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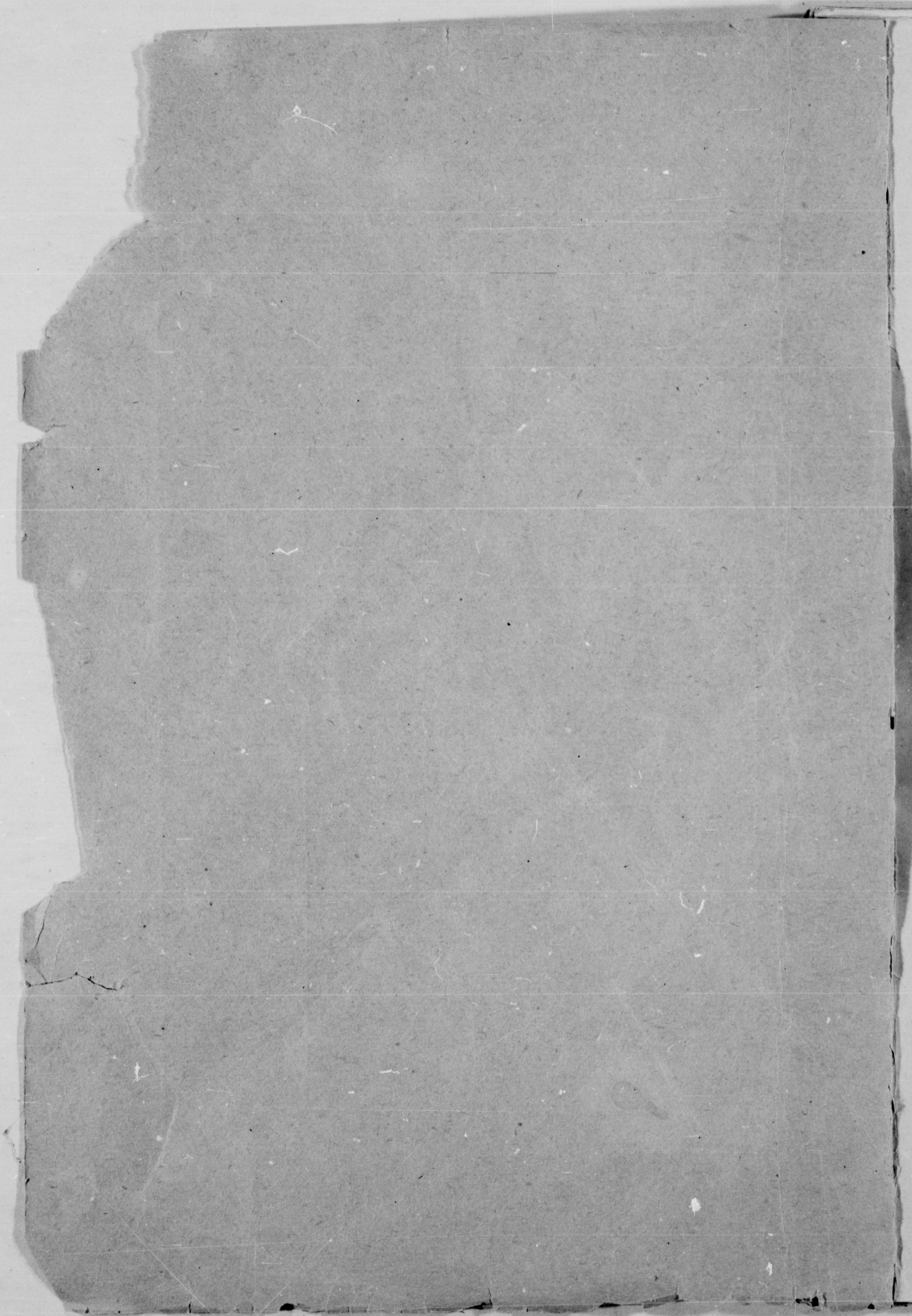


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The Season's King.



CHRISTMAS 1906.



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CHRISTMAS, THE GLADDEST FESTIVAL.

"I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

That is why we are happy and none can rob us of that blessed heritage.

"It is the calm and silent night.

A thousand bells ring out, and throw
Their joyous peals abroad and smite
The darkness, charmed and holy now!
The night that erst no shame had worn
To it a happy name is given;
For in that stable lay, new born,
The peaceful Prince of earth and heaven."

It was a cold and cheerless world into which the Child was ushered: a world of fierce and brutal force and passion. The great of earth were already seeking the life of the Babe, and we are told that there was no place in the hotel for him—He must go to the stables. And there, led by Hope's bright star, the wise men found in a manger the Prince of Peace and Love.

He came, says a cotemporary writer, the incarnation of helplessness, into a society in which the strongest ruled by virtue of the power of destruction. He came, the Child of divine tenderness and love, into a world in which men held power more precious than love, and the ability to strike above the ability to bear. There could not have been a more appalling disparity than that which existed between the Child in the cradle and the ideals and order of the society which that Child was sent to transform. The task laid upon the Child seemed impossible of achievement. To set a Child to destroy the rule of force seemed like the wild dream of some fanatic who knew neither the power with which he worked nor the power which he would destroy. But Rome has gone long ago, and the chief association of the name to the modern world is its worship of the Child. On Christmas the face of the Child will look out of the mist of years as the divinest vision which has

brightened the darkness of the world; and there will be a pealing of bells that will follow the sun round the earth announcing again the glad tidings that Christ is born in Bethlehem.

"He taketh away the sins of the world." "He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor."

While our hearts are stirred with compassion for the burden He bore, and for the great agony of his sacrifice, it is the Christian's better part to accept with joyous thankfulness the price He paid.

All Hail the Prince of Peace!

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Resolutions for 1907.

The Good Book tells us that "there are none perfect: no, not one;" then, of course, it is true. But one's soul must indeed be dead who has no aspirations to better things and a higher course of living. Many of us "swear off" certain bad habits, and make various "good resolutions," at the beginning of each calendar year: and it is morally strengthening to us, as well as significant of our longing to be better men and women, better boys and girls, in the future than we have been in the past. There is always hope for the individual who has an honest desire to do better: and however soon and dimly we may fail, we are all the better for trying.

"If thou wilt walk, O Father, by my side
Along the climbing pathway of the year,
In lowland mist, through forest gloom, on radiant height,

I will not fear!

"No man can harm me but myself. Gray ghosts
All vanish in Faith's dawn. What I must do,
I can. And Death? He is but doorkeeper to Life!

I will not fear!

"I will be true—

True to myself, that thought of thine in flesh
To be made perfect; true to man, to thee,
O God! Keep me, lest I prove false in one to all!

I will be true!

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"I will be just!

I know so little of myself, of men,
Of life. Shall I interpret harshly? Bind
And loose as in the seat of God? Bend low, O
Soul!

I will be just!

"I will be kind;

To bird and beast, to friend and foe alike—
A priest of joy! O, churl, to make aught sad!
Better unborn than leave a crawling trail of woe!

I will be kind!

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"Then walk, O, Father, daily by my side
Along the climbing pathway of the year;
For so I shall clasp hands with Love and Power,
And shall not fear!"

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WILL C. EASTERLING,
The Kicker Editor.

Born in Mobile, raised on the Mississippi coast, came to Texas May, 1887 as telegrapher for the S. P. Ry., and was stationed for eighteen months at the mouth of Devils River.

He has owned and edited daily and weekly newspapers in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico for seventeen years.

Is likewise something of a printer, and set every line of type in the preparation of this edition. Not a line of the book was written, but was turned directly from the wheels in his head to his fingers, and thence into cold type.

We make this statement so that no one may be justly accused of writing his own thunder.



MISS LILLIE MASSEY
The Kicker "Angel."

The Kicker Family

Now we come to say a few words for The Kicker. The paper is now in its fifteenth year, has the field all to itself and is on the high tide of prosperity. It is not necessary to say to those who have seen the all-home-print 8-column paper, which we are now publishing, that it has no superior in the field of country journalism, and few equals.

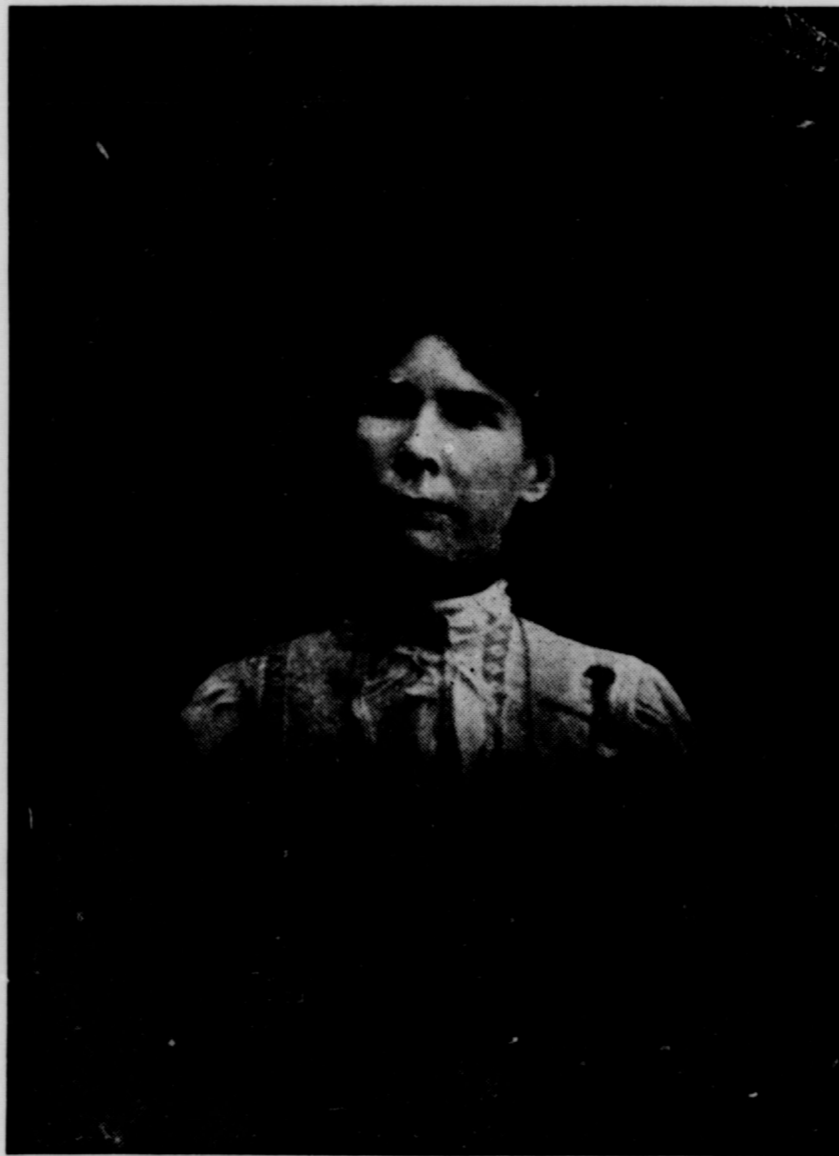
Miss Clemmie Dodson is publisher and active manager of The Kicker. She is a native of Coryell County, and served her apprenticeship on the old Uvalde News under Barnhill. She later owned and edited the Sonora Courier, now the Sun, and bought The Kicker of R. P. Metcalf, Sept. 10, 1903.



ED DODSON,
The Kicker Foreman.

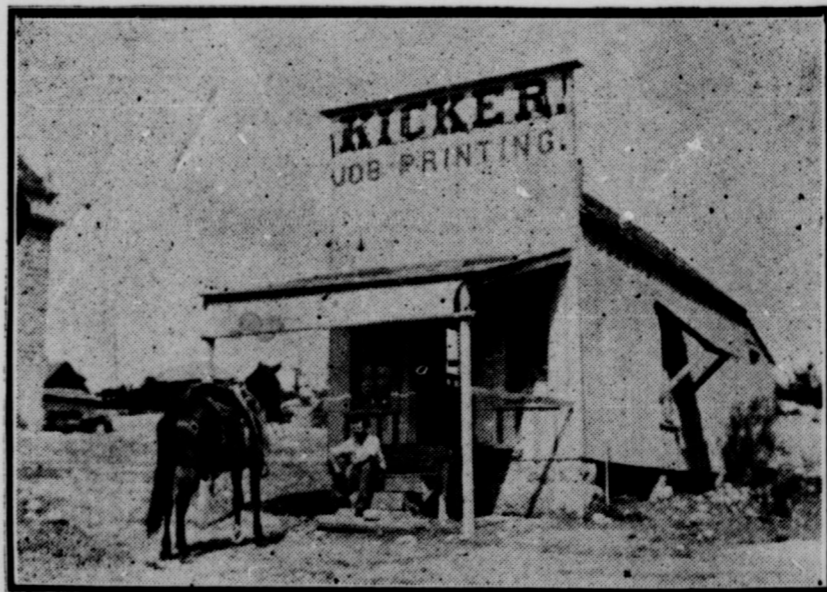
Ed Dodson was born in Coryell County, but he is like some of the rest of us and aint goin' to say when, "less'n you fo'ce him." He was raised in Uvalde and is one of Bro. Barnhill's old devils.

He is a good printer and a first-class pressman. All of the press work on this issue was done by him. Isn't it nice? And think of the quantity of it! Twenty-five hundred books, each consisting of thirty-seven pages and cover. A simple question of multiplication—thirty-eight times twenty-five hundred impressions. Figure on the amount of work that is with a foot-power jobber!

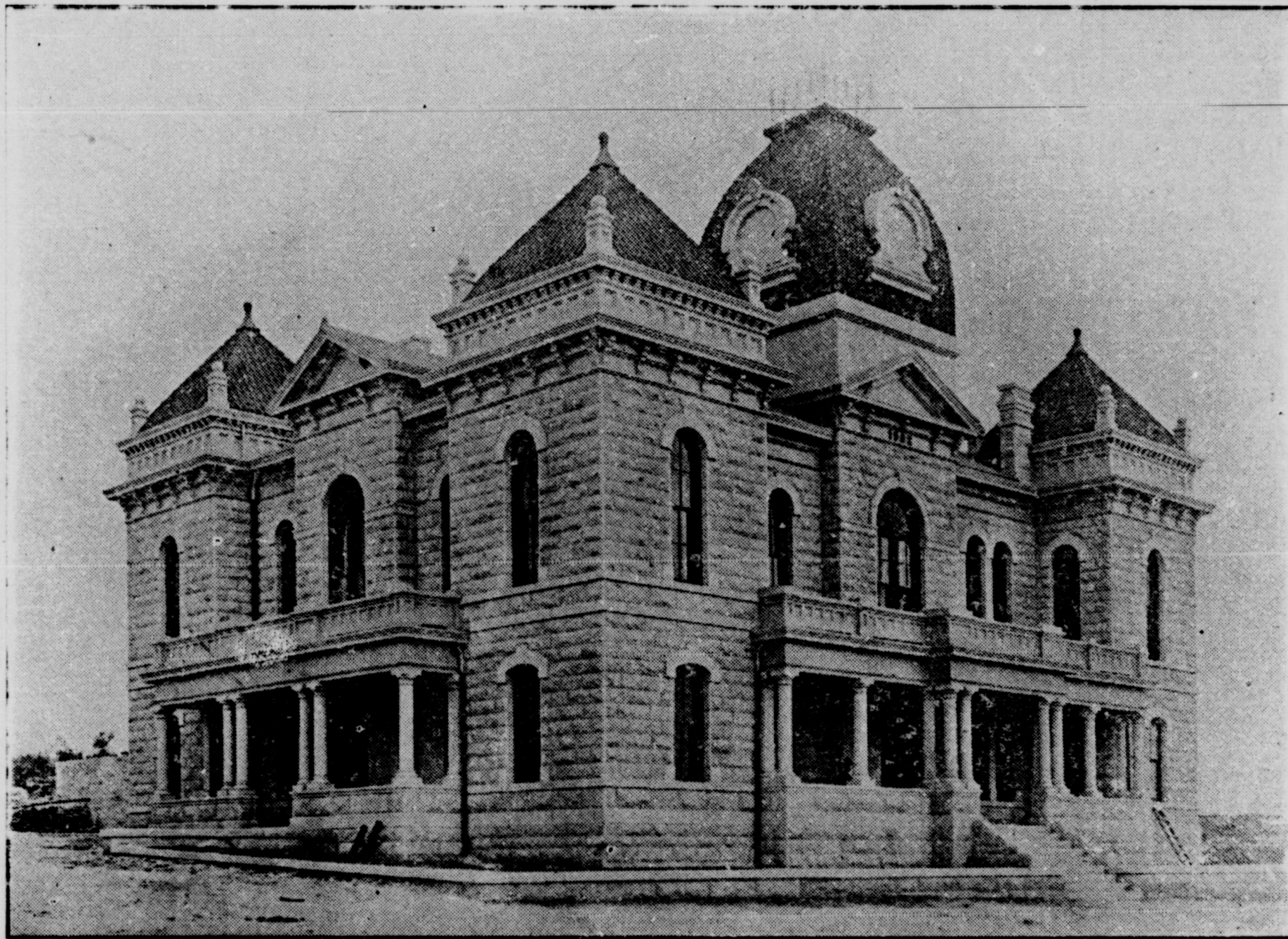


MISS CLEMMIE DODSON.

