

News From County Towns

PUSHING WORK ON BIG OIL PLANT AT SANTEE

Storage and Distributing Concern for Standard Will Cover an Acre.

TO BE DONE BY AUGUST 1

Special to the Union

Santee, July 13.—Work is being pushed by W. D. Hall & Co., of El Cajon, on the construction of a substantial oil storage and distributing plant for the Standard Oil company. The plant will cover an acre of ground adjoining the Cuyamaca railway a short distance northeast of Santee depot. It will include three steel tanks eleven feet in diameter and twenty-four feet in height having a capacity of about 17,000 gallons each. They will be used for the storage of gasoline, distillate and kerosene. The plans also provide for well and 3000-gallon water tank mounted on a tower, a commodious two-story barn 22x22 feet, a pump engine house 10x13 feet, a wagon shed and platform 24x22 feet and a post and rail fence surrounding the tire property.

Foundation Completed

W. D. Hall & Co., of El Cajon, have a contract for installing and constructing all the improvements except the three steel tanks, which probably will be shipped from San Francisco already built. The Hall company has completed the concrete foundations for the tanks, and is now raising the well and constructing the post and rail fence. The contract calls for completion of the plant by August 1.

The plant will be used to supply the towns of El Cajon valley, Lakeside, Bostonia, Santee and the entire country for a radius of several miles. The land in this section has been sold in this section has been shipped on the railroad in barrels and drums. The improvement now being made will facilitate the handling of the company's business but will be of convenience to consumers.

Local News

E. W. Lagaway's new house near Santee is being finished and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

James Ballantyne is securing a fair field of barley from the Mrs. H. P. Coon property in the foothills north of the San Diego river, which has been leased from the owner. He is now operating a threshing machine on the property and expects to thresh 3000 sacks or more from 250 acres.

Ballantyne is preparing to establish a dairy on his property at Santee.

His plans provide for a five-room house for Lyman Gibbs, who will be foreman of the dairy; there will be a commodious barn for 100 cows.

El Cajon Valley to Have Another Great Fruit Day, But Later

Meeting Called for Tomorrow To Decide Upon Date For Event.

Special to the Union

El Cajon, July 13.—C. O. Nichols, chairman of the executive committee in charge of the El Cajon Valley Fruit Day celebration, has called a meeting of the committee for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to decide on the date of holding this year's event.

Fruit Day was celebrated for the first time last year. It was a pronounced success from every viewpoint. The plans of the committee are to carry out this year's celebration on a still larger scale. They expect to entertain hundreds of visitors from the surrounding country and San Diego. Arrangements will be made for special trains on the Cuyamaca railway to bring the visitors from San Diego and intermediate points.

Last year's Fruit Day was held on August 3, but it is expected that the coming event will be somewhat later in the season. The delay is caused by the cool spring, the various fruits of the valley ripening later than usual. The selection of a date was postponed until a time it could be determined that the fruits will be ripe and show up to the best advantage. The executive committee which will meet Saturday afternoon to decide on the day and attend to other questions in connection with the celebration, is composed of C. O. Nichols, chairman; William Stell, H. Culbertson, C. C. McCutcheon, Thomas Ballantyne and C. C. Brashear.

DEDICATION OF CHAPEL SUNDAY

Many From San Diego Expected at La Mesa; Special Rate.

Special to the Union

La Mesa Springs, July 13.—The new chapel of the Central Congregational church of La Mesa will be dedicated Sunday afternoon with appropriate services commencing at 2 o'clock.

Participating in the program will be the pastors of various Congregational churches in this section of the county, including Rev. Willard B. Thorp of the First church, San Diego; Rev. Edwin S. Hill, of National City; C. N. Hand, of Lemon Grove; Rev. Shelton Bissell, of La Jolla;

EL CAJON TO GET ELECTRICITY TODAY

New Line Ready for the Current, and Patronage Is Liberal.

Special to the Union

El Cajon, July 13.—Current will be turned on to El Cajon tomorrow or next day over the new electric power line which has been extended from Lakeside to Lakeside by the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric company.

W. D. Hall & Co. will be the first to use the current in the village. The firm has installed a 30-horsepower motor in its planing mill for operating all the machinery in that department and one of five-horsepower rating in its machine shop, both replacing gasoline engines.

Employees of the electric company were here today installing meters and everything is ready for the "juice."

A number of residences and business houses have been wired for electric lights and electricians are busy preparing other places for the current. Included in the places that already have been wired are El Cajon hotel, D. N. Nolan's residence, Stell-Burgess store, Adams' harness shop, W. D. Hall plant and Cuyamaca State bank.

The Southern Electric company of San Diego has opened a branch store here and employees are busy installing wires and fixtures in a number of places.

Building Operations Active

Lumber is being delivered today by W. D. Hall & Co. for a modern \$2000 bungalow to be erected by P. W. Jones in the Chase Ranch subdivision.

The Hall company has installed a large high duty pump on the J. W. Dougherty property at Bostonia.

H. L. Hayer, recently from Montana, is establishing a chicken ranch on the 10-acre tract he purchased in the Chase subdivision. He has built hen houses 16x75 feet, is digging a well and will build a house later.

J. F. Raines, a contractor, is building an attractive home for himself on the main street in the Chase tract.

Others improving their property in the Chase subdivision are Hughes, Clifton, Gibbs and Palm. The Hall company has installed gas engines and pumps for all of these excepting Gibbs and also for Raines and Hayer.

O. R. Cross, Jr., has ordered lumber and material from the same firm for an addition to his house on his property north of Bostonia. He also intends erecting a commodious dairy barn.

Social Club Gives Dance

The Bostonia Social club was entertained last night with a dance given in the club house by Mrs. J. R. Caldwell and Mrs. C. O. Graves. Twelve couples were present and an enjoyable evening was passed.

J. J. Hughes, a recent arrival from Point Agordia, Florida, has been engaged as foreman of W. D. Hall & Co.'s machine shop. He is an experienced mechanic, having received