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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF!

When Women Vote

By MRS. PERCY OLIVIA SMITH

It was some time after 12. The bell pealed loudly; again and again, until at last Mrs. Sturtevant was fully aroused from the deep slumber into which she had sunk so gratefully, after a most strenuous day.

Slipping from the soft warm blankets, she sprang out of her bed, with a fretful exclamation: "Who is it?" she snapped crossly from the window.

"It is I, Mrs. Sam Lloyd!" came the answer, in a voice high, metallic and not a little resentful. "Gracious, let me in, I think I've rung about 20 times, and I'm perfectly freezing!"

"Don't waste time asking questions, but get your clothes on, and come along. We must get to work at once."

A faint light of battle glowed in Mrs. Sturtevant's eyes as she turned toward the stairs. "I shall be down in a moment, my dear."

"In a moment," shrieked her friend. "Well, I guess not. Fix your hair and put on your most stunning gown. We'll meet a lot—of women down there, and you realize, of course, that one's looks—"

"Oh, yes, of course," Mrs. Sturtevant put her hand to her hair distractedly. "I must be a perfect fright—but I will be down just as soon as I can. You needn't come up; I'll do better alone."

Arrived at the hall, all was confusion. Very few men were present, and they seemed rather unceremonious, and for the most part undersized, and a decidedly henpecked appearance.

The women were present in goodly number, all dressed in the dapper of fashion, or relaxed into the innocuous desuetude of separate skirts and neat little toques. But all spoke, and generally all spoke at once.

Some severe ones gazed over their austere noses with cold unfeeling pale blue eyes and "laid down the law." Some of the real old campaigners purred like kittens, with claws softly sheathed, while the newer recruits ranted outright. But one and all agreed that the East side candidate must be nipped in the bud.

The posters were gotten up in masterly style. Every few minutes some new idea was added, until almost every woman in the hall could gaze proudly upon the work when it was finished and say 'twas hers.

It remained for Mrs. Sam Lloyd to cap the climax. "Ladies," she began, in her cool, crisp tones, "there is one thing more which ought to go into these posters, something of which my friend, Mrs. John Sturtevant is well aware, and to which she can swear, if necessary."

When the hum of surprised interest had died away, at a request from the chair, Mrs. Sturtevant rose pale and confused.

"I am sure," she began, darting an angry glance at her friend, which that worthy lady refused to see. "I am not aware of any information which would in any way add weight to these posters;" and with an indignant shake of her plumes, she sat down.

"Why, Mrs. Sturtevant," exclaimed the intrepid one in reproachful tones, "how can you say so? Didn't you just tell me on the way down here that your sister had a maid whose husband had run away with an adventuress of the very same name and appearance as this new candidate? Do you mean to tell me that you believe there could be two adventuresses with the same name and appearance running off with people's husbands, and forcing themselves upon the notice of this honorable body?"

Allowing a few moments for this unanswerable logic to sink into the plastic minds of her hearers, she continued in a pouting tone: "Really, when so much is at stake—when we rely upon you to help us at this critical moment, I do not think it quite honorable of you to withhold such valuable information."

"We cannot always think of our own personal feelings," put in the chair, "but we must consider the interests of the children with their nurse

STRANGE LAKES OF PERU

Of Cold, Pure Water, Without Visible Outlet or Inlet, and Always at Same Level.

From Crucero Alto, the highest town in the world, the southern railroad of Peru drops down into the Legunillas, or lake region of the Cordilleras, where, 1,250 feet above the sea, is a group of large lakes of very cold, pure water, without inlet or outlet. They receive the drainage of the surrounding hills and conceal it somewhere, but there is no visible means of the escape. A fringe of ice forms around the edges of the lakes every night the year round. The two largest lakes of the group, Saracocha and Cachipascana, with several smaller ones in the neighborhood, are owned by a former president of Peru, Mr. Romana.

A curious phenomenon about the lakes is that they keep at the same level at all times. No amount of rain makes any difference, apparently, in their depth, which, however, has not been plumbed in every case. This adds to the awe with which these lakes are regarded by the Indians. There are no boats upon the lakes, except a few small rowboats, which have to be kept close into the shore for fear of being drawn into whirlpools that are said to exist in the center. There is some foundation for this fear, for only two or three years ago a boat containing five men disappeared on one of these mysterious lakes and was never found. Of course it may have capsized, but the bodies of the occupants were never discovered, nor did the boat ever float to the shore. The belief is that the whole party was lured into the maelstrom and swallowed up by the waters of death. In the center of Lake Popo there is known to be a whirlpool, and in it many lives have been lost. Boats that are drawn into this current are whirled swiftly around and disappear. For the protection of navigators the government has anchored buoys in the lake to mark the dangerous path.

