

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

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## EDITH NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Guy King and family took a trip Sunday with Mr. Stan-

Mrs. Dyer's daughter, Mrs. Shepherd, from Ragtown spent the latter part of the week with returning home Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Porter made a business trip to Ragtown Friday of week.

Mr. Pitcock spent Sunday afternoon at Uncle Frank and Alex's.

Mr. Irvin Shattuck took his family to Post City Thursday of last week.

Mr. Stanbro's baby is on the list this week.

Mr. Guy King aims to have early chickens this spring and has already set her "old hen."

Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Luby and Mrs. Honea were in Edith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. King and Jim Ska were pleasant callers at Dyer's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bonnie Miliken and Miss Harrison visited the Sunday school at Edith Sunday.

**EDITH LITTLE.**  
**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**  
Government receipt  
at McGill's Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weke Tuesday February 6.

The pretty lady weighed 150 pounds and has received the name, Marye Grayce.

G. Marks, one of the candidates for county judge, takes advantage of our February 50 cent subscription rate to send The News for a year to his father, G. Marks, Winfield, Kansas.

**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**  
Government receipt  
at McGill's Drug Store.

Assessor F. E. Redwine, in this year's work by assessing the News man. Ed. says to show the people that I can do 500 cards for me this year.

Hunter, Superintendent Brownfield Public School, Miss Vera Scott, step-daughter of L. L. Forrester, a prominent farmer of Terry county, married at the Tahoka Hotel Saturday February 3rd at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. R. J. McElrath officiating.

**SPECIAL**—For the little folks: a stick of candy given with every purchase.

Mr. Lowe, well known and well liked for the assessor, finished a 132 foot well last Thursday for H. M. Larkin at his home on South Sweet street. Secured good water that is 60 feet in the well.

Ladies Aid of the Church in Tahoka are going to an entertainment Friday of next week, called the Old Maids Return. All those who attended the Old Maids' entertainment, given by these ladies some time back, are looking forward to next Friday night with pleasant anticipation. See advertisement on another page of this issue.

Dependable windmill work by E. N. McReynolds. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 32.

The big gasoline traction engine well drilling outfit of A. W. Edwards pulled out of Tahoka Wednesday morning bound for the McManis place in the New Home community, with A. W. Edwards as engineer and Frank King and Alvie Samford as crew. Otis Napier is one of the regular crew, but while they were working on the Crie well last week the engine kicked back and caught Otis' right knee between the fly wheel and the body of the engine bruising his knee so that he was unable to work this week.

Candidate cards, Shipping tags, Fancy stationery and Commercial printing at The News office.

H. M. Larkin, proprietor of The Fair, taking advantage of our great subscription cut rate price for this month only, sends The News for one year to the following: W. R. Damron, Elora, Tenn.; J. M. Larkin, Huntland, Tenn.; J. T. Larkin, Osceola Station, Birmingham, Ala.; and S. J. Smith, Silver Valley, Texas. These gentlemen will receive The News until the fifth day of February 1913, and then unless someone pays for it, their paper will be discontinued; no subscription bill follow The News from now on. If you are receiving The News and have not paid for it yourself, someone else has or you would not be getting it.

To make money faster, save it easier or invest it better; get your axle grease, lubricating oils, gasoline and plow sharpening at the garage. Flues, casing clamps, always on hand. Saw filing and casing a specialty. 22-25 J. L. Russell, Mgr.

**ADD BEAUTY TO THE STREET**  
Park-like Effect Is Easily Given by Using a Little Care in Planting.

With informal planting in a wide parkway a park-like effect could be given on each side of the street that would go far toward counteracting the harsh, monotonous lines of formality in curb, sidewalk and property line; also the flatness and insufficiency of it all from a standpoint of beauty of outlook. Street trees could be planted at various distances between curbs, singly, in twos and in threes, interspersed with clumps of shrubbery. This would give a narrow park-like effect on each side and could be rendered still more beautiful and picturesque. The walks could gently curve from near one side to the other; the curves not so abrupt or pronounced as to deter the hurrying pedestrian from covering the shortest distance between two given points, yet enough to give beauty and variety to the whole that would prove very satisfying to all observers. All herein outlined has been carried out in many places, not all abroad, but in our own country—in Chicago, for example—therefore there is nothing impracticable about it. The chief drawback is that the returns are not quick enough for our wild-cat real estate boomers. Few can be found sufficiently unselfish or generous enough to plant for future generations and nothing worthy of emulation in this line may be built on a less stable foundation.

