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HASKELL COUNTY, THE BANNER COUNTY IN CENTRAL WEST TEXAS

Haskell county lies on the thirty-third degree of north latitude and the ninety-ninth degree of west longitude, and the width of two counties south of the southeast corner of the Panhandle, in the heart of what is termed "Central West Texas," about 150 miles west of Fort Worth, and 240 miles northwest of Waco. Its general elevation is 1,650 feet above the sea-level and the surface of the country is level or gently undulating, except in the southeast corner of the county, where there is some rough country in the canyons and draws of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river and California and Paint creeks. Competent land surveyors estimate that fully 90 per cent of the land in Haskell county, of which there are 570,000 acres, is first-class agricultural land and considerably more of it is susceptible of tillage. Of this magnificent stretch of tillable land, which all agree is wonderfully fertile and productive under ordinarily good conditions, only about one-third is as yet under the dominion of the plow, so that there is yet room for the homes of hundreds of farmers, where they may reap its bountiful yields of varied crops and share in the great enhancement of values which their united labors will inevitably bring about at no distant period. Many of the earlier settlers have been made rich in this way—and the future uplift will be greater than the past. No one can look over these splendid reaches of prairie and mesquite covered lands without realizing that the potential of wealth and prosperity lies within its bosom, only awaiting the intelligently guided hand of industry and enterprise to bring them forth. Such has been the history of Texas, as the armies of the husband-men have moved westward and occupied its imperial domain. Its great healthfulness, fertility, productiveness—already proven—and the moderate price of land, give assurance that it will be so here.

The county embraces a variety of soils from a nearly black, tolerably stiff loam, to a light sandy soil. There is also quite an area of chocolate or reddish colored soil which has proven to be very productive. All of these soils are friable and easy to cultivate, none of them possessing the heavy, sticky quality of the black waxy lands of what is known as the "black land belt" of Middle Texas. And crab grass, tie vines and some other noxious weeds of the older sections have not yet made their appearance to any appreciable extent. For these reasons, a farmer can successfully cultivate and handle nearly double the acreage in Haskell county that he can cultivate in the black land belt, so that in favorable years his yields from all crops are large and it requires a very unfavorable season, indeed, to cut the yield from his large acreage below what will give him a good living.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Our climate and diversity of soil, together with its easy tillage, make possible a wide diversity of

A PLAIN AND CONSERVATIVELY WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF ITS SOIL, CLIMATE AND PRODUCTS, ITS SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, RAILROADS AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES. SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES AWAITING THE HOMESEAKER AND THE CAPITALIST. MAKE YOUR INVESTMENT NOW

crops, and, as we shall show, no section of Texas is producing a greater variety of profitable crops than are already being grown in Haskell county, and this in a county where less than twenty years ago the long-horned steer was king and the old-time cattle men hooted at the idea of farming and said that the mesquite grass was a better crop than any farmer would

as he can utilize their experience and avoid their mistakes.

Cotton.

Haskell county's first bale of cotton was grown and ginned in 1889, only twenty-two years ago. Since then it has become our leading money crop and may remain such, although it is yielding somewhat to diversification. The boll-weevil has not and probably never will

for a large acreage, as it is liable to blast if caught by a dry, hot wind when the silks or tassels are fresh and tender, and it will not recover like maize and kaffir from the effects of drouth and still produce a good crop. This year June corn was about the only kind that made.

Milo Maize and Kaffir.

In the several varieties of these

by maize and corn. The yield is so much greater and more certain than that of corn that many have abandoned corn altogether. The tendency has been to plant maize and kaffir too thickly and their yield, like everything else, varies with different farmers. A fair yield is considered 40 to 50 bushels per acre, though under good culture and favorable conditions they make 75 or more bushels. The planting season is from early spring to late in July. The later plantings often making the largest yields. This long planting season gives the farmers of this section a certainty of a grain crop every year, for if one planting fails another will succeed. Although this has been a severe drouth year many fields of Kaffir and maize in this county have yielded from 30 to 40 bushels of grain per acre. Unlike corn, they will stand through a protracted drouth and when it rains start to growing and produce a fair crop. Jerusalem corn and shalieu or Egyptian wheat are of the same family, good yielders and drouth resistant, but are not grown so extensively.

