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A TOURIST'S VIEW OF CLAYTON

A First Hand Impression by Lorin L. Baker, Correspondent on Tour, for the Houston Chronicle.

The "newcomer," traveling by auto, doesn't have to tip over the rim of first crests of Union county on the well traveled and well kept highway leading into the city of Clayton, until he is fully aware that he is in one of those good spots to be in, sometimes called God's country, and after a first "glimpse" I was wide awake to my surroundings—its a capital country to look upon and I'll wager it's just as good as it looks.

Its present appearances justify this opinion, so then why not take a very plausible glance into that "short lane" that leads to big possibilities, for a glorious future always commences with tomorrow's sun.

It didn't require an hour for me to "slip" well within your "lure ground" and make my decision; I like the "lay" of your land, healthful, productive and beautiful. I flatly refuse to be coaxed into making any wild guesses—no guessing is required. I rather prefer to make flat assertions as to the only plausible, terse and unbiased opinion of Union county, New Mexico.

I "slipped" in while "Old Sol" was riding a generous course on an open track in the high heavens, and by way of explanation I will state that I am a Kansan by birth and a Texan from a point of present residence, and am playing no favorites—you have a just right to be proud of the "terra firma" you travel on! The generous stretches of well grassed prairie might very easily tempt the covetous eyes of a "money-fat" stockman who is in line for an increased acreage of good graze and a "fatter wallet," but even so it pleased me most from my angle of vision to note your splendid agricultural advantages.

Where well defined and well tilled tracts loom up before a discerning eye, a "first glimpse" is a power sufficient for the conversion of the would be pessimist—a Union county resident doesn't have to guess on "futures," for you know "facts" and the "tomorrow's sun" of no land will ever shine on finer fields than some that I found in Union county. Large stretches under a good system of cultivation warrant this assertion—a great agricultural future will be Union county's awakening at a date not far distant, and why shouldn't it be so? The best tillers of the soil always "drift" in to develop the land that offers them the most.

A splendid acreage of growing crops, more especially small grains and feed grains of corn varieties cast their green sheen before the "newcomer's" gaze in the deepest shades of an emerald glory, hardy, almost luxuriant in growth—and seeing is believing, and I fancy that many a "money-fat cattleman," good fellow that he is, will soon have to give way to the overall decked planter and tiller of the soil. It is my firm opinion that you can flaunt your banner as an agricultural haven and extend an invitation to the agricultural world, inviting them to enter your borders and have no fear of a critical investigation.

I can personally say that I liked my "first view" and won't flinch on my first opinion—you have a capital country.

Just as "Old Sol" was bidding his adieu by tipping his hat on the rugged sky line of the hill marked distance I found myself in Clayton—even so, I "glimpsed" the city with wide-open eyes—its generous avenues, roomy bigness, and apparent thrift are all good assets and well worthy of a big future. So many cities of your class forget to build for the future. You haven't, and I like it.

On all sides of your business section I noted prosperous looking business fronts in various business lines, splendidly equipped hotels for men and machine. Of course I am unable to voice an opinion of your

BIG BARBECUE AT FAIR SEPTEMBER 16

The Union county fair management has made arrangements to give a big free barbecue the second day of the fair, which will be Thursday, September 16th. Plenty of fine barbecued meat, bread, pickles and coffee will be provided for all. The 1915 fair will be the biggest thing ever known in Union county and everyone should make a special effort to attend. Remember the dates, September 15, 16, 17.

needs, but feel assured that you have them, for what city exists with nothing lacking? You have the adjacent rich country, the thrift, climate soil, and the sane and well fortified belief in Clayton's future growth. I am sure of this, and it should be the effort of each citizen of your splendid "burg" to get busy, and if you have a sure-enough need advertise your wants to the investing world—you have the goods and they need you as bad as you need them.

In closing my short sketch of Union county and Clayton prospects, I wish to pay you a most generous compliment along the line of civic beautification. Your city looks pretty and is far above the average in sidewalk construction, street improvements, and shade culture. Your well wooded parkings and your beautiful courthouse lawn invite the approval of "ye travel tired tourist," and if you had sufficient room for a "blossoming" novelist and would guarantee him an unstinted twenty-four hours of day dreaming without molestation, I know one who would be pleased to pitch his permanent author's camp in your splendid city.

Home Economics Club

The Clayton Home Economics Club has been launched and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Gill Saturday afternoon.