**Philadelphia Park Development.**  
The trend is altogether for a more widely diffused city with many open spaces and green areas freely distributed. Public-spirited citizens have contributed to this by their gifts. The City Parks association is a development of this movement and is a most active agent. Its twenty-third annual report, just issued, presents us with the conception of a greater park system, which shall checkerboard with green parked driveways many of the choice spots and wooded ravines within twenty miles or more of Philadelphia. Highways which were once regarded merely as a means to get somewhere are now viewed as important in themselves, a source of pleasure and comfort to those who use and enjoy them.—Philadelphia Press.

## Tahoka In Line For Railroad

Chief Engineer Visits Post City Last Week. Finds Good Place to Come up Onto the Plains. Tahoka Right in Line for the Crossing of Proposed Railroad With Pecos & North Texas Road. Surveyors Coming West From Fort Worth.

The new railroad, projected from Fort Worth via Post City to New Mexico points, have surveyors in the field and will be built sometime this year, and to us at least, the best thing about it, is, that Tahoka is right in line for the crossing of this road with the P. & N. T.

J. E. Stokes, proprietor of the Tahoka Hotel, and his son, J. L. Stokes, one of the candidates for county judge, went down to Post City Monday, spent the night there and came home Tuesday afternoon, bringing the intelligence of the new railroad now being surveyed west from Fort Worth.

It seems that the chief engineer for the road spent several days with his brother-in-law, Mr. Bardwell, of Post City, last week, and while there looked out the route in advance of the surveying corps which is already at work coming west from Fort Worth. C. W. Post is said to be the leading spirit in promoting this railroad so it must come through Post City and go on to Mr. Post's land west of here near the New Mexico line, and as is always the case, the greatest difficulty in building a road across the Plains is getting up

on the cap rock as it is called, or in other words, the edge of the Plains, which are considerably higher than the surrounding country. The engineer seems to think that by coming up one of the draws or gullies west of Post City that extend into the Plains nearly to Tahoka, that they will experience little or no difficulty in getting on top of the Plains.

This will be a great thing for Lynn county and Tahoka as it will give us direct connection with the Fort Worth market for our cattle, hogs, cotton, grain and produce, and the extensive coal fields of either Palo Pinto or Young county, the post oak and cedar timber counties, and it will give us cheaper freight rates on nearly all the goods we have to ship into the country.

Tahoka is already the eastern terminus of the inter state wagon road from the Santa Fe system in Texas to the Santa Fe system in New Mexico at Roswell. With this east and west railroad crossing the north and south railroad at Tahoka the year 1912 will be one long to be remembered in our history as the year in which we developed from a town into a city.

Quite a dense smoke was seen down in the direction of O'Donnell Tuesday afternoon and it proves to have been the pretty four room bungalow residence of Jim Pierce which was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which we have been unable to learn. Mr. Pierce lived about two miles south-west of the town of O'Donnell and is said to have had no insurance.

**SPECIAL**—For the little folks: a stick of candy given with every purchase.

2-tf The Fair.

Prof. Dinkenspiel the great Hipnotist from Germany will give a demonstration of his wonderful power at the entertainment next Friday night. 23

A. W. Edwards finished a 100 foot well for H. C. Crie Tuesday. The water stands 25 feet deep and is of the best quality. Mike and Ben Redwine are busy putting up a 30 foot tower and a ten foot Eclipse windmill. Mr. Crie sent off an order Saturday to the Plainview Nursery and a shipment of fine trees came in Wednesday and they were in perfect condition. If you want some good trees try them. See ad elsewhere in this paper.

See Tiny Short Van Tassel and her eight bright children. Friday night the 16th. 23-1t

Hermap Hutto came in from Snyder the first of the week to visit his brother Jim Hutto, the float man.

