### TONS OF HONEY IN SOUTHWEST CAVES

AN UNIQUE STOREHOUSE OF SWEETS IN TEXAS.

Bees Work the Year Round and Have Gathered Tons of Their Product Far Away from Civilization and Much Difficulty Experienced in Marketing It-There's Millions in It, Though.

Del Rio, Tex., Letter Chicago Record. There is enough honey in the brakes of Devil's river to make any man rich who will get it to market. There are

tons of it; in clefts in the rocks, in hollow trees, in caves and in the famous "Devil's Punch Bowl," which is a great sink in the Devil valley and out of which bees swarm always in clouds so thick that at a distance of two or three miles it has the appearance of a great signal smoke. The hills and valley land along the river are covered for a great part of the year with an endless variety of flowers and in the winter season, which is never cold enough to freeze the bees, there is an abundance of decaying fruit-cactus apples and berries of many kinds-so that they never have to stop working on account of lack of material or bad weather, and thus go on piling up their wealth throughout the whole year. The honey is of an excellent quality, of good flavor and color and brings as good a price when brought to market as that made by tame bees.

The business of gathering this honey, while fairly profitable, is not followed to any great extent, for the reason that there is little in the work of the honey hunter which is anything like sport, and everything connected with it is full of privation and danger. The country is so rough that it is impos-sible to get anywhere near the honey caves except one goes on foot, packing his camp equipage on his back or on a burro; water is not overplentiful and much of that to be found is unfit for ise, and besides all this the actual getting of the honey is no easy task. Sometimes the caves are in such inaccessible places that the hunter has to let himself down the face of a cliff for two or three hundred feet and hang there at the end of a rope while the bees sting him half to death, while he digs out a few pounds of honey; or, again, he may find a cave easy to rob only to find that he must carry the spoil several miles on his back before he can get it to a place where he can load it upon his burros. But getting the honey is not all of the work, he must strain it and put it into cans, so that it can be packed out to the nearest trading point.

#### LOAD UP A BURRO.

These honey cans are something of a novelty; they are flat like canteens and will hold about two gallons apiece; they are made in sets so that each set govers the back of a burro very neatly, each can being fitted with hooks and enaps which fasten to rings in the pack saddle or on other cans. The task of filling these is not a light or easy one and after it is finished and everything is ready for the start back to the nearest trail there is work then for the hunter in packing his grub and bedding on his back; for, if the hunt are loaded with the cans.

The trip back is hard, the water holes and camping places are a good long way apart, so that there is no time to dally on the way or even to rest. Owing to the roughness of the country in many places it is difficult to make over ten or fifteen miles per day and generally speaking the whole trip, both going and coming, together with the time spent in hunting, will require about fifteen or twenty days, distance from Del Rio to the best honey districts being about 125 miles If the hunter brings in 1,000 pounds as the earning of his trip he will be able to realize about \$150 from the sale of it. Where two or more make an expedition together the profits are smaller on account of the necessity of division and generally the hunter goes alone. Even at this, counting the cost of the outfit and camp supplies neceseary, there is not enough in it to tempt any one to follow it permanently, though there are any number who are eager to make the first trip.

Several years ago a hunting party made up of Kansas City men went into that country on a trip after big game, for there is plenty of deer in there even now, and at that time bears were numerous. When they got up into the ney country they began figuring on he fortunes to be made out of it and having heard of the Devil's Punch Bowl, locally known as "Devil's Sink Hole," they decided to go and see it and if possible devise some scheme whereby they might get the tons of honey it contained.

### DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL.

When they reached it, like every one else seeing it for the first time, they were amazed at the proportions of the wonder; a hole forty feet in diamete: yawning open in the middle of a wide valley, with a perfect towent of bees rushing up from it like dirt blown from some mighty blast, and all the while a roaring loud as that of a great cataract; looking down into the abyss, for the hole widens immediately be low the surface, they saw the festoons of honey hanging there which the bees had strung along the sides of their mammoth hive after they had filled the hidden grottoes; and looked in through the upward swarms and saw the gleams of combs built no doubt many

