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NORTH UNION COUNTY TO HAVE BRICK MAKING PLANT

Santa Fe Railroad Locates Depot at Des Moines—Hardware Man Will Build.

(Swalska - News Correspondence.)

H. Pettit, and J. W. Angel here, formed a partnership to be known as the Des Moines Cement Block and Brick Manufacturing and Construction Company, builders and contractors with H. Pettit, as manager and J. W. Angel as assistant manager. It is their purpose to make cement blocks and cement brick as well as do a general contracting business. The machine to make the cement bricks has been ordered. It will have a capacity of 10,000 brick a day.

Mr. Pettit informs us that the cement brick can be made at a cost that will allow them to sell them at about \$1.50 under the cost of shale brick per thousand, and they will be better for all purposes than the shale or pressed brick. We understand that the new firm is contemplating the erection of a 50x120 cement block and brick building for the housing of their plant. Ample capital has been secured for the new plant and it will probably represent about \$10,000 invested when all machinery is installed.

This plant will add a payroll to the town and will therefore be more than welcome. Mr. Angel is one of our good men and Pettit has done well to interest him in this venture.

Santa Fe Locates Depot.

Last Thursday Superintendent F. L. Myers of the Raton division of the Santa Fe railroad came to Des Moines in his special car for a conference with the mayor and town board of Des Moines relative to vacating that portion of Valesquez street that adjoined the right of way. He explained that the Santa Fe wished to place a depot at that point and by putting it on the north side of the track a great deal of unnecessary hauling could be avoided. As this street has never been used south of the track the town officials readily gave their consent and will at the next meeting of the board take the necessary steps.

Leuchard Will Build.

Don Leuchard closed the deal on Tuesday for the lot between the bank of Des Moines and the Harless Spell building and as soon as plans can be drawn will erect a building on this lot. He plans to extend the building 20 feet or more, making it 25x80 for the main building and probably some warehouse room in the rear of this. This will be a good building in a good location and capable of housing a splendid stock of hardware.

J. B. Newman Dies.

J. B. Newman, an old and highly respected citizen living east of Des Moines, died last Thursday at 1:00 o'clock after a short illness, pneumonia being the cause of death.

Mr. Newman was born in Knox county, Tenn., on June 3, 1850. Died on Feb. 16, 1916, aged 65 years, 8 months and 7 days. About two years ago his wife died and he has been living with his son, William, on his farm east of Des Moines. One son was dead and William Newman and Mabelle, a girl of 13 years old, are the only surviving children.

Herzstein Returns From Buying Trip.

Simon Herzstein and daughter Isabel returned Tuesday from a trip to the Atlantic coast points where Mr. Herzstein purchased stock for his ready-to-wear store.

Royal Neighbors Give Ball.

The R. N. A. ball Tuesday night was attended by a big crowd and a good time is reported. Bristol's orchestra furnished music.

Another Plate Glass Broken.

Plate glass No. 5 broke from unknown cause Wednesday in one of the big display windows at Robt. W. Isaacs. The firm attributes the breaking of this glass to somebody using it as a "leaning post" and said somebody beat it before the damage was discovered. This totals five broken plate glasses for Mr. Isaacs within two years. Two met their fate at the hands of burglars, one from a stray bullet and two from unknown causes.

HENRY BEERLY, GARAGE MAN KILLED BY FLYING PULLEY

Highly Respected Citizen and Master Mechanic of Kenton is Victim of Singular Accident.

(Record-News Correspondence.)

Kenton, Okla., Wednesday—Henry Beerly, for many years a resident of this community, received injuries at 1:30 this afternoon from which he died at 6:30 p. m. A pulley breaking loose from a shaft and striking Mr. Beerly in the head crushing his skull is supposed to have been the cause of his death although no one was with Mr. Beerly at the time of the accident.

A noise was heard coming from the rear department of The Kenton Blacksmith Shop and Garage, caused by a pulley wheel which was flung through a rear window. As Richard Pyles was working on a wagon near by, he ran to see what was the matter and found that Henry Beerly had been struck with the pulley, badly mutilating the side of his face. Richard immediately stopped the engine and ran to the street and called for help. George Hubbard and Carl Allen, hearing quickly responded. The three carried the body to the Hotel Lahoma and Dr. Milligan soon arrived. Life had not entirely departed from Mr. Beerly until about 6:30 of the same afternoon of the accident, but he was far from consciousness.

