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News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

Trail Riders Coming To Town Today

The Mesquite Trail Riders will be coming to Kingsbury **today** for their annual stopover while on their way to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The Mesquite Trail Riders are one of 11 trail rides on their way to the rodeo this year and will log 87 miles during the trip. These riders promote fellowship and horseback riding as they make their way to the Rodeo with the ride concluding in grand fashion inside the AT&T center Rodeo arena.

The riders will stay overnight at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome on FM1104 and head back out on the trail on Monday, February 3rd. Stop by and say "Hi!" while they're here!.





## 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:

**February 2** - National Heavenly Hash Day, National Tater Tot Day, National Groundhog Day

**February 3** - National Carrot Cake Day, National Day the Music Died Day, National Football Hangover Day, National Missing Persons Day, National Women Physicians Day

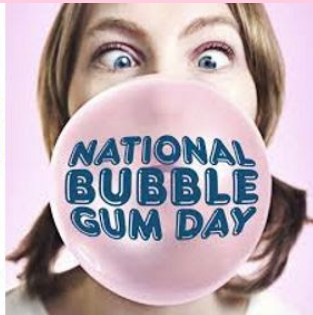
**February 4** - National Create a Vacuum day, National Hemp Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Thank a Mail Carrier Day, Safer Internet Day U.S.

**February 5** - National Girls and Women in Sports Day, National Shower with a Friend Day, National Weatherperson's Day, World Nutella Day

**February 6** - National Frozen Yogurt Day, National Lame Duck Day

**February 7** - Bubble Gum Day, National Fettuccine Alfredo Day, National Periodic Table Day, National Send a Card to a Friend Day, National Wear Red Day

**February 8** - National Boy Scouts Day, National Kite Flying Day, National Iowa Day







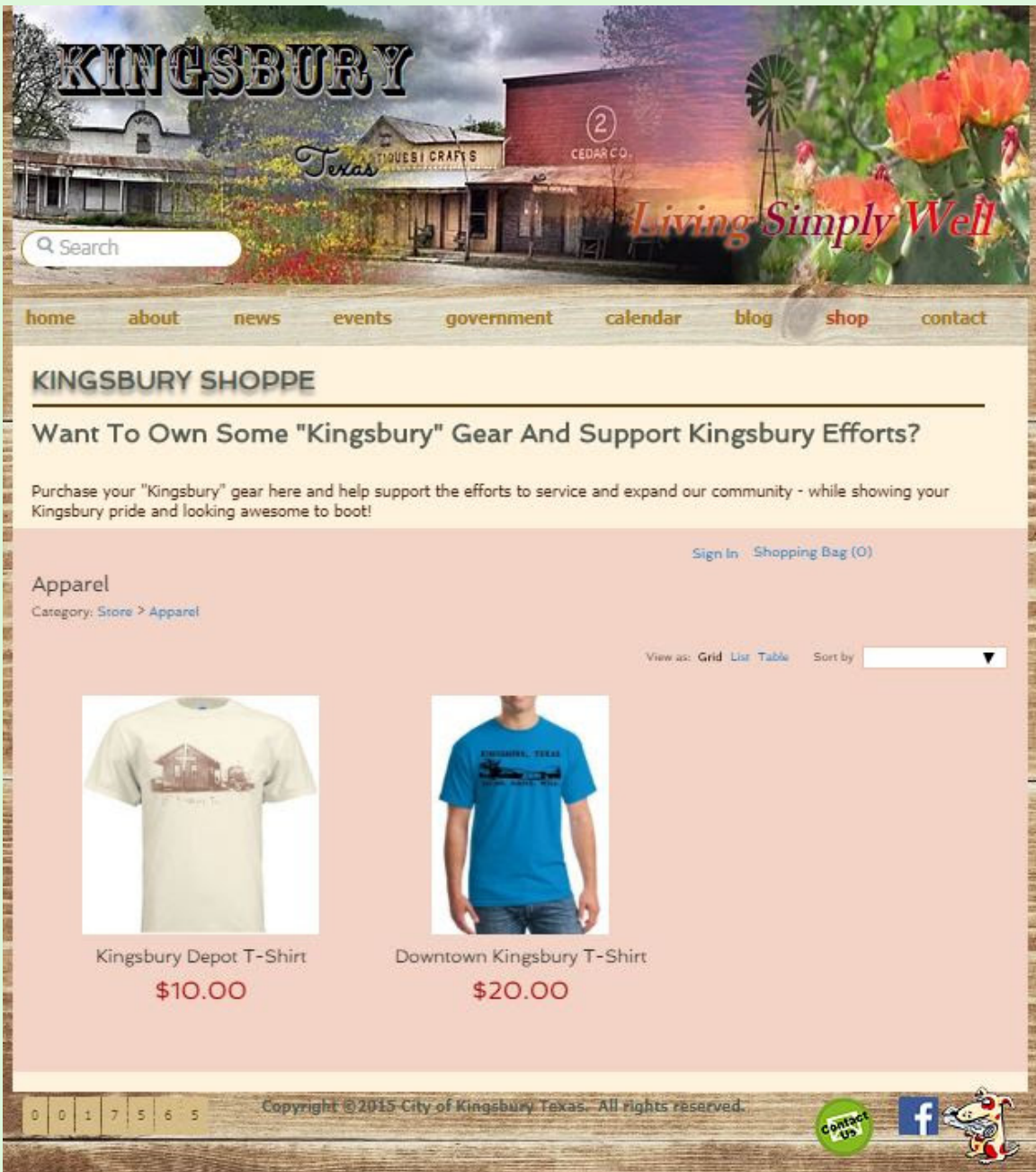
Kingsbury T-Shirts - Now Available Online!

