

HENRIETTA.

Its Early History and Struggle for Permanent Existence.

Rapid Growth as a Railroad Town—Current Topics of the Day.

Special Correspondence of the Gazette.

Henrietta, November 15.—In 1867 there stood at this spot a few naked chimneys, smoking remnants of a few cabins which had just been destroyed by the Indians. Six years later, but claim having been made to the tract of land, litigation ensued and long retarded the growth of the town. A little village three miles away, Cambridge, had been struggling for continued existence, and those interested in her growth were the movers in re-erecting Henrietta; but the coming of the Fort Worth and Denver railway a year and a half ago brought with it new life, and Cambridge was merged into Henrietta by the removal of the houses to the latter.

A traveler on a passing train might doubt the existence of such a place, if he depended on the meager appearance made from the depot; but a ride in the excellent bus of half a mile would show up a substantial and lively-looking town. Many of the stores are of stone and brick; the usual run of temporary frame buildings are seen, but there is present an evidence of permanency which promises well for the future. A prospector stopping here to look about would not be disappointed in the general appearance of the surrounding country. Rolling prairies stretch away on every hand, for the most part said to be better adapted to stock purposes than farming; but in the river bottoms, on the Red and Wichita rivers, as good agricultural land can be had in any part of the state. The more prominent inhabitants are those for the most part largely interested in cattle raising. A number of the wealthy have beautiful residences, one of which cost \$15,000, another \$8,000, and other figures could be given, but this indicates the confidence of those who make this their home. It would be unnecessary to enumerate the many prominent business houses, but the trade secured here reaches out as far as the military post of Fort Sill, and among the ranchmen for miles around.

Among the more noticeable enterprises here is the fine stone flouring mill, a building of three stories and a basement. New proprietors are busy putting in the roller system and enlarging, so that the capacity of the mill will be one hundred barrels a day. All the equipments of this mill are first-class. But little wheat has yet been raised in this county, but the demand of this mill will give an impetus to planting. The quality of such wheat as has been raised is pronounced excellent.

All building now being done is of a very substantial character, and contemplated improvements will be to the credit of the place. In a few days, the present efficient mayor, G. B. Bethel, will resign his office and purposes removing to Southern Texas because of ill health. The citizens are beginning to cast about for his successor, and there seems a well-defined sentiment in favor of Judge Plemmons, a pioneer of the neighborhood. It is conceded that the judge is possessed of every qualification to successfully preside over the town; and among other things to strongly commend him is the fact that he has a deep-rooted desire to push forward the scheme of building here a fifteen-thousand-dollar school house. This seems quite possible to accomplish, and the idea is to obtain the money by issuing town bonds to be taken by the citizens, who were recently ready to contribute outright as much as twelve thousand dollars. The present school buildings are not a thing to boast of; they are made to accommodate one hundred and fifty children, and are under three excellent teachers headed by Prof. Walpole.

Two well-managed banks find use for their capital, and do an active business. The Methodists possess a very neat stone church building, and a similar one is nearly completed by the Baptists. Here I met Dr. O. C. Pope of Austin, the superintendent of missions of the Baptist state convention. He was on the way to Wichita Falls to see about building a Baptist church there. Dr. Pope's mission board supported, during the year ending last October, thirty-seven men on the frontier of Texas, and assisted in the erection of ten churches in new towns; the cost of this work was thirty-one thousand dollars. As fast as the railroad reaches a new town the indefatigable superintendent is on hand to look after the religious interests of the Baptists. The Baptist state convention is doing a grand work in the state.

The wayfaring man in Henrietta would not be long in hearing how restless some of her citizens are, unless he was deaf. The "boys" have a brass band well organized, and are struggling to the front. The brass drum and cymbals can clearly be distinguished, and the Henrietta folks agree that there is no other blowing done about this town outside this band.

Right kindly do these Henrietta people welcome the new comer if he can add to the moral and substantial status of the place, and the future seems likely to greatly increase the present population of 1,400.

MITCHELL COUNTY.

The Street Paving Contract—City Chat in Colorado.

