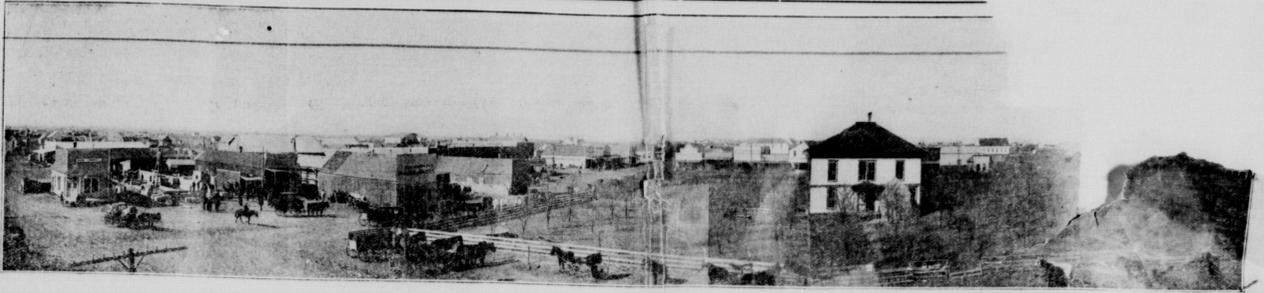


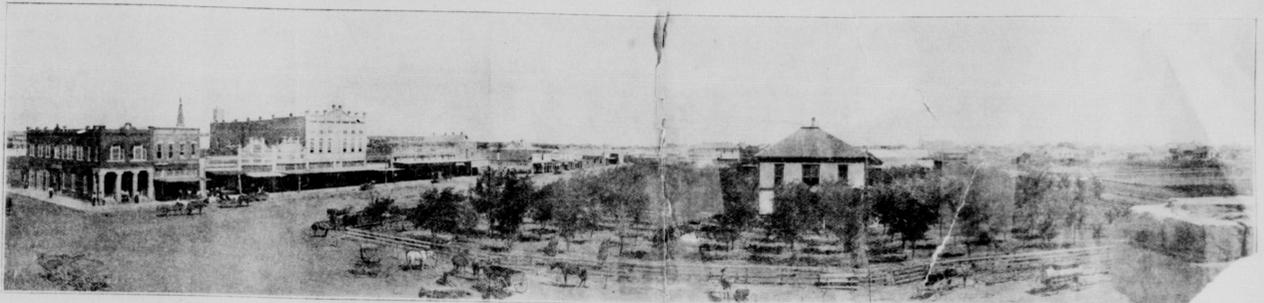
THE FOARD COUNTY

AND CROWLL INDEX

CROWELL, FOARD COUNTY, TEXAS, APRIL, 1910



Crowell as she appeared a year ago



Crowell as she appears today except the Court House, work now in progress on the new \$60,000 Court House, picture of same on First Page Section One

CITY BARBER SHOP

A Firstclass Tonsorial Parlor With Bath in Connection.

Located on the west side of the square on the Opera House block is the City Barber Shop owned and conducted by Messrs. Self & Schlagel. This room has been occupied for a number of years as a barber shop and about a year ago when the present new building was finished the above gentlemen became the proprietors, all the old chairs and fixtures were disposed of and new and modern appliances installed. Their parlors contain at present five of the latest improved pneumatic air pressure, leather lined chairs, the shelving and cup racks are made of hard wood, the ceiling is of metal, hand painted and embossed. The walls are covered with highly polished Belgium beveled mirrors, giving the appearance of one continuous mirrors and adorning the walls are paintings of pastoral and marine scenes. In connection with their parlors are two large size bathing rooms, each room contains a full size porcelain lined bath tub and all the modern

bathing appliances, where one can bathe in both hot and cold water. They have also a Whittemore shoe shiner and an artist in this line. Located on the west side of the square on the Opera House block is the City Barber Shop owned and conducted by Messrs. Self & Schlagel. This room has been occupied for a number of years as a barber shop and about a year ago when the present new building was finished the above gentlemen became the proprietors, all the old chairs and fixtures were disposed of and new and modern appliances installed. Their parlors contain at present five of the latest improved pneumatic air pressure, leather lined chairs, the shelving and cup racks are made of hard wood, the ceiling is of metal, hand painted and embossed. The walls are covered with highly polished Belgium beveled mirrors, giving the appearance of one continuous mirrors and adorning the walls are paintings of pastoral and marine scenes. In connection with their parlors are two large size bathing rooms, each room contains a full size porcelain lined bath tub and all the modern

ABOUT FOARD COUNTY

The Banner Wheat County of Texas that Sparkles Like a Diamond on the

Of recent years West Texas has been passing rapidly from the stock raising industry as an exclusive vocation to a multiplicity of industries plied by the farmer, the gardener, the fruit grower and the stockman. The result is the raising of fewer and better stock and the tickling of the soil to the tune of bountiful harvests, sung by the voice of nature in answer to the plastic touch of men, with whom diversification has become an inspiration and a watchword. Unless the country surrounding a town is prolific of such things as conduce to man's health, happiness and prosperity, all efforts to build a town worthy of the name begin and end in failure. We will have in the very near future several good sized towns in our county, as Foard county soil is rich and fertile and abundant crops is produced each year. This is beyond doubt one of the most desirable and fertile counties in the celebrated Panhandle

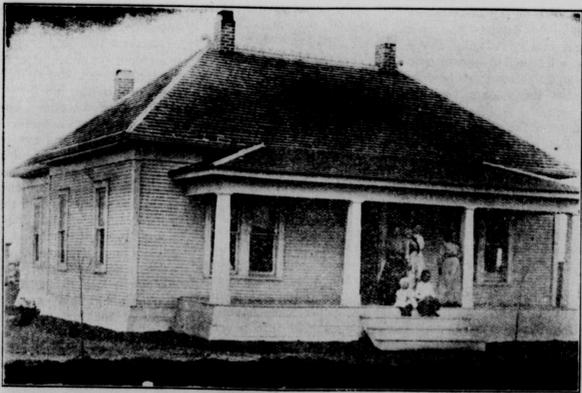
of Texas, rivaling in fertility the far famed valleys of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio or any other. Our soil is adapted to the growing of wheat, corn, and other crops.

W. H. GIDCUMB

Crowell's New and Entirely Different

With no saloons, no flash houses, no negroes, no malaria and no mosquitoes, our country is enjoying a growth towards wholesome lines. We have a population of about 10,000 the great majority of whom are desirable citizens, fired with the lofty ideas, such as gravitate heavenward and Godward. One thing of which our county can boast of, and one of great consequence, and that is we have good health.

... man well take care of all work with ease and rapidity, and his prices are consistent with good work, in all departments of his work you will be unable to find any better, he is conscientious and honest in all his dealings and by honest business methods combined with courteous treatment of all patrons and the putting out of the best grades of work at the most reasonable prices he has built up a list of patrons unsurpassed by any like concern in the county. The editor of this paper extends its best wishes to Mr. Gidcumb and suggests to its readers that when in want of any work in his line that they give him a trial and we assure you absolute satisfaction in every particular. In connection with the above business there is a feature that is worth mentioning and that is the repairing of all kinds of guns and revolvers.



Residence of Chas. H. McWhorter, Crowell, Texas



Foard County Ranch Scene

G. T. Crowell
Jan. 1st., 1910.

Crowell: Be-
ork for the
o first write
learned of the
friend, your hus-

remember in 1888,
town of Margaret, on
side of Pease River,
in county, Texas of meet-
husband and receiving
duction to him through
al friend, J. M. Allee,

who is now dead and gone. This
was in the summer time, and it
was my first visit to the west,
in March 1889, when I
came to live with my sister, Mrs.
Crowell. I saw him again, and was

welcomed to that part of the
state very warmly by him. From
this time on, I would often see
him and talk with him, and he
would sit and advise with me as
I was one of his immediate
family, and tell me, a young man,
(not much more than a boy) how
to conduct myself that I might
have friends. This was at a
time when I had just lost my fr-
ther, and had never had any of
the trials or experiences of life
in the busy world of push and
progress. I had never been
from home before, was in a new
country, amongst strangers, and
found in Mr. Crowell just such

and that in your recollection was
the memory of a father whose
loving care would continue with
you till death.

And from that time forward
I felt that so long as I remain
in the west the home of Mr. at
Mrs. Crowell was a home for
me. And how often when
I would be at Crowell, would you
and he invite me and the young
lady that I had brought to church
home with you for dinner, and
how cordially we would accept
that invitation because we knew
that it came from the lips of
friend.

"But alas, alas, those days are
past.

Those blissful scenes are
gone. We are like a city quite
waste
To be rebuilt no more."

The last time I saw him was
in Crowell last August when I
came to attend the bedside of my
namesake, Abe Paris Allee. I
was at town, and he called me
into the rear of a building in
course of construction, and we
had a long confidential talk about
some of his business matters
while there I am glad to know
that I assisted him in the prepa-
ration of some papers in conec-
tion with a business matter.
Should I ever visit Crowell
again, of course I will miss him,
the town will miss him, the dan-
ty will miss him, but above all
and beyond all his family will



Residence of Robt. R. Waldrop, Crowell, Texas

But happy thought that you were
with him at the last, you watched
the candle of his life as he walk-
ed down to the river that divides
the Eternity of the Present from
the Eternity of the Future, you
watched him as he closed his
eyes to the beauties of a bright-
er and happier life, you watched
him as breath came short and
fast on earth, and now can re-
joice that he breathes in a purer
climate, and a holier air.
Nothing I can say will alleviate

in remembrance of the departed
whose friendship and love was
to the heart what burnished sil-
ver and polished gold is to the
commercial world.
I must close. May you have a
happy New Year, may you con-
tinue to remain in the admiration
of your friends that same good
woman that your friends know
you are. My love to you and
your family, and to that old moth-
er.
Remember me as your friend

JOHN BRADFORD

Real Estate Firm of Margaret has Many
Bargains in City and Country

There is no more inviting field
for real estate operations than
Foard county and this vicinity
presents at the present time.
The many improvements and the
rapid growth of our city, aug-
mented by the rapid increasing
population in both county and
town, all combine to give a real
estate investment a stability
with assurance of rapid increas-
ing values, which would be hard
to find in any other field. Mr.
Bradford, the subject of this
sketch has been in the real estate
business for a number of years
and we all call him an "old
timer." He is without doubt as
well acquainted with the actual
value of land in this section, as
any man in the county and the
people with whom he has busi-
ness dealings can rely on it that
when he puts a deal through it
will be honestly and courteously
done. We all have a word of
praise to say of the honorable
and large part of his busi-
ness comes to him through his former
customers, recommending him
to their friends. You can easily
find out about any piece of
property, city or country, in this
section of the state by address-
ing him. He belongs to the
modern school of real estate
dealers and he will tell you the
absolute truth. Mr. Bradford is
a man who takes personal pride
in pushing Margaret and this
section to the front, and when-
ever possible is always ready
and willing to foster any worthy
cause, that is promoted for the
city's or county's good. His
office is located on the main
street in the most desirable por-
tion of town and if you live at a
distance and desire any informa-
tion write him and your letter
will be answered in a full and
comprehensive manner. The
Foard County News takes great
pleasure in according Mr. Brad-
ford prominent mention in its
Special Souvenir Edition.

Poultry Raising

While the poultry raising is
yet in its infancy in this section,
enough of it is being produced
to warrant the statement that it
is a money making venture. The
varmints do not bother here as
they do in the north in the
thickly wooded sections, change-
able weather does not affect them
as it does there, and everything
seems to favor the production of
poultry in this particular section.
Numbers of farmers are engaged
in it, in a small way and there is
considerable demand for more
than is brought to market. Both
poultry and eggs are bring good
prices and are eagerly sought
for by our local firms. A chicken
farmer would have every assur-
ance of making money. The
cost of embarking in the busi-
ness here cannot possibly be very
great. It is yet in its infancy,
but the indications are that it
will be more fully developed in a
few years.



support as one appreciates and
needs on such occasions.

