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McKEE HEIGHTS TAKES FIRST PRIZE

FARM PRODUCTS FROM McKEE HEIGHTS TAKES FIRST PREMIUM AT THE REEVES COUNTY FAIR AND OLD SETTLERS' REUNION. SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE PRODUCTS

The display of general farm products which D. T. McKee placed on exhibition at the Reeves County Fair would have been a credit to any county fair in the United States. Mr. McKee took first premium on best display of general farm products, first premium on milo maize, first premium on best display of melons, and second premium on onions. This entire crop was grown on sod land, first years cultivation and without any fertilizer being used on the land. Mr. McKee took these premiumns at the fair in competition with the famous Toyah Vally. The fact that these crops were taken from land the first year it was cultivated speaks more for the fertility of the soil, and the water, than I could write or say. It is just the kind of facts that people are looking for, who want to buy land for a home or an investment.

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WHAT THE STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM, WHICH IS LOCATED ON McKEE HEIGHTS, HAS DONE IN 6 MONTHS

On March 1st, 1911, Mr H. C. Stewart, who is a graduate of the A. & M. college of New Mexico, aecepted a position from the state as local manager for the State Experimental Farm which was previously located at this place. When Mr. Stewart took charge of this farm, there had never been any preparation made of any kind for demonstration work. The first crop planted was about two acres seeded to alfalfa with oats for a cover crop, both oats and Alfalfa seed came up fine, and a good crop of oats was harvested, and four cuttings of alfalfa in seven months. No better results has ever been obtained from any land the first seven months after it was put in cultivation.

T[illegible] acres was planted to fruit tre[illegible] of about forty varieti[illegible]ears, peaches, apple[illegible]ts, english walnuts, pe[illegible]ll almonds and oli[illegible]ith [illegible]ral varieties of the European grapes. All of these young trees and vines have made a remarkable growth for the first summer. Mr. Stewart planted corn milo maize, kaffir corn, cotton, several varieties of cane, egyptian wheat, cow peas, chili and Mexican beans, popcorn, tobacco, melons, cantaloupes, pumpkins, and nearly every kind of garden seed in the seed catalogue. Every plant, tree and seed that was planted on this farm this year has done remarkably well and Mr. Stewart has just cause for being delighted with the success he has made the first six months. And this was all done on raw land without the use of any fortilizer.

This farm has been one of the first places that sight-seers have been shown for the past three months.

Better get you a farm adjoining he State Experimental Farm on McKee Heights, where land will be selling for Five Hundred Dollars per acre in less than five years,

EASY MONEY MADE ON MELONS

BIG MONEY WAS MADE THIS YEAR ON McKEE HEIGHTS IN RAISING WATERMELONS AND CANTALOUPES. THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN ELSEWHERE WILL CONVINCE YOU

D. T. McKee who is the pioneer farmer on McKee heights and who was the first man to install a pumping plant for irrigation in the Pecos Valley, planted in April one half acre to cantalopes of the famous Rocky Ford variety. From this half acre he has marketed $270 worth of canteloupes and the vines are still green and full of melons, and for size, shape and flavor they have no equal. Mr. McKee also planted four acres to watermelons, and from this four acres he marketed $1600 worth of melons. These melons were mostly of the Alabama sweet variety, and for uniformity in size and flavor they can not be equaled anywhere. Mr. McKee did not give his entire time to melon culture. He did extensive versified farming. He seeded ten acres to oats in the spring and made as fine a crop as was ever grown in the oat growing states. He has about twelve acres of orchard and vineyard. He grew a fine crop of milo maize and cane and all kinds of vegetables, and is seeding about twenty-five acres to alfalfa this fall. Mr. McKee has one of the prettiest little farms in the Pecos Valley. He has done more to demonstrate the great possibilities of the Pecos Valley than any other man in it. During the summer while his crop was growing, it was no uncommon thing to see from twenty to forty people leaving Pecos to drive out to his farm on Sunday's to see the big melons smiling on the vines.

