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LEXINGTON PEOPLE ARE ON THE MOVE

Much Improvement Is Noted By Our Reporter In The Little City As Spring Advances.—Items of Interest.

The little city of Lexington is moving to the front, and as Spring advances a great many evidences of substantial growth of the place are budding forth. A representative of this paper spent a day there the past week and made note of some of the things going on, and also imbibed some of the spirit of optimism that seems to pervade the entire community. While it is true that some few days of cold, drying winds have made the surface of the country round about take on the appearance of early summer, and frosty nights have somewhat retarded the growth of vegetation, the change has arrived in these conditions and now trees shrubby, gardens and wheat fields are alike putting on their proper appearance and coming forth in grand style. Lexington is showing a general prosperous condition and her people are all looking forward to one of the best seasons in their history, and she has had some mighty good ones in the more recent years.

Fine Residence in Course of Construction.

Perhaps the chief item of building improvement to be noted at Lexington just now, is the construction of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McMillan. This new home occupies a lot in the east end of town and is prominently situated. Ten large and conveniently arranged basements in a two-story house with full basement constitutes the main portion of this residence and there will be a fine sleeping porch on the upper story, also sewing room, bath and toilet and a full complement of closets and built-in china closets and kitchen and dining room conveniences. The entire building will be heated from the basement with a furnace while no modern convenience will be overlooked. All floors are to be hardwood and the building is to be finished in plaster throughout. Large and roomy porches will also adorn the exterior and the cottage will be one of the very finest in Morrow county. M. D. Tucker has the contract and we must say he is doing a very excellent job of work. It will take sometime to complete the house and the contractor will not make a guess as to when this will be done as he is having a hard time to get suitable men on the job and is having to plod along with the most of the work himself. This home will cost Mr. and Mrs. McMillan in the neighborhood of \$7000 when completed and will be a house to be proud of indeed.

Farm Home is Nearing Completion.

T. H. Nichols is putting the finishing touches to his new home on the farm bordering Lexington. This is a seven room house, nicely arranged and containing modern conveniences. It occupies a commanding position on the hill just north of town and shows the spirit of enterprise of which Mr. Nichols is possessed in keeping up with the procession. The material throughout for this residence as well as the new home of the McMillans is being furnished by Lew Holmes, the hustling manager of the Tum-A-Lum Co. at Lexington.

New Postoffice Going Up.

Chas. H. Breshears is putting up a small structure opposite the bank, which when completed will be used by Mrs. Breshears to accommodate the postoffice. Mr. Breshears is doing the work on this building himself.

Wheat is Moving Out Rapidly.

The crews at the Leach & Scott and Jos. Burgoyne warehouses at Lexington have been working night and day for the past week in moving out the wheat. The former have diminished their supply very materially and reduced the amount on hand to a point where it will not take long to clean up. At the Burgoyne house there is still a heavy amount of wheat stored. Cars have been coming in quite regularly each day and they are loaded out at once, thus necessitating a great deal of night work. There is also a shortage of men, so the two warehouses are "doubling teams" and expect to make a clean-up of all the wheat in storage in very short order. When suitable cars can be had, the wheat is loaded in bulk and shipments are made direct to Minneapolis. Many of the farmers in the Lexington section are yet awaiting final settlement on their grain and they now hope for a "clean-up" in this direction. They begin to feel the need of a little of the good coin.

Putting in Pumping Plants.

K. L. Beach installed a new windmill and pumping outfit at the Frank Moore place the past week. He also installed quite an extensive plant at

the Newlon farm, this going in at the artesian well. Mr. Beach states that there has been no apparent falling off in the flow of water at the Newlon well but these people desire to reach higher ground and take in more land for irrigation. A new style valveless pump has been placed over the well and this is worked by an 8-horse gasoline engine and a flow from the well of 1000 to 1200 gallons per minute is obtained and the water raised to a level ten feet higher than was possible by the force obtained from the artesian flow. When the pump is not working, it is so arranged that the water can flow through it from the well and the lower levels wanted to be reached can be irrigated in this manner. Mr. Beach thinks the improvement has added much to the value of the well and states that a great abundance of water is being irrigated better than 160 acres of fine land. The engine was furnished by Joseph Burgoyne. The Newlons are still making good improvements on the Rice place and are now taking up the work of improving the South Springs ranch, where they expect to install an extensive pumping plant in the near future. The irrigation system they have installed is under the direction of an experienced man from the Yakima country and Mr. Beach is of the opinion that excellent results will be obtained.

Barely Misses Serious Accident.

Miss Edith Reaney, daughter of Andrew Reaney, barely escaped a serious accident in Lexington Friday last. She was driving the Reaney car and crossing the bridge at the garage she was taking the hill on high. When about two-thirds of the way up, desiring to change gears and go into intermediate she threw the lever into reverse and the car was shot back down the hill under full power. Miss Reaney apparently lost control and did not throw the emergency brakes and backed into one of the bents of the bridge with great force. The bent was strong enough to hold and the car was brought to a standstill with a crash and just prevented from going over into the ditch, a distance of perhaps eight or ten feet, which fall would no doubt have landed the car bottom side up and crushed the occupant. No very serious damage resulted, however, and Miss Reaney was indeed fortunate in holding the car to the road as well as she did and thus prevented it from going over the embankment at the end of the bridge.

Roads Are Still Being Stirred Up.

The county road crew is at work in and around Lexington and some of the roads are being stirred up in a scandalous manner. Just what idea possesses the road crews to go at this work at this time is not altogether clear and unless heavy rains come to settle the work done, the people who have to travel these thoroughfares will wallow in dust to their necks from now until late fall, and the farmers having to get over the roads with their heavy grain hauling will have one sweet time of it. Had the work been undertaken a couple of months ago these roads would now be in excellent shape.


Lew Holmes the hustling Tum-A-Lum man, is going to see that the people of the Lexington section will be supplied with fuel for the coming winter. He is getting in plenty of slabs and coal, and is seeing to it that the residents in his territory are being supplied. Lew is an optimist, and since becoming the daddy of a bouncing big daughter he is sure that he is some "pumpkins" in the neighborhood. Mrs. Holmes and the baby are staying for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Slocum in Heppner and Daddy Lew has to make his regular daily trips to this city to see how the young lady is progressing.

E. A. Zochert, the hustling drayman will soon have one of the nice homes in Lexington. He has a good well on the place which he has equipped with a pump and is able to irrigate his entire lot. This has been planted to trees and shrubbery and the care it is receiving at the hands of Mr. Zochert will soon bring the desired results. He is going in for a fine home.

Taylor Brothers, the well drillers, are now engaged in putting down a well for Frank Anderson at the head of Jack Rabbit canyon. They are now down between 260 and 300 feet and expect soon to strike a sufficient flow of water. Since coming to Morrow county these gentlemen have bored a large number of wells and have been universally successful in getting water.

Jos. Burgoyne is making some improvements about his mill and warehouse. The elevator for bulk loading of grain has been extended to a greater height to make it more convenient to dump the grain into the cars. He is also having the low places about the mill filled in and the grounds generally improved.

R. H. Lane has recently completed a butcher shop on his lot next to the Office Confectionery. He is keeping on hand at all times a good supply of fresh and salt meats and the opening of his shop at Lexington fills a long felt want.



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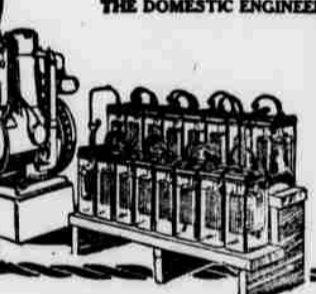
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