You can now order your awesome Kingsbury T-Shirt online and have it arrive at your door! Just go to the Kingsbury website and click "SHOP" and select the items you want. Pay with a credit card or PayPal and then just wait for your new, fabulous Kingsbury wear to come to you!

The new Kingsbury T-Shirts have a graphic of downtown Kingsbury on Railway street and the Kingsbury logo: **LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL.** That says it all, doesn't it?! They're \$20 and are available in blue, pink, turquoise, red, and the classic black.

The Kingsbury depot T-shirts are also available on the website in the Kingsbury Shoppe that have an image of the old Kingsbury Depot that stood next to the tracks across from the old Post Office. One of the steam locomotives that used to stop here in Kingsbury is shown idling next to the depot, waiting for the next car load of cattle or travelers to New Orleans or San Francisco. The image includes the original writing at the bottom of the picture: "Depot KiNGsbury TEX." The back of the shirt has the Kingsbury logo "LIVING. SIMPLY. WELL." and the Kingsbury website. They're a bargain at just \$10!

Visit the Kingsbury website at [www.kingsburytexas.org](http://www.kingsburytexas.org) to get your new T-shirt sent to you today!





## Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department

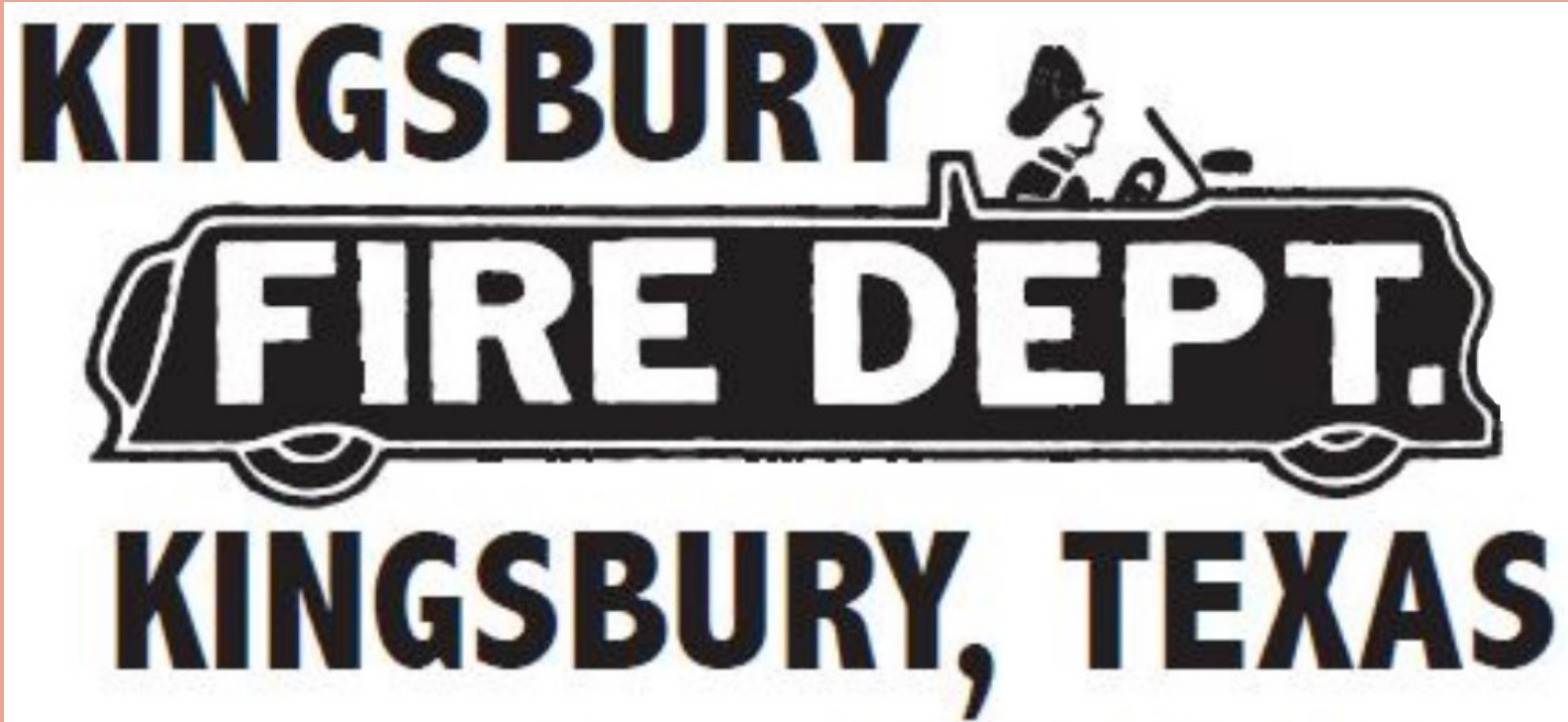
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Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

**Thursday, February 6th**

Stop by to learn what you can do to help your **community** as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2020 will be Thursday, March 5th and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD Auxiliary!



## Groundhog Day

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Today, Sunday, February 2nd, is Groundhog Day!

