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You Irrigation Men and Alfalfa
Raisers, Fruit Tree Folks and Gardeners, why not fence your fields with Union Fence before the rabbits entirely destroy the results of your year's labor.

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EXTENSION OF RAILROAD IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Fort Smith & Western Plans Extension Late This Year or Early in 1913
Should Crops Be as Food as the Early Season Promises.

There is Some Talk of the Road Being Built Through Portales and the People Here Should Get Busy and Encourage It.

Should crops turn out as well as they are promising in Oklahoma at the present time, the probabilities are that the Fort Smith & Western railroad, with present terminals at Fort Smith on the east and El Reno on the west, will late this year or early in 1913 extend west from El Reno crossing the Rock Island Lawton branch at Hinton and going on west from there to Weatherford where it will commence paralleling the Amarillo Rock Island line as far west as it decides to go, which may be Elk City or even Sayre.

The road wishes to get a south-westerly outlet and as its relations with the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient are very friendly it is possible that it may use the track of the line from Clinton to Sentinel, a distance of thirty miles. Citizens of those two cities are offering to raise a large bonus for the Ft. Smith & Western if it will use this route.

Should it take this route in place of paralleling the Rock Island by way of Elk City it would leave the Oriental Sentinel, building its own line from there through Mangum and Hollis both county seats, going into

Texas. It would go to El Paso via Pecos City and possibly build a branch line from this line into Roswell, Portales, New Mexico. In Texas and New Mexico the road would run through a territory which would be all its own--sometimes being 75 or 100 miles from any other road.

It is also intended that a branch be built from Clinton to Alva via Taloga, the county seat of Dewey county. As the road will need feeders this would make a healthy branch, furnishing much business for the main line. Weatherford and Sentinel or Weatherford and Elk City will be made important places under the next extension. The Fort Smith & Western is mostly owned by a group of wealthy men who are amply able and have been willing for sometime to extend the line from El Reno westward, but have refrained from doing so because of Oklahoma's adverse railroad laws. However, their relations with the state corporation commission have been very amicable, the railroad, like many individuals, liking the commission better than some of the anti-railroad laws on the statute books.

Board of Managers' Meeting.

The Board of Managers of the Women's Club met in executive session at the residence of Mrs. S. E. Ward, Monday, May 27th, Mrs. Nixon presiding. Nine ladies responded to this call and an enthusiastic meeting resulted. The following standing committees were formed for duty during the club year:

Membership Committee: Mrs. S. S. Nixon, Chairman; Madams Carr, Hightower, Oldham, Sledge, Williamson.

Program Committee: Mrs. W. O. Oldham, Chairman; Madams Milton Brown, Jr., Aldredge, Stone, Patterson, Ward, Lindsey, Sears, Nixon.

School Committee: Mrs. A. A. T. Monroe, Chairman; Madams W. Jackson, Oldham, Culbertson, Larson, Humphrey, Blankenship, and Misses Bryant and Leahy.

Club Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Cal Howard, Chairman; Madams, Williams, Reese, B. Howard, J. Corhn, W. B. Reid, Merrill.

Entertainment Committee: Mrs. S. E. Ward, Chairman; Madams Hightower, Neer, Reeves, Conally, Hardy, B. Howard, Pew, Nixon, Monroe.

Financial Committee: Mrs. Jeff Hightower, Chairman; Madams C. C. Reeves, S. J. Nixon and A. B. Seay.

Printing Committee: Mrs. Hightower, Chairman; Madams Servis and Isaac Corhn. Social Committee; Mrs. D.

Hardy, Chairman; Madams McDonald, Ball, Leach, Hawkins, Hough, Lomax, Tyron, Pew, Molinari, Priddy.

The Board of Managers recommends to the Civic Department that it investigate the cost of finishing the fountain in the Court House square and report to the Club, and the Library Department that it investigate the advisability of having locked book cases at some convenient place and of instituting regular library days with club ladies in charge and report to Club.

Mrs. G. E. Williamson's beautiful home will be open to the Club for the final social event of the Club season.

One of the largest crowds that have ever participated in a hay ride here were out last Tuesday evening. The crowd gathered at the court house lawn and from here automobiles, buggies and drays carried all of the young people to the old H-ranch house. Here old fashioned games of all kinds were indulged in until about 10 o'clock when all partook of a goodly meal of salads, deviled eggs, pies, fruit, cream, cakes and all the other good things which go towards making a moonlight picnic. The crowd returned about 11 o'clock.

