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New Offerings

IN
New Dress Goods,
New Embroideries,
New Laces, New Gingham.

We are showing an elegant and complete line of new spring goods in all departments. It is our constant aim and effort to show you a better assortment and more desirable stock of goods than we've ever before shown. How well we have succeeded we want you to judge. Come and see our new goods whether you wish to buy or not.

We have added a complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries and would like to figure on your next bill.

The Star Store

Kill the Boll Weevil.

History of the Pest, Its Habits and the Remedies For Its Extermination.

History of The Weevil.

The cotton boll weevil originated in Mexico many years ago. It did not cross into Texas until cotton was grown in far South Texas, nearly to the Rio Grande. About ten years ago the ranchmen in far South Texas began to grow cotton with Mexican labor. This gave the weevil a bridge over which to travel from Mexico to Texas. It was first noticed in Bee county, Texas, in 1894. The United States government began to study it earnestly and the Texas Legislature was asked to wipe out all of the cotton fields just ahead of the weevil for two years and stop its invasion of Texas. This the legislature refused to do because its members did not appreciate how serious the pest would prove.

The weevil has advanced northward steadily and is now traveling eastward also. Unless a better remedy is found than has been discovered, it will soon distribute over the entire southern cotton belt from Texas to Virginia. The government entomologists and Professor Mally for the State of Texas have studied the pest for several years. A number of farmers and inventors have devoted time and money to the destruction of the pest. Nevertheless, it now covers all of the twenty-two counties which in 1899 produced 40,000 bales of cotton each and represents 24 per cent of the total crop of the United States for the year 1900, according to Professor W. D. Hunter.

Business stagnates when the boll weevil comes into a cotton country, merchants fail, tenants move to other sections, land depreciates in value and the tonnage of the railroad shrinks in vol-

ume. The farmers are never prepared for the coming of the boll weevil. They do not believe the pest to be as bad as reported, or they think that some law of nature will prevent its coming into their county. In spite of their expectations, the boll weevil is spreading northward at the rate of forty to sixty miles each year. It destroyed in Texas 400,000 bales of cotton during the past year. This loss amounts to \$20,000,000. The Executive Committee endorses the following plan of fighting the boll weevil. It is based upon the successful experience of many cotton growers in the weevil district. It has protected others, it will protect you.

How To Fight The Weevil.

1. Plow cotton and corn land deep as soon as possible during the winter.
2. Plant only early kinds of cotton. Buy sound seed grown as far north as seed can be found.
3. Plant cotton very early in spring and at no other time.
4. Use wide rows in planting cotton. Lay them off about five ft. wide for bottom lands and four feet wide for uplands. Thin cotton to about three feet apart in rows on bottoms and about two feet apart on uplands.
5. Run the rows as near east and west as the land will allow.

Beat Him to Half Mile Post.

The directions given are simple and effective. They are based upon the well known habits of the boll weevil and cannot be disputed. They are so cheap and so practical that any farmer who thinks about the matter can

follow them. The weevil never does much damage until July 15th or August 1st. Here is the cotton growers opportunity. As Judge Aldredge says, "Beat him to the half mile post" by making the cotton crop ahead of the numerous swarms of the weevil. Very few weevils succeed in living through the winter. They multiply rapidly during the late spring, and by the first of August can prevent cotton from blooming.

The early kinds of cotton will be beyond the reach of the boll weevil by the middle of July, if planted early and given distance in the row. On valley lands not less than a half bale per acre was actually made last year wherever the early cottons were used and planted in this way in the boll weevil region.

Don't Burn the Stalks.

It is now too late to get good results from burning stalks. This will not kill the boll weevil. It is a waste of labor, time and money. Burn stalks in the fall and early winter season only during this year. The land is now wet, the stalk is green, and we should plant the land at the earliest opportunity, if safe from frost.

The eggs that are now found in the limbs of the cotton stalks are not boll weevil eggs. These eggs are from the tree cricket, which does not harm cotton. Farmers find them laid in long rows nearly touching each other in the limbs of the stalk. The egg of the boll weevil is laid nowhere but in the form or in the young boll, as long as there is a young boll to be found. Late in the summer the eggs are sometimes laid in grown bolls. If the winter is mild, some of these eggs may hatch at that season. Usually they are killed by the first freezes.

