Alderman E. L. Mooney

Alderman C. H. Brosig

Alderman W. E. Lenhart

THE BUILDING FEVER.

Much Building and Improving Going on in Eagle Lake.

The building fever struck Eagle Lake some two or three years ago and the boys have been busy ever since. Carpenters are kept all the time and building and improving is going on here every day in the year. Mr. O. R. Davis has recently completed a pretty new home. Mr. Ed Ragland's pretty new home on McCarty avenue has just been completed. Mr. Fritz Emshoff is just completing a comfortable home in the Griffin addition. Mr. W. A. Dallas is arranging to erect a modern cottage home on Railroad and McCarty avenues. Sam H. Little is building an attractive and comfortable home on Walnut avenue. J. Nathan will shortly begin the erection of an imposing home on McCarty avenue. Messrs. Haynie Matthews and Wm. J. Matthews will both build homes in this city in the very near future. Mr. T. J. Balborn has recently sold his pretty home, completed last fear, and will begin the erection of another handsome residence right away. Mr. R. E. Walker is contemplating the building of a home in the very near future. Mr. Henry E. Carey will shortly commence building a home. Mr. W. F. Causey will move his present house to another lot, remodel and have same for a rent house and build a pretty new home on the former lot. Mr. Max M. Landa has recently purchased the J. Landa place, which he is remodeling and improving, and many more of our citizens are contemplating building. With a good crop this fall Eagle Lake will do more building and improving than it has done in the last three years—and the carpenters have been busy every day in the week for the past three years, too. The handsome two-story Masonic brick building is just completed, also the Nathan building adjoining it. Mr. T. J. Roberts will shortly begin the erection of two brick buildings, one one-story and the other a two-story, on the corner lots adjoining the new Masonic building. Mr. Lee Hughs has let the contract for the building of a 30x100 brick between the garage and postoffice, which has already been leased, and will be used for an up-to-date picture show. Mr. Hughs has also let the contract for the erection of a 31x100 brick building between the new Nathan building and the Pierce Hardware Company's building. When these new buildings on the west side of the square are completed, it will give that side of the business portion a solid block of gray brick buildings, all erected within the past two years. Eagle Lake is building and improving all the times It has never had a boom—we don't want any boom—but the town is building rapidly and substantially all the time. Now is the time to buy your building lots, for lots in a town where building is going on at this rate the year around, will soon be all taken up, or so high in price you won't feel like buying them later on. Parties in looking for a home in Eagle Lake now while they can be bought reasonable. You are taking no chances on such investments—the town is sure to continue to build and grow. There is nothing that can keep it back. Surrounded by such a rich and productive country with such a diversity in farming, Eagle Lake is sure to become the most prosperous little city in this section of the State.

Rice Acreage in The Eagle Lake District.

The following acreage of rice planted in what is known as the Eagle Lake district, was for the year 1911. The rice planters at the time this article is being written are busy getting their land in shape for the 1912 crop, but many are yet undecided just what acreage they will plant, so we were unable to print just at this time the acreage for the present year, but it is safe to say that the acreage will be as great as last year, if not greater. The following acreage of the 1911 crop is approximately correct:

