

# THE TERMINAL ADVANCE.

Published at White Flat, Fisher County, Texas, Terminal Point of Texas Central Ry. Town plotted, but not yet named.

VOL. I.

WHITE FLAT, NORTHWEST PART OF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS, SEPT. 1, 1906.

NO. 1.

## EXPLANATORY OF OUR PREVIOUSNESS.

You have, of course, heard of country newspapers. Well, this is one in every respect.

It is published in a town that isn't yet named, where not a lot has been sold nor a structure erected.

It is published in a town where two national banks and at least fifteen strong commercial concerns are waiting for the sale of lots in order to purchase ground and begin the erection of business houses.

The barn roof leaks a little and a one-eyed mule seems curious to know what manner of monstrosity has taken quarters in the milo maize department of the first floor; but so long as he keeps his head in and his heels out his presence will be tolerated.

We can't possibly make application for admission to the mails until it is learned what will be the name of this post office.

One of the best towns in Western Texas will be built right here, and the editor is equally supremely confident that this will be the first paper printed on the premises. The advance has possession of the only barn in this vicinity; and if any one has a printing office under a bush it has not been located and for a radius of four miles hereabouts the situation has been minutely investigated.

This paper hasn't any perpetual monopoly of this field, nor of the adjoining fields or the adjacent cow pasture, but it certainly has a cinch on volume one, number one.

Just at present there is plenty of room here for another paper, but not a blooming bit of patronage, and it certainly seems advisable for opposition to stay away until the Advance has created a crying demand for competition.

As soon as there is something here besides the townsite reservoir and the lot corner stakes a first class printing office will be installed and the size of the paper will be doubled—quadrupled if patronage demands as much.

Seemingly this paper may be previously established, but the editor has always contended that if the north pole was ever discovered it would be by some country newspaper man looking for a new location.

When the townsite company gets the town named, this paper will, in part at least, be rechristian.

As the mule is backing toward the door this salutatory will be abruptly terminated.

dence in the future of White Flat because it is the terminal of the Central railroad.

Hundreds of people who know all about the country, though they know little or nothing of the Texas Central's way of doing things, have absolute confidence in the future of the town because of its fortunate location and vast natural advantages, surrounded as it is by a great scope of the very finest farming and stock-raising country.

What more could a locality desire? Public confidence, natural advantages and a great developing agency is a rare, and certainly should be a satisfactory, combination.

## When Lots will be Sold.

No date has as yet been positively fixed for the sale of town lots, but it seems certain that the sale will take place sometime in this month.

In response to a letter the head man of the townsite advises me that the sale will take place not later than October 5th and sooner if possible. The entire grading is virtually complete and track laying is progressing very rapidly, and trains will probably run into White Flat within three weeks and then the sale of lots will take place.

The big reservoir is finished, the town is perfectly plotted, the lots, streets, depot grounds, railroad yards and park are all staked off and everything is in readiness for the sale.

It is understood that the townsite company has fixed an exceedingly low price on all lots, surrounded by every possible safe-guard against non-resident speculators and with every possible encouragement to development.

## Our Special Mail Service.

Until further advised all exchanges will please direct mail to Roby, as rural free delivery services have been arranged with a freighter. The Advance special leaves Roby every week and will haul anything in the way of mail, express freight or passengers. Only duns, propositions to carry patent medicine ads., and booze bargain circulars are prohibited. Special attention given to subscriptions in car load lots.

## Looking for an Education

A lumber legged individual with a tired, caste of energy, a robust physique, and a low, sweet voice like a New Mexico burro tackled me the other day for a subscription to an alleged religious paper published in Dallas.

The young man said he craved an education and was working for a scholarship.

As soon as I became firmly convinced that a man is a fool I feel perfectly at ease and engage him in conversation.

I asked the young man, many questions and learned a great deal about his past life and present ambitions.

I learned, among other things that if he could get one thousand subscribers at fifty cents each he would get a scholarship worth

## THE COUNTY SEAT PROPOSITION.

This is a matter which to a greater or less extent concerns every citizen, and particularly every tax payer, in Fisher county. It is hardly probable that any attempt will ever be made to move the county seat from Roby. In this matter that town is safe-guarded by its central location and peculiarly favorable environments. Sentiment, self-interest and rival jealousies are all to its special benefit, and to move the county seat elsewhere the necessary two-thirds majority could not be procured.

There is only one other town in the county in which there is so much as the remotest possibility of the county seat ever being removed and that is the town to be built at White Flat, and should such ever be the case it will only be after many years of great improvement and wonderful changes, not only locally but throughout the county.

