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WATER WORKS FRANCHISE Is Asked By Two Different Companies. City Council is Investigating Both Offers. Will Accept the Best.

The water works system is assured and the city council is considering both offers and will as soon as a conclusion can be reached award the franchise to the company which offers the most favorable consideration to the city. The two propositions offered are the Blue Water Holes and the Great property on the Parjarita. Both of these offers are good and the question is with the council which shall be accepted. Both companies have plenty of water and are offering the city all that can be expected in the water works line. So we need no longer consider the water problem a handicap to Tucumcari interests. While our railroad interests are a great boon to the growth of our town, the water works system will shoot us ahead as far as any other advantage we have.

Mesa Rodondo will have a big picnic on Sunday, June 2nd. C. H. Allen, who was in town Thursday, is at the head of the affair, informs us that everybody is invited.

George T. Herbert, with the Fairbanks-Morse Engine Co., of Denver, Colo., was in the city Thursday soliciting business. The M. B. Goldenberg Co., are agents for this county.

Uncle John Pace president of the city council, passed his sixty-eighth mile post, Thursday. At this age he is hale and hearty, and has every prospect of going well beyond his three score and ten.

Among Tucumcari people who attended U. S. Court at Alamogordo this week are the following: A. A. Blankenship, Sheriff J. A. Street, Benito Baca, Rock Island Agent H. H. Hargis, Teo. D. Martinez, Cruz Gallegos, A. D. Goldenberg and Newton Mathis.

This paper has had many compliments on the special edition which was circulated last Saturday, particularly on the halftones in the edition, and in justice to Messrs Johnson & Pankey, the photographers who did the work, and Mrs. Neis who also did a part of it, we wish to state that their photographs enabled us to secure a fine grade of cuts, and we therefore take especial pride in recommending these photographers to any who may need their services.

School District No. 16 Has 1787 Acres of Agricultural Lands in Cultivation.

School District No. 16, two miles north of Tucumcari, makes the following report of its forty-one poll taxpayers who are farming this season. Here are the names and acreage planted:

J. A. Valentine, 75; J. R. Perry, 80; J. E. Hughes, 20; E. D. Daugherty, 45; F. L. Surgner, 40; W. P. Shahan, 40; J. C. Butler, 15; R. Thealked, 30; J. R. Cook, 20; John Marble, 25; A. J. Davis, 40; Harvey Cook, 15; W. E. Moore, 20; G. M. Moore, 40; Bert Daniels, 35; J. E. Ward, 40; J. R. Love, 40; J. C. Morris, 70; James Rice, 20; George Burgess, 35; J. A. Amgem, 35; Joseph G. Reed, 12; L. S. Anderson, 55; E. D. Love, 25; J. J. Augustine, 65; J. P. Barker, 80; J. B. Shockley, 50; B. O. Keen, 33; W. R. Davidson, 15; R. L. Hicks, 20; F. M. Marsh, 35; M. G. Marsh, —; D. A. Robinson, 65; Frank Brannen, 15; J. B. Smith, 45; E.

R. Reynolds, 60; W. R. Crump, 15; A. M. Fennelly, 15; W. J. Banks, 45; B. C. Hancock, 10; W. N. O'Bannon, 40; Lewis Schump, 17; John Dalbey, 70; W. M. Mapes, 10; O. W. Davis, 40; S. O. Simmons, 20; J. W. Bullington, 50; Arch Jackson, 20; Thomas Stid, 30; Thomas Jackson, 75; Hooper, 65; J. W. O'Bannon, 50.

In a foot note at the bottom of this report, J. W. O'Bannon, clerk of the school district, states that \$41.00 of poll tax have been collected, which with his agricultural figures show that to be a thriving community, which is building both homes and schools. If the other thirty-two school districts show up as well in their reports, Quay county will not only have schools for the education of our children, but they will be farming for a profit, and 60,000 to 150,000 acres will be in cultivation before 1908.

Planing Mill and Another Lumber Yard for Tucumcari.

S. E. Pelphrey, who has been in business at Alamogordo and at Cimarron, is putting in another lumber yard and planing mill here. He will locate his business near the shop and round house site of the Southwestern. Mr. Pelphrey has handled most of the contract work for the Southwestern Ry. Company in the building they have done in New Mexico, and will build their shops and round houses here and whatever other improvements they make in that line.

Harry K. Grubbs is the first five-year subscriber this paper has ever received and it is the purpose of this notice to assure Mr. Grubbs that we thoroughly appreciate his good feeling towards this institution. He recently sold his business here and is now residing on his farm six miles east of town and by the way, has one of the very best quarter sections to be found in eastern New Mexico. He is thinking of going into some sort of business in town this fall but has not yet decided just what he will do.

Hon. N. V. Gallegos has let a contract for a two story rock building on the lot south of the Koch building.

The Southwestern company is laying thirteen additional tracks on the north side of the right of way this week.

A Double Wedding.

Judge R. L. Patterson pulled off a double wedding at his residence last week. The contracting parties were John M. Hedgecock to Miss Lela Elkins, and Roy Smithers to Miss Annie Elkins, all of Endee. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins accompanied the parties and were present at the ceremony.

The Rock Island Eating House is changing into a Southwestern institution and is getting ready for elaborate improvements.

The Carter & Taylor Ice Factory is now ready for business and will have the product on the market next week provided no bad luck overtakes them.

The Highland Park Addition on the Marcus property south of town is being platted and will be on the market in the near future. The site is an ideal one and the incorporation behind the enterprise is going to have a part and other modern improvements out there which will make the addition a very desirable residence district.

A new addition to Tucumcari on the south was surveyed and laid off into town lots Thursday. The tract is the eighty acres of the Cooper homestead south of town and adjacent to the Barnes Addition. The property is in the hands of Wright, Sherwood & Co., and they will put it on the market next week.

The Railroad Situation.

As yet there is little to say about the railroad situation. There are about twenty-four teams and scrapers here excavating and leveling up for thirteen additional tracts north of the present right-of-way, and the engineering corps is locating round house and shop site. The News has not learned what sized round house the company intends to build, it was reported at first that thirty stalls would be put in, but this has not been verified by the company, and our guess is that if we get twenty we will have a good many. Alamogordo had only a fourteen-stall round house and the company worked five hundred men, so if we get twenty we will have a pay roll here that will make Tucumcari the busiest town in New Mexico on the Southwestern and Rock Island systems. The railroads have bought property anywhere it was for sale and have asked few questions as to the price, they mean business and are getting ready to do business and the business is here to do, all classes of real estate has advanced and the bulls still control the market. There is much speculation as to the location of the passenger and freight depots, but the most reliable information that we can get is that the passenger depot will be somewhere about the coal chute crossing and that the freight depot will be on the site of the present freight and passenger depot. But it will make little difference where these are placed, Main street property is leading and will be good from the light plant to several blocks beyond W. A. Jackson's office. It is a fact, however, that Tucumcari is destined to be a railroad center, and the Choctaw and the Southwestern and Rock Island will join shops here and a Union depot. This will be a freight and passenger division and the home of many railroad men. It is understood that the track from here to Santa Rosa will be turned over to the Southwestern in July, and that the division will be established at that time. This means that Tucumcari will jump from 3,000 to 5,000 and maybe 6,000 inhabitants by the first of the year.

The Tucumcari News issued a very creditable special edition last week containing twenty-eight pages. The issue is illustrated with numerous pictures of that town and the surrounding country and a great deal is said of each.—Las Vegas Optic.