

Las Vegas Gazette.

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TERRITORIAL REVIEW.

The following items were gleaned from the Silver City Herald:

Col. A. G. Boone, of Colorado, has been appointed agent for the Southern Apache Indians, to take the place of J. P. Clum, resigned.

—On Sunday of last week Capt. R. N. Calhoun, who has been living on John Perry's ranch, at the mouth of the Mangus, where it enters the Gila river, being awakened after midnight by the barking of dogs, and suspecting an attack by Indians, got up and arming himself, opened the door. There he was shot in the left breast, dying almost instantly. From the marks on the cartridges they were recognized to belong to an old fashioned Henry rifle which had been sold by Mr. Venable, who lived in the house of the murdered man, to Donaciano Domingues, and subsequently by him to Bill Martin, alias Jones, alias Wild Bill. This clue to who were the murderers led seven men, including John Perry, to follow upon the track of the Nelson gang. Bob Nelson, Donaldson, Wild Bill and Portuguese Joe were well armed and showed fight, but the skirmish ended in the instant death of Wild Bill, at the first fire. Then Portuguese Joe and Donaldson were laid out, and Nelson, on seeing himself alone, wheeled about his horse and tried to make good his escape; but being wounded in several places, he is supposed to have died. Several notoriously wicked Mexican and two more Americans were taken up, on suspicion of having belonged to Nelson's gang of thieves and assassins which, it is hoped, is now broken up entirely.

The Mesilla News states that the most prominent men of Grant county try to be excused from serving as jurors on the plea of belonging to the Silver City Fire Company.

[From the Cimarron News & Press.] Henri Bole, of Ute Creek, has received an invoice of \$200 worth of many superior varieties of grape vine, which are on their way from France.

Brown, Robinson & Arthur are reported as doing well on Willow Gulch, as also some other whose name we did not learn.

Lynch cleaned up 82 ounces from one claim, the result of a little over two weeks' run with a pipe with 450 inches of water with 400 feet pressure.

Last week Matt. Lynch met with a serious loss in the breaking of a reservoir which caused a wash-out of sluice boxes. His loss will be about \$500 in time and material.

S. G. Horner, of Ute Creek, was in town this week and reports the mines yielding well, the ground belonging to him and Turner paying from \$5 to \$8 to the man. This is pretty fair with plenty of free water.

Never go into a store where you are not wanted. If a man wants you to come to his place of business he will invite you through an advertisement in your home paper. It is wrong for you to intrude upon his privacy, so don't do it.

The wheat crop gives promise of exceeding any previous one made in this valley. Our farmers are now engaged in harvesting. Wheat of the new crop finds ready sale at \$2.50 the fanega cash, or \$1 per bushel.

A Double Murder.

About 8 o'clock p. m. on Thursday last Jose Luz de Jiron, a merchant doing business at La Mesa, twelve miles south of this place, accompanied by a young man named Juan de Dios Velarde, were attacked by two mounted men near the town of La Mesa and both Jiron and Velarde were shot down and killed. The murderers then fled towards El Paso, Mexico, to which place they have been followed by a posse. It

is charged that the murders were committed by a man named Pablo Telles, who was recently an inmate of our county jail, having been convicted of horse theft, and one Desiderio Ortega. It is generally believed that jealousy was the motive that led to Jiron's murder, and that Velarde was killed to prevent his becoming a witness against the murderer.

Later.—Information has just been received that the posse who went in pursuit of the two men who murdered Jiron and Velarde at La Mesa, on Thursday, reached El Paso, Mexico, about the same time that the murderers arrived there, and succeeded in capturing the villains who are now in jail at El Paso, awaiting a requisition that has this evening been sent for their extradition. Their names are Pablo Telles and Desiderio Ortega alias Limata. When captured they had just arrived and had not yet unsaddled their horses.—*Mesilla Valley Independent.*

Alfalfa.

The cultivation of alfalfa should receive more attention than it does from the farmers and ranchmen of New Mexico. In a country where butter is scarce at 50 cents a pound, it would well repay every man who owns a tract of land to put ten to twenty acres in alfalfa, as a pasture for a few cows. In the long run it would be much cheaper than having them herded on the dry grasses of the open prairie. This grass only needs care to get a start. When once it has taken root it will grow without irrigation, on anything like favorable soil. The roots will penetrate from 10 to 20 feet, in order to find moisture. We believe that a good crop of alfalfa could be raised on the top of the nine mile hill, provided it had once obtained a firm root. Where good wells of permanent water can be obtained at a depth of from 15 to 40 feet there is but little fear that alfalfa can be made to grow without irrigation. This crop alone has been the means of saving a large proportion of the stock now in California through the fearful drought of the present summer. Every ranchman should have a quantity of hay on hand, in case of severe storms during the winter. Good and permanent as are our grasses, and as mild as are our winters, much stock could be saved during storms which otherwise perishes. No other grass excels alfalfa for hay, both in quantity produced from an acre and its quality as a food. The native grasses can not last in the vicinity of towns and a substitute must be provided for the town herds. Alfalfa must be that substitute, and it is time the citizens of the surrounding country should seed down a portion of their lands in this grass. It will pay better than any other crop.