GET A HOME ON McKEE HEIGHTS

IMPROVEMENTS ON McKEE HEIGHTS

H. C. Stewart manager of the State Experimental Farm, is seeding 10 acres to alfalfa and preparing 5 acres for fruit trees this fall, and is planting fall garden. D. T. McKee is watering and seeeing 25 acres to alfalfa, and is planting a fall garden and preparing the soil for winter planting of onions. Mr. McKee has 4 acres of alfalfa seventeen months old which he has cut six times this summer. Kent Harrison has just finished seeding 60 acres of alfalfa and is preparing 40 acres for seeding next spring. Mr. Harrison has the finest irrigation plant in the Pecos Valley.

McKnight and Benjamin are clearing the brush from their 320 acre tract of land, they will have a traction engine and gang plows at work on this land in ten days and will prepare the entire 320 to seed to alfalfa. These men are recognized as the best alfalfa growers in the Pecos Valley. They have done more to improve alfalfa culture in the Pecos Valley than any one. They have 200 acres of alfalfa north of Barstow that is as fine as any one could wish. and they say they will make their alfalfa farm on McKee Heights better and prettier than t[illegible] farm, for they will h[illegible] better water

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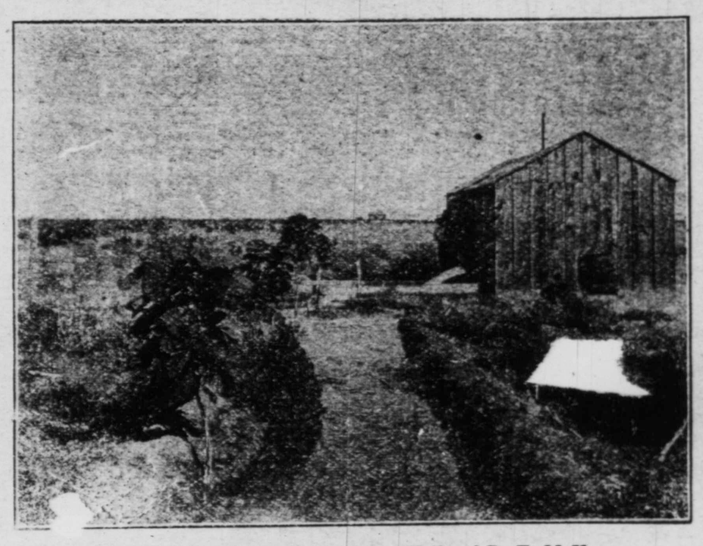
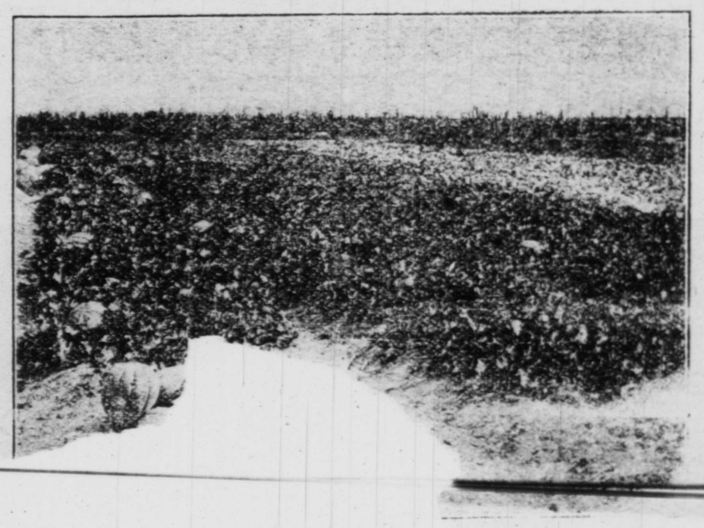


Showing Canal from one of the Wells of D. T. McKee



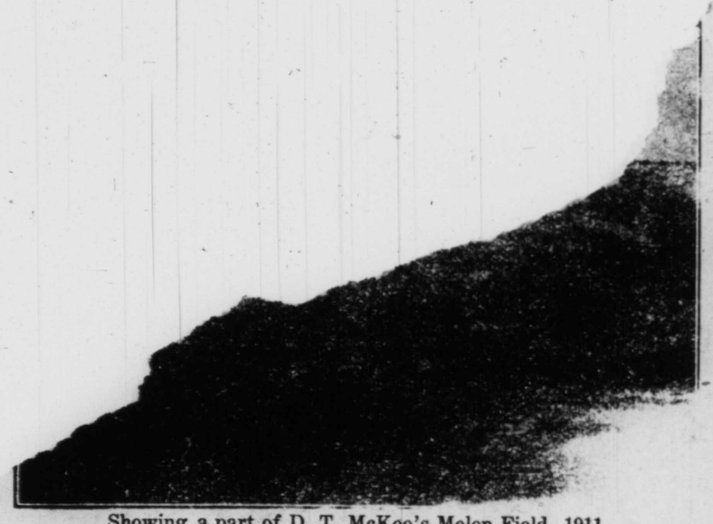
Field, 1911

Mrs. Thomas R. MaGee of Albany, Mo., came in Monday to visit her son, Rev. Homer L. Magee.

