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# THE FORT WORTH GAZETTE.

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Thursday Next, January 25,

### FOR TEXAS AND FORT WORTH Business Men on the Semi-Centennial Exposition.

### THEY SHOW GREAT INTEREST IN IT.

### Many Public Spirited Expressions Received.

### The Project is Spoken of Favorably On Every Hand.

It is a fact that the project of a semi-centennial exposition for Texas and Fort Worth is being discussed with great interest and favor by the business men of the city.

On all sides expressions were heard favorable to the exposition, and no one had anything but the warmest praise for the scheme. The mass-meeting to be held tomorrow night at the opera house, and the business men's meeting which was held at the Worth Hotel, were both well attended, and something of the old time fire and spirit of Fort Worth was manifested. The mass-meeting will no doubt call out a very large attendance, and Manager Phil Greenwald of the opera house has promised to have everything in readiness for the biggest crowd he has had this season.

The Gazette sent out a staff of reporters to see the people and get their opinions of the semi-centennial, and to ascertain the prospects for a large attendance at the mass-meeting. The result of the interviews is given below:

**J. C. Alexander of Alexander & McVay**—"It is a good thing. I am in favor of it. I am in favor of anything that will help Fort Worth."

**J. H. Halkens**—"I think it is a good thing and ought to have the hearty support of the people. The Fort Worth trunk factory is ready to help out in any way it can, financially or otherwise."

**John McBride of McBride & Co.**—"We are in favor of anything of this kind that brings a crowd. Anything like this that brings a crowd is a good thing. Fort Worth ought to have something permanent like the Dallas fair, and this would be a good start in that direction."

**A. Greer**—"It would undoubtedly be a good thing. Some of us carpenters have been talking of getting together and taking some action in the matter, as it would help us all out."

**John Cella**—"I think it is one of the greatest things that has ever been gotten up, and it ought to be made a success. We have been sitting here with our heads buried under the Spring Palace, and without doing anything for Fort Worth, while other towns have been getting up public enterprises. Dallas has had her fair and Waco has had her fair, and many every town of importance has had something. We have fallen into a rut and it is time we were getting out of it."

**W. H. Parker**, general freight agent of the Santa Fe—"It would be a splendid thing for Fort Worth. There is a great deal of business to be done at the time and the United States army ought to be represented, making it altogether a grand event."

**J. W. Roberts**—"Yes, I'm in favor of it. Read the paper if you want to find out how I stand on the matter. It is one of the grandest things that could ever have happened for Fort Worth."

**D. M. Morgan**, city clerk and passenger agent of the Cotton Belt—"Yes, I am in favor of it and believe it would be a good thing all around."

**J. P. Brashear**, druggist—"I am heartily in favor of it. It would be a great advertisement. I am in favor of getting up something permanent if we can. Dallas has the state fair and Fort Worth should do something also to attract people here. I think I will attend the mass-meeting."

**B. Levenson**, dry goods—"I am in favor of anything of the kind to help us along. I know the Spring Palace did us a whole lot of good."

**S. Silverman**—"I am in favor of the project. It is a great thing for Fort Worth."

**W. H. Fossick**, Yes, I shall attend the meeting. I will do all in my power to further the scheme—anything to advance Fort Worth.

**Maddox, Ellison & Co.** We are heartily in favor of the whole plan. We don't know of a better scheme with which to advance the interests of Fort Worth. The results of the Spring Palace were wonderful, and a Semi-Centennial will be of great benefit to us.

**W. H. Taylor**, It is a grand movement. Let every citizen of Fort Worth who has the interests of the city at heart put his shoulder to the wheel and push the work forward.

**Butte Bros.** Thirty thousand dollars could have been easily raised at the meeting Monday night. We think it the best thing by 1500 odds ever originated for the advancement of Fort Worth and her varied interests. We are with the promoters heart and soul, and just for a start will put up \$500. Let the good work go bravely on. Put only broad-minded liberal minds in charge and the scheme is bound to be successful.

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**E. J. White**, No one who cared for the interests of Fort Worth can oppose it. It means much to Texas and much to Fort Worth. I want to see it rank with the greatest affairs of the kind the south ever saw. We can manage it successfully if we only have Evans & Rose. Of course we will attend, and do our best to make the celebration of our semi-centennial what the occasion demands. On our own initiative by putting the ground under Jacob P. Zarn, city ticket and passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific.