Correspondence of the Gazette. Colorado, November 16.—At a meeting of the board of aldermen last night a most important matter for the interest of the city was definitely settled, by the award of the contract for grading, guttering and curbing on the principal streets. Competition among the bidders was lively, the contest being settled by award to Messrs. Mahoney & Byrnes, who, being the lowest bidders, carried off the job. Work will be commenced at once and actively prosecuted, and within ninety days Colorado City will not show comparison with any town in the state. Fine streets, water-works, street railroad, telephone exchange, two national banks—what a showing for an infant of but two years' growth. The council also appointed a committee to confer with the county com-

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missioners to secure from them a lot in a convenient locality, upon which to erect a building to be used for a court house, calaboose and engine house.

A. M. Dunn, Esq., president of the First National bank, will start to San Antonio in a few days to confer with the moneyed men of that place in regard to their willingness to aid in the construction of the Kansas City, Colorado City & Gulf railroad.

Bill Slaughter, the cattleman, is spending a few days with us, and seems to be enjoying himself.

Col. Geddes has gone to Pecos City to look after business interests there. He is now erecting a fine hotel in that place.

Capt. McMurray took yesterday's train for a trip east.

Geo. Wilson, of the law firm of Adams & Wilson, has been quite unwell for several days past, and is still confined to his house.

Dan Barnett has come back again after a prolonged stay on his ranch.

STATE PRESS COMMENTS.

Meridian Blade: The anti-Ireland boom isn't booming much at this writing.

Galveston News: Bourbonism does not stand a ghost of a chance in Texas. There are very few Texas backs growing moss nowadays.

Fairfield Recorder: But the people are going to be so well satisfied with Ireland, that he will be nominated next year, with little or no opposition. John Ireland is every inch a governor.

Belton Journal: Gov. Ireland will issue a thanksgiving proclamation, but he need not expect ex-Gov. Roberts at the executive mansion on thanksgiving day. That is fast day, they say, with the Old Alleghie.

Meridian Blade: If Gov. Ireland will recommend to the legislature some measure of a more efficient system of road work by which the public roads may be improved, the extra session may prove a blessing to the people.

Austin Statesman: When it is known there are over 1,000 lunatics in the state that humanity demands shall be at once provided for, the advocates of decreased taxation will begin to scratch their heads and wonder if Comptroller Swain has not a reasonable amount of perception.

Austin Statesman: It appears necessary now to go outside of New York for a Democratic presidential nominee. The leaders continually divide against themselves, and if left severely alone when nominations are made, they would hasten to put themselves in line for favors. It would be with the Democratic leaders there as it was with Conkling in 1880.

Waco Day: The Statesman seems to have got an impression somehow that Gov. Ireland's administration is none too popular in Waco. The impression is utterly fallacious. The governor's sturdy common sense and conservatism have won earnest commendation here. Waco appreciates him and is not trying to work up a gubernatorial boom of her own for next year.

San Antonio Express: Mobs, fence-cutters, highway robbers and train wreckers. If lawlessness does not receive a heavy blow in this state soon, Texas will become an object of scorn and contempt. No use to say do not air our dirty linen in public; the facts are well enough known, and silence might be constructed into indifference.

Cisco Round-up: If Gov. Ireland had done nothing else to recommend him to the good opinion of the people, his prompt and positive action in requiring the Gould railroads to put separate coaches on their trains for negro passengers is sufficient to entitle him to the popularity he enjoys. There is no use for the Austin Statesman or "any other man" to discuss who will be the next governor—Ireland is good enough for Texas.

Galveston Print: With wealth, luxury, dress and expensive living, the continuance of polygamy would be an impossibility. Crosses could not support three or four wives in good style in this nineteenth century. The milliner can fight Mormonism better than the preacher or the army squad. Leave Utah alone and she will be well in time. Begin a dragonade, a persecution, a religious war and Mormonism will take deeper root than ever before. Every one knows that it was slowly dying out until the question of its suppression began to be agitated, and that filled it with new life and vigor. Immediately agents were sent out to scour the country for recruits, and the war was only a war of words. Mormonism has increased its force tenfold.

A Negro Hung.

Oakland, Md., November 16.—John Smith, colored, who murdered Jos Harden, was hanged at 1:15 to-day.

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