Fred Stewart, the brother of Mrs. Enoch Boucher, left this morning for Roswell where he will remain for the rest of the summer.

Portales Will Celebrate Fourth.

The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Portales as befits the day and we are going to have the surrounding country from Roswell to Amarillo, if none of our plans fail.

Roswell has carried all of our people to her city for the fairs and we have never kicked. Amarillo has carried all of our people to the automobile races and we have never kicked. Portales for the fourth of July. We are going to arrange so that you will not only be here to celebrate but at the same time you can see the products of the valley and also see the big wells as they flow. We do not think there will be any objection by these places and we know that all of the places in between will agree and accordingly all plans are being made towards that end.

The business men of the town met yesterday and after electing T. J. Molinari as chairman of the meeting went into the business details and the chairman appointed the following committee to meet Monday night and perfect arrangements as they saw fit.

C. M. Dobbs is the chairman of the committee and these are his helpers. Claude Anderson, H. B. Ryther, C. W. Battle, W. I. Luikart, R. P. Connally, A. G. Trout, J. B. Priddy, W. O. Oldham, A. A. Rogers, T. J. Molinari, E. F. Turner, J. P. Deen, B. J. Reagan, C. N. Harris, Boyd Reid, L. W. Fiscus, Daddy Chapman and Coe Howard.

Council Meetings

Called meeting of the council called to order by T. J. Molinari, Trustees present as follows: B. F. Birdwell, D. Hardy, Ed Hawkins and S. A. Morrison. Proof that ordinance No. 41 an ordinance providing for the licensing and the regulation of the sale of malt, wines, mixed and fermented liquors within the limits of the Town of Portales and imposing a penalty for selling any such liquor without first having been licensed so to do and for other purposes. Said ordinance was duly read third time and on motion by D. Hardy and second, by B. F. Birdwell the said ordinance be passed and ordered published this 29th day of May 1912.

The question being shall the proposed ordinance be passed as read and published. The following voted ayes: B. F. Birdwell, Ed Hawkins, S. A. Morrison, D. Hardy.

Moved by S. A. Morrison and second by D. Hardy that marshal be instructed to collect scavenger fees and perform all duties as required by the council. Motion carried.

Mayor declared meeting adjourned.

The motion prevailed and said ordinance declared duly passed and ordered published this the 29th day of May 1912.

T. J. MOLINARI, Mayor,
S. P. MOODY, Clerk.

Mrs. J. L. Carter, the wife of the county surveyor, made a short stay in Clovis this week and came back yesterday. Her little granddaughter returned with her and will visit with her during the summer.

First Alfalfa.

Flue Anderson, who owns one of the best farms under the big irrigation project, was in Friday of last week with a load of alfalfa, the first of this year's cutting. The load brought \$24.00, being one and one-third ton, or the yield from one acre. Mr. Anderson's farm is in the Bethel district and was one of the first to be put into the irrigation project. It comprises 160 acres, part of which is in alfalfa and 50 acres in apples, planted this spring. This orchard has broken all records as far as there being no loss of trees is concerned. In the entire 50 acres there was not twenty trees that did not live and thrive. The alfalfa grown on this place, also, is of an exceptionally good quality and always brings the top price on the market. It might, also, be stated that the owner of this farm is one of those men who does not only expect the irrigation company to furnish water, but also to furnish the seed and do the cultivating. He is a good farmer and an industrious one, and will always be found with a good crop when there are any crops grown in the community.

Good Crop Indicated.

Field superintendent J. A. Cadwallader reports that there is something over seventy-five per cent of a stand of the cantaloupe crop and he says this is very good as the noted Imperial valley in California only averages about fifty per cent on a good year. He also states that they will be ready about the first of next week and some of them the last of this week to begin to thin. Mr. Cadwallader says that he has never seen better prospects for a good crop any place, in Rocky Ford, Arizona, or in the Imperial valley and that if they keep on as they are going that we will have a bumper crop. It seems that there is nothing we have tried here that has not made a decided success. Mr. Cadwallader states that none of the fields here will run less than one hundred crates and that we can expect something like eighty cents net for them so you can easily figure what they will make the men who are working them. Remember this is on one hundred dollar land.

Beans in Three Weeks.