There is supposed to be an underground outflow from all these lakes. Careful observers say that in that locality are frequently found cornstalks, reeds and other debris which do not grow in the vicinity, but are found in great abundance among the lakes of the interior.

"The 'Eads,' why then really we must sink personal considerations and speak out boldly—nobly for the right."

"Oh, if you put it in that way," began Mrs. Sturtevant, timidly, "I suppose I ought to go in, only it was merely supposition on my part, because the name was the same and the photograph looked so much like the other woman—but I am not absolutely sure—"

"Better sure than sorry," piped up a thin old voice in the back of the hall, which was soon drowned in the cheers and exclamations.

"Of course she's the same one—you could tell it by her pictures. You could tell it by her pictures. If they don't show depravity! Bigamy, that's what it is, and she has a husband living, too!"

"And perhaps a lot of helpless, abandoned little children!" put in a fustily dressed little woman who sat with her feet turned in pigeon-toed, and spoke with a hiss.

"Do we want an adventuress and a bigamist?" in large type was suggested, and despite the faint protest of Mrs. Sturtevant, who was suddenly being lionized for the first time in her life, the motion was put and carried, and the posters were ready for the printer.

It was with some qualms that she went home in the gray of the morning, in a fine drizzling rain, to snatch a few hours' sleep before the morning meeting of the ways and means committee.

But her Macbeth in the person of Mrs. Sam Lloyd had "murdered sleep" for her, her eyes glittered with feverish unrest; she had taken cold, and the puffs and braids weighed almost as heavily upon her aching head as the posters upon her conscience.

Just as her head was nodding in her chair, she was awakened by the chatter of the children with their nurse

PROGRAM

FRIDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 30, AT COURT HOUSE

PART ONE

Chorus; Choral Club.
Reading; Miss Black
Solo; Mrs. Blackburn.
Reading; Miss Shook.
Quartet; Mrs. Blackburn, Miss Upton, Boyce Hatchett and C. M. Whipp.

PART TWO

BUG-SCUFFLE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

EXHIBITION DAY.

Song: "America."
Spelling Bee.
Willie Forget-me-not; Speech.
Martha Ann Smith; Song.
Willie Hadroks; Speech.
Lucinda Wiggins; Speech.
Miss Dolittle; Speech.
Si Perkins; Lecture.
Southa Europina Wiggs; Essay.
Tommie Toddlekins; Speech.
Salasia Perkenhead; Speech.
Emma Jane Perkins; Speech.
John Perkenhead; Speech.
Drucilla Lurkin; Speech.
Valedictory; Miss Perkenhead.

"Poor little creatures," she murmured guiltily. She had hardly looked at them lately. And then she heard the cheery voice of her husband calling to her from the hall: "Awake yet, dearie?"

"Awake?" she repeated, bitterly. "Why, I've been up all night!" "Well, you look it," he laughed, as he came to the door. "You look ten years older since yesterday. Where were you?"

"Mrs. Sam Lloyd—" she began. "That woman again," he growled. "She will be the death of you."

"She flared up at once. "You are just like all men—you hate her just because she is clever and brilliant, and can outwit all the political schemers in town!"

"Oh, no," he responded, lightly. "She is not clever—no woman is clever who can't interest her own husband, and lets him wander like a lost sheep to all the clubs in town. "Well, of course," murmured his wife. "She is just a trifle selfish, I'll admit, but—"

"No buts about it," he returned, quick to follow his advantage. "If she were a man I know what I'd call her, a 'Ward Heeler,' my dear, and I wouldn't be surprised if she isn't pretty well paid in some quarters for her cleverness—not that you'd better repeat this—we don't want to be up for slander, but between you and me and the bureau, the fact is that I have it from pretty good authority."

Mrs. Sturtevant paled visibly, and a network of little lines grew round her forehead.

"If a person—" she stammered, "a woman, you know, should put some damaging news in a paper or poster or anything—about any person or candidate, I mean—could they do anything to them—I mean if the person wasn't quite sure, but only guessed it?"

John Sturtevant laughed loud and long.

