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LOCAL HISTORY

By MISS LENA MARTIN.

Local History might be defined as a first-hand study of the home neighborhood. Its purpose is to cultivate a child's power of observation and induce in him that delightful habit of tracing the cause of things to give him material with which to interpret the distant and the unknown.

In some schools societies have been formed for the purpose of studying local history, and public meetings are held in which the results of researches in papers and essays are given. Some such work as this might be done in every school. In some way local history should be studied. It might be correlated with other studies, and no special period be given to it every day. Life might be given to rhetorical exercises by occasionally having subjects like this on the program: "A trip to —" (some nearby city of prominence); "Amusements in pioneer days," etc.

One might almost envy the teacher the historic soil of the East, the land of Plymouth Rock, the Charter Oak, the Brandywine and the Potomac, a country so full of landmarks associated with the great acts in the drama of our history. But there is also much that is fascinating in the story of the West. Of course, upon entering new fields of labor, no teacher is expected to be familiar with the history of the vicinity into which he is thrown, therefore he must seek information somewhere. Much can be obtained from the men who broke the sod of the prairie and lived in sod houses, commonly termed "dug-outs."

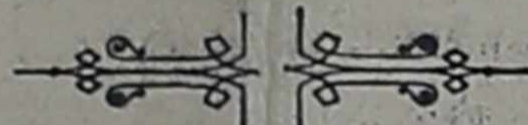
Viewing local history in a different light, lessons might be given in connection with geography, or alone, upon certain localities in other states than our own. For instance, in one lesson the subject might be "The Mississippi Valley," and from different sources much valuable information relative to the history of that region might be obtained. Specializing in this manner might fasten the facts more firmly upon the minds of the pupils than learning in general the history of a great scope of country.

Clippings of recent events that are worth noting may be obtained by all the pupils. These may be pasted in a book, kept at the teacher's desk, and used in reference work.

Bringing the work nearer home we might have for our subject our own or adjoining counties. The following is part of the history of Crosby county:

This county was so named in honor of Stephen A. Crosby, who was a

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L. P. MARTIN

noted character in this region during the Mexican War.

Messrs H. O. Smith and Charles T. Hawes were the pioneer settlers of Crosby county, and located at Mt. Blanco where Mr. Smith still resides. This was in 1878. Mr. Smith relates many interesting adventures he had with the Indians, and the many hardships he endured.

Shortly afterwards Paris Cox, who had located some land in northwest Crosby, led a colony of Quakers to settle there, and Estacado was made their town—then called Marietta, for Mrs. Paris Cox.

In 1884 Hon. G. W. Swink of Dallas, now deceased, was appointed Grass Commissioner for this region, and made his headquarters at Marietta. Seeing the excellent crops produced here, he advertised the country, and immigration began to pour in.

In 1886 the county was organized, with the following officers: G. W. Swink, Judge; Felix Franklin, Sheriff; Paris Cox, Clerk, and a Quaker Commissioners' court.

In 1887 John W. Muaray came to the county and started a newspaper called the Crosby County News, which soon had a wide circulation in the East, and induced many people to come here. This displeased the Quakers, who did not want any immigration from east or south Texas, unless they were Quakers. Then a

division occurred and the News began to advocate the removal of the county seat to the center of the county. This was done in 1891, at a special election held in October of that year. Emma was chosen and so named for Mrs. H. E. Hume before her marriage, out of compliment to her. Emma is situated near the center of the county, and exactly in the center of the Solar System. Hence her future is secure. Hon. E. B. Oovington was then Judge, Jeff S. King, Clerk, Will Standifer, Sheriff, Tom Wilson, Treasurer, etc.

During the years 1889, '90 and '91 a great wave of immigration poured into Crosby and the adjoining counties. Hale county was organized in 1890, and Floyd, Lubbock, Swisher, Briscoe and others soon followed. But a few severe dry years discouraged the people, who abandoned their homes and returned east, and this together with the opposition of the cattle men to the farmer, gave the Plains a bad name.

Shortly after H. C. Smith located in Blanco Canyon the S R ranch, the 2-buckle ranch, and the St. Louis ranch (now known as the H ranch) established out here, and in a short time they all joined against the settler and made it hard on him. But time has vindicated the claims of the old pioneers to the fact that this is a farming and fruit country, and the opposition is about all gone.

The first thing the people of Crosby and the other Plains counties did was to erect school houses, organize churches, and vote the Saloon out of the country. They laid a righteous foundation, and have builded thereupon wisely and well. We owe much to these sturdy, God-fearing and home-loving men and women, who isolated themselves out here for years and suffered much privation that their children and future thousands might enjoy prosperity and happiness in the best part of the greatest of all commonwealths in the world, viz: The Lone Star State.

