

NEW LINE WEST NEEDED.

People in Fort Worth Realize that they must Connect with this Section of the State More Closely.

The Fort Worth Telegram recently published an article showing that their city was bidding for the future trade from this territory and that they were alive to the fact that ere long a direct east and west line of railway would be built through the western portion of the state.

In view of the local railway situation we publish the article in full below.

For the first time since the panther came here to lie down Fort Worth is sleeping on her rights. Day by day, week by week, month by month, projects are being realized that are cutting the foundation from under this city's supremacy, and no effort is made to counteract the effects, not a move is being made to overcome the handicaps that are being heaped upon this city in her onward race.

Fort Worth has long, and very justly, boasted of the fact that this is a railroad center. Yet this city is without direct connections to the very richest field that is now being developed and no effort is being made to reach this field by the people of Fort Worth.

Draw a line midway between the Fort Worth and Denver City on the north and the Texas and Pacific on the south and you will find on the map the only section of Texas with fertility of soil, salubrity of climate and cheap lands that is now without railroad facilities, except in a piecemeal sort of way.

That the eyes of the railroad builders and the moneyed men are upon this section is evidenced by the work that is now being done. The Orient from San Angelo, northward to Kansas City; Sam Lazarus, with the powerful backing of J. Pierpoint Morgan, is abundantly able to finance his projected line from Quanah to El Paso; the plans of the Atchison system call for an extension of the Plainview line to a point on the San Angelo branch, the gap between the Byers and Waurika, in Oklahoma, will soon be closed—and everyone of these projects means that Fort Worth will be deprived of portions of her natural territory without any compensation whatever.

Trade travels in the line of least resistance. Already Fort Worth has been cut off from business in the Panhandle by the Rock Island and the Santa Fe having east and west lines. As soon as the Orient is connected up Fort Worth will be unable to compete against Kansas City; for the reason Kansas City will have the direct line to a rich section of Texas. Let the Lazarus line from Quanah to El Paso be complete, and once more Kansas City, Oklahoma City and other jobbing points will profit at the expense of Fort Worth. The Henrietta and South-

western is now projected to Cisco. This will open a vast territory for other jobbing centers than Fort Worth.

The only hope that Fort Worth has of retaining this territory thru the efforts of others lies in the faint chance of the Rock Island extending its Graham branch from Graham to a point in the northwesterly direction. Otherwise there is not a single railroad scheme now on the program that will benefit this city directly through the building up of the northwestern section of this state.

What is needed in Fort Worth right now and is needed more than anything, is a line from Fort Worth to Texico. This line must be built, or Fort Worth will forfeit the prestige that is now hers as the center of railroads. The building of such a line would encounter no serious engineering difficulties. It would be the means of an almost countless thousands of acres of rich lands being settled with farmers. In one year it would bring enough additional trade to this city to reimburse Fort Worth for giving a bonus of \$200,000 to the project. In fact, unless such a line is built in less than five years, this city is bound to see that the tide of trade will be northwesterly in Central West Texas and that Fort Worth will receive merely the overflow trade that comes from this vast area.

In every other direction Fort Worth has railroads that serve every demand. But in every other direction, with two exceptions, Fort Worth is in strong competition with other places as well equipped for the fray as this. It is only along the Denver, the Rio Grande and the Texas and Pacific, for a given distance, that Fort Worth enjoys rate advantages of material benefit to this center. Hence, to prevent the territory that is now largely hers from going to other centers, Fort Worth must take steps and take them at once to strengthen her hold upon the west.

Every pound of freight moved by the Orient and every pound of freight that will be handled by the Wichita Valley from its northern connections at Wichita Falls means just that much loss of revenue to this city. It is impossible to handle a car of freight through the Fort Worth yards, from one connection line to another, without that car leaving, in the way of wages and clerk hire, not less than fifty cents, and frequently twice that sum, in this city.

Years ago, when Captain Paddock planned the future railroads for Fort Worth, he planned a line from this city to Albuquerque, N. M. Even the thirty-odd years that have passed since Captain Paddock first published his plans have envolved nothing to strengthen nor to diminish the truths that the old plans of Captain Paddock embraced. The Albuquerque line was one of the strongest links in this chain.

He once had this line projected, but unfavorable legislation coming on the heels of real hard times forced him to abandon his scheme and no one has yet appeared who possessed strength sufficient to put this scheme thru.

A house is no stronger than its walls. Fort Worth today may be likened to a house that is well built on all sides, save one, from a railroad standpoint. In the language of the late Mr. Tweed, "What are you going to do about it?"

Save the Boys and Protect the Girls.

The Taylor County Grand Jury has undertaken to reform the world, and in doing this the august body has got slightly mixed on the matter of ethics. They believe that girls should be better protected by law from the enemies of virtue and purity, and so far as they have gone we heartily agree with them.

Only on one point do they approach the most vital part of the question at issue and that is when they say: "The young men of our country should be noble, manly men, and should be the guardians rather than the despoilers of the virtue of the young girls who are entrusted to their company by confiding parents."

That is commendable, but how shall they be taught this great lesson of life? Not by the present attitude of society on this question, by which the professional seducer is received on equals terms with the young man of clean life who feels a higher sense of honor. As long as no town can feel itself assuming the proportions of a city without its newspapers and public men beginning to prate about a "necessary evil" and demand that a certain district be assigned as a pit fall for unprotected girls and unrestrained boys, just so long will the majority of young men fall short of the high standard of manhood advocated by the Taylor county grand jury.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

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Wheat, No. 2, bushel.....	\$00 98
Oats, best, bushel.....	46
Maize and Kafir in heads, new crop, ton.....	10 00
Millet hay, per ton.....	8 00
Johnson grass hay, ton.....	9 00
Alfalfa, per ton.....	11 00
Corn, best.....	60
Maize, threshed, bushel.....	50
Kafir corn, threshed, bu.....	50
Chickens and Eggs	
Fryers, per dozen.....	\$0 25
Eggs, per dozen.....	25

WITH THE CITY CHURCHES.

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 8:00. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m., Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m. Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church, Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 8:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 8:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Gober, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 7:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 8 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Harbison, president, Mrs. Carl Coffee, secretary.

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