

Taiban, New Mexico

Mr. Watson Scarlett of Baxter I will endeavor to answer your questions through the Herald as I receive so many letters of inquiry in regard to New Mexico I feel this is the best way to answer them.

As to land, a man is allowed 320 acres under the new land law, but has to live on it five years before he can get title. But you can file on 160 acres, live on it 14 months and commute by paying \$1.25 an acre. The best part of the land has been taken up already, but a man with a little money can buy a relinquishment with improvements for less than cost.

It has been very dry the two years that I have been here, but old stockmen say they never saw it so dry before. This country is new to all us settlers, none having been here over five years.

We have as fine water as I ever saw in the hills of Tennessee.

We have no timber at all, and haul wood from 30 to 40 miles, and it is not very good at that.

We can grow most anything when we get the rain, we can count on three crops in five years in my judgment. This is certainly a fine stock country. Do not feed any stock except work teams. Kill beeves right off the grass.

For health this country can't be beat. Being about 4,000 feet above the sea level it is a fine climate for those having lung trouble. **JOE ASHBURN.**

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Calhoun, Ga.

Probably I have been silent long enough. We are having splendid weather in this part of God's creation and the farmers are getting ready to break for cotton.

Old settlers say the peach crop is in danger as the trees are about ready to bloom and freezes are expected later.

Quite a number of teachers from Putnam County are in this section teaching winter terms, among them are Miss Lona Meadows, The Misses Alcorn, Miss Mary Taylor, R. H. Peek, Miss Miss Susie Phillips, Beecher H. Phillips, Miss Poteet and Edgar Phillips.

Georgia is not up to date on school work in some respects while in others it is. If you get a secondary education you must go to the City High Schools or else pay the primary teacher an extra salary to teach the secondary studies. There are no free secondary schools. The school age is from 6 to 18 years and all over must pay tuition in free or common schools as they are called here. The terms last from 4½ to 5 months beginning in December

or January. One good point is in the course of study. Agriculture and Civil Government coming in the common school course which is, to our mind an excellent idea and should be adopted by Tennessee.

Teachers receive from \$40 to \$60 in this part as principals while assistants receive from \$20 to \$35.

A first grade certificate here is one averaging 90 per cent in the primary course, and a second grade average of 80 per cent, and a third grade average of 70 per cent.

Quite a lot of interest is being taken over the agricultural train which left Atlanta this week to tour the state for the benefit of the farmers. They have many different demonstrating cars among which one is fitted with all kinds of machinery which is operated by electricity on the car. Another car is one on stock raising which has specimens of all the most important breeds of the different kinds of farm stock, horses, cows, sheep, hogs and poultry.

Starr Institute School is progressing nicely under the management of B. H. Phillips, principal and Miss Susie Phillips the assistant. The school has an enrollment of 90.

People of Sparta R. 8, Cookeville, R. 1, Ada, Okla. and Oklahoma City take notice that correspondence is desired at once from all these places. **B. H. P.**

Trousdale, Okla.

Dear Editor: Health is not good in this part. There is a lot of fever and mumps. We are having dry, warm weather and people are getting along nicely plowing and fixing for another crop.

Chester Henry and Tom Jackson are fixing to move.

Jeff Henry was out hunting with his hounds the other day.

Cousin Minda Roberson why don't you write to the Herald. I would like to be back in Tennessee and see you all. I hope to see you sometime. Aunt Dora I wish you would send me a good drink. **MYRTIE ROBERSON.**

Henard

Health is very good at this writing. Timber cutting and logging are the go here now.

Willard Walker cut his knee pretty bad last week cutting timber.

Jim Deck, Frank Oakley and Frank Swafford were cutting timber last week and caught two coons in one tree.

Mr. Editor I was afraid you was dead as we have only got one paper in about three weeks. I would like to get the paper every week as I have paid for it.

MRS. L. A. SWAFFORD.

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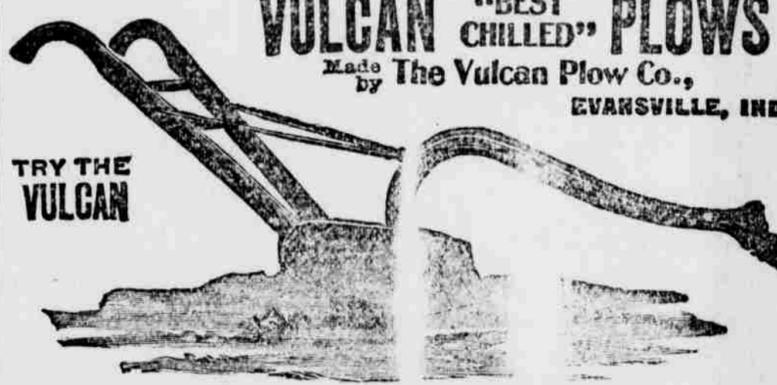
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