

FIFE, DAWES

HARD TIMES OF '94

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Hon. Governor William Jenkins filed on and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land three miles southeast of Newkirk, Oklahoma.

He told me of the difficult times the homesteader had in getting seed wheat.

The Cherokee Strip Homesteaders had filed on land that was suitable for wheat; they plowed and prepared their land for sowing wheat but were unable financially to buy seed to plant their crops.

Mr. Jenkins with the aid of two reputable business men of Arkansas City obtained from the Arkansas City Mill Company two hundred and twenty five orders of seed wheat for the farmers. For security, Mr. Jenkins had promissory notes for the homesteaders to sign, thereby pledging to pay for the wheat received with interest.

When the wheat was harvested in the fall of '94 the crops were good and the notes were all paid.

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NOTE:

William Jenkins was a Territorial Governor in Oklahoma.

Editor.