

It is not the design of Senator Beveridge that the coal deposits shall remain buried treasure. The Government is not to be a dog in the manger. His other bill provides for the leasing of the lands in 2,500-acre tracts on a royalty basis. If the Government had adopted that policy with the iron ore deposits of Michigan and Wisconsin its royalties would be yielding it a large income. It allowed those deposits to pass into private hands and become the mainstay of a great monopoly. The mistake should not be repeated.

The substitution of leasing for private ownership would not retard the development of the coal resources of Alaska. There is a great demand on the Pacific Coast for high-grade fuel such as the territory could supply. At present coal is imported from British Columbia and Australia. The profits under a well regulated leasing system would not be so great as those the Guggenheim syndicate would reap if allowed to acquire for a petty sum deposits worth hundreds of millions, but they would be so good that many mines would be opened and the Government would get much revenue.

The reception the Beveridge bills meets with in Congress will show how much sincerity there is in the professions of Senators and Representatives of their determination to protect public property against private greed. They have an opportunity to toe the mark.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET

All Trains to Austin Bringing Delegates to Grand Logo to Convene Today

Austin, Texas, March 6.—Every train today brought in large numbers of delegates and persons to attend the grand lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah Assembly, which will convene here tomorrow for a four-day session. Every arrangement has been made to care for one of the largest meetings ever held. The sessions will be held in the legislative halls at the State Capitol. Prominent members of the order declare that there will be about 600 representatives and

1,500 other persons in attendance.

At 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning the opening session will convene in the House of Representatives, the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly meeting together. After an invocation by the grand chaplain, Rev. Dr. A. W. Wilson, Gov. Campbell and Mayor Woodridge are expected to make addresses of welcome, Judge George C. Calhoun and Mayor Bennett Grad making addresses on behalf of the lodges. Grand Master W. Spangler, of Brenham, and the ident Minerva R. Carson, of

At 2:00 p. m. the grand lodge will meet in the House of Representatives and the Rebekah lodge in the Senate chamber. At 8:30 o'clock the grand lodge will will tender the visiting Rebekah a reception.

Tuesday morning all members of the order, headed by the grand lodge, will participate in a grand parade. In the afternoon both orders will again convene in the Capitol. At night a social entertainment has been arranged while the Rebekah degree work will be carried out in the chamber by competitive recitation. Wednesday will be a quiet day and at night the degree work will also be carried out in the chamber. Thursday will be spent in business sessions. The merchants of the city, others have decorated the streets of the occasion.

What of the Convict's Family

Arkansas Gazette: Mrs. Maud Ballinger, daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army and people leaders in the prisoners' movement, at the New Orleans meeting of the Louisiana Reformatory Association: "I submit that it is unjust for the state to keep a man in prison and pay his family absolutely throughout the term of his imprisonment. All prisoners should be given an industrial opportunity that a man can earn while in and be enabled to support that portion of his family and above the amount of his maintenance for his family."

Many a man who is a convict leaves a wife or a child absolutely without livelihood, with no doubt there are many a man's wife is severely affected by the loss of her husband through the wife's dependence and dependent. Aswoe says, the convict should be punished by something in prison which will sell the labor of his family an effort "to make a primary pay." and with the children of convicts may be better off than a family in a state of destitution. Another reason why a convict with a family should be punished is that then a man is not with good means on the ground and children of convicts of means of support in prison.

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The Bribe-Giving Corporation
Yesterday's testimony at Albany brought out more sharply than before the part which corporations had played in the corruption of the Legislature. We see the exact process in Senator Cunger's description. The bridge companies began by paying small sums to prevent what they regarded as hostile legislation. They bought individual Assemblymen, and also the Republican State Committee, through its chairman, Col. Dunn. But every year the thing had to be done over again. The word got round that the bridge-building law was "a fine thing." Legislature strikers multiplied and became more audacious. By 1905 the demand had mounted to \$10,000, whereupon the bridge companies resolved to become virtuous, since bribery was proving so expensive, and would raise no further corruption funds.
Now, various indefinite statements have been made regarding the loss of business which the bridge companies suffered in consequence of the final passage of the bill of which they had bought the suppression year after year. But even conceding the accuracy of the figures, we venture to say that the profits on the loss business would have been less than what it cost, and was threatening to cost, the companies in bribe money. That, of course was the real reason why they refused longer to be bled. It was not a spasm of virtue which seized them; it was simply a pain in their purse. They found that they had been fools to bribe at all, and that they would be bigger fools if they kept on. And this is precisely the point which experience has repeatedly established in all this history of "strike" bills and corporations. It is actually cheaper to make an open fight than to enter upon a course of secret payments. We believe that this could be demonstrated in the case of any corporation that has ever been dishonestly attacked by blackmailing legislation or denied rights to which it is entitled both legally and in the public interest. For less money than is spent in wicked surrender, an honorable victory could be won.
The clearest illustration of this which we have had in recent years is the attitude of the Pennsylvania Railroad in regard to securing franchises for its new terminal in New York City. The matter was held up in the Board of Aldermen, and the intimation was almost publicly given that the Pennsylvania would have to bribe its way through. But it refused to pay a cent, made a public fight against the Aldermen, and finally succeeded in getting the power to grant franchises taken away from them entirely. The cost to the company in the way of necessary and lawful expenses, but mere through delay in beginning to secure a return on its investment was undoubtedly heavy. Yet it was indubitably less than would have been involved in letting every blackmailer thrust his dirty hands into its treasury, and the officials of the road had also the satisfaction of knowing that they had saved their honor.
In line with this is the statement of the manager of a large public-service corporation who is quoted in the Binghamton Republican as saying, three years ago: "It is getting so that it costs so much for a company like ours to continue in business." That fact was advanced as a reason for as-