The people who founded and who will do most to develop this town never had a thought of contesting for the county seat. Only a short time and this will be the largest tax paying community in the county, and will wield a like influence in county governmental affairs, and then will it be vitally interested in the county seat matter, not because of any removal, but because provisions must be made for a new court house.

The present weather beaten temple of justice is liable to tumble down any time. That wouldn't damage the building. It wouldn't leak any worse nor look any worse if bottom upwards than it does as it stands, or rather leans. Of course, it might cave in on some one and thus work a hardship on some insurance company.

It is a new court house or no court house at all, and that before long. It is also a bond issue or no court house. There-in the whole county is interested. It certainly seems that the people would readily vote a sufficient bond issue to build a good, substantial court house. It is hardly likely that they would do more.

The present population of White Flat is unanimously in favor of issuing bonds to build a court house. Of course, an individual can always be unopinionated; but the people who are coming here will be broad-minded, liberal and progressive and when this has grown to be a big town the proposition will still be almost unanimous.

The present shanty is a reflection on the entire county and every community as a matter of pride should vote to remedy, or rather remove, this reflection.

## Cause for Confidence.

Did you ever take a ride over all, or any considerable portion of the Texas Central railroad?

If so, of course you noticed the pretty little parks at every station, whether that station was a big town or a section house. At every place there was evidence of enterprise, neatness, completeness, pride, care and thoroughness.

This fact impressed you very favorably. You felt that back of this there was a purpose, a purpose broader, deeper and higher than selfishness or greed.

It is evidence of the company's pride in its own property, but of greater consequence still it is evidence of the company's scrupulous regard for the material welfare, comfort, convenience and adornment of every station along its line.

Some one has said that the Texas Central has been asked for less and has given more than any other road in Texas.

Why?

Because the Central is watchful of every need and interest along its line and it is prompt and attentive to these matters.

The people are given what their town needs before they have time to make any request; frequently before they realize that they need what is given them.

This isn't charity; and it isn't altogether pharisaic. It is business—sound, legitimate business.

When the Central several years ago planted this policy in

its general plan, who so much as faintly anticipated that it would prove fruitful to an isolated valley away out in Western Texas?

That is just what has come about, nevertheless.

Ask any man who is familiar with the Central's policy, with its way of doing things, what he thinks about the terminal town—the town to be built at White Flat—and he will express himself as confident that it will make a fine town. Perhaps he knows but little, if anything, about the resources or character of the country from which the town must draw its sustenance, but he does know that the Texas Central has nothing to do with booms, bombast and buncombe. He knows the company never tackles visionary, impracticable propositions. He knows the caution the company exercises in taking up any proposition and the thoroughness and determination with which that proposition is carried to its fullest consummation.

He has faith in the town because he knows how the Central does things.

He knows that it never neglects or overlooks the interest of any town or section of country along its line.

He knows of the vast advantages possessed by a terminal point and he knows these advantages will be developed and utilized to the fullest extent.

The watchfulness, caution, detail, thoroughness with which the Central has always done things has inspired the public with supreme confidence in its undertakings. Thousands of people have the utmost confi-

about three dollars and thirty-five cents, payable in advertising.

I incidentally inferred that the young man's chief aim in getting an education was to avoid working for a living.

I wish I could trade my high school diploma for a half interest in an education of that sort. I never saw but one, though, and a hobo had it.

I gently steered the young man up against himself and then I dumped a big lot of free advice on top of him. He may be dead by this time. I don't know how long it takes an able bodied man to suffocate.

Hundreds of young men and young women in Texas are today hammering away at schemes like this, and there are probably a dozen publishers on their way to hell in a fox trot for promulgating such graft. Possibly a dozen of these young men and women will win scholarships. Every one of them will have paid in services much more than such scholarships are worth.

Meritorious scholarships are not peddled in this way, and legitimate newspapers do not resort to such schemes to procure subscribers.

The one who struggles for such scholarship serves two grafters, a fake college and a fake publication.

Through laudable sympathy the friends and acquaintances of the young men and women subscribe for the papers the contestants represent. The total sum thus subscribed, if put into one common charity fund, would be

sufficient to educate them all; but only a few win scholarships and all the money goes into the coffers of grafters.

First have a definite idea of what you want with an education and then hammer it out, and remember that the firmest foundation for an education is familiarity with the cotton patch and kitchen.

Earn, pay for and accumulate your education just as you would any other personal property.

The experience of getting the right kind of an education is, within itself, the best kind of an education.

Thinking and energetic application of what you think is a good way to accomplish results, but if you want an education for purely ornamental purposes you had better inherit a few millions or put in your application to join the fraternal union of Weary Willies; but, above all things, don't be a slave for grafters to get your education; go work for some honest man.

