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### A Decade of Substantial Progress.

What Eagle Lake Has Accomplished in Last Ten Years.  
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est. Complete stocks in all lines are carried, and all are doing a profitable business.

Eagle Lake is a gem of a city, in an 18 karat setting; she needs many things still, but she will get them.

about this; it is bound to come, and 1917 will be as far ahead of 1907 as this year is of 1897.

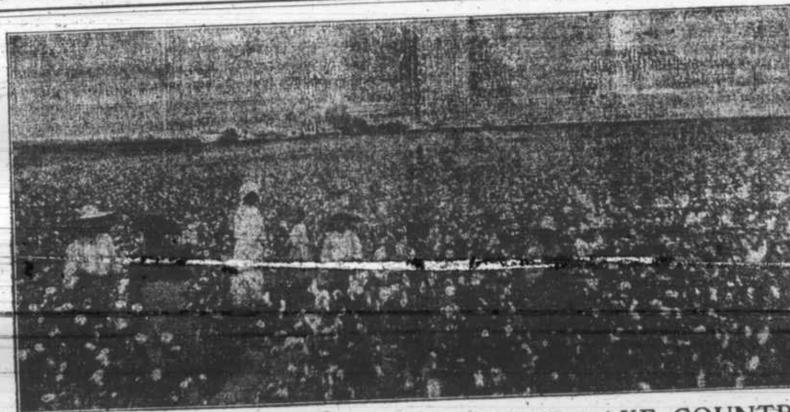
The following is a list of our corporations, all of which have been formed during the last ten years:

Corporation	Capital
Lakeside Sugar Refining Co.	\$250,000
Eagle Lake Rice Irrigation Co.	200,000
Eagle Lake Rice Milling Co.	100,000
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W. Deaton Co.	40,000
Eagle Lake Mfg. Co.	30,000
Frank Stephens Co.	30,000
Water, Light & Gin Co.	25,000
Home Building & Loan Association	50,000
A. C. McClanahan Lumber Co.	20,000
Fidelity Immigration Co.	15,000
First National Bank	40,000
Eagle Lake State Bank	40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$940,000</b>

### Schools, Religion, Politics.

No matter how rich the soil, nor how great the material inducements, no good citizen wishes to settle his family in a country of poor school and bad religious surroundings.

Along these lines Eagle Lake keeps well to the front. Our



COTTON FIELD SCENE IN THE EAGLE LAKE COUNTRY.

school superintendent, Prof. J. W. Briggs, is an acknowledged scholar, also a Christian gentleman. He was selected to conduct a summer normal held this season in an adjoining county. His assistants are capable, and the school works harmoniously.

No man is persecuted in Eagle Lake on account of his religion or his politics. A band of Mormons visited the town recently. It was something new in this region, but their conduct was inoffensive and though they made no converts, they were entirely unmolested. The Apostolic Faith people came about a year ago. In some places they meet with a harsh reception. Though no converts were made here, a member of the Baptist church gave them free use of a hall for preaching, and all Christians and others administered to their wants. The people of Eagle Lake are too wide between the eyes for persecution, religious or political. While the democrats

### METHOD OF FARMING RICE.

The methods of farming which obtain are similar to those employed in the wheat fields of the Northwest. The land is plowed with gang plows in the spring, then disced and harrowed thoroughly. Planting is done with the broadcast machine, or

are largely in the majority, it is not that brand of democracy that denounces every republican as a dishonest rascal.

In the municipal government politics is eschewed. Mr. A. M. Waugh, republican, has been mayor. Our postmaster, Capt. Ziegler, republican, was justice of the peace for many years. Some of our best and most influential citizens are republicans. If a man conducts himself as a gentleman in the Eagle Lake country he is in the "Land of the free."

the seed drill in rows 7 to 8 inches apart, many preferring the latter method. The planting season extends from April 1 to June 15. Then no water is put on the land, rain being depended upon to sprout the seed. When the plant is from 6 to 10 inches high the floodgates are opened and the fields flooded, and kept at a certain height until the grain is in the milk and well formed, which requires about seventy days. The levees are broken about ten days before the grain is ready to harvest and the fields well drained, in order that the grain may mature and harden. When it is ready and the field-dry enough to permit of the use of the reaper and binder they are brought into use.

The sheaves are shocked in the field to permit of the circulation of air to dry the straw. Harvesting usually begins in August and continues as late as December. After curing for a

period of two weeks the rice is threshed from the shock. The machines employed use steam power revolving knives for cutting the binding twine and a blower to remove and stack the straw. The rough rice is sacked at an average weight of 162 pounds each. It is then carried to the mill or warehouse.

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Mr. L. C. Hill, industrial agent for the Santa Fe railroad, spent several days here this week trying to persuade the farmers to put in some strawberry plants this year. Mr. Hill has confidence in the Eagle Lake as a strawberry producing country. Just as fine can be grown here as any in the world, and Mr. Hill if the farmers can be induced to set out a few plants this year as an experiment, that next season will find sufficient acreage planted in this community to afford shipments of the berries to the markets in car load lots.

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### MR. JOHN W. THATCHER.

Mr. Thatcher was born down country in Mr. Thatcher's boyhood days, and mustangs (wild horses) were here in great numbers. He says there were some very fine horses among them, and where these fine animals got their origin has always been a mystery to him. Deer, Mr. Thatcher says, were here in great numbers. When his father and mother came to Texas there were still a few buffalo in this section. He well remembers when the last buffalo was known to have been killed in these parts. This was when he was about seven years of age, throughout the entire and the animal was killed over was a great cattle on the Bernard creek. Every-

body kept open house in those days, and all strangers traveling through the country were always welcome, there being no



hotels. There were no newspapers and the natives got the news from strangers who stopped with them while passing through the country. Mr. Thatcher says bear were about as numerous in those times as hogs are now, and the farmers would have to keep guards in their corn fields to keep them from destroying the corn while it was in roasting ear. He remembers Eagle Lake when there was not a house in the town, the only house here then being a little log hut, built down near the

lake. Mr. Thatcher has spent most of his life in farming, but was also in the cattle business for some years. He moved from his plantation into town in 1900. He is still engaged in farming and is one of our most prominent citizens and largest planters.

### RICE CULTURE.

where a bountiful supply of pure, fresh water can be obtained at a depth of not exceeding forty feet, one well furnishing water sufficient to flood one hundred to one hundred and fifty acres of rice, according to natural precipitation. The cost of well is as follows: From the surface of the ground to the water-bearing gravel, which is from eighteen to twenty feet, the cost of boring would be about \$2.00 per foot, or approximately \$40.00. Penetrating the water-bearing gravel, of, say, twenty feet, would be \$1.50 per foot, or about \$30.00. The cost of curbing, lumber, etc., \$30.00; cost of screen, \$100, or a total for the well of about \$265.00.

This county forms a part of what is known as the Texas shallow well territory.

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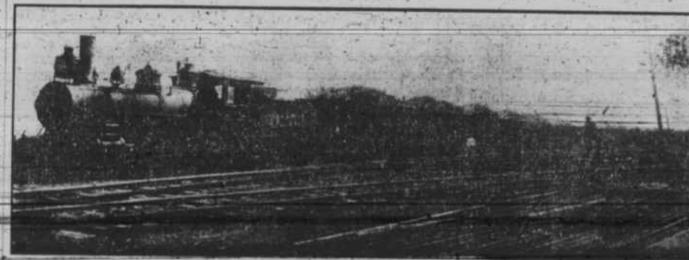
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