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Steps are being taken by the company to have a post-office established, and as Mr. John G. Butler, the book-keeper of the company is the only Democrat thereabouts, it is likely he will receive the appointment and likewise the lucrative salary--and some cussing.

John Kilholland has finished the air shaft at No. 2, and the workman are putting up the heavy screen.

Each shaft is supplied with five railroad tracks, four for coal--each having track scales--and one around the shaft so that coal can be hauled away without stopping the work at the shaft.

A man by the name of Smith, of Minden, has made a contract for a lot, and will build a store at once.

The new Southern Kansas depot is inclosed, and being plastered by Mr. Brown of Beulah. It is the largest depot in the county--excepting none. It is 25 x 70 with platforms on both sides 150 feet in length. The building has eleven foot ceilings, two general office rooms, each 16 x 25, and telegraph office and agents' room 16 x 25, with convenient bookcupboards, secretary; a waiting room 20 x 25, and a freight room. The whole building is substantially built, and the large force employed in building will finish it this week.

The carpenters say the general office of the company will be in the depot, and it certainly has plenty of room for them.

THE TOWN IS FINALLY NAMED

It has been hard work for the Southern Kansas railroad people to find a name for the new town in Washington township, situated at the end of the new road. Mr. Craig, the new Superintendent of the coal works, was in Topeka during last week, and was astounded when the name Frontenac was announced. Persons living there, or who intend to move there, should practice on the above to procure the proper pronunciation. Hereafter our readers will look for news items from Frontenac, Crawford county.

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As we have before published, the above name is attached to the new town in Washington township, the terminus of the Southern Kansas Railroad.

The name is French. DeFrontenac was a French general who was born in 1621; served in the French army in Italy, Flanders, Germany, and Canada. In 1672 he was appointed governor general of Canada by Louis XIV, and he built Fort Frontenac, now Kingston, Ontario. After serving through many of the Indian wars he died at Quebec, November 28, Frontenac was a man of great ability both as a soldier and statesman. There is also one county in Ontario, Canada, with an area of 323 square miles, named after him.

So for the name, as it is an historic one. We do not contemplate that its inhabitants will take any great interest in the origin of the name, but while many are laughing at it, we want to mention that is there is any good to come from a name, why Frontenac has good history.

As to items of news in the town. Most of the 26 houses are occupied; the hotel is keeping a large number of boarders; shaft No. 1 is producing one car of coal per day, which is hoisted by a small temporary engine. The entries in this shaft are being rapidly driven by a force of 15 miners, and are now 100 feet dist from the main shaft Massrs. Cockroft and Groesbeck were building the foundation for the fan house last Tuesday.

The company has been seriously delayed by not receiving the engine boilers for both shafts, but as soon as they arrive a large force of miners will be put in shaft No.1.

W.H. Minecey, and Al Peavey, of Baker township, are delivering a large number of oak pillars for propping the roof in the mines. They got \$3.75 per hundred for the props when delivered.