

S. W. MISSOURI RY. EXTENSION

President Makes the Announcement that Company Will Start at Once to Build from Galena to Baxter Springs.

The extension of the Southwest Missouri Interurban railway from Galena to Baxter Springs has been authorized.

This information was given out Tuesday by A. H. Rogers, president of the company, while in Baxter Springs in company with a party of officials composed of E. J. Spratt, superintendent and T. A. Earbaugh, director. In the party also were William Hand, of Kansas City, district manager of the General Electric company, his engineer, M. M. Boggess and A. A. Tracon, president of the Midland Bridge company, of Kansas City.

Mr. Rogers stated that work on the extension would begin forthwith and he hoped to have the cars running to Baxter Springs within eight months.

Asked regarding the further extension of the line from Baxter through the mining towns south of us. Mr. Rogers stated that the big problem was to build from Galena to Baxter including the bridge across the river. From Baxter south and west would be an easy matter. He left it for one to draw his own conclusion that once here the line would go right on to the mining district.

A remarkable feature of the announcement from Mr. Rogers is that there are no strings attached. His company asks for no bonuses whatever from any of the towns. He will simply ask for franchises and the good will of the public in the matter of securing right of way, etc.

Several different propositions have been presented to this city by prospective railroad companies and promoters but our council

has avoided making agreements with any of them, holding to the belief that as soon as practicable Mr. Rogers would give us the railroad line so badly needed, and that too without exacting tribute from the city. It is now proven that the council acted wisely. Mr. Rogers word is as good as his bond and his bond would be good for any amount.

Baxter's future is now assured. We soon shall have an interurban line of the first class, adequately financed and officered by high class men.

We have heard knockers (every little town has them) complain that an interurban line would hurt Baxter.

Within the past two months Mr. Rogers and his associates have invested close to \$50,000 in Baxter business property. He knows what will happen to Baxter, and if the coming of the railroad meant anything but prosperity does any one suppose he would take on such large investments here.

On account of recent trouble with film companies the Majestic theater has taken up a contract with a new film corporation the General film company. Mr. Reahms will show nothing but high class pictures. He has an up to date house cooled in summer and warmed in winter.

The Baxter high school had three guests of honor Tuesday. They were Rev. and Mrs. Browne and Rev. Craig who is visiting the Brownes. The reverend gentlemen gave talks that were full of sound reasoning. The high school students glad to hear such talks and welcome anyone willing to give them.

Library Hall Available.

A new steel fire escape has been installed by the city council on the library building. It is not a thing of beauty and by no means a joy forever to our librarians who objects to having the light shut out from the window nearest the reading table, nor does its conspicuousness meet the approval of the artistic eye of some of the lady patrons who feel that the "thing" should have been placed at the back end of the building "where it belonged" and where some say the law says it must be erected. Nevertheless the new fire escape complies with the state law as far as furnishing adequate exit in case of fire is concerned, and for that we all should be thankful, for in the second story of the library building is a fine little hall, seating about 300 and fitted up with a stage. Because of the lack of a fire escape it was condemned for public meetings some time ago and has since been idle. Now it is available for entertainments and The News hopes it will be used frequently during the winter season. Preparations ought to begin now for some home talent shows and musical programs.

Baxter has the talent, some enterprising young folks to make the start is all that is needed. Why not organize a dramatic club and stage two or three plays through the winter. A few good lectures could be made to pay. The community life of Baxter needs such entertainments and since we have a very suitable hall, why not have them. We can't get along altogether on picture shows.

Club Entertains. The Baxter Reciprocity Club was hostess to the Galena Reciprocity club at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Willard last Friday. The afternoon was spent in music, readings and contests. Those present were Mesdames Cooley, Davis, Hedges, Moellar, Messinger, Morgan, Powell, Pinson, Ricksecker, Schallek, Sanders, Sbrriener, Fiach, Wellip and Miss Davis of Galena. Mesdames Archer, S. J. Cook, Frank Hartley, Miss Talbot, Mesdames Cardin, Carmichael, Connor, Covey, Gilman, James Hartley, Ed Hodgkins, Will Jones, Kaltenbach, M. I. Nichols, Ed Polster, Rucker, Willard, Wright, W. W. Wyatt, Youse. The club meets this Friday with Mrs. Wright.