On the 4th of December Miss Dodson bought the Enterprise of this place, and has no opposition. She is the best woman business manager in Texas, with the possible exception of Miss Maid Allen, the president of the Texas Woman's Press Association and editor of the Granger News.



Crockett County Court House.



A Little Bit of History

Crockett county has Horses and mules 3,082; Cattle 75,313; Jacks 3, Sheep 86,819; Goats 3,896, and Hogs 472. This makes a total of seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Crockett is one of the biggest and best counties in the state, the Ozone Belt of the Great and Growing Western Empire. It was created January 22nd, 1875, and at that time included its present limits, the major part of Sutton and Schleicher counties, that part of Val Verde lying east of Pecos river and that part of Edwards lying west of a line drawn from the Southwest cor-

ner of Kimble county to the Northwest corner of Uvalde county.

The county was attached to Kinney for judicial purposes Feb. 10, 1875, and again attached to that county at a called session of the 17th Legislature in 1882. Val Verde county was organized in 1885 and then Crockett was attached to that county for judicial purposes. Sutton and Schleicher counties were created out of Crockett Mch. 25, '87.

Crockett county organized July 7, 1891, and immediately nailed to the masthead Old Davy's picture, with his motto: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

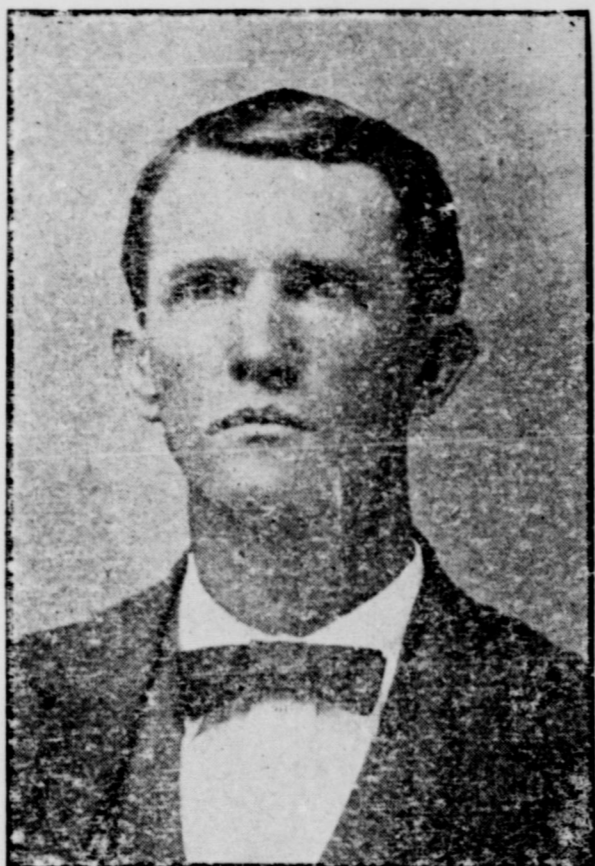
Then Ozona, the Beautiful, came with: "We Lead; let others Follow."

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REV. W. W. NUNN.

Rev. W. W. Nunn, at this writing, November 1, pastor of the Methodist church, was born in Columbus, Arkansas, and received his education in the private schools at Washington, in that state. He came to Texas in 1884, and made Texarkana his home, having charge of the wholesale dry goods department of Dwyer & Ahearn.



He was licensed to preach at Grapeland, Texas, in July 1895, joined the Texas Conference in December 1896 and was transferred to the Pacific Conference by Bishop Duncan in 1903.

He served Anderson station for two years, and was then transferred to the West Texas Conference and stationed at Ozona in October, 1905.

Mr. Nunn is an energetic and practical man, still young, of fine attainments and good delivery. He is well liked by the people of Ozona.

Another Lottery Scheme.

A Muskogee correspondent of the Typographical Journal has an original way of announcing a marriage. He writes: "It is rumored that Charley Blank has taken unto himself a 'thing of beauty and a jawer forever.'"

Ozona society is of the best.

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.

We wish to state, Ladies and Gentlemen, that this illustrated edition of The Kicker has been prepared by the present office force of the paper, without any extra help.



Without in any way neglecting or slighting the demands upon our time and attention of a healthy and rapidly growing newspaper and job printing business. We have produced an 8-column home print newspaper every week and have promptly attended to the numerous jobs of commercial and society printing which have been given us.



But, ladies and gentlemen, in order to do this, and give you a pictorial write-up of our beautiful city and county equal to the very best produced anywhere, it was necessary for us to "take time by the forelock." This page, for example, is printed November 1.

And this is to remind you that, in our rapidly developing western country, many changes may occur between Hallowe'en and Christmas.



But this Hallowe'en, in the true Spirit of the Season, we are writing you a few lines which will not meet your eye until the glad time of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

On a later page and written on a later date we shall have a Christmas Greeting; and on one of the later pages we shall tell of the changes which should be noted in our little history.

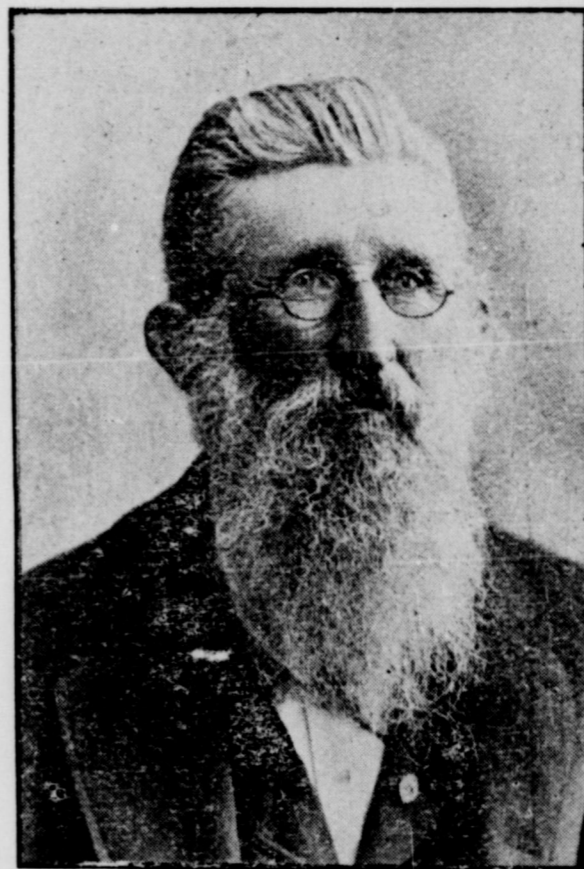
But it behooves us to reflect upon and be thankful for the many blessings which the closing year has given us, both individually and as a people. We are not disposed to sermonize, but if we were unable to appreciate the manifold blessings of the past year it would signify something wrong in either our spiritual or mental organization.



Of a truth the year 1906 poured out upon West Texas its Golden Horn of Plenty.

MR. JOSEPH W. FRIEND.

Mr. Friend is one of the first settlers in Crockett County, but our "Old Timers" are not necessarily very old, in point of duration of residence. He is a native of Louisiana, where he was born in 1840, but notwithstanding his sixty-six years, he is hale, hearty and active. He goes on the "round-up" with "the boys" and rides with the best of them.



Mr. Friend came to Texas in his boyhood and located in Coryell county. He moved to Taylor county in 1877, and to Crockett county in 1890.

There are six children, all of whom are prominent in ranch and commercial business and in the social life of West Texas.

The eldest daughter is the wife of County Judge Davidson.

Doesn't Flatter Him.

Mr. Nunn's picture on this page, tho' just like the photo from which it was taken, don't do him justice. He says he appreciates the fact that he is a whole lot handsomer man than that, but it is the only photo he has, and the photograprer who committed it escaped.

Ozona ozone is a panacea for almost all our poor mortal ills.

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Ozona National Bank.

One of the institutions of which we are justly proud is the Ozona National Bank. A glance at the fine building which is pictured on this page will prove that it will compare favorably with structures erected for similar institutions in the larger cities.

The bank is in its infancy, having been organized only in June, 1905; yet such has been its success that it is now ready to declare a surplus of \$10,750, which amount is now on the credit side of the ledger as undivided profits.

That is a self-evident proof of the utility and stability of the bank, and of the practical results of its operation during its brief existence of eighteen months.

The bank's capital is \$50,000. J. W. Henderson is president, Dr. A. W. Clayton vice-president, L. B. Cox cashier and Elam Dudley bookkeeper. The following well known citizens are in the directorate: W. P. Hoover, Robert Masie, J. W. Odom, John Young, J. B. Moore and S. E. Couch. The bank has a metropolitan appearance, both outside and in, its officials are polite and alert, and, in general, it is an institution closely identified with the growth of Ozona.

The men behind the Ozona National Bank are the kind of men who are the empire builders.

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**NANCE & FRIEND,
HARDWARE.**

The Season's Compliments

While but a young firm, that of Nance & Friend has made a measure of success which is not only a tribute to their own business ability and popularity, but a proof of the substantial character of the trade of this territory.

Joe J. Nance is a native of Bee County, where he was born in 1870. He came to this section in 1897. He has a ranch on the line of Pecos and Brewster counties, but lives in Ozona, and is treasurer of the county, having been elected to that office in 1904, and re-elected with a clear majority over two popular opponents in 1906.

Frank F. Friend was born in Coryell County in 1875, is a son of J. W. Friend, and the family have been resident here for the past sixteen years. Like nearly every other Ozona business man, he owns a Crockett County ranch.

Both are young men of family, and are prominent citizens.

(Wishing You)

Happiness and Prosperity.

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West Texas Heroes.

From this immediate section went the "Texas Cowboys" who are referred to by the San Francisco Call in the following:

Six hundred tons of gunpowder and dynamite in the hold and a fierce and almost uncontrollable fire raging in the engine room was the situation that confronted the officers, men and passengers of the steamship *Pennsylvania* when she was off the Chilian coast. That those on board lived to tell of the frightful experience was due to the heroic efforts that were made to save the apparently doomed steamer.

At Montevideo the steamer took as passengers nine Texas cowboys, who had been touring the Argentine Republic with a "Wild West" show. To these men, reckless of life and limb, the vessel and her crew owe their salvation, for without their assistance it is declared that all on board would have gone to a horrible death.

When the fire broke out the hatches were opened that air might circulate against the coal and gunpowder. It was a clear day and the men were seated about the hatchways smoking and talking.

Without warning a sheet of flame, volcanic in its fury, burst from the funnel, sending great pieces of burning coal and wood high in the air. The men about the hatchways fled for their lives, leaving the hatchways uncovered. Into them fell the blazing coals and soon the wooden flooring separating the lower and upper holds was ablaze. In the engine room the men found that the fire had started in the funnel, setting the woodwork ablaze and driving the engineers to a place of safety. Buckets and fire hose were brought out and the battle commenced. For hours the crew fought the flames, being driven back time after time by the black smoke. Meanwhile volunteers were called for to descend into the hold and extinguish the blaze there. The plainsmen instantly responded. Pulling their broadbrim hats over their eyes, tying their handkerchiefs over their mouths and carrying the hose, they went down into the smoke.

Abaft the hatch, directly over the 1800 cases of dynamite the flooring was burning rapidly. Some of the cowboys returned to the deck and secured axes. At the imminent risk of being blown up at any second they tore up the burning planks and tossed them through the hatchways. They remained in the hold until the fire there was extinguished. Then they assisted the crew in the engine room. The blaze broke out shortly after noon. It was nearly eight o'clock at night when the crew, utterly exhausted by their labors, had the blaze under control. Some of them had to be helped from the engine room by their comrades. The cowboys stood the work better than the sailors.

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Homeseekers and all strangers are given the glad hand in Crockett County. Without exception visitors are impressd with the cordiality of the welcome which meets them here.

Hoquet for Mexico.

Our Mexican friends and neighbors are under obligations to some unknown admirer of their country for the following:

"Mexico, that wonderland of shimmering distances and of unparalleled natural resources, where the entrancing echo of ancient Aztec civilization is fading before the distant rumble of modern American progress, and where balmy delicious indolence pervades the very air.

"It is a land whose majestic peaks, surrounded by a mystic veil of azure, seem the earthly haunts of the wraiths of the "Moctezumas"; a land whose fertile plains and valleys shall soon resound to "the rude awaking" of iconoclastic American methods, in the light of which nerveless ideals and Utopian dreams shall be swiftly dissipated; a land of startling contrasts.

"A land inhabited by men whose tender, noble hearts throb for the millenium of human perfection, and whose souls are incorruptible."

Probably the reason the writer is unknown is that he has not yet descended from the "Empyrean heights."

Crockett county has about five hundred Mexicans, and, as a class, they are intelligent, industrious and law-abiding. They are, as it were, to the manner born, and are the sheepman's main dependence in the handling of his flocks.

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During the year now closing all the ordinary farm crops, fruits and vegetables have been successfully raised in Crockett County, but it has been a year of unprecedented rainfall. It is not a farming county, though apples and a few other hardy fruits ought to do equally as well here as they do in New Mexico, the soil and the seasons being very similar. Ranchman-farmers realized three crops of johnson grass off the same land this year, and other crops in proportion. But, as we have said, it has been an exceptional year, and we would not encourage prospective settlers to expect much return for money invested in farming operations in this county. It is pre-eminently a stock raising county, and as such has no superior on earth.

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Speaking of that absurd story about starting an ELEPHANT ranch up about Valentine, the Newark News suggests the probability that an elephant doesn't look any larger in Texas than a cockroach does in New Jersey.

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Write a letter to some friend, tell him about your county and send him one of these books.

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Last Steer Roping.

The Texas Legislature has seen fit, in its wisdom, to prohibit steer roping contests in the future. The picture on this page represents what was probably the last "bunch" of ropers to ever gather on Texas soil. The writing underneath the picture is self-explanatory.

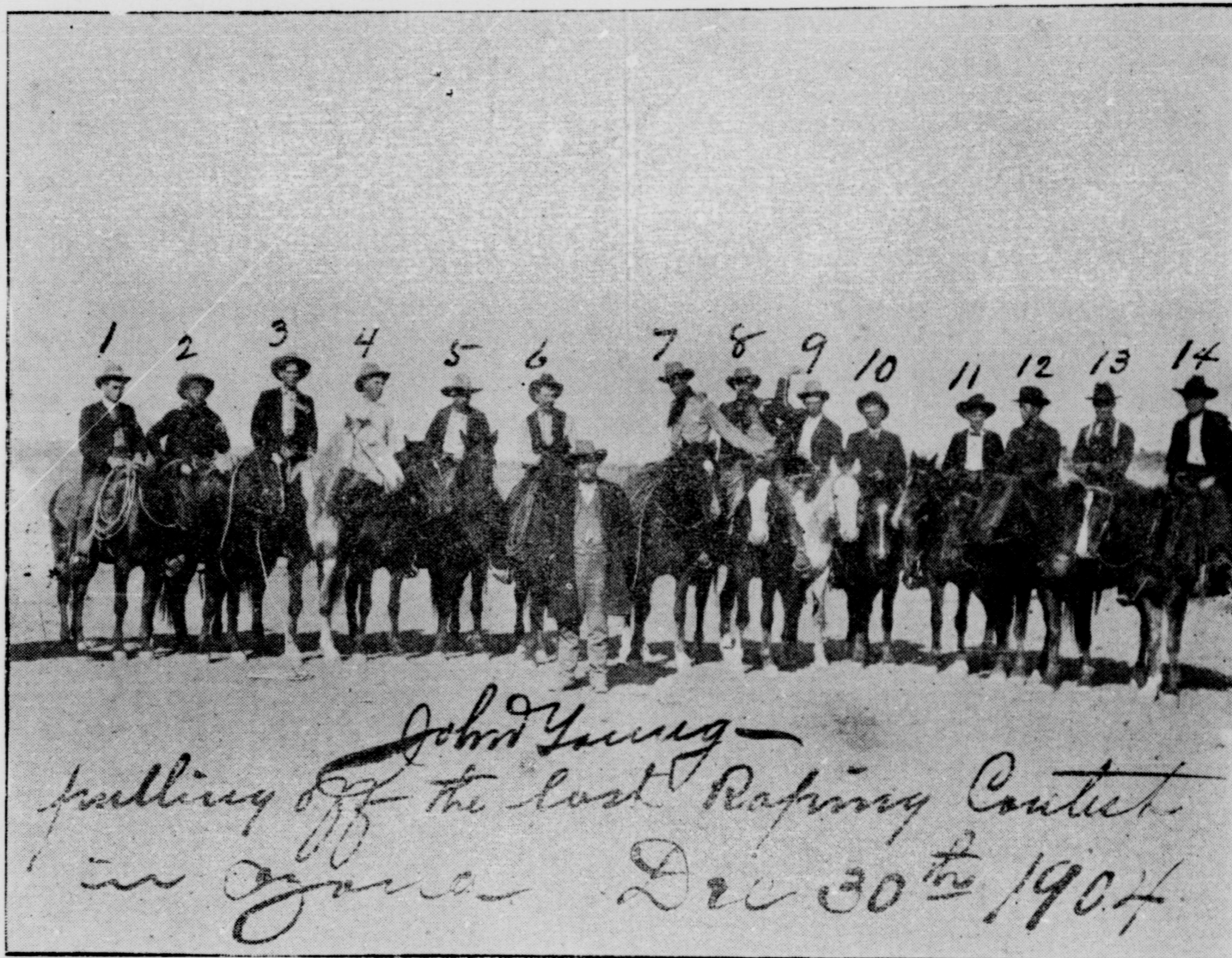
To the Easterner, and indeed to many Texans, it sounds like an extravagant fiction to state that

Old Year, Goodbye.

