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SLATON FARMERS REPORT ON THEIR 1914 CROPS

A Most Splendid Showing
And an Open Challenge
To the Rest of the
World to Beat It.

After all the theories and general statements have been made about the Slaton South Plains country, the best evidence of its productiveness and prosperity is the statements from the farmers themselves of what they have raised. The number of acres they had in cultivation this year, the amount of grain they raised, the number of pounds their cotton produced, etc., tells the story better than anything else. The Slatonite secured statements from a number of the farmers around Slaton about three weeks ago about their crops this year for some Slaton country literature, and those statements are too good to keep from the columns of the Slatonite. So we will print part of them this week, and the rest next week. We challenge any section of Texas to produce as good an array of community agricultural wealth. One farmer raised 1,360 pounds of sudan seed per acre, another 1 1-4 bales of cotton, another 80 bushels of maize, another 85 of corn, another for 13 years has never raised less than one-half bale of cotton per acre. Another—but read the story yourselves as the farmers told it to us.

J. L. Coleman.

I have 75 acres under cultivation. My 20 acres of cotton this year will make 25 bales, the first picking running a bale to the acre. 55 acres of kafir and maize harvested by actual measurement 80 bushels per acre. I have been farming here successfully for several years.

Walter Robison.

100 acres are under cultivation on my place. 40 acres of cotton is picking one bale per acre. 12 acres of kafir made 70 bushels per acre. 5 acres of late corn made 35 to 40 bushels per acre. 33 acres of maize made over 50 bushels per acre. 10 acres of feterita made a big crop. My fruit crop is light on account of a late frost.

J. H. Standefer.

My crops this year consisted of 10 acres of corn that made 60 bushels per acre; 33 acres of cotton that made 1 bale per acre; 12 acres of maize and 35 acres of kafir that made over 2 tons per acre.

I have a bearing orchard of plum,



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cotton that made a bale per acre, 80 acres of kafir that yielded 60 bushels per acre, 140 acres of maize that made 2 1-2 tons per acre, and 30 acres of feterita that made a good crop. 10 acres of sorghum and 6 acres of kafir were used to fill the 190-ton silo. 15 acres of sudan threshed 15,000 pounds of seed which they sold for \$1,000, and they also made a second cutting on the hay. Their sweet potato crop was very large. One row 160 yards long yielded 1,600 pounds of potatoes.

I had 147 acres under cultivation on my place. 50 acres of cotton will give me at least 40 bales. 35 acres of maize made 2 1-2 tons of heads per acre. 30 acres of kafir made a big crop, and I used 17 acres of it to fill my 200-ton silo. 12 acres of feterita made a good crop. 10 acres of sudan threshed 8,000 pounds of seed which I sold for \$1,250.

E. E. Roos of Plainview was in Slaton last week looking after business before the court. Mr. Roos claims the distinction of being the first citizen of the town of Slaton. He was formerly with the Santa Fe Railway Company as superintendent of construction, and in that capacity built the Coleman Cut off and the Lamesa branch. The Cut off was built as far east as the Cap Rock before the Lamesa road was started. In those days Mr. Roos camped on the prairie where the future division point of Slaton was planned to be, and the city was represented by ten Pullman cars that afforded offices, Harvey meals, and sleepers for the entire office force which he brought with him. For the past three years he has been in Plainview where he owns a large machine shop.

A. C. Benton sold his herd of twenty-five durham cows to J. P. Posey last week at \$47.50. A year ago Mr. Benton bought these cows from Mr. Posey at \$40.00 per head, and he figures that the increase in price and the calf crop has made him seventy-five per cent on his investment. The only expense he incurred in the keep of the cattle for the year was grass pasture. A. C. says the cattle business still looks good to him, and he doesn't know of any reason why the market should lower any in the future. He thinks it will go yet higher.

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apple, and peach trees that average seven years old, and I am proud to say that I have been raising crops on my Slaton farm for THIRTEEN YEARS WITHOUT A CROP FAILURE.

H. H. Embry.

I farmed 85 acres this year. 18 acres of cotton is picking three-fourths of a bale per acre. Six acres of corn made 55 bushels per acre. 61 acres of maize and kafir made 2 1-2 to 3 tons per acre.