The catastrophe is one of the greatest shocks that Kenton ever had, as Mr. Beerly was one of the best citizens that could occasion any community. He was as straight-forward and as industrious as he was straight-forward and has been acknowledged by all to be the hardest working man in the country. Mr. Beerly was a master mechanic both with automobiles and otherwise and liked by everyone. He built up a blacksmithshop and garage that Kenton is proud of and his absence will be felt grievously.

Mr. Beerly leaves a wife and 3 children to mourn the separation. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church of Kenton, where he was a member, at three o'clock Thursday, after which interment was made in the Kenton cemetery.

\$35,000.

CLAYTON, N. M., SCHOOL BONDS.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock p. m., March 15th, 1916, for the purchase of \$35,000 5 1-2 per cent 30-year School Bonds of the Board of Education of the Village of Clayton, N. M., dated Feb. 15th 1916, principal and semi-annual interest payable in New York, denomination \$500, bonds redeemable at the option of the Board after ten years from date.

No bids will be entertained which contain any condition as to the legality of said bonds, or otherwise, and must be accompanied by a certified check of \$3500.00, payable to the order of the undersigned.

NESTOR G. de BACA,
Treasurer of Union County.

Wm. L. Durbin of near Mt. Dora, was a business visitor and trader in the city Friday. While here Mr. Durbin had his name added to the subscription list of the popular paper—The News.

Official Committee Call

Pursuant to action and instructions of a recent meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Union County, I hereby call a meeting of said committee to meet at the court house in Clayton on Friday, March 10th, 1916, at 7:30 p. m.

The object of the meeting is re-organization of the Democratic party of Union County, and to perfect plans and elect officers of the organization for vigorous work during the approaching campaign.

All Democrats and others interested in the welfare of true democracy, and who have the interests of good government at heart, are requested and urged to attend.

Attest:

C. O. DUNN, Secretary.

JOHN SPRING,
Chairman.

CLAYTON GRAIN SHIPMENTS MAKE FLATTERING SHOWING

166 Emigrant Cars Received at Clayton and Des Moines in Last Three Years.

During the past three years there have been 116 emigrant cars unloaded at Clayton and Des Moines. Sixty-one of these had Clayton as a destination, fifty-five were billed for Des Moines.

On account of the some \$50 advantage per car of having Texline as destination it is probable that more cars have been unloaded at that point than all Union county points combined.

Our figures were obtained from Assistant General Passenger and Freight Agent George Williams for the C. & S. Mr. Williams estimates that half as many as the total have been unloaded at Grenville, Mt. Dora, Folsom and Grande.

Clayton received more cars in 1915 than in either of the two prior years, while Des Moines' heaviest year was 1911 when 23 cars were unloaded there against 15 in 1914 and 17 in 1915.

It is interesting to note that the great increase of grain shipments from Clayton and Des Moines. Clayton's 1915 shipments were more than three times as great as the aggregate of 1913 and 1914. In 1915 there were 150 cars of grain, 124 cars of live stock, 66 cars of broom corn and 110 acres of beans, the latter being almost four times the aggregate of both 1913 and 1914. Des Moines shows a slight decrease in grain shipments, but an increase in livestock. Folsom shows the heaviest live stock shipments of any station in Union county, sending 183 cars in 1915.

WHERE?

Where will Clayton's new \$35,000 school house be located?

Where is the most suitable site? In this rapidly advancing country \$35,000 is not a very elaborate amount to spend on an educational institution. We believe the school trustees feel that the entire amount should be spent on the building and its equipment.

The News believes that the board should not be forced to use a much needed portion of the \$35,000 in the purchase of a site.

Is any individual or set of individuals sufficiently interested to give or collectively give a block, or better, two blocks of ground, where the building will not only advertise itself but be located to the advantage of the greatest number of students and patrons?

News Gets Typewriter Shipment.

"High" Suthers and The News office received a shipment of ten brand new Royal typewriters, eight Model 40s and two Model 5s, Friday. Two of them will be used in The News editorial room and business office. E. J. Walters, R. H. Carson and J. Frank Barnhart purchased a Model 10 each. The others will be on display at The News office.

Watch for Bob Isaacs' big ad next week. Bob is strong for the farmer and wants to tell him about the many good things he has in store.

FARMERS IN UNION COUNTY HAVE RIGHT TO CUSS WAR

Idle Mines In Europe Cause Prices to Advance on Implements and All Metal Staples.

While it is news, rather information, it may not be welcomed with open arms by anyone and surely the farmer will be inclined to use some picturesque language. We refer to the recent raise in price of almost all metal staples, especially, wire, casing, farm machinery, blacksmith supplies and nails.

