

WAS BOUND TO RISE

HOW THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, OKLA., HAS GROWN.

It Got Its Biggest Boom From a Fire and Is Said to Be the Best Town in the Territory For Its Size—A Record of Six Years.

On the north side of the Canadian river, like a hub in a half wheel of big producing country, is Lexington, Okla. It is a town of about 1,500 people now.

Six years ago Lexington began to make a showing on the map across the river from Purcell, I. T. In spite of a one mile haul across the river to the railroad Lexington grew as a trading point until it evened up with its neighbor, Purcell, and, in sight of each other, with only the Canadian river, like a water ribbon, between, the towns developed.

That result means Lexington the trade center of the southwest Canadian border and a manufacturing point of some note under present conditions of the Indian Territory and some big prospects if the present efforts toward making Indian Territory and Oklahoma one are successful.

Without a railroad Lexington is drawing cotton and agricultural products and getting trade from twenty-five to fifty miles in every direction, and it is taking more stores and bigger stocks to handle the business.

Lexington is surrounded by as fine an agricultural country as there is in Oklahoma. A deep sandy loam from three to ten feet deep produces corn, cotton, fruit, vegetables and fine stock in fields side by side and defies drought with good water at an underlying depth of from fifteen to thirty feet.

Lexington has a good electric light plant, and bonds are preparing for a waterworks system to be owned by the city. Sewers and paving are also crowding on the heels of waterworks and will be taken up as conditions require with the same active spirit that marks the town in all its growth.

With creditable sense of the importance of educational matters, Lexington has crowded school interests and enjoys the reputation of having the most advanced school advantages in Oklahoma of any town of its size.

The past year over \$150,000 has been put in business and residence building improvements, among which is a \$15,000 hotel building, a much needed improvement, that will be appreciated by the numerous traveling men who make Lexington and who say it is one of the best towns in Oklahoma of its size in which to sell goods, owing to the volume of goods sold and the business integrity of its merchants.

A Gentle Hint. Western Kansas editors have a unique way of prodding up delinquent subscribers, as this will indicate: "If you have frequent headaches, dizziness, fainting spells accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance and thus make yourself solid for a good obituary notice."

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WORK THAT PAYS.

The Best Way to Advertise a Town Is to Beautify It.

It costs little more to make a city pleasing to the eye than to make it ugly, and a beautiful city attracts residents of a desirable sort and is a standing advertisement. It is not mere sentiment that is leading the railroads to begin the beautifying of their stations and grounds; it pays. It is not for sentiment that railway and steamship lines advertise the natural beauties of their routes; beauty represents cash to them.

Clean streets, tasteful buildings, charming prospects, are valuable assets for a city. To keep still to the utilitarian side, cleanliness makes for health. The sanitary value of the American cleansing of Cuba is only an extreme instance of what is true everywhere.

And beyond all this is the fact that beautiful surroundings beautify and enrich life. None of us would wish to be condemned to the dull monotony of a sand bank in place of the splendid panorama of hills that gift this city or the ignoble squalor of a row of 1,000 cheerless factory tenements, all precisely alike and grim with the smoke of factory chimneys.

Justice for the Editor. A Man Who Is Not Afraid Tells a Few Truths. "No man in the community does more for the public and receives less for it than the country editor," said Senator H. Clay Heather of Palmyra, Marion county, in the Missouri state senate when the bill reducing the price of publishing the Australian ballot was under consideration.

Where nature is left alone she provides the city with a natural park of limitless extent, fresh, green and beautiful, and city should run into country gently and harmoniously, with no hideous, unbecoming rampart of cans and bottles and discarded umbrellas and bicycles to show that only man is vile.

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Mutilation of Trees. The mutilation of trees by trolley and telephone companies is an unpardonable outrage, says the Philadelphia Times. When street trees belong to the city, dedicated, as it were, to a public use, no other public use can properly be allowed to interfere with them.

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ADVERTISING SCHEMES.

Merchants Condemn Them and Will Stick to Newspapers.

The Retail Merchants' Protective Association of Dunkirk, N. Y., has resolved "to refrain in the future from patronizing so-called fake advertising schemes." A correspondent of the Dunkirk Observer says that at the meeting at which the resolution was adopted several prominent merchants took the occasion to point out the continual drain on their advertising appropriations made necessary by the ease with which schemers talked the average merchant into taking space and spending money in all sorts of "special" mediums.

Others gave their experiences, and when many had spoken a surprising unanimity of opinion was found as to the lack of any returns from advertising outlay in these schemes and the much greater returns secured from a fair use of space in the home newspapers, which go to the homes and are read by all the members of the family.

THE GARBAGE EVIL.

How the Suburbs of a City Are Usually Neglected.

