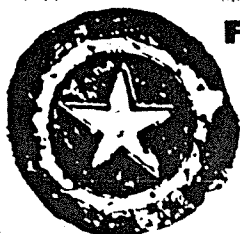


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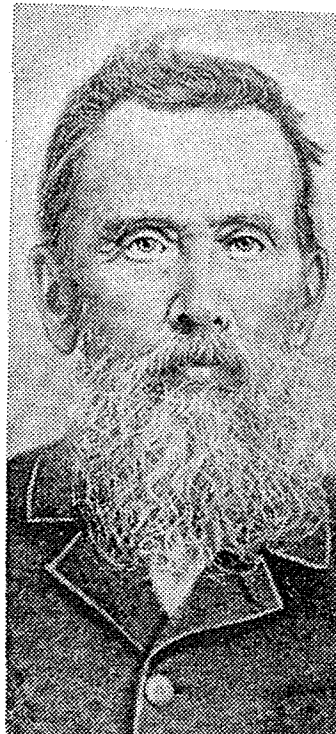
Of Outstanding Family In County

This has been one of the most outstanding families in this county. They came very early and are still with us. More than of this family served also this county. And outstanding in this family was Dr. Marshal B. Bennett. "Record of Southwest Texas" presents this interesting story of Dr. Bennett:

"This gentleman has been a close student of his profession, and in his mission of (healing the sick), have won for him, not the respect alone, but earnest regard of the large clientele which he has gathered around him. The family physician, he becomes also in scores of cases the family adviser in matters of business and affairs other than of a professional nature."

Born in Tuscola, Ala., in 1820, he was a son of Stephen and Mary Bennett. They moved to Texas in 1840, first settling in Washington Co., then in Gonzales Co. There he bought a league of land at 25c per acre and improved it into a valuable farm. His wife died in 1880, while he died when 95 years old.

Their son, Marshal, studied for doctor in Tuscaloosa University, Alabama. He started to practice his profession first in Washington Co. He was also in the war of 1846 with Mexico. Then he located in Lavaca County. He was also active in making Hallettsville the county seat. Here he erected the second house and made his home here for thirty years. He opened also the first drug store



here, being the first merchant. He also owned a farm of 228 acres. In 1892 Dr. Bennett moved to Yoakum and enjoyed a lucrative practice.

In 1859 he married Mrs. Marie Harmn of Hallettsville. She died in 1861, leaving one son, William H. In 1863 Dr. Bennett married Miss Carrie West, daughter of Dr. Isaac West of Washington County, and they had two children, Steve Lee and Sallie, of San Antonio.

"The doctor is a gentleman of the old school, agreeable, sociable and exceptionally well informed."