"This is delicious," he said, "only guessed it? Well, I'm afraid the guesser would have to back up the guesses pretty quick, or go to jail, if the matter were pushed."

"But a woman," she protested. "Would they send a woman to jail?" "Would they? Yes, my dear, that is one of the privileges you have!"

"John," she gasped, "I'm afraid Mrs. Lloyd is all you say. I'm afraid she—that is—don't laugh, John—I told her about Emma's husband running away with that awful woman, and she had the same name and look—"

Christian Endeavor Program.
Sunday, Jan. 1, 1911.

(New Year's Consecration Meeting)

"Untrodden Ways." Josh. 3:1-17
Bro Whipp Leaker.
Song.—Prayer.

Consecration (A paper) Mrs. Honea.

Song, Mixed quartet, Misses Upton and McCloud, Messrs. Hatchett and Herring.

Name some things that should characterize the New Year's work. Miss Alta Davis.

Bible Drill by all present.
General Discussion of the New Year's work.

Barrel of Pure, Texas Cane Syrup, just opened at The Mercantile, bring on your jug. 19-1t

LO T—During the Christmas exercises at the Methodist church a handsome vase belonging to Mrs. Bert Bailey. Party who received same will please leave it at The News office.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson spent Christmas with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery.

George Small is building a new house on the lots once occupied by the G. W. Reed home in the west part of town.

The new house being built by Mr. Murphy, of the Burton Lingo Lumber Company, is rapidly nearing completion.

The Sock Social given by the Sunbeams at the home of B. L. Shook Tuesday evening was a decided success.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE TEXAS

Shed Weathers and wife came in on the Thursday evening train. They left Albany, Oregon, about three weeks ago, returning by way of McCauley, Fisher county, Texas, where they spent Christmas. Shed says "Texas looks better than it ever did before."

Elegies For Old Year.

"Of all sounds of all bells, most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year," wrote Charles Lamb. "I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have diffused over the past twelvemonth, all I have done or suffered, performed or neglected, in that regretted time—I begin to know its worth as when a person dies."

Longfellow, too, looks at the solemn side of the old year, for he says in his "Midnight Mass for the Dying Year":
Through the woods and mountain passes
The winds like anthems roll,
They are chanting solemn masses,
Singing: "Pray for this soul!"
Pray, pray!"

Tennyson's "Death of the Old Year," however, looks more to the New Year and voices the sentiment of the "king is dead, long live the king." It is not well to dwell upon the mistakes of the past.

He was full of joke and jest,
But all his merry quips are o'er,
To see him die across the waste
His son and heir doth ride posthaste.
But he'll be dead before
Every one for his own.

The night is stormy and cold, my friend
And the New Year, blithe and bold, my friend

PUSHING BACK OF OLD AGE

Less Than a Century Ago a Man Was Considered Old at Forty.

There is no fact more striking than the way modern life is pushing back the period of old age, says a writer in the September Strand magazine. Less than a century ago a man was old at forty. You have only to pick up Jane Austen's novels to find gentlemen of thirty-five described as middle aged. At sixty they were gabbling in their dotage. And there is Mr. Pickwick—that dead, delightful, benevolent old gentleman of forty-five!

Fifty years ago, when a man reached the age of forty-five he grew a beard under his chin, bought himself a pair of drab gaiters and a white neckcloth, and spoke with anxious concern of the rising generation, whose manners were so different from those he had known as a "young man." Nowadays the popular notion of irresponsible, irrepressible youth is illustrated by Colonel Roosevelt, who is fifty-two. In our generation thirty-two is outwardly indistinguishable from fifty-two, save in that the former has a slightly more youthful tint in its cheek and its waistcoat.

As for the fair sex, the same old woman is all but extinct. The pretty, vivacious matron you admire at a garden party may have seen twenty-five or seventy summers. As Queen Alexandra not long since said to Mme. Adeline Patti: "We two are two of the youngest women in England." The illustrious royal example has been so sedulously followed that the women—always young, always active, always in the height of fashion—may be said to laugh in the face of Father Time.

Miss rite Wright was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Small, during the holidays.

The Christmas Tree at the Baptist Church was a decided success. The tree was tastefully decorated with all kinds of pretty devices. The Christmas Bells in the holiday colors, though silent to the ear, rang a message of good cheer to the hearts gathered there to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord.

Santa Claus was impartial and old folks and young shared in the goodies and useful articles loaded on the tree.