Where is The Weevil Now?

Throughout the weevil district the grown weevil winters at the base of the cotton stalk, about two inches below the surface of the ground, and in the timber, brush and trash just outside the field. Cotton land near heavy timber is more subject to weevil than any other. They can be ploughed up if in the cotton land, and killed if turned up in the winter. It is necessary to plow cotton land as soon as possible. This exposes the weevil to freezing, thawing and to rains while dormant. He cannot live under this treatment. The winter brood, when it comes from the brush, and timber land, is few in number and can make little headway in a fast growing crop of cotton.

Plow up your cotton fields now.
PLOW DEEP AND KILL THE WEEVIL.

Plant Early Kinds Of Cotton.

Planting early cotton is half the fight. It makes success sure. The first picking with the early cotton ought to yield one half the crop and be at least three weeks ahead of common cotton. Don't mistake "medium early" for "genuine early." Never plant early kinds of cotton late in the season. This practice brings them in conflict with the dry weather. Early cotton is expected to mature ahead of dry



MONEY!

is saved by

BUYING THE BEST

We sell the Farrand Organs, Mason & Hamlin, and others. Also a fine line of Pianos, nice line of Violins, Guitars, Mandolins; strings of all kinds.

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weather so far as "putting on" the crop is concerned. Common cotton is late in its habits because the cotton planter usually saves the last picking from which to select the seed cotton of the next year. The first picking is generally sold in the seed and the oil mills grind the greater part of the seed in the early maturing bolls.

Nearly any cotton seed secured as far north as Oklahoma or North Carolina will prove themselves early when brought to Texas fields. They may be kept early by selecting the first bolls that open in Texas and using the seed from these for planting.

Fight the Boll Worm.

The boll worm is a pest in nearly every cotton county in Texas. It causes a vast amount of damage every year. It is now ravaging all of North Texas, where the boll weevil is expected to reach within the next year. In these North Texas counties the farmers can fight the boll worm, and at the same time protect themselves against the bollweevil, in a large measure. The boll worm, boll weevil and chinch bug must all be fought in the same general way. When the farmers are aroused and learn to fight one of these pests, they can just as easily defeat all three. This practically guarantees both the corn and cotton crops for Texas.

If there were no boll weevil or boll worm to be combatted nine-tenths of our Texas farmers would profit greatly by the use of these improved prolific early maturing kinds of cotton. Planted properly they mature ahead of drouths for the average Texas season. Their merits are briefly but pointedly discussed in the pamphlets now being sent out by this committee.

Merchants, bankers, cotton buyers, ginners, newspapers and other business interests will be furnished samples of this literature upon application.

Seed Cost 25c Per Acre.

Seed can be bought in car load lots and shipped to Texas at a reasonable rate. There are many reliable farmers in the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia who are willing to sell seed at once if notice is given. Many of these people are willing to lay down seed in Texas at less than \$1.00 per bushel in carload lots. The freight from North Carolina points to Dallas is \$1.04 per hundred pounds on cotton seed, in car lots. There is now time in which to secure this seed.

The Secretary of this Executive Committee has written to the heads of Experiment Stations in the Southern States and has secured from them the names of farmers who have early cotton seed for sale.

Prof B. C. Pittuck of the Texas Experiment Station supplies the following facts upon early maturing kinds of cotton:

"The main crop (75 per cent) of such varieties as King's, Welborn's Pet, etc., if not planted later than April 10th, can be gathered by the latter part of August. Earlier planting will throw maturity correspondingly earlier."

These will bear early planting and mature early:

King's Improved, first matured boll, 102 days, Jones' Improved, first matured boll, 105 days, Welborn's Pet, first matured boll, 102 days, Mascot, about the same as King's.

Calendars for 1904.

Business men who use calendars as one means of advertising (and a good one it is, too) should hold their orders until our line is in. The Mail makes speciality of calendar work prepared to save you in either large or quantities.

