

other nearby towns that grew up along the railroad which includes Cleora, Ketchum, Pensacola, and Bernice.

The first settlement of the West pioneers was the building of a home a mile or so south of Joe's place. Nearby that first settlement the West cemetery was established, started before the Civil War. A visit to this burial place reveals the names of the many who lived and died in this part of the country. Long before the state was covered up with government built dams on the rivers their part of Grand River was a wonderful fishing place. Gigging, trot-lining, seining, bank hooks, or noodling always made for a big fish dinner. Fur trapping, and hunting wild game was another of the pleasures they enjoyed. For the most part all of these things are gone now. Joe no longer goes over to a place called Begel Bend on the river to fish, and he says "Times have changed."