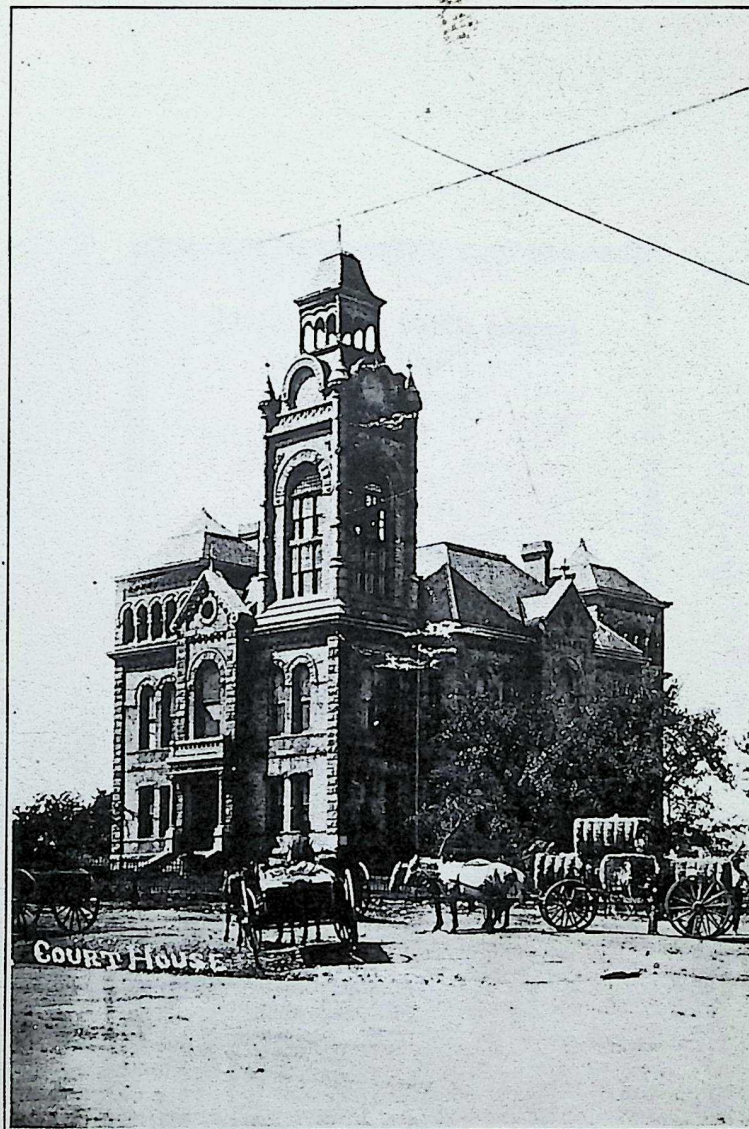


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LEGEND

Barler's Addition was platted from a one hundred sixty (160) acre tract of land in East Llano fronting on the Llano River conveyed to Dr. Hardin Oatman, my great grandfather by his father, John Oatman, Sr. The property finally became owned by Miles Barler, for whom the subdivision was named. The plat of the addition was platted into lots and blocks dedicated and filed for record in the Llano County Deed Records on April 25, 1889 shown in Volume N, Page 640, of the Llano Cuntly Deed Records.

The Llano Real Estate and Investment Company was incorporated by Albert H. Strahle and J. M. Hillsman which purchased all of the unsold lots and blocks in the addition, of which there were many, on October 18, 1910.

This company prepared this brochure in about the year 1911 or 1912.

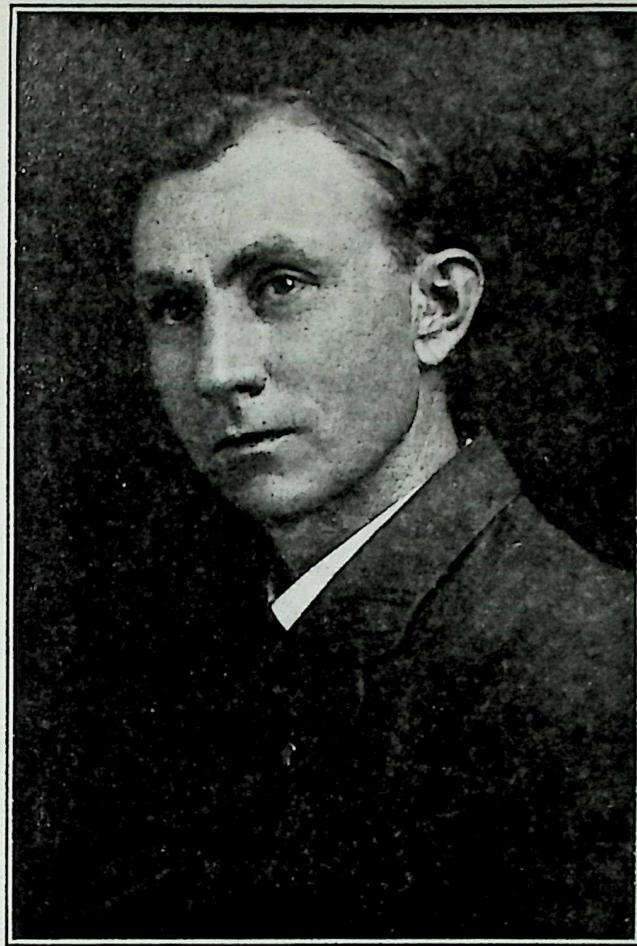
This copy is from an original brochure of which there are only a few, if any, in existence.

Wilburn Oatman, Jr.





E. J. DALRYMPLE, MAYOR OF LLANO



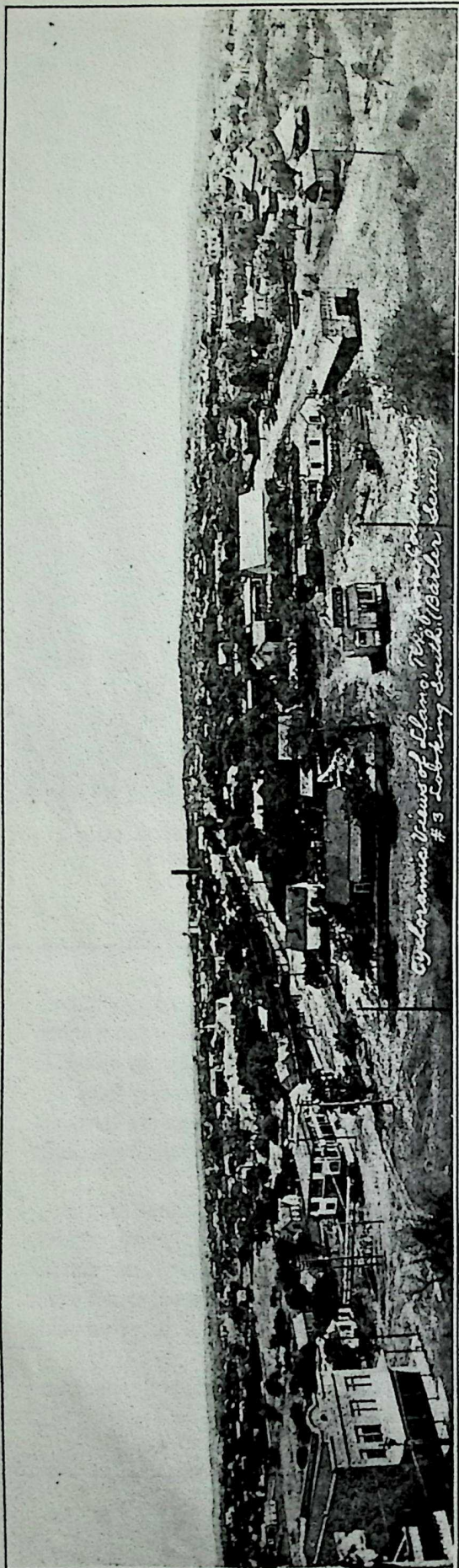
ROBT. PAINE, SEC. COMMERCIAL CLUB



WE CONSIDER it here appropriate in presenting this work, which is chiefly published to show you the possibilities and beauties of Barler's Addition, to give you a short but accurate pictorial history of Llano; nestled in a valley surrounded in crescent shape by Packsaddle Mountain, lies the beautiful city of Llano. Entering from the East on the H. & T. C. Railroad, you pass through the gateway along the banks of the silvery Llano River, a clear mountain stream teeming with trout, bass, and other game fish.

San Stone Mountain south and Wright's Creek Mountains on the north, standing like two Sphinx, the gate post between which the river finds its outlet to the plowed lands below. When you pass beyond them you see unfolded before you in panoramic view, the green top mountains embracing the valley in which this little city is located, and of which we are about to tell you. This little valley is the oasis, the Mecca of the weary Texan from the plains, and the fever-haunted sojourner of the low lands.

Milton wrote of Paradise Lost; Dante wrote of the Inferno. We expect to tell you here in a few words of the Paradise found.



CYCLOPAMIC VIEW OF LLANO, LOOKING SOUTH FROM COURT HOUSE

LLANO

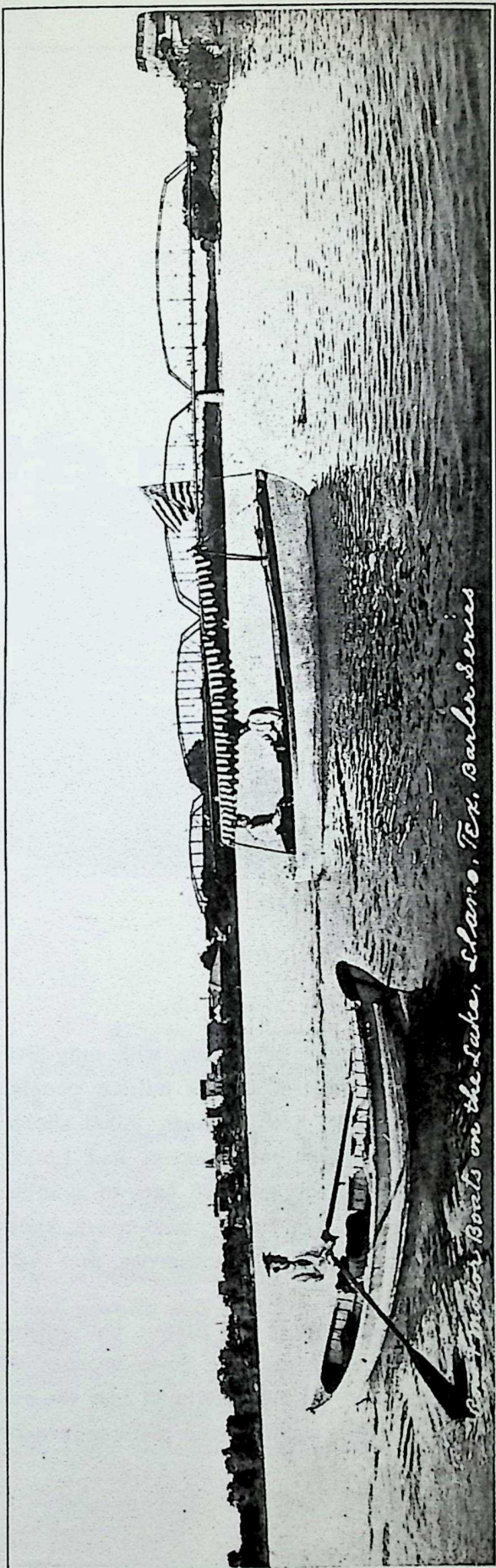
THE CITY OF BEAUTY

Lying hidden and protected from the hot, scorching winds of the plains, raised above the malarial infected district of the East, where the nights are too cool for the mosquitoes to thrive, where the plagues of Egypt are unknown, where nature has done more to promote the health, wealth, happiness and prosperity of mankind than any other spot in the great Empire of the Lone Star State, we find Llano.

The altitude, together with the pure mountain breezes, causes the ruddy glow of health and youth to shine upon the cheeks of him who is so fortunate as to dwell therein. No healthier or prettier spot could be found anywhere.

The death rate of the country is lower in proportion to the population than any county in the State of Texas. Men and women of fifty and sixty are sprightly and walk with alacrity and have the same vigor and healthy appearance as the men and women who live at the altitude of Waco, Dallas and in Houston too, at the age of eighteen and twenty-two. So much for the health of the country.





Row and Motor Boats on the Lake, Llano, Tex. Barler Series

ROW AND MOTOR BOATS ON THE LAKE, LLANO, TEXAS.

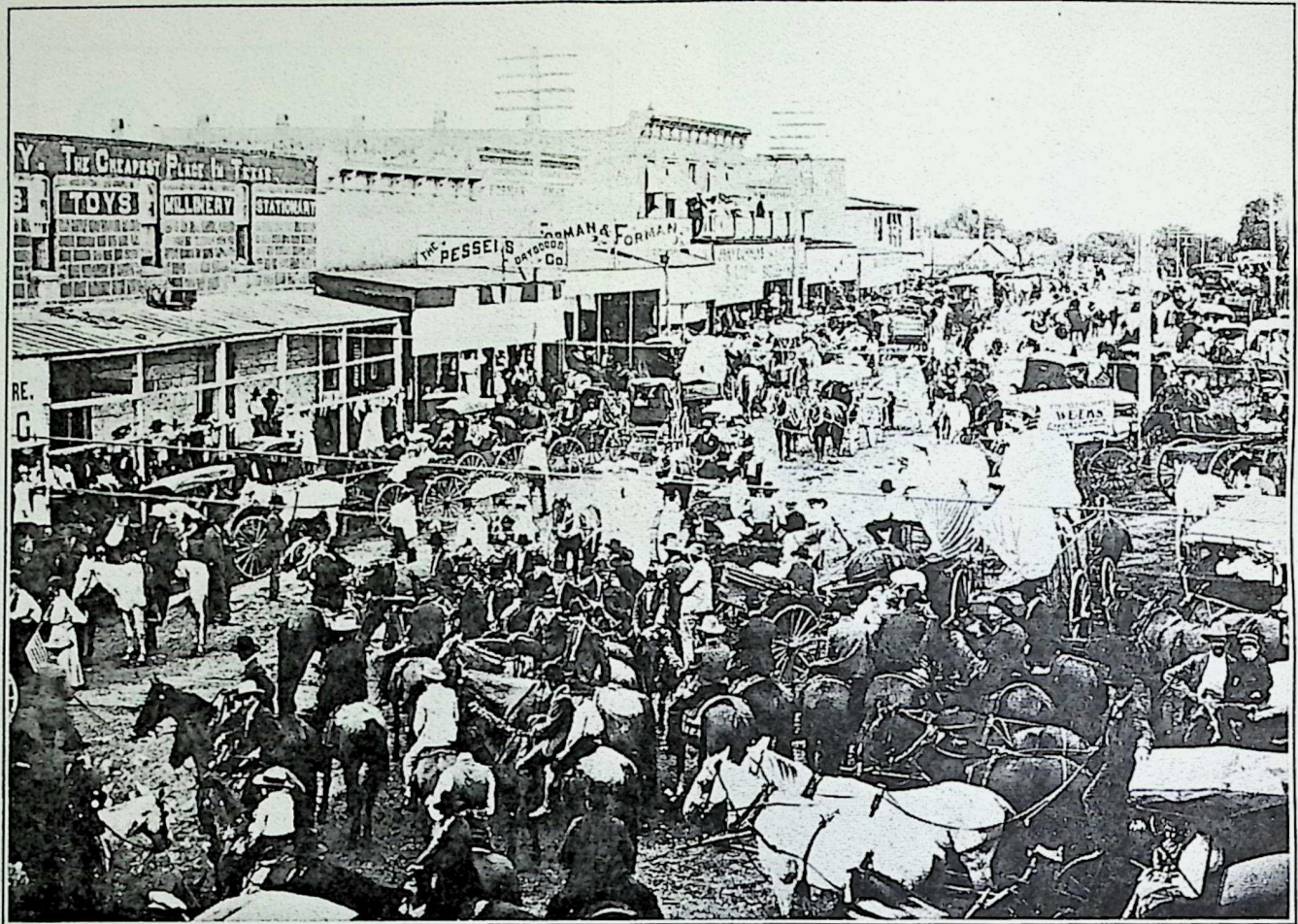
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THE CITY OF PLEASURE

Llano is the western terminus of the H. & T. C. Railroad and has the population of about three thousand.

