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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

Happy Thanksgiving!

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. And Thursday, November 26, also marks the day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in 1941.

The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as “Lecture Day,” a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims in a three-day festival held in **gratitude** for the bounty of the season.

Thanksgiving became an annual custom throughout New England in the 17th century, and in 1777 the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving following the Patriot victory at Saratoga. In 1789, President George Washington became the first president to proclaim a Thanksgiving holiday, when, at the request of Congress, he proclaimed November 26, a Tuesday, as a day of national thanksgiving for the U.S. Constitution. However, it was not until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to fall on the last Thursday of November, that the modern holiday was celebrated nationally.

With a few deviations, Lincoln’s precedent was followed annually by every subsequent president—until 1939. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt departed from tradition by declaring November 23, the next to last Thursday that year, as Thanksgiving Day. Considerable controversy surrounded this deviation, and some Americans refused to honor Roosevelt’s declaration. For the next two years, Roosevelt repeated the unpopular proclamation, but on November 26, 1941, he admitted his mistake and signed a bill into law officially making the fourth Thursday in November the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day.



There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

November 22 - National Cranberry Relish Day

November 23 - National Cashew Day, National Eat a Cranberry Day, National Espresso Day

November 24 - National Sardines Day

November 25 - National Play Day with Dad, National Parfait Day, Blase' Day, Shopping Reminder Day, Tie One On Day, National Jukebox Day

November 26 - National Cake Day, National Day of Mourning, Thanksgiving Day, Turkey-free Thanksgiving

November 27 - National Bavarian Cream Pie Day, National Craft Jerky Day, National Day of Listening, National Native American Heritage Day, Black Friday, Buy Nothing Day, Flossing Day, Maize Day, You're Welcomegiving Day

November 28 - National French Toast Day, Small Business Saturday



Kingsbury News Past

All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury . . .

The "Tusday" Morning, February 8, 1876 edition of the San Antonio Express had a rather lengthy article on the disadvantages of corresponding from Kingsbury. The people in San Antonio badly wanted the train to extend into the city and not have to deal with the 40 mile stagecoach ride from the end of the rails here in Kingsbury.

And apparently there was quite the stagecoach wars going on between Finucane's and Scott's Line stage companies. The El Paso Stage Company was evidently an even worse ride and was the "bane of San Antonio".



INTERESTING LETTER FROM
KINGSBURY.

KINGSBURY, TEXAS, Feb. 6th, 1876.
Editors Express:

Kingsbury is not a very advantageous place from which to correspond; there is a lack of news, life, and everything else which makes existence endurable. Being the terminus of a railroad, it might be supposed that something better could be expected; the travelling public, however, supply all the news, and the arrival and departure of trains and stages are the events of the day.

There is universal rejoicing among travelers and railroad people, over the result of the election in San Antonio; that is especially the case with the unfortunates who have just endured the inconvenience of stage traveling. It is expected that the road will be completed to the Guadalupe river in less than two months, we can then expect a large influx of immigrants, and Western Texas will then rapidly be settled up and become the most attractive portion of Texas. There is a bright future in store for San Antonio.

Judge Leslie Thompson, Recorder of the City of Galveston, passed through here to-day on his way to his home. He expresses himself as very much pleased with San Antonio, so much so, that he intends to resign his position on the first of March and make San Antonio his future residence. That speaks well for your city—there must be something very attractive about it when a man is willing to give up a good fat office for the privilege of taking up his residence there. Judge Thompson has left his family in San Antonio.

There is great rivalry here between the agents of the two stage companies, and, on several occasions during the present week, passengers have been carried to San Antonio for two dollars each. In the absence of Finucane's agent, Scott's Line charges five dollars. Finucane charges four dollars, the same as from San Antonio. Scott takes advantage of passengers when he can; his Austin Line is an illustration of that; his fare from San Antonio to Austin is eight dollars, but from Austin to San Antonio it is eleven dollars. In times past, the old El Paso Stage Company was the bane of San Antonio; its power, however, is gone, which is a subject of congratulation for us all.

