WOOD COUNTY.

Something About the Resources of This Rich County.

On the western border of the timber region of Texas spans the high ridge which divides the state into the Mississippi valley and the gulf slope. On the northern border Cypress creek finds its way through Caddo lake to the "Father of Waters," while the historic Sabine, once the boundary of empire in its lower course, but a mere rivulet here, drains the balance of the county and debouches into the Gulf of Mexico.

From her great elevation and proximity to the prairies, Wood county enjoys a breezy and salubrious atmosphere and a comparative immunity from the malarial diseases common in this latitude. So we have here all the guarantees of health to be had from altitude above the level of the sea, and the free circulation of air minus the unpleasant rigor of the regular norther. In addition to this, good drinking water is everywhere plentiful, and fruits and garden vegetables of all kinds are produced in abundance.

It goes without saying that Eastern Texas contains the finest cotton land and the largest untouched pinery in the Union; and it is equally true that Wood county is one of the best cotton and lumber counties in that section of the state. Land, to be well adapted to farming, must be sufficiently level, free from rock and rest on a firm clay foundation. The soil here has all these essential requisites of excellence and is also blessed with a regularity of seasons not known on the Western prairies. About three-fourths of the area of the county is tillable, and every foot of that, perhaps, is adapted to cotton. The yield is from one-half a bale to a bale per acre, according to the seasons.

Ribbon cane succeeds admirably in the branch bottoms, turning out 300 or 400 gallons of syrup per acre. Any cheap appliance for converting syrup into sugar would be a public benefit, and would bring untold wealth to our people. Rice also does well in the bottoms.

Mr. Ed Mrrtin showed us a fine sample of rice raised on his farm near Quitman last year. Corn and oats are extensively grown, but only for home consumption. The prevailing growth of trees in the larger portion of the county is black jack, hickory and postoak. Little skirts of prairie fringe the western border; while great forests of shortleaf pine cover the eastern section. The capacity of these pineries for lumber seems well-nigh inexhaustible. Perhaps it is not too much to say that millions of feet of lumber are sawed at the mills of this county annually and shipped westward. Mr. Kuteman, one of our prominent millmen, told us the other day that his shipments of lumber extended as far north as Kansas City and southwestward to the far interior of Mexico.

Another important industry is coal mining near Albia, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway. A large extent of the surrounding country is underlaid with coal of a good quality. It is near the surface, easily accessible and in good demand at remunerative prices. We learn from Mr. Howard, one of the stockholders of the mine, that four carloads, containing from fifteen to twenty-five tons each, of coal, are shipped out West from Albia every week.

On the red hills, east of Quitman and Mineola, are abundant surface indications of coal and iron, and it is thought by experts that a rich find will here reward some enterprising mineralogist in the near future. The state geologist might be profitably employed in this locality for awhile.

A few years ago near a large spring on his plantation in this vicinity, our well known pioneer Col. C. H. Haines, discovered quite a number of relics of a bygone age, including Indian pottery, beads and tomahawks and old gun barrels and silver coins of ancient date and with Spanish inscriptions. All these curiosities are kept by Col. Haines in a careful state of preservation subject to inspection by all inquiring patriotic Texans. His theory, and it is plausible, is that the guns and coins were left at the spring by the De Soto party of Spanish explorers who entered Texas from the east in 1542 or '43. This might be an interesting item to the future historians of Texas.

Mineola, our commercial metropolis, is a bustling city of 2000 people, on the Texas and Pacific railway, with fine graded schools, and with several thriving manufacturing enterprises already in full blast. But the chief glory of Mineola is in being the best cotton market in Eastern Texas. The highest cash prices paid for cotton did the work, and the trade area of the city has almost doubled during the present cotton season. Mineola by her liberality and fair dealing has inspired respect for her commercial standing, and her supremacy as a cotton market over all her rivals may be easily maintained in the future.

Besides her products of the field, the forest and the mine, Wood county has contributed something in the way of men to the greatness of Texas. Among the distinguished citizens who have sometime resided here may be mentioned Col. Herndon, lawyer and statesman; our late Senator Buchanan, "facile princeps inter pares," cut short in his useful career by untimely death; and, last but not least, Governor-elect Hogg, who laid in this county the foundation of his fame and fortune.