The town is divided into two sections, the north and south, by the Llano river, but is connected by one of the finest and most expensive steel constructive bridges in the State. The city is the trade territory of five counties producing stock, cotton, and grains of all kinds which is hauled for one hundred miles from the west, sixty-five to seventy-five miles from the south, and twenty-five to thirty miles from the north, and sold in this market. The principle developed industry of the city is the output of six large granite quarries. This granite is the largest deposit of high grade monumental and building stone to be found in the United States, not excepting the well known deposits of Massachusetts and Vermont. You may look about you in the cities of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and parts of Arkansas, and wherever you see a building trimmed or built of grey granite you may know it came from the quarries of Llano. A vast amount of this stone is used for monumental purposes, the Terry Ranger monument erected on the capitol grounds in the city of Austin was built of this granite. The quarry of the local factories here are unable to supply the demand that is now being made on them for this stone.



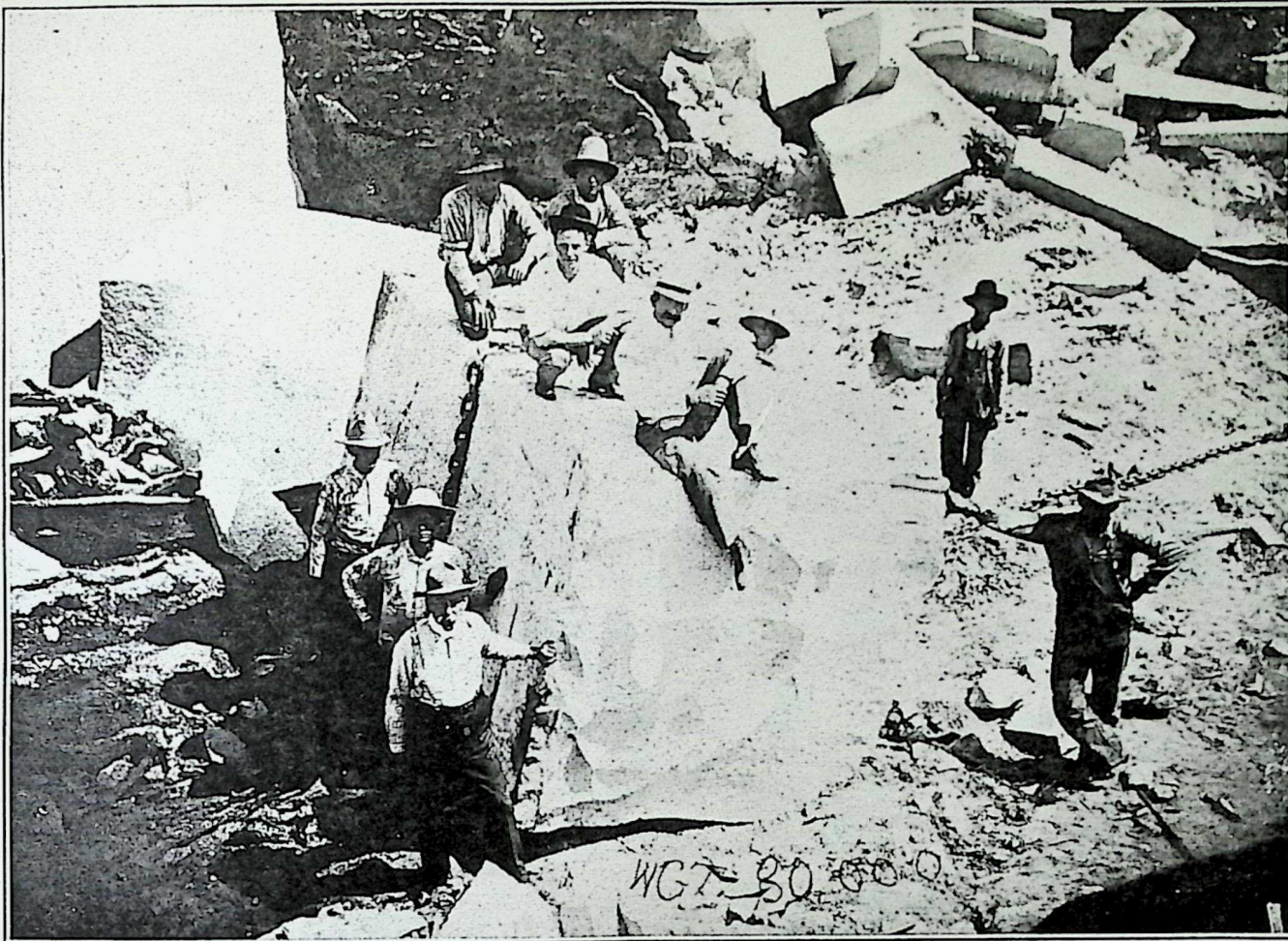


BUSY DAY IN LLANO.

The country immediately surrounding Llano furnishes food, and ships each year, with only five per cent. of the land in cultivation, enough food product to supply a city of half a million people. Last year there was shipped from this point 22,000 head of cattle, 8,000 head of hogs, 3,000 sheep, 500 horses, 12,000 bales of cotton, 300,000 pounds of wool, 30,000 turkeys and chickens, and 1,500,000 pounds of pecans, 15,000 pounds of furs and hides, 200 cars of cedar, and 226 cars of granite.

The country also produces a fine quantity and quality of oats, wheat, rye, barley, milo-maize, kaffir corn, and also a fine quality of peaches, plums, pears, apricots, grapes, strawberries, blackberries, and melons. The most of the latter, however, are used for local consumption.

This little city has one of the best and most up-to-date school buildings in the State. Our school teachers are of a little higher grade than found in similar schools throughout the State because of the environments to be found in this locality. The fathers of the town have looked well into the religious education and training of their children and families by the establishment and maintenance of eight churches.



GETTING OUT AN 80,000 POUND GRANITE BLOCK, LLANO, TEXAS.

A town, like even individuals and corporations, must be laid upon a foundation, the stronger, the more sure is the future destiny to become a realization which its citizenship is fondly looking forward to.

Llano is Texas' great center for natural and commercial resources, the handiwork of the Great Creator can be seen on every side and the rich treasures found in every hill.

However, the foundation for Llano's future is laid upon its granite possibilities. This great commodity lies in inexhaustible quantities throughout the country, possessing a quality far surpassing the world-famed granite of the New England States. Its superiority is just beginning to dawn upon the outer world and only during the past few years has the sculptor's chisel been brought into use; the stone so long lying in idle state is just beginning to play its part in decorating some of the South's most prominent and costly buildings.

The stone cutters have heard of Llano and today the local union of this organization is stronger in Llano than in any other town or city of our State.



THE LLANO GRANITE WORKS, T. W. NORTON PROPRIETOR.

Llano is the home of several granite and cutting yards, one of the most prominent being that of the Llano Granite Works, an illustration of which is shown on this page.

T. W. Norton, the genial proprietor of this concern, moved to Llano and cast his lot with its people. He is an experienced granite man, having worked throughout the cutting sheds of North America.

His plant, beginning with only limited and crude machinery, is today one made up of the most up-to-date and complete apparatus to be found in our Southland. Working a large force of men he is turning out a quality of work which Llano alone can furnish. In fact, his business has grown until today he is receiving orders from all sections.

The monumental work turned out by this Company is receiving the highest endorsements, not only of individuals, but of State officials as well, and much time is now being devoted in turning out appropriate monuments of the State's worthy dead.



Z. A. BLODGETT MONUMENTAL WORKS, LLANO, TEXAS.

The Z. A. Blodgett Granite Works, the same as that spoken of on the opposite page, gives employment to a large number of skilled workmen. There the cutters' hammer may be heard and the pneumatic cutters seen, working over the large, rough stones, carving them into great shafts and arches for sky-scrapers or monuments to mark the resting places of our honored dead.

This is another well equipped plant and the machinery used in it is made up of the latest labor saving devices.

These plants would play an important item in the pay roll of a city of fifty thousand souls.

The workmen are artists in their respective line of work, drawing handsome salaries, working with the citizenship in building up a greater Llano and assisting in placing its important commodity before the outside world.



SOUTHERN HOTEL, LLANO, TEXAS.

The Southern Hotel is one of the land marks of Llano and is located eight blocks west of the Barler Addition. When you come out to look at Llano, her beautiful landscapes, iron, granite, graphite, or for your health, and wish to thoroughly enjoy yourself in sight-seeing, fishing, or boating, your trip will not have been complete unless you take a meal with John Dailey, the congenial manager of the Southern. Here you will find fishing tackle of all kinds, boatmen who can show you the best places to catch the white perch and the best place to cast your line for the trout, bass, and all kinds of game fish.

The mountains close to Llano are the hunter's paradise; deer and turkey are plentiful in the hills, and in the vastness of the great rock cliffs, here are found the bob cats, squirrels and smaller animals.

Why go to Colorado or Wyoming to spend your vacation when you have better hunting in your own State at one-fourth the cost?



RETURNING FROM A HUNT, LLANO, TEXAS.

With the approach of the summer seasons, we are reminded of the cool and pleasant resorts of the Pacific States. Llano does not boast of the great peaks found in the Rocky belt of mountains, but the flower covered peaks, laden with precious metals of the purest ray serene offer just as many inducements to the health and pleasure seekers as do the resorts of other States.

Texas is an Empire within itself, each section playing its part in the great make-up, but Llano plays more parts than her sister counties, and one of the most important being that mentioned above.

Barler's addition is the ideal spot, lying between the mountain peaks of one side and the Llano river, the fisherman's paradise, on the other. It is that middle ground, the great sunflower of happiness.

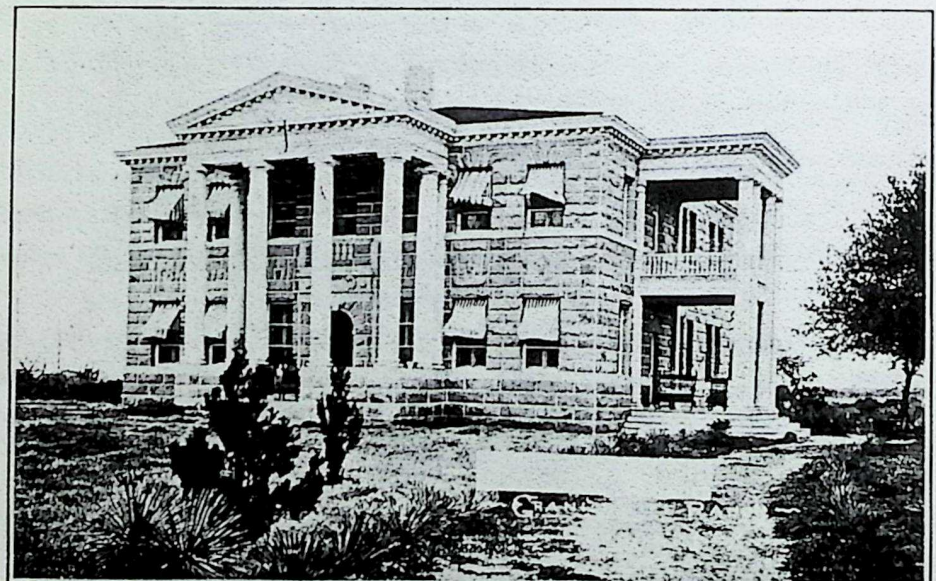
From the approach of early spring until the frost has destroyed the last rose of fall, Barler's addition is covered with native and cultivated flowers. The soil being of an alluvial nature, made up in the days of early dominion is as fertile as the lands of the Nile, and the breezes which sweep across it are just as cool and embracing as ever touched the cheek of a Virgin in Switzerland's fair land.

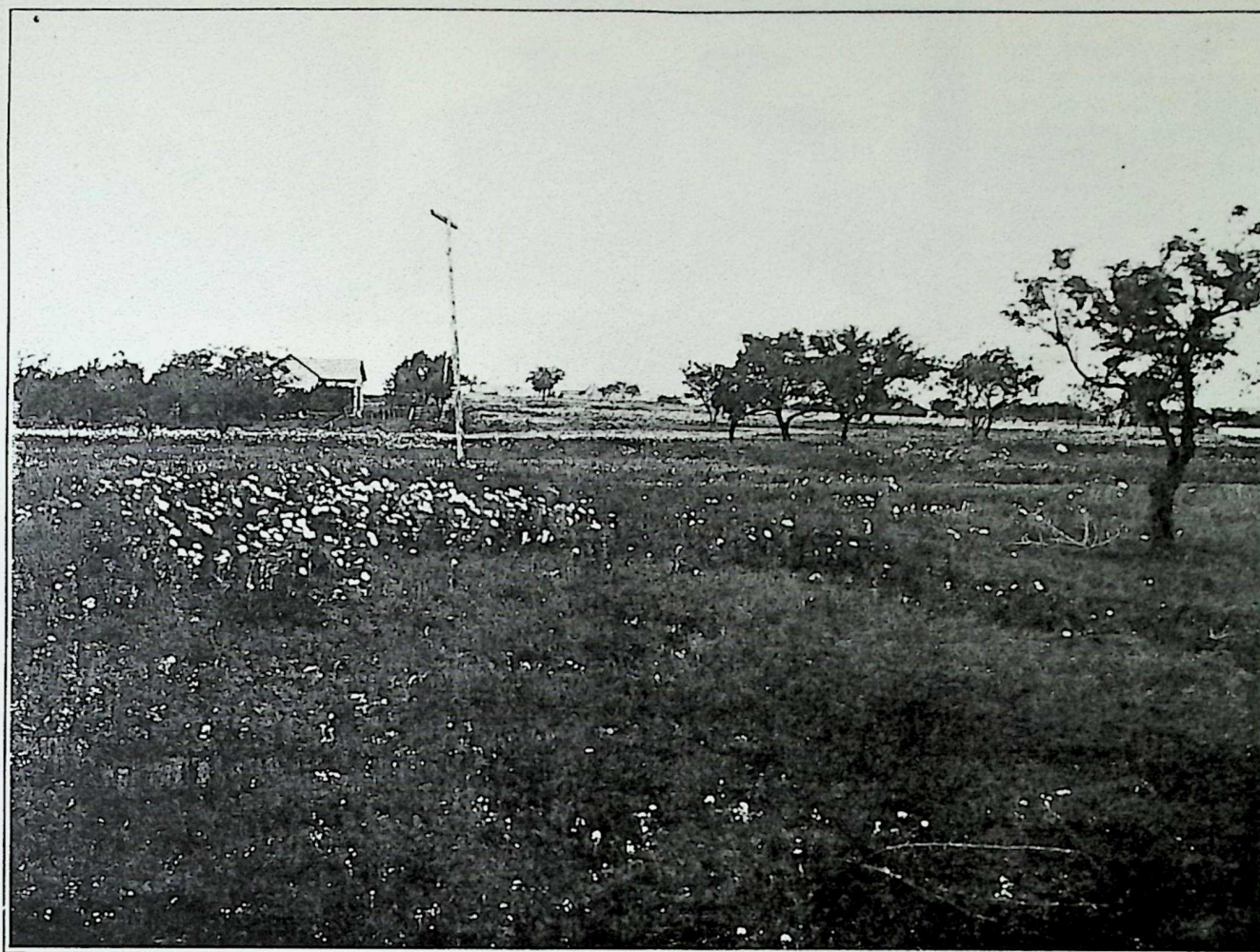


FRANKLIN HOTEL, LLANO, TEXAS.

