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Martin County; Her Past, Present and Bright Future

In the past ages long forgotten, when the western breaks of what was in more recent years known as the "Llano Estacado, or Great Staked Plains" and what is now commonly called "The Plains," formed the more strongly identified divide between the tributaries of the Colorado river on the east and the Rio Grande on the west, there was no doubt beautiful streams of water flowing from such divide in an easterly direction which, for more than one hundred miles, sent their torrents through great canyons cut deep into the great plateau lying to the eastward from said divide whose surface was composed of deep, alluvial loam covered with its great variety of native grasses which served only as food for the buffalo, antelope and the mustang pony, unless per chance it was occupied by some larger and more important member of the animal creation whose identity has long since been lost to the human race, and whose only remaining evidence of existence is the deposits of bones, such as was recently unearthed by some of our northern neighbors.

Those great water courses have long since been choked with the sands of time and the excessive growth of vegetable matter gone to the sand, and have ceased to exist, but since trying these seven years in Martin county, four of which

that they are no longer to be recognized as canyons, but are this age of the world, only known as "draws," and no water is shown on their surface except in times of unusual rain fall; but their meanderings are still in evidence, their channels are still sufficient to carry off the surplus rain fall, and the great plateau traversed by them still has its great wealth of soil, which has, for years unnumbered by man, continued to send forth its harvest in abundance.

This vast area of virgin soil seems to have been unmolested by the human race except red man until the last half the nineteenth century after Christ, when the master mind of C. P. Huntington conceived the plan of forcing the people of Texas to build Texas & Pacific Railroad across this great divide for the purpose of simplifying and increasing transportation between the gold fields of California and the great productive valley of the lower Mississippi. With the completion of this great artery of commerce in the year 1881 the Llano Estacado begun to attract the attention of Texans, most of whom were cattle-raisers and the Great Staked Plains were soon converted into the greatest beef growing country of the world. It is true that prior to this time a few hardy pioneers had launched their "prairie schooners" upon this great sea of plenty, and they were no doubt the primary instruments by which civilization was turned in this direction, but the great rush and the acquisition of land titles were not upon this country until about the time of the building of this railroad.



BEANS GROWING IN MARTIN COUNTY.

A few years before the building of the Texas & Pacific Railroad the legislature of Texas created a large number of new counties in the north-western part of the State, and that one lying upon the extreme southeast corner of the great Texas Table-land was given the name of Martin.

from the Texas Pacific Railroad near the southeast corner of the county to the center of the county by some thirty miles.

To the north and west of Sulphur Draw, the Mustang Draw runs in a westerly direction across the county.

quality of pure water is found in unlimited quantity underlying the Uplands, though usually farther below the surface than is found in the valleys, ranging in depth from forty to one hundred and fifty feet.

Like all the prairie lands, the soil is rich and fertile.

inexhaustible spring found near the junction of two of these water courses, which has, for ages beyond the knowledge of man, furnished cool, refreshing and healthy water for the quenching of thirst, pure in quality save for a very slight evidence of sulphur. This valley alone is amply sufficient for the support of ten thousand people. Its soil is composed of rich, dark, chocolate loam, very deep and fertile, with a natural growth of the finest grasses for stock raising and which grows in abundance. This valley runs diagonally across the north-eastern part of Martin County

than one hundred feet below the surface and in many places near enough the surface to form sub-irrigation.

The Uplands of Martin County, the divide between the Sulphur and Mustang valleys and the high lands to the east and north of the Mustang Valley, and to the south and west of Mustang Valley, consist of a rolling plain, dotted here and there with small basins which form lakes of water during rainy seasons. These basins have practically the same kind of soil as the valley, though the soil is not usually as deep as is found in the valley. The same

richness would vanish away, the vegetation become parched and blow away and leave the appearance of desolation; yet Martin County has never had such suffering from drouth as history tells of countries with more favorable reputé. She has had her "seven fat cattle" to come up out of her abundance, but they have never been entirely devoured by the "seven lean cattle."

Near the middle of the nineteenth century the hunting of buffalo on the western plains became very much in vogue, and the hardy young Texas pushed their buffalo camps far into the hunting grounds of the

Indians, and with the passing away of the buffalo the grass on these fertile plains became so luxuriant that the buffalo hunters soon turned their attention to stocking the country with the historic "Texas Long horn" cattle, and within a few years Martin County was almost completely occupied by a few big ranch men and their cow boys.