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no **shadow** means an early spring.

On February 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist".

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Just what the heck is a groundhog anyway? According to Wikipedia: "The groundhog (*Marmota monax*), also known as a woodchuck, or whistlepig, is a rodent of the family *Sciuridae*, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The groundhog is also referred to as a chuck, wood-shock, groundpig, whistler, thickwood badger, Canada marmot, monax, moonack, weenusk, and red monk. The name "thickwood badger" was given in the Northwest to distinguish the animal from the prairie badger. Monax was an Indian name of the woodchuck, which meant "the digger". Young groundhogs may be called chucklings. Other marmots, such as the yellow-bellied and hoary marmots, live in rocky and mountainous areas, but the groundhog is a lowland creature. It is widely distributed in North America and common in the northeastern and central United States and Canada. Groundhogs are found as far north as Alaska, with their habitat extending southeast to Georgia."

There you have it! Do you want 6 more weeks of winter? We haven't had much of one so far so I'm not sure it would make any difference. I'm sure that some of the people up north that are dealing with polar vortexes are looking forward to the groundhog popping up with no shadow in sight.





Maybe we should see if Kingsbury Kliff the Weather-Predicting Armadillo (that's a real thing I just made up) can give us some spring-like weather with a few more cold nights thrown in just to keep the bugs from taking over this summer! Check the Kingsbury [website](#) anytime for the local weather forecast - it's probably more reliable than a large rodent or a ... what *is* an armadillo anyway?