The sight of all that honey was too

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Hold by McGarrah & Thomas. Drug-is certain dets., 200 Luckawanns ave., Scranton, Pa. tion of it.

much for these K. C. gentlemen and they decided that they would form a company for the express purpose of putting it on the market. They cal-culated that by thus saving all that sweetness to the world, they would not only be doing the public a great favor, but would also enrich themselves to the extent of something like \$100,000 apiece. There was one man in the party named Ouden, who was looked upon by the rest as capable of handling big affairs, and to him was entrusted the work of managing the enterprise. As soon as the company had been formed he was given his credentials and went back to Del Rio. from which place he was to make a trip to the "Bowl" for the purpose of getting a better understanding of the work required. He made the trip all right, but when he came back he re-ported to his friends that it would be impossible to do anything with the honey and that if they wanted to go on any further they had best hire a new manager. So the company idea was abandoned and no application was made the Texas legislature for articles of incorporation or for the purchase of the valley in which the

'bowl" lies. Then Ouden, who was more of a manager than his friends imagined, slipped out and bought the land, rigged up a big derrick and, with about forty Mexicans and 100 pack mules, started for the great honey cave. It was his plan to wrap a Mexican up in several hun-dred yards of mosquito netting, let him down into the hole by means of rope ladders suspended from the derrick, and let him fill the boxes with honey. which would be drawn out by means of a pulley. When they had taken out about twenty or thirty tons, he intended to send the Mexicans to town with it and then go into the business on a much bigger scale, for he had plenty of money and could easily put up all that would be required for a year's operations. He expected a good profit on this trial trip, though, which, rick, Mexicans and mules stood him at about \$1,000.

When they reached the "Bowl" he learned to his sorrow that the legs of the derrick were away too short, but by letting them out to their fullest spread he made them reach across the mouth of the hole, tied the feet securely to stakes driven deep into the ground and then ordered one of the Mexicans to wrap himself in the mosquieto netting and go down. All this time the bees had paid no attention to the intruders, but the Mexican was afraid and refused to obey.

DOWN AMONG THE BEES. In vain Ouden explained and wheedled, the Mexicans didn't "sabe" and as the bees began to swarm up a little they got away from the "Bowl." Finally, when he saw that there was no other way out of it, he resolved to make the first descent himself. wrapped himself up in the netting and ordered the Mexicans to attach the rope ladder to the derrick head. The one who tried it got stung in a hundred places before he got half-way out to the place where he was to attach the ladder and came back in a hurry dropping the ladder into the hole as he stepped off the derrick. Then, as there was nothing else to go down on, Ouden determined to have them let him down

with the pulley rope.

He got started down all right and then the real trouble began, the bees enraged at his movements in the entrance of their home, flew at the Mexi-cans who were holding the rope, so that they dropped it and ran like deer; at the same time Ouden was making much better time into the depths of the cavern. Luckily there was a kno in the rope and this stopped his fall, There he hung, dangling among the bees like a puppet on a string, while his recreant employes gathered up at a safe distance and decided to skin out with the outfit and sell it. Only one of them kept out of this deal, and he accompanied the others for three or four miles on the way. Then he dropped

back and returned to the "Bowl." Meanwhile the bees had worked in through Ouden's netting and were warming him up in a way that made him how! like a lost soul; hearing his cries the superstitious Mexican decided that the devil had got hold of his employer and that it would be of no use to try getting him out. Then recollecting that Ouden wore a gold watch and several seals he decided that he would wait till the devil got done when he would draw the body out and get something for his trouble.

THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD. Finally the unfortunate honey-hunter stopped yelling, and Jose crawled out on the derrick, got hold the knot and drew on the rope until he had slack enough to fasten it to one of the stakes at the foot of the derrick. Then Ouden thinking that he was being rescued called out something, and the Mexican terrified at the cry, ran off and hid in the edge of the valley. Thinking that he might not be very far down from the pulley the honey promoter began climbing out on the rope. Finally, just when he felt that he could not draw himself an inch further up, his hand touched the pulley and then he drew himself out. Being unable to find any of his men he decided that they had deserted him and he started off for