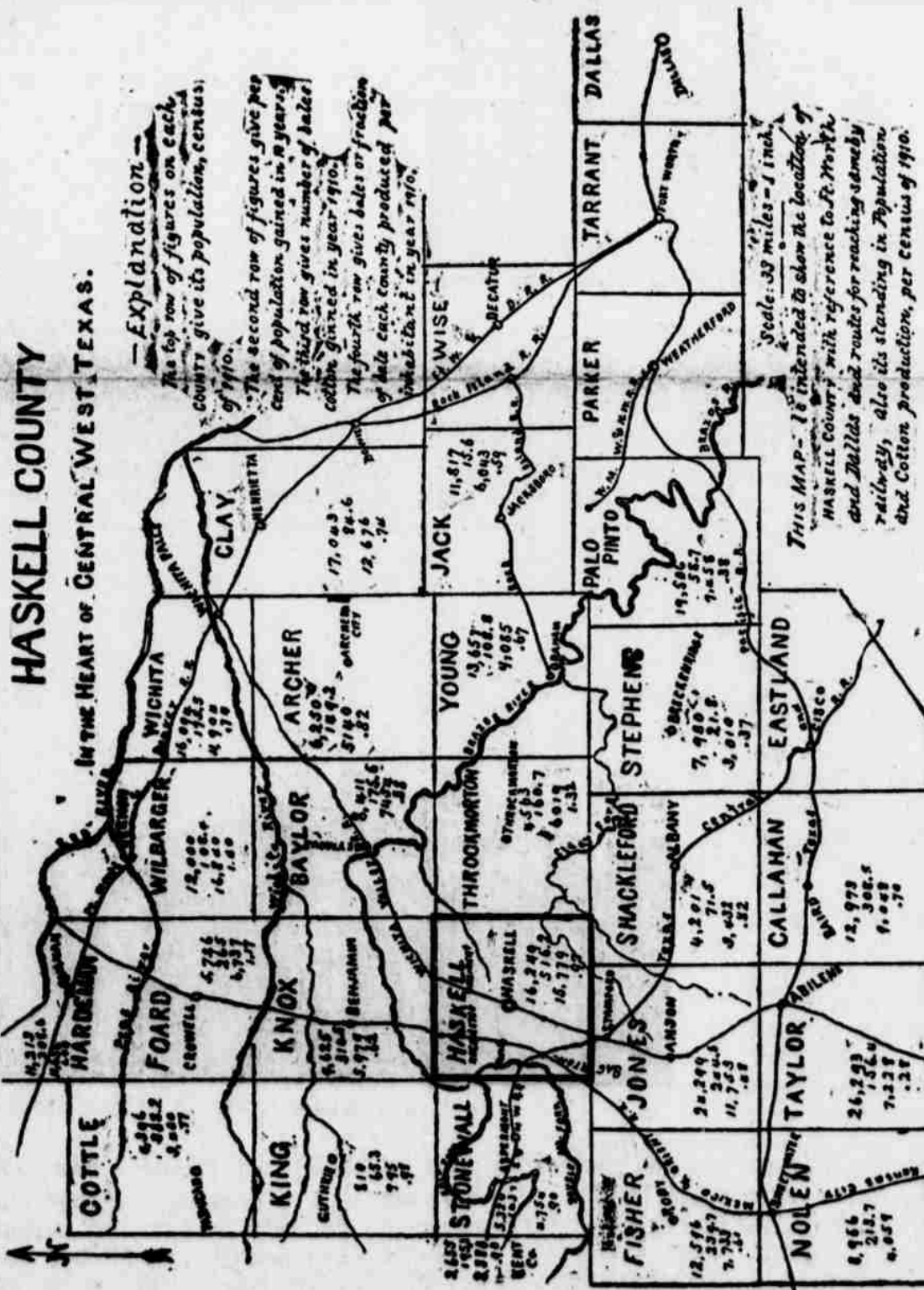
A very palatable and nourishing bread can be made of these grains. The writer has eaten pancakes and muffins made of them that were excellent. These cereals, possessing the qualities they do, give the farmers of this section a great advantage over those of localities where they do not grow successfully.

Forage Crops.

Of these we have the several varieties of saccharine sorghums, Johnson grass, German, Siberian and common millet, Colorado grass, pea vines and peanut vines. The sorghums are sure and heavy yielders of a most nutritious forage, and horses can do good work on it alone as a feed. Fall grown, it is particularly fine. The well known Johnson grass gives several cuttings each year and is a fairly good forage. The millets give good yields sown either in the spring or as late as the latter part of July. Usually Colorado grass gives fine pasturage and makes a fair yield of good hay. Only the last two or three years have the farmers been giving much attention to field peas and peanut vines as a forage crop, but they are finding them an excellent feed, especially for milch cows. The little Spanish peanut is the most successful here, giving a good quantity of hay and a profitable crop of nuts. With so large a list of good hay and forage crops the man who intelligently watches the conditions and plants so as to meet them is never without an abundance of "roughness" not even in years like the last two.

Wheat and Oats.

These generally make fair crops, the general average for wheat being 12 to 15 bushels. Occasionally 20 and 25 bushels are made, the largest crop on record is 42½ bushels per acre. Oats usually yield from 40 to 60 bushels, sometimes going as high as 75 or 80 bushels per acre. Some fields of both wheat and oats failed this year,



ever get out of this soil. But the big ranch and the cattle king have disappeared as such, and prosperous farmers are producing bountiful crops where the long-horns erstwhile grazed.

Here, as in all new counties, it has taken a number of years for the farmers to ascertain the best methods of preparing and tilling the soil and to learn what can be grown with most success and profit and although they have already achieved great success, they are still improving along these lines. The new settler who comes here now will have a much shorter road to success than the pioneers had,

reach this section, as its tendency is to migrate eastward. The boll-worm does considerable damage some years. Under favorable conditions cotton has produced one and a quarter bales per acre here, but under average or normal conditions the yield is a third to three fourths of a bale. Under the severe drouths of the last two years the yield has been considerably lower, although many of our farmers are gathering a quarter to a half bale per acre.

Corn.

Corn sometimes gives a yield of 40 to 50 bushels per acre, but the general average is 20 or 25 bushels. It is not regarded as a safe crop

grains the farmers of this section have a sure crop and an excellent substitute for corn. Experiment station feeding tests rate them from two to ten per cent below corn, weight for weight, in nutritive value, the deficiency being largely in the nitrogenous elements or heat and fat producing properties and not in flesh, muscle and strength producing properties. They are used here almost altogether for work stock and general feeding, the little corn that is grown being used as a finishing feed for fattening hogs. Many say, however, that they see no difference in the amount or quality of the meat and lard produced

while some wheat fields yielded from 5 to 11 bushels and some oats as high as 40 bushels per acre.

Broom Corn.

Being of the sorghum family, broom corn generally makes a good yield here of an excellent grade of straw.

Vine Crops.

Potatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, pumpkins, kershaws, field peas, etc., grow and produce well in all parts of the county, but are particularly fine on the sandy lands in the western and north-western portions of the county. Melons in that section grow to very large size and are of the finest flavor and crispness. Even this year many wagon loads of 40 to 80 pounds watermelons have been brought to the Haskell market, and a few have been larger than that.

Vegetables.