Old Year, Good B'ye, Time bids thee go:

The final hour is drawing nigh—
And veiled in mist or wan with snow,
Old Year, Goodbye.

Pledge we at parting one brief sigh,
Touched with the tender afterglow
Of days that blossomed but to die.



a cowboy can take in behind a wild steer, catch, throw and securely tie him within less than half a minute, but such is a fact, nevertheless. Joe Gardner's record is 22 1-2 seconds. Many of those shown in the picture have less than half-minute records.

The cowboys shown in the picture are: 1, Lem Stokes; 2, Willie Nix; 3, Criss Belcher; 4, Felix Kilpatrick; 5, Ben Hinds; 6, Jess Malone; 7, Bud Parker; 8, Collin Coates; 9, Roscoe Coates; 10, E. Briggs, Jr.; 11, Johnnie Henderson; 12, Will Augustine; 13, Rodger Dudley; 14, Floyd Henderson.

This section has furnished the champion ropers of the world, and still does, for that matter.

Beyond our present joy or woe
Horizons of the future lie—
Whither thou goest none may know!
Old Year, Good Bye.

—William H. Hayne.



Christmas Greeting, 1906.

"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9: 6.



Speak a good word for your neighbor today.

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Reads Like a Romance

Born in a palace and now promoted to a Crockett County ranchman: his life reads like a romance. There are few men who have gone through such an experience as Carl Schauer.

In Verona, that Italian dream city, the identical palace where Romeo and Juliet played hands,

as an infant he frolicked upon that immortal balcony.

His father was a marshall of the Empire, ranking with the highest in the land. The subject of this sketch is of Austrian parentage, the Italian province of which Verona is the chief city was at that time an Austrian possession.

His mother was the Baroness Caroline von Boseck of ancient Hessian family.

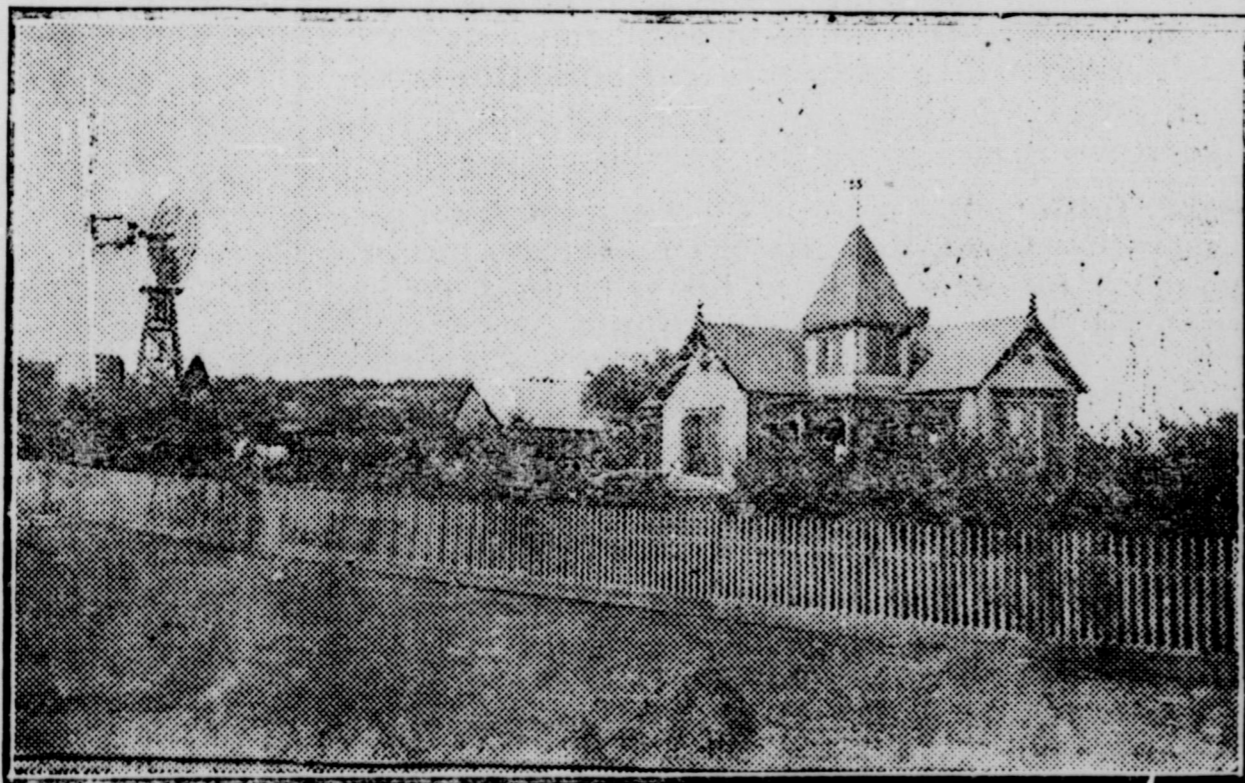
Mr. Schauer came to this

country when he was sixteen years of age and was the first man to drive sheep from California to a connection with the Southern Pacific Railroad.

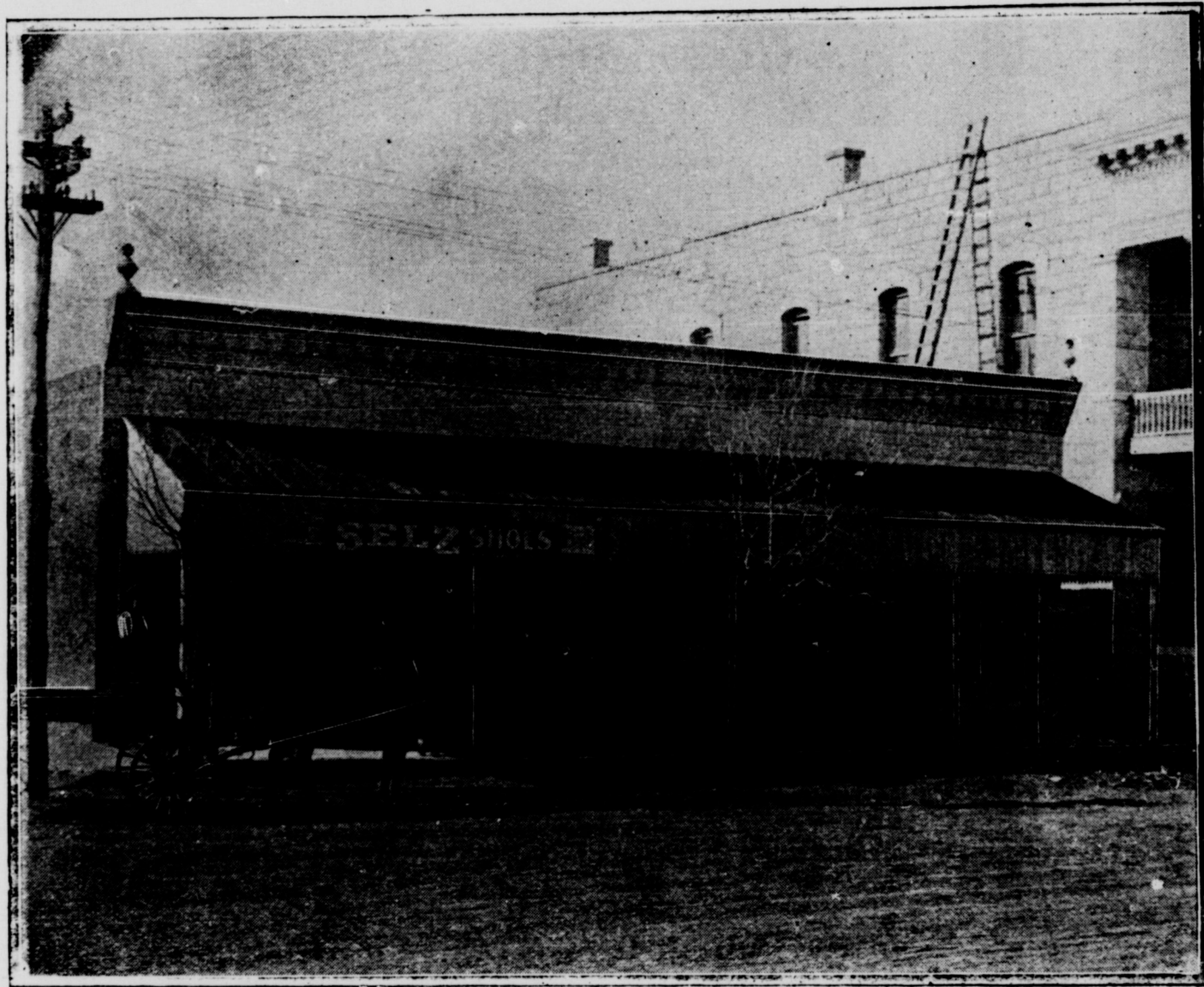
He came to Crockett County before Ozona was on the map, bought the ranch located by Joe Moss, where he now has about 30,000 acres of the very best lands in the county. His stock consists now of 1800 three year-old steers. Mr. Schauer originated the O9 brand of cattle in this county.

Carl Anton Schauer built the first pasture fence in Crockett County. He has a beautiful town home, a picture of which we present on this page. In 1884 he took a trip to the Fatherland, and a group photo of the old knight, his father, his mother the Baroness, himself, sister and two brothers, is herewith presented. He is seen seated. Otto, his brother, then of the Austrian army, stands behind him. Otto is now also a Crockett County man.

Mr. Schauer has a wife, son and three daughters.



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EXTERIOR VIEW OF THE L. B. COX BIG STORE, OZONA.

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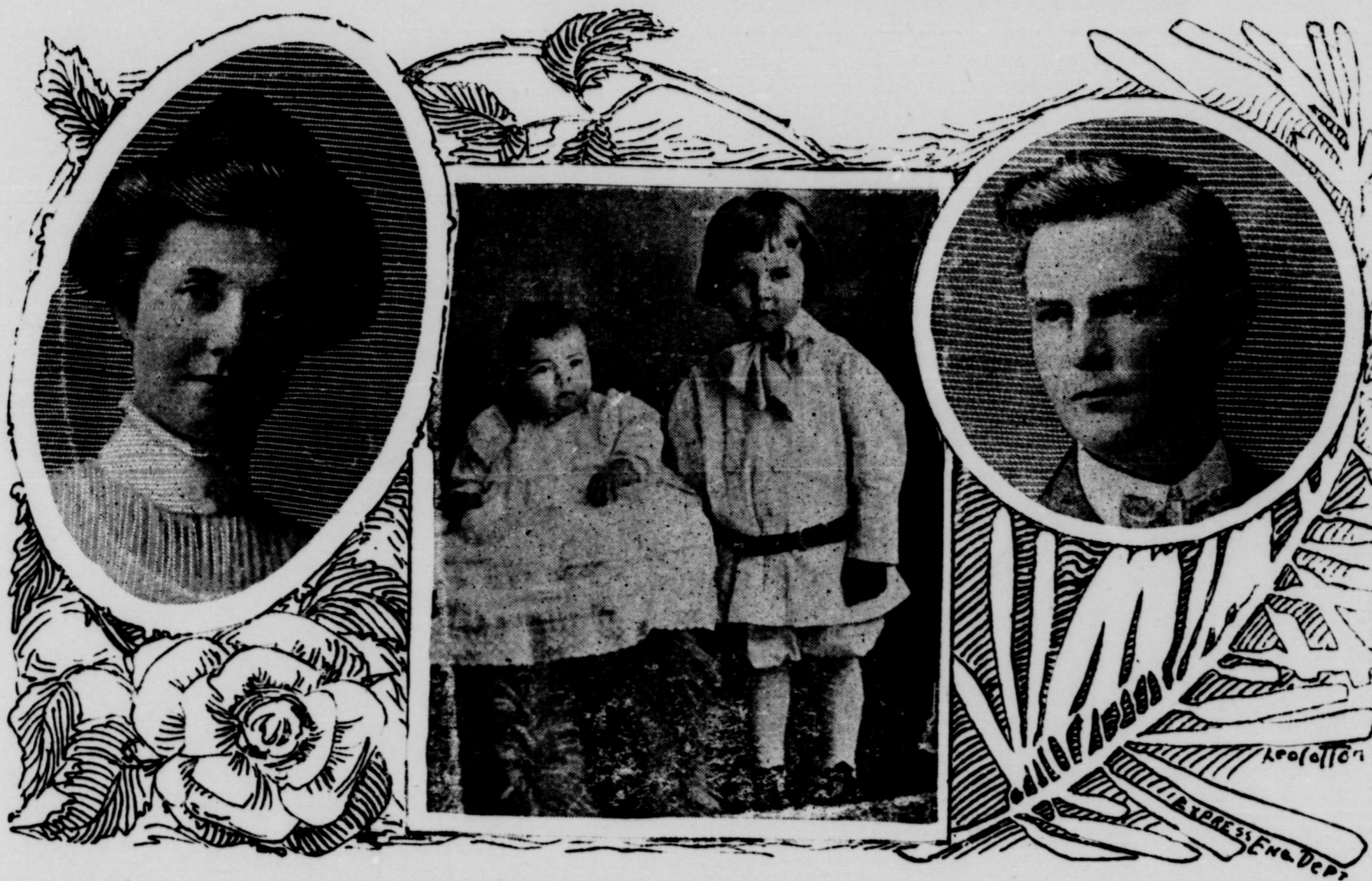
L. B. Cox is a native Texan, and came to this section in 1886. He has resided in this and the northern part of Val Verde counties since then, being for a time one of Val Verde's county commissioners. Fourteen years ago he was married to Miss Parker of Gonzales County, and has a family of one girl and three boys. Mr. Cox bought his Ozona mercantile business in 1898, and has been one of the leading merchants of the place. He has just taken in two associates and incorporated for \$40,000 and his operations in the future should be more extensive than ever. He is Cashier of the Ozona National Bank, is prominent in fraternal, church and social circles and identified actively with every good word and work for Ozona.

The Kicker reporter found Mr. Cox, as usual, too busy to talk, but he said to pass the Compliments of the Season along to the people, and say that he was still at his post anxious to please and better prepared than ever to serve them.

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Our Young Senator.

Claud B. Hudspeth was born on a farm-ranch in Bandera county, this state, twenty-nine years ago. His father, Capt. H. S. Hudspeth, was one of the pioneer sheriffs of Western Texas.

The present senator founded The Kicker, in 1892, when he was only sixteen years of age, and made a success of it from the very start. At the age of twenty-four he announced himself a candidate for the legislature, and was elected at the age of twenty-five. He served two terms in the lower House, and last November was elected to the State Senate without opposition.

Mr. Hudspeth is a "self-made man" from the ground up, having had very few advantages in his youth. Indeed his schooling simply consisted of six months in a public school and six months in a San Antonio commercial college. Yet he has been a hustler, both in business and in state craft, and as a writer, speaker and debater he ranks easily with the best.

Among the bills he has introduced and had passed may be mentioned the following:

To exterminate prairie dogs; to require commissioners' courts to pay bounty on wolf scalps; to increase the salary of district judges from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year; to fix a limit of one year from date of award as time in which title to public school lands may be contested; to provide that, in certain counties, eight sections of land may be purchased, instead of four, as for-

merly; to give assignees of school lands the same prior right to purchase said lands as that formerly held by the original lessee.

The Senatorial district which Mr. Hudspeth will represent is the largest in the state and is larger than any New England state. He will be a busy man when he goes to Austin, for the interests of his district are large and diverse. Among the bills he contemplates is one to require street railways to provide separate cars, or compartments, for whites and blacks. By far the most important measure he proposes, however, is a state appropriation of at least one hundred thousand dollars to provide a bounty for the scalps of predatory wild animals. This is a matter of much interest to this section, and Mr. Hudspeth is confident of success.