To the ranchmen and cowboys all credit is due for the making of Texas. They have ever been the van-guard of civilization, wresting the county from its native savage state and making it habitable for the quieter and more sedate people of the farming class. The big ranchmen and smaller stock raisers held undisputed sway of the plains until the beginning of the twentieth century, when the stock farmer with his plow and hoe began to push his way into these fertile lands and within the last thirteen years the Plains are to be recognized as farming lands; and no person, with a knowledge of the existing facts, now question the fertility of the soil notwithstanding the seasons purposes. The last year of drouth through which has demonstrated that the farmer is the climatic

in the year they meet, with abundance, as some have done in Martin County this year who have, single handed, produced as much as thirty bales of cotton worth over \$2000.00 and feed crops that will bring more than that much money on the market.

It is true that Martin county has had and now has her disadvantages, but the greatest of these has not been the drouthy seasons, as most people seem to think. Farmers have settled in Martin county and tried one or two crops here during the most unfavorable seasons, and while they were not familiar with the climatic conditions, using the methods of farming to which they were accustomed in the lower altitudes upon a different nature of soil and where they had more rain fall, and their efforts, therefore, were not successful; they have then scattered themselves over the thickly settled communities of the east, where it is impossible for a farmer of ordinary means to procure and pay for a farm, and from day to day and from year to year have related their various personal experiences in "the far West" and naturally taking the position that drouthy seasons were the cause of their failure, while in truth and in fact their failure was due altogether to other causes. The greatest obstacle to the development of Martin county is the enormous landed debt at a time when the country is in the poorest condition to maintain it. The farmers who go into a new country are, ordinarily, men of very limited means; they contract for



MAIZE GROWING IN MARTIN COUNTY.

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to make a living for the family, they are burdened with interest payments on the land and during bad seasons when the produce of the farm, like in all other counties, makes a scant living for the family the interest must go unpaid, he loses this land and can see nothing to be done except "go east and cuss the western country. This county is absolutely in no way to blame for the failure of any man, either in farming or stock-raising. It has the soil, it has the climate, it has the seasons, in fact it has everything necessary for the building of successful homes, except the ingenuity and energy of more human beings; but in order to achieve success in this country any man must exercise his ingenuity as well as his energy, though lavishly expended, will only develop and utilize the natural resources of the country which is insufficient to achieve success in this or any other country. Human energy must be intelligently expended, and only to the purpose of procuring the greatest yield from the soil, but also for the purpose preventing the absorption of such yield by interest on the land debt and other unnecessary expenditures.

Land speculation is one of the greatest curses Texas has ever known. Horse racing and gambling halls have had their many victims, but where they have ruined one human being, gambling in land titles have been the ruin of thousands. It has inflated the price of farming lands in Texas to such extent that it is far beyond the reach of the man who tills the soil, and its seductive influence leads thousand into the common error of specula-

fact, since the year 1876 her 900 square miles covered with its luxuriant growth of grass has aptly typified the green cloth of an immense gambling hall. During that year land certificates issued by the Land Commissioner of the State of Texas were located upon three fourth of Martin County. These certificates were donations principally to the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company and one half of the lands located under them were reserved to the Public School Funds. These railroad lands immediately went into the hands of land speculators land gamblers and the school lands were later placed upon the market and sold to the same class of people, with very few except-

sherable lots of the lands under the control of the individual or company who would immediately place upon the market and sell the choicest parts to foreign speculators at highly inflated prices, and in this way the title to the lands have been kept from the tiers of the soil, and it is impossible for them to procure large tracts of land or even a decent sized farm, and pay for it and the gambling instinct inherent in us prevent buying only what we need for home. In addition to this great influence, this country has been extensively advertised by both private citizens and public officials as being a semi-desert country in which it is impossible for a

man to settle, and people who have made no investigation of themselves have taken into consideration the fact that the country in its natural state will maintain a few people in luxury without tilling the soil and that it is human nature for those who are enjoying the natural conditions to mislead others to the extent of keeping them from encroaching upon the advantages so held and enjoyed.

During the days of free grass in Texas it was perfectly natural for the stockman to secure the unmolested use of as much grass producing lands as possible, and to that end prospectors for free grass were no doubt misled with reference to the productiveness

of the land. It is perfectly natural for those who enjoy the benefits of a low lease rate, or enjoy the use of the lands in their natural state without leasing, to mislead the farmer as to the natural conditions and advantages of the country and its adaptability to farming. When these natural influences are taken into consideration any person will be in better position to form an estimate of the natural resources of this country.

Now, any fair investigator will find Martin County is well adapted to farming, that any farmer with ordinary intelligence and energy who will come here and buy only what land he can pay for and improve, even if it is not more than fifty acres, can make a living for and educate his family with much more ease, and keep them in better health and give them more true happiness and comfort than he can on any small farm he may own in any low altitude where he has to contend with boll weevils and other insect pests known to the farm. Plenty of good farming land can be purchased in this country at a very low price, considering the quality of the land, and with no land debt to carry and no danger of foreclosure any intelligent farmer can soon be living in comfort.

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L. P. Jones.

