

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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## Coming Our Way.

**The Dallas and New Mexico Railway Co. to Build to Roswell-- Two Routes in View.**

Through the kindness of Capt. T. H. C. Peery, vice president of the Baylor County Commercial Club and member of the Citizens Railway Committee, we are permitted to publish the following communication of special importance to the people of Seymour and Baylor county:

Dallas, Texas, May 31, '05.

Mr. T. H. C. Peery, Citizens R'y Committee, Seymour, Texas:

Dear Sir:—

Within a verry short time work will begin on the Dallas & New Mexico R'r and the road will be rapidly pushed through to Roswell, New Mexico, its western terminus.

As you may perhaps be aware, we have graded sixty-three miles from Dallas to a point in Wise county. From the end of this grade we have two routes suggested by our engineers. One is through Seymour by way of Jacksboro. and the other through Haskell by way of Graham. Each of these routes have many attractive features and each seem equally feasible.

We are undecided as to which route will be adopted and it is by direction of the president that I write to inquire what inducements in the way of cash and land donations your people would be willing to offer in order to secure this road.

I hope you will place this matter before your people at once and advise me at your earliest convenience of their sentiments with regard to this matter.

Awaiting your reply I am sincerely yours,

J. W. PINSON, Sec'y.

Here is a straightforward business proposition and the people of Seymour should meet it in the same frank, open way. The Dallas & New Mexico railroad is a Dallas enterprise, but is backed by ample capital to build the line to Roswell and will begin the work of construction at once. The road is already graded to Chico, Wise county, and from this point it is proposed to run through either Haskell by way of Graham, or Seymour by way of Jacksboro. A glance at the map will show that the advantage is in favor of Seymour. Roswell is due west of Seymour and the route would be as straight as an arrow. But we can't afford to rely upon advantages. Both routes are feasible and have attractive features, and the proposition in a nut shell is the question of subsidy. We all realize the need of better railroad facilities and the importance of im-

mediate action cannot be over-estimated. There is no doubt of Seymour's ability to put up as liberally for the road as any town in the country if she will get the monied interests of the community and county in line. We believe it is Seymour's oppornity and if her people permit it to slip from their grasp, it will be their own fault.

The Baylor County Commercial Club will take the matter up at its meeting Monday at 2 p. m., and as citizens of the community, whether a member of the Club or not, it is obligatory upon you to be on hand with the determination to do your full duty in the premises. Come out and put your shoulder to the wheel.—Baylor County Banner.

While we have no ill fealing toward Seymour, yet we should prefer having the railroad build through Haskell, as that would be coming our way. Of course this railroad proposition is too far away as yet for Lynn county to do anything but to look and long for it to come through our part of the Plains. However if this or any other road begins to build in our direction, Lynn county must come alive and help pull it south of the Yellow House canyon, for should this road be built north of the Yellow House it would not help Lynn county much, but if a road crosses the Plains, east and west, any where south of the canyon it could not fail to be of great advantage to Tahoka, and Lynn county. So let her come any where within thirty miles and Tahoka is all solid.

## Lynn Locals.

Dere mister editor esk. the lin naberhud are hily tikled tu no the nuze are waked up agin so we kan kepe up with the Japinesers war an Presdunt Ruzefelt an tu no that mister Boyd are not deceised if you wil be kind an pashunt enuf tu alow the lin naburhud a litle rume in yure paper the undersined wil atempt in his umble an blundering way tu send yu the nuze i aint got no edgication tu speke uv but i aint no fule. i kant spel gud enuf tu hurt eny thing an i kant rite tu du no gud. strange tu, as mi grat unkle were a ritin scul techer an cud make 27 curly cues tu his name when he were a sinein hit. the follerin air the artickels which i hav rit done in mi da-buk which i always kary in mi left hip poket (lut luks biznes like an evry body thinks hits a chek buk) if it aint tu much truble yu

TO THE CITIZENS OF LYNN AND ADJOINING COUNTIES.

JUNE 9, 1905.

GREETING:—

As the report has become generally circulated that we are about to move from Lynn county, we take this opportunity to inform our many friends and patrons that we will remain in Tahoka, and that we will continue to do business at the same old stand, and with the same satisfaction to our patrons for which we have become justly famous.

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Last Saturday night the Farmers Union met at the Lynn school house. A large crowd was present and much interest taken by the the members.

Jack Alley started up the trail last Thursday with 475 one, two and three year old steers. They were good ones.

Several small bunches of yearling steers have sold around here at \$13.00.