Scott's agent here claims that on and after the first of March they will have the exclusive privilege of taking up railroad tickets and draming on the trains; if that is the case it will be equivalent to running Finucane off the line. I can scarcely believe that the R. R. Company can be so blind to its own interests. Finucane, by keeping the fare down, has drawn travel over the G. H. & S. A. R. R., and Mr. Piereo has been benefitted thousands of dollars. The railroad will soon be so near San Antonio that Mr. Piereo will be independent of all stage companies; he should not, however, be so ungrateful as to go back on Finucane. If any stage company has the monopoly, such extortionate charges will be made for extra baggage, &c., that the route will become unpopular. Without competition, stages will not make as good time as under present circumstances. If the wishes of the people of San Antonio are consulted, Finucane will not be compelled to draw off the line.

The Express comes to hand every evening—twelve hours in advance of the Galveston News. It is a great convenience to us. We regret that this place is not large enough to furnish you with a sufficient number of subscribers to pay for your enterprise in furnishing us with the dispatches in advance of all other Dallas.

In other 1876 news, get all your bird cage and music box needs from Pentenreider & Co., Capt. King is driving 10,000 head of cattle to Kansas next week (can you imagine what that was like?!), A. McCaslin seems to have found the wrong end of a little frontier justice, and there was quite the scene straight out of a Hollywood movie on the train from Brenham with "six-shooter"s, running around on the top of the train cars, and a mysterious disappearance into the "darkness of the night"!

The Kingsbury agent for the El Paso Stage was in San Antonio this week, the St. Marcos Hotel was the "First Evidence of Civilization" here in Kingsbury (that is quite a statement!), wouldn't you have loved to have gotten your hands on this "Splendid Home" for \$3000 (two wells, stone dwelling house, stream of water running through, and a 100 peach tree orchard!!), and Gen. Geo. A. Sheridan is delivering his "great Lectern" on Sam Houston at the court house on Wednesday.

Elsewhere in 1876, get your buggies and ambulances (buggies for carrying people), at M. Eckenroth, an ad for the Finucane Line that ran stagecoaches between Kingsbury and San Antonio, Mexican raids into Texas continue, and "crooked whisky men in New Orleans" are on their way to Mobile for some pointers on how to evade investigation. And a man in Galveston died "on his way home on his dray" (it sounds like he died and the horses just continued home - typical work horses!), Mr. Gregor was shot at the theatre "after he had already paid" (much worse insult that if he had slipped in unpaid and then got shot!), someone robbed that mail coach en route from Clarksville to Texarkana, get a shave for "10 cents" at the Central Hotel Barber Shop, and a wonderful depiction of the G.H.&S.A. train ("Office near the Menger Hotel") with "Two daily trains from Kingsbury".

FISHING TACKLE!
BIRD OAGES
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MUSIC BOXES
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—Just received—
AT THE
PENTENREIDER & CO.'S SUC-
CFSSOR.

A complete assortment of Fishing
Tackle, Bird Oages of every
description, and Music
Boxes of different
prices, from

\$7 50 up to \$50.

Capt. King has 10,000 head of
cattle now under herd, and will
commence driving them to Kansas
next week.

A. McCaslin, who a few months
ago killed Columbus Carroll and
seriously wounded old man Carroll,
in Gonzales county, was found
dead on Pesch creek, in that coun-
ty, with two shot holes in the head.

Thursday night, as the passen-
ger train left Brenham for Austin,
a brakeman noticed a man on top
of one of the coaches, and went up
and ordered him down. The man
drew a six-shooter, and striking
the brakeman on the head, knock-
ed him off the car. Fortunately
another brakeman caught him,
or he would have fallen through
the track and been killed. The con-
ductor then went up after the man,
and he ran over the top of the cars
to the rear one, and jumped off.
The cars were going at a high rate
of speed, and the darkness of the
night prevented the conductor from
seeing whether the fellow was hurt
or not.