L. P. Jones is a farmer of considerable and varied experience, about seven years of which has been in Martin county. Mr. Jones has tried farming in the black lands of east Texas and the sandy lands of central Texas but since trying these seven years in Martin county, four of which he is still holding forth in here and making no effort to find a better location. He is cultivating about 200 acres of land, greater part of which was this year planted with cotton, and his yield of cotton per acre is above the average for Texas. Mr. Jones is an enthusiastic worker, he understands the methods of cultivation best suited to this soil and climate and his efforts, therefore furnish evidence of the gratness of the country.

J. S. Klepper.

J. S. Klepper is another farmer who takes a great interest in his fellowman as well as in stock-farming. He came to this county several years ago from north Texas and has made a success. He made a close study of the nature of the soil and the climatic conditions, and making a close application of his own experience and the experience of his friends, he has succeeded in raising a fine crop of cotton. He is content with his present location, and he spent the last summer among his friends telling them of the good things he had found and assuring them that the labor expended on their old and wornout farms, if performed in Martin county would preserve their souls from hunger and give them society clothes; and in that way he has induced several good farmers to come and partake of the fat of our land.

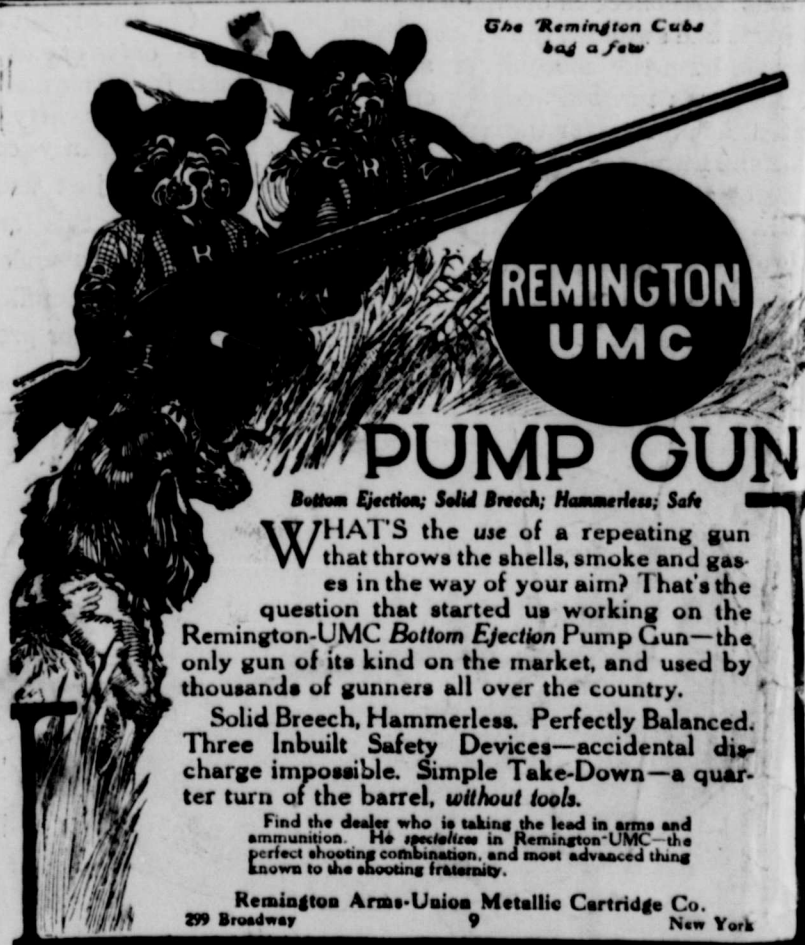
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W. Glendening.

W. Glendening is a farmer who cannot be removed from this great country. He has now had about seven years experience here and altho he has had considerable experience in farming in eastern and central Texas, yet he has no desire to return to those crowded and over worked localities. Mr. Glendening is a man who believes in passing his good things to his fellowman. He has improved several farms in this county and found some good farmer to take some of them off his hands; but when he turns a farm loose he is not inclined to hunt for a new locality, but immediately goes to work improving another and has not missed a season nor made a failure since he came. If we had enough such men as Mr. Glendening, anxious to assist their fellowmen by letting them know of the excellent opportunities going to waste in this country, the over crowded farming districts of the east would soon furnish us with a sufficient number of intelligent and energetic farmers to cultivate the greater part of Martin county.

W. Glendening.

W. Glendening is one of the very substantial farmers of this country. While his rich and beautiful farm is located in Midland county, yet it is within 8 miles of Stanton and is near enough the line of Martin county that it naturally absorbs a large share of the overflow of blessings that would otherwise go to waste. Mr. Glendening has lived in this country for about ten years and has confined his efforts almost exclusively to farming, having given only a small amount of attention to the growing of choice crops. He is a native of the state of Ohio, and his long residence in this country has given him a full knowledge of the soil and climate of this native state, of the southern part of Texas, of north central Texas and western Texas where he now makes his home, and his success as a farmer in his country furnishes ample evidence of the fitness of this county for farming purposes.

