

RICH DEPOSITS INSURE GROWTH

Outside Investors Looking for Big Developments in Coming Year—Are We Asleep?

"A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," or something like that, is a biblical aphorism as true today as ever.

The saying is equally as applicable to the reputation of a town. That accounts for the fact that everywhere else within a hundred miles people are more alive to the future prosperity of Baxter Springs than they are right here at home. Go to Joplin and you will find all eyes turned this way; the same at Columbus and Miami.

Alert business men in these cities and elsewhere have been watching the development of the immense mining field to the southwest of the city and have become satisfied by the showings already made that this city is practically surrounded by rich lead and zinc deposits. Men who are in a position to know better than the general public the mineral values of this vicinity have shown their faith in Baxter's future by coming in and making many important purchases of business and residence real estate. Last week this paper published a list of real estate transfers half a column long. This week the purchases are almost as numerous. These purchases mostly have been made by outside investors, who are coming in to establish business houses, machinery plants, wholesale concerns, etc.

There is no longer any doubt about the future. Baxter is bound to have a big growth in

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O. N. BALDWIN,

Baxter Springs, Kansas.

the next year. One year hence the interurban will run through here from Joplin to Miami. It will add to Baxter's trade territory immensely and will afford easy and cheap transportation for hundreds of men who live here because of the superior home advantages this city affords over the mining camps, in the matter of schools, churches, good water, beautiful shade trees, etc. The Southwest Missouri is not the only railroad already building this way. A surveying party in the employ of the Powers Construction company has been within a few miles of Baxter on the west locating a railroad running from Bartlesville, Okla., up through the mining district to Baxter, and it is currently reported that the motor line from Miami to Picher, owned by the O. K. & M. railway, that has now been extended to the Blue Mound within four miles of here, will soon be brought into town. It goes without saying that these railroads would not be attracted to this town unless they could see its importance as an industrial center.

Men who are in a position to know just what Baxter will do have come in of late and bought up several valuable business sites. We refer to Pres. A. H. Rogers for the Southwest Missouri railway, and Mr. Barke of the Continental Zinc company, and others.

It is the opinion of many shrewd investors who have looked us over recently that Baxter people are asleep at the switch. That now is the time for the city to get busy and prepare the way for a big growth by making necessary provisions for caring for the people who want to come here. Steps should be taken to enlarge and extend the water system and put in sewers. Many of our people with capital should build houses either for rental or sale. Houses are needed now most of all. A hundred families would come here this fall if they could find suitable living quarters. Think what that would add to the prosperity of the city.

Money invested in four and five room modern rental houses, comfortable but not elaborate, can easily be made to yield an income of ten to twelve per cent. Any person able to buy a building site can borrow the money to

build and his rent receipts will pay the debt in a few years and he will have the house clear. Ninety-nine out of every hundred people who have accumulated property have done so by going in debt to make the start. Why be afraid when your income is sufficient to carry the load and gradually pay off of the principal?

A hundred houses ought to go up in Baxter this fall and the News expects to see that accomplished.

Good Roads Come First.

Good roads are of prime importance to the people who live in this trade territory and that applies to readers of The News a large percent of whom live in the community tributary to Baxter Springs. With this in view The News presents in this issue many arguments from many points of view for the building of permanent roads. It hopes that the various articles on the subject will be read carefully, for they are based in fact and have solid foundations to stand on.

Good roads continue to be the most valuable asset to this community, located as it is in a rapidly developing country, good roads should come first in our consideration of community welfare. Let us not slight this subject.

Wants Water Franchise.

The city council for some time has had before it for consideration an application from Herbert Wheeler, of Joplin, for a franchise to install a new water works system in Baxter Springs. The proposition is that an adequate system of mains be laid with 10 inches specified as the size of the main pipe line. The applicant asked the city to contract for twenty fire hydrants at \$75 00 a year apiece, but we understand has lowered that price to \$60 00. The council has not given the matter official consideration as yet, only discussed the matter out of session, but it is pretty well understood that a majority of the board is unfavorable. They realize that the city should have a more adequate water service, one which would afford fire protection, but they feel first like giving the company now operating a chance to decide whether they make the expenditure necessary to bring its plant up to the needs of the city. In case further expenditure is not to be made, then it is the feeling that the city should vote the necessary bonds and go ahead and build the plant. Municipal ownership is very popular in Kansas as well as elsewhere. It proved to be more desirable that private ownership for water plants and even for lighting plants. Many cities in Kansas are deriving handsome profits from the operation of water and light plants.