Don't send away for anything you may need in this line.

Advertising is the secret success in every business.

We Are Here!

For Our First Spring Opening, and it Promises to be a Busy One.

We are receiving daily the goods, making the prices and showing the values that will surprise the wisest. They are new, clean, fresh and up-to-date goods with no soiled stuff to "throw in." We know we can please you in Style, Quality and Price. It's saving time and money to be able to get the goods you want just when you need them, from the cheapest to the best. We are promising you as well as ourselves to eclipse former efforts.

They Have Arrived. Easter Gloves! White Gloves! Black Gloves!

Look at them and criticise. They will bear it. All French novelties in both long and short gloves and mits in fashions favor. See them.

Laces and Embroideries.

Catching bargains. In the latest weaves. Laces from 10c a dozen yards to 50, 75, \$1 and up per yard.

Embroidery.

3½c per yard to \$1.25 and up. All overs too are handsome and up to the dot.

Muslin Underwear.

In garments and make up that should appeal to the dainty women who like pretty things at moderate prices.

Well fitting undergarments are the key note to a tastefully dressed lady. Much prized elegance in dress does not necessitate a great expenditure of money but it does require pretty fitted underwear. You should at least look through our line and note the Parisienne make up of them.

Gypsy Hosiery

Cannot have enough praise given it and our spring line is unsurpassed.

The popular low cut shoe for men makes fancy lace hose a necessary article for you.

We have them in all the new ideas in both embroidery and lace effects, woven stripes and plain laces.

In the line of ladies' fancy hosiery we have the snappiest line that can be gotten together. In the latest conceits in embroidered and colored lace designs, the white ones are "beauties." We can suit any one from cheapest up.

Ready-to-wear Garments.

We have skirts and waists that should capture the town. In designs and finish that cannot be rivaled. A big shipment just in in both wash and woolen skirts, and pique, silk and dimity waists.

They are necessary for every lady.

Wash skirts 20c, 35, 50 and up.

Woolen ones from 90c up.

Waists of lawn 50c, 75, \$1 and up, also many others space will not allow us to mention. See them for yourself.

Dress Goods.

We have the pick of eastern markets so have all the colorings designs desirable. Rial de Chine, Brodine Tissues, Tissue Maskel, Grolando Silks, Persian Dimities are favorites but many others at reasonable figures. You cannot realize their beauty until seen.

Wash and Taffeta Silk. Our Banner Leader.

Beautiful patterns in Japanese silks, suitable for wash waists, 35, 50 and \$1.

Our 36 inch Taffeta Silks are alone without competition.

Black 90c, \$1 to \$1.35. Look them up; you will be surprised.

White Goods and Table Damask Dept.

Our dimities and lawns are going at prices.

Dimities in white from 3½c to 25c.

In organdies from 10c to \$1.

White table damark from 25c to \$1.25.

Red damark from 15 to 35c.

We have a full line of stamped linens in all desirable patterns.

Pillow tops in the latest burnt leather patterns.

Corsets and Ladies' Vests.

We handle the W. B. Corset in all its grades. They are well advertised and need no comment on them. You know them. In batiste and summer laces from 50c to \$2.50 each.

Ladies' knit vest and knit corset covers.

Ladies' vest, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c. Knit corset covers, 25c to 50c, and up.

Gent's Furnishing Goods Dept.

We have secured a full line of furnishing goods that will please the most fastidious. Our full assortment of shirts can not be beat from 25c up to \$1.35, a regular \$1.50 shirt, too.

Half hose are something we up on.

Ask to see the ties.

No gent's furnishing house can give you a more up-to-date hat than we can.

They are the newest that could be purchased and will be given to you at exceptionally low figures.

Shoes

Our line of shoes in Ladies', Men's and Children's can't be exceeded by anyone. This is a broad assertion yet 'tis true.

Our different shoes are the "smartest" things in Abilene. They talk for themselves and can give you more close ear cropped prices than any other line of foot wear in Abilene. You have exceptional opportunities for low figures in shoes and slippers. The most up to date line of low quarter shoes for men than ever shown before.