senting to Gov. Hughes' plan for a Public Service Commission. However distasteful that system of State control, it would at least give a certain protection against "strike" bills. But the chief point is that this man had found out that the process of submitting to blackmail was ruinously expensive. It is cheaper to fight than to pay. That ought to be posted up as a motto in red letters in the directors' room of every large—and honest corporation.
It will be said, however, and said with perfect truth, that bribe-giving corporations not only resist unjust attacks, but go out to purchase privileges to which they have no title. Here the question of economy has to give way to that of honesty. In the same issue of the Binghamton Republican from which we quoted above, we find a telephone manager giving the true explanation why the telegraph and telephone companies had not been put under the Public Service Commission. It was "less than ten days ago" that he made the reply, when told that his concerns would be brought under the law this winter: "Don't you believe it. We've got too much money to spend for them to get us under that law as easily as you may think."
This is the most hideous aspect of the whole matter. That we should have conscienceless and corrupt legislators is bad enough, but what are we to think of the eminently respectable men, leaders in society, pillars in the church, who through the corporations which they control fatten upon legislative corruption while they intensify it? That is the thing which must never be lost sight of in all this wretched Alld scandal, and in what may follow. Bribery requires the scoundrel who pays as well as the scoundrel who receives. Corruption means the conspiring of thieves outside the Legislature with those inside. And in our indignation at the detected and ruined betrayers of a public trust, let us not forget to reserve a double portion of wrath for the even more guilty corporation managers who ought, also, to be detected and ruined. It may be that the criminal law cannot reach them, but public contempt and personal odium can be made to fall upon them in overwhelming volume. And we can but hope that the searching of the dark corners of the Capitol at Albany will produce in the offices of corporations too, a shivering dread of exposure; and that the more wholesome atmosphere which is certain to follow in the political world may also invade the world of corporate management, where it is fully as necessary if bribery is really to be punished and stamped out.—New York Evening Post.

BLENDING
People very often find it essential to make a change of location and in the new environs are apt to be disappointed on account of the fact that the new conditions are not altogether satisfactory. If this change occurs after middle age it is not to be wondered at, for one is apt to love the things to which the heart has become accustomed, through years of association. To blend the heart and mind with new environs is a blessing for those who have to make a change in location, especially if they are getting old.

Fireproof School Buildings
Portland (Ore.) Telegram:
Right off the reel, and without the necessity of long and serious discussion, we should reach the unalterable conclusion that nothing but fireproof school buildings will do. There is at least the intimation that the City Council may enact a building ordinance which will embody a provision to that end. The School Board is opposed to the measure. The reasons assigned are that the present style of wooden building is sufficient unto the need, and that to erect fire-proof structures involves too great expense. Neither of these reasons is of effective appeal to the average progressive citizen.
As a fundamental proposition, every live city should take pride both in the permanency and the beauty of its school architecture. This same sentiment of civic pride applies to all public architecture, by which we mean, of course, the architectural design of public buildings generally. If we undertake to build a city hall or a public library, or even a jail, we are not apt in either case to sacrifice these architectural attributes to considerations of cost or bare expediency. As considered in the spirit of modern civics, the argument for flimsy, temporary wooden construction in school buildings lacks soundness.
In a general way, it will be conceded that every precaution is taken in the construction of the present wooden school building to guard against danger from fire, or from the panic that may result in the event of fire, but even with that concession, the utmost precaution in the wooden building will never make that building as desirable, or as economical in the long run as the fireproof structure.
There is a disposition in many cities and we are not free from it here in Portland, to be more parsimonious in the apportionment of money for the best that can be evolved from the schools than in almost any other branch of municipal activity. In the matter of school playgrounds and of roomy buildings, and as contemplating a number of smaller buildings for the better accommodation of the school population, we make progress only by a world of persistent urging. This is not at all as it should be.
There is no more important function of the municipality than the perfection of school facilities in every possible direction, in which this matter of capacious and architecturally attractive buildings should figure prominently and without the intervention of the cheese-paring spirit. For the education of the children, in books, system and buildings we need the best and should be satisfied with nothing less.