Name and Postoffice.	No. Acres.
Arnold, Ray, Lissie	80
Ashley, W. S., Lissie	80
Andrews, H. F. & Jay, Chesterville	140
Anderson, F. J., Chesterville	70
Atkins, James, Chesterville	50
Adams, Walter, Eagle Lake	70
Adams, Ad, Eagle Lake	160
Adams, John, Eagle Lake	80
Bourdengen, Eugene, Garwood	75
Browers, Geo., Garwood	100
Backhus, Henry, Chesterville	130
Backhus, Anton, Chesterville	80
Backhus, Herman, Chesterville	100
Boyden, F. C., Nottawa	130
Bennett, W. R., Nottawa	75
Breuner, J. F., Chesterville	80
Balke, Theo., Lissie	90
Bertine, Quinto, Eagle Lake	100
Briggs, B. F., Lissie	145
Ball, Henry, Eagle Lake	80
Banning, Chas., Eagle Lake	80
Bagley, G. L., Eagle Lake	145
Brown, Geo. N., Garwood	150
Burge, L. P., Altair	500
Campbell, W. L., Garwood	150
Cochran, R. M., Garwood	150
Corman, Wm. J., Lissie	70
Clay, John, Altair	160
Coe, G. A., Nottawa	50
Coulp, C. L., Nottawa	165
Cayler, A. W., Nottawa	125
Carlson, John, Nottawa	100
Clapp, J. B., Chesterville	75
Causey, J. E., Chesterville	80
Campbell, W. S., Eagle Lake	60
Carter, J. W. & Co., Eagle Lake	260
Dixon, W. S., Garwood	200
Dodd, Ed. J., Garwood	400
Day, A. P., Nottawa	130
DeWitt, Wm., Nottawa	180
Deyo-Dickerson Co., Nottawa	300
Davidson, J. E., Chesterville	200
Duddleston, O. E., Eagle Lake	102
Eaton, Geo. R., Garwood	150
Everitt, J. M., Lissie	190
Eigner Bros., Nottawa	230
Ferguson, Ike, Garwood	250
Fling, Sterling, Garwood	125
Fling, Jos., Garwood	50
Fernsby Bros., Garwood	165
Follett, H. J., Lissie	60
Finn, S. A., Lissie	60
Fell, Oran, Nottawa	60
Farrell, C. W. D., Lissie	85
Fordyce, J. F., Eagle Lake	58
Frazar, J. U. & Bro., Eagle Lake	200
Fones, Roy, Eagle Lake	80
Goodell, F. W., Garwood	130
German, Roy, Nottawa	130
Gray, Geo., Sr., Chesterville	100
Gray, Geo., Jr., Chesterville	65
Gray, J. C., Chesterville	100
Gray, E. T., Chesterville	65
Gertsen, Chris, Lissie	75
Griggerson, Henry, Nottawa	90
Hopkins, J. D., Provident City	150
Howard, L. H., Lissie	140
Hom, P. H., Nottawa	75
Hom, Z. J., Nottawa	200
Hinds, Julius, Eagle Lake	240
Herbert, A. F., Eagle Lake	85
Hayden, B. R., Eagle Lake	60
Hayden, V. A., Eagle Lake	65
Hanly, E. W., Eagle Lake	50
Hough, J. F., Eagle Lake	200
Hoadley, E. T., Eagle Lake	55
Hodde, Ed., Eagle Lake	160
Hoyo, C. F., Eagle Lake	390
Ides, J. E., Chesterville	250
Jennings, C. M., Lissie	60
Jockets, Paul, Lissie	120
Johnson, Aug., Eagle Lake	110
Johnson, Martin, Lissie	100
Koons, F. C., Nads	150
Kellison, F. S., Eagle Lake	55
King, J. W., Lissie	100
Larry, Rollie, Eagle Lake	172
Lee, J. N., Lissie	200
Lee, Tom, Lissie	85
Martin Bros., Eagle Lake	240
Mahler, C. F., Garwood	60
McLaughlin, L. H., Garwood	80
Miller, W. G., Chesterville	100
Mansell, R. L., Nottawa	140
McLain, F. E., Chesterville	150
McMillan, W. F., Eagle Lake	175
McCormick, C. H., Eagle Lake	80
Norris & Causey, Eagle Lake	125
Pingsback, J. J. & Sons, Garwood	300
Pingsback, Tony, Garwood	200
Price, Walter, Garwood	110
Reyer, C. L., Garwood	125
Reeding, R. E., Eagle Lake	100
Reyer & Barbe, Eagle Lake	175
Simons, Wm., Rock Island	75
Stubblefield, Geo., Garwood	75
Schwartz, Sam, Lissie	150
Sparkman, Tom, Chesterville	125
Sandifer, Ike, Garwood	125
Spillman, N. A., Eagle Lake	65
Stahl, Jake, Chesterville	50
Sralnar, Joe, Nottawa	130
Spaltinger, Wm., Nottawa	110
Schwartz, W. H., Nottawa	75
Sanford, Cecil, Lissie	105
Shelton, J. T., Lissie	140
Sunderman, H. W., Eagle Lake	200
Seaholm, Axle, Eagle Lake	200
Seaholm, Gus, Eagle Lake	100
Spillings Bros., Garwood	100
Thomas, O. E., Lissie	200
Thomas, Dave, Lissie	70
Towsley, J. C., Chesterville	310
Tellars, James, Chesterville	65
Turner Bros., Eagle Lake	125
Vineyard, B. L., Eagle Lake	145
Ward, Harry, Garwood	150
Winterrod Bros., Garwood	110
Williams, D. W., Garwood	200
Wright, C. M., Garwood	100
Weary, Wm., Lissie	100
Walker, J. A., East Bernard	65
Way, J. W., Nottawa	100
Way, O. W., Nottawa	90
Weaver, Jasper, Nottawa	65
Way, E. W., Nottawa	200
Welford, W. E., Eagle Lake	80
Whitley, J. J., Eagle Lake	200
Wendel, Aug., Eagle Lake	75
White, J. T., Lissie	255

