LOCAL HISTORY

By Miss Lena Martin.

Local History might be defined as a first-hand study of the home neighborhood. Its purpose is to cultivate a child's power of observation and in- clude in him the desire to make the causes of things known to him material with which to interpret the current and the unknown.

In this manner might fasten the facts of the local history of our subject might be "The Crosby County News." Of course, upon having subjects like this on the pro- gram: "A trip to..." (some nearby city of prominence); "Animals in pioneer days;" etc.

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

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

Clippings of recent events that are worth noting may be obtained by all and used in reference work.

Buggies! Buggies!

I am making PRICES on my stock of Buggies that will catch you if you want a first-class bargain in this line of goods. I am

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WAGONS and Implements

and also have a complete line of Shop Made Leather Goods

can save you money

Don't fail to give me a chance: I want to show you.

Planview, Texas

L. P. MARTIN

noted character in this region during the Mexican War.

Messrs H. O. Smith and Charles T. Haws were the pioneer settlers of Crosby county and located at Mt. Blanco where Mr. Smith still resides. This was in 1858 Mr. Smith relates many interesting adventures he had with the Indians, and many hardships he endured.

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

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

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

In 1887 John W. Murray came to the county and started a newspaper called the Crosby County News, which soon had a wide circulation in the East, and induced many people to come here. This displeased the Quakers, who did not want any immigration from east or south Texas, unless they were Quakers. Then a division occurred and the News began to advocate the removal of the county seat to the center of the country. This was done in 1889, at a special election held in October of that year. Emma was chosen and named for Mrs. H. E. Hume before her marriage, out of compliment to her. Emma is situated near the center of the county, and exactly in the center of the Solar System. Hence her future is secure. Hon. E. C. Covington was then Judge, Jeff S. King, Clerk, Will Standifer, Sheriff, Tom Wilson, Treasurer, etc.

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

Shortly after H. C. Smith located in Blanco County, the S R ranch, the St. Louis ranch (now known as the H. C. Smith) established out here, and in a short time they all joined against the settler and made it hard on him.


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Our Gin Assured

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

[Contracts listed with details of agreements and bonuses.]

The State of Texas. County of Crosby.

I, J. L. Benton, of the County of Crosby and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid to me by the 18th day of July, 1908, do hereby agree and bind ourselves that we will pay J. L. Benton, Emma, Texas, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of assisting in the erection of cotton gin in Emma, Texas, by the said J. L. Benton, said sum to be paid by the 15th day of July, A. D. 1908, and we further agree to haul for him 20,000 lbs. of material to be used by him in said cotton gin. Witness our hands this 4th day of January, A. D. 1908.

W. E. McLaughlin.
J. T. Mclhern.
R. E. Travin.

The State of Texas, County of Crosby.

I, J. L. Benton, of the County of Crosby and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid to me by the 18th day of July, 1908, by certain citizens of Emma, Texas, in consideration of the haying of 20,000 pounds of freight by said citizens, agree to erect in the town of Emma, Texas, on land adjoining said town, a two stand (300W) cotton gin, and sufficient power to run it satisfactorily, and I agree that said gin will be operated every season.

Witness my hand this 4th day of January, A. D. 1908.

J. L. Benton.
The Croisy County News
Chas. W. Watkins, Editor and Proprietor.

Entered at postoffice at Emma, Texas, for transmission through the mails as second class mail matter.

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Six months .50
Three months .25

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Display ads., 10 cents per inch per week; local readers 5 cents per line for first insertion, and 5 cents for each subsequent insertion.
All advertisements will be charged for until ordered out.

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District officers, $1.00
County offices, .50
Precinct officers, .25

ADVERTISING.
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No. 8515.

The First National Bank
EMMA, TEXAS

RESOURCES:

- Loans and Discounts: $17,359.93
- Bonds and Premiums: 10,492.50
- Redemption Fund: 500.00
- Bankers’ & Auditors’ Fees: 1,853.75
- Cash and Exchange: 41,925.00
- Total Resources: $21,814.08

LIABILITIES:

- Capital Stock: $25,000.00
- Circulation: 10,000.00
- Deposits: 72,950.33
- Total Liabilities: $11,814.08

We, as Directors, certify that the above is a correct statement of the condition of this Bank, as reported by the National Bank Examiner, at a close of business, on November 7th, 1907.

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DEALERS IN
COAL and GRAIN

And all kinds of Feed Stuff.

We carry only the best grade of coal and make the best price. We buy and sell all kinds of grain. Best Wagon and Feed yard on the Plains, in connection.

Come to see us when in Plainview, for we want your trade, and will treat you white. Yards near Depot.

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Good, fresh beef always in stock. A nice line of candy, cigars, smoking tobacco, cold drinks, etc., in connection. Good price paid for hides.

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Crowdus Bros. & Hume Company
INCORPORATED.

Coal, Grain, Hay, Hides, Wool and Furs.

Free Wagon Yard to all. Good lots, good stuff.

Located near the depot.