And as you know, I met you
at the time of Mr. Allee's death,
and remember so well how you
warned a blanket to place on
my father's bald head when he
retired at night, having come to
be with his daughter in her sor-
row. From that little act on
your part, I learned that within
your breast there beat a heart
warm for your fellow creatures.

miss him, and most of all you,
And you will unconsciously, at
times, watch for his coming, but
he comes not; you will listen for
his voice, but hear it not; you
will in the still hours of the night
think over again the plans you
made for the future, but he will
not be there to offer suggestions.
Oh, but you will miss him when
the busy world will call on you
for something and there is none
to whom you can go like him,

the suffering that you now en-
dure, nothing I can write will
lighten the heavy burden that
rests upon you, but permit me as
a friend to extend to you the
condolence that my heart feels
to day, and to commend you to
"Him that doeth all things well."

This is a lovely day, the sun
shines bright, the south winds
sigh around the corners of the
house, the busy world plods on,
but look up, the sky is blue God
still reigns, Christ still lives, as
let us rejoice in the blessings of
today, and hope for the blessings
of tomorrow. He has but paid
the debt we all owe, and ere long
we too will be called upon to give,
like him, an account of how we
have used the talents God has
given us.

Remember the grape must be
crushed before the wine can be
produced for the Master's lips.
The cross must be endured be-
fore the crown can be worn.

"Life has its burdens for every
ones shoulders
None can escape its sorrow
and care
Miss it in youth and twill come
when you are older
And fit you as close as the gar-
ments you wear."

His name will be perpetuated
in the acts of kindness and deeds
of love that he has so often con-
tributed to his fellow-man. Ac-
cept this letter from your friend

and one who has the kindest and
tenderest of feelings for you,
and may the troubles of life rest
lightly upon you and yours.
George P. Brown

Judge Robert Cole

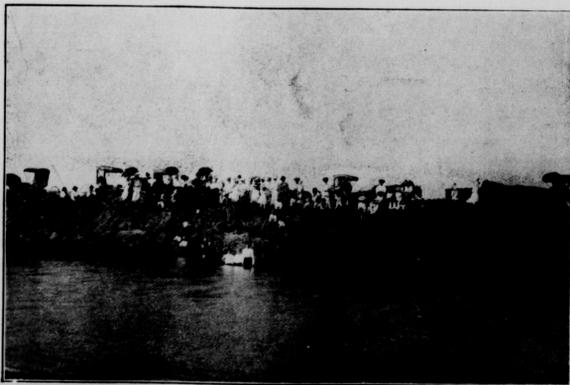
Judge Robert Cole was born in
Panola county, Mississippi, and
was educated in the common
school, and studied law under
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, District
Judge, and began the practice
of his profession in 1880. After
spending several years in
Stephens county came to Foard
county and located at Crowell.
In 1892 the citizens of Foard
county, by their franchise elected
Judge Cole of the county court
at which he presided for two
terms, and retired to again re-
sume the practice of his pro-
fession. The Judge is a true
and loyal democrat, always work-
ing for the cause of democratic
principals. He is a patriot in
behalf of Crowell and Foard
county's development and future
welfare, and as a public spirited
citizen never fails to do his full
share toward aiding any move-
ment that is projected for the
city's good. Judge Cole is an
old newspaper man having former-
ly conducted this paper and is
a forceful and intelligent
writer. The democrats have
prevailed upon him to allow them
to again use his name as a
candidate to the office of District
Attorney.

he has had ov-
ars experience in the
usiness, and for almo-
ngth of time has been located
our sister city, Vernon, he is
stranger to the old residents
Foard county, for in the days
ore the advent of the Orient
railroad, when Crowell consisted
of a few scattering houses, our
people went to Vernon for sup-
plies, they gradually made Mr.
Massie's store their headquarters
and purchased all their goods of
him. At present he has sixteen
stores located at different points
in Texas and Oklahoma, no con-
cern in any city in Texas can
buy goods cheaper or in greater
quantities than he does. Buying
for so many stores he naturally
purchases his goods in car load
lots, not one, but several cars at
a time, and consequently is thus
enabled to undersell any other
in the same line. Mr. Ver-
non, a junior member of the
who has the sole charge
management of this
has been
Mr. Massie for
years in the
siness, being
Vernon, and
1886

coffees are of direct import.
The interior of the store is
ranged with all the modern ap-
pliances. To all our citizens
and to those contemplating mak-
ing this their future home, we
suggest that you pay this firm a
visit, you will find new and fresh
goods, all this seasons product,
and Mr. Vernon and his corps of
clerks, attentive and obliging
and their utmost endeavors will
be to make your trading a
pleasure. The Foard County
News extends to Messrs. Massie
and Vernon its best wishes for
their success.

An Optimist

Fanned by her salubrious
breezes, kissed by her genial
sunlight, transported with her
Elysium landscapes, the new
comer to this fair land, though a
chronic victim of the blues, soon
begins to feel and look in a way
different from that by which he
has been distinguished in the
past, he soon becomes a full
fledged optimist by reason of the
psychological entourage.



Baptising Scene in Foard County



Residence of R. A. Wells, Crowell, Texas

C. P. SANDIFER

One of Crowell and Foard County's Leading and Progressive Real Estate Men

The subject of this sketch Mr. C. P. Sandifer, stands pre-eminent in the line of locating investors and homeseekers. The fact that this section in particular is far superior to eastern and southern portions of the state, in the production of agricultural products and the enjoyment of perfect health, has never been questioned, while the price of land is less than one half of our more densely populated counties. This alone, should appeal to both homeseeker and investor. There is no doubt that with the continual stream of new citizens and our immense natural resources, that land in this vicinity will greatly advance in value within the next twelve months. Now if the reader wishes to invest in real estate, where he can almost see it grow and expand, Mr. Sandifer has listed with him and is in a position to show you some of the choicest bargains to be had in this territory. As to the standing and reliability of this gentleman, the News will state that Mr. Sandifer has been established in our city in the real estate business for some years, and that he has won the praise worthy comments from our citizens for the able and straight forward manner in which he transacts his business. He has been the means of placing quite a number of our leading farmers on the land they now occupy, and no one man, or firm, has done more to bring to the notice of the outside world Foard county and her resources. While this edition is a boost for our city and county, nothing is further from the mind of the writer, than to boost and exaggerate the good qualities of any man, or business enterprise and when we state that Mr. Sandifer is entitled to all praise for the manner in which he has always worked for the interest of Crowell and Foard county, we know that we are stating facts. Mr. Sandifer is a hustler from the word "Go" and never hesitates to give his loyal support and assistance to any and all enterprises for a greater Crowell and the News is pleased to give this gentleman prominent mention in its Illustrated edition and hopes for a continuance of his success and popularity.

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to tell you a few things about the two biggest things in the Panhandle of Texas, and that is Crowell and Foard County. Having been here in this country for many years, we already know a great deal about it, but to you, reader, who are not so fortunate as we, provided you are located in some other state, we wish to say that here in Foard County, we can and do raise every vegetable known to this latitude and all the different varieties of fruits, and cotton, corn, wheat and feed stuff of every variety in abundant quantities. In the year 1891 the legislature of our State passed an act that divided Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties, and what the above counties did not need we patched together and made what is now Foard county, the best one of the three. Little was known of the absolute fertility of the soil at that time, but time and the hand of man has proven that we have one of the best counties in the whole State. Our county lies on the river bottom, or what is really known as the second bench of Pease River, and no better land has the sun ever shone on. A day's drive will convince you of this assertion, and if you visit here, request some of our land agents to show you about it. There is a reason why this is the banner wheat county. We have the soil. For nearly 20 years we have been raising wheat, and our crops are bigger and better with each succeeding year. Among our farmers are former residents of Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and other wheat growing states, besides hundreds from the eastern states, all of whom are successful and are making money. You can follow in their footsteps.

Land is now selling at from \$10 to \$50 an acre, and there is no question but that within a few years it will be selling at from \$75 to \$100 an acre. Land that sold two years ago at \$8 is now selling at \$35. We have thousands of acres of unbroken land, and want you to come and help develop and assist us in pushing this county further into the front rank of the best of the entire State. A little capital is essential, but energy, thrift, industry and common sense constitute the leading elements of success. If you have these and the will to use them, success awaits you in Foard County. Come and prove it.

Some Lucid Information

It should not be necessary to remind any Texan of the advantages which he by location and environment enjoys. But, to slightly alter a familiar saying, on account of its immense territory, one-half of the state knows not how the other half lives. Texas is so varied in her climate, topography and soil, in her geographical formation, her minerals and her natural growths that there is some excuse for the ignorance of even her most enlightened citizens as to the state's vast resources, their state of development and the opportunities they present.

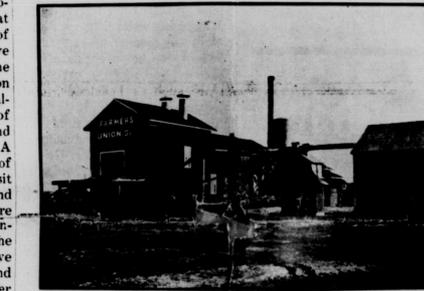
To more deeply impress upon the citizens of our state and upon all to whom these lines may come, these facts for the first time compiled convenient form, is the purpose of this article.

The territory of Texas seceded from Mexico and became a republic in 1836, the climax of which was brought about when Gen. Sam Houston captured Gen. Santa Anna in the battle of San Jacinto, near Houston.

Texas came into the Federal Union in 1845 - Anson Jones being its last president and Pinkey Henderson its first governor.

The first thing new comers are told upon arriving in Texas is that "They are now in the Lone Star State," second, "that Texas has licked Mexico by herself."

When we tell you that Texas has 274,000 square miles, possibly you do not get a correct idea



of its magnitude. In order to give you a more exact idea of its size, capacity and its soil, and its general resources, we call your attention to the following facts: Its area exceeds that of New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Maryland combined, and it would take 3,700,000 men single file to reach from Texarkana to El Paso. If Texas was a great trap door hinged on the state of Louisiana, and we could turn it over, it would cover the Gulf States, part of Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, North Carolina and the whole of South Carolina, and then a small portion of it would lap over into the Atlantic ocean. Texas is a state of magnificent distances; its longest distance from north to south is the same as from New Orleans to Chicago. Its greatest distance from east to west is the same as from Shreveport, La., to Charleston,

South Carolina, and is more than five times as large as the State of Massachusetts, and nearly all of it is capable of and is now fast being put into a high state of cultivation. This part of the State is developing more rapidly than any other - particularly the Crowell territory.

To show further the wonderful productiveness of Texas and its capacity to support human life: Suppose all of the 90,000,000 of people in the United States were crowded into Texas, we would have less people to the square mile than Great Britain. If the people of North America, Central America and South America were all forced to live in Texas, we would have less people to the square mile than in Holland, and our productive soils could be made to yield all the breadstuffs necessary to feed them, also cotton enough to clothe the world and still we would have enough grazing lands left to raise all the live stock we would need.

We raise now from three and a half to four million bales of cotton annually, nearly one third of the entire cotton crop of the United States, and yet not one-fiftieth of the cotton lands of the State are in a state of cultivation.

Texas is an important gateway of the continent to Mexico, to Central America and South America, to the Orient via the Panama Canal, to Europe via the Atlantic Ocean, and connected and in touch with all parts of the continent by the great trunk railways. Great is Texas' present, but greater is her future.