Texas has for sometime boasted of its representation in the U. S. Senate. I my own self have lollaged a right smart to strangers about these two "intellectual giants," but I am not going to subject myself to embarrassing consequences any more. Joe and Chawles are a couple of bumfuzzling, public gulling, policy pandering politicians and no two individuals ever more completely so advertised themselves than did these two roosters during the late state campaign, and particularly at the convention.

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Friday, September 1, 1906.

### WHY I HAVE FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF WHITE FLAT.

A man should at least have a plausible theory as a foundation for his faith. I have the utmost faith in the future of this place, believing that here will be, at no distant day, one of the best towns in Western Texas. Let us see if my faith is based upon a plausible theory.

This is to be the terminal point of the Texas Central railroad. So long as Albany was a terminal point it was a good town, though never favored by natural advantages. Big pastures and the broken character of the country militated against and prevented its development as a farming country.

As a terminal point Stamford became one of the best towns in the west, a relative position which it now holds and will probably continue to hold, surrounded as it is by a magnificent country and urged forward by indomitable energy, possessing a commercial prestige and seeking industrial development. Stamford was born and nourished into prominence solely by reason of being a terminal point.

It was business and not sentiment, carefully calculated results and not speculation, that actuated the Texas Central to extend from Stamford to this place. The Central's purpose was to extend beyond competing lines and control the trade of the territory.

A central, convenient terminal point was a matter of the greatest importance. It was the one proposition that received the most careful consideration. In this matter no mistake must be made.

White Flat was the point selected. Here in this beautiful, peaceful valley it was decided to build a big town, a city to bring into existence a concentrating and distributing point for a vast scope of country.

For this purpose it would have hardly been possible to find a more logical or a more ideal location.

The townsite is near the northwest corner of Fisher county, and is situated on the east side of the famous White Flat. There is a gradual slope to the west and drainage is perfect. The soil is a deep, rich loam, never gets muddy and yet doesn't blow loosely about as does the sand. A little effort is all that is necessary to make it one of the most beautiful towns in the state.

Immediately around it is an unsurpassed agricultural country, and to the west, north and northwest is a great scope of magnificent country, much of it developed, much of it to be developed, but all of it certain to soon pass into the hands of small holders and be brought into full utility.

It is forty miles north of the Texas & Pacific railroad, twenty-eight miles west of the Orient. Its location will give it control of a territory more than covering six of the best counties in Western Texas.

It will be, perhaps for along time, the terminus of the Texas Central Railroad, and a point where that Company will naturally exert itself to build up a thriving community and trade center.

It is a town where at least seventeen of the best bankers and most successful business men in the west expect to make extensive business investments. It is a town in which they, of course, have the utmost confidence. I have been more influenced by this than by any other consideration. I consider the combined judgment of seventeen men whom I know personally, and who have made few, if any, mistakes in matters of this kind, an excellent criterion by which to be governed.

I came here without bonus, call or solicitation. I came here solely to take advantage of what I believe an excellent opportunity. I have turned down good propositions to avail myself of this locality.

I have no patience in booms or misrepresentation, and no confidence in a town or people who resort to such methods. Expect to do all I can to make this the town I think its resources and advantages merit. A conservative presentation of facts shall be the unalterable policy of this paper, and

if more is demanded, this Throne Shaker is for sale.

To those who will soon come and comprise the business element and the citizenship of the town a hearty welcome is extended. With them, in a great measure rests the destiny of the town, and with them, unconditionally rests the destiny of this paper.

### SOME UP-TO-DATE DONT'S.

This is a great country, a country with limitless resources and natural advantages, and if you make a failure here it is your fault or misfortune, not the fault of the country.

It isn't a free claim mining country and the geese here do not lay golden eggs.

Crops will not grow without cultivation and there is no market for the products of idleness.

Men who have come here, staid here, worked hard and used good judgment, have succeeded.

Follow their example. It will beat advice and theories.

Don't sit around envying the other fellow, and telling tales of distress about what would have been or what you would have done if so and such had not happened. Get a dromedary hump on yourself.

Don't go up in a balloon and expect to return with all the silver lining from the clouds. Tackle something not quite so theoretical.

Don't come out here with a million dollars worth of impractical ideas done up in your own graduated imagination and expect to start a bank account with it.

Don't imagine that because you are handsome and smart and educated, that the people here will go into ecstasies as soon as it is rumored that you have reached town. Of course they will be glad to see you, and will take a great personal interest in you, and after you have been in town a few hours they will accord you the great distinction of pulling the badger; but after that you will be neglected and ignored and left alone in this cold world.

If you have some money and want to make a fool of yourself and blow it in we respectfully solicit your patronage. Don't make a fool of yourself, though, if you have any other visible means of support.

