

### **Floresville Facts**

Rain Badly Needed - Prohibition Elections Ordered - \$20,000 Court House To Be Erected

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A Mexican lady died here a few days ago at the ripe old age of 99 years. There is no stock water here except at the San Antonio River, Cibolo and Calaveras Creeks, and no grass within easy reach of these streams. Unless it rains soon cotton will be cut short.

The county commissioners met this week and, among other business, ordered an election to be held at the different voting precincts in this county on Saturday, the 8th day of September, 1883, to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited or not. Your correspondent hopes that the citizens of Wilson County will guard well their interests and keep the demon from their doors. They also ordered the erection of a \$20,000 courthouse, to be made of brick, and to be built on the plaza near the site of the foundation of their late folly.

The new addition to the academy building is nearing completion and will be ready for the opening of the fall session, beginning Monday, September 3, 1883. The teachers selected by the board of trustees are Professor Lopas, principal, having charge of the academical department; Mrs. Lou Warren, intermediate & Miss Ella White, primary. Mrs. Lopas and Miss Lizzie Houston have charge of the musical classes.

Your correspondent spent a few days at Sutherland Springs for the benefit of health and for pleasure. While there, visited and tested all the principal springs and can certainly testify to their medical qualities, having derived great benefit from their use, but will not attempt to describe them, or the pleasures surrounding camp life, away from the weary cares and busy scenes of the world, on rest undisturbed at night with nothing save the industrious little mosquito presenting his little bill. We think if the citizens of Sutherland Springs and vicinity would arouse from their Rip Van Winkle slumbers that they would find that it is not absolutely necessary to have a courthouse and jail in order to make their town improve. There is plenty of material to build up a good sized town and draw capital there, if they could only arouse energy enough to utilize it, and not allow the failure to get the county seat to forever throw around them the black pall of a disappointed hope and a crushed ambition. There is one citizen, be it to his credit, who is alive to his interests. Mr. J. S. Cox, who has recently removed his gin and mill up into town, and remodeled the same, now has a good substantial building and is fitting it at great expense with new first class machinery. He says it is his purpose to continue improving it until he is owner of the best gin and mill in West Texas. We notice the grading of the west bank of the Cibolo, near the town, which is under the supervision of Mr. Cox. This will be of lasting benefit to the town, as this was a dangerous steep crossing. Some time ago our county commissioners appropriated \$100 towards this enterprise. We think if some good man would open a hotel at the town he would

supply a great want, as many are compelled to return home, not being able to get board and lodging, as some did who came from your city while we were there. The town is located with pleasant surroundings, with plenty of wells of pure free stone water, procured at a depth of 13 to 50 feet.

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