For the better development of our latent resources, our people recognize the need of immigration and of capital, and both would be heartily welcomed. It is hoped, however, that with the change of political power at Washington will come the necessary relief by removing in a measure the restrictions of trade and furnishing more abundant money. In that event will dawn upon the whole country a new era of good feeling and well being, and Wood county will have her full share in the general prosperity. The natural advantages so long neutralized by bad legislation will fully assert themselves, her great industries will awaken to the hum of a new life and her waste places will blossom as the rose.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

A Charming Actress.

One of the interesting events of the theatrical year will take place at the opera house to-night when the peerless Maude Granger will be seen in "Inherited," the new play she has recently purchased from Mrs. Lucy Hooper. The coming of Miss Granger has evidently awakened a great deal of pleasurable anticipation.

A great deal of interest is also felt in Mrs. Lucy Hooper's play. All the literary world knows Lucy Hooper and those who have admired her brilliant Paris letters in the New York and Philadelphia papers, are anxious to see what she can accomplish as a playwright. It is certain that Mrs. Hooper is a woman of great originality and inventive genius in a literary sense. With the assistance of so adept a collaborator as Richard Davy to arrange the details of stage presentation she should be able to produce a strong dramatic work.

The fair actress will be seen in "Inherited" to-night and to-morrow evening in her own version of "The Creole."

KEENE, THE TRAGEDIAN.

Thomas W. Keene at the age of fifty is, with the exception of Edwin Booth, the best known and most popular tragedian in America. Nature, not satisfied with having given to Mr. Keene dramatic genius, blessed him with a manly physique, a rich and powerful voice, a pair of speaking eyes and a face of wonderful expression. Indeed his face is a most fortunate one, and the exceeding mobility it possesses makes it easier for the actor to give variety to his roles. Naturally it is poetical in expression and emotional, though never without a lurking sense of humor. In this fine face there is an expression difficult to describe, but none the less existent, which makes great earnestness of thought and study. Keene is a great artist and always has a splendid company. His repertory will be brilliant and of excellent selections.

Extra Papers.

Parties desiring copies of THE GAZETTE to send off can secure them wrapped, ready for mailing, at the business office, at 5 cents a copy.

HE THINKS SO.

A Gentleman Who Has an Opinion About Baseball.

Confident that a Good Team will Represent Fort Worth Next Season—Other Thoughts from the Same Source.

He stood with his back to the stove, did this gentleman, and discoursed at some length upon the prospects for baseball in Fort Worth for the coming season.

He is one of the men to whom the committees always go the first thing when they want to raise money to boost baseball in Fort Worth, and as he puts up the money he ought to have a right to talk.

"I have no doubt we will have a good team in Fort Worth next season," he said. "There is no reason why we should not, for it is a fact, though you may not believe it, that but very little money has been dropped in the game in this city, and experience teaches us that, properly managed and conducted, baseball in Fort Worth should be a paying investment.

"It is all nonsense for anyone to tell me that any money was lost here last year. On the contrary, if the game had been properly looked after the conditions were favorable for big profits. I know myself that during the previous year, while the association had charge of the team not a cent was lost, for the $250 that the association received from the private parties who purchased was enough to settle all indebtedness.

"So I am not inclined to scare off for fear of losing money.

"There are a good many other men in the city who feel like I about it. There are responsible and respectable men in the city, not sports but lovers of the game, who are willing to go down in their pockets to put baseball on its feet this spring.

"But they want to have the thing fixed on a proper basis.

"They want to know that when they put up a couple of thousand dollars the league will not drop through in a couple of months and make their contributions so much dead loss. They want it fixed so the league will pull through the season, or a reasonable part thereof. How will they fix it? By having each club in the league put up a forfeit of $500 or $1000. I think $500 is enough, for that would be more than enough to carry a team over the circuit once, so that the team would rather make the circuit than fall through and forfeit the $500. The men who put up the money in Fort Worth this year will want to have such an arrangement as that.