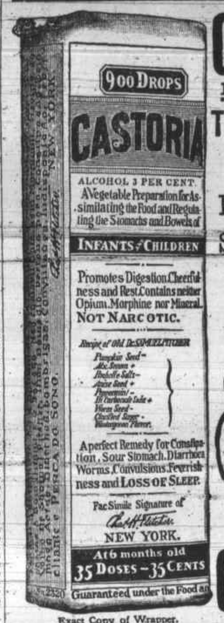
The above figures show an acreage in rice the past season of over 18,000 acres.

Concerning The Eagle Lake Section of The Country.

This section is in what we, in the South, term the rain belt. Precipitation averaging from 40 to 50 inches per year, sufficient for the average crops, such as corn and cotton, sugar cane, potatoes, sweet and Irish (the latter being raised here on a very extensive scale), alfalfa, oats, fruits, etc. As you will realize this rainfall is well distributed throughout the year, so that crop failure is unknown.

The city of Eagle Lake, a thriving, progressive little city of about 2500 inhabitants, is located on the edge of the prairie, and also on the edge of the Colorado river bottom, giving us a variety of soils, also the greatest variety of crops. The prairie lands range from a chocolate loam to dark black sandy, with some heavy stiff black land. The bottom lands also vary from a light to a heavy loam, so that here one can find any soil desired. With this diversity, it is possible to raise practically all the crops raised in the Northern States, also the crops raised in the semi-tropical country.

Until recent years rice was the only crop raised on the prairie lands, but within the past two or three years the farmers have broken away from the one crop idea and now the crops of cotton, corn averaging from 35 to 45 bushels per acre, sweet and Irish potatoes, and all manner of vegetables, can be found growing on prairie land. Many fruit orchards have been set out on prairie land during the past three years, strawberries, oranges and figs predominating. Last season from the fig orchards a short distance northwest of town on prairie land (orchards one and two years old) a big yield of the fruit was gathered. Messrs. Kolberg & Anderson, two enterprising young men, who located here from Minnesota some few years ago, and who are engaged in putting out and caring for orchards, established a small canning plant and preserved a large quantity of the figs. The preserves were magnificent, and they found a ready sale for every jar they put up. The splendid qualities of these preserves were commented on by every one who tasted them, and many packages of them were sent to friends of the people here living in other States to show what excellent fruit can be grown on the prairie land of this section.



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Our bottom or valley lands are wonderfully productive, and in the past two years have doubled and in some instances trebled in values. This is owing to the developments of this section as a potato raising district, the potatoes from this immediate section being placed on the Northern markets in advance of any other potato growing section. These lands produce two crops of potatoes each year, the first being planted the latter part of January and the first of February; the second crop being planted in September.

Corn, cotton and sugar cane have been the principal crops in the bottoms, and these crops are very profitable. Many people living in the North have heard, no doubt, that Texas is not a corn growing State, but nevertheless Texas ranks fourth in production in the country. The fact that the supply is used at home has led to this belief, and which is untrue. Our farmers who are producing corn in the bottoms will tell you that this land for growing corn has no superior.