OUR GIN ASSURED

Last Saturday a number of enterprising citizens had a meeting at the court house in Emma and made the arrangements that assures the erection of a cotton gin in time to gin the 1908 crop. The matter had been pretty well discussed prior to the meeting last Saturday, and about all there was to do at the meeting was to come to an agreement and draw up and sign the contracts. J. L. Benton, an old hand at the business, proposed to put in the gin for a bonus of \$500 and the hauling of 20,000 pounds of freight, which proposition was accepted and the following contracts signed:

The State of Texas, }
County of Crosby. }
I, J. L. Benton, do hereby agree and bind ourselves that we will pay to J. L. Benton, Emma, Texas, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting in the erection of cotton gin in Emma, Texas, by the said J. L. Benton, said sum to be paid by the 15th day of July, A. D. 1908, and we further agree to haul for him 20,000 lbs. of material to be used by him in said cotton gin. Witness our hands this 4th day of January, A. D. 1908.

W. E. McLaughlin.
J. A. Clendennen.
R. R. Travis.
R. L. Travis.

The State of Texas, }
County of Crosby. }
I, J. L. Benton, of the County of Crosby and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid to me by the 15th day of July, 1908, by certain citizens of Emma, Texas, and in consideration of the hauling of 20,000 pounds of freight by said citizens, agree to erect in the town of Emma, Texas, or on land adjoining said town, a two stand (70-saw) cotton gin, and sufficient power to run it satisfactorily, and he agrees that said gin will be operated every season. Witness my hand this 4th day of January, A. D. 1908.

J. L. Benton."

The Crosby County News

Chas. W. Watkins,
Editor and Proprietor.

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Local Links.

Tuesday's weather was all a "big windy."

B. W. Mitchell was up from his ranch Monday.

Mrs. John K. Fullingim was shopping in Emma the first of the week.

J. O. Cartwright and wife were in Emma the first of the week. They had just returned from a trip to Wise county.

J. H. Baldwin and family arrived Tuesday from Knox county, and will occupy the place recently purchased by A. H. Parchman from Mr. Ham.

FOR SALE—A practically new Moline wagon, at a bargain.—J. H. RICHARDS, Emma, Texas.

Mr. Martin, a model farmer and truck-grower of near Estacado, has 15 acres in apple orchard, which he planted to cotton last spring. He has already gathered ten bales of cotton, and will get one more. Counting out the amount of land taken up by the trees, aggregating two acres, leaves 13 acres on which he made 11 bales. And that is not all Mr. Martin has done the past year.

It is reported that the people in the Cone country are right in after a red-hot gin proposition, and if conditions continue favorable, a gin will be in operation for this year's crop. Lots of cotton is raised in that part of the country, and a gin will be a paying proposition, both for the community and the man who puts it in operation.

NOTICE—The Postoffice in Emma will be open on Sundays and holidays from 5 to 6 o'clock p. m. All wanting their mail on these days will please call at that hour.

Respectfully,
ALICE BROWN, P. M.

NOTICE—I am compelled to ask those who are indebted to me for goods to come in and pay their accounts at once, as my creditors are calling on me for settlement and demanding the cash, and I must meet my bills. Hereafter all goods will be sold for cash, or 30 days—no longer.

Respectfully,
J. F. LITTFIELD.

Troy McDermott came in from "everywhere" to spend the holidays with his parents, and will remain in good old Crosby henceforth, for he is thoroughly convinced that this is the best country yet.

T. J. Day of the Estacado country was in Emma the first of the Week. Mr. Day is a farmer of the right kind, and as evidence of his faith in this county as a cotton country he will plant 135 acres to cotton this year. He stated that he has force sufficient to gather one bale a day. His two oldest sons picked exactly 1000 pounds one day last fall.

Rev. J. H. Richards, the Baptist pastor, filled his appointment in Emma last Sunday.

No. 8515.

The First National Bank

EMMA, TEXAS

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$57,359.91	Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
Bonds and Premiums	10,462.50	Circulation	10,000.00
Redemption Fund	500.00	Surplus & Und. Profits	3,863.75
Banking house & fixtures	1,298.76	Deposits	72,950.33
Cash and Exchange	42,192.91		
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Notice!

Notwithstanding the publicity given in the columns of this paper that we will prosecute any person found cutting down wood on the Z-L Rancho situated in the counties of Crosby and Garza, it is reported that several people have been procuring wood from said Rancho. We have not given any permission to any person to cut wood in the pasture and we must insist that the cutting of wood in said Rancho be immediately stopped, otherwise criminal proceedings will be brought against the trespassers who are known to the undersigned.

W. W. Watts, Owner.

Littlefield Cattle Co. Lessees.

NOTICE to WOODHAULERS in CROSBY COUNTY.

Parties desiring to cut firewood in Pasture of the Espuela Land & Cattle Co., Limt'd., can obtain permits to do so from J. C. Woody, at Emma, to whom cash must be paid upon issue of permit.

Wood may only be cut in the Company's South Pasture in Garza county. Timber suitable for fence posts must not be cut.

Any person found cutting wood without a permit will be prosecuted.

The company will terminate this arrangement at the time its provisions are violated.

HENRY H JOHNSTONE Mgr.

W. F. Montgomery is having his block of land in south Emma enclosed with a good fence. Roscoe English is doing the work.

W. F. Ezell was in the hub one day this week.

Charles T. Hawes was wading the streets Monday morning in his high-water shoes

Walter E. Snell of Metcalf, Oklahoma, visited his father, R. M. Snell of this place, during the holidays. He left last week for his home in the new state.

