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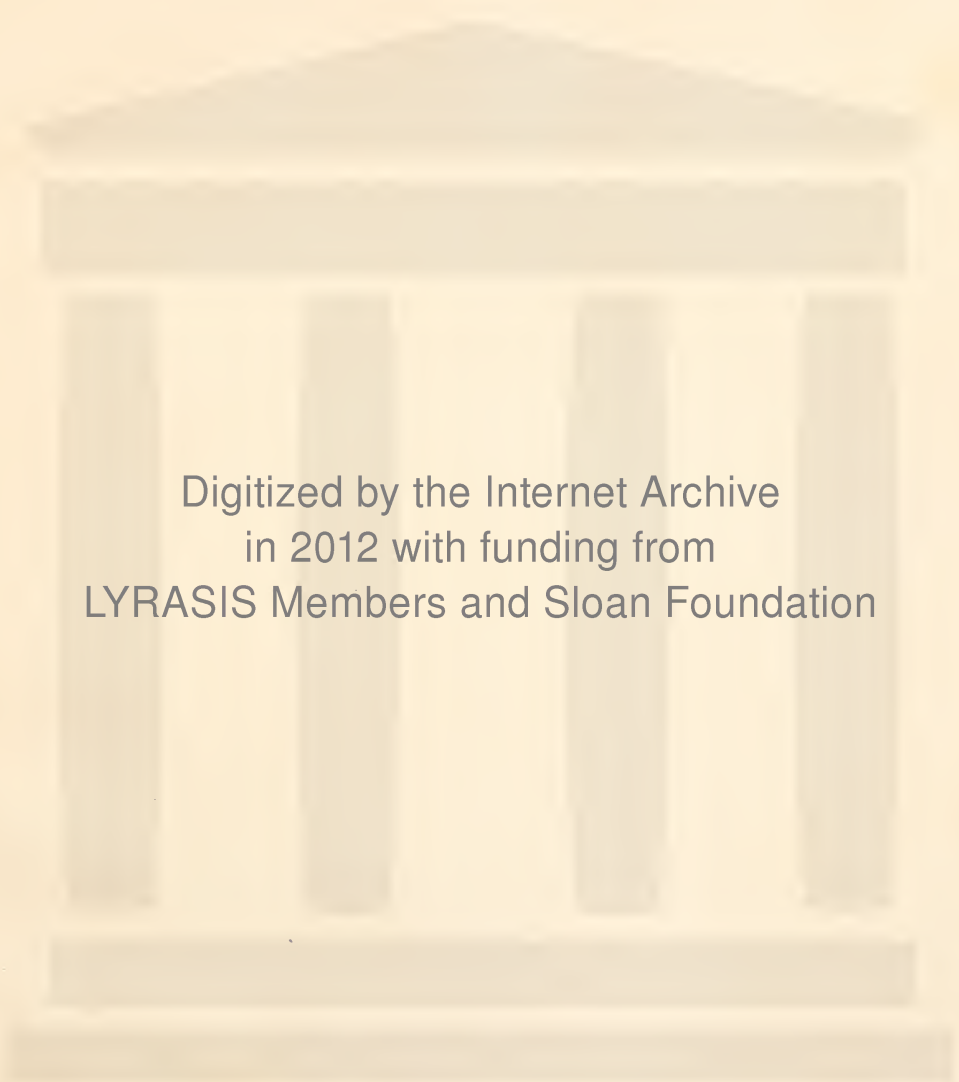
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Introductory

After many months of constant labor, intermingled with pleasant associations, we submit to you, without an apology, our edition de luxe of East Texas. During this last year we have completed the Houston edition de luxe of our Blue Book; we have also compiled and issued the Beaumont Blue Book, which are probably the two strongest works ever issued on the commercial, social and intellectual progress of any two cities in the great Southwest. Our plan of bringing together and blending the commercial and social conditions of a community into a happy, entertaining and attractive volume is original and unique, and we believe to be the most effective and powerful method of presenting the actual conditions of a community to the world. The rapid industrial, educational and social development of this imperial State demand the production, in permanent form, from time to time, of a correct account of the statistical progress of its various cities, portraying therein the character of their men and women that have assisted materially in the general welfare and progress of the country, and whose lives have stood for the highest order of enlightened progress. We believe this feature alone gives the work a commanding influence before the American people. All of our illustrations as well as the contents of the work have been chosen by us with the most careful and painstaking discrimination. It will be observed that we have brought into the work the personality of many of the citizens of East Texas, because in so doing we wished to make plain and fully exploit our views upon a subject to which we have given years of experience and thought. We believe to encourage a better class of permanent citizenship, and to gain the confidence of foreign capital and interest in our prolific opportunities, it is just as necessary to show the culture and refinement of a community as it is to give statistical data setting out strictly the commercial advantages. Then again outside of all commercial advantages this work, in years to come, will be prized beyond value as a family souvenir, giving to the living a lasting pleasure in commemorating the names of those loved ones long since passed away to the great beyond and serving as a tribute of respect to those who have done their part faithfully and well in the race and progress of human life.

It will not be the policy of the Standard Blue Book of Texas to indulge in cheap and extravagant flattery. We hold our work primarily above a money consideration, and we will not indulge in the "write-ups" of individuals at any price, reserving the right only to now and then pluck a flower and throw it in the pathway of some pioneer Texas hero.

In the compilation of this work we have faithfully and honestly tried to give every one worthy of representation a place in this book. We have extended a personal invitation to every eligible citizen of East Texas to help us make the edition de luxe of East Texas the greatest work of its kind ever issued, and we

are pleased to say that we have had almost a unanimous co-operation along these lines and have no hesitation in saying that we present to the public the most representative work ever issued of its kind, although we are free to admit, on account of not being able to secure photographs, some few personal illustrations have been unintentionally omitted, to which we would have gladly given space.

We have incorporated in this work such matter as to make it indispensable to the home as a constant reference book, and it will there occupy the same relative position as the city directory does in the business world. This work will be invaluable to the merchant, the banker, the manufacturer and business house of every nature as the only direct reliable method in reaching the wealth and culture of a community. It is the only possible way in which an advertisement can reach the drawing rooms and libraries of the wealthy and be made lasting and perpetual.

This work will be accepted as an authority and as a reliable guide by the homeseeker, investor, tourist and capitalist, and will be a powerful medium in upbuilding the community, introducing the one section to the other and in placing business interests in touch with capital seeking investment. It can be readily seen that we have diverged somewhat from all stereotyped methods in the plan and preparation of this work, and have blazed out unaided through virgin forests in hope of new discoveries in ideas and methods, seeking to bring together, if possible, a happy combination of the social and poetic side of life, intermingled and blended with the prosaic condition of commercialism and wealth, into a happy union; a crystalized charm of entertaining reflections and study, as well as a peerless and most powerful advertising medium.

If we have achieved any measure of success we want to take this opportunity to say, that our success is due to the citizens of East Texas whose names and photographs will be found in this volume. Without their liberal aid and unqualified support, zeal and unselfish patriotic devotion to their respective sections, such an undertaking would have been on our part, the wildest folly.

We do not deem it important to go into a full detailed account of the contents of this volume, as the book will speak for itself, but there is no getting around these important facts, that East Texas, with her two fine deep-water ports, her advantageous geographical position, with her rice, oil, truck farming, fruit, mineral deposits and timber industry, gives it an almost invulnerable position.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STANDARD BLUE BOOK CO.,
of Texas.

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CLASSIFICATION OF CONTENTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

In the arrangement of the contents and illustrations, we have treated East Texas as one large entire family.

Our purpose has been to more effectually introduce one community of this portion of Texas to the other and to bring the most stable citizenship of this part of Imperial Texas closer together in personal intercourse and friendship and the exchange of ideas, in the furtherance of social, educational, and industrial development and commercial progress and in accomplishing this purpose, it will be observed that we have abolished the usual plan of segregating the illustrations of local cities and communities and upon the contrary have intermingled and blended the personality of the citizenship of each city in a most unique and harmonious manner, making it impossible to go over the work unless the party doing so becomes familiar with the wealth, culture and refinement of this section in its entirety.

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The Undeveloped Mineral Resources of East Texas

East Texas may be considered as mineral bearing from its entire width and breadth. There can be found within this territory sand, suitable for bottle glass, in considerable quantity. Good clay for brick-making purposes, gray sand stone from which building stone of very large dimensions can be cut; this stone is largely used in the construction of the new Sabine Pass Jetty.

Extensive beds of fine white kaolins, potters clay, fullers earth, can be found.

Iron, brown coal, clay and cement are practically in an undeveloped state.

Beds of a very fine quality of marl are found which are of great value to the farmer within easy reach of these deposits. The most important undeveloped mineral throughout this region may be considered as iron ore. It covers a very wide area; its length extends about sixty miles and its width, the belt is, from five to sixteen miles. There probably are over one hundred square miles of iron ore territory undeveloped at present. The estimated quantity of available ore is three hundred million tons.

These ores all belong to the limonite group and are classed among the soft ores. They are comparatively low in sulphur and phosphorus, and range 40 to 54 per cent. metallic iron. The furnaces practically gives for averaged mixed Laminated ores 50 per cent. metal, or say two tons of ore gives one ton of pig iron.

Compared with the iron ores of the same class found in the Southern States, Texas ranks with Alabama in metallic contents, but is much more free from such impurities as phosphorus and sulphur. Altogether, the Texas ores may be classed as having fair average metallic contents, a medium admixture of silica, and low percentages of both phosphorus and sulphur, yielding rather above the average for their grade in the furnace, and producing a very high grade of perfectly neutral iron, much of which is well within the limits of the requirements of Bessemer iron. In addition to this, these ores may be easily mined.

In addition to the common brick clay found in this territory, there are considerable sized deposits of clay suitable for the manufacturing of a better grade of clay ware, the white, grayish white, and greenish clay, many of which rank as high-grade pottery clay, and some of white grade may be ranked among the china clays.

Among the many mineral materials found may be mentioned the materials used in the manufacture of Portland and other cements. In some localities a fine grade of pure, clean, white sand is to be found, suitable for the manufacture of glass.

In fact, this East Texas territory is exceedingly rich in almost every kind of mineral product and we might say, almost totally undeveloped and are lying idle only awaiting the touch of capital and inventive genius to respond to the wheels of progress in giving out untold wealth to this section of our great State.

THE OIL FIELDS.

According to data recently compiled by the Oil Investors' Journal of Beaumont, based upon actual records and conservative estimates, it has cost some \$56,600,000 to establish and maintain the oil industry of the Gulf Coast region. In round figures the various items are stated by the Journal as follows: 3,500 wells at \$4,000 each, \$14,000,000; 800 miles of main line pipe at \$5,000 a mile, including all adjuncts, \$4,000,000; \$30,000,000 barrels of open and covered ground storage at 7 cents a barrel, \$2,000,000; 12,000,000 barrels steel storage at 23 cents a barrel, \$2,600,000; \$2,500 tank cars at \$1,200 each, \$3,000,000; five refineries with a daily capacity of 30,000 barrels of crude, \$8,000,000; miscellaneous investments, field equipment, wooden settling tanks, air compressors, etc., \$3,000,000; land investment, \$5,000,000; total, \$41,600,000. The labor expense in the six years from 1900 to 1906, inclusive, has been not less than \$15,000,000, bringing the total expenditure up to \$56,600,000, or at a rate of nearly \$10,000,000 a year.

The amount paid out for salaries during the last year by companies and operators having their headquarters in Beaumont, was not less than two million and a half dollars.

No one will deny in the face of these figures that the development of the oil industry has been a large factor in the upbuilding and maintenance of conditions in Beaumont.

The total production of the Beaumont oil field to January 1, of the present year is as follows:

SPINDLE TOP.

1901.....	5,185,883
1902.....	17,852,308
1903.....	8,600,905
1904.....	3,433,842
1905.....	1,652,780
1906.....	1,075,755
Total.....	37,801,473

SOUR LAKE.

1902.....	44,838
1903.....	8,848,159
1904.....	6,442,357
1905.....	3,362,153
1906.....	2,143,723
Total.....	20,841,230

SARATOGA.

1904.....	739,239
1905.....	3,125,028
1906.....	2,170,153
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Total.....	6,034,420

BATSON.

1903.....	4,518
1904.....	10,904,737
1905.....	3,774,841
1906.....	3,388,288
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Total.....	17,072,384

Grand total for the Beaumont field,.....	81,749,507
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THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

By reason of her superior shipping facilities, Beaumont is the recognized leading lumber market of the Southwest, lumber and timber of all kinds being shipped to all parts of the civilized world. With rail lines penetrating the vast long leaf pine forests of East Texas and Western Louisiana, the city is the great milling and distributing center, not only for the United States, but for the Latin-American countries, Europe and Africa.

Some few years back, when general business throughout the United States was distributed, the great lumber interests were naturally as much affected as any other. The East Texas mill men then sought for new and profitable fields, and soon established a large and profitable export trade, particularly with Mexico. Enormous quantities were exported through Sabine Pass, Port Arthur and Galveston.

By rail the lumber is distributed to points in nearly every State in the Union, even to Washington, a great lumber producer itself. Millions of feet are shipped to Oklahoma, the Indian Territory, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, the Dakotas, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, California, Oregon and in fact the entire Northwest. The trade with Old Mexico is enormous in itself. The famous long-leaf pine is also exported by the Beaumont mills to all of the Central and South American States, Cuba, Porto Rico and other West Indian Islands, Australia and New Zealand, Russia, Roumania, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Spain and Africa. Since the general revival in the business world there has been a remarkable boom in the domestic demand, with a most satisfactory advance in prices, consequently the mill men are now giving more attention to the domestic than to the export trade, as it is more satisfactory.

The lumber sawed and manufactured by the mills of East Texas gives em-

ployment to many thousands of hands and the pay rolls of the mills would sustain many towns of no mean size, even if there were no other industries. The lumbermen are the real pioneers of East Texas. As their properties have enlarged so has the Cities of East Texas. Whatever was for the good of East Texas, in a material way, they not only advocated but financially supported, and a more liberal, public spirited or progressive set of men could not be found. During the panicky times they never lost confidence. Their resources were taxed, their very souls were tried, but they held firm and instead of showing weakness they set about to open up new avenues of trade. In this they were successful and to the indomitable pluck of the lumber men is due the fact that many other industries have been enabled to find foreign markets for their manufactured products.

During the whirl of excitement which has followed the discovery of oil in this section the lumbermen have been serene. They have kept the lumber interests moving and at the same time their land holdings have proven to be bonanzas. However, they deserve all the success which has come to them. Their fortitude under most trying circumstances, their liberality, patriotism, and progressive spirit have conquered and to the lumbermen East Texas owes much of its prestige.

The great lumber industry has fed more people, done more to develop Southeast Texas and made more millionaires than any other ten industries combined in this section of Texas, and the present industrial development now going on and the commercial progress of this section of Texas is largely due to the lumbermen.

THE RICE INDUSTRY

The future of the rice business is bright and promising, the annual consumption having increased from four pounds a decade ago to seven pounds at the present time, which indicates that in a few years it may be difficult to supply the demand, as even at present some rice is imported from Eastern countries. The American people are at least recognizing rice as one of the most healthful foods known. A Chinaman or Japanese never suffers from stomach trouble, the bete noir of the average American, simply for the reason that meat furnishes but little of any of his daily food, rice taking its place. The increase of acreage devoted to the rice culture has been phenomenal. In less than ten years, 237,000 acres of virgin soil has been broken, hundreds of miles of main canals have been excavated, millions of capital invested, towns and cities have sprung up, with all the accessories modern civilization demands. The Northern and Western farmer who casts his lot in the Southland will find no great difference in the preparation of rice land to what he has been accustomed in his old home. The plows, harrows and drills are practically the same, the threshing machinery differs but little, some slight modifications to suit new conditions. He is not accustomed to irrigation, but can readily acquire the necessary information on this subject. Rice is planted between the fifteenth of March and the middle of June, April and May being the usual time and yielding the best crops. After planting, little remains to be done until harvest. The value of this year's crop in Jefferson County, practically all of which is milled at Beaumont, is about \$2,000,000.

The cost of seed, planting, harvesting and water rent, under normal conditions, is estimated at \$1,347 per 100 acres, making the total cost of cultivation of the county's acreage \$873,550, leaving as a profit to the rice farmers of the county of \$881,450.

Ten barrels of 180 pounds is a safe estimate of average production, although by employing improved methods of seeding, cultivation and fertilizing, the practical demonstrations of government experts—and crops of the best farmers—shows that the yield may readily be increased to 15 and even 20 sacks per acre. More than half the excess yield is found to be clear profit and the land is left in superior condition for the next season's crop.

The total cost of raising and marketing the rice crop of this country is found to be—average of five years, including the expense of preparing the land, not exceeding \$15 per acre each crop. One man's labor will care for 100 acres.

A low average price—period of five years—is \$3 per sack, of \$30 per acre minimum. Whether the grower nets \$15 or up to \$30 per acre depends upon the grower himself, and whether he has a sound business mind and uses it. If he grows an extra quality he is more apt to get \$3.50 per sack, in any season, than a lower price. If he crops scientifically he is more apt to raise 15 sacks than his careless neighbor is to harvest 10.

Good rice lands can be had from \$20 to \$50 per acre. The rice fields tributary to Beaumont offer the greatest inducements in the world to both the capitalist and the man of moderate means. To the capitalist the investment is safe and profitable and to the tenant the same. In fact, an intelligent, industrious farmer can make more money on a rice farm in the Beaumont country than if he were a land owner in the North.

Rice is sown and harvested very much as is wheat, the only difference being the irrigation of the rice lands. It is easier to cultivate than cotton or corn and is almost a sure crop, no absolute failures by reason of drouth or insects having been yet recorded as in the case of other crops.

The rice grown in Texas is shipped to Cuba, Porto Rico, the Sandwich Islands, Europe and to different points in the United States.

By-products from rice are valuable. There is rice bran, rice polish and the straw, all of which are used as feed for stock and bring the very highest price on the market and with increasing demand.

Jasper and Jasper County

Jasper County is located and bounded by Newton County on the east, Orange on the south, Hardin and Tyler Counties on the west, Angelina, San Augustine and Sabine Counties on the north. It was organized in 1835, comprising 917 square miles. The climate is that of a warm temperate zone. The altitude is 730 feet above sea level. The soil is adapted to truck farming and cotton. A high quality of tobacco can be raised here, as has been demonstrated by tobacco raisers here before the war, but at present tobacco is now raised to a very limited extent.

The town of Jasper, the county seat, is beautifully located, and has a population of about 1,000 people. The solid improvements that are now observed in Jasper were started by and was the outcome of a disastrous fire, which destroyed



JASPER COUNTY COURT HOUSE, JASPER

the business houses of the town, with the exception of three buildings, incurring a loss to buildings, all frame, of \$10,000.00; merchandise, fixtures, etc., a loss of \$38,000.00, making a total loss of \$48,000.00, upon which there was only \$9,000 worth of insurance carried.