We made an especial effort to grasp new styles and "they say" we were crowned with success. In ladies we have a complete assortment in the very newest

ideas. Every pair built on practical lines and contains all the elements of style and sturdiness.

You'll find our price most modest, for example:

Ladies' slippers from 80c to \$3. Men's dress shoes from \$1 to \$4. The prizes too.

Children's shoes from 25c and up.

Boys' dress shoes from \$1 and up.

Only a hint at STAPLES.

Yard wide brown domestic, 4c.

Yard wide bleach domestic, 5c.

10-4 brown sheeting, 15c.

Good spring calico, lovely designs only, 3c.

Staple check gingham 4 and 5c.

Can they be excelled?

First Formal Opening of Spring Millinery Thursday and Friday, April 2nd and 3rd. An unrivaled display of the most clever creations that vie with those that come from over the sea.

Mrs. Wilson has charge of this handsome department, and with her eight years' experience with one of the largest millinery houses in the east is prepared to show exquisite pattern hats of latest Parisian models. The superb display in our show room will burst upon the feminine view with all its dazzling beauty of rare colorings, artistic designs and exquisite details in graceful trimmings.

We have the most slightly blending of colorings ever offered for inspection.

Open all day and until ten at night. Don't forget the date.

Cold, refreshing drinks will be served free to the ladies during our Millinery Opening.

Let us prove to you our prices and qualities are right, so bring your price list and we will spare neither time nor labor in our efforts to please you. We hope that our customers will try to reap some of the benefits of our right prices and good goods. **STRICTLY ONE PRICE---SPOT CASH.**

The Big New Daylight Store.

OUR MOTTO: Better goods for the same money, same goods for less money. Your money's worth or your money back.

S. W. Grimes & Co.

ABILENE, : TEXAS.

To My Friends and Old Customers:

I am again where I can serve you with anything you need in the Grocery Line. We have a fine line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at Lowest Prices. We will pay you the Highest Market Price for your Produce, in trade. Bring it to us. Will make you Lowest Prices for cash, and when your cash is gone, can take care of you on fall time.

Yours truly,

With Merkel
Mercantile Co.

S. W. SHEPPARD.

MARKET LETTER.

Kansas City, Mo., March 23th, 1903.

Special to THE MERKEL MAIL.

Receipts of Quarantines last week were light, although showing a small increase over the previous week. Unfavorable weather conditions in Texas kept the run from there down. A large proportion of Stockers and feeders in the Native division kept prices for fat steers steady all week, with very little fluctuation from day to day. Most of the arrivals on Texas side were fed steers, which sold readily at steady prices. The day famine continues on the Southern side, but should any arrive, prices are 10 to 20 cents lower than a week ago. Bulls also show a little weakness. Cannery sell slow.

The total run to-day is light at 5,000 head, a decrease of 3,000 from last Monday. Supply of Quarantines is about the same as last Monday, around 40 cars. Lower reports from the East failed to cause a decline here, owing to moderate run. Fed steers are steady to-day, also cows, as run is light on Native side, and almost no cows on Texas side. Among the sales to-day were the following:

P. D. Kirk, Lenepah, I. T.	22	Steers	1157	\$4.60
W. R. Harborn, Quapaw, I. T.	22	"	1120	4.50
G. T. Connor, Campbell, O. T.	28	"	909	4.40
First National Bank, Vinita, I. T.	19	"	971	4.40
F. B. Johnson, Noble, Okla.	74	"	932	4.35
B. H. Calvert, Ravia, I. T.	169	"	846	4.25
B. H. Calvert, " "	24	Cows	730	3.20

Heavy sheep receipts last week did not prevent another notable advance in prices. Receipts amounted to 22,990 head against 11,998 head the same week last year. Muttons gained 25 to 40 cents with ewes leading. Best grades of lambs also sold better, and medium kinds, which have recently been dull, closed the week strong. The market to-day is a good 10 cents higher, indicating another good week. The Parrott ewes, from St. Mary's, sold at \$5.50 to-day, weighing 88 pounds, 20 cents higher than last Thursday. A. Forder, of La Junta, sold two double decks of lambs to-day, 82 pounds, at \$7.15, a very satisfactory price. W. L. Booth, Edgerton, Kansas, sold 228 Mexican wethers this morning, 95 pounds, at \$6.00. Yearlings brought \$6.25 to-day. Shippers may expect these high prices for the immediate future, as the wonderful demand for mutton seems unabated.