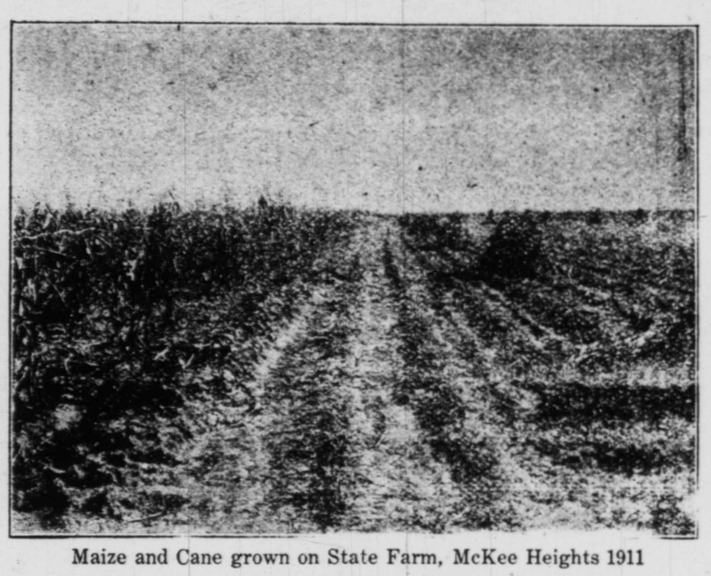
Eugene Kite of Oklahoma has rented the Mitchell place north of town and will go into the dairying business. Still they come to Pecos.

W. L. Rockwell, State Irrigation Engineer, was in Pecos the first of the week, and thinks the Pecos and Toyah Valleys have a great future.

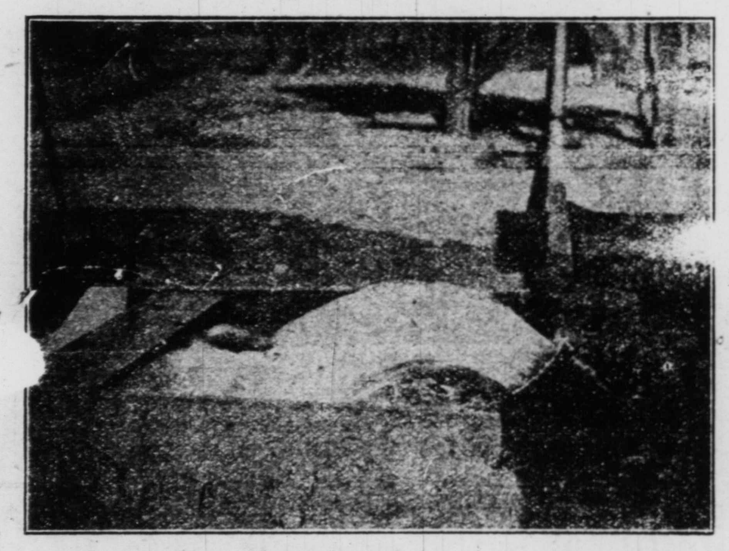
Judge J. F. Ross has returned from a trip to St. Louis where he has been in the interests of the Pecos Valley Southern Ry. Company. Great things are in pr[illegible] of development for this r[illegible] little road.