"They will want another arrangement, to-wit: A salary limit, with penalty clause attached. We can stand a $1000 salary limit, and with that much money we could this year get an out-of-sight team. In order to secure enforcement of the limit let all the contracts be issued by the secretary of the league, who would then know how much each team was costing per month. In the league constitution we could have a provision that all outside contracts with players would be void, so that if a player were promised pay extra to that stipulated in the contract issued by the league secretary, his claim would not be upheld either by the courts of law or the national board of arbitration. Then as an added precaution we could have affidavit made by a responsible officer in each team to the effect that the salary of his team is within the limit. And as an extra precaution have a clause in the constitution to the effect that violation of the salary limit will be punished by forfeiture of the $500 deposit, forfeiture of franchise and forfeiture of players. Then I don't think the limit would be stretched, do you? We will have to have such a provision in the league next year or before the Fort Worth backers will step to the front."

"What do you think of the millennium plan that the Texas league has already adopted?" was asked the gentleman.

"Oh, the millennium plan is all nonsense. So is the Texas league, for the matter of that. There is no Texas league yet. Just because J. J. McCloskey drops into town, meets himself, elects officers and passes resolutions, is no sign that there is a Texas league. We have got to have a meeting of responsible representatives who have something to offer and something to back it with. Officers have got to be regularly elected. And that reminds me that Fort Worth has never had a state official of the league yet. Why don't they give this city a chance?

"About the millennium plan, that won't work. The great factor in baseball is local interest. People may go once or twice to see good players display their skill as a matter of curiosity; but to keep a good patronage through the season you have got to have local pride and interest. That is what is peculiarly absent from the millennium plan.

"I see that the league is to meet in Fort Worth early in January. I don't expect much result from the meeting. Where we want to loom is at the schedule meeting. We want to see to it that non-professionals arrange the schedule. We want the season to open twenty days later than heretofore, so as to avoid the spring rains. Heretofore the schedule has been arranged by ball players, who wanted the season to open earlier so their salaries would begin the sooner.

"There are many reforms to be made in the game in Texas this year. Cheaper railroad rates and cheaper board are features. But we will be on hand when the time comes."

Charged with Robbery.

Special to the Gazette.

PARIS, TEX., Dec. 28.—James Moffet was brought in to-day from Coalgate, I. T., charged with robbery. Hugh Craig, a coal miner, boarded with Moffet's wife and, as customary with the miners, went to her room to leave his week's wages, $50, with her for safe keeping. While he was in the room Moffet came in masked and threw a pistol on him and made them surrender the money. Moffet denies taking the money, and claims his wife and Craig were in a compromising attitude and he only tried to kill Craig, but the money as described by Craig was found on Moffet.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Fort Worth, Tex., Monday, December 29, 1890. To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for "advertised letters" and give the date of the list. Also, all letters advertised shall be charged with 1 cent in addition to the regular postage, to be accounted for as part of the postal revenue, as per section 530, page 348, United States postal laws.

Ladies' List.

