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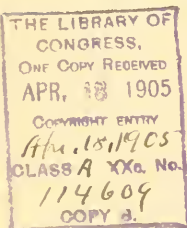
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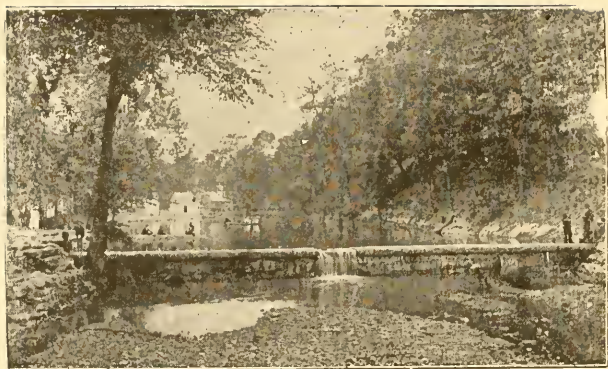
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PREFACE

The principal object I have had in the preparation of this booklet, has been to allay and destroy, as far as possible, the feeling of prejudice, which exists in the north, east and west, against Arkansas, as a state, by calling attention to her resources and natural advantages. In doing this, I have endeavored to make NONE but truthful statements, which are fully verified by the records and history. In quoting from the speech of Congressman Reid, I have done so, because I believe every word of it to be true. Arkansas has been woefully misunderstood, and such books as "A Slow Train Through Arkansas" and "Three Years in Arkansas," are miserable misrepresentations of the truth, and calculated to do the state harm. But honest, thinking people, will place them in the same category with "The Arkansas Traveler," and pass them by. Now read this booklet, as a truthful statement, and compare it with these books, as fiction of the LOWEST order, and you will have a true, but very short, historical sketch of Arkansas, Benton County, and Siloam Springs.

Respectfully,

GEO. R. CHANEY.



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Arkansas, Benton County and Siloam Springs.

Arkansas as a State is truly "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." It is a land of prosperity and contentment. There is no place on earth where the people are so happy and contented, as the people of Arkansas. There is no state in the Union, nor any country on earth, where the climate is so mild, uniform and pleasant; the water so abundant, pure and healthful; the fruit so varied, sweet and delicious, and the fuel so plentiful and cheap, as in Arkansas. No spot on earth offers better inducements. We have no excessively rich men here, and no body in the poor house. No multi-millionaires, and few, if any paupers. No wonder the people of Arkansas are so happy and contented.

This great State, named after a tribe of Indians that formerly lived along the Mississippi river near the Arkansas River, lies in the central southern portion of the Mississippi Valley, and is a most important part of the "garden and granary of the world."



ARKANSAS BUILDING AT WORLD'S FAIR.

Washed along its entire eastern border by the "Father of Waters," its northern boundary lying through the heart of the Ozarks, its western line separating it through mountains and plain from the land of the red man and the Lone Star State, and its southern demarkation extending eastward to the Mississippi, through rich, level lands and magnificent forests. Arkansas lies beneath the sunny skies with her broad domain of 53,045 square miles, or 33,824.800 acres.

Within her borders are found almost every variety of land and climate. In the north are the Ozark mountains with their rugged, rock-clad hills; in the central western section, the rough topography incident to the foot hills of a mountain range; from the northeast corner of the State to the southwest corner lies a belt of rolling land, while along the eastern border and in the southeast section it is generally level. In mineral wealth she is wonderfully rich, only enough having been as yet developed to show that no state in the Union is more richly endowed in this particular than she is. Her wide reaching forests of almost every variety of timber are a veritable treasure house for the thousands of lumbermen who are already within her borders, and there is yet room for thousands more.

Her diversity of climate is great. In the northwest winter wheat and the apples grow as though indigenous to the land. In the south are found the cotton and sugar cane in all their luxuriance and productiveness. Between these extremes and through various gradations flourish almost every kind of flowers, fruit, grain and grass known in the United States, and they grow in all their perfection.

It has been said, and truly so we think, that if Arkansas was walled in, and cut off from all communication with the outside world, she could in a greater degree than any other state, supply herself from her own resources with every thing that grows, is dug from the earth, gathered in the air, or caught in the waters. Her resources are simply boundless and unlimited. Ordinary energy is all that is required.

Arkansas In Her Youth.

The first settlement made in Arkansas, was by the French in 1685, at Arkansas Post which was the capital of the territory, until 1820, when it was changed to Little Rock, where it now is, but, "Arkansas has passed the day of her sorest trial. The dark days of the civil war and reconstruction, followed by later years of misunder-

standing and prejudice, aroused by underpaid newspaper writers and story tellers, with their attendant moral and material desolation, have retarded her progress and development while the immigrant that should have been her own swept across her borders to build up splendid civilization in less inviting regions beyond. But the gloom and the shadow have passed, and with its passing has come the dawning of a full and perfect day. These things that have so long been the burden and discomfort of the state, have at last returned to prosper and to bless. They have served only to lock up within the great womb of nature her stupendous resources through all these years, that they might burst forth at this later and better day, and be poured into the lap of the world's commerce when material wealth and industrial energy are reaping their highest reward.

The intelligent, earnest and honest judgment with which you are wont to view and measure all things, gives me deep assurance that while you may have smiled with us for fifty years over the ridiculous story of "The Arkansas Traveler" you have all the while doubted that such a character ever existed anywhere, and if he did, you knew full well that he was no type of the sturdy citizenship of your sister state. But it has only been a few years since a resident of Philadelphia asked a citizen of Arkansas "if the Mexicans and Indians trouble us much now?" He was assured that we never had any Mexicans in Arkansas and that the Indians was a matter of ancient history, and might have been well asked in turn, if the streets of that "City of Brotherly Love" were entirely free from the harassing presence of the British and the Hessian. It might be well to add that the "squatter" in the Arkansas Valley with his coonskin cap and squeaky old fiddle, left us with the Mexican and the Indian in the ages gone by, and his leaky old cabin which could not be repaired when it rained and not needing repair when the weather was good, continued open to rain and to sunshine alike, has also been swept away. That on the spot where it stood, a farmer of thrift and energy has founded his home, and while his surplus crop whitens across his broad fields in autumn, in the fullness of wisdom he is eating the bread and the meat from his own fields and herds, and sits amid his ripening orchards and teeming gardens, his smokehouse full, his corn crib crowded, his barnyard vocal with the music of flocks and herds,

untroubled by debt, undisturbed by extremes of climate or season, happier in a surer and fuller independence than feudal baron upon the banks of the Rhine." (*)

Her Size and Growth.

Arkansas was organized as a territory in 1819, and was admitted as a state into the Union in 1836, and is divided into 75 counties. She has an area of 33,824,000 acres of land, of which 4,000,000 acres are yet government land subject to homestead entry. Less than 36 per cent of the tillable land is in cultivation. At five national and world expositions the fruit of Arkansas, has taken first premium. Her growth has been continuous and permanent.

In 1820 she had a population of	14,273
In 1830 " "	30,388
In 1840 " "	97,574
In 1850 " "	209,897
In 1860 " "	435,450
In 1870 " "	484,171
In 1880 " "	802,525
In 1890 " "	1,128,179
In 1900 " "	1,311,564

From 1860 to 1870, was the war and reconstruction period, during which time, no state made any considerable growth, and especially in the south. From 1870 to 1880 the tide of emigration was to Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska and the northwest to obtain free homes under the new homestead law, yet Arkansas grew to the extent of 318,354. A most remarkable growth, considering the circumstances and conditions. The tide of emigration has now changed, and thousands of people are coming from the north, east and west, into Arkansas, attracted here, by the mild climate, pure water, splendid fruit, and lovely timber. The country is developing very rapidly, and prices steadily coming up. Now is the time to come to the orchard of the world, the land of the big red apple.

(*) The articles in quotations are taken from the speech of Congressman Reid, delivered before the Trans-Mississippi congress at St. Louis last October.

Her First Newspaper.

The "Arkansas Gazette" was the first newspaper published in Arkansas. Its first issue appeared November 20th, 1819, soon after Arkansas became a separate territory. It was edited by William E. Woodruff. When the capitol was changed to Little Rock, the Gazette followed the capitol, where it has been published ever since, and now is.

There are now 282 newspapers published in this state, of which 23 are daily, 3 semi-weekly, 245 weeklys, 2 semi-monthly and 9 monthly so that her people are now provided with plenty of first-class reading. As the state grows, more will come, and the Gazette will still live as the oldest paper in the state.

Her Railroad Construction.

"Arkansa is beginning to get credit for what she is worth. There is no better evidence of the awakening of capital the resources of the state than recent investments in the building of railroads. There is no investment of capital made with more caution and circumspection. The enormous amount of money employed, the character of construction, all require that when it is made it be made for all time. Railroads go only where there will always be an abundance of something that it pays to transport. And yet, within the last five years there has been constructed and in actual process of construction across the hills and valleys of Arkansas over a thousand miles of railroad. The cost of this mileage with the reconstruction work done within that period, will amount to more than \$30,000,000.

Along the lines of these railroads are rapidly springing up hundreds of thriving towns and cities, a striking evidence indeed of the awakening of capital to the resources of the state."

The Refinement and Culture of Her People.

"We have lost nothing of the refinement of the early settler of Arkansas, who was of the best blood of that nationality renowned in history for its polish and gentility, who were first pleased to find on the sunny and picturesque banks of the Arkansas a place, fit setting in natural beauty and material excellence for the home of elegance and culture. I shall not therefore assume that it is necessary to confute

the silly and absurd stories circulated in yellowback literature about Arkansas and her people. Aside from their untruthfulness and absurdity, they have never risen to the dignity of ordinary wit or humor and are not widely read by that class of people whose esteem and good-will Arkansas is most especially concerned to deserve. In the councils of state; in the forum, upon the marts of trade; in the realm of letters and upon field of battle for his country, the world has found the Arkansan a living refutation of these unjust aspersions against the good name of his state.