Showing a part of D. T. McKee's Melon Field, 1911



Maize and Cane grown on State Farm, McKee Heights 1911



Kent Harrison's Big Well. Will water 160 acres of Alfalfa.
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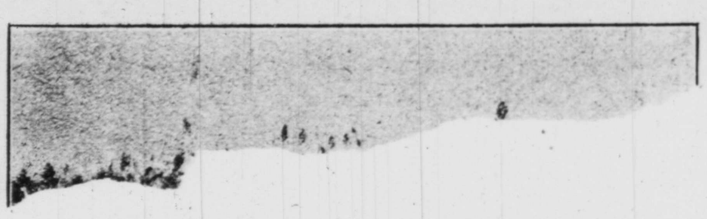

COST OF INSTALLING PUMPING PLANTS ON McKEE HEIGTTS

The well on the Experimental Farm is 8 inches in diametor, 130 feet deep, cased with 8 inch steel casing with 20 feet of screen in the water, sand and gravel at bottom of well. Has a number 4 vertical centrifugal pump and ten horse gas engine. Well, pump, engine, installation and all complete and in operation cost $1,000. This well will furnish water sufficient for 80 acres of land.

D. T. McKee has an 8-inch well 130 feet deep, 8-inch steel casing with 40 feet of strainer casing in water, sand and gravel at bottom of well. Installed with number 4 vertical centrifugal pump and 12-horse power Stover gas engine. Cost of well, pump, engine and installation all complete and in operation was $926. This well will furnish 40 inches of water annually for 80 acres of land.

J. W. Moore has an 8-inch well on his farm 130 feet deep, number 5 vertical centrifugal pump, 15 horse power engine. Cost of well pump, engine and installation all complete and in operation was $960. This well will water 100 acres of land- The water in each of these wells stands within 16 to 18 feet of the surface, and when the pump is in operation it only lowers the water eight or ten feet in the wells.

Kent Harrison has a ten-inch well on his farm 200 feet deep, installed with a number six pump, 22-horse power engine. This well, pump, engine and insrallation complete and in operation cost $1900. And this will furnish 40 inches of water annually for 160 acres of land. The water stands in twenty-eight feet of the surface in this well.

You will see from these figures that the cost of putting water on land by the pumping system on McKee Heights is about $12 per acre, which is less than half of what it costs to buy water from any of the gravity systems.

This water has been thoroughly tested for irrigation purposes for the past two years and everything from the most tender garden plant to the hardiest field crop has grown to perfection. It is not only good foa irrigation but fine for domestic purposes, and with little expense a water system can be installed faom the pump to furnish water in your home—the same as from water works in a city.

You should own a home on McKee Heights.

COST OF IRRIGATING PLAN ON HEIGHTS AFTER PUMP- ANT IS INSTALLED

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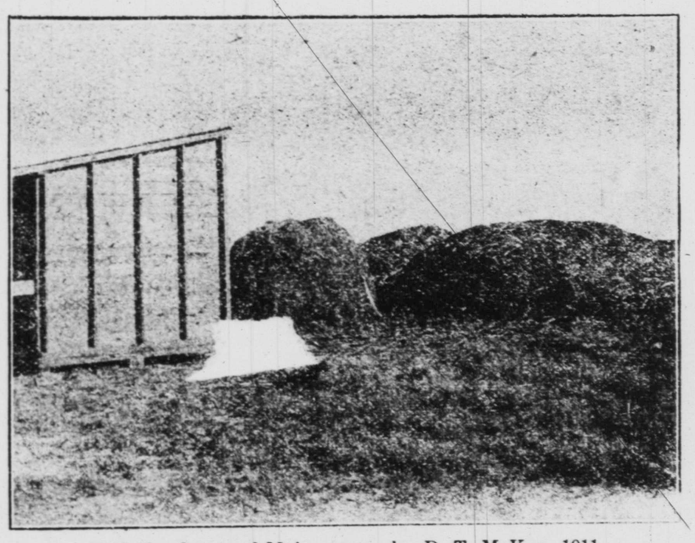
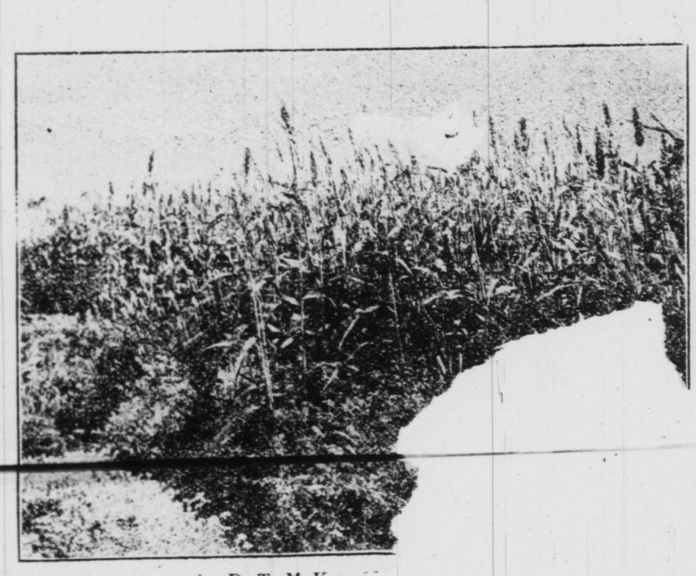
Turnips Growing in Mid-Winter on McKee Heights