Most of the standard vegetables, such as beans, English peas, beets, turnips, radishes, lettuce, cabbage,

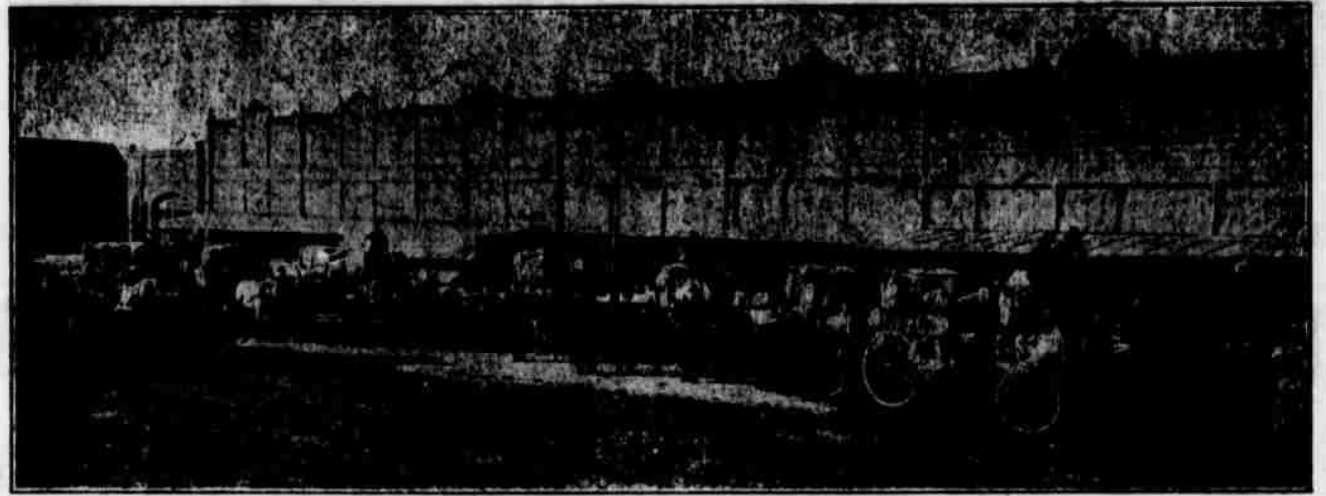
know of no one else who has tried the strawberry here. Mr. Gilliam has had equally as good success with dewberries.

Fruits.

Peaches, plums and grapes are a proven success here. The yield is good, the fruit medium to large in size and of excellent flavor. No one who will give the proper attention to their planting and culture will be without these fruits. But the fellow, as many do, who grows crops and weeds in his orchard and allows his stock to graze in it won't get much fruit. But little effort has been made to grow other varieties of fruits here, largely from the belief that others will not succeed. But the country is too new for a thorough or final test to have been made and it is not improbable that with a better knowledge of the conditions others will yet be found to succeed. Several parties have been quite successful in growing blackberries and the Mayes dewberry.

DIVERSIFICATION.

Diversification. We think we



BRINGING COTTON TO HASKELL

RAINFALL—WATER SUPPLY.

A record of the rainfall and temperature has been kept at Haskell for the past 18 years by a volunteer observer appointed by the United States Weather Bureau, and an examination of this official record reveals the fact that there has been a decided increase in the annual rainfall. There is considerable variation from year to

ful farming. The Brazos river circles around north of Haskell county and more than half way down the west side, dipping into the county on the west. The Clear Fork of the Brazos comes in the southeast corner, and the two Points and California creeks are in the south and east portions. Miller creek runs from a few miles north of Haskell northeast into the Brazos in Baylor county. Various smaller streams and shallow ravines serve to drain the country. These streams do not flow all the time, but most of them have large permanent holes of water fed by seepage and springs, which supply wholesome stock water and are full of catfish, buffalo and bass, fishing parties frequently camping on them for days at a time. Good well water is obtained in nearly every part of the country, in ample quantity, at from 20 to 80 feet. In a few instances "gyppy" and slightly salty water has been found in digging.

HEALTH—CLIMATE.

It is generally conceded that this is a remarkably healthful section, few, if any, localities in the state excelling it in that particular, the altitude of 1650 feet dry atmosphere and constant breezes, all tending to produce healthful conditions. Chills and fever do not exist here, and persons coming here affected with them are soon

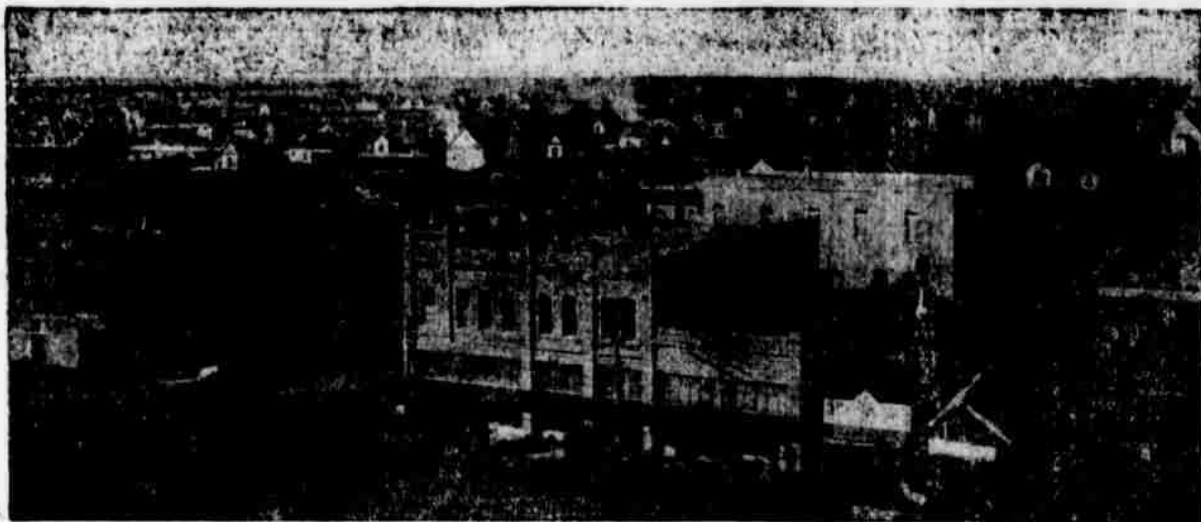
80 degrees in a still or humid atmosphere. There is rarely a still or sultry day here, and the summer nights are invariably pleasant and one always requires some covering to sleep in comfort, and one awakens in the morning refreshed and reinvigorated for his day's work, instead of experiencing a feeling of lassitude and depression as is the case in lower and more humid localities. Barring a few pretty stiff northers and an occasional dip of the temperature to zero—not often more than once in a winter—the winters here are comparatively mild and equable. There is not an average of ten days in a year when outdoor labor can not be carried on in comfort.

