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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THE infinite resources of the State of Texas are comparatively little known outside of her own wild fertile and beautiful domain; the object of this pamphlet is to supply in a measure this heretofore meager, and much sought for information, in a cursory review of some of the leading features in Texas' past history and progress, and without speculation or attempt at prophecy, leave her future to a wise administration, supported by a thoroughly progressive, enlightened and patriotic people.

Her statesmen, aware that education is the basis of all principles of civil and religious liberty, as well as the fundamental cordon of political economy, established a common school system, ample and adequate for the education of all her present and future scholastic population.

Her liberal railroad policy has tended greatly to develop her immense wealth; has been the means of building and putting into successful operation nearly two thousand miles of railroad, thus connecting with an iron tie the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, and also traversing in various directions her surface, thus placing her own borders of eight hundred miles distance, within a few hours of each other.

Whilst corporations are busy in the construction of railroads and ship channels, the farmer has not been idle, but steadily extending his field and fireside, and the merchant and mechanic are prosperous and happy in their respective vocations, whilst the stock-raiser counts his lowing, bleating herds upon the western hills.

With her millions of acres of rich virgin soil ready to bring forth their increase; with her vast railroad system, penetrating in every direction her extensive territory; with her harbors open to the commerce of the world; with her immense beds of coal, silver, copper, and iron ore lying undeveloped within her mountain recesses; her grand forests, with an inexhaustible supply of Ash, Bois d'Arc, Cedar, Cypress, Elm, Hickory, Live Oak, Pine and Walnut; with her vast, convenient, and limitless supply of water power; with her millions of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Swine; with her numberless variety of Fruits and Vegetables, which attain the highest state of perfection; these are some of the substantial inducements, together with a glowing sky and genial climate, Texas offers to all who should seek homes within the confines of her territory.

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