If you have some money and want to make a judicious and good revenue producing investment, come along and critically investigate what we have to offer. There isn't any don't to this paragraph.

If you have a good brand of elbow grease for sale you can name your price and find a market right here. Don't fail to come at once, for fully a hundred people are looking for you every day.

If you have some good, practical horse sense that you want to exercise a little come along and get into the free-for-all. Best Horse sense takes first prize. Don't try any jockey business, though.

If you want a home for your wife and children don't fool around waiting for property to depreciate in value so you can purchase for less money. The bull headed bunch who own all the property around here have formed a trust and won't let prices depreciate. All of the laws of nature are in favor of this trust and it doesn't seem possible to ever break it up. This is about the only chance you will ever have to get in on the ground floor.

Don't believe all this if you don't want to, but be blamed certain that you don't come around a few years later and cuss the editor of this paper for not putting you next.

If you have a dollar in your pocket that you don't need, now is the time to subscribe.

Most of last year's immense corn crop is still on hand, but the farmers are disposing of it in order to care for the present big crop. In this connection it may not be amiss to mention something that is peculiar to Western Texas, and perhaps to Western Texas only, and that is the fact that weevils never bother corn here. The writer saw several hundred bushels of three year-old corn the other day, and every ear of it was as sound and bright as a dollar. Not a weevil or other destroying agency had attacked it. This is a most fortunate fact. If farmers do not get satisfactory prices for their corn they can hold it for better prices; and they can always carry over enough corn to supply them in case of a failure in the corn crop. The present local market price for corn is about thirty-five to forty cents per bushel, and considering the great quantity of corn in the country this means many dollars aside from the other bountiful and certain crops.

## Come To Fisher County.

FISHER COUNTY IS ONE-OF THE FINEST FARMING COUNTIES IN WEST TEXAS

For corn, cotton, wheat, oats, potatoes, sorghum, maize and all kinds of fruit (we have a large fruit belt, equal to the one at Clyde) all kinds of vegetables and berries.

WE HAVE 100,000 ACRES OF FERTILE LAND HERE AT \$10 TO \$20 PER ACRE,

Improved. Plenty of unimproved land at correspondingly low prices. All of our land will double in value within the next eighteen months. Upon application we will take pleasure in furnishing any information that may be desired concerning Fisher County. The extension of the Texas Central will be in operation in a very short time, which will cause land values to advance very rapidly.

BETTER COME OUT AND GET A HOME BEFORE THE RUSH. WE WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN SHOWING YOU WHAT WE HAVE.

Asking for a share of your business, We are yours for Fisher County.

Parker & Tillotson,  
WEST SIDE SQUARE, ROBY, TEXAS.

### A LITTLE INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION.

Thirty years ago there wasn't a farm of any consequence west of Parker county. It was an unfenced, free grass, sheep and cattle country. The buffalo slaughter was then nearing its inglorious close, there were but few ranches west of Shackelford county and the west was virtually an unused domain of isolation.

From 1876 to 1886 the open range industry constituted the sole industrial feature of the country. Farming was discouraged and the development of the country combatted as development was never attempted in any other portion of the United States. It was a matter of necessity for the cowmen to hold the country, for the loss of it meant that they must retire from business. It was a bitter contest, and the man engaging in it did so at his peril. Farmers recognized that it was a country of magnificent resources and limitless possibilities, but necessity did not urge them to engage in the contest.

But the natural increase in population and the irresistible demand for homes forced the farmer west, drove him into the heart of the range and pastures of the cattle men, and for ten years there was an unprecedented contest between two diametrically opposed necessities.

For ten years there was war, bitter, relentless war. Each side seeking by legislation, by law and by force to gain its point.

Would people have contended as the cowmen and the farmers did over a worthless country? Not much. The farmers triumphed.

Why? Because it was a farming country. If it had not been one of the greatest farming countries in the world the farmers would have gladly and quickly abandoned the contest.

Hundreds of people came and went away, and an excuse for going away they always traduced the west.

Hundreds of attempts were made to colonize America before a permanent settlement was effected.

Why so? Because the attempts were ill-timed and mismanaged.

Suppose Europeans had abandoned the idea of colonizing America after

a few hundred colonists had perished or returned home discouraged and bearing evil report. There would be a badly congested European population or several million of us would be unborn.

All the glories of Bryan's presidential boom and Teddy's big stick would have been lost. The American province would probably be listed in the geographies as a colonial dependency of the Philippine Islands.

Voluntary effort will bring about the development of a country, but necessity will force it.

