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CLOVIS WILL CELEBRATE THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

It has been definitely decided to hold a 4th of July celebration in Clovis this year. Arrangements are now being perfected by committees of citizens working through the Chamber of Commerce to entertain the visitors on this the greatest of America's celebration dates. We have a double reason to celebrate this year, for while the rest of the world is engaged in a cruel war, your "Uncle Sam" is enjoying peace, prosperity and happiness. And Curry County in particular, is enjoying one of the most prosperous years in its history. We are all extremely thankful that this state of affairs exist and deem it right and proper to celebrate our national independence in a manner truly befitting the glorious occasion.

Clovis takes this opportunity through her Chamber of Commerce and citizen committees of inviting you to be her guests, and promises that no pains will be spared to make your stay both pleasant and profitable. While you will be given every liberty consistent with good government, we will countenance no rowdyism on the part of anyone. The keys of the city will be turned over to you by the Mayor on this date, but our motto will be "a safe and sane celebration." We will entertain you free with a program consisting of good clean athletic sports, music, bands, speaking, ball game between Clovis and Slaton, horse show, auto race, greased pole climbing, sack race, burro race and amusements of all sorts.

The Southern Carnival Company will be here beginning July 4th for a week. This is one of the largest and best shows of the kind in existence, and are coming here at the request of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce especially for the 4th of July celebration. They have ten big

tent shows, ferris wheel, carry-all, two brass bands and other attractions, which go to make up a first class carnival company. The Clovis band will be out in uniform playing the national airs to again revive that patriotism with which every true American is imbued.

Two committees were appointed at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Tuesday night, as follows: Advertising: Bert Curless, A. E. Curren and Jack Hull. Finance: W. L. Mansfield, A. L. Gurley, B. J. Catt.

Since Clovis has not had a 4th of July celebration in 3 or 4 years, she is going to make up for lost time on this occasion. So perfect your arrangements to be here, for if you do not attend this celebration we will all be disappointed.

Topeka Takes Two Games

The best aggregation of ball twirlers that have ever tackled the local nine this season were those from Topeka, who played here Sunday and Monday. They came here direct from Topeka and returned direct, playing no games en route. Their object being to deliberately clean up on the Clovis team which they well succeeded in doing. That our home team was out-classed was a fact now generally conceded, but had it not been for unfair decisions of the Umpire in the second game, the score might have been different. During the first inning the visitors succeeded in running in six scores and with one in the second inning gave them a lead of 7 to a "goose egg." After the 3rd inning, Sebastian held them down to 5 runs while the local team made 6.

Sunday's game resulted in a score of 1 to 6 and Monday's game 12 to 6, both in favor of the visitors. A large crowd witnessed both games.

German Free Masons Sever With French and Italians

Berlin, via London, May 29. — The German Grand Lodge of Free Masons today adopted the following declaration:

"In view of the attitude of the Italian Free Masons, who inspired by French sympathisers, took part in the political struggle leading to the war and thereby violated the cardinal principle of Free Masonry expressly forbidding such methods, the German Grand Lodge hereby severs all former relations with Italian and French Free Masonry.

"Toward Free Masons in other hostile lands the Grand Lodge re-affirms the decision adopted at an earlier date that all relations of various grand lodges be suspended from the outbreak of hostilities."

Curry County Inventor

Thomas F. Gallagher, of near Texico, has invented a trap for catching wild animals. For many years, humane societies and animal keepers have hoped for the invention of a trap which will give satisfaction and which will not injure or kill the animal as is now often done with the steel trap. Mr. Gallagher has solved the problem with his invention, which works in all kinds of weather and will not injure the animal trapped in the slightest manner. It will likewise prove valuable to those who desire to secure uninjured animals for exhibition purposes. An animal trapped by the cruel steel trap sometimes suffers for days and weeks before the trapper comes and death relieves its sufferings. This new invention will catch all kinds and sizes of animals and has been thoroughly tried out and found to fill a long felt want.