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If you are in the market for
Dry Goods, Groceries & Notions
And of course you are, it is to your interest to buy where you can get good bargains!

I am willing for CASH, and am making Low Prices. Try me for

Good Bargains!

R. M. SNELL.
W. F. Exell was in the hub one day this week.
Charles T. Hawes was waiting the streets Monday morning in his high-water shoes.
WALTER E. SNELL of Metcalfe, Oklahoma, visited his sister, R. M. Snell of that place, during the holidays.
He felt last week for his home in the new state.
J. Wilson Boyle returned the middle of last week from a combined business and pleasure trip to Oklahoma and other points.
Mr. Boyle looks a bit lonesome, as Mrs. Boyle is away on a visit to her mother at Birmingham, Alabama.
Prospects are favorable for the fall of 1908 to see three cotton gins in operation in Crosby county—one in Emma, one at Come, and the one at Baxted, the new town over east, which was operated through the season of 1907.
No excuse, now, come on with that big cotton crop.
Last week many important news items were left out on account of a lack of space. It seldom occurs that we will prosecute any person found cutting wood in said Ranches be immediately
not given any permission to any person to cut wood in the pasture and we must insist that the cutting of wood in said Ranches be immediately stopped, otherwise criminal proceedings will be brought against the trespassers who are known to the undersigned.
J. M. Carnahan has just lately moved his family into the little house recently vacated by Jim Austin, a short distance southeast of the court house in Emma. Mrs. Carnahan and children will remain in Emma while the present term of school lasts, and Mr. Carnahan will return to Post, where he has been at work the past few months.
A nice, slow rain visited this section of country Sunday afternoon and night, and as the ground was already wet from last week's rain, it was fairly well saturated Monday morning.
The fellow who has wheat is rejoicing, and so is the fellow who is selling, and thanks, Uncle Hank.

J. Wilson Boyle
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
AND
NOTARY PUBLIC

City Drug Store.
J. F. Littlefield, Proprietor,
EMMA, TEXAS

A full, fresh line of Drugs and Druggist's Sundries.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes,
Jewelry & Stationery

Glasses, combs, brushes, soaps, perfumes, cosmetics, pens, pencils, etc.
Everything fresh and clear. Give me a trial.

J. C. Wooldridge
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Yards at Plainview, Floydada, and Lubbock. Ask them about prices.
Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Mouldings, Lime, Cement, Etc.

Our yards carry the largest, best and most complete line of first-class Building Material to be found on the Plains of Texas. If you need building material, you should see us.

A. G. McAdams Lumber Company,
Dealers in
Lumber, Sash, Doors, Glass, Moulding, Bois D'Arc Posts, Pile, etc.

Let us figure your bill.
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J. F. Littlefield
Emma, Texas

I carry a fairly complete stock of

FURNITURE

Bedsteads, chairs, tables, mattress, kitchen cabinets, matting, etc.

I can also fill your order for

Undertakers Goods

Coffee in sizes from three feet up.

Plainview, Texas.

Fulton Lumber Co.
Dealers in all sorts of BUILDING MATERIAL. Carry a full line of SHIRWIN - WILLIAMS PAINTS and OILS. Figure with us.

Plainview, Texas.

COME, ALL YE HUNGRY!

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Board By DAY, WEEK or MONTH

Good rooms, clean beds. Everything right at the right price

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Preaching first Sunday at 11 o'clock m. and 8 p.m. Sunday School at 10 a.m. every Sunday. B. N. Martin, Superintendent.
J. L. West, Pastor.

Episcopal.
Preaching third Sunday in each month, at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Church Conference on Saturday before.
J. H. Richards, Pastor.

Lodges.
MASONIC.
Emma Lodge No. 931 A. F. and A. M. meets in Emma on Saturday night or after full moon in each month. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.
J. Wilson Boyle, W. M.
Will F. Ezel, Secretary.
E. B. Covington, Chairman.
J. M. Morgan, Judge.
J. C. Woody, Clerk.

Estacado Lodge No. 842, A. F. and A. M., meets on Saturday night before the first and third Monday in each month, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
W. H. Orand, W. M.
John English, W. J. Blanton, J. L. West, A. J. McConnell, E. A. Waller, A. C. Wilcox, E. T. Blanton, J. A. Pearson, and other citizens of the prosperous Crosby county get a good citizen, while Estacado Lodge No. 842, A. F. and A. M., meets on Saturday night before the first and third Monday in each month, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
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Courts.
District Court meets in January, April, July and October.
County Court meets 4th Monday in January, April, July and October. Commissioner's Court meets in regular sessions, and Monday in February, May, August and November.
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Sell the best Colorado Coal.
Handle Feed-stuff all kinds,
from a sack to a car-load.
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Wagon and Fe. d Yard in Connection.
Come to see us when you come to Plainview.

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Best reached by direct connection with the A. T. and Santa Fe.
BE SURE your ticket reads: Via Santa Fe all the way. Full information regarding rates, etc., cheerfully furnished.
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Emma-Floydada Mail, Passenger and Express Line.
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Plainview, Texas.