

Chamber Discusses Proposal for Elmira Clay-Products Plant

Establishment of a clay factory at Elmira was discussed yesterday by the industries committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Ed Weidman, proprietor of the Monroe Brick and Tile Co., William Maddaugh, L. A. Laws, and W. L. Parker, representing the Elmira district where extensive clay deposits were recently discovered.

Samples of the clay have been submitted to the federal government in hope it will be approved for use in the new postoffice to be constructed here. It is also proposed to move enough clay to Monroe to manufacture 100,000 cream-colored bricks for sampling purposes.

A few cream-colored bricks and pottery have already been manufactured with the Elmira clay, and the hope of establish-

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ing a plant at Elmira rested on the fact that nowhere else in the state is there a clay which produces anything but red brick products.

The Elmira samples have tested equal to all expectations, the industries committee was told, and it was believed that with the 11 different varieties of clay found at Elmira — fire-brick, roofing tile, floor tiling, sewer pipes, faced bricks, glazed bricks, and pottery—could all be manufactured.

As soon as a representative of a clay machinery factory confers with owners of the clay deposits, a decision will be made as to size and capacity of a plant.