Many tourists from the East are visiting Colorado now. Professors and students are released from the colleges for the summer vacation, and various parties are organized for scientific research and investigation in the new State. There is a great deal of nature in Colorado, in the investigation of which these budding youths can profitably employ their time. But if they wish to enjoy a little of life, breathe the mountain air in its purity and infuse into their young blood vigor and strength, they should try a ramble through New Mexico, hunting buffalo on the plains, and fishing in the mountains. A few months of camp life under the blazing summer sun would turn the cuticle to a nut brown and would toughen the sinews like whippersnappers. On such a trip books and studies should not be thought of; they should be thrown aside and the manly sports of a hunter and trapper be followed for a season. Such a vacation would be worth infinitely more to health and future study than a dozen rail road journeys to the well worn, insipid, so-called pleasure resorts of Colorado.

The next great railway scheme we hear talked about is the junction of the Southern Pacific, from California, and the Atchison, Topoka and Santa Fe, at some point on the Rio Grande. This would be the best paying railroad in the West. It would bring Mexico, the Central American States and the republics of South America in direct communication with Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and the East. By building a short branch to Guaymas, on the Mexican coast, the route would still be made shorter and more direct. This branch road is largely subsidized by the Mexican government, in the shape of land grants, and only needs energetic managers to take hold of it to secure its speedy construction. Such a route will be the boss road of the continent, and when its advantages are thoroughly understood and canvassed, it will be rapidly built.

The War News.

It is about as difficult to learn from the telegrams the movements of the Russians, as it is to get an idea of the country from the various war maps which are published. At last accounts the Russian army was ready to force a passage of the Danube; a detachment of 18,000 men had effected a crossing at Hirsova. These were to be joined by others until the whole Russian army had crossed and taken possession of the right bank of the river. Then the Turkish strongholds are to be taken, an advance made upon the Balkans, and the march continued on to Constantinople.

Miscellaneous.

Trinidad offers to grade and tie fifty miles of railroad, from that point east, provided the projected narrow gauge from St. Louis is built to that town. Fifty miles of a roadbed, graded and tied, is a pretty good bonus, and should entitle Trinidad at least to a branch; but the main line would tap a better trade by being built southwest from the western border of Kansas into New Mexico.

The Yuma, Arizona, *Sentinel*, notes the variations in the temperature at that place from 98 to 113. We complain here when the mercury gets up to 80. But Yuma always had the reputation of being a hot place; to such an extent in fact, that on a certain occasion, after one of the first American soldiers stationed at that place had died, he came back to the barracks on the night after his funeral, hunting his blankets and telling his "bunk" that he found it too cold in the lower regions after leaving Yuma.

There is one thing certain about the large emigration from southwestern Missouri and Arkansas to Arizona, if the people do not remain, nor find a local habitation, but continue their wanderings, the Territory will be stocked up with a fine lot of cattle. The stock will remain, even if the people go on. Nearly every train which passes through here has a good number of fine American cows and excellent bulls. This will indirectly benefit New Mexico, as the superior grazing lands of this Territory will eventually bring the greater part of the stock back here.

The Proper Course.

The Pueblo *Chieftain* does the right thing when it says, we support Hayes for the reason that he has sunk the partisan in the president, and follows out his convictions of right regardless of the clamor of party politicians in his own or the opposing party. Because he regards the peace and prosperity of the country of vastly more account than the mere triumph of any political party; because he is weeding out unworthy office holders and abolishing sinecure offices; because the greatest opposition comes to him from corrupt and extreme partisans; because he is endeavoring to allay the passions and destroy the bad blood engendered by the war. In short, because he is not the pre-

side of a mere party, but has a patriotism that knows no north, no south, no east, no west, and makes him the president of the entire United States; because he is an honest, conscientious, fearless and independent statesman, and the right man in the right place.

Corned Beef and Cabbage.

A citizen entered a saloon and called for a cigar. The barkeeper handed out the box, the cigar was selected, but the customer did not appear to be very much pleased with it.

"Where's the corned beef?" he inquired.

"Corned beef!" the barkeeper repeated. "Why, what do you want of that?"

"Well," was the response, "corned beef and cabbage always go together. I've got the cabbage (indicating the cigar), and I ought to have the corned beef to match."

Omaha, Neb., June 25.—The storm of last night was very general throughout the West. It was first heard of at Cheyenne yesterday afternoon—heavy hail and rain with wind. It extended north to Sioux City, south of Kansas City, and over the State of Iowa. No particular damage has been heard of west, but south several washouts on railroads. In Iowa the rainfall exceeded two inches. There is some considerable damage to roads. The Chicago and Northwestern had a bridge washed out near Logan. At Bear Grove several dwellings were blown down, and the town is almost destroyed. The rainfall here exceeded one and a half inches. The large bridge is undermined. A number of cellars are flooded, entailing considerable loss.

Land Surveys.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has made the following apportionment of the gross sum of \$300,000 appropriated by Congress for land surveys during the next fiscal year for survey of private land claims.

New Mexico,	\$35,000
Colorado,	2,000
California,	6,000
Arizona,	5,000
Total	\$48,000
For the survey of public lands—	
Colorado,	\$35,000
Louisiana,	7,200
Florida,	3,650
Utah,	16,050
Minnesota,	12,400
Iakota,	17,700
Montana,	17,700
Nebraska,	14,400
Idaho,	14,400
New Mexico,	14,400
California,	17,700
Oregon,	16,050
Nevada,	16,050
Wyoming,	14,400
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Washington,	16,050
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Inspections of surveys,	10,000
Grand total,	\$300,000

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