Think what a golden opportunity there was for some international loan company to have taken and foreclosed a mortgage on America about the close of the sixteenth century and have gotten immensely rich, but American real estate wasn't in demand at that time. It was a bad looking proposition.

The fellow who predicts that West Texas land will depreciate in value, and that there will be a promiscuous hegra when a drouth comes is reckoning without information.

Adversities will come to this country. Show me a country where adversities will not come and I will proceed to tour the country on a lecturing tour as the only man that has ever taken a look at heaven and returned to tell about it.

This is one of the best all farming purpose countries in the United States. It always has been, and it's getting better every year.

Men have made a living here who would have starved to death farming any where else on earth. Men have made money farming here, who, with the same amount of capital and effort, would have come out in debt any where else.

One trouble with this country has been too much land and not enough labor.

When land was cheap a man could afford to own the earth, figuratively speaking, and he would put in half the year planting his crop and the other half gathering what he made.

The increased value of land has changed this condition of affairs. Each man has to own less land and make every acre produce more.

By the poorest kind of farming

methods farming has been a success in this country. What would have been the result with intensive scientific farming.

Now and then you find a man who has farmed for all there was in it, right here in this country. Look at his place, note the results from a financial standpoint, and reach your own conclusions as to what a universal adoption of his methods means.

By a slipshod, haphazard process the west has been made to yield fortunes. Less than a fourth of what could have been produced has been produced.

Farming proper began west of Eastland and Stephens counties in 1895. Since that time there has not been a crop failure throughout the western portion of the state, a record unequalled elsewhere on the continent. Some years crops have been short, but more frequently the farmers have raised more than they could gather. From a financial standpoint the result has ranged all the way from a good living to a fat bank account.

Take a scope of country embracing nine counties with Fisher county as the center, and compute the result of thirty years. At that time there was not a farm or town within this scope of country, nor a railroad within two hundred miles of it, and its total population was less than two hundred cowboys and buffalo hunters. Today there is in this scope of country more than one million acres in cultivation. It is traversed by four railroads, contains more than twenty good, prosperous towns and has a population exceeding fifty thousand.

All of this has come about under the most adverse and unfavorable circumstances.

Under identically adverse conditions, which are hardly possible, what great degree of evolution will be presented thirty years hence? The country must grow and continue to develop. Necessity demands it and opportunity assures it, but how great, how unreasonable, as we see things now, will that change be?

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The higher land goes the greater effort men will put forward to develop this country, for they will have more at stake.

And you predict that there will be a collapse and that land will soon be much cheaper than it is now.

Alright old profit, you had better start you a prognostication almanac, and in a few years you can go join that vast aggregation of fake weather prophets who are now paddling around in oblivion. But before you waste all your substance in predictions you had better buy a piece of land so as to leave your wife and children a visible means of support after you have hiked.

Several thousand cotton pickers would find ready employment and good wages in this section of Texas this fall. Already the demand is great for cotton and cotton picking has not yet begun. The farmers had a tough time gathering their cotton crop last year, but the task then was nothing compared with the present season.

In driving a distance of seventeen miles the other day the writer saw nineteen fine covies of quail. These fine birds have never before been so numerous. Plovers are also plentiful and duck season is coming around soon.

## Money To Lend On Land

We have plenty of 8 per cent money to lend on land. We have the titles examined here in Abilene, and we pass on the security ourselves, consequently, we are in a position to make land loans right now. If you want a loan on your land write us and find out our terms and what we can do for you before you do anything. Would like to have some big ranch loans.

Compere Brothers,  
Land Dealers and Money Lenders

Abilene.

Texas

W. M. SANDIFER.

R. W. WARREN.

# SANDIFER & WARREN,

## REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

### KNOX CITY, TEXAS.

Knox City is the present terminus of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad. It is in the heart of the famous Wild Horse or Knox County Prairie, one of the finest all-purpose farming sections of Texas. It is now less than one year old. No town in the country is more solidly, permanently built. It is a town of handsome, commodious homes and good business structures and strong business concerns. An eight thousand dollar hotel is nearing completion.

The town has about 800 population, good school, church and social advantages. It is a good town in which to live, and a fine place to make an investment or engage in business.

We have a large list of what we consider the best kind of propositions, both in town and Country property; in large or small tracts, improved or unimproved.

The best way to ascertain what there is in this country is to come and inspect it closely. The next best way is to write to us for any information you desire.

