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, Okia. It is a town of about 1,500 people now. There are reasons to believe it will have 3,000 or 5,000 population in a short time. One reason, says the Kansas City Times, is because the Cherokee Central and, as some believe, the Illinois Central, is headed for Lexington on its way southwest from Shawnee, to which point the line is a settled

matter. make a showing on the map across the lives. river from Purcell, I. T. In spite of a 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. Six months ago a fire started in Lexington and in five hours gut-Instead of killing it that fire has given | ual. Lexington its biggest boost, and today it stands with frame stores replaced with substantial brick blocks and new ones going up actively and new business interests coming in in a manner that leaves but one result possible.

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 Oklaho- richer and pleasanter is life. ma one are successful. There is considerable money in Lexington, and some big money is becoming interested in the situation. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been raised to secure the raffroad, and a Santa Fe spur from across the river is a sub rosa proposition under consideration in private railroad councils as strenuously denied as it is openly discussed.

Without a railroad Lexington is drawing cotton and agricultural prodnets and getting trade from twentytve to fifty miles in every direction, and it is taking more stores and bigger tocks to handle the business. What it will do with a railroad is beyond conjecture. One hundred and fifty bales of cotton on a business street in a forenoon looks like money to a man who knows what business is. At present exington has a brick plant with a capacity of 30,000 bricks per day, a forty bale cotton gin and compress, a big distillery and other industries. Fruit growing interests—and fruit of every kind here excels-are interesting canning factory men. A foundry and machine shop, a planing mill, a cereal food manufacturing company and sev eral other concerns are becoming interested in the situation as presenting particular attractions.

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. otton, 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. Everywhere through the country fine crops are seen, and a substantial class the prosperity of farmers, planters and fruit growers.

plant, and bonds are preparing for a the city. Sewers and paving are also and will be taken up as conditions require with the same active spirit that marks the town in all its growth.

Oklahoma of any town of its size. The where it reminds you to step in as you the enrollment is now about 600 pupils, the becomes an advertiser of individualas bright and wideawake children as ity of his own.-Profitable Advertising. one will find in any state. Every religious denomination is here represented, and those who do not yet have ful, modern edifices,

ness integrity of its merchants, many serve without pay. of whom, in dry goods, hardware, furniture and clothing, carry \$10,000 to \$25,000 stocks. All lines of smaller misiness are doing well, and there are nany openings for wideawake busi-

ess men in this town. proposition just now to live, new ener- chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chiltown is growing rapidly, and the sur- sign that you are not well, but are Hain land prices, quick market and crop scription a year in advance and thus oklahoma and equaled by few, and by notice."-Kansas City Journal. people from many states are finding it

School Ventilation.

in considering the subject of ventilathere should, of course, be some in every schoolroom by which be introduced from outside and owed to escape without using ows, which cannot always be upon on account of drafts

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 & standing advertisement. It is not mere sentiment that is leading the railways to begin the beautifying of their stations and grounds; it pays. It is not for sentiment that rallway 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 Cleauliness begets cleanliness, and the people in a clean, well ordered city are Six years ago Lexington began to more likely to live clean, well ordered

In many other ways such a general one mile haul across the river to the striving for betterment is profitable. railroad Lexington grew as a trading It stirs civic pride. It makes better citizens. The more people possess to be proud of in their home city the more they are willing to do for it Moreover, there is a strong moral uplift in good surroundings. An inspiring environment, whether of nature or of ted the business portion of the town. art, reacts irresistibly upon the individ-

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 girt this city or to the ignoble squalor of a row of 1,000 cheerless factory tenements, all precisely alike and grim with the smoke of factory chimneys. Our natures crave something better, and the more beaut! ful and varied the surroundings the

JUSTICE FOR THE EDITOR. Few Truths.

belping individuals, in making statesmen-sometimes out of pretty raw main the county.

"Few country editors are rich, but they are of more service to the communitics where they live than the wealthiest man. They are in the forefront of every movement for progress. They do the work and leave the emoluments to others. A good, clean, honest newspaper-and most country newspapers are good and clean and honesthelps on every worthy cause and deserves every encouragement. It fights the party battles, holds up the hands of the reformer and makes the scoundrel afraid, I am opposed to this bill. No paper in my county would print the ballot at the pitiful price named. They are not paupers. But for the amount of splendid public service they render they ought to be millionaires."-State Tribune, Jefferson City, Mo.

