



HOTEL BROWN.

This building, which is the first building of concrete blocks ever erected in Eagle Lake, is now being pushed to completion by the contractors, Messrs. Boulden & Jackson. The contract price is \$7,000. The building is three stories and will contain thirty rooms. It is modern in every particular and when finished, Mrs. Brown will have one of the finest and most up-to-date hotel buildings in this section of the State. The contractors hope to have the building ready for occupancy in about fifteen days.



THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Eagle Lake Baptist Church was organized in 1876 with Rev. J. B. Armstrong as Pastor. Eagle Lake had at that time about 200 inhabitants and this was the first church organized in it. Although the church was small, it held services at the same hours in the opera house, school house, dance house, general meeting house, etc. since it was all one. A few years after this the Baptists, Methodists and Episcopalians built a union house. About 1888 it became necessary for the Baptists to have a house of their own, which they built at a cost of about \$1,500. This building was blown down by the storm in 1900 and a smaller one built of the debris. This summer they occupied their new brick building and it would be hard to convince them that a more substantial or attractive house could be built for the same cost, which was about \$5,100.00, furnished.

Rev. Oscar Ferrell is the popular Pastor of the Church and the Sunday School Superintendent is Dr. Norris to whom more than any other one man, the Baptist Church is indebted for its substantial and influential position in this town.

In The Last Five Years

the town of Eagle Lake has improved wonderfully. When we came here five years ago and engaged in business the town of Eagle Lake was just waking up and taking on new life and has since that time been on the improve. Our business has kept pace with the substantial growth of the town and today we have one of

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A PLEASANT COUNTRY.

A Southern Woman Writes Enthusiastically About Life in the Gulf Coast Country.

(By Mrs. W. S. Strickland of Eagle Lake.)

We women of the Gulf Coast of Texas lead practically the same life here as you do in the North, but while you have your snow and sleighing in the winter, we have our buggy driving and flowers; while you have your intense heat in the summer, we have our gulf breeze, which renders the days and nights pleasant, and our surf bathing, which is indescribable; our picnics and other outings. Altogether we think our life in this Coast Country is far more pleasant and enjoyable than yours in the North.

We have many amusements—visiting our friends, picnics, buggy drives, horse back riding, excursions, summer vacations on the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere, fine sea bathing, public and private gatherings, musical entertainments and so on. We have card parties at private residences, where other entertainments, such as ice-cream socials, etc., are usually held.

We have four churches here with Ladies' Aid Societies and Guilds and we gossip here as you do in the North.

There is a good public school here. It does not cost parents anything to send children, between the ages of 7 and 16 years, to school for nine months in one year.

It is very healthful here. Typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria, consumption and catarrhal asthma, are practically unknown among the natives. Eagle Lake has a population of over 2,000. I recall only one death here in the last six months. Dr. B. F. Forrest, who formerly lived here but now of Peoria, Ill., told my husband that this was the most healthful country that he had ever seen and that the healthfulness of the North could not be compared with it.

The climate is pleasant. It is never as cold in the winter and rarely as hot in the summer as in some parts of the North. In the winter we have roses blooming in our yard nearly the entire season. In the summer we always have the gulf breeze and no matter how hot it may be if you get under a parasol or in the shade, you can always feel comfortable. I do anyway.

Is this a good place to bring up children? The proper rearing of children depends a great deal upon the parents and the love they have for their children. I think this is as good as any place that I know of. We do not have many of the vices here that exist elsewhere, while we have good moral educational influences everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy Sold by Eagle Lake Drug Co.



One of Eagle Lake's strongest attractions is her pretty, sweet, winsome, fascinating, lovely girls. Two of the most charming did this paper the honor of appearing at a masque ball last winter, representing the "Eagle Lake Headlight." As all our best features are desired in this our gala edition, we reproduce their pictures. She with the lighted lamp over her brow is, (or rather was) Miss Edna Bahorn, now the wife of Dr. Wm. T. Beard. The other, Miss Elizabeth York on Sept. 4th became the bride of Mr. James C. Kennedy. The Headlight loves all the girls, but naturally feels a special tenderness for the two who paid it such a high compliment.

more to do with the shaping of their careers, than almost anything else.

The cost of living depends upon the whims or wants of the individual but the actual cost is not as great as in the cities. Here you can raise nearly everything one would desire to eat. If you do not care to raise it, you can buy it at moderate prices.