FOR SALE CHEAP!
A Splendid Home for \$3,000.
I offer my farm for sale, 10 miles East of
San Antonio, for \$3,000. It contains 60
acres, 45 in cultivation, a good Stone
Dwelling House, Cistern, two Wells, all
necessary outhouses, a stream of water
running through the farm and a bearing
orchard of 100 trees. Terms cash.
Possession given immediately. Enquire
on the premises. A. STOWE. feb1m

SAM HOUSTON
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—AND—
HIS TIMES
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GEN. GEO. A. SHERIDAN,
The distinguished orator, of Louisiana,
will deliver his great Lecture
on the
HERO OF SAN JACINTO,
in this city during the present week. Due
notice of time and place will be given.
—AT THE—
Court House
—ON—
WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 24th, 1876.
feb6 23st. W. L. LAMBERT,
Agent.

Information has been received by Re-
presentative John Hancock, in Congress,
that Mexican raids into Texas continue,
but might be stopped if there were suf-
ficient troops on the border.

It is authoritatively reported that certain
crooked whisky men in New Orleans have
sent an emissary to Mobile to either destroy
certain records or learn how to advise the
New-Orleans dealers of the best tactics to
pursue in case of an investigation.

A man in Galveston died a few
days since on his way home on his
dray.

Geo. W. Gregor, a noted saloon
man of Houston, was shot in the
theatre a few nights ago, by Oscar
Holmes, for trying to put him out
and striking him, after he had al-
ready paid for admission. The
wound is not dangerous.

DE KALB, Feb. 3.—The United
States mail was robbed to-day at
teen miles west of this place en
route from Clarksville to Texarka-
na. One man did the work, having
his face disguised. No clue as yet.

Central Hotel Barber Shop.
Refitted in good style, and is now ready
for the accommodation of the public, at the
following rates:
Shaving 10 cents
Hair Cutting 25 cents
Shampooing 25 cents
B. McGovern.

AMBULANCES AMBULANCES
Ambulances
Buggies
Express Wagons
Etc. Etc.
AT CHEAP PRICES.
Always on hand at the shop of
M. Eckenroth
Near the Central Garden, South side of
Mill Bridge. feb1d2m

The Galveston, Harrisburg
—AND—
SAN ANTONIO RAILROAD.



The shortest line to all points in the
NORTH EAST AND WEST
This road, now in operation one hundred and
sixty-seven miles west of Harrisburg, and
within 44 miles of San Anto-
nio, offers the
SHORTEST, QUICKEST & CHEAPEST
Baggage Checked to Destination.
Two daily trains from Kingsbury, mak-
ing close and reliable connection at Harri-
sburg with trains of the O. H. & H. for Houston
and Galveston—connecting at Galveston with
Morgan steamers daily for New Orleans and
all Points in the Northern and Eastern States.
For Through Tickets or any information re-
garding rates of freight, or passage, or routes
apply at the Freight & Ticket Office, near the
Menger Hotel.
E. O. Mensebach, Ag't.
O. G. MURRAY H. B. ANDREWS,
Asst. G. F. T. Ac' Gen'l Manager

—Personal.—Mr. Frank Stauselle, the
popular agent of the El Paso Stage Com-
pany, at Kingsbury, was in the city yes-
terday. He left for his place of business
this morning.


The First Evidence of Civiliza-
tion.
The St. Marcos Hotel
KINGSBURY, TEXAS.
This home has been newly and hand-
somely refitted. Satisfaction guaranteed.
Prices reasonable. Open at all hours.
20jaly W. J. JOHNSON, Prop'r.

FARE REDUCED
SPEED INCREASED
ON THE
Finucane Line!
The Stage Line from San Antonio to
Kingsbury is now running regu-
lar Daily Trips, making
close connections
with all
trains
First-Class Coaches
Are now run, ensuring comfort and con-
venience.
NO MUD WAGONS USED.
L. M. ENDBLE, Ag't.
Office at the Central Hotel. feb1f





Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Nov 22, 2020


65°F
Fog

Wind: E 2.0 mph
Humidity: 97%
Visibility: 0.8 miles

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					
78° 63°	84° 57°	75° 47°	82° 66°	81° 50°	66° 43°

For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.