Asparagras 6 months old. This will be one of the leading crops in the Pecos Valley in the near future.

Irrigating land from the Kent Harrison well.
McKee Heights, 1911.



Alfalfa, Oats and Maize grown by D. T. McKee, 1911



Cane grown by D. T. McK

FACTS CONCERNING McKEE HEIGHTS

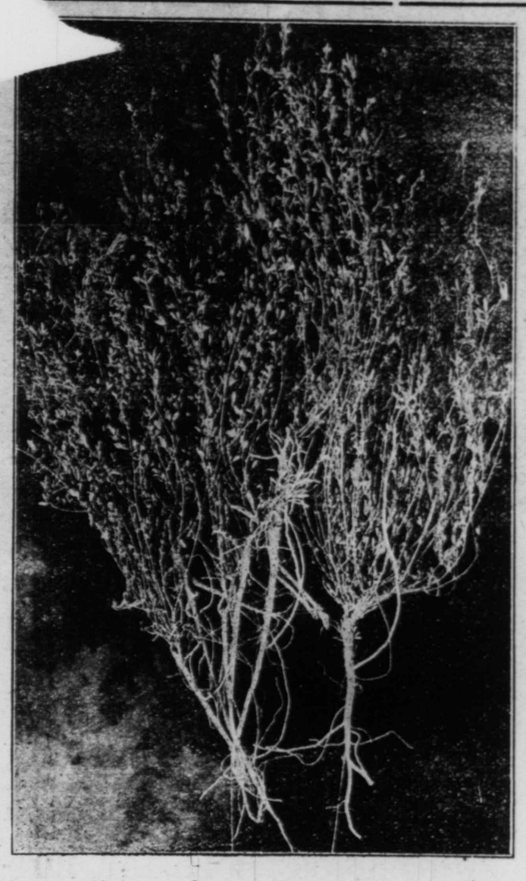
CROP REPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF McKEE HEIGHTS FROM APRIL FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN TO OCTOBER FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

On April 1, 1911, there was only one irrigation plant in operation on McKee Heights. This plant was put in operation by D. T. McKee about July 1, '09. The installation of this plant was very crude and, in comparison to the big plants in operation today, it is quite a mineature affair. It is a six-inch well, number 2 pump and a four-horse power engine and would only furnish water to irrigate ten acres of land. In the winter and spring of 1910, Mr. McKee prepared and planted ten acres of land to orchard, vineyard, field and garden crops, purely for experimental purposes and he was so well pleased with the results obtained from this little experimental farm after giving it six months thorough test that he contracted at once for the putting down of an eight-inch well and to install a number 4 pump with a twelve-horse power gas engine.

Mr. McKee was not the only man who was enthused over his pump irrigation experiment. In March, 1911, Mr. Stewart, a graduate of the A. & M. College of N. Mex., took charge for the state the eighty acres of land which I gave the state for a State Experimental Farm and put in operation well pump and engine the same size as the one Mr. D. T. McKee put in. I installed another one at the same time of the same size. Either one of these wells will easily furnish forty inches of water annually for eighty acres of land. Mr. Kent Harrison, who purchased one hundred acres of land on McKee Heights, has installed a ten-inch well with a six-inch centrifugal pump and 22-horse power gas engine, which will furnish plenty of water to irrigate one hundred acres of land. These four irrigation plants have all been installed in the last six months and will furnish water for four hundred acres of land, most of which is now in cultivation.