The heat from the old iron safes in the wreck hard hardly become cold before two of the representative business men of the town put their financial efforts together and organized a co-partnership and began at once the erection of a modern two-story brick building known as the Scarborough & Beatty office building, being the first brick building erected in the town. Since then the town has gradually grown.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS COLLEGE, JASPER

In presenting a varied history, part of which is from memory from those that were connected with it, owing to the records being destroyed by fire on the morning of the 9th of April, 1900, we are indebted to many of the old citizens of Jasper for this incomplete biography. The charter of this institution was procured in 1876, organized and completed its subscription, and on February 9, 1878, the board met and heard the report of its Secretary, which showed \$2009.00 subscribed, and upon \$500.00 being paid into the treasury the board adjourned to meet



SOUTHEAST TEXAS COLLEGE BUILDING, JASPER

on March 7, after advertising for bids as per plans and specifications. The contract was let to a Beaumont contractor, and the work was completed in the following September.

The first board was composed of: Lip Norvell, President; H. H. Ford, Secretary; W. J. B. Adams, Treasurer. Directors: G. W. Norsworthy, May Seale, Adam Adams, P. F. Renfro, James Lee, D. J. Henderson.

The opening of the College was extensively advertised. The first session facul-

ty was: Prof. C. P. McCrohan, President; C. P. McCrohan, Jr., Assistant; Mrs. Sue McCrohan, First Assistant.

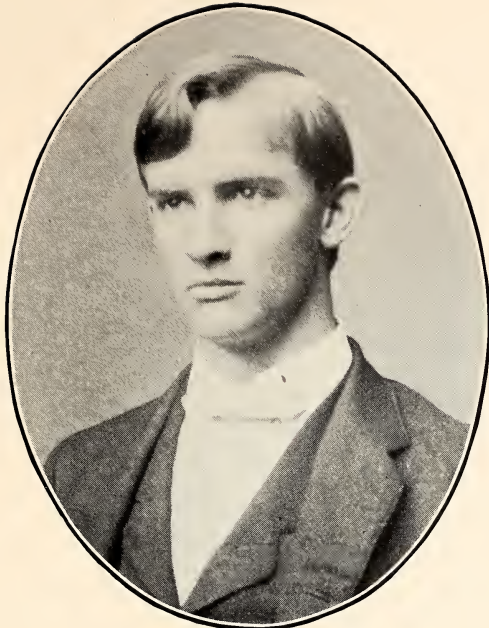
We pass the school up to the morning of the fire and through its financial troubles, and up to the opening of the school in the fall of 1902. Prof. P. I. Hunter was elected its President, and has since held that important position. Under his administration the school has been brought in closer contact with the public school system of the State and the higher State institutions, its standard of scholarship has been raised, and its circle of usefulness and influence widened.

President Hunter was educated at the University of North Carolina in the same class with United States Senator Marion Butler, and one year after the graduation of Dr. E. A. Alderman, the distinguished educator of the South. In looking over the roster of these men who stood by this institution in its dark hours we can only find one of these gentlemen who composed its directors' board, and a position that was sometimes embarrassing, that of its Treasurer—Mr. W. J. B. Adams. He was its Director and Treasurer from the first up to twenty-one years, resigning after so long in office for some one younger in the business, and to-day he is the only living representative of the first board. All the rest have gone to that "far beyond."

And we say here in Texas there are many people who have watched with interest and pride the growth of this institution from that centennial year of the birth of the Republic, from its infancy to its present vigorous and useful proportion. Indeed, it is hardly going too far to say that in a majority of the counties in this State, people may be found who have personal interest in this institution, and it is a fact which cannot be disputed that the Southeast Texas College is the pride of this East Texas, as well as many who have since left for other parts. To Jasper, this educational institution stands for that new South which is to be loved and honored, because it is the offspring of the old South; because it is the heir of the intelligence, the culture, the energy, the courage, the chivalry, the loyalty, the patriotism that have made the past a glorious heritage, that are the foundations upon which have been built the present prosperity and progressive activities; that are the promises of a strong, free, beautiful future; the pledges that the rising generation will accept bravely and cheerfully the responsibilities and grasp with energy and intelligence the opportunities of this wonderful twentieth century.

The Southeast Texas College is about to open its thirty-second season, and although having its branch in bookkeeping and stenography for many years, this season will find it with a special teacher in this particular branch of study.

The Board of Directors of the institution for 1908 are as follows: W. P. Cook, President; J. B. Swann, E. B. Jackson, E. I. Kellie, Wesley McKee, G. Z. Lazenby, W. C. Blake. P. I. Hunter, ex-officio Secretary; First National Bank, Treasurer.



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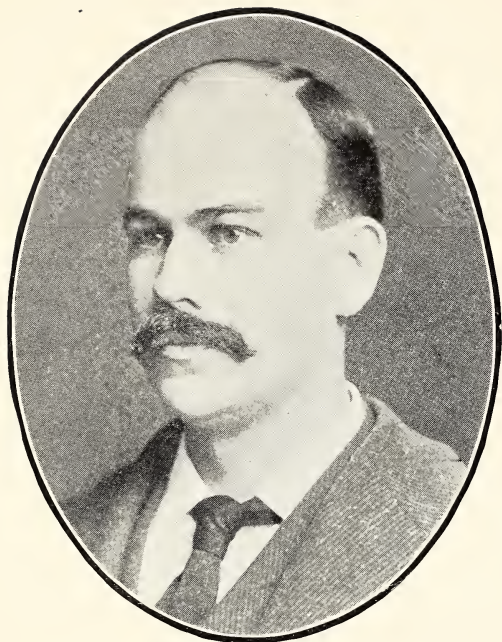
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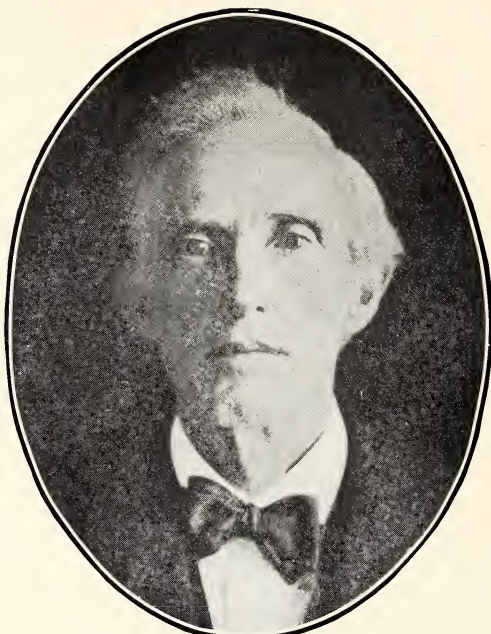
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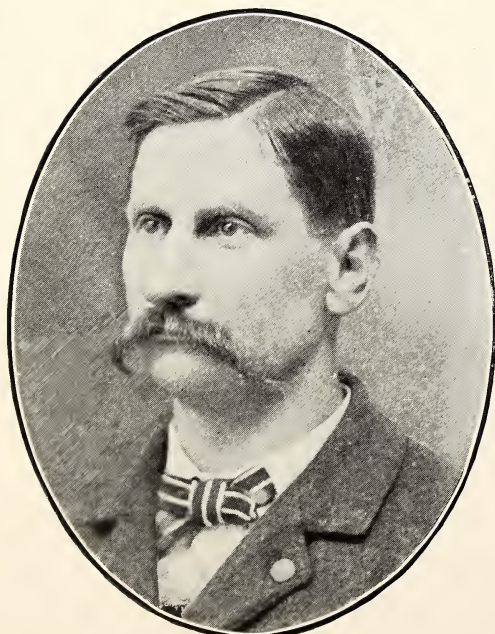
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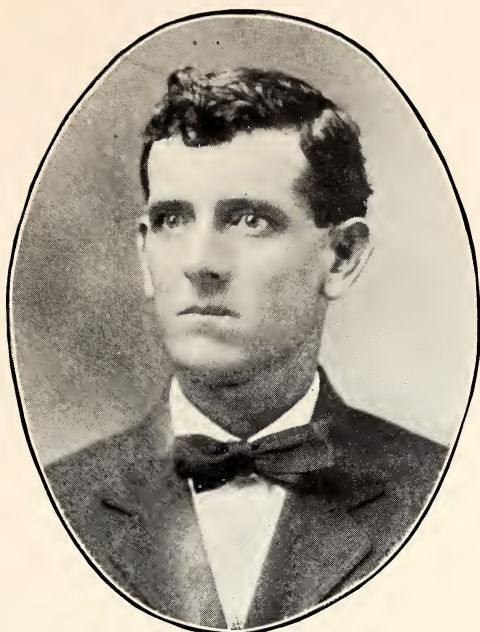
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Jasper.



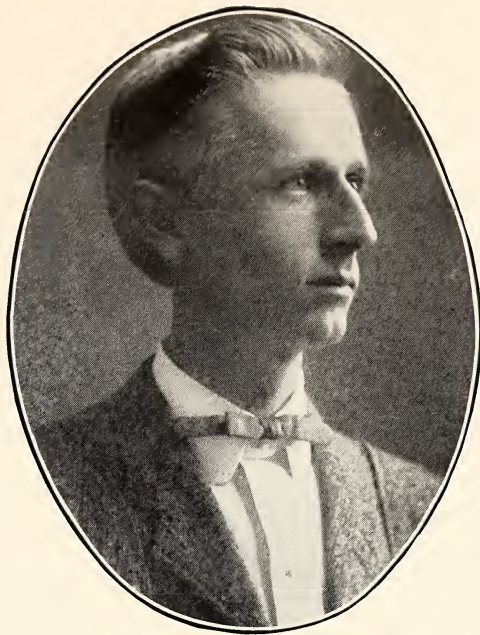
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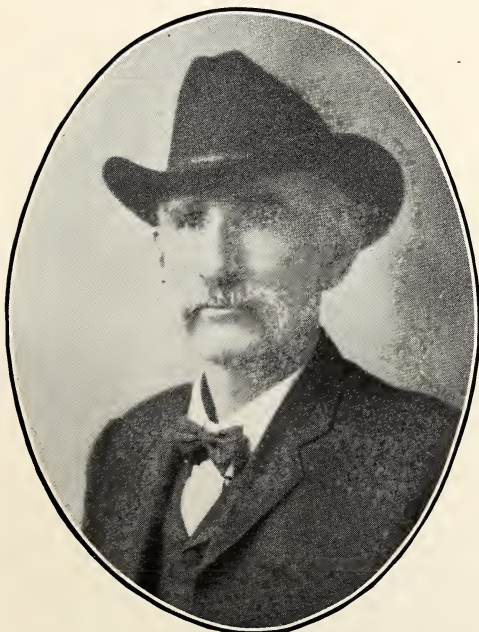
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Lumber Company,
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C. A. MOORE
Prominent in Lumber and Other Industries.
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Manager Nacogdoches Land Company
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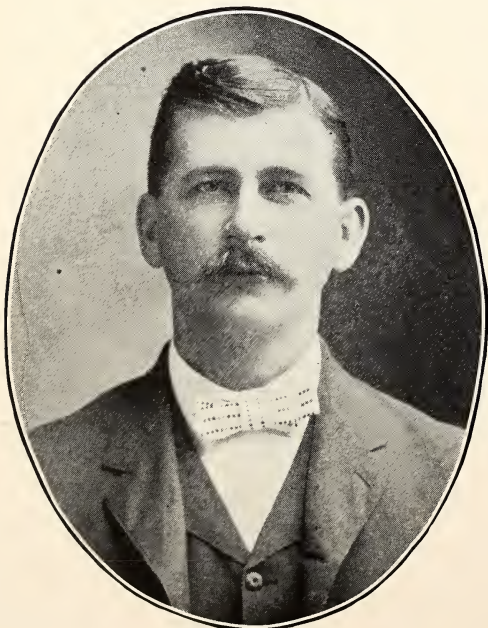
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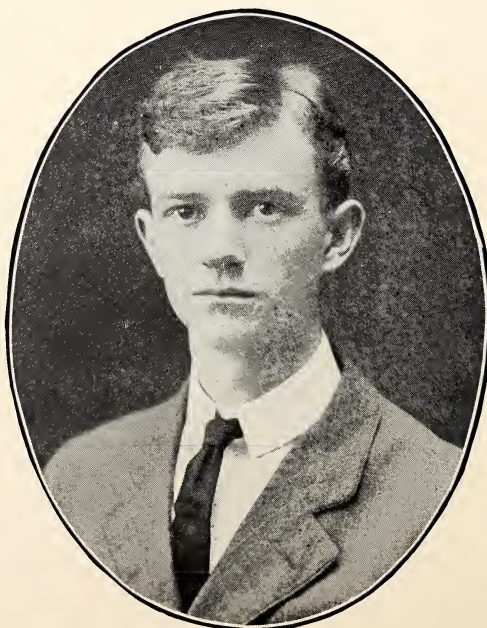
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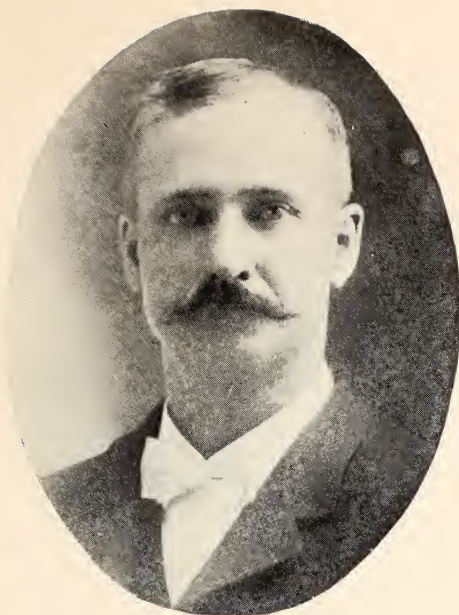
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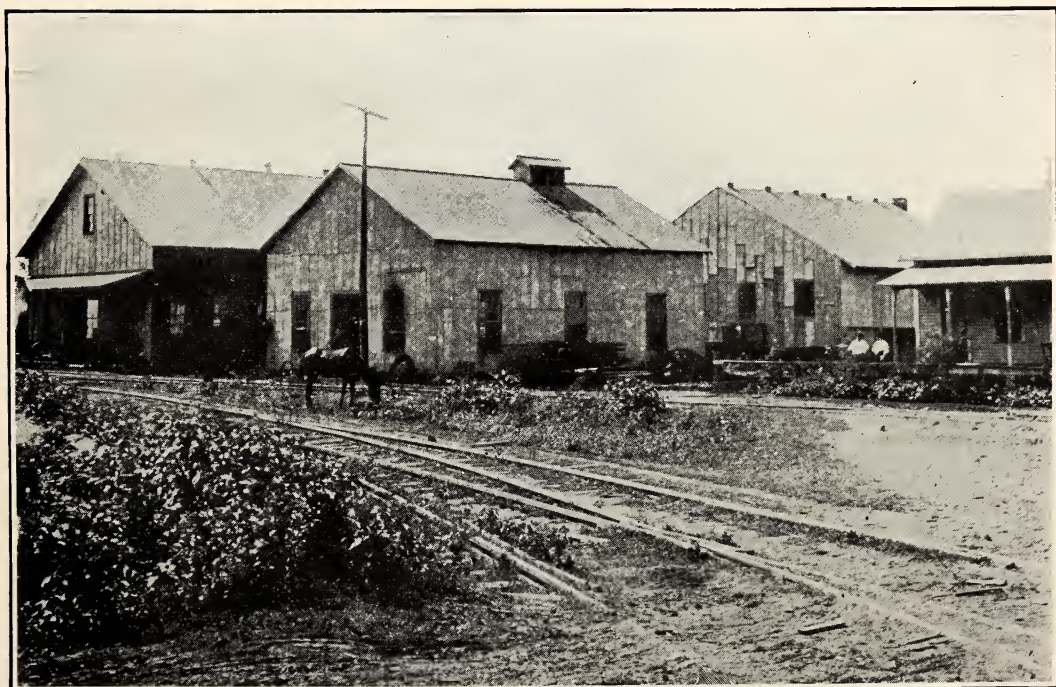
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Cashier Silsbee State Bank
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C. W. MCFARLANE
Owner of Orange Iron Works,
Orange.



C. E. KEPPLER
Secy. and Treas. of Orange Iron Works,
Orange.



EXTERIOR VIEW OF ORANGE IRON WORKS, ORANGE

Lufkin and Angelina County.

Lufkin, Texas, the county seat of Angelina County, has a population of 6,000. It is well and beautifully located. All of its business blocks are constructed of brick, its streets are uniformly and cleanly kept, and the business and progressive-ness of the city stand second to none in East Texas.

Its citizens are up-to-date in their ideas and are proud of their city, and are leaving nothing undone to show its many advantages to the world.

The history of Angelina County dates back to the year of 1806, surrounded by traditions, song and romance. Many instances could be told if time permitted of the fortitude and bravery and trials of the early settlers.

Lufkin was started in 1881, one-half mile north of the depot. The railroad was completed in 1882. The first business houses to be located in the city were owned by S. Abram, J. Kerr and W. H. Bonner.

The wholesale interests of Lufkin during the last few years have shown a most remarkable growth. It will compare favorably with the largest houses in this section of the country and are in the hands of progressive business men, who are getting the business and holding the territory.

While Angelina County does not lay a claim to be a great cattle country, yet thousands of cattle, winter and summer, are kept fat by pasturing, and they are now shipping considerable cattle to the packeries. In the southern part of the county affords a magnificent range for both cattle and hogs, the raising of sheep, horses and mules upon a large scale would be very profitable.

Some of the inducements and local conditions which we find in favor of Lufkin being a city of considerable importance is its abundance of raw material, excellent transportation facilities, plenteous supply of cheap fuel, a magnificent water supply, and always having the co-operative support of her best citizens in every undertaking which is calculated to upbuild the community.

Lufkin has good schools, churches and hospitals, and its people are hospitable, educated and refined, and its citizenship compares most favorably with any of her sister cities.

This is a great country for fruit and truck farming and is the natural home of the grape, peach, apple, pear, fig, plum and all kind of nut-bearing trees thrive well.

The climate is such that a fair yield may be depended on every season.

The manufacturing industries have grown within the last year or so to a position of commanding importance, and these industries alone are sufficient in themselves to support a considerable size town.

Lufkin has some thirty flourishing manufacturing enterprises at present that stand as a monument to any city of its size.

Taking everything into consideration, we have no hesitation in saying that Lufkin presents one of the best outlooks for rapid and substantial development of any city that we have had the pleasure of visiting throughout East Texas.

The Board of Trade will furnish such detailed information as may be desired.



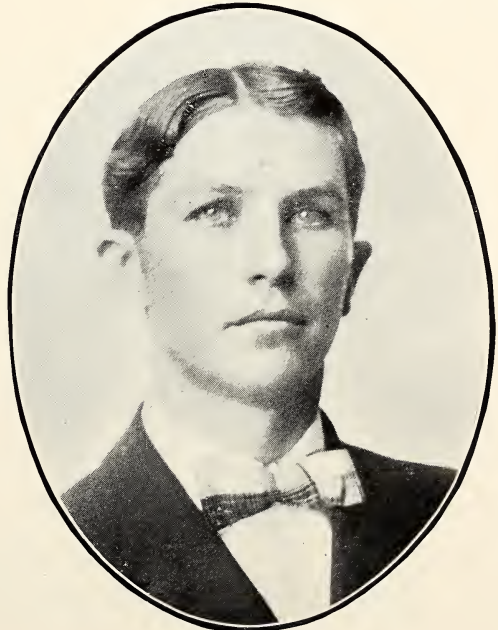
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Lufkin.