# SANDIFER & WARREN,

## REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE,

### Knox City Texas.

#### Bill Arp on the Value of Newspapers.

I never took a newspaper that didn't pay me more than I paid for it. One time an old friend down South started a newspaper and sent a copy to me and I subscribed just to encourage him, and after awhile it published an order to sell a lot at public auction. So I inquired about the lot and told a friend of mine to run it up to \$50. He bid off the lot at \$38 and sold it in less than a month for \$100, so I made \$65 clear by taking the paper. My father told me when he was a young man he saw in a paper where a school teacher was wanted away off in a distant country and he went and got the situation, and a little girl was sent to him, and after a while she grew sweet and beautiful and he married her. Now if he had not taken that paper what do you suppose would finally have become of me? I would have been some other fellow, or maybe I wouldn't have been at all.—Bill Arp.

The Advance has secured the names of thirty farmers in this section of country and in the next issue will give a kind of detailed account of their experiences as farmers here, showing what they have done and what they have not done, showing by their ex-

perience what could be done and what should not be attempted. It was the original intention to publish an installment of these experiences in this issue, but a rush prevented the proper compilation and verification of the facts, and it was a matter of too much importance to be haphazardly done. These articles will be a revelation to the people of this country, and nothing could more positively affirm the greatness of this as a successful farming country—a country so adapted that no season is so unfavorable that farming cannot be profitably followed each year.

I had occasion not long ago to visit eastern portions of the country—Eastland, Dallas and Navarro counties—down where they blow about their crops in general and their melons and fruits in particular. While on the trip I never got a good water melon, though I saw some that were reasonably large and which the natives seemed to think were very rich in flavor. To me these melons had a pile, green, doctor bill sore of look, and as slick insipid flavor. These melons don't have the solid, pure coin plunk, the deep, bright complexion, the pure, solid flesh nor the saccharine flavor of a Fisher county

or average West Texas melon, and in point of size they compare with our melons about as unfavorably as they do in other respects.

The twenty thousand dollar hotel at Rule is nearing completion.

The fine brick hotel, which the firm of Sandifer & Warren are building a Knox City, will soon be completed.

Write to I. J. Pierce & Co., at Hamlin, Jones County, or Rule, Haskell county, for prices and information concerning farm, ranch or fruit lands.

The intention of the railroad and of the townsite company is to make a good, solid town at White Flat, and to that particular end they are directing their combined efforts. Two excellent inducements they offer those who wish to engage in business here or become citizens of the town is already producing the desired results. A number of well-known business men have visited other towns in this section hunting business locations, but finding property unreasonably high they are waiting for the sale of lots to buy property and engage in business here. This paper cannot speak authoritatively, but from a most authoritative source comes the statement that the price of lots will range from \$40 to \$60.

We have the biggest list of property and the best bargains, especially in and about Rule, the best town on the Orient, in the heart of the famous Wild Horse Prairie, in Haskell and Knox counties. Any desired information furnished on application. Lewis & Flournoy, Rule, Texas.

L. H. McCREA, W. W. KIRK.  
**KIRK & McCREA,**  
LAWYERS.  
ROBY, TEXAS

#### TWO MODEL TOWNS.

Knox City and Rule are two model towns. They are the best towns on the Orient road at present and the probabilities are that they will continue to be. They are not boom towns, founded on speculative visions, but good, solidly built towns surrounded by magnificent country. What of this country is not highly developed can be easily, and certainly will be, so developed within the a few months.

Either of these towns is now less than one year old, but the newness of everything about them is the only external evidence of this. About both these towns there is a solidity rarely found in towns many years old. One visiting these places is particularly impressed and surprised to find such business houses and stocks of merchandise, but above all, the elegant homes.

The citizens of these towns are

not spouting around like an exploded gas works about what a magnificent city each will be some day. They simply speak truthfully about having a good town and confidently of having a much better town and to this end they are working tirelessly, unitedly and judiciously.

Such men as W. M. Sandifer, R. W. Warren and Ab Benedict, of Knox City and Jesse Jones, of Rule, have been benefactors of inestimable worth to their respective towns. They have contributed both their money, time and talents liberally but judiciously in furthering every laudable public or private enterprise. They have engaged in no kind of bombastic, ridiculous extravagance, but by liberal business methods have accomplished, material, permanent results.

In these two towns there is a model after which other towns may well pattern, a lesson in solid development that is well worth careful study.

### The First National Bank of Roby,

County Seat of Fisher County, Texas.

CAPITAL, \$40,000  
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, \$25,000.  
Unsurpassed facilities for handling accounts of this Country

We Know Your wants and We Want Your Business.

FISHER COUNTY DEPOSITARY.

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## Come To Fisher County.

FISHER COUNTY IS ONE OF THE FINEST FARMING COUNTIES IN WEST TEXAS

For corn, cotton, wheat, oats, potatoes, sorghum, maiz and all kinds of fruit (we have a large fruit belt, equal to the one at Clyde) all kinds of vegetables and berries.