A nice program was rendered; A Motion Song by Mrs. Lee Hall's class and recitations by Misses Jennie Lowe, Beulah Davis, Mary Lee Lowe, and Masters Paul Howell and Melvin Shook.

Merchants' mid-day lunch 15 cents. First door east of Ketter's Store. Mrs. H. O. Goree, Proprietor.

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Personal And Local Items

YOU MAY FIND IT HERE, LOOK

G. W. Pilley was a visitor to Tahoka Saturday.

Miss Linnie Babston spent Christmas in Tahoka the guest of Mrs. A. S. Coughran.

The Ladies of the Methodist Church will give a Trip Around the World Tuesday Jan. 10 1911.

Look out for the program next week.

FOR SALE—One rebuilt buggy and one rebuilt hack.—W. P. Phenix, one block south of the gin, Tahoka, Texas. 20-1t

Miss Pauline Ramsey entertained her young friends at her home Monday evening. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Jim Crie, who has been at Post City for the past two weeks returned home on the auto Saturday noon.

Miss Ammie McLarry, of Lubbock, came down Thursday to visit her friend Mrs. Roberts, who is convalescent after an operation.

Miss Ola Calloway spent Christmas in Tahoka with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson. She returned to her home Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Donaldson and the children, who will spend the holidays with her parent, Rev. and Mrs. Calloway of Lubbock.

The Christmas Festivities at the Methodist Church were ably carried out and did credit to all who took part. A large Star reaching from floor to ceiling, served as the center, and was decorated with festoons and bells. When loaded with the gaily array of presents with which "Old Santa" saw fit to bless us, it was indeed a beautiful sight.

The program consisted of a solo by Mrs. Blackburn, a song by the children and a talk by Bro. Sharp, which was never finished, as "Santa Claus" came in and took charge, and was welcomed with shouts of glee from the children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crie accompanied by their father, E. H. Crie, took supper with Dr. and Mrs. McCoy Monday evening

Johnnie Slover is now able to sit up some.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart are living in the house west of Dr. Windham's.

Bro. Balch returned Christmas eve, greatly to the delight of his friends in general and his church

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Joe Barnes, of six miles east of town, called on The News Tuesday morning.

Miss Minnie Chambers came home from Canyon City last Friday to visit the home folks during the holidays. Miss Minnie is attending the State Normal at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Riley were in town the first of the week to attend the "Home Coming" of the Odd Fellows Tuesday night. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Riley during their stay.

Mrs. J. R. Honea entertained quite a party at dinner Sunday.

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FOR CASH

Notice, Sheriff's Sale

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Lynn

In the District Court of Lynn County, Texas:

Whereas, on the 11th day of November A. D. 1910, A. E. McPhaul recovered a judgment in the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, against W. E. Crump, for the sum of \$423.72 with interest thereon from the 11th day of November A. D. 1910, at ten per cent per annum and all cost of suit, with a foreclosure of the following described property viz:

The South-west 1/4 of Survey No. 1, in Blk. C42, Public School Land, which tract of land is fully described in Deed from A. E. McPhaul to W. E. Crump, dated Sept. 26, 1907, Vol. 9, page 226, situated in Lynn County, Texas, as it existed on the 11th day of November A. D. 1910. The number of said case on the docket of said Court being No. 65, and said property to be sold as under execution in satisfaction of said judgment.

And I, J. H. Edwards, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas, did on the 28th day of December A. D. 1910, at three o'clock p. m. levy upon the above described property and I will on the 7th day of February A. D. 1911, sell at public sale at the Court House door of Lynn County, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m. of the same day, the above described property to the highest bidder for cash.

Dated this 28th day of December A. D. 1910

J. H. EDWARDS, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas.

J. S. Wells, of this place, went home with Bro. Roberts, of Floyd county, the first of the week and returned Wednesday.

Just received a large barrel of Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, at The Mercantile. 19-11

Dr. and Mrs. Inmon went to Lubbock Saturday morning to spend Christmas with the doctor's parents.

Notice Of Intention to Apply For Special Law.

NOTICE of intention to apply to the Legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1911, for the passage of an act authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to lease that portion of the railroad of The Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company extending from Coleman, Texas, to Sweetwater, Texas, or to authorize The Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company to contract with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for the operation by the officers of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of said railroad from Coleman to Sweetwater.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1911, for the passage of an act authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to lease the railroad of The Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company extending from Coleman, Texas to Sweetwater, Texas, or in the alternative to authorize The Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company to contract with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for the operation by the officers of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of said Railroad, for account of The Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company.

