

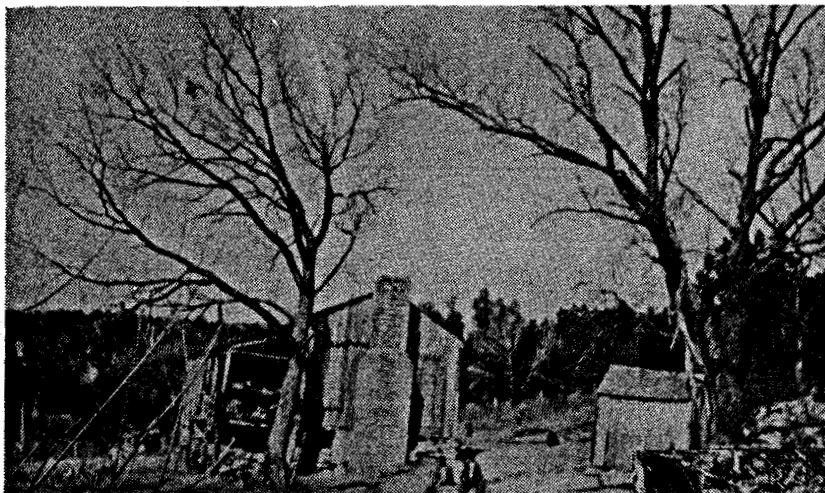
THE PICNIC PLACE

. Aline Lamb Sellers

The Joseph M. Cox farm, six miles east of Gatesville was a beautiful place back in the horse and buggy days about 1916-18.

The Cox home was built about 1860. About 1862 Mr. Cox split Cedar Logs to make a water carrier to his house and milk house, and on to his watering trough for his cattle.

This area was very popular as a place for the young people picnicking, picture taking, and having a wonderful Pioneer Day.



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This popular place was destroyed about 1925 by CCC boys. Both mountains on each side of the hollows were cleaned off of all trees and brush, allowing the spring water to flow down the hollow. No one is allowed to enter this area by the present owners. It is such a pity. This could have been such a beautiful historical place to-day.

The picture to the right shows the water carrier made of split cedar logs by Joseph Cox on his farm early in 1862.

A distant aunt of mine, Ann Lamb Rogers, married Joseph Cox in 1879 after her first husband died soon after they arrived in Texas from LaClede County, Missouri.

