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THE FIRST RURAL FREE DELIVERY

CANYON CITY TO HAVE DISTINCTION OF FIRST ROUTE ON THE PLAINS.

Final Matters Adjusted and Report of Postmaster Hunt is Forwarded to the Postal Department.

To Canyon City and Randall county is to belong the distinction of having the first Rural Free Delivery route in the entire Panhandle. Some time ago a petition asking for the route was forwarded and an inspector was sent to look over the proposed line. In his recommendations he approved the route subject to the opening of two miles of road and a crossing on the railway this side of Umberger.

During the past week all these matters have been attended to and Wednesday afternoon Postmaster Hunt went over the line and found that all the requirements had been met and therefore made the final recommendation that the line be established. It is expected that an examination for carrier will be held at an early date.

Sixty-seven families have signed the request for boxes along the route which is 29 and one-fourth miles long. The route begins at the postoffice in this city, running west along the upper Umberger road to J. C. Cokers Northeast corner in the edge of Deaf Smith county. Thence South two miles to the Southwest corner of Mr. William's land. Thence East to Umberger. Thence Northeastly to the Service railway crossing, crossing the railway and running east to the Arney corner. Thence North one half mile to Edward's place on city corporation line. Thence East to the Post office.

The proposed line will serve a large number of people and it is thought that it will lead to the establishment of several other lines from this city and other places in this section of the Plains.

The greater portion of the labor in getting this mail route established was done by a very few people which only goes to show that when even a few people get together determined to accomplish a certain thing that great good will accrue.

Small Prairie Fire.

During the high wind last Monday afternoon a freight train set fire to the grass in Judge Word's pasture in the southwestern portion of this city and for a time it appeared that the fire might reach the residence portion of the city before it could be extinguished. Hard work on the part of the citizens confined the damage to the grass however and none of the houses in that portion of town were burned though it is reported that the fire went entirely under the residence owned by John Turner.

Canyon City Dramatic Club.

The minstrel which the Canyon City Dramatic Club gave a couple of weeks ago was a success from a financial point of view as well as from the artistic, the club has about decided to put on a play in the near future. A meeting will be held at an early date for the purpose of deciding upon their work and program.

Miss Pearl Voiles of Guymon, Oklahoma, has arrived in this city and has accepted a position as one of the operators at the local exchange.

WILL BEGIN WORK SOON.

R. C. Megargel Says Equipment Has Been Purchased and Work Will Start at Once.

Roy C. Megargel, representative of the Gulf, Texas and Western Railway, said yesterday that that concern has just purchased fifty miles of rails and 60,000 ties. The first work, he said, will be to build a track from Jacksboro west to the coal fields in Jack county, where his concern owns between 30,000 and 35,000 acres of coal land which has a coal vein five inches thick.

"As soon as the track is laid the intention is to open one of the largest if not the largest coal mines in the southwest."

Mr. Megargel declares that it is the intention of Megargel & Co., New York bankers, of which firm he is a member, to build this road further west, and that it is hoped to have fifty miles in operation and to be running trains into Fort Worth within six months. As to the trackage arrangements for reaching Fort Worth from Jacksboro, he declined to make a statement.

For the present, however, construction work, he said, is to be toward the west. The company will build from Jacksboro, where it has a connection with the Rock Island, at Olney, in Young county, where there will be connection with the Wichita and Southern, and from Olney to Seymour, in Baylor county, where a connection will be made with the Wichita Valley railroad. From Seymour it is intended to build to Benjamin, in Knox county, where the tracks will intersect those of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient.

Mr. Megargel says they have purchased thirty-five cars this month, besides a number of engines, and work in that section to extend to the coal field will begin as soon as possible. One of the members of the firm of Megargel & Co., is J. J. German, head of German & Co., independent anthracite coal operators at Scranton, Pa.

Asked if he intended to have this line built to Dallas or Fort Worth, Mr. Megargel said no conclusion had been reached regarding this matter, and no statement had been made which would justify anyone in the belief that such a conclusion had been reached.

He said, however, that it would be an easy matter to build to either of the cities mentioned, because his people have purchased and are now the sole owners of the old right-of-way of the Dallas and New Mexico, which is partly graded already. This right-of-way starts a few rods from where the Denton branch of the Katy passes through Letot, and runs northwest, passing within twenty miles of Jack county. — Dallas News.

Band to Be Revived.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the people of this city who are interested in reviving the band for the coming season. All former members are requested to be present at the meeting which is to be held this (Friday) evening. W. E. Lair will announce the place of meeting to those interested.

Editor's Sister Dead.