Her good people need no encomium. You know that they are justly entitled to share with you all that is great in your past or that promises most in your future. They are your brothers, brothers in blood, brothers in destiny. Like you, they are the descendants of that sturdy old stock that crossed the Mississippi in the early days, and braving the dangers of the wilderness, carved out their homes and built up their states.

Those who have done Arkansas the justice to look into her early history, know that even then, scant as was her population, wide apart as were her settlements, not sloth and ignorance, but culture and refinement found early growth and took deep root upon her soil.

A writer of ability and note has truly said, "that in her territorial days a more brilliant array of scholarly and cultured men and women could not be found in proportion to population anywhere on earth."

Her Climate and Temperature.

The climate is temperate, and mild, both in winter and summer. It is a happy medium between the extreme cold of the north, and the excessive heat of the south. The northwestern portion, is especially favored in this respect, as the Ozark mountains furnish ample protection from the cold piercing winds of the north, and the elevation, relieves from the excessive heat of the southern sun. There is no state that has a finer climate than Arkansas. Here you can sit under your vine and apple tree, free from the withering blizzards of the north, and the hot burning winds of the far south, and where the death-dealing cyclone

will not molest you or make you afraid, and where health-giving waters are bursting forth from every mountain side, and where the latch string hangs on the outside, and where you are made welcome to the most beautiful sister in the galaxy of the statehood and the grandest country in the world. The annual mean temperature at Little Rock is about one degree less than it is at Los Angeles, California. The nights are, as a rule, cool and pleasant, and the climate, upon the whole, is as mild and pleasant as that of Italy. Her rainfall is regular and plentiful. During the months of June, July and August, the rainfall was sixteen inches. An observation covering fifteen years shows an average of seventy five rainy days during the year. Violent wind storms and tornadoes seldom occur. Out of 134 destructive storms reported from 23 states, only four were in Arkansas. Here is the place to come for safety.

Health Conditions.

“What are the health conditions of the state? Well, people sometimes die of old age in Arkansas as they do everywhere, but my observation is that it takes them much longer to do it. There are people in Arkansas, as there are everywhere who suffer from diseases for which they are alone responsible, and which are chargeable to neither soil nor climate. But for every saffron-faced child you find in Arkansas I will find you a schoolhouse full of stout and sturdy lads and lassies with eyes as bright as the morning and cheeks as red as the apples that cluster on the native hills. There are no prevailing diseases. We have every condition for perfect health. We have no extremes in climate, the air and the water is as pure as nature can make them. Old men do farm work in the open field every month in the year and retain health and vigor. The women never grow old, and are always able to be up and about. But why talk of the health of Arkansas, when every nook and corner of the civilized world has sent its invalids to be restored to health by its mountain air and healing waters. Arkansas is a health resort both winter and summer, and no pen or tongue can do justice to her wonderful sanitariums of nature's own providing. The curative properties of the sparkling waters, both hot and cold, are known to the civilized

world. Men have gone from all over this country seeking the skill of celebrated physicians in other lands, only to be told that the remedy lay in the medical springs of Arkansas

Tradition hath it that Ponce de Leon, the great Spanish adventurer, hesitated long at these springs in the belief that he had discovered his fabled fountain of perpetual youth, and certain it is that French and Spanish adventurers found health and recuperation there a century ago. Hot Springs, the Carlsbad of America, Eureka Springs and Siloam Springs, almost as well and favorably known throughout the world, Sugar Loaf, Potash Sulphur and the Lithia Springs are but a few of her healing waters, and the common springs, innumerable all over the state, furnish water in abundance pure and healthful. Mammoth Spring in Fulton county, perhaps the largest single spring in the known world, boils up from an opening a hundred and twenty feet in circumference in a continuous flow of 9,000 barrels per minute.

Health as well as wealth abounds in Arkansas, and remembering the teaching of science that human capacity may attain its utmost, only where a sound mind dwells in a sound body.

The Healthfulness of The Ozark Region. To establish that this is a healthy region, requires us to show the existence of certain favorable conditions. This we can do.

It is healthful, because its altitude renders it proof against malaria, and the pestifil infecting mosquito does not exist here and there is no malarial fever. This, of itself, is a boon of health, and assures pure air, containing oxygen in its active state.

It is healthful, because the water is free from all alkali, pure and soft, which is evidence of its continued contact with the iron of the soil, and the ozone of the air. It is healthful, because of its fruit production. The fruit of the Ozark region, is the best, and most healthful fruit that grows. In the first place, it contains the proper amount of iron, which exist in the soil, and is taken up by the roots.

In the second place, the altitude of this region fills the air with ozone, and makes it pure and healthful. Then, this is the home of the "Big Red Apple," which is the most healthful of all fruits.

It not only contains most of the acids found in other fruits, but it contains a larger percentage of phosphorus, than any other fruit. Phos-

phorus is admirably adapted to renewing the essential nerve tissues of the brain. The malic acid of the ripe apple whether raw or cooked, neutralizes any excess or chalky matter engendered into the system, and leaves the body free from its injurious effects. There is no fruit so beneficial and harmless as the apple. Children should be permitted to eat all the apples they want. It is healthful, because of its surroundings. From the broad open prairies of Iowa and Missouri come the fresh bracing winds of the north. From the Rocky Mountains, across the prairies of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, come the winds from the far off west, while from the south, come the ocean breezes, laden with their salt refreshing acid, from the gulf, so that we never lack for pure invigorating air, which renders any section of the country healthful. The Ozark region, is the place to come for health, comfort and happiness.

Her Educational Interests.

"We have placed education above everything else and pledged it in organic law. The maintenance of a suitable system of public schools whereby all persons between the ages of 6 and 21 may receive gratuitous instruction, is provided in our constitution. Under this provision we established a system of public schools that has no superior in the land, and under it we are educating white and black with an impartiality that should challenge the admiration of our philanthropic friends at the north. We have placed the public school within reach of every man's door, and have scattered colleges and academics throughout the limits of the state, and builded a state university whereby the youth may receive an education that measures up to the highest demands.

And education is bearing early and full fruitage here. We are finding "tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." Every pursuit of industry is carried on with more skill and success. It helps us to discover and to use the wealth of nature about us. The young farmer is reading the agricultural reports of the government and in scientific wisdom is sowing his seed, breeding his stock and grafting his trees. He has learned also that the first most costly step in transportation is from the farmyard to the rail-



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road station; has joined in earnest in the general movement for the improvement of rural roads and highways, and the turnpike is rapidly winding its way through the valleys and over the mountains. They have learned also that the honesty and industry of an emigrant is of far greater concern to the community where he settles than his politics or the land where he hails from, and they have smoothed out the path that leads to the house and hung the latch string on the outside of the door. They have found that security and contentment in the home goes only with honesty and integrity in the state, and are enforcing the laws with purity, promptness and justice.

The education of coming generations is essential to steady and substantial improvement. This fact has been fully appreciated and no small part of work has been devoted to purely educational work."

Her Laws and Their Enforcements.

"I can attest it by the records of every court in this state that the laws of Arkansas are enforced as fairly and promptly and as justly between rich and poor, black and white alike, as anywhere else on earth. No fair-minded man need err in this. There are only two classes of individuals who still find excuse to persist otherwise, the simpleton and the man blinded by prejudice. The prejudice we hope some day to be able to remove, but in the wisdom of Solomon, we leave the fool to his folly. Sometime ago a young man in a distant state, troubled about a location, wrote to a friend down in Arkansas and asked if he thought his life would be safe down there, and if there was an opening in the state for a capable and absolutely honest young lawyer. His friend wrote him that he thought the game law would protect him the greater portion of the year, and that if he was an absolutely honest young lawyer, he would be utterly without competition."

Her Commercial Morality.

"The Dry Goodsman; a trade journal of recognized authority, said in its September issue:

"Arkansas can give nearly all of us lessons in commercial morality. There are mighty few failures in Arkansas, and when a man does fail

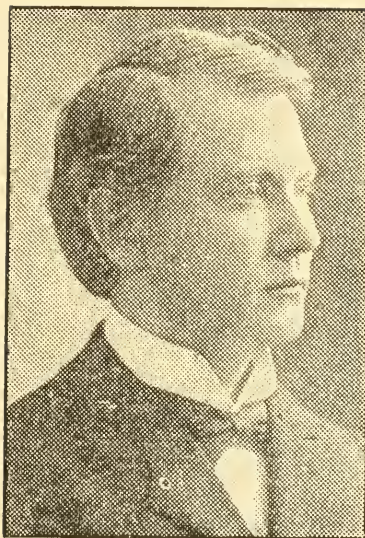
he usually squares up when he gets on his feet again. Credits are safe down there, and heads of houses sell goods to Arkansas and sleep peacefully while the bills are maturing. A business of a million dollars a year for five years without a dollar's loss is what one St. Louis house has done with Arkansas, and there are other houses right here and elsewhere that can show similar records. Arkansas has much to contend with. The underpaid newspaper paragrapher and the picturesque story writer have cost the state millions of dollars, but there are precious few dollars that the merchants of Arkansas have cost any one else. It is about time Arkansas were getting her due."

Her Cities, Rivers and Mountains.

Cities. Little Rock is the capitol of the state. It was founded in 1820, and is the largest city in the state. It is located on a commanding bluff on the Arkansas river, 300 miles above its junction with the Mississippi and now has a population of 65,000. Helena, Fort Smith, Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, and Fayetteville are the next cities in size, and all are good thriving cities.

Rivers. Arkansas has more navigable streams than any state west of Ohio. Her navigable rivers are; the Mississippi, which flows along her entire eastern border. The Arkansas river, flows through the state from west to east, and is navigable through the entire state. The Red river rises in New Mexico, and runs through the southwest corner, and is navigable through the state. The St. Francis river forms part of the boundary between Arkansas and Missouri. It is 450 miles long and is navigable for 150 miles. The White river rises in the northwest corner of the state, and after running into Missouri returns into Arkansas and runs into the Mississippi. It is navigable as far northwest as Batesville.