NEW RAILROAD LINE
Oklahoma City and Panhandle (Edward Kennedy's Road) Organizes.
At the first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oklahoma City and Panhandle Railway company, incorporated Saturday held in the law offices of Shartel Keaten and Wells, Monday, officers and directors for the following year were chosen, and plans set on foot for the immediate starting of construction work out of Oklahoma City. The offi-

cers elected follow: A. Key, of Oklahoma City, president; Eugene S. Sullivan, Boston, vice president; H. E. Chapman, Altus secretary; E. J. Dupree, Oklahoma City, treasurer. Directors: A. Key, Oklahoma City; Eugene S. Sullivan, Boston; H. E. Chapman, Altus; E. J. Dupree, Oklahoma City; Joseph Fain, Oklahoma City and S. P. Bennett, Oklahoma City.
The enterprise will involve the expenditure of \$3,000,000 and, though, no selection has been made for a point of entrance to Oklahoma City, it is practically assured that the entrance will be made near the packing plants.
The road will connect with another running northeast from El Paso through Texas and will open up the whole state of Texas for Oklahoma products, besides furnishing an opportunity for the marketing of Texas products in this state.
Edward Kennedy, one of the prime movers in the new road, will leave with others interested for Anadarko, within the next few days, to arrange for construction work toward Oklahoma City. Construction has started from Anadarko toward the west and preparations for the starting of the work in this direction are so far advanced that it is only a question of days when the workers will be put into the field.
Immediately after the completion of the plans, a committee will start arranging for the beginning of work out of Oklahoma City, and it is expected the work will start in ninety days.
From Oklahoma City to Anadarko, a growing town of 7,000 population, the road will run west of Alden, and thence to Coopertown. From Coopertown it will go toward Mangum, and hence west to the Texas line, going to the northeast part of Harmon county, Texas, and making connection with two other roads in that vicinity. One of these is the Altus, Lubbock, Roswell & El Paso Railway.
At Memphis, Texas, the road will go west through a farming country, devoted for the greater part to the cultivation of wheat, corn, oats and cotton, to Silverton. Thence the road will go west to Lockney in Hale county, and from there to West Petersburg, 25 miles away. The road passes through Lubbock, the Queen of the Plains, which has a population of 7,000. The road then runs to Roswell, N. M., thence south with all the trunk lines in Texas to El Paso.
More than \$600,000 bonus money has been collected from the Texas towns and Anadarko wide awake to the importance of securing the road, gave a bonus of \$60,000. No proposition has been presented to Oklahoma City requesting a bonus.
"In this way it seems to me the Texas cities have been showing their friendship for Oklahoma City," said Mr. Kennedy Monday night. "In aiding the construction of this line they have given a ready market for Oklahoma City and Oklahoma state products and they have made competition easy between Oklahoma City and other live towns in Texas."
"A railroad through the south western part of Oklahoma has been needed for a long time. The line to Anadarko will be of great advantage to that town, and will furnish lots of business to Oklahoma City. I consider Anadarko one of the most thriving and fastest growing small towns in the State."—Altus Times.

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A Grand Success

The Pie Feast and Oyster Supper given last Saturday and Sunday night by the ladies and girls of Tahoka, the proceeds thereof to go to the Tahoka base ball team, was a success from every point of view. The boys can well feel proud of the ladies and girls of this place for the way in which they pulled this event off, netting them exactly \$28.00. Thomas Bros., are also to be thanked for the free use of their cold drink fount for the day and night. Boys here's luck to you, may you play many games this season and may you walk off winner of each one, and may you ever remember with kindness and thanks the ladies and girls who contributed so much toward making this Pie Feast and Oyster Supper the grand success that it was.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

In the proper columns of the Informer will be found the name of J. H. Edwards as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lynn county. Mr. Edwards is to well known for us to make an effort to introduce him to you. You know him to be a man that would not stand back in doing his duty as he saw it. We ask that you give this gentleman's name your consideration when you come to cast your vote in the coming primary election. We are confident that if elected, Mr. Edwards will make an excellent officer.

Mrs. D. B. Doak was the lucky winner in the guessing contest at the popular store of J. E. Ketner last Saturday evening. This contest is rather unique. Mr. Ketner starting the clock and then covering the face of same, you guessing at the time it will stop. It showed to have stopped last week at 12:41 57. The prize was a \$30 set of chinaware.

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For County Judge.

We are authorized this week to place the name of Judge Jno. P. Marrs before you as a candidate for County Judge. Mr. Marrs was born in McLennan county and worked on his fathers farm until he was the age of 23, attending the country schools a few months each winter. He entered the State University in 1900, graduating in Law in June 1906. His father not being able to send him to the University, he paid his own way through school by milking cows, waiting on the table, collecting accounts, working as stenographer in law offices and other such work. Began the practice of law in Colorado City in October 1906 and was appointed City attorney by Judge W. K. Homan, Mayor, holding the position until he left that place in 1907 and located in Tahoka. Judge has never ased the people for a public office before and promises that if he be elected that he will fill it to the best of his ability. We take pleasure in placing this man's name before the good people of Lynn county and ask that you consider his claims well when you come to cast your vote in the primary.

For District

In another column will be found the name of Reuben M. Eller, District Attorney, comes before the stranger, but as a Statesman and as a man who has served the capacity before you we could speak in favor of him. He has in the past made good, what we want of a public man is that you give him your candid support when you cast your vote in the primary. He is a man who will serve the people and as to record he only asks that you will abide by your own ability to fill the office.

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