A Word For Signs.

To an advertiser advertising should of farm improvements is evidence of be a means of indicating to all the people, at all times, in all places, in every locality, the presence of his goods. Ev-Lexington has a good electric light ery unit of advertising matter should act as a seller. At every store where waterworks system to be owned by his goods are sold be should install a salesman of his own choosing, confined crowding on the heels of waterworks to the sale of his goods exclusively. What better than the store front sign? Something pleasing to the eye, intelligible to the thinking, an eye opener to With creditable sense of the impor- the unthinking! What can fill all these tance of educational matters, Lexing. requirements of the advertiser and the ton has crowded school interests and buyer of his goods as an individual enjoys the reputation of having the sign placed inside of a store where the most advanced school advantages in eye readily turns to it or on the outside best teachers have been secured, and pass? With individual sign advertising

A Healthy Jersey Town.

Hackensack is one of the most enterchurches are preparing to erect taste prising of the Jersey towns. It has now nearly 12,000 inhabitants, with The past year over \$150,000 has been well managed water service, gas and put in business and residence building electric light systems and its own improvements, among which is a \$15. health board, and so successful has 600 hotel building, a much needed im- been its work that the town is now provement, that will be appreciated by the healthfest in the state. The cost the numerous traveling men who of its local government, by reason of make Lexington and who say it is one its peculiar charter, brings the tax rate of the best towns in Oklahoma of its lower than any section of the Greater size in which to sell goods, owing to New York. The town is governed by the volume of goods sold and the busi- a commission, the members of which

A Gentle Hint. Western Kansas editors have a unique way of prodding up delinquent subscribers, as this will indicate: "If you have frequent headaches, dizzi-Altogether, few places offer a better ness, fainting spells accompanied by and capital than Lexington. The blains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a counding country presents attractions ble to die any minute. Pay your subesources unsurpassed by any section make yourself solid for a good obitua-

Would Always Advertise.

Lou J. Beauchamp, the noted temperance lecturer and writer, who is also in the photographing business, in signing an advertising contract with the Hamilton (O.) Democrat, writes as

follows: "I find that photographers rarely advertise, but I'm too old a newspaper man not to believe in it for everything

ADVERTISING SCHEMES.

Morehants Condemn Them and Will Stick to Newspapers.

The Retail Merchants' Protective association of Dunkirk, N. Y., has resolyed "to refrain in the future from patschemes." 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. One man told of being solicited recently for an advertisement in a hotel register, a place where it would be practically worthcleansing of Cuba is only an extreme less. Another said he had been asked instance of what is true everywhere, to take space in a racing meet programme equally valueless. Others cited many schemes, such as hotel business directories, desk blotters, dance and theater programmes, fair fliers, local time tables, etc.

One merchant gave as his opinion space in every worthless scheme of this kind presented to him in the past year he would have spent nearly the entire profit of his business with almost no return.

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

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 in Du Page County, Illinois, and was sold for the the suppression of the unsightly objects which give so many parts of it a chaotic and ugly look. The suburbs of day of June, A. D. 1902. A Man Who Is Not Afraid Tells a a city have always gone to extremes of elegance or ugliness. At one extreme is "No man in the community does the fashionable residence suburb, at more for the public and receives less | the other that dreadful No Man's Land for it than the country editor," said where ashes and tomato cans run riot Senator H. Clay Heather of Palmyrs, and the advertiser does his direct Marion county, in the Missouri state work. As the city has increased in senate when the bill reducing the price | population this squalid side of its life, of publishing the Australian ballot was shamefacedly pushed half out of sight, under consideration. "If all the space has grown in offensiveness. There is he employs in booming the town, in need of a better system, of a closer watch on the waste land, of a careful supervision of the disposition of refterial-were paid for even at half the use. The work is done too carelessly. legal rate, he would be the richest man | Fire, the great purifying agent, is not used freely enough.

