



W. E. BATES, HOME BATES FAMILY, ONE MILE FROM CANYON CITY TEXAS.

William E. Bates.

Passing no one farmer in the state grows more about the vast stretches of this successful farmer than William E. Bates, who lives adjoining Canyon City. This subject of this sketch was born in Nacogdoches county, Texas, in 1893, his father and mother moving in that year to the eastern

portion of Denton county. The father, W. H. Bates, or "Uncle Hubbard" as we familiarly called him before his death, was the first settler in the eastern portion of the now prosperous county of Denton. William E. Bates lived in the old home community until 1902 when he moved to this county and bought the 555 acres of land adjoining this city upon

which he and his family now live. He was married to Miss Syman, the Moreland in Collin county in September, 1875, and it is she who has been his co-worker and helper in the early struggles to secure the foothold which he earnestly desired. This worthy couple has eleven children, all of whom are practically grown into men and women. They are: Hubbard W. Bates, a business man of Prosper, Texas; Joseph E. Bates, a traveling evangelist whose headquarters are at Peniel, Texas; Robert Bates, an evangelist of this city; Reuben Bates, whose home is in this city, but who has been studying for the ministry at a theological school at Peniel; Mrs. E. J. Witt of Amarillo, wife of one of the most prominent real estate men of that town; Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of C. W. Harper, a prominent farmer of Denton county; John Bates, a son who graduated from the local high school this year; Bristow, Archie, Lizzie and Averill Bates, children who still reside under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates have been, until recently, untiring workers, Mr. Bates devoting his entire time to the tilling of the soil never having been engaged, to any extent, in any other business save that and the raising of good stock, and his financial standing at this time is the result of these great labors. As stated they own a tract of 555 acres of land near town upon which is situated an elegant farm home surrounded by all the improvements which they need. On the tract he has about 150 acres of land available for the cultivation of a full and regular crop of corn in that fine soil. It was Mr. Bates who shipped the first ear of his own raised wheat out of the Panhandle and Plains country and he was also the first man to bring a steam thrasher into this country. He devotes the greater portion of his land to the raising of

wheat and small grain and thinks they are a great success. To the News man he stated that he had raised large fields of wheat which would average 25 bushels to the acre; that oats were a success and that since he has been in the Panhandle and Randall county he has never seen a complete failure in crops. Milo maize and Kaffir corn is the principal crop raised for feeding purposes outside of alfalfa and they bring him good returns. Barley has been successfully grown with profitable results.

Of historical mention Mr. Bates comes of a stock which took a great lead in religious and political matters in the early days of the United States, and a recount of the early history of the family would be most interesting if space would permit. His grandfather, Reuben Bates was a noted contractor in an early day and it was he who built Monticello, the famous home of Thomas Jefferson, and the Virginia State house.



Dime Nature seems to have done wild and fantastic work in the Palo Duro cañon. Great immense boulders, many of them larger than the average dwelling house, lie where they had fallen years ago, surrounded by high walls and the stately trees. A cool spring, too, adds much to the charm, while the flocks invite you to rest and peace.

As the reader might infer from of the ministry, and those who this article, both Mr. and Mrs. have already taken up that work Bates are deeply religious, their are successful.

influence having been such that several of their sons have devoted their time and thoughts to that furnish your bread and cakes.



The Palo Duro cañon, a few miles from Canyon City, is a grand and beautiful sight. The large trees which grow on the steep sides of the cañon are a striking feature. Few people realize that there is such a grand and beautiful view of nature that may be found in the world. The Palo Duro cañon will surely become either a State or National park. It is too good for the land of man to own.



Palmer's Park, 2 miles from Canyon City, Tex.

Attractive places abound along the Palo Duro, a beautiful flowing stream in which may be found beautiful pools of water abounding in fish of almost all kinds. The banks are lined with large trees and grassy slopes lean gently down from the bluffs above. This scene was photographed within the grounds of the Palo Duro club near this city and is one of the many pretty places in that noted resort.

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