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The Stage Route.

The new mail contract from Dodge City to Ft. Elliot provides for carrying the mail in forty hours. This affords news from St. Louis to reach Ft. Elliot in four days time. The stage accommodations are well adapted to the travel. Our friends can reach Clarendon on Thursday evening by taking the Monday morning stage at Dodge City. The mails now leave Dodge City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6 a. m., and leave Ft. Elliot for Dodge City on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6 p. m. The Clarendon mail leaves on Monday morning for Elliot and returns to Clarendon on Wednesday evening.

Cattle Notes.

The cattle drive of Western Texas this year numbers 283,900 head, and promises to be materially increased during the coming years. Vast herds are now cantering in the Pan Handle where there are fine grazing lands, which can now be bought for fifty cents per acre. The lands now offered for sale by us are well adapted for grazing purposes, and together with water and shelter. It can be but a few short years at the furthest, until these lands will be practically out of the market and too high in price for men of small means to purchase; secure a homestead now while an opportunity is afforded you, and thus hold an interest in the inevitable increase in the valuation of the land.

A Woolen Mill in the Pan Handle.

North-western Texas is one of the leading sections for the husbandry and has no woolen mills within reach, though there are tens of thousands of pounds shipped to the east. Ten thousand sheep are within a radius of forty miles of our village, and the pasturage abundant for ten times that number. A splendid opportunity is offered to enterprise and capital for the development of this industry. Mr. Archibald Williams, an Englishman by birth who has been brought up in the midst of the manufacturing district, has engaged the site for a mill on Carroll creek, and will soon make arrangements for the necessary machinery, thus preparing for the handling of the coming crop which will be clipped next spring.

The woolen interest, unlike the cattle, is one that can be handled entirely at home, instead of being shipped to mills a thousand miles away. This industry will in a year or two develop so as to employ a large number of men, thus affording, not only a business for a few, but constant employment for hundreds where now there is no demand for factory hands.

Mr. Williams has the capital and energy which will enable him to develop this industry very rapidly and thoroughly.

Sheep husbandmen of the Pan Handle will encourage the enterprise in order to get a home market for their wool clip at fair prices, and a return of manufactured goods at low rates.

A new building is in process of erection, to be occupied by Dr. H. R. Fowler as a drug store and office. It will be ready for occupation by the 5th inst.

Mr. Hefelbower's house is in closed and occupied by the family. It presents a very fine appearance adding quite an addition to the beauty of Clarendon by its stately form.

Cost of Hedges.

For fencing 160 acres, or 640 rods, we estimate as follows:
Breaking hedge row, \$5.00
Second plowing and harrowing, \$6.00
22,000 plants at \$2.50 \$55.00
Setting plants \$24.00
Cultivating first year \$5.00
" " and trimming second year 15.00
Cultivating and trimming third year 15.00
Cultivating and trining fourth year 15.00
Total \$140.00

This is twenty-two cents per rod, supposing all the work is hired at the usual price. Usually a farmer had better raise his own plants, and do all his own work, thus spending no money at all, except a trifle for seed.

Small Farms.

Can be had within a short distance of Clarendon embracing 320, 100, 80, 40 or 20 acres and suitable for tillage and homes.

One hundred and sixty acres so situated is worth more for actual use than a whole section in some of the adjoining counties.

A section of land—one mile square—640 acres, is an immense tract and needed only by a few. The good of our colony and town demands that we sell only in small lots inside of our ten mile limit. We have a surveyor on the grounds to assist in running the lines and fixing the boundaries. \$150 to \$200, will now secure 160 acres of choice land near the town.

Holliness.

The Texas state Holliness camp meeting was held last month near Corsicana, with good results. "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion." "Arise, shine, for thy light is come." This is the way our fathers trod, and is the way, and the only way to victory. We must fight it out on this line. The world, the flesh and the devil will always hate holliness and holy people. Why? Because of their power. They are effective, positive and can't be bribed nor bridled, and because like trusty soldiers, they know the will of God and do it. Ride on ye conquering host!