In the Eagle Lake country, the rain belt, one necessity which is generally overlooked, is drainage. Here we have an elevation of 175 feet at a distance of about 60 miles from the coast. In many sections of the South drainage districts have been a necessity, and unless these districts are along the coast, they are expensive, and cannot prove as desirable as they should be. Here we have the very best of natural drainage, so that our roads, which are easily made, give each farm an outlet sufficient to keep the soil in proper condition for producing crops.

In this district we have railroad facilities the equal of any part of the country. Think of what this means to the man who produces great crops of rice, corn, Irish potatoes or sugar cane, crops that are bulky. Eagle Lake is the junction of three roads, the Southern Pacific, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, and the San Antonio & Aransas Pass, giving us direct outlet in all directions, also competitive rates.

We have in Eagle Lake, an attractive little city of about 2500 people, a city that is progressive, and that is in some respects unusual. In looking over towns of this size of other sections, you will find that rents and values are very low. But here they are high, always have been, and still not a house, business or dwelling, for rent in the town, and people asking for rent houses every day. Every house is reoccupied as soon as a tenant gets out. This we consider as unusual—but it has been this way for many years—and shows that the city is in a healthy, growing condition. Eagle Lake has three strong banking institutions, two wholesale groceries, two of the finest rice mills in the rice belt, a sugar refinery costing about $500,000, splendid mercantile establishments, beautiful homes, city water, electric light and ice plant, day fan current service, good churches and school. Our city last year completed a brick school building costing over $22,000, which would be a credit to a much larger city.

Eagle Lake Headlight.

Bruce W. McCarty, Editor and Proprietor. "NOTHING EXTENUATE, NOR SET DOWN AUGHT IN MALICE." *One Dollar and a Half Per Year in Advance.*

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DEATH OF W. W. LITTLE

Died at His Home in This Cith Last Sunday Morning.

Mr. W. W. Little, Sr., one of Eagle Lake's oldest and most honored citizens, passed away at his home in this city last Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Little was born on the 31st day of October, 1828, at Fort Settlement, after which Fort Bend county derives its name. Mr. Little's father came to Texas in 1821, and his mother in 1822, and were the first white

couple married in Texas west of the Trinity river. Mr. Little served in the Mexican war, and on his hand wore a scar received in the battle of Palo Alto. He was also a member of the Confederate army, serving throughout the civil war. Mr. Little's father, William Little, was with Stephen F. Austin's party when they made their tour of Texas in 1821. In the party were Stephen F. Austin, Wm. Little, Joseph H. Polley, Chas. Beard, William Smithers and Henry Holsten. This party left Nacogdoches on the 15th day of July, 1821, and went to San Antonio. After traveling from San Antonio to the Colorado river, they crossed that stream and came to the lake about a mile from the town of Eagle Lake, and camped here for several days. While camping on the lake, Mr. Little and Chas. Beard killed a very large eagle, and the name of Eagle Lake has since been given that body of water. This party went from here to where the town of Columbus is now situated, then turned toward the Brazos and camped where the town of San Felipe was afterwards built, and about one-half a mile above where the town of Richmond now stands they built a fort which was known as Fort Bend, from which Fort Bend county gets its name. The party remained in this fort all winter and until the following spring.

Mr. Little moved to Eagle Lake with his family eighteen years ago, having been living at the former place since the year 1860. He was a good man and liked by everyone who knew him. Mr. Little enjoyed a very wide acquaintance and it was interesting to hear him talk of the early days in Texas. His death is deeply regretted by the entire community.

The funeral services were conducted at the family residence by his pastor, Rev. Oscar Ferrell, on Monday afternoon at half past four o'clock, interment taking place in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Little leaves a brother, George H. Little of Columbus, two daughters, Mrs. Ed. McRee and Mrs. W. S. Strickland of this city, and three sons, Hugh Little of Winchester, W. W. Jr., and Sam H. Little of this city to mourn his death.