Personally Mr. Hudspeth is of a jovial disposition and makes friends rapidly. He has a city home in El Paso, but he and family spend much of their time, when not in Austin, on their Crockett County ranch thirty-five miles from Ozona. There he has fifty-two sections, or more than thirty-three thousand acres, stocked with French Merino sheep, full blood Angora goats, and high grade Durham cattle.

Claud Hudspeth in the Senate is the right man in the right place until we get ready to send him to Congress, which will be right soon.

If you have a friend in the Texas Legislature sit down right now and write to him, asking him to do all he can to assist Senator Hudspeth in the passage of that scalp bounty bill.

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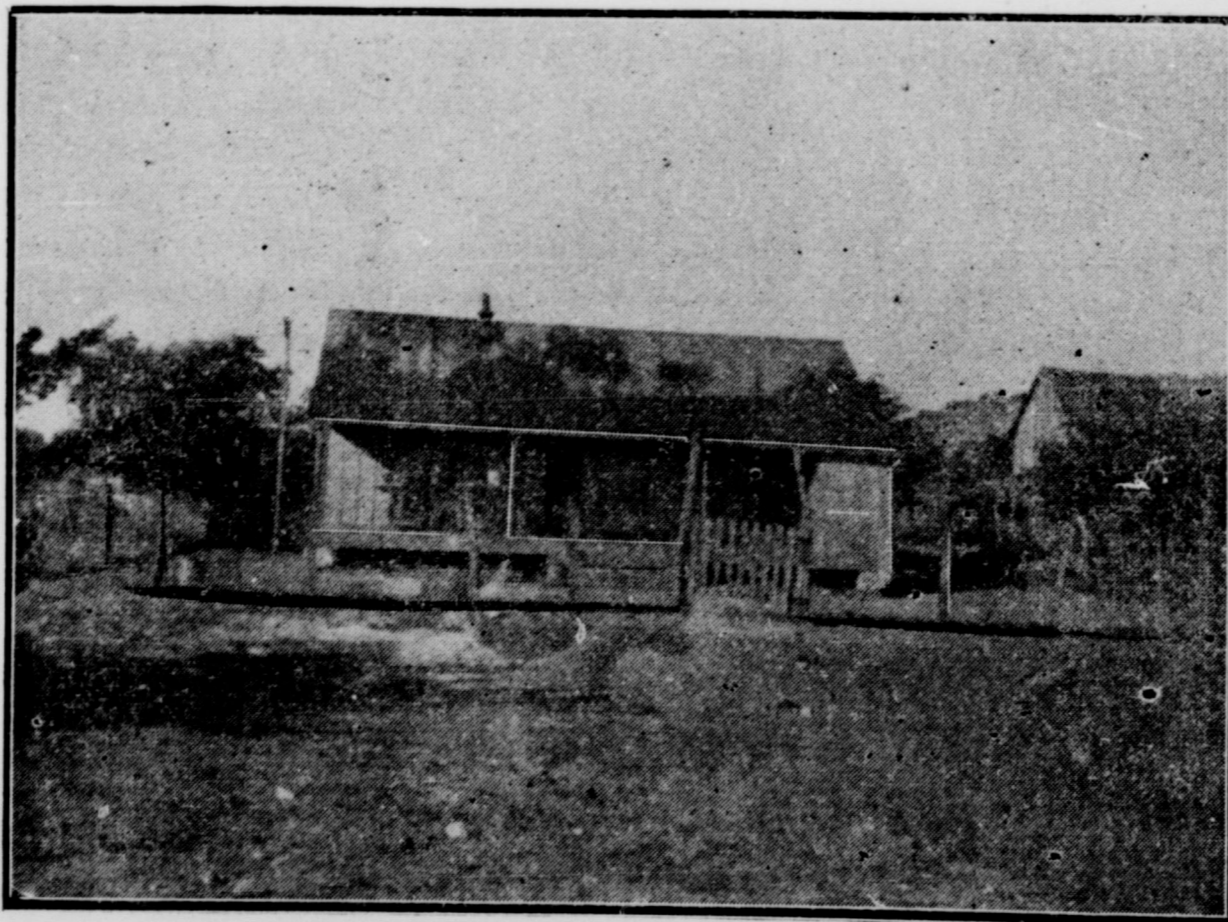


The Muy Bonita Ranch

The large picture on this page is a kodak snapshot of the shearing pens on Senator Hudspeth's fifty-two section Muy Bonita ranch in the Southern part of the county. The big

Senator is seen leaning against a post in the foreground surrounded by his workmen and French Merino sheep. The day was very cloudy and the pictures are not as clear as they should be. Below is a picture of the ranch house.

Senator Hudspeth was married on the 4th of January, 1903, to Miss Mary Clibourne of Sherwood, Irion County. He has



a charming wife and two beautiful children and it is not to be wondered at that he spends much of his time, during the legislative recesses, in pleasant and profitable retirement "far from the madding throng" at this quiet retreat in the hills. Here he has the daily papers, a double daily mail service, telephone connection north and south, and his weekly Kicker. His fine French Merino sheep, Angora goats and graded Durham cattle are rapidly making him rich. He has good neighbors. If he wants to hunt, he has, at his very elbow, the famous "Sportsman's Paradise." Mrs. Hudspeth has her poultry, and she can "visit" with all her neighbors for miles and miles around, by telephone, without caring a pin whether her hat is on straight or crooked.

Wood is convenient, the best of water is abundant and the climate is perfect.

We could keep on telling the advantages of life on the Muy Bonita ranch, but don't you see our space is exhausted? Moreover isn't the picture complete?

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INTERIOR VIEW OF G. L. BUNGER'S GENERAL STORE, OZONA, TEXAS.

The Ozona Country

Is the Ideal location for Health, Friendliness, Home-making and the Pursuit of Happiness, and is the finest Stock-raising Section on the Continent.

Write to the undersigned at Ozona for Information. ❀ ❀ ❀



C. L. BROOME,
General Commission

The Christian Church.

The Christian Church has a neat house of worship, prettily furnished, and a comfortable congregation out of debt, in Ozona,

Elder W. P. Skaggs comes from San Angelo once each month to preach, and bible readings and prayer services are held every Sabbath afternoon.

The Kicker was not able to obtain accurate and particular information, together with photographic reproduction, of the Christian Church, but was not willing to go to press on this edition without some mention of a moral agency which has done, and, under God, must yet do, so much for the good of Ozona.

Ozona Fraternal Orders.

Socially Ozona is everything which could be desired. It is decidedly a "lodge" town, and we believe that is usually regarded as a pretty fair evidence of a chronic state of good fellowship. We have the Masons (A. F. & A. M. and Royal Arch Chapter); the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, Rebeccas, Order of the Eastern Star, W. C. T. U. and various religious societies.

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A PAIR OF OZONA QUEENS.



A PAIR OF OZONA JACKS.

A Western Tragedy.

The desert, says an exchange, lay purple under the fierce sun, which beat down upon it like an automatic carpet beater. A rattlesnake here and there idly rattled itself to sleep, while an occasional lizzard lizzed quickly from rock to brick. The bloom of the lilac cactus attracted a few bees, and a humming bird, more than usual of a hummer, picked daintily at the fruit of a wild

peach tree.

It was a typical day in the West, the great, glorious West, where men are men, women are women, weather is weather, and strangers few. Suddenly a figure dashes into view.

It is a woman mounted on a thoroughbred!

Irrigation Ike brushed a rattler from his neck and rose to his elbow.

"The new schoolmarm," he muttered. "She wins four ways from the jack," he added approvingly.

Irrigation Ike stood up and doffed his cap.

As he did so a bullet clipped his ear.

"None o' that!" said a voice. "I seen her first and I offers her my heart and wages first."

Irrigation Ike glared into the eyes of Green River Bill. Green River Bill glared into the eyes of Irrigation Ike. The sun glared into the eyes of both.

The lady rode on.

"Winner asks the girl to have him," said Irrigation Ike.

"I'm agreeable," said Green River Bill.

Two shots rang out.

Green River Bill fell.

"You can have my derby hat for a wedding present!" he gasped with his last breath.

Irrigation Ike galloped after the girl. Soon he caught up with her.

"Will you marry me, Miss?" he asked humbly.

"Can't," answered the lady.

"Husband won't let me."

"And I've slew my best pal," said Ike sadly.

Send one of these books to each of your friends.

Christmas Carol.

IT CAME upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending o'er the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold:
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

—E. H. Sears.

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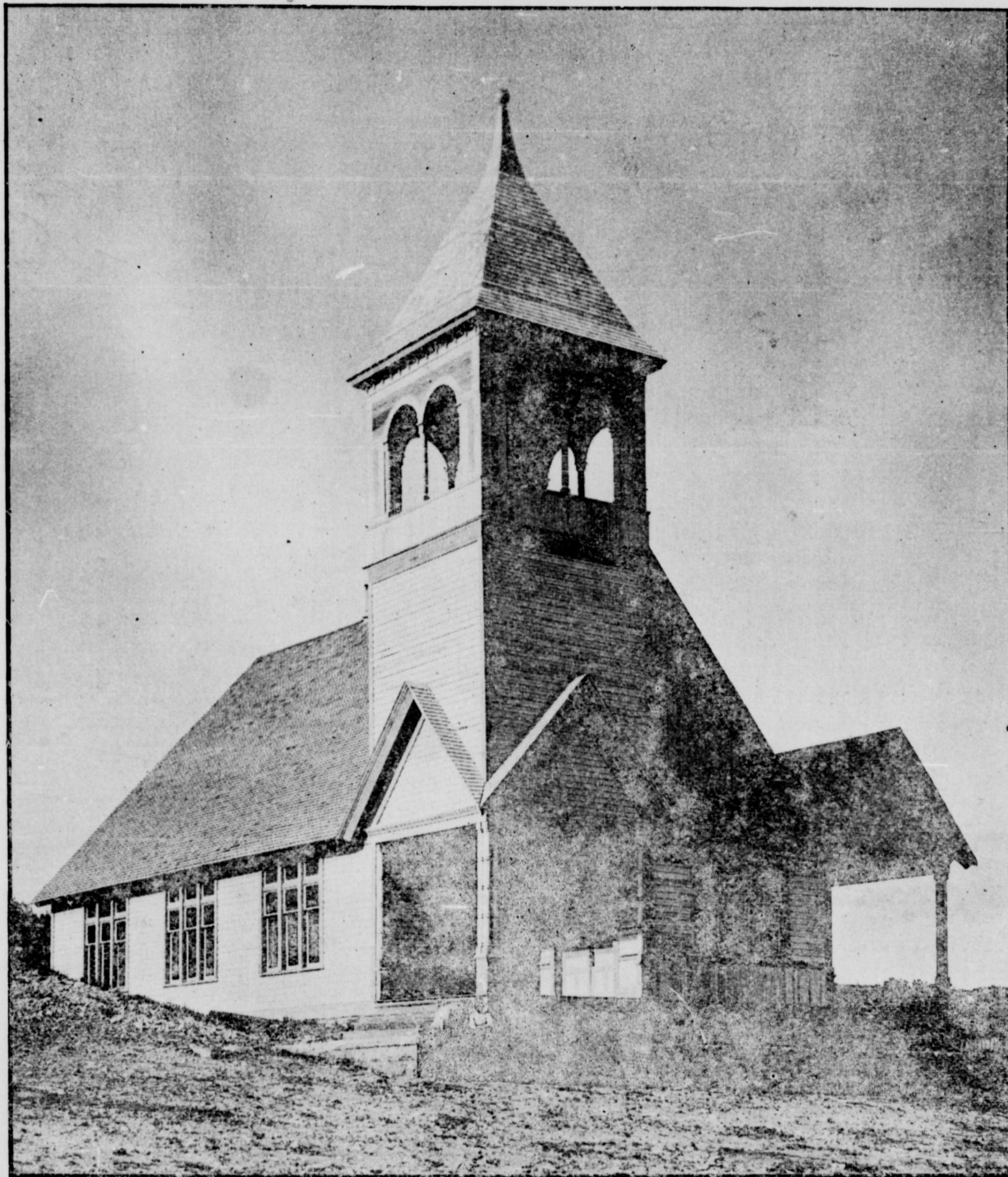
MAIN BUILDING OZONA HARDWARE COMPANY.

The Ozona Hardware Company

Wishes to heartily thank all its Friends and Patrons for the generous business of the past year, and to wish them

The Season's Compliments.

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Ozona Methodists.

The Methodist Church in Ozona was organized January 30, 1892 by Rev. J. J. Rape, with nine members, namely: Mr. J. W. Friend, Mrs. Dixie Davidson, Mr. Sam W. Friend, Mr. A. T. Sowell, Mrs. Mary C. Friend, Mr. Frank F. Friend, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Odom, Mrs. Elizabeth Sowell and Mr. Thomas Sowell. A number of others joined the same year, and since then the growth of the church has been steady and rapid until at this writing, November 1st, 1906, there are 177 members. It has been a power for good in this community.

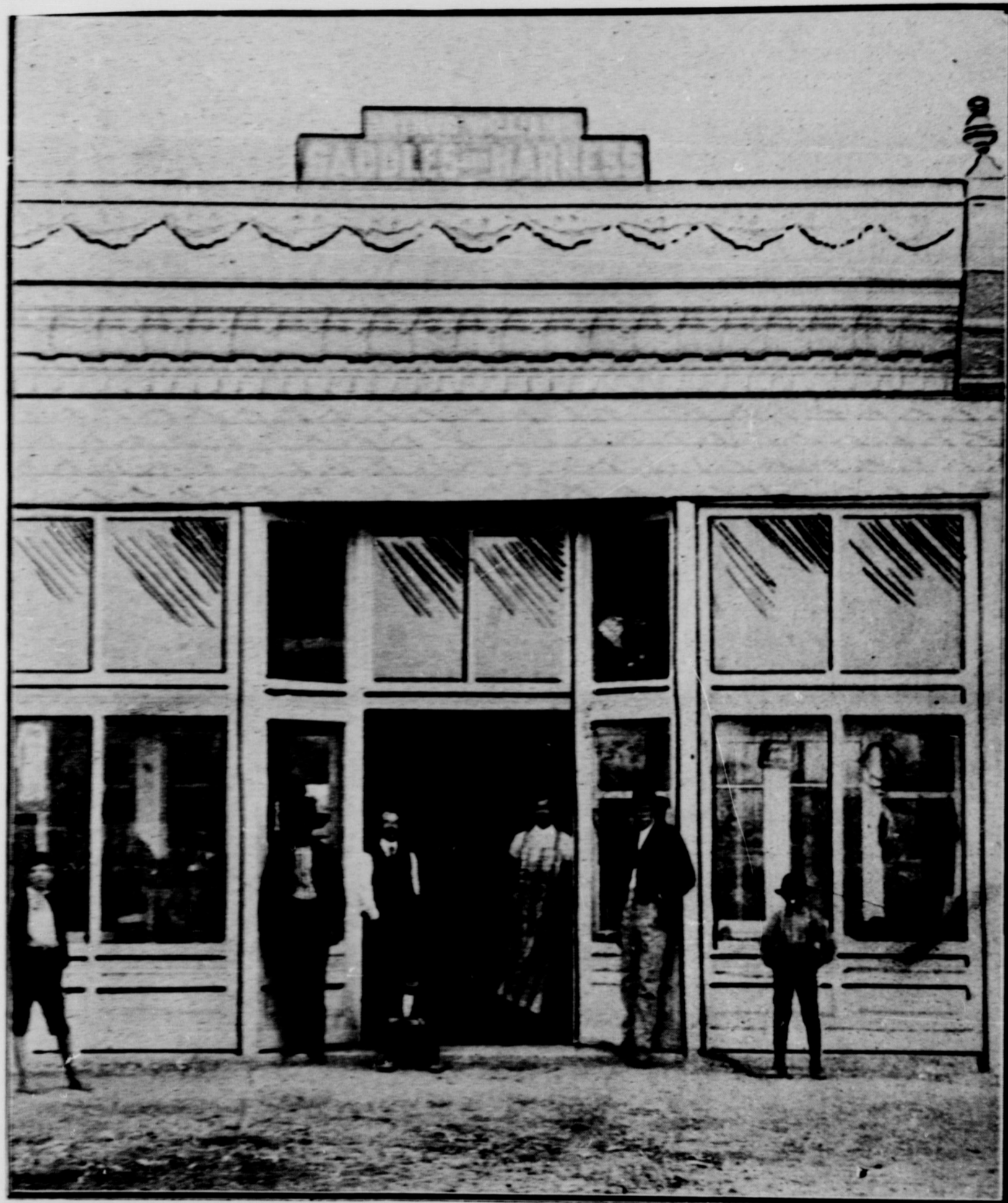
Rev. W. W. Nunn is the pastor at this writing. The church and auxilliary organizations are complete and effective. Mr. J. R. Brooks is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The present church building will compare favorably in point of size and appearance, both inside and out, with the average church building in towns of five to ten thousand people. It was erected in 1898 at a cost of \$2,500, and was dedicated during the present year by Dr. G. C. Rankin of Dallas.