The farmers of these parts are banking on the Tahoka gin this fall. Nearly every one has in cotton, and several have in over forty acres.

Mr. Thacker sold his place to Mr. Morgan, of Knox county, last Monday, consideration \$1600 cash.

We have a Post Office again, it is now located three miles south of the late Lynn, at the home of O. C. Kershner.

AWKWARD WILLIAM, ESK.

Awkward William will kindly send his true name to the editor as an evidence of good faith.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1905.

Application has been made for entrance in the postoffice as second class matter.

Did you know that Tahoka will have a Barbecue on the fourth of July? Well we will! If you don't believe this, come and see.

We want to say that as we are learning something like 400 names and initials, we will be pleased to receive corrections when we make mistakes, as we are almost certain to do. If we have your name spelled wrong, call and let us know it, or if we have your name all right but have some other mans initials to it, let us know and we will gladly change it.

The Literary Society at McDonald school house will have a debate there Saturday night. The question to be decided is, Resolved, that the fear of punishment has a greater influence over men than the hope of reward. Affirmative, J. D. Henderson, Ben Redwine and William Metcalf. Negative, W. C. Pinnell, Ed. Redwine and Alex Henderson. Every one is invited to be present.

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### Principal Personal.

Sugar at Hampton's, as usual.

Little Floyd Ellis who has been sick so long is slowly improving.

Mr. W. M. Butler, of 18 miles northwest of Tahoka was in town Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Bragg of Hillsboro a dry goods drummer was in Tahoka Thursday.

Mr. W. T. Petty, manager of the T— ranch, has gone to Herford with about 1100 steers.

Mr. A. A. People, of Lubbock, passed through Tahoka, Monday on the down hack for Colorado.

The Rev. Caughran preached at the court house last Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience.

Mr. J. K. Millwe, of 15 miles northwest of Tahoka was in town last Monday trading with our merchants.

The Big Springs Land Co. can sell you Lands, and cattle write or call on them at Bigsprings Texas.

Messers M. E. Gilmore, G. W. Perryman and C. E. Brown have qualified as notary public in and for Lynn county.

Mr. J. N. Smith, from near Abilene is here on a visit to his brother Hess Smith who lives in the south east corner of the county.

Mr. Jack Alley started Thursday for Hereford with about 400 head of cattle mostly steers having between 60 or 70 head for Dr. Windham.

Mr. S. W. Withers, who lives 18 miles northwest of here was in town Tuesday. Mr. withers says he will start for Mexico some time next week.

Mr. Alex Henderson has six acres of oats which he says are hard to beat in any mans county. They are half leg high and are heading out in fine shape.

Mr. J. T. Johnson, of the Western Implement Co., of Colorado, passed through Tahoka Monday morning on the mail hack, on his way back from Lubbock where he had been on buisness.

Mr. H. E. Ford, of 12 miles northwest of this place was in town Monday. Mr. Ford bought the Van Sanders place and moved there from Lubbock county about two weeks ago. Mr. Ford did the right thing and subscribed for the Lynn County News, come and do likewise.

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## Principal Personal.

Mrs. Petty spent last Saturday night and Sunday in Tahoka, when she returned to her home Monday morning she was accompanied by Miss Nora Hampton who will make her an extended visit.

Owing to Prof. Nortons expected move to Lubbock he resigned the office of superentendant of the Sunday school and Mr. W. H. Robinson was elected to fill his place. We regretloosing the Prof., but Mr. Robinson will make an able substitute.

Mr. A. L. Lockwood, who lives a mile and a half north of town, was in doing some trading Tuesday, and ordered the Lynn County News for a year, which of course was the right shing to do.

Mr. G. W. Small was in the center of Lynn county Monday.

We have to thank Mr. W. C. Wells for a good silver wheel for which we will send him the News for one year. A fair trade, is no robbery.

Mr. W. C. Pinnell, who lives 1/2 mile south of McDonald school house was in town Monday, and subcribed for the News for one year. Thanks Mr. Pinnell we hope to meet many more of the same opinion.

Mr. Haington and famil formerly of this place are in Tahoka for a short stay. They came from their new home in Tery county to purchase posts and visit friends. Mr. Harington failed to get his posts here and had to go to the brakes for them.

Dr. Mc Coy shot a snake in his kitchen Thursday afternoon.

Dr. King and wife of north part of the county was in Tahoka, hearing the news and making the merchants glad by trading with them.