Reports to this city this week state that Mrs. C. E. Reed, the sister of editor Frank W. Thomason of the Dimmitt Plainsman, had died at her home at McGregor during the week. We sympathize with Editor Thomason in his bereavement.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING.

Congregation Decide to Erect New House of Worship at an Early Date—Cost at Least \$15,000.00.

Last week we reported that the congregation of the Baptist faith in this city had been for some time, considering the erection of a new church building on the site of the present building.

Last Saturday there was a general meeting of the deacons and members of the church at their building and a discussion of the entire matter was entered into, after which it was unanimously decided that they should have a new building. In the discussion of the amount of cost there was a variance of opinion ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and we understand that it was decided that the new building should cost no less than \$15,000.

Of course a more expensive building may be erected should the subscription which is to be taken warrant the expenditure of a larger amount. Talking with one of the prominent members of that church this week the reporter elicited from him the fact that the church desired a large, commodious building with Sunday School rooms so arranged that the entire building might be thrown into one large auditorium in case of necessity. The building is to be constructed of brick according to the present plans. Arrangements have been made for the solicitation of the funds necessary for the work.

Among the prominent men who were in the city during the last excursion was John Sheridan who came down from Sutton, Nebraska for the purpose of investigating Randall county lands with a view of investing some of his money in them. Mr. Sheridan is a farmer in his home state and to the News reporter stated that he was very favorably impressed with the outlook for this section of the United States. He thinks that the general conditions point to a rapid development into the best farming section of the country and has therefore shown his faith by buying lands near this city.

John Maerhlin of Reinbeck, Iowa, was a caller at this office this week and to the News reporter stated that he had been investigating this country for a long time and that he had so thoroughly become satisfied that it was an ideal country that he decided to buy lands in Randall county which he did during his visit here. He thinks that it will only be a question of a very few years until the lands in this section of the state and will be as valuable as those of his state. He was somewhat surprised that lands as good as those in this country could be bought for anything like the present prices.

Peter E. Muehring of Grundy City, Iowa, was in the city this week for the purpose of investing in Randall county lands. He was more than pleased with what he had seen. In comparing the climate here with his northern home he stated that he had much to be thankful for on account of the extremely mild winters which we enjoy. It is possible that he may become a Randall county farmer soon.

R. B. Redfearn had the misfortune of having one of his good horses very badly cut on the wire last Monday night. No one was at home and he does not know how to account for the accident unless it be that some one was trying to catch the horse in the pasture.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

COMMISSIONERS' HOLD COURT.

COUNTY OFFICIALS MEET FOR FEBRUARY TO ATTEND TO PUBLIC MATTERS.

Read Petitions, Official Reports and Tax Matters Occupy Most of Time—Very Busy Session.

The Commissioners and county judge of this county have been more than busy this week in looking after the matters of the county. There have been road petitions to look after, official reports of the road overseers and the various county officials to examine and approve, county depository to appoint, court house matters to be settled and then there has been a large retinue of agents to wait upon the court with a view of furnishing the inside furniture for the new court house when it is completed. In fact had a man desired an audience with the court he would almost have had to make an appointment for the time to talk with them.

Among the most important matters that the court has had under consideration was the petition from a very large number of citizens requesting the court to place a clock in the dome of the court house. The court as a whole, seem to view the matter in a favorable light provided the expense is not too great. No actual action has been taken on the petitions for the reason that the court desires to receive information from the factories as to the cost of installation of the time piece for the county. Measurements have been forwarded to the factories and price for the clock has been requested and as soon as the reply has been received the court will take final action on the matter.

Among other things the court received the bids for the county depository for the coming two years. The Canyon National Bank submitted a bid of 3 1/2 per cent per annum upon daily balances while the First National Bank went them one better and bid 3 1/2 per cent. The Court therefore appointed the First National Bank as being the official financial institution for the coming two years and the bank will file their bond as such in a few days.

While the records do not show a large number of orders of the court as having been made, still they have been busy. They have had to hear all the arguments in favor of and against the road petitions, examine all kinds of reports, examine, check and approve accounts against the county and attend to complaints about taxes.

The following items were shown on the minutes of the court up to yesterday afternoon. The First National Bank was appointed as county depository its bid having been 3 1/2 per cent on daily balance, the bid of the Canyon National having been 3 1/4 per cent.

In the matter of the road petition of R. Bohnenkamp, et al. a jury was appointed and consists of — McCormick, John Heman, Irving Fulton and Wm. Heman.

The report of Frank Wurster as road overseer of Precinct No. 3 was examined and approved.

The Jury of view heretofore appointed upon the road petition of John H. Bell, et al., having reported unfavorably upon the proposed road the Court did not grant the road.

The sum of \$1,000 was transferred from the Court House and Jail fund to the Road and Bridge

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