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SAN ANGELO, Dec., 15 -- West Texas, in the last decade has attained such marvellous growth, that today it stands high in all undertakings, stimulated older sections of the state and its activities fill columns in the daily press, but it was not always so, R.M. Chitwood, of Sweetwater reminded those attending the annual banquet of the San Angelo Board of City Development here Friday night.

"West Texas had a friend when she did not appear so favorable to the outside world; when others were not our champion; when we had drouths and nobody believed we would come back. I refer to the FtWorth Star Telegram. For years it sounded our praise, advertised our latent resources and maintained that West Texas yet would become the greatest part of the greatest State in the Union."

"When an East Texas Chamber of Commerce was recently organized at Tyler, Gus Taylor, banker of that city, lauded the Dallas News for having always been particularly loyal to East Texas. The Dallas News discovered West Texas March 2, 1923, when the Tech-Jubilee was held at Sweetwater. Since then it has been filling its paper with items about West Texas, which we appreciate. All the newspapers are now praising us. But we cannot fail to remember our friends when there were no other friends at court."

John B. Brewer

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