W. R. Hampton & Son have what you want. Call for it.

Rev. Gore's bicycle cast a shoe, or rather a pedal, late last Saturday evening, and he was afraid he would have to walk to his appointment Sunday afternoon, the bicycle being the only bronk he possesses. Mr. Crie of the Lynn County News proposed to furnish a horse and buggp if Rev. Gore would furnish the welcome. They starte immediately after dinner and at McDonald school house on time Mr. Crie reported a full attendance at both Sunday school and preaching. Stranger to the Plains are sceptica about there being many people here, but when there is something to go to we can show them.

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Mr. M. E. Gilmore and family, excepting Messrs. D. and Luther, left Wednesday morning for a six weeks visit to their old home in Sterling, where they have relatives and friends. They will then go to Brownwood for a visit. Mr. Gilmore expects to have his face treated for cancer, by a specialist while he is away.

The Ladies Home Mission Society met Monday afternoon at Mr. Hampton's. The routine business was disposed of and the call for new members was responded to, by the folowing ladies, Mrs. Dr. McCoy, Mrs. Coleman Wells, Mrs. Maude Peters, and Mrs. H. C. Crie. These additions were very welcome and swells the roll to twelve in number. Mrs. Norton, our beloved presldent handed in her resignation, as she is going to leave us before long. Mrs. Norton will be a loss to the town and commnity. Mrs. Crie was elected president. Miss Nora Hampton the agent for "Our Homes" the home mission paper eight subscribers. We will be glad to have any and all the ladies to join us. Our meetings are very enjoyable in a social as well as devotional way.

REPORTER.

Mr. Hill of Merce is camped here with his family. Mr. Hill is traveling for his helth. Dr. Mc. Coy is giving him a trial treatment.

Mr. Mc Daniels took Mr. Nevels out to Mr. Pettys place to build a tower to support a water tank and otherwise improv the water facilities of the place. The Lynn county people in comfort and convenience.

Mr. C. L. Williams arrived Wednesday from Colorado with a load of general merchandise for Hampton & Son.

The ladies of Tahoka are invited to attend a cottage prayer meeting at the residence of Mrs. Hampton Tuesday afternoon the 13th.

Don't go all over town looking for what you want, just go to Hampeon's and get it.

We see J. E. Garrison is the editor of the Dawson county News. One J.E. Garrison taught ye editor young idia to shoot in Johnson county in the early days. Is this the same.

Tom Higgins landed in Tahoka Wednesday with a load of freight from colorado for Wells & Welcher.

Owing to the Barbecue meetings and some other work, many items of news have to be omitted this issue, among others a report of the croquet party at Mr. Doaks, also many personals and locals.

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## A Case in Point

By  
LOUISE BLAKE

"A WOMAN'S code of honor!" He laughed, as if he considered it rather a good joke. "I own," she said, as she tilted her parasol to shield his face as well as her own from the rays of white, quivering sunlight, "that a woman does not boast of her honor as a man boasts of his. No," she went on, slowly, "a woman never talks her code of honor; she lives it."

"Of course she does—in a way," he answered, reassuringly. "A woman goes to church on Sunday, she sends her dimes to foreign missions, and her dollars to college settlements. She does all that sort of thing; but where is her code of honor in the treatment of the women about her, and the men about her—especially the men about her?"

"Especially the men about her!" she repeated. "Just as if a woman treats a man with one-half the duplicity with which he treats her!"

He threw back his head and laughed at her.

"It is the same old story," she went on, half scornfully, "the old sermon that perfidious man has always preached against innocent woman."

"Why, take the affairs we hear of every day," he said, "the things that happen to our friends. Do you know what it is that changes the poor little farces into high tragedies? It is woman's lack of candor, her lack of a certain sense of honor—"

"I demand a case in point," she interrupted imperiously.

"And when I prove my point?"

"Then I shall prove mine!"

They both laughed. Then he looked over the green water at the gray, desolate rocks. His face became serious.

"Well, the man in question is not particularly strong, nor wise, nor good—still—"

"Still he has the certain sense of honor!"

"Yes, he has that. If he had not, I should never rake up for your amusement the dead ashes of his past. Years and years ago he became engaged. The girl was a baby of 18, and he was even more a baby of 19. They loved as babies of 18 and 19 will love, and life was a beautiful dream."

"Was she pretty?"

"Yes."

"But—she lacked the certain sense of honor?"

"She had the woman's code. She would read her Bible all night to a dying pauper, and the next night would send some fellow who loved her, whom she had made love her, straight to the devil. Her name was Constance."

"He went abroad. He was three years at a German university, and they wrote to each other every week. Then he traveled, he saw the world, and he found that life is not a beautiful dream."