DAVID KELLY (Deceased)
Pioneer Lumber Exporter,
Jasper.



C. M. McCONNICO
Railroad Contractor,
Lufkin.



A. L. MAYS
County Clerk Jasper County,
Jasper.



W. P. HUMASON
President of Lufkin Ten Thousand Club, and
Exalted Ruler of Lufkin Lodge No. 1027,
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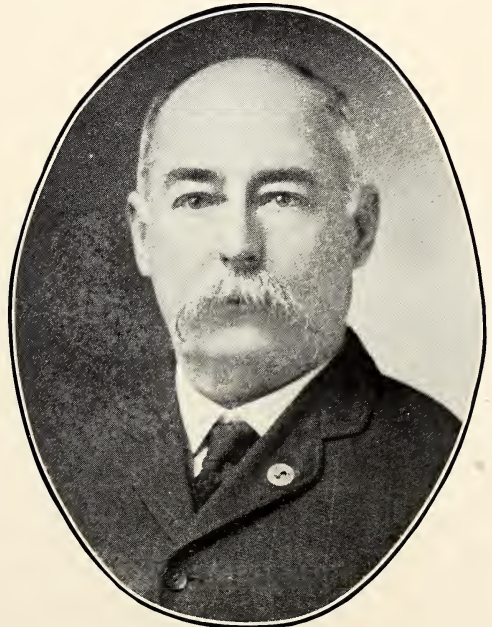
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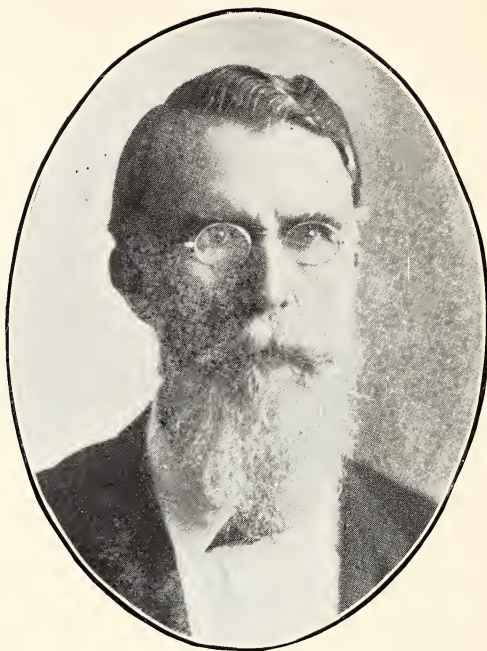
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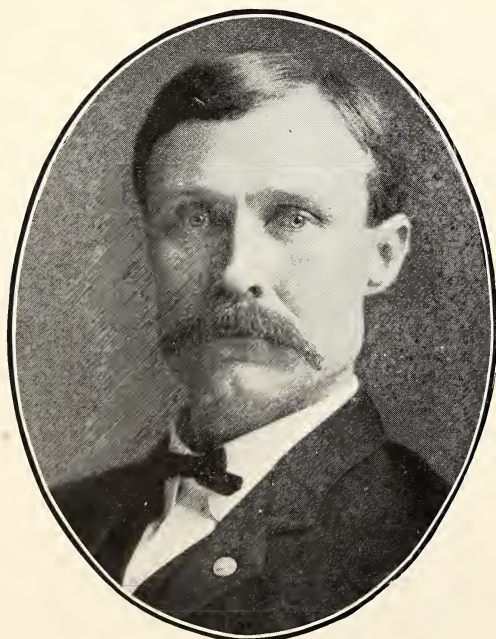
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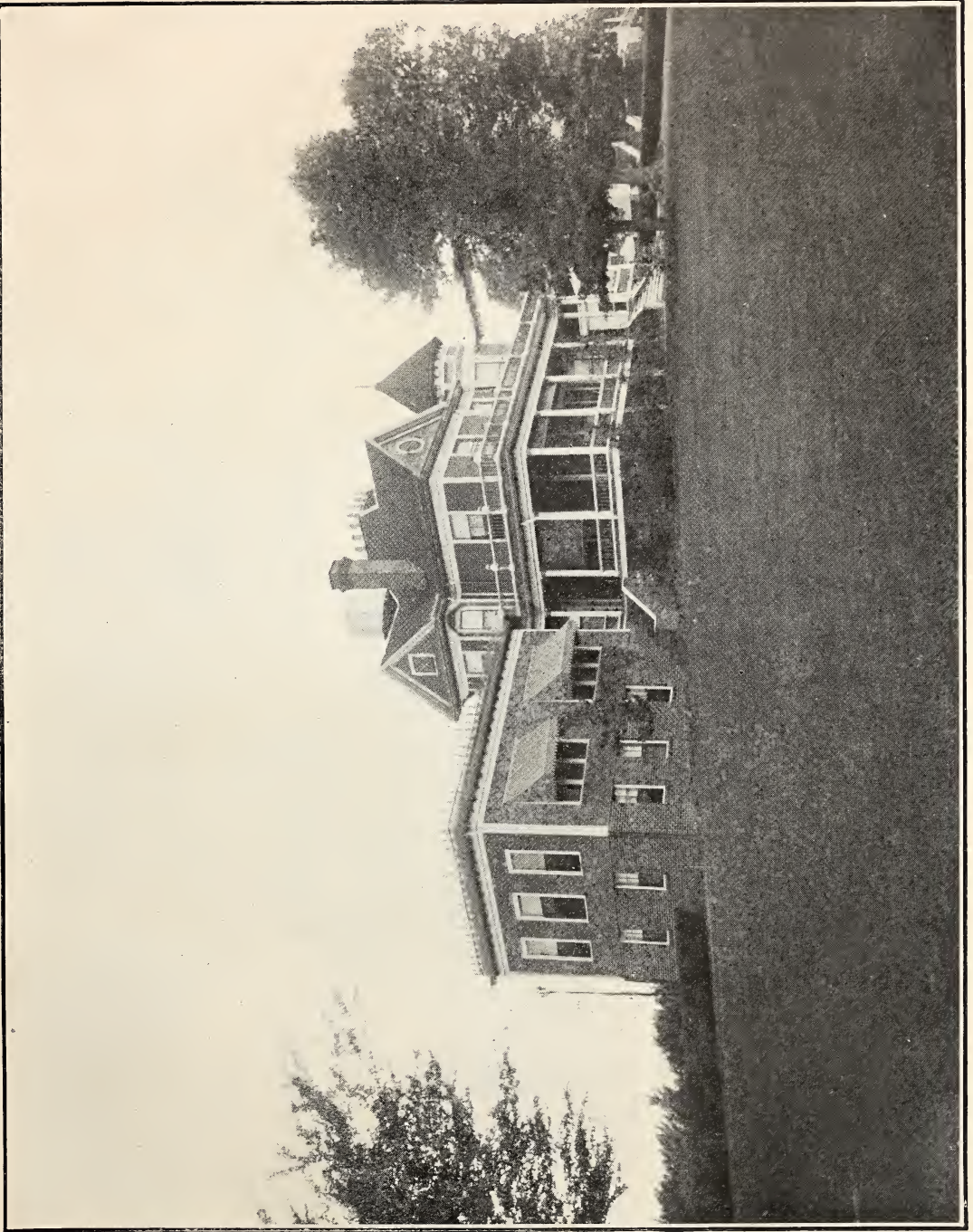
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RESIDENCE OF ROBERT LINDSEY, NACOGDOCHES



J. J. HAMPTON
Log Contractor,
Nacogdoches.



J. A. HERNDON
President People's State Bank,
Kirbyville.

Center Commercial Club

BY JAMES T. DENTON, SECRETARY.

After an existence in a temporary state for five months, Center Commercial Club was permanently organized January 21, 1908. A. E. Day was elected President, James T. Denton Secretary, and H. J. Wetherford Treasurer. Four Vice Presidents were elected, who, in the order of their seniority, were: S. L. Moore, J. W. Shotwell, J. E. Shipman and L. W. Palmer.

At the first regular meeting following organization, President Day nominated twelve standing committees, with chairmen and three or five members on each committee. Following is the list of these committees and their chairmen:

- Manufacturing Industries*—W. C. Mortimer.
- Transportation Lines and Service*—A. R. Fox.
- Creation and Extension of Trade*—Dr. P. G. Swearingen.
- Public Utilities and Franchises*—L. W. Palmer.
- Conventions and Entertainments*—J. W. Shotwell.
- Immigration*—S. L. Moore.
- Schools and Libraries*—R. W. Persons.
- Public Highways and Grounds*—H. E. Stephenson.
- Law and Order*—John C. Rogers.
- Natural Resources and Statistics*—O. M. Gibbs.
- Real Estate and Insurance*—J. E. Shipman.
- Public Health*—Dr. C. O. Bryan.

The Executive Committee is composed of the chairmen of the various committees, together with the President and Secretary.

A feature claimed as unique by some of the members was incorporated in the constitution, after considerable animated discussion, which provides for the election of the Secretary at the same time and in the same manner as the President and other officers. The fact being admitted by those opposing the elective feature, that the success of the organization depended more upon the initiative and executive talent of the Secretary, combined with the ability to organize and control men and forces, than upon any other officer, opposition was easily overcome and the power to elect the Secretary consequently became a part of the organic law of the Center Commercial Club.

I am sure the results have abundantly justified this action, and that there will never be any proposal of its repeal. Certainly any man possessing the mental qualities necessary to make him a competent and successful secretary would have too much pride of character to allow himself to become the puppet of a superior officer in an organization of this kind, which the appointive feature implies and usually demonstrates in practice.

Owing to his school duties demanding practically his entire time, President Day (who is superintendent of the city schools) resigned in April, after an eminently successful administration of the club's affairs and over the unanimous protest of the members.

He was succeeded by A. R. Fox, who has made a capable and energetic officer,

and under whose management the club has achieved a distinction that extends beyond the borders of the State.

H. J. Wetherford resigned the treasuryship and removed from the city during April. J. E. Shipman was elected to fill out the unexpired time. Mr. Shipman is especially qualified both by nature and training for this responsible position, and the Club was fortunate in securing his services.

Vice Presidents Moore and Shotwell also resigned and removed from the city in the early summer. Notwithstanding these shake-ups in official stations and some other slightly embarrassing incidents, Center Commercial Club has remained intact and has gained a reputation for enterprise second to none in the State.



RESIDENCE OF JUDGE TOM C. DAVIS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, CENTER

Center Commercial Club originated the plan to make a public event of laying the corner-stone for the \$25,000 school building erected during the fall and winter of 1907-08, and the club directed the general exercises of the day, which were on a very elaborate scale, including a great barbecue and addresses by the Governor of the State, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other prominent public men.

The club has entertained distinguished visitors on several occasions, and has invariably won public praise for the originality and brilliance of its functions.

One of the most noteworthy and pleasant events in the history of the club was

the part it took in entertaining the ladies of the Fourth District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in May of this year. The Commercial Club joined heartily in the agreeable task of receiving the delegates to the convention and making their visit to Center a joy forever to them. The fame justly earned by the Woman's Reading Club of Center on that memorable occasion, as an ingenuous and happy hostess, is partly claimed by the Commercial Club. May be our only right to it is a sort of reflected glory, but anyway the men are "tickled to death" even to have it said of them that they were granted the privilege of doing the necessary menial tasks always associated with such affairs, and which, when properly executed, add lustre to the occasion, as jewels sparkle from the burnishing of skilled artisans.

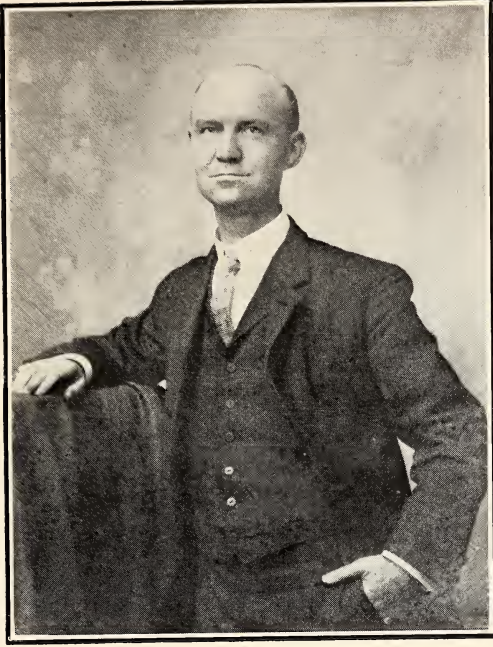
The Secretary was sent as a delegate from Center Commercial Club to a convention of commercial secretaries from all the Southern States, held at Chattanooga, Tenn., August 11, 12, 13, 14, 1908. He was, besides, appointed a proxy for Mr. J. A. Arnold, State President of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, with plenary power to represent the entire State of Texas in the Chattanooga convention.

One of the acts of the Chattanooga convention was the organization of the Southern Commercial Secretaries' Association, in which body the Secretary of Center Commercial Club won a position as Vice President. He was also chosen as one of a committee of five to represent the association in the promotion and management of a Commercial Congress, to be held at Washington, D. C., December 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1908, in conjunction with the holding of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Notwithstanding the unusual disheartening conditions that obtained through the financial panic of the latter part of 1907 and still exists, Center Commercial Club has maintained its entity, something that has not been done by some other cities much wealthier. It performed the remarkable feat of raising money for the Secretary's expenses as a delegate to Chattanooga, at a time when the money stringency was at its most acute stage locally, and the general progress of the country was virtually paralyzed. The honors resulting therefrom, therefore, are doubly notable and deserving of enduring record.

Considering what has been accomplished in spite of extraordinary obstacles, and measuring the mental and moral characters of the prime movers of Center Commercial Club against every possible hindrance under ordinary conditions, I must acknowledge in all fairness that the record is one in every respect worthy of the best blood in the New South, and calculated to inspire the highest hopes in the breasts of the few faithful and untiring members, who have torn the word failure from their lexicons.

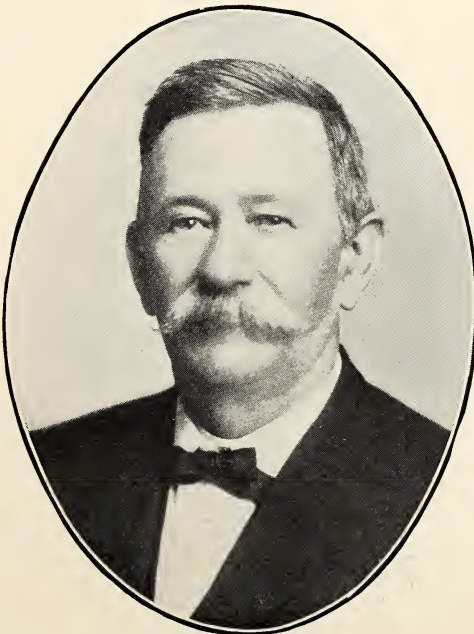
In the face of what has been accomplished against such heavy odds, I feel that I am justified in paraphrasing some one's happy expression by saying: "Great is Center, and the Commercial Club is her prophet!"



J. E. SHIPMAN
Land Title Abstractor,
Center.



HENRY LIEM
Postmaster,
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B. W. MINTON
Master Car Builder of T. & P. Shops,
Marshall,



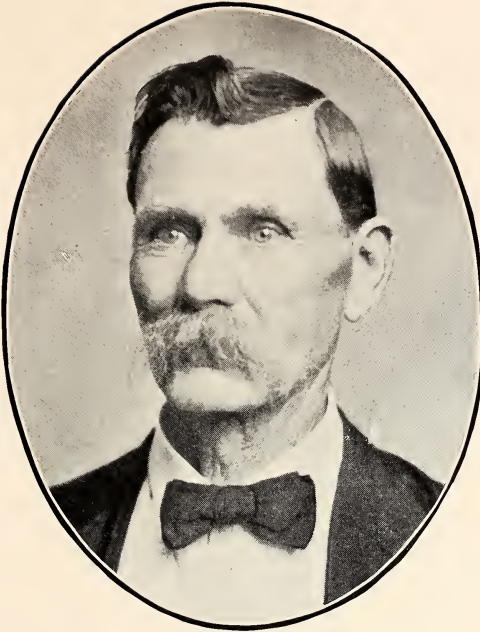
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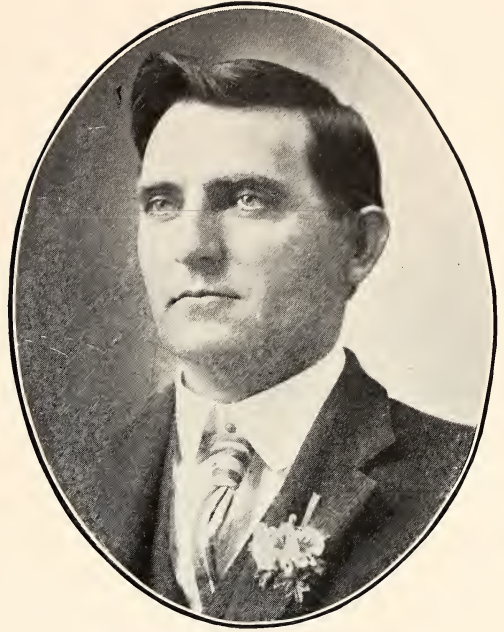
STORE BUILDING OF SCARBOROUGH & BEATY, JASPER



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Secy. Center Commercial Club
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Marshall



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H. T. MAST
Senior Member of Mast Bros. & Smith, Druggists
and the 1st V.-Pres. of the F. & M. State Bank,
Nacogdoches.



N. B. ATKINS
Member of Firm of Center Hardware
and Furniture Co.,
Center



CAPTAIN J. S. MOORE
Railroad Contractor
Lufkin.

Constructed Santa Fe R. R. from Cleveland to Sisby; the G. & B. N. R. R., from San Augustine to Center; the Cotton Belt, from Monterey to Broadus; built for the Lufkin Land and Lumber Company 38 miles of railroad in San Augustine County; built for the Carter Kelly Lumber Company 12 miles of railroad in Angelina County, from Huntington to Manning; built 18 miles of railroad for the Southern Pine R. R. Co., from Lufkin into Trinity County; built 16 miles from Onalaska to Livingston, in Polk County (B. G. N. Ry. Co.); built 5 miles of railroad in Jasper County, on Kirby's Road, Brondell to Aldyne; built 16 miles of railroad for the Long Belt Lumber Company, in San Augustine County. In Panola County he constructed several miles for the Santa Fe Road, and built other roads in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama.



JOHN C. CHANEY
Member of the Legislature and Prominent Rice Grower,
Beaumont.

Nacogdoches and Nacogdoches County

This is a unique Texas town in many ways. The name itself is quite a wonder. It was the name of one of the small tribes of original Indians found here by the first white discoverers. The spelling of this name was from the first a difficult question to be determined by the Spanish from Mexico, the French from Louisiana and Americans from the United States. Its pronunciation has settled down to Nack-o-doach-ez, accenting the doach.

