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Union County to have Farm Demonstrator

IF THEY WANT IT

That Union County should have a farm demonstrator is beyond the question of any one who has given the least knowledge of what it means to be up to the minute in Farming Efficiency. The matter of the price is not to be considered when we know that there is not the least probability or even a possibility of it exceeding a reasonable allowance as compensation for the same. The diversity of soil, the fact that there is a diversity of crops grown here and the fact that through the experiment stations in this western country there are new and more suitable crops grown every year that are adapted to the climatic and other conditions that exist in this as well as other parts of the country makes the need of the Farm Expert more evident. The one that would attempt to say at this time that our experiment stations and our farm demonstrators and our information in extensive and intensive farming lines is all humbug and are intended only to give some one a job, is simply exposing his own ignorance and not criticizing our demonstration work and our state institutions. When we came west a few years ago, we were like the majority of people that come here, we were not acquainted with the crops that were common to this western country and climate and found just what people will find that come here, and that is that the "know-all" that is in this country or any other is not the man to rely upon, but the man that is experimenting and wanting to learn how to improve and to do better. A few questions right here might be pertinent. How long have you known of Milo Maize? Maize is now one of the staple crops of this western country.

We well remember when the fellows called it "Gruzelum" corn and some called it "Jerusalem" corn and others "Goose neck" and so forth, but today we are growing several varieties of it and it is staple on the market. Only a very few years, five or six, since Kaffir Corn was entered on the board of trade as a staple grain. It was the first of the dry climate crops to have this distinction. How much do we know about the possibilities of Sudan grass. We have in our office now about one peck measure of this seed and last year is the first that any of it was raised. Who tries this out and recommends it to the farmer and introduces it as profitable crop? The experiment stations of our states. Our state institutions and agricultural colleges, and they are sending men out all over this country to introduce drought resisting crops and grains and hays that are suitable to this country and this and no other reason, whether you know it or not, is the only apology, Mr. Homesteader, for you being in this country.

What has happened in years gone by? Did the early homesteader in western and even central Kansas stay? They did not. And why? The simple reason is that they knew how to grow wheat, oats, and indian corn, and that is all and to raise wheat was out of the question on account of the expenses connected with getting in the first crop or crops, and that corn did not "make" on sod and that they starved out before they had time to learn by experience the valuable lessons that are being taught us now by our farm demonstrators through our agricultural colleges, which information most of us have a part of before we landed here. Shall we stop because we have learned part of it and because we know more than some of our forefathers who braved the pioneer life and couldn't stay? NO. We don't know it all yet, none of us, not nearly all yet, for there is just as much to learn in the next ten years as there was in the past ten and we want to get in on this knowledge first hand. We want the good of it just as soon as we can get it.

Farm demonstrator is not all. Animal husbandry is a part of the ex-

perts work, and he will come informed in this important branch of handling stock. He will be competent in the treatment, or rather in the prevention of the diseases common to horses, cattle and sheep. He will have new and modern methods in breeding, grading and raising farm and ranch live stock and the best methods of caring for and feeding the same.

There is another feature of this work that has not been touched upon yet in all of the letters that have come in on the subject and to show you that we are not all just up on the latest news. The National Congress has appointed several millions of dollars just for this very kind of work that we have been talking about and there is a portion for Union County, New Mexico, and we would hate to have the world know that we were so far behind the times that we would not add the necessary amount to what has been tendered us by the Government to improve our own conditions and advance our financial interests. The Citizen is for a Farm Demonstrator. We are far an expert to help us advance and develop the source of all wealth and make of Union County the best stock and farm country in this western country.

MISSION CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Mr. A. C. Weinsheimer, of Trinidad, has recently taken charge of the management of the Mission Theater, in place of Mr. Earle, resigned. Mr. Weinsheimer has had about fourteen years experience in the theatrical world and has managed some of the leading theaters in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Detroit and until a short time ago was manager of the Montgomery Theater, Georgia. He comes highly recommended and promises to give the people the best in music, play the pictures as they should be played and to give nothing but high class entertainment.

Married

Henry R. Farr to Amelia L. Kennedy, both of Roy, N. M. The party motored to Clayton in the morning and were married by the Rev. A. P. Gaines, and motored back to Roy in the evening. Married, date of Friday, February, 10th.

I. O. O. F. Celebrate

The Odd-Fellows of Clayton Lodge No. 45, celebrated Lincoln's Birthday by giving a Masquerade ball on Saturday night, February the 10th, at the I. O. O. F. Hall, to their friends, which was largely attended. Music was furnished by the celebrated Bristol family.