McNight and Benjamin have purchased 320 acres of land on McKee Heights and are preparing the entire tract to seed to alfalfa. They will install three large pumping plants for irrigation. They have ordered a traction gasoline engine and gang plows and will begin breaking land as soon as it arrives. Two other parties who have purchased land on McKee Heights have contracted for wells to be put down on their land and will put it in cultivation this fall and winter. There will be at least one thousand acres in cultivation on McKee Heights by April 1, 1912, and most of this will be in alfalfa.

All of this land will be watered from pump wells, which has proven the most economical, successful and by far the most satisfactory, from the fact that when you own your own water with your land, you can have no controversy with anyone about the amount of water you use or when you use it. (I would rather own the water and rent land than to own the land and rent water. It is a safer proposition). There is not an irrigation system in use in the United Strtes where a company or corporation own the water and rents it to the farmer but what there has been trouble between the water owner and the farmer. You can avoid this trouble by owning your own water with your land. And the best place to get good land and good water together with little cost is—McKee Heights.



Six Months Old Alfalfa grown on McKee Heights by T. D. McKee

Showing Beet 6 months old measuring 28 inches in circumference, grown on McKee Heights, 1910

McKEE HEIGHTS A BEAUTIFUL PLATEAU OF LAND

The surface of the land on McKee Heights is as level as a floor with just enough slope to the east and south to make it an ideal proposition for irrigation. It is so near level that it is not necessary to use a scraper or even a drag to level the land before seeding. One 60-acre field has just been seeded to alfalfa and all that was required in preparing the soil was plowing, harrowing and making the borders and it is as pretty and level a field of alfalfa as can be found in the Pecos Valley.

SOIL AND ITS CONDITIONS

The soil is dark red loam of great depth with just enough sand to make it ideal for working and irrigation. It is underlayed with red clay and at a depth of about 10 to 12 feet there is a strata of sand and gravel which makes an excellent under-drainage, and where these conditions exist land is as near perfection for irrigation as it is possible for land to be. There is no danger of sub-irrigation or seepage; nature has already prepared the best drainage that could possibly be had.

Buy you a home inMcKee Heights

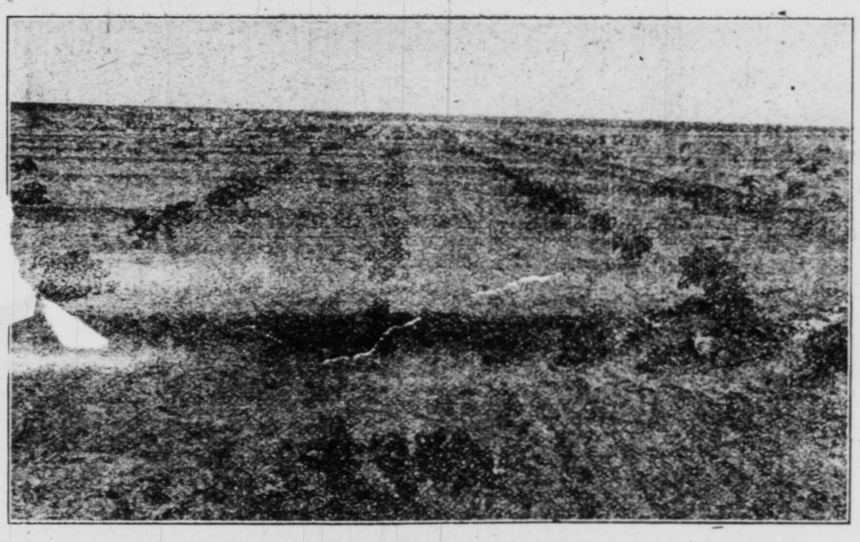
McKEE HEIGHTS IS BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED

McKee Heights is just 3 miles west of Pecos and the elevation is fifty feet higher than at Pecos City. Nearly every house in Pecos is in plain view from any point on McKee Heights. Not only is Pecos in plain view, but you can see for miles in every direction. The Davis mountains, which is sixty miles to the high peaks, look to be only a short distance, and the Gaudaloupe mountains, 125 miles west in New Mexico, can easily be seen. In short there is no prettier place for a home than McKee Heights to be found in the entire Pecos Valley.

Not only is McKee Heights beautifully located, but it is one of if not the best located tract of land in the Pecos Valley. It is in the same school district as Pecos City and any one living on McKee Heights will have the advantage of the city high school without any extra tuition.