A. L. Lockwood of two miles north of Tahoka, was a pleasant caller at The News office Tuesday.

## UNIQUE FENCE THAT BLOOMS

Corrals in Mexico, Texas and New Mexico Inclosed by Cactus—Like Plant.

Throughout the older parts of Mexico, Texas and New Mexico many of the fences around the corrals, and often the gardens, are made of "ocotilla." This is a cactus-like plant growing in a stalk form and often reaching a height of twenty or twenty-five feet. It is completely covered with long stout thorns.

The stalk is tough, hard to cut, almost impossible to break, and growing to the height it does it makes an effective protection. It is planted usually in three or four alternate rows and is held together by buckskin strings or with strong wire. It needs but little water.

I believe this ocotilla fence would be found very satisfactory to use on county estates, and even the owner of a modest plot of ground would find it a good thing. It prevents stock from breaking in, effectively keeps at a distance all marauders, and when in bloom is a beautiful sight, for at the tip of the stalk there comes early in summer a cluster of deep crimson, ball shaped blossoms. I remember once the astonished, almost horrified, expression of an Eastern woman to whom I mentioned the beauty of the corral fence when in bloom.—Country Life in America.

## The Ugliness of Cities.

The illustrated press has been giving the country some very interesting pictures of the recent academic festival in connection with the installation of Chancellor Brown at the University of New York. In all its scholarly pageantry the scene is dignified and inspiring. In cap and gown and hood and cape, Ambassador James Bryce, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, senators, Judges, college presidents are seen sweeping up the broad stone walk past the portico of a classic college building. The effect is fine. But where are they all headed? Directly and inevitably toward a huge gas tank. This monstrosity pokes itself into the photographs at all angles. Apparently there is not room for the camera to get away from it. The leagues which are working toward the common-sense beautification of American cities should send these New York university pictures broadcast. They tell their own story and teach their own lesson.

## MRS. BROWN DEAD

Mrs. Brown, wife of W. T. Brown, a farmer living in the neighborhood of O'Donnell, died Wednesday morning at eight o'clock of peritonitis.

Mrs. Brown leaves a husband and seven children, the youngest of which is only about eight months old, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends, to mourn her departure.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Tahoka congregation of the Primitive Baptist Church, and Eld. Newt Lewis, of Tahoka, went down and held the funeral services at O'Donnell, Thursday.

10 Kegs, 5 gallon, Kraut at \$1 25 a keg.—Fair 21

The P. & N. T. north bound train Wednesday scheduled to leave Tahoka at 10:10 a. m. did not arrive until 12:30 p. m. It was said to have pulled up to the depot at Lamesa all ready for the run, when somehow the steam valve to the engine came loose letting all the steam escape and they had to fill the engine with cold water and get up a new head of steam. They only stopped in Tahoka long enough to take on the mail, and they went over the hill in a cloud of dust like a runaway team.

**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**  
U. S. Government receipt  
19-tf McGill's Drug Store.

Ewing Crouch, wife and eight children, arrived in Tahoka the first of the week from San Saba, Texas. Mr. Crouch is a cousin of Mrs. Fred McDaniel. He has traded for a half section of land in Yoakum county, but will make a crop this year on the Bob Major's place ten or twelve miles south-east of Tahoka.

## WANTED—

A correspondent from every neighborhood in Lynn County. A good chance for some one to get the Lynn County News and earn a little spending money. For particulars write the Editor Lynn County News, Tahoka, Texas.

Miss B. Madison, of O'Donnell, came up to Tahoka Wednesday to make the final arrangements for opening up a millinery stock in J. E. Ketner's store on Main street. While here Miss Madison called at The News office with copy for a nice display advertisement which will be seen on the second page of this paper.


The ladies of the Methodist Home Mission Society will give a new kind of a box supper at the court house tonight, Friday the 9th. The girls and young ladies participating will wear masques and be sold at auction with a box supper thrown in for good measure so the purchaser will have at least one peach with his supper.

All those knowing themselves indebted to me please come in and settle as I am going to leave about the 20th, and all those failing to do so I will take steps to collect.

23p J. H. McCoy, M. D.