The regular meetings of the club will be held the second and fourth Friday afternoons of each month. It was decided to take the course as it is arranged, and the next program will be as follows: Roll Call, Current Events, 1. "Plumbing of today and its influence upon the health of the family" Mrs. Paddock, 2. Care of the drains, flushes and traps, Mrs. Dum, 3. "Cost of installing good plumbing in the home," Mrs. Oibeter. Discussion: If you were about to build a house what would you consider in selecting the spot? Lesson: Home Sanitation and Hygiene, Pages 99-131.

The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. Joseph Gill; Vice President, Mrs. O. T. Toombs; Secretary, Mrs. Jesse Rixey, Treasurer Mrs. R. S. Dum.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Gill Friday afternoon, September 10, at 2:30 o'clock.

All the ladies of the city are cordially invited to be present.

Norma V. Paddock, Sec. Pro tem.

Baptist Services

for Sunday September 5, 1915.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Subject of sermon, "Following the Vision."

7:00 p. m. Young peoples' meeting. Subject, "The Basis of Reward." Leader Mr. T. H. Rixey.

7:45 p. m. Evening worship and sermon. Subject, "The Method of Grace."

All are cordially invited.

J. Q. HERRIN, Pastor.

Methodist Notes for Sunday, Sept. 5.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship and sermon by the pastor. Text II Tim. 1:10.

3:00 p. m. Preaching at Georgia school house.

8:00 p. m. Evening worship and sermon.

Mid-week service for bible-study on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Chorus rehearsal on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

All day services at Grand View on Saturday, September the eleventh. Preaching by Dr. S. A. Bright.

RAY SPOTTS DUM, Minister.

A Big State Fair

Albuquerque, Sept. 2.—Twenty-five men are at work on the fair grounds at Albuquerque making it ready for the biggest event ever held in New Mexico, the 35th state fair. The fences are being moved to include four city blocks necessary to take care of the displays. The contractor in charge of the job built the halls for the irrigation congress and declares that the plans now in his hands call for a greater exposition than was held at that time. The display advertisement carried in this edition tells of the exhibits to be housed and a glance at the same will show that the fair management is on the job.

The fair premium books are off the press and a copy of the same may be had by addressing the secretary. The book carries \$10,000 in premiums, more than has ever been offered at a state fair in New Mexico before. Two departments have been added and others have been enlarged.

Of particular interest in the premium book is the outline of the official program of each day of the fair. While these programs are subject to change, somewhat, the feature outlined will be seen every afternoon and evening on the grounds. One cannot read of each day's doings without reaching the conclusion that the amusement and entertainment provided for the fair visitors is more varied and of a higher class than anything of the sort ever seen in the state. The fair management has promised to have something doing every minute, and from the appearance of the program it seems that the promise will be amply redeemed. Some of the very best amusements to be seen and heard do not appear on the program, as they have been contracted for since the book was sent to press.

All street carnival features have been eliminated this year and the entire fair will be on the grounds, including shows, free acts, amusements and concessions. The streets of Albuquerque and the buildings will be beautifully decorated and will not be littered and obstructed by cheap shows.

Special trains are to be run from various sections of the state, Colorado, Arizona and Texas. At the station an information bureau will be established by the fair office to direct visitors to hotels and rooming houses. One fare rates for the round trip will prevail upon all roads for the usual trains and the specials. The fair plans on meeting all large visiting delegations with a brass band and a big reception committee.

The night programs at the fair will be especially attractive. This is an experiment with the fair this year and a large sum of money has been spent for entertaining the night crowds. Thousands of dollars have been invested in the fireworks alone, which will be the same as those shown at the largest state fairs in the country. Among the features of these displays are such events as the Battle of the Dardanelles and an aerial engagement between Zeppelins and aeroplanes.

Swat the Fly

Keep on swatting—
On the sly,
When he's not wotting.
Catch him coming
Going, too!
SWAT THE FLY
Or he'll swat YOU.

The News is the paper to buy.

REWARD

We will pay \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the stores of R. W. Isaacs, Otto Johnson, and the H. Herzstein Seed Company, last Tuesday night, August 31st.
Clayton Business Mens' Ass'n.

German Editor Praises Wilson

Berlin, Sept. 1.—The National Zeitung publishes a leading article under the heading "Wilson, Bryan and Roosevelt," which is noteworthy for its friendly tone and the ungrudging admiration expressed for President Wilson.

