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Letter from Texas.

Dallas, Texas, March 23, 1871.

Editor Progress:—My advent into Texas was upon the North, crossing Red River opposite Sherman, the county seat of Grayson county. From Red River to Sherman, distance about twelve miles, the country is broken, and the soil varied from the blackest and most waxy, to the most sandy; yet, all productive, and covered with a dense forest of medium sized timber, consisting of cotton-wood, post-oak, ash, gum, hackberry, mesquit, shittim, and bois d'arc. The farms are small, and the improvements very indifferent. The prevailing style of architecture being a light frame, weather boarded up and down, without ceiling or plastering. Cotton is the principal product, and its yield equal to that of any produced in the south, an average crop being one bale to the acre.

SHERMAN

has a population of about 1,500; one or two churches; about twenty stores; two hotels; a weekly newspaper; and a respectable number of saloons. One of the hotels sounds a gong, and the other a crow-bar. Here the traveler from the north first strikes specie and raw-hides, the currency of the country. His greenbacks are below par, and are declined by his landlord, and the specie demanded. I have seen as little circulation of greenbacks in Texas, as I saw of specie in Indiana. The old, familiar rattle of hard money is heard from almost everybody's pocket. The thorough bred frontier Texan may be seen here in the bar-room, sitting in a raw-hide chair, dressed in a raw-hide suit, vociferously talking about raw-hides, having a raw-hide "wessell-skin" full of the raw specie. In fact, a man "green from the States" is vividly impressed with the notion that he is in a raw-hide country, and that Texas—in places—is decidedly raw.

GRAYSON COUNTY,

however, has some of the richest and most beautiful prairie in the State. I should think it would puzzle nature herself to improve upon it. Its thousands of acres spread out before and around us, on our route from Sherman to Denton, I think the most lovely picture I ever saw. In one grand panoramic view there were gentle valleys, rising mounds, sloping hills; groves of timber, nurseries of cedar, streams of water, rich prairies, pastures, and the whole country dotted with cattle. One could but be reminded of the "green pastures," "the still waters," and "the cattle upon a thousand hills" mentioned in holy writ. The country has an area of 930 square miles, and a population of about 6,000. Land has advanced twenty-five per cent. during the past two years, and unimproved sells at \$3 to \$12, and improved at \$8 to \$25 per acre.

DENTON

is the county seat of Denton county, 40 miles southwest of Sherman, and situated in the "Lower Cross Timbers." It has a population of about 500, a gentle mound for a public square, covered with a spontaneous growth of green trees, but no Court House. Her Court was organized in the woods, and has often been held there since. When the contemplated Court House is erected, Denton will have the most picturesque public square of any town in northern Texas. There are a respectable number of stores around the square, and creditable buildings. Her hotel is the most shabby, which has its bar and sleeping room all in one—a large, commodious, and well ventilated apartment, 20 feet square, with the naked rafters above, and a half dozen cotton beds about. The guests are called from slumber to "refreshment."

By the twanging, and the clanging, of the poker on the skillet lid, or something that sounds very much like it.

DENTON COUNTY

has an area of about 900 square miles, a population believed to be 1,200. Its lands are fertile, and the agricultural interests advanced further than in Grayson. Its improved farms are more numerous, and its population more prosperous—unimproved lands sell at from \$1 to \$15 per acre.

THE CROSS TIMBERS

mentioned above, are a singular freak of nature, commencing abruptly and without any apparent cause, and ending in the same way. They consist mostly of low, scrubby post oak, on a sandy soil, and from ten to twenty miles wide, extending from the south line of Lavant county, to near the Canadian River in the Indian Territory, over 200 miles. They are of incalculable value to northern Texas, affording the chief supply of fire wood and fencing, and mass for thousands of hogs, but not of great value in the way of building material.

DALLAS.

