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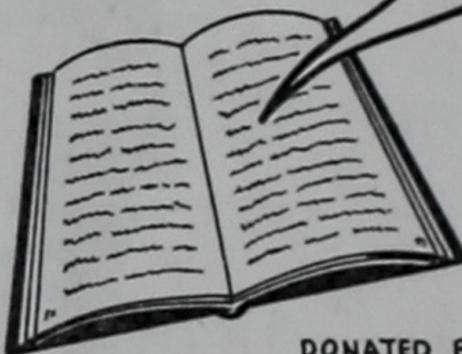


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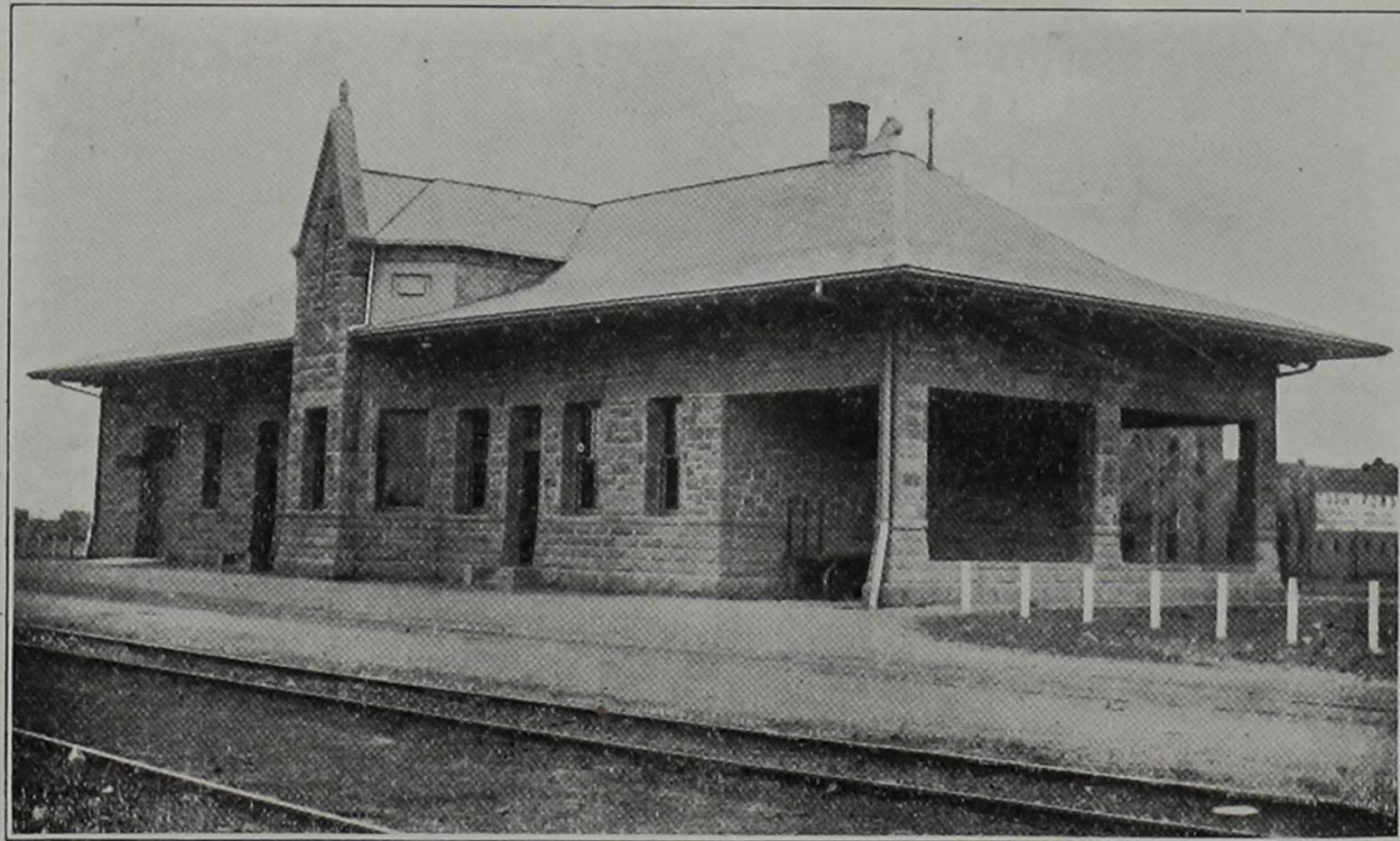
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Colorado, = = Texas.

Our object in presenting this little book is to show as much as possible in picture, the progress and development of Colorado and Mitchell County, Texas. Print has been used so much to boom different localities, that people look on it rather skeptically; but the camera shows things as they are and cannot be exaggerated. So we offer this book with as many views as possible, of Colorado and Mitchell County scenes. Trusting that you will give our effort due consideration, we are,

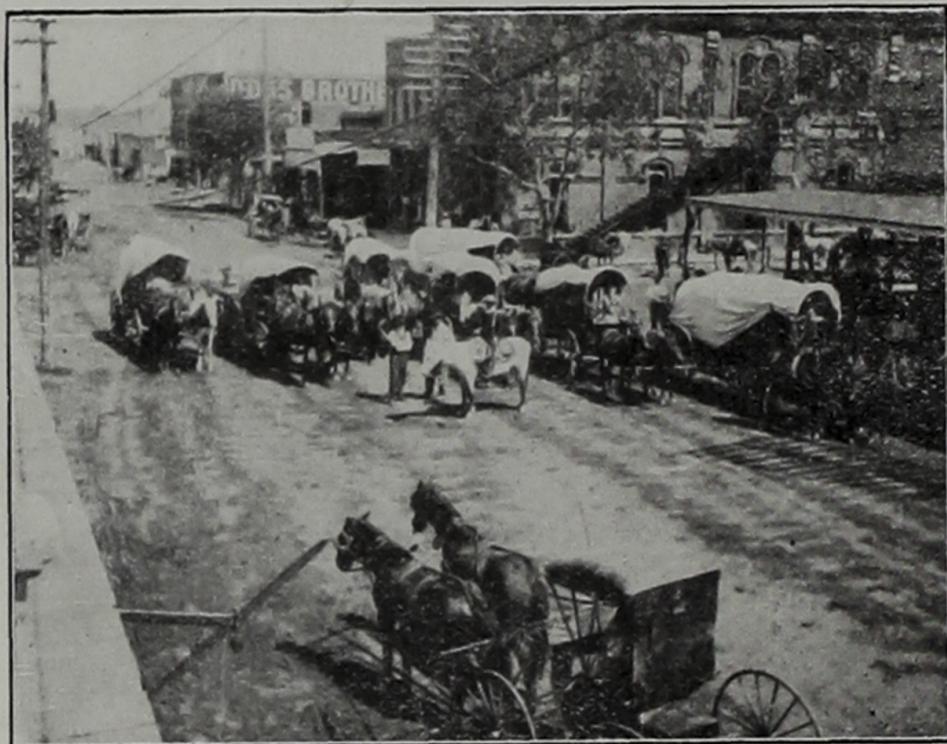
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The New Texas & Pacific Depot at Colorado, Texas.

If the space were allotted to it, volumes might be written concerning the historical points of Colorado, but in a booklet of this character only the main points of interest can be brought to light.