This week makes about the third growing week for the large acreage of green beans that are in here and three more weeks will see them begin to move. The original kick with beans for this country was that they would come on too late but from the looks of things we are going to have our beans on the market before any of the Kansas and Oklahoma points will and if we do the net profits will run over one hundred dollars per acre. If we do not get them in before then we only expect something over sixty or seventy dollars and remember this is on one hundred dollar land. In other words something over fifty per cent on your investment in one year. Why don't you come and let us demonstrate to you what we have.

If you want fresh Jersey butter leave word at this office.

WATERMELONS GROWN IN PORTALES VALLEY

It is no Trouble at all to Grow Watermelons in Our Fair Valley and the Farmers of This Community Are Profiting Thereby.

When You Write to Your Watermelon-Loving Friends in Other Places, Tell Them About How Big and Sweet They Grow Here.

Will the watermelon grow here in your valley? This is the question asked by some of the men who come here to look at our land. In answer to this we answer them in different ways. If it is the spring time we invite them out to look over the young protected gardens of the town and other enclosed spaces where the frost doesn't hurt and show them the long running vines where in the great water melon fields they have not started them. If it is in the summer we take them to the fields all over the country and show them larger melons which are not half matured than they will find over most of the melon growing sections when they are matured and if it is in the fall we do not take them but they can go to any farm house on either dry or irrigated land and find all of the melons they can shake hands with and all they care to eat.

When they go for a melon to eat they do not hunt the patch over in order to find a good one nor does the proud farmer have to hunt his patch over in order to get the visitor one which will make his mouth water for a long time after he has gone but he can go in most any direction as long as frost stays off and pick a melon which will do credit to any melon growing section in the world as one of its samples or in other words as one of the best they could grow.

The melon raised most extensively here and the melon which

catches the eye of the ordinary man as he goes to buy one is the famous Kleckly Sweet. They are a great long green melon. In fact nearly black when raised right and look good the same as a field of corn in Indiana looks good when it is at its height and looks black. These melons will average over fifty pounds, taking them from the least to the largest and this is not the case in any other place in the United States so far as the writer knows because where, in other places, the melons are large you will only find a few large ones on the vines. Here the melons are very scarce which weigh less than thirty-five pounds where they are properly attended to. The largest melon which has been shipped out of here has been exceeded in several places where they grew them for exhibition purposes but this melon has not been exceeded in size nor in anything else where it underwent the same conditions. It was raised in a field of dry land melons and had not one drop of water on it with the exception of what mother earth gave it and the melon when weighed at the National Irrigation Congress at Chicago weighed between 115 and 120 pounds. It was the largest shown there and was when cut after being shipped around for several weeks and traveling hundreds of miles the best flavored melon cut if the words of the officials who ate it are any good. Why don't you look the proposition over?

Clovis Man Buys Land Here.

Mr. Stewart, the real estate man of Clovis, New Mexico, has at last awakened to the fact that there is no place like the Portales Valley and has proceeded accordingly, to acquire one of the best irrigated forties under the big Portales project. Mr. Stewart was a long time in deciding to make a visit to the "Hub of the Universe", yet, like all others, when he did come he was not satisfied until he had grabbed some of the many good things we had to offer. This forty is a part of the old Downing place and is a peach of a piece of land, lying just west of town. He expects to at once get the land in a perfect state of cultivation and as soon as practicable, to put it in alfalfa. Mr. Stewart is one of those long headed real estate men who never allows a good thing to get away from him if he can prevent it and there is no doubt in the world but that this will prove to be the best investment he has ever made in the Sunshine state.

Reid Land Co. Makes Land Deal.

The W. B. Reid Land Company last week sold to W. B. Buchanan, of Clovis, the W. H. Bruce eighty, just west of town. This is an irrigated place and one of the most desirable farms in the valley. It is equipped with a fifteen horse power Witte engine and a five inch centrifugal pump, is an exceedingly level and fertile piece of ground. The improvements are much above average and, altogether it is one of the very rare bargains to be found in this locality. Mr. Buchanan has long had his eye on one of our irrigated farms and has finally decided that to wait longer would be but to stand in his own light, so he proceeded to annex this beautiful tract before any one else could get to it. He will, at once, commence putting the place in alfalfa and apples, thus furnishing further proof of his sagacity and business judgement. He is one of the largest hardware dealers in Clovis, but it is confidently expected that ere the idea of the coming winter he will be a permanent resident of the great Portales Valley.