The mere man of travel is looked after by four commodious hotels; the Franklin is the pride of Llano and the surrounding territory. As will be seen from the illustration, it is an elegant, large and commodious structure. It is massive, built of granite and brick, and creditable to any city of the State; the building occupies one entire block of ground. Original cost \$60,000, which has since been added to by an expenditure exceeding \$10,000.

The accompanying photograph shows one of the ideal ranch homes of the Llano country. Situated seven miles above town on the Llano River is the "Granite Cliff Ranch," the \$30,000 ranch home owned by J. D. Slator, *made of native cut granite*. From this massive stone structure, one can see a thousand cattle grazing upon the many hills and quenching their thirst in the cool waters of the Llano River.





LOOKING WEST, BARLER'S ADDITION.

We invite the closest inspection, and to prove our willingness to deal fair with you we herein print the unbiased opinions of some of our leading citizens. We could fill this booklet with testimonials, but only select a few. None of these men are interested in any way in the addition. Remember this is different from the usual additions put on the market in Texas and Oklahoma towns, as it is really a part of the town and many residences scattered over the addition. It is not a mere speculative scheme, but one born of necessity.

Buy a few lots, build you a summer home and let your wife and children escape the suffocating heat of the lower black lands of the country. What is it worth to you? What is their health and comfort worth to you?

Llano is becoming one of the most prominent summer resorts of the State. Here the sun shines brighter and the praises of its ideal climate is being sung by those of the cities where recreation is unknown and outdoor sports are but a dream.

The great trunk lines have recently recognized Llano as such a point and for that reason summer resort tickets are on sale at remarkably low rates from every place.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Barler's Addition to the City of Llano is located within the city limits, about seven blocks east of the court house and about six blocks north-east of the school building. This property, located as it is, and being all smooth, makes it very desirable for residence property.

A. H. WILLBERN,
County Judge Llano Co.,
Texas.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Barler's Addition is located about seven blocks east of "public square," and touches within about six blocks of high school building.

I consider the property very valuable and desirable as residence property, same being conveniently situated and soil good.

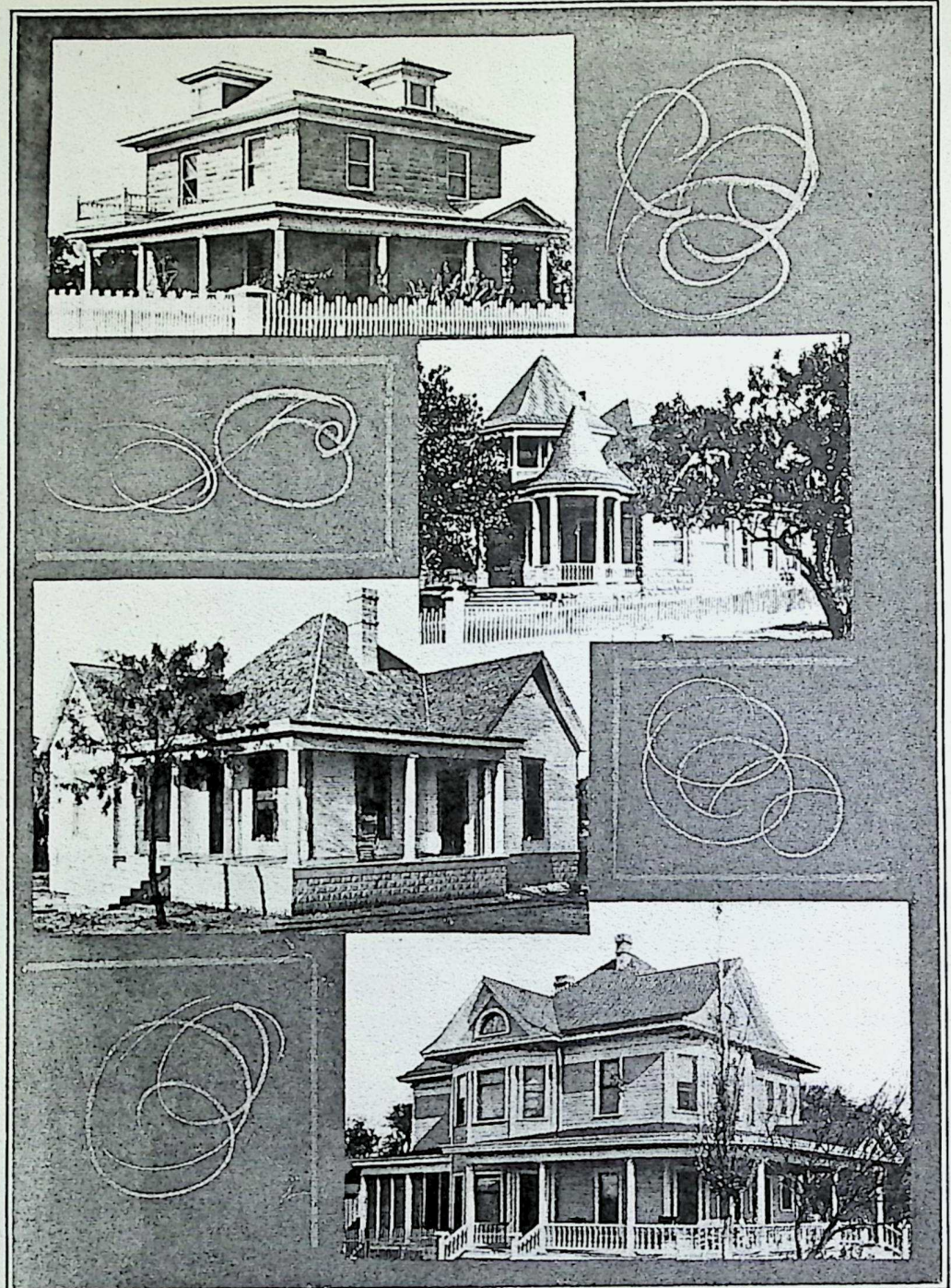
S. E. HARGON,
District and Co. Clerk,
Llano Co., Texas.

LLANO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
J. GRAVES TOLAND
Superintendent

To Whom It May Concern:

This certifies that the nature and character of the city property owned by the Llano Real Estate and Investment Company is well known to me. This property is well located, sufficiently close to the business section of the town to make it desirable resident property. In fact, everything considered, I consider the portion of this, The Barler Addition, now being placed on the market, as being one of the best resident sections around the City of Llano.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. TOLAND,
Supt. City Schools.



No. 1—W. VANDER STUCKEN'S RESIDENCE.

No. 2.—B. A. PESSLS' RESIDENCE.

No. 3—C. H. APPLETON'S RESIDENCE.

No. 4—C. E. SHULTS' RESIDENCE.

W. F. GRAY
President

A. VANDER STUCKEN
Vice-Pres.

W. VANDER STUCKEN
Cashier

No. 7119

THE HOME NATIONAL BANK

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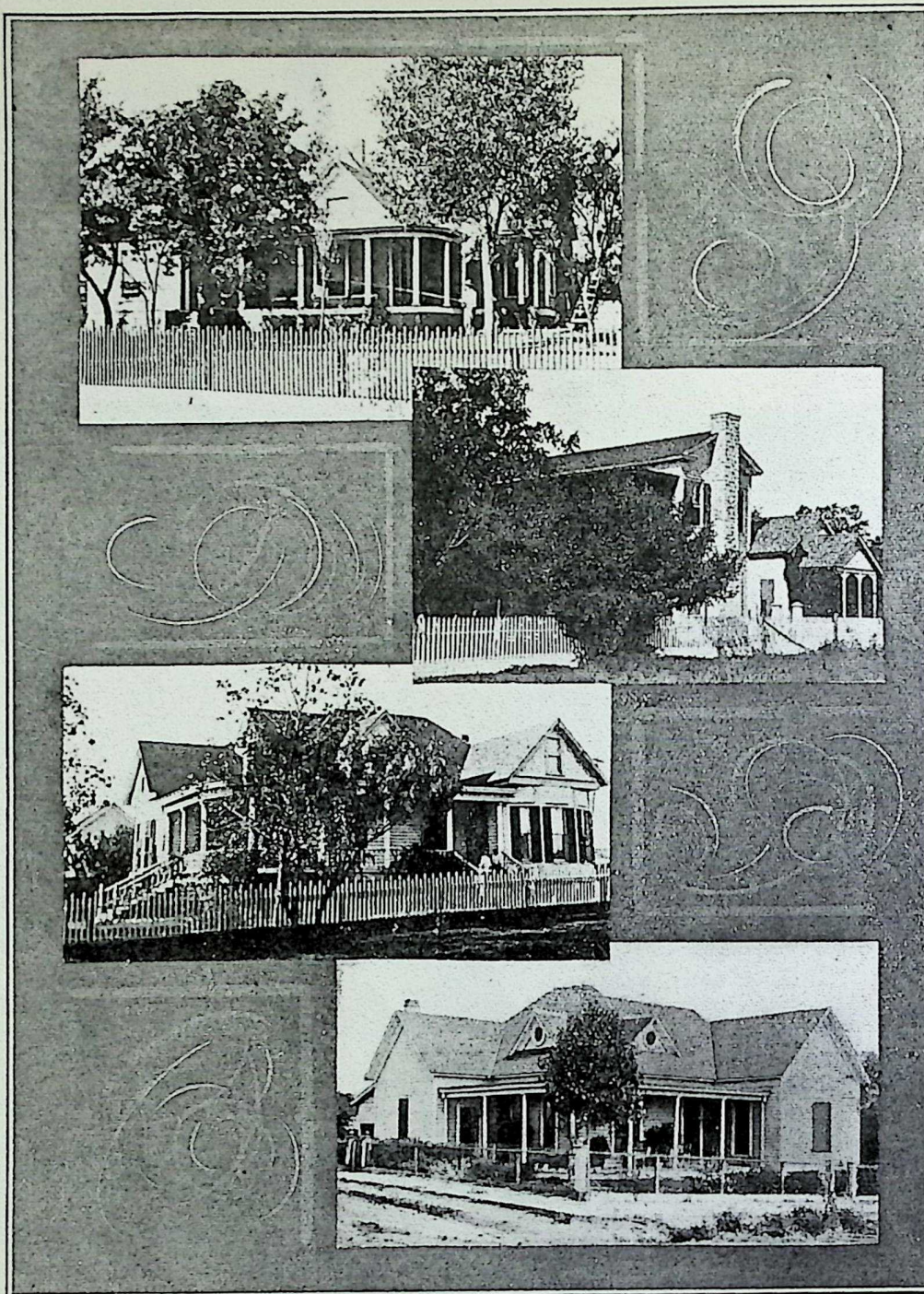
This is to certify that we are personally acquainted with Mr. A. H. Strahle, who is President of the Llano Real Estate and Investment Company. In regard to Mr. Strahle, beg to say we have known him for a number of years, and almost since our acquaintance with him he has been a good customer of ours. You will find him to be an honest, honorable and upright gentleman, and any statement he might make to you, or any business transaction you might have with him we cheerfully say that you will find things to be just as he represents them to you.

Yours very truly,
W. VANDER STUCKEN, Cashier.



LOOKING EAST, BARLER'S ADDITION.

The principal aim of this work is to call particular attention to Barler's addition to Llano. This addition was born of a necessity; the natural growth of the city has demanded more room for desirable resident sections. For several years this property was in court for settlement of an estate. However, the far-sighted citizens have built as close to this property as they could secure ground, realizing this track would eventually be the Bon Ton residence section of the city. It is the highest point on the south and east side and the ground slopes in every direction from the center; is on the main street leading to the County Fair Grounds; the San Stone Mountains and agricultural districts south and east. Every lot looks like a flower garden. Nature ha overdone herself in beautifying this addition. The shrubbery and trees are artistically trimmed with a velvet carpet of grass and flowers in profusion. The mountain peaks towards the east and south covered with their green foliage raises their majestic heads until sky and earth seem to meet. The Llano river flows along the north side of the addition. Looking across the river towards the north, first we see Llano's great granite industry, across the valley towards the north-east the large sanitarium, and to the west the business section of the town.



No. 1—JUDGE M. D. SLATOR'S RESIDENCE.
No. 2—THE BARLER HOME.
No. 3—J. H. HANSFORD'S RESIDENCE.
No. 4—DR. P. H. CALLAHAN'S RESIDENCE.

LLANO FURNITURE CO.
R. A. M'INNIS & SON
Proprietors

Llano Real Estate and Investment Co., Llano, Texas.
Gentlemen: As per your request, will answer as follows:
The Llano Railroad committee owns about 18 miles of the grade in this county, which cost approximately \$65,000. On the same survey in Gillespie there are about 10 miles graded, valued at \$30,000. Then on the same survey between Fredericksburg and points between Comfort and Waring, intersecting the S. A. & A. P. road, there is about 22 miles of graded road.
This grade and a liberal bonus will be given to any line which will build and operate a road over said grade, making a north and south connection.

Yours truly,
R. A. M'INNIS,
Pres. Llano R. R. Com.

M. D. SLATOR, President
C. T. MOSS, Vice-Pres.

MYRICK JOHNSON, Cashier
T. W. ALEXANDER, Asst. Cashier

THE LLANO NATIONAL BANK

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that we are well acquainted with Mr. A. H. Strahle, President of the Llano Real Estate and Investment Company, who has been a valuable customer of ours for the past eight years.

We believe Mr. Strahle to be straightforward in all his transactions, and any statement he might make relative to his Company would be correct.

Should any additional information regarding him be desired, we will be glad to answer any of your inquiries.

Very truly yours,
MYRICK JOHNSON, Cashier.

Llano, Texas.
To Whom It May Concern:

Barler's Addition to the City of Llano is located within the city limits, about seven blocks east of the court house, and about six blocks northeast of the High School building.

