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Texas Railroad Commission.

The report which may be per-
formed by a well selected railroad
commission is clearly set out in the
last annual report of the Texas com-
missioner. During the year it es-
tablished beneficial commodity rates
on lumber and manufacturers there-
of, on cotton in bales, on crude pe-
troleum, on cotton factory products,
on coal, and on sundry other com-
modities.

During the year the commission
also broke up the railroad practice of
discriminating in favor of certain
favored customers and cities. After
it had collected a mass of evidence
against the railroads, the legislature
made a special appropriation of \$50,
000 for the prosecution of the cases,
and the services of the state at-
torney general were enlisted. The
report says in this connection:

"Many suits were brought by the
attorney general on the evidence so
furnished by the commission, and
others are yet to be brought. In the
suits brought, some of the offending
parties suggested a compromise, and
the attorney general consented to
compromise these cases in so far as
he could bind the state, with what is
known as the Southern Pacific sys-
tem of railroads, and with two others
of the offending roads, upon the con-
dition that they should pay a pen-
alty of \$500 in each of an agreed num-
ber of cases, and pay all cost of suit
and further agree to faith fully in
the future abide by and obey the
law, and in case of failure to do so,
proceeding were immediately to be
commenced cases of violations on
file.

"Under this arrangement the of-
fenders have pleaded guilty in ninety-
five cases, and have paid into the
state treasurer \$17,500."

Experiences elsewhere has shown
that while the railway commission
has its limitations, and the measure
of its success depends largely on the
personnel of the commission, it can
be made a source of increasing bene-
fits to the public. Through no other
medium can the state hope to force
lawless companies to compliance
with the law.

A railway commission is needed in
this state, and the legislature will not
have performed its duty until it has
established such a commission. Our
shippers are paying extensive rates;
there is no reason to believe that
favors are being granted some ship-
pers, and in general the carriers of
this state are doing about what they
please.

These are not satisfactory condi-
tions, and to correct the evils the
legislature ought to cut the grain
rate squarely in two, create a rail-
road commission, and memorize con-
gress for the speedy opening of the
Columbia and Snake rivers—Spokane Review.

This is how the Salt Lake Tri-
bune felicitates a railway officer
upon his recent marriage: "A
thousand congratulations to Su-
perintendent Welby on his happy
change of domestic state. May his
car of life always be a palace,
safe ever on the guide rails,
smooth as though roses were the
ballast, and happy as if there
were no such things in the world
as competitive rates. He now has
a monopoly; may he never lose
his high appreciation of that
blessed privilege."

A naval officer, just back from
Manila, is telling a story of the
battle. He was on the flagship.
It is customary when naval ships
go out for target practice to have
the cabin boys and stewards put
away all glassware and other
articles which are liable to break-
age from the concussion. When
the American fleet went into
Manila bay to engage the Spanish
fleet the Chinese servants busied
themselves in getting the crockery
and glass into places of safety.
After some fighting, as it will be
remembered, Commodore Dewey
gave the famous order to draw off
and serve breakfast. When the
Commodore entered the cabin and
looked around for a glass he could
not find any. Calling up one of
the Chinamen he asked where the
glasses were. The Chinaman, in a
pleaded manner, replied, as he
hastened to the sideboard: "All
right; me put him away so he
don't get broke while you target
practice on Spanishs. He come
back belly soon."

Water Consumers.

It is impossible to give the city
sufficient fire pressure while your
service pipes are in a leaking con-
dition, and where such pipes are
found water service will be prompt-
ly shut off, and will not be discon-
tinued where parties are found
squandering the streets or irrigating
vegetable gardens.
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PERSONAL MENTION.

Ben Holbert went to Houston this
morning.

District Attorney M. L. Brooks
went to Houston this morning.

Mrs. Uriah Johnson attended the
F. F. V. at Houston this week.

Misses Kate and Cornelia Ligon
went to Houston this morning.

Miss Mamie McCauley is visiting
friends in Houston.

P. A. Heisig, the commission
man, is in Houston to-day.

Mrs. John B. Goodhue went to
Houston this morning.

Dr. David Speer went to Houston
this morning to take in the F. F. V.