I have been farming here 13 years, and there never has been a year that I have not made one-half bale or more of cotton per acre. During the years of 1911-12 the grain crops were short but the cotton crops were good. In the years of 1905-06 I raised 70 bushels of corn per acre each year, and over a bale of cotton. I have a small orchard and have had some fruit from it each year.

Clem Kitten.

My crops this year consisted of 185 acres of maize that yielded 2 1-2 tons per acre; 7 acres of kafir that made 3 tons per acre; 8 acres of corn that made 68 bushels per acre, and 4 acres of heavy sorghum, 7 acres of good fet-

erita, and 2 1-2 acres of sudan.

I had also 13 acres of millet that gave two heavy cuttings, the first cut totaling 6,000 bundles. 3 acres of alfalfa sowed in May and never irrigated gave two cuttings, the first making a ton to the acre and the second one-half ton. The roots are now over two feet long and well set with bacteria nodules. The soil was never inoculated for alfalfa.

I have two acres of peanuts that I am letting 33 hogs gather for me. Everything planted in our garden made splendid returns.

This is my third year on my Slaton farm, and I have raised good crops every year. I tended all my land myself.

Joe Kitten.

I farmed 184 acres this year, doing all the work of preparing the land, planting the crops, and cultivating them without any hired help, or assistance from my own family. Over half of my crop was on sod land.

132 acres of maize yielded 2 1-4 tons per acre, 7 acres of kafir made over 2 tons per acre, 8 acres of feterita made over 2 tons per acre, 5 acres of sudan made a good crop, 10 acres of sowed sorghum gave two cuttings for the season, 6 acres of heavy millet made two cuttings and 8 acres of peanuts I am feeding to 40 head of hogs by letting them gather the nuts themselves. The hogs are making splendid growth and taking on flesh on the peanut diet. The peanuts made a good crop.

I have 4 acres of corn that I haven't husked yet, and have 4 acres of alfalfa that was sowed July 25th. I had two acres of Egyptian wheat that made 100 bushels per acre. We had more tomatoes, potatoes, and all kinds of garden truck all season than we could use.

This is my second year here, and my crops last year were fine. The rainfall at my place for 1913 was 32.60 inches, and up to the present date (October 20th) this year it has been 33 inches. You can see by the crops I raised that I didn't have much time to give to

cream, butter, eggs, etc.

Kafir, maize, and peanuts are my favorite crops.

The Posey Farms by J. P. Posey.

The Posey farms six miles northwest of Slaton have 540 acres under cultivation, and the total crops harvested thereon this year would have brought \$10,000 had the markets remained normal.

We have been farming here for six years with splendid success. Last year we kept a ledger on our farming, and the result showed that after paying all expenses of raising the crop and ginning it our cotton netted us \$22.50 per acre. We had 140 acres of peanuts that averaged 35 bushels per acre.

My father, J. B. Posey, and his sons at home had 400 acres under cultivation this year. There were 127 acres in

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Local and Personal.

Four immigrant cars unloaded at Slaton this week.

C. C. Hoffman went to Coffeyville, Kansas, last week on a business trip.

The work of pouring concrete for the big piers on the Santa Fe bridges in Sand Creek Brakes south of town is moving on well, and the work of placing of steel and woodwork will be commenced.—Post City Post.

A Sunday-school teacher was quizzing her class of boys on the strength of their desire for righteousness.

"All those who wish to go to heaven," she said, "please stand."

All got to their feet except one small boy.

"Why, Johnny," exclaimed the shocked teacher, "do you mean to say that you don't want to go to heaven?"

"No, ma'am," replied Johnny promptly: "Not if that bunch is going."—Delineator.

On Oct. 31st Mrs. Clyde Pogue entertained a number of the Slaton young people.

The house was decorated to suit the occasion, black cats and ghosts of every description peeped from dark corners. The guests were well masked and while the hostess rendered a march the ghosts marched thru the house and out into the yard, where each of them unwound their fortunes, after which they unmasked and were invited into the parlor, where some time was spent in telling ghost stories. Joe Kuykendall won high honors by telling a story which really "made the hair stand straight on it's end." Many interesting games were successfully played. Exquisite music was rendered by Misses Dillard and Talley and Messrs. Sowell, Higbee, and Beal.