The congregation has planned to elegantly reseate the church during the coming year.

The church supports a Bible woman in China. Regular services are held every Sunday.

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Arthur Williams.

Herewith we are showing an excellent picture of the big saddle and harness house of our townsman, James Arthur Williams. Few towns anything near the size of Ozona can boast so complete an establishment of like character. He has at all times a very complete stock of everything in his line, and if he hasn't it why he is prepared to manufacture it quickly and well.

Mr. Williams was born in Guadalupe county and raised in the Southwestern counties. He was married several years ago in Kerrville, and has one baby girl. He is popular socially and in business and prominent in the church. He came here eight years ago as a salesman, and

in the spring of 1902 bought his present business. Industry and close attention to business has brought him prosperity, and he now owns a nice home in addition to his business.

In addition to saddles, harness, etc., Mr. Williams has a boot and shoe-making department, and keeps a full line of undertakers supplies, and is prepared to fill all orders in this line on short notice.

Orders from all surrounding ranches and towns are given prompt and careful attention, and prospective customers may rest assured that Mr. Williams can fill the orders, even if he has to manufacture what you want.

One other fact—his prices, like his goods, are right. He will treat you fair and square, so you needn't go farther than Ozona to purchase anything you may need in the lines mentioned.

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Ideal County Judge.

Crockett County has always been fortunate in one other respect—the possession of an ideal county judge.

Charles E. Davidson is of the sturdy Scotch-Irish lineage, a race which has given this country so many of its great men. He was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, in the year 1856. James T. Davidson was his father, and Nannie Glenn was his mother's maiden name.

He began his business career in Iowa, going thence to California, where he taught in the city schools of San Francisco. In 1882, after receiving his B. of L. degree from the University of California, he came to Texas, settling at San Angelo. There he quickly built up a lucrative law practice and became a heavy dealer in lands and livestock, 'til the hard winters and depression draughts of the latter eighties dealt him the dose that nearly all in similar business had then to swallow.

When, in 1891, the citizens here decided to organize Crockett County, a number of them united in a petition asking him to stand for county judge. He was duly elected and has held the office ever since.

In that position of trust and responsibility he has always made his own interests subservient to those of the public, and has shown conspicuous ability and devotion as a lawyer, as a finan-

cier and as our county superintendent of schools. His decisions have always been upheld by the higher courts. The county has never had a lawsuit, nor had to employ counsel, while it owns most excellent public buildings, erected without any increase in county taxes, which, all told, is but five mills on the dollar.

The schools of this county are, in fact, Free Schools, running the full term with the best corps of teachers obtainable, without a cent of charge for tuition from any pupil. The schools own 17,712 acres of good land and have plenty of money in the treasury. A Crockett County boy or girl, however poor, may receive a high-school education. The Judge has always taken an active personal interest in the schools, and their present state of efficiency is due in no small measure to his earnest and tireless labors.

In 1893 Judge Davidson married Miss Dixie R. Friend, a native of Texas and daughter of our esteemed and veteran fellow townsman, Mr. Joseph W. Friend. Six children have come to bless this union: Joe, Nannie, Mary, Maggie, Charles and Dixie.

We present a photo of the family group.

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Our Rosebud Garden of Girls



MISS MYRTLE MIDKIFF.

It was a decidedly difficult task to select from all Ozona's Rosebud Garden of Girls a quartette of pretty maidens to best represent the abounding health and vitality of the place. Physical perfection is the rule, rather than the exception. Our artists have not done the girls justice, but if you could see them you would acknowledge that we have chosen well. These are our "little" girls. Their average age is thirteen and their average weight only a hundred and twenty. And the town is full of just such splendid specimens.



MISS LILLIE PERNER.

Man Proposes, but God Disposes.

So says the old adage, but we should hate to think that the Lord has had anything to do with the vexations and countless obstacles which we have met and overcome in producing this little book. Our tale of woe would be yards long, so we haven't either the room or the disposition to unfold it. The transportation people are principally to blame, as we find it a very lingering and tedious process to get anything from anywhere in any way.

But this is our Christmas issue—whenever you do get it.



"BIG" JIM MOORE.

Yes, this is Jim, as most of you would know even without the brand. He owes us one for allowing him to appear in our boquet. You have heard the expression "A rose between thorns." Here you see a cactus surrounded by roses (just as he likes to be).

Jim has been a Texas ranger, and made a reputation, as such, for bravery and vigilance. He resigned to accept a position as inspector for the Cattlemen's Association of Texas, and is

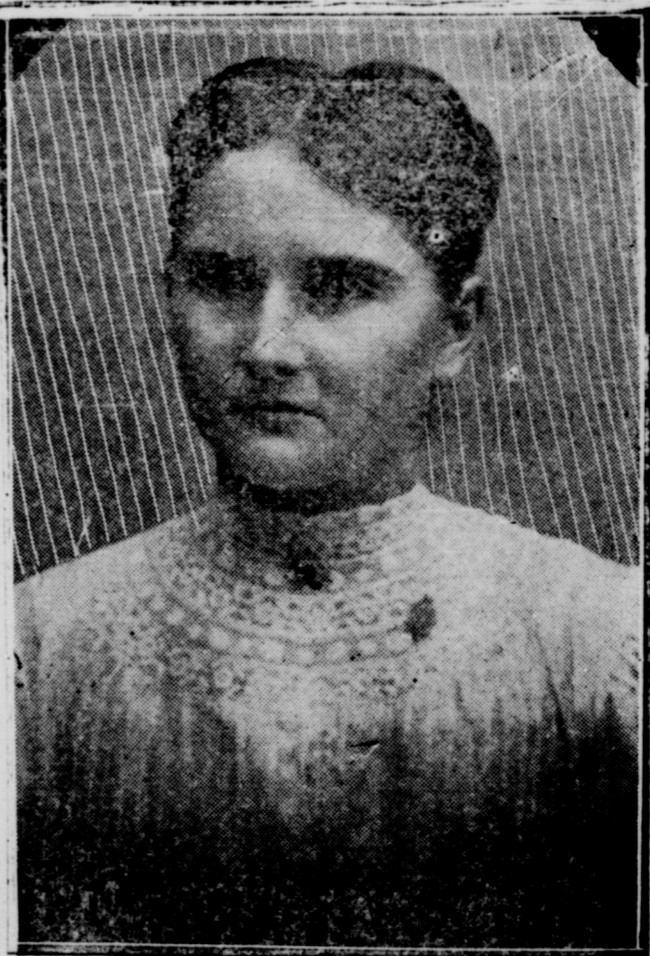
now stationed at Sheffield in Pecos county. He is one of the best officers in the employ of the association, and being also a deputy sheriff, he is in the habit of making crooked people jump sideways.

By the way, girls, a valuable hint—Jim is on the market.

Ozona is the only town in the county, and controls the trade for one hundred square miles of territory.

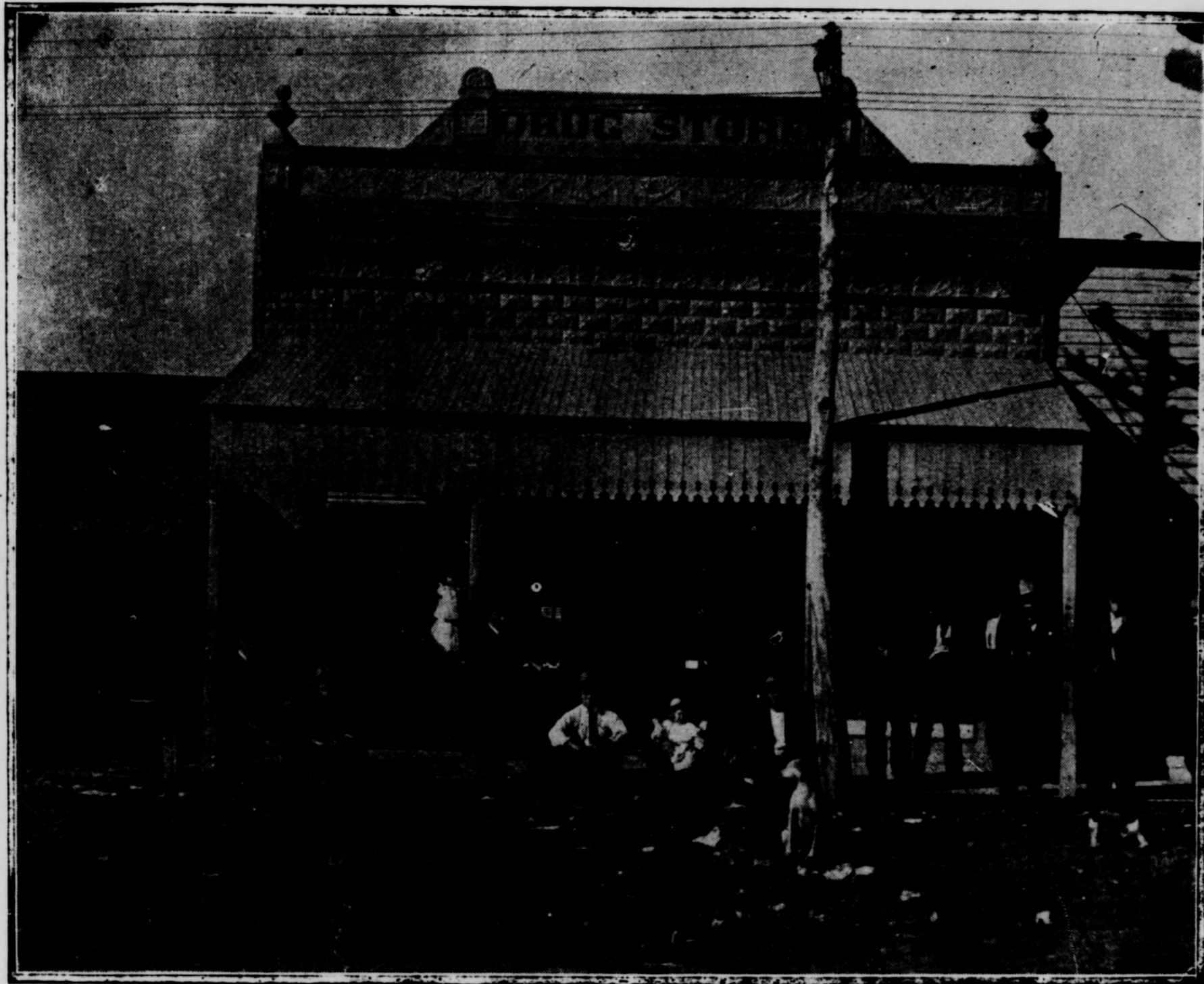


MISS MYRTLE KINCAID.



MISS EUDA BUCK.

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DRUGSTORE OF W. E. SMITH, OZONA.

W. E. SMITH,

This page belongs to W. E. Smith, the Popular Druggist and Merchant of Ozona. He is familiarly known as "Soapy." When the reporter asked him how he got that name he came back with "Why is a dog's tail? Jus' growed, didn't it?" That flattened the Kicker man.

Everybody likes Mr. Smith, and most people trade with him. He has been in the Drug and Druggist's Sundries trade in Ozona for the past six years, and has, by liberal business methods, fair and straightforward dealings, close attention to business and a judicious use of Printers' Ink, built up a prosperous business. He has one of the completest stocks of Holiday Prettys ever brought to this section.

DRUGGIST.

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RANCH HOUSE OF FAYETTE SCHWALBE, CROCKETT COUNTY.

Good Citizen, Fine Stock

There has lately been a very healthy disposition on the part of our most intelligent and progressive stockmen to grade up. "Quality, rather than Quantity" is coming to be the slogan.

Among the most successful breeders of registered Shorthorns in Crockett County may be mentioned Fayette Schwalbe. He has a town residence in Ozona, but spends much of his time on his ranch in the Southern part of the county.

He claims to be the first actual settler in the county, having come here in '86, from his native county, McCulloch. His father came direct to Texas in 1849 from Germany.

Mr. Schwalbe is a modest man, and will not like it if we say more about him than we do

about his shorthorns. Several of these fine animals may be seen near the ranch house. He has three crops of calves from Mark Center 140825, big range Shorthorn herd bull, bred by Fred Hilyer, Newton, Iowa, and now owned by J. R. Brooks.

His stock is all red and well bred. In the picture he is seen

holding Victor Lad 247948 by Victorious III out of Mary Scott, and Baron C. 248544 by Baron Scotchman 180056 out of Mildred. These youngsters but a few months old, cost him five hundred dollars, and quite naturally he has "a string to 'em."

Mr. Schwalbe is also a successful breeder of fine mules.



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Ozona's Pretty Park.

The illustration on this page furnishes a good idea of the appearance of Crockett Park and of the Courthouse and jail. There are few towns of even much larger size which has such a pretty rest and play ground. It is situated just in the center of town. About one hundred nice trees afford a grateful shade in summer and the ground is spread with a thick carpet of grass.

The remarkable fact about the park is the history of its origin. The site of this beautiful pleasure ground was originally almost solid rock. No more striking illustration can be im-

Christmas Fokelets.

Mildred—O, dear, I wish I knew what to give Mr. Slowboy for a Christmas present.

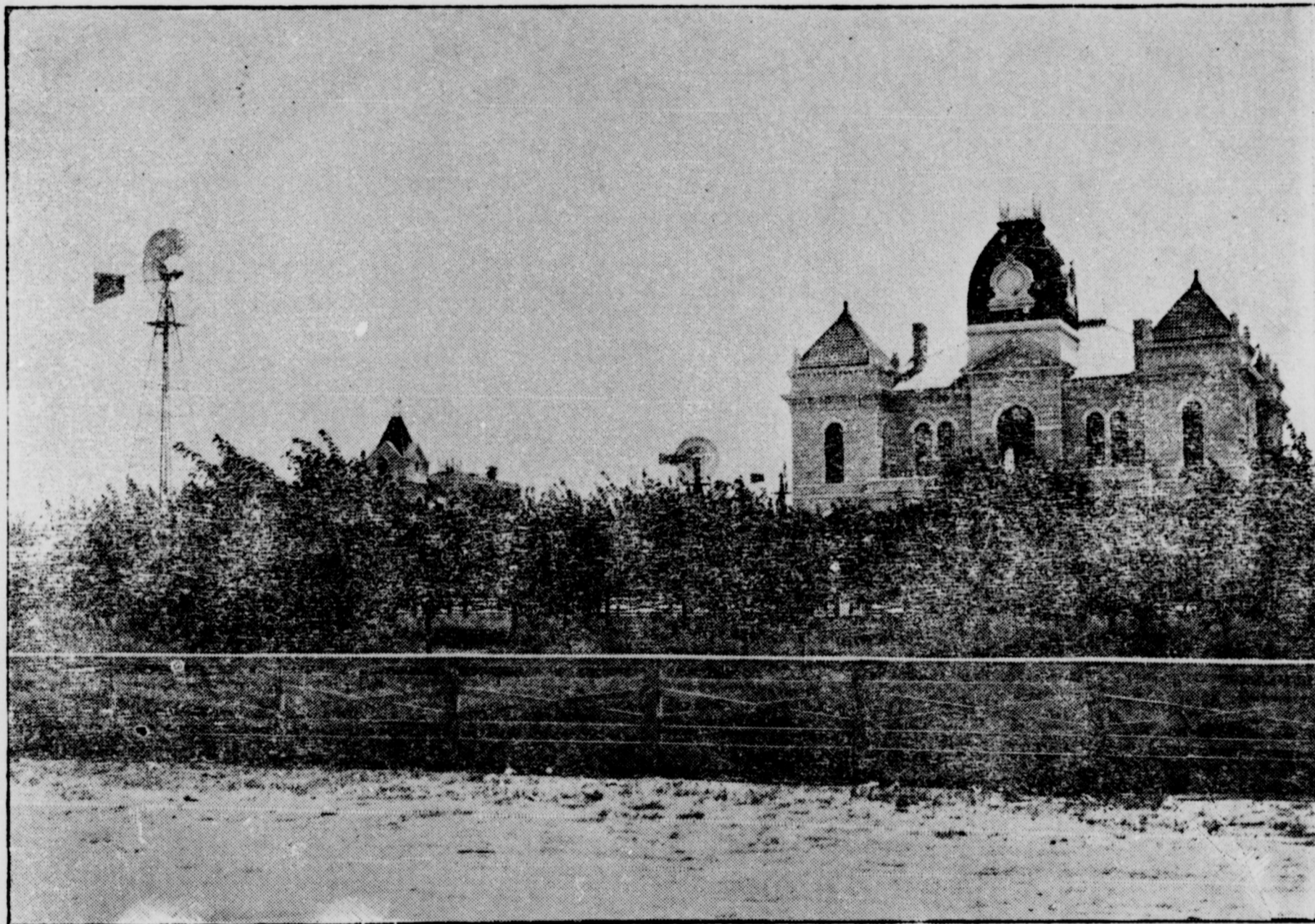
Helen—Why don't you give him your heart?

