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ITEMS ABOUT CRAIGVILLE

The twenty four new houses at Craigville, Washington township, present a very neat appearance. The last eight are now being framed. Every house is plastered, painted, roof and all, and behind each is a cistern with a chain pump.

The houses are placed over a hundred feet apart, and the streets are more than a hundred feet wide.

The new depot will be built about thirty rods north of Baker township line and very convenient for the town. Sufficient side track is now laid for the accommodation of local freight. A telephone line is already built from the place where the depot is to be to the coal shaft. The depot will have telegraphic communication with Girard, the line being up now.

The railroad company has not yet laid the tracks about the shafts, but the grading for over three miles of the same, including a large Y, is finished. As soon as the material arrives the track will be finished.

Mr. Craig, the accommodating manager of the coal works, informs us that the company has been delayed in the construction of the shafts by lack of machinery and material, but before the winter is over 200 men will be at work.

He also stated positively that there would be no "company store" conducted in connection with the works, and that the men would be paid in cash every fifteen or thirty days.

On or about January 1, 1887, a number of town lots will be surveyed and platted and sold to any one who may wish to engage in business or build a home for himself.

It begins to look as though the Santa Fe people are going to have a neat and thriving village of their own, and it will have probably, 800 inhabitants within one year from this date.

Thus do the towns spring up in Crawford county.

There are 11 houses raised in Craigville, the new town on the Southern Kansas R.R. of which are enclosed. A man from Osage City, KS moved into the big boarding house Tuesday, and will be ready for boarders in a few days.

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The Pit Top of coal shaft No. 2 on the Southern Kansas railroad was raised Tuesday and the engine house is nearly ready. A large force of men are at work on the pit top, and will soon have it ready for business. One must see these coal works to realize their substantial character.

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