The article begins by saying that discussions of the Arabic affair have been in a quieter tone since Count von Bernstorff presented his request to the American government to delay action until Germany has had the opportunity of presenting its side of the case. Even the anti-German newspapers admitted the justice of his request, the article says, and there now remains no obstacle to friendly discussion of differences, which, while real, are by no means of such a nature as to prevent a satisfactory compromise.

The personality of President Wilson has been illuminated more strongly than ever before, the National Zeitung says, during the exciting days through which America has just passed. The president will appear to many in a new light. Never was his position more difficult than during the Arabic crisis. "When Mr. Bryan called on America for peace at any price and Count Roosevelt was summoning them to war against Germany."

President Wilson is pictured in the article as standing between the two rivals, whose activities threatened to bring about such a situation that the president might make his attitude toward Germany dependent on domestic political considerations.

"That President Wilson withstood this temptation and may be counted on to withstand it further must be acknowledged," the newspaper says, notwithstanding the fact that the German people certainly have reason to be dissatisfied with his attitude regarding submarine warfare.

The president is characterized as a more clever politician than the "unlucky Bryan, and the astute politician, Roosevelt." The article is concluded with the statement that Germany has always desired to maintain the traditional friendship with America and that it may be hoped the Arabic case will serve to clear up misunderstandings on both sides. It must be possible, the article says, to reach an understanding, inasmuch as the points in dispute are matters of principle and not of conquest, victories or defeats.

Nicely furnished front room with toilet and bath to rent. Address P. O. Box 368.

School Notes

There will be a teachers' meeting on Saturday afternoon of this week.

Monday being a legal holiday there will be no school on that day, but pupils will be met by the teachers at the school building on that day and a list of books to be used will be handed out. Also new pupils will be examined.

School begins on Tuesday, September 7.

The census taker reports more pupils than were on the list last year and the prospect is that there will be a larger enrollment than there was last year.

Pupils should bring their old books to school on Monday so that teachers may see if they may be exchanged for new ones of like grade provided a difference is paid.

There will be an examination of eighth grade pupils on Monday. The examination will be for those who

GERMANY AND KAISER BACK UP

Accept U. S. Contention Regarding Submarine Warfare. Will Respect American Lives and Property.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Germany has accepted the declarations of the United States in the submarine war-controversy. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today gave oral and written assurances to Secretary Lansing that no more passenger ships will be sunk without warning.

After a conference at the state department Ambassador von Bernstorff sent Secretary Lansing this letter:

My Dear Mr. Secretary:
With reference to our conference of this morning, I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contains the following passage:

"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety for the lives of the noncombatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

Although I know that you do not care to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred.

I have no objection to your making any use you may please of the above information.

I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, Very sincerely yours,

J. BERNSTORFF.

In connection with the letter, Secretary Lansing made the following statement:

"In view of the clearness of the foregoing statement, it seems needless to make any comment in regard to it other than to say that it appears to be a recognition of the fundamental principle for which we have contended."

Wilson Indorsed for 1916

Louisville, Sept. 1.—Kentucky democrats in state platform convention here last night indorsed the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and declared in favor of his re-nomination in 1916. The resolution was adopted unanimously and read in part:

"We believe that his mastery of the situation (referring to the European war) requires his nomination in 1916, and heartily endorse him as the party efficient and trusted leader in the coming national election, believing that patriots without regard to party recognize Woodrow Wilson as the one best man suited to bear the burdens and perform the herculean tasks now confronting the president of the United States."

The resolutions committee, with Senator Ollie James as chairman, further extolled the president's virtues.

"Our great president has been called upon to solve the most grave and serious problems which have ever faced an executive in this generation, and his patience, strength and superb statesmanship have deserved and received the confidence and approval of his countrymen and the admiration of the world."

may wish to be promoted to the high school.

J. W. THOMPSON, Superintendent.

P. S. Carnahan of near Hayden, attended to business in the city the first of the week, and while here renewed his News subscription.

Judge F. C. Field of near Clapham, one of the prominent republican leaders of the county and one of the numerous ex-editors of the Citizen, was looking after business in the county seat Friday.

Lost—White Scotch Collie dog with one brown ear and brown spots on back. Name is "Burdette." Reward will be paid for information leading to recovery.

R. E. WHERRITT, Clayton, N. M.