> The scavenger work of a city ought to be done as neatly as the work of a well ordered bousehold. What can be burned should be reduced to ashes and the rest disposed of as thoroughly as may be. Private collections of tomate cans and bottles along the roadside are unspeakably shiftless. The disposition of such refuse should be in the hands of responsible agents.

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 circumvallent rampart of cans and bottles and discarded umbrellas and bicycles to show that only man is

MUNICIPAL PROGRESS.

Signs Which Indiente the Advancement of the Public Good,

The Chicago city council has passed an ordinance requiring half a dozen trunk line railroads to elevate their tracks. The work will extend through six years and will cost \$2,000,000, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The great obstacle to municipal progress everywhere is the difficulty in forcing franchised corporations to keep pace with the demands of public order and security. But this is being gradually accomplished without injustice or disregard of any interest, and the next few years will doubtless witness improvement in all directions. It is a work of reconciliation, not of aggression, and cannot but result in good.

The distinguishing mark of the time is progress rather than reform; not a restoration of old practices, but a progressive adoption of new ones as the

need of them appears. In municipal affairs especially popular interest was never so alert and intelligent. From grade crossings to shade trees public attention is directed to the city and its right management, and in spite of politicians and special private interests the public good is advancing. This is plain, not only in Boston, Cleveland and Chicago, but in St. Louis.

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. Private owners seem to be helpless against corporations armed with the city's license, but the city can and will protect its own property. Let the city take the trees and command all corporations having street privileges to use those privileges as to spare t trees, touching not a single bough.

Art In Building.

Color is the weak point of most American cities, and an ugly, spotty red brick is too common. Fortunate is the town that has got hold of some good quality of color and made it fully dominating, says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The two things to work for just now in our business streets are more solidity and dignity in the average building and more simolicity and good taste in those which pire to be above the average.

COLURADO.

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 ronizing so called fake advertising 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 he 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. All persons ndebted to said estate are requested to make mmediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 12th day of February, A. D. 1901. KATE V. OLDFIELD, Administratrix. GRAY & BUNGE, Attorneys f r Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Angaliue Ford, deceased. The undersigned having oven appointed Administrator of the estate of Angaline Ford, deceased, hereby gives notice that he 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 that had he allowed himself to take all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 15th day of February, A. D. 1902. FRANK A. FOED, Administrator. GRAV & BUNGE, Attorneys for Administrator,

TAX SALE NOTICE.

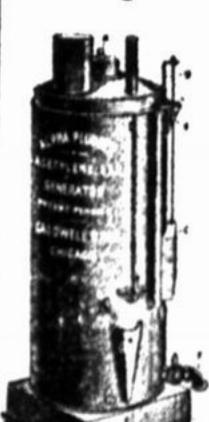
COUNTY OF DU PAGE, (SS: To Florence L. Morgan, Unknewn Owners and

Parties interested: Take Notice. That at a sale of lots and lands for taxes and assessments duly made in the county of Du Page, state of Illinois, A. M. Glos ourchased the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, on the 18th day of June, A. D. read by all the members of the family. 1900, nor the delinquent taxes levied and assessed thereon for the year A. D. 1899 and subsequently assigned the certificates of purchase to the undersigned, to-wit:

Lots 1 to 20, both inclusive, in block 58, and lots 11 to 20, both inclusive, in block 60, all in Belt City, being a subdivision of part section 17. T. 38 ... R. 9 E., 3rd P. M., and said premises were taxed for said year 1899 in the name of Florence L. Morgan.

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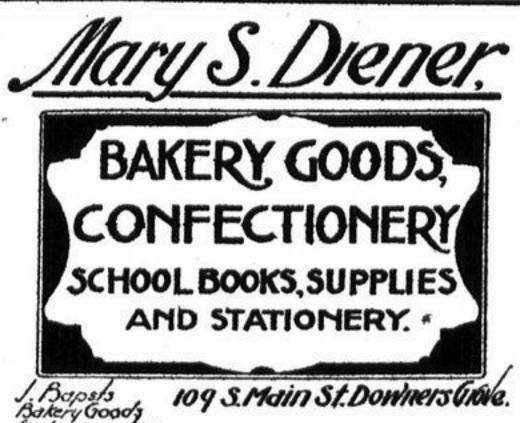
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