The pall bearers were: Sam Davidson, E. Roos, P. P. Putney, Geo. W. Keith, Hayes Stephens, J. E. Roberts, W. A. Lumbar and E. L. Mooney.

R. B. DOBBINS IS DEAD

Passed Away at Home of Son in Houston Wednesday Morning

Mr. R. B. Dobbins, one of Eagle Lake's old and substantial citizens, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of his son, Mr. C. L. Dobbins, in Houston, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Dobbins has not been in good health for nearly two years, and was visiting his son in Houston at the time of his death. The remains were brought to Eagle Lake on the noon train yesterday and

taken to the family home in this city, the funeral services being conducted at the residence at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. G. Lovett, the Methodist pastor. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery under Masonic ceremonies.

Mr. Dobbins was born in Rusk county, Texas, in 1851, and moved to Colorado county in January, 1875, and resided here since that time. He was with the firm of J. A. Harbert & Co. of this city for about eight years, and also with the firm of Converse & Co., then known as the Railroad Store, for two years, after which he engaged in the furniture business for himself in 1890. His business house and most of his stock of furniture were destroyed by fire when one side of the town was burned in 1890. He rebuilt and continned in the furniture business until 1904, at which time he sold out to G. Hermann of Brenham. After selling his furniture business, Mr. Dobbins engaged in the wholesale grain and grocery business, the firm being R. B. Dobbins & Co., conducting this business until two years ago when he sold out to Brown & Schleicher.

Mr. Dobbins was one of the old and substantial citizens of Eagle Lake. He possessed a wide acquaintance of friends and was liked by everyone who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his loss a sister, Mrs. Mason, and two sons, Claude L. and Roy A., both of Houston.

FARMERS SUPPLY COMP'Y

Firm Takes New Name and Elects Officers and Directors.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Eagle Lake Mercantile Company was held last Friday afternoon, at which meeting the name of the new firm was changed to that of The Farmers Supply Company of Eagle Lake.

It was decided to incorporate the new company with a capital stock of $40,000, divided into 400 shares of the par value of $100 per share subscriptions for the total amount to be received, fifty percent to be deposited with the Eagle Lake State Bank to the order of the Farmers Supply Company and the remainder to be paid to the treasurer of said company on call of the board of directors.

The following were elected as a board of directors for the first year: E. L. Mooney, R. T. Westmoreland, J. C. Westmoreland, C. M. Womack, T. R. Mitchell, J. U. Frazar, J. N. Lee, C. L. Comp, J. W. Wright, W. F. Miller and W. E. Welford.

The following officers were elected: E. L. Mooney, president and general manager; R. T. Westmoreland, vice president and assistant manager; T. R. Mitchell, secretary and treasurer and assistant manager.

On motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, A. J. Wirtz was instructed to prepare and file a charter according to the resolution passed at this meeting, and that he draft suitable bylaws for the conduct of the business of said corporation.

Notice to the Public.

I herewith wish to announce my withdrawal from the Tax Collector's race, having embarked in the mercantile business on a large scale, which I deem far better than holding public office. I am grateful to my many friends all over the county for the encouragement they gave me and I take this method to thank you one and all for your loyal support.

Respectfully,
CHAS. HERDER.

Card of Thanks.

I appreciate the kindness shown me in the serious illness of our boy, Buck, and especially the kindness of Mrs. Smith of El Paso, who was so kind and good. May God's blessings rest upon you all.

W. B. WHITE.

Dissolution Notice.

This is to inform the public that the firm of Daily Bros. has, by mutual consent, been dissolved, and the business in future will be conducted by B. H. Daily. All accounts due the firm of Daily Bros. are now due and payable to B. H. Daily and an early settlement of all accounts will be appreciated.

B. H. DAILY.

Miss Myra Walker returned Tuesday morning from a several weeks' visit to Brady.

Mrs. Ray Arnold of Lissie was among the visitors in the city Monday and was a pleasant caller at the HEADLIGHT office.

Mrs. Estep Brown and little Miss Hugh Roy Brown returned Monday from a two weeks' visit to Houston.

Mrs. W. C. Elkins spent several days visiting relatives in Flatonia last week.

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