 [Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

The Death Of Blackbeard

This week in in American history, Edward Teach, also known as Blackbeard, is killed off North Carolina’s Outer Banks during a **bloody** battle with a British navy force sent from Virginia.

Believed to be a native of England, Edward Teach likely began his pirating career in 1713, when he became a crewman aboard a Caribbean sloop commanded by pirate Benjamin Hornigold. In 1717, after Hornigold accepted an offer of general amnesty by the British crown and retired as a pirate, Teach took over a captured 26-gun French merchantman, increased its armament to 40 guns, and renamed it the *Queen Anne’s Revenge*.

During the next six months, the *Queen Anne’s Revenge* served as the flagship of a pirate fleet featuring up to four vessels and more than 200 men. Teach became the most infamous pirate of his day, winning the popular name of Blackbeard for his long, dark beard, which he was said to light on fire during battles to intimidate his enemies. Blackbeard’s pirate forces terrorized the Caribbean and the southern coast of North America and were notorious for their cruelty.

In May 1718, the *Queen Anne’s Revenge* and another vessel were shipwrecked, forcing Blackbeard to desert a third ship and most of his men because of a lack of supplies. With the single remaining ship, Blackbeard sailed to Bath in North Carolina and met with Governor Charles Eden. Eden agreed to pardon Blackbeard in exchange for a share of his sizable booty.

At the request of North Carolina planters, Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virginia dispatched a British naval force under Lieutenant Robert Maynard to North Carolina to deal with Blackbeard. On November 22, Blackbeard’s forces were defeated and he was killed in a bloody battle of Ocracoke Island. Legend has it that Blackbeard, who captured more than 30 ships in his brief pirating career, received five musket-ball wounds and 20 sword lacerations before dying.




Burn Ban Status

The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court **reinstated** a burn ban on October 14, just a few short weeks after it was lifted.



The burn ban imposed by the Commissioners Court has specific guidelines for

 *Welding, cutting, and grinding or any activity that causes a spark*



Burning household trash



Burning of other items

The official notification with all the guidelines can be found on the Guadalupe County website at <http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/>



During a burn ban, there are some types of fires that ARE legal:



BBQ fires are permitted as long as they are contained to a BBQ pit or fire ring.

-- Be sure to discard your coals and ashes safely by dousing them in water once finished cooking. Do NOT discard coals or ashes in a trashcan. Dispose of them in a non-flammable container.



Trash: You are allowed to burn household trash as long as it is burned in a barrel with a screen top.

-- Be sure to stay out with the fire and have a water source nearby.