A Farm Home near Crowell

F. M. EDWARDS

Foard City's Old and Popular General Merchandise Store

Every man should be a booster for his home town and patronize home merchants. You take the merchants in other towns, they don't assist you in the slightest degree and it is to your own interests to buy of your own merchants, particularly when their goods are just as good and their prices oftentimes more reasonable. Mr. Edwards has been located at Foard City for several years and during that time has built up a reputation for fair and honest dealing, that he may well feel proud of. He carries a complete stock of groceries, both staple and fancy. To the farmers and ranchers that reside in the vicinity, we would suggest that you visit this store, you will be able to purchase your supplies in as satisfactory manner, and at as reasonable prices as they can be procured in the county. None but the best of goods are ever kept in stock and every article is guaranteed to be absolutely as represented. You will find Mr. Edwards an amiable and courteous gentleman who takes pleasure in waiting upon you and see that your wants are amply supplied. The only thing necessary to do is to call on your visit, and you will find a home-like greeting. It is the policy of Mr. Edwards to spare no pain or trouble to satisfy all his patrons and this is the secret of his success and popularity and the large trade he enjoys among the people of Foard City and vicinity. Mr. Edwards is also Postmaster of Foard City and received his appointment from President Taft he predicts a bright future for this little urban and growing town.

Great Is Texas

With her great area of 265,000 square miles, Texas has only about 4,000,000 population. Germany and Japan, with smaller areas, support 50,000,000 each.

With only about 20 per cent of her available area in cultivation, Texas is first among the States in many lines of production, including cotton, wool, and cattle, producing nearly a third of the world's cotton supply.

In many other lines of industrial growth, for instance, as grain, swine, poultry, etc., she occupies a position in the front

rank, is crowding for first place, and gaining steadily.

Texas is increasing in population more rapidly than any portion of Uncle Sam's domain, and the accession of new people embraces the cream of the citizenship of the older States.

To people of brain and brawn, Texas offers advantages unparalleled, her latent resources in uncultivated area, in forest and mine, in opportunities for engaging in business, and for the investment of capital in productive enterprises, being unexampled on the earth today.

With millions of school money on hand and with millions of acres of unsold school lands, which the world is waiting to buy, it will not be long till Texas will send her children to high-class schools, and not call upon their parents for a cent of school tax.

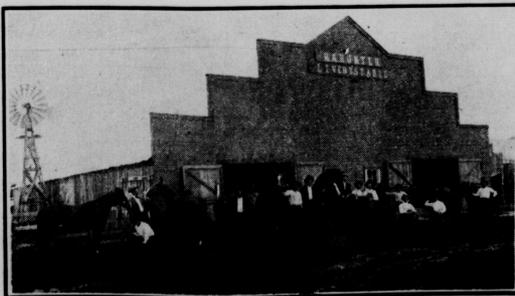
Lands Continue to Advance

For years past many of us have considered property in this section as a poor investment. Strangers came in, looked over the conditions and invested their money and as a result have made large profits by so doing. We continued to hold off and also see a rapid rise in the price of land and also city property, and thereby a person who had a little advanced price on his land, than foolishly, still others continued to come in and buy everything offered for sale.

At present it seems that the price of real estate is very high and it will continue to advance.

Many of us have abused ourselves considerably for not having brains enough to have sized up the situation better. If we fail to make investments now we will have cause to berate ourselves again before the year 1910 is gone. When you take into consideration the fact that land in this section is as productive, if not more so, than land in East Texas, it is certain to cost as much per acre before many years. Not more than three years ago, the nester who was foolish enough to take up a quarter section with the hopes of making a living for his family was considered by the wise ones as an object of pity. Today he is envied by those who had no faith in the future of West Texas.

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You Have at Our Store

\$10,000 Stock of Groceries

From which to select your supplies. The entire stock consists of the best brands of Staple and Fancy Groceries that can be bought. The best at reasonable prices is always the cheapest in the long run. A large stock of shelf hardware is always carried in connection.

J. H. Self & Son

MEAT MARKET
The Pre-Eminent Meat Market of Crowell and Foard County.

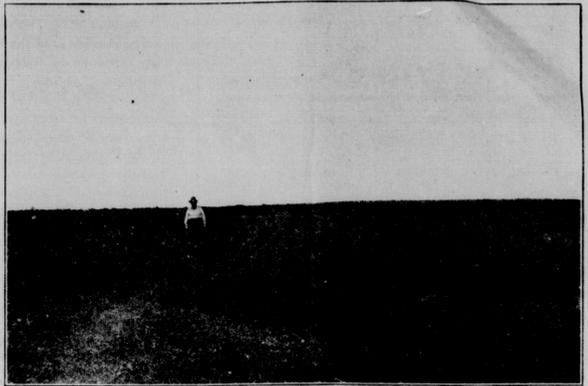
One of the most essentials in the material welfare of this life is good wholesome and fresh meat, and in the supplying of this requisite none are better adapted or understood than does Mr. Fenton. Mr. Fenton has succeeded the firm of Messrs. Fenton and Smith, and is now conducting his business at the old stand on the North Side of the Square. This gentleman has had years of experience in his chosen calling, and no one understands the wants of the people in this particular line, than he does. His market is equipped with large and costly refrigerators, and the meat stands and racks are modern and up-to-date. Everything about the place is kept scrupulously clean and neat, and display an appearance

of propriety that is pleasing to the eyes of all. The selection of housewives throughout this section who obtain their daily supply of meats at this establishment. He buys and feeds his own cattle, and before killing each and every animal is thoroughly inspected by Mr. Fenton personally and must be in prime condition. He makes his own sausage and lard and their Breakfast bacon and Hams are of the superior quality. Mr. Fenton deserves great praise and commendation for the able manner in which he conducts his establishment and for the manner in which he displays his good citizenship by aiding any enterprise that is for the city and county's welfare and future prosperity and growth. The Foard County Booster Edition is pleased to accord him prominent mention in its columns and trust for a continuance of his success and prosperity.

Land Prospectors
This all over Foard county good, and a man does not have to buy two sections in to get a forty acre field. Fully ninety per cent of the land is tillable and low prices and long terms for payment are the rule. There is seldom a day that one or more land prospectors are not seen in our community, and the large majority of them locate here. They can't help it when they see our country and examine the soil. At the present time the prospects were never better for a heavy crop of wheat in our county. There is a reason. The soil and climate here are so peculiarly adapted to such a cereal, that a full failure has never been recorded in the known history of the country. Those who have come here recently, have come here to stay. They have all prospered and want their friends to do likewise.



A Cozy Country Home in Foard County



A Wheat Field in Foard County.

BEN M. GREENING

New and Second Hand Household Goods Bought and Sold.

Wherever and whenever a want has been created in any branch of business or department of human effort, there has invariably been found some one capable of satisfying it. Some time ago the subject of our sketch, Mr. Ben M. Greening, came to the conclusion that a well-kept up-to-date new and second hand Furniture store conducted according to modern ideas and in a business manner would prove profitable. Having conceived the thought, he lost no time in carrying it into execution, with the result that today Crowell has in his establishment an essentially modern up-to-date place where can be purchased all kinds of new and slightly used furniture, such as bedsteads, dining room and parlor tables, mattresses, stoves and household goods of all kinds. In purchasing the above articles from Mr. Greening you can fit up your home at a much less expense than when you purchase elsewhere. Bear in mind that the goods here are not old broken furniture, but the kind that has been used but a short time, and in many cases, simply shop worn furniture. Mr. Greening has recently purchased the agency for the San Angelo Laundry and he calls at your residence for laundry twice a week. This is one of the best known in West Texas and they handle the work in an expeditious manner. The Foard County News is pleased to add Mr. Greening and his enterprise to its already long list of Foard county industries and hope for his success and popularity.

West Texas Prosperity

This section is attracting the homeseeker and investor more and more, as its prosperity continues. Where else in equal area can be found the elements that go to build an enduring prosperity, in as great number and variety. For the past five years, the seasons in West Texas have been all the farmers and the cattlemen could wish, and there is every reason to believe that they will continue as regular as they are in any part of the Southwest. Aside from its proven agricultural excellence, it has a mineral wealth that is as yet untouched. All the elements for the construction of an empire are heaped in the mountains or inhere in the magical soil. The foundation for gigantic manufacturing enterprises are on all sides in abundant evidence. Nature has designed this section as a great laboratory of wealth and industrial center, by placing in close relation all the materials for such accomplishment. No need to seek outside the bounds of West Texas the greatest opportunities for wealth and development that exist today in this country; while the natural conditions and cost of living are better than in the east and north.

CLAUDE STUBBLEFIELD

The Popular and Up to Date Grocer. The Place to Get Good Things to Eat.

That Margaret is fast becoming a leading mercantile center of this, Foard county, no one will deny. And in the history of the town's past and present progress in this respect, it is just and proper that we give special mention to those firms whose honest, conscientious methods and liberal treatment of their patrons, has brought about this happy condition. So we will now call the attention of our readers to that popular Grocery Store of Mr. Claude Stubblefield, whose enterprise stands out conspicuously among the important mercantile establishments of Margaret and Foard county. It has never failed to please its patrons and its popularity and standing has already reached a high place. The stock carried is extensive and up to date in every particular, and there is every evidence that it has been secured from the largest wholesalers and manufacturers, which means that all goods conform to the pure food laws. In fact, the stock here, there are few towns that can boast of a more up-to-date exclusive grocery. And it should be the duty of all our citizens in this vicinity to give this establishment encouragement and support. A history of Foard county furnishes us with no more worthy business concern than this one, while as a business man and enterprising citizen, few if any have displayed a deeper feeling of personal interest in the upbuilding of their county and home town than has this gentleman. Mr. Stubblefield is deserving the commendation and esteem of all our citizens for the able and willing manner in which he has given encouragement and support toward the upbuilding of his home town and Foard county, and the Foard County News is pleased to give him and his popular establishment special mention in its Special Souvenir Edition and trust for a continuance of his success and popularity.

Foard County is the Place

What's the use of your spending the remainder of your days, on that old worn out farm, when there is a new country like Foard county. Where you can raise ten times more products on the land and where you can buy land very cheap? Why don't you come on and tell the folk to follow when they can. There is plenty of homes here for you all, but you come first and the rest will fall in line after your first letter home. There are many things which we could tell you about but the one that is closest to our heart is the home question. We want to see you get a home here in Foard county, where you can prosper and not stay on the old homestead where the land was played out years ago. Its penny wise to think that you can farm the same way your father did, because he was on the Virginia soil and you are on the old worn out ancient soil. We await your coming, assuring you a cordial welcome.

BAIN & OLDS

Own and Conduct one of the Best Meat Markets in Foard County.

Among the business men of Crowell and Foard county who have successfully conducted their enterprise for a number of years may be mentioned the gentlemen whose names head this article Messrs. Bain & Olds. They are recognized by the general public to be the best posted cattle men in this section of the State. In fact, for some time the people in Crowell and vicinity have learned where to go to get the best to be had in meat market goods, and that is to the popular and up to date enterprise owned and conducted by Messrs. Bain & Olds. These gentlemen enjoy as extensive a trade as any like concerns in the county, owing no doubt to the fact that they do business on the plan that "nothing is too good for their patrons," nothing but the very best meats, put up and served in a strictly first class manner. Everything coming from this establishment can be relied upon as being fresh and more than fair. Their ever increasing trade enjoyed, bearing testimony to this fact. Messrs. Bain & Olds have been residents of Crowell for some time and are highly esteemed by all who know them. Their life in our midst has been closely interwoven with the business and social interests of the town, they having successfully and ably conducted their business for a number of years. They are numbered among the substantial and successful business men as well as enterprising citizens of Crowell and Foard county, and have more than justly gained the esteem and good will of all who have come in contact with them. They have a well earned record for honesty and fair dealings with their fellow men, and may be justly accorded a leading position among the foremost business men and loyal citizens of Crowell and Foard county. A history of our city's past and present progress and standing as a residence and commercial center gives us none who have none more to build up their home town than have Messrs. Bain & Olds. They are widely known and well liked throughout both the town and country, and their many friends will be pleased to note the prominent position which the Foard County News accords them and their enterprise in this Souvenir Edition.

A New Discovery

Eighteen miles south of Crowell in Foard county, on what is known as the Moncus farm there has been discovered what looks like a good paying mining proposition. Numbers of samples of ore were sent to Denver, Colorado, to be assayed and the assayers report shows that the ore contains \$12.35 in silver, \$10 in lead and 40 cents in gold. The owners have received several very flattering offers from mining men of Colorado to develop the property but as yet no offers have been accepted, as the present owners feel assured that they have a good paying mine.