"The awakening came in Rome. It was September, and the night was hot and close. He had gone to his room directly after dinner, and had started a letter to Constance. All that was best in him went into these letters; all that he was seeing, feeling, dreaming; his plans for the future; his memories of the past; all this was crowded into letters to the woman he loved. But on this night he found it hard to write. A low, persistent murmur in the room adjoining troubled him. He thought the occupant was merely drunk, still, the sound, coming back ceaselessly, filled his mind with vague uneasiness. He forced his thoughts on his letter, and wrote a page. Suddenly a brass band, passing below his window, disturbed him. It was insolently playing 'McGinty'—playing 'McGinty' in the sacred city of Rome! When the blare of brass instruments died away in the distance, the haunting murmur had risen to a higher key."

"God, give me life! life!"

"The voice was a cry, and my friend dropped his letter and started to his feet. That man in the next room was an American—was ill—was probably alone."

"No one answered his knock, so he turned the knob and entered the room. The sick man sat up in bed and stared at him."

"You have come at last!" he cried. "I was watching for you, grave-digger!"

"The doctor, whom my friend summoned, leaned over his patient and gave him a hurried examination. Then the doctor rubbed his hands and murmured: 'An interesting case—interesting and desperate.'"

"Constance is calling—calling—calling, and I cannot go to her. They are holding me down. They are trying to bury me!"

"There was a table by the bedside. On the table was a half-burnt candle and a photograph propped against an empty coffee-cup—a photograph of a woman. My friend reached for it, gave it one look, then quietly put it back, face downward, on the table."

"Digging—digging—digging—ah! the spade struck a rock!"

"Fever," said the doctor; "extreme mental tension; outlook tedious—probably fatal."

"The next morning the man was rational, but in his rational moments, as well as his delirium, he talked always of Constance. He said that he was an American architect, and in his haste to get home and marry the woman he loved, he had overworked himself in the intense heat of Italy. They were not engaged; she knew that if she engaged herself to him, he would never have strength to leave her. But she had promised to wait for him—promised to listen to his love when he got back."

"Sitting by the architect's bedside, my friend wrote to Constance. It was a short letter and to the point. The next steamer brought her reply. She was distressed to learn of the architect's illness. She cared for him, believed in him, was interested in his work; but she did not love him. She had never listened to his love for her and only once had she given him a gleam of hope. It was when he came to say good-by. Partly to silence him, partly because her heart was filled with an infinite pity for him, she had promised to listen when he came home. What the letter lacked in honesty it made up in cleverness."

"I think," said the woman at his side, "that I understand Constance."

"The day my friend got the letter, he buried the architect in the English cemetery at Rome. On his breast was the photograph of the woman who had lied to him. He died trusting Constance. After that, my friend found that life, when robbed of its glamour, is ugly business. All the old faiths were gone, the plans and dreams."

He broke off abruptly and there was silence, save for the music of the waters. When he continued, a softer note had crept into his voice.

"At last a second woman came into his life, bringing with her hope and happiness. Then he found that the boy's love is not the man's love; that there is a love stronger, deeper, profounder."

"Does the second woman love—your friend?"

"Yes," he answered, looking steadily into her eyes, his own shining. "He would stake his soul on her love. When she becomes his wife—"

"But Constance! Surely your honorable friend answered her letter?"

He looked up with a frown, but smiled as he caught her eyes full of eager interest.

"He sent her some drawings the architect had requested to be sent, and a paper announcing his death."

The hand holding the parasol trembled.

"Your friend was engaged to marry Constance. Did she release him?"

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China," the tot had told her, as she passed, and she, pulling one of the brown curls, had laughed at him. Now, she watched the tiny spade just as if her life's happiness depended upon the success of the undertaking.

After awhile the man spoke. "The architect, lying dead in Rome with her picture under his clasped arms—had been my friend's release." He winced a little under her eyes and continued: "When he found that this new love had come into his life, he wrote a letter to Constance, but the letter seemed useless, and it was never mailed. It—shall be sent at once."

He had ended lamely and he knew it. Something in the attitude of the woman gave him a grim, realizing sense that he had played a pitiful part.

"Tell your friend not to send that letter. The second woman will never marry him."

"Edith!" he cried, sharply. "Edith!" She had risen and was slowly drawing on her long gloves.

"Tell your friend to go back to the woman who is waiting for him—the woman to whom he belongs!"

"Edith! Do you know what you are doing?"

"I? Oh, I am simply living up to a woman's code of honor!" She smiled down into his white face. "Tell him that this is my case in point."—Household Ledger.

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