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A Lively Row

The papers of the Pecos valley are just now engaged in a lively little row. In fact, they have been saying mean things about each other for some time. The Citizen is not fully enough informed upon the merits of the case one way or another to side with this, that or the other, but it can judge to some extent at least by previous experience.

The Roswell Record, for instance, is continually hammering at other papers in the valley and generally demonstrating that it would play the hog if given half a chance.

Knowing the Record for a rabid sort of a publication which gets its pointers politically and otherwise from some rather peculiar quarters, The Citizen does not blame the little Pecos Valley News for ruffling up its fur and standing pat.

The News says it has been compelled to fight in the past and that it intends to continue to fight just as long as fighting is necessary.

The News stands out strong for its home town and home country and it says it does not intend to recede one inch from its position until Roswell and Carlsbad agree to shake hands with Artesia, and quit with the honors even.

The whole world loves a game fighter and the News is certainly putting up a game fight.

About the ability of that portion of New Mexico which wants to become Artesia county, to support itself, The Citizen can not say.

A bill to create Artesia county was lost in the shuffle during the last legislature, but Editor Newkirk, of the News, says the bill is not "tabled indefinitely" so far as Artesia is concerned and never will be.

The Citizen does not like to see weak and struggling districts changed into counties because they should not cut loose from the parent counties until they are fully self supporting. That needs no argument. At the same time if Artesia district, as her people claim, can support herself, then the counties of Chaves and Eddy ought to give her a fair show. At least the few papers that are saying mean things, ought to be more considerate.

As above stated The Citizen is not fully enough informed as to the merits in the case one way or another, to express a decided opinion upon the matter of Artesia county, but The Citizen can not help but openly express its admiration for the hearty way the News champions its cause and refuses to be sat upon by the neighborhood papers.

Harmony is a mighty good thing—in the churches, parties, newspapers and among human beings generally. At the same time when harmony can not be had except by absolute and humiliating surrender, The Citizen does not blame the News for planting its banner and hurling down the gauntlet.

Some of the spirit displayed by the News is voiced in the following editorial, which was called forth by a recent editorial in the Roswell Record: "It is all right to talk harmony among the Pecos valley papers, and we for one would like nothing better, but if Roswell and Carlsbad think that they can persuade us to drop Artesia county in the interests of such aforesaid harmony, they are barking up the wrong tree."

"We have been kicked and cuffed first on one side and then on the other. We have been sat down on and then like truth we rise eternal. We asked for a bridge and it was promised us and then both Carlsbad papers went against it and the proposition was voted down by Carlsbad. We asked one tier of townships from Chaves county and instead of a civil answer we were told by one of the bosses that we should not have a d—m foot."

"In return for this we are to drop the only thing that promises us relief and work for 'harmony.' If we are to have harmony it will be as a county seat and no other way. Artesia has been doing her share toward building up the valley and she will continue to do so, as one item, is there another town in the entire Pecos valley that is maintaining an exhibit at Amarillo? Artesia is. Artesia asks only her rights. She will get them and she will play second fiddle to none."

Of all the words in the English language, the word "but" is probably capable of the most evil, says the Washington Herald. It is a mean, sneaking, cowardly word, lending itself to detraction and inferential slander. The man who uses it commits himself to nothing; he has uttered no untruths, spoken no evil, formulated no charges, but—! Every one knows how the "but" same works. A certain type of woman is very adept at it. "Yes, I think Mrs. Blank is such a charming woman; so pretty and always so well-dressed, and her home, why, it's simply beautiful, but—" and there it stops. All the praise that went before is thrown in only to lend additional force to the heaviest "but." Coming thus at the end of the sentence, followed by a ponderous silence and often accompanied by a mean little tentative smile, it is more damatory of reputation and character than any outspoken slander would be. "Jim's a valuable man at the office, isn't he?" "Jim? Well, I should say so. He does as much work as 'most any two men down there; he doesn't drink and he's always on the job, but—" That's all. As soon as the knell of the "but" sounds you know that "Jim" is a dead one. The worst of it is that so prone are we to judge ill of our fellow-man that that significant "but" leaves it to ourselves to figure out just what the delinquency is. If the man is honest, patient, hard-working, kindly, generous, it would seem that there is not much room left for large vices; but— And there you are! That "but" implies something wrong, and the next time you look into the smiling eyes of your friend that little word of three letters will ring in your ears and you can't help wondering to save your life what the particular skeleton in his closet may be. Give a dog a bad name and you might as well hang him offhand. Use that word "but" just once carelessly against a friend and you have done much to wound him in a vital spot. It is awful to contemplate the ill that "but" can do. There is, in reality, only one location in which the word is used with absolutely good intent, and in considering the word at all it is well to remember this: "Now abideth faith, hope, and charity; these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

It comes rather late this denial by Judge Rodey that he gave out an interview at Oyster Bay recently, to the effect that New Mexico was suffering from graft and rotten political conspiracy. Yet the denial even as late as it has come, will have some effect in stopping the "holier than thou" comments of a few Arizona papers that are accustomed to pick up and publish everything damaging to the fair name of New Mexico for the purpose of fostering an ill sentiment in our sister territory. The Citizen hopes that this denial by Judge Rodey will be given equal publicity with that given his alleged interview. The interview as published in eastern papers at the very time our new governor called at Oyster Bay, served to place Mr. Curry in a very embarrassing position and injured New Mexico. The Associated Press handled the story and it was sent to every nook and cranny of the United States. Judge Rodey says he did not make such a statement nor any statement which could in any manner be so construed. It is to be hoped he never will have occasion to make such remarks about the territory that has given him all he has.