Will You Come?

A cordial invitation is extended to you, personally, to open an account at this bank. You can start with any amount you wish from \$1.00 up.

When you are once started with us and fully realize the many advantages of a bank account—real, actual advantages to you—we feel sure you will build up the account.

Why Not Make the Start Now?

First State Bank

The Guaranty Fund Bank

NON INTEREST BEARING AND UNSECURED DEPOSITS OF THIS BANK ARE PROTECTED BY THE GUARANTY FUND OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

R. B. EDWARDS & CO.

One of Crowell's Leading Trade Emporiums.
A Splendid Line of Dry Goods,
Clothing and Millinery Goods.

To the visit of Crowell the fact soon becomes apparent that this thriving little city possesses many reasonable and reliable business concerns whose able management and enterprising efforts and extensive business operations impart a feeling of confidence and security in its commercial life. And prominent among such institutions, and unquestioned leaders in their line is the firm of R. B. Edwards & Co. first and foremost leaders in dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, millinery and fancy dress goods.

Here is a trade emporium which for the magnitude of its business and the stock carried, the quality of the goods handled and the reasonableness of prices charged, has no superior in the county. This store is located in the heart

of the business section, and the store room occupied is 30x100 feet. The entire store is metropolitan in appearance, fitted out with all modern conveniences, and an array of beveled belgium plate glass show cases occupy spaces on the main floor, for the better display of ladies millinery and fancy goods, and nothing is left undone to make your visit an enjoyable one. The firm consists of Messrs. R. B. Edwards, J. C. Howard and J. D. Leeper, each of whom has had years of experience in commercial life, and are wide awake, hustling business men, who believe in treating the people right and giving the worth of their money. Both as successful business men and enterprising citizens, the gentlemen have won the highest esteem of the entire public. By honest methods and courteous treatment of all patrons, they have gained a trade envied by many of the large city concerns, while through their personal con-

sideration and support freely given toward the success of all worthy local movements they have won the distinction of being among Foard County's finest champions and most enterprising citizens. It is through the conscientious efforts of such merchants that our city and county will soon gain the reputation of being the banner county in West Texas. And it is with pride that the Foard County News gives them and their enterprise special mention in its Special Illustrated Edition.

Our Climate

The climate of Foard county is hardly excelled by the climate of any country. Her altitude is about 1600 feet above the sea level, and the air is pure, embracing and invigorating, which is the fountain head of all good health, and good health begets energy, thrift and contentment and with this success is surely yours.



H. L. HANKINS

Crowell's Leading Confectionery and Cigar Store

If there is any class of enterprises which the citizens of a live town like Crowell and Foard county wish to see conducted in a strictly up to date manner, it is a Soda Water and Confectionery store. For there is nothing more enjoyable than a well made and cooling summer beverage, and the Foard County News does not hesitate to state that the cigar and confectionery store of Mr. H. L. Hankins is deserving of more than ordinary notice and comment. This gentleman is an adept in the making of all summer decoctions, and thoroughly understands his business in every essential way. A feature of his success and extreme popularity is no doubt due to the motto which he follows, "I study to please." A motto which deserves no little commendation. This establishment is kept strictly up to date, in both appearance and service, it is always neat and clean, and has the general appearance of wholesomeness. Under the able and experienced management of Mr. Hankins, this business has grown to a great extent in the past few months. When you visit our city or if you reside here, and you feel the need of something cool and stimulating or an elegant cigar, no better place than the above can be found to fulfill your desires. You will find Mr. Hankins courteous and agreeable and always ready to await your pleasure, and his motto of "I study to please," strictly adhered to. The Foard County News congratulates him upon his success.

Watch Us Grow

Three thousand people, all white. The centre of as good farming land as is obtained in any state, producing 10,000 bales of cotton yearly, and corn, millet and maize in abundance. The county seat of the banner county, for wealth, in the state of Texas. The home of the big watermelon, and the luscious Alberta peach. Where the Indians camped are beautiful homes, where the Byon grazed are verdant fields and fertile farms, where savagery and pagantry were once practiced are school houses and churches. Where you should come is to Foard county and to the city of Crowell. We have a modern city, with modern people in modern dwellings with modern conveniences, modern schools, modern churches and a modern way of making a living. If you read this edition and are not convinced that Foard county is the best place to move to, then you will remain forever where you are.

Our Special Edition

Extra copies of the Special Illustrated Booster Edition of The Foard County News can be procured for 5 cents per copy, call and get your supply before they are gone, as they are going fast.

A. H. CLARK & CO.

Crowell and Foard County's Only Exclusive Gents Furnishing Store.

The trading public appreciates such business methods as tends to elevate the character of trade improvements in store fixtures and furniture, promptness of service, originality in system, novelties in goods, all appeal quickly and forcibly to customers as tending to make shopping more pleasant and satisfactory. No firm or individual in Crowell or Foard county has done more in this direction than has Messrs. A. H. Clark & Co., who conduct one of the most complete and up to the times exclusive Gents Furnishing goods store in this community. They have forged to the front ahead of most business concerns in this vicinity, and they enjoy a trade that is creditable to their judgment and enterprise. This firm carries none but high grade goods such as Spero-Michael & Son clothing and Becker-Mayer Co. Viking System clothes, these clothes represent the very height of fashion. The celebrated Edwin Clapp and Walk-Over shoes, the Carhartt overalls, Wilson well dressers, the standard of excellence and style. The senior member of the firm Mr. A. H. Clark has had years of experience in his chosen calling, and one may say, was born in the business, as his father has been engaged in the above business for a great many years, and at present follows the same pursuit at our neighboring city of Seymour. Buying their goods in large quantities and taking advantage of all cash discounts they are enabled to sell at correspondingly low prices, and as above stated with years of experience and making a specialty of none but gentlemen's wear, they are naturally in a position to give you better satisfaction, than the merchant who makes the selling of gents furnishings purely an incident to his business. If you will notice the makes and brands of the goods handled by this firm you will readily understand why they have met with such great success. Their judgment in the selection of styles and patterns are at all times firm and sound and they have a thorough understanding of the needs of the best dressers of Crowell and this vicinity, and it is needless to say that their store are headquarters for the "men who care." It pays to dress well, increases your salary and raises you in the estimation of your neighbors. If you have a small degree of self pride and wish to always look neat and well dressed, the foundation of which is good articles, this is the store at which you can procure them. None but the best is carried in clothing, shoes, hats and gents furnishings and the styles and patterns are always the latest. The Foard County News takes pleasure in according Messrs. Clark & Co. prominent mention in its Illustrated Edition.

TEXAS ALERT REALTY CO.

One of Crowell and Foard County's Most Successful Real Estate Concerns.

The growth and increase in the population of any city, town or county is, to a large extent, due to the enterprising efforts of the real estate agents, for wherever one sees a prosperous and growing town, wherein there are few empty store rooms and vacant houses, it is a sure sign of real estate activity. And thus it cannot but be acceded that Crowell is blessed with a goodly supply of this most important line of business, of which is the Texas Alert Realty Co. The members of this firm, Messrs. Perry and Greer, are pioneer residents of Foard county and are well acquainted with the realty interest of this section of the state. And we might add right here that there is no better opportunity for a real estate investment than looking for a more desirable home, city property or farm land, we advise you to drop a line to the above firm, their list is exceptionally extensive and their reliability you will simply state that they have a clientele that they may well feel proud of. It has been the pleasure of this firm to give each customer its undivided attention and execute the business entrusted to its care as if it was its own. Upon this fair dealing method they have built up a business which is rapidly growing in the confidence of our citizens and farmers. If you visit our city or live at a distance, and you wish to make an investment, let them know, and they can put you in the way of securing some of the most desirable and greatest bargains to be had here. They will appreciate your business and give you valuable information and the best possible price. You will find them ready and willing to serve you at any and all times. Both as successful business men and loyal citizens, Messrs. Perry and Greer have lent their time and energy to the upbuilding and advancement of Crowell and Foard county and her resources and the Foard County News is well pleased to accord them prominent mention in the Special Souvenir Edition.

Thanks to Our Patrons

The business firms and private individuals who have contributed to the publication of this issue have our heartiest thanks for so doing in furtherance of introducing Foard county to the outside world. In glancing over the pages of an issue of this character and noticing the names, one can easily determine those who have the best interests of our county at heart and believe in furthering its advancement and progress. Some men cry from house-tops and jam wind about what ought to be done to let the outside world know of our county's boundless resources, while others in an unobtrusive way can always be found ready and willing to lend their aid upon all occasions. We ask it as a favor to ourselves and to the county of Foard that every reader patronize the firms mentioned herein to reimburse them for the outlay made in their advertising Foard county and this community.



Farm Scene in Foard County



The way they plow land in Foard County

BELL-ROBERTS LAND CO.

A Big Land and Abstract Company Doing a Big Business

Prominently engaged in placing before investors or home-seekers who desire to acquire real estate either in our city or county, the firm of Bell-Roberts stand pre-eminent. As to the bargains to be had in this vicinity, no one who has investigated will deny, that no better investment is offered, either capitalists or home-seekers, than Foard county offers at the present time, especially Crowell city property, while farm lands will never be lower than present prices, especially with the rapidly increasing population, and consequent prosperity of town and country. And listed with this firm are some rare bargains, and if the reader wishes to invest his capital in real estate where he can almost see it grow and expand, don't fail to call or write to Messrs. Bell-Roberts and find out the bargains they have to offer you, your surprise will be great and at the same time pleasant at their offerings. As to the reliability and standing of this firm, we wish to state that they are among the oldest established firms in our city, and that both Messrs. Bell and Roberts stand foremost among Foard county's citizens. They are probably the most respected and leading firm in its line in our county and the most responsible, their honest conscientious method of doing business have won for them a list of patrons equal to any like concern in the state, and when we add to this the fact that both these gentlemen are acknowledged to be as well posted real estate men as we have in this section, and that they are hustling, ambitious and enterprising to an unlimited degree. It may readily be seen that there is no safer and more reliable real estate firm in our section to do business with than these gentlemen. The News takes pleasure in according this firm prominent mention in its Special Illustrated Edition.

Texas One of Nine

According to the United States census of 1900, Texas was one of the nine states reporting agricultural productions in excess of \$200,000,000, as follows: Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Indiana. It is believed that a comparison of the net value of farm products would show Texas to be very nearly, if not quite, in the first place in that regard.



A Scene in Foard County

HERRING LUMBER CO.

A Firstclass Lumber Yard Selling all Kinds of Building Material

This firm carries an immense stock of building material and none but the best grades of lumber. There yards are centrally located in the heart of the business section, and they have a complete establishment as can be found in West Texas. You will find Manager Wilkison in the office whose time and attention is devoted to figuring on your wants, when you are in need of lumber or building material let Mr. Wilkison figure on your bill, you will be surprised at the reasonableness of their prices, they believe that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement. A well pleased buyer makes a good customer, and fair dealing is the open secret of their business methods. Every new purchaser of low lands in the county, is in the market for lumber with which to improve his purchase, and the Herring Lumber Co. cater to their trade by offering them their moneys worth and guaranteeing them absolute satisfaction in every detail. Every purchaser of a lot of the city's also a prospective buyer of the material with which to build his new home, and the same courteous treatment and fair dealing methods are extended to them as the sole inducement offered to obtain their patronage. Upon the business men of our city, the task resolves itself as to whether our city shall progress or stand still, and it is a pleasure to know that broad-minded and public spirited citizens are at the head of our business enterprises. It is not sufficient for the Herring Lumber Co. to do a large and lucrative business for themselves, but their broad views of life are shown by their being ready, willing and anxious to at all times contribute to any enterprise that will result in the advancement of our city and county. The News is ever pleased to add an institution of this character to its already long list of progressive firms and individuals and hopes that Manager Wilkison and the company he represents will have a long and prosperous life in our city.

