

For their report, the Frankfort statistics folks asked someone from each county to come up with a history of their county. They got more of a description than a history from most authors, but they can be interesting, nonetheless.

OWEN COUNTY.

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Owen county is a hill county with a rich limestone soil especially adapted to farming and stock raising. Blue grass is a product of the soil, while almost every other grass is grown here. Much attention is given to clover as a soil builder.

Owen county has improved wonderfully in the last ten years, with farmers paying much attention to sheep raising, which is to some extent taking the place of tobacco as a money crop.

Tobacco grown in Owen county is the Burley type and crops of this weed grown in this county have a very fine flavor and texture and much color; especially is this true of tobacco grown upon the seven hills and locust thickets.

Farmers in Owen have begun to ship cream and this industry promises to be a paying one to those who are paying more attention to the dairy breeds of cattle.

Upon the west side of the county are the Gratz and Twin Creek mines, from which several different kinds of ore have been taken. These mines seem to be a paying proposition, as they are worked by foreign people when the weather permits.

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The population of Owen has gradually decreased in number and it is believed that the next census will continue to show a fall off in number, as the war is drawing upon the younger generation.