Presbyterian Church. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject Sunday morning "The Temptation of Jesus." Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. R. BROWN, Minister. James C. Page will proceed to do his part in the transformation of Baxter Springs into a down-to-the-minute western city by tearing out the old front of his drug store building and putting in a handsome plate glass and white enameled brick front to harmonize with the handsome front on the Variety store, the front put in by J. W. Grantham. The floor of the drug store will also be lowered to the sidewalk level.

Have You Seen Him? You will know him by his Trade Mark—he carries it with him. He's the Knocker on Baldwin's Honey. He is the one that would steal from you by selling you adulterated goods if he had a chance. Baldwin's Honey is Pure and Delicious. Ask your Grocer for it. If he won't sell it to you Baldwin will.

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O. N. BALDWIN, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Real Estate Very Active.

News of railroad building and big ore strikes has set real estate in Baxter all in a flutter. Columbus court house people complain that we have swamped them with transfers. A partial list of purchasers follows:

W. B. Fancher sold to T. Connor, for \$2,400 the English residence on Military street that he bought the week before for \$1,800.

Mrs. Anna Peake has sold her residence to Messrs. Martin and Hackney of Joplin.

Perkins Improvement company sold to J. W. Grantham 100 feet and two residences just beyond the English house. Also sold to W. C. Hartley the residence now occupied by J. W. Twente.

L. H. Pepper sold to A. E. Pfremmer his residence property in northeast part of the city.

W. C. Hartley and J. W. Grantham bought of Mr. Tusing lot adjoining Gregory trading company property.

A. B. Thomas, Joplin, bought the 50 foot corner at the rear of the post office.

C. L. Smith and E. H. Schloeman have bought eight acres adjoining town on north known as White property.

Ray Moore, Galena hardware dealer bought corner just north of new photo gallery.

Other big transfers are pending that the News is now at liberty to mention this week.

George Rardin has sold to Bob Keith, of Joplin, and Mr. Burk representing the Continental Zinc Company, the corner now occupied by Cook's grocery. It is rumored that this is to be remodeled and when completed will be occupied by a third bank in Baxter.

W. T. Gregory stated to a News man that he had contracted to sell his 50 foot corner, River and Military street for \$6,000. A. H. Rogers is the purchaser.

Peoria Items. Really it has rained a good rain that left water in the ponds and cisterns but not enough to effect the wells.

The little child of Chas. Potect died Friday night after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Mary Barnsides and Miss Wade were in Baxter on Saturday.

The Lucky Osage Mining Company made a good strike on the Ray forty north of town last Friday.

Leonard Goodell and family came over Saturday from Miami to attend the funeral of their nephew, the Potect baby.

Two auto loads of 'possum hunters from Baxter came down and was joined by Garland McConkey with his 'possum dogs, a good time by all and two 'possums killed was the result.

Al Hobson and wife of Roma, Mo., has been visiting their brother, Chas. Nichols and other relatives in and near town part of this week.

Mrs. Nichols of Commerce has been visiting her children, Chas. Nichols and Mesdames Chas. Shields and Chas. Hiles.

James Martin is home on a fifteen days visit.

Mr. Baker and wife are moving into the hotel as Mrs. Fred Avery is quite sick in Joplin with typhoid fever.

Joe Cardwell is in Big Cabin, Okla., on business.

Chas. Nichols motored to Commerce Monday to take his mother home after visiting in this vicinity some time.

Charley Geboe was in Joplin Monday.

Frank Ray and wife and James Kendall and wife were in Joplin Monday.

Kodak Finishing—Give me just one trial.—Parker, Photographer.

Cost of Sewers.

C. M. Cooper, county surveyor and city engineer of Columbus, was in the city Monday. Mr. Cooper is a candidate for reelection as county surveyor and called at the News office to order his card inserted in the paper. While here the editor took occasion to "pump" him for a little free information regarding the cost of a sewer system in Baxter. Mr. Cooper volunteered an off hand estimate of \$35,000 as the total cost of a first class sewer service to cover the central part of town and serve perhaps one-third of the population. This would include the disposal plant which the law now requires and which would make up a large part of the total cost. This would run between \$15,000 and \$20,000 depending upon the nearness of suitable material such as gravel, etc. It would also include the main sewer leading through the district, another \$15,000 Mr. Cooper thought ought to put sewers practically all over the city. It would not be as expensive as in many places because of the good drainage which would permit the use of much smaller pipe. In most cities Mr. Cooper says the city bonds itself for the money with which to build the disposal plant, which is built out of the general fund and the cost of mains is assessed to property benefited and payments are strung out over a period usually of twenty years, which makes the payments very easy.