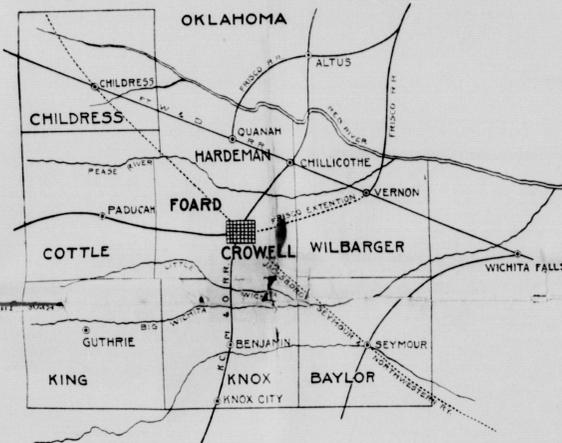
Send the News to your friend.

Crowell, Foard County, Texas

Crowell, Foard County, Texas, is situated on the Orient Railway, two hundred and four miles northwest from Ft. Worth, and borders on the celebrated Panhandle of Texas. A few years ago someone had a dream of the great city rising on the then home of the prairie dogs and rattlesnakes. But the dreamer attracted the attention of the outer world and people began to flock on to the barren waste, where soon was heard the sound of the hammer and the saw and the prairie dog town gave place to a city of houses and streets and churches and schools, and with most things that go to make up a modern habitation. Nearly two thousand five hundred people now make their homes where once a vast prairie was all that could be thought of. Crowell is a city of possibilities, its houses are a marvel for so young a city, and its business concerns show a push and enterprise rarely found in so young a town. Of its future we would hesitate to prophesy. There seems to be no limit to its possibilities, and in the estimation of the writer, is destined to be a city of ten thousand and, in nineteen hundred and fifteen. Surrounded by one of the finest farming counties in the great southwest, with a soil that not only produces cotton and grain crops in abundance, but is

Foard County, The Fruit Centre

In every country throughout the length and breadth of the world, fruits enter the list of the daily food of the people in proportion to the natural adaptability of the locality to produce them. Fruit bearing trees, vines, bushes and plants contribute more to the sustenance of man than any other production of the earth. Nature perfects fruit as finished foods, and they do not require special or artificial preparation, but may be consumed and assimilated as nature presents them. In this connection we desire to unite the attention of the reader to Foard County as a general fruit producing country. We do not deem it necessary in this connection to advance argument or testimony to establish in your mind her wonderful adaptability for this purpose. Until recent years, it was generally supposed that only the high hilly and rolling country, was adapted to the successful production or the raising of the Apple, but experience has gradually pushed the industry down the slopes and through the southwest until there are many portions of West Texas that have produced this excellent fruit, Peaches, Pears, Cherries, Plums and Grapes, as well as all kinds of fruit berries will grow abundantly, and with less attention than is required for the same



the home of fruits of all kinds. Crowell is the County seat of the banner wheat county of Texas. Wheat is the crop that makes cities. Will Crowell be a city of ten thousand someday. "Well I Guess Yes." The push and energy and grit that has replaced the barren prairie within a few years with a city of twenty five hundred people stops at nothing, and judging by the past we exclaim, "All things are possible." It is a prohibition town inhabited by a moral and christian people. The different denominations of religion are well represented. This city was incorporated in 1908 and the officials faithfully performed their duties in starting out on the right road to make it an ideal city. The present City Council have done much towards keeping the streets in repair and the city in a good sanitary condition. To our fellow countryman that lives in the more effete eastern states, we wish to say to you, that our women folks wear as good clothes and are as stylish dressers as you will find anywhere, and our men wear the best there is to be found in any city in the United States. If you come here looking for a land of coyotes and cowboys, your visit will be in vain, the cowboy has coiled his rope, hung it upon his saddle horn, tied his slicker behind his saddle, mounted his pony and turned his head towards the west. We watch him as he disappears over the western horizon, and with tears in our eyes and sadness in our hearts we turn aside, for one of the most picturesque characters has passed never to return.

species in more northern latitudes. With the entrance of the small farmers, and in a great many instances they are northern and eastern men, after they have sowed their crops, they invariably commence with the planting of fruit trees until now there are not a few small farms in our county which are devoted to orchards. This coming season will see the fruition of the efforts of our orchardists, and the indications are that we will have a big crop of all kinds of the above mentioned fruits, and that Foard County will in the future be looked upon, not only as the Banner Wheat County of Texas, but as the greatest producer of fruit as well.

Births 122,000 Per Annum

Texas has the largest families of any state in the Union. We have in Texas 122,000 births annually, which is one birth every four minutes. We have 43,734 deaths, which is one death every twelve minutes. We have a net gain in population of 10 per hour, or 78,000 per annum. Our birth rate is 33 per 1,000 population and our death rate about 11 per 1,000 population, making a net gain of 22 per 1,000 population per annum. It would take the stork (deducting 30 per cent natives who leave the state) 65 years to double our population at the present rate of speed. If we had the population per square mile that Illinois has, we would have 32,000,000 inhabitants, instead of 4,000,000. In justice to



Residence of F. N. Bell, Crowell, Texas

J. W. EVANS

One of Margaret's Popular and Leading General Merchants

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the General Merchandise establishment conducted by Mr. J. W. Evans. Everything good to eat in groceries is carried in stock and no goods are handled but those that are pure and wholesome. Special pains have been taken to stock this store with none but high grade and dependable goods and you will find the shelves and counters filled with the very best and purest of groceries, canned goods, etc., all of which have been procured from the most reliable jobbers and manufacturers and in large quantities, and they are sold at the most reasonable prices. This is one of the most popular stores in Margaret and you are invited to pay it a visit and see what bargains they have to offer you for a little money, it is up to the most loyal and up to date business methods of such reliable men as Mr. Evans that have made Margaret the trading center it is today. Not alone as a business man of exceptional ability, but also as an industrious citizen, and one who has always been able and willing to lend his aid and assistance to all enterprises that are lauded for the sole benefit of our public comment and notice. The News joins with all friends and patrons in wishing Mr. Evans continued success and prosperity and we further advise all our readers to call and become acquainted with Mr. Evans. You will find him agreeable and sociable and always ready to entertain and make your visit pleasant. In all movements tending to the uplifting and progress of Margaret he is foremost.

Improvements in Progress

There are now in course of construction six business brick buildings and a \$60,000 court house. Three other business houses and a 100-room hotel are in contemplation for the immediate future. A grain elevator is being completed and another is figuring on going in. Work has been in progress on a light plant for some weeks and will be ready for operation in a short time. Parties are figuring on an ice plant and a laundry, and no one doubts that within a few months these will be numbered among the enterprises of our city. The water works proposition is being considered and will without doubt be settled within this year. These are a few of the present conditions in Crowell.

Spirit of Unity

There is a manifest spirit of unity among our people in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of our town and county materially, commercially and religiously. Reason characterizes our people in these matters.



Thrashing Scene in Foard County



Working on New Court House

DR. R. O. WATKINS

One of our Most Successful and Popular Margaret Drug Stores

Among all classes of business there is none more necessary to the general health and welfare of any community than a first-class drug store, for it is here that we obtain the many remedies for the relief and cure of ailments and disease. And foremost among the drug enterprises in Foard county may be mentioned that of Dr. Watkins. As to the strength and popularity of this enterprise no comment is needed, as its years of continuous business life in our midst has been one of more than ordinary progress and success. As a place to procure the purest of drugs, and the best of medicines, toilet articles, drug sundries, etc. there is no like enterprise in the county that stands out more conspicuous and where the above articles can be had as at reasonable prices. While in the prescription department, which is under the exclusive and entire charge of Dr. Watkins, has won the patronage of the entire community, for the able and conscientious manner in which he accords all patrons the highest degree of satisfaction, he is one of those ambitious, wide-awake business men who leaves no stone unturned to please his patrons, and one of the principal features of his ever increasing popularity, has been the manner in which he has competed with the larger city stores. He knows where to secure the best goods at the very lowest prices, direct from the manufacturer and jobbers, and there has been no instance since he began doing business in Margaret, that he has not been able to sell any article in his large stock for just as little money as the same goods could be bought at any like store. It is men of the calibre of Dr. Watkins that have made Foard county what it is, and will push her further to the front as the trading center of northwest Texas. The Foard County News adds its congratulations to Dr. Watkins on his success and accords him mention in its Special Illustrated Edition. Dr. Watkins is also a practicing physician and stands foremost among the physicians of Foard county.

An Evidence of Growth

As an evidence of the growth of the population of our town and county within the last year, we point to the sale of postage stamps and the issuance and payment of money orders. Comparing these for 1908 and 1909 the figures stand as follows.

Sale of stamps \$5113.77 as against \$3729.01 for 1908.
Money orders 1290 as against 504 for 1908.



Forty cars of Building material unloaded at Crowell

A Word to Homeseekers

To all those into whose hands this edition may fall, who are thinking of casting their lot in a new section, we have the following to say, by way of summing up the advantages of this section. If you are desirous of casting your lot in a section in which labor intelligently applied is always liberally rewarded with monetary returns in a section in which the social, religious and educational conditions are as good as obtained in any section of our country, we advise you to communicate with some of the real estate men represented in the columns of this edition and arrange to come to Foard county as soon as you can and assist in fostering and promoting its future growth and development, as it is destined to become one of the leading sections in this great commonwealth. There are sound reasons for making the above assertions, the natural and acquired resources of this section are without a superior in the great southwest, and the future looms up bright with promise for those who now take advantage of the opportunities offered homeseekers in this section.

After you have reviewed the various attributes of this section as represented in this edition, taking into consideration the delightfully mild climate that prevails here the year round the fertility of the soil, the commercial and industrial enterprises, the advantages offered a general farming country, as well as for stock and cattle growing and truck farming, we believe you will be sufficiently interested in the future of yourself and your family to investigate further and not stop until you have exhausted every channel of knowledge at your command, or at the command of the residents of this section, and when you have finally made your recapitulation and satisfied yourself beyond any preadventure of a doubt, that we have related to you nothing but the facts, have told you nothing but the truth, have made no single overdrawn statements, and rather than do so, have underestimated many items. We believe you will be justified in casting your lot in this section, where there are no extremely rich people, and no paupers, where the populace is just as ready to give a poor man a hearing as a rich one, where there is positively no discrimination as regarding the locality from which you hail. If you are honest, and honorable, if you are a hustler, if you want to get on in the world, if you want to be represented and treated like a gentleman should be treated, we again advise you to get in communication as quickly as you can

with some of the real estate people whose names appear in this edition. They will treat you right and you will naturally feel yourself obligated to the Foard County News for carrying the word to you that there is a place in this land of prosperity where the populace is ever ready to receive you and yours and give whatever consideration your manhood demands. We all pull together in Foard county.

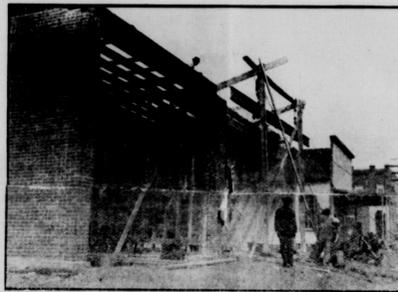
The Homeseekers Opportunity in Foard County

Traveling not long since on a Fort Worth and Denver train, a gentleman showed us a telegram which he had just received, making an offer of \$77.50 an acre for 100 acres of Tarrant county land, situated sixteen miles from the city of Ft. Worth. This is but a sample of the prices being paid for lands in the more thickly populated counties of the state, and it was an all cash offer.

