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ROY EDITOR VISITS CLAYTON

Greatly Impressed With Evident Enterprise of City, and Predicts Great Future.

Irvin Ogden, Sr., editor of the Roy Spanish-American, and one of the leading citizens of Mora county, spent Thursday in the city looking after business before the Clayton Land Office. Mr. Ogden made the trip from Roy in an automobile, and the country contiguous to Clayton was a revelation to him, and the city itself was more than he expected. It was his first visit to the Union county capitol. In an interview with The News man he said:

"Viewed from the standpoint of an outsider, Clayton is a most promising town. The many evidences of progress on every hand, her many and desirable public utilities and the evident public spirit of her citizens would do credit to any town several times her size.

"Backing up this condition in the towns are the immense areas of arable lands surrounding her in every direction, and which are already showing the civilizing effect of the plow. If Clayton could become the town she now is merely from the partial employment of the natural advantages of prairie grass and water, what may she not become when the rich territory surrounding is developed into an agricultural country with an acre of cultivated land producing as much in dollars and cents as a section of raw prairie can produce by range methods?

"Clayton is bound to be a city of ten thousand people within the next few years, and it will be doing only what hundreds of towns west of the Mississippi have already done. It is not a pipe dream to look into the future and see for Clayton the great development and growth that has happened in so many parallel instances in other towns and states."

Mr. Ogden was accompanied on his visit to Clayton by G. R. Abernathy and R. W. Boulware, two of the big farmers of the Roy country. They were greatly pleased with Clayton, and with the territory lying between this city and their home town. They left Friday noon for Roy, expecting to make the drive before night.

Clayton-vs-Dalhart

The Clayton base ball team played their first game of the season at Dalhart last Sunday, beating the latter 6 to 3. The game was a fast one from start to finish. "Bill" Lynch who has been the main twirler for the Clayton team for several years, struck out 16 of the Dalhart boys. Clayton has a team this year that she should be proud of. The Dalhart boys crosses bats with the Clayton boys tomorrow to get revenge. Let every one come out and see us take 'em.

Methodist Notes

for Sunday, June 13th, 1915.
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
10:45 a. m. Morning worship. Subject of sermon: "The Ministry of Comfort." Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Solo by Miss McWhood.
3:00 p. m. Preaching at the Georgia school house.
8:00 p. m. Evening worship and Sermon. Subject: "The Ministry of Reconciliation." This service marks the beginning of a series of evangelistic services.
Preaching every evening during the week.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

A home economic club was organized at the K. P. hall Monday morning, June 7th, by the women of Clayton, for the study of better home making and a more enlightened knowledge of house keeping. All are cordially invited to take advantage of this opportunity and become a member. The club will commence its work in September. Further notice will be given as to the date.

The News is the popular paper, only \$1.00 per year. Better take it.

News of the State Capitol

Santa Fe, N. M., June 9.—There will be a very active prohibition element cutting around in the republican party this coming year or so, and a few first class political and personal feuds will be taken from the local field into the wider state field. During the late local option campaign here prominent men called one another liars, political cut-throats, alcoholic thugs, and a large number of other names of equal meaning, and even worse.

So far as the prohibitionists are concerned Catron is in bad. It is true that he refused to appear on the platform at a public meeting held by the wets, but it was because he got nervous, and didn't like the looks of those selected to appear on the platform with him. Someone told him that a United States senator was expected to be fairly clear of certain kinds of political mud, and for some unexplained reason he believed. But he was so active in forcing the republican organization into line behind the saloons that he must reckon with the prohibitionists when he runs for the United States senate, if he gets the nomination, and what those prohibitionists will try to do to him will be plenty. They say that as he injected politics into their prohibition movement, they will inject prohibition into his politics, and give him a knock-out dose right at the start, and there are many strong republicans in the open against him.