JNO. M. HAZELTON,
Live Stock Correspondent.

There are more RACINE vehicles in use in West Texas as today than any other make. There is a reason--a good reason--for it: They have given better satisfaction than others. Have you examined RACINE vehicles. You can do so by calling at our repository. Have you a RACINE catalog for 1903? You can get one by dropping us a postal.

ED S. HUGHES & CO.

ABILENE, TEXAS

Distributors for WEST TEXAS.

Y. H. Berry tried his strength against that of an unruly cow, Tuesday, by attempting to hold her while she was milked. After a few rounds had been fought Mr. Berry was found to be hors de combat, and is nursing a broken hand as a souvenir of the affray. The Mail hopes that he

will be more successful next time, and that he will suffer no inconvenience from the hurt.

We handle a full supply of machine needles and attachments, belts, oil cans, etc. Best oil made.

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We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear; Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full assortment of pumps, piping from 1/4 to 2 in., plain and galvanized; brass cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in car lots and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

Burton-Lingo Co.,

Lumber Dealers,

Merkel, Texas.

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For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
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Shoes and Hats,
Staple and Fancy
Groceries, Produce,
Etc., Etc.

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In order to make room, we have put very close prices on all men's and boys' clothing and furnishing goods. Now is the time to buy good goods cheap.

Everything in Garden and Field Seeds.

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Diseases of Women and Children a Specialty.
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Repairing a Specialty

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THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT.. has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

OFFER.. If you are not taking THE SPECIAL MERKEL MAIL, you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Merkel Mail and the Galveston or the Dallas Semi-Weekly News for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

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Pork,
Mutton,
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Everything Nice and clean; an up-to-date market. We would appreciate your patronage.

Best Passenger Service

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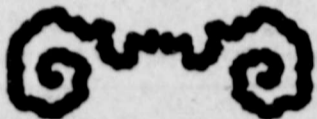
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DALLAS, TEXAS.

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Come and Look.

The loudest voices can be heard at the greatest distance, but it is the soundest argument that creates the BEST IMPRESSION.



We do our talking by our merit. We want you to listen and profit thereby. There's as much in it for you as there is for us. Our audience of customers is growing each day. Come join the ranks. We now have our full spring stock open for your inspection and can say it is the LARGEST and BEST we have ever shown, and it will pay you to take a look through the store.

Anything in DRY GOODS and GROCERIES.

➤ J. O. HAMILTON

Imperial Taylor County!

The Banner County of Texas' Great Northwest.

TAYLOR COUNTY, of which Abilene is the county site, is situated in the exact geographical center of that vast territory lying between the staked plains and the rocky, broken and mountainous region just above the upper cross-timbers of Texas, and is the most thickly populated and wealthiest county in that, the most fertile and best watered portion of Northwest Texas. It is peopled by the best class of liberal, energetic and prosperous farmers and stockraisers, who are ready, with open hearts, to welcome to their number all other law-abiding and industrious people who may be drawn by reason of the unequalled advantages offered to east their lots in and with this prosperous and growing community.

NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

Some of the natural advantages which Taylor County has to offer to the homeseeker or investor consists of mild and equable climate, fertile soil, abundant water, wood in plenty for all domestic purposes, and the easy access of building stone of the very best quality.

The climate, owing to the geographical location, is less subject to the sudden changes noticeable elsewhere throughout the southwest; it is less severe in winter and more pleasant in summer, the thermometer seldom registering lower than 20 degrees fahrenheit, and never more than one or two days in succession so low; while in the hottest of the summer season 100 in the shade is hardly ever reached, and when it is, the continuous motion of the air and the free evaporation consequent make our temperature less oppressive in this climate than 80 degrees would be in other altitudes.