Schools—Churches, etc.

Haskell county has adopted the district system for its public schools and each district levies a special tax in addition to the state fund. There are six independent school districts, embracing the towns of Haskell, Rule, Sager-ton, Rochester, O'Brien and Weinert, each of which has levied a special tax of 50 cents on the \$100 in addition to the state fund.

Persons interested in regard to our school facilities are referred to a special article in this paper for more complete and detailed information.

The Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Christians and Luther-



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF HASKELL.

tomatoes, onions, etc., are successfully grown here under normal conditions, and with a little irrigation to carry them over more or less drouthy periods they are grown every year. At this date, Oct. 26, and for some time previously, several nearby farmers have been supplying the Haskell market with green snap beans, tomatoes, squashes, pepper, okra and cantaloupes all of good quality and grown without irrigation. The Co-Operative Grocery store, J. F. Posey, manager, which has been handling a large quantity of this produce, will verify this fact.

Strawberries.

We were about to neglect mention strawberries, but will say that one man in Haskell, Mr. M. H. Gilliam, made as fine a success raising strawberries this year as we ever knew. He irrigated a small plat, about one-fortieth of an acre, in his garden from which he sold \$25.00 worth at 25c per quart and put up \$15.00 worth at home in the form of jam and jelly, besides what they ate fresh, and also made three gallons of wine. It is estimated that at that rate of yield an acre in strawberries would have paid him over \$1600. His berries were of a variety that bore freely until the middle of August, and were large and fine, some measuring 4 1/2 inches in circumference and 1 1/2 inches in length. We

have covered sufficiently the best of things which are being successfully grown in Haskell county to show that our soils and climate are capable of producing a great diversity of crops, and that no farmer making his home here need confine himself to one or two crops nor should his family be without the luxuries furnished by garden and orchard. To further impress the fact of the great diversification possible here, we will state that at a little fair held in Haskell two years ago one farmer exhibited 69 varieties of products grown in his field, orchard and garden that year, with no irrigation, and all of his specimens were good of their kind—his name and address, W. E. Underwood, Rule, Texas.

It is pertinent to say in this connection that the most intelligent of our farmers are studying closely, especially the last few years, and are learning from year to year how to better prepare their land and cultivate their crops to meet the seasonal and climatic conditions of the country, and many of them are getting better results than previously. The U. S. Agricultural department in co-operation with the county has placed a competent man here and we will have the co-operative farm demonstration work in operation here next year.

year, but dividing the eighteen years into four periods of four years each, leaving out the last two years, the first period shows an average of a little over eighteen inches and each period shows an increase over the preceding one, the four-year period to January 1st, 1908, showing an annual

average precipitation of 26.45 inches. It also shows that more than three-fourths of this rainfall occurs during the spring and summer months. Mr. Campbell of Nebraska, the dry farming expert, and the government experiment stations say that with proper preparation and tillage 18 inches of rainfall is sufficient for success-



RESIDENCE STREET SCENE IN HASKELL.

cured and become robust. In fact, it is strongly asserted that the great majority of persons who come here in a diseased condition, except those in an advanced stage of tuberculosis and some constitutional disorders, experience speedy relief and frequently recover perfect health. Standing water never stagnates or becomes putrid. Physicians pronounce the atmosphere remarkably pure and seemingly laden with a life-giving, invigorating quality which makes one glad to live and breathe it. It is not uncommon for a man to tell you that the medicine and doctors' bills for his family have been less in five years here than they were in one year where he came from—and added to that the pleasure of feeling well and good. The summers are made comparatively pleasant by the constant breezes. These make a temperature of 90 or 100 degrees in mid-summer felt much less than a temperature of

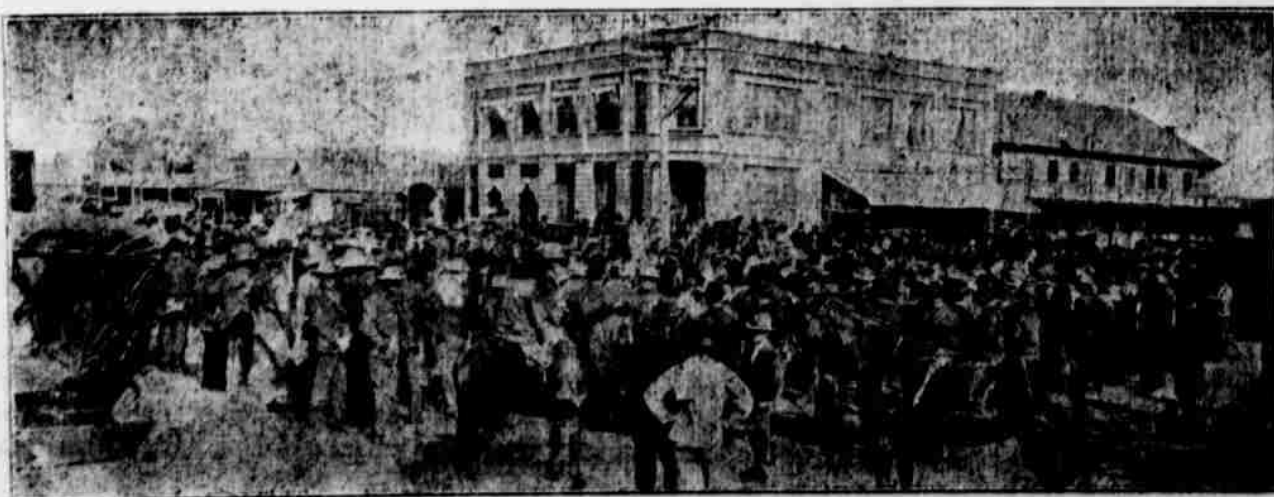
ans have churches in various places in the county, and where they have no buildings services are conducted in the school houses.