A. M. Woodard.

A. M. Woodard, is another farmer in the western part of Martin county who is wide awake to our natural advantages. He has a beautiful and productive farm where he has spent about ten years of his life. His farm has never failed to produce an abundant living for his family and enabled him to continue the improvements necessary to a comfortable and happy home. Mr. Woodard realizes that, while growing crops in this country with the annual rain fall is profitable, he can increase the production by irrigation, and he has been improving his farm to that end. He has a beautiful lake of water from wells from which he is now enabled to irrigate his garden, vineyard and orchard. His large orchard and vineyard furnish an abundance of fruit, which is marketed at both Stanton and Midland and pays a good revenue.

Tom Boys.

Three Tom brothers, Charley, Peter and George, are prominent and substantial stockmen of Martin county. These gentlemen have turned their attention mostly to beef cattle and are known among the most prominent buyers of beef cattle from the northern states as men who place on the market some of the best stock of the world.

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Birdseye View of Business Section of Stanton, Texas.

Joseph Bell.

Joseph Bell is another substantial citizen with enthusiasm and energy sufficient to make a success of farming in Martin County.

Mr. Bell's farm, which is only about one half mile from Stanton is as productive as any man need want and is cultivated in such way that is a pleasing sight to look upon. His crops of both grain and cotton are abundant and the acreage in cultivation and the appearance of the entire farm is surprising, considering it is the efforts of one man. Mr. Bell is one of our local ministers of the gospel and is no sluggard in either the moral vineyard or that of the farm. By writing to him he can impart some valuable information relative to farming conditions in this county.

R. N. Henson.

R. N. Henson, who for a number of years operated as a buyer and shipper of cattle, has this year turned his attention to farming and his wagons have now been busy for several weeks hauling grain to Stanton for shipping. Mr. Henson came to Martin county about eight years ago from Bell county, and his observations during these eight years has convinced him that the rich, sandy loam soil of this country, when compared with the black lands of Texas for farming purpose, is equally productive, is much easier cultivated, is more comfortable and convenient to live upon and is blessed with atmosphere that will add years to the life of any farmer.

C. J. Adair.

C. J. Adair is a young man who started farming in Martin county on quite a large scale several years ago, having opened up a farm of about 400 acres before he took unto himself. He has cultivated the greater part of this farm himself during all of this time and his success enabled him, about two years ago, to induce one of the fair daughters of Hill county, Texas, to form a partnership with him and their community of effort during last year and this have further demonstrated the adaptability of Martin county to happy and congenial farm life. The products of this farm this year would prove attractive to the farmers in any country.

E. T. Hopkins.

E. T. Hopkins, who has been farming in Martin county for the last ten years is another example of what can be done in this county. He has been successful in his farming and what he can do others can duplicate by securing a good home in a good country, write to him and get his opinion of Martin county as a farming country.

L. O. Dunn.

L. O. Dunn, in the southwestern part of Martin county is another of our successful stock men. Mr. Dunn has been successful in his farming and what he can do others can duplicate by securing a good home in a good country, write to him and get his opinion of Martin county as a farming country.

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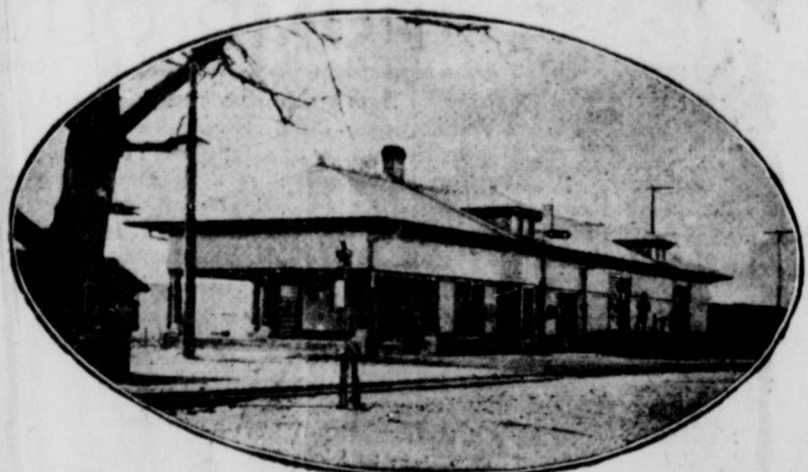
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R. L. Henson.