Arnold, Miss Tenie	Lewis, Mrs W J
Allen, Mrs W L	Loyd, Mrs Annie
Alexander, Mrs Lizzie	Lloyd, Mrs Margret
Bacher, Miss Carrie	Luther, Mrs J
Bowden, Miss Sophia	Linn, Miss A Cora (2)
Borin, Miss Bettie	Maliy, Miss Ida
Beard, Mrs A M	Mays, Mrs Eugenia
Bezanson, Mrs M E	Mallett, Mrs C E
Bell, Mrs Mamie	Mozart, Mrs Georgia
Boyd, Mrs	Maxil, Mrs
Brown, Mrs Carrie	Miller, Mrs Jane
Burne, Mrs Bessie	Miller, Mrs Mary
Blake, Mrs T R	Miller, Mrs Angeline
Case, Miss Georgia	Moody, Mrs J M
Channon, Miss Annie	Mauns, Mrs Minnie
Cochran, Miss Mamie	Muller, Mrs Wm
Campbell, Mrs E	McMillan, Mattie Whit-
Carlisle, Mrs Amelia	McGee, Mrs Mary [ney
Cherry, Mrs Susan C	McGee, Mrs J F
Cooper, Mrs Josie	Neuheffer, Carrie
Daniel, Mrs Martha	O'Connor, Fannie
Dunn, Mrs Louisa P	Oliver, Mrs Geo
Davis, Mrs Jane	Odom, Budil
Daniel, Mrs M A	Pinkett, Miss Annie
Dehaven, Mrs E	Piffer, Miss L
Farris, Mrs C A	Pitman, Mrs Annie (2)
Fowler, Mrs Sarah C	Patterson, Mrs S (2)
Freeman, Mrs M S	Quales, Mrs Maranda
Fulton, Mrs G	Richardson, Mrs F M
Francis, Miss Capitola	Richardson, Maila
Freeman, Mrs Lilile	Scott, Mrs Harriett
Fauler, Mrs S J	Scott, Mrs Flora (2)
Fitzgerald, Mrs B	Scott, Mrs Anna
Graves, Miss Annie	Schoolfield, Mary A
Graham, Miss Martha	Simms, Mrs E S
Garwood, Miss Zula	Simms, Mrs K M
Gleason, Mrs Sallie	Steward, Mrs Mary
Garrett, Mrs G A	Strother, Miss Ida
Gilmer, May	Spencer, Miss Alice
Haines, Miss Arabella	Shearly, Miss May
Hanson, Miss Estelle	Simerson, Miss Mary
Higgins, Miss G	Scott, Miss Annie
Horn, Miss Mamie	Turner, Mrs S S
Heiner, Mrs M M (3)	Tully, Mrs J
Haworth, May	Temple, Mrs Nora
Hall, Mrs S H	Thomas, Mrs Mollie
Hanson, Mrs Bert	Thompson, Ma tie
Hanton, Mrs Mary	Thomas, Miss Mandy
Halsell, Mrs M I	Tannson, Miss Johnson
Higginbotham, Mrs H J	Townsend, Miss Myrtle
Holland, Mrs C J	Taylor, Mrs Maudie
Holt, Mrs Nillie	Terges, Annie
Herndon, Mrs Vice	Vannatta, Miss Ada
Jarbor, Fannie	White, Mrs R P
Jackson, Miss Bettie	White, Mrs Lizzie
Johnson, Miss Mandy	Wade, Mrs E A
Jonnson, Mrs —	Williams, Mrs Mariah
Jackson, Emma	Watson, Mrs Emma
Keenan, Fannie	Whileng, Miss Mattie
Kellogg, Miss Rose	Walker, Miss Jennie
Kirk, Miss Cindy	Walker, Miss A donia
Lennon, Mrs L	Wade, Miss Aneda
Lewis, Mrs Nellie	White, Miss Mary
Yarborough, Miss Ella	

Gents' List.

