

Stolen and Otherwise

Felix Martinez is making it somewhat lively in municipal politics in El Paso.

Papers in the Rio Grande valley are predicting the biggest flood since 1880 this spring.

The public lands of the territory should only be sold to the highest bidder after due advertising.

Let's quit wrangling for a few minutes and secure that electric street railway that Mr. Cