

RAILROADS.

LOCAL TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Texas and Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and Transcontinental routes, listing arrival and departure times.

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS.

Table listing routes between Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, including North and Southbound services.

TRANSCONTINENTAL.

Table listing transcontinental routes and their respective schedules.

FORT WORTH AND DENVER.

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GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE.

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FORT WORTH AND RIO GRANDE.

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FORT WORTH AND NEW ORLEANS.

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ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN.

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THE ARM OF GOD.

ANOTHER INTERESTING CHAT ABOUT VELASCO.

Some Figures of More than Ordinary Interest—The Saving on Freight Charges Alone Why the Brazos is Called the Arm of God.

W. S. Decker, who has just returned from a trip over the southern part of the state, was seen at the Pickwick last night by a Gazette man and asked what he had seen on his trip of interest to the readers of THE GAZETTE.

"I have within the last few weeks visited Galveston, Houston, Velasco and the smaller towns in that section."

"What do you think of the deep-water question at the mouth of the Brazos, and what do you think of the new town of Velasco?"

"I am pleased to be able to say that deep water in Texas is a condition and a theory no longer, they have it beyond a shadow of a doubt."

"And they are going to have a great city there?"

"Perhaps not as large as Fort Worth will grow in the same time, but they will have a large city."

"That well known real estate speculator, L. C. Wicks, who in the morning's GAZETTE covered everything there is to say about the town, I believe."

"Do you think the current of the river strong enough to scour out the channel as they think it will be?"

"Well, you can judge for yourself. The Brazos river runs at the rate of seven miles an hour and the Mississippi at the rate of four miles, and yet the waters of the Mississippi did not make deep water in Louisiana."

"Admitting that you have deep water there, will that in your opinion, build a city?"

"Young man, have you ever reasoned from cause to effect? Do you know that the products of 3,000,000 acres of fine country as lies out there is tributary to that port? A glance at the map of the United States will show you that Velasco is destined to be the leading seaport of the South, and the commercial hope of the trans-Mississippi. Hitherto the great carrying lines of the country have been East and West, but they will now be North and South. Young man, what what I say. Do you know that a sailing of 210,000,000 per month could be effected in railroad freights by the short haul to Velasco over the long haul to the Atlantic seaboard? The amount of products seeking outlet at Velasco are far greater than that seeking outlet at any other port of the country."

"The Jesuit priests, who first settled Texas, called the river Brazos de Dios—the Arm of God. The commercial hope of this great country, they believed, depended upon the Brazos river. Recent events prove that now and forever the Brazos will be the arm of God, upon which must depend for commercial prosperity the whole territory between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains. Do you know that the products of the West which seek a market through New York amount to 2,000,000 tons and New Orleans \$5,000,000. Railroad rates to Galveston are the same from Kansas points as they are to Chicago, and Chicago is 900 miles from the coast, and costs 3 cents per hundred for lightening at Galveston. But with deep water and no lightening the grain and provisions will come to Velasco for export, as surely as the law of natural drainage operates. And if the export trade such as Velasco is sure to receive does not make a city I am no prophet."

"By the way, Wall did not tell you the fish-line excursion he, Stuart Harrison and some others took last Sunday. You ought to get him to talk about that. They had never been on salt water before, and when they remembered what they had had for breakfast, so the story goes that the boys tell them. Get them to tell you about it."

CHEAP EXCURSION RATES.

To St. Louis and Return Via the Cotton Belt Route.

The fall festivities at St. Louis, consisting of the Exposition, Fair, Veiled Prophet and various other attractions, promise to be grander and more elaborate this year than ever before, and to accommodate all those who desire to attend, the Cotton Belt Railroad will sell tickets at one fare, good for 18th and 19th, tickets for return until September 21st, and 21st, and 22nd, and 23rd, and 24th, and 25th, and 26th, and 27th, and 28th, and 29th, and 30th, and 1st, and 2nd, and 3rd, and 4th, and 5th, and 6th, and 7th, and 8th, and 9th, and 10th, and 11th, and 12th, and 13th, and 14th, and 15th, and 16th, and 17th, and 18th, and 19th, and 20th, and 21st, and 22nd, and 23rd, and 24th, and 25th, and 26th, and 27th, and 28th, and 29th, and 30th, and 1st, and 2nd, and 3rd, and 4th, and 5th, and 6th, and 7th, and 8th, and 9th, and 10th, and 11th, and 12th, and 13th, and 14th, and 15th, and 16th, and 17th, and 18th, and 19th, and 20th, and 21st, and 22nd, and 23rd, and 24th, and 25th, and 26th, 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