R. L. Henson has broken out of the old rut of farming and has installed an irrigation plant. This year he planted eight acres to the yellow sweet potatoes and is now gathering 200 bushels per acre for which he finds a ready market at \$1.50 per bushel, thus giving him a gross income of \$300. per acre. We have not had from Mr. Henson any estimate of the cost per acre of the production of this crop, but it is not probable that it was as much as \$100. per acre, altho he pumps his water from a forty foot well; hence his net profit from the eight acres of land will amount to about \$1600, not a bad profit on the amount invested; but this potato crop is only one of the many products from this marvelous little farm. Fully fifty per cent of Martin County could easily be cultivated just as Mr. Henson cultivated this small tract, for there is an abundance of well water to be had sufficiently near the surface for profitable irrigation.



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Family Reunion.

Sunday September 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Claunch, thirteen miles north of Stanton the family reunited for the first time in seven years.

There were present Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and three children of Merkel. Mrs. T. E. Harrel and four children of Pecos county, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and four children of Martin county, Misses Cassie and Lena Claunch, C. B. Johnston, Clinton Smith and Jasper Smith of Brownlee. Twenty-five in number and a happy crowd it was. The before noon was spent talking of days gone by and what changes time could bring of only a few years and at this time dinner was called. Mr. Claunch forgetting what she was talking about has never finished the subject.

As there was plenty of room we assembled around the table with thankful hearts, and did our work well. In the after noon we mingled our voices in song. Being thankful for the many blessings that we have enjoyed since last we met, and may our mind be elevated to a meeting ground on high, where parting is no more. I am sure the home is lonely now. Since all have come and gone. We met a smile on mother's brow. Tho' she is left alone.
R. B. Smith.

A. L. Houston.

A. L. Houston has had 25 to 30 years experience in the cattle business in this country and his ranch a few miles south from Stanton, has for years furnished large number of beef cattle to the worlds supply and has placed Mr. Houston in the first rank of the wealthy men of this country.

Grow Fine Radishes.

Ray Bachman brought to this office, Wednesday some fine radishes which he grew in thirty days. The radishes are about six inches in length and are just the right size for eating purposes. Mr. Bachman says, that Martin county is not lacking for the rich soil but for the working of the rich soil, which she is blessed with.

School Facilities.

Stanton has a \$2000. school building and a corps of the most efficient teachers that can be procured. Our school facilities will measure up to that of towns many times larger than Stanton.

Besides the public school we have a Convent School conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, which is one of the best schools in the State of its kind.

Simp Holloway Improving.

Gus Roberts, who has been in attendance upon Simp Holloway at Weltmer Institute, Nevada, Mo. returned home Sunday. Gus says Mr. Holloway is on the road to recovery and that he thinks he will be able to return home in a short time. This will be good news to the many friends of Mr Holloway, and we hope to see him among us shortly entirely restored to health.

E. R. Wolcot.

E. R. Wolcot, who ranches near the center of Martin county, is one of our most prominent breeders of fine cattle.

Blue Back Spellers.

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List of Grand Jurors.

Following is a list of the grand jurors for the October term of District Court:

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The business interests of this town needs to get closer together. Not only the Mercantile firms, but every kind of business. Of course we are doing fairly well, but we could do better. This is our town and we should all pull for its best interests. We should be ready to spend our money for its upbuilding. To do so adds to our personal business. Make the town and county better and your business will increase.

E. B. Dickerson.

E. B. Dickerson is also breeder of high grade cattle and his herd has produced some of the finest beef cattle ever placed upon the market from Texas.

A. C. Eidson.

A. C. Eidson, is another breeder whose ranch and herd will attract the attention of all who see them. Mr. Eidson is a strong believer in the adaptability of Martin county to stock-farming and he is now growing a large amount of feed upon his ranch for the purpose of securing the best growth and development of his fine cattle.

R. Kolb was in town the first of the week and came in to straighten up that boost he gave to Martin county while he was out there visiting. He assured the News reporter that San Saba is now the best place on earth. He didn't say it in just so many words, but the way we understood it he was merely doing the polite stunt while in the presence of his host, the editor of the Stanton Reporter.—San Saba News.

Many strange faces are seen on the streets these days. Some of them are home seekers, looking for a place to make their future home. Get acquainted with them and tell them about the Stanton country. They judge our citizenship by the reception extended them. Remember this and the next time you meet a stranger speak to him. It is nothing more than the duty of a gentleman, anyway.

As the season advances the plow is the farmers best friend, but when the season closes the silo comes in handy.



LOADING MELONS FOR SHIPMENT



Beautiful Residence of B. B. Cauble, Stanton, Texas.

Martin County Roads.