A course of delicious popcorn balls and grape juice was served to the following: Misses

Whalen, Brazel, Talley, McReynolds, Dillard, Joplin, Nix, Klattenhoff and Sowell. Messrs. Beal, Sowell, Higbee, Foster, Olive, Hubbard, Kuykendall, B. N. Joplin, Arbie Joplin.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR

By Ascertaining Proper Diet, and Sticking to It, a State of Good Health May Be Kept.

The garden is a great medicine chest. Be your own doctor and look to your own slight ailments.

If you are wakeful eat lettuce. For affections of the skin and for yellow skin eat onions. Onions are also good for colds, coughs, scrofula.

For a torpid liver eat freely of asparagus.

If the bowels are diseased try blackberries.

For malaria and general breakdown eat cranberries.

If nervous and irritable eat plenty of celery.

For constipation eat fruits, ripe and healthy fruits. Fresh fruits are good; so are figs and dates. Raisins are beneficial.

When the body is in good condition keep it in good condition by denying the appetite what has once injured the body. One can do everything for himself by eating the right thing and not too much of it, and by leaving alone the wrong thing and all of it. He can do more than doctors can do for him when he is flat on his back in bed.—Nautifus.

DISAPPOINTED ESCORT.

This is a story of a gunboat in Belfast lough a short time ago. The nearest Ulster volunteers heliographed a message to her commander on a Sunday morning asking if any men were coming ashore to church, as, if so, they wanted to form a guard of honor. The commander signaled back that 50 men were going ashore to church. The guard of honor was formed and lined up to receive the men as they came ashore. And then it turned out that the whole 50 were going to mass. The guard of honor disbanded at once.—Manchester Guardian.

COFFEE HEATED INSTANTLY.

For restaurant purposes a coffee heater has been invented which injects a jet of steam into a cup of cold coffee just before it is served, to save impairing its aroma by keeping it at a high temperature for hours.

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PROPOSED TO FAMOUS NURSE

Mortally Wounded British Soldier Hied Florence Nightingale's Promise to Wed.

Probably the most unique old couple in the United Kingdom live at Dry street, Langdon Hills, Essex. Mr. George Mihill, the husband, has served through the Crimean war and the Indian mutiny, while his wife was also present during the war, and knew Miss Florence Nightingale intimately. The old couple celebrated their golden wedding a short time ago.

In an interview, Mrs. Mihill told how, when traveling in the Crimea when the war broke out, she fell ill with scarlet fever, and was nursed back to health by Miss Nightingale.

"I recall," she says, "on one occasion a corporal named Persill had been brought into the wards mortally wounded. Miss Nightingale took special interest in his case, as he confided to her that he was the only support of a widowed mother. 'Oh, Miss Nightingale,' the man said one day, 'how I would like to marry you.' 'Get well, my man,' replied the nurse, 'and you shall.' Was it only to give him a fighting chance for life and to cheer him up that she said this?"

PARLIAMENTARY "BULLS."

An Irish member of parliament, speaking of suicide, said "The only way to stop it is to make it a capital offense, punishable with death." It was the same member who assured the house that "As long as Ireland was silent under her wrongs England was deaf to her cries," while it was during a debate on the scandal of packed juries during the Irish

troubles that a member in support of the government exclaimed, "By trial by jury I lived, and, with the blessing of God, with trial by jury I will die."

There was a wild howl of delight, too, when some prosy member was careless enough to remark, "The time has come and is rapidly arriving," which is equal to the cry of the member who wished a motion was "at the bottom of the bottomless pit."

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Invention of Engineer Destroys Not Only the Grasshoppers, But Also Their Eggs.

A new machine has just been invented by an engineer, Mr. Friggeri, for the destruction of insects. This electric machine has been tried at Palacios, in the province of Santa Fe in the Argentine Republic.

On a carriage that is easy to transport, Mr. Friggeri places a gasoline motor and an alternating current generator. At the back of the carriage a drum is placed, on which about two hundred meters of insulated cable have been rolled.

This cable carries the current to a metallic net or system fixed upon a little vehicle with two wheels, and which carries in its center a transformer that is destined to raise the tension to 6,000 volts and even more.

After several trials, which have all been crowned with success, the experiments at Palacios were considered as decisive. Indeed, not only has it been possible to destroy the grasshoppers but also their eggs, which are to be found buried four inches deep in the ground.

With the same apparatus provided with a metallic broom worked at the end of an insulated handle, and which is joined to the positive pole of the transformer, it is also possible to completely clean the trees attacked by insect parasites.