Colorado dates its beginning from the year 1881. In the year 1880 the Texas and Pacific railroad was surveyed through the tract of land upon which the town now lies, but it was not until the next year that steel was laid, and then



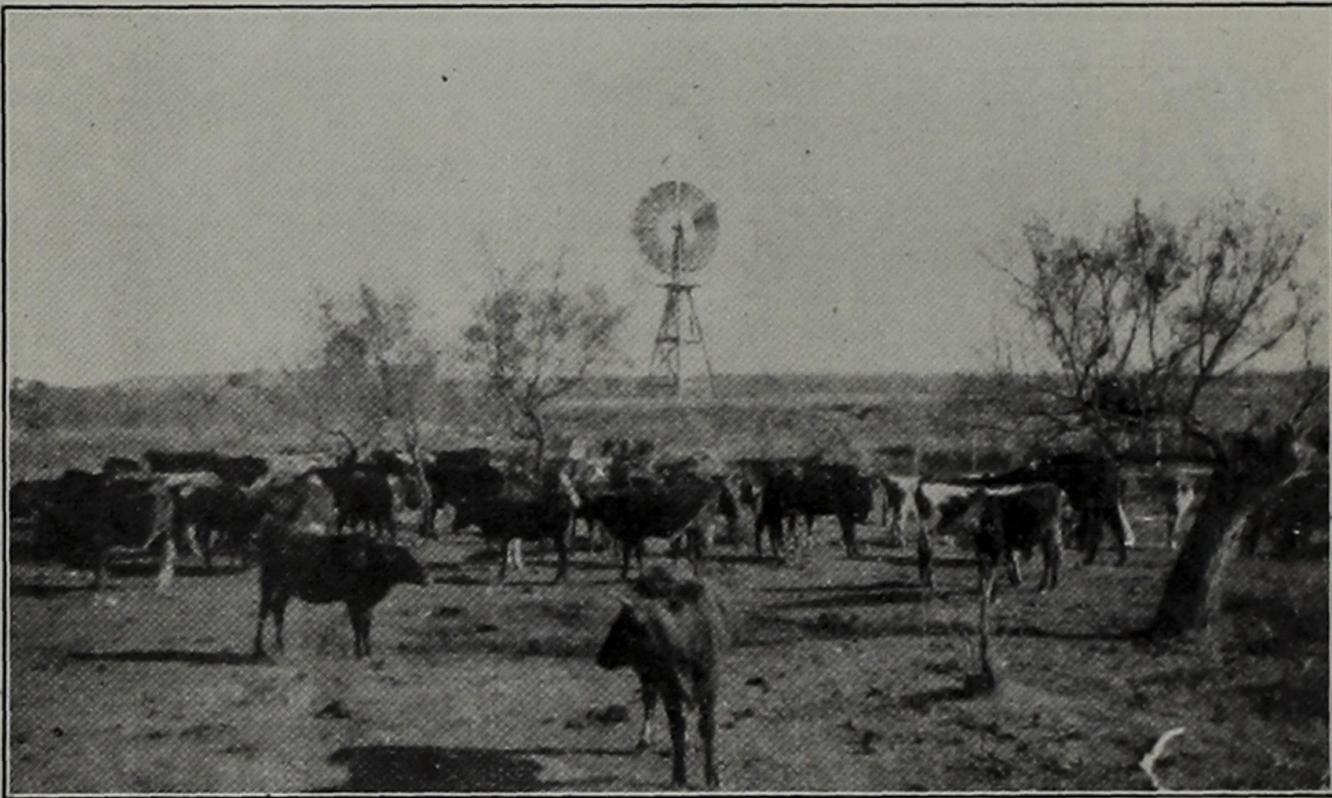
Immigrants Arriving at Colorado, Texas.

only to the Colorado river. Mr. Joseph E. Brown, at that time governor of the state of Georgia, owning land on the east side of the Colorado river, platted off a half section for a town site, giving the every other lot to the railroad company. The town was named Colorado, presumably because of the fact that the Colorado river was giving so much trouble to the railroad officials in their attempts toward bridging it. By August 1, 1881, the population had reached the



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number of 350 persons and was growing daily, buildings were being erected, the mesquite grubbed from the streets, and a permanent appearance coming over the place. At this time another danger came on the horizon of Colorado, along with those which threaten every frontier villiage—in the shape of a townsite battle. The railroad company realizing the advantageous position of this section for a



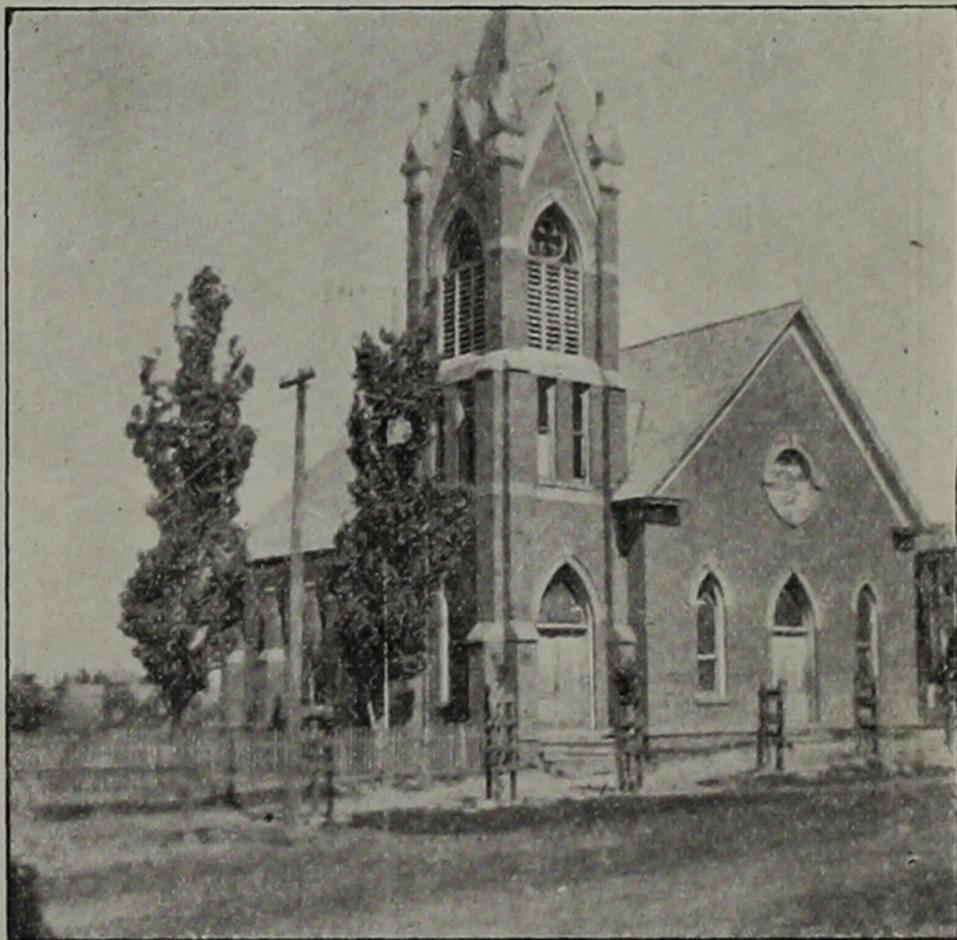
Ranch Scene in Mitchell County.—These are being rapidly put into small, high producing farms. There are still 75 tracts ranging from 1000 to 13,000 acres of tillable soil in Mitchell County to be made into homes.

shipping point for the large quantities of stock raised in Western Texas, in looking about for a yard from which to handle this stock, decided upon a tract west of the river, and more than three miles from the thriving little city of Colorado. Of course, had the yards been located as planned at this time it would have meant the end of Colorado as a city for some little time to come, but the enterprising citizens were on hand to handle the situation.