### Kingsbury News Past

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

The "Monday Evening" edition of the November 15, 1875 *San Antonio Express* was issued during the first couple of months after the newspaper changed its name from the *San Antonio Daily Express*. In this paper, there is the regular mention of the Who's Who staying at the local hotels and Mr. John Samuels from Kingsbury was noted as staying at the Central Hotel. A couple of men from Friotown were staying at the same hotel. Friotown (formerly Frio City and now just a cemetery) was a bustling town about 16 miles northwest of Pearsall who's jailhouse guests once included Sam Bass and Frank and Jesse James.

The paper often had a "Two-Bit Advertising Column" where you could run an ad for ... well ... two bits. This day the Allen & Chambers lumber company in Kingsbury dished out the 25 cents plus "5 cents for each additional line" for 3 more lines of ad. George White's store also has cooking stoves "at New York Prices". I guess that meant they were priced low, but "New York Prices" doesn't sound like good deal!





**Hotel Arrivals.**

CENTRAL.

J A Quinlan, Seguin; John S McDonald, City; Chas Smith, L Tuggle, J W Gardner, Texas; W D Wilson and wife, San Marcos; Thos Ulbay, J B Sanderson, City; S Hatt, Cuero; C K. Walter, Somerset; J Baker, Jackson Co, Mo; W A Slaughter, J J Strait, Friotown; F C Funston, Medina Co; J J H Patterson, Geo M Cranston, Wm E Race, Uvalde; Jno F Creswell, Bandera; G T Davenport, G H & S A R R; Miss Greenwood, W Redna, Hondo; M M Mackly, Mo; J A Thomas, Del Rio; John Samuels, Kingsbury; J H Shryer, St Louis; G D Waterbury, Texas; F F Crink, San Marcos; W D Harrington, Uvalde.

**Two-Bit Advertising Column.**

Advertisements inserted in this column, not exceeding three lines, 25 cents first insertion, and 5 cents for each additional line.

FOR SALE.—A very desirable city lot. Apply at this office.

**JUST RECEIVED**—Three hundred cooking and heating stoves of every description, and will be sold at New York Prices, at  
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GEORGE WHITE'S,  
98 Main Street.

**WANTED**—A Servant Girl to do general house work. A German girl preferred. Enquire at T. W. Elsen's, on Travis street, back of Vance House, or at this Office.  
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**ALLEN & CHAMBERS, WHOLE-** and Retail dealers in Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Blinds, &c.. at Kingsbury, terminus of the G. H. & S. A. Railroad. Orders promptly filled on short notice.  
10cd3m] **J. F. HARRIN, Agt.**

Elsewhere in 1875, a man learned not to spur his mule (or any mule for that matter!), the Bergmann Saloon doesn't give an adress at all - it's just "One door West of Wagner & Rummell's" (W&R must be a well-known place!), Mr. Baylor grew one heck of a big sweet potato, and Mr. Odom's ordeal shows a lesson to "careful stockmen" "not to let other cattle than their own get into their herd".

In Washington, President Ulysses S. Grant was given a one hundred gun salute and several rounds of "three cheers" after the Republicans were able to hold a majority over the "Ragbaby" Democrats - so called because there was so much infighting in the Democratic Party over having a gold standard or silver standard (or bimetallic standard) for money that it was said the Republicans could get a rag baby elected). And A. Scheidemantel & Co. is trying to sell the last of their "Swedish Safety Parlor Matches" at the same price as "Common Matches" (when you think about it, matches were probably a very important item in 1875).

H. G. Lidstone & Co. was having their ads printed upside down (I wonder if they paid extra for that?), Col. Szabad will give a lecture on currency at "7½ o'clock P.M.", and evil Mr. Keith apparently poisoned the Thomas family well with arsenic - thank goodness it was discovered in time!

A MAN, riding down Market street this morning on a mule, gave the animal a spur with the object of making him move faster. The mule didn't like it, and so stood himself suddenly upon his front feet, throwing the rider, heels over head, to the front. Nobody hurt.