This addition is located upon fine, smooth land and is one of the most desirable residence portions of our city.

E. J. DALRYMPLE,
Mayor of the City of Llano, Texas.

WILBURN OATMAN
Attorney and Counselor
at Law
LLANO, TEXAS

To Whom It May Concern:

Barler's Addition to the Town of Llano lies east of and extends to within seven blocks of the public square of said town. It also extends to within five and a half blocks of the Llano High School building.

On account of its location with reference to the business part of the town and said public school building, and the smoothness of the surface and the nature of the soil, said Addition offers very desirable lots for residences. There are at this time several nice residences in this Addition.

WILBURN OATMAN.

THE
MARTIN TELEPHONE
COMPANY

Home Office
LLANO, TEXAS

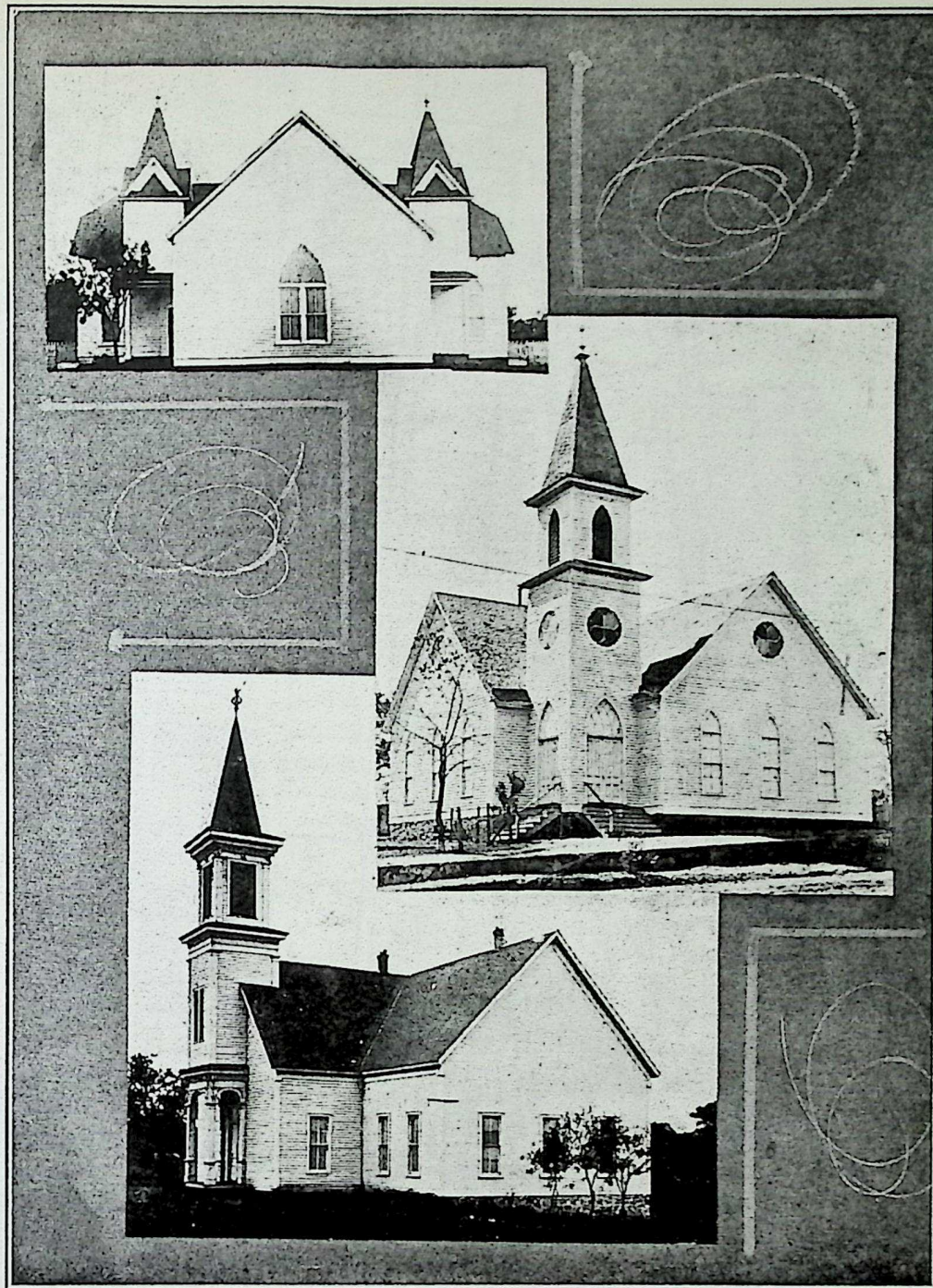
Llano, Texas.

To Whom It May Con-
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This is to certify that the writer has been intimately acquainted with Mr. A. H. Strahle, president of the Llano Real Estate and Investment Co., from early boyhood. From this long and intimate acquaintance we have always found him to be thoroughly honorable and reliable. We would consider any statement made by him reliable and correct, and feel sure that any business engagement entered into would be carried out in a fair and business-like manner.

In regard to the Barler Addition to Llano, we have to say that we consider this property the most desirable residence property available in Llano. Its location and convenience, both to the business part of town, schools and churches make peculiarly a high grade residence proposition.

J. L. HUDSON,
Sec. and Gen'l Mgr. Martin Tel. Co.



No. 1—BAPTIST CHURCH.

No. 2—METHODIST CHURCH.

No. 3—CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

OFFICE OF
JOHN C. OATMAN, LAWYER
Llano, Texas

Messrs. Strahle & Barler, Llano, Texas.

Gentlemen: In regard to your property in Barler's Addition to the town of Llano, I will state that said addition is located seven blocks east of the court house square, and is one of the very best residence portions of the town. A large portion of it is well suited to gardening and fruit growing. The southern portion of the addition is only about five blocks east of our fine Thirty-five Thousand Dollar High School Building, which is an additional reason why it is both desirable and valuable.

JOHN C. OATMAN,
Llano, Texas.

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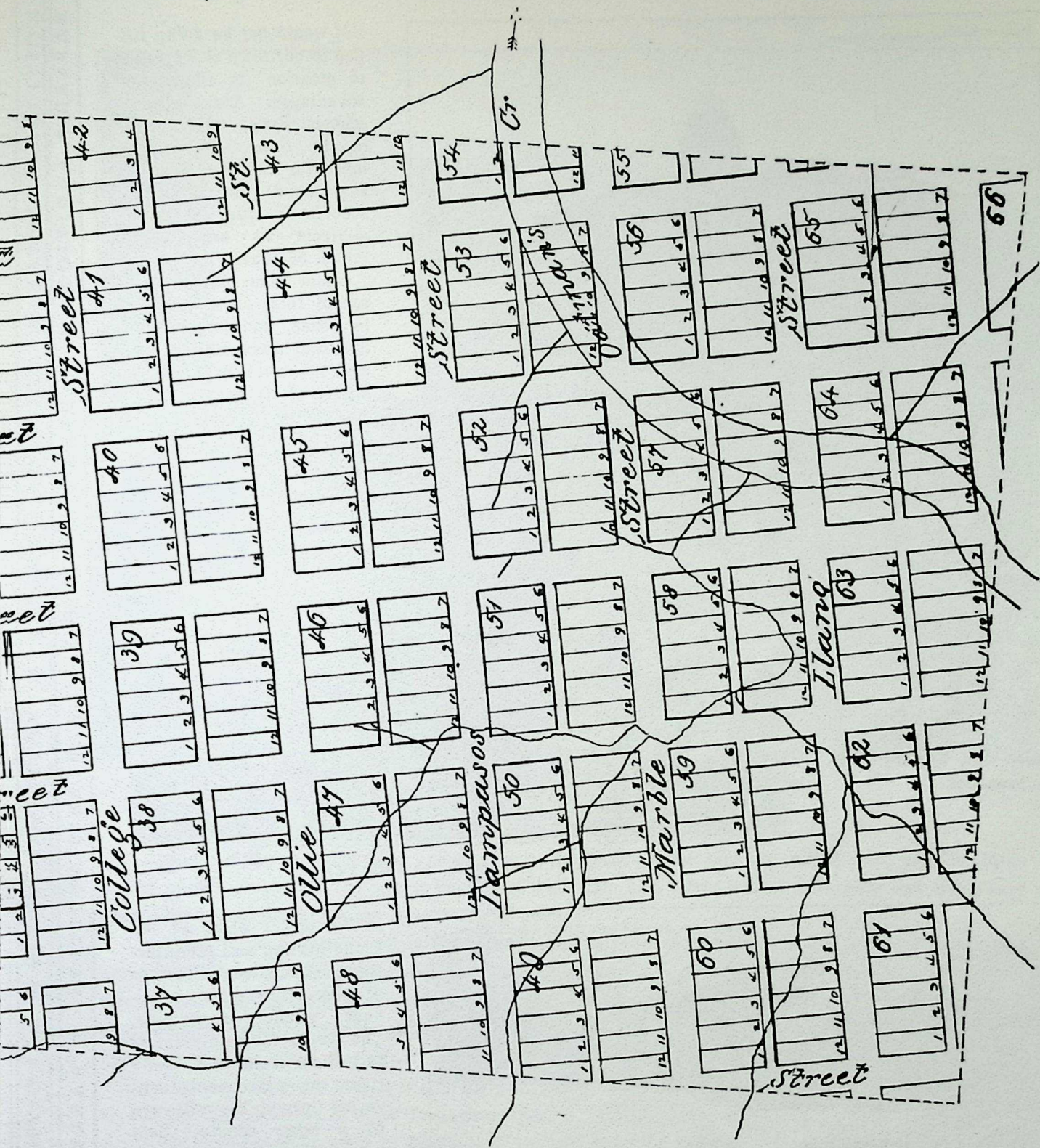
I have had occasion to notice closely that part of the City of Llano known as Barler's Addition, and I consider it the most desirable residence portion of the city. It is reasonably close to the public square, to the public school, and most all the churches. And the smoothness of the surface and the nature of the soil will reasonably assure one of beautiful lawns and gardens with very little effort and expense.

CORNELIUS A. WHITE,
Minister Christian Church.

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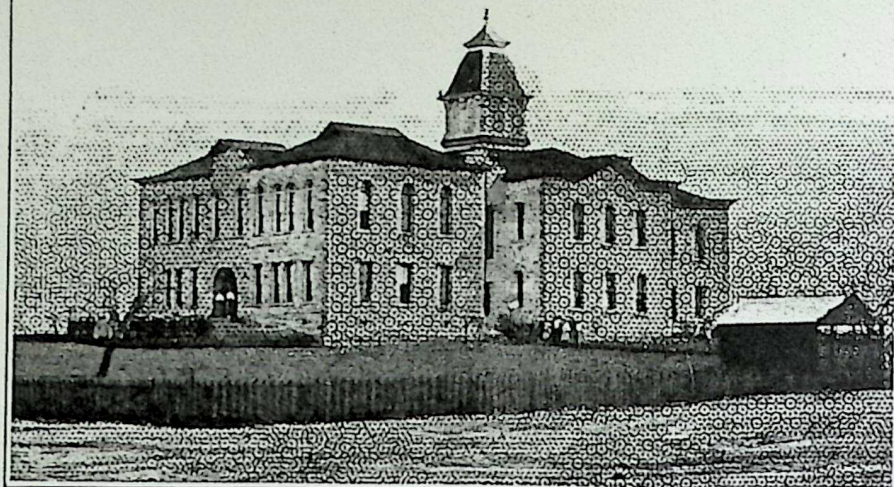
Llano River
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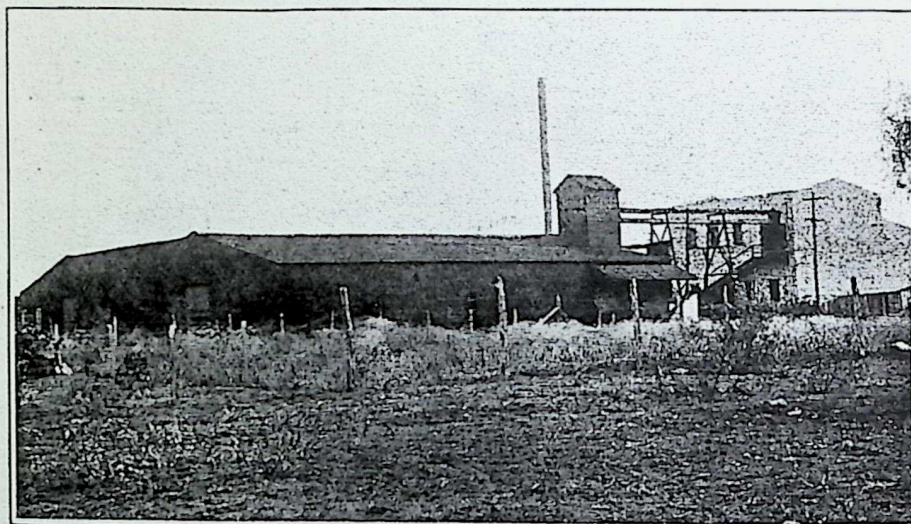
Public School, Llano, Texas.



It would not be doing justice to our town if we failed to mention its educational advantages. Llano's public schools have no superior in the State. They affiliate with the State University and other leading schools in just as many subjects as any public school of Texas.

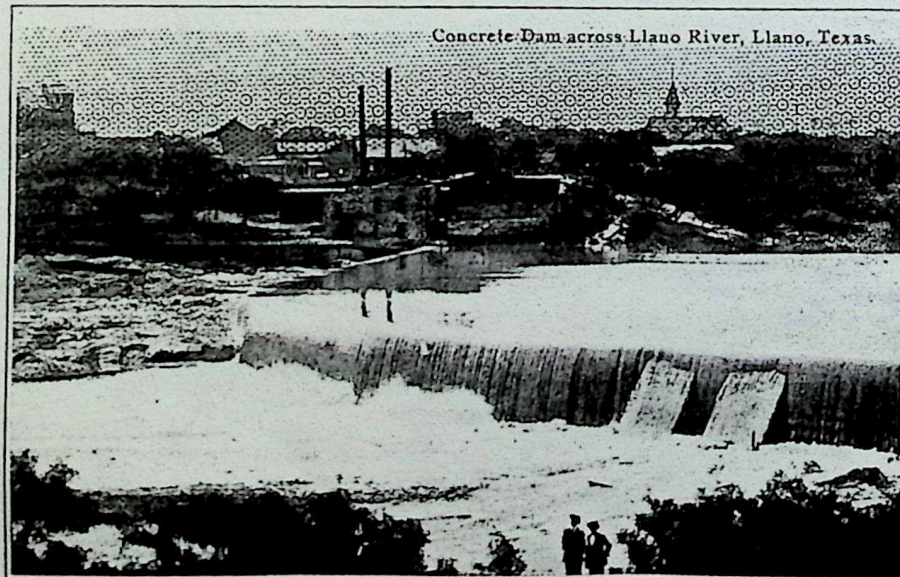
Llano has the largest school fund of any county in Texas, and besides this the local taxes furnish several thousand dollars each month which goes into our educational institutions.