Martin county has excellent soil for building good roads, as well as for agricultural purposes. There is very, very little of the surface of this county that would not form a good road surface if it was properly treated. The firm, dark chocolate soil, in its native state, furnishes as good road surface in dry seasons as any community need to want; and even when it is thoroughly soaked with water it is never...
 ...very small per cent of the roads in Martin county has ever received any attention by man further than to have the tops of grass tramped down by the feet of teams and the ruts worn by wheels of vehicles. Never-the-less, we have roads which will compare favorably with any of the graded and unfinished roads in other parts of the State. In fact our roads in the best condition are so...
 ...to convince our ranchmen and commissioners that it is necessary to work them at all, although three out of the four commissioners have automobiles and use them almost daily. The roads are sufficient for them to haul their necessary supplies for

the ranches, in fact all of their necessary wagoning could very easily be done across the smooth and undulating prairie without roads, and the existence of farmers, as a class, has ever appeared to them as such a nuisance that they have not considered the farmer's need of good roads. The products of the ranch can be marketed on foot and can be delivered at the railroad station much easier and in much better condition on any road than it could on a macadamized thoroughfare; hence, why the necessity of a road for the stockman? But the products of the farm are different. Every pound of farm product for shipment must be transported to the railroad station by vehicle, and with the macadamized road the farm products can be so transported for not exceeding twenty per cent of the cost of transporting the same across the prairie. The farmer sees that his labor is thus wasted and is...
 ...now a sufficient number of farmers within the vicinity of Stanton that good roads should be established and maintained for a few miles, at least, in every direction from town, and if the county owned the ne-

cessary road machinery, excellent roads could be established on this soil at a cost not exceeding \$100. per mile, and they could easily be maintained at not exceeding \$25. per annum.
 Thirty to forty miles of such road would now be of great benefit to the people of this country and a road tax of ten cents on the \$100 of taxable property in the county for two years would produce sufficient funds to establish and maintain that much road for two years, after which it could be maintained with the public road labor.
 These roads should be established at this time, for a number of reasons, not the least of which is because the greater part of the lands of Martin county are held by non residents who have no thought of ever using it only for speculation, the farmers who are now here are enhancing the value of their lands and it is only just that they should...
 ...a successful speculation would object to the necessary tax and establishment of good road for he well knows that every mile of good road in the county will add something to

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the value of his land and so far as the taxation would fall upon resident tax payer, the amount of his annual tax would be saved two or three times each year in cost of transportation.

City Building Notes.

Every city builder is a masterpiece of creation. The man who isn't a booster should eradicate himself. Success is achieved only through co-operative efforts.

If you are not a city builder get ready for the dark ages. A town knocker is a community parasite. Eliminate him. Every morning presents a new opportunity in city building. In city building all things come to him who meets them half way. Boosting costs but very little, but it is priceless in its value.

Every citizen, by conforming to the slogan of the commercial organization, can become a booster and a city builder.

When you send out of your home town for an article, you buy without seeing and pay in advance. Live at home.

Great things can be accomplished by united effort. A team that is pulling together is never kicking; the team that is kicking is never pulling.

Mrs. Sabra Stubbs of Edwardsville, Ill. is the guest of Mrs. Lea Suppiger.

Rev. Sherrod to Lecture.

Lectures at the Courthouse on Catholicism, by W. T. Sherrod, pastor of the Evangel Church, Big Springs.

Tuesday 7:30 p. m., "Romanism a Religion of Oppression and Despair."
 Wednesday 7:30 p. m., "The Roman Catholic Church by which the Roman Catholics are seeking to make America Catholic."

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Missionary Auxiliary.

The Missionary Auxiliary met for their regular Social Meeting with Mrs. W. F. Rogers Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A program was given on our Mission Work. Some splendid papers were read in regard to the different phases of the work. Mrs. Wilbanks of Big Springs Auxiliary was a welcome visitor and gave us some splendid information in regard to the District Meeting that was held at Sweetwater Sept. 18th and 19th.

The society was royally entertained. We were served to ice cream and cake. A good number of our members were present, and we are very proud of the work done this year. The years work will soon come to a close, and we will be proud of our report for we are the banner society of the Big Springs district.

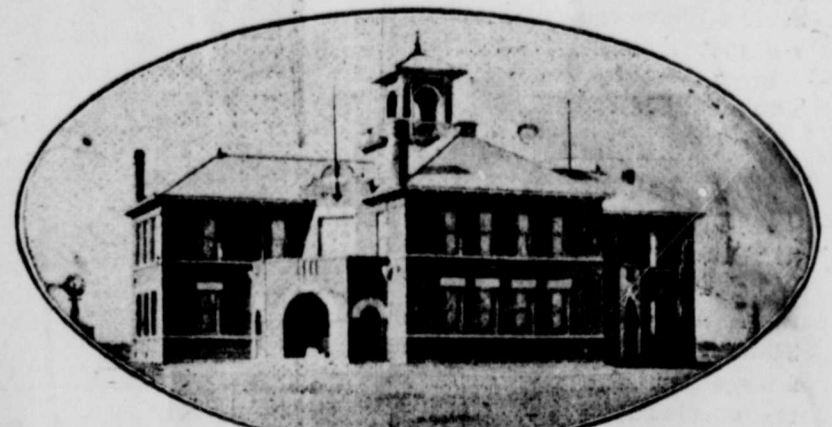
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Residence of N. R. Ebbersol, Stanton, Texas