Del Rio on foot. About dark the Mexican came back to the derrick, and, seeing the coil of rope lying on the ground, he immedi ately jumped at the conclusion that his Satanic majesty had flown out of the "Bowl" with Ouden and that there would be no use to wait for a chance to get the watch and seals; so he started for Del Rio, and, knowing the country, got in on the third day afterward. He told the truth as he conceived it and a local merchant who knew him to be a trustworthy fellow decided that Ouden had probably fallen into the honey cave, or else been murdered. In either event he thought it his duty to wire the lost man's friends in K. C. He did so, giving the particulars of the unfortunate affair as he conceived

In about three days four sad-faced friends got off the train at Del Rio and began to make arrangements to into the "Punch Bowl" country to search for Ouden's body. While they were sitting in the store owned by the merchant who had wired them a ragged individual who looked as if he might have been covered with glue and then dragged a long way through the dirt and bushes stopped a moment before the door, and after taking good look at them dashed down the

street at a run. This strange conduct so excited the people who happened to see the fellow and who had been watching him ever since he had dropped into town that a party of citizens with lariats started out after him. After a rather exciting chase he was caught and led up Main street to the store from which he had started to run. Then the four gentle-men from K. C. recognized him. It was Ouden, and that night the town of Del Rio drank deep and laughed at his expense. It is said that the though of honey now makes him sick, and it

## ANNUAL **STATEMENT**

OF THE

COUNTY STATEMENT.

### COMMISSIONERS

LACKAWANNA COUNT

Statement Showing Receipt Disbursements, Condition of the Finances and Accounts of State, an County Taxes for the Fiscal Yea

1899.

Ending December 31, 1899: RECEIPTS. Amount received by County Treasurer M. J. Kelly, from county and bridge tax dupli-cates and other sources of rev-enue as shown by the state-ment of said county treasurer.\$285,547 DISBURSEMENTS. Amount of disbursements from county and bridge funds as shown by the following statement of the county commissioners on county warrants Nos. 1 to 5645, inclusive, and disbursements made by the county trensurer as shown by the statement of said treasurer 284,128 53

Receipts in excess of disburse-ments ..... 1,419 0 ASSESSMENTS. Paid assessors for making state and county assessments, making tax duplicates, school copies and transcripts of mortgages and judgments ....... 6,712 66 ADVERTISING. Paid for publishing commission-ers' annual statement and other advertising ......

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES. Paid Freeman Leach, treasurer, premium to agricultural socie-ties as provided by law ...... APPREHENSION OF MURDERERS. Paid to Thomas Leyshon, extraditoin of murderer ..... BRIDGES.

Paid Thomas J. Matthews for bridge in Spring Brook township.

Penn Bridge Company for repairing four fron bridges as per contract, to wit: Three bridges over St. Br. Tunkhannock Creek, Benton township, and bridge over same creek at LaPlume ... 1,155 09

A. R. Wetherby for stone arch bridge in South Abington township. South Abington township

McLaughlin and Snyder
for stone arch bridge
in Scott township

C. J. Thomas, building
bridge abutments in
Dalton borough, as
per contract

John Rink, building
stone arch bridge in
Benton township (Inlet
Baylor's pond)

Guinan & Martin, stone
and bridge over Coon
creek in Scott township 250 00 184 00 ship Paid Tribune, Republi-can, Truth and Times for advertising pro-posals, etc., for bridg-235 00 26 90 Stevenson & Knight, 33 00 57 50

Giles Roberts, expense

specting bridges,

COURT HOUSE GROUNDS. Paid mowing and sprin-kling lawn, shoveling snow and other work on court house 683 40 79 00 seats and painting same, etc.

Barber Asphalt Paving Co., use of roller ...

Barber Asphalt Paving Co., for re-setting curb on Washington avenue, between Spruce and Linden ...

Scranton Stove Works, castings for election booths 31 18 15 00 78 00 C. E. Whaite, painting 3 05 13 80 Foote & Shear Co., sundry hardware and new hose.

George W. Brown, hauling wood ashes. Repairs and sharpening lawn mowers.

Repairing filters.

Stone flagging, court house grounds.

W. F. Burley, raising flag walk on coure house grounds, new stone, mason work, filling, etc.

Foote & Shear Co., sundry hardware.