"There is not an area of land in the world unsurrounded by an ocean that has the amount of natural commercial ways enjoyed by Arkansas. There are few counties in the state that are not in reach of a navigable stream. An inland state, she is bounded on the east by the Mississippi traversed diagonally by the great Arkansas river, and is in easy touch with the gulf.



Henry S. Hartzog, President
State University

If we continue the policy of making the harbors for the ships, I venture the assertion that the great seagoing vessels will some day weigh anchor along the banks of the Arkansas. And when I speak of her great rivers, the Mississippi, the Red, the White, the St. Francis, the Arkansas, remember that it means not only the natural arteries of trade but it bespeaks also the broad alluvial lands along the course of these rivers, surpassing the Valley of the Nile in richness and fertility. We have enough of these lands in Arkansas to make a respectable state of this Union, every acre of which will produce a bale of cotton every year the sun shines or the rain falls, and will produce in proportion every product of the temperate zone."

Mountains The Ozark and Boston mountains are the only mountains in the state, but they are as beautiful and picturesque as the famous Rockies, only not so high. They do not reach much over 2000 feet above sea level, and are covered with timber of various kinds. In some places, pine and cedar are quite plentiful. The surface of the

country, aside from the mountain range, is level, and in the Mississippi valley is swampy in places, which is covered with a dense growth of heavy timber.

The Loveliness of A Summer Day In The Ozarks.

As you stand entranced on the top of one of these mountains, and look down upon the valley below, a scene so tranquil to the eye, you behold, as far as the eye can reach a forest robe, flowing in all the varieties of graceful undulations, over declivity after declivity, as though the fabulous river of the skies were pouring its azure waves over all the landscape. Moving down the side of the mountain, and reclining, in a pensive mood, on the hill-side, you see beneath you, all the luxuriant, beauties of field and meadow, and the winding stream, so clear and bright at the foot of the mountain. Here the stillness of the dense thick woods which surround you is only broken by the sweet songs of the birds, "building towns in the populous trees, with hanging gardens of verdure, peaceful, aerial cities of joy, affection and freedom."

Wild flowers blooming on either side fill the air with their sweet perfume, and the soft, gentle glances of the sun stealing through the thick leaves of the trees, renders the scene, over hill and valley, picturesque and sublime indeed.

Now, decending into the valley below, amid waving harvests, verdant avenues, and luxuriant orchards, between garden and grass-plot, you see the farm-house, embosomed in cope-wood or "tall ancestral trees." You walk through this valley, fenced in by barrier cliffs, to contemplate, with mild enthusiasm, its scene of pastoral beauty; the cottage and its blossomed arbor, the farmer and his flock, the clump of oaks, and the solitary chinquapin. The genial c'imate, and transparent atmosphere, delight all those who come from the denser air of the east. Every object in nature is new and wonderful. The loud and frequent Thunder-storms are phenomena that are rarely witnessed in the colder summers of the north; the forests, majestic in their growth, and free from underwood, deserve admiration for their unrivalled magnificence. The purling streams flowing between alluvial banks, quicken the ever-pregnant soil into an unwearied fertility. The strongest and most delicate flowers grow abundantly in the fields, the flavor of which impregnates the air with their sweetness; the birds with their gay plum

age, and varied melodies, inspire delight; every comer expresses his pleasure in listening to the mocking-bird, which caroles a thousand several tunes, imitating and excelling the notes of all its rivals; the humming-bird, hunting about the flowers like a bee gathering honey, rebounding from the blossoms into which it dips its bill, to some other delightful object, is admired as the smallest and most beautiful of the feathered race. Such is the scenery of the Ozarks in summer, beautiful and sublime beyond description.

Yet, there is no feature in the Ozark scenery, more beautiful, than the springs and streamlets, which make every hill-side bright with their sunny sparkle, and musical with their liquid murmur. A fringe of deeply green moss, clusters along their sides, creeping over the rocks to the very edge of the rushing water, with thick tufts of fragile and slender stems, resembling the beautiful conferevae which, like the most delicate floss-silk, float in the clear water, the ripple of which, gives motion and quick play of light and shade, to their graceful filaments. The little moss-compon like Alpine moss, enlivens the decomposed rocks in the vicinity, with a continuous velvet of the brightest rose-red and the most brilliant green. The indescribable loveliness of this beautiful scene, strikes every one who sees it for the first time on the mountain side, speechless with admiration.

It is a rare scene indeed—come and look upon it. It will do you good.

Her Wild Animals, Fowls and Fish.

Arkansas has been remarkably well stocked with wild animals, valuable for their meat, hides, and furs, among which are the deer, elk, beaver, otter, fox, rabbit, squirrel, O'possum, raccoon, wild cat, catamount, wolf and bear, but the elk is now entirely extinct, and the deer, bear, wolf, catamount, and wild cat, are very scarce indeed.

There are still in this state, some wild turkey, quail, pheasant, while the wild goose and duck visit the ponds and rivers every fall and spring. The rivers and smaller streams, abound with fish of all kind, and affords abundant pleasure for the sportsman. The White river and Illinois river, are especially well supplied in the northwest, while the St. Francis, in the east, and the Red river, in the southwest, and the Arkansas in the center all abound in fine fish.

Her Mineral.

Arkansas is rich in mineral deposits. While they are not fully developed, enough is known of them to place her in the front rank. GREAT FIELDS OF COAL HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, while rich deposits of iron ore, zinc, lead, and copper have been discovered. Then we have great mountains of granite, marble, whetstone, grindstone and flagstone pencil and roofing slate, and to these may be added manganese, aluminum coriendum, sapphire, orientalseeby, topaz and amethysts calcedon of all colors, cornelian, and agates and still the list is not complete.

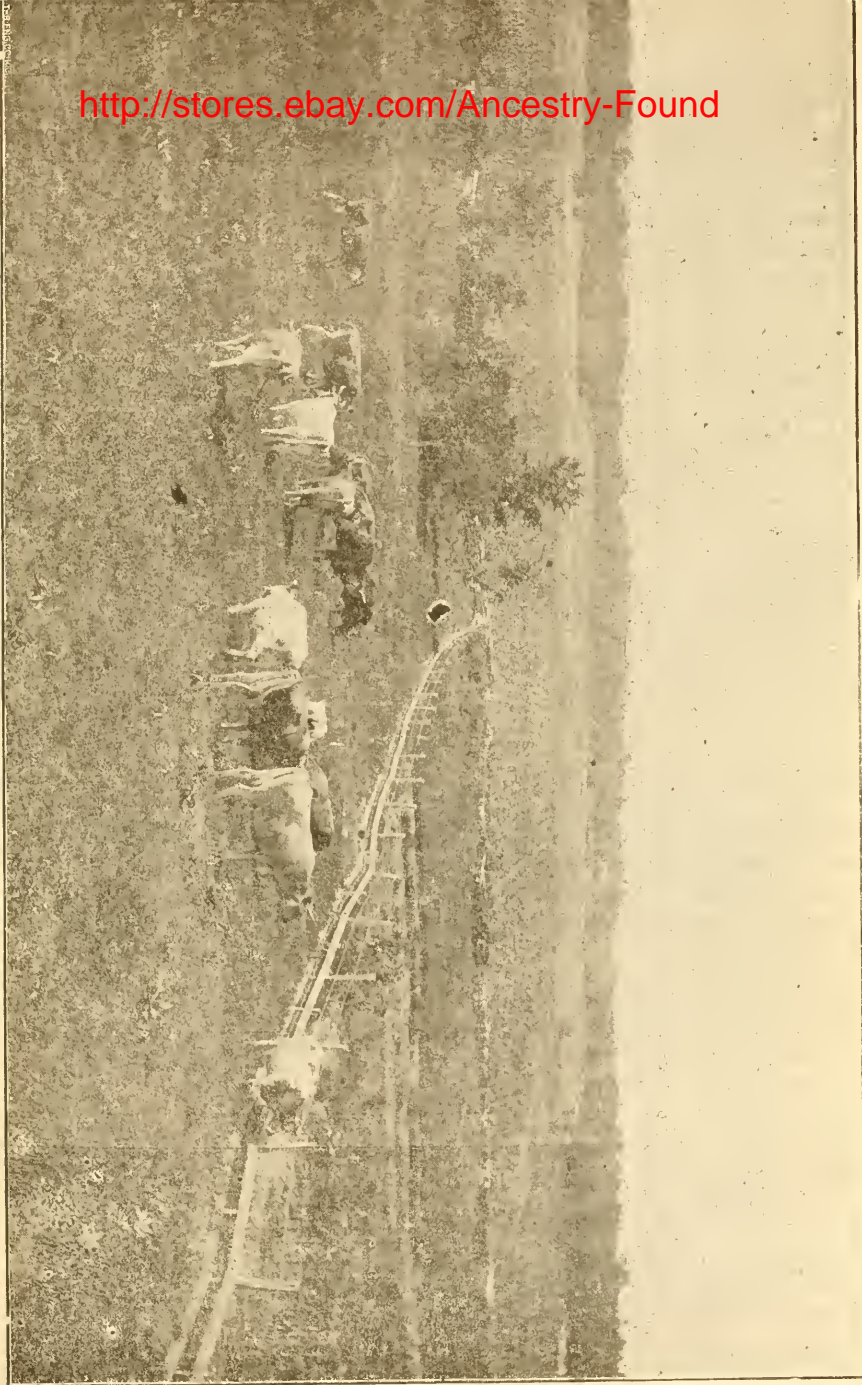
Arkansas has according to the latest Geological Survey an area of 137,240 acres of zinc, and 1,408,000 acres of marble, the same as the Tennessee marbles, also 182,000 acres of whetstone, famous the world over, and 80,640 acres of manganese, saying nothing of the ores of lower grade.