W. O. W. Unveiling

The Woodmen Ceremonies of the unveiling of the Woodmen Monuments in the Clovis and Blacktower cemeteries will take place next Sunday afternoon, June 6th. The Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle will meet at the Elk's Hall at 10:30 a. m. and march in a body to the Baptist Church where a sermon will be delivered especially to the Woodmen by Rev. M. Reece, the pastor. At 1 o'clock they will again meet and proceed to the cemetery, where the unveiling of the monuments will occur with appropriate ceremonies and special music. The Clovis band has been engaged for the occasion. Simultaneously the Woodmen of the World unveiling will be held in Texico.

W. W. Harvey Sells Grocery

W. W. Harvey has sold his interest in the Harvey & Morris Grocery to his partner, J. B. "Jack" Morris, the latter taking entire management on the first of the month. Mr. Harvey has not announced yet just what he expects to do, but he will remain in Clovis for the time being. Everybody in the country knows Jack Morris and his wide acquaintance and popularity has been largely instrumental in building up a big business for the firm. They handle only the best brands of canned foods and always have everything that the market affords in fruits, vegetables and country produce. The concern will hereafter be known as the Morris Grocery Company.

Protracted Meeting at the Dunkard Church

Bro. J. H. Morris, District Evangelist for the District of Oklahoma and New Mexico, will begin a series of meetings at the Church of the Brethren (Dunkard) church on Tuesday night the 8th of June. All are invited to attend and enjoy the meetings with us.

A. J. Rodas.

Revival Meetings

Evangelists, J. A. Henry and his singer Edward Bloomer, recently of Amarillo, are holding a series of revival meetings in the Armory on South Main Street. Rev. Henry was formerly a member of the Denver and Cheyenne police force, and was converted while acting as such. Their meetings will continue indefinitely.

First Methodist Church

June 6th.
We are delighted with the progress our Sunday school is making. Now let us see how large we can make the attendance this Sunday. Preaching at eleven o'clock by our presiding elder, Rev. S. E. Allison. At three p. m. Brother Allison will hold our third quarterly conference. We join the other churches in a union service at 8 p. m. We give a cordial invitation to all to attend our services.
J. H. Messer, Pastor.

Christian Church

At the morning service Sunday, June the 6th, the church will select its building committee. Every member is urged to be present and have a part in this selection. At the evening hour we will join in the union service for the I. O. O. F. at the Lyceum.
C. W. Lambert, Minister.

Episcopal Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Historical subject in Bible class: "The Reformation Era." Owing to the absence of the pastor, no other services on this Sunday.

Woman's Club Meets With Mrs. Noonan

The Clovis Woman's Club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Ida Noonan, Tuesday. The subject for the afternoon was Home Economics. A short program was also rendered. Refreshments were served. The Club will meet June 15th with Mrs. Pattison.

Another Ball Team

A new base ball team has made its appearance on the local diamonds. This is the team organized by R. O. Robinson, the local agent for Harley-Davidson motorcycles, with the assistance of some of the local fans. The team is starting out well, having won practically all of its games so far. Last Sunday afternoon while the Clovis team was losing to the Topeka boys, the Harley-Davidson team beat the Texico team 20 to 6. The features of this game were the home runs by Johnson and Burgin. Although a severe shower of hail and rain overtook the boys on their return trip, they all say they enjoyed it fine.

Prof. Bieler, of Portales, was a Clovis visitor, Tuesday.

CLOVIS WILL PROBABLY SECURE A FIBRE FACTORY

Heavy Rains

Heavy rains fell all over Curry County Sunday, with the exception of in a few isolated spots, and Clovis was one of the spots, which failed to receive its share of this much needed moisture. From three miles north of town to the "breaks", a distance of 40 miles, a heavy rain fell soaking the wheat fields, assuring one of the best crops of this cereal in the history of our country. A good rain also fell south and east of here. Texico experienced a good shower, Monday.

A. L. Await says that he expects the Supreme Court to soon render a decision in his case and that he has every reason to believe that it will be in his favor. He says that he was "jobbed" out of his office to please the Governor and that when the proper time comes he is going to make a county wide campaign and explain to the people just how the trap was set and he was made the "goat." He is enthusiastic in the belief that he will be re-elected.

