

A LAND OF PROMISE.

The Territory of Oklahoma is Flowing With Milk and Honey.

ITS UNSURPASSED FERTILITY.

A Comprehensive Description of the Newly-Opened Region.

WITH A CORRECT EXPLANATORY MAP

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

ICHITA, March 30.—

Anyone visiting the Oklahoma country can see at a glance the reason for the intense desire to possess the land that actuates the man who has once been there.

From a hilltop, the original site of the town of Ewing, where Captain Payne was captured by the soldiers, can be seen a country as fair as eye could wish to rest on.



OKLAHOMA AND ADJACENT TERRITORY.

The new region opened to settlement, as shown in the map, is bounded thus: North, Black Bear Creek; east, the Iowa, Sac and Fox, Kickapoo and Potawatomi reservations; south, the Canadian river; south, Arrapahoe reservation; northwest, the Cimarron river. The Atlantic and Pacific road passes through the center of the new Territory.

The beautiful valley of the North Canadian river stretches for miles on either side of the stream, being especially broad on the south side, before, by gradual ascent, the uplands are reached, whence the gently rolling prairie stretches into boundless space.

This North Canadian Valley is the garden spot of the Oklahoma country—the Canaan of the boomers. Soil of the utmost fertility, water in abundance—rivers, springs, lakes—timber on the river banks and here and there over the prairie, giving the entire scene a park-like appearance, and a climate that knows not extremes, all combine to enhance the beauty of the country, and to assure in the future a land flowing with milk and honey.

The trip from Wichita to Oklahoma City was a succession of surprises and revelations. Every mile or two after leaving the metropolis of Southwest Kansas trains of covered wagons were seen winding their way toward the Kansas line. Around Arkansas City hundreds of boomers were camped, and the valley reaching down to the Cherokee Strip was dotted every few yards with groups of wagons and tents.

At the first stopping place one has a fair opportunity to see the red man at home; and while the sight would perhaps not add much to the sympathy that poor Leo's condition has aroused in the far East, the samples seen here are a fair representation of the Indian as he is in real life—a lazy, dirty, good-for-nothing creature. As at the previous night the Indians had held high revel; representatives from most of the tribes were present at the agency, so that the opportunity to drink companions was a more than ordinarily good one.

From Ponca to Mendota, a station near the Black Bear creek, the country grows more rolling and better timbered in the vicinity of the waterways. On Black Bear creek, which we crossed soon after leaving Mendota, we met with more "boomer" camps. Two immigrants' wagons had recently come in. The would-be settlers had just had time to put up their tent and were preparing a meal when there appeared on the scene four Indian scouts. A little dog playing with the children barked and was promptly shot dead, and a woman's baggage was torn down, the family and all their belongings bundled into the wagons and started toward the Kansas line.

The more rugged country in the neighborhood of Black Bear creek soon gives way to the fertile valleys of the Oklahoma country, and by the time the train reaches the bridge across the Cimarron it is reached the view from the train is one of great beauty and presents an immense tract of valley land of unusual fertility and so fertile in the way of natural drainage, timber and water as perhaps any other lands within the domain of the United States. Soon we reach the Oklahoma City and out again into the darkness, and it was during the run from here to Purcell that, for perhaps 20 miles, we paralleled a blazing wall of fire said to have been started by the boomers to starve out the cattle men.

PURCELL—A MOVABLE TOWN.

The frontier town Purcell stands on a lofty bluff overlooking the South Canadian River, and to the east a part of the Oklahoma country. A number of very primitive-looking frame structures, tents, holes in the ground covered with canvas and every conceivable form of habitation that will serve for temporary protection are perched on the hillside, but as one passes these and reaches the bluff there looms up a gathering of more pretentious buildings which form the business portion of the town, but which were evidently constructed with a view to their easy removal should it be deemed advisable to transfer the town to any point that might appear more suitable, the only structures of any permanency being the Catholic Mission School and the church and school building of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic denominations.

One reason for this nomadic condition of affairs is that the land on which Purcell is built belongs to a Chickasaw named Robert Love, who leases the ground to the proprietors of the buildings, and who is very much easier to deal with as long as there exists the possibility that the town may be moved. There are, perhaps, 2,000 people in and about the place, and it is rightly called the headquarters of the "boomers." Many of these men have accumulated considerable means and will make their fresh start in the new land under very flattering auspices, but there are many whose wretched appearance and demoralized condition forebode but sorry times for them.

It has been stated on competent authority

level until Oklahoma City. The buildings are few and of the most unpretentious character.

IN A BOOMERS' CAMP. We soon started out to prospect. Reaching the river, which is deep here, we were at a loss to know how to cross, when we were suddenly confronted by a stranger, who eyed us most suspiciously. After re-ascending him, he conducted us into a veritable boomers' camp, snugly ensconced among the thick timber on the bank of the river.

Half a dozen men were preparing a meal round a fire. In a tent near by were others playing cards, and a few yards off, from within the recesses of still other canvas houses, came the voices of women and children. A bargain was soon struck with the owner of one of the wagons, and in a short time we were roaming over the old pony express trail from Vanita to Albus, a little further on we surrounded the hill top, the site of the town of Ewing, whence we viewed the magnificent North Canadian valley in all its richness.

Oklahoma Harry Hill's ranch, which he staked out during the Payne raid, is near by and below us in the woods, and though we could not see them, we knew that hundreds of "boomers" were camped. Later we came across several of them and found that that entire section had been laid out in claims and that already much fighting had resulted for the ownership.

GAME IN ABUNDANCE. It was some time before we could find one particular camp of which we were in search, but we finally reached it, embedded in the midst of the thick wood, almost a jungle, so luxuriant was the growth of vine and underbrush. Oaks of all kinds, cottonwood, hackberry, persimmon, elm, walnut and box elder crowded each other, and a few paces from the camp we stumbled upon a miniature lake. We had friends in this camp who gave us ample evidence of the abundance of game of all kinds that roamed in their immediate vicinity. Deer, ducks, turkeys, prairie chickens, and all the birds of the district. Upon the uplands surrounding there is abundance of good grass and ample water for stock.

This valley is comparable to the famous Washita Valley, south of Purcell, in point of richness of soil, and as the river water permeates the sandy soil there is no fear of drought.

The difference between the condition of affairs at Oklahoma City and Purcell is very marked. At the latter place many of the boomers are occupied in tilling rented lands, but at Oklahoma City all are dependent on the opening of the country to settlement, although there are here, as elsewhere, comparatively wealthy prospectors looking for chances to snap up anything good that may offer.

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