Reports coming in here from the different counties indicate a warm and general protest against the workings of the "Bursom" tax law. It never was expected that the law would work fairly, because it was passed at the command of those bosses hanging around the legislature who had a two-fold object in view when they wrote it—to protect their corporate interests and campaign contributions, while at the same time discretely the administration of Governor McDonald by fixing the law so it would discriminate against the majority of the tax payers of the state. But the tax commissioners have been working on the law until they have made it as fair as possible so far as its provisions will permit, and if it was not for the county salary law, and a few special appropriation bills passed by the same legislature, there would be little or no increase to the individual tax payer.

The record show that the state board of equalization had increased the assessed valuation of the state from about \$60,000,000 to more than \$270,000,000, and that the railroads, alone, were raised from a valuation of \$15,080,091 to \$28,275,823. To meet the necessary expenses of the state government for the coming two years it will be necessary that the state have something more than four hundred millions of taxable property. Anything less than that mean a deficit.

It must always be born in mind that besides the regular appropriations that the legislature paid thirty-five thousand dollars for fifteen thousand dollars worth of books, and two thousand dollars for translating laws which former legislatures had already paid for translating. Such items soon count up, and materially increase the burden for the tax payers to carry.

Baptist Services

for Sunday, June 13, 1915
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon subject, "Christ Crucified—the Power of God and the Wisdom of God."
2:00 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U.
7:00 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U.; Scripture, Psalms 116; Mr. Jensen, leader.
7:45 p. m. Evening worship. The pastor will speak on, "Choosing Life's Master."
All are welcome.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

CONGRESSMAN FERGUSSON DEAD

Victim of Apoplexy. Death Regretted by People Whom He Served Long and Well.

Albuquerque, N. M., June 10.—Harvey B. Fergusson, former congressman from New Mexico, who recently resigned as private secretary to William J. Bryan, died at his home here this morning of apoplexy. He was 67 years old. Mr. Fergusson served as delegate in congress from New Mexico in the fifty-fifth congress when he secured a grant of



Hon. Harvey B. Fergusson

5,000,000 acres of public land for the schools of the territory. He was the first congressman from New Mexico following admission of the state in 1911, and was re-elected for the sixty-third congress in 1912. He was defeated for re-election in 1914 and at conclusion of his term became private secretary to Mr. Bryan, a post he held for several months.

State University Land

Albuquerque, N. M., June 10.—The University of New Mexico began this week an economic and resources survey of its 305,000 acres of New Mexico lands which it is confidently expected will greatly enhance the value of the lands and encourage their future development, and which will be of almost equal value to adjacent and contiguous lands owned by the other state institutions or in private ownership. Under various grants of congress the University has title to lands in almost every county in New Mexico. At the minimum sale prices fixed by congress these lands are valued at well over one million dollars. In the confident belief that the lands are worth many times that amount, in soil, water and mineral resources, the university government this week sent Dr. Charles T. Kirk, professor of geology, and Dr. John D. Clark, professor of chemistry, with two student assistants, to eastern San Miguel county whence they will spend the rest of the summer in working over University lands through Quay, Union and Colfax counties. The entire survey will occupy the summer time of the two professors for four years.

Dr. Kirk is an expert mineralogist and hydrographic engineer, while Dr. Clark is a specialist in soil chemistry. Their reports will determine, as closely as surface indications can show, the probable soil values, water resources and mineral content of every acre of University land. The value of the salt bearing lands, more than 2,000 acres, owned by the University in Torrance and Socorro counties, is estimated at well over a million dollars, while vast areas of the land lie in highly mineralized districts. There is some timber land which has not been sold. The present heavy demand for state land, present in all parts of the state, have determined the government of the University to sell no more of the institution's land until more is known of their actual resources and probable values.

C. E. Wood and son Chester, of near Coates attended to business in the city Thursday.

Childrens Day Picnic

The Royal Neighbors and families and all Modern Woodman and families, are invited to attend a Childrens Day picnic on the Evans place on the Perico, south of town next Saturday, June 19th. The children are requested to be at the home of Mrs. T. A. Gray or Mrs. F. P. Kilburn on or before 9 o'clock in the morning of the above mentioned date, and those who have no way to go will be provided for. It is the wish of the arrangements committee that all Woodman children enjoy this picnic. A good time and plenty of refreshments are assured. If you cannot take your children, send them.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will Harris of Gladstone, was a business visitor and trader in the city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brass spent Friday in the city trading and attending to business.