Mayor Wheat went to Houston
this morning.

John Brouch went to Houston
this morning to take in the Festival.

S. Blanchette, the groceryman, is
in the Bayou City to-day.

Mrs. W. A. Ward is in Houston
attending the Flower Festival.

K. B. Pierce, the music dealer,
returned from Galveston last night.

Will Robertson went up the East
Texas this morning.

A. E. Fletcher went to Village
this morning.

Charles Clark was in the city
last evening.

F. H. Hoffman, with Elisha & Co.,
is in Houston attending the F. F. V.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Seale are the
happy parents of a boy baby that
was born Tuesday morning.

John Snyder, one of the D boys,
came in this morning from Fort
Clark on a thirty days furlough.

Mrs. F. E. Robbins returned this
morning from Houston, where she
attended the F. F. V.

C. E. Jones, the lumber inspector,
went to the City-on-the-Sabine this
morning.

Mrs. William Smith returned this
morning from Houston, where she
spent the day yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Callahan went
to Houston last evening to attend
the F. F. V.

G. A. Lederly, with Christie &
Lowe, the Jetty contractors, was in
the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hebert and
Miss Sibbie went to Galveston this
morning.

Misses Mittie and May Gorland,
of LaBelle, were in the city this
morning.

T. W. Shepard went to Houston
this morning to hold a business con-
ference with J. A. Sternberg.

Miss Emma Lorenzo is sick with
fever at the home of her sister,
Mrs. Wm. Jarrell, on Liberty ave-
nue.

E. L. Bacon, of the Beaumont
Ice, Light and Refrigerator com-
pany, came in this morning from
Houston.

Mrs. S. V. Gregory, who has been
living in San Antonio for the past
few months, has returned to Beau-
mont.

Prof. Foxhall Parker expects Mrs.
Parker in Beaumont on Wednesday
of next week. They will be at the
Park House for some time.

Geo. W. Hymers writes the DAILY
Enterprise from Neame, La., that
he will engage in the lumber busi-
ness about January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews ar-
rived last night from Sherman. Mr.
Andrews has accepted a position
with the DAILY ENTERPRISE.

S. H. Reed, J. B. Robertson and
A. J. Sheffield, of Woodville, are in
the city attending the United States
Court.

H. Hanson, contractor on the ex-
tension of the Kaysee, came down
last evening and spent the night in
the city.

Miss Sadie Barrow went to Hous-
ton last evening, where she will
spend several days visiting friends
and relatives.

Bert Hoops came up from the
H-ups rice farm, at Taylor's Bayou,
last evening and spent the night in
the city.

C. T. Cade, of New Iberia, and
owner of the High Island ranch and
hotel property, was in the city this
morning.

J. Russell, of Colmesneil, re-
turned to his home this morning
after spending a few days attend-
ing the United States court.

J. A. Mooring, a prominent law-
yer of Woodville, who has been in
the city attending the United States
Court, returned to his home this
morning.

Misses Mable Gulleyhorn and
Edna Eller went to Village this
morning where they will attend
the big ball to be given by the

young men at that place this
evening.

Jim Stranghen, the East Texas
assessor for Okmouna, is laying
off to-day on account of sickness,
his place being filled by J. H.
Cole.

Homer A. B. H., the genial whole-
souled postoffice inspector from the
New Orleans district, has been in
the city for the past two days at-
tending the United States Court.

A. B. Seale left last evening for
Pickering, La., where he will give
his entire attention to the big log-
ging contract he has there.

C. L. Nabors, with Wm. Cameron
& Co., returned this morning from
Waco, where he has spent several
days, and went up the East Texas to
Hyatt.

W. B. Crawford, secretary of the
Southeast Texas Poultry and Pet
Stock Association, went to Houston
yesterday morning to attend the F.
F. V.

One of the members of the con-
ference is Rev. G. V. Ridley, of
Trinity, who was pastor of the
church in Beaumont for four years.
Rev. Ridley was much beloved by
the members of the church in this
city and many of them have ex-
pressed a desire to have him return.
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gines, 15x18, each complete with govern-
ors, etc. Would prefer selling together.
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quired. Address, Hunt County Oil Com-
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