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BRISCOE COUNTY.

Briscoe county lies between the 34th. and 35th. degrees of latitude, and is about 3400 feet above sea level. Lines drawn, at right angles east and west, and north and south show Briscoe to be almost exactly in the center of the Panhandle. It is watered by a number of small creeks running in the canyons and emptying into Red River. The general topography of the county is a broken plateau, beautiful level plains alternating with canyons or brakes as they are called. Some of the most sublime and magnificent scenery anywhere on earth is to be found in these canyons; deep gorges where the sun never penetrates; magnificent peaks that catch the earliest and latest beams of light; clear limpid pools of pure sweet water; the deep and everlasting green of the cedars; the varied and beautiful colors of the rocks; the many clambering vines covering bare spots with color and beauty all combined create a picture that cannot fail to please even the most careless beholder.

On the plains proper, the undulating prairies are dotted over with herds of white face cattle and scrub ponies that are the basis of the prosperity of the people. Any direction the eye may take you will see the waving grass, the fields of forage, all arrayed in living green; the tall windmill towers and the comfortable homes of the stockmen. A closer inspection of almost any of these homes will show them to be surrounded by shade and ornamental trees, an orchard, a garden, poultry, pigs, calves and all the adjuncts of happy rural life. During the summer cattle are grazed on the prairies, but when winter comes with its icy breath, all but a few milk cows and work horses are driven into the canyons which shelter them from the cold and furnish an abundance of grass

all winter. When they are driven out in the spring many are fat enough for beef without their owners giving them one bite of food. Wood is easily obtained in these canyons. There is also an abundance of coal that only waits the magic touch of man's power backed by capital to solve the fuel problem for all this part of the world. Some of the most beautiful opals, moss agates and flawless crystals we have ever seen came out of the Tule canyon. In the proper season plums, grapes, currants and berries are plentiful. Many beautiful and rare flowers blush unseen and waste their sweetness on the ambient air. The mocking bird sings his songs with only nature as an audience. Many of the clear flowing streams are stocked with fish and a disciple of old Isak Walton would find sport equal to that enjoyed in happy childhood. In the wildest and most unfrequented parts of these canyons bear, antelope, lobo and coyotte wolves, coons, badgers, catamounts, wild cats, turkeys, quail, many different song birds and last, but by no means least, the bird of freedom, the great American eagle, all of which live and rear their young, disturbed only by the predatory habits of each other and an occasional hunter.

HER PRODUCTS

There was raised in Briscoe county last year:

Beans—Green snap, wax, Mexican and lima.

Beets—Best turnip, immense sugar and mangel wurzel.

Cabbage—Lots of them; 3 heads that weighed 58 lbs.

Corn—Sweet, roasting, bread and yellow feed.

Canteloupes—One that measured 3 feet in circumference and a great quantity of smaller ones of the best varieties.

Cucumbers—Enough to furnish pickles for all of Texas.

Tomatoes—Peach, cherry, pear and all the larger sorts. One branch containing 5 tomatoes weighed 3 pounds and 6 ounces.

Watermelons—The best grown on earth. Some weighed 60 pounds were on market.

Sweet potatoes—In great abundance. One that weighed about 6 pounds.

Fruit—We saw as fine peach as ever grew anywhere. Plums grapes, gooseberries, strawberries and currants.

Miscellaneous—Peas, radishes, lettuce, mustard, rape, turnip onions, okra, squashes, pumpkins, cushaws and pie melons.

Field Crops—Milo maize, kaffir corn, sorghum, millet and alfalfa.

Now declares say the plains country raise everything that is support her population.

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Mr. Bomar

home is situated five

of town. Mr. B Co

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consists of Indian corn, ka

corn, millet and sorghum. He

has about 10 acres in orchard,

garden, truck patches and lots.