"We have seven million acres of mineral land. Thousands of square miles underlaid with lead and zinc in mass and richness unsurpassed. Millions of acres of architectural stones and clay, marble of every conceivable color and texture, Asphaltum, hydraulic cement, slate, sulphur, phosphates, aluminum and antimony of highest grades yet known in the world. Five million acres underlaid with a quality of smokeless coal, at least equal and by some considered superior to the hard coal of Pennsylvania. Radium, the latest and perhaps greatest discovery of modern science. I am not speculating upon possibilities. I tell you only that which is demonstrated and known. Arkansas stands today in many of the essentials of material wealth the reserve supply of this republic."

Her Agriculture.

Arkansas is also well up, as an agricultural state. She stands 5th as a cotton and corn state, having raised in 1902, 1,000,000 bales of cotton and 50,655,045 bushels of corn. "We sold to the world last year a million bales of cotton, worth sixty millions of dollars, and the surplus seed, five hundred thousand tons, that a few years ago lay scattered and wasting about the barnyard. We pressed into oil worth nine millions of dollars, and still had cotton seed enough left to fatten four hundred and fifty thousand head of cattle owned by the farmers of Arkansas. Some of these lands in extremely high stages of the water, are

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A FARM AND ORCHARD SCENE IN ARKANSAS

overflowed, but it has occurred so seldom and has been attendant with comparatively such small loss, that until recently farmers have been indifferent to the importance of levees and ditches. We are awake to it now, however, and have demonstrated that tens of thousands of acres in the lands heretofore regarded as not worth the taxes, may be redeemed and these lands unaffected by drought when protected from flood, challenge the round earth for comparison.

The table lands and mountains, meadows, gave early and perfect assurance that Arkansas was richly fitted by nature for the production of domestic animals for food and for beasts of burden. For a long time stock raising took care of itself in Arkansas. Cattle and hogs turned on the range thrived and increased in such abundance that nobody cared for quality or pedigree, and the country became stocked with a prolific but inferior class. They were so plentiful that the settler in the early days could go out and shoot down a hog or a yearling with little more concern as to the ownership than if it had been a wild animal in the woods. There was no markets and the surplus was useless."

Vegetables of every variety grow here through such long seasons that two crops of peas, beans, lettuce and radishes can be and often are raised. Arkansas is an all purpose state. Any body can find employment here.

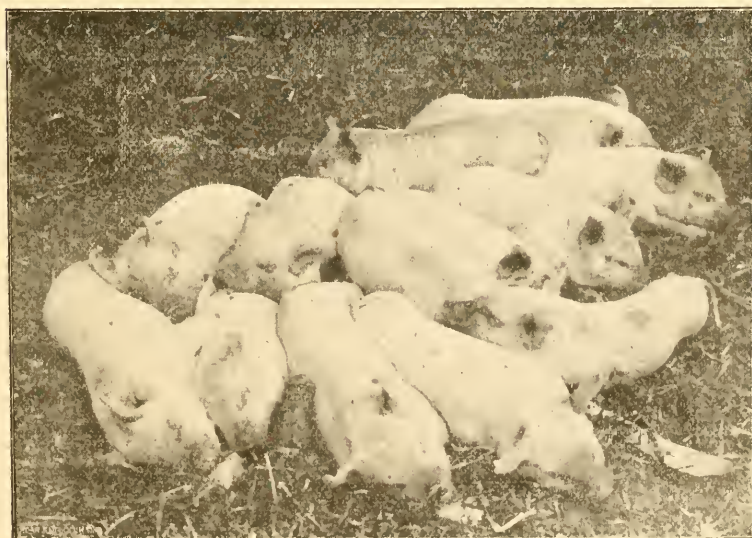
The miner, manufacturer, agriculturist, the fruit grower and stockman, are all busy at their respective callings.

With the building of the railroads and the development of the great live stock markets with the best prices for the best breeds, our people caught the incentive for improvement, and today every nook and corner of the state points to its herd of cattle and swine from the finest bred strains to be found in the country. The long horns have given place to the Jersey and the Durhams. The razorback has been supplanted by the Poland China, the Berkshires and Chester White, and they have somehow caught in the climate the hardy hustling qualities of their primitive brethren and fatal diseases are almost unknown

A fair estimate today based upon the census of 1900 will disclose that Arkansas has forty millions of dollars worth of stock upon the farms and ranges exclusive of one hundred and fifty thousand head kept by individuals in cities and towns.

The farmers slaughtered upon their farms last year for meat over five and one-half millions of dollars worth of cattle, sheep and hogs, and sold a surplus of over four million dollars worth more. One hundred and twenty million gallons of milk and twenty-five million pounds of butter are a few by products of the farm, while thirty million dozen eggs and two and one half million dollars worth of poultry and one half million pounds of honey, and one hundred thousand pounds of wax attest the fact that the song of the hen's honest industry is heard every month of the year in Arkansas, and that the little busy bee improves each shining hour. These things are better and greater than I have told you, but they do not begin to disclose the agricultural possibilities of this great state.

13 CHESTER WHITE SHOATS—ONE FAMILY



Her Cultivated Fruit and the Ozark Region.

In speaking of the Ozarks as a fruit region, it becomes necessary to look for a moment, into the nature, formation and character of the soil, as well as the altitude, climatic and atmospheric conditions, which include the degrees of humidity, and the quantity and quality of the food required by the different kinds of fruit grown.

To do this, requires a glance into the geological formation of the region, and the condition in which nature has placed it for the abode and comfort of man. Our space here, will not permit of a discussion of a subject, of such magnitude. Suffice it to say, that a soil for fruit growing, must contain, with other minerals, phosphate of lime, oxide of iron, chloride of soda, and silicates of potash and soda. All these abound in the soil of the Ozark region.

The atmosphere consists of three principal gases, Oxygen, Nitrogen and Carbonic acid, but they are not always distributed in the same proportion. The variations depend more on altitude than anything else. When the proportion varies, then, what they aid in producing, also varies. Atmospheric oxygen is found in two conditions. One is oxygen in its natural state; the other is oxygen in its active state, when it is called ozone. In the atmosphere of the Ozarks, much ozone is known to exist, owing to their altitude, and it is one of the active principles, which contribute so largely to fruit growing in this region. The soil of the Ozarks contains an abundance of iron, which gives the fruit, especially the apple and peach, a superior color and rich flavor, over fruit grown by irrigation. The rain fall of the Ozark region is abundant and well distributed. Irrigation water can never take the place of rain water for fruit, any more than bleached clay, can take the place of oxide of iron, in the soil. Irrigation water is always deficient in carbonic acid while rain water holds it in great abundance, and which is so essential to set the plant food free, so it can be easily taken up by the roots. Hence the superiority of the Ozark fruit, over all other fruit, and especially fruit grown by irrigation.

As a fruit region this state has been termed by the United States Pomologists, as the seeding ground of America for the reason that it has produced more seeding apples of merit than any other country in the world. In this connection Prof. H. E. Van Deman, U. S. Pomologist at Washington says; "No man living can account for the pro-



A STRAWBERRY NURSERY NEAR SILOAM SPRINGS

duction of choice seedling apples in Arkansas." An orchardist in the north might plant a bushel of apple seed, and the chances are that he might secure one valuable variety while in Arkansas, if he planted only a quart, twenty or thirty valuable seedling apples would be the result. This carries with it authority coming as it does, from the highest authority on fruits in the United States, and shows without fear of successful contradiction that the soil of Arkansas is better adapted to growing of apples than any other state in the Union.

"The grape, the fruit of poetry and song, is as much at home in Arkansas as it is anywhere between Persia and India, and produces a wine equal to that of Italy and France. The wild muscadine and scuppernong grow to incredible size, and varieties of many kind of fruit to perfection.

"Arkansas is the orchard of the world. It produces more fruit, and yields a greater return per acre, than any country in the world." In the truest sense, it is the home of the "big red apple," and while it is the finest apple country on earth, the peach, apricot, plum, cherry, and grape, as well as the smaller fruits, grow here in great abundance.

Her Wild Fruits and Nuts.

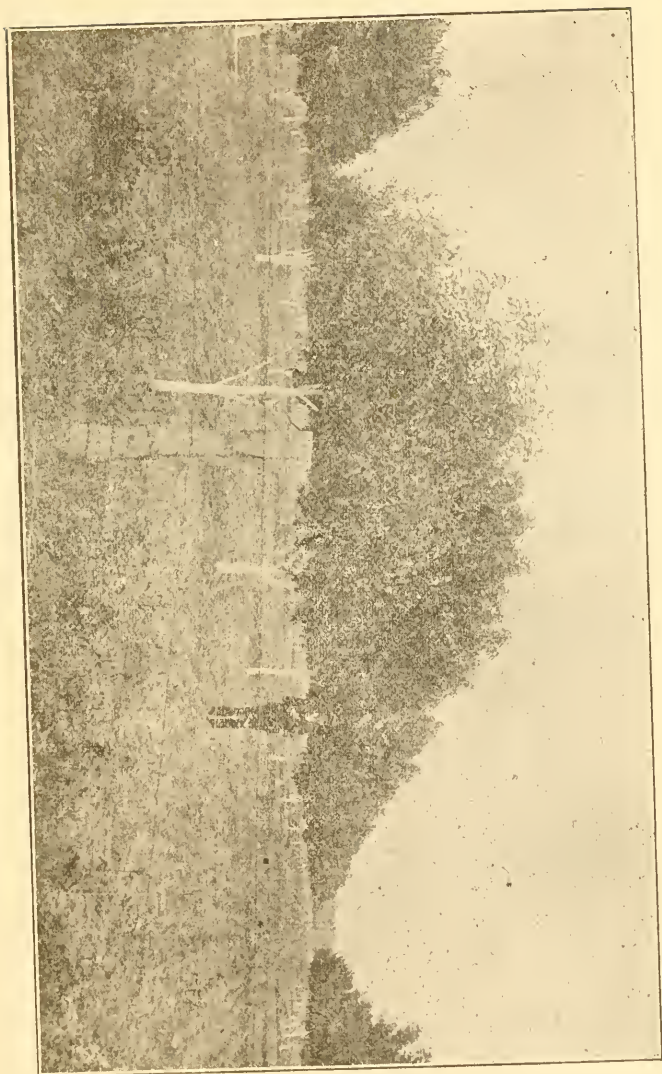
The wild fruits which grow here, are varied and abundant. We have the wild cherry, the mulberry, the persimmon, the paw paw, the strawberry, the raspberry, the blackberry, the dewberry, the may apple and the famous huckleberry, all grow here wild. The nuts that grow here wild, are varied and abundant as our wild fruits. We have the walnut, the hickory nut, and the hazelnut. Then we have the chesnut, the butternut and the pecan.