Our people are not excelled for their law-abiding character, neighborly and hospitable conduct.

Railroads.

The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad runs through the west side of the county from north to south. The towns on it are O'Brien, Rochester, Rule and Sager-ton. It extends from Kansas City to San Angelo and will be extended to Aransas Pass and across Mexico to the Pacific coast, making it a great trunk line.

The Wichita Valley railroad runs from Wichita Falls on the Ft. W. & D. C. railway southwest through Haskell, crossing the Texas Central at Stamford and the T. and P. railway at Abilene and is extended on to Ballinger, where it connects with the G. C. & S. F. railroad. The towns on it in this county are Weinert, Haskell and McConnell.



STREET SCENE IN HASKELL.

The Stamford & Northwestern crosses the southwest corner of this county, crossing the Orient at Sagerton. These lines, with their connections, furnish good shipping and market facilities to this county. Haskell, the county seat, is a common rate point, which gives it as low freight rates as the larger cities have and allow merchandise to be handled and sold as cheaply as at any point in the state.

Price of Land.

Improved lands run from \$25 to \$40 per acre and higher adjoining the larger towns. Unimproved land runs from \$15 to \$30, depending on location. Prices have been steadily advancing; in fact, have doubled in five years, and it is predicted that with the development in progress will double again in the next five years.

In Conclusion.

Should the reader of this desire to get in direct communication with land dealers and agents, he can not do better than correspond with the reliable ones advertised in this issue of the Free Press.

For any additional information, address the Board of Trade, Haskell, Texas, at whose instance and under whose supervision and approval the special matter and descriptive articles appearing in this issue have been prepared.

LIVE STOCK.

Dating back to the days when the stockmen numbered their heads of cattle, horses and sheep on the luxuriant prairies of Haskell county by the thousands, down to the present time, experience has demonstrated the fact that there is no better natural live stock county than this—none freer of diseases and none that can produce and develop more vigorous and hardy animals. Occasionally losses of cattle have occurred from splenic or tick fever, but it is believed that the Government will soon eradicate that trouble by the destruction of the ticks. Some young cattle have died from black-leg, but that is now being cured, or, rather, prevented by the inexpensive Pasteur treatment. Horses are practically free of disease here as are also hogs. It is said that no case of hog cholera has ever been known in this county. Practical horse men claim that Arabia with its world-wide fame for horses of speed and bottom is no better horse country than this and can not produce horses of more endurance, cleaner limbs and sounder feet.

Taking these facts as a basis, coupled with the further fact that under normal conditions a great variety of forage, hay and grain crops of the best feeding quality are cheaply and abundantly produced here, it follows logically that this country should become one of the most successful, profitable and prosperous stock-farming and fine-blooded stock countries in the United States. It is a well known fact that any country where farming and stock-raising are successfully combined is far more prosperous and independent of the outside world than where either alone is depended upon. We are quite sure that no man who is able to establish himself on a farm here and pursue intelligently the combined industry of farming and stock-raising will make any mistake in so doing, and we invite the fullest investigation along this line.

HASKELL COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The public schools of Haskell county are organized under the district system and are operated under the supervision of a progressive and enthusiastic county superintendent of education, Prof. T. C. Williams, who has done and is doing much to advance the educational interest in this county. Great progress has been made in the past year or so in classifying the country schools and making the school work more systematic and efficient, as well in securing a high class of teachers throughout



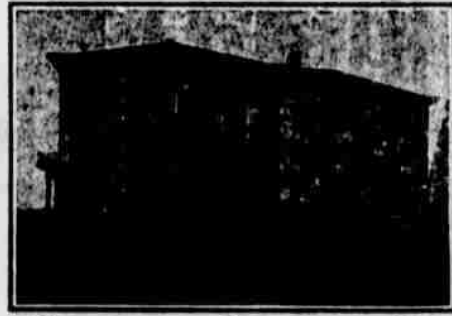
NORTH WARD SCHOOL BUILDING

the county.

The county is divided into forty-five common school districts and six independent districts with a scholastic population of 4531 and 101 teachers. There are forty-nine school houses in the common school districts and twelve in the independent districts. All of these schools are equipped with patent desks, blackboards, etc., and many of them have established libraries with charts, maps, reference works and standard literature.

Every district in the county has levied a special tax to augment the fund received from the state, the rates in the common districts ranging from 10 cents to 40 cents on the \$100 and 50 cents in the independent districts.

The available fund for the maintenance of our schools during the current scholastic year, derived from the state and district taxes and rental of the county school land, is \$62,483.02, giving a per capita of about \$14.00. The average length of our school term last year was but four days short of six months. The per capita amount received from the state fund this year is slightly larger than it was last year and our schools may be able to run full six months. It is of interest to state that Haskell is one of the few counties which has



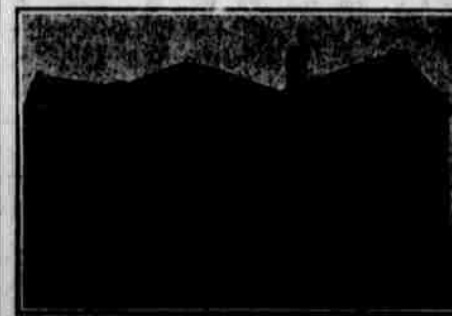
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not sold its school land and it still owns 17,712 acres donated by the state. This land is located on the plains, in Hockley county, and leased for pasturage, the annual rental going into the county's available school fund. This land eventually will be sold for several times the price it would have brought at the time most counties sold their lands and will thus give our county schools a handsome permanent fund. The county will probably get \$200,000.00 for this land.