BAPTIST SERVICES

Rev. E. B. Atwood, of Albuquerque, Secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, will preach at the Baptist church of this city Sunday morning and evening, Feb. 20th.

Rev. Atwood will preach also at the following places: Bingham School House Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. Kitts School House, Monday evening, Feb. 21. Thomas, Tuesday evening Feb. 22. Otto School House, Wednesday evening, Feb. 23. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

J. Q. Herrin.

METHODIST NOTES

Morning: Sunday school, 10:00. Preaching at 11:30, A. M. Subject, "Almost a Christian."

Evening: Preaching 7:30, Subject "A Man Who Lost His Nerve." Rev. Autho P. Gaines, Pastor

CLAYTON-- The Coming City

Possibilities for Clayton within The Next Couple of Years

That Clayton will become a city of 10,000 within the next few years is the prediction of those who are posted on the outlook and who have been on the ground "more than three weeks" and have their hand on the pulse of the community. The building of the new High School and Industrial School building will, without question bring from 250 to 500 people to the city to get the privileges of an up-to-date school system. We will have it and we won't be satisfied with any thing else. We want the people of Union and surrounding counties to begin now to make arrangements to send the children to Clayton to school for the next season for we are going to have the equipment to put them through in first class shape and will have a corps of teachers that are second to none in the west.

We want quit here. North-east New Mexico needs a State Normal and Agricultural College. We need it bad and we want it just as bad as we need it and we believe that when the time comes that we will be able to convince our "Powers that Be" that this is the place and that we, Union County folks are the folks and we have the people in our town that have the money and are as big-hearted as any to be found in the land and that we are going to have some of these state institutions to more conveniently take care of the mass of young people that are growing up in our midst, clamoring for an education. It is our duty and the duty of the state to so locate these institutions as will make their convenience to rising generations, for the best there is to be had is none too good for Clayton and Union County.

Then we need a U. S. Government building. The same one that we have been wanting for some time, but because we didn't get it just when we wanted it is no sign that we didn't want it. No. We are going to keep right on until we get it located right here in Clayton, a Post Office building, U. S. Land Office building and a place to hold an occasional session of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of New Mexico. We are on the program for the big things and if we do not get them when we want them we will keep right on until we do get them. (which will still be when we wanted them).

Then there are railroads. We understand from reliable information that several lines of railroad are headed this direction and that if they are, we want them to understand right now that we are the logical place for them to cross the C. and S. or better yet to come right here and make themselves to home. We are not just exactly hunting a railroad boom right here in Clayton but some times "honors are forced upon us" and if such be the case we are right there with the "big mit."

In all, we are out for big game. We have a big bunch of efficient, wide-awake business men and men who have shown themselves able to turn the wheels of progress in days gone by and are there with the big "push." We have never had a boom, and we don't want one, but we are having about the most vigorous growth that a town could have and not be guilty of having a boom. Lord save us from a boom, but give us plenty of "healthy growth."

COURT HOUSE NEWS

News are scarce around the court house this week. If any one has news they are not telling them and things seem to be rocking along so quietly that news are not born.

The Court yard is being treated to a good soaking which, with a few more such days as we have been having, would in a short time bring grass. It has been previously treated to a good spread of fertilizer and the lawn, under the able care and at-

tention of the official janitor and roustabout, should make for the enjoyment of the public a most enjoyable and beautiful lawn.

Mr. Jacob Lujan, assistant in the Treasurers office, has established himself official artist around the Court house. He is a cartoonist of more than ordinary ability, has justly earned the title given him, as samples of his work shown to our reporter leave no doubt in the mind of any one as to the correct identity of the character that he was making a portrait of. Mr. Byrne says that "He knows who they are, just as easy" which is the last word in criticism.

The Commissioners court took testimony and heard the argument in the petition of Juan Carrillo for the reversing of their decision in failing to grant him or rather revoking his license, which was denied by the Commissioners and their former decision sustained.

The Commissioner court while in session, redistricted the commissioners districts of the County, bounding the district in the north end of the County, known as District No. 2, on the south line dividing Townships No. 27 and 28. Commissioners district No. 1, comprising the central portion of the county lies from this line south to a line between Townships 23 and 24. District No. 3 will comprise the balance of the county to the south. This throws Clayton in District No. 1, instead of in District No. 2, as it was heretofore.

Court week and Big Monday will be the first Monday in March, which is not far distant. Every one seems to be planning for a big time and the merchants of the city are already laying their plans for the big event, as well as the county officers, and the would be county officers and every other one who has a bee in his political bonnet. A great time is expected.

