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GREER'S FIRST SALOON.

It is called "Greer county, Texas," but a strict construction of law would make it a part of the unassigned lands of the Indian territory and therefore of the proposed territory of Oklahoma.

The first settler was H. C. Sweet, April 18, 1884, and now the county contains 4,000 people.

The first death was the murder of a cowboy named Bryson.

The first funeral was that of two men who were killed in a fight about a woman.

The first marriage was that of Miss Lucy Sweet and the man she ran off with; he was arrested two weeks later for bigamy and taken to the Chickasaw nation, where he "made up" with his first wife and was not prosecuted, so Miss Sweet is Miss Sweet still. And finally, nearly all the population live in "dug outs," no one has any title to land, they have abundance of "society" and lots of fun, and while conducting things as if they were in Texas are not specially averse to becoming citizens of Oklahoma.

HOW THE DISPUTE AROSE.

The disputed claim arose out of the peculiar wording of the treaties defining Texas. On the 22d of February, 1819, John Quincy Adams and Senor De Onis completed the treaty between the United States and Spain, in which they stipulated that the boundaries of the two should continue up Red river to the 100th meridian, thence straight north on that meridian to the Arkansas, thence up that stream, etc. They filed as an annexed paper a copy of "Melish's Map," on which the 100th meridian crossed Red river just east of the fork. It turned out, however, that said meridian crosses about eighty miles west of the fork. Now, therefore, should the boundary follow up north fork to the meridian, and leave Greer in Texas? For the affirmative, Texas; for the negative, all the United States officials who have yet spoken. And at the low price offered by cattle men, the land is worth $3,000,000.

LUCY SWEET.

BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE.

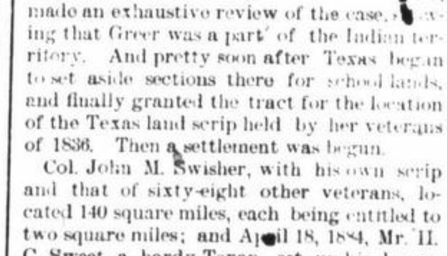
All United States surveyors have decided that the south, or Prairie Dog, fork is the true Red river, and Melish's map shows the same; so, as Adams and De Onis made that map the basis of their treaty, it seems to follow that Texas is left. But during all the years the matter was in evolution Texas had congressmen on the watch at Washington and the Indians had not, so in 1860 Texas was a little ahead as to locating the boundary to the north. Soon after, however, Texas joined ten other states in an attempt to move the whole southern boundary of the United States a good deal further north, and Greer was forgotten till 1877, when the United States officers in the Indian territory wanted to know the limits of their jurisdiction. Then Gen. J. A. Williamson, land commissioner, made an exhaustive review of the case, showing that Greer was a part of the Indian territory. And pretty soon after Texas began to set aside sections there for school lands, and finally granted the tract for the location of the Texas land scrip held by her veterans of 1836. Then a settlement was begun.

Col. John M. Swisher, with his own scrip and that of sixty-eight other veterans, located 140 square miles, each being entitled to two square miles; and April 18, 1884, Mr. H. C. Sweet, a hardy Texan, set up his household gods on Salt creek and named the place Mangum, after a Texas hero. His nearest neighbor was at Doan's postoffice, forty-five miles away; the nearest settlement, Mobeetie, ninety miles away, and the nearest railroad depot, Wichita Falls, 105 miles away.

Cattle men had already utilized Salt Fork valley, and the cowboys told Mr. Sweet to pull his freight.

SWEET WAS A STAYER.

Mr. Sweet replied that he had come to stay. Of course, there were enough cowboys to kill off the Sweet family if the cowboys were so disposed, he said, but the Sweet family—man, wife and older daughter—were all handy with the rifle, and somebody else would surely get hurt. Besides, there was



GREER'S COUNTY BUILDING.

enough money and political influence behind the new settlement to insure a heap of trouble to the cowboys should they kill off the settlers. After all, the settlement wouldn't hurt the cowboys; it would be an advantage to them. He was going to open a store. Mr. Sweet was a diplomat. He staid, and never shed a drop of blood in staying.

By and by William D. Yeckley settled only thirty miles away and founded the village of Navajo. In July, 1884, the population of Mangum increased 100 per cent., John R. Crouch arriving with his family. He opened a hotel in a big tent called the White House. Mr. Sweet built an elegant log house, and soon after a palatial balloon frame cottage with a brick chimney—by all odds the finest residence yet in the county. In 1885 a dozen families came, and hunters and cowboys began to find it a pleasant place to rest. On

THE FIRST MURDER.

Christmas eve a party of these gentlemen were retaking their adventures with the fair sex when Don Sullivan and Jack Doyle quarreled and both reached for their six shooters. Jack reached a little quicker than Don did. Just as Don got his six shooter clear of the holster Jack leveled his and shot the traducer of his lady love through the heart. Don made two distinct efforts to raise his weapon, but death had grasped him, and he died standing up, pistol in hand.

The shooting was done in front of Curry's store. Jack shoved his pistol in his belt and walked down street as far as the White House. There a bullet from Buck Hannon's pistol overtook him. Buck had determined to avenge the death of his friend, and shot Jack dead. Then Buck got on his pony and rode away into the night. The gloom in which he disappeared, they say, still surrounds him. No one knows where he is.

Next day they buried the two dead men in a little plot laid out for a cemetery. There was no preacher in town, but the citizens gathered about the grave and stood with uncovered heads while the bodies were lowered into it. There were at least prayers for the souls of the dead if no other Christian service was held.

THE FIRST "OFFICIAL SCANDAL."

In 1886 they organized a county (of Texas), elected a full set of officials, issued bonds and built a $1,100 court house, with jail upstairs. Messrs. Strain & Swinburn, builders, surrendered their bonds for land which they could convert into cash at nearly twice what they took it at, and on Aug. 3, 1888, a "Panhandle zephyr" blew all one side of the court house out! It was then discovered that, what were supposed to be brick in the walls, were really adobes of a poor sort made of red earth. This is set down as the first "official scandal," and it's a bad one. The construction of the first school house was, however, an honest job, and in it a good school is now taught with some fifty pupils. There are no churches in Greer, but several school houses which are used as such.

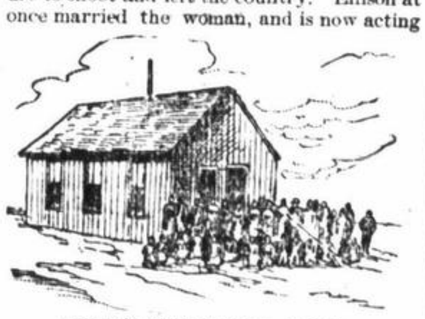
SCANDAL NO. 2.

The next "scandal" was that of "Buckskin Joe," whose real name is thought to be Joseph S. Works. His works did not come up to the people's faith in him, for he took their money to serve as immigration agent, got $900 from various parties on the same plea, and departed without specifying his future residence. The people emphatically trust it may be in a place which they often mention and by a name much shorter and more familiar than sheol.

BUCKSKIN JOE.

THE FIRST DIVORCE CASE.

The first divorce in Greer scarcely rose to the dignity of a "scandal;" wouldn't have excited comment, in fact, if the injured husband had not violated all southwestern precedents by appealing to the law instead of a revolver. Sheriff W. T. Williamson proved that his wife Sallie and his deputy, James S. Ellison, had been very improper. He got a divorce and the custody of his daughter, but could not bear the odium created by his failure to shoot and left the country. Ellison at once married the woman, and is now acting



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