The time has come when the man of moderate means who would secure a farm home at a reasonable price and on easy terms must seek it in the west where thousands of acres of virgin soil awaits the quickening hand of the agriculturist. Nowhere else can the homeseeker find such opportunities as are open to him now in this new and rapidly developing western country. The man who has spent years in an almost fruitless effort to wrest a living from the sand hills of east Texas or the clay beds of the eastern states will find here that he can culti-

rate the K. C. M. & O. railroad, with a strong possibility of another road in the immediate future, having a soil that produces all the cereals to perfection, not so high but that it rivals the best cotton counties in the state in the production of that staple. Foard county stands unequalled and without a peer. If it has not developed as have some others, it is because that hitherto it was off the line of travel and was passed by, the homeseeker selecting other localities, less favored by nature, for the sake of conveniences that could not be had here. But with the advent of the railroad a new era opened. Now all is changed, and the country has entered upon a period of substantial development that will continue through many years to come, for it is not the work of professional boosters and boomers. It has been begun by men who had faith enough in the country and its future to stake their all. It will be continued by them and by others of like character who come to make their home among us.

As a man without a dollar, with nothing to lose through the failure of the country and with nothing to gain through its success; as a plain citizen doing his own work in his own way, counting the consciousness of duty faithfully performed as greater than financial emoluments; as one feeling that interest only which every man should feel for the material, intellectual, moral and spiritual advancement of the people among whom he lives



A Building under Course of Construction on South Main street

vate with less work twice the amount of land, producing four times the crops, that he did formerly in his old home. The ease with which the land is made ready for cultivation is a surprise and a delight to the man who knows what it is to get ready the "new ground" down in the country of the sticks; while the work of cultivation is transformed into a real pleasure through the absence of the stumps and the roots, and the use of improved implements made possible thereby.

But this era of good lands at low prices on easy terms is not going to last a great while. The people are coming in crowds, in droves, by train, by wagon, just any old way so they get here. It is safe to say that those who come now will get the best lands to be had, at a lower price and on better terms than the poorest lands can be bought five years from now, though the amount of land that can be called poor is negligible.

Formerly those coming into this country, most of them, kept near to the line of the Ft. W. & D. C. railroad, as was natural. But now the roads are pushing out in all directions, and very soon this entire section will be covered with a net work of lines affording an ever ready market for the already vast products of this region.

Of all the counties of northwest Texas, none offers greater opportunities to the industrious farmer or the aggressive man of business than Foard. Situated on the Pease and Wichita rivers, crossed from north to south by

and works, the writer merely voices his heartfelt sentiments when he declares that Foard county offers opportunities to the homeseeker that cannot be surpassed in northwest Texas or any where else. Crowell Index.

The Commercial Club

The greatest power known to advancement of the modern town, and the upbuilding of the adjacent country, is a good live Commercial Club, and, in this Crowell is especially fortunate. Its purposes are the furtherance of the interests of Crowell and Foard County. Its meetings are held regularly and are usually well attended. All matters pertaining to the growth and development of the town and country district come up for consideration and the club stands ready to at all times assist any worthy or laudable undertaking.

All communications addressed to the Secretary will receive prompt reply. He will take pleasure in giving you the desired information, and should you desire to pay us a visit any member of the Crowell Commercial Club will take pleasure in welcoming you and in seeing that the advantages of this section are properly presented for your consideration.

Secret Societies

The optimist and the dreamer tell us that there will come a time when man will look upon mankind as his brother. In fact the tendency of the times is gradually verging toward that one point, that age when every man looks on the other as a brother, will, indeed be the



Lake Scene near Crowell

J. E. BRAY LAND CO.

One of Crowell and Foard County's Leading Real Estate Firms

There is no more inviting field for Real Estate operations than West Texas presents at the present time. The many public improvements in all bright progressive cities in this section, augmented by the rapidly increasing population in both country and town all contrive to give real estate investment a stability with assurance of rapidly increasing value, which would be hard to find in any other locality. This firm are engaged in the selling and buying of real estate and will make a trade and exchange property with you no matter where it may be, they enjoy a very nice patronage, making very liberal advances on land at a low rate of interest. They have confidence in our dirt and have plenty of money to loan on it. In addition they have an exchange department, and will make an exchange or trade property with you. The gentlemen who conduct this enterprise, Messrs. Bray and Baker are as well acquainted with the actual value of city property, and every section of land, as any men in this county, and the people with whom they have business dealings can rely on it when they put through a deal, that it will be honestly and courteously done. When an intending purchaser comes to them, they introduce him to the owner of the land and allow the owner and purchaser to arrange their own price, thereby placing no false fictitious values upon the land. It is this honest method of doing business that have won for them their large list of patrons, and all of the people that they have located here, have a word of praise to say of them, for the honorable manner in which they transact their business. This firm are always found in the front ranks of those that take a personal pride in pushing their home and county to the front, and are always ready and willing to aid and foster any worthy cause that is promoted for the city and county's better interest. Their offices are located on the west side of the square, where they will be glad to have you call, and they will be pleased to aid and counsel with you in whatever project you contemplate undertaking.

Then and Now—The New Southwest

You in the east, when you think of the Southwest, picture in your mind an endless prairie covered with mesquite, cactus and sage brush; you see the wild-eyed long-horn cattle, with now and then a lonely cow-boy, a couple of jack-rabbits running across the flat, and after two or three days travel, an isolated and dreary ranch house or some mountain in the distance. The sun glares down day after day, the heat waves rise quivering from the parched earth, and over all in the silence of the grave, save at night when the shriek of the wildcat and the mournful wail of the coyote make you think you have reached the spot where you can hear the cries of the souls in torment.

This the southwest of the novelist, and it was the Southwest in truth not many years ago. It is as though the genie of Aladdin had called upon his unseen hosts and made an end to the older order of things. There was no genie, however. The change was wrought by the intellect and brawn of man, and the only magic he used was the plow, and which as soon as it touched the earth, turned the supposed desert into a garden which "blossoms as the roses."

The ranch houses, bare and lonely, silhouetted against the desert sky, has given way to the prosperous farm home of a happy and contented people. The cowboy has turned farmer, and his wild-eyed charges have become the contented herds of Herefords, Durhams and Jerseys, well kept and well cared for. The prairie-dog towns have been transformed into prosperous villages and the old cattle trail is a well kept road.

This is the Southwest of today, and this is Foard County. We can tell you of the crops we raise, the money we make, the price of lands and the opportunities offered here, but unless you come and see for yourself you will never realize its true greatness. If you are tired of your condition back east, then we want you to come to Foard County while lands are cheap and opportunities plentiful.

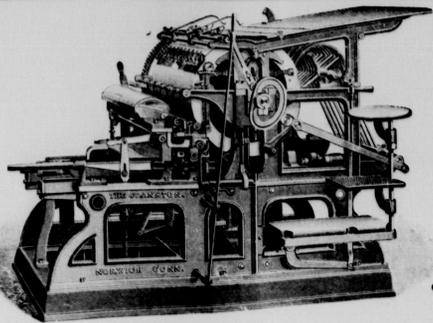
The Voicing Population

Within the last year the voting population of Foard County has grown from 800 to about 1500, a gain of nearly 100 per cent, and the fact is to be noted that the bulk of these new people belong to a class of thrifty and industrious citizens.



Cutting Stone for New Court House

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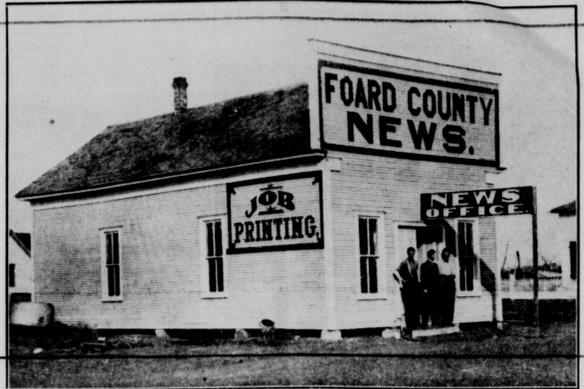


Newspaper Press of the Foard County News on which this Edition was printed

The Foard County News

Naturally many of our readers will be interested in knowing something of the newspaper plant that has put this issue out. We therefore give you a brief sketch relative to our equipment.

We might say that we have just passed our 20th birthday and are now in our 21st year. Not being interested so much in the history of the past as we are in the workings of the present and the developments of the future, and seeing no profit in the review of a career so checkered as has been ours, we shall skip



GIBSON BROS.

Headquarters for Harness, Saddlery and Shelf Hardware.

In every line of business there is of necessity a leader and the unquestioned leaders in harness and horse goods as well as guns and all kinds of ammunition in Crowell and Foard county, are the Gibson Bros., as they carry the largest stock of harness and are better prepared to take care of your wants than any other firm in the county. You can get any kind of a harness and at a price that will be satisfactory, and when you wish a fine durable and serviceable set, one that will fit your horse and increase his driving power, let them show you the kind they have, you will be surprised at the reasonableness of their price. This is one of those firms that are able and do buy their goods in car load lots, direct from the manufacturers and by doing this they get big reductions and are then enabled to undersell all competitors. You will find every available inch of their show room occupied with the very best in their line. Everything in the store and shop are kept in an up to date manner. Their work shop is commodious and modern in all particulars and nothing is left undone that will aid in turning out work. They will make to order a set of harness of any kind and you can rest assured it will give you satisfaction. They are the only firm in Foard county that can make your harness to order and they have the honor of making the harness for leading business men as well as for farmers and ranchmen. They do repairing of all kinds in a neat and satisfactory manner and their workmanship cannot be excelled. If you need anything in the line of harness, saddlery or anything for your horse they are the leaders in this line and they also have a comprehensive stock of guns and ammunition and shelf hardware. They will be pleased to have you call and will take great pleasure in showing you their immense stock of goods and we assure you that you will be pleased with your visit. The store and shop is under the management of Messrs. Gibson Bros. personally, who by their untiring efforts have succeeded in building up a business that enjoys the distinction of being the biggest and best place to purchase harness and horse goods in Foard or surrounding counties. You will find them courteous and amiable, ready and willing at all times to aid and counsel with you in your purchase and guarantee you absolute satisfaction in every particular. These gentlemen are of the wide awake class of citizens who recognize the benefit to be derived from pushing their home town to the front and the Foard County News joins with all friends and patrons in wishing them success and prosperity and predicts for them a long and successful business career.

TERRY GIN

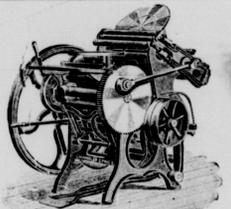
One of Crowell and Foard County Leading Institutions.

When we present to you the cotton interests of this section and the industries that have made Crowell the center of Foard county, we cannot refrain from mentioning the Terry Gin as among those who assisted through their money and business judgment to give their aid. This enterprise is under the able management of Mr. A. D. Wilson a gentleman who has had years of experience in the cotton gin business, and who understands the business thoroughly. The gin is thoroughly up to date and today presents an appearance that will compare favorably with any gin in the state. The capacity is one hundred bales per day. Farmers know that at this gin they can get prompt service, clean ginning and the best price for their cotton seed. All things considered, it is safe to say that there is not a gin in Foard county that does a bigger and more satisfactory business. Should you come to Crowell as a farmer, a merchant or a visitor, do not leave before you visit this plant, and see the workings of an up to date, modern cotton gin plant, for then you will get an idea of what an industry of this character and business energy means to an already live and prosperous city of thrifty inhabitants. You will find Manager Wilson ready at all times to explain to you the workings of the gin and your visit will be made both profitable and enjoyable. Mr. Wilson is one of Foard county's most conservative and ambitious citizens and business men, who realize the future in store for our city and county and who has won no little comment by the willing and ready manner in which he has helped to push all worthy improvements to the front. Such live and hustling and growing towns as Crowell need this character of men as they are the back bone of all communities. The Foard County News takes great pleasure in adding Mr. Wilson and his enterprise to the already long list of leading concerns in Foard county and trusts for a continuance of his success and popularity.

W. R. WOMACK

One of the Leading Exclusive Furniture Establishments in Crowell.