Rebekahs Enjoy Special Program

The members of the Rebekah Lodge No. 32 had a very delightful time on Friday evening, Feb. 11th. After the meeting of the lodge a sumptuous spread was partaken of and the ladies then decided to give to the maker of the most delicious sandwich a prize and after some close contesting, Mrs. I. Porter, who is noted for her ability as a culinary artist, won the prize which was a miniature Jersey Cow. After the spread dancing was indulged in by the members.

SIMON HERZSTEIN HOME FROM MARKET

Mr. Simon Herzstein returned home from the eastern markets the fore part of the week after an absence of about four weeks. He says that he would rather come to Clayton than to go to New York or any place else. He sounds the same sigh for relief that comes from all of the clothing men who have gone to market this spring and that is that there is a decided shortage of raw materials and that the small manufacturer has no chance against the large manufacturer who has bought in large quantities and is making supplies for the European nations that are in war. Wash goods in colors are out of the question and that there is certain grief coming for the buyer who insists on colors as well as the merchant who sells the goods, because the majority of the goods in colors are not washable and will easily fade. The most ordinary garments will show the same trouble as the others. For instance, the ordinary blue hickory shirt and overalls, the common black hose bid fair to be a thing of the past, at least for a time. The manufacturer, says Mr. Herzstein, is bidding for the big business, the big order, all of which are going across the waters. He further states that the general sentiment in the east is that the war will continue at least two years yet and relief from these conditions are not in sight. Mr. Herzstein enjoyed his trip very much, came back rejoicing that he lives in a land of peace and plenty and is glad that he is an American.

Henry Beerley Dead

The news was brought to town Wednesday evening of the sad accidental death of Henry Beerley, of Kenton. Mr. Beerly maintains a stationary gasoline engine in the back of his Garage and machine shop and he was working about this engine when the accident occurred. No one was in the room with him and when his helper came into the room, hearing some confusion there, he found Mr. Beerly prostrate on the floor with one side of his head and face crushed. The belt was off the engine and a piece of two-by-four was thrown through the window, from coming in contact with the engine. He was evidently working about the engine but as to just what he was doing is not known. He never regained consciousness after the accident and died about six o'clock. The accident happened about two o'clock in the afternoon. Willis Means and Chas. Carter came to Clayton on Wednesday evening to prepare theasket for burial the funeral being held today, Thursday.

Mr. Beerly has been a resident of this part of the country for many days. He has always been engaged in the same business in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He was a man of temperate habits, a hard and honest worker, and had a keen dislike for any one that would not work. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn their loss. He was a devoted husband and father, a good and accommodating neighbor, a first class workman and will be much missed in Kenton and surrounding country. The Citizen extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Party Motored to Trinidad

Mr. R. T. Mansler and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Marie Exum, motored to Trinidad on Saturday, returning on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Palmer, however, remained in Trinidad, where she will spend the week with her son, who is attending school there.

W. L. Franklin, Home

Mr. W. L. Franklin, of the Herzstein Seed Co., returned this week from a three week tour through this state and Arizona, in the interests of his firm. He reports a fine business, which is very gratifying to himself as well as the firm that he represents. Mr. Franklin is a worthy young man, has had much experience in the seed business, having been, previous to his employment with this firm, in the employ of the Barteldes Seed Company, of Lawrence, Kansas, in their branch house at Denver. The Herzstein Seed Co. is, in a manner, one of our infant industries, have spent a great deal of money advertising this spring, and the Citizen wishes them and Mr. Franklin unbounded success in "Spreading the Good Seed" of Union County far and wide.

BREAD CONTEST

Considerable interest was manifest in the bread contest held at the school house Feb. 12. Mrs. Frank Campbell won first prize for light bread, Mrs. Floyd Atkins second prize; it is an interesting fact that both prize loaves were made with Hquid yeast. The first prize was 100 lbs. of C. P. flour and \$3.00 in money. The second 50 lbs. of flour and \$2.00 in money. Mrs. Herringa won first prize for graham bread, Mrs. Paddock for corn bread. The judges showed their interest in the subject by discussing the bread and flour question with the club members. Mr. Pyle, of the Clayton Mill told the kind of wheat used, explained the difficulties in bread making with new flour and offered to put away some flour to "AGE" if the club members would try the contest again in a month. Mr. Dean of the Bakery offered to keep compressed yeast for sale if he could have a guaranteed number of buyers each week. On Feb. 26th the lesson will be, Beauty in home surroundings. On March 11 a cake contest will be held.