There are many, epually as good, to be had in Mitchell
County. The Western Trade Exchange, of Colorado, Tex.
will be glad to furnish full information.

In order to induce the railroad company to locate the shipping point at Colorado, Messrs. W. H. Snyder, John W. Mooar, and A. W. Dunn purchased section No. 45, which joins the city on the east, and tendered to the railroad company absolutely free as much of it as they would use for stock yard purposes, with the provision that no other stock yard was to be located in this section. The road immediately accepted and built the yards still in use in the eastern end of Colorado. This was the impetus that was needed. The thanks of the present City of Colorado are due many times to these men for this diplomatic move on their part, who secured for the town, then in its infancy, one of the greatest factors in the upbuilding of Western cities. Other men especially deserving of mention at this place in Colorado's history are the following, all of whom were prominent



Methodist Church, Colorado, Texas.



Christian Church, Colorado, Texas

in the early upbuilding of the city as it now stands: Mr. Winfield Scott, Mr. F. M. Burns, John Walker, J. W. Mooar, Jeremiah Riordan, J. T. Davis, J. W. Smith, J. B. Frenkel, John Good, George Majors, Ware Brothers and Messrs Martin, Byrne, and Johnson, all of whom figured very prominently in the building of so many brick structures, most of which greet the eye of the stranger as he alights from one of the several through vestibule trains which Colorado is favored with daily.

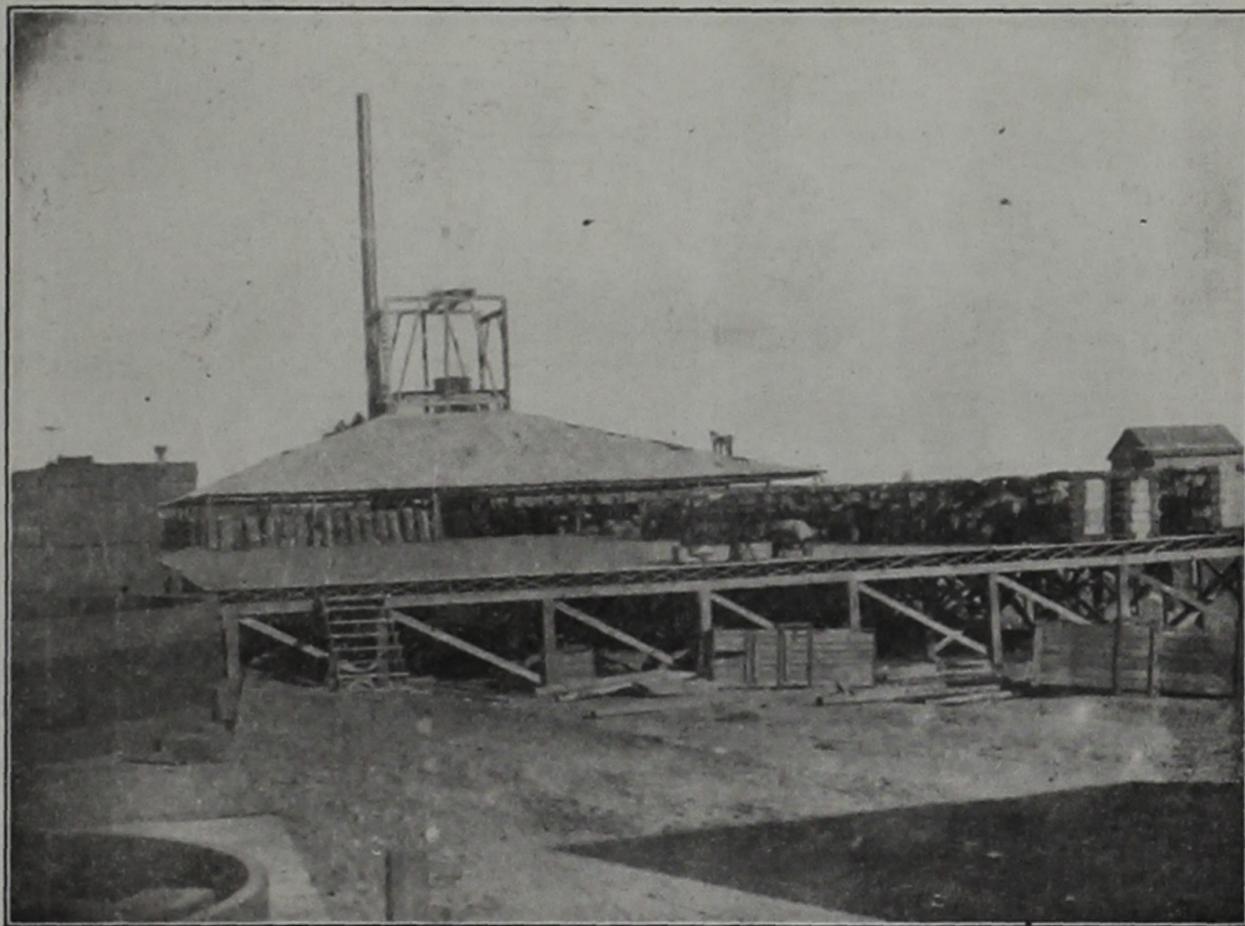
The first court house of Colorado was a small structure, but served as a temple of justice until 1883, when the present magnificent building, costing more than \$65,000, was erected in its stead. The jail at that time, merely a rude structure, was erected as a temporary affair only and was soon replaced by the edifice now in use, or rather, unuse, for



Mitchell County Court House, Colorado, Texas.

it has been practically free of prisoners for seven or eight years.

Since its early growth, buildings have been added each year, new residences constructed, factories located in its midst, and many enterprises too numerous to mention, induced to locate within its boundaries, until to-day Colorado has outgrown the fondest dreams of its early founders and justly deserves the name which she is often given, the Queen City of West Texas. She is manifesting a determination to not only hold the position already attained among the important commercial centers of this part of the State but with her progressive spirit, to constantly forge ahead. Her growth is not the result of a boom, but the outcome of the conservative homeseeker's desire to build a city that will constantly rise in financial rating, with no fluctuations in



Colorado Compress (Before Completion).

her market value. Colorado has room for the industrious man, and will find work for him in almost any line, with the assurance always that he is growing up with one of the best and fastest growing cities in this or any other state in the Union.



Shipping Cotton from Colorado, Texas.

Malaria unknown.

Fine public schools.

Cool breezes all summer.

A great diversity of crops.

The finest climate in Texas.