Messrs. John and Lewis Casiner have gone into winter headquarters on the Big Springs at the head of Indian creek in the south east corner of Donley county, about twenty miles away. Their sheep are in good condition and will stand the winter finely. Mr. Williams has made headquarters five miles east of Clarendon on Turkey creek. His sheep have a fine winter range with plenty of bluffs for shelter.

Elder Carhart returned to his work in Sherman via the stage line to Dodge City. We long for the time when he will be able to make Clarendon his home. Many prayers went out for himself and family as all felt deeply interested in his welfare.

The tailoring department of Clarendon is conducted by Mrs. Osborn who turns out work in good style.

The Parmer house has exchanged its name and is now the Wright House. Mr. J. S. Wright, of Crescent city, Illinois, is its new conductor.

Our new quarry of gypsum stone turns out to be more valuable than at first hoped for. It can be sawed into any desired shape and size making splendid building material both for wall and chimneys. The color is almost a pure white, thus making very fine stone for stores or residence fronts.

Up and Off.

Woodroffe, Hutchinson, Long and Gerard, all tumbling into our sanctum at once and nervous to be off! Baying outfit &c. is but the work of a day and we are enroute for Clarendon. "Those mules!" What beauties, can almost talk, quick as cats and would run away at a moment's liberty. The mile stones rapidly multiply behind us; the roads perfect and the weather splendid; so mild that we did not put up our bows and sheets during the nine days enroute, sleeping under the open canopy. Two "northerners" passing over caused a hasty resort to our coats and blankets. But these cold snaps last only for a day, and when these gusty spasms subside, a calm, all the more appreciated, succeeds; like certain people who are subject to periods of storm with long intervals of serenity. The storm is bad, but preferable to a constant growl.

Eight days' driving, exclusive of two Sabbaths, and we have Clarendon fall in view three miles distant in the valley of the Red. Quite an improvement since July. A city can't be built in a day. Not like Chicago with its arteries of rail and forests of shipping. With us every piece of material and pound of food consumed, except the products of our quarries and the wild meats of the huntsman, must be hauled from 200 to 300 miles. But yet the work moves and will progress more rapidly than we could believe. Our trip occurred at the end of the dry season. Usually water is found on every side, but we found intervals of twenty-five miles where streams and pools were dry. With ox teams this makes trouble, the stock often escapes in the night in search of water, causing delay. The Dodge City Route is to be preferred, as being considerably shorter and better supplied with water and accommodation. We have recently opened a new route leaving "Camp Supply" and "Elliot" considerably to the east, which reduces the actual distance from Dodge to Clarendon to about two hundred miles. We advise, however, travelers via Dodge City, to take the ordinary stage road to Elliot, though a little farther. Our regular freight line will only run between Dodge and Clarendon in future.

At the "Groesbeck" we met the former party, Carhart (L. W.), Sumpter, Newcomb, Lawrence, Bacon, Hoag &c., on the return trip, with a fine outfit, tent &c., and game. They were having a grand time. Several of these will return in the spring. Of all seasons this is the least interesting except to men of a prophetic eye. The greenness and beauty of leaf and flora, have given place to the sere and yellow leaf, and the fires have swept over many of the prairies.

The grasses have not been cut by frosts, but ripening on the ground afford abundant nourishment for our herds. Horses, cattle or sheep do equally as well. Working stock will need grain, except oxen, which are the cheapest and best for heavy hauling. Our present established, freight line plying between Dodge and Clarendon consists of fifteen yoke of oxen and six heavy freight wagons, three in trail with four men. They move easily with from sixteen to twenty thousand pounds. All consignments will be promptly cared for.