J. C. Winke, paints, varnish, etc. 29 28 1 50 8 50 175 39 4 74

Paid aldermen, justices, constabled, detective Paid Giles Roberts. county commissioner.
Paid John Demuth,
county commissioner.
Charles F. Wagner,
clerk to commission-E. R. Robathan, assist-ant clerk to commis-sioners F. W. Kirchoff, assistant clerk to commis 

is certain that he will run at the men-

	COUNTY STATEMENT.	
~	COUNTY AUDITORS.  Paid P. W. Costello 1,003 05 A. E. Klefer 1,008 00 F. L. Ward 1,011 00 E. C. Newcomb, attorney, for professional services 100 00	10
Л	3,127	
	COUNTY OFFICERS.	C
	Paid C. E. Pryor, sher- iff's fees	i.
	John R. Jones, district attorney's fees 13,101 90	Ċ
	J. Copeland, prothono- tary's fees	=
T.	fees 6,593 73	
Y	Frederick Warnke, re- corder of deed's fees . 200 30	68
	BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS	
	Paid burial expenses of deceased soldiers, as per Act of Assem- bly, approved May 12, 1885 1,015	00
s,	BIRTHS AND DEATHS.	
he 1d	Paid assessors in townships and boroughs for making returns of births and deaths as pro- vided by law	50
ar	EASTERN PENITENTIARY.	
	Paid board and clothing of con- victs	60
	ENUMERATION OF SCHOOL CHI	1
	Paid assessors for makinge num- erption of children	28
60	Paid eletion officers and rent of polling places 8,549 49	

rent of polling places
Ground rent for polling
places
Printing ballots, instruction, return
sheets, etc.
Repairing, moving, setting up and storing
booths
Delivering ballots and
other election blanks.
Clerks appointed by
court to compute election returns.
Publishing sheriffs
proclamation
Supplies to election
boards
Express on printed matter 540 31 157 68 320 00 125 00 153 79 9 18 INSURANCE. Paid insurance, court house and county prison ..... IMPEACHMENTS. Paid costs in the impeachment case of Alderman Kelly ...... INQUESTS. Paid J. J. Roberts,

coroner
J. A. Scranton, inquest
docket
Barber & Townsend,
chemists 42 71 10 00 25 00 2.656 21 PRINTING AND STATIONERY. PREMIUMS. Paid bounty on wild cats, foxes, etc., including fees of justices. POSTAGE.

Paid postage stamps and postal Paid janitors and Paid janitors and
watchmen ... 1.710 86
Water, light and heat ... 2,788 72
Repairs, steam pipe ... 47 60
Repairs, water closets.
Hunt & Connell, electrical fixtures ... 51
Gaylord & Eltapenc,
steam indirects, pipe
fittings, material and
labor ... 208 00 abor
E. P. Gross, repairing
and attending court
house clocks

Washing, cleaning and
scrubbing
Supplies, soap, brushes,
brooms, etc.
Furniture and repairing
furniture
Central
Telephone Co. 208 00 186 00 254 53 Repairs at court he le Hauling ashe dother refuse 601 26 17 25 PRISON EXPENSE.

27 95 measurements, etc.... 300 00 Prisoners' clothing, bed-873 49 ding, etc. Supplies, brushes. brooms, ice, etc...... Central Pennsylvania Telephone Co....... furniture, etc. Repairs, prison building REGISTRATION. ROAD DAMAGES. Paid viewers appointed by court
Damages to land taken
for public road
H. B. Andrews, taking
depositions in road
damages STATE HOSPITAL Paid keep of insane convicts from Lackawanna county .... STATE INDUSTRIAL REFORMA. Paid care of inmates from Lackawanna county ......