This is a temperate community. It is a rare thing to see a drunken man on the streets. Laws are strictly enforced.

I can recommend this section to Northern people. I think it is one of the best places on earth to live, make money and be happy. We have a large sugar mill and about 2,000 acres planted in ribbon cane. We have two large rice mills and about 10,000 acres planted in rice. We have seven cotton gins and about 10,000 acres planted in cotton. We have several thousand acres planted in corn. Raising of cattle, horses and mules is carried on here on a very large scale. We have three railroads, twelve passenger trains, fifteen or twenty daily freight trains, direct communication with all points north, east, west and south. We have brick buildings, stores that carry stocks as high as \$30,000. We have three banks, all doing a good business and good telephone and telegraph communication. We have a park and free weekly musical entertainments by the local band. The people are sociable and intelligent. There is a great deal more yet, I cannot tell it all. I have told only the truth and not all of it. Come and see. That is the only way to be convinced.—Hurd's Pipe Dreams.

The question of a fine, new, brick school house has for some time been agitated by the people of Eagle Lake, but the time is now ripe for active movements in this direction—for the building of a new and modern school house has become an absolute necessity. In conversation with the HEADLIGHT man last week, our popular and efficient principal, Prof. J. E. Briggs, stated that the school, although the term has just begun, was overcrowded and the building was taxed to its utmost to seat all the pupils, and many new pupils are expected to enroll as the session advances. Eagle Lake is growing all the time, and the scholastic enrollment of every session shows a big increase in the attendance over the one passed. The people are beginning to realize that a larger and more modern structure is needed badly, and before another year will have rolled around we believe the new school building will be assured.

When God Made Texas.

Congressman Jack Beall, of the Dallas district, is a word-painter and an orator, as well as a deep-dyed Texan. In a recent speech he told his hearers how God made Texas, and this is how it was done. "God must have made the balance of the world first and then made Texas." He looked over all that had come from His hand and gathered together the best of every climate of sunshine and air and mountain and soil, of forest and ore, and shaping and moulding it with His omnipotent hand, He planted it down where the waters of the Gulf laved its shores and the breezes of the Gulf fanned its prairies, and then He tolled the fairest angels down from Heaven to be the helpmates of Texas men and looking down upon His work and beholding it good, He cried out in a very ecstasy of joy, "I christen this Texas." Ex.

Protect your families. Don't let the impurities of the water wash directly into your cistern.

I recommend the planting of the Japanese varieties, such as Satsuma and Dugrat, for three principal reasons. First, because they are hardier against cold than the ordinary orange, especially if grafted or budded on Citrus trifoliata stocks. Second, because they are young bearers and some fruit may be expected from them the second year after planting, provided the trees are well cared for as they should be. Third, because they mature their fruit early in October which can be shipped to market and sold for good prices before the ordinary bulk crop of oranges begin to turn. Hence, I think that we have three good reasons for continuing this in order that we may be on the safe side until further developments are made. The Washington Parfel is doubtless the most popular orange that goes on the market nowadays, but from observation it is not so hardy as the Java, besides, the Java can be marketed before it begins to ripen.—S. A. Waselika.

We shall watch with some interest the progress and development of that three hundred acre banana farm in the county of Cameron. Farmers in that section have demonstrated that they can raise oranges, lemons, dates, etc., and to add bananas will give that section another valued product. Ex.

Anything grown in Cameron county can be grown in Colorado county.

The Attorney General's Department has made a most important ruling in holding that church parsonages are not exempt from taxation.

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This Piece of 2x4-16 \$27.50

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and will serve to show the difference in price of now and forty years ago. Capt. McCarty was the merchant, and his stock was a miscellaneous assortment, anything from a plow to a silk dress:

1 Barrel Flour	\$14.50
2 lbs. Cheese	.80
Bucket of Potatoes	1.00
1 lb Raisins	.40
1 pr. Boots	7.50
1 paper Pins	.20
1 gal. Molasses	1.25
4 Spools Thread	.50
1 lbs. Sugar	.72
4 Mackerel	.50
1 Sack Table Salt	.20
3 doz. Eggs	.75
Can of Peaches	.50
2 yds. Calico	.54
1 lb. Tea	2.25

The accounts in this old book were made by Col. Scott Anderson, Harry McNabb, Maj. Wm. H. Scott, Col. C. G. Herber, Dr. Bruce, D. W. Stockbridge, Joe Schiller, Wm. Good, D. Draub, and others.