The sum expended for new school houses and repairs the past scholastic year was only \$2600. This small expenditure for additional facilities is explained by the fact that about \$75,000. was expended for new school buildings during the past three years, which supplied the present requirements of the country and, a large majority of the houses being new, but few repairs were needed.

Few counties, and certainly no western county, have a more thoroughly organized, equipped and convenient school system than ours.

The information contained in this article may be accepted as substantially correct, as it is based on facts obtained from the recently prepared official report of the county superintendent to the state superintendent of education.



EAST WARD SCHOOL BUILDING

THE BIG STORE

THE STORE OF CERTAIN SATISFACTION ANNOUNCEMENT

We have the largest stock of goods that we have had for years. When we bought our fall and winter goods, we expected a big cotton crop, but to our disappointment and yours, it didn't come—and worse still is the low price, but cheer up, we will come out all right yet. Lets look at the bright side. We have seen and been through worse. Let us help one another. We are ready to do our part and we are sure you will meet us half way. See what we have to say below.

Brandegge, Kincaid & Co. Clothes

Moves In The Best Society

Every where you go in this broad land, wherever good clothes are used, you will find in the best places, one particular brand **BRANDEGEE, KINCAID & CO.**

Our stock of Suits and Over coats in this line is large and well selected, and we are going to move them too. Meet us half way. We are on the level and you will find courtesy and honesty an every day garment worn by every member and employee of this big mercantile establishment.



MEN'S HATS AND SHOES

Lion Special Hats challenge them all. This is our \$3.00 hat. The best hat \$3.00 can buy. We have plenty of them and more to come, in the new shades of beaver and the popular scratch up. We also have the best selected stock of Stetson hats at \$4.00 to \$7.50

Howard & Fosters fine shoes for men. A well dressed foot is something that every man appreciates. We have what you want and you need not pay \$6.00 or \$7.00 for it. Our limit is \$5.00 and we guarantee that they will please you as well and wear as long as any other at any price.

HAMILTON BROWN, is our general line of shoes. 'nuff said. This is the best known shoe in the world, and although shoe competition grows stronger each year this line continues to grow. Ever keeping up their motto—"Keep the quality up." Come and bring the whole family. We can fit you all in Hamilton Brown shoes and you will all be well shod too, and at a price that will please you.

LADIES SUITS AND COATS

We invite competition in all lines but especially in our ladies suit and coat department. We challenge you to find any so stylish and up to date as ours at the price we ask or even higher. They are serviceable too.



We are grateful to the Kippendorf Dittman Shoe Co. for the exclusive sale of their ladies fine shoes. It has increased our shoe business and made hundreds of satisfied customers for us. We receive mail orders from neighboring towns for Kippendorf Dittman's ladies fine shoes, because there's fit, style, beauty and service in every pair of them. All the new shapes in the new fabrics as well as patent leather and gun metal.



Now be your own judge. We have promised to meet you half way—Don't be misled by flashy advertisements and attractive price cards. We have the goods, we bought them right. We are more than willing to share our part of the burden, and we will give you the glad hand every time you come to see us. It is easy to write attractive ads, but we are always careful to tell the truth in every one of ours. Come make this BIG STORE your trading place this fall, you'll feel better for it and so will we. Confidence in us means better goods for you.