**THE RAG BABY.**

Washington, Nov. 12.—One hundred guns were fired by the Republicans, in honor of the political victory of Tuesday last. A procession was formed and marched to the Executive Mansion, where the people serenaded the President, who acknowledged the compliment as follows:

"GENTLEMEN: I am very glad to meet you on this occasion, and to congratulate you on so good a cause for rejoicing to the entire country, over the elections of last Tuesday. While the Republican majorities were not great, they were sufficient to accomplish the purpose.

"The 'Ragbaby' has been entirely suppressed, and the people now know what kind of money they are to have in the future, and I think we have an assurance that the Republicans will control this Government for at least four years longer."

Three cheers were then given for the President, three cheers for Hard Money and three cheers for the President's school policy.

**GUSTAVUS BERGMANN.**

WINE AND BEER

—SALOON—

SAN ANTONIO,

One door West of Wagner & Rummell's.

Best brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars always on hand. 13novdtf

**MAMMOTH POTATO.**—We saw this morning, a mammoth sweet potato, raised by General Baylor, on his farm below the city. It was as large as a common pumpkin, and weighed ten and one-half pounds. Mr. Baylor is now ahead of all others in this section on the potato-raising question.

**DISTRICT COURT.**—The verdict of the jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. Thomas L. Odum, was "not guilty." This case shows how careful stockmen ought to be not to let other cattle than their own get into their herd. For, when they have no criminal intent whatever, as in this case, still, unless they are very careful, it gives them infinite trouble.

**IN ORDER TO CLOSE A**

Consignment of

**Swedish Safety Parlor Matches,**

We offer them to the public at the price of Common Matches, \$2 75 per Gross.

**A. SCHEIDEMANTEL & CO.**

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13 Commerce Street, San Antonio.

HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS,  
Gents' Furnishing Goods,

DEALERS IN

**H. G. LIDSTONE & CO.**

**LECTURE!**

**COL. EMERIC SZABAD**

Will deliver a lecture on Currency and other important questions of the day on Saturday next at 7½ o'clock P. M., for the benefit of the Library and Reading Room of the

**ALAMO LITERARY SOCIETY.**

Admittance 50 Cents.  
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**A POISONING SENSATION.**

Lewiston, Me., Nov. 12.—There was some excitement in Leeds, Maine, over the discovery recently of arsenic in large quantities in the family well of B. O. Thomas. The poison was fortunately discovered in the first pailfull pumped up from the well, before anyone had drank from it. W. Keith, a neighbor, has been arrested on suspicion, he having purchased a large quantity in Lewiston lately.



## Primary Election Important Dates

The elections for the Primary races will be held March 3, 2020.

Here are some upcoming important **dates** to remember for those elections:



*Monday, February 3 - Last day to register to vote*

*Tuesday, February 18 - First day of early voting*

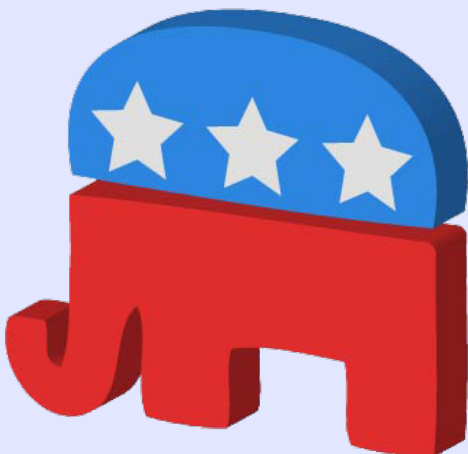
*Friday, February 21 - Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received, not postmarked)*

*Friday, February 28 - Last day of early voting*

*Tuesday, March 3 - Last day to receive ballot by mail, Election Day*



The latest information (including how to become a poll worker) can be found on the Guadalupe County Elections [website](#).



## Kingsbury Weather

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



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.