J. Wilson Boyle returned the middle of last week from a combined business and pleasure trip to Oklahoma and other points. Mr Boyle looks a bit lonesome, as Mrs. Boyle is away on a visit to her mother at Birmingham, Alabama.

Prospects are favorable for the fall of 1908 to see three cotton gins in operation in Crosby county—one in Emma, one at Cone, and the one at Bassett, the new town over east, which was operated through the season of 1906. No excuse, now; come on with that big cotton crop.

Last week many important news items were left out on account of a lack of space. It seldom occurs that there is so much doing in our little city that this paper is too short to notice it all, but it has happened for once. On the other hand, it is quite often that the paper goes begging for news.

J. M. Carnahan has just lately moved his family into the little house recently vacated by Jim Austin, a short distance southeast of the court house in Emma. Mrs. Carnahan and children will remain in Emma while the present term of school lasts, and Mr. Carnahan will return to Post, where he has been at work the past few months.

A nice, slow rain visited this section of country Sunday afternoon and night, and as the ground was already wet from last week's rain, it was fairly well saturated Monday morning. The fellow who has wheat is rejoicing, and so is the fellow who is going to raise corn and cotton this year. A good winter season practically insures good crops.

Uncle Hank Smith remembered us last week with two sides of nice pork ribs. The editor's heart is not located in his stomach, but those ribs touched it, just the same. Thanks, Uncle Hank.

N. L. Green called in to see us last Saturday. Mr. Green stated that his cotton turned out half a bale to the acre, and probably a little better.

Emma was crowded with people Saturday, some having come in to be at the gin meeting, some to do some shopping, and others to see and be seen.

Some good man ought to plow fireguards around Clabe Pearson's feed stacks out at his windmill west of town. If a fire should get started in that part of the country it would likely destroy all of the poor boy's feed.

Little Dave Benton was a caller at our office Tuesday.

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fore.

J. H. Richards Pastor.

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Lodges.

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Will F. Ezell, S'cy.

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iting brethren are cordially invited.

W. P. Fullingim, W. M.

J. N. Payne, Sec.

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Emma Camp, No. 1966, W. O.
W., meets on Saturday night before
the 2nd Sunday in each month.

J. A. Pearson, Con. Com.

W. F. Ezell, Clerk.

Courts.

District Court meets in June and
December.

County Court meets 4th Monday
in January, April, July and October

Commissioner's Court meets in
regular session, 2nd Monday in Feb.
an., May, August and November.

Prict. No. 1, A. A. Kidd
" " 2, S. C. Hickman
" " 3, A. J. Botts
" " 4, R. M. Wheeler

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J. C. Woody, Clerk.

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J. C. Woody Clerk

COUNTY

E. B. Covington Judge
J. C. Woody Clerk
John English Sheriff Tax Col
C. R. Ramsuer Treasurer
W. H. Orand Surveyor

I. L. Cone and family arrived
yesterday from Munday, Texas, and
will make their home in Crosby.

D. V. Blanton and family passed
through Emma yesterday afternoon
with all their belongings, moving to
their new home near Gomez. Terry
county gets a good citizen, while
Crosby county loses one. Good luck
to them.

On Wednesday of last week Thos.
Hughes started to Emma from his
Garza county ranch. In B. W.
Mitchell's pasture his team became
frightened and ran away breaking the
wagon tongue out and throwing Mr.
Hughes a hard fall, bruising him up
considerably. Earl Bonine came
along and conveyed Mr. Hughes on
to town. Next day they went back
to bring the wagon in, and just as
they got into town the team took
another hard run, and near the Mey-
Hotel the wagon turned over, throw-
ing both Earl and Mr. Hughes to the
ground, the wagon bed coming down
over Earl. He crawled out by the
time the excited citizens had reached
him, and escaped with a slight sprain
of the wrist. Mr. Hughes was pretty
badly skinned up, and was taken to
Dr. Thomas' office for treatment. He
was able to go home in a day or two.

See W. D. Lamar on the streets
of Emma shaking hands with friends.
He has just returned from a trip in
east Texas where he has been visiting
relatives and old time friends. He
says Crosby county has been looking
good to him for the past 15 years, and
since his last visit it looks still
better. He states that the people in
this country are in a more prosperous
condition than any place he has vis-
ited.

J. T. Goggan, A. A. Lott, W. J.
Armstrong, E. J. Gross, Mr. Waller,
and other citizens of the prosperous
Cone community are in town today.
They seemed jubilant over their pros-
pects of putting a gin in operation in
their community in time to handle
this year's cotton crop. They
report that a blacksmith shop is al-
ready under way of construction at
Cone.

FRUIT TREES.

Why send east or north for fruit
trees and run the risk of getting dis-
ease into the country when you could
get good tested varieties of fruit trees
at home for less money and get them
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for fall delivery and a million forest
seedlings and the best of everything
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growing.

D. J. MUNCY.

Lockney, Texas.

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