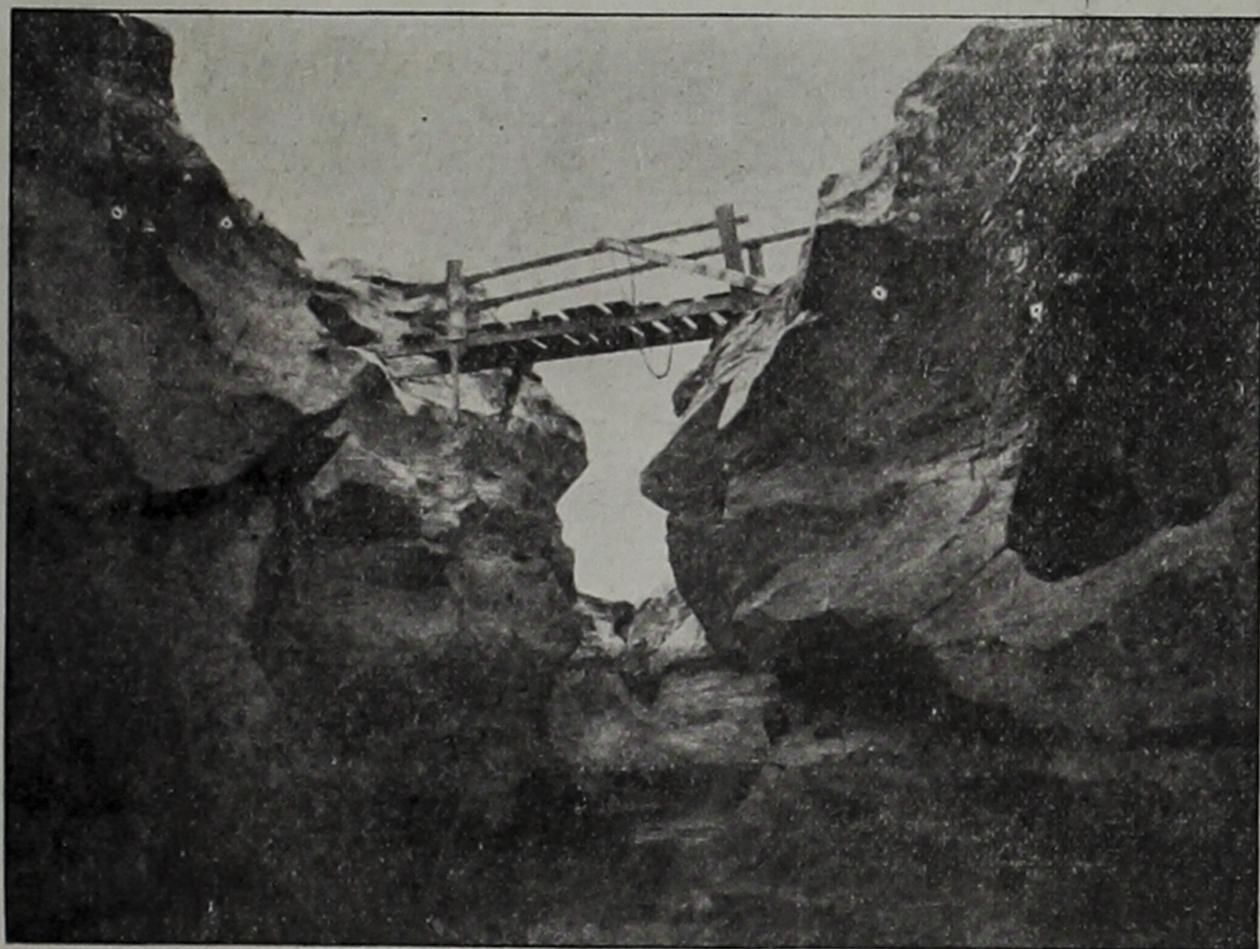
Varied and interesting scenery.

As fine grass as Texas affords.

A cotton crop a yearly certainty.

ADVANTAGES OF COLORADO.

Colorado is the county seat of Mitchell County, population of about 5000, elevation of 2100 feet above sea level, and the largest city between Abilene and El Paso. Colorado is situated in practically the center of Mitchell county, and for a radius of twenty miles in every direction is the market place and shipping point for immense quantities of cotton, cattle, hogs, poultry and eggs, fruits, vegetables and mel-



Scene at Seven Wells, Near Colorado



Sunday School Parade a Second

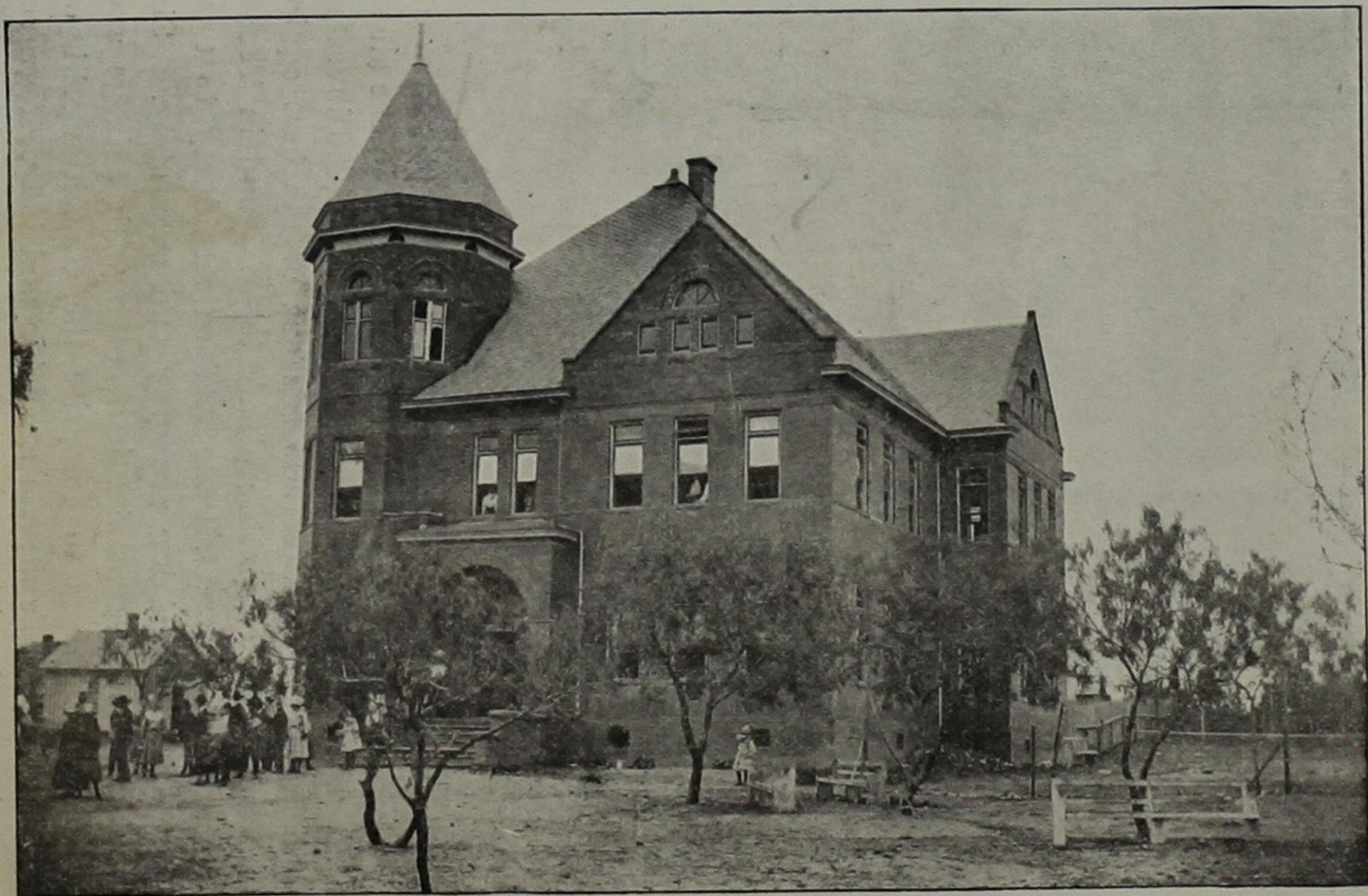
ons, and a great diversity of other farm products. Colorado has two banks, with assets and deposits aggregating more than \$850,000. Colorado has the cheapest and best water in Central West Texas; a well equipped water-works system valued at more than \$45,000, an up-to-date electric light plant, and a telephone system with more than 500 local subscribers; two large salt works, a cotton seed oil mill, two cotton gins, a compress, bottling works, creamery, two large lumber yards, an ice factory, two wholesale groceries, and many other commercial and industrial plants. Colorado is 230 miles from Fort Worth and 380 from El Paso. Situated as it is, on the main line of the Texas & Pacific railroad,