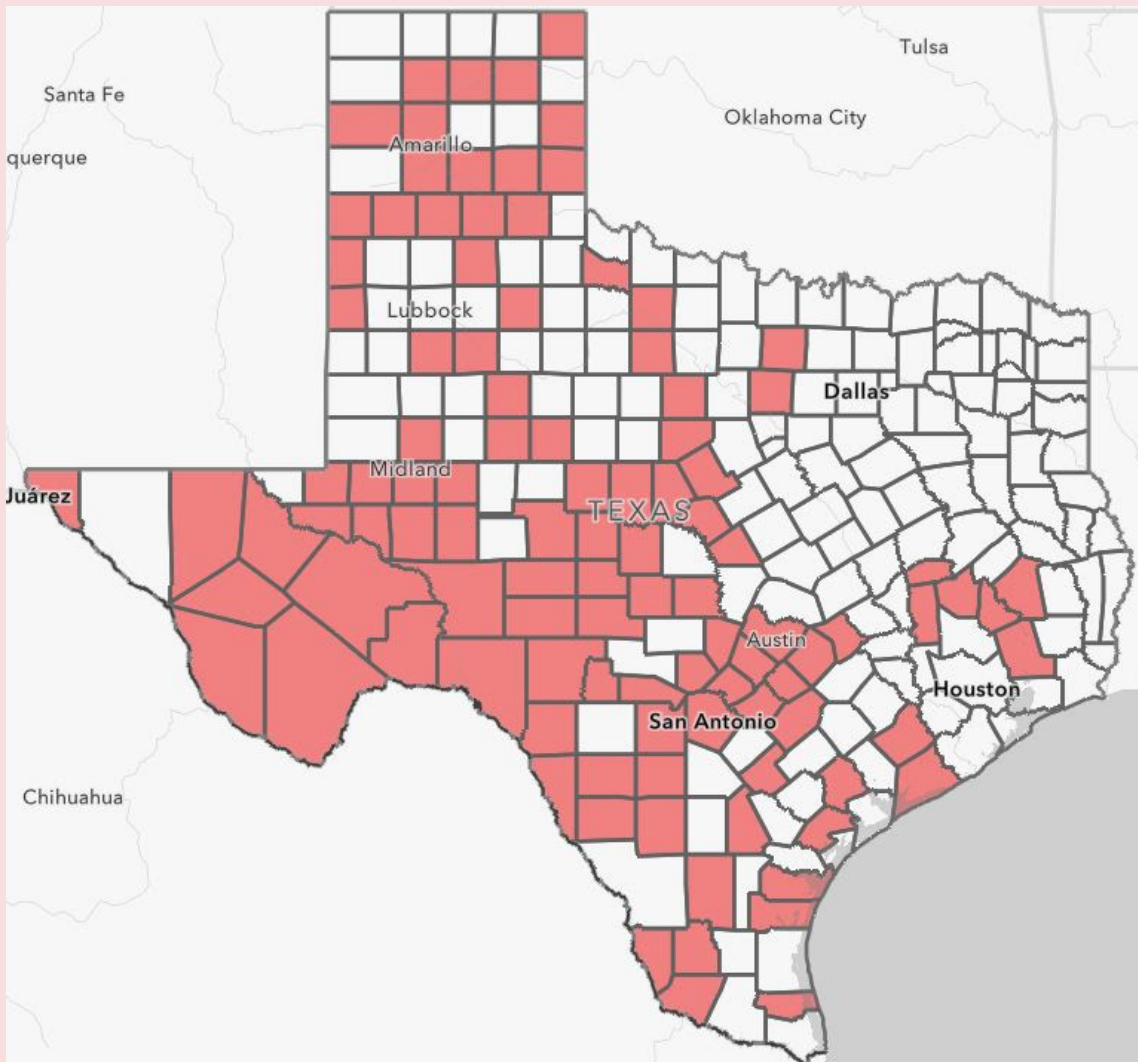


Recreational Fires (i.e. campfires, fire pits) are allowed as long as they are kept in a "fire ring" to prevent spread of fire. These fires cannot be unattended, and you must keep a water source nearby. This does NOT include brush piles



There are currently 106 of the 254 counties in Texas that have a burn ban implemented.

As always, please take precautions and report any fire hazards immediately to the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department at 639-4499. To report a fire, please dial 911.



There will be a Farmer's Market / Market Day in **downtown** Kingsbury today and every Sunday, weather permitting. The event will be in



***Downtown Kingsbury
From noon to 3
Every Sunday***



The event will be outside so you will be able to have the 6 foot safe distancing that is recommended and still be able to pick up farm fresh eggs and produce. Homemade pies, cakes, and other baked goods are also usually available.



Plant starts, fruit trees, herbs, Kingsbury T-shirts, food, drinks, lemonade, homemade soaps, and colorful face masks are usually on hand also.