The Granite City Business College is one of the leading commercial instructing institutions of the State and pupils from various sections are enrolled therein. The school's course of study embraces every subject taught in the commercial and literary business branches.

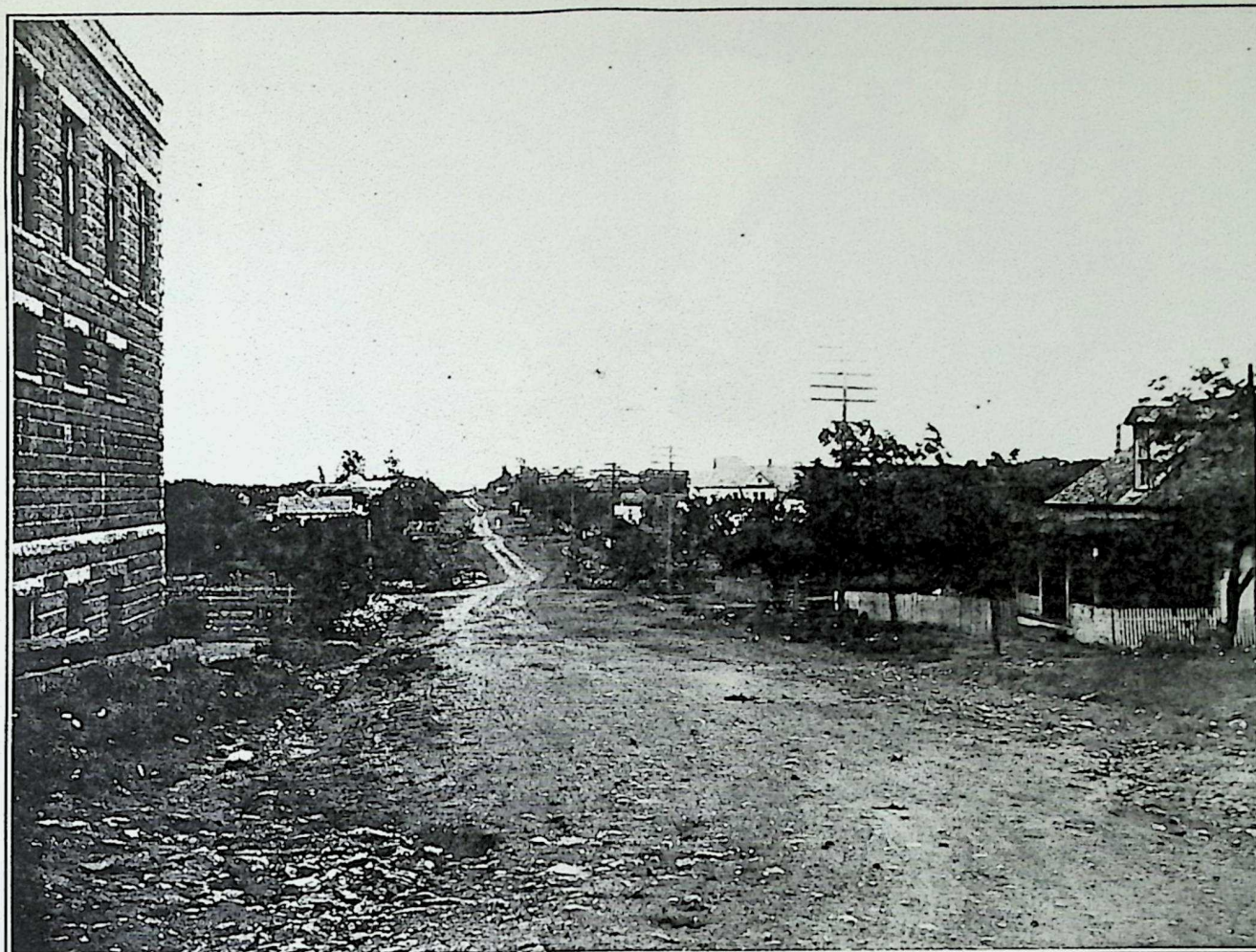


THE LLANO OIL MILL, LLANO, TEXAS.

Concrete Dam across Llano River, Llano, Texas.



The power plant of the Llano Milling and Manufacturing Company is another of the city's most prominent public institutions. The power for this plant is furnished from the Llano river, the water being converted through the mill race by a large concrete dam across the stream. Here the large dynamos furnish lights for the city. The town's water, ice and electric power for the various motors in the manufacturing establishments are furnished from this plant.



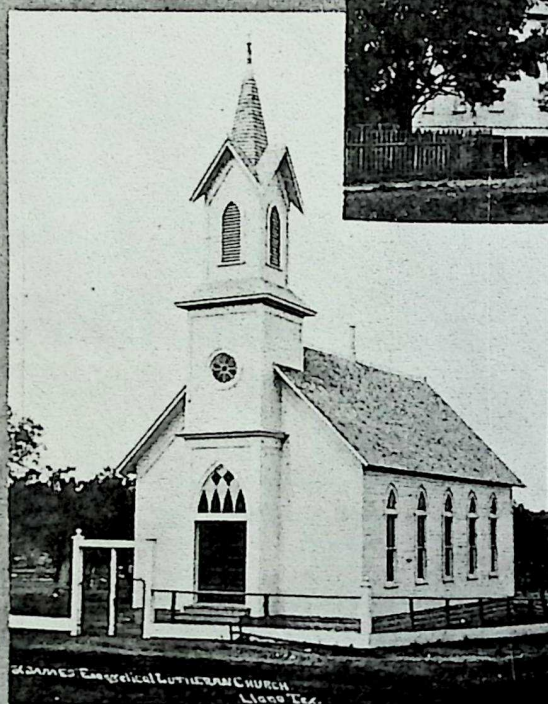
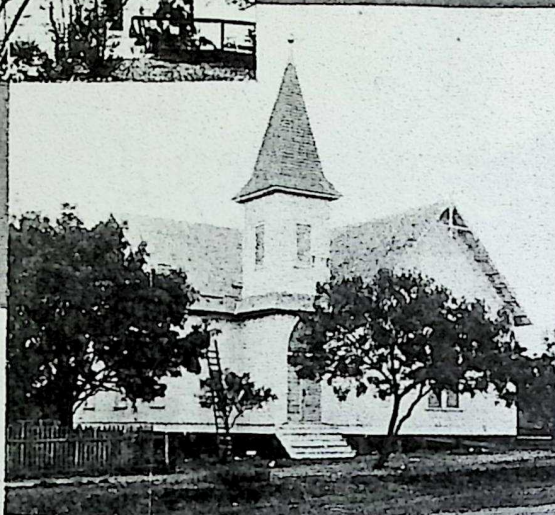
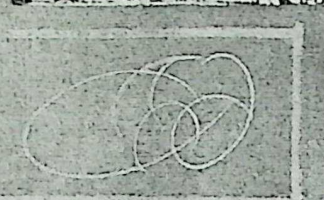
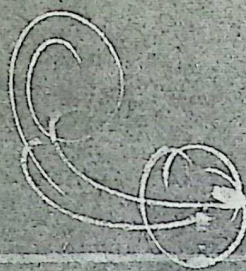
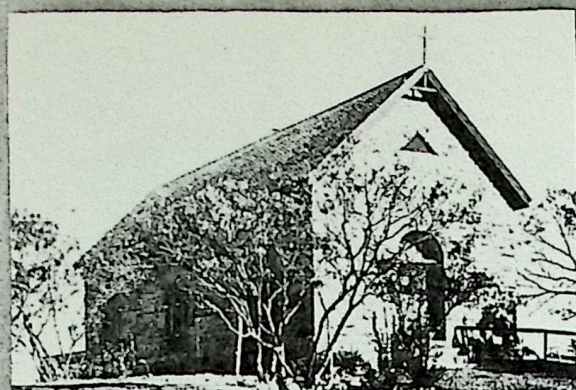
SAND STONE STREET, LEADING TO BARLER'S ADDITION.

Some of the most beautiful and expensive residences in the city are within one, two, or three blocks of this property. The streets have been made into nice drives and all shrubbery and trees have been pruned; so much for the beauty of the place.

Llano is the healthiest city in Texas because of its peculiar location, with its natural drainage and being located on the Llano river which is very important in a southern locality. The proximity to the city school also adds greatly to the addition with those who have children. Seven churches are within easy walking distance, pictures of which are seen in this booklet. Nothing has been left undone by nature or man to make this addition attractive, healthful and an ideal location for a home.

Buy one of these lots, it will make you money; there are only a few of them, and they are as sure to increase in value as other Texas properties.

Once you spend a week in this locality, you will never be satisfied without a home here to spend the summer. If from the cold, snowy regions of the North you will find this place what you are looking for, a place to spend the winters. No humidity, no sharp, wintry blast; sunshine, winter and summer. Cool summer nights and warm, sunshine winter days. This property is sold at such prices and on such reasonable terms that any one can buy. Ten per cent. down and \$10 per month.



No. 1—EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
No. 2—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
No. 3—ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.
No. 4—CATHOLIC CHURCH.

To Whom It May Concern:

Barler's Addition to the town of Llano is located about seven blocks east of the court house, six blocks northwest of the public school building, and is also reasonably close to most of the churches.

The smoothness of the surface and the nature of the soil, as well as its location, makes it very desirable for residence property.

I. J. HAAG.
Pastor of the Lutheran Church.

Allan Newsom, Prest.
W. H. Wallace, V.P.&G.M.
C. H. Appleton, Sec. & Treas.

THE
ACME DRY GOODS
COMPANY

Capital Stock, \$20,000

Llano, Texas.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Barler's Addition to the City of Llano is located about seven blocks east of the court house, and about six blocks north-east of the school building.

On account of its location in reference to the business section of the city and public school building, the nature of the soil, said Addition offers very desirable lots for residences. There are now a number of nice residences in this Addition.

W. H. WALLACE.
V. P. & G. M.

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THE LLANO NATIONAL BANK

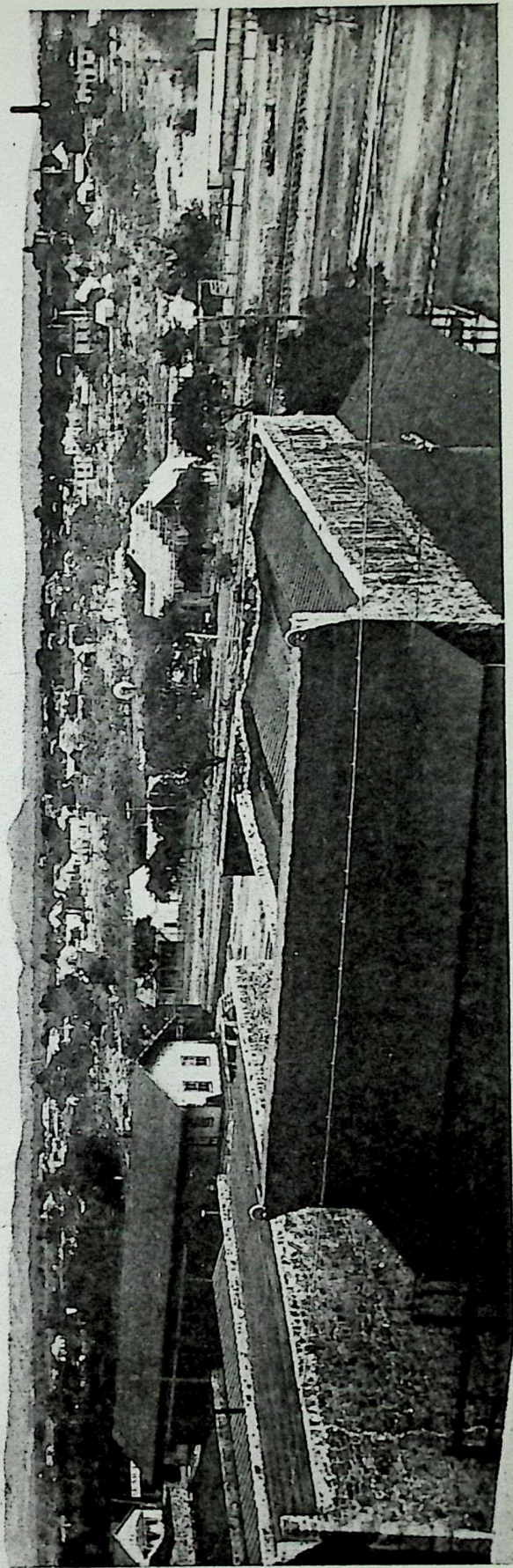
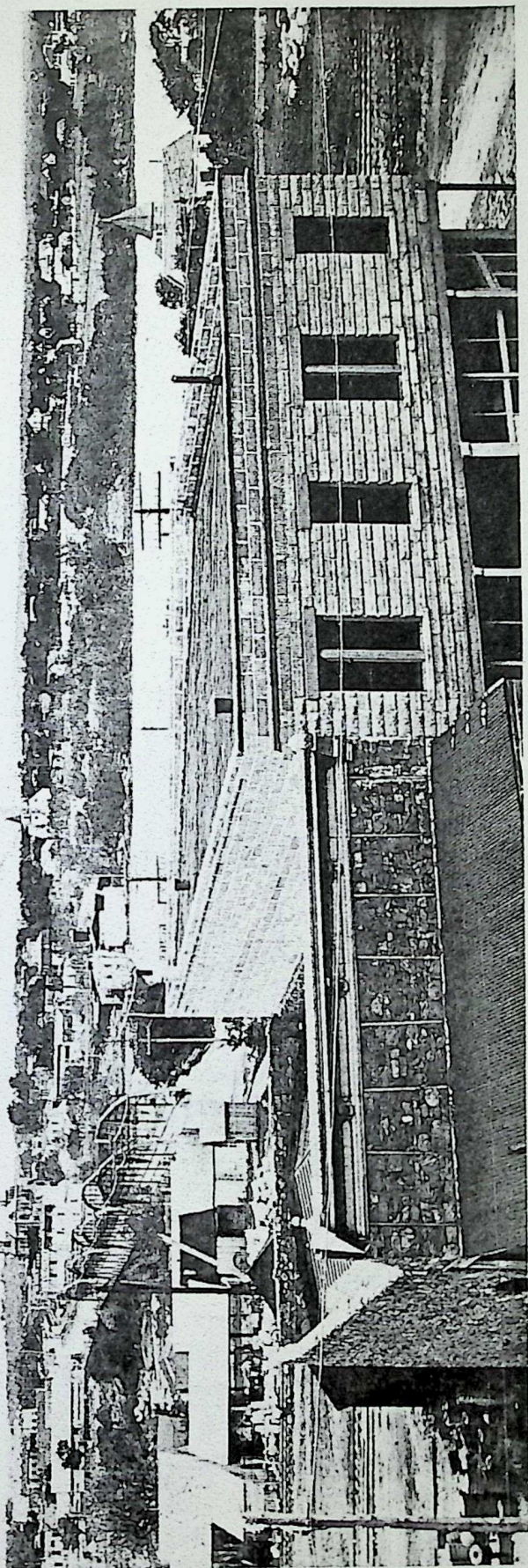
To Whom It May Concern:

Barler's Addition to the town of Llano is all smooth and very desirable residence property and extends to within six blocks of the school building and to within seven blocks of the court house, and now has a number of residences situated upon it.

