

GOLFING A FIXTURE IN ARDMORE

DISCOVERY OF BEAUTIFUL PARK MARKS AN EPOCH IN THE SOC- IAL HISTORY OF THE CITY OF ARDMORE.

History tells us that Balboa climbed a tree and discovered the Pacific ocean. That discovery marked an epoch in the history of the world.

Perry Maxwell, cashier of the Ardmore National bank, climbed a tree just north of the city, and discovered a sea of beauty that marked an epoch in the social history of Ardmore. Mr. Maxwell loves tennis and golf and outdoor sports. He was looking about for a suitable location for the establishment of a golf links near Ardmore. In his quest he climbed a tree on a knoll near Lorena park, north of the city, and, looking to the west he could see vast fields of wheat and a country broken with streams and skirted with timber. To the northwest lay the city lake, one of the largest bodies of water in the state. To the north was the real scene of beauty. It rivals the Biltmore estate viewed from an eminence, it rivals the scenery along the Hudson, it is as inspiring as a view of the valley of the Tennessee from Look-out mountain. There lies a vast scope of broken country, with running streams, dotted with small lakes, irregular patches of prairie skirted with timber. Here herds of cattle and horses were lazily grazing, unconscious of the wonderful beauties of nature which surround them. The climax to the scene, however, is the northern boundary, where the blue ridge of Arbuckle mountains make the background of grandeur and beauty.

At the foot of the hill, where Mr. Maxwell climbed the tree lay an ideal location for golf links. He determined then upon the purchase of the land. Near the spot where the tree was climbed a club house that is costing \$10,000 is under construction. From the wide verandas of the house the same scenery which enchanted Mr. Maxwell can be seen by every visitor. Workmen are now engaged in making green spots on the links, but the rustic beauty of the grounds is not being disturbed. Three hundred loads of rocks have been picked up from the ground and stone bridges have been built across the small stream which courses through the grounds. The sturdy oaks and the mounds which nature left there are being left as they stood.

The lovers of golf now have the best grounds in the state. It is said that there is no other place in the state to equal it in beauty. Ardmore will be the home of the lovers of the game. When the club house is completed it will not have an equal in the state for convenience of arrangement and for beauty of surrounding scenery.

There are links in Scotland which have been used exclusively for golf playing for a period of 400 years, and it is reasonable to believe that the grounds here will be used for many generations to come by the lovers of the sport.

Forty acres are included in the links now, and 30 more will be added during the year. The club owns more than 300 acres of land. The property adjoins the property of the Ardmore Rod and Gun club. The lake can be seen from the club house. Every light and every building in Ardmore can be seen from the same spot. A tennis court has been built and those who like that game best may play it to their heart's content.

The home is being supplied with city water, shower baths for men and women, an indoors dining room for winter and an outdoors dining room for summer, sleeping rooms for winter and sleeping porches for summer. A large living room, with a glowing fireplace is being prepared for the golfers, after the game.

These grounds will always be the beauty spot of Ardmore, and to Perry Maxwell belongs the credit for having made the discovery.