Her Forest and Its Products.

Arkansas has a forest area of over 52,600,000 acres. Its forest area alone is greater than the whole state of Indiana, greater than Kentucky equal to Ohio and nearly as great as the state of Pennsylvania.

Her saw mills have a daily out-put of 7,000,000 feet. The value of pine products of 1902 was (\$24,000,000) twenty four million dollars, nearly six millions in excess of any other southern state. In addition to this lumber product, there is also turned out annually in this state the following closely related forest products, cedar post and piling 1,600,000 pieces; hickory 1,000,000 feet; cypress shingles, four billion felces and staves 1,600,000; poplar 8,000,000, ash 20,000,000; spokes 2,000,000. The value of these swells the state's forest product to not less than \$30,000,000.

There is enough timber yet standing beyond the echo of the woodman's ax which if manufactured into lumber and sold upon the market today, would produce a sufficient sum to buy a sister state of this Union at its tax book value. As a lumbering section Arkansas stands second to none. No state in the Union but Maine approaches her in average value per acre of timber growth.



A Model Orchard, an Every Year Money Maker, Near Siloam Springs

What state, aside from Maine, Michigan or Wisconsin; can produce as good a showing?

Her Financial Standing.

Arkansas had in the state treasury at the close of the fiscal year just passed, more than a million dollars to her credit. Her public debt, is only (\$31,000,00) thirty one thousand dollars which could be paid any day if those holding the securities would accept it as it is not yet due.

Where is the state, that has \$1,000,000 in its treasury, and only owes \$31,000.00. Let the reader answer.

Her Public Buildings.

In 1833, work was commenced on the first Capitol building of the state, which cost \$158,397, but it was not fully completed until 1840, although, the first state legislature met in the new building, in September 1836. The first territorial governor of Arkansas, was James Miller, who was appointed, March 3, 1819, soon after the territory was formed. These were in all, four territorial governors.

The first governor of the new state, was James Conway, who was elected Sept 13, 1836, soon after the territory became a state of the Union. Since that time, the state has had thirty eight different governors.

The state is now erecting a million dollar Capitol, with granite and marble from its own quarries, and will cover it with slate, from her own slate beds. What other state of this union, can build a \$1,000,000 capitol, with granite and marble from its own quarries, and cover it with slate, from its own slate beds, and then pay for it when done, out of the treasury without borrowing a cent? We know of none.

Her University, is a fine, well equipped building, and in fact, all her public buildings are equal to any in the land.



ARKANSAS' NEW CAPITOL BUILDING

Benton County.

This is the northwest county of the state, and is the fifth in population, and is situated on the southern slope of the Ozark mountains. These mountains in this county at their highest point, are about 1800 feet above sea level, and are covered with timber.

Beyond these rugged, pathless mountains, that lift their peaks in the distance, there is a charming valley, which drinks the diamond dew of morning, and bathes in the liquid sunbeams, clad in the verdure of everlasting green, and dotted all over with flowers of every hue and shade. Beyond the beautiful and rippling stream, which flows hard by, just over the edge of a grassy knoll, there blooms a rare and richly tinted flower. They tell us that it is so beautiful, that it may have blushed into life, at the touch of an angel's kiss and caught its rosy

tint from a burning star. Come and see this beautiful valley, and watch this lovely stream, as it flows on its way to the sea, and find, if you can, this rare and richly tinted flower. Come, don't fail to come.

On the sides of these mountains, and in the lowlands at their feet grow the sturdy oak, the walnut, the hickorynut, the chestnut, the pecan, the wild cherry, the ash, the gum, and all the varieties of timber known to this latitude.

The scenery of these hills, valleys, streams, flowers and woodlands is picturesque and sublime indeed.

Among these mountains, in the northern part of this county, is the famous Pea Ridge, where was fought one of the great battles of the late civil war. Here lie, commingled together, the wearers of the blue and the gray.

"Beneath this labyrinth of mounds asleep,
The victims of this bloody fray,
The wearers of the blue and of the gray,
Pass back to dust, in many a blended heap."

It is quite an historic place, and will be famous the world over for all time to come.

This county is entirely out of debt, and has over \$5000, in its treasury. Its script is as good as gold, and passes current as money.

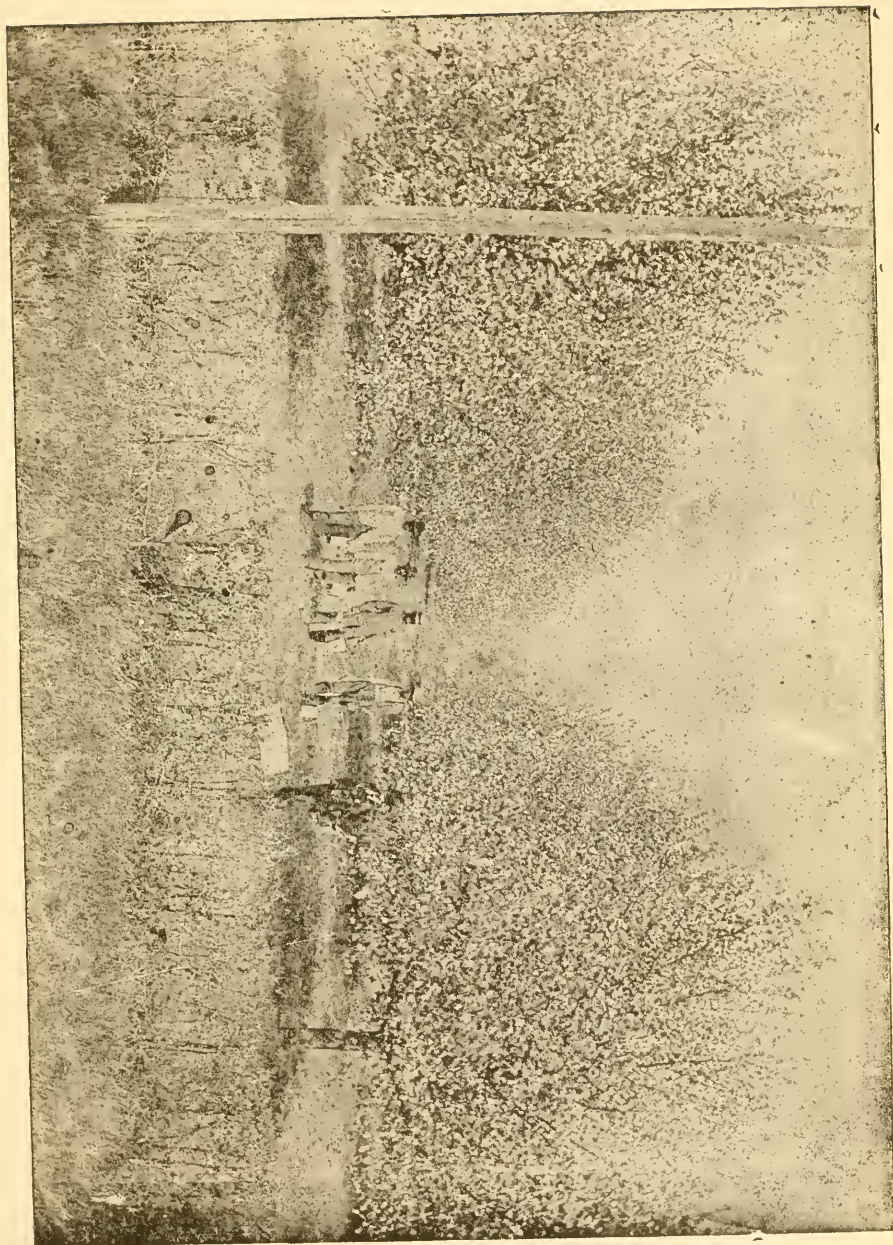
There are 14 newspapers printed and published in this county, one daily, 10 weekly and 3 monthly. The only daily, is the Republican, published at Siloam Springs. The Herald-Democrat is the oldest paper in the county, and has the largest circulation. Of the monthly papers one is published at Siloam Springs, which is the best newspaper town in the county. It is the best all round town in Northwest Arkansas.

In this county are three cities, besides several towns of considerable size.

Bentonville is the county seat, where meets four times a year, the courts of law and equity. It has a population of about 3,000. Rogers, seven miles to its east, on the Frisco road, is about the same size.

Siloam Springs is located in the southwestern portion of the county about one and one half miles east of the Indian Territory line, and

AN APPLE ORCHARD SCENE IN MAY



about six miles north of Washington county, on the main line of the Kansas City Southern Railway, and has a population of 3,500 of as educated, intelligent and refined people as can be found anywhere.

In this county, five or six miles southeast of Rogers, is the beautiful Monte Ne, destined to become a great pleasure resort for wealthy people.