In less than five years many of the best people now living in Pecos will build suburban homes on McKee Heights. You should not fail to see McKee Heights when you come to Pecos.

Buy you a home in McKee Heights



Grape Vineyard Six Months Old

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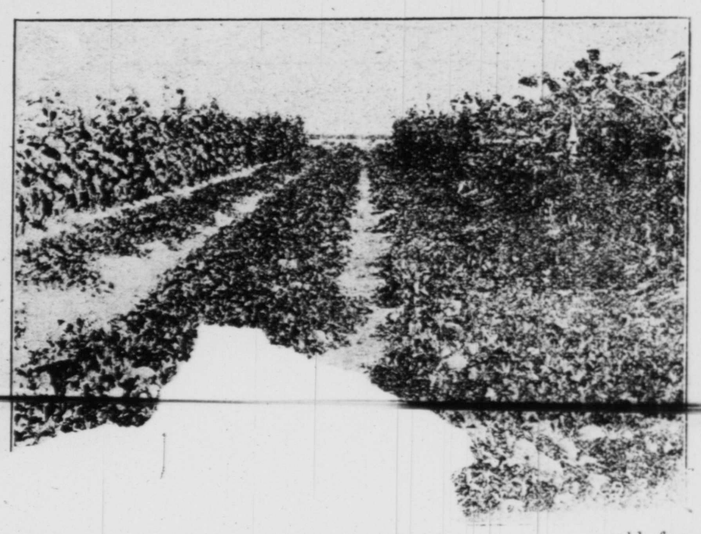
IRRIGATION BY PUMPS

It is a great pleasure to farm by irrigation when you own the water with the land. You have no fixed time by some one else as to when you water the crop, and you have no one to say what amount of water you can put on your land annually, and you have no water rent collector calling on you monthly for rents.

If you own land on McKee Heights and have your well and pumping plant, you can use as much or as little as you like—the supply is unlimited—take it ten inches or ten [illegible] your crop requires. There is nothing like being master of the situation and entirely free and independent of everybody else so far as your own business is concerned. There is nothing that makes a man more independent and prosperous than to own his land and water combined. If you have these and they are well located, you have a fortune. You will find these conditions on McKee Heights



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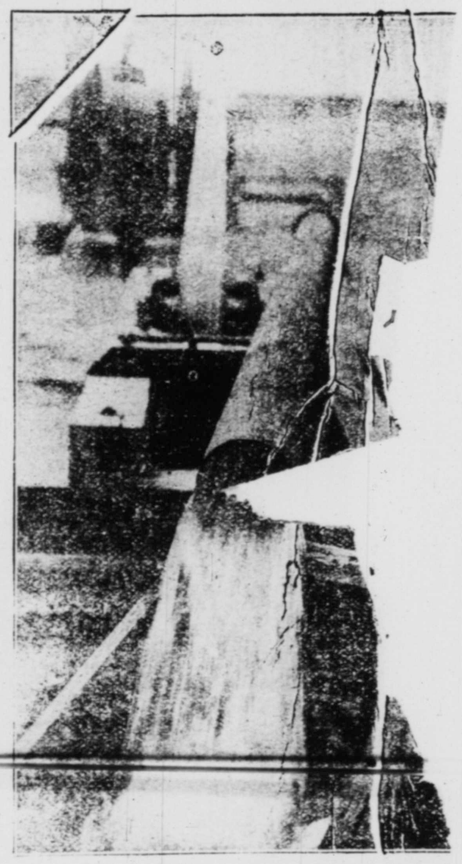


Pumping Pla[illegible] on Stat[illegible] Fa[illegible] Mee Hei[illegible]

Now is the Time to Buy Land on McKee Heights---it Will Double in Value in Twelve Months More