Th selfishness of some parents is almost beyond belief, says an exchange. Here is the story of a man who left his home in Pittsburg twenty-two years ago, intending to return the same day. He forgot all about it and wandered around the country until suddenly he remembered that he had left the gas burning. He went back home and found his baby daughter married and carrying a baby daughter in her arms. Enraged at his daughter's wilfulness, the father beat her senseless. Now, that doesn't seem just right.

A dollar has nothing to say as to its own morals. Earned by honest toil, it is an honest dollar, but its next breath may have a taint that makes the Goddess of Liberty hide herself back of the eagle when it flings in a contribution box.

A Milwaukee man has written to an Arizona postmaster for a collection of Arizona fleas. Newport should sit up and take notice. Why not give a champagne dinner for Arizona fleas.

The Teddy bear shirt waist has taken the place of the peck-a-boos in popular favor. It seems to be made by cutting out the threads between the peck-a-boos.

The telegraph operators, who are striking, deserve credit for one thing—there has never been a more orderly strike in years.

ABOUT TOWN

Earnest A. Davis, of the local Pullman office, left last night for a pleasure trip to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baker are spending their honeymoon at the Valley Ranch on the Pecos.

Simon Bibb, of the Bibb Mercantile company of Grants and Laguna, N. M., is visiting in San Francisco.

The local encampment of Odd Fellows will hold a regular meeting tonight at their hall, work in the royal purple and refreshments.

A marriage license was issued today to Miss Harriet W. Baker and Francis Mansfield, both residents of White River, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Washburn, who are sojourning on Nantucket Island, are expected home next Monday on the California limited.

The sale was recorded yesterday of lots 265 and 266, block 18, Armijo Bros. addition, by William Jenks and wife to Wm. N. Lawrence.

Louis Gumbiner and Harry Hoffman returned to the city last night from an outing spent at the Valley Ranch on the Upper Rio Pecos.

Deputy Sheriff J. A. Montoya returned last night from the vicinity of the San Mateo mountains, where he went on official business a few days ago.

Dr. John B. Beresford and mother, of Melbourne, Australia, who have been visiting in this territory for a month past, passed through the city today en route to New York.

Sheriff Harry Coddington, of McKinley county, and his bride, paid a flying visit to Albuquerque this morning, arriving here on an early train and leaving for Gallup on the flyer.

A called meeting of the presbytery of the Rio Grande was held at the Presbyterian church in this city this morning. A number of ministers of the presbytery attended and considerable business was transacted.

J. W. Mayner, charged with being drunk on the streets last night, was arraigned before Judge Craig this morning and upon his pleading guilty was fined \$5 and costs. A friend in need was at hand to pay his fine.

A petition was filed in the district court today by Attorney M. E. Hickey, secretary of the board of trustees of the First Methodist church of Albuquerque, asking that the church be allowed to mortgage certain property for the purpose of raising \$1,000 to complete the payment for the new \$1,000 parsonage.

Manager O. A. Matson, of the Browns, makes the suggestion that any one contemplating the trip to Trinidad with the boat leave his name at his store, if eighteen will make the trip a special Pullman car will be provided by the railroad company. The round trip fare is \$15. Names should be sent in before Thursday evening.

Abel Perea of Bernalillo, spent today in Albuquerque on business. Mr. Perea said that nearly 1,000 people were in Bernalillo county recently to attend the Matanzas dance in honor of the fiesta of San Lorenzo. The costumes of the dancers were the most brilliant seen in many years.

Recent rains have done much good in the vicinity of Bernalillo and crops are looking fine. Mr. Perea says wheat and alfalfa in particular will make good yields but there will be little fruit.

At 8:30 o'clock last night occurred the death of Laura D. Cooper, the little daughter of Deputy U. S. Marshal Harry Cooper, at the age of ten years and eight months. The little girl died as the result of an operation for appendicitis. By reason of her sweet disposition and bright mind the little girl made a host of friends old and young who will deeply mourn her passing away. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the family residence, 509 West Gold avenue at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