Mildred—The old goose has it already, but he doesn't know it.

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"Are you going to hang up your stocking on Christmas eve?" asked the modern child's uncle.

"Certainly not," answered the youth, as he polished his spectacles. "I feel that it is time to call attention to the fact that enlightenment has progressed so far that these practical prob-



agined of the energy and resourcefulness of a people than the evolution of this spot from barren rocks to a delightful shady grove.

Let those towns which have no parks, where vegetation grows almost spontaneously, sit up and take notice. Holes for the planting of the trees were blasted out with giant powder, the rock removed and dirt filled in. The entire park was thickly sodded and grass planted.

It was a tremendous undertaking, but the result has amply compensated the people for all the time, labor and money expended. All the celebrations, picnics and similar gatherings are held here, and the park is the admiration of all who behold it.

lems are so pressing that we are no longer morally at liberty to encourage our parents in those frivolous and old-fashioned fancies."—Star.

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'Twas the day after Christmas,
And all through the house
The children were having
A merry carouse;
While PA, in his study,
Was tearing his hair
As he gazed at the bills
That were piled everywhere.

—Town Topics.

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A pair of stockings full of girl is the sweetest.

Some Ozona Institutions

Among the progressive business institutions which contribute to the importance of Ozona may be mentioned:

- 1 National Bank,
- 1 Saddlery Store,
- 2 Weekly Newspapers,
- 2 General Stores,
- 2 Dry Goods Stores,
- 2 Grocery Stores,
- 2 Hardware Stores,
- 2 Drug and Notion Stores,
- 2 Hotels,
- 2 Blacksmith Shops,
- 1 Livery Stable,
- 1 Meat Market,
- 1 Billiard and Pool Hall,
- 2 Barber Shops,
- 2 Wagon Yards,
- 3 Church Buildings with two resident ministers,
- 1 Electric Light, Ice Factory and Power Plant,
- 1 Graded School with about 200 all-American enrollment, five teachers and three buildings.

Two lawyers, three doctors and about one thousand energetic, healthy, intelligent and hospitable people. The visitor receives a cordial welcome and if he chooses to cast his lot with us, he finds himself at once among friends.

The altitude is about 2,500 feet above sea level, the water is excellent, health is generally fine, and the social and moral atmosphere of the community is of an unusually high order.

An exchange tells of a very bad little boy who had learned to swear. Being reproved by his father, he inquired, "Who told you I swore?" "O, a little bird told me," replied his father.

The boy stood and looked out the window at some sparrows which were scolding and chattering.

"I know who told you," he said. "It was one o' them dam sparrows."

Thanksgiving.

THANKS be to Thee, O, God!
Not that thou set the darken'd sky with light

Of countless stars, framed in solemnity—
But that some soul who suffers in the night
Sees one star through the window's little pane
And, by that gleam of hope, first prays to Thee.

Thanks be to Thee, O, God!
For throbbing music which the world's voice
thrills;

But most for melody which sings, alone—
The bird in deepest wood—or song that stills
A child to sleep, far from the grand refrain
Of Fame's great chorus, chanting tunes well
known.

Thanks be to Thee, O, God!
For wondrous beauty which thou gave the earth,
But most for loveliness in barren sod;
A green spot in the parch'd grass—the birth
Of some pure, saintly life not lived in vain
In haunts of wickedness which know not God.

Thanks be to Thee, O, God!
For Autumn harvest men have toiled to reap;
For love, for home, for laughter thro' our tears,
But most of all for seeds which, in the sleep
Of Winter, wait for sun and Spring-time rain,
Holding potential growth for coming years.

—Edith Livingston Smith.

GREATNESS OF TEXAS.

Texas is such a vast domain, comprehending so many different climates and soils, that it is difficult for one to speak intelligently beyond his own locality. But the word "locality" with us means a much larger area than in the older states.

An enormous high-class immigration is coming in, and to my mind the vital question is a study of the advanced methods of soil culture looking to the storage of moisture. This can by no means be classed as an arid region, but the successful work of moisture storage in the arid region can be used to great advantage and with much less difficulty than in those regions. The development of this sec-

tion into an agricultural region has made some encroachments upon the cattle ranges. There is a disposition toward smaller holdings and better cattle. The extension of agriculture has simplified the problem of proper winter maintainance.

It is safe to say that the last few years have seen an improvement of several hundred per cent in the quality of cattle, and in that industry the vital thing is to have corn-belt feeders investigate for themselves the quality of the cattle produced in this section.—F. S. Hastings.

There are many pretty homes in Ozona, and the reason more are not shown here is on account of difficulty in getting pictures.

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An All-Round Man of Affairs

The accompanying cut illustrates the pretty town home of one of Ozona's most prominent citizen-ranchmen, James R. Brooks. His 25-section ranch, which is all his own and not leased, begins at his residence in the edge of town and extends for miles to the South and East. He has thousands of fine sheep, graded cattle and thoroughbred horses. Renatus 3383, his \$3,000 German coach stallion, has a page to himself, with his photograph, in this issue.

Mr. Brooks is a self-made and successful man

business in Beaumont, where he accumulated a fortune. Mr. Brooks thinks he has a right to be proud of his family—and he is,

When J. R. was twelve years old the family removed to Georgetown, where he had the advantage of five years in the Southwestern University, with a year afterwards at Liberty Hill. He married Miss Anna S. Ward, daughter of the late J. G. Ward, in 1886, and two boys and three girls are the result of this union.

After a fifteen years residence in Lampasas county the family removed to Crockett county in 1901, and Mr. Brooks is well enough pleased to consider himself planted. Find his photo, with that of his \$3,000 pet, on another page.



RESIDENCE OF JAMES R. BROOKS, OZONA.

and is identified with every progressive movement, moral and material, for the advancement of Ozona, Crockett County and this section.

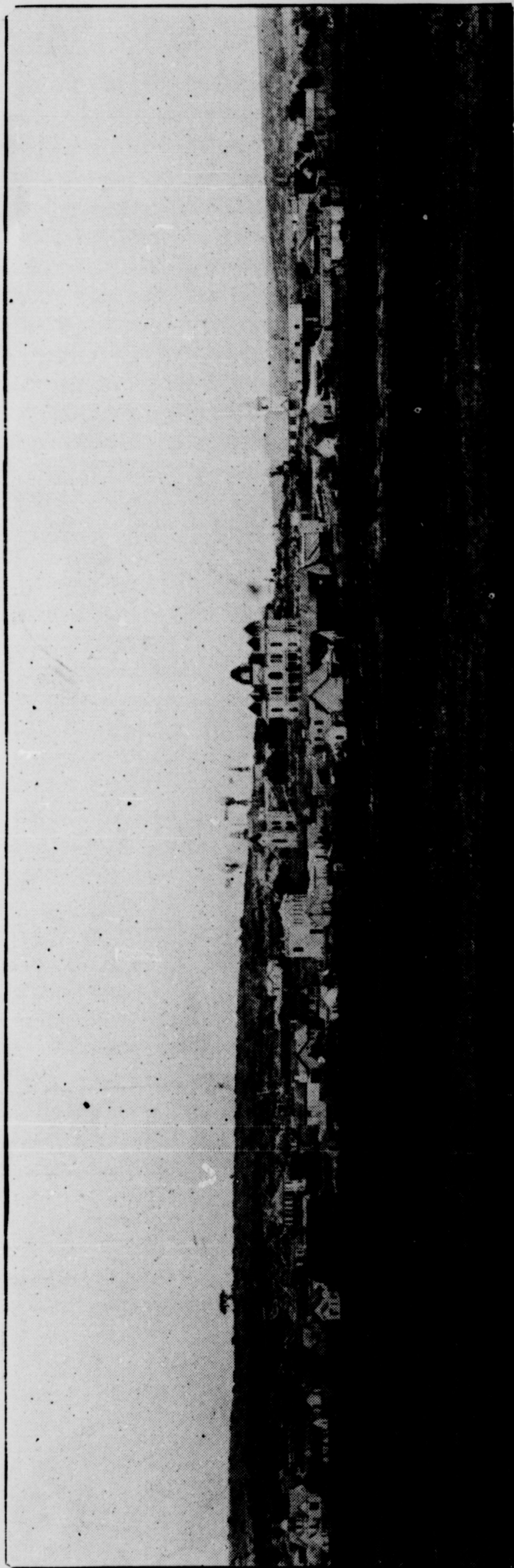
He is a stockholder and actively interested in the National Bank, the Ozona Improvement Company and other institutions, and has business connections in San Angelo and elsewhere. He is a native of Bastrop county. His father, now dead, was from Montgomery county, Ala. His mother is the youngest sister of General R. E. Burlison. She is now living in Dallas, age 73, and is perhaps one of the oldest living native Texans. His brother, Judge R. E. Brooks, now residing in Dallas, was for many years judge of the 25th judicial district, but resigned from the bench and went into the oil

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Come and accept our friendly hand and be one with us in "The Winning of the West."

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The ten million cattle in Texas, which are twice as many as can be found in any other state, are worth about one hundred and seventy million dollars.—Wm. E. Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald.

Ozona the Beautiful.

The illustration on this page furnishes a good sectional view of Ozona. It shows the business portion, including the First National Bank and the public buildings. To the right of the court house is seen the Methodist church and in the extreme left is the Baptist church, though the latter shows dimly on account of distance. The Christian church is in the central foreground, but is not distinguishable from the other buildings. This picture was taken from the summit of a hill a mile from town, and naturally is not as clear as we should like to have had it.

It is not possible to secure a view of the town entire, on account of its peculiar topography. It is set in amongst the hills almost in the shape of a Greek cross, and only a portion of the town can be seen from any given point. Broadway, for instance, or, as it is sometimes jocularly known, "Silkstocking Boulevard," is the principal street of handsome homes: and it is not shown at all in this picture.

The Mexican portion of the town is nearly a mile South of the courthouse, to the right of the picture. It is entirely separate from the American portion, has its own business houses, about 400 people. The Ozona Mexicans are good citizens, quiet, law-abiding, intelligent and industrious.

Ozona, isolated as it is, has by its very necessities, learned to be sufficient unto itself. The social conditions are good, moral influences and surroundings exceptional and religious and educational advantages all that we could desire.

There is seldom any disorder. In proof of this may be mentioned the fact that there is but one justice of the peace in the county, and he has so little to do that the office continually goes begging. No candidates offered at the last election.

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Ozona Public Schools.

This picture shows the central school building and all the pupils and teachers of the Ozona public school system. There are two other detached buildings, one of which is of two stories and considerable size. There are near 300 children of scholastic age in the town, and the average attendance is something under 200. The curriculum is high, the discipline is good and surrounding influences of a high moral nature.

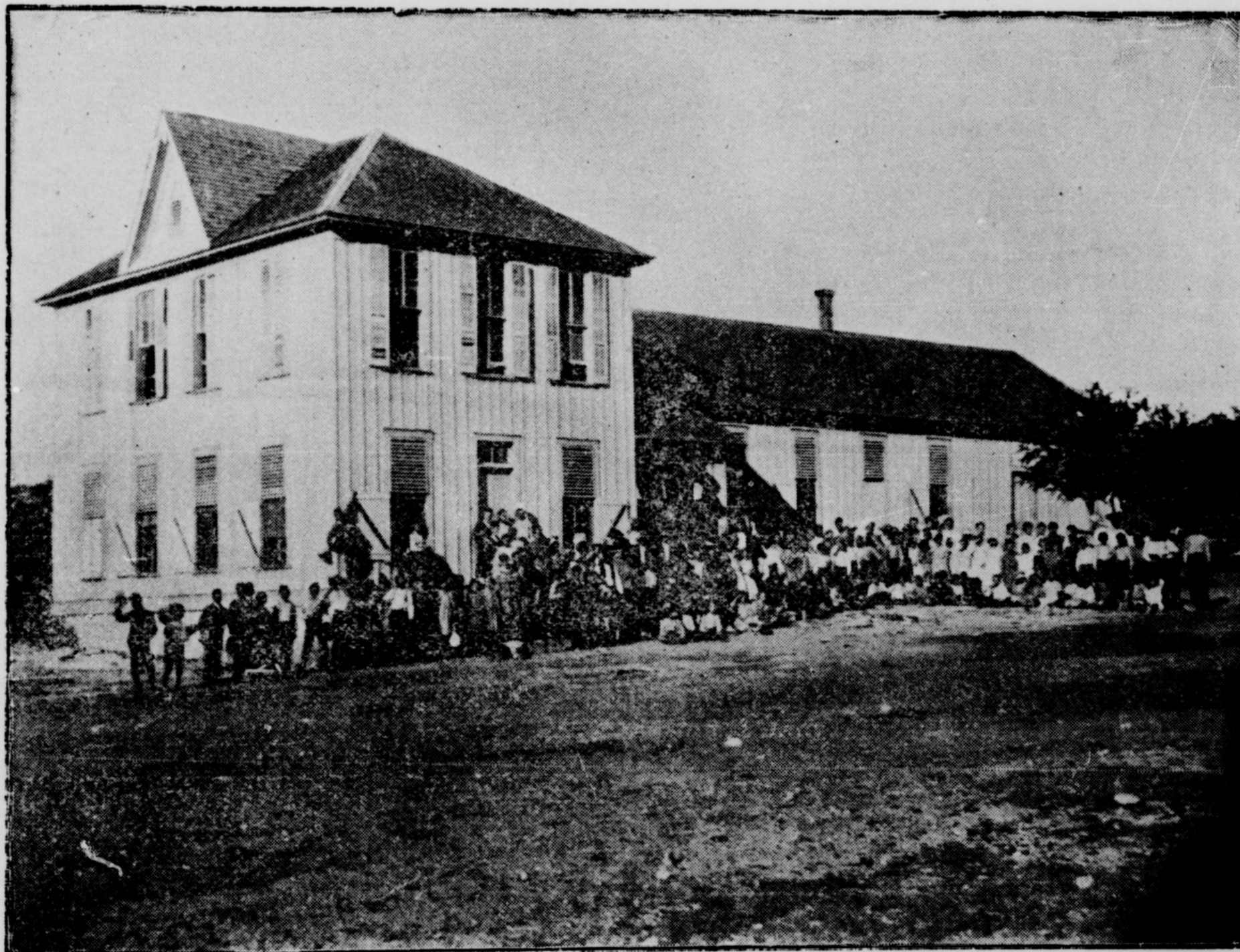
The faculty this year consists of the following: C. M. Pearce, Principal; Mrs. Minnie Royce

Christmas Present for Wife.

A good Christmas present for a young wife is a nice diary. She will write in it every day for two weeks. Then such things as these will begin to crop out on its fair white pages: "Recipe for waffles. Must get two yards ruching. Paid 12 cents to have tea-kettle mended. Don't forget lining for kimona. Seld old pair John's pants to ragman for 22 cents."—Judge.

"When are you going to ask papa's consent?"

"The 2nd of January, when he is getting the bills for your Christmas shopping.—Houston Post.



Olson, Mrs. Minta Miller Hallcomb, Miss Mary Nell Patterson and Miss Ora Parker.

There is no trouble about funds to maintain a school of ten months, but it is found difficult to keep the children together for much longer than eight months. It is hoped to run a nine month session this scholastic year.

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground.

The Angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around."

Do not write it "Xmas"! It is a literary barbarism. It is strange that even educated people who surely know better are sometimes guilty of this atrocious assault upon the sweet and heaven-sent word—Christmas.

Ozona is one of the prettiest and best towns of its size in Texas, and the moral, religious and educational advantages are very superior.

An acceptable holiday gift to a friend or relative would be six months or one year subscription to The Kicker, beginning with this number.

This is John Young's Page

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He is "The man who, at all times, has the ranches and all kind of Livestock for sale."

Haven't you noticed his ad in The Kicker?

He is one of our oldest timers and helped to build the first house in Ozona. He has shown his faith in this section by his works, and has never faltered or wavered in either since he came. He admits that what he is, both financially and physically, West Texas made him, and he is here to stay.

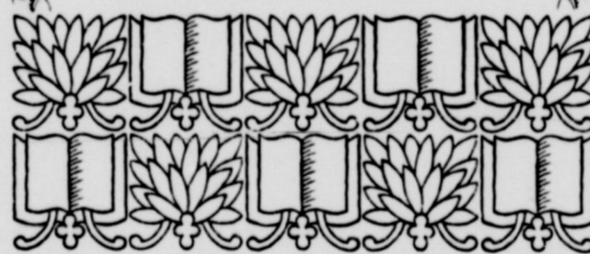
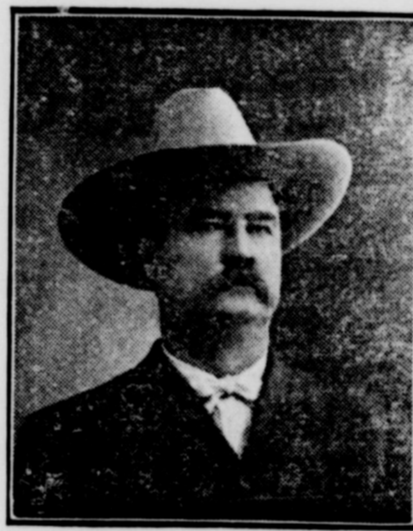
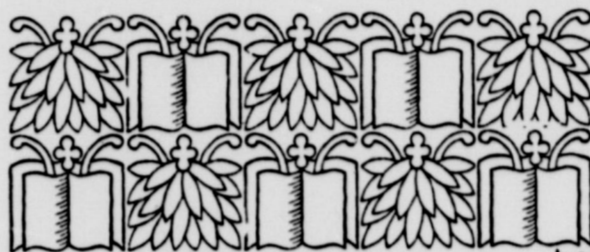
Born at Lockhart February 12, 1856, he was raised in Bee and Refugio counties and came to Crockett County in 1890. He was married at Tilden to Miss Lizzie Drake, who has many relatives in Crockett and adjoining counties.