The town is very near the center of Nacogdoches County, and the center of East Texas, being midway between Beaumont and Dallas, on the T. & N. O. Railroad, and midway between Houston and Shreveport, on the H. E. & W. T. Railroad.

It is peculiar in its geographical location, and also in its topography, being located upon a point of high land in the fork of two ever-flowing creeks, the Lanana on the east, and the Banita on the west. It has spread out beyond both creeks, extending up and over the bordering hills which overlook the landscape in a picturesque view. The town and county were never located and organized in the regulation style. Like Topsy, the little black girl in Uncle Tom's Cabin, "they jes' growed," and here, too, is where the seed sprouted that grew up and made Texas.

LaSalle may have been the first white man here in 1684, and he may be buried in this county. He had landed at Matagorda by mistake, intending to land at the mouth of the Mississippi river, and was trying to make his way across the wild country to his friend De Tonti in the Illinois country, when he was unfortunately assassinated by his mutinous companions, supposedly at a point east of the Neches river, and probably on an Indian trail leading from tribe to tribe via Nacogdoches.

The first recorded white men here were Catholic priests, or missionaries, named Joutel, Jesus Maria, and others, who were locating missions or churches among the Indians in this section in the years 1689 and 1690.

Several of these missions were founded at intervals—one in 1716 at the present Nacogdoches, called Guadalupe; one called Conception on the hills east of the Angelina river at two springs this side of the Linwood crossing, later known as the old Burleson Camp. This was at the Hasinai (Ah-see-ny-ee) Indian village, which tribe became the Tejas or Texas, a name used by the Indians to mean friends or friendly neighbors, applied to any such.

The mission and settlement at Nacogdoches was not permanent; nor were any of these others. But from time to time there were white adventurers and explorers here, using some kind of structures for shelter or dwellings from 1685 until 1778, when the little Spanish band of wandering colonists under Gil Ybarbo, who had formerly resided at Ais, now San Augustine, after wandering West settled here to stay, and by succession we are here yet, to stay.

The noted "Old Stone Fort," an odd, low, long, two-story stone house, was probably erected by Ybarbo about 1778. From that time on until 1835, Nacogdoches meant Texas, and Texas meant Nacogdoches to the average immigrant.

Here was political headquarters in those days of beginning, and here came the men of note, viz.: Edwards, Thorn, Sterne, Houston, Rusk, Kaufman, Bowie, Crockett, Travis, Henderson, Reagan, Roberts, Whitaker, Taylor and numerous others belonging to this galaxy of leaders.

This is wholly an agricultural section, adapted to a great variety of products. Corn, cotton, sugar cane and tobacco are leading crops, but other produce and truck can be raised as well. Small grain does fairly well, but not in proportion to other crops, oats being best of this class.

Sugar cane is a popular and profitable product, extensively cultivated.

Fine grades of tobacco have become quite a popular and profitable industry within the last three or four years. The U. S. Bureau of Soils has operated extensive experiment stations here and brought out valuable information showing that very fine grades of cigar filler and wrappers can be easily produced here, upon the noted red soils that abound in this county. Many farmers are devoting a large part of their time to this industry, and are building barns for the purpose. No night-riders are dreaded. The Nacogdoches Cigar Company has been organized and operated here for nearly four years to utilize this fine tobacco and to encourage its cultivation.

It would take pages to give details as to produce and advantages that pertain to this county. Cow peas and sweet potatoes are so bountiful as to be wasted by farmers, or fed to stock. Irish potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, beans, pumpkins, melons in variety, ground peas, etc., grow almost spontaneously. Fruits, too, are very fine, peaches, pears, plums, apples, figs, grapes, berries, etc., being quite commonplace, and of great variety and fine quality.

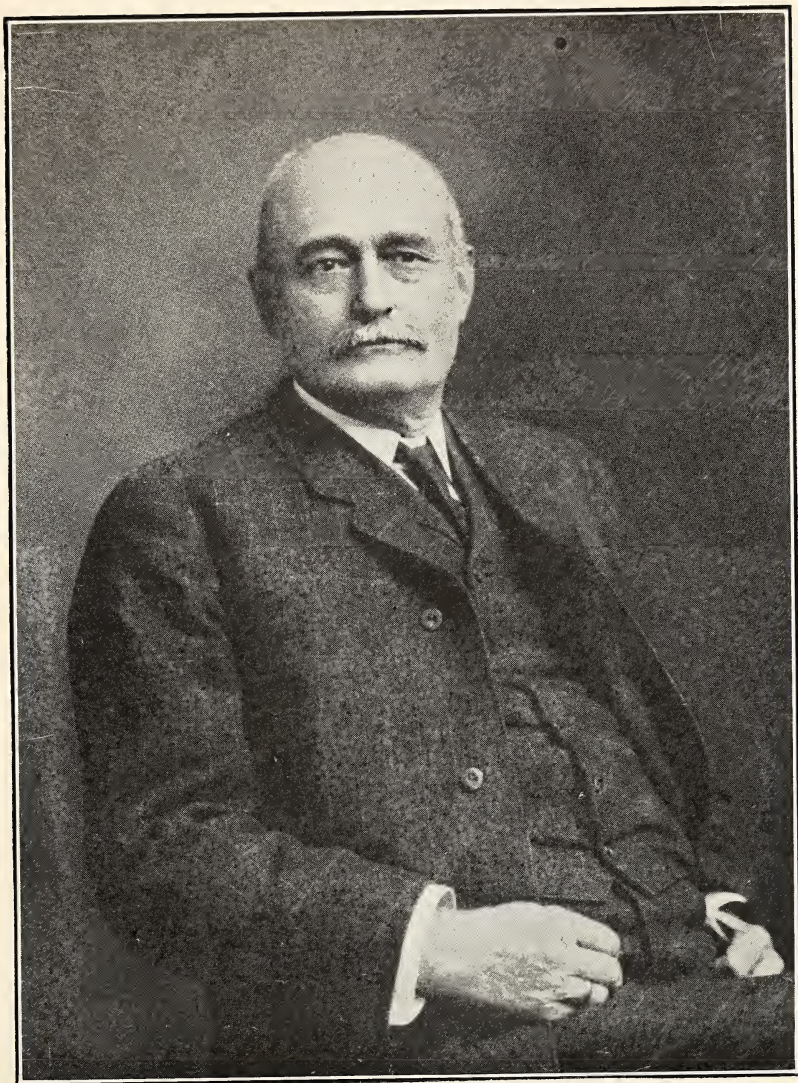
The land is timbered and rolling, often hilly. Running streams, spring branches, brooks and bayous are abundant. Fine drinking water is obtained from wells usually about thirty feet deep.

The town of Nacogdoches has a population of about 6,000. Other towns are: Garrison, 2,000; Cushing, 2,000; Douglass, Melrose, Chireno, Sacul, Appleby, Woden, and other villages and postoffices in the county. The county is by no means thickly populated, but schools and churches are everywhere, and saw mills and cotton gins, too. Pine lumber is a leading manufacture. There are still many acres of pine timber uncut, but there is a big proportion of "cut-over" pine land. Any quantity of oak, gum, ash and hickory can be found, and other valuable hardwood.

Minerals have attracted no little attention, especially petroleum. No flowing well of consequence has been brought in, but many wells have found oil in quantities that convince even the most skeptical that there are immense quantities in the earth. Iron ore is abundant. Coal of good quality has not been discovered in great enough quantity to establish mining, but it is here.

Factories and enterprises that require capital are scarce. There is a good field here for many such plants in the right hands. The ones mostly spoken of are cotton mills and canning factories. There are none in this county.

Best lands are valued at from five to fifty dollars an acre. This is a poor man's country.



JOSEPH HUCKINS (Deceased)
A Distinguished Capitalist, Business Man and Pioneer Citizen,
Texarkana, Arkansas.



Mrs. R.C. CONN



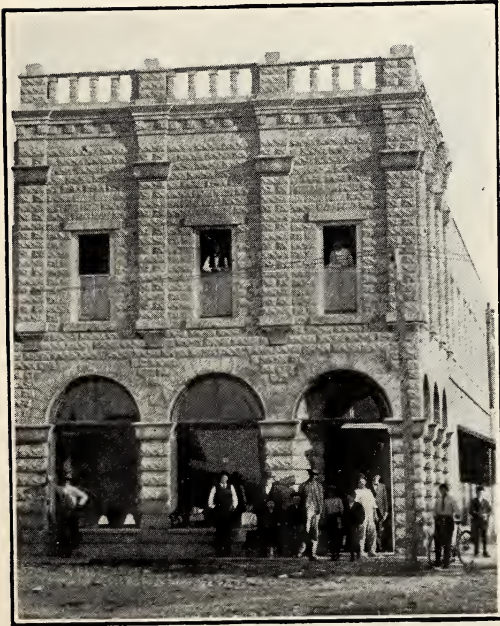
*R.C. CONN
President
Kirbyville State Bank
KIRBYVILLE, TEXAS.*



HON. C. L. GORDON
County Judge of Jasper County,
Jasper.



JUDGE J. L. C. WHITE AND GRANDCHILD
Ex-County Judge,
Kirbyville.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TIMPSON



J. H. HENDERSON
County Tax Assessor,
Jasper.



A GROUP OF PROMINENT EAST TEXAS BUSINESS MEN

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| 1—SAM H. KERR
Lufkin. | 3—W. H. HICKS
President Lu'kin Business
College,
Lufkin. | 6—JAMES E. PEAVY
Member Firm Peavy Bros.,
Dry Goods,
Lufkin. |
| 2—A. M. PEAVY
Senior of Peavy Bros. Dry Goods
Establishment,
Lufkin, | 4—CHAS. R. ROWE
Real Estate and Insurance,
Lufkin. | 7—J. G. HOYLER
Jeweler,
Lufkin. |
| | 5—A. P. HOYLER
Jeweler,
Lufkin. | |

The City of Palestine

The Metropolis of East Texas; in the Heart of the Commercial, Orchard and Garden Country of Eastern Texas. The Realm of Queen Elberta.

Palestine, the county capital of Anderson County, is in Eastern Texas, upon the main line of the International and Great Northern Railroad, at its junction with the Gulf division of the same great line, thus giving the city most direct connection with Central and Western Texas; with the great seaport cities of Houston and Galveston, and with the North and East via St. Louis, by the shortest and quickest route.

The city occupies a series of low, wooded hills, at an elevation of about 500 feet above sea level, is embowered in forest and ornamental trees, the site most attractive and healthful, the natural drainage being perfect, supplemented by a sewer system. For the most part the water, abundant everywhere, in springs, spring branches and wells 30 to 60 feet deep, is free-stone, impregnated with iron. The main water supply of the city comes from an artificial reservoir, holding 200,000,000 gallons, covering 40 acres of ground and water-shed full of brown hematite iron ore, 40 to 60 per cent pure, detracting nothing from the healthfulness of the water. Palestine is essentially a city of homes, her 12,000 souls owning their homes to an extent rarely equaled by cities of her size.

SOME OF HER RESOURCES AND ADVANTAGES.

General offices of the I. & G. N. R. R.; general shops of the I. & G. N. R. R., covering 15 acres; local I. & G. N. pay-roll, approximately \$80,000.00 per month; three national, one private and one State bank; direct pressure waterworks; electric lights; splendid fire department; two daily and two weekly papers; sanitary sewerage; two ice factories; cotton seed oil mill; cotton compress; gin factory for the manufacture of cotton gins; three cotton gins; two planing mills; iron and brass foundry; two bottling works; a number of pleasure resorts near the city; beautiful three-story city hall; magnificent Masonic temple and opera house; splendid telephone system; fine court house; sixteen churches; a \$50,000.00 Y. M. C. A. Institute; public library; paved streets and driveways; graded public schools, eleven school buildings; 50,000 bales of cotton received and compressed annually; fruit and truck growing center; an abundance of raw material for manufacturers, such as iron ore, lignite, salt, asphalt, brick and potter's clay, and other underground wealth, including oil indications; mean annual temperature, 65.4; mean annual rainfall, 46.5; topography gently undulating to level; a hearty welcome to worthy people and worthy enterprises; United States weather bureau; headquarters for Texas U. S. Government tobacco expert; tobacco growing station, packing, curing, etc., tobacco packing station for Taussig & Co., of Chicago; extensive tobacco growing in county; furniture, show case and cabinet works, brick works; wholesale grocery houses; magnificent railroad hospital; large private sanitariums; conservatories of music, concert band and orchestra; Elks' lodge and fine club rooms; private clubs; numerous fraternal organizations; splendid hotels and boarding houses; Jersey dairies, stock farms, horses, cattle and hogs; free postal delivery, rural free delivery; great system of natural and artificial lakes near city; good fishing and hunting.

The Palestine Light, Heat and Power Company is one of the most substantial and progressive enterprises of the city. The capital stock of this company is as follows: Preferred, \$100,000.00; common authorized, \$300,000.00; issued, \$100,000.00. The company has outstanding bonds of \$100,000.00, due 1946, with interest at 5 per cent. The officers of the company are as follows: E. C. Beach, President; A. T. Knies, Manager; A. Volney Foster, Vice President and Treasurer. At the present time the company has twelve miles of mains and supplies gas to the Welsbach Street Lighting Co., who has the contract with the city for the street lighting for one hundred lamps. The number of meters employed amount to six hundred. The price of gas is \$1.50 per 1000 cubic feet. The annual output amounts to 18,000,000 cubic feet. Gas was first supplied to the town October 1, 1906. The gas is manufactured under the Lowe system of carburetted water gas.

There are over 150 Humphrey gas lamps in use throughout the business section of the city, and there are over 450 stoves now in use. This is one of the most modern and best equipped plants in Texas. They aim to please and to give the very best service. Mr. A. T. Knies, the manager, is well liked by every one, is a thorough, practical man, and is certainly the right man in the right place.

More beautiful homes than any city in Texas, according to population; noted for flowers and ornamental trees; handsome passenger and freight depots; large railroad terminal facilities; strong Board of Trade; great salt manufacturing plant.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE "MODEL," H. A. SPIELBERGER, PROPRIETOR, PALESTINE



RESIDENCE OF F. C. BAILEY, PALESTINE



EXTERIOR VIEW OF MAYER & SCHMIDT'S MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENT
TYLER



HENRY ASH (Deceased)
A Prominent Pioneer Citizen and Capitalist,
Palestine.



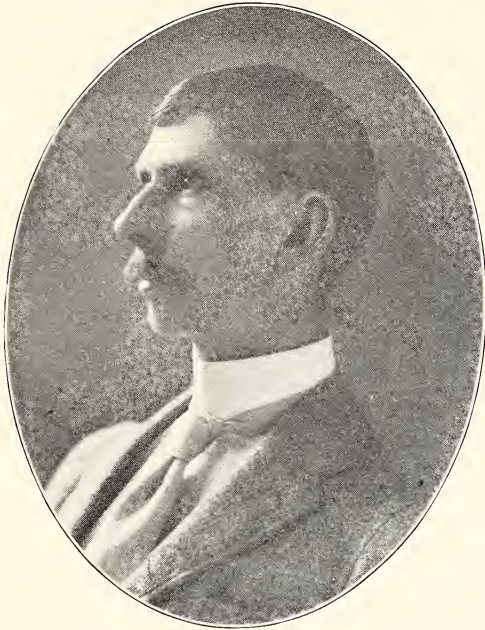
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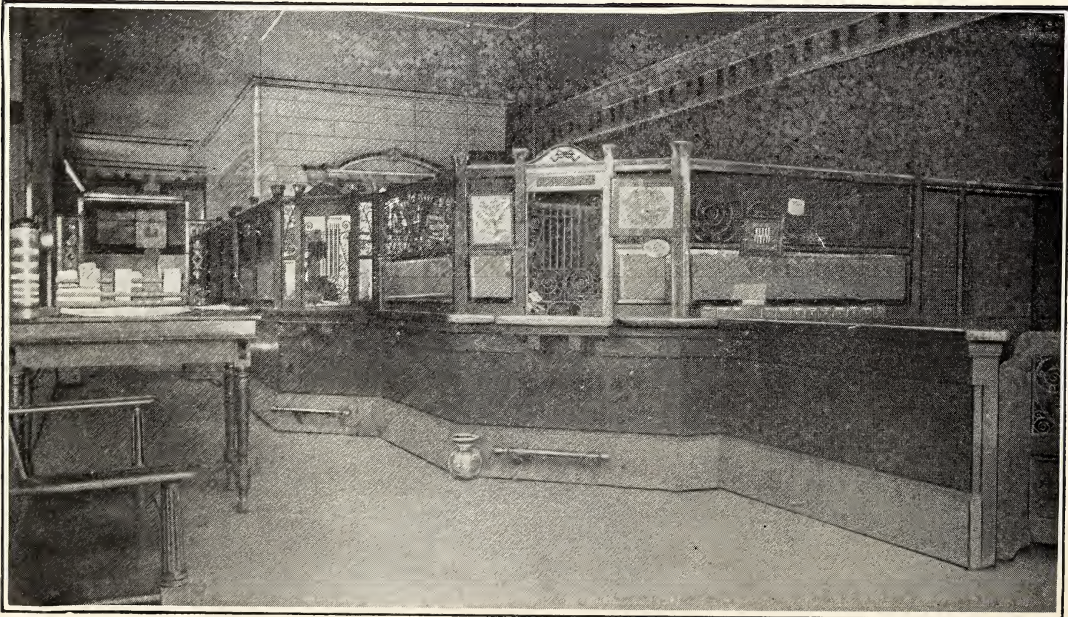
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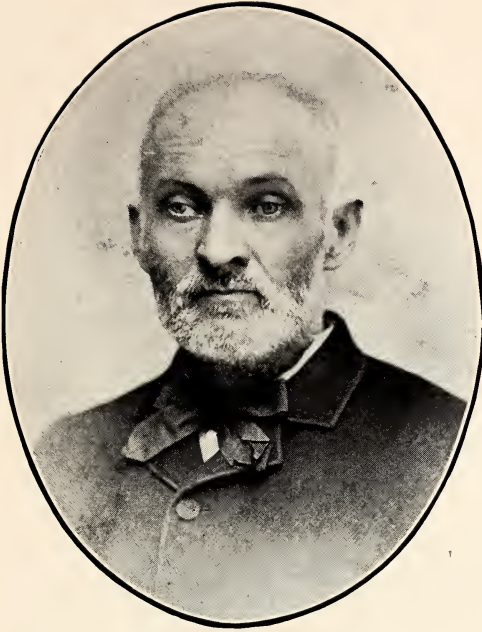
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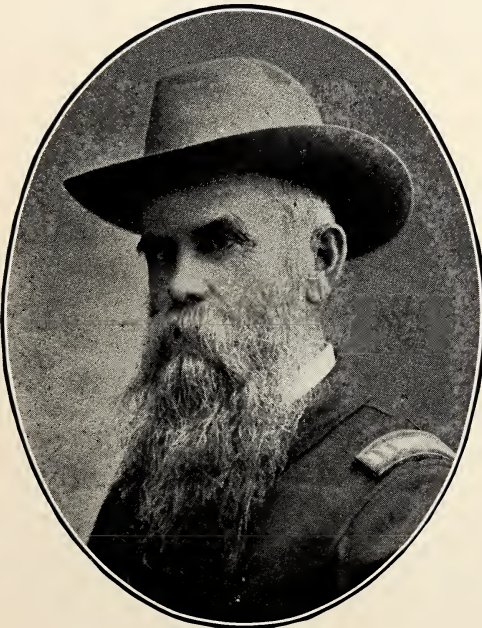
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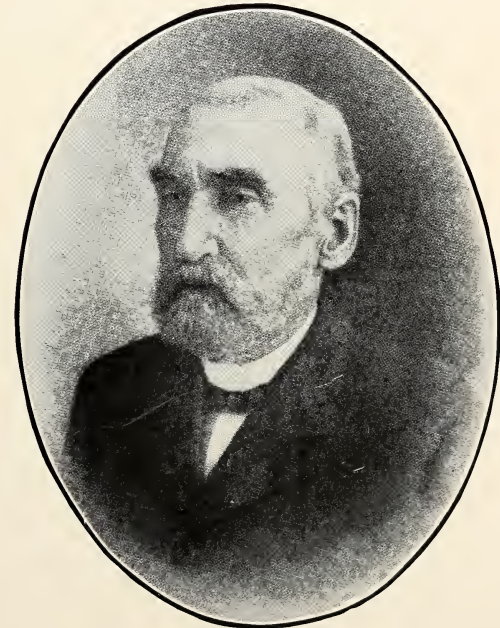
GEO. C. DEMING
Joint Proprietor of the Palestine Visitor
and The Advocate,
Palestine.