It is the home of a great club organization of prominent business men of the Southwest, who are now investing \$250,000 in buildings

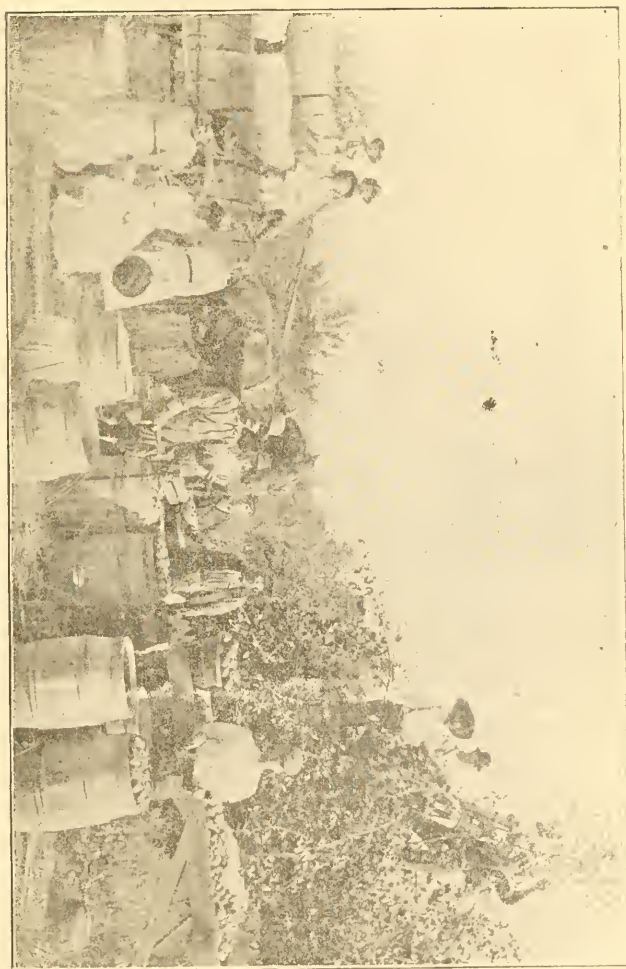
Its Club House Hotel, will be the largest and most commodious, of any in the Southwest.

Then we have Sulphur Springs in the northwest corner of the county, and coming south on the railroad to Siloam Springs are Gravette, Decatur and Gentry. Maysville is six miles west of Gravette and Bloomfield and Cherokee City are north and west of Gentry. Springtown, Logan and Lowell, from which a railroad runs to Monte Ne, all lie east of Siloam Springs, in this county.

There are 140 common school districts, with a school house on each, and six special districts in the county, with two good academies, and one splendid college, so that our educational facilities are first-class, besides, the State University, is located at Fayetteville, only thirty miles from Siloam Springs.

This county now has a population of 50,000 happy and contented people, and it is growing in wealth and population very rapidly. It is the greatest apple country in the world. The apple crop of this county for 1901 sold for \$1,115,500.00 besides the amount consumed at home to say nothing of the peach and berry crop which amounted to many thousands of dollars more.

There are more apple trees in this county than any county in the United States. (See vol 6, pages 623-4, U. S. census report). In this county, at Bentonville, is the largest apple brandy distillery in the world. The famous white lime kilns are located in this county, besides numerous stone quarries and brick kilns.



PACKING APPLES NEAR SILOAM SPRINGS

In The Apple Orchard In October.



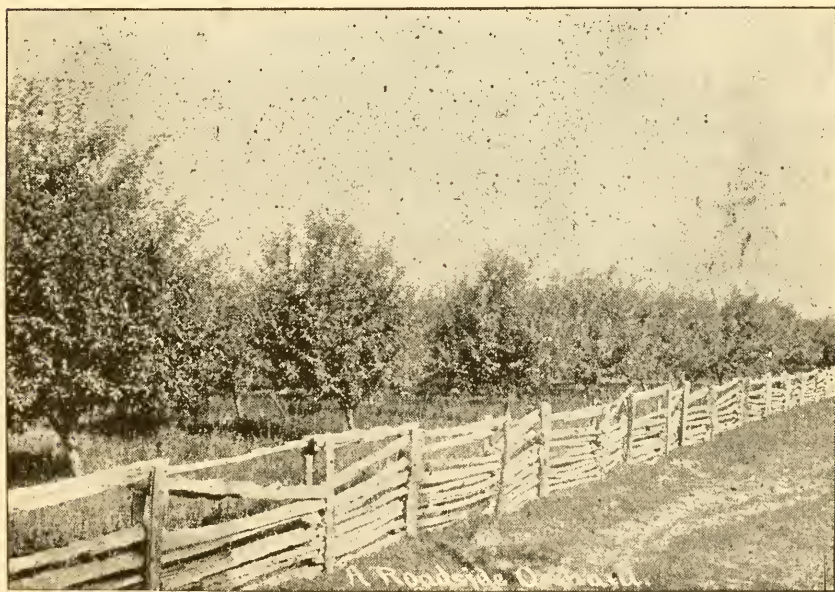
In the apple orchard—this
Is the time to linger there,
When the sunshine's good-bye kiss
Makes the apples passing fair,
Red and brown and yellow—see
How contentedly they hang,
Brimming with the cider tang.

In the apple orchard—Um-m-m!
Tingling scents waft from each tree
Perfumes such as never come
From the shores of Araby;
Glowing reds and russet browns;
Yellow spheres that sway and cling
Where we saw the blossom gowns
Rustle in the breath of Spring.

In the apple orchard—see
What a stumbling, bumping flight
Has the drunken honey bee
Who has quaffed to his delight!
See the heavy laden boughs,
Drooping half way at our feet,
Where the wayward bees carouse,
Coaxing us to come and eat.

In the apple orchard—this
Is the time to linger there,
When the sunshine's good-by kiss
Lends the apples blushes rare;
When the mingled odors rush
In a luring perfume wave,
Telling that the trees are lush
With the best that Summer gave.—Stolen.

This is the best watered county in the state. The White river and the Illinois river, besides numerous small streams and a thousand springs, from each of which goes a nice clear streamlet, running into a neighboring brook, are all in this county, and water every tract of land of any size in the county. This county offers better inducements for all classes of people than any county in the United States or in the world. The farmer can get a tract of tillable land, or land that is strictly for fruit purposes, while the moneyed man can speculate in lands or loan his money on good substantial security at a reasonable rate. Taxes are low and well distributed, but Arkansas people pay a higher school tax than the people of any state in the Union, and yet the whole taxes paid are much lower than in most of the states. Her school fund is ample, and her moral standing is high. There is not a saloon in Benton county.



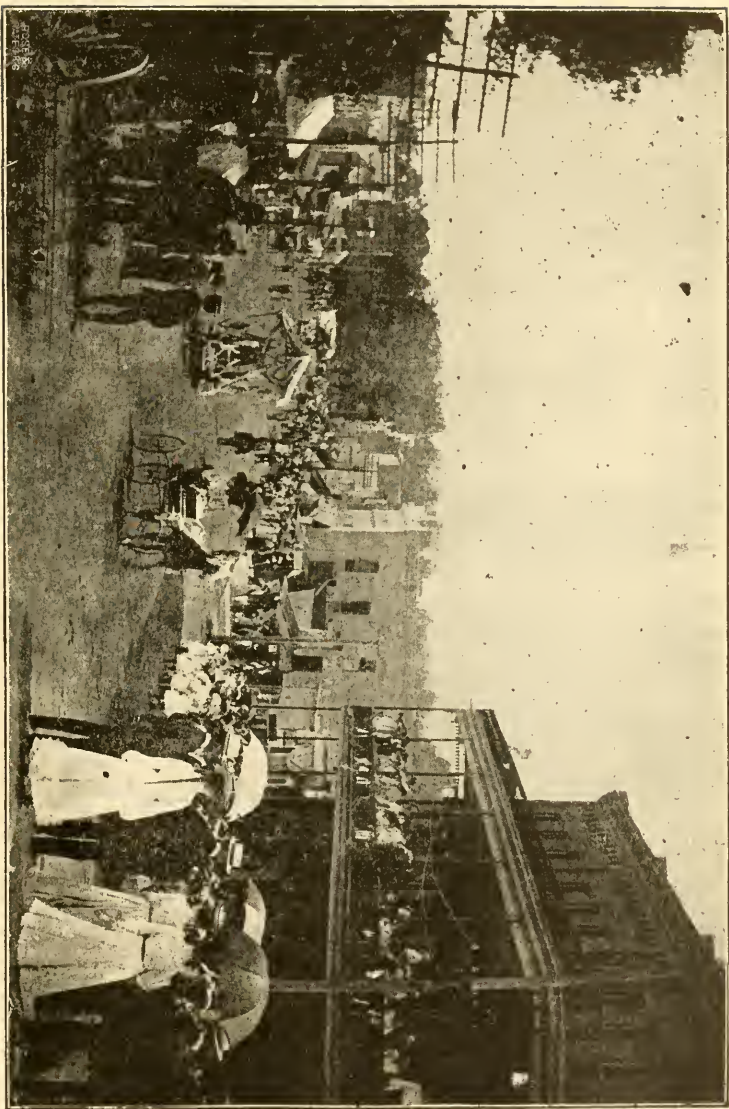
A ROAD LEADING TO SILOAM SPRINGS

Siloam Springs.