Parade on Second Street, Colorado, Texas.

direct connection is to be had for all points east and west. Colorado's public school system is equal to any in the state, with an enrollment of over 700 pupils, and \$40,000 invested in school property. Colorado has one of the best equipped newspaper and printing plants to be found in Texas, having a linotype, and all the modern machinery to turn out any kind of printing promptly and accurately. Six organized religious denominations, each with a large and active membership, go to comprise the church world of the city. Colorado's streets are wide and long, of gravel construction, and with many miles of cement sidewalks, and shade trees, paralleling almost every one.

Central School Building, Colorado, Texas.

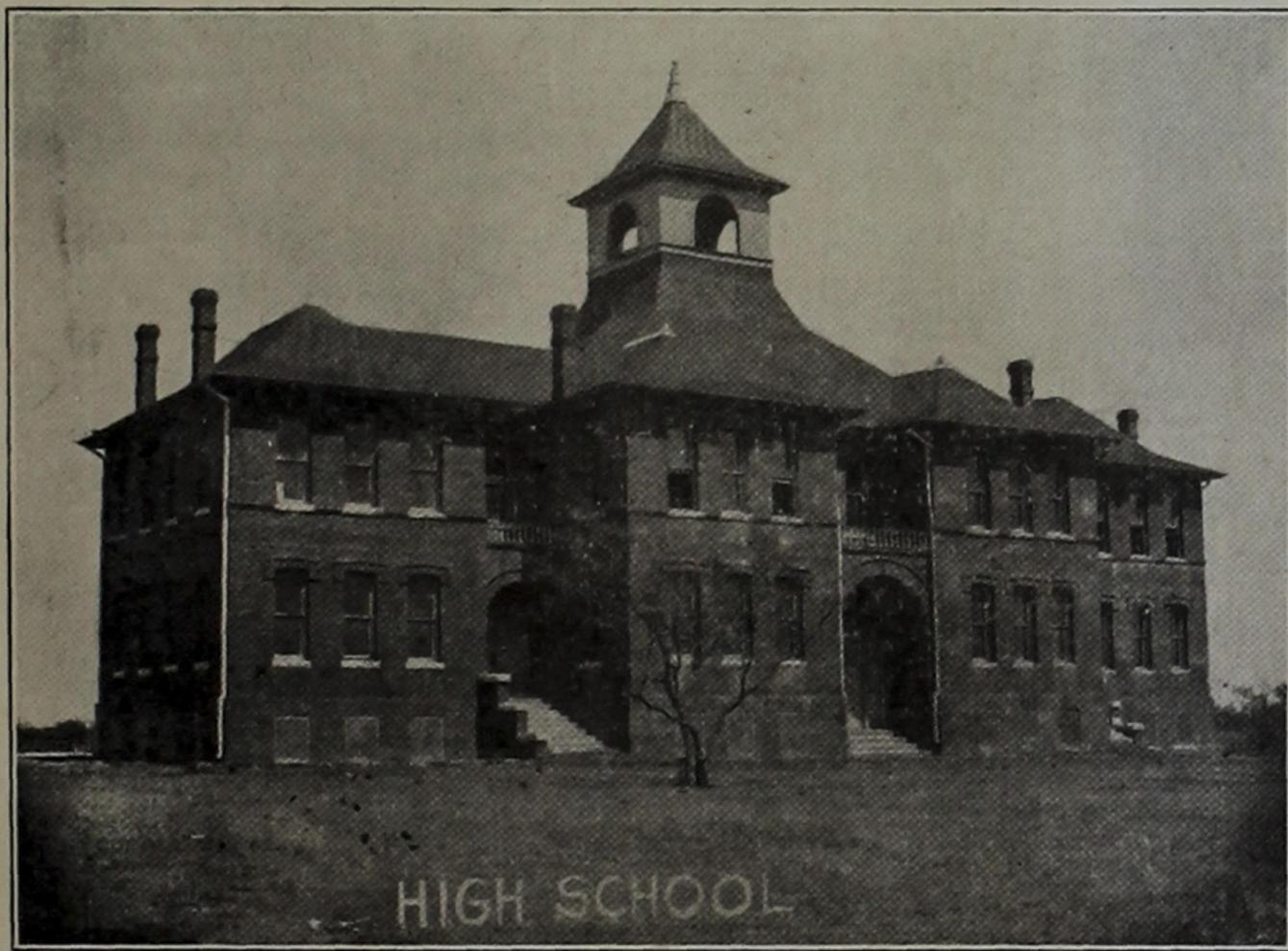


MITCHELL COUNTY FARM LANDS.

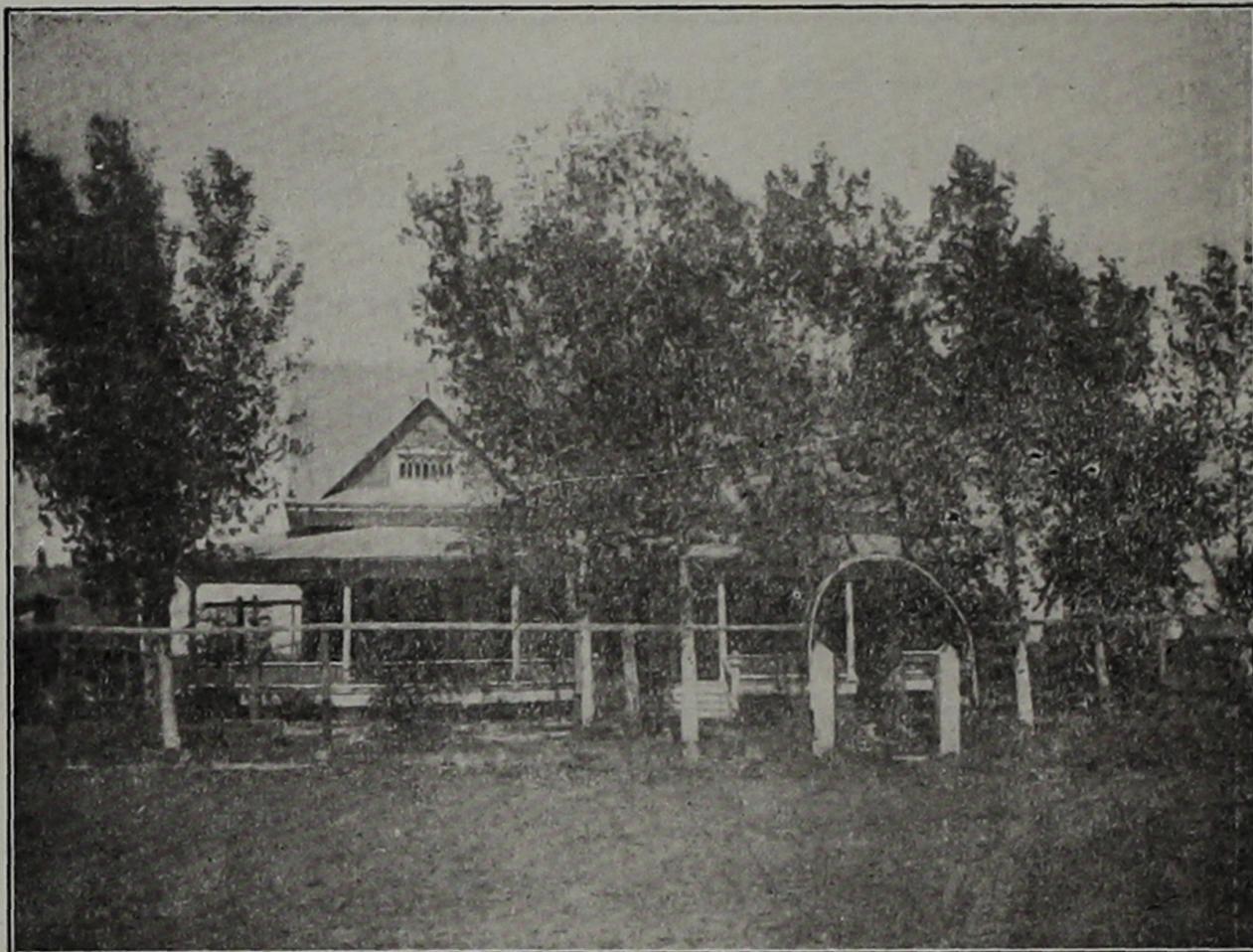
The farm lands of Mitchell County present to the stranger from the East an appearance that is all satisfying in every detail. Instead of the heavy, black muddy land, this country has a variety different in every way, just as good as any other land on the face of the globe for cultivation.