By E. P. Ripley, President.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas County of Lynn.

In the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, Martha I. Ray vs. Jennie Scott, J. G. Scott and T. M. Bartley

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said Court on the 17th day of November A. D. 1910, in favor of the said Martha I. Ray, and against the said Jennie Scott, J. G. Scott, and T. M. Bartley, No. 65, on the docket of said court, I did, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1910 at 3 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated and being in Lynn County, Texas, and belonging to the said Jennie Scott, to-wit: Abstract 1014, Certificate 551, Survey 440, Grantee, O. M. Brooks, containing 640 acres, in Lynn County, Texas.

And on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1911, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said County I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Jennie Scott in and to said property.

Dated this 15th day of December A. D. 1910.

J. H. EDWARDS,
Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas.

A MEMORABLE WATCH MEETING

NEW YEAR'S EVE came right in the middle of a series of "protracted meetings" which had been started in a little church in the northern part of Indiana some twenty-five years ago. The faithful few had been gathering night after night for a month, and not more than a dozen persons had knelt at the mourners' bench, including the chronic backsliders. When the opening hymn was announced all the seats had been taken, and a dense crowd of boys and young men occupied the space between the door and the last row of seats.

As the hours slipped by and the end of the old year approached the service changed into a season of prayer and testimony. The little clock which hung on the wall behind the pulpit finally pointed to 11 o'clock, and the



"GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES OR I'LL SKIN YOU ALIVE!"

preacher arose to make one last supreme effort to reclaim some soul from eternal torment. At his direction the most zealous members of the congregation left their seats and mingled with the audience, looking for a chance convert.

It was at this critical moment that an unlooked for interruption disturbed the passing of the old year and marred the peacefulness of the meeting. Deacons Wiley and Mills had been so bold as to approach the goddess crowd around the door and suggest that there was too much laughing and talking. They had even dared to tell two or three of the leading spirits that a failure to preserve order meant ejection from the church. The sound of loud talking suddenly reached the ears of the worshippers, and all heads turned

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TABLE NO. 1

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of public highways.

County	Miles
1. Hill.....	3500
2. Bell.....	3000
3. Denton.....	3000
4. Collin.....	3000
5. McLennan.....	3000
6. Harris.....	3000
7. Ellis.....	3000
8. Hunt.....	3000
9. Fannin.....	3000
10. Grayson.....	3000
11. Bexar.....	3000

Total in State.....140,101

TABLE NO. 2

List of counties having the largest mileage of public highways per square mile of area.

County	Miles of Road Per Square Mile
1. Collin.....	1.0
2. Denton.....	1.0
3. Hill.....	1.4
4. Collin.....	1.9
5. McLennan.....	2.0
6. Hunt.....	2.0
7. Guadalupe.....	2.1
8. Fannin.....	2.0
9. Ellis.....	1.9
10. Falls.....	1.9

State Average......53

TABLE NO. 3

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of public highways surfaced with stone or gravel and now in good condition.

County	Miles
1. Tarrant.....	580
2. Dallas.....	520
3. McLennan.....	500
4. Harris.....	490
5. Bexar.....	481
6. Travis.....	440
7. Grimes.....	400
8. Jack.....	400
9. Wilbarger.....	400
10. Parker.....	400
11. Wilson.....	400

Total in State.....4,652

TABLE NO. 4

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of improved public highways per square mile of area.

County	Miles of Improved Road per Square Mile.
1. Tarrant.....	.29
2. Dallas.....	.24
3. McLennan.....	.19
4. Bexar.....	.14
5. Travis.....	.13
6. Grimes.....	.13
7. Jack.....	.13
8. Hays.....	.12
9. Hays.....	.12
10. Parker.....	.11

County	Amount
1. Hill.....	500,000
2. Bell.....	120,000
3. Denton.....	4,000
4. Collin.....	30,000
5. McLennan.....	70,000
6. Harris.....	200,000
7. Ellis.....	100,000
8. Hunt.....	100,000
9. Fannin.....	200,000
10. Grayson.....	300,000
11. Bexar.....	100,000

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1. Hill.....	500,000
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5. McLennan.....	70,000
6. Harris.....	200,000
7. Ellis.....	100,000
8. Hunt.....	100,000
9. Fannin.....	200,000
10. Grayson.....	300,000
11. Bexar.....	100,000

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7. Ellis.....	100,000
8. Hunt.....	100,000
9. Fannin.....	200,000
10. Grayson.....	300,000
11. Bexar.....	100,000

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6. Harris.....	200,000
7. Ellis.....	100,000
8. Hunt.....	100,000
9. Fannin.....	200,000
10. Grayson.....	300,000
11. Bexar.....	100,000

County	Amount
1. Hill.....	500,000
2. Bell.....	120,000
3. Denton.....	4,000
4. Collin.....	30,000
5. McLennan.....	70,000
6. Harris.....	200,000
7. Ellis.....	100,000
8. Hunt.....	100,000
9. Fannin.....	200,000
10. Grayson.....	300,000
11. Bexar.....	100,000

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The intense interest which the citizens of the State are taking in the improvement of Public Highways has caused the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association to compile statistics and information to the end that the subject may be more intelligently discussed by the public and more conscientiously studied by road builders.

The information is presented in map form by counties and exhibits as far as statistics can be made to express the actual conditions concerning the Public Highways in each county in the State.

We are preparing to spend \$250,000 in 1911 on our Public Highways, and the proper expenditure of this enormous sum becomes a subject of State importance. By comparing the amounts expended in the various counties, one is compelled to acknowledge that large sums of money are being expended annually in ill-considered attempts at road improvement, while in other counties satisfactory results are being accomplished at a moderate cost and after a careful study of the map, one cannot escape the conclusion that road building is a science. The State has so far given no official recognition to road building, beyond an appropriation of \$50, which the A. & M. College will use in two years of good for discussing the establishment of a State Public Highway Commission, or of properly equipping a Good Roads Department in the A. & M. College, which will be able to render assistance to county road officials, by giving practical advice on road building in providing specifications that can be uniformly interpreted and their provisions literally and legally enforced in passing upon the reasonableness of bids submitted for road construction, the placing of bonds and disseminating information that will encourage road building. Such an arrangement would cost only a few thousand dollars per annum, and would save the taxpayers large sums of money.

EXPLANATION TO FIGURES ON MAP.

The figures first shown on the map represent the number of miles of Public Highways in actual use in the county; the figures second shown give the number of miles of Public Highways surfaced with stone or gravel or similar material, and now in good condition; the figures third shown give the amount expended on Public High-

TABLE NO. 7
List of counties that have issued bonds for improvement of public highways during the past year:

County	Amount	County	Amount
1. Ellis.....	500,000	18. Guadalupe.....	50,000
2. Galveston.....	500,000	19. Caldwell.....	50,000
3. Harris.....	500,000	20. Dimmit.....	50,000
4. Grayson.....	250,000	21. Maverick.....	50,000
5. Bowie.....	250,000	22. Mitchell.....	50,000
6. El Paso.....	250,000	23. Brown.....	50,000
7. Ft. Bend.....	150,000	24. Stonewall.....	50,000
8. Taylor.....	150,000	25. Live.....	50,000
9. Brown.....	100,000	26. Waller.....	50,000
10. Cooke.....	100,000	27. Matagorda.....	50,000
11. Dallas.....	100,000	28. Lavaca.....	50,000
12. Hidalgo.....	100,000	29. Falls.....	50,000
13. Howard.....	100,000	30. Reeves.....	50,000
14. Jefferson.....	100,000	31. Bexar.....	50,000
15. Chambers.....	50,000	32. Nueces.....	50,000
16. Dawson.....	50,000	33. San Patricio.....	50,000
17. Freestone.....	50,000	34. Foard.....	1,000

Total.....4,015,500



TABLE NO. 8
List of ten counties showing highest annual expenditure per road mile, bond issues excluded.

County	Amount Per Mile
1. El Paso.....	\$450.00
2. Galveston.....	257.85
3. Calhoun.....	159.53
4. Tarrant.....	154.00
5. Dallas.....	125.00
6. Harris.....	100.00
7. Bexar.....	89.74
8. McCulloch.....	85.70
9. Jefferson.....	81.25
10. Matagorda.....	75.00

Average Annual Expenditure per Mile.....\$29.09

KEY TO MAP FIGURES.

Figures first shown in each county represent total road mileage in county.

Figures second shown, miles improved Public Highways.

Figures third shown, money expended on public improvement of bond issues, during the past year.

Figures last shown represent bond issues during the past year.

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