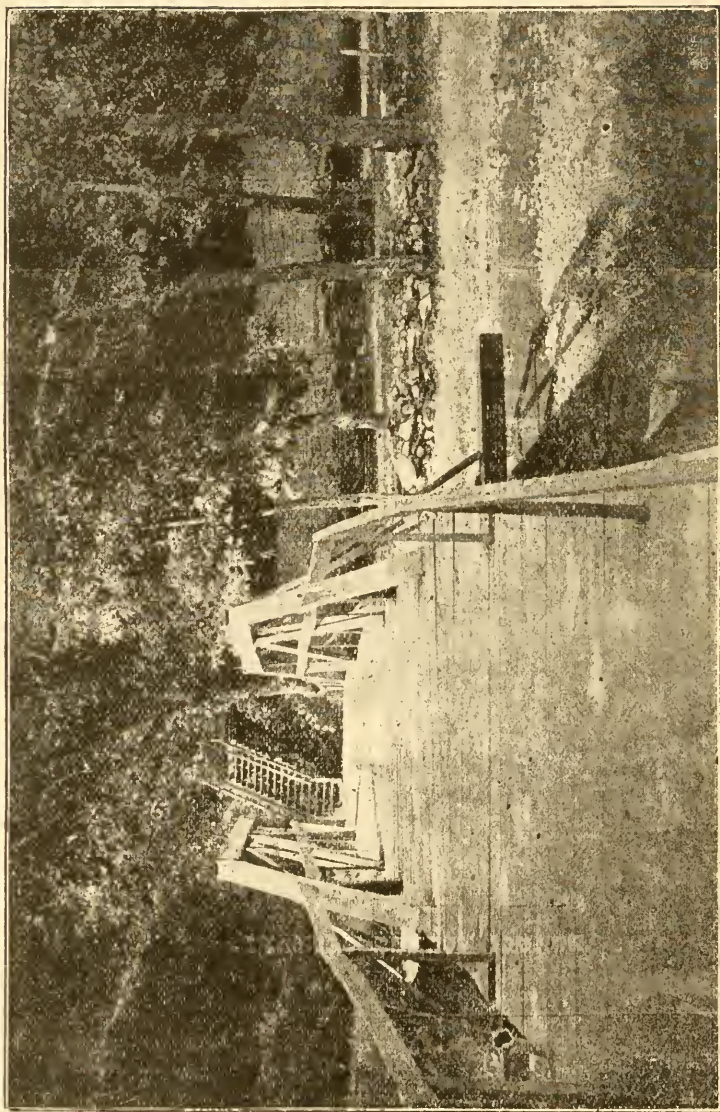
This is the largest and most prosperous town in Benton County, and by common consent has been termed the "Gem of the Ozarks," but I would call her the "Queen of the Ozark." The word "gem" is generally used to designate a precious stone, although, as there are twenty-two springs pouring fourth streams of pure soft water in its limits, it is rightly called the "City of Fountains." The water of these springs contains curative properties, which has been, and daily is, restoring the afflicted to health and vigor. Hundreds of people from the north, south, east and west come here each year to drink of the pure cold water of these springs and bask in the cool pleasant shade of the beautiful parks which are located near by. Most of these people go home either cured or greatly benefitted by the trip. It is the best, the most convenient and the cheapest health resort in the whole country. Its altitude, is about 1200 feet above sea level. It is 229 miles south of Kansas City, on the main line of the Kansas City Southern railroad, the very best road that runs out of Kansas City. Take this road for Siloam Springs, the most beautiful city in Arkansas. Come and see us. Besides being a favorable health resort it is a place of wonderfully rare and fine scenery. Here wonder treads on beauty's heels and all go tripping hand in hand into the fields of plenty. It is an ideal place for the well to come in winter or in summer, and a most healthful and restful place for the sick to spend their weary days and gather health and strength. Here you realize your ideals, and idealize your reals. It is a grand good place to be in sickness or in health. Come and see the place and drink of her health giving waters.

Religious and Moral.

She has six churches, whose pulpits are filled by pious and able men, who will interest you on Sunday, marry you when ready to marry, baptize your children, when ready for that holy rite. These churches are the M. E. and the M. E. South. The C. P. and the U. P. The Baptist and the Christian. Each has a comfortable edifice of its own, and each sustains its pastor in a respectable and comfortable manner.



A BUSY DAY IN SLOAN SPRINGS



The Ladder of Learning. Road to the School House, Siloam Springs, Ark.

The moral element of the city cannot be surpassed anywhere. There is not a saloon, gambling den, or a bawdy house within its limits or near its border, and you seldom hear an oath uttered or see disorderly conduct on the street. It is contrary to law to swear or use boisterous language in public or on the street, and here, either is of rare occurrence.

Educational.

At Siloam Springs is the splendid Arkansas Conference College, which is the best and most popular college in the southwest. Rev. Thos. Mason, D. D., of the M. E. church is the president, yet it is strictly non-sectarian, and is as good as can be found anywhere. Its faculty, officers and professors are all courteous and affable men, and here your children can get as good an education as at any college in the land. Come and investigate it, and then you will be sure to locate here, where you can avail yourself of its benefits. Don't fail to come and see it.

Besides this splendid college, she has a first-class public school, going through the ninth grade, with over 400 pupils enrolled, under the supervision of Prof. R. J. Gregg, and a corps of splendid teachers. For those who desire to go above the ninth grade, the college affords an education up to the Baccalaureate degree, and few if any care to go higher.

Commercial.

Siloam Springs has a cold storage and ice plant, which cost about \$50,000 and is capable of making 20 tons of ice per day, and storing 40,000 barrels of apples, where you can store your fruit for the winter, at reasonable rates. She has a fine system of water-works, the water being taken from a spring one mile north of town, and is as pure and clear, as water ever is, so that the consumer of city water, gets as good as flows. She has a first-class electric light plant, which lights up the city at night, and a commodious telephone exchange, which enables you to talk all over the country. She has a well equipped and managed railroad—the Kansas City Southern—which will carry you to and from the city, in pleasant and comfortable apartments, and furnish first-class service.

There has recently been organized, and now exists in this city, an Electric Railroad, Power and Improvement Company, which was created for the purpose of building an electric railroad, from here, to some convenient point north and east of the city. This road will be built within a short time, and will enable farmers who live near its line to come to town, at all convenient times, and bring their produce here by easy and rapid transit. She has three good and substantial banks, any one of which will take and safely keep your money, until wanted, when it will be cheerfully turned over to you. She has three lumber yards, where you can buy lumber of all kinds at lowest prices. One well equipped boot and shoe store, where all such goods are kept, and where you can buy leather or rubber goods at reasonable prices.. Four hardware stores, where they keep everything in the hardware line to be found anywhere. Four up-to-date, and well supplied dry goods stores, where you can get anything in their line. One fine jewelry store, where you can buy a watch or clock, a plain ring or one with a diamond set. Four drug stores, where you can buy medicine of all kinds in bottle or box. Ten grocery stores, where you can always get oat meal, corn meal, flour and everything in the grocery line, or feed for the cows and the chicks. Three meat markets, where you can buy beef steak, veal-cutlets, pork or mutton chops and fish or oysters every day in the year. Two well kept -poultry yards, where they buy and sell fowls of all kinds, and can always furnish you with a nice turkey, duck or goose, for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Two produce houses, where they buy all produce brought to market, paying highest prices, and a first-class dairy, which will always sell you milk—sweet or sour—and deliver it to you, night or morning. She has six hotels and six restaurants, besides numerous rooming and boarding houses, where you can get good board and lodging by the day or week.

She has one daily and two weekly newspapers, each of which is well patronized, and does a wonderful amount of job printing. She has a box and barrel factory, which makes boxes from a piano box to a berry box, and barrels from a keg to a hogshead. She has a fine flouring mill, capable of making 200 barrels of flour per day, and a wood fiber factory which manufactures fiber out of wood for all purposes. She has a cider mill, where you can get a glass of good fresh cider, which, aside from our spring water, is the only beverage you can get here, as we have no saloons, and our druggists, always say "no," when

asked for something stronger, and a first class molasses mill, which can furnish you with the best of "long sweetness." Come and taste it, and see for yourself. She has fruit drying and evaporating plants, besides many other similar enterprises.

She has a fine brick yard, where you can get first-class brick for building or side-walk purposes. She has just at the northeast corner of the town a fine stone quarry, where you can get most excellent building stone very cheaply. No better can be found.

She has seven real estate agencies, any one of whom will gladly locate you in town, or on a farm, and she has three livery barns, either of which will gladly carry you round the city, or into the country. Don't fail to come and take a ride, and see the beauties of our little city. She has a fine, well equipped hospital, under the care of Dr. H. H. Canfield, and experienced nurses. In this hospital, is an X-ray, and other electric appliances, for the treatment of the sick, and we have six excellent physicians, who attend all sick calls, night or day. She has five able and experienced lawyers, who attend to all the legal business of the growing city, and surrounding country. If you have anything in their line, give them a trial. They are men of fidelity. She has three dentists, who will pull or fill your teeth, or make you a new set as you like. She has a fine steam laundry, which will wash your clothes, iron them, and make them clean and nice, and she has three barber shops to shave you, cut your hair, and fix you up in good shape for church next day. She has three furniture stores, from which you can furnish your house handsomely when you move, and two undertaking establishments either of whom will snugly tuck you away in the ground when you die, if die you must, but be sure to come, before you are in a condition to die.

Fraternal.

All the fraternal orders of the country, are well represented here. The Masonic order, in all its branches and degrees, including the order of the Eastern Star. The Odd Fellows, with the order of the Rebekahs. The Knights of Pythias. The A. O. U. W. and the Degree of Honor. The G. A. R. and the W. R. C., besides other fraternal life insurance order, and they are all well patronized.



PACKING PEACHES AT JNO. P. LOGAN'S SHED, SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.

The Pleasures And Amusements Of Siloam Springs.