Anderson, J G	Johnson, [illegible]
Anderson, John	Jones, Lewis
Andrews, William O	Jones, D
Adams, Robert (3)	Jones, T
Applewhite, Bryan	Jordan, [illegible]
Arnold, Nat	Key, O
Acree, B	[illegible] J V
Adkins, Thomas	[illegible]
Abrams, J C	Lenard, Harry
Bacon, Charity	Latham, N B (2)
Bacon, Charley	Lankford, M P
Baker, Jack	Lewis, H F
Baker, Mark M	Lulu, Jesse
Baker, John	Lehrle, H R
Baum, George M	Mathews, Charles H
Bi[illegible], W O	Mason, J F
Bede[illegible] M	Maltby, J B
Burne[illegible]	Malsey, Will
Benton, [illegible]	M[illegible]om, H C
Benedick, [illegible]	[illegible]ins, Thomas L
Bentley, J	Marshall, R D
Billington, J	Martin, N J
Blue, Joe	Mitchell, J C
Black, A C	Memory, J H
Boyd, Tellon	Manning, Patrick
Bargeer, Fred	[illegible]ore, Col R P
Bolac[illegible], C	[illegible], E H
Boyd, James	Mo[illegible] Dr John
Boyett, Allie S	Mob[illegible] George
Bowers, D F	Murph[illegible] E I
Boman, C C	McKown, James H
Bowser, Jesse	McCurdy, Clay (4)
Borrie, Ed	McCall, R S
Bradsh[illegible] H	McCormick, Timothy
Brown, [illegible]	McConkie, Frank
Brown, [illegible]	McDaniel, Ben
Bru[illegible]	McWilliams, J S
Brun[illegible], H	McLaughlin, Fred
Brow[illegible]g, J A	Neal, John B
Bush, Charlie	[illegible]chols, J P
Burnet, H	[illegible]ll, W S
Burton, [illegible]	No[illegible] J C
Calon Tillman	Oakes, [illegible]
Campbell, [illegible] P	Owen, J [illegible]
Cu[illegible], Ch[illegible] E	Oliver, C J
Cheaffs, Will	Payne, Jesse
Covert, O [illegible]	Parr, W B
Conklin, J T	Parks, H J
Collins, P H	Palmer, Charles
Cook, Fred	Perry, Master Wythal
Crawford, A C	Phillips, Geo W
Carm[illegible], Bimel	[illegible] Ira
Dailey Bros	Pr[illegible] Thomas
Day, E L	Pre[illegible] Mr
Dawes, R H	Proffer, Aaron
Davies, Eddie (2)	Preston, R B
Davis, W H	Putnam, W
Davis, James	Pursel, Jesse W
Davis, C G	Hallis, Albert
Dickson, J G	Redmond, E J
DeBon, J	Reynolds, N A
Decker, R R	Reed, Frank E
Dotson, W M	R[illegible], Dock
Dunlap, James	Rollins, J O
Evans, W B	Rhodes, W W
Egnor, Alonso	Rodgers, H
Farmer, J T	Roberts, Wm E
Farris, J W	Solmon, J B
Finnery, John	Sampley, R C
Floris, Emmet	Schafer, Fabian
Fleming, H D	Simpson, Warren G
Fleming, J W	Shea, Jim (col)
Freeman, S L	Shenbarger, S P
Fulton, Daniel	Sh han, H T
Fugitt, J W	Shatuck, T J
Gallagher, J F	Snyder, Louis
Gaskill, E S	Sneed, Frank
Garrett, B S	Sorrels, O F
Guina, L D	Smith, M E
Gilbert, W	Smith, James A
Gipson, J L	Spencer, S W
Gibson, Tom	Stokes, Harry
Gilmore, J S	Stubbs, M T
Godman, J J	Stevens, James A
Glaubiart, A	Stevens, C H
Glass, N S	Stewart, Frank
Goodwin, J W	Stewart, John
Griffin, Pat	Scott, Rev R M
Griffin, W T	Smith, William
Griswell, D B	Stark, D C
Grant, John M	Sharp, W T
Green, J J	Taft, Fred H
Green, Jimmie	Taylor, James
Gie n, W H	Tarver, R C
Giuseppe, Dalbello	Thompson, B W
Hooper, Gid (2)	Thornton, Lewis
Hyde, R W	Tolliart, James
Hughes, Mark	Teake, J W
Harrell, C P	Uland, J M
Holstein, Noah	Veilquette, Charley
Hongren, T L	Wright, L J
Holder, John	Wooten, R A
Hill, E B	Wortebel, August
Hicks, S E	Williams, A J
Henersar, Geo	Waggoner, J M
Herkert, Frank	Wagner, Curt
Harlow, Warren A	Williams, T H
Hare, S	Williams, C E
Hazes, Judge	Williams, Henry O (2)
Hickles, H D	Walier, Geo
James, Prof Henry	Wales, J H
Jackson, J F	Wade, D S
Jackson, Manuel	Watts, Geo
Jennings, Ed	Weaver, Samuel
Johnston, G T	Worms, A
Johnson, Andrew	Yates, J L W
	Zhano, Frank

Foreign List.

Friedl, August	Taylor, James P
Wertschell, Steph	

Miscellaneous.

Behrens & Cartles	Glaze & Lewis
Roberts, E & Son	Yager, [illegible]
Owner of the Bar Dallas	Club —
H Sterning and Otto	Hausite[illegible]

MRS. BELLE M[illegible], P. M.

Bleached Bootblack Terror.

Special to the Gazette.

TEXARKANA, TEX., Dec. 28.—The crack of the pistol rang out at 2 o'clock to-day on our principal streets, and it was soon learned that a negro boy by the name of Lenard was shot in the arm and body by a thirteen-year-old colored boy whom Lenard was imposing upon. The wound is not thought fatal, as the pistol was of small caliber. The boy ran after the shooting and was chased a considerable distance on foot by a policeman, who soon ran himself out of breath and gave up the chase. Lenard is a tough character and is looked upon by the colored bootblacks of this city as a bully.

A Blaze Near Cleburne.

Special to the Gazette.

CLEBURNE, TEX., Dec. 28.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the fire alarm was sounded and it proved to be the old Donoghue place, two miles northeast of town. The place now belongs to Joe Chriswell. His brother, J. R. Chriswell, was living in the house and lost the biggest part of his household goods. The fire originated from a defective flue in the cook room. Loss not known on the house. No insurance on the household goods.