WE HAVE 100,000 ACRES OF FERTILE LAND HERE AT \$10 TO \$20 PER ACRE.

Improved. Plenty of unimproved land at correspondingly low prices. All of our land will double in value within the next eighteen months. Upon application we will take pleasure in furnishing any information that may be desired concerning Fisher County. The extension of the Texas Central will be in operation in a very short time, which will cause land values to advance very rapidly.

BETTER COME OUT AND GET A HOME BEFORE THE RUSH. WE WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN SHOWING YOU WHAT WE HAVE.

Asking for a share of your business, We are yours for Fisher County.

**Parker & Tillotson,**  
WEST SIDE SQUARE, ROBY, TEXAS.

### ANCIENT NEWSPAPER.

Through the courtesy of Mayor R. C. Crane we had the privilege of examining an edition of the "York Courant," dated July 28, 1741, published at York, England, by Caesar Wood.

This pamphlet or newspaper is very different from the newspapers of modern times in its make-up and general appearance. Mr. Crane came into possession of it at the death of his father, at which time he fell heir to his library. He is justly proud of the manuscript and when asked the value set upon it he replied that it could not be bought.

In this edition of the "Courant" is a lengthy article upon the licentiousness of the press, a question which created many and heated discussions during the 18th century.

It also contains excerpts from the "London Gazette," giving proceedings of the House of Commons, the return of expeditions, to the New World, etc. There is an account of the removal of Sir Robert Walpole, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, first Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, charged with usurpation of the King's authority.

There are various advertisements, notices and invitations peculiar to the customs of those days.

It will be remembered that at the time of its publication, the Thirteen Original Colonies were still subject to the rule of England, Georgia, the youngest, having been founded only about nine years previously. It was yet 34 years before the Revolutionary War, in which the colonists gained their independence.—Sweetwater Reporter.

### NEGRO TROOPS MOVED.

Camp Mabry, Texas, August 20.—General McCaskey has just issued an order sending company H, Twenty-sixth infantry, to Brownsville. The company leaves here on a special train in a short time. It relieves the negroes there. The negro troops will be sent to Fort Ringgold immediately on the arrival of the whites. The order was issued a short time before General McCaskey had a conversation over the telephone with Governor Lanham, who asked the General if he could not do something to relieve the tension at Brownsville. General McCaskey replied that he had just issued the order for the white soldiers to go. Governor Lanham said he would at once wire the people of Brownsville the white soldiers were coming to relieve the negroes.

Maud Muller on a summer day, with her fellow ran away, in a benzine touring car, scooting to a preacher far. Maud's father saw the fleeing pair—smelled the benzine scented air; caught a mule whose name was Jane, and galloped down the dusty lane. The mobile very swiftly ran, but burned the oil all out the can. The motor stopped upon a hill, but Jane ran on just fit to kill. Alas for maid, alas for man, alas for empty benzine can. Maud's daddy on the old gray mule, come and took her off to school. The mule nigh wrecked the benzine cart; the fellow died of a broken heart. The moral of this tale so sad: "Don't steal the girl, go ask her dad."

## FARMS! FARMS!! FARMS!!!

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Address.

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ROBY, TEXAS.

OFFICE: SOUTHEAST CORNER COURT HOUSE.

### CITY IS IN RUINS

Waverton, Texas, Aug. 18.—The same heartrending scenes which during the middle part of April excited the pity of the world and opened the purses of civilized nations to relieve San Francisco's distress are being re-enacted in Valparaiso and other interior towns of Chili and surrounding provinces with which it is not yet possible to establish communication.

Valparaiso a city of nearly 100,000 population, is in ruins, and already it is estimated that the dead will number at least 1,000. The fire is still raging, despite the courageous and persistent fight which the gallant firemen, assisted by the troops, are making. The greatest handicaps, of course, the lack of water, the first showers of Thursday having burst the mains at the same time that the electric wires and the gas mains were broken to gain. Every available device for destroying building to arrest the progress of the relentless flames is being employed, but thus far in vain.

Already two-thirds of the city has become a victim to the fire and earthquake and the remainder seems doomed. The greatest damage has thus far occurred in the business center of the city, and few of the commercial institutions having up to this time escaped the seething flames. The monetary loss of course cannot at this time be computed, but it will aggregate millions of dollars.

### More Shocks Felt.

London, August 20.—In a dispatch from Valparaiso without any date, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

Sixty per cent of this city has been completely destroyed. The death roll is very heavy. There were eighty-two shocks during Thursday night and there have been over 300 more since then. The tremors still continue. One hundred thousand people are homeless and destitute. Water is being cut off. Surrounding towns have been destroyed and the railroad has been cut.