Mr. Young is much younger than he is. He is very active physically, as well as mentally, and he is always John-on-Spot. Whenever you see him deep in thought you may be sure that he is warm on the trail of a "dollar, dollar'n half'r two dollars'r two'n a half."

Mr. Young is president of the Ozona Improvement Company, director in the Ozona National Bank, and interested in every good word and work for greater Ozona. If he has a hobby it is the manipulation of West Texas lands. He is an expert in the vocation of turning over dirt, grass and cacti; not with plow, but with brains and pen and printers' ink.

Last year among his sales was that of the great Dull Bros. ranch of 246,000 acres, upon which he realized a commission of \$9,000. This year among his deals was the one which has recently caused something of a sensation in real estate circles, not only in Texas, but beyond

the borders of the great state. The sale comprised 173,000 acres of Pecos County pasture lands for a New England syndicate to an Illinois capitalist for \$215,000. His commission on this transaction aggregated \$10,000. Boston parties have recently placed in his hands for disposition segregated tracts of land throughout Texas to the value of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and if his commissions have in the past averaged ten to fifteen thousand per annum,



it is safe to set his expectation for the future at thirty to forty thousand.

These items will afford an idea of the magnitude of Mr. Young's transactions in dirt, but not of their number and extent, nor of the many plans and practical ideas which he has for his own advancement and that of the town. While he never permits a chance to slip to "make a dollar, dollar'n a half'r two dollars," still his eye is not always single to the main chance, for frequently his own interests are made to subserve that of the community. He is a liberal giver and an energetic

helper in everthing calculated to advance the interests of the town and section. He takes a live, helpful, personal interest in the daily life and the daily hopes and plans of the public.

He is a leader in all public enterprises and celebrations, and this has come to be so well understood that he is depended upon to take the lead.

Mr. Young, like all progressive business men, real estate men especially, is a firm believer in the power of printers' ink, and uses it liberally. He is always advertising the advantages, for health and home-making, of this western section.

Ozona as We See Her.

These are excerpts from a circular letter which Mr. Young mails to his correspondents:

Named Ozona on account of atmospheric purity.

Located 80 miles from railroad, being half-way between Comstock on the Southern Pacific and San Angelo on the Santa Fe. Daily stage to both places. Has good schools, fine church buildings, electric light and ice factory, waterworks, National bank and Masonic rock building which cost \$5,000, I. O. O. F. rock \$2,500 building, telephone system, various business enterprises of prosperous character; the prettiest courthouse in the state and a public park with more than a hundred nice shade trees..

One thousand people, honest and law-abiding; prohibition of liquor traffic; good society and everybody friendly.

Motto: "We lead: let others follow—if they can."

Ozona is the only town in the county, and controls the trade for one hundred square miles of territory.

He desires us to repeat in his behalf the cordial invitation to write and learn of us, or better still, come to see us and let us show you.

sixteen and a half hands high and weighs 1460 pounds. In color bay. Bred by H. Blank, Ausendeich by Schwei, Germany: and imported by J. Crouch & Son, Lafayette, Indiana, U. S. A.

Sired by Matfried 1212, by Wilks 1101, by Cyrus 883, by Kimme 568, etc.

Dam, Redleickett II, 6409, by Brennus 1132, by Erwin 1021, by Emigrant 925, etc. Second Dam Redleickett 2671, by Klabuster 911, by Kimme 568, by Young Duke of Cleveland 200, etc., etc. "A pedigree long as the moral law."

A number of these magnificent stallions were brought to America, and, as they were held at \$3,000 each, they were generally disposed of to several ranchmen in copartnership, or an association, like that organized for the purpose at San Saba. It is fortunate for the county that Mr. Brooks was able to secure the animal, and is himself to be congratulated on his possession.

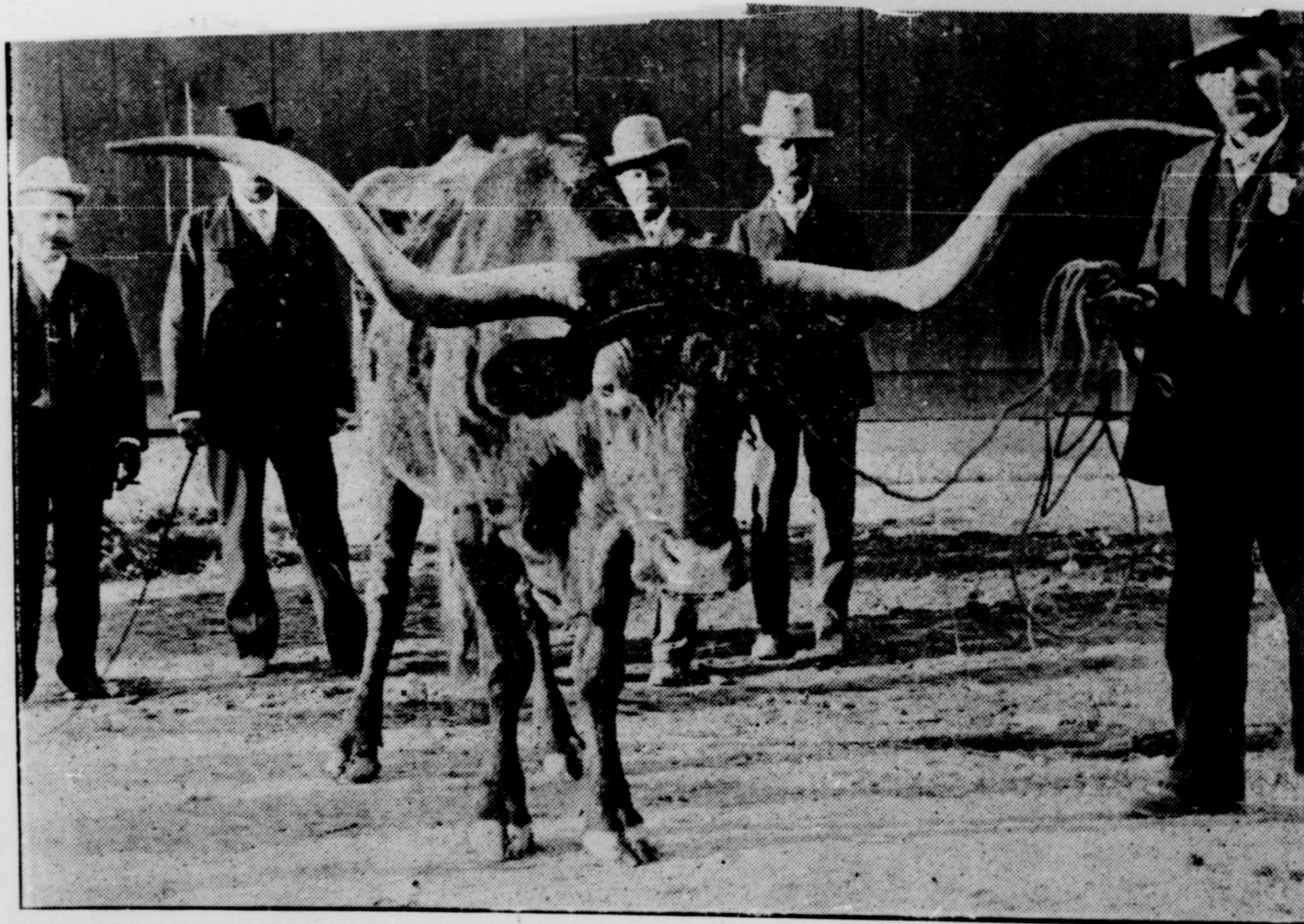
J. R. Brooks is planting a big orchard of fine fruit trees at his beautiful home in this place.

that the incoming legislature will appropriate a sufficient amount to make a good strong fight against the wild animal pest, and the ranchmen of this county propose to leave no effort untried to assure success.

Please remember that every subscriber to The Kicker gets a copy of this issue without extra cost. We are also sending out at our own expense hundreds of copies, and a copy goes to the editor of each of our exchanges. Those desiring copies to send to friends can secure them, as long as they last, at 25 cents each.

Ozona is a town of one thousand people, ice factory, electric light, waterworks, telephone, National bank. Come to see us.

The increase in the cotton acreage and yield this year over last was more than one thousand per cent. This is explained elsewhere.



WIDTH OF HORNS FROM TIP TO TIP EIGHT FEET SIX INCHES.—From a Photograph.

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The Ozona Baptists.

This is not a very good picture of the Baptist church, but at the time the plate was made it was the best obtainable. It is a very handsome frame building erected in 1900 at a cost of about \$2,500. It, like the Methodist church, would be a credit to a town many times larger than Ozona. Beautiful stained glass windows add to the attractiveness of the church, both inside and out. The interior is much handsomer than the exte-

rior, the seats being arranged in a semi-circle facing the rostrum and the aisles carpeted.

It is a strong church consisting of about sixty members.

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Order your extra copies of the Kicker Illustrated Edition now. 25 cents each. Every subscriber gets one, and we are circulating other hundreds at our own expense. Can't you help us advertise our town and county? Give us an order for ten, twenty, fifty or a hundred books.

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Strangers receive a cordial welcome in Ozona.

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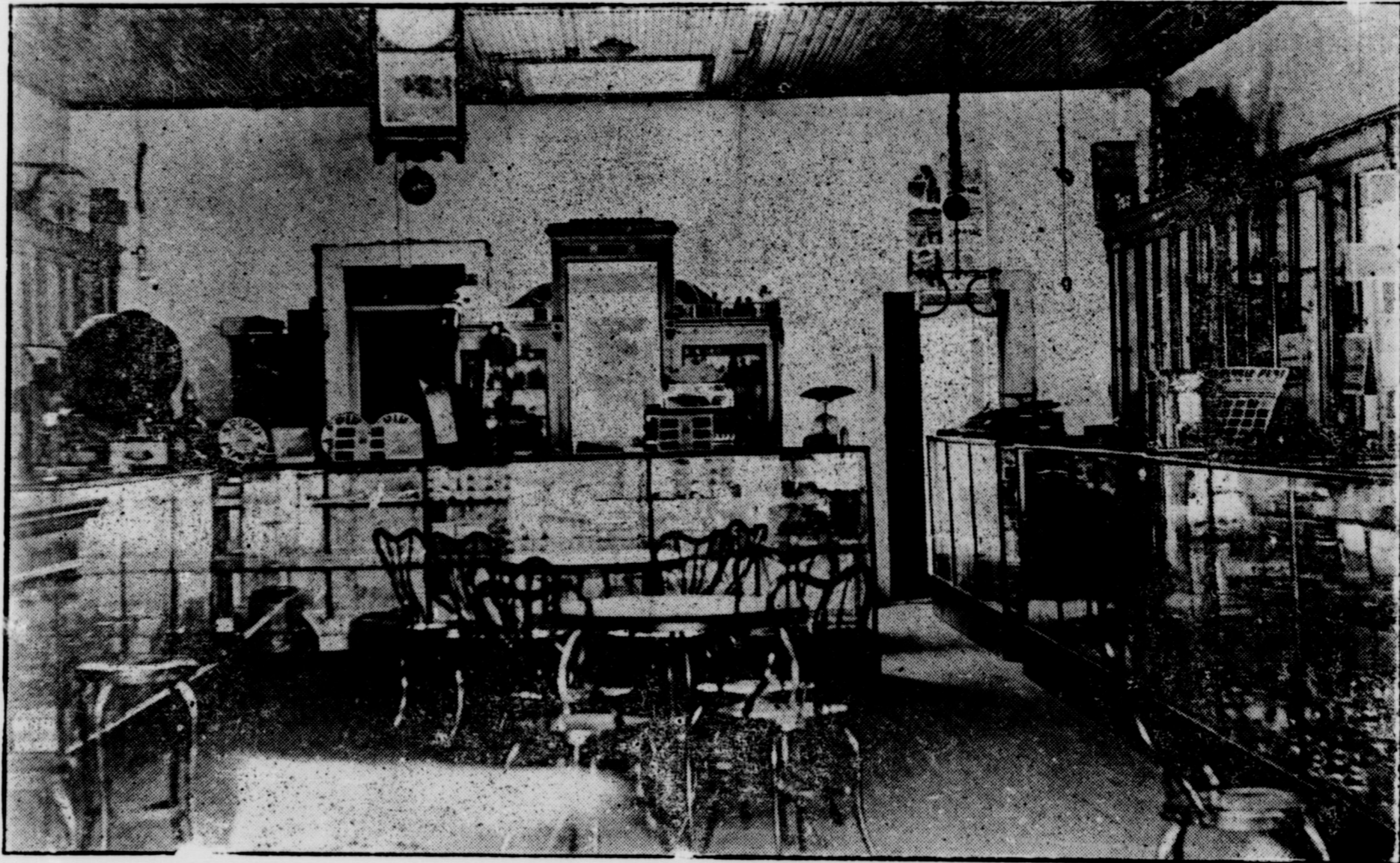
A Prosperous Firm.

From a printer's and newspaper man's standpoint the firm of Midkiff & Caudle, druggists, and dealers in stationery, jewelry, druggists' sundries, etc., is one of the most liberal and progressive in the Southwest. After stating that fact it is hardly necessary to add that it is a very prosperous firm. It is one of the business pillars of Ozona, and their store is one of the prettiest and busiest places in Ozona. The accompanying is from a picture of the interior "in the good old summer time," with the tables and chairs placed for refreshments. Mr.

vance the interests of the community. Dr. J. C. Midkiff and Mr. I. H. Caudle both reside in Ozona. The third, and silent, partner, Mr. E. L. Burchett, lives in Sonora.

Dr. Midkiff is a native of Grimes county, this state. He came to Ozona in 1903, and in that year the firm was organized, Mr. Burchett entering the firm in 1905. Dr. Midkiff has an interesting family. He is a leading physician, is a director in the Ozona Improvement Company, largely interested in local and long-distance telephone enterprises, and is active in other lines of development.

Mr. Caudle is the active druggist and manager for the firm. He also has a fine young family, and is himself an all-round good fellow.



Caudle's proverbial modesty keeps him well in the background, but if you will look carefully you may outline his genial squint in front of the prescription department.

During these holidays old man Santa Claus has taken charge of the store, and, with the assistance of a handsome young fellow and a pretty girl, has transformed it into a palace of fairyland. Not only our own people, but every visitor from abroad is given a cordial welcome in the spirit of true Western friendliness at the store of Midkiff & Caudle, whether prospective purchasers or not.

Beside being energetic, wide-awake, successful, enterprising business men, the members of this firm are thoroughly good citizens, and are always on the alert for an opportunity to ad-

He is a native of Perry county, Alabama, and came to Ozona in August 1903.

It is not too much to state, in conclusion, that the store of Messrs Midkiff and Caudle would be a credit to a much larger town than Ozona.