A company of about twenty-five, including the families of Hefelbower, Dr. Fowler, (see his

letter elsewhere) Barlingame, Rockwell, Hower and others, reached C. the very day of our arrival. Those used to frontier travel can easily imagine a host of things forbidden by our space. Our limited crew was all too short for the hundred things to be done and the thousand questions to be answered. All are charmed with the fine water, grand prairies and the possibilities for stock and farming, while they bear with patience the inconveniences incident to an early settlement. Beds of roses &c. will come after a little, but just now, unvarnished realities and solid work. Let those who can only be happy in the immediate possession of the "luxuries of life" remain where they are and after awhile come with piles of money and purchase them. We find a superb luxury in the creation of these things.

Sabbath, Nov. 3d, we held our second Quarterly meeting at C. Some twenty or more gathered about the table of the Lord. The love-feast was rich and the day a royal blessing. Although on mission ground the congregation (convened in an empty store house) responded cheerfully and liberally to the pastor's call for a collection for missions and church extension. A Board of Trustees for the church and also for Allenton Seminary was chosen, and Rev. W. A. Allan recommended for appointment as Principal and Financial Agent of the same. The first term of the school will commence soon, and in the organization of the affairs of the town and county, special prominence and advantage will be given to the development of a first-class school of such grade as the people demand.

The erection of a building for religious and educational use will receive the early attention of intelligent men. Our ultra anti-whisky and tobacco policy receives the hearty endorsement of all whose opinion we esteem. Only a few days since we had occasion to say "no" to a party who desired a lot for a grocery, intending to add "stomach bitters" &c. to a flimsy disguise of flour and bacon. There are already men at C. who have fled there from the destroyer, whose appetites would be at once kindled by this drug-like whisky. Our "scourge of small cords" shall be twisted into ropes. "First pure, then peaceable." Bible christianity, liberal education, with temperance in all things and the prohibition of rum! By these we conquer.

Mr. Hefelbower, shipped material for a house ready for erection and was "settled" in ten days from the date of arrival. He has 640 acres of land, (no better than scores of other sections) on Carroll creek, for which he paid the schedule price last spring, for which he would not now take two thousand dollars.

Regarding the culture of fruit our friends are hopeful. See list of trees on sale at Clarendon this fall. Herds of stock are on the increase. Goodnight is less than twenty miles southward of us with 10,000 head. Cassner Bros. are only twenty miles south east of us with a herd of 2,500 sheep. Williams removes a fine herd from McClellan creek to Glenwood, eight miles east. A flock of Mareno sheep will cost three dollars per head. These will yield a clip worth about the original cost and a flock of lambs also of nearly equal value. Cattle will not yield so rapid a return, but are also very profitable. They can be bought by the hundred, in Texas,

at from six to ten dollars per head. Our town is destined to be the place of residence of these stock men for years. The flocks and herds are kept at a distance, more or less, under herdsmen, while the proprietor is here or there at pleasure.

Several fine stone quarries, and best quality of stone furnished on the ground at \$1.50 per perch. The stone is a mixture of lime and sand, light colored, cuts easily and looks well in the wall. We also have a gypsum quarry at hand—closely resembling marble—can be cut with a saw, suitable for fine work and also burns into lime. We advise emigrants to ship lumber for finishing and build of stone. Mr. Hower is also sanguine of producing good brick. Our mechanics will furnish estimates and have buildings ready for occupancy if desired. Better for most parties to come furnished with a good tent, make themselves as comfortable as possible and superintend their own work.

The band of Indians which broke away from the reservation did some bad work in southern Kansas. Did not come near us. Our colony have no fear. The Department of the Interior need the exercise of greater vigilance and the use of a heavier military force on the frontier.

HOMEWARD!