Pald transient clerks, service in commis-sioners' office 9 34 Acknowledging deeds... City directory ...... Herman Bessey, medi-cal examination ..... COMMONWEALTH COSTS. cal examination
Dean, treating prisoner
Expense to commisssieners' convention
Inspecting county prisons
E. F. Barti, for services as civil engineer
W. M. Bunnell, services
in conection with forfeited recognizances. monwealth cases ..... 53,508 37 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. 1,141 58 1,095 50 in conection with for-feited recognisances., Bubscription for news-1,095 50 28 00 etc. Spring Breok
Water Co

Henry A. Knapp, county solicitor ..... 500 00 COURT EXPENSES. Paid court crier, mes-sengers and tipstaffs. H. H. Coston, court stenographer Lackawanna Legal 5,065 00 6,965 37 News Referees appointed by 653 99 court
Grand jurors
Traverse jurors
Petit jurors
Constables for making 1,304 87 Jury commissioners and Legal cap and court record sheets for use of stenographers.

Stenographer's books and other supplies.

B p e c i a i stenographic services 582 16 110 00 services
Central Pennsylvania
Telephone Co.
Tribure Publishing Co.
printing books, etc.,
for Law association
examining board
Publishing "Terms of
Court"

Court Janitor

840 00

ounty bonds redeemed \$20,000 60 iterest on county bonds 9,450 00 ounty institute ...... 230 00 ity institute, Carbon-

Jurors at inquests .....
S. P. Longstreet, ex-Paid blank books, blank forms, pens, pencils and other supplies 2,896 22 PUBLIC BUILDING EXPENSE.

171 61 105 70 24,025 9 Paid assessors of voters for making May and December registration 9,133 45 426 21 2,225 00 10 00 2,661 21

273 75

STATE AUDIT. Paid J. E. Watkins, auditing ac-SUNDRY EXPENSE. 48 25 50 00 64 50 110 00

22 00 1,496.30 TAXES REFUNDED. Paid taxes overcharged and re-funded TEMPORARY LOANS. Paid James Blair, Jr., and Screnton Savings Bank, tem-porary loans ...... 20,303 3 STATE HOSPITAL FOR CHRONIC IN-Paid for board, clothing and medical treatment of insane

FIRE WARDENS. LACKAWANNA HOSPITAL Paid for board and treatment of LEGAL EXPENSE. Paid atterney fees in quo war-ranto, prothenotary's fees, pa-per books for Supreme court PRISON BOARD.

Paid H. F. Ferber, overseer of prisoners Robert Allen, overseer of prisoners Minute book and stamp Picks, shovel, bars and 34 49 SIDE PATHS.

COUNTY STATEMENT. otal amount of disbursements by the county commissioners on their warrants from Nos. 1 to 5,645, inclusive In addition to the foregoing the follow-ig disbursements were made by the outry treasurer from the general county and, to wit:

ommission charged by county treasurer ..... 11,931 08 166 33

COUNTY STATEMENT. STATE TAX ACCOUNTS Valuation of money at interest, bonds, mortgages, judgments, etc., assessed in Luckawanna county for the year 1898, subject to four mill tax for state purposes, as reported to bears of revenue commissioners, valuation, \$6,662,774; amount of tax

From which deduct county treasurer's commission ..... - 43,865 1 Total amount of state tax ...

County Treasurer's Annual Statement for Year 1899.

COUNTY STATEMENT.

City Institute, Scranton, 200 00

Balance on hand, January 1, 1398
Rebate on state tax for year 1898
Tax duplicate of 1897
Tax duplicate of 1897
Tax duplicate of 1898
Tax duplicate of 1898
Seated and unseated land
Exoneration tax collected
Prison beard
Prothonotary's fees
Five per cent, penalty
Interest on unseated lands
Loans from Soranton Savings Bank
Liquor license—hotels
Liquor license—restaurants
Jury fees, fixes and costs collected by T. P. Daniels, clerk of courts
Costs collected by Sheriff C. E. Pryor
Costs collected by County Solicitor II. A. Knapp
Costs collected by Alderman Mendicson
Costs collected of Jacob Eliman
Costs collected by County commissioners
Rent for election beeths
Secretary of internal affairs
L. M. Bunnell, burial expenses (refunded)
Transfer from redemption fund
Election rent refunded by Jas. Coughlin
Detective license, Jacob Suravits
Philadelphia Typewriting Company (money refunded)
S. W. Roberts, payment for old doors
Interest and costs, redemption from county commissioners
Redemption fund

Total

Total \$4,356 51 1,288 22 

Interest on coupons
County and bridge warrants, paid Nos. 1 to 5,645
Carbondale city institute for years 1898 and 1899
County institute
Scranton City Institute
Paid state tax on county indebtedness for years 1828 and 1899
Bonds redeemed, issue of Dec. 1, 1894, Nos. 21 to 40
George Decker, collector, refunded on tax duplicate, year 1894
Dog Fund
Redemption fund
Township warrants, Nos. 75 to 94
Treasurer's commission
Balance on hand January 1, 1900.