The Magic City Furniture Company is having a new front put in their building in the furniture department. The recess doors will be taken out and it will be made one solid front which will enable them to better display their larger pieces of furniture. It will have a marble base. The entrance will be on the north side in front of the old stair way. R. L. Pryor is doing the work.

H. B. Danville, representing the Southern Carnival Company was in the city Monday and signed up a contract with the Clovis Chamber of Commerce to bring his shows here for the 4th of July week celebration. Under the contract, the Clovis Chamber of Commerce will receive 10 per cent of the receipts, which will be expended in entertaining the people on the 4th.

Sheriff D. L. Moye left for Dallas, Tuesday for the purpose of taking into custody a man by the name of Mahan, who is accused of raising checks, and who was indicted on that charge by the last Grand Jury. Mahan was arrested by the Dallas authorities on request of Sheriff Moye.

Mrs. A. J. Osborne has again displayed her magnitude of character which has always endeared her to the public. This time she has adopted two little orphan children from an orphan's home in St. Louis; a pretty little girl of ten years and her little brother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Land, of Ft. Sumner, came up in their car Saturday evening and returned home Monday. Mr. Land is president of the First National Bank. Mr. Erickson is the leading merchant of the prosperous Pecos Valley City.

Prof. W. E. Carroon and Misses Neva Odom, Maud Evans and Fannie Howell left for Silver City to attend the summer Normal, in which Prof. Carroon has been employed as one of the teachers.

A. H. Raymond, who represents a Chicago company who own and operate several fibre plants in the country, one of which was recently installed in Tucumcari, was in the city Tuesday at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce and spoke on the prospects of the company locating a plant here, at the Chamber meeting Friday night. A large crowd of business men and farmers attended the meeting and all seemed much interested and asked Mr. Raymond many questions.

The factories which Mr. Raymond and his associates operate make fibre from the Yucca plant or "bear grass" plant and he exhibited at the meeting some of the fibre made in the Tucumcari plant, which has just been put into operation. This fibre is made into binders twine or rope and the short fibre is used for upholstering work such as is used in automobile cushions. He has a market at present for all the fibre that he can make and keeps his plants running day and night. The capacity of the Tucumcari plant at present is 72,000 lbs every two weeks but it can be made to run a maximum of 165,000 pounds. Out of every 100 lbs of bear grass they secure about 40 per cent of fibre, the balance being waste. The waste makes first class paper but as there are no paper mills in the southwest, it would not pay to ship it east. He says that the raising of bear grass for market is profitable and that he paid one man at Tolar \$2900.00 in eighteen months for grass that he himself cut. It amounted to 25 cars. He pays \$8.00 per ton for the cured grass in bales.

If they locate a plant here they expect to market 500 cars a year. They employ over 100 men in the Tucumcari factory and their pay to the employees last Saturday night for nine days was \$1045.00. Their scale of wages to employees runs from \$1.25 to 3.00 per day. They have paid out to wagons which brought in the grass as much as \$400.00 in a single day and besides this amount shipped in many cars from other places.

If they locate a plant here, Mr. Raymond said that it would be much larger than the one at Tucumcari as this is a better field for operations and as to the two towns, he said there was no comparison. It is much easier to get employees here in a larger place he said, and that has been one of the chief obstacles in operating at Tucumcari. He thinks this would be a splendid location for a small binder twine factory as New Mexico alone last year shipped in 45 cars of twine at 24,000 lbs to the car.

In company with Mr. Dennis he was west and south in the bear grass district Wednesday, going as far west as Melrose. He has wired a favorable report to his partners in Chicago and will have a proposition of some kind to submit to the people of Clovis by next Wednesday. He left Thursday morning.

Shipley Brothers Cattle Company sold a bunch of beef stuff to the Central Market this week.



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

who is dissatisfied with the German reply to his note regarding the Lusitania affair and who will again demand in no uncertain language that the rights of neutrals be respected. He has also issued a note to the warring mexican chieftans that his "watchful waiting" policy has ceased and that they must restore order in Mexico or he will adopt measures to restore it for them.