The largest per cent. about sixty, of the county is made up of light red sandy loam which for the raising of cotton corn, milo maize, kaffir corn, grain of all kinds is unequalled anywhere. This land, of a very high grade, is mostly underlaid with a solid clay base at a depth of about thirty inches which in the dry season holds the moisture for months, keeping the sandy loam above it in good condition all that time.

The valley, bottom or mixed land known in California as hard pan, requires a little more rain than the sandy land,



High School Building, Colorado, Texas.



A Country Home in Mitchell County, Tex.

but its natural location tends to give it all the moisture required. This land is the best for growing all the small grains, wheat, oats, etc. While only about twenty per cent of the county is made up of this, that fifth is nearly all under cultivation and raises a large crop every season.

Under all this land water can be found at a depth ranging from 20 to 75 feet. As a usual thing the wells about 30 or 40 feet provide the best water, but it is all good with never any salt or alkali mixed.

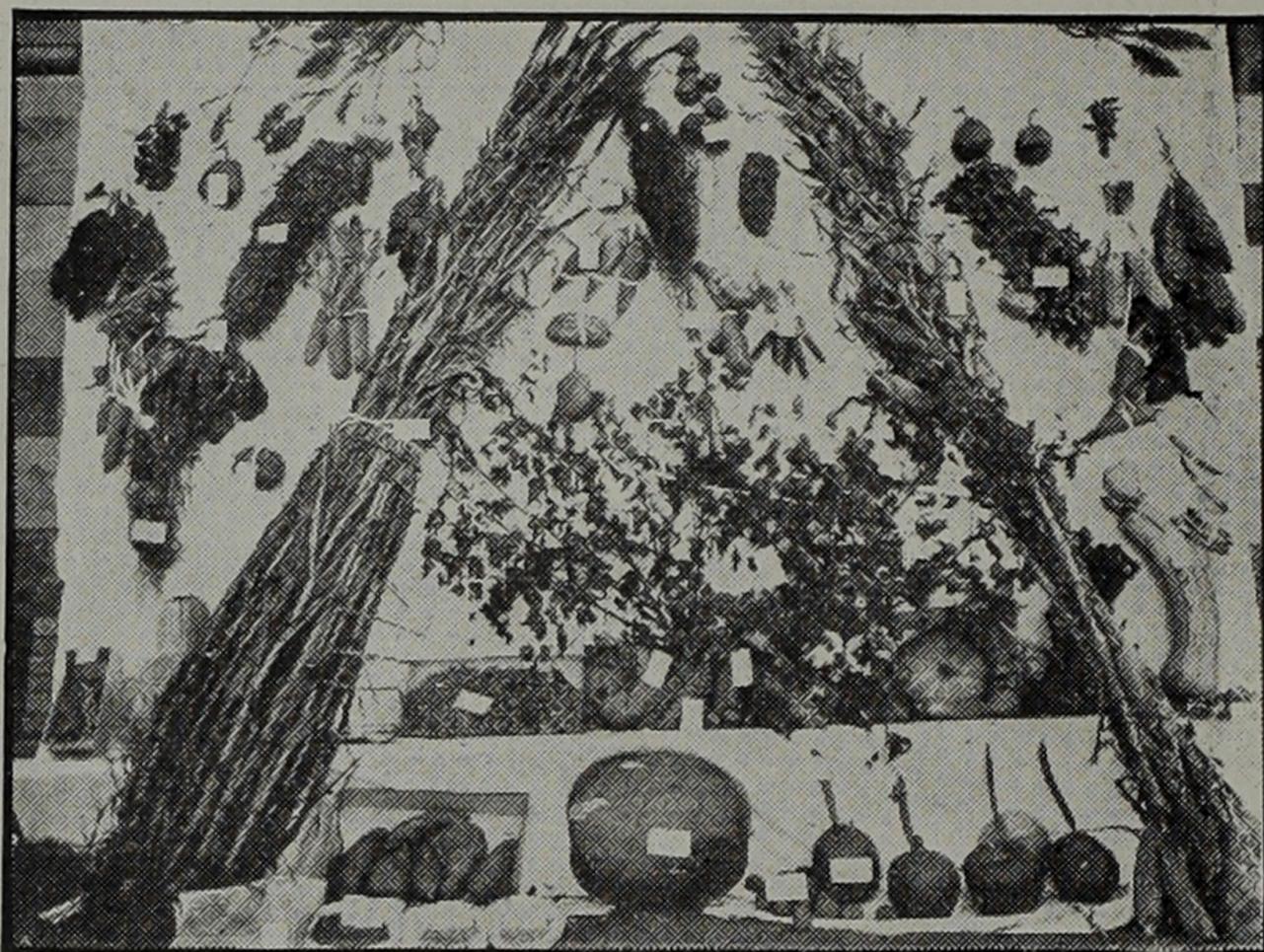
The farm land of Mitchell County is every acre free from the destructive grasses and weeds known in other sections. Such a thing as crab grass, Johnson grass, morning glories and parsley, the most destructive vegetation to be contended with in other sections in the growth of cotton never have been reported in this country. For this reason one man can cultivate by himself, from eighty to one hundred and twenty acres and grow a fine crop of any variety.



Berry Orchard in Mitchell County, Texas.



Cotton at the Gin, Colorado, Texas.



An Exhibit showing the possibilities of Mitchell County.