## Wolfshohl Hotel

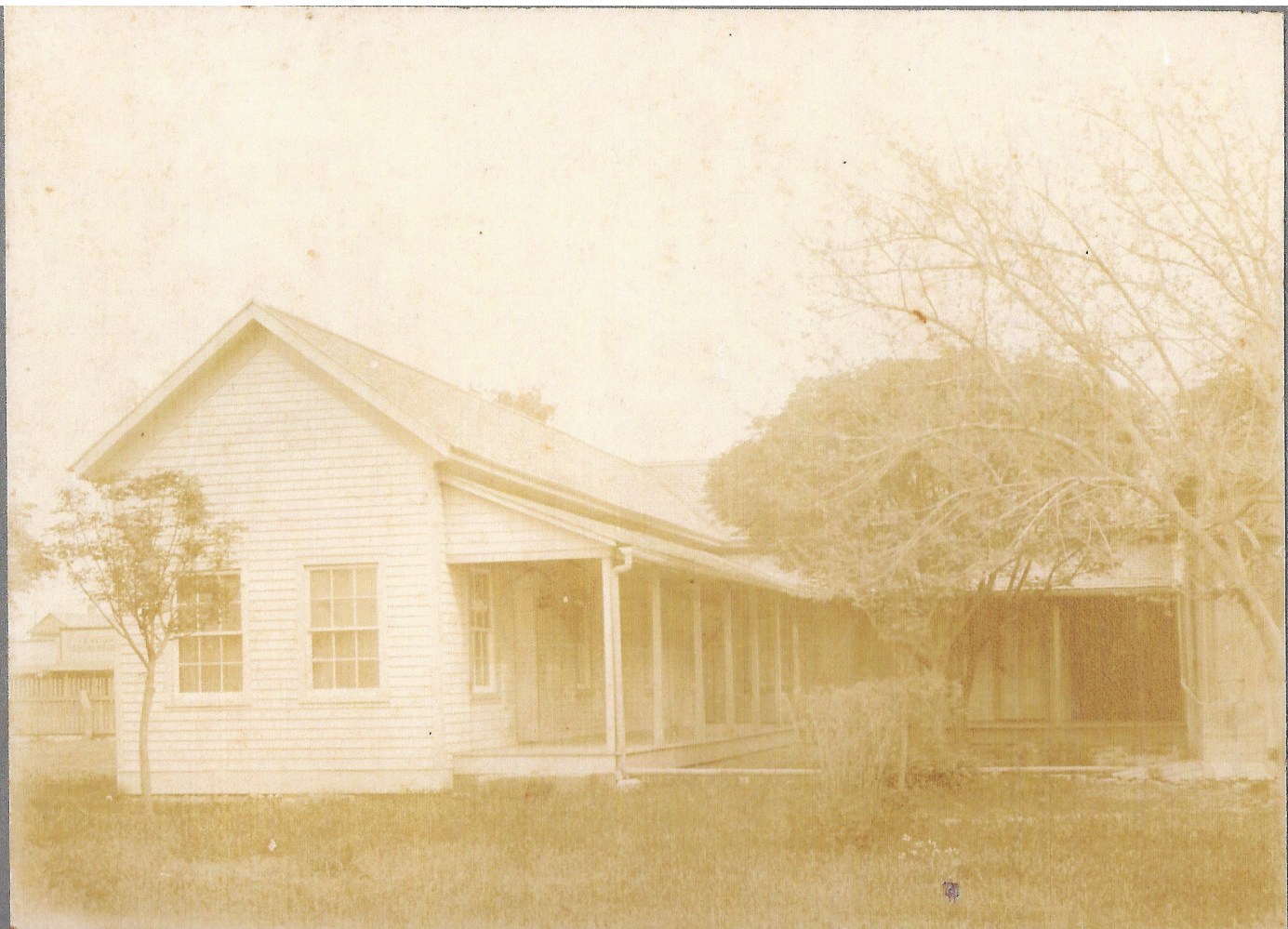
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Kingsbury has had several hotels over the years, one being the Wolfshohl Hotel. This hotel was built south of the **tracks** and the depot by the Hampton family and was sold to Daniel Wolfshohl in 1889.