Fred Wolford, one of the big ranchmen of the Tramparas, was a Clayton visitor Tuesday.

Wm. Weckel of the Tramparas, was a business visitor and trader in town the first of the week.

Fred J. Hoelderle of near Hayden, transacted business in the county seat the first of the week.

H. M. Foster owner of the big alfalfa ranch on the Penibets, attended to business in the city the first of the week.

Workmen this week finished a nice addition to R. W. Isaacs fine suburban home just west of town. Bob is one of the progressive home building kind.

Don Jose Manuel Gonzales, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week. Don Jose is one of the grand old men of the county, and is always a welcome visitor in the county seat.

George Jenkins, D. E. King and W. P. Moore, carpenter, plaster and painter, respectively, returned Thursday evening from the D. W. Snyder ranch where they put the finishing touches on Mr. Snyder's new ranch residence.

M. G. Chase, W. E. Angel, Z. Ward, Mrs. J. R. Ward, and Miss. Opal Ward, all of Cimarron, N. M., spent Sunday and Monday in Clayton. Mr. Chase is a former, old timer of Union county and has many friends in Clayton. He is now the owner of a large ranch and orchard near Cimarron.

A. H. Nicholson of Kenton, Okla., has located in the city and will follow his trade here. He is a painter and a master in his line, having served an apprenticeship in his younger days. He has completed several nice jobs lately, and is always looking for more.

Sheriff Ray Sutton of Ellis county, Oklahoma, and LeRoy Pryor of Shattuck, Oklahoma, passed through the city Thursday on the way to Des Moines. Both are old friends of The News man. They are interested in the new bank being established at Des Moines, and Mr. Pryor will become cashier of the institution.

Chas. N. Perry and family of near Pasamonte, returned Friday afternoon from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Lipscomb county, Texas. Mr. Perry reports fine crops in that country, and says that considerable damage was done by the hail. They left this morning for their home near Pasamonte.

Mrs. W. C. Bontz and Mrs. L. A. Wikoff will leave tomorrow afternoon for a three months tour through California, Oregon and Washington. They will go over the southern route and return over the northern, and will visit the expositions at both San Diego and San Francisco.

MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY EVE

School Board Will Meet People, June 16th and Explain Need for Bond Issue.

At the regular meeting of the Business Mens Association held last evening in the office of W. A. Henderson, a committee was appointed to confer with the school board and make arrangements for the holding of a mass meeting next Wednesday evening, June 16th, for the purpose of having the board explain to the people the need for a \$50,000 bond issue, and the uses to which the money is to be put. The object is to bring about a thorough understanding between the people and the board. The president of the school board was present at the meeting and agreed with the committee and the association to call a mass meeting on the above mentioned date, Wednesday evening, June 16th. No place of meeting was decided, but it will probably be held in the courthouse. Hand bills will announce meeting place. Watch for them. Be present. The proposition will be explained in a way that will enable you to cast a more intelligent vote.

Bryan Quits Cabinet

Washington, June 8th.—William Jennings Bryan, three times a candidate for the president of the United States and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principle nations of the world, resigned today as secretary of state as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the president. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting Secretary Robert Lansing will sign the document and tomorrow it will be cabled to Berlin.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life when his resignation takes place. It is said he expects to continue his political support of the president.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely the prevention of war."

Mr. Wilson's letter of acceptance was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Bryan—I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance, and I accept with much more deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purpose of the administration have been generous and loyal beyond praise, your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the method in which we seek it.

"It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the secretaryship of state goes to much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must and wish you God speed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same causes even when we do not work in the same way.

"With affectionate regard,
Sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON."

A. B. Christerson, wife and little daughter, of Sedan, were Clayton visitors today. Mr. Christerson is the popular postmaster at Sedan.