B. G. Lewis.

B. G. Lewis is a stock-farmer who began his career as such in Martin County near the beginning of the twentieth century. He has weeded his row well in this country and has a right to feel proud of his success. He has long since learned that the best way to market farm products is through live stock and he keeps a sufficient number of choice stock on his farm to consume his feed crops, and in that way realizes the best prices for his stock and saves the profits of middle-man on his feed products taking them direct from the producer, his farm, to the consumer his stock. Mr. Lewis has lived in Martin County long enough to have a full knowledge of all its

disadvantages and he is making no effort to find another location. His success has evidently fully satisfied him and the key to his prosperity hangs on the outside of his door. See and learn from him.

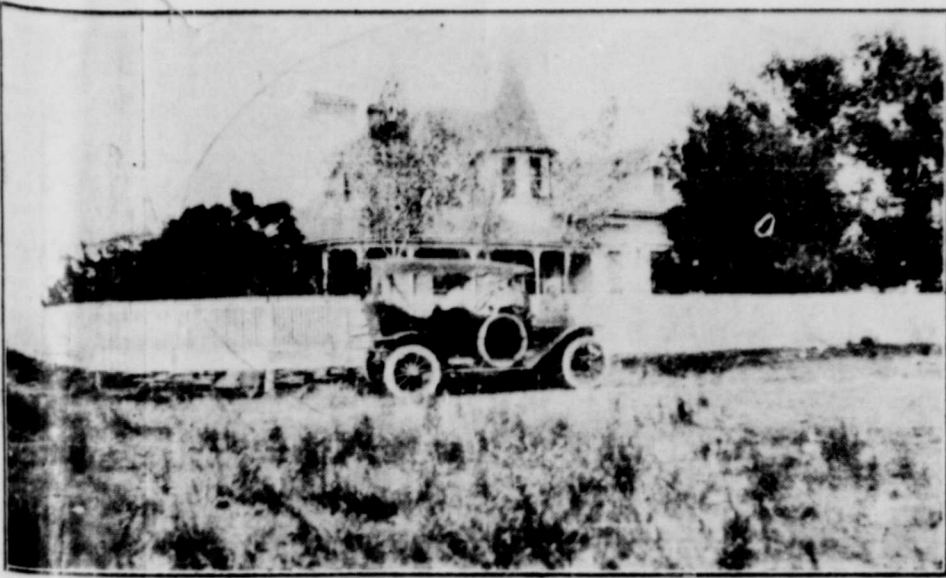
J. H. Kelly.

J. H. Kelly is a farmer whose prosperity should be a stimulant for the faint hearted farmer of the east who fears the uncertainty, so called, of the great west. Mr. Kelly has now tried the productiveness of Martin County soil for about six years and, although four of those six years have been as hard seasons as the county has ever known, he has no fault to find with this country. He works a large amount of land with seemingly little effort and

his home shows every indication of the successful farmer. The orchard of his beautiful farm near Stanton, laden as it was this year with wagon loads of as fine fruit as any one need want to see was convincing proof that Martin County is well worth developing as a fruit country, and that within a few years she will take her place along with California and Florida in this class of farm products.

Wilmer Jones

Wilmer Jones, who visited Martin County in 1906 and inspected a small experimental cotton patch on the farm of Joseph Stoeger, determined to take advantage of the great opportunity offered in this country. He left the black lands of Williamson



Residence of J. E. Millhollon, Stanton, Texas

County, Texas, and during the year 1907 cultivated 20 acres of sod cotton in Martin County from which he gathered and sold 22 bales of cotton, averaging more than 500 pound to the bale. Mr. Jones is still with us and, while we have not heard him express himself directly, we do not believe he would exchange his holdings in Martin County, acre for acre, with the owner of any farm in Williamson County, strictly for a home and farming purposes.

Mr. Joseph Stoeger.

Mr Joseph Stoeger is another of our prosperous stock-farmers. Unlike most farmers, Mr. Stoeger has never been a slave to the cotton king. He uses his fine soil for growing feed crops and does not depend upon the grain and hay markets for disposition of them. He also takes a great interest in the growing high grade cattle and uses his feed crops for their improvement. This staunch old citizen, one of the earliest settlers, having cast his lot in Martin County in the "early eighties" when her capitol city was called Marienfield, and he has more personal knowledge of history of this country than the combined information of all the faint hearted farmers who have sojourned here and gone away with their tales of woe to knock against the great west. Mr. Stoeger has recently sold a half dozen of his high grade cattle for more money than the average farmer of the east will make during the whole year, having sold them for more than \$200. per head, average.