J. E. COPELAND
Jeweler,
Palestine.



S. P. ALLEN
City Secretary,
Palestine.



GEO. A. KELLY
Founder G. A. Kelly Plow Co.,
Longview.

PALESTINE'S TWO NEWSPAPERS

The Anderson County Herald.

PALESTINE DAILY HERALD.

H.V. HAMILTON.

W.M. HAMILTON.

AND THE MEN WHO MAKE THEM

City of Longview

Longview has a population of 6700 and is increasing daily. Situated in the eastern portion of Gregg, it is 63 miles from Shreveport, La., on the east, 91 miles from Texarkana on the north, 81 miles from Palestine on the south, 120 miles from Dallas on the west.

It is the railroad center of the eastern part of Texas; the terminus of the International and Great Northern Railroad; the terminus of the Santa Fe Railroad; the Texas and Pacific runs west from Longview to Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso. The Texas and Pacific and Iron Mountain and Southwestern run north from Longview to St. Louis.

As for railroad facilities, there is no city in the State that can claim more than Longview. You can go from Longview to St. Louis, Mo., or Chicago without change of cars. You can go from Longview to New Orleans, La., without a change of cars. You can go from Longview to Houston or Galveston without a change of cars. You can go from Longview to Austin, San Antonio and Laredo without a change of cars. You can go from Longview to Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Tex., Phoenix, Ariz., without a change of cars. When the Santa Fe completes their western connection now under construction, you can go from Longview to San Francisco, Cal., without a change of cars.

The soils of Gregg County are varied. The up-lands are light gray and mulatto, with a red clay subsoil, which retains moisture, and is very productive. The bottom and valley lands are a chocolate alluvial soil, easy of cultivation and very fertile. Anything that can be grown anywhere can be and is being grown in Gregg County. Corn yields 25 to 40 bushels per acre; cotton, from one-half to a bale per acre; wheat, from 10 to 15 bushels per acre; Irish potatoes, 100 bushels per acre; sweet potatoes or yams, 200 to 250 bushels per acre; onions, 200 to 300 bushels per acre; cabbage, 10,000 pounds per acre; ribbon cane syrup, 300 to 400 gallons per acre. Lucrative commercial Elberta orchards all over the county. Well paying strawberry farms.

The Elberta peach industry is practically in its infancy, having been shipping in car lots only two years. This crop, however, is now turning loose thousands of dollars every year among our farmers, and coming at a time when dollars are needed worst.

A crop failure is almost unknown to Gregg County. Rainfall, 50 inches annually.

The citizenship of Longview and Gregg County is the pure, old-fashioned Southern stock, hospitable, congenial and pleasant. Good citizen, good neighbor, good people.

Climate is ideal, seldom warmer than 80 or 90 in summer, and coldest days—and they are few—about 25 above zero in winter.

Her public and high schools—four public and a high school—stand second to none in the great State of Texas. High school is affiliated with the State University at Austin in the First Class. No city in Texas, regardless of size, can

claim more. Gregg County has the distinction of standing at the head of the list of ALL counties in the State for her permanent school fund, having \$172,000.00 of interest bearing bonds of her own, reaping therefrom the largest per capital appropriation of any county in the State.

Longview has a population of 6700, and increasing daily; twelve churches; two banks, having deposits amounting to over half a million dollars; four planing mills; two saw mills; two weekly papers; one daily paper; one steam laundry; one electric light plant; one opera house; paid fire department; city hall; court house, \$50,000; city fire station; good independent school district; biggest box factory west of Mississippi river; one mattress factory; biggest plow factory in the State; one foundry; one iron works factory; four parks; paid base ball teams; two ball parks; two railroad round houses and shops; city telephone system, connecting with rural long distance 'phones; (This industry, owned by the Lacy Telephone Company, started a few years ago with 65 telephones. Its present capacity is 700. It owns two other exchanges—has copper toll lines. Its toll lines extend to Carthage, Timpson, Tenaha, Henderson, Shreveport, and several other points; has several rural lines. Its present capital is \$35,000.00, and the company expects to increase it soon to \$75,000.00, and take in more territory); one window and door screen factory; two bottling works; two wholesale grocery houses; two lumber yards; one cotton seed oil mill; two gins; one marble yard; one public library. The following fraternal orders: Masons, A. F. and A. M., 160; Royal Arch Masons, 75; K. of P., 158; W. O. W., 140; W. O. W. Circle, 130; I. O. O. F., 92; Ben Hur, 49; B. P. O. E., 50; O. R. C., 55; B. of R. T., 60... Business Men's Progressive League, with a paid secretary City free delivery assured. One street railway. Three lakes, one covering 80 acres. Navigable river—Sabine. Water works and ample supply of water. Five lines of railroad leading into Longview, and one under construction. Terminus of I. and G. N. and Santa Fe, with pay roll of \$600,000.00 per year. Truck farms, all sizes and prices. Many elegant homes. Abundance of excellent water, 12 to 20 feet deep. Delightful climate. Beautiful trees and flowers.

Homestead exemption laws of Texas give to the head of families 200 acres of land, which is exempt from forced sale or execution.

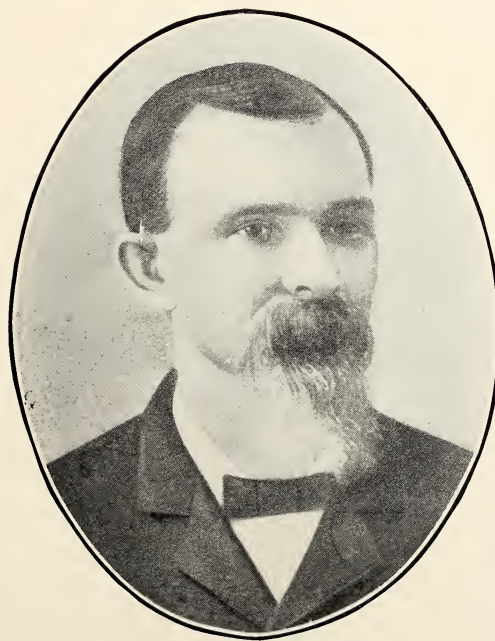
Longview needs: Cotton factory; compress; fertilizer factory; another ice factory; woodworking factories of all kinds; furniture factory; wood handle factory; one large hotel; creamery; pickling and vinegar works; truck and fruit growers. For any information concerning Longview or Gregg County, apply to the Longview's Business Men's Progressive League, which is composed of the following officers and Executive Board: T. D. Coupland, President; J. N. Campbell, Vice President. Executive Board: C. C. Morgan, T. C. Morgan, L. Trice, J. J. Flewellen, A. A. Duncan, J. N. Campbell, G. T. Reynolds, E. H. Bussey, E. Hamvassey, S. J. Blocher, J. F. Doyle, S. L. Wilson, D. D. Pinkham, L. Wooley Secretary.



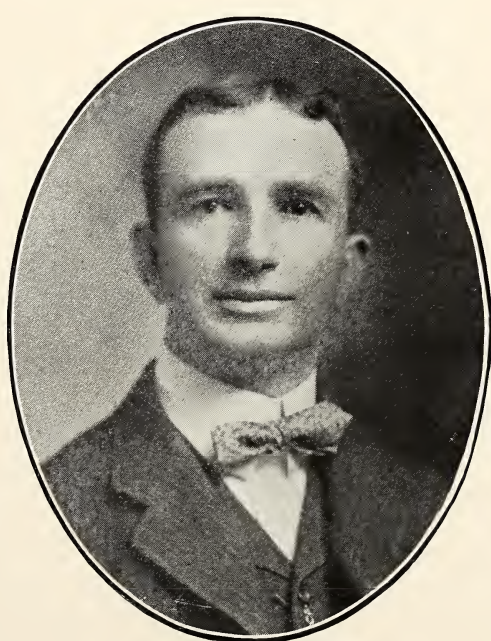
T. D. COUPLAND
President Business Men's Progressive League,
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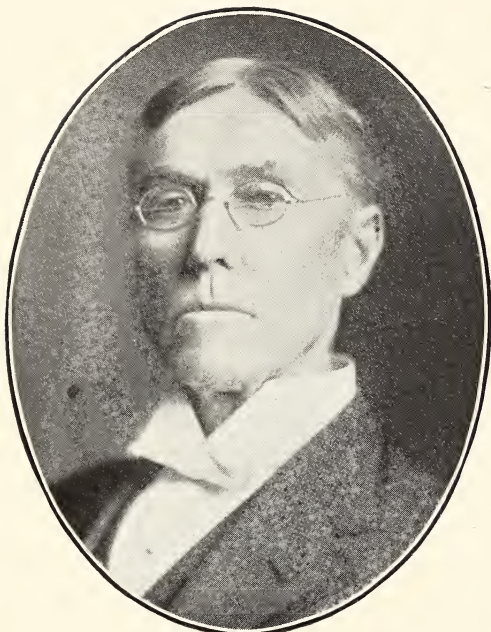
J. H. HURST
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Longview.



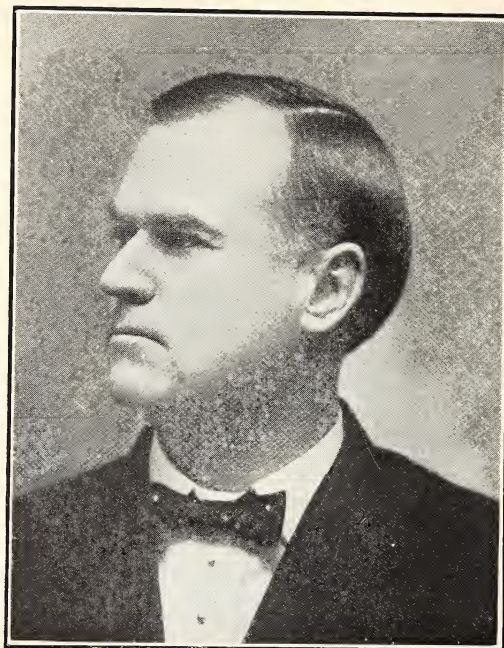
JERE CLEMENS TURNER
President Turner Grocery Company,
Longview.



J. COOK, JR.
Postmaster,
Longview.



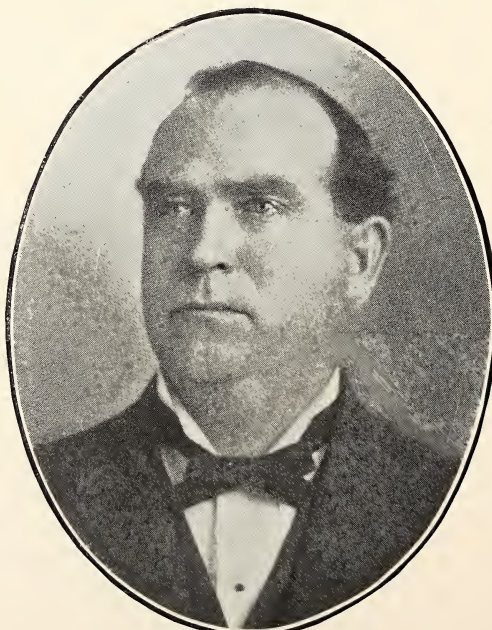
J. W. OZMENT
President Palestine Telephone Company
and the Board of Trade,
Palestine.



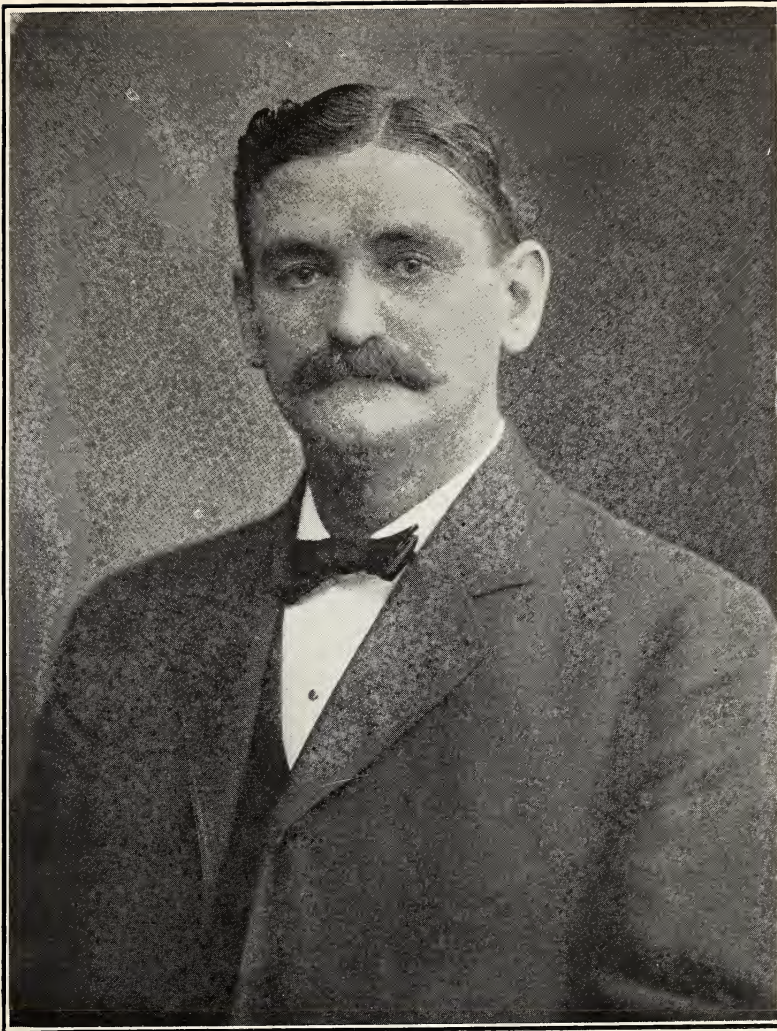
RAS. YOUNG
General Attorney T. & G. R. R., and Attorney
T. & P. R. R., I. & G. N. R. R., Western
Union Telegraph Company and
General Practitioner. Longview.



C. A. WOOD
Ex-County Judge and County Surveyor,
Dealer in Real Estate,
Newton, Newton County, Texas.



J. N. CAMPBELL
Attorney for First National Bank
and People's State Bank and
General Practitioner,
Longview.



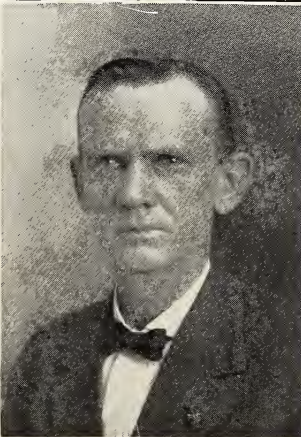
LEROY TRICE
President of the First National Bank of Longview
and The People's State Bank,
Longview.



MINNIE "B" AND SENTIS, OWNED BY T. F. REMBERT, LONGVIEW
Driven by Miss Maud Arant.



STORE OF T. D. COUPLAND
The Leading Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishing Establishment, Longview.



GEO. B. SIMPSON
Manager Mathewson Drug Co.,
Longview.

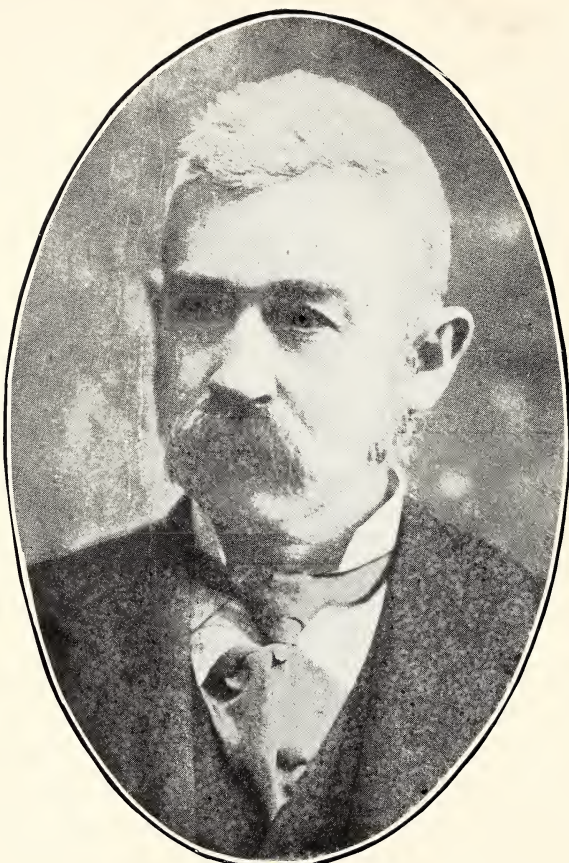
EDW. G. SPINKS
Manager Owl Drug Store,
V. P. Lawrence Drug Co.,
Longview.

T. J. DARCEY
Proprietor National Hotel,
Tyler.

BALFOUR FEAGLE
Jeweler, Mathewson Drug Co.,
Longview,
J. C. LACY
President Lacy Telephone Co.,
Longview.

A. M. PERRY
Manager Mathewson Drug Co.,
Longview.

EUGENE W. JUDGE
Vice-President Tyler Electric Co.,
Tyler.



MAJOR E. J. FRY
A Prominent Capitalist and Pioneer Citizen
of Marshall, Texas.



DR. B. F. EADS (Deceased)
Former Chief Surgeon of the T. & P. R. R.,
Marshall.