The Semi-Centennial should should think every citizen in town should do something for it.

**L. P. Robertson of Robertson & Witten**—"I think it would be a good thing for the city. It would be very beneficial and would bring a crowd of people here. I cannot attend the mass-meeting Thursday night, as I will not be here."

**F. W. Smith**—"We are heartily in favor of it here and will attend Thursday night's meeting if I can."

**G. Walker**, books and stationery—"I am in favor of the Semi-Centennial. Geo. Clark of the firm of Maher & Clark—you can put us down in favor of the Semi-Centennial here, body and soul."

**M. Thomson**, butcher—"I think it will be a very good thing for the town. Would like to attend the mass-meeting Thursday night."

**H. C. Adams**—"I have read about the Semi-Centennial and my opinion is that it is a first-class idea. Will attend the mass-meeting if I can."

**William Zimowski**, Chicago Exchange—"I think we could not think of anything better for the town. It is a great advantage to Fort Worth and Texas. The Spring Palace was, and so was the Water Cotton Palace. I will attend the mass-meeting Thursday night. I have noticed the position of the Gazette's office in this regard."

**J. E. Farnish**, photographer—"I think it is a splendid idea. Let her go. Will attend the mass-meeting."

**M. J. Lewis**, groceries—"It occurs to me that anything of that kind would be a great advantage to Fort Worth and Texas. The Spring Palace was, and so was the Water Cotton Palace. I will attend the mass-meeting Thursday night. I have noticed the position of the Gazette's office in this regard."

**George Mulkey**, mail paper—"As explained to me by Mr. W. H. Taylor, I am in favor of the project. It will be a good thing for the town and for Texas. I will attend the mass-meeting if I can."

**E. Armstrong of Collins-Armstrong**, manager and treasurer—"I believe it will be a good thing and think there will be a liberal response on the part of the business men of Fort Worth. I shall attend the mass-meeting."

**J. A. Thomson**, real estate—"I am in favor of it and am willing to do anything I can. It would be a great thing for our town and county, and will show the world we've got enterprise and push."

**K. E. Thompson**, grocer—"I am in favor of the Semi-Centennial, as stated in an interview in The Gazette."

**W. A. Darter**, groceries—"I think it would be a good thing for the city and state. We can't advertise the state and Fort Worth too much. It would bring people here to see our resources. We used it and need it bad. I shall attend the mass-meeting."

**Judge John W. Friend**—"I am heartily in favor of the Semi-Centennial, would like to see the semi-centennial come to Texas and to Fort Worth in particular. Money expended worthy of the object will repay many fold. I will attend the mass-meeting if possible."

**W. C. Ferry of Ferry Dry Goods company**—"I am in favor of the Semi-Centennial especially if it is for Fort Worth. I don't know of anything that would do more help to the city. In the town of Fayetteville, Tenn., where I formerly lived, the fair of that county was largely due to the merchants and business men of the place."

**Wani & Co.**—"We are decidedly in favor of the Semi-Centennial. We want to see something of the kind here. I will attend the mass-meeting Thursday night if I can do so."

**George D. Bright**, proprietor of the Hotel Richelieu—"I am in favor of the Semi-Centennial. It's just the thing and Fort Worth is the place for it. Our great railroad facilities would bring big crowds here."

**W. E. Turner of Turner & Dinges**—"I am in favor of the Semi-Centennial and Turner & Dinges will help it all they can."

**George H. Dushwood**—"I will attend. It is the best thing we could possibly have."

**Saenger Brothers**—"Will be present. If it is successful will be the best thing Fort Worth ever has."

**L. Skinner**—"Don't see how one could oppose it. I am with it heart and soul."

**George H. Chase**—"I think it is the best public enterprise ever originated in Fort Worth and will be attended with the most satisfactory results. I will surely attend."

**Ben U. Bell**—"I am in favor of anything to bring a crowd of people here. I will attend the meeting and do all in my power to promote the scheme."

**Crosby & Stinson**—"We will attend the meeting Thursday night. It will be an excellent thing for Fort Worth."

**C. H. Fry & Son**—"We are warm supporters of the scheme as can be found. May not be able to attend the meeting, but will if we can."

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The Semi-Centennial will be a good thing for Fort Worth and all the people here. It will be a grand thing for the town and for Texas. I will attend the mass-meeting if I can."

**W. H. Morrison of the Merchants' Lunch**—"It's a good thing. It will be something grand if it is carried out as it should be."

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