

Looking Down Memories' Lanes

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Looking down memories lanes to the winter of 1861, more than 69 years ago, I see a couple of horsemen, man and boy, climbing the bluff to the west of what is now the courthouse square of Fort Worth, and I shiver from the memory of the piercing winds that swept the heights on that bleak wintry day. I have no memory of a more desolate place than was the remnant of the skeleton of the abandoned military post and the ~~town~~ town that built up in its shadow.

We passed through to spend the night at some ranchman's or squatters house, where the shades of the departed would not sadden us. Two days later I returned west with a lead horse. The toxin of war had sounded, the Confederate hosts were gathering. I had gone with a soldier to join his command at Dallas, and march to the front to spend four years in the ranks....and I returned at 12 years of age to take his place in the field - and with the thousands of boys in their teens, to forego education and the privileges of youth, to follow the plow.

~~One~~ Who think you had the easier and the happier task - the soldier with comrades or boys deprived of education and bearing the burdens of men? The following is scratched out but included here Yet the laurels, the glory, the emoluments are all claimed and appropriated by those who were fortunate in having been old enough to have acquired their educations.

But, Fort Worth came back. The builders of the T.P & the Transcontinental RR saw it as the logical point for the crossings of railroads from north to south. The growth was slow until it became an assured fact that the T.P. would be built. Since then the city's future has been assured.

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Throwing a clearer light onto the establishment of/Fort Worth Gazette and Mr. Malone's part, the real start was a small stock journal of four pages, little more than a live stock quotations- and credited to Geo. B. Loving. Malone was really editor, occupying 10 x 10 ft. space in the office of a paper on whose press it was printed. Malone's editorials showed marked ability.

I took the matter up with Loving and Malone, suggesting the great need of a newspaper in the livestock interest, and that such a paper could be financed by ranchmen. Loving carried a letter from me to Capt. Loyd and to Caln (or V?), Jim Brittan of Brittan & Lomax Bankers. A charter was taken out for "The Texas Live Stock Journal. Malone was made editor and the paper was a phenomenal success.

The need of a strong statewide daily paper devoted to the interests of Fort Worth and the west became apparent, and the Loving Investment Co. was organized. This company took over the Texas Live Stock Journal and established The Daily Fort Worth Gazette, Malone as editor-in-chief, and Capt. Pattock (Paddock?) as city editor.

I held certificate no. 1 of the Texas Live Stock Journal and surrendered it for stock in Loving Investment Co.

In Malone's early death, Fort Worth and the state lost a great newspaper man.

Reckless trading in Cattle and ranches wrecked the Loving Investment Co. and involved both papers.

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