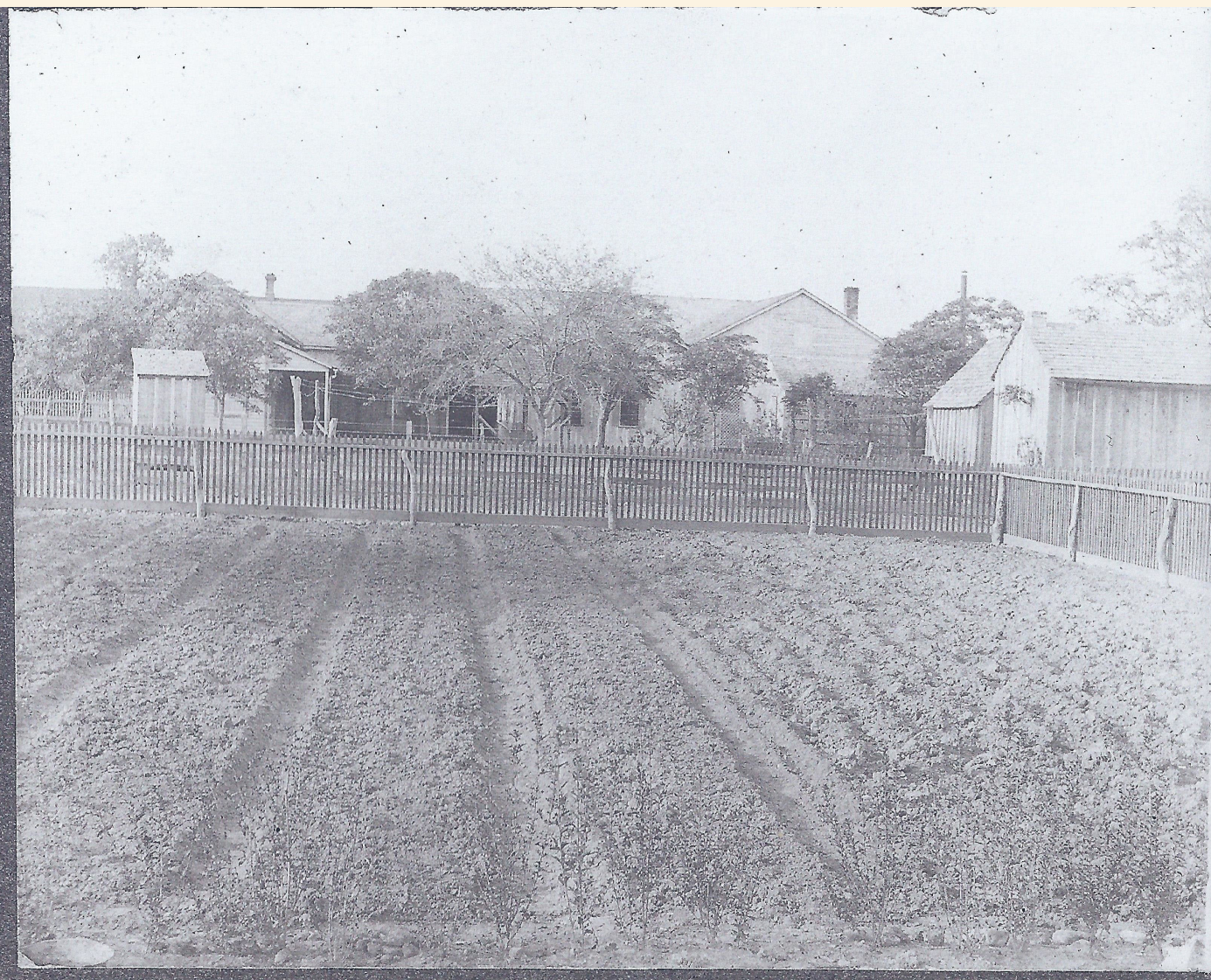
It was used until 1924 when a new hotel was built on the north side of the tracks and called the Lynch Hotel, run by Mrs. Carrie Jones. The pictures below are of the hotel from the front, the back, and the back from across a freshly sewn garden.







Weyshohl Hotel back view



## Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), click on the weird little **dog** at the bottom of any page, and fill out their name and email address. It's so easy! Let's get everybody to be "in the know" about what's going on in their community.



**Thanks!**

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