There is nothing more interesting to the editor and the citizens in general in looking over an edition of this character than to see our leading pioneer business men and their popular enterprises given a conscientious review. And it stands to reason that our history of Crowell and Foard county would not be complete did it not contain reference commendatory to that enterprising merchant Mr. W. R. Womack whose years of catering to the wants of our people in the Furniture and House Furnishing goods line has been one of success and perseverance. Strangers to this house should call and inspect his large and extensive line of furniture before purchasing anything in this line. Mr. Womack has placed an order with a large



One of the Job Presses in the News office

eastern manufacturer that will greatly augment his present large stock, and he will have the largest and most up to date, well made and substantial built furniture in Foard county. You will find Mr. Womack an amiable and courteous gentleman, willing at all times to explain his goods in a thorough manner and ready to aid you in your selection. His stock consists of a full and complete line of furniture including bed room sets, dining tables, folding beds, center tables, iron beds, chairs, mattresses, pictures, carpets, linoleum and every article you need to furnish your home complete in furniture. A new and complete line of undertakers goods and burial robes can always be obtained and all calls will be promptly attended to. An added feature of Mr. Womack's business is the agency for the White sewing machine, the easy running ball bearing kind, with rotary shuttle and automatic lift, the kind that every lady like to have.

CROWELL REALTY CO., Inc.

One of Crowell's Most Progressive and Enterprising Real Estate Firms.

In point of influencing capital and immigration and developing Crowell and Foard county, the record of the above concern, for praise worthy work, is little short of phenomenal. The secret of success, however, is simple, when understood, as the gentlemen that compose this firm, Messrs. Power, Potts and Stovall, with F. C. Randall sales manager, are hustling ambitious young men, the kind that believe in doing things, and are of that modern and aggressive class of real estate and land dealers with up to the times ideas and pleasing methods, and sure of their ground. They thoroughly understand the real estate and land

the long and tiresome past and speak of only today and tomorrow.

On this page is to be seen a representation of our home, a 24x50 foot frame building, built within the last two years, the only exclusive home the News plant has ever had. The ground and the building at the corner of Commerce and Donnell streets both belong to the News. An interior view is also given, though it does not do the plant justice. Since the view was made a few weeks ago we had added about \$500 worth of new machinery. The plant consists of a 6-col quarto Cranston newspaper press, one 8x12 Chandler & Price jobber, one 10x15 Chandler & Price jobber, one Eclipse folder, one 23-inch Chandler & Price paper cutter, one Fairbanks & Morse



Interior View News Office - Left to Right, T. B. Klepper, H. L. Kinsey, Chas. M. Church

self. With courage in the right, and exerting all his efforts to the proper handling of his duties, Mr. Wright has made one of the best postmasters we have ever had and is to be congratulated upon his success. Mr. Wright is aided in the discharge of his duties by his able assistant postmaster F. J. Mason and his clerk E. H. Thomas. The office has recently been moved to a new building just completed on South Main street where there will be more room to better handle the increasing business and where all modern appliances are installed for the rapid handling of all mail matter. The Foard County News is pleased to give Mr. Wright prominent mention in its Illustrated edition.

business, having been taught its first lessons in the school of experience. With a full knowledge of the future possibilities of Crowell and Foard county, always developing their plans to their most useful and fullest maturity, and understanding the results to be obtained from effective advertising, that directed their efforts to that channel with the result that they probably have been the means of bringing more people to our county than any other one firm of real estate dealers in this section. It is not necessary for us to state that these gentlemen are good citizens, public spirited and progressive. They are rather aggressive in town and county building, and have proven it by their work. What they have done in the matter of developing our town and county is plenty and sufficient, and their place as among Crowell and Foard county's leading real estate and land men is secure. They are among the first to take hold of any public enterprise calculated to benefit the community and take hold with a vim and view of doing something. They are always pleasant and social and are never too burdened with business cares to greet and mingle with friends and are true blue in boosting Crowell and Foard county. The Foard County News takes pleasure in according them special mention in this edition.

2-horse power gasoline engine, one Boston stapler, perforator, 112 fonts of job and advertising type, 450 pounds of 10-point body, 75 pounds of 8-point, 25 pounds of 6-point and a big supply of leads, slugs, rules, borders, ornaments, etc.

But no one but a newspaper man knows what it means to this equip a plant. We say it not in a boasting spirit, that few county newspaper plants in the Panhandle are better equipped than the News. It is better prepared to carry forward its work in the further development of Foard county than ever, and to that end it will faithfully labor.

Elbow Room

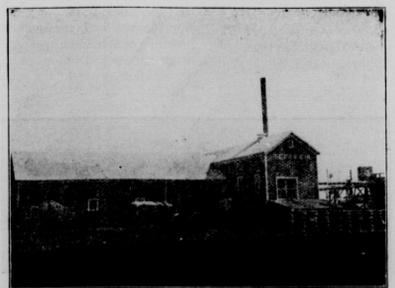
Elbow room is what man needs in order to get the highest exercise and loftiest developments of his powers of mind and body. An these broad Texas plains elbow room abounds, room to breathe, room to think, room to dare and do, room to live and love in conformity with the fundamental laws so congenial to man's nature and so essential to the full expansion of his soul in union with the proper growth of his physical organism.

W. M. Hall, Photographer

I am now located at Jim Russell's place, first house south of the bridge on Main street, and am ready to do all kinds of photo and view work. All my work guaranteed and at reasonable prices.



J. A. Wright



Land and Abstracts Farms, City Property

We are in position to offer you Foard County land in any size tracts desired, at prices ranging from \$5.00 per acre up. We have a complete set of Abstract books and make a speciality of that work. Any information relative to Farm Lands, City Property or Abstract work will be promptly given. Long years of residence in this county gives us thorough acquaintance with conditions which enables us to work to the interest of the homeseeker. Business appreciated. ☪ ☪ ☪ ☪ ☪

Bell-Robert Land and Abstract Company



Picking Cotton in Foard County

Wm. CAMERON & CO.

A Leading and Progressive Concern...
Lumber and Building Material.

One of the most necessary and important lines of business in any town is that of the lumber business. Crowell is well represented in this line of business and the Cameron Lumber Company has played a most important part in the building up of Crowell and Foard County by furnishing high grade lumber and builders material to those desirous of building. The able and efficient Manager Mr. Kirkpatrick is not only a successful business man, but is an enthusiastic progressive citizen, one who has great confidence in the future growth of Crowell. No worthy cause that has for its purpose the best interest of our town and county, ever goes without receiving the assistance and encouragement of Mr. Kirkpatrick. There is not a larger or better selected stock of lumber and building material in this county than can be found in the

Cameron Lumber Company's sheds and yards. This company with full confidence in the future rapid growth of the town and country adjacent, have erected immense lumber sheds in which they have stored away many carloads of lumber. No bill is ever too large or too small to receive the most careful attention, and Manager Kirkpatrick will esteem it a great favor if you will call and allow him to figure on your next bill of lumber, this is a very modest request and the writer assures you that you will be well repaid, you will fine all the attaches at this yard polite and agreeable and always willing to aid you in procuring your necessary articles. The Cameron Lumber Co. have from the beginning of their advent in our town, manifested a liberal public spirit toward the upbuilding of the town and county, and they could not have selected a man better qualified in every way to handle their business than in the person of Mr. Kirkpatrick. The News accords this company prominent mention in its Illustrated Edition.

Pitch Your Tent in Fo

Every man who...
County and pitches his tent is sure of three things, the soil yields abundantly, the harvests come, and happiness spreads over his balliwick as freely as flowers shed their perfume in Spring. Old mother earth in Foard County is buxom and prolific and needs but little coaxing to yield abundantly. Men delve and women spin, and frugality and contentment abounds on all sides. Crops just grow for the sake of growing, and to make the heart of man glad. Come to Foard County.

One Advantage

There is an advantage about Foard County which we would impress upon prospective residents. It is, that there is an unwritten law that no negroes be allowed to reside in the city. There are none here now, and it remains for the future to determine whether there ever will be. This, as we all know, is a very material advantage to a city.

McKOWN GROCERY CO.

A Leading and Popular Exclusive Grocery Firm in Crowell

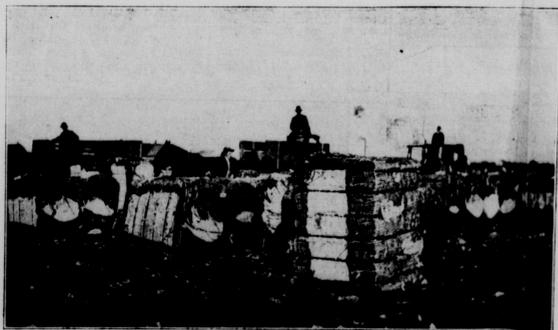
Situated on the west side of the Court House Square is to be found the well stocked and ideal Grocery Firm of McKown Co. So popularly known in the public mind as a leading concern of its kind in Crowell and Foard County. The business is conducted in a modern and commodious store room, well lighted and equipped with all modern store appliances. To say that this store is in the van of march of exclusive Grocers, is but to give the members of the firm their due. The stock carried is in harmony with those of the large city stores, embracing as they do food products of every conceivable variety, from the luxuries which appear only on the tables of the rich, to the necessities of the most humble. This firm enjoys as large a trade as any like concern in the city, not only with our citizens but the country people as well. Nothing is carried in stock that will not meet with the requirements of the

is always taken to keep the store and goods clean and neat. The business is under the able management of Mr. C. M. McKown who understands every feature of the business and who is extremely careful to allow no goods enter their store that will not conform to the above law. Perhaps few stop to think of the knowledge that is required and the constant care given to handle all the different articles and lines that form a grocery store of the magnitude of the above. This establishment is creditable to our city, as well as to the enterprising proprietors and stands out conspicuous as one of the leading firms in Crowell and Foard County. This firm consists of Messrs. J. H. and C. M. McKown who are experienced and up-to-date business men and who understand all the "ins and outs" of the grocery business and every effort is made to make their store the trading center of all our citizens and the new comers to Crowell and Foard County. The News in its Illustrated Edition of Crowell and Foard County would not be doing its duty did it not accord to this firm a prominent position in its Special Edition.

No census of Texas was taken until 1850, when it was one of the United States, but estimates of its population had been made at intervals prior to that time. In 1744 the white population of Texas was estimated at 1500; in 1765 it had fallen to 750; in 1806 it was estimated at 7000; in 1831 20,000, and at 1834 at 21,000. In September, 1836, the year in which Texas achieved her independence, the total population was estimated at 52,697 as follows: White 30,000; Mexican, 3,470; Indians, 14,000; Negroes, 5000. At the census of 1850 Texas ranked twenty-fifth, with 212,592 inhabitants; in 1860, twenty-third, with 614,215; in 1870, nineteenth, with 818,579; in 1880, eleventh, with 1,591,749; in 1890, seventh, with 2,235,523, and in 1900, sixth, with 3,048,710. Of this latter number, 622,041 were negroes. The foreign-born population was 177,581.

Texas Points

There are fifteen hundred million people in the world. They could be set down in the State of Texas and each person could be given one-ninth of an acre of ground on which to live.



Cotton Yard, Crowell, Texas

The Quality Store

The Quality Store

J. W. Allison Dry Goods Company

Carries one of the largest and most complete stock of Dry Goods, Ladies and Gents Furnishings in North West Texas. We carry only the best of everything. You are invited to call at our store when you are in Crowell. ☪ ☪ ☪

J. W. Allison Dry Goods Company

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Money in Texas

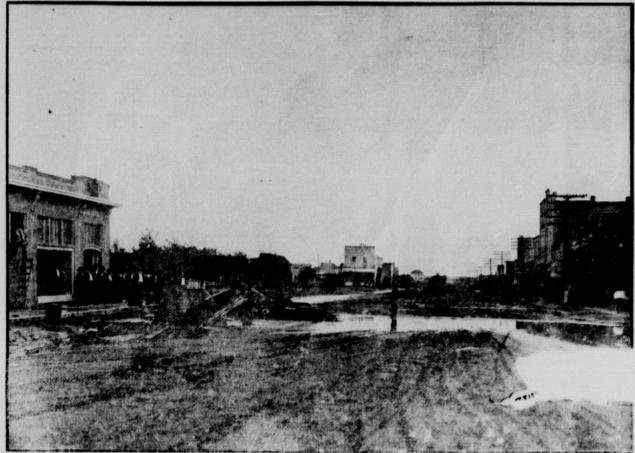
\$ Lands \$

Foard County, the Garden of the West, offers you unexcelled opportunities. Come West and make your Fortune while the Country is Growing. We have it. High class Farms, Ranches and City Property on easy payments. The opportunity is now yours. It will pay you to figure with us.