R. A. SEXTON
Attorney at Law,
Marshall.

The City of Marshall

Marshall is situated in almost the exact center of Harrison County, and is a busy, hustling city of 12,000 people. The Texas & Pacific main line of road is intersected here by its branch line leading to Texarkana, thus making the most important junction point on this great transcontinental line. Marshall is also the southern terminus of the Texas Southern Railroad. The citizenship is quite cosmopolitan, and yet the Southern spirit largely prevails. Over 1,500 high-priced mechanics are employed in the different shops and factories, nearly all of whom own their homes and are keenly identified with Marshall's progress in every way. It is a city of beautiful homes, with lawns that are veritable flower gardens. The odor of the magnolia mingles with the cape jasmine, and the air is redolent with the perfume of a thousand flowers.

The assessed valuation of the property in Marshall is over \$5,000,000. Its real valuation is probably double this amount. The total bonded indebtedness of the city is \$373,000.

The city owns and operates its own waterworks and sewerage systems. The water plant represents an investment of \$135,000 and the sewerage system of \$125,000. The city could dispose of its water system for more than enough to wipe out its entire indebtedness.

The floating indebtedness of the city is less than \$5,000.

Thirty-five miles of cement sidewalks and two miles of bitulithic paved streets will be completed in the next few months.

A \$50,000 city hall has just been completed. The city at a recent election declared in favor of a commission form of government.

The rate of taxation is \$1.54 on the \$100.

The county indebtedness is \$67,610.97; the rate of taxation for the State and county is 51 cents on the \$100.

Marshall has an excellent public school system, having five up-to-date, well constructed buildings owned by the city and an additional building leased, making a total of six buildings in all, containing some thirty-eight class rooms and employing about forty teachers.

Marshall is notably a city of churches, and many elegant houses of worship have been built. The Methodists have three churches, the Baptists three, the Presbyterians two, and the Christians, Cumberland Presbyterians, Christian Science, Episcopal and Catholics one each. There is also a very strong Jewish congregation with a handsome synagogue. These denominations all have a large membership, and the citizenship of Marshall is one of exceptional morality.

Marshall is especially strong in her three banks, two National and one State, with a combined capital of \$250,000; with surplus and undivided profits of \$211,029.66, and total resources of \$1,924,979.49.

Marshall has many manufacturing industries, among which are the following:

One of the largest cotton seed oil mills in the world; one of the largest canning factories in Texas; one immense cotton compress; four large saw mills; largest

peanut candy manufactory in the world—its product is sold throughout the South and West; one large mill and elevator company; largest ice plant in East Texas; large excelsior plant; splendid electric light and power plant.

Many smaller but flourishing industries make the air vibrate with the sound of the hammer and the whirr of machinery. We only give space to the following:

Large bottling works, three wagon factories, pottery plant, numerous brick yards, two cigar factories, several cotton gins, steam laundry, planing mills, daily paper printing office, three job printing plants, telephone company with flash light system, and twenty other factories and shops. The field, however, is ripe for the establishment of a number of plants that would succeed beyond question. The raw material is at our door, labor is cheap and can be secured in abundance, and fuel near at hand at low prices.

The Merchants' Association will gladly lend its aid to any worthy enterprise. It is believed that a free site can be secured for any manufacturing plant that promises good to the city.

MARSHALL CAR WHEEL AND FOUNDRY COMPANY

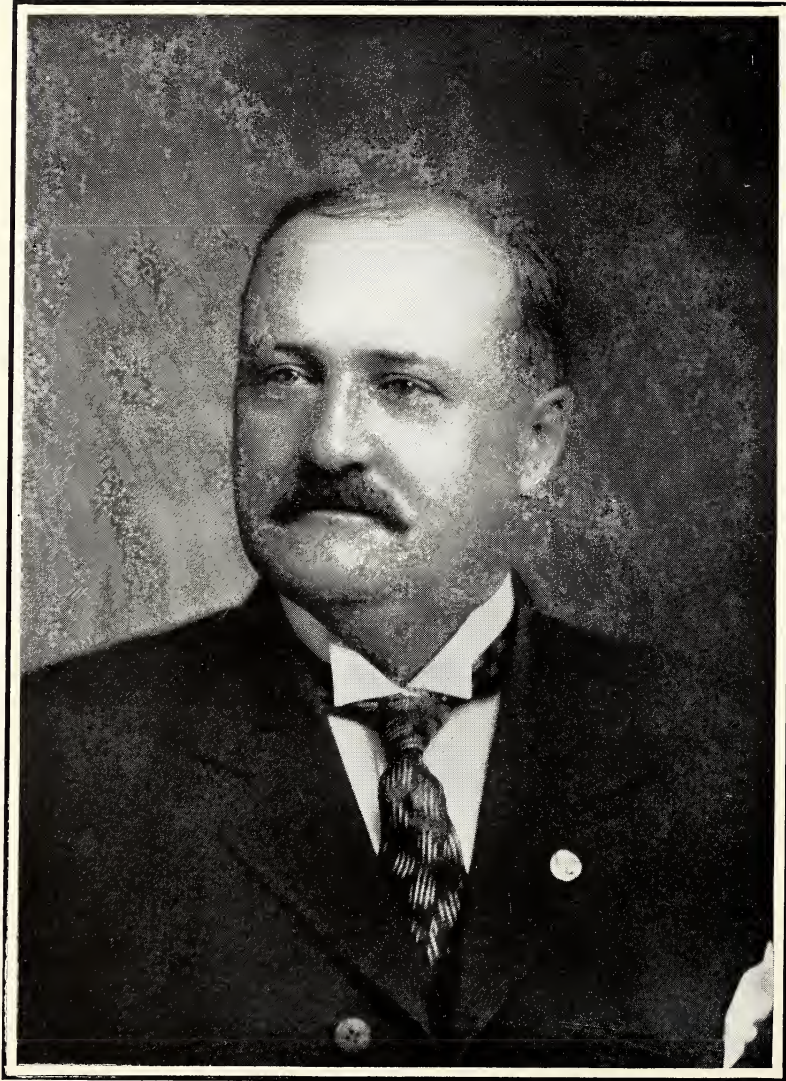
The largest car wheel foundry in the South is located in Marshall and employs hundreds of men in its mammoth establishment. The Marshall Car Wheel and Foundry Company's wheels press the steel rails of every road in North America, and their superiority is so well recognized that the company is always crowded with orders. This company distributes by its pay rolls nearly one-half million dollars annually.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD SHOPS.

The greatest enterprise of Marshall is the general car and repair shops of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. These shops cover thirty acres of ground, and employ under normal conditions nearly 1200 high-priced mechanics. Not only the repair work of this great railroad system of 2000 miles of road is done in these shops, but hundreds of freight cars are made every year. Nearly the entire passenger equipment of the road is the product of these great shops, and many of the finest and largest locomotives were built here. Marshall is also the terminus of three divisions, which adds hundreds of men to her industrial population. The payroll of this company at Marshall amounts to over \$1,500,000 annually. Mr John W. Addis has been Superintendent of Motive Power and Rolling Stock of the road for many years, and is one of the leading citizens of Marshall in everything that tends to material or intellectual advancement.



COL. JOHN W. ADDIS (and Family)
Supt. Motive Power and Rolling Stock, Texas and Pacific
Railroad Company,
Marshall,



JOHN T. BONNER
Tyler, Texas.

Tyler, Texas

TYLER, the county seat of Smith county, is a well-built city of 12,000 inhabitants. It is the metropolis and railway center of East Texas, and is also the center of the great fruit and trucking region. Of 3,500 towns in Texas, Tyler ranks eleventh in post office receipts. Tyler has the largest freight tonnage of any city its size in the State. The General Offices and the Main Machine Shops of the Cotton Belt Ry. are located there; also the head office of the American Refrigerator Transit Co. for Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Tyler is strictly up-to-date, possessing many advantages that some cities twice its size do not enjoy.

Everything down in Texas is on a big scale—even the hearts of men. Fraternal orders, clubs and churches are as prevalent here as elsewhere, and if you are socially inclined you will make friends easily.

Three railroads traverse the county: The Cotton Belt, I. & G. N. and Tyler Southwestern. A fourth railroad is now being built through the county. These railroads radiate from Tyler like spokes from a hub, and there is not an acre of land in the county that is ten miles from a railroad.

Texas is conceded by all to have one of the finest school systems in the United States, and no time and trouble is being spared to better it. In Smith County, there are (for whites) 59 county schools, eight independent schools, and two commercial colleges (one of them being the largest in the South).

Smith County having the highest altitude in Eastern Texas receives the full benefit from the purifying gulf breezes. Pure, plentiful waters and perfect natural drainage are also potent factors in Smith County's ideal health condition.

The population of Smith County in 1900 was 37,370, but is at least 50,000 now. There are about 75 persons to the square mile. The State of Rhode Island (which is only slightly larger than Smith County) has about 400 inhabitants to the square mile.

Telephones and rural free delivery have thoroughly covered every section of the county.

Improved lands rent from \$1 to \$3 per acre (money rent), payable after the crop is made; or one-third of the grain and one-fourth of the cotton produced.

Four-room dwelling houses, in town, rent for \$6 to \$10; and six-room houses from \$12 to \$20 per month.

Unimproved land in this county ranges in price from \$8 to \$50 an acre; improved farms from \$15 to \$100 an acre—owing to distance from towns or shipping points. Measured by the value of what they will produce per acre one year with another, there are no cheaper lands under the sun.

The bottom land is a deep, chocolate colored soil, which is extremely productive. The upland is a sandy loam, with a clay subsoil, containing a strong sprinkling of iron ore, which accounts for the firmness, color and superior taste of our fruits, berries and vegetables.

Smith County is the pioneer fruit and truck county of Texas, and no other county in the State has gone so far in this direction. Her people have developed

and organized the fruit and truck industries and diversified their crops, until they no longer acknowledge allegiance to any sovereign crop.

A State Experimental Station is located at Troupe, where horticulture, trucking and general agriculture are exemplified in their various branches.

There are more than 200 Government Demonstration Farms in Smith county.

The shipping facilities are of the best. The railroads and express companies are prompt and efficient in their service. Especially do they facilitate the shipping of fruits and vegetables by laying switches and erecting loading sheds. The elevated tracks at Tyler, where the fast trains for fruits and vegetables are iced, are the most extensive in the South. These fruit trains run on passenger time, taking precedence over all other trains, and landing their cargoes in the great cities of the North and East in a remarkably short time—thus a permanent and ever-increasing market is afforded for our products.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND BERRIES SHIPPED FROM SMITH COUNTY IN 1906.

Berries,	\$ 200,400
Tomatoes,	126,800
Peaches,	150,400
Cantaloupes,	3,500
Cabbage,	200
Mixed Vegetables,	7,200
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Total by Refrigeration.....	\$488,500
By Ventilation,	35,000
Express Shipments,	150,000
Canned Goods,	174,500
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Grand Total,	\$848,000

TESTIMONIALS BY SUCCESSFUL FARMERS.

APPLES: My 30 acre apple orchard, with but little more than one-third of it in bearing, brought me this year over \$1,000.

N. B. HUDNALL, Tyler.

ASPARAGUS: I averaged \$75 to \$100 per acre from my asparagus crop this season.

W. M. KEE, Tyler.

BLACKBERRIES: One-third acre yielded 40 crates, sold for \$80, or at rate of \$240 per acre.

J. K. McBRIDE, Swan.

CABBAGE: This year I planted a crop of cabbage and sold it for \$157.16 cash per acre. It is one of the most inexpensive crops we raise here, the easiest to gather, less skill required to pack, comes on so early that the price is always high, and I sincerely believe that one could safely buy cabbage land at \$150 per acre and pay for it out of the first crop.

G. W. BASS, Bullard.

IRISH POTATOES: My first year in Texas I made 100 bushels of potatoes per acre, worth that year 90 cents per bushel.

C. E. NEILL, Tyler.

ONIONS: From one-eighth acre in onions I realized a clear profit of \$50. I consider \$500 an acre not an unusual yield for this section.

H. W. NEILL, Tyler.

PEACHES: From 5 acres of peaches I sold 1,800 crates, averaging in price 45 cents per crate, or \$162 per acre.

J. H. PARKER, Tyler.

PEARS: I have the Keiffer pear, 110 trees to the acre. They have averaged for the past five years two bushels and a peck per tree, of marketable fruit, finding ready sale at \$1 per bushel. The expense of cultivation and marketing was comparatively small. I figure that they have netted me about \$200 per acre.

W. F. BOYETTE, Tyler.

FOUR CROPS IN ONE YEAR: I have planted and gathered four crops in one year on the same piece of ground—namely, onions, Irish potatoes, speckled peas and turnips.

E. R. BOAZ, Lindale.

FRUIT LANDS: I believe that our fruit lands are just as valuable as those selling in other places at \$500 to \$1,000 per acre, and when the country is properly developed will surely bring these prices.

J. P. TWOHIG, Bullard.

PEPPER: I have made \$150 from one-quarter acre of sweet pepper. This is one of our very best money crops.

H. W. NEILL, Tyler.

PLUMS: I had sixteen Japanese plum trees that netted me \$100, or \$6.25 per tree, which is at the rate of \$675 per acre, counting 108 trees to the acre. This is one of the surest crops we have.

J. H. PARKER, Tyler.

STRAWBERRIES: I have a six-acre strawberry patch, from which I gathered 200 crates per acre, and they averaged the season through \$2 a crate. So you see there is some money in berries. (\$400 in acre.)

N. B. HUDNALL, Tyler.

STRAWBERRIES: Had six acres of strawberries, but had a very bad stand. They only brought \$1,240 after freight was paid. (\$206.66 per acre.)

J. F. RAY, Tyler.

TOMATOES: From three and one-half acres I gathered 1875 crates of tomatoes, which sold from \$1.50 down to 40 cents per crate; after allowing for every kind of expense I still made more than \$200 per acre.

T. A. COLEMAN, Bullard R. I., B. 43.

TOMATOES: Two acres netted me \$400. J. R. FRANKLIN, Trope, R. 6.

TRUCK BUSINESS: I, like many other farmers here, am wondering why we did not go into the truck business years ago, but we clung to that old idea that we were doing well, and knowing nothing about the truck business did not take it up until it was forced upon us with a market so satisfactory that we are now in it to stay, and next year I expect to increase my acreage.

G. M. BASS, Bullard.

For further information, address Secretary of the Commercial Club, Tyler, Texas.

MRS. HATTIE RAGUET.

Mrs. Hattie Roberts Raguet, of Tyler, is the only daughter of Capt. Benson W. Roberts and Mattie Butler Roberts, and is the widow of Henry Wynnekoop Raguet, one of the prominent pioneer families of early Texas. She was early left a widow and has devoted her life to music as a profession being a pianiste and teacher of recognized ability. Mrs. Raguet is ex-president of the Sherwood Musical Club (the oldest established musical club in the State), of which she has been an active member for several years. She is pianist and assistant director to the magnificent Marvin M. E. Church choir, a choir which is receiving noted recognition throughout the South.

Mrs. Raguet is a descendant, through her paternal grandmother, of the Stanleys of England; through her maternal grandfather, she is a descendant of James Butler, first Duke of Ormond, who was proclaimed Charles II. of Ireland in 1649. She is a charter member of the Mollie Moore Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tyler; the adopted daughter, and proud possessor of a magnificent gold medal of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, No. 48, United Confederate Veterans, Tyler

JESTER NATIONAL BANK OF TYLER.

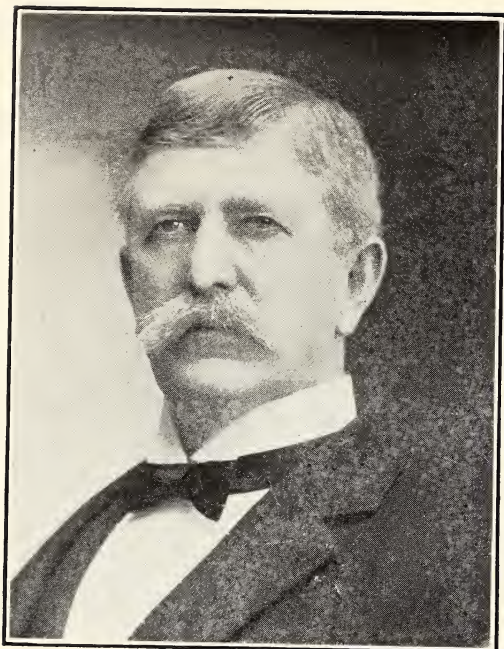
For 18 years this solid financial institution has been thoroughly identified with the progress and prosperity of the commercial interests of Tyler and Smith County. Its officers and directors are numbered among the very best business men of this section. Col. L. L. Jester, its President, is a monument of conservatism and strength in banking circles, being one of the oldest bankers in experience in East Texas, and his connections and associations are thoroughly identified with the strong money centers of our country. In view of the fact that Tyler has had four bank failures, Colonel Jester and his bank occupy a unique position, and it is mainly through his experience as a banker that commercial confidence has been restored in Tyler. He has always handled the funds of his depositor wisely and conservatively, always honored with unfailing promptness all demands made by his depositors and has taken care with marked ability the business interests of his city through the channels of his magnificent banking institution.

BELLWOOD LAKE.

We present in this edition a photograph showing part of the lake at Bellwood, one of Tyler's beauty spots. This lake is about four miles from the city. It covers 200 acres of ground and is situated in the center of a 1500 acre tract of land, the property of Ben B. Cain. Bellwood is noted for its hunting and fishing. Ducks and water fowl are abundant from early fall until the spring flight occurs. In addition to this, it is one of the best quail preserves in the State. The lake is well stocked with all varieties of native fish. Black bass are frequently caught weighing as much as eight pounds. The city water supply is pumped from this lake, Mr. Cain being the President and principal stockholder of the Tyler Water Company, a private corporation.



