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**BRYAN BOY WITH DENVER ROAD.**  
Special to The News.  
Bryan, Tex., Dec. 7, 1904.—John Vick of Bryan, a graduate of the mechanical engineering department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, has accepted a position as draughtsman for the Fort Worth & Denver railway at Childress, Texas, and has gone to take charge of the work.

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## THE ALL SOUTHWESTERN.

**McFARLAND AND CORNELL GAIN PLACES ON THE TEAM.**

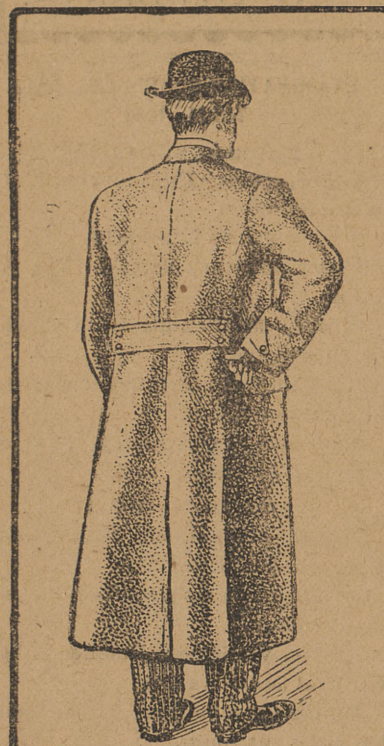
**Mr. Curtiss Makes His Report of the Football Season of '04.—Smaller Teams of Texas are Making Great Strides.**

Mr. F. H. Curtiss, president of the Southwestern Athletic Association, gives out to the public the names of those men who have made positions on the All Southwestern football team. The Southwestern Association, which was organized last March, includes the states of Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and the territories of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Mr. Curtiss also gives a review of the football season of this year in the Southwest. He comments at some length on the growth of not only the teams of this section of the country, but also on the rapid strides made by the different teams in our own state. Trinity University has grown into a formidable rival for both the Agricultural and Mechanical and University of Texas. Trinity succeeded in winning two positions on the all Southwestern. Bursleson, her brilliant halfback, was not only given his position on the Southwestern, but was made captain of that eleven. Trinity's veteran player, Guyer, was awarded the position of left tackle, although he was given a hard race by our man, Captain Boettcher. Special men-

tion was also made of Baylor's center, Townes, and her left tackle, Lester. Both were given "subs" on the Southwestern. He declares that the showing of Baylor this year was largely due to these two men. Fort Worth University had bouquets galore thrown at her team. Its rapid rise from a high school team to a university eleven astonished all the football men of the State. R. M. Pease, her center, is said to be the best kicker that has appeared in Texas since the days of Hart of Texas. The T. C. U. has also made considerable improvement and she ended her season by defeating Baylor 5 to 0. Commenting upon the season at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Mr. Curtiss says: "The season has been a noteworthy one for two reasons, namely: The continuation of a short-sighted policy of team organization and the awakening of the student body to the meaning of amateur sport and a fuller comprehension of the ethics of sport for sport's sake among gentlemen." He censures us for trying to bring back old "star" players and not developing our freshman material. He argues that these men can only remain one year and that they discourage the greener material that could be made into excellent material for years to come. He lauds the student body for severely reprimanding certain players for breaking training during the season. He says: "When a student body, having entrusted the honor and reputation of their institution to an athletic team, stand ready to jealously guard that honor and reputation by instant punishment of unworthy representatives, then may we expect a high moral standard to obtain, and then only will we have 'sport for sport's sake' as it is understood by gentlemen." On the Sewanee game Mr. Curtiss says that A. and M. outplayed Sewanee in both team work and individual plays, while Sewanee excelled in kicking only. The all Southwestern team was chosen by Mr. Curtiss, after considering all the prominent men in the association. Two of our men landed places, McFarland at left end and Cornell at left guard. Of McFarland, he speaks as follows: "There can be no difference of opinion but that McFarland of A. and M. is by far the best end of the season. He outclasses Jones of Texas, who has not played within 50 per cent of his former game, for the place and makes it without opposition. McFarland is fast in getting down the field under kicks, boxes his opposing tackle well, and is a perfect whirlwind on defense. In the Thanksgiving game against Texas, time after time he smashed the Texas interference and got the runner for no gain or for a loss. Another unequalled feat of his was getting the opposing halfback before he struck the line on quick opening plays. Decidedly McFarland's game at end is the best seen this season."

Cornell is then brought in for his share of praise which consists of this: "Left guard goes to Cornell of A. and M. without opposition, and we have no hesitation in saying that this freshman giant played by far the best guard of the

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season. In the Sewanee game he simply 'played horse' with the giant Phillips, who was given all Southern guard last year. He charged Phillips all over the field at will. In the Thanksgiving game he outplayed Parish of Texas at every point and A. and M. made their only touchdown through the holes opened by him and his tackle Boettcher."

Haltom gave Reed of Oklahoma a pretty race for fullback. As Mr. Curtiss says: "The position of fullback is perhaps the most difficult of all to decide. With such uniformly good material as Reed of Oklahoma, Householder of Texas and Haltom of Agricultural and Mechanical, it is hard to place one above another."

Below is the line up of the all Southwestern and anyone having his name in the list may feel justly proud:

"All Southwestern football team for 1904:

First Team—McFarland, A. and M., left end; Guyer, Trinity, left tackle; Cornell, A. and M., left guard; Glasscock, Texas, center; Marshall, Texas, right guard; Prendergast, Texas, right tackle; Blocker, Texas, right end; Robinson, Texas, left halfback; Reed, Oklahoma, fullback; Bursleson, (captain), Trinity, right halfback; Mills, Fort Worth, quarterback.

Substitutes—Pickard, Oklahoma, left end; Boettcher (cap-

tain), A. and M., left tackle; Olney, Arkansas, left guard; Townes, Baylor, center; Monette, Oklahoma, right guard; Lester, Baylor, right tackle; Steel, Trinity, right end; Hughs, Oklahoma, left halfback; Householder, Texas, fullback; Watson, Texas, right halfback; Cross, Oklahoma, quarterback.

In choosing a captain for the substitutes the qualities of experience, consistent hard play, together with uniform reliability, and the feeling of confidence he inspires in his men, easily wins the place for Capt. Boettcher of A. and M.

Mr. Curtiss in making this report, is to be commended on his impartial criticisms. He being one of the 'Varsity coaches, one would naturally think that he would be inclined to laud his team. Such is not the case. He gives praise where praise was justly earned, and harshly criticises those who needed criticism.

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