The News has had a good deal to say in favor of sewers. This improvement must be made before Baxter will enjoy any considerable growth, because people likely to come here nearly all insist on living in a town affording modern conveniences and good sanitation.

Practically all leading property owners favor sewers, and we understand the city council is favorable. What, then, is to hinder making a start?

List of Letters Remaining in the postoffice at Baxter Springs, Kansas, for the week ending with Oct. 18, 1916, which if not called for within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.:

Mr. J. T. Crowley
Mr. J. O. Heryford
Cosmic Light
Miss Garnett Myers
Mrs. Frank Thompson.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised," giving date list.
Chas. L. Smith, P. M.

Why delay having those photographs made.—Parker, Photographer.

Bought and Sold. Second hand clothes and shoes. We take the clothes in on new ones. Clean, press, dye and make clothes to fit. Laundry every day. Phone 138. Baxter Dye Works, dry cleaning and steam pressing.

Automobile insurance of all kinds. See Martin. Can't beat his rate.

New Oil Company. The Cunningham-Wells Oil Company is a new corporation organized to operate in Baxter Springs. The company will be wholesale and retail distributors of gasoline, coal oil and lubricating oils. The principal stockholders and officers of the company are R. G. Cunningham, president of the Cunningham Oil company of Miami, and Charles Wells, at present a deputy sheriff of Jasper county, Joplin district. Mr. Wells has resigned his office and will move here soon with his family and take charge of the business. A filling station will be put in soon on South street, one block west of Military, on the west end of the lots recently sold to Sheriff Baker of Joplin by Squire Hodgkins. Warehouses will also be erected and tank trucks will be put into service. Two twelve thousand gallon tanks will be erected to begin with. Besides Baxter the north end of the mining district will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dresser, of Atkinson, Ill., are here visiting their son, Rolland Dresser, and family.

Insure your car against theft. So cheap you can't afford to be without it. See Martin today.

Come to Our Store This Week

We want you to get particulars of the BIG EDISON WEEK PRIZE CONTEST for best descriptions of the New Edison's value as an entertainer and musical educator in the home. We want you to know what Music's Recreation is.



Concerts Daily at the Store

THE NEW EDISON is what a New York Music Critic calls "The Phonograph with a soul." Everyone should hear it. It accomplishes what all other inventors but Edison believed impossible. It is the great Wizard's favorite invention.

J. W. GRANTHAM,
Baxter Springs, Kansas.

When the Sparks Begin to Fly

the public "takes notice" and begins to boost—that's plain, every day human nature—also an additional help received by those who consistently use OUR Bank Account Plan to help get ready to "Make the Sparks Fly."

OUR PLAN is definite, there is nothing hap-hazard about it, although it is adaptable to the convenience of each individual. The Plan and our facilities for the proper carrying it through are ready for use by the earnest people of this community. No expense. Come in and let us tell you about it.

The

Baxter National Bank

WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Remember the Text

Our text this week, brethren, is taken from the book of every successful man's experience: "Work for the dollars in youth and manhood so that in old age the dollars may work for you."

Isn't that a pretty fair test for a sermon on industry, economy and a savings account? Doesn't it tell its own story to you? If it doesn't you have one of life's greatest lessons yet to learn and here's hoping you don't learn it after it is too late. The time to open a savings account is right now. You will never regret it. In fact you will live to see the day when you will thank us for preaching this short sermon. It's no joke. It's serious business.

OURS IS THE ONLY BANK IN BAXTER SPRINGS IN WHICH DEPOSITS ARE GUARANTEED.

Baxter State Bank

THE FLORA GROCERY

It behooves all to buy their flour and feed before the expected rise. We bought a car load of flour before the last rise and we are giving our customers that advance. Call and get prices. We pay cash for butter and eggs. Satisfaction to customers or money back.

Faught & McDonald, Prop's.

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GLASS DRUGS RUBBER GOODS

Go To
OPPOSITE STATE BANK
JAMES C. PAGE.
I Harp on Quality and Service.

Wanted to Buy Three Farms

1 40-acres, unimproved west of Baxter.
1 40-acres improved and 1 80-acres improved near Baxter. Call phone 235 or see D. MARTIN, the live wire Real Estate Man. City, Farm, Automobile Insurance. Farm Loans, no delay.

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