G. W. Samford came in Wednesday and watched us while we printed some job work. Before he left he run his subscription up for another year. Uncle George brought a bad cold home with him from his recent trip to New Mexico and it has nearly got him down.

Read The News And Patronize Its Advertisers—It Pays.



## Texas Needs Great Men

### XXIV. WEAKNESS

**K**ING HEROD was so well pleased with the dancing of his daughter, Salome, that he offered her half his Kingdom and one of the saddest tragedies in Christendom followed, and his throne toppled and fell. The people of today are oftentimes so well pleased with the vaudeville performance of politicians and the Salome dances of party leaders that they give them the whole of their kingdom, and as a result industries crash, commerce crumbles and pandemonium reigns supreme and the land becomes flooded with "isms" and legislative cure-alls, when the trouble lies in weak leadership. No country can become stronger than its leaders and weak leaders are the pall bearers of prosperity.



SALOME DANCING BEFORE KING HEROD.

Let that people take heed whose leaders are under the grip of impulses and whose characters flicker like a wild flame, lest they become overpowered by the knockout drops of human weakness; their influence belt the State like a temptation, and their precedent stalk over the land like a pestilence. Texas Needs Great Men.

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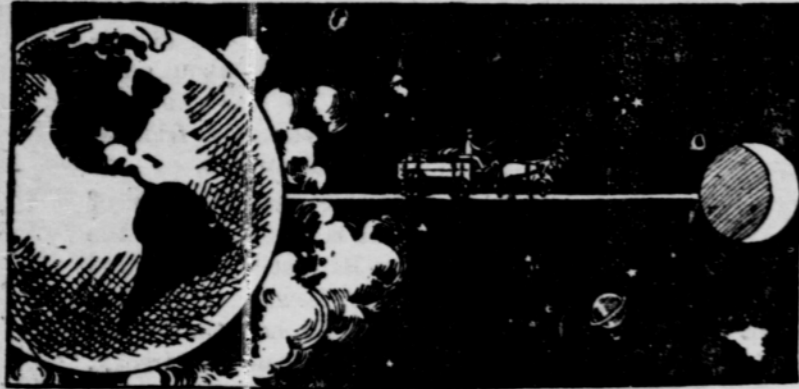
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## GOOD ROADS



### THE TEXAS FARMERS IN HAULING THEIR ANNUAL PRODUCTS TO MARKET FORM A PROCESSION THAT WILL REACH FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.

In this age, the greatest thing a human being can do is to build a public highway and the greatest thing a State can do is to improve and increase its transportation facilities. Transportation is to commerce what blood is to the body, sap to the tree and vitality to life.

The Texas farmers ship to the foreign factory \$1,200,000 of raw material per day and haul them an average distance of five miles over dirt roads.

Our annual products going to the markets form a procession that will reach from the earth to the moon. Build good roads and help the farmer.

# RAILROAD MILEAGE 1911

Texas leads all states in Union in construction--14 Counties build 599.4 miles

## TEXAS PROSPECTS FOR 1912

Ft. Worth, Tex., Feb. 1.—The Commercial Secretaries and Business Mens Association has taken a census of railroad construction during 1911 in Texas, and gives out the following statements:

While our progress in railroad construction during the past year, compared with our opportunities and necessities, is far below what might be expected, our increase under the circumstances is most gratifying. This record for the past eighteen months in construction work is somewhat marred by the abrupt abandonment of several important projects and the disappointment is further aggravated by

Kentucky . . . . . 124.5  
Arkansas . . . . . 115.5  
Georgia . . . . . 107.5

This result on its face appears to be a very satisfactory showing, but an area basis of comparison is a much more intelligent method of determining comparative progress. Reducing construction to this basis, Texas immediately turns turtle and rests securely at the bottom of the list. The following statement reduces to an area basis the table shown above and gives by States the mileage constructed per 100 square miles of area during 1911:

Florida . . . . . 40

No.	Name of Road	Miles
1	Stephenville North & South Texas	65.0
2	Brownwood, North & South	19.7
3	Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe	90.2
4	Fort Worth & Rio Grande	56.4
5	Kansas City, Mexico & Orient	115.0
6	Pecos & Northern Texas	60.0
7	Deamont & Great Northern	15.4
8	Wichita Falls & Northeastern	22.0
9	Angeline & Sechoe River	10.7
10	St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico	15.0
11	Crystal City & Uvalde	27.0
12	Pecos Valley Southern	60.4
13	Port Bolivar & Iron Ore	22.0
14	Crosbyton-South Plains	22.2
TOTAL MILES CONSTRUCTED . . . . .		599.4



The fact that we now have only one railroad construction gang at work in Texas—the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, between Granda and Alpine—but there is a ray of hope brightening the new year in the roster of prospects that are announced for 1912.