I always make corn. Milo maize and Kaffir corn are both sure crops, and take the place of corn and oats, and if a man will always diversify his feed crop he will never be without feed. I consider this a good fruit country, and is exceptionally good for grapes and berries. I don't think there is any better country for watermelons, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, ground peas or anything that grows on a vine. I consider Mitchell county a good farming country, and one man can make on an average twice as much cotton here as he can in any other part of the state, for the reason he can work from two to three times as much land, the land being easily cultivated and free from weeds. I consider this country a complete success as a farming country.

Yours truly, A. J. HAGLER.

Colorado, Mitchell County, Texas.

Mr. Hagler was heard to say that he would not trade his land, acre for acre, for any black land farm in Texas.



W. M. Green's Farm, northwest of Colorado, Mitchell Co.



Gathering Apples in the Lone Wolf Valley, Mitchell Co.

Produces 50 to 100 bushels of Kaffir corn to the acre.

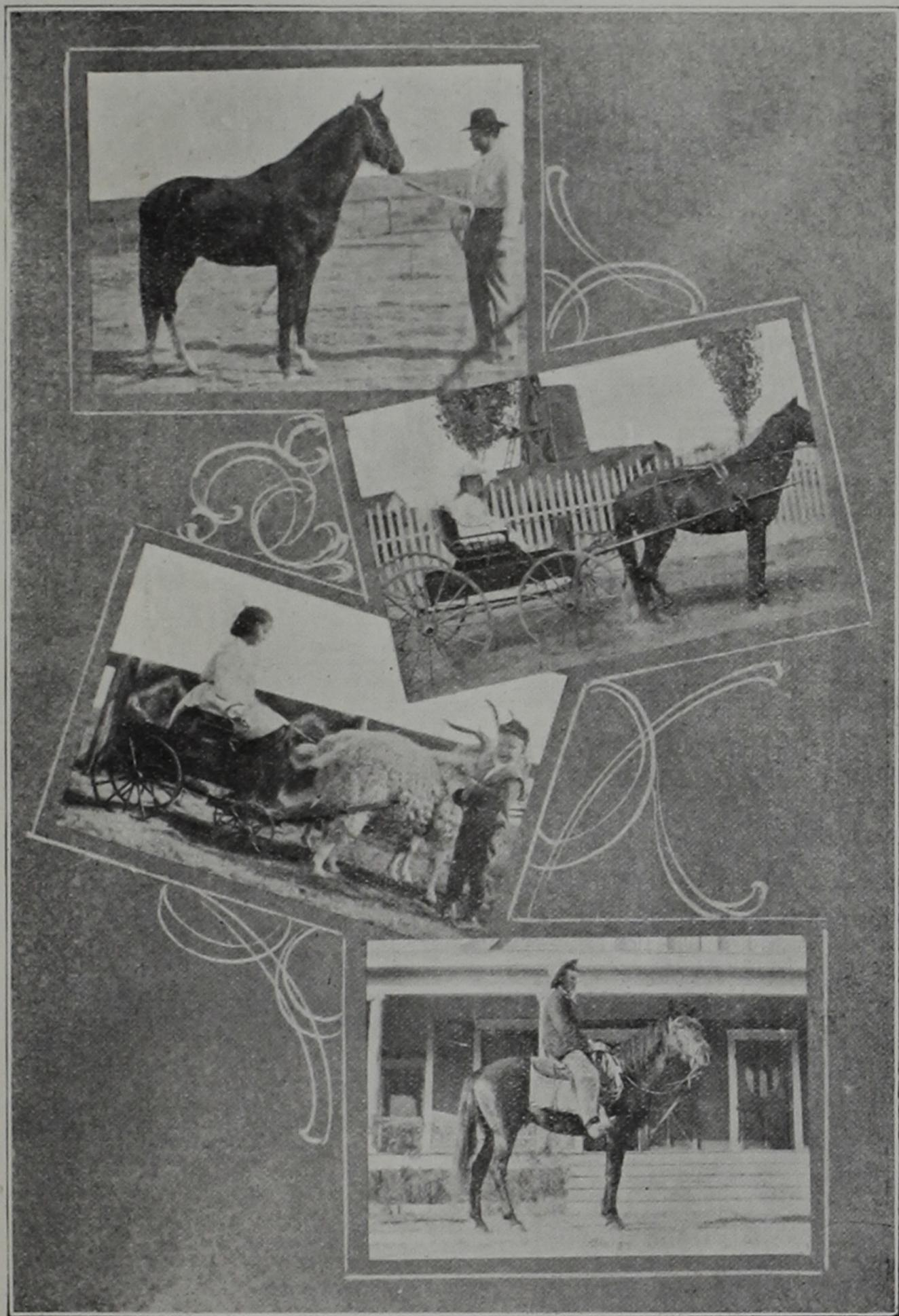
Produces all kinds of fruit and vegetables without irrigation.

Raised from twenty to forty bushels of corn to the acre last year.

Produced an average of one-third to three-fourths of a bale of cotton per acre in 1906.

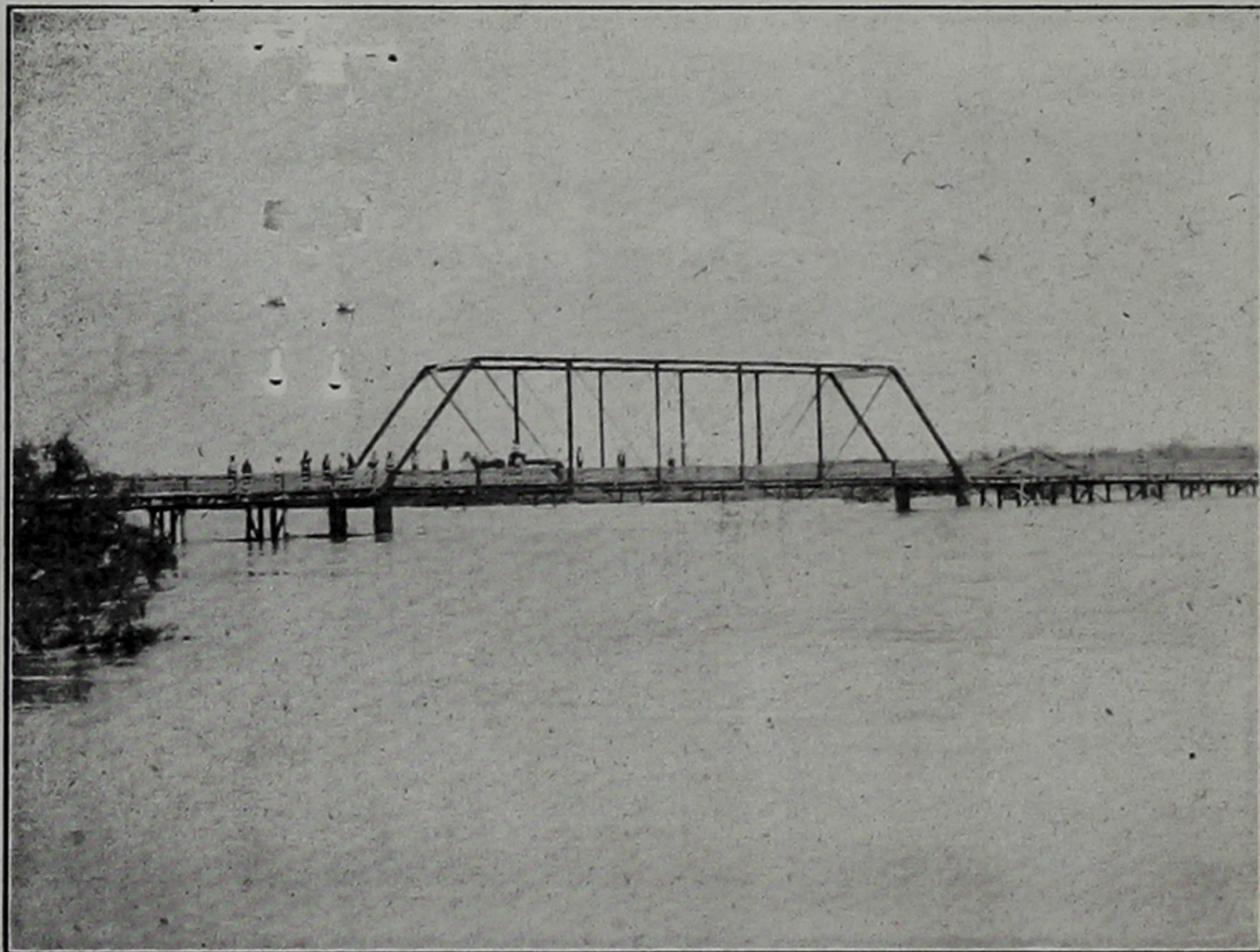
Average altitude of 2,077 feet. Not so high as to affect the heart action, but high enough to be the exact health level.