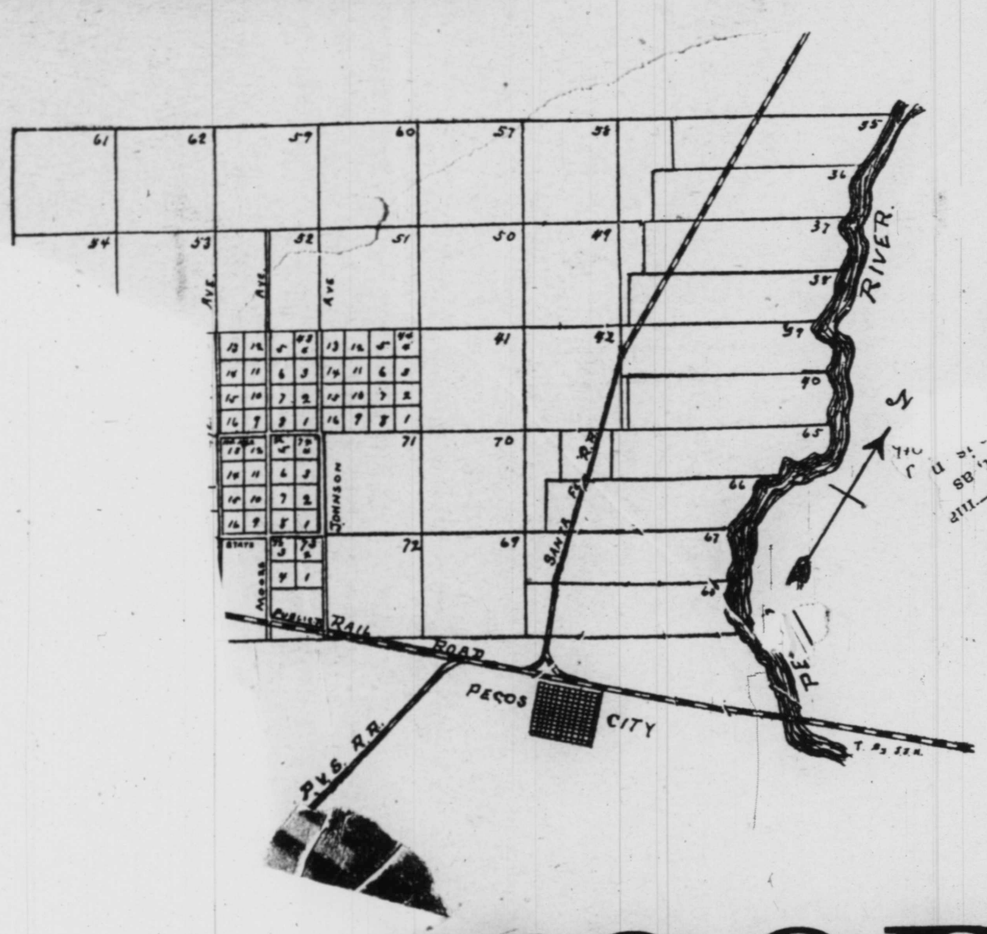
I AM GOING TO PLACE ON THE MARKET on October the 15th, 1911, one-half of the land which I own on McKEE HEIGHTS and when that amount has been sold, I will not offer any more land for sale on McKee Heights until November the 1st, 1913, and I will have nothing then to sell for less than $100.00 per acre. Now, remember I am not offering you any proposed proposition. The under flow of water has already been tested and found to be good both for irrigation and domestic purposes and the supply is more than can be used.

The land is as fine as any in the valley or any other valley. Its fertility has been demonstrated by actual farming and the results were shown at the County Fair, where it captured the sweepstake premium on the best farm exhibit. Besides there is plenty of crops growing on the land all the time to convince any one of the great possibility of its future.

The block of land I am putting on the market now will be sold in 10, 20 and 40-acre tracts; it adjoins the State Experimental Farm and, in fact, there are farms on all sides of it. Farming on McKee Heights has passed the experimental stage; it is a demonstrated fact, and is attracting more attention than any other place in the Pecos Valley today. And the men who are farming on McKee Heights are men of ability and means and they farm for what there is in it and they take pride in putting in their crops and taking care of them and are preparing them for their future homes.

Mr. Hall Harrison, who was manager of the Orient Land Company in Pecos County for more than a year and who is thoroughly familiar with all the lands both in Pecos and Reeves Counties, has bought 160 acres on McKee Heights. Men right here in the valley are leaving the gravity systems and buying land on McKee Heights, where they can own both land and water.

I see some literature sent out saying there is 2,000,000 acres of good agricultural land in the shallow water belt in Reeves County. There is not over 40,000 acres in the proven shallow wate belt and half of that will be to pump 40 to 60 feet. So if you want land, you had better bu where the water has been proven beyond any doubt.



Plat Showing McKee Heights

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