Our last day's travel was from Denton to this place, the county seat of Dallas county, distance 35 miles. From Buxter Springs to Dallas, the distance is 400 miles, and we made the journey just in one week, at a cost of about twenty cents per mile. Dallas has a population of 2,500, and is situated on the North Fork or main stream of the Trinity River, three miles below the mouth of the West Fork, and about thirty miles

above the mouth of the East Fork, and hence the sobriquet "The Three Forks City." It is located upon high table land, sandy soil, level, and surrounded by timber, such as post oak, shittim, ash, cedar, &c. It is a beautiful location for a city. Cedar groves are upon almost every lot in town, and the roads leading east from town are through a dense forest of cedar. The streets of Dallas are never muddy, and most of them will never need grading. The court house square is full of neatly trimmed and topped locusts, and deserving a better Court House than the one standing upon it. There are two flouring mills; a small foundry; four very respectable churches, Methodist, Cumberland Presbyterian, Episcopal and Christian, and an elegant Masonic Hall, each costing on an average, \$7,000. There are five Sabbath Schools, one connected with each church, and one organized by Presbyterians since my arrival. They all bid fair for the future. The Cum. P's. contemplate the establishment of a college, while the Methodists have already commenced erecting an Academy. Respectable schools are in progress. The population consists of a respectable sprinkling of German, French and Swiss, besides the major part of American and African. The people are generally high toned, chivalrous, impulsive, liberal, and all church going, except the foreign element. When a collection is taken up in church, I have observed that it is seldom any member of the congregation fails to contribute—irrespective of church members; and the silver half dollar is the usual coin you hear in the "hat," as well as over the counter of the saloon. Saint and sinner alike, believe "there is a time" and "place to drink," but differ perhaps as to "the time" and "the place" and of course as to the "quantity" and "quality." It is not very uncommon for a saloon keeper or other man of the world, to give \$100 towards the erection of a church, or the salary of a minister, or some other benevolent purpose. I heard a gentleman the other day, who is not a member of any church, and of only easy circumstances, who has already given from two to five hundred dollars to each of the churches already erected in Dallas, make a standing offer to the Baptist denomination (which has no organization here yet) of \$500 towards the erection of a respectable church, following this up with the additional offer of from one to five hundred dollars annually towards the salary of a Baptist minister, provided the services of a pure and able minister were procured.

Buildings progress slowly on account of the scarcity of material. Lumber, except oak and cedar, is 150 miles away. The eastern prairies are said to be inexhaustible, but transportation at present, which is entirely by wagons, is very costly. The price of lumber is \$7 and \$8 per hundred. Brick-makers are unskilled in their art, and consequently brick is poor and scarce. There is very little of good lime made in the country, and hence there are here, as every place else in northern Texas, very few houses plastered. A goodly number of concrete buildings have been erected in the past four years, but they are proving failures, some of them falling down before completion. All these impediments, it is hoped, will be removed as soon as the iron horse snorts in the suburbs, which will be at no distant day. Lots sell at from \$200 to \$1,000 near the public square; and land half mile east of public square, but within the limits of the Corporation, at from \$50 to \$250 per acre. The Corporation made a donation the other day of 100 acres lying one half mile east of town, to the Texas Central Railroad, for depot purposes, costing \$12,000.

A chartered joint stock Co. proposes building a fine bridge across the Trinity River, immediately west of town, and I learn the work is to begin at once. More anon

J. M. M.

A terrible wag has been travestying the story of truthful George and his hatchet after this fashion:—"Butler and Wendell Phillips were in the garden of the White House, waiting to see the President. They were kept there for some while, when Butler, picking up a hatchet, began cutting the trees to beguile the time. Grant soon after appeared, and asked "Who has been hacking these trees?" Butler answered "I cannot tell a lie, Mr. President: it was Wendell Phillips."

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A CHICAGO DIVORCE STORY.—The Chicago correspondent of the New York Tribune relates the following divorce story:

