

### LAKESIDE SUGAR REFINERY.

**Eagle Lake Deserves and Must Have a Creamery.**

There is not a citizen in our town or surrounding country that does not know and feel the importance of this very badly needed enterprise. And why should we go longer without it? There is no reason whatever, as we have every advantage necessary to insure a profitable and well paying business. Other towns that have no such natural advantages as Eagle Lake have them. Right here the question might be asked: What are our advantages? First, we have three railroads, which give us six different directions in which to ship our butter. Second, we have thousands of acres of fine grass lands near town on which our cows could graze, requiring only about one-third of the dry feed that is required without grass. Third, we have one of the most enterprising little towns in the state, with wide awake business men to keep it going. There are numerous other advantages we have which other towns have

not. The creamery proposition is only a small undertaking but these are required before a town can expect larger manufacturing enterprises.

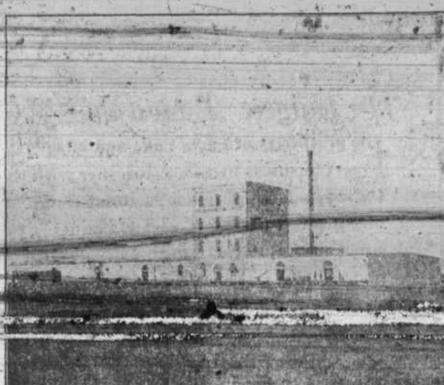
**Get their Eyes on Us.**

The following letter which is self explanatory, was received by Postmaster Ziegler this week and handed to the HEADLIGHT for publication. After reading the letter, every public spirited citizen in Eagle Lake should write this firm a personal letter telling of our city's superior advantages:

"We are looking for a location to start a factory for the manufacturing of canvas gloves and mittens. Toledo has so many factories using female help that we are unable to secure enough help for the factory we already own, and, naturally wishing to grow, we are forced to depend on the outside for growth. The location of your city has appealed to us as an excellent place for a factory. We are enclosing you a stamped envelope and would

thank you to tell us whether the chances are good for getting help, how many people are in your town, and what kind of a farming community there is around it and especially whether there are other factories there, already absorbing all the female help. About what number of girls and women do you think could be secured? We would also request that you send us the names and addresses of three or four people, (either men or women) and their present occupations, so that we may send them to your small factory and discuss it with success with our instructions and help. Thanking you in advance for the interest you take and hoping to have an early reply, we remain,

Yours very truly,  
McCORMERY-MFG. CO.,  
Toledo, Ohio.



### EAGLE LAKE RICE MILL.

**DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOIL.**

Colorado county is about equally divided between timber and prairie land the northwestern portion being slightly rolling and suitable for stockraising and general farming; while the southwestern portion is level and well adapted to rice growing and the cultivation of such other crops as require irrigation. In this county every variety of soil is represented, embracing the black waxy or hog wallow, the black sandy, the gray shell lands of the prairie, and the alluvial soils of the valleys, which are unsurpassed for fertility and productiveness. Cotton produces an average of from one-half to three-quarters of a bale per acre; corn, forty bushels; cane, twenty tons; rice, fourteen bags; and Irish potatoes from one hundred and fifty to two hundred bushels per acre. Homeseekers from the Northern States are partial to Colorado county, for here they

find entire communities composed of sturdy Northern farmers, who have elected to accept a Texas citizenship, and who, in Colorado county, found every condition they could possibly expect looking to a profitable investment and the prosecution of agricultural enterprises, where the largest returns in dollars and cents are to be obtained.

One of the first heralds of Eagle Lake is the fisherman wending his way to the waters beneath whose placid waves sport the finny myriads. The buggies are apt to be ornamented in the rear with poles and the foot passenger of any age between 2 and 70 years carries on his shoulder his trusty rod and line. There is no color line. Dusky disciples of Isak Walton, from small lads to old men, return with heavy strings of trout and perch which find a ready sale. The ladies also take great interest in the sport. We have three who are famous for

their luck or science. Mrs. Ella Givins, Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. W. A. Thatcher have slain their thousands, with the hook. Almost every day in the season finds their buggies fastened beneath the moss draped oaks, while they in the boats, out among the lilies, gather the supplies for a supper and breakfast fit for a queen.

Eagle Lake has been a better town for a long time, but it is a better town for a still longer time.

Last month Manager J. J. Raeyer, of the Eagle Lake Rice Irrigation Company, contracted for the sale of the entire output of rice of that company, which will amount to about 25,000 bags, this being the canal company's portion, the tenant share not being included in the sale. This rice was sold half to the Eagle Lake Rice Mill and half to the Lakeside Rice Mill at \$3.65 per bag.

**MR. JOHN THOMPSON WEST-MORELAND.**

The subject of this sketch was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1829. He came to Texas prospecting in 1852, landing in Galveston in December of that year. While en route from Galveston to Houston, he of course made many inquiries concerning Texas, and was informed that the

railroad from Harrisburg to Richmond was at that time being built, and that there were only about six or seven miles of finished railroad in the State. On this trip Mr. Westmoreland visited his brother in Montgomery county, Texas, and also visited an uncle in Houston. While he was on this trip, the Houston & Texas Central was laid off

from Houston to Cypress. Mr. Westmoreland then returned to Alabama and was married to Miss Nannie Guyan in 1853. He moved to Texas in 1853, bringing his slaves with him, and settled in Montgomery county, where he remained for only two years. In 1856 Mr. Westmoreland came to Colorado county and settled near where the town of Nada is now situated, but on account of poor health remained



RESIDENCE OF MR. J. R. WESTMORELAND.



only a short time, returning to Montgomery county, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, 24th Texas Cavalry, at that time stationed at Arkansas Post. He was at this place in the fight against the enemy, who had seven gun boats and about 35,000 men. The Union forces were under Gen. Mc-Nerard, and the Confederate commander was Gen. Churchill. He was captured by the Union forces at that place and sent to Camp Butler, in Springfield, Illinois. There being no flag of truce, or letters, or exchange of prisoners, Mr. Westmoreland, while in prison, wrote direct to Gen. Grant, who was at that time besieging Vicksburg, asking him, in the name of humanity, to do what he could to forward home his letter. This letter contained all the casualties of that battle. General Grant honored his letter and it was only eight days reaching home. When this letter was received his wife was at church, and its contents caused the most heart-rending scene ever witnessed in a church, or town, during the whole war. Exchange of prisoners soon followed, and Mr. Westmoreland was sent to City Point, near Pittsburg, Virginia. He was there during the second Battle of the Wilderness, in which "Stonewall" Jackson was killed. He was then transferred to Gen. Bragg's army in Central Tennessee. He was captured the second time at the Battle of Chickamauga and held a prisoner until 1865 at Camp Douglas in Chicago. On the 4th day of May that year he was sent to New Orleans to await the arrival of Union prisoners from North Texas, and was exchanged for those prisoners, the exchange being made near the mouth of Red River, arriving home in Montgomery county, June 6th, 1865. He remained at home until 1882, when he moved to Beaumont, Jefferson county, building school there and at Sabine Pass until 1885. Mr. Westmoreland came to Eagle Lake in June of '85, and is now enjoying being surrounded by his family, consisting of his wife, three daughters and seven sons.

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