Leaving C. on the 6th at four p. m. we take coffee with Barton & Woodhead on Berry creek, several miles northeast. These young men are opening a ranch, have built the first log house in the county and are quietly waiting the flow of events. Wish we could describe the elegant valley encircled with hills and upland, the creek and the landscape! If these young men were employed at one hundred dollars a month in some of our large cities they would not clear during the next five years the sum gained by the securing of these lands and their improvement. Seven or eight miles farther and we sleep on McClellan creek, and the next day at 3 p. m., reach Elliot. At nine o'clock we are tucked in the stage and in the face of a heavy "norther" roll out for Dodge 185 miles. Forty hours with several fresh relays of horses and we are there. Wayside stopping places afford good meals, and the varied country a pleasant trip. The stage fare is \$20. Dodge has a population of eight or ten hundred, and a heavy trade with the country south. York, Hadden & Draper, and Wight, Beverly & Co., are reliable dealers. Off again on the wings of the wind, and we are soon safe again "at home."

While the Elder was at Clarendon a party of fourteen visited the Casver ranch on McClellan creek where they spent a pleasant day, a jolly evening as a sort of picnic excursion. All enjoyed the trip and felt it was good for them to be there.

Buffalo meat is again plenty in Clarendon. It is brought in by the wagon loads for which the hunters receive five cents per pound. Deer, antelope, wild turkey, chickens, duck and fish are also found upon our dining tables. We live upon the luxuries of the land.

The land on which the city of Clarendon is building is exempt from both state and county tax for 25 years. Town property will surely be valuable when thus clear from taxation.

WINTERING IN THE SOUTH.

Most delightful are the winters South, especially to those accustomed to almost endless snow and ice. Many will come from choice and others from necessity. We are expecting many to winter at Clarendon, and now working for the erection of suitable and comfortable accommodations.

We have good water and fine scenery, a high and healthful latitude, bracing and invigorating atmosphere, and yet free from severities. Our society, though new and recently drawn together, is above the average, and will continue to be so. We would specially note that for the present season and year to come, hunting and sporting will constitute an important feature. A half days ride or less will give a view of the actual buffalo in his native haunts; and deer-antelope, wild turkey, &c. &c., can be seen and taken any day.

For those who would gladly escape the pressure incident to city life and enjoy rustic and frontier, our newly planted and rapidly growing city of Clarendon affords advantages not before presented.

AUSTIN CONFERENCE.

The recent session of the Austin Conference for the Methodist Episcopal Church was one of unusual importance and interest. The little band of ministers fresh from the scene of successful labors were all aglow with genuine Methodist enthusiasm and strengthened by a week's communion one with the other and encouraged by the advice and example of Bishop Haven, departed to their several charges with the assurance of victory. Several young men were received on trial and a few by transfer from other conferences. Dr. Hartzell of the South-western Christian Advocate was present, and by his clear exposition of the work of the church in the South did much to add to the interest of the occasion.

The following is the scheduled appointments for the ensuing year.

AUSTIN DISTRICT:

W. Brush, D. D., P. E.
Austin, W. E. McCarty.
Austin circuit, C. S. Knott, Wm. Bassett.
Round Rock, Geo. S. Clark.
Bromett, to be supplied.
Dallas, W. P. Armstrong.
Denton, to be supplied.
Ft. Worth, H. Webb.
Weatherford, C. H. Botkin.
Eastland City, H. P. Mann.
Waco, J. W. Otterman.
Rice, to be supplied.
Palestine, to be supplied.

T. C. Reade, Educational Agent and member of the Austin conference.

DENISON DISTRICT:

L. H. Carhart, P. E.
Don'son, J. W. McEride.
Sherman, Conrad Haney.
Lawrence, W. J. Grant.
Whitesboro, J. J. Walker.
Henietta, to be supplied.
Graham, to be supplied.
Clarendon, J. Woodroffe.
W. A. Allan, Principal Clarendon Seminary and member Clarendon Quarterly Conference.

SAN ANTONIO.

M. A. Daugherty, P. E.
San Antonio, M. A. Daugherty.
San Antonio circuit, to be supplied.
Mason, Frank Miller.
Kerville, to be supplied.
Rio Grande Mission, to be supplied.