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

THE BIG STORE

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THE CITY OF HASKELL

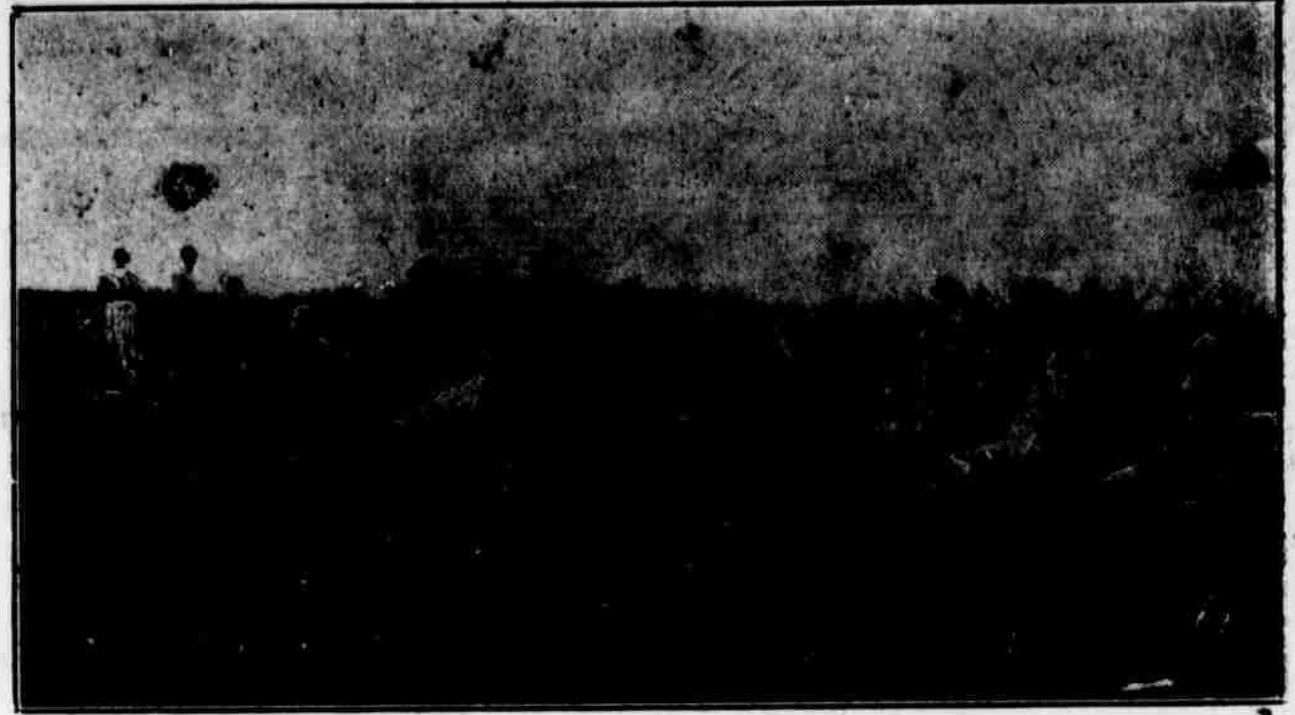
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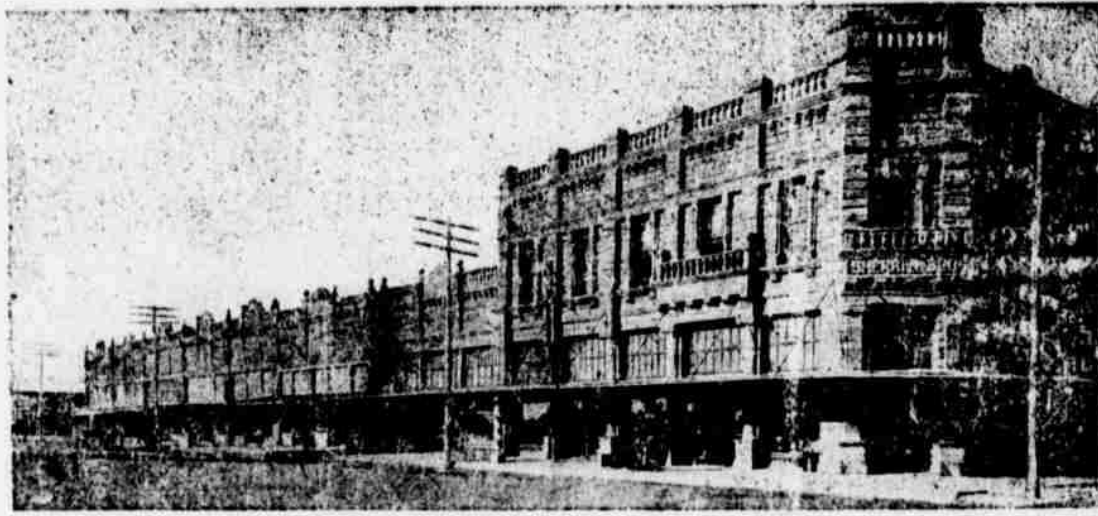
Has Many Modern Conveniences, a Progressive Citizenship and a Promising Future

The pretty little city of Haskell, with a population of about 3000 people, nestling in the midst of a fertile prairie which stretches its broad and level expanse for many miles in all directions, is the county seat, in the geographical center of the county. This immense body of fertile and productive agricultural land gives Haskell a trade territory unequalled by that

equipment.
 Three large ginning plants.
 A broom factory, capacity 1000 brooms per day.
 A creamery of large capacity, equipped with latest machinery and apparatus.
 An ice cream factory and bottling works.
 Grist and feed mills.
 A telephone system, owned by local parties, with a paid up capital of \$100,000 and operating exchanges in sixteen towns and over 1000 miles of toll lines.
 An up-to-date steam laundry.
 Three banks—two national and one state.
 An opera house.
 Two automobile garages.
 Three lumber yards.
 One first-class newspaper and a job printing office.
 Numerous dry goods, grocery, hardware, implement, furniture, paint and saddlery stores, and various shops.
 Two hotels and a new 25 room one nearing completion. This building has unusually large, airy rooms, an independent lighting



COTTON PICKING SCENE IN HASKELL COUNTY



WEST SIDE SQUARE HASKELL

of any other town in Central West Texas.

Since the advent of the Wichita Valley railroad a few years since and the influx of immigration to the surrounding country, this town has experienced a splendid and substantial growth. In the business portion large and handsome brick and concrete buildings have taken the place of the former wooden ones as well as filled the vacant spaces, and the residence portions have been built up with scores of beautiful and commodious homes equipped with such conveniences as electric lights, water, sewerage, telephones, etc. The absence of shanties and little "shacks" is often commented upon by visitors with the remark that this is one of the best built towns they have ever seen.

Following is an enumeration of some of Haskell's modern conveniences and industrial enterprises:

A well equipped electric light and power plant.

An ice factory of 15 tons daily capacity.

A cotton seed oil mill of 40 tons daily capacity—brick buildings and most modern equipment.

A grain elevator with first-class

system and is equipped with hot and cold baths.

Three commodious and well furnished public school buildings. The high school building has a large auditorium on the third floor, a good library and physical laboratory, and is heated throughout with hot air from a furnace in the basement.

There are five church buildings, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Christian, Baptist and Methodist, the last recently erected at a cost of \$25,000. Several other denominations, the primitive Baptists, Episcopal and Lutherans, hold regular services here.

The I. O. O. F., Masons (including K. T. Commandery), W. O. W., and M. W. A. have strong lodges here. The Masons and Odd Fellows own their lodges of brick and construction.

The city owns a water works and sewerage system which was installed about two years ago at a cost of over \$30,000. It supplies the business and a large part of the residence portion of the town and fire plugs are located at convenient intervals. The water supply is pumped from two large

Central West Texas has so large a natural supply of good drinking and steam-making water as is found at Haskell. Every residence in the town, built prior to the establishment of the city water works, has a well of good

whose analyses show valuable medical properties the efficacy of which have been proven in numerous instances in the cure of such ailments as affect the kidneys and bowels, rheumatism, chronic constipation, etc. There can be no doubt, we think, that with the natural healthfulness of this section large capital and properly directed enterprise invested in a sanitarium and the development and exploitation of these wells would prove a very profitable venture.