### OUR 1911 MILEAGE

The mileage constructed during 1911 is shown on the accompanying map and totals 599.4 miles. The roads engaged in construction work and the mileage built by each line is shown in the table on the margin of the map.

The *Liwa* Age credits us with 423 miles and the Manufacturer's Record with 427 miles, but as detailed reports for Texas, are not furnished in either instance, we are unable to locate the discrepancies between their reports and the figures we submit. The Railroad Commissioners report shows 506 miles put into operation from June 30, 1910 to June 30, 1911, while the mileage shown on the map shows actual construction during the calendar year 1911.

The information upon which this compilation was made was obtained from officials of railroads, commercial secretaries, county judges and verified newspaper reports.

According to press reports, Texas leads all other states in the Union in mileage of railroad constructed during 1911, but detailed figures are not announced. The Manufacturer's Record submits the following figures on Southern States building 100 miles and over:

Texas . . . . .	427.7
Florida . . . . .	215.2
Oklahoma . . . . .	144.0
North Carolina . . . . .	124.8

# Face to Face

There is a fellow in Madison street, Chicago, who has made himself famous by advertising his business with a cut of a bald head showing a back view, and right on the bald spot in black letters were the words: "This is Tom, meet him face to face." We presume many have been reading these advertisements of ours whom we have not met face to face. We say this in all modesty and admit by so doing that there some people in the county who are not yet patrons of this bank. To all such we say "it is never too late to mend," and if you will come around and give us a chance to meet you face to face we shall be very much pleased and know that our superior facilities for handling your business cannot fail to appeal strongly to you. Whether you are ready to open an account or not, drop in and see us. You will be made welcome and we shall be more than happy to meet you "face to face."

## First National Bank

Of Tahoka, Texas

## RAILROAD MILEAGE MAP SHOWING NEW LINES CONSTRUCTED IN TEXAS DURING 1911

ISSUED BY TEXAS COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES & BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.



Kentucky . . . . .	31
North Carolina . . . . .	26
Arkansas . . . . .	22
Oklahoma . . . . .	20
Georgia . . . . .	18
Texas . . . . .	16

The year's construction represents an investment of fifteen million dollars and has added a value

of at least forty million dollars to property contiguous to its right of way as well as given a perpetual value to future products of the soil by affording market facilities.

### LOCATION OF NEW LINE

An examination of the map indicates that east Texas is coming alive in railroad building. Drawing a line north and south through the population center near Waco, in McLennan County, we find four projects under way with a total mileage of 75, and on the western

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## PROFESSIONAL

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Dr. J. B. HALL, DENTIST  
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Will be in Tahoka the second Monday in each month and will remain a week

Dr. A. W. THOMPSON  
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Office in Geo. Riley's Drug Store  
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Tahoka, Grove  
CIRCLE, No. 714  
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Meet 2nd and 4th Monday nights in each month.  
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## TEXAS LIGNITE

Cheap and Abundant Fuel—  
30,000,000,000 tons on Deposit.

In a report issued by Prof. W. B. Phillips, Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology, some interesting data is given on the fuels of Texas. The lignite fields of the State probably extend over 60,000 square miles, so the pamphlet states, and the original supply of this fuel lying beneath our surface is estimated at 30,000,000,000 tons. As the amount taken from the earth so far amounts to only a small per cent, the supply of this fuel need occasion no anxiety for the next thousand years or so. Every known variety of lignite has been found in Texas, from a material carrying but a few per cent of fixed carbon to nearly 45 per cent and with from 30 per cent of volatile and combustible matter to more than 75 per cent. The beds of this fuel run from 15 feet and more in thickness to depths of 400 to 600 feet. The counties in which workable beds of lignite occur are Anderson, Angeline, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bowie, Brewster, Caldwell, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Dimmitt, Fayette, Freestone, Grimes, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Jasper, Lee, Leon, Limestone, McMullen, Marion, Medina, Milam, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Rains, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, Webb, Wood and Zavalla. In a general way, workable lignite is found in all that part of Texas lying east of the 97th meridian of west longitude and north of the 31st degree of north latitude, but there are a few important areas outside of these boundaries.