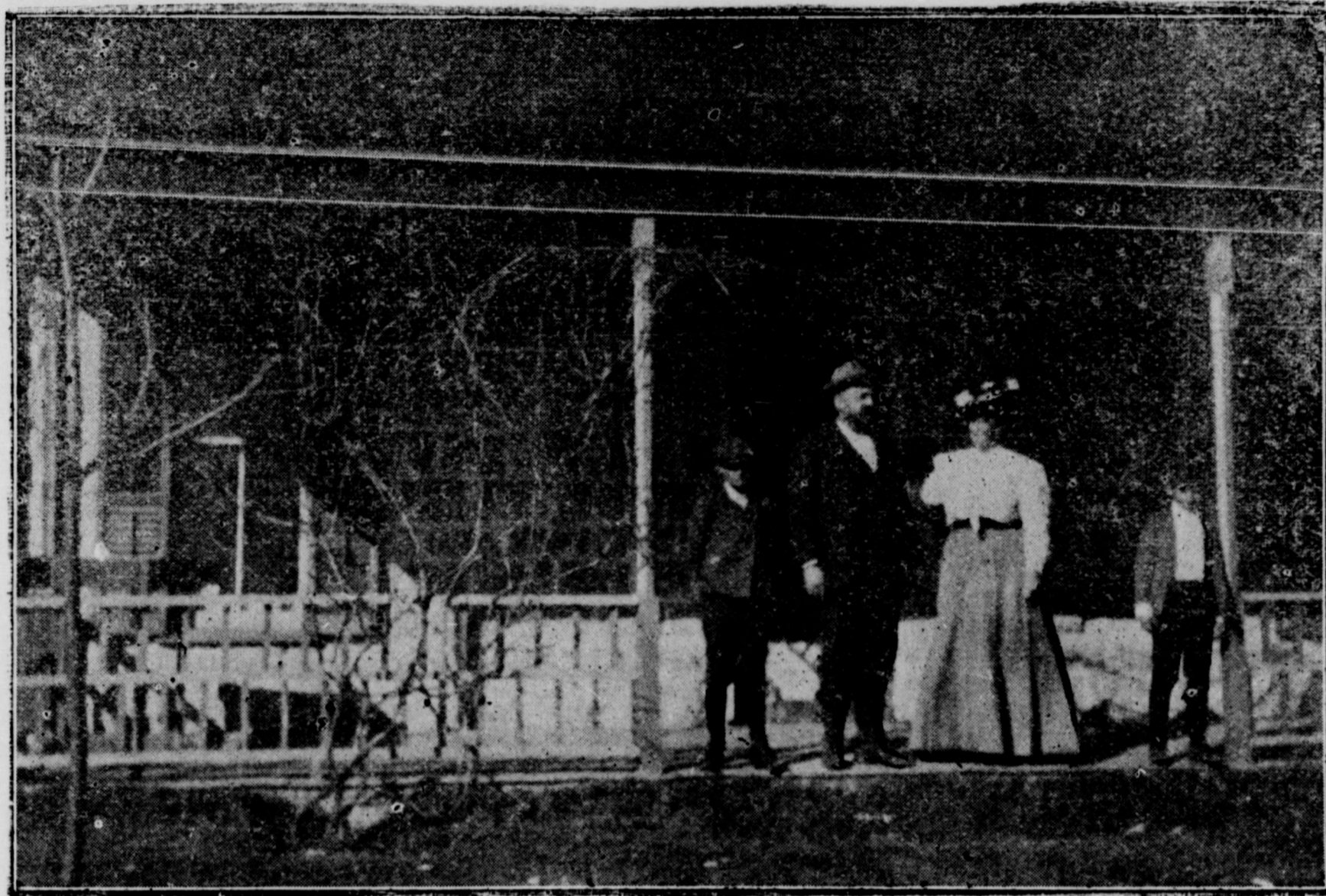
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RANCH HOME OF R. A. WILLIAMSON, CROCKETT COUNTY.

R. A. Williamson

Mr. Williamson is another of our prosperous ranchmen who has turned his attention to the breeding of fine horses. Here we have the comfortable rock ranch house and the family. Below we show the brood mare and fine stallion. He recently purchased of L. E. Brown, Del-
evan, Ills., a 7-month-old Stan-

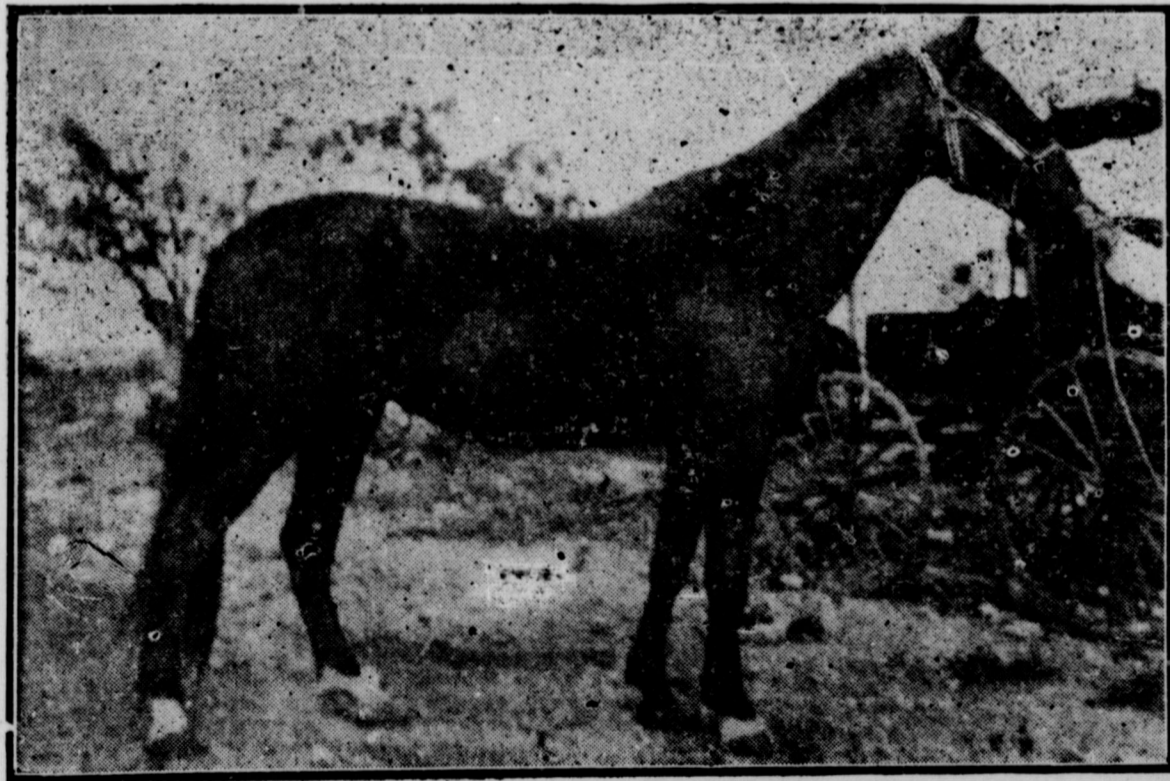
dard bred Comstock trotting colt which is entered for the \$37,000 stakes in the Kentucky futurities at the age of three.

Juroe Campbell is four years old, 1000 pounds, 15 1-2 hands high, bright bay, level headed, a fine driver. Sired by George Campbell, he by Reno Defiance, he by Louis Napoleon, he by Volunteer 55. First dam Lady Juroe, by Emma C, by Laura W, by Katie Maulby. Thorough-

bred and heads the Twin Hell Ranch band of brood mares.

Hattie is a beautiful bay mare three years old, raised by Mr. J. S. Ricker of Ottawa, Kans., the breeder of Oro, 2.05 1-4, the fastest gelding this year. Hattie was sired by Ed Kahera, he by Happy Heir. Dam, Parapet, by Belarena, by Corsica, etc. She will be kept as brood mare and Mr. Williamson expects to be able within a few years to show up horses with the best in the old states.

Mr. Williamson came from Indiana in 1882 and bought the Twin Hell Ranch in 1892.



HATTIE, 3-year-old Trotting Breed Mare.



JUROE CAMPBELL.

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REV. J. P. RUTLEDGE.

Rev. J. P. Rutledge, Th. G., is now pastor of the Baptist Church in Ozona. He is a native Texan, having been born Sept. 9, 1855, in what is now Franklin County.



FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE IN CROCKETT PARK.

He began preaching in 1888 and was ordained to the ministry April 21st, 1889. Entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in October 1890. After two years in that institution he graduated with the degree of Th. G.

Returning to Texas, he was married in 1893 to Miss Minnie Lockett of Weimar.

Mr. Rutledge has been pastor at Santa Anna, Naples, Omaha and Sterling City, and for years traveling missionary.

REV. A. R. WATSON.

It was a great disappointment to the publisher not to be able to present a picture of Rev. A. R. Watson, who was until very recently pastor of the Baptist Church in Ozona. His was one of the first photos sent to the artists and they have never returned it. Possibly because it was one of the very few which we had urged special care with.

Mr. Watson and family have removed to Brownwood.

The Ozona Hotel

The artist, very naturally we suppose, seemed to have conceived the idea that we wanted to show the pretty girls in the drill, instead of the hotel, and he has cut off the top of the building. The picture, however, gives a fairly correct idea of the appearance of the hotel. It is from a snapshot on the 4th of July, and shows the girls in the beautiful figures of the flag drill at the corner of Crockett

Park.

This is one of the leading and most popular hotels in Western Texas, with clean and comfortable beds, the best the market affords on the table, cooked as only Mrs. Buck knows how to direct it, and homelike, happy surroundings for family boarding, with general friendliness.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Buck keep this model Western hostelry, with the assistance of two pretty daughters, and the necessary number of domestics.

An atmosphere of Western cordiality and homelike com-

fort surrounds the hotel, which makes the place very inviting for a stay of any length.

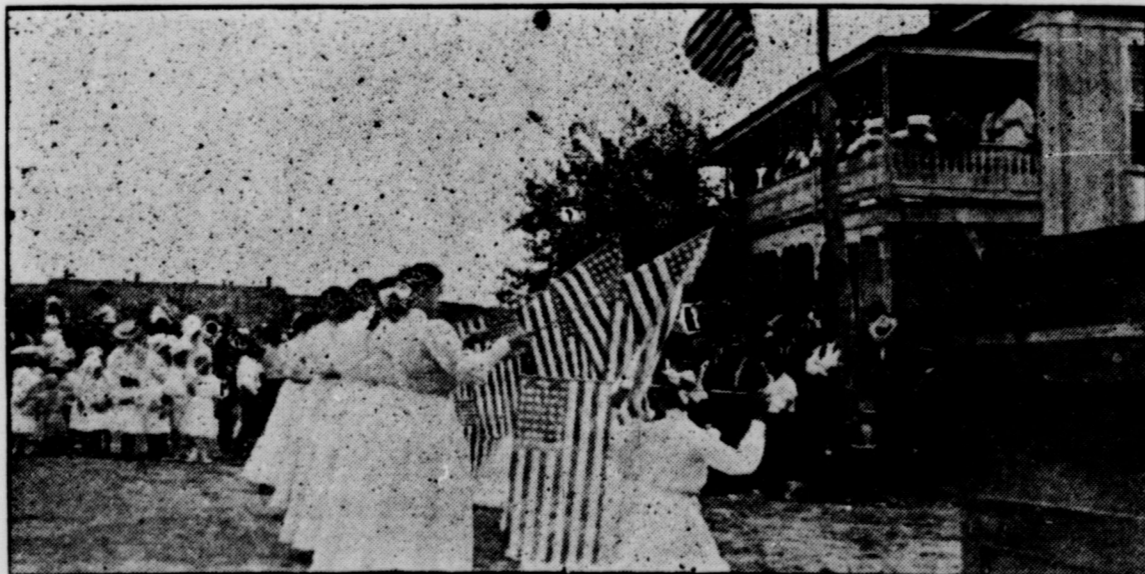
Mr. and Mrs. Buck and children came here from Coleman, but were originally from Refugio County. They removed to this place in 1895.

Mr. Buck has, also, one of the prettiest ranches in the county, about ten miles from town, where they delight to take their friends for an outing.

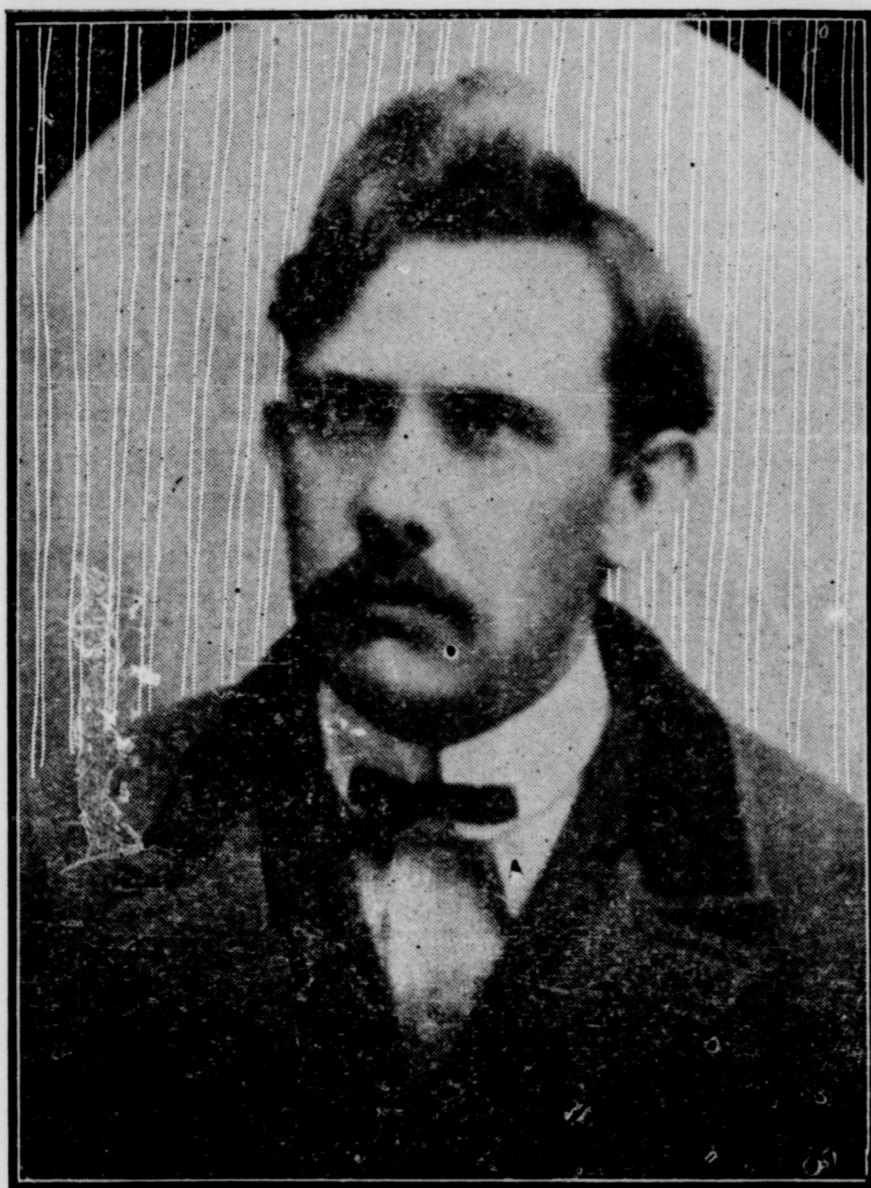
Families from the East, and other parties, who think they would enjoy a stay in an ozone-laden atmosphere, in these everlasting hills, are advised to write to the Ozona hotel for terms and particulars.

Parties of hunters especially will find it to their advantage to write to Mr. Buck for information.

And, in this connection, it might be well to state that we are right on the edge of the "Sportsman's Paradise," and our business men are prepared to completely equip camping parties on short notice.



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TOM NOLEN, District and County Clerk.

A Final Little Talk.

We think we are handing you, tho' a little late, a very pretty illustrated edition. We are not only pleased to hand you this magazine of descriptive literature, but proud that it is the product solely of The Kicker types and presses. A careful examination of these pages will satisfy any person of ordinary intelligence that a printing office which can produce a magazine like this, can print anything in the line of ordinary popular demand. We make this observation, not in a spirit of boasting, but in the hope that you will remember, and, upon occasion, remind your friends, that Ozona has a printing office capable of turning out the very best, and one in which the utmost care is taken with every piece of work, from a "dodger" to a newspaper and from a visiting card to a book.

On the second page we give a picture of The Kicker office, taken from an old snapshot. The building seems small and insignificant, but it is large enough to contain one of the best equipped newspaper and job offices in Western Texas. From here is turned out each week an 8-column home-print paper and large amount of job printing. Moreover, it is The Kicker's own house, stands on its own ground, and fond memories wrap it round.

Some Changes.

This being a wide-awake and hustling Western town there have been a few changes since the first pages were printed.

The Ozona Hardware Company has changed hands; the firm of Nance & Friend, hardware, is dissolved by the retirement of the latter; but we think there are no other very material changes. At any rate we seem to be all here with plenty to eat and a place to sleep.

Postage on this Book.

Four cents postage will carry this book to any postoffice in the United States or its possessions, Mexico or the Dominion of Canada. If you wish us to mail the book direct to a friend or relative kindly enclose that amount with the name and address, in addition to the twenty-five cents which is the price of the book.

Order now while they last.

The County Clerk.

Tom Nolen is almost one of The Kicker family, having for several years been one "av the foorce," as Mr. Dooley would say, and "served his time" out with the paper.

Tom was born in Stephens County, this state, Jany. 23rd, 1880, and came here with his father in 1891, having lost his mother in his infancy.

After graduating in the Ozona public schools and learning

"the Art preservative of Arts," he was associated for a time with Dr. Midkiff in the drug business, and then was made Deputy District and County Clerk by Roy Hudspeth. He was elected Clerk at the November election.

He is a good fellow and has a charming little wife and baby girl.

Did you see the picture of our Angel on the second page? No wonder we are so good, is it?



FLAG DRILL OF YOUNG LADIES, 4th of July at the Park.