"You should take more pains with your eating," advised the doctor.

"More!" exclaimed the dyspeptic. "Don't I suffer enough now when I eat anything?"

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LOCAL GOSSIP

Arbie Joplin and George Jones have gone to Tyler to attend business college.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wilkins Wednesday night, Nov. 18th.

L. C. Tucker purchased the Edwards residence near the Alfalfa Lumber Company property, this week.

C. L. McCaffrey and L. C. Tucker each purchased a five-acre tracts from R. J. Murray this week. Both are Santa Fe boys on the Slaton payroll.

Our candy customer, you will agree, because you want the best. It's always at the Red Cross Pharmacy. Loose-Wiles stands every test.

J. D. Hainey and family of South Houston are moving to Slaton. The family arrived Wednesday morning, and Mr. Hainey is on the way with an immigrant car. They are old friends of E. S. Brooks.

A large crowd was at the auditorium Saturday night to enjoy the excellent program given by the Slaton Schools. A splendid entertainment is reported by all in attendance. The Slatonite did not have a copy of the program.

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Got that Turkey? Yes?

About one-fourth of an inch of fell last week.

Atty. W. D. Benson of Lubbock had two cases before the Slaton court last week.

R. A. Baldwin was in Clovis, N. M., from Friday until Monday looking up old friends.

S. C. Marrs started construction of the house on the Maxwell farm north of town this week.

The Tudor gin ginned twenty-five bales of cotton Wednesday last week. The cotton is coming in steadily since more pickers have been secured.

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Miss Tula Berry came in from the Fiddler Robertson school district, where she is teaching this winter, Saturday to visit until Sunday with home folks.

Dr. R. B. Hutchinson of Lubbock will be in Slaton today and tomorrow, Saturday. Anyone wanting Dental work done, call and see him at Jordan Building, North Side Square.

If you have a relative or friend that you want to interest in the Slaton country, the cheapest and easiest way to inform that person is to put their name on the subscription list of your home paper. One dollar will pay for one whole year's information, 52 weekly letters, and there will be hundreds of things your friend will be glad to learn that you haven't the time to write him.

Mrs. Pat Whalen entertained at the parlors of the Singleton Hotel Thursday night last week in honor of C. W. Olive and Arbie Joplin, the date being Mr. Olive's birthday and Mr. Joplin's announced intention of leaving for Tyler to attend business college. Delightful music was furnished by Miss Vyola Talley, and then the guests enjoyed a session of 42 in which Leo Hubbard and Miss Hettie McReynolds made the highest scores. The guests were then escorted to the dining room, and a delicious course of sandwiches and hot chocolate was served. All again retired to the parlor and spent an hour in story telling. Mr. Benson of Lubbock proved himself a most interesting entertainer and made the party indebted to him for some splendid stories. The guests then bade the hostess good bye and thanked her for the highly enjoyable party, the white Miss Talley played that soul stirring music, Home Sweet Home, on the piano. There were present: The Misses Sowell, Berry, McReynolds, Joplin, Talley, Allen, Klattenhoff, Joplin, Whalen, and Phillips. Messrs. Hubbard, Guinn, Kuykendall, Foster, Arbie Joplin, Higbee, Olive, Ben Joplin, and Kimbro.

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The Ladies of the Missionary Society wish to thank each person who contributed in any way to the Bazaar and helped to make it the splendid success that it was. Especially do they wish to thank Mr. Worley for his courtesy in furnishing a window of the hardware store for the Bazaar display. The receipts were about \$50.00.

He Found Out.

A sidetrack was built to the Harvey House last week and an engine stationed there to furnish steam heat for the building while repairs were being made in the boiler room of the heating plant, and thereby hangs a tale.

On the morning passenger was a prominent citizen of Lubbock, and when he saw the track built up to the Harvey House his curiosity rose to the anxious point. "What is that for?" he breathlessly asked a Slaton man.

"Why Judge! Hadn't you heard?" came the answer. "The Santa Fe is fixing to back a flat car up there, load the Harvey House on and take it to Lubbock." The said L. p. c. became interested in other matters right away.

For the benefit of the stranger we will state that the Harvey House is constructed of reinforced concrete, is two stories high and has a basement.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, during his recent visit to New York, said to a New York reporter:

"English authors nowadays sell better in America, as a rule, than at home. A sale of 20,000 volumes is extraordinary at home, but here a sale of 100,000 is hardly extraordinary.