The average value of the lignite mined in Texas in 1910 at the mines was 96 cents, the production having been 979,232 tons, the largest in the history of the State.

It may be accepted as a fact that there is enough lignite beneath the surface of Texas to run our engines, supply our factories and provide fuel for heating purposes for several centuries to come.

The University of Texas is using lignite for running the power house of that institution, a Texas railroad is using it for fuel, and Texas lignite bids fair to become universally used as a fuel during the next decade.

### Price is Important.

Don't fail to include price, when price is a selling point or is essential preliminary information. Price should nearly always be included in retail advertising. In a few classes of advertising (a high-priced encyclopedia affords an example) better withhold information about price until strong desire has been whetted.—S. Roland Hall

## Millinery

## Millinery

# Miss B. Madison

Ketner's Store

Tahoka, Texas

I am leaving for market to St. Louis and Kansas City and expect to return and make an early showing of authoritative styles in beautiful millinery. The next three weeks I expect to be busy studying the latest styles as well as doing the most economical buying for my patrons. This will afford ladies of Tahoka and vicinity an opportunity to purchase hats at home at low prices.

## MISS B. MADISON

## Millinery

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# RAILROAD MILEAGE 1911

half ten projects have been built making a new mileage of 524. Drawing a line east and west of the population center, we find seven lines have been built north of the population center, with a mileage of 251 and seven lines with 384 miles south of the center line. The bulk of construction has been in Central West Texas.

The construction during the year taps fertile agricultural regions and brings within easy reach of the market seven million acres of virgin soil, an area largely in excess of the total area of either New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts or Maryland. We no longer have farm land 150 miles from the railroad. The greatest distance from any given point in Texas to a railroad at date of Jan-

County—	Acres
Collingsworth . . . . .	550,400
Crosby . . . . .	628,760
Crockett . . . . .	1,920,000
Menard . . . . .	568,320
Regan . . . . .	761,600
Upton . . . . .	761,600
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>5,191,680</b>

The map teaches us many important lessons in progress and one of the most significant is that we are entering an era of mineral development. We find three roads searching for mineral tonage—the Port Bolivar & Iron Ore, K. C., M. & O., Pecos Valley Southern. The first named road is built primarily to transport iron ore to the seaport where it is to be shipped to eastern smelters, and it overshadows in possibilities any political issue ever unearthed in East Texas and opens up a new epoch in the industrial possibilities of that section. The

opening of ore beds indicates that foreign capital has heard the sound of the miners pick and that we are entering a new world in development. The Western roads deeded for the mountains tap proven fields of minerals and indicate that agriculture is to have a powerful rival as a wealth producer.

The effect of our construction upon commerce and trade is equally as far-reaching. The new mileage has reduced the distance from our Gulf ports to the Pacific Coast 400 miles and has forced a downward revision in rates favorable to Texas trans-continental trade. Its local effect has been to recast the trade territory and shift supply depots to the west. The passing of the prairie schooner and the coming of the steam engine have been quite a transformation to a considerable area of our state.