Mars, according to advices received by local dealers from jobbers and manufacturers who refer the dealers to steel millers, etc., back to the miners, has the situation in Europe so well in hand that practically every mine in that country is idle, while the demand is the greatest in the world's history. United States is now the only producer of iron ore.

According to two of Clayton's dealers, Robt. W. Isaacs and Otto Johnson the price of wire has increased \$1.00 per hundred in the last eight months and the trend of the market indicates "higher" with the end nowhere in sight.

From communications to these two firms we learn that nearly every steel mill in the United States is working three shifts. Two years ago one eight hour shift supplied the demand.

Union county farmers feel this hike in the price more than many older communities because of actual need of farm implements and wire.

Charges Lane Killed Steer.

W. A. Lane, of near Cautas, gave bond for his appearance before Judge Kingdom Thursday in answer to the charge of R. Q. Palmer, who alleges that Lane killed one of his range steers recently for meat consumption.

Dwight Shean of near Mt. Dora, attended to business in the city Friday.

Cale and Jim Giles of the Cimarron country, were looking after business in the city Friday and Saturday.

N. F. Kendrick, postmaster and merchant at Cautas, was a business visitor in the city Thursday and Friday.

Asa B. Ellis of near Pasamonte, attended to business in Clayton today. Mr. Ellis came in to meet their Royal Highnesses, five registered Poland China pigs shipped to him from Missouri.

W. J. Stege, one of the prominent ranchmen of the Rosebud country, attended to business in the city Friday and Saturday. While here Mr. Stege ordered a nice lot of stationery advertising his ranch and business. Who's next?

Triangle Features Prove Popular.

The Triangle features at The Dixie seem to have firmly established themselves with Clayton movie fans. Manager Slat's took on another popular feature with addition of Bristol's orchestra, of five members and each member a musician.

SEVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AFFECTED BY LEVY ORDER

Taxpayers of District No. 1—Clayton Will Pay \$1,300 Less As Result of Change.

On account of the state tax commission reducing the tax levy on certain school districts it will be necessary for the assessor's office force to make a new abstract of the books which causes a delay of about ten days before the office is ready to receive taxes.

Following is the official communication from the state tax commission to the Union county commissioners together with a table showing the districts affected by the reduction:

Hon. T. S. Snyder,
County Commissioner,
Clayton New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

"The tax roll of Union county having been received and examined it is noted that the total production of the 1915 taxes exceeds the maximum fixed by the tax commission by \$3,100.37, principally caused by an increase in the total valuation from \$10,547,214 to \$10,990,866, or a difference of \$473,652, which increase in valuation was not anticipated.

"After consulting with you today in detail as to the most practical manner the excess of 3,100.37, could be eliminated, it is now suggested that at a meeting of your board the following changes in levies be made affecting the special school districts enumerated.

"School District No. 1 reduce from .001 mills to .007 mills thereby making a reduction in the extension of taxes in the sum of \$1,233.14.

"School District No. 3, reduce from .001 mills to .0007 mill, thereby making a reduction in the extension of taxes in the sum of \$423.39.

"School District No. 74 reduce from .00525 mills to .0042 mills, thereby making a reduction in the extension of taxes in the sum of \$417.64.

"Eliminate entirely the special school district levies for School Districts Nos. 6, 10, 21 and 22.

"The aggregate of all the above mentioned reductions amounts to \$3,166.76, which will bring the total production of all county tax levies \$66.29 under the maximum amount of \$103,384.00 as fixed by the tax commission.

"You no doubt realize the necessity of formal action by your board in making such changes as will bring the total production of all county levies within the prescribed limit.

"When such formal action is taken, kindly advise us of that fact.

"Very truly yours,

"State Tax Commission,
"HOWELL EARNEST,
"Secretary."

Reductions to be made on the different school districts as ordered by state tax commission:

District No. 1 instead of .00125 should be .006 mills.

District No. 3, instead of .001 should be .0007.

District No. 74 instead of .00525 should be .0042 mills.

Fate of Saloon Will be Determined Monday.

Judge Abbott, of Santa Fe granted O. T. Toombs a temporary injunction for Mr. Toombs' client, E. J. Walters, whose saloon was closed upon the contention that it was not outside the lawful 300-foot limit from a church. The injunction was served on local officers to prevent them from keeping the place closed because of the varied opinions as to what the law means.

The distance is more than 300 feet from entrance to entrance but less than three from building to building. The case will be heard before Judge Lieb at Raton Monday.

If you read The Clayton News you will get all the news.