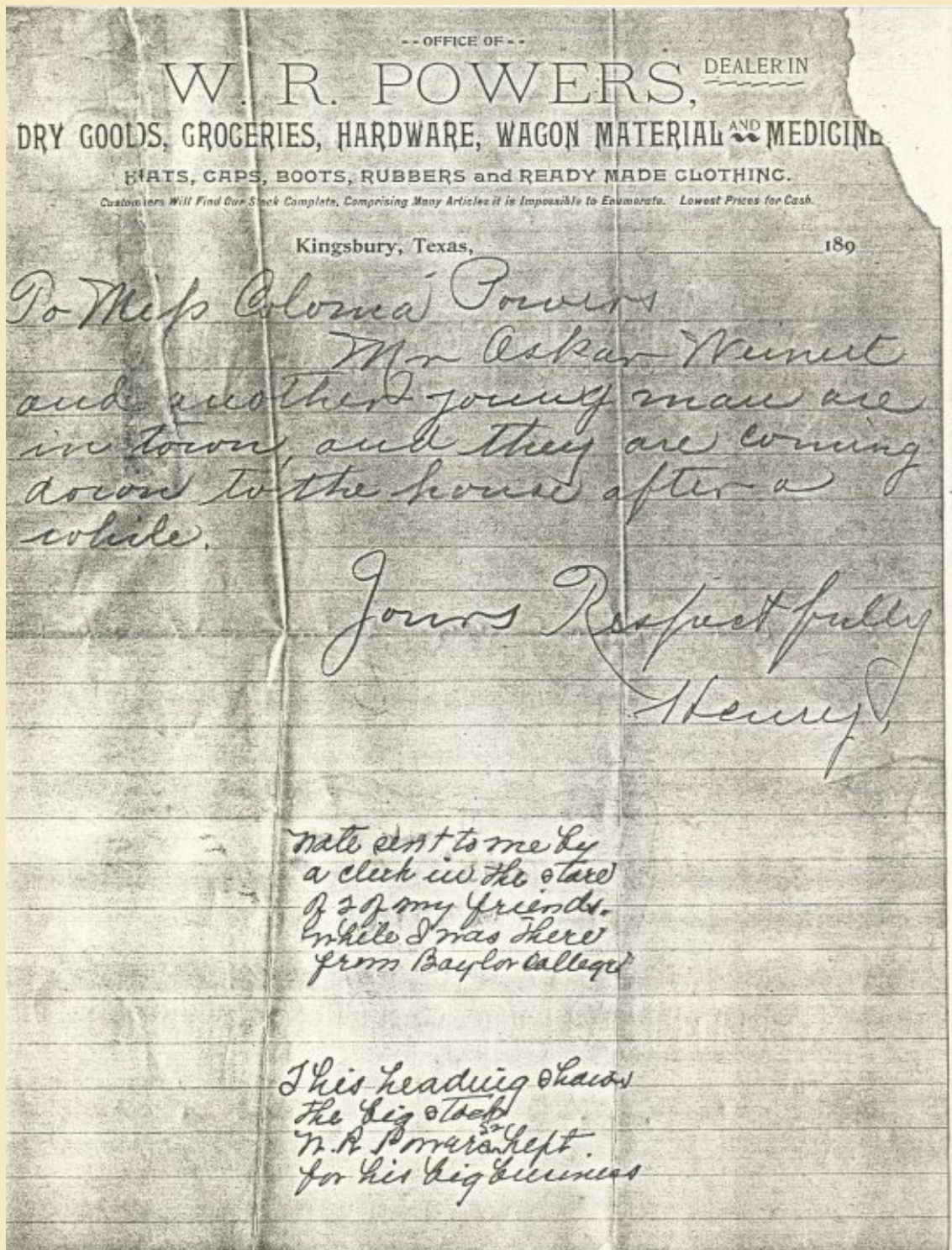
Powers Store

A great picture of downtown Kingsbury and businessmen in front of Powers Store. Mr. William R. Powers (1859 - 1934) is the **gentleman** sitting on the front porch of the store.

The note on the W. R. Powers letterhead is to Mr. Powers daughter, "Miss Coloma Powers" (1884 - 1969) telling her that *"Mr. Oskar Weinert and another young man are in town and they are coming down to the house after a while. Yours Respectfully, Henry."* The letterhead has a date field of "189__" so it was written in the 1890s and Coloma was probably a teenager.

The entire letterhead reads: "Office of W. R. Powers, Dealer In Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Wagon Material, and Medicine. Hats, Caps, Boots, Rubbers and Ready Made Clothing. Customers Will Find Our Stock Complete, Comprising Many Articles it is Impossible to Enumerate. Lowest Prices for Cash. Kingsbury, Texas, _____ 189__."

The Powers Store burned in the fire of 1911.



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