Recent improvements in the Hotel Baxter deserve mention. A parlor for ladies has been fitted up on the second floor, and Mr. and Mrs. Todd generously invite the ladies of the town and out of town to make use of it at their pleasure, without regard to whether they have occasion to patronize the hotel. The dancing hall has also been put in shape for the use of dancing parties during the winter. A piano will serve the parlor and dance hall. Mr. and Mrs. Todd, assisted by Miss Hodgkins, sister of Mrs. Todd, who recently came here from St. Louis, are surely doing all in their power to make this hostelry an inviting place and a credit to Baxter.

WHOLESALE HOUSE

Thomas Fruit Company Decides to Open Branch in Baxter.

Last week mention was made in The News of the purchase by A. E. Thomas, of the Thomas Fruit company of Joplin, of two pieces of real estate, viz, the lot on the corner to the rear of the postoffice, and 100 feet frontage on south Military street, the northwest corner of the block south of River street.

Mr. Thomas is one of most wealthy men of Joplin. He is at the head of the big wholesale fruit and produce company that bears his name and has cold storage and distributing houses in Joplin, Pittsburg, Webb City, Carthage and Miami. When he came here and made investments naturally the people sat up and took notice. However, except to J. W. Grantham, who got Mr. Thomas interested in our town, it was not known that he had in view anything more than an investment.

The News now has the pleasant information to give out that Mr. Thomas was in Baxter Tuesday, when he leased the corner now occupied by Orrison's grocery for temporary quarters and will forthwith put in a branch wholesale house here. As soon as practicable he will build a cold storage warehouse on the rear end of his lots on South Military street. Mr. Thomas also announced that this fall he will have two modern five room bungalows built here, one for his resident manager and one to rent. He will build on the front of his Military street lots to suit any tenant.

It means much to have a man like Mr. Thomas get interested here. Fifteen years ago he was driving a fruit wagon for \$2.50 a day. He is now rated at half a million and made it all by his push and business acumen. Without a doubt this is but a beginning of his investments in Baxter.

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PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority in me vested by law, I, A. B. Willard, Mayor of the City of Baxter Springs, Kansas, do hereby order and proclaim that a general election will be held in this city on Tuesday, November 7, 1916, in the various wards, and for the purpose of conduction said election according to law the judges and clerks and polling places are hereby designated as follows:

FIRST WARD

Judges: M. I. Nichols, Mrs. J. L. V. Brewster, Tom Ryon.
Clerks: Mrs. C. L. Opperman, C. A. Ferris.

SECOND WARD

Judges: J. L. Harmon, Maude Boswell, G. W. Skinner.
Clerks: C. E. Youse, Opal Hesser.

THIRD WARD

Judges: Garrett Nichols, Sam Ditty, R. F. Gresser.
Clerks: Lillian McAboy, Ed Johnson.

The places for holding said election are:

First ward: R. E. Rosenstein's office on Military street.

Second Ward: City Building on Neosho street.

Third Ward: P. Button's residence on southeast street.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Baxter Springs to be affixed this 23rd day of October, 1916.

A. B. WILLARD,

Attest: Mayor

O. M. SPRATT,
(Seal) City Clerk.

Candidates Visit Baxter

Saturday night William S. Hyatt, of Parsons, democratic candidate for congress, and A. M. Jackson, former congressman from this district, spoke in the opera house. Owing to the fact that people were busy with their Saturday night trading, the audience was not large; but all present showed deep interest in the subject discussed by the speakers. Mr. Hyatt is an able speaker and left no doubt in the minds of his audience that when he gets to Washington he will not only work for his constituents but will know how to get results. Mr. Jackson's talk was convincing.

Tuesday morning W. C. Landon, of Salina, democratic candidate for Governor, was in town for a couple of hours and spoke briefly to a good sized audience in the Majestic theatre. He also met a number of people on the street and created a very favorable impression in this town.

Buys Site for Machinery Plant

The Robbins-Long Machinery Company, of Joplin, dealers in mining machinery have purchased of Mrs. McKenzie 100 feet on Main street adjoining the Hotel Baxter property on the north. The company's representative, Mr. Noland, stated to a News man that it is the intention of the company to establish a branch house on the property in the near future.

NEW TAXI TO JOPLIN

Beginning Friday morning Abe Dardenne's Taxi Service will make regular trips to Joplin three times a day. Starting from the front of Reddy's drug store at 8 a. m., leaving Joplin at 11 a. m. Leave Baxter 1 p. m., leave Joplin at 4 p. m. Leave Baxter at 6 p. m. returning, leave Joplin at 11 p. m., giving passengers time to attend the theater.

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