T. W. ALEXANDER,
Asst. Cashier.

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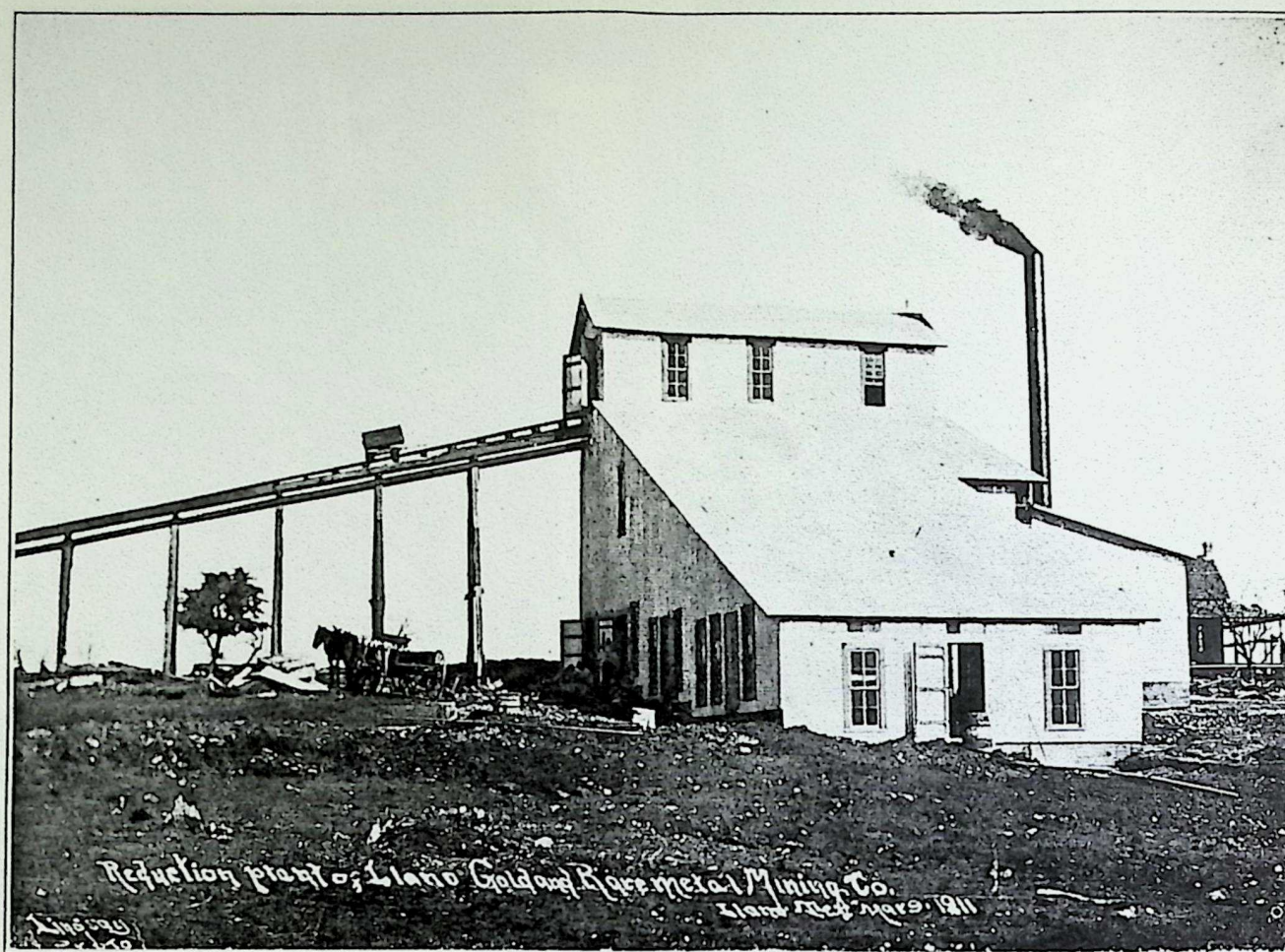
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PANORAMIC VIEW OF LLANO.

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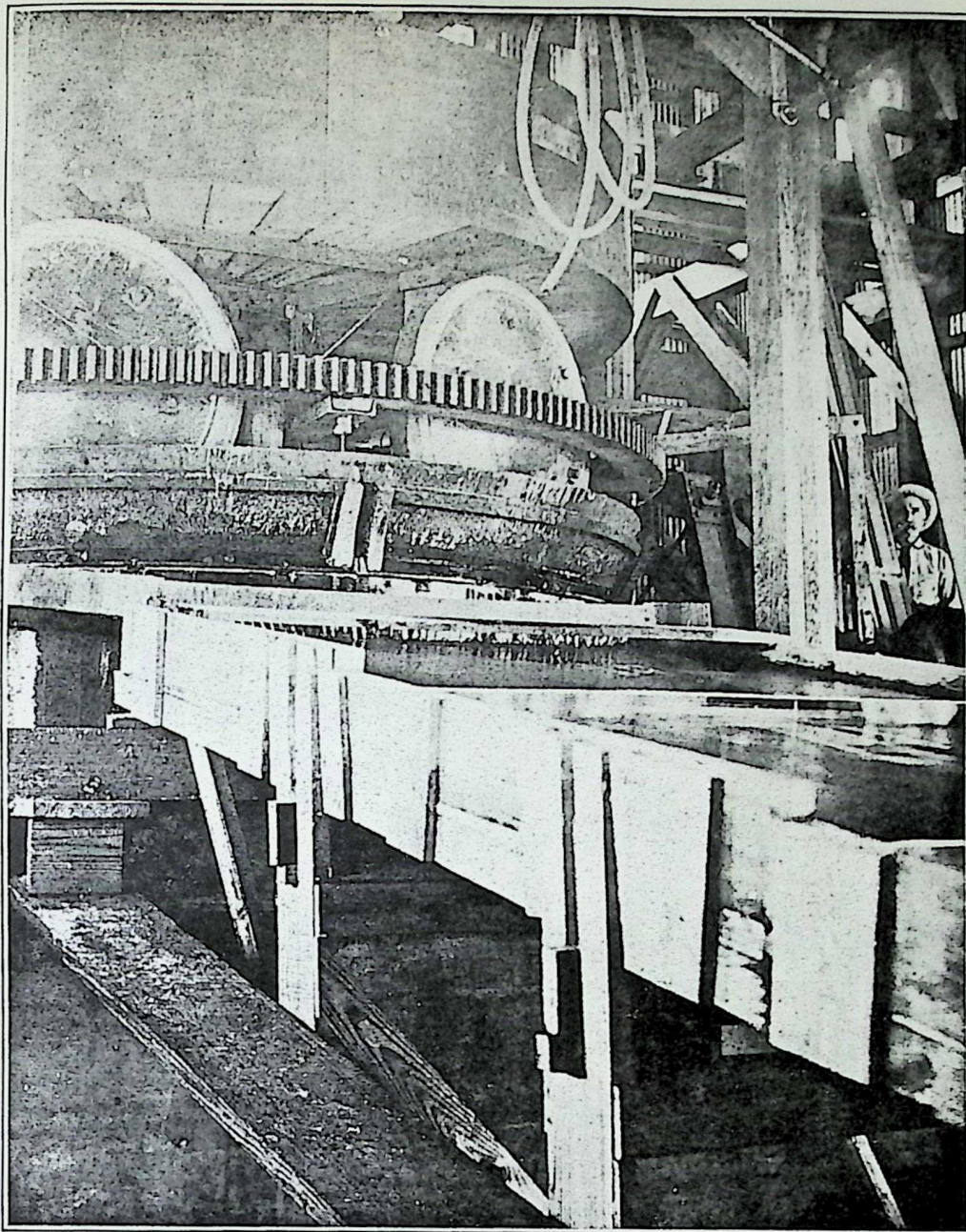
THE LLANO REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT COMPANY & LLANO, TEXAS



REDUCTION PLANT OF THE LLANO GOLD & RARE METAL MINING CO.

Close to and almost in sight of the city on the northeast is the largest and only successful dividend paying gold mine in the State of Texas. This Company is known as the Llano Gold & Rare Metal Mining Company.

On the south of the city are deposits of iron and valuable minerals. The iron ore covers an area as large or larger, perhaps, than the famous iron mine of Birmingham, and unlike the iron deposit of the Mesaba iron range, this iron stands out practically upon the surface and does not need any mining as we ordinarily speak of mining by sinking a shaft, but only awaits the pick and shovel to be loaded into the cars and carried to the furnace and converted into a commercial product. East and south on Barringer Hill is a field of rare mineral which is now owned and operated by New York and Pittsburg parties. The mineral resources of the valley would easily support the population of 100,000 souls, while virgin fields, practically uncultivated, await the iron horse which will soon be thundering its way in from the South; and with a little more capital from our great commercial centers and the brawn and muscle of the Sturdy American citizens will convert these products into untold millions of wealth.



INSIDE VIEW OF REDUCTION PLANT OF THE LLANO GOLD AND RARE METAL MINING CO.

Come to Llano if you are hunting God's Country.



Now, where can you find a country that will equal this in all respects?



No matter what your vocation in life might be, you can make a living here.



If you are honest and industrious, there is room for you in the Granite City of Texas—LLANO.

Lindsay's Studio and Art Store

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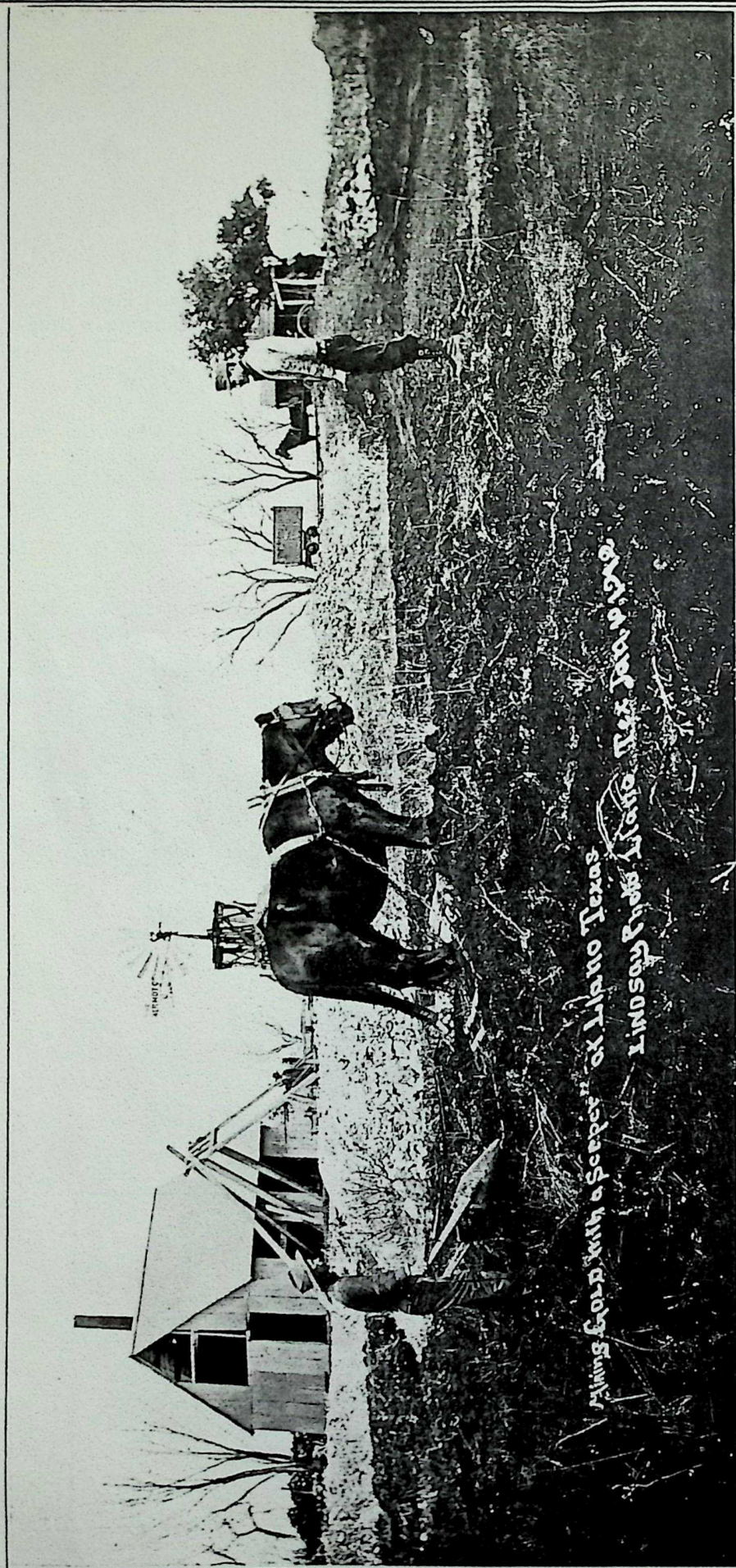
Llano, Texas.

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This is to certify that I have taken all the photographs that appear in this book and should any of these negatives be wanted same can be furnished by me on short notice.

Yours very truly,

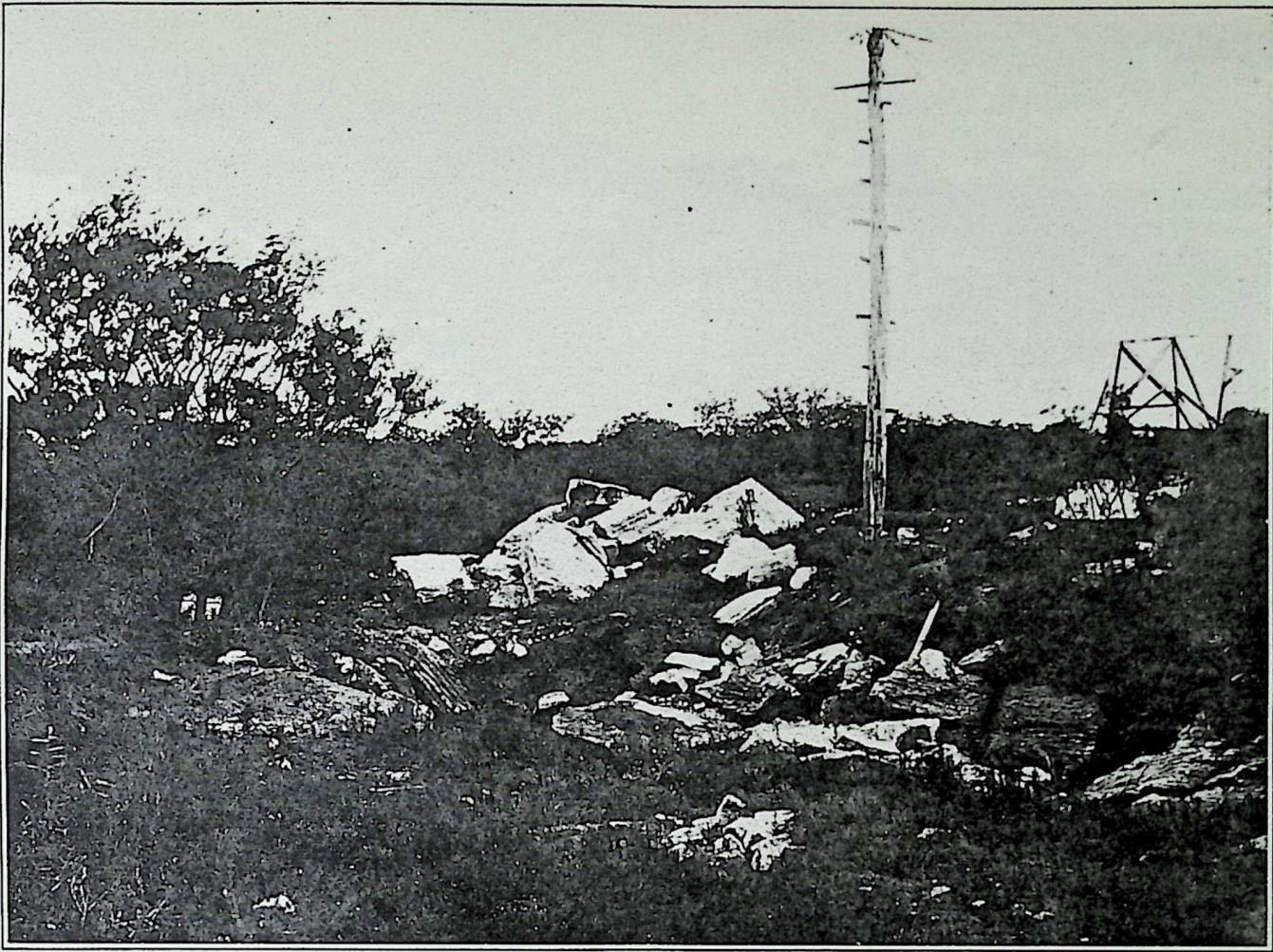
J. L. LINDSAY.