Crowell Realty Co.

INCORPORATED

\$ Crowell, Texas \$



Street Scene, Crowell, Texas

nection with a small farm where pasturage can be had and feed can be produced at home. It is one of the industries that will put money into the pockets and swell bank accounts.

What is true of hog raising and dairying is also true in the poultry business, and within the last few years the demand has been increasing at a high rate. Just at this time we cannot predict the height to which it will go. There are very few better opportunities of making money than that afforded by this business. It is seldom that a frying sized chicken sells for less than 25 cents, while turkeys at from 8 cents to 12 1-2 cents per pound bring from \$2 to \$4 each. The only trouble about selling eggs now at 40 cents per dozen is in not having them to sell. Here is an opportunity for profitable people and we know of no country better suited to this industry than West Texas.

There has been a steady influx of people and a gradual improvement in the way of building. Old shacks have disappeared and modern homes have taken their places. Many new ones have been erected on lots heretofore unoc-

cupied. And we have now a beautiful little city of modern and comfortable homes. One solid block of good brick business houses has been constructed, and a portion of another. And it might be well to say that contracts have already been let for the erection of a new postoffice, court house and other



Residence of Judge Robert Cole, Crowell, Texas



Cotton Yard, Crowell, Texas

most interesting dramas and society plays this coming season and a rich store of pleasure awaits our theatre going public. Such display of enterprise and determination to please should be appreciated and it no doubt will. The Foard County News extends its fervent wishes to Messrs. Bell Bros. and trusts that the forthcoming season will surpass their utmost expectations.

An Ideal County For Many Things

An exchange has the heading of an article, "An Ideal Country for Hog Raising." We should like to cover a little broader scope by saying this is an ideal country for many things.

Yes, it's an ideal country for hog raising. For health it can't be surpassed. For size of hogs we know of no place to beat it, and as to the cheapness of production, we have yet to hear of the country that can outstrip us.

Dairying is another young and growing industry that promises to be one of the best. And as the country develops this will increase in importance. The products of the dairy are high and the demand is great. This can be made very profitable in con-

BELL BROTHERS, THEATRE

Crowell's Popular Amusement Enterprise—
A Firstclass Theatre

Every town likes to boast of its amusement enterprises, and it is but right and proper that they should, for it is chiefly through these up to date devices that a town the size of Crowell takes on a metropolitan air and appears cityfied and progressive. And it is for this reason that the News wishes to call the attention of the readers of this special edition to the popular and highly appreciated theatre owned and conducted by Messrs. Bell Bros.

While this theatre has been established in our city but a comparatively short time it is rapidly forging to the front in popularity and patronage, conditions which are no doubt due to the fact that the Messrs. Bell Bros. at all times use good judgment and make diligent efforts to provide our theatre going public with none but the most wholesome and educational plays. They have a natural and sunny disposition and you are made to feel at home and welcome, and nothing is left undone to make your visit an evening of pleasure and recreation. They have arranged to present some of the



A block of Residence, Crowell, Texas

opportunities our country offers. They will some day be big paying pursuits.

What of Our Growth During the Past Year

A little more than a year ago Crowell was an inland town of 1200 souls. At this time our

buildings to be completed in the early part of this year.

Our civic pride has manifested itself in the building of some sidewalks, though in this particular we have only commenced. Much interest has been shown in tree planting, and now almost

college building, which is expected to be completed within this year. These are among the improvements we have witnessed during the last year. This year will bring its problems for solution, and conditions will demand other and greater improvements as well as new public utilities.

It would be unjust to fail to mention here the rapid development of the country tributary to town. Many new farms have been cleared up and planted to the various crops, which accounts for the heavy increase in the last marketed crop. With conditions favorable to the making of crops now planted and to those that will be planted this spring, there is going to be surprise at their enormity when the last bushel of wheat is threshed and the last bale of cotton is ginned.

The improvement we have made in our own lives in morality and piety, and we trust they do not suffer when comparison is made, are not so easily read. Besides, these are matters of too great importance to be spoken of in connection with our material growth.

In reviewing the past let us remember that it is just what we have made it. So will the future be.



Residence of W. S. Bell near Crowell



Residence of J. Gordon Witherspoon, Crowell, Texas



Farm Home near Crowell



Harvesting Wheat in Foard County.

SHAMBURGER

One of Crowell and Foard County's Representative Business Concerns

Since its advent into the business field in our city, the Shamburger Lumber Co. has enjoyed a splendid patronage, built up and maintained by a strict adherence to fair, honest and honorable business principles, placing higher value upon the firm's integrity than upon mere profit. The above firm's yard in our city is managed by Mr. Clyde McKown whom you will be pleased to meet, as he is of that amiable and courteous disposition who makes you feel at home and your visit both pleasant and profitable. The Shamburger Lumber Company's sheds and yards are ample and of great proportions and contains a full and complete line of all kinds of lumber as well as sash, doors, blinds and building material of all kinds. The building interests are of paramount importance in a comparatively new town and country and the facility for securing a full supply of first-class building material is appreciated by the purchaser. This company keeps a mammoth stock on hand at all times, maintaining it by receiving a constant re-supply from the eastern mills. Their favorable prices and fair treatment has been the means of winning much of their trade in the past and upon this same method they depend for future business, when you couple this with the courteous treatment accorded all visitors by Mr. McKown, whether they intend to buy or not, it is not to be wondered at that the Shamburger Lumber Company has met with success. If you perchance need lumber or any kind of building material let them figure with you, you will find them ready and willing to serve you, and we assure you your treatment will be both pleasant and satisfactory. The Foard County News in its Illustrated Edition are more than pleased to accord the Shamburger Lumber Co. special mention in this edition and trusts a continued success and popularity for this firm.

D. M. Ferebee, County Tax Assessor

Mr. Ferebee was born in the good old state of North Carolina and moved to Foard county in 1860. In 1905 he sought the office of Tax Assessor of our county, and the people through the exercise of their suffrage, choose him to fill this official position. He is a man of high honor and unquestioned integrity he has made a most efficient officer and being a strong and champion of the full rendition law, has great faith in its ultimate results in benefiting the masses, when, in time, the law is perfected. Personally very popular, and a Christian gentleman, one with whom it is a pleasure to come in contact and know. Mr. Ferebee's force of help is well organized and splendidly qualified, and he has fulfilled the duties and obligations pertaining to the office with fidelity to the public and great credit to himself. The efficiency of the management under Mr. Ferebee has caused honorable comment from all our citizens, and no better man could be obtained to fill this important office. The Foard County News in its review of the leading men and industries of Foard County takes great pleasure in according Mr. Ferebee prominent mention as he is considered one of our most able and leading citizens who never tires of boosting his home town and county, and believes with the rest of our citizens that in Foard county we have as good a section of country as can be found anywhere, and it will be but a few years, until our county will forge to the front, as one of the leading counties in the west.

G. W. Brillhart, Contractor

As a well established and reliable contractor and builder the Foard County News is more than pleased to accord G. W. Brillhart prominent mention, this gentleman is not a resident of Crowell, but resides in Abilene, Texas, and is at present engaged in the construction of the Foard county court house, a half tone cut of which appears on the front page of this paper. Mr. Brillhart has been a resident of West Texas for many years and has the honor of having constructed some of the most noted

Crowell Tailoring and Hat Company

When a man sizes you up! There is no better asset, a man in this age can possess than a clean cut, well dressed personal appearance. Many a man has tailored his way into the confidence and good graces of absolute strangers. Has tailored his way through coldness and distrusts. Has tailored himself into life's opportunities through sheer attractiveness of good hand tailored clothes. Good clothes are necessarily expensive. But they are tailored-to-order clothes. They are clothes to fit your body

W. S. Bell

The subject of this sketch W. S. Bell or as everybody calls him "Steve" came to Texas in 1884 and landed in what is now known as Foard county in 1885. He was born in the "Old Tar Heel State" of North Carolina in 1869 and while not a Texan by birth has lived here so long that he is considered a native son. One of our foremost and leading citizens who is always in the van, when any project is started that has for its object the growth and betterment of our city and county. He is a farmer by birth and occupation and at present owns and lives on one of our best improved farms about five miles from Crowell. He is a shining example of what a man with a little energy and push can do in Foard county. He has an interesting family and lives a life of ease and comfort. He is a gentleman.

BEVERLY & BEVERLY
One of Crowell's Active and Hustling Real Estate and Land Agents

This firm is one of the old business institutions of Foard county and one that is very rapidly coming to the front. They are men of financial responsibility and men who thoroughly understand conditions in this county. They know land when they see it, they know its capabilities and possibilities, and they are able to tell exactly what it is best suited for, and what, if anything, the purchaser can do with it. They have adopted as an iron clad rule that in dealing with the public they will sell no piece of property that is not a decided bargain, and that has not a future. They are enthusiastic concerning the future of Crowell and this vicinity and are showing their faith by their works. If you are at all interested in a change of location, if you contemplate such a move and figure that you want to go to the best country on earth, it will pay you to communicate with them, they will promptly answer any inquiries you may make. They are different from some real estate dealers who want the earth when a sale is made for a customer, but they do business on the principle of "live and let live" with a result that they have built up a business and a reputation that promises to be ever on the increase. There are no better or more reliable real estate agents anywhere than the members of this firm, and if you place your wants in their hands you are sure of a fair and square deal. Being among Crowell's firmest champions they have won the popularity and good will of the entire community by the conspicuous manner in which they push Foard county realty interests. They have an extensive list of city lots and farm lands and ranch property and will be pleased to answer any and all communications addressed them. This firm are not only agents but are sole owners of large tracts of land here.

D. P. Sink & Son

We wish to call your attention to the illustrations in this issue, the greater portion of which were made from photographs taken by D. P. Sink & Son. No comment is necessary as the merits of their work as the photos speak for themselves. Anyone desiring first-class portrait or view work done can do no better than to call on them at their studio, where no pains is spared to secure the best lighting and posing for each individual.

knees take them to this concern, and when they return them to you you will feel as if you had been presented with a new suit. That Stetson you are wearing or any other style of head piece in the shape of a hat, they will renovate and alter to this year's block.

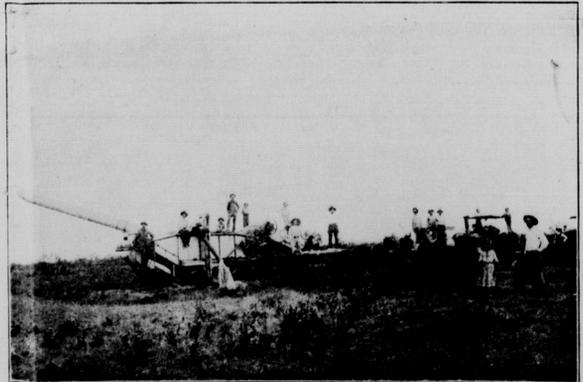


Residence of J. N. Bryson near Crowell

buildings in our state, among which may be mentioned the State Epileptic Asylum at Abilene costing \$400,000, the Odd Fellows Widows and Orphans home at Corsicana, costing \$65,000, this home is one of the finest of its kind. He has also just completed the Abilene High School costing \$35,000 and other prominent buildings in the state too numerous to mention. It is needless to state that his work is universally satisfactory as he employs none but the very best skilled mechanics and the materials supplied to him receives careful inspection before used.



Ranch Scene in Foard County



Threshing Wheat near Crowell