His house is one of the most

commodious and best built in

the county and is surrounded

with some large cottonwood,

poplar and willow trees, flowers

and shrubs, making a beautiful

picture of cool green verdure and

welcome shade. Mr. Bomar

also has a large and well select-

ed orchard. It would have

borne a big crop of fruit this

year but for the late freeze; as

it is, he will have a small crop

of plums. Mr. Bomar never

fails to raise a bountiful supply

of vegetables, not only to last

his family all summer, but puts

up enough to eat during the

winter. He also raises fine

hogs and mules as well as white

face yearlings. His place is a

striking example of what man's

industry will accomplish in what

we were taught as the great

American how better

known as a Texan

Texan

looks over the treeless and grassy plains to behold the windmill and large white building almost hidden by the tall poplar and other trees which bend so gracefully to the breezes of the plains. On nearing the premises and while refreshing himself with the pure water which the windmill conveys from the canyon, he

press from soon obtain is quite feasible, remembered that so tiful shade trees which were planted five years ago diameter. and they will of the forest many decades a practical evidence of his thrift, we point to his wagons, buggies, modern farm implements, graded horses, cattle and those time honored animals, one of which Christ rode into Jerusalem.

Mr. T. J. Braidfoot has 50 acres under fence in his home place. He always raises the best corn in the county. His crop this year is Indian corn, kaffir corn, milo maize, millet and sorghum. Mr. Braidfoot's place was well described by a tourist who saw it last summer, he said: "It is an earthly paradise; why that man is fixed to live." And if a beautiful little home, ample barns, magnificent shade trees, a splendid orchard and garden, prize pigs, fine turkeys, chickens and bald face calves can make a man happy and satisfied with life on the plains, then Mr. Braidfoot is that to be envied mortal, a satisfied man.

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PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Where the Twenty-fifth Legislature at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1897, and adjourned on the 21st day of May, 1897, passed the following Joint Resolution, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of this State, to-wit:

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prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2 This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898; when those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3 of the State constitution." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against the amendment to section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution."

And whereas, the State constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published,

And whereas, the said joint resolution directs that it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898, which will be the first day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said joint resolution, and by the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said joint resolution be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, the first day of November, A. D. 1898, in the several counties in this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this state, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this state and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the seal of [L. S.] state to be affixed at the city of Austin, the 1st day of July, A. D. 1898.

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Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law not exceeding five dollars per day for the first one hundred days of each session, and after that not exceeding three dollars per day for the remainder of the session. In addition to the per diem the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or other routes, and the Comptroller of the state shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any special session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

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- Fakirs
- Hoboes
- Saloons
- Paupers
- Negroes
- Criminals
- Chinamen
- Gamblers
- Dance halls
- Loading places
- Loafers and bums

Silverton Needs:

- A Bank
- Hardware Store
- Lumber Yard
- Coal and Wood Yard
- Wholesale Store
- More Houses to Rent and 100 families to aid in building up a good town.

Silverton Has:

- One Hotel
- Grist Mill
- Feed Crusher
- One Tin Shop
- One Drug Store
- One Saddle Shop
- Two Barber Shops
- Two Livery Barns
- One Millinery Store
- One Dry Good Store
- Two Blacksmith Shops
- One exclusive grocery store
- Two general merchandise stores
- One newspaper, the great and only STAYER

There is only one church building in Silverton, it belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterians, but is used by all denominations

There are four live and working church organizations.

The Baptist hold service the first Sunday in each month.

The Christians use the second Sunday, as their regular day, but hold services at the school house each Sabbath evening.

The Methodist hold their services on the third Sunday.

The Presbyterians hold their services on the fourth Sunday.

A Union Sunday school is taught each Sunday and well attended.

There is Union prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Many of the Young people are proficient in music and a good choir can be had almost always to aid any service.

The secret societies in Silverton are:

A flourishing Masonic Lodge which meets on Saturday night before the first full moon in each month.

The Odd Fellows who meet on Tuesday night before each full moon, and

The Woodmen of The World who have recently organized their camp and meet the second and fourth Monday night in each month.

Mr. Cowart has arranged to have his hides tanned at home.

Furs.