GOLD, COPPER AND SILVER

As stated in the beginning Llano County is rich in minera resources, and to pass over the gold, copper and silver resources would be leaving some of the most important unmentioned.

While they have never been worked to any great extent they abound here in paying quantities, and the time will come when these precious minerals will command the attention of the whole of the United States. Some work has been done in different parts of the country and at present the Llano Gold and Rare Metal Mining Company has taken over the property formerly known as the "Heath" mine, and have made some wonderful discoveries, yet this Company is not divulging any of their business but are pursuing their labors with day and night shifts.



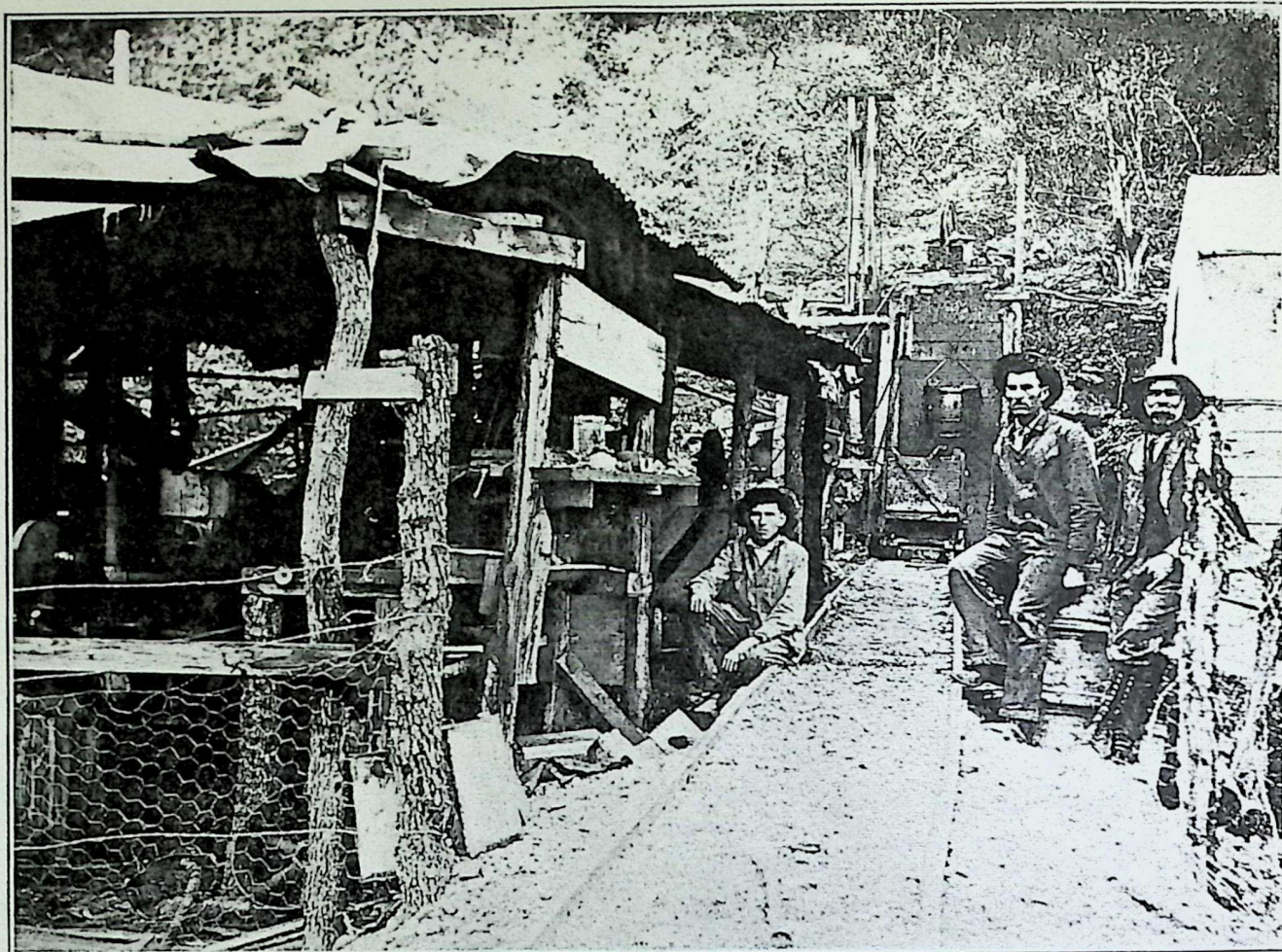
ONE OF LLANO'S MARBLE QUARRIES.

This booklet could not begin to hold a story concerning every natural resource of this county, but another item which should not pass unnoticed is its marble. This native stone has no superior and takes a polish equal to the Italian stone.

It, like other resources, has laid in its natural state almost untouched, only for the want of capital. However, since the St. Louis World's Exposition, Llano's marble has become more prominent, or at that time it was placed on exhibit with the same stone from all parts of the world and was awarded the bronze medal over all competition. This medal was awarded to Mr. J. W. Davis of this city, who placed the stone on exhibit.

At present the most important marble quarry of the town is owned and controlled by Dr. H. S. Selman of Llano and is situated only about one mile north of the business section of the town.

Dr. Selman is now contemplating on the proposition of interesting capital in the marble industry and so soon as that is done, Llano will become one of the world's most important marble export points.



THE LOS ALMAGRES MINING COMPANY.

The Los Almagres Mining Company owns and controls the minerals on about 1600 acres of land on Honey Creek, about ten miles southeast of Llano town, on which it has done some development work. This work was done along the contact between the Cambrian and Pre-Cambrian rocks, on the side of what is known as Riley Mountain. From the limited work done the Company can show at least one and one-half million tons of soft hematite iron ores of very fine quality, along with which is found gold, silver, lead, manganese, and other metals. From the extent of the outcroppings it is quite probable that from five to twenty million tons of this iron can be found and very easily worked. And it is also quite probable that the precious metals exist in paying quantities.

OTHER MINERALS OF COMMERCIAL VALUE

Among the vast minerals found here is the serpentine, a stone of extra value. There are vast deposits within the Llano district, and they are destined to prove of lasting value. Much of this beautiful stone is imported from Greece, and is known to the trade as verdi-antique. There are only about twenty-seven quarries in the world that supply this commercial article, and these by no means keep pace with the demand. This stone is one of the rarest known, and is used in all kinds of decorative work, tiling, wainscoting, furniture work, slabs for counters for banks, soda fountains, etc. The samples of the Llano serpentine are surpassing beauty. There is nothing so pleasing to the artist's eye as the Llano serpentine. It will be developed, and will contribute an important commodity to the commercial trade.

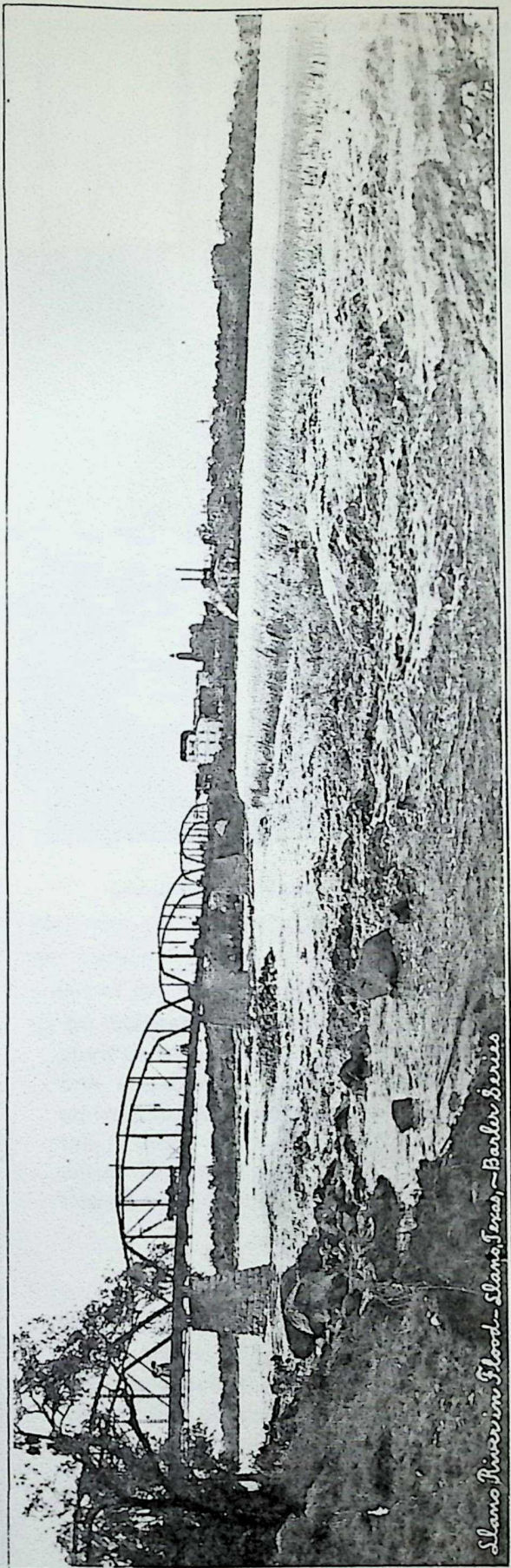


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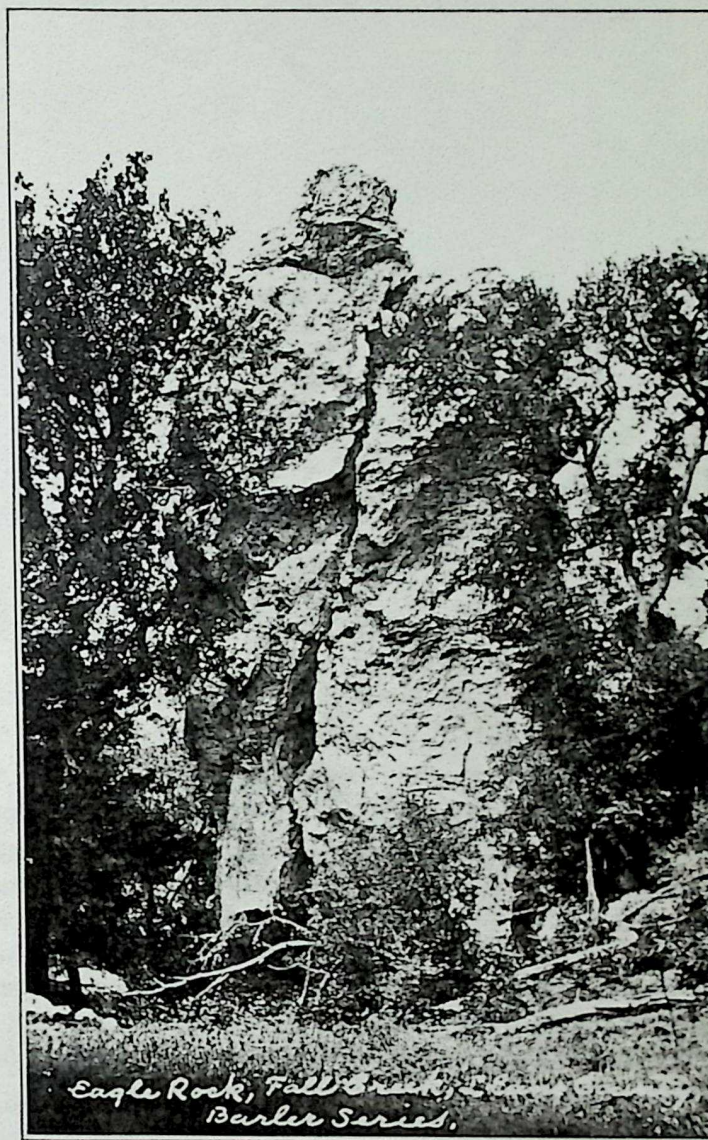
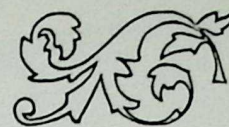
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Llano River in Flood - Llano, Texas, - Barler Series

LLANO RIVER IN FLOOD.