"One consequence of this fact is the disappearance from English fiction of the American girl caricature. The American girl in English fiction today is, if anything, over-flattered. But in the English fiction of yesterday the American girl was of the type that says:

"Gee, pop, hop inter a b'led shirt. Thar goes the hash hammer."

There has now been mounted in the forecourt, outside the main entrance to Lloyd's, London, a 12-pounder gun recovered last year from the wreck of his majesty's ship, Lutine, off the island of Vlieland. The Lutine was wrecked 115 years ago—October 9, 1799—while bound from Yarmouth for Holland with a large amount of specie.

Apropos of the "dryness" into which West Virginia has entered by a prohibition majority of 90,000 H. L. Kirk, the mayor of Wheeling, said:

"Well, for the next four years, at any rate, you'll hear no such horrible dialogues in our West Virginia bar-rooms as a man heard recently in Parkersburg.

"This man saw two thin, pale, nervous wrecks standing side by side tossing off whiskeys one after another feverishly.

"The first wreck, in the interval between his ninth and tenth whisky, wiped his mouth on the back of his thin hand and said:

"I'm just up out of a sick bed. I've been awful sick. Snakes and pink toads and green monkeys, day and night, crawled all over me."

"The second wreck started. With a frown he regarded the first wreck intently. Then he shuddered and drew back.

"Why, man," he said, "they're crawling all over you now!"—New York Herald.



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L. P. Loomis, Editor and Manager

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Entered as second-class mail matter September 15, 1911, at the post office at Slaton, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

The demand for rent houses in Slaton has come to be a serious proposition. More families come here every week.

Last March Collier's predicted the passing of the Republican party. Since the recent election that worthy publication has been trying to explain its mistake in so misjudging public sentiment, but the plain fact remains that it made a glaring blunder.

Butter and eggs are scarce in Slaton, and most of these table commodities that our merchants secure are from other markets. The demand is larger than the supply, and more poultry raisers and dairymen are needed here. The railroad payroll makes Slaton a good produce market.

Emile Moustikerf, an eminent expert attached to the greatest ammunition and gun manufactory in France, says of the French explosives which have been the subject of so much newspaper comment:

"Most modern explosives are based on picric acid, but the combination arrived at by French chemists has shown itself under the test of war conditions more reliable in its action and more powerful in its results. The newspaper stories of the effects of our shells are greatly exaggerated, but I know as a fact that men have been found dead in strange attitudes without a scratch. The explanation of this is simple. The explosion of the shell causes a sudden terrific air pressure within a certain radius. This pressure is as suddenly withdrawn, the effect being to stop the whole human organism. It is as if a diver were precipitated to a great depth and instantly brought to the surface again. No living being can stand such a strain."

It may not have come to the notice of the general public, but it is a fact that the splendid South Plains crops—maize, kafir, and kindred grains—do not grow successfully in the lower and excessively humid climates; the heads are undersized and the grain of a poor quality. The crops reach their perfection on the South Plains, and that perfection makes them more profitable one year after another than corn in the exclusive corn states, wheat in the exclusive wheat regions, or rice or other crops on the Southern plantations. The central Texas papers say that while the heads of the maize crop were blasted the farmers are utilizing the stalks for making a table sirup. Ye gods and clod hoppers! Those poor beknighted agriculturists can't raise maize on their land, and yet they will put on a wise look, take another chew of hillside navy, and make sport of the South Plains. At the same time they are making sirup from blasted headed maize stalks! If there is such a thing as a limit to idiosyncrasy, that's it. On the South Plains maize stalks are not considered even good enough for stock feed, only the grain being harvested. More succulent crops raised for feed, and for table sirup our farmers raise seeded ribbon cane.

The editor of the Slatonite has a sample ballot of those used in Oregon at the last general election, and for people who have never seen an Oregon ballot it is a great curiosity. The ballot is fourteen by thirty-two inches in size, and contains 26 state, district, county, and precinct offices and the names of 87 candidates. The candidates are placed by office instead of by party, and the voter has to pick out his candidates. There is no such thing as "votin' 'er straight" in Oregon. On the ballot were 30 initiative laws and amendments. We have the ballot thru the courtesy of a sister, Mrs. C. L. Bickerdike, of Medford, Oregon, who enjoyed the privilege of voting. She frankly admits, however, that the substantiability, agricultural resources, and solid comforts of real living of the Slaton country is far ahead of the poet's dreamlands and fantastical mountain scenery of the Pacific states. Scenery is all right for a vacation trip, but for a year in and year out attraction it gets old, very old. But that is another matter, as Josh Billings would say, and we were speaking of ballots.