There is a great field for immediate work in the beautifying of the city by the suppression of the unsightly objects which give so many parts of it a chaotic and ugly look. The suburbs of a city have always gone to extremes of elegance or ugliness. At one extreme is the fashionable residence suburb, at the other that dreadful No Man's Land where ashes and tomato cans run riot and the advertiser does his direct work.

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COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C, B. and Q. railroad. It is most entertaining and informative, besides being illustrated with exceptionally fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They should ask the C, B. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

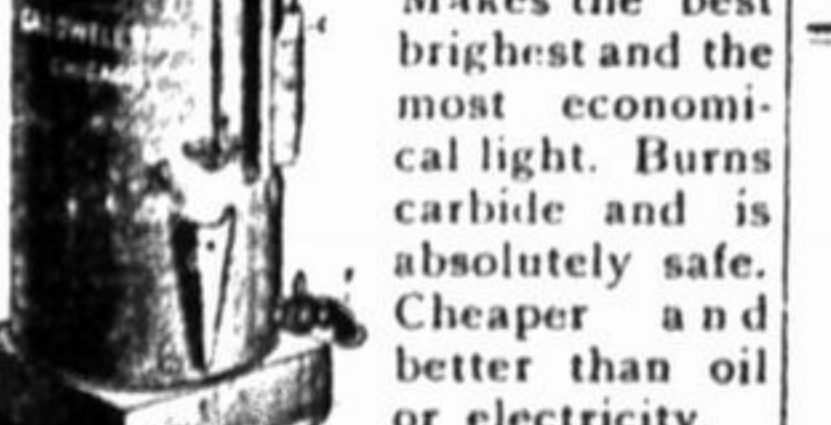
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Ann Venard, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Ann Venard, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of DuPage county at the court house in Wheaton, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

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Nobility Recommends Nervine. The above portrait is that of Countess Mogelstnd, of Chicago, Ill., whose gratitude for the benefit received from the use of Dr. Miles' Nervine prompted her to make this statement: "It affords me great pleasure to add my testimony to the very excellent merits of Dr. Miles' Nervine. Although I am past 80 years of age I find it soothes the tired brain, quiets the irritated nerves and induces restful sleep."

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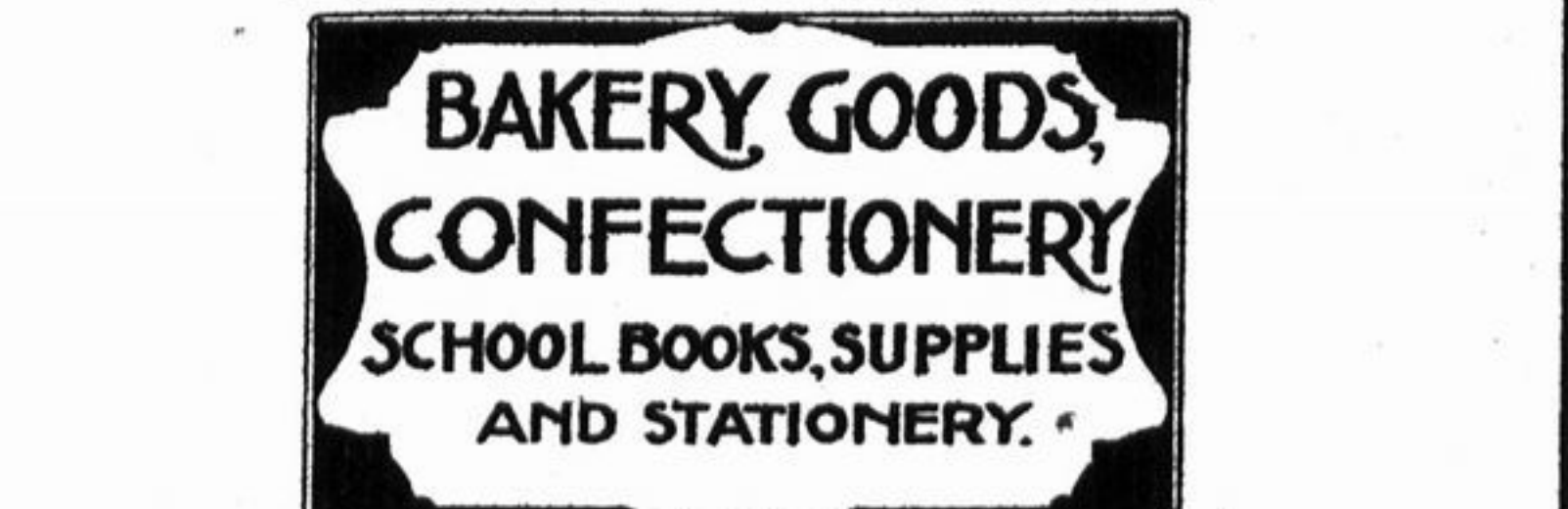
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