A. B. Morton.

A. B. Morton, the water-melon man, has attracted the attention of people both at home and abroad with his melon crop of this year, having shipped several car loads in addition to marketing them both at Stanton and Midland. This country has been producing a high grade of water melons for several years, but the enterprise of Mr. Morton has initiated the shipping of melons from Stanton.

This enthusiastic and energetic farmer has also grown excellent crops of various kinds of feed and cotton this year and is making a splendid success, as others can do with like methods.

C. E. Spath, who bought a drug store in Sweetwater some time ago, was in the city this week. Mr. Spath informed us that he had sold a half interest in the store and that as soon as he could dispose of the other half he would return to his farm in Martin County.

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Cotton Patch In Martin County.

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There was 9004 pounds gathered from the patch or a little more than two and one-quarter tons per acre.

This was Fred's prize patch in which he is entered against several hundred other Texas boys on who can raise the largest amount of maize to the acre. His was unirrigated.

The writer visited this maize patch before it was cut, and while we are no expert, we will say that we have never seen anything to equal this patch of grain and this is the verdict of all who saw it.

We believe Fred will get the prize.

This only demonstrates what this country will produce when the proper methods are employed.

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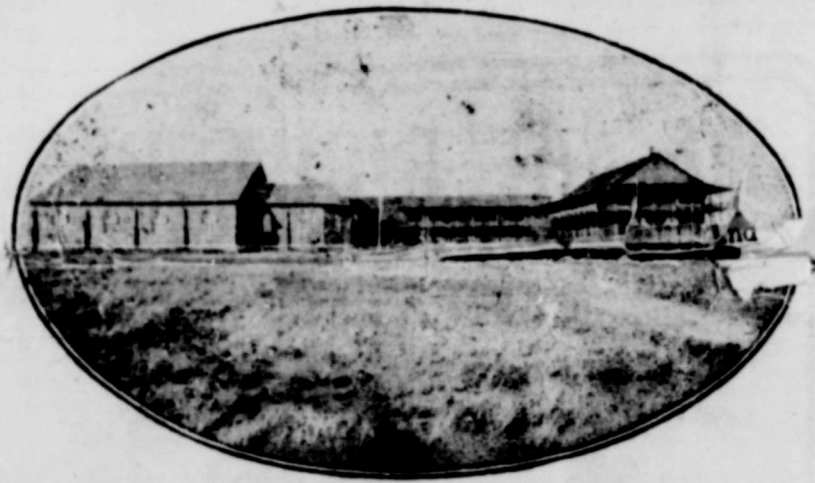
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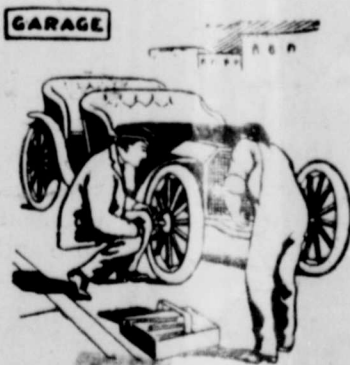


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One Newspaper.
One Feed Store.
Two tailor shops.
Two barber shops.
One meat market.
One Lumber yard.
Fifty Automobiles.
One jewelry store.
Wood and coal yard.
Telephone exchange.
Two hardware firms.
Two splendid hotels.
\$40,000 Court House.
Moving picture show.
Two blacksmith shops.
\$20,000 School building.
One up to date drug store.
Two Strong National Banks.
One exclusive Grocery store.
Three general Mercantile firms.
One Trans continental railroad.
One Saddle and harness business.
One Catholic Convent School for young boys and young ladies.
Plenty of professional men.
Stanton needs thousand of farmers, Stock farmers, fruit

and truck growers, men of wealth and energy; poor men seeking a foothold and home.

In our candid opinion, if we had more of them we would have the greatest country on earth. Come to Martin County.

Jack Estes has returned from points in Oklahoma and East Texas. He made the trip for prospecting purposes. In conversation with him he states that nowhere did he find crops any thing near as good as they are in Martin County, and he visited some of the best farming section in both Oklahoma and Texas. This statement corroborated by every traveling man and prospector who stops in our town is sufficient to entitle us to the claim that our country is peer of them all this year, and prosperity is smiling gloriously upon us, come to Martin County. Mr. Estes is expecting quite a number of prospectors here in a few days, and if they are not pleased with what they see we don't need them.

Arrested.

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