Santiago, Monday, August 20, 11 p. m.—Only now can the seriousness of the catastrophe begin to be appreciated. The greater part of the modern houses here are unsafe for habitation and the authorities have organized a special corps to pull down the tottering buildings.

The night of August 16 was rendered dreadful by flashing lightning and pouring rain, electric cables and wires snapping as the result of constant strong earthquake shocks, causing the greatest consternation which was heightened by the pealing of bells, announcing the breaking out of fire, in various quarters of the city. Each earthquake was followed by wails and prayers from the people who were kneeling in rain and mud. The first great shock lasted four minutes and fifty seconds. Such a long shock had never occurred before in the memory of any inhabitant of Santiago. It caused the bells of the churches to ring, pictures swung out from walls and here was a great heaving motion of the ground. Experts say the only thing which saved Santiago from complete ruin was that the motion was circular.

### Negro in Pullman.

Laredo, Texas, August 20.—A good deal of commotion was created for a while at the International depot this morning when the Pullman was attached to the

## Fisher County, Texas.

THIS COUNTY is located 200 miles west of Fort Worth, and is watered by the Double Mountain Fork and the famous Clear Fork of the Brazos River. The soil is very fertile and produces corn, cotton, wheat, oats, millet, maiz and kaffir corn equally as well as the black lands of East Texas. All kind of fruits do well here. The climate is delightful. The altitude is about 2,000 feet above sea level. Water and timber in abundance.

In the year 1905 wheat threshed from 25 to 33 bushels per acre, and oats from 50 to 83 bushels per acre.

The T. & P. railroad runs through the southern part of the county; the Orient through the eastern part; and the Central is now building into the county, extending its line from Stamford, in Jones county, to a point in Fisher county, 11 miles northwest of Roby, the county seat; while the Santa Fe has finally located its line through the northeastern part of this county, giving Fisher county the best railroad facilities of any county west of Fort Worth.

### Fertile Lands in the Famous Clear Fork Valley.

It is a well known fact that one person can cultivate a much larger area of land in this county than in Eastern Texas. We have no boll weevil. We have none of the pests common to the eastern country. We have good schools, good churches and good people.

Our lands are rapidly advancing in value, so take advantage of the low rates offered by the railroads and buy a home in our country while lands are in reach of the average farmer.

Our lands are now selling at from \$6 to \$20 per acre, on good terms.

We can still any size tract from 5 acres to 20,000 acres in a solid body.

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**Tornlinson-Wright Land Co.,**

Offices at  
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AND HAMLIN,

Main Office at  
Roby, Texas

International train it was found that W. H. Ellis, the well known negro colonizer and capitalist, occupied a section of the sleeper.

He was informed at once by the railway officials that under the laws of Texas he could not be permitted to ride in the Pullman while in this state, and that he and his baggage would have to be transferred to a separate apartment, provided by law for all negro passengers.

He flatly refused either to allow any of his baggage or himself to be removed from the Pullman. When the train left Laredo he was still occupying the Pullman.

### IMMIGRATION

from Europe through the Port of New Orleans.

Our Foreign Immigration Office, number 407 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, in charge of Mr. F. M. Welch, Foreign Immigration Agent, is now equipped for the handling of all matters pertaining to Foreign Immigration. Mr. Welch will give special attention to the filling of orders for labor for the "Home Seekers" arriving on each ship. Orders placed with him should state the number wanted, the kind of work, and the wages with a statement of the cost of board, etc.

E. P. Turner,  
Gen. Pass'r Agt. T. & P. Ry.  
Dallas, Texas.

### ABOUT COL. T. M. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Thomas H. Campbell was

born in Cherokee county, Texas, and is now forty-seven years of age. Mr. Campbell was born upon a farm adjoining that on which the Hon. James Stephen Hogg lived for several years during his boyhood days. Upon attaining his majority, Mr. Campbell attended the Southwestern University for three terms.

In 1883 Mr. Campbell moved to Longview, where he practiced law. He continued in the practice of his profession until 1889 when he was appointed master in chancery of the International and Great Northern railroad company. In 1891, he with Colonel Eddy, were co-receivers of the road. Col. Eddy, dying a few months thereafter, he was appointed sole receiver of the road. He was made manager in 1892, which position he held until May, 1897, when he resigned to again take up the practice of law. He has been practicing law at Palestine ever since, at which place he has made his home.

Pink Higgins reports that the Santa Fe railroad will build a town in Kent county at Soldiers Mound in the North part of the county. It seems that the line has been definitely laid off and the work is being pushed. Steel is being laid between Canyon and Plainview and the graders are at work South of the last named town.—Snyder Coming West.