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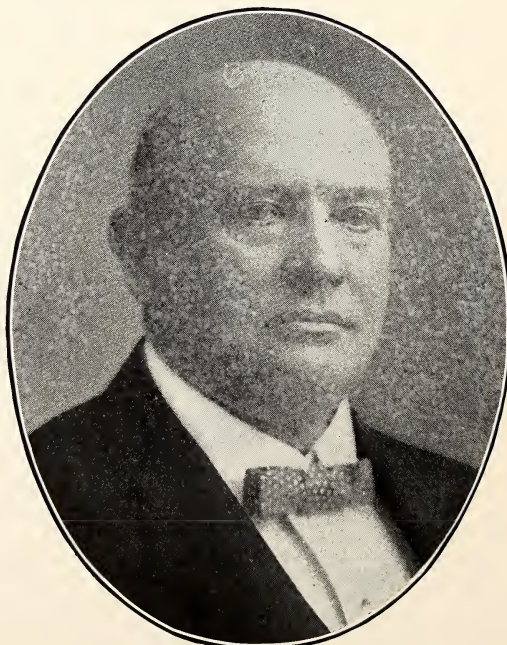
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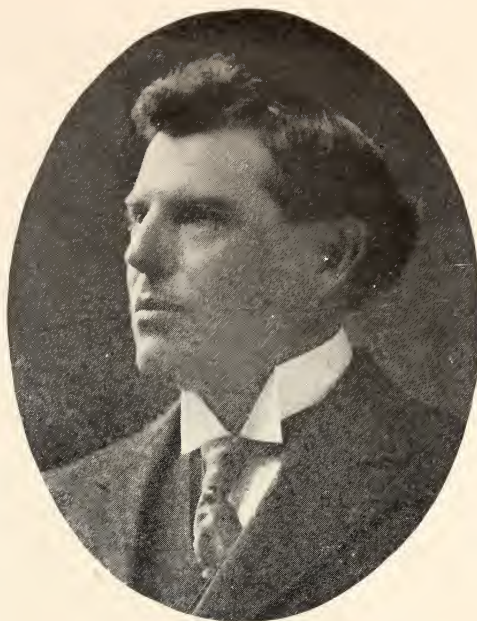
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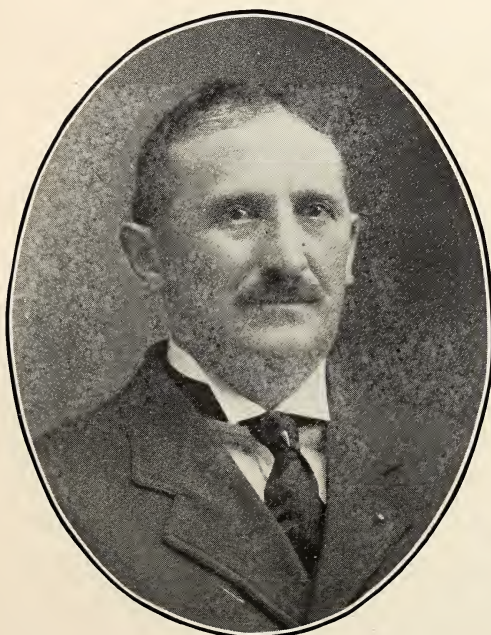
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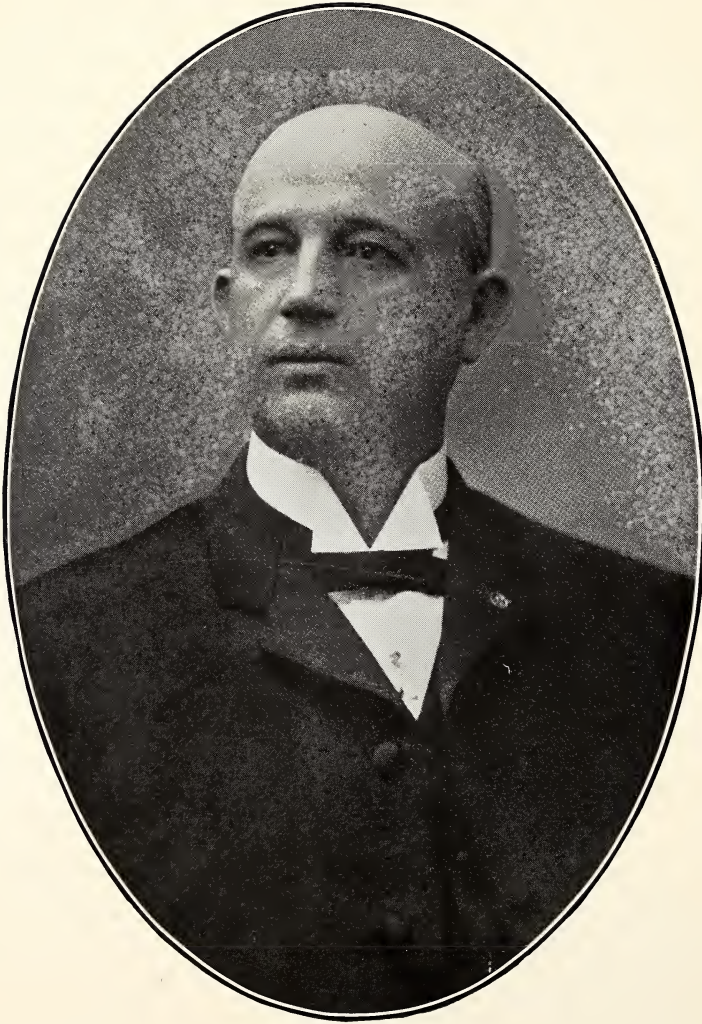
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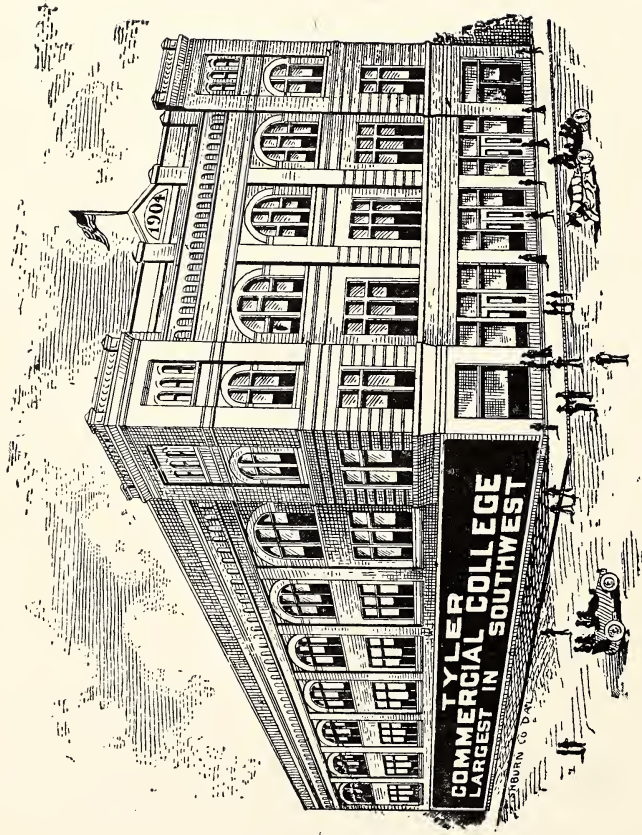
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MAIN BUILDING TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

In 1900 the TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Tyler, Texas, opened its doors to the public. Its beginning was modest. Only thirteen students and a faculty of four, limited means and an old frame building. But push and hustle, and the advantages of the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping soon put it to the front. Today it owns and occupies two large brick buildings, has \$12,000.00 worth of furniture and equipments, twenty teachers, fifteen hundred students annually. The largest annual day enrollment in Bookkeeping, Business Training, Typewriting and Telegraphy of any business college in America. Its patronage has come from thirty-six different states and several foreign countries.

It is truly an interesting sight to see the hundreds of students busy at their work, many of them in the great business department and learning business by what has always hitherto been thought impossible, REAL BUSINESS transactions. It's a fact that every student performs with other students through business offices, banks, etc., every item of business before it is recorded on his books. The banks, wholesale houses, etc., are so extensive that they require 150 feet of office railing to enclose them, 50 to 60 students to handle their varied business.

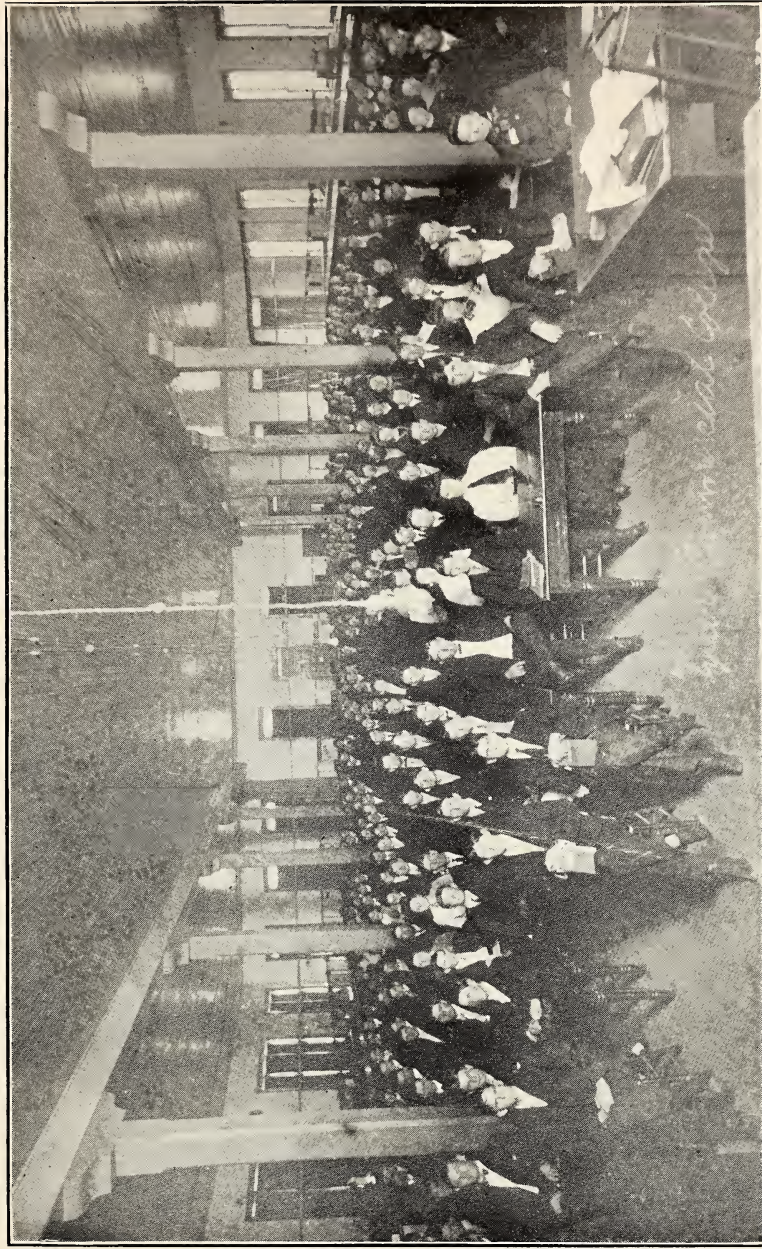
IN this expert office one sees the student learning higher accounting and balancing set after set of books tangled by those less advanced.

Nowhere else can one find such a course of Business Book-keeping, nowhere else see the students learning by daily use of such modern office devices as the Huber Account Register, the McCaskey Account Register, the Burroughs Adding Machine, etc.

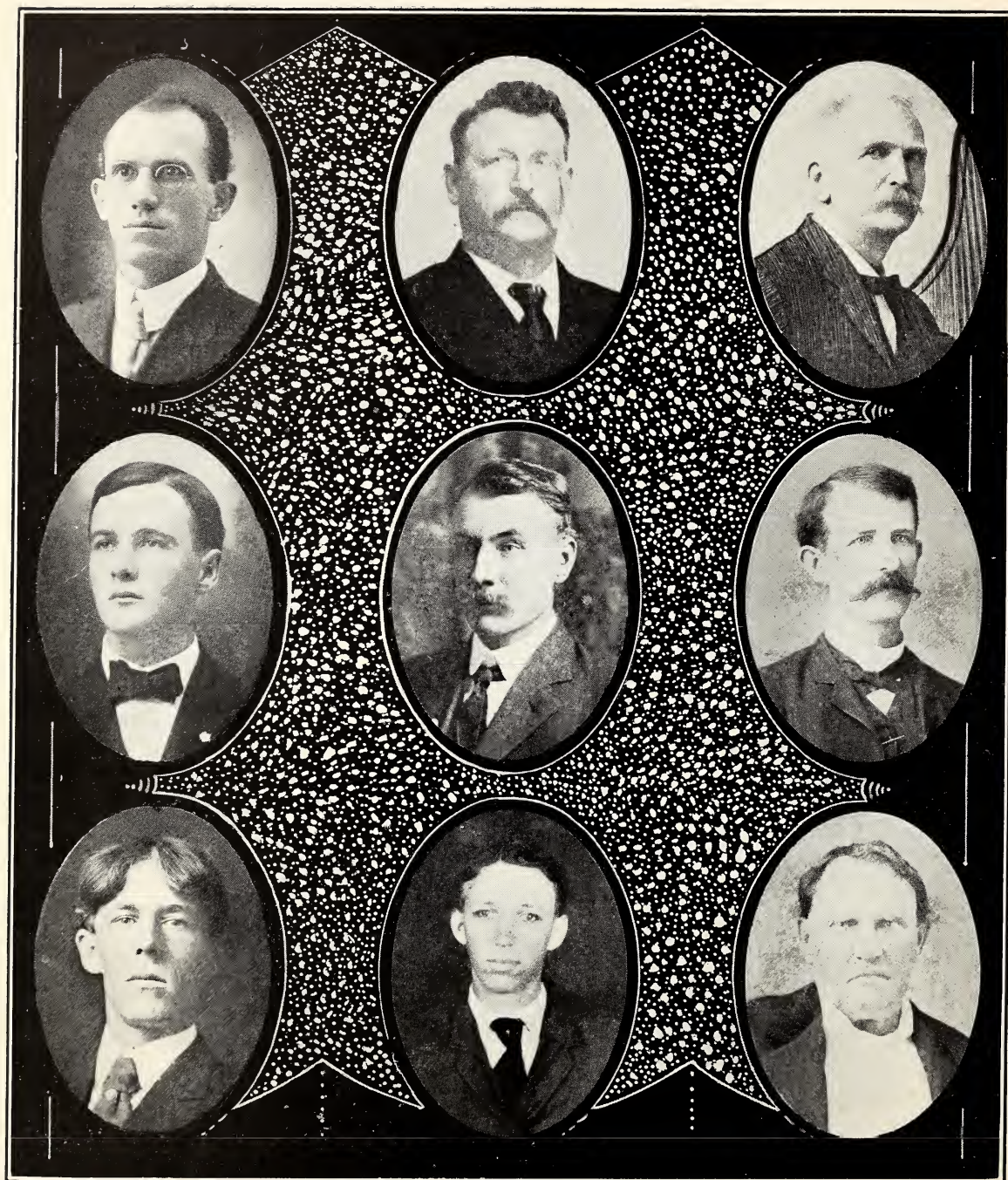
The Shorthand and Typewriter Departments are equally interesting. One can see here the average student mastering the entire course in twelve weeks, writing 150 words per minute, new matter, and court reporting, a speed commonly supposed, save by Byrne students, to require one to three years hard study and practice. No other school in the world has two special teachers of touch typewriting, and nowhere else is touch typewriting taught with uniform success.

In Telegraphy, the work is equally attractive, and the College has an unheard-of-elsewhere advantage, the active support of a great railway system with its train wire, and really turning out qualified operators. The train order work, electric railway, Western Union, railway and freight offices, handling the business daily of hundreds of students, are interesting in the extreme.

People from all over the union visit the College and all say, "The like was never seen before." Tyler, yes, Texas, may justly be proud of this great institution.



AT MORNING EXERCISE IN TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.



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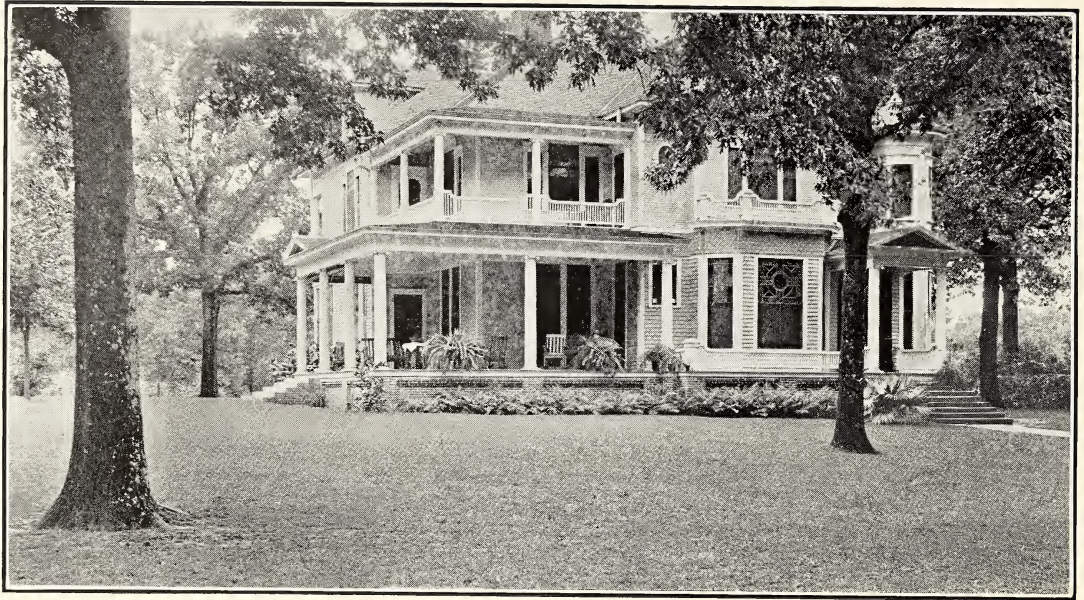
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SCENE AT BELLWOOD LAKE, TYLER
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Gilmer and Upshur County

Upshur County is located in the northern portion of East Texas, about equally distant from Texarkana, Dallas and Jacksonville. It is in the very heart of the fruit and vegetable section of the State, and is in the section that is the home of the Elberta peach. The soil gives rapid growth to the trees, and to the size, color and flavor of the fruit. The climate gives early ripening, and thereby guarantees an early market for fruits and vegetables. The soil ranges from a dark to a red, light sandy loam, with red chocolate foundation or subsoil. There is also an abundance of iron ore, which gives strength and coloring matter to the soil, giving firmness and color to the fruits, especially to the peach. Cotton, corn, cow-peas, peanuts, sweet and Irish potatoes, yield abundant harvests, while the sugar beet and all kinds of vegetables grow in perfection.

WATER

Upshur County is one of the best watered counties in the State, having an abundance of living, pure water in its springs, branches, creeks and rivers, in every portion of the county, affording in some sections sufficient water power to run machinery.

STOCK RAISING.

East Texas is destined to be the stock-raising section of the State; the lands being reasonably cheap, with abundance of living water, and sufficient timber to protect from severe heat and cold, and plenty of cheap food, such as peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes, sugar beets, sorghum, and the various grasses, especially Bermuda, the finest grass in the world—all assure great profits in the raising of hogs, mules and horses, as well as sheep, goats and cattle.

TIMBER.

The county is the natural home of the various kinds of oak, hickory, pine, gum, and other valuable timbers; there being among the undeveloped natural resources of the country more than fifty million feet of timber suitable for manufacturing purposes, a large portion of which is gum and hard-wood timber.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The surface of the county is sufficiently rolling to give perfect drainage, with but little damage ever done by overflows. The great variety of hill, valley and alluvial bottom lands are sufficient to suit the tastes of every agriculturist.

PEOPLE.

The people are healthy, intelligent, contented and prosperous, and at all times ready to give the hand of welcome to the new-comer in their midst.

Churches and schools are found in every community, ready to extend a whole-souled welcome to the stranger coming this way. It is an easy country in which to make a living, and to save a competency for old age. Any one may own a

home, and at the same time educate his children, and given them the privileges and influences of the churches.

RAILROADS.

The county is traversed by three railroads, viz.: The Texas and Pacific, running through the southern border; the Cotton Belt, running through the center of the county north and south, and the Marshall and East Texas traverses the entire county east and west, running through a fine timber belt, largely undeveloped.