"The only class to be pitied as a class in Chicago, is the ever-dressed, extravagant, uneducated set whose names recruit the divorce calendar and help the small newspapers to make a living by the scandal they occasion. One story, which has never reached the public before, is almost outside a French novel. I have seen the parties to the suit; both young; the husband rather quiet, fond of music and terrapin suppers, good looking and indulgent; the wife excitable, a beauty of the mantua makers style, heavy dark curls, languishing eyes, "pronounced" shoulders and very round waist, with no special harm in her; frank, childish and romantic, as only a gay, overgrown woman knows how to be. She fell in love with a young Adonis, a friend of her husband's; they flirted desperately and came to a dead stop. Neither wanted to outrage the proprieties, neither could give up the acquaintance. Frankness confessed to her husband: "You have always been good to me and never denied me anything. I am desperately in love with Frank, and I want you to give me a divorce so that I can marry him." Husband philosophically considers the situation, thinks an unloving wife's value is gone anyhow, and consents. But their boy, nine years old, must not grow up to find his mother's name called in question, so the faithful husband decides that his wife shall sue him for divorce, taking the blame on his own shoulders, "as it isn't so much to the world what is said of a man." The decree is obtained with no more trouble than the conveyance of an estate. The divorced lady marries her red cheeked Adonis, separating from her former husband on the best of terms. What a charming example for the advocates of free divorce! No quarrel; no shooting or discrediting for the children, because the husband was reasonable, instead of making himself unpleasant in the matter. This story is true, and the saint of domestic peace is an artist on Lake street. As to the proper moral to be drawn from it, that's another matter.

Letter from Harrodsburg.

Near Harrodsburg, April 24th, '71.

Mr. Editor:—On an eminence overlooking Clear Creek, through the bottoms of which runs the L. N. A. & C. Railroad, and one mile from the Depot, sits our magnificent little burg. With a population of some less than a thousand, it can boast of three dry goods stores, a drug store, tin shop, doctor shop, two harness shops, and a blacksmith shop. Messrs. Carmichael & Urmy, have an extensive pork house, where they slaughtered twenty-five hundred hogs last season. We have also a fine flouring mill, owned by Andy Woolery. Mr. George, the accommodating miller, understands his "biz" perfectly. The Woolen Factory is under the supervision of Carmichael & Son. We have three church edifices, belonging to the following denominations: Presbyterians, Methodists, and Campbellites; the latter, however, is not finished. Sabbath Schools are successfully conducted in the C. P. and M. E. Churches. We also have a cabinet shop, which must not be overlooked, and last and not least, a whisky shop. The temperance question occupies the back ground in this community. The only advocate it has, who has courage enough to come out boldly in its behalf, is old Father Mark, who occasionally gives us a lecture on that important subject. Like its sister town Ellettsville, Harrodsburg has its share of "gossips." I challenge any town of equal size to beat it in that particular. With few exceptions the fruit is all killed here.

ONSKYER.

AN EXHIBIT

Of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Bloomington for the year ending, April 21st, 1871.

| RECEIPTS. | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand..... | \$283 10 |
| From Auctioneers and Pedlars..... | 82 50 |
| Billiard tables..... | 30 00 |
| Sale of Grave Yard Lots..... | 100 00 |
| Liquor Licenses..... | 500 00 |
| Taxes..... | 1631 27 |
| Delinquent..... | 201 77 |
| Road Tax..... | 550 00 |
| Justices of the Peace..... | 62 04 |
| Shows..... | 32 00 |
| George Johnson's Estate..... | 483 27 |
| | \$3,963 97 |

| EXPENDITURES. | |
|--|------------|
| Macadamizing and work on streets and alleys..... | \$2,331 73 |
| Officer's Salaries..... | 567 73 |
| Bridges and Hauling..... | 633 12 |
| Survey of Town..... | 58 19 |
| Police Services..... | 20 00 |
| Advertising Tax List..... | 102 70 |
| Books, &c..... | 30 10 |
| Wood, Oil, &c..... | 57 70 |
| Keeping corporation prisoners..... | 4 00 |
| Report of Justice of the Peace..... | 42 50 |
| Work on Grave Yard..... | 75 00 |
| Money loaned E. B. Voss..... | 41 27 |
| Interest paid on Orders..... | \$3,954 04 |

Balance in Treasury..... \$9 93
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Notice to Heirs of

Petition to Sell Real Estate.

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Witness my hand, and the seal of said Court, this 13th day of April, A. D. 1871.

JOHN R. EAST, Clerk.

Bloomington, Ind., Apr. 19, 1871.

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M. W. Helton,

Notary Public

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Attorneys at Law.

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December 28th, 1870.

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Attorney at Law,

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

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