The air is pure and free from malaria and other disease germs, which are ordinarily the bane of

a really fertile and productive soil. That this is true is attested by the fact that chills and fever, yellow fever, jaundice and kindred diseases are absolutely unknown, while parties coming here with asthma, catarrh and pulmonary troubles are in almost every instance relieved and a permanent residence is considered equivalent to an infallible cure.

THE SOIL.

Added to the healthy climate is the finest agricultural soil on earth, which will produce any crop known to farming, except only those perennials requiring a tropical climate and a marshy or miasmatic country—a soil which is susceptible of cultivation 12 months in the year and in which grows luxuriantly Indian corn, Kaffir corn, oats, barley, wheat, rye, millet, sorghum, broom corn, milo maize, etc., and more cotton than can be grown in any other section of the southwest outside of the malaria-infested river bottoms. And from the perfect ease with which farm implements can be handled, a man can cultivate three times as much land as in the eastern states. Vegetables of every class grow in lavish abundance, and horticulture has reached a place in the industries of the country, which places the fruit crop among the staples of production; peaches, plums, nectarines, pears, apricots, grapes, and all berries and melons being cultivated and reaching a high state of perfection.

The native grasses are abundant and nutritious, and while farmers in other sections are feeding their crops away to their work stock, the Taylor County farmer turns his crop into money and keeps his farm animals and some breeding stock in good condition through the entire year, not feeding except during the most severe northern of midwinter.

THE WATER.

Taylor County is watered by more running streams than any other territory of its size north of the cross-timbers and west of the Trinity river. In the uplands living, pure well water is found at depths ranging from fifteen to fifty feet.

BUILDING STONE.

In all the hills and along the streams of Taylor County is found building stone of the very best quality, which, from its layer foundation, is easily quarried, its texture making it the most desirable and at the same time, most conveniently worked, and the best stone structures may be erected here at a cost proportionately far lower than in less favored localities.

TIMBER.

Although classed as a prairie country, Taylor County may be said to be well timbered, from the fact that along the streams is found an abundant growth of elm, pecan, walnut, hackberry, burr oak, Spanish oak, mulberry, china, willow and cottonwood timbers, while groves of post oak and live oak alternate with the mesquite on some parts of the uplands, and cedars grow luxuriantly on the hills, thus furnishing an inexhaustible supply of fuel, posts for fencing, etc.

Taylor County covers an area of 900 square miles, about four-fifths of which is under fence, and of the 576,000 acres in the county about 75,000 acres are in cultivation and raises annually from 10,000 to 25,000 bales of cotton, 40,000 to 50,000 bushels of corn, about 20,000 bushels each of wheat and oats, and thousands of tons of hay and forage crops, besides good crops of rye, barley, millet, milo maize, peas, sweet potatoes, etc., and ships hundreds of carloads of fat cattle, horses, etc.

Here lands are cheap, taxes low and property may be acquired on easy terms.

Here there are no chills and fever, no other malarial diseases, but the health of the people is as good as in any part of the world.

Here as great a diversity of profitable crops may be raised as in any section of America.

Here as good horses, mules, and cattle of any kind can be raised as anywhere on earth.

Here is the natural home of all kinds of fruits and vegetables—they grow the year round.

Here there are public free schools, and refined society and the citizens are law-abiding and industrious.

Here the finest crops of cotton, grain and forage crops are raised and the hay crop is found very profitable.

Here the farmer can cultivate more land to the hand than in any other part of the globe.

Here you may find a salubrious climate, not very cold in winter nor hot in summer.

Here there are no noxious grasses to worry and harass the farmers, as in other sections.

Here is where stock-farming pays better than anywhere else.

Here are profitable investments waiting far-seeing and intelligent investors; here are broad acres of fertile soil, inviting the industrious farmer to till it; here are homes for ten thousand good people, and here is a cordial invitation to every homeseeker to come and make his home where he will find good lands, good roads, good bridges, good society, good schools, and a splendid and most healthful climate; a good market for his crops and stock, good fellowship, friends, and a generous, hearty welcome from the prosperous and progressive citizens of the finest country in the finest section of the biggest and best State in America—Taylor County, Texas.