There is no city in the country, of the size of this, that can furnish more innocent pleasures and amusements, for young and old, than Siloam Springs. First, the city holds, on the 24th day of June each year, a celebration, in honor of its founding, at and around the springs for which it was named. The Chatauqua Assembly of the south west has been permanently located here, and a block of ground dedicated to its use, where it meets annually in July. The A. C. College, treats the public to a series of high class lectures, every winter. The Second Regimental Band, which is located here, gives open air concerts, in some one of the city parks, three times each week during the summer. There are three public parks in the city, the Twin Springs, the Siloam Springs and the Iron Springs, where people congregate on mid-summer evenings, to read and chat and visit together, and may take advantage of the beautiful lawns and pleasant shades, to wile away the leisure hours of the day. Just above, and beside the Siloam Springs park, is a beautiful clear lake, where people fish and boat-ride in summer, but it seldom freezes hard enough to skate on, in winter, so that there is a large and commodious skating-rink provided, where the young people and some who are not so young go at night, and skate, and skate, and skate to their heart's content, when they go arm in arm winding their way homeward. There are two baseball teams, and two foot ball teams here, and the former amuses the public two or three times each month during the summer and fall, and the latter, as often during the fall and winter. Then we have two well organized 'possum clubs, each of which, on bright moon light nights, during the season take to the woods and give the 'possum a chase, often bringing in from one to six real live 'possum. All these we have, to say nothing of the squirrel and quail hunters, and the famous fishing parties.

Beides these places of amusements, we have six church organizations here, each of which has its several societies, and regularly holds its church socials, so that all, young and old, religious and non-religious, have a place to go, almost every evening in the year.

The College students too, often give musical and literary entertainments, furnishing the talent themselves, so that Siloam Springs, is ad-

mirably well supplied with places of first class instruction, and innocent amusements. Here is the place to come, and bring up your boys and girls. Here is the place to educate them, and rear them, without the temptation of the saloon, or other immoral influences.

Come and be one of us, drink of our pure health giving water, eat of our finely flavored and delicious fruit, set by the fire made with our splendid wood, and read from "the library of the worlds best literature" (or the bible) to your wife and children, and go on Sunday to the church of your choice, and hear an able and eloquent sermon. Come and be happy, that your children may be happy after you. Dont fail to come. All Siloam Springs say come. Come and drink of the best water on earth, freely. Come and drink, without money and without price.

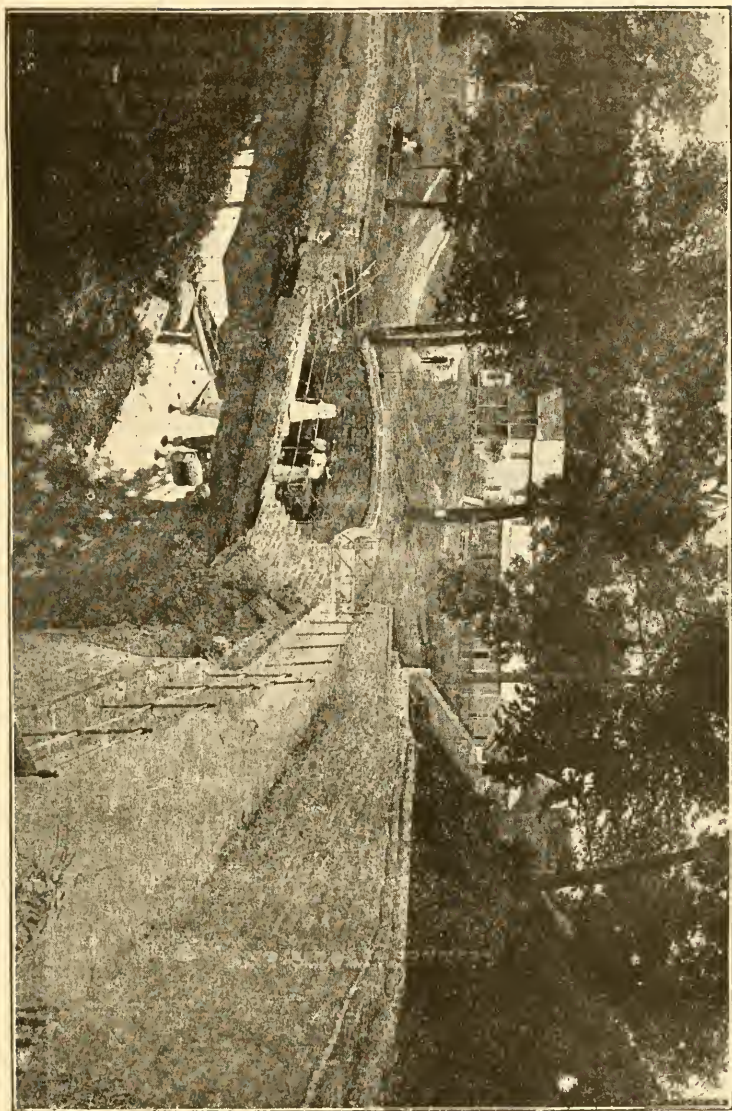
Lastly, but not least, she has a population of 3500, of the happiest best and most contented people that live any where.

No well educated person is proud, and no proud person is happy. The people of Siloam are not proud, because they are educated, refined and prosperous, but stand with extended hands to welcome GOOD people, from every state in the Union. Here is the place to come and be happy.

The Beauty Of The Early Morn.

In this latitude, those who are out early enough, on a clear mid-summer morning, to behold the glories of the dawning day, when the moon is in her last quarter, and has just risen with Jupiter two hours high, the herald of the coming day; Pleiades just above the horizon shed their sweet influence in the east; Lyra sparkling near the Zenith, and the steady pointers, far beneath the pole, look meekly up from their depths in the north, to their sovereign, will see the timid approach of twilight becoming more perceptible, the intense blue of the sky beginning to soften, the smaller stars, like children, going to rest, and the sister-beams of Pleiades soon melting together, while the bright constellations of the north and west remain unchanged.

Yet, steadily the wonderful transformation goes on. Hands of angels, hidden from mortal eyes, seem to shift the scenery of the heavens. The glories of the night dissolve into the glories of the dawning day. The blue sky turns more softly gray. The great watch-stars shut up



THE FAMOUS TWIN SPRINGS

their holy eyes. The east begins to kindle, the faint streaks of purple soon blush along the sky, and the whole celestial concave is filled with the in-flowing tide of morning light, comes pouring down from above in one great ocean of radiance; till at length, a flash of purple fire blazes from above the horizon, and turns the dewey tear drops of flower and leaf, into rubies and diamonds. In a few seconds, the everlasting gates of morning are thrown wide open, and the lord of day, arrayed in glories too severe for the gaze of man, begins his reign. Come and behold these beauties. They are not so lovely any where else, as here. Do not fail to come.

Home Sweet Home.

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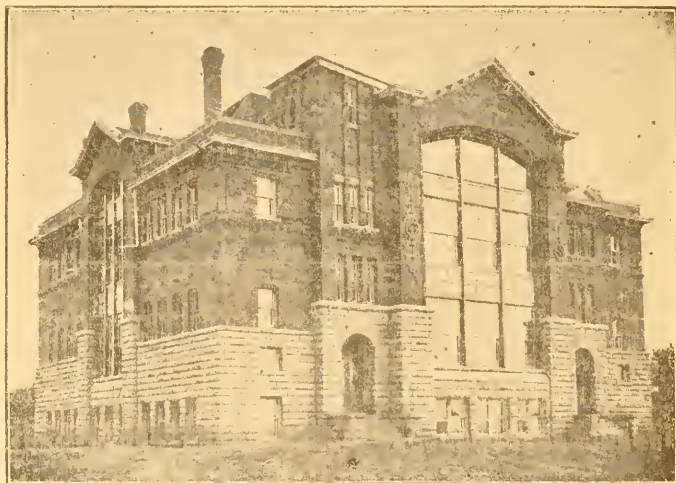
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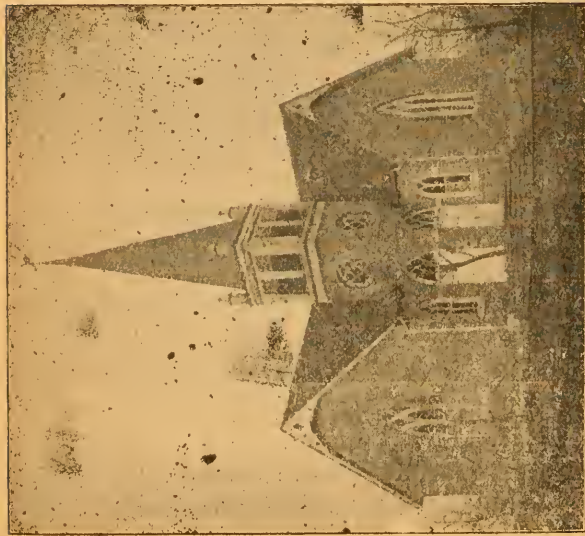
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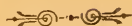
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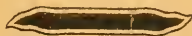
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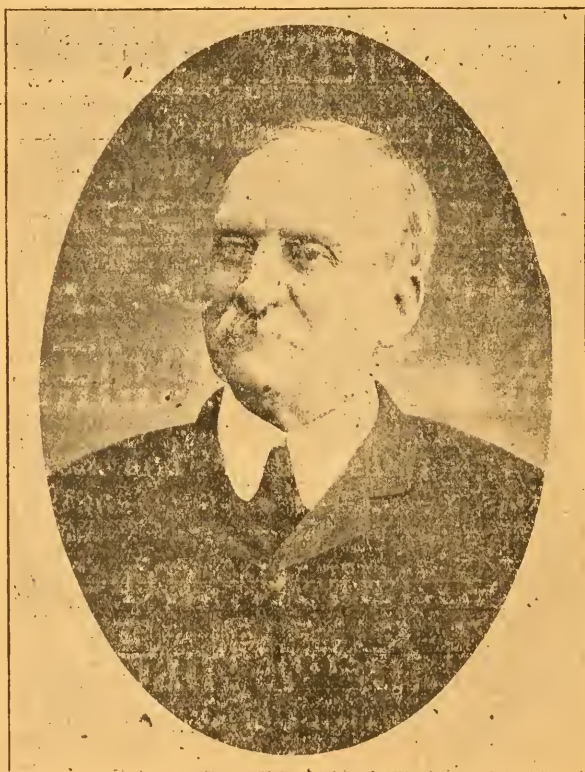
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