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MORE RAILROAD NEWS

The Wichita Falls Line Most Active

While the attention of the people of this section of the country is really being occupied with the Wichita Falls & Northwestern, there comes a rumor that there will be another road invading this section of the state, if the necessary money can be produced. This time, it is a road from Amarillo to Garden City, and while no very definite information on the subject has been given out by the men in charge, it is said to be a revival of the Nebraska, Kansas & Southern, which has several miles of grade northeast of Garden City. In fact, the Garden City Telegram says that a party of Amarillo people is expected to drive to the Sugar Beet city for the purpose of promoting the road this fall.

THE SANTA FE

The hope of the five railroadless counties of Kansas now seems to be a lost one. Last week, the surveyors of the extension from Dodge City, completed their survey to the east line of Haskell county and then turned back, to complete the drainage survey. An unofficial report says that the people of Haskell and Stevens counties failed to exhibit the proper amount of enthusiasm for the road, and that it will not be built through those counties for at least another year. Haskell county is said to have failed to produce the right of way through that county, which fact is given as the reason of the abandonment of the of the further extension this year. While the general opinion here seems to be that the Santa Fe will build at once, it is more than possible that the extension to Colmor is merely another bluff to keep out other roads. If this is the case, the people of the counties southwest of Dodge City will take their time to closing any contracts and give the first road there the bonus and right of way.

THE WICHITA FALLS & NORTHWESTERN

The grading on the W. F. & N. is now completed to Supply, and the laying of steel commenced the first of the week, and it is said that the steel will be laid to that point by the 15th of this month. Judge Loufbarrow of Beaver, who was here the first of the week, says that the Beaver people still have hopes of getting the road. He advises us that the grades on the south side of the river are about .06 of 1 percent, while on the north side of the river, the route now surveyed by way of Gate and Knowles, the grades will be about 1 percent. The Judge is a strong booster for Beaver, and says the road will be built into Beaver county next year.

The contracts for the grading of the W. F. & N. have been let as far as LaVerne, and work is progressing rapidly. Mr. Kell, the president of the road, is expected in Beaver within the next two weeks to confer with the people concerning routing the road through Beaver. From general appearances, it would seem as though the road would build up the north side of the river from Gate to Liberal.

The surveying party is now reported as being ten miles west of Knowles, working from that point east. Judge Loufbarrow is of the opinion that if the road goes to Beaver, it will cross the Rock Island west of Liberal. He says, however, that if the present survey by way of Gate is followed, the road will come to Liberal. President Kell seems to know where he wants to build the road, and he isn't wasting much time in

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running around the country and talking about it. On the whole, there seems now to be every indication that the road will build into Liberal next year. With the extension of the Santa Fe through the counties north and west of us, abandoned it would seem that the addition of another line of railroad to Liberal would put the town ahead another notch.

The following appears in the Guthrie dispatches: Through the Santa Fe circles it is learned that with the construction of the Colmer cutoff southwest of Dodge City, Kansas, to Colmer, N. M., there will be built another connection to Santa Fe's Panhandle line across northwest Oklahoma. This branch will be built northwest from Woodward, Oklahoma, through Beaver, Oklahoma, which is now forty miles from a railroad, will cross the Rock Island's El Paso line at Liberal, Kansas, and Stevens county, tapping the big broomcorn county in that locality. This branch would give a railroad to a country that now has but the El Paso line of the Rock Island, which from Liberal runs southwest to Guymon, Oklahoma. The building of this branch, hinges only on whether or not the Colmer cutoff is built. One third of the right of way for the Colmer cutoff has been secured.—Topeka Journal.

T. J. McDermott, who is one of the old timers here, came up from his Frisco farm the first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives.

Judge Finley of Dodge City was here last week getting acquainted with the people around town. The Judge is a mighty pleasant fellow and apparently a very popular judge in his own district.

TO GO TO DODGE CITY

Big Convention There Saturday.

The coming convention at Dodge City for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress from this district, next Saturday, promises to be the most important political meeting in the Seventh District this year. While there will be more than 200 delegates here from over the district, there will also be a number of other prominent politicians in attendance. Champ Clark of Missouri, who is a very probable candidate for President just now, will be at the meeting and address the democrats there, and will sound the keynote of the campaign. The eyes of the nation are focused on Kansas, and the early action of the Democrats of this state will be looked forward to with eagerness by the whole Union.