Watermelons are raised here that average 80 pounds; and peaches, you never saw the like. They grow here to perfection.



Scenes on Bellevue Stock Farm, near Colorado, Texas.

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Colorado River and Bridge at West end of Second Street



Ranch House northwest of Colorado, Mitchell County ,Tex.



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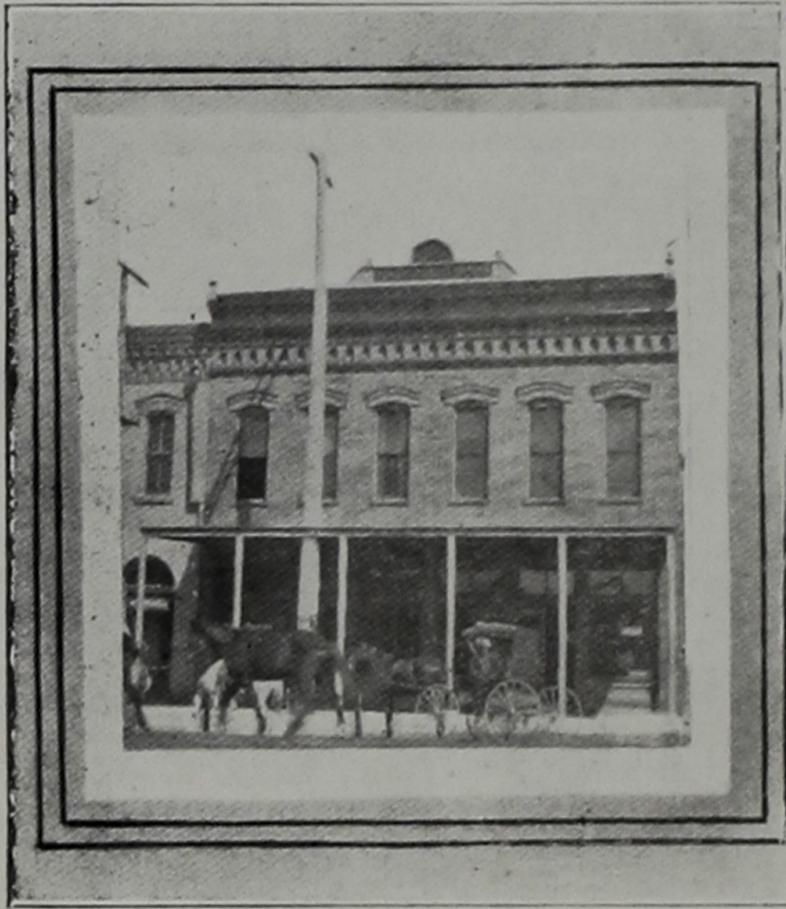
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We have gone carefully over the contents of this book and find that the facts as set forth in print and pictures are correct and true as regards Colorado and Mitchell County. We heartily commend this move of the Western Trade Exchange and they have our fullest co-operation. This firm is composed of reliable gentlemen, of the right kind to have business dealings with, and we take this opportunity of recommending them to your consideration.

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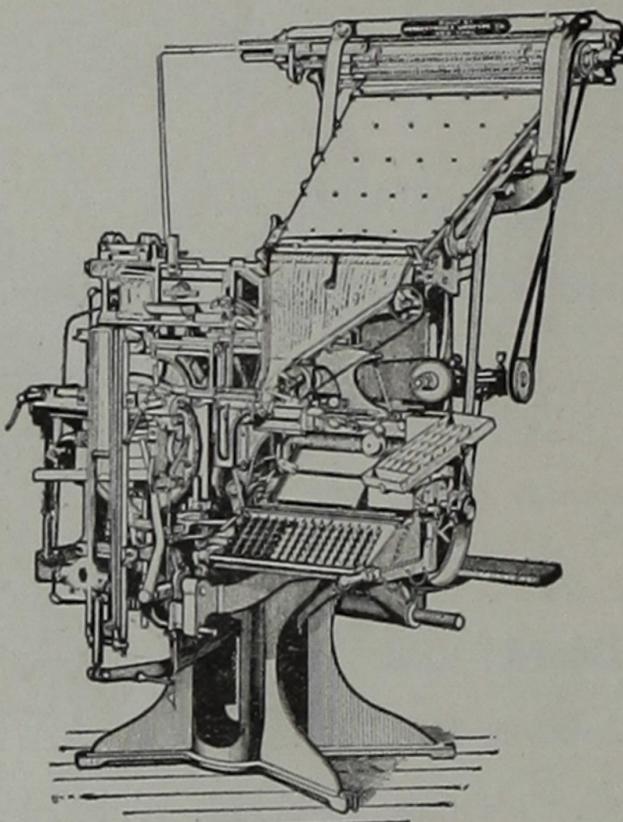
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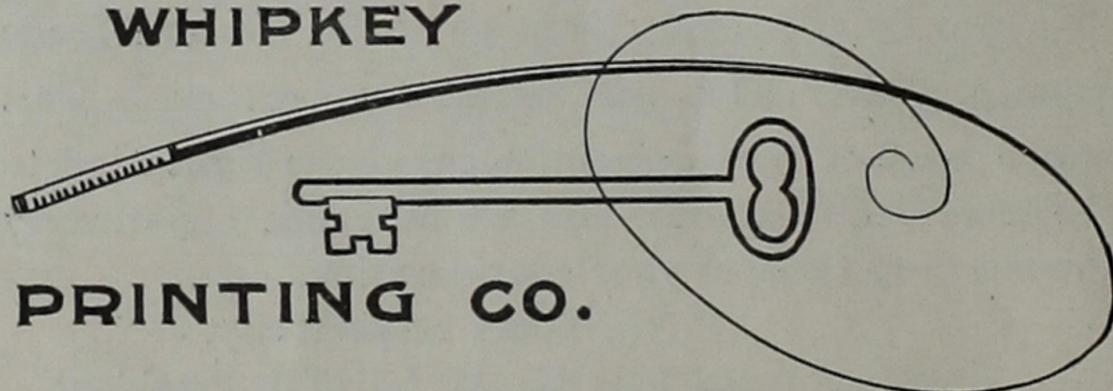
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