### WHO BUILT THE ROADS?

To the students of Texas progress, it is of some importance to

know who built the roads. The following classifications by systems ore taken from current reports and and lack official confirmation, but the reports are as reliable as could be secured in the limited time at hand:

Santa Fe	
G., C. & S. F.	98.2
Pecos & Northern Texas.	60.0
Beaumont & Great Northern.	15.4
Pecos Valley Southern.	40.4
Crobyton & South Plains.	42.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>256.2</b>
Cotton Belt	
Stephensville, N. & S. Texas.	63.5
M., K. & T.	
Whichita Falls & Northern.	22.0
K. C., M. & O.	
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient.	113.0
Frisco	
Brownwood, North & South.	19.7
St. Louis, Brownville & Mex.	16.0
Fort Worth & Rio Grande.	38.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.1</b>

Independent Lines	
Angelina & Neches River.	10.7
Port Bolivar & Iron Ore.	2.9
Crystal City & Uvalde.	27.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.6</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>599.4</b>

It is significant that 528.8 miles of railroad or 88 per cent was built by system roads and 70.6 miles or 12 per cent by independent lines. Half the independent mileage is credited to the Port Bolivar & Iron Ore Railroad which is a mining concern as we heretofore noted. A study of the railroad map of Texas will also reveal the further fact that most of the trunk lines building have been filling in gaps with a few feeders appearing now and then. Only one line, the K. C., M. & O., is blazing a new trail through the State. To the close observer of business affairs this condition presents an alarming situation. It is the first time in the history of Texas where railroad construction has been conducted almost wholly by trunk

## Blacksmithing

Flows made any size, wagon and buggy work done. Satisfaction Guaranteed at

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lines, and if it means that the independent have quit the field, cer

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In which you can get the

Lynn County News (a local paper for all the people)

The Georgian's Weekly News Briefs (contains all the general news)

Spare Moments Magazine (a family story magazine)

The Gentleman (a woman's magazine)

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## Some More Money Savers For the Remainder of This Month

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There are only one each of the premiums and if you want any certain one you will have to get busy. But Remember that as soon as one premium is awarded there will be another one offered. Get busy and earn one, they're worth the money. When sending in names and address be sure to write them plainly. Address to

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## RAILROAD MILEAGE 1911

certainly no other interpretation can

be placed upon it, then railroad construction is about over, for system lines as a rule are not extensive builders, and in any event no trunk line could be expected to parallel its own territory, and if it under took to operate on such a

plan, it would violate our laws. Neither would one system undertake to encroach on the feeding grounds of its neighbor without due hesitation, and if we are going to build railroads in Texas we must at least encourage the independent operator.

### WHY THE INDEPENDENTS QUIT

A general depression in railroad building has been felt throughout the country, but the reports received from builders indicate that the I. & G. N. bill has had more to do with discouraging railroad construction than any other single factor. The following roads report abandonment of construction projects due to the passage of this law:

Quanan, Acme & Western, from Quanah to El Paso.  
Brownwood North & South, 20 miles constructed and work stopped. (Later sold to Frisco.)  
Gulf, Texas & Western, from Jacksonville south.  
Chicago, Weatherford & Brazos, from Weatherford south.  
Temple & Northwestern, from Temple north.  
Texas Central, from DeLeon to Abilene. (Work stopped at Cross Plains.)

Witchita Falls & Southern, extension to Cisco and Fort Worth. Negotiations were abruptly stopped on many other important projects. Our Stock and Bond Law was recently investigated and condemned as retarding railroad development by the Federal Railway Securities Commission in its report to President Taft. The Railroad Securities Commission further reports that railroad investments in the United States are bringing an average of 4 per cent per annum while other lines of business are quoted as high as 10 and 12 per cent. This condition may have caused investors to hesitate in taking stock in new projects.

It is not, however, the purpose of this article to analyze the situation or to discuss the merits or demerits of legislation. Our function is fully performed in faithfully reporting the results of our investigation.

### CONSTRUCTION FOR 1912

The year 1912 opens with many bright promises. The K. C., M. & O. is pushing forward to the Pacific Coast. The Port Bolivar & Iron Ore Railway reports that active work on it will begin in the latter part of the month. The H. & T. C. Railway will build a line between Stone City and Giddings. The Crystal City & Uvalde will push construction forward. The St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico contemplates a line from Victoria to Bloomington. Several new lines are looking toward west central Texas with an eye toward the Panhandle, but none of them have taken a tangible form. Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, Webb, Wood and Zavalla. In a general way, workable lignite is found in all that part of Texas lying east of the 97th meridian of west longitude and north of the 31st degree of north latitude, but there are a few important areas outside of these boundaries.

The average value of the lignite mined in Texas in 1910 at the was 96 cents, the product has been 979,232 tons.