HEALTH.

The elevation of Upshur County ranges from 800 to 1000 feet above the sea level, which gives an intermediate climate and assures good health to the citizenship.

GILMER.

Gilmer, the county seat, is the largest town in the county, having a population of about 3500; located in the center of the county, and at the intersection of the Cotton Belt and the Marshall and East Texas Railways. The altitude is about 1000 feet. The court house, an elegant building, is situated in the center of the public square, surrounded with a yard set with shade trees, and sodded with Bermuda grass. The large public square is lined with one and two story brick business houses, many of them new, showing the life, enterprise and thrift of its people. The county produces annually from 10,000 to 20,000 bales of cotton, the most of which is marketed in Gilmer. There are located in the town beautiful and commodious churches. The school district has located in the town a \$12,000 brick school building on a beautiful campus consisting of seven acres of land with high elevation. There are also located, within the corporate limits of the town, large planing mills, saw mills, telephone and electric light plants, and the town owns its water works, as pure artesian water as there is in Texas. It has also four hardware and furniture stores, four drug stores, three blacksmith shops, eight stores of general merchandise, nine family groceries, two national banks, one novelty shop, three livery stables, two newspapers, two hotels, one wholesale drug house, all doing a good business, together with other profitable business enterprises.

OTHER TOWNS.

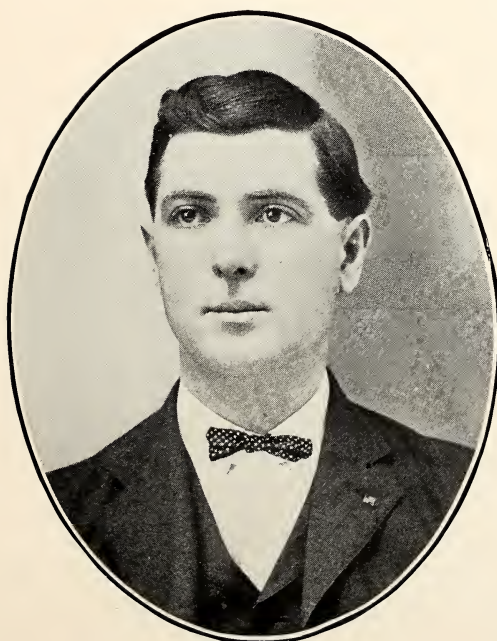
There are many towns and villages in the county, on the lines of the railroads above mentioned, and some in the interior, all doing a thriving business.



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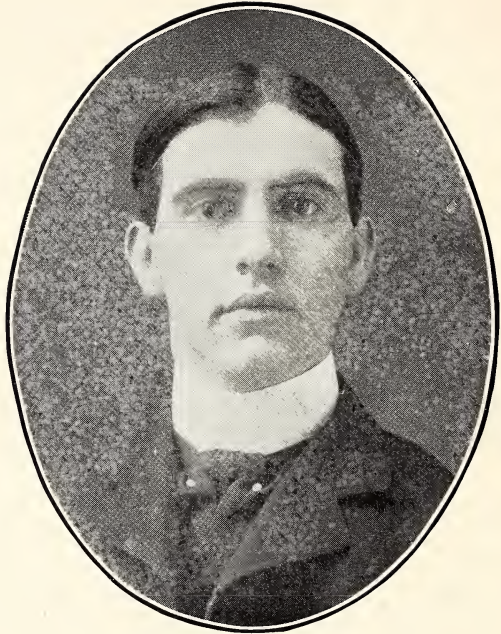
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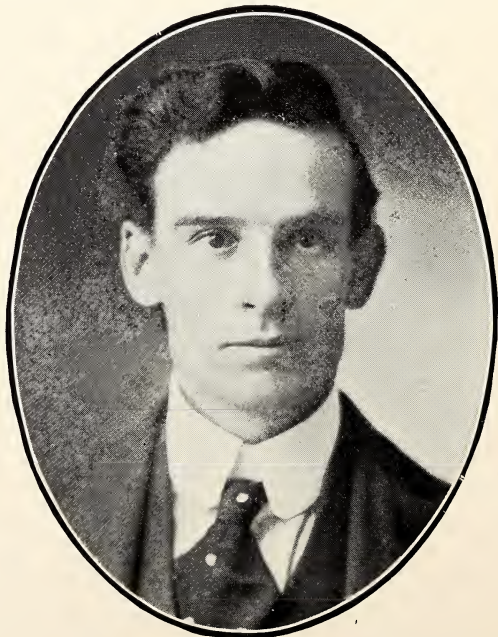
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The Bench and Bar of East Texas

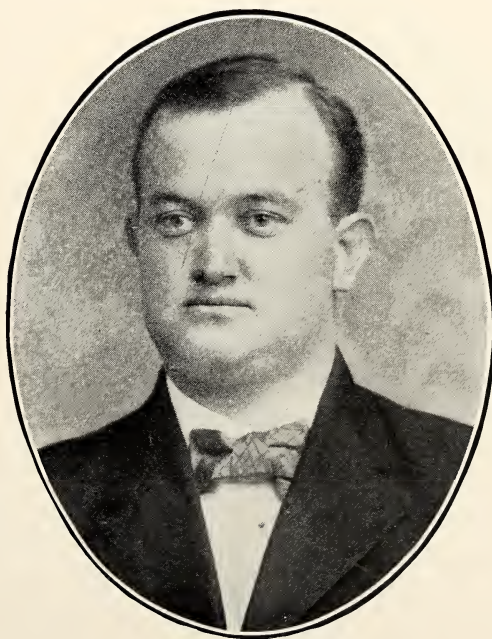
NOTED FOR ITS JUDICIAL AND LEGAL ATTAINMENTS.

The intelligence of any community cannot be better reflected than through its bench and bar, and a more certain index to the commercial importance of a city could not be found, whether it be State or other political division, its life and future greatness depend largely on the intelligence and honor of its men who are engaged in the practice of law. The history of Texas is replete with eminent statesmen who have maintained the dignity of the bar in the past, and no less can be said for those who are now following the traditions of the earlier disciples of Blackstone adding new lustre to the history and dignity of their great profession. The judicial function of government is necessary to the preservation of the public peace and order and the protection of individual rights.

From the earliest history the bar has played an important part in the establishment and maintenance of all forms of society and government. As civilization has advanced, the men in this profession have advanced likewise, and to-day there are no more honorable lawyers than the men who practice that profession in Eastern Texas. It is believed that the bench and bar of no section in Texas have higher capacity for legal learning and integrity than that of East Texas. The bench and bar of East Texas have furnished Governors, U. S. Senators, Supreme Judges, ministers and many of the best lawyers and jurists of the South, and her name is great in the land among the followers of the law.



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The Woman's Club Movement

BY MRS. R. S. BRYARLY.

In the last decade a mighty force has arisen like the "Star in the East," to light and bring comfort to thousands who sat in the gloom of past ages. This star of mighty magnitude is called the "woman's club," which wields with such loving dexterity that all who come under its benign influence are constrained to uproot hereditary prejudices and confess that the club woman is a factor in the advancement of every good cause. Her one central thought is to improve herself, and then go further and improve her surroundings. In order to do this she must have co-operation, and, finding a few women of like thought, they bind themselves together in the fraternal ties of club life. In small towns the club naturally means more to a progressive woman than it does to her city sisters who have public libraries, art exhibits, and all the untold pleasures of city life at her command. The club woman in a country town has none of these. If she wants to see a good play she must journey to the nearest city to see it, and in some cases that city may be a hundred or two miles distant, thus taking time and means which she cannot, at all times, spare from her home life, and so, for mental preservation she turns to her club, where some member has read the text on which the play was founded, or, perhaps, another has read a well written review of the play as presented in the nearest city and can tell in an interesting way of what she has seen or read, and thus the club becomes the purveyor of good, mental tonics, which without club life could never have been taken and assimilated. But club life in country towns is not plain and easy sailing by any means, as the members have all the old-time prejudices incident to narrow minds to contend with and overcome. Strange as it may seem, the strongest of this unfounded and uncalled for opposition comes from the pulpit, which evidently thinks that clubs are purely social affairs—all fuss and feathers, pink teas and platitudes. Of course, there is a social side to club life, for who would want to live without the joys "exhaled from the social atmosphere?"

"'Tis there alone our faculties expand, shine out,
There only, reach their proper use."

However, there is another side to club life which unkindly critics do not care to see. This is art, civics, education, forestry, household economics, industrial pursuits, and anti-child labor moves, libraries, juvenile offenders, literature, the pure food law, and scores of other features which very beneficially affect the home and state. Beyond all, club life lifts us above the pettiness of selfishness, in that we are doing something to help each other and the world along toward that "one far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves."

At the recent Biennial in Boston, where thousands of club women had gathered, there was a delegate from Shanghai, China, who told the convention that the women's club there had done more to bring women together than any other means ever employed in that isolated kingdom, and the delegate from Panama said it took the "big stick" to build the canal, but it took the milder implement, the "woman's club," to bring social reform out of chaos. It is easy to see this whole world will soon be girdled by the "woman's clubs."



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Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Darcy,
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COLONEL SAM PARK.

While it is quite positively against the policy of the Standard Blue Book to indulge in pen sketches of the living individual, yet we feel that we would be doing an injustice to this great section if we failed to mention the name of one of its peerless and matchless citizens to whom honor is so justly due; and, among the many distinguished citizens and financiers of East Texas, we mention, with just pride, the name of Colonel Sam Park, of Beaumont.

He is President of the Industrial Lumber Company, the Beaumont and Jefferson County Good Roads Association, and Vice President of the National Good Roads organization, and a number of other sundry enterprises too numerous to mention.

Colonel Park was educated in Bedford, Iowa, under the tutorship of Hon. Geo. L. Finn, an ex-United States Senator, a man of sterling worth and of great intelligence.

It is useless for us to say that Colonel Park is no ordinary man, as his rare qualifications as a gentleman, refined, cultured and educated, ranks him with the ablest men of this State, while his extensive experience and wide range of study and thought, and his knowledge of the principal cities of this country, with his friends among the captains of industry in the centers of trade, place Colonel Park in a very effective and unique position and give him ample power to display his great talent in the development of this section and State.

S. W. BLOUNT.

S. W. Blount of Nacogdoches, Texas, is a native Texan. He is the youngest son of Col. S. W. Blount, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence and a soldier in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Blount is engaged in the active practice of his profession, active in politics, business, and lends his aid to every legitimate enterprise tending to the betterment of humanity and the public weal.

He served as a member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Texas Legislatures, was the unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1896 and was a delegate to the recent Democratic National convention at Denver.

HON. N. A. SHAW, OF TEXAS.

We desire to take this method in expressing our appreciation for the courtesies unselfishly extended to us during our recent visit to Texarkana, by the big-hearted and generous "Gus" Shaw, as his friends familiarly call him.

Shaw has his friends as numerous as the people who know him from every portion within the limits of this State, representing every sphere of life, profession and occupation.

By nature, he is a lover of humanity and stands foremost and abreast with the times as a close student and an able exponent of political economy.

Historical and Pioneer History

On the tenth of February, 1843, Capt. J. C. Hill, Wm. Hill, Jno. Gilley and James Dixon, with their families, reached that portion of Smith County known as Quapan Creek, eight miles southeast of Tyler, and started a settlement. Three days later Author Lott came and settled northeast of Tyler, on Harris Creek.

In the following spring, Col. Rice Wells came to the same neighborhood.

In the fall of 1843, Wm. McAdams, Isaac Matthews and Bill McAdams, enrolled their names among the seekers for homes in this new country, and in January 1844, Thomas Hays located near Capt. Hill's place.

J. C. Cincamon also came about this time; this last gentleman had the reputation of being so clever that he would actually get down off from his own horse and walk to let somebody else ride, like many other pioneers while rough and hardy, yet hospitable to a fault and the embodiment of honesty.

The City of Tyler was laid off in 1846 and was named in honor of Ex-President John Tyler. It was chosen, named, located and laid off into lots, streets and public squares by Col. J. C. Hill, John Dewberry, Dr. W. B. Duncan, Hon. E. E. Lott and one other, who were appointed under the law of April, 1846, creating Smith County, as commissioners to locate the County Seat.

The first settlers in the town proper were Capt. Ezra W. Wiley, C. C. Alexander, A. J. Ellis, Stephen Reaves and Absalom Lott. The first district court met in December, 1846, the Hon. W. B. Ochiltree, then being district judge.

Stephen Reaves was the first lawyer to settle in Tyler, removing from Alabama to Smith County, Texas, in December, 1846, and located permanently at Tyler in April, 1847.

Hon. W. S. Herndon (deceased), a distinguished pioneer lawyer and member of Congress, was a native of the State of Georgia. He removed to Texas in 1851. He was an ornament and honor to Tyler. As a student he was ambitious; the loss of time with him seemed the loss of a part of his life and the habit of constant work followed him all through life and was probably the cause of his eminent success as a lawyer and in finance. At his death he was the wealthiest man in the entire county. He was admitted to the practice of law on April 8th, 1860. He served as a gallant soldier in the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865. He served in the 43d. Congress of the United States with marked distinction and ability and at that time had no superior as an orator. His great speech to second Tilden's nomination for the presidency was his greatest political effort; this speech completely captured and electrified the convention.

Henry Ash (deceased), a former distinguished citizen of Palestine, Texas, was born in Germany, and at the age of fifteen years he immigrated to this country. During the year 1860 he located at Palestine, Texas, and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he joined the Southern forces under Col. Elmores. After the declaration of peace he resided for a short time at Houston, Texas, and later on

started in business at the little town of Springfield, where he remained until 1872, at which time he disposed of his interests and returned to Palestine, where he embarked in mercantile pursuit, and by his unswerving integrity, he not only succeeded in business affairs, but obtained the good will and respect of all his fellow men. In Palestine he stood virtually at the head of the mercantile world and the name of Henry Ash is identified with the growth and progress of Palestine. There is not a charitable or benevolent institution in this city of Palestine that has not at some time been aided by this good man. He was one of the founders of the Synagogue in Palestine, a member of the Independent Order of B'nair Brith and of the Masonic Fraternity; he faithfully supported with his heart and purse these organizations; and it has never been known that he ever refused to help any one in distress, when in his power to lend aid. During the year 1878, Mr. Ash was married to Miss. Hart, of Summit, Mississippi. November 23, 1903, he died at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, as the result of an operation. He was in his sixtieth year and left a name that is loved, honored and respected by all and as an heirloom to his wife and eight children, who still live in Palestine, it is priceless.

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GRAIN, HAY, FLOUR AND FEED STUFF.

East Texas Grain Co.
Lufkin. Adv. P. 113.
W. T. Wilson Grain Co.
Nacogdoches. Adv. P. 114.
O. L. McKnight,
Center.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

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National Hotel,
Tyler. Adv. P. 119.
The Redlands Hotel,
Nacogdoches.
The Mays Hotel,
Kirbyville.
Lee's Restaurant; everything first-class,
Orange.

HANDLE FACTORIES.

Timpson Handle Co.,
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HOSPITALS.

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Lufkin. Adv. P. 108.

HARDWARE.

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Marshall. Adv. P. 122.
W. M. Glenn & Co.,
Lufkin. Adv. P. 110.
Center Hardware & Furniture Co.
Center. Adv. P. 115.
D. D. Pinkham,
Longview. Adv. P. 117.
Carson Monk & Co.,
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Jas. R. Adams
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ICE CREAM FACTORIES.

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Lufkin.

IRON FOUNDRIES.

The Marshall Car Wheel & Foundry Co.,
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Geo. M. Dilley & Son,
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Orange Iron Works,
Orange. P. 21.
Lufkin Iron Foundry,
Lufkin.

JEWELERS, WATCHMAKERS AND ENGRAVERS.

J. G. Hoyler & Bro.,
Lufkin. Adv. P. 112.
Owl Drug Store,
Longview. Adv. P. 118.
J. E. Copeland,
Palestine.
Matthewson Drug Co.,
Longview and Marshall. Adv. P. 119
Joe Lucas,
Orange.

J. Dallas Collier,
Woodville.
Kolter Bros.,
Beaumont.

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LAWYERS.

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Lufkin.
Martin M. Feagan,
Lufkin.
Chas. L. Shless,
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W. B. O'Quinn,
Lufkin.
W. J. Townsend,
Lufkin.
S. W. Blount,
Nacogdoches.
Geo. F. Ingraham,
Nacogdoches.
S. M. Adams,
Nacogdoches.
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Center.
Tom. C. Davis,
Center.
J. M. Sanders,
Center.
W. S. Herndon & Sons,
Tyler.
Daniel Walker,
Center.
J. S. Stephenson,
Center.
Ras Young,
Longview.
J. N. Campbell,
Longview.
Warren & Briggs,
Gilmer.
Cain & Knox,
Tyler.
M. M. Smith,
Pittsburg.
Garland Smith,
Jasper.
C. L. Gordon,
Jasper.
R. A. Sexton,
Marshall.
T. W. Davidson,
Marshall.
W. G. Taliafero,
Beaumont.
Mell & Stephens,
Gilmer.

Adv. P. 120.

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LUMBER COMPANIES.

J. H. Kurth Lumber Co.
Lufkin, W. C. Brashear, Manager.
C. A. Moore,
Lufkin.
W. C. Mortimer,
Center.
R. G. Brown Lumber Co.
Longview.

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LOG CONTRACTOR.

J. J. Hampton
Nacogdoches.

LAUNDRIES.

Belcher's Steam Laundry,
Palestine,

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MILLINERY.

The Model,
Palestine, H. A. Spielberger, Propr.

NEWSPAPERS.

Beaumont Daily Enterprise,
Beaumont.
The Beaumont Daily Journal,
Beaumont.
The Lufkin Daily News,
Lufkin, Adv. P. 111.
The Champion & Daily News,
Center, Adv. P. 115.
Orange Leader,
Orange.
Kirbyville Banner,
Kirbyville.
Marshall Messenger,
Marshall, Adv. P. 124.
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Nacogdoches.
Weekly News,
Jasper.
Daily News,
Center.
Houston Post,
Houston.
Houston Chronicle,
Houston.
Palestine Daily Herald,
Palestine, Adv. P.
Palestine Visitor,
Palestine.
Palestine Advocate,
Palestine, Adv. P.
The Daily Texarkanian,
Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. Adv. P. 125.
The Daily Courier & Times,
Tyler, Texas.

PRINTERS.

Samuel Jones Printing Co., 415 Main St.,
Dallas, Adv. P. 107.

PLOW FACTORIES.

G. A. Kelly Plow Company,
Longview, Adv. P. 117

RAILROAD CONTRACTORS.

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Lufkin.
J. S. Moore,
Lufkin.

RICE GROWERS.

Jno. C. Chaney,
Beaumont.

TIN AND SHEET METAL WORKS.

Sam H. Kerr,
Lufkin.
A. C. Cooper & Co.,
Center.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES.

Lacy Telephone Co.,
Longview, Adv. P. 117.
Palestine Telephone Co.,
Palestine.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

C. A. Wilson,
Jasper, Newton and San Augustin,
Adv. P. 107

WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

W. C. Weaver,
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