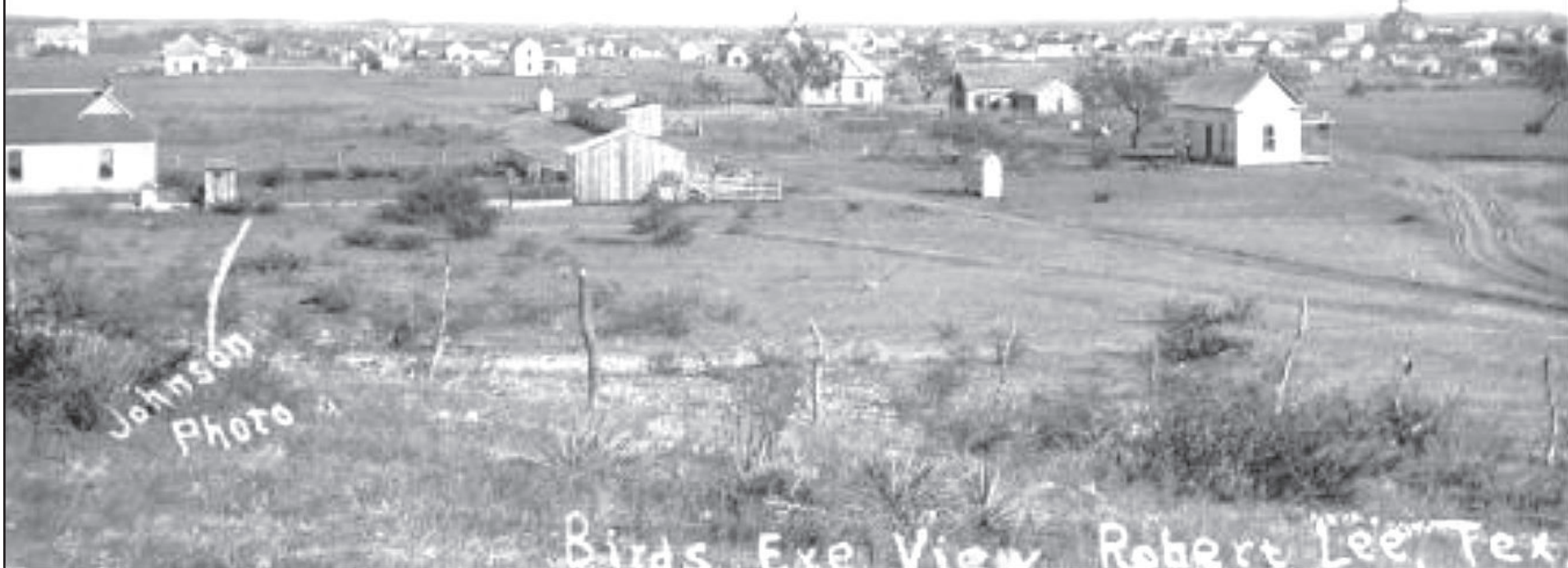


**Bird's Eye View of Robert Lee!** This photo was taken in 1908 or 1909 and used as a postcard sent to John Locke from his brother Oscar Locke.



**A Trip to Sanco**

[Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the January 9, 1906 issue of the Robert Lee Observer.]

A few days since I visited Sanco to see if I could find out anything about the Orient, but found everybody so busy getting ready for another crop that they had forgotten all about the Orient. In fact, they have all the improvements on hand at present that can be handled without taking further contracts. After leaving Sanco I made a stop at Judge Campbell's hoping to have my store of knowledge increased, which was done, but on a different line from what I was looking for. About the time I entered his front gate I heard his good wife

say" "Look out, he is coming." About that time something hit me all over and I landed about twenty feet nearer the front door. I jumped up and ran inside more dead than alive. I asked the good old lady of the house what on earth it was that hit me. She said, "God bless you, it is nothing but the old man's pet mule." I wanted to know what the old man wanted with such a beast, and she told me that he was worth a full pack of blood hounds to keep guard around the place. I looked out of the window and the son-of-a-gun was backed up against the front gate gritting his teeth and shaking all four of this feet at me in such a way that I almost went into a state of collapse. I asked one of the young ladies if there

was any chance for me to get out alive. She said if I was a quick stepper I might make it while her sister rang the dinner bell on the other side of the house. When the bell started the mule started and so did I. I got out much faster than I got in and I promised the young ladies that if I ever went that way again I would carry a gatling gun and blow that infernal mule clear out of the county of Coke. I noticed a smile come over her face and I am sure she would be glad to see me coming. I was told that

the old judge has the old mule so well trained that there is not a boy around Sanco that will venture inside of his premises, so I don't blame the girls for wanting the rascal exterminated. About sundown I pulled up at Bud Ulmer's, one of the most thrifty farmers and ranchmen of Coke county, and by the way, an all around good fellow. I asked him if I could stay all night with him. He said he had never turned a man off, but he did not like my appearance and I would have to see his wife about the matter. About that time old

Father Baker came up and gave me such a hearty greeting that Mr. Ulmer told met to drive in, which I did. After supper I told him my experience with the mule, and he said he was sorry he spoke to me as he did and for me to always consider myself welcome at his home from that time on. The next morning when I left him he gave me a five dollar note and bid me God-speed. At noon I found myself at the home of my old friend, Ben Bilbo, the jolliest man in all west (Continued on page 18)

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