It is rumored that the delegation from Seward county will have a boom to launch at the Dodge city convention, which will probably affect the future of one of the most prominent men in Southwest Kansas.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leopp, on November 5, a boy.

Dr. A. L. Knisley is now settled in his new suite of office in the Miller block.

The dining room at the Carson Hotel was closed last week and may not be re-opened this season.

Judge Loufbarrow of Beaver was here Monday on his way to Guymon where he will hold court.

Mrs. J. S. Miller will be hostess to the Needle Society of the Christian church at her home on Friday afternoon.

Instructed For Neeley

The county convention held at the City Hall last Saturday was one of the most interesting ever held here. A few hours before the convention was held it was rumored that there would be two tickets in the field for the delegation to Dodge City this week. There was much uneasiness among the good brothers for a time, and the premonition of trouble did not disappear until the close of the convention. J. E. George, D. A. Henry, E. S. Irwin, A. A. Farmer and C. G. Eddy were elected as delegates to the convention, and O. M. Woods, George Quinlan, O. T. Woods, Dr. R. T. Nichols and C. V. Manatt were elected as alternates. Owing to the bad weather but few of the out of town democrats were present. There was a desire on the part of those present to scatter the delegation over the county, but it was impossible to find men who could leave their work at this time. There was a good sentiment at the meeting here Saturday for George Neeley, and the delegates to the convention at Dodge City were instructed for George Neeley for Congress. That sounds good to us, and we believe that he deserves the nomination, and likewise, has a good chance to win.

Roy Gaut of Dodge City was in Liberal over Sunday visiting his little sons who live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cornelius.

The bad weather of the past week has been exceptionally hard on the rural mail carriers. The government doesn't take many excuses from the rural mail carriers. In fact it isn't necessary if they are all as faithful as those which work out of Liberal.

MORE VOTES

As a special inducement to the people of this community to stimulate the voting in our piano contest, we have decided to run the voting for subscriptions on the following schedule:

One new subscription	1500	votes
One renewal	1000	"
New subs. for 2 yrs	3500	"
Renewals for 2 yrs	2500	"
New subs. for 4 yrs	7500	"
Renewal for 4 yrs	5500	"

There are a number of communities where the contestants have fewer friends, but whose friends are more loyal than in the more thickly settled communities. In order to give these a fair chance to win one of many valuable prizes we have decided to make the above schedule. The Democrat is the biggest weekly paper published in this section of the country, and the broomcorn news is alone worth many times the price of subscription.

Business Change

The first of this week, a deal was closed between J. F. Black and A. B. McGuire by which the former becomes the owner of the Smoke House. In the transaction Mr. McGuire acquired the title to a number of residence lots in the Summers addition.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John DeFreese, on November 3, a boy.

Jail Almost Done

While the bad weather of the past two weeks has delayed the work on the jail, it has been resumed this week, and this morning, it is estimated that it will be completed within the next thirty days, and ready to turn over to the county.

Contractor Sutton is pushing his construction work here now, as he and his father have been awarded the contract for the erection of the new Knights of Pythias Home at Springfield, Mo. The price stipulated in the contract is a trifle under \$100,000, and is one of the biggest awarded in the west this year.

Rock Island Officials

President Mudge, and a number of the other officials of the Rock Island were here on a special train Sunday on a tour of inspection. The train arrived here during the forenoon, and left about one o'clock in the afternoon. The party did not go outside of the railroad yards here, on account of the bad weather. The only information given out during this trip is to the effect that all of the road from Liberal to Hutchinson will be ballasted during the coming year.

Miss Kate Wright returned from Pratt the latter part of last week.

W. O. Woods has returned from a business trip to the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. Frank Wheeler and little daughter, Effie, returned from Olathe last week.

Mrs. Launah Myers, who teaches in the Meade public schools, spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Robert.

The Needle Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. A. Black last Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. T. Nichols.

Mr. G. W. Reno of Monett, Mo., was here the first of the week looking after his land interests in this section of the country. He says that the crops in the east are in excellent condition.

The farmer who wondered why the editor didn't make more money from his large subscription list, dreamed one night that he had 2,000 bushels of wheat and sold it to 2,000 different people, each one one bushel, and they had all stood him off for the pay. He had such an awful time trying to collect the \$2,000 before he woke up that he went right to the news paper office and paid his subscription.

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