The real estate transfers make the best barometer to the business of a town. There are more farm lands near Slaton being purchased, more suburban tracts bought, and more city property changes owners than can be said of any other town in western Texas this fall. There is perhaps more land being sold in those localities where colonization work is bringing in home-seekers, but that would not be a fair comparison. There is no organized effort being made here (but there should be) to advertise the Slaton country. The advantages of our town and farm lands appeal to the investor wherever these facts become known, and bring new residents. Our own people do not hesitate to urge their friends to come, and in this way many new people are brought here.

Capt. Paul P. Murray says he is getting one of those "back to nature" constitutions and appetites since he has been working on his Slaton suburban tract and contesting the squatter rights of prairie dogs. And his industry is bringing results, for a stranger in Slaton between trains one day last week offered him \$110 an acre for the land. Mr. Murray told the gentleman that he had bought the land as a permanent investment and not for speculation, and as he is well satisfied with the future of this city he would not really want to consider an offer of \$125 an acre for the land.

Slaton should get out literature this fall advertising our country and then urge every person to send the folders to all their friends. Eastern Texas is looking towards the Land of the Golden West now, and they will come to the place which invites them. The Best of the Golden West is at Slaton, but the world will never know this if we don't put out the information.

The livestock market at Kansas City reports the highest price ever paid on that exchange for yearling cattle Wednesday last week, when 48 yearling steers weighing 959 pounds each sold at the stock yards for \$11.00 per 100 pounds. This made each steer worth \$105.49. That certainly is a big price for yearlings.

THE VISION OF VICTOR HUGO

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The farm-to-table delivery instituted by the Postmaster General has been established in twenty-seven cities in the United States. The institution is part of the parcel post system and the arrangement is designed to establish direct trading relations between the producer and consumer and to bring the two in direct communication.

The postmasters are acting in the capacity of clearing house managers, in furnishing price lists of the articles of produce which farmers and truck growers are prepared to send to city customers.

The results which must be obtained before the plan is proved a success are the standardizing of products so that there may be no misunderstanding the ability of the post office to handle packages so as to be received in good condition and, last but not least, an honest purpose and patient persistence of each party to the bargain to insure satisfaction to all concerned.

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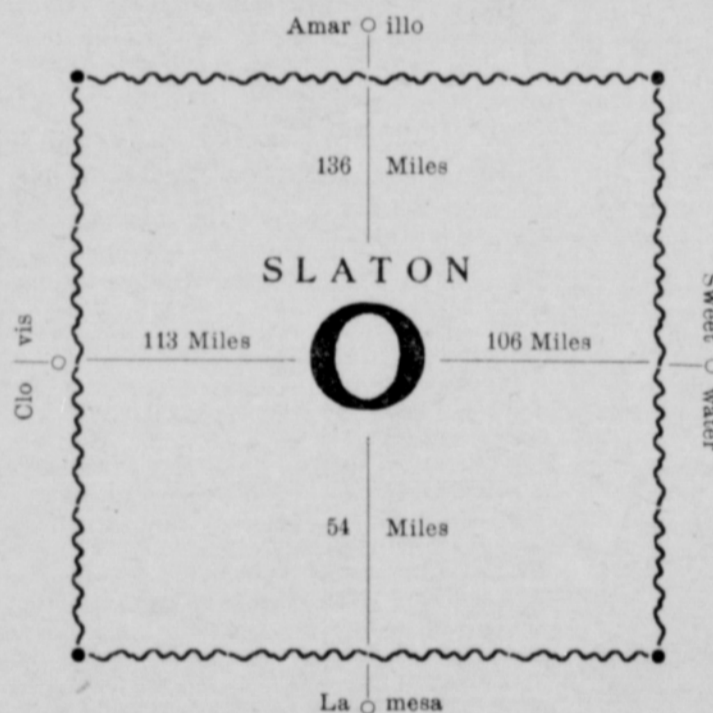
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SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

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