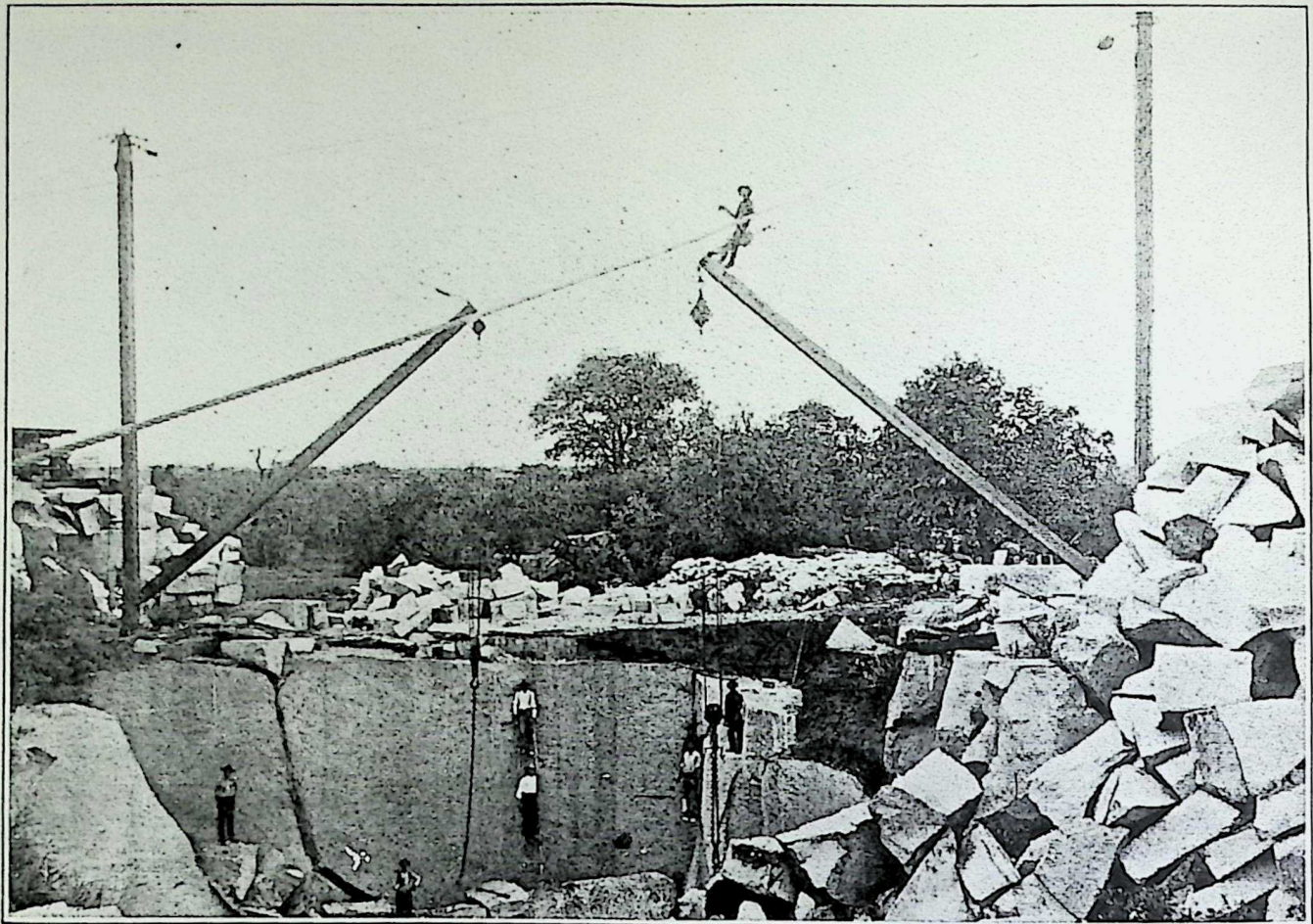
Eagle Rock, Fall Creek, - Barler Series.

EAGLE ROCK FALLS CREEK.



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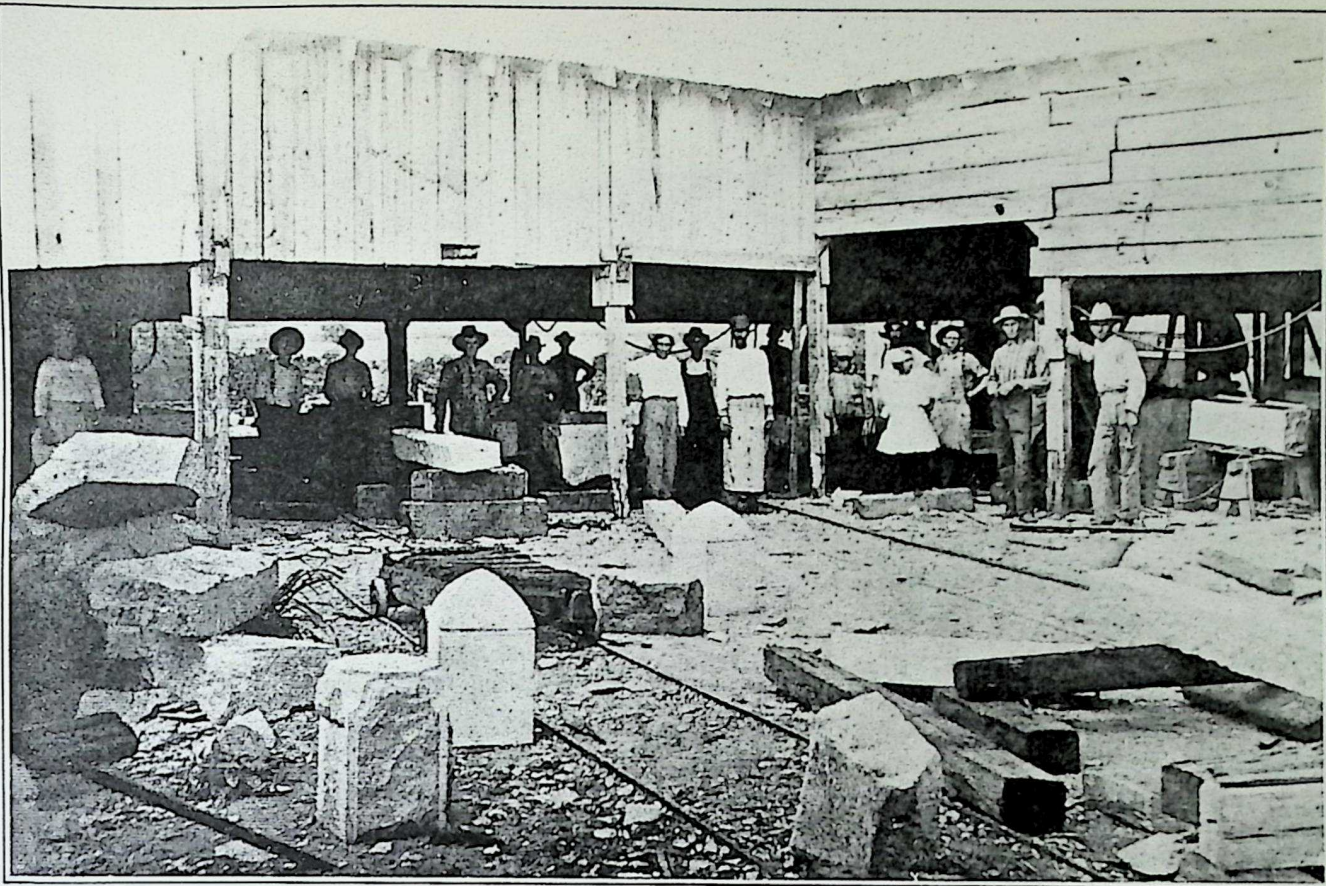
GOOCH & WELLS QUARRY, L' TEXAS.

COMMERCE AND TRADE RELATIONS

The commerce of Llano consists of receiving many hundreds of carloads of merchandise annually, and the distribution of the same among ranchmen, farmers, and the many towns in Llano's trade territory. Also the shipment of many hundreds of carloads of products of these same farms and ranches. Besides the cattle, sheep, goats, horses, hogs, shipped from this point every year, the shipments of wool, mohair, pecans, furs and hides amount to many carloads every year. Here the trade is not confined to small purchases as in most small places, but every day can be seen long strings of teams with trail wagons, loaded down going out of the town to the ranches and different parts of the district which Llano alone controls.



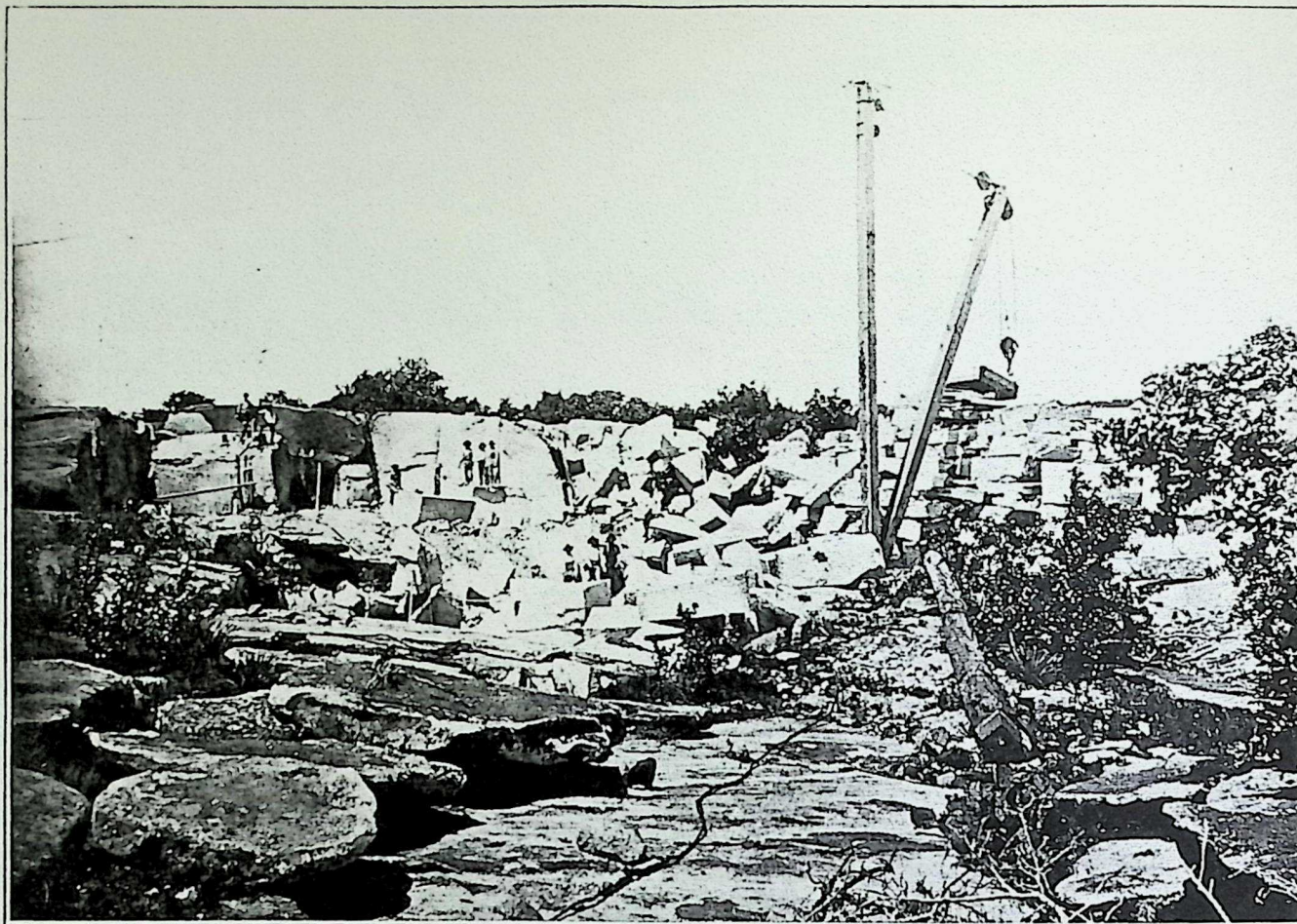
The graphite in this county should not be overlooked; it has proven the best quality from samples assayed that have been turned over by the pick of the random speculator. The United States produces only about 700 tons and consumes about 16,000. It is worth from two to five cents per pound, according to the grade. Over what we produce we import the balance from Siberia and Ceylon principally, and a small amount from Germany and England. Graphite is used as a lubricant for high speed machinery, for carbons in electric lights, and is so valuable as a commercial commodity that the Llano outcropping of this important ore demands the best attention and practical development.



TEICH'S MONUMENTAL PLANT, LLANO, TEXAS.

Teichville is situated one mile Barler's addition and is the site of the largest granite yard and cutting sheds in the State. This place is owned and controlled by Frank Teich and from here the massive columns of stone are handled by the great steam hoisters. Few manufacturing establishments of the South are better equipped than the plants found at Teichville, a small town in itself, made up by the large army of granite cutters who are on the pay rolls of this large concern.

Llano is a prominent summer resort.
 Llano is one of Texas' health resort.
 Llano is a great cattle raising section.
 Llano is the home of the Barler addition.
 Llano is the large granite export point of Texas.
 Llano ships pecans not by carloads, but by train loads.
 Llano boasts of owning a beautiful residential addition.
 Llano is one of the State's most prominent poultry points.
 Llano is a country of diversification in agricultural works.
 Llano is a wool point recognized by the great Boston buyers.



GETTING OUT A BIG GRANITE BLOCK.

Why Llano should make a city of 10,000 in the next five years, and in ten years have a population of at least 50,000:

First: It is conceded by travelers who have not only been over the United States but in foreign countries, that they have never visited a more delightful and interesting place for natural scenery.

Second: The climate is as good as can be found anywhere in the United States.

The health of the place is unsurpassed.

Third: The granite industry alone when developed will give employment to at least 2,000 granite cutters and their families; this means, counting five to the family, 10,000 people. These granite workmen are sculptors and artists, and their pay ranges from \$3.50 to \$8.00 per day; but with an average of about \$5.00 per day. Once these quarries and yards are known in the New England States men will flock from that country to this because there is about four months in the year that they are unable to work in the New England yards, the winter being too severe, and several months that it is necessary for them to work with the closed doors and inhale the dust which is very injurious, while in Llano there is scarcely a day they cannot work with open doors.

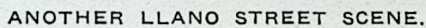
Fourth: The mountains of iron ore will make the place a "Birmingham."

Fifth: It is the capital of Llano County, and as the county grows in population and development, Llano, as the County seat, will grow important.

Sixth: Can any one who knows of the wonderful tonnage that will be offered here doubt but what railroads will soon be seeking their way into Llano, thus affording more and better shipping facilities?

Another reason why it is certain to make a division point is because of its favorable location, being 100 miles northwest of Austin and about the same distance south of Brownwood, and the Llano river can furnish plenty of water for any amount of industries.

These are but few reasons and we might add it is an ideal summer resort. The fruit industry, Llano's educational advantages, its farming possibilities, the live stock industry, the many rare and valua-



There is now a force at work who not only invite but urge capital to come to Llano County and investigate what lies here. We have tried to give you only a few of the facts—do you not think that we have here valuable combinations? Do you wonder at our enthusiasm over the prospects? There is probably more undeveloped wealth in Llano County than in any one County in the State.





*Hauling Granite -
Llano Tex.*

We give here a government assay of Llano ore compared with the widely known Lake Superior iron, and which should serve as conclusive evidence to the miner that the quality as well as the quantity demand quick and extensive operation in the iron fields of Llano County.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LLANO IRON ORE AND LAKE SUPERIOR ORE:

Llano Ore:	Iron.	Phos.	Lake Superior Ore:	Iron.	Phos.
	66.90	0.023		64.10	0.040
	64.15	0.014		64.06	0.027
	68.67	0.027		65.20	0.038
	71.15	0.008		65.45	0.048
	70.16	0.001		62.55	0.061
	67.83	0.002		62.50	0.045
	71.27	0.018		61.60	0.067
	70.26	0.014		60.10	0.055
	68.10	0.021		67.55	0.041
	69.17	0.009		62.58	0.040
	68.82	0.038			
Average	68.77	0.017	Average	63.597	0.462

For any further information in reference to Llano address any of the persons whose names appear in this booklet.

NOTE—We are responsible for no statement that does not appear in our literature.