In estimating the stability and future prospects of a town with a view to locating or investing in it, one of the most important things to know is: what do her citizens think of it? This not so much from what they may say as from what they have proved by their acts. In this connection it is interesting to know the facts, which it is easy to verify, that fully ninety per cent of the important building, manufacturing and other enterprises enumerated in this article have been built or installed with Haskell money and not by outside capital. This action of the people who live in and know

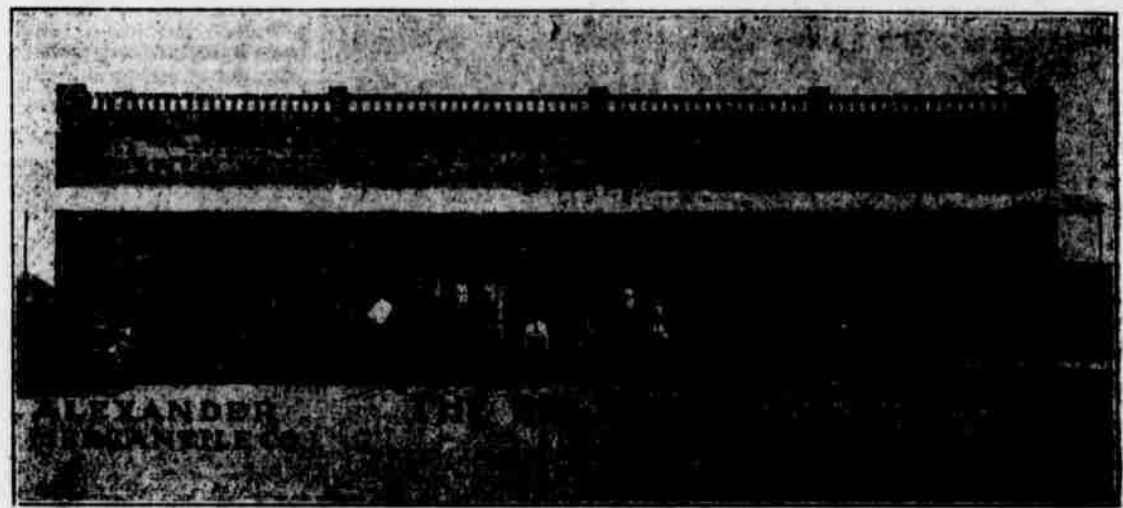
time for a change must be at hand.

In concluding we will suggest three enterprises which it is believed offer good openings for the investment of money here at this time to wit: A mattress factory, a peanut butter and oil factory and a large and well equipped sanitarium in connection with the mineral wells above referred to. We speak advisedly when we say that the people of Haskell invite and will welcome men and money to aid in the upbuilding of the town and the development of the country and to share in the profits which must inevitably come from the development of a new and fertile country.

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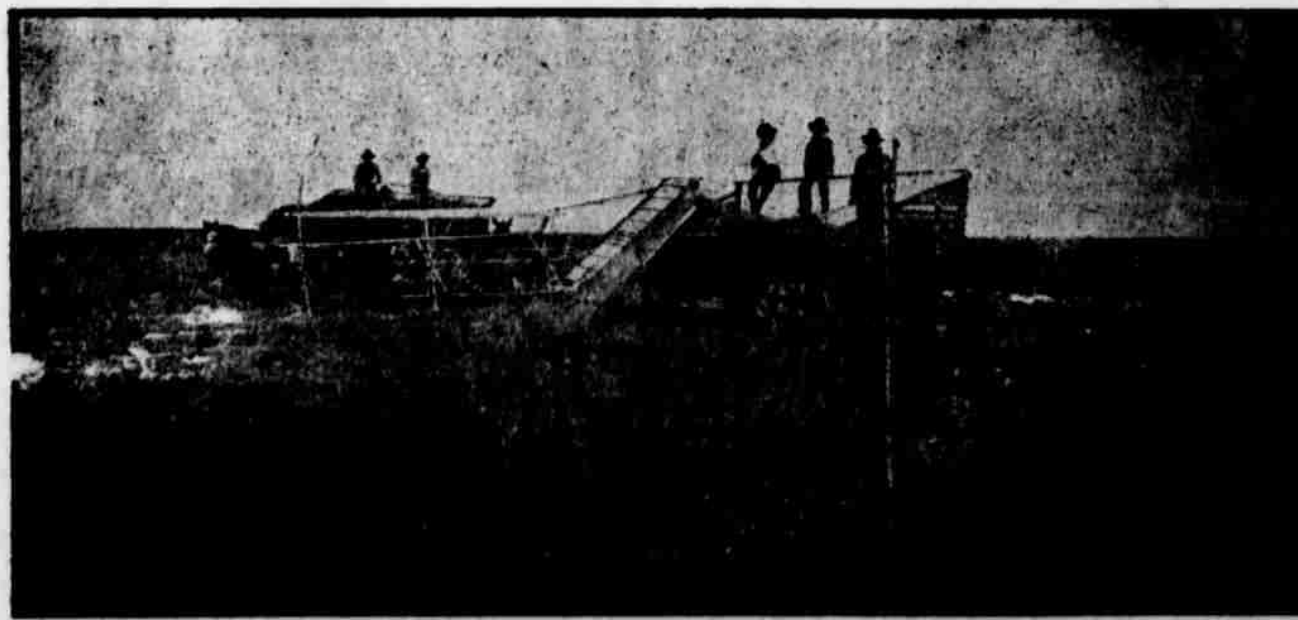
the town and the country and the resources back of it speaks more forcibly and convincingly of its future progress and prosperity than all the newspaper articles that could be written, or, all the boom literature that could be circulated by real estate dealers. In short, the truth about Haskell and the Haskell country is good enough. No effort has been made to conceal or minimize the fact that the drouth and adverse conditions resulting from it the past two years have temporarily checked the town's progress, nor, on the other hand, is there any doubt but that when the country gets back to its normal seasonal conditions the town will go forward again in a substantial and healthful growth. And it is believed that the return to the normal is due the coming year, as such conditions as have prevailed during the last two or three years have never been known to last so long in the history of the country and the

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