Fickle fashion is ever devising new fancies to please the jaded eyes of fashionable people. Last winter furs were all the rage. All out door garments and many house dresses were profusely ornamented with fur trimmings. Furriers are already beginning to scour the earth for all available supplies. Skins of all domestic animals are eagerly sought for, particularly black cats and even dog skins are in demand. Good sized rat skins and even the tiny little mouse hides have a market value. As so many people spoil the hide in skinning, such work should always be done by an expert to get the most money out of them.

J. W. Cowart will pay 25cts. @ 35cts. for live cats with unbroken fur. 50cts. @ \$1.50 for dogs. 10cts. @ 15cts. for big rats. 3cts. @ 5cts. for mice. No dead animals can be accepted, as great care has to be exercised in removing the skins. Bring on your cats, rats and dogs and turn them into cash. Remember that the man who buys them is J. W. Cowart, Silverton, Texas.

FOR SALE:

I have a 12 foot Steel Star Power mill, also one 12 inch French Burr grist mill, all in first class order, for sale, cheap. J. B. Anthony.

Mr. H. J. Farnham is a candidate for re-election to the office of county Treasurer. He has filled the office in a creditable and capable manner during the last two terms and seeks the endorsement of the people. His books are open to public inspection and he stands upon his official record. He is a man who is personally above reproach and whose private and public acts are ever prompted by a desire to conscientiously discharge his duty as a citizen and as an officer. He is a safe man. There is no criterion but success. He has succeeded.

Money! Money!! Money!!!

It takes money to run a drug store. Please call and settle your accounts promptly for I need the money.

Ed Crawford.

Change In Business.

On July the 18th 1898, I retired from the firm of J. W. Cowart & Co., general merchants, Silverton, Texas, selling my interest to Mr. Obey Justice. Respectfully, W. E. Chambless.

FOR ALL WOMEN

NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement in the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.



McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

Is nature's provision for the regulation of the menstrual function. It cures all "female troubles." It is equally effective for the girl in her teens, the young wife with domestic and maternal cares, and the woman approaching the period known as the "Change of Life." They all need it. They are all benefitted by it.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THOS. J. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and doctors could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and also helped my mother through the Change of Life."

Briscoe's Crop Prospect.

The recent abundant rains have insured a most bountiful crop of indian corn, enough will be raised to supply all the people with bread until another crop is made. Forage crops will be simply immense; Carter's oat patch "will not be in it" with the average crop raised in Briscoe county this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- For Governor BARNETT GIBBS.
- For Congress. HON. JOHN H. STEPHENS, of Wilbarger.
- For District Judge JOHN W. VEALE, H. H. WALLACE.
- For Representative DAVIS E. DECKER, of Hardeman.
- For District Attorney W. B. WARE.
- For County Judge W. B. HILL.
- For Sheriff MINER CRAWFORD, T. L. ANDERSON, W. E. CHAMBLESS, W. A. P. MATTHEWS.
- County Treasurer H. J. FARNHAM.
- County and District Clerk J. E. DANIEL, S. B. FEEMSTER, J. B. ANTHONY, O. H. BRITAIN, Q. BROWN, ED. CRAWFORD.

Married.—At the residence of the brides father, Sunday July 24, Miss Hattie Dickerson was married to Mr. Oscar Wingo, Rev. O. W. Carter officiating. An elegant dinner was served to relatives and friends present. The Stayer wishes Mr. and Mrs. Wingo happiness and prosperity. May no storm clouds ever rise on the horizon of their life, and when at last they have reached the end may they enter the portals of the Celestial City hand in hand.

Remember we have a house for sale at a bargain

BLACKSMITH AND WOODWORK Done At Reasonable Prices, FOR CASH, BY WALTER GRIFFITH, WHITFIELD, TEXAS.

W. A. P. Matthews BLACKSMITH and Woodworkman.

TERMS Strictly cash! and don't forget it

For Corn, Oats and Hay, see J. B. WOODARD, Proprietor of the Livery, Feed and Sale table on South-East Corner of the Public Square, IN SILVERTON, TEXAS.