General F. J. Torrance and party did not arrive at the city last night as expected, but will probably get here tonight. The visiting of the Hagan coal mines caused them to be late in their arrival here. In the party besides General Torrance and several officers of the Santa Fe Central are James Arrott and John Hunter, of Pittsburg, capitalists interested in railroad enterprises; W. L. Taylor, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly attorney general of that state, also a capitalist; Walter Lyon, of Pittsburg, former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania; T. P. Duck and E. P. Hesley, capitalists of Pittsburg; W. A. Stone, of Uniontown, Pa.; Robert Law, a railroad promoter and capitalist now of Denver, Colo. formerly of Pittsburg, and Mr. Obernauer, also of Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Jennie Lee Hedrick, of Amarillo, Texas, who has been in this city for the past several months as the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Collier, will leave this evening for her home. Miss Hedrick is a little black-eyed southerner and during her brief visit here, she made many friends. In fact, she did things to the surprise of some of the masculine members of the youngsters' social set and she has been one of the most popular members of the "kid crowd" during the summer here. Last evening some of the members of the young set gathered at the home of Mrs. Collier and needless to say their coming was not announced in advance. It was a genuine surprise party and Miss Hedrick was given proof of her popularity. In fact, she had gone to spend the evening with Miss Jean Hubbs and was decoyed to her sister's home only to find all the lights aglow and a crowd of her young friends waiting to receive her. A lively time followed and the little Texas girl was given the most enjoyable evening of her stay in this city. Among those who bade her farewell with regret were: Misses Jean Hubbs, Gladys McLaughlin, Lillian Hesselden, Josephine Campfield, Janet Brison, Jesse Mordy, Joe Mordy, Charles Lemke, Kenneth Heald, Walter Allen, Charles Benjamin, Chester Goss, David Keller, Benson Newell, Sidney Barth, J. M. Robbins, Lawrence Lee, Herbert Skinner, Hugh Bryan. The young people danced and played a variety of games in which appropriate prizes were won by Miss Jesse Mordy and Chester Goss. Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Hubbs saw to it that the refreshments were not wanting in quality or quantity. Miss Hedrick will take home with her a pleasing impression of Albuquerque and other tokens more or less sentimental from the many friends with whom she passed an enjoyable summer.

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Sympathetic Printers. Portland, Ore., August 20.—A special from Missoula, Mont., says that the reports from Butte and Anaconda are to the effect that the typographical unions at those places have refused to handle press matter that comes by telegraph. The Associated Press is getting a condensed report to those cities.

SOUTHWEST IS SOAKED BY DRENCHING RAINS

Both Territories and Texas Feel Effects of Heavy Fall.

Gallup, N. M., August 20.—(Special)—The heaviest rainfall this part of the territory has experienced for several years has fallen during the past 48 hours. It began raining Sunday afternoon and has been raining intermittently ever since the fall part of the time being exceedingly hard.

The Rio Puerco of the west, which heads in the hills east of this place and runs through the west part of the town, has been a swollen, raging torrent since Sunday night. West of here the rainfall was fully as heavy as here. The agent and section men at the station of Fort Defiance have notified the Santa Fe officials that they will not longer occupy their present quarters, as the building is in a dangerous condition. The station house is built near the mouth of a narrow canyon that is carrying a large volume of yellow water.

At Manuelito, a small station fifteen miles west of Gallup, the situation is equally desperate.

Arizona Soaked. Winslow, Ariz., August 20.—(Special)—this place was visited yesterday and the day previous by a hard rain that soaked pasture and filled waterholes to the delight of the stockmen, but has caused some little uneasiness on the part of the roadmasters of the local divisions of the Santa Fe. The Little Colorado river is badly swollen and threatens the railroad in several places between Holbrook and this place.

Wet in El Paso. A dispatch from El Paso this morning says that it rained there last night also. The telegraph wires are heavy between here and there according to the operators, which is an indication that they were wet all the way.

Ben Digneo, foreman of the composing room of The Citizen, who returned last night from a month's vacation spent in the desert mountains, says that it has been raining almost every day in the mountains, and that the country is thoroughly soaked, much to the delight of the farmers and stock men.

People who happened to be in the nearby mountains yesterday say that it rained hard yesterday afternoon.

The down pour in the city had very much the appearance of a river in the eastern part. Some of the arroyos coming down from the mesa carried big streams of water and several sidewalks in the Highlands were badly covered with washed sand.

MANAGER HUBBS LANDS BIG FIRE FIGHTING PRODUCTION

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from the building jump. Others are rescued by the aerial ladder and still others slide down fire ladders. The scene is very thrilling and so very real that one thinks that he is witnessing a real fire. It is certainly worth the money.

QUARTER MILLION STOLEN FROM MAIL

Lincoln, Aug. 20.—Three registered mail sacks containing about a quarter of a million dollars disappeared from a Burlington freight train between Denver and Oxford, Neb., last Sunday night and postoffice officials have just made the fact public. The train left Denver with several sacks and but four remained when Oxford was reached.

WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN SURF

Santa Monica, August 20.—The body of a woman, apparently about 35 years old, was found in the surf opposite the hotel Arcadia this afternoon.

All attempts at identification have failed.

The body is fully clothed in garments denoting that the dead woman possessed some means. On the waist band of the under garment was the name "Moore" with the laundry mark "O-240." Shoes worn by the woman had been purchased at a store in Riverside.

There were no marks of violence on the body, which had been in the water but a short time.



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