943 45 \$ \$ 6,450 00 \$ 5,450 05 \$2,357 55 237,905 55 240,253 40 155 33 165 33 200 00 200 00 200 00 200 00 1,550 00 1,580 00 20,000 00 20,000 20,000 00 20,000 38 73 2,671 55 125 50 3,171 83 \$129 50 \$3,171 33 101 91 943 45 \$780 97 \$235 15 2,371 49 2,541 87 

Statement of Collectors of State and County Tax for Year 1899.

		State	Total Coun	Taxes Returned Seated and reseated Land.	Exonerations Relates.	Collectors sions.	Cash paid urer.	Balance due ty, subject to onerations commissions
irchbald boro P. J. McDonnell. Blakely boro D. J. Williams. Senton twp H. G. Smith. Covington twp R. J. Tanfield. Ilifton twp Anthony Klots. Carbondale twp Patrick Casey	34,035 92 3,318 69 1,552 70 806 46 243 53 1,342 80	200000 000	\$4,197 08 3,670 12 1,724 08 903 07 261 13 1,348 70				\$3,000 00 2,200 00 1,000 00 328 79 192 31 643 80	\$1,197 08 1,370 12 724 08 674 28 68 82 704 90
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Winton boro Geo. R. Stanton Jas. J. Lawler W. Abington twp Geo. F. Gethman. Waverly boro W. G. Letson Reventon City	3.389 55 2.739 95 420 95 729 31	32 59 173 08 201 86 10 17 20 92 12 58 38 41	3,399 72 2,760 87 433 53 767 72				2,350 00 1,862 06 367 50 501 07	1,049 72 898 81 68 03 266 65
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Grand total		1 \$27,369 30 or the Y	\$277 217 24 car 189	R. #196 47	1 167 95	98 31	\$108,505 GI	\$108,250 87

5 80 629 17 605 84 231 50 fth ward ..... Timothy Jones .... urteenth ward Geo. F. Kellow ... fteenth ward. W. G. Williams ... 3,828 82 4,437 80 3,695 43 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \$26,319 47 \$1,997 40; \$28,226 87 \$19,194 61 \$9,032 26 For the Year 1897. Scranton City—
Fourth ward ... G. M. Wallace
Fifth ward .... Louis Schreede
Fifteenth ward ... T. Morgan . 6.387 96 7,959 80 3,591 25 4,313 31 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ..... \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ........... \$20,672 81 \$1,580 01 \$22,252 32 \$18,593 95 For the Year 1896. 79 70 3,490 12 62 92 689 75 479 83 84,067 25 \$102 62 \$1,169 87 \$3,176 53

Condition of Finances of Lackawanna County.

ASSETS. LIABILITIES. Cash in county treasury.\$41.811 74 Court house building .... 350,000 00 Furniture and fixtures in court house .......... 35,900 00 Court house grounds ... 200,000 00 County prison building .. 125,000 00 County prison grounds. . 20,000 00 Assets in excess of liabilities...\$699,600 19 Furniture and fixtures in in county prison ...... 2,000 00 STATISTICS. assessed valuation for year Due from collectors sub-ject to exoneration and commissions .... 120,000 00

Note - In the above estimate of expenses for the year 1900 nothing is included in said estimate for probincluded in said estimate for probable expense in contested election case pending, nor is there anything included to pay Commonwealth costs in cases pending wherein a capies issues and returned by the shariff non est inventus, nor for the costs of erection of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, which amounts have been estimated at about \$200,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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J. COURIER MORRIS

JOHN PENMAN

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County Commission 290,000 00 Attest: WM. G. DANIELS, C. Beranton, Pa., February L. 1986