**DR. MEDICINE THAT BEATS CALOMEL**  
son's Liver Tone Does the Same Work as Calomel Without Making You Sick. It is Vegetable, Tastes Good and Never Fails.

Everybody who has ever taken calomel knows what a strong drug it is. Calomel spurs the tired liver as if it were a tired horse, and while the liver works harder for a little while it is soon weaker than ever. Dodson's Liver Tone is a vegetable tonic that gently induces the most sluggish liver to work. Taking it is followed by no bad after-effects. No restriction of habit or diet necessary. For either children or grown people. McGills Drug Store sells a large bottle for only fifty cents and guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if it disappoints you.

**Best Street Surfacing.**  
The tar-macadam has given the best satisfaction of any kind of street surfacing yet experimented with. On small stones, evenly spread, the tar is placed, then another layer of stones, and the whole rolled. It is finally covered with stone dust and rolled hard. It requires only a few months to become quite durable.

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Saddles, Harness, Fancy Belts Made Repairing Done

L. N. Dalmont N. J. Seeger M. S. Keller  
Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention. Ask for Catalog

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Growers of Native Trees of the best selected varieties on the Plains. Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees; Evergreens, Privet Hedge, Roses, Flowering Shrubs, Bulbs, Grapes, Berries, Rhubarb and Asparagus. Tomato, Potato and Cabbage Plants in season. Largest and best equipped Nursery in West Texas, supplied with plenty of water, a necessity in handling Nursery stock. Investigation Solicited. Plainview, Texas

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"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

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For more than 50 years, Cardui has been relieving woman's sufferings, and making weak women strong and well. During this time, thousands of women have written, like Mrs. McPherson, to tell of the really surprising results they obtained by the use of this purely vegetable, tonic remedy for women.

Cardui strengthens, builds, restores, and relieves or prevents unnecessary pain and suffering from womanly troubles. If you are a woman, begin taking Cardui, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J. 49

## -Spinsters Return- (Equal to Spinster Convention)

## Friday Night

February 16th, 7:30 p. m.

EVERY ONE COME  
ADMISSION 25 CENTS

### Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.

The State of Texas )  
County of Lynn )  
Whereas, by an order issued out of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, in a judgment rendered on the 11th day of January, 1911, in favor of the State of Texas and against W. F. Hudman, principal and H. C. Ferguson and J. J. Gillard, sureties, being cause No. 2111 on the docket of said Court, I did on the 15th day of January A. D. 1912 at 5 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land, to-wit:  
Situating in Lynn County, Texas, and known as the N. E. 1/4 of Sur. 167, Certificate 690, Abst. 351, Original Grantee E. L. & R. R. R. Co., Block 12, Patent No. 326, Vol. 53, and being located in the North West portion of said Lynn County, and being the property of H. C. Ferguson.

And on the 5th day of March 1912, 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 said H. C. Ferguson, in and to the above described property.

Dated, this 15th day of January A. D. 1912.

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

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Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 18 and Lot 6 in Block 48 situated in the town of Tahoka in Lynn County, Texas, as the same are delineated upon the map of said town recorded in the Deed Records of said Lynn County, Texas, and I will on the 5th day of March 1912, 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 T. M. Bartley and Jack Alley or either of them had

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## -Announcements-

The Lynn County News will place the names of candidates for the following offices at the rate given below. This carries your name up to the primaries and should you be the successful nominee your name will appear in the proper column up to the general election:  
District Offices . . . . \$15.00  
County Offices . . . . . 19.00  
Commissioners . . . . . 5.00  
Justice of the peace . . . . 2.50

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce J. B. Lowe as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Lynn County subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce Joe Baldridge as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Lynn County subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce F. E. Redwine as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Lynn County subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

### FOR COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G. Marks as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Lynn County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce J. K. Aldinger as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Lynn County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce Joe L. Spence as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Lynn County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

### FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

We are authorized to announce W. R. Spence as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Judge of the 72nd Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce J. E. Vickers as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney of the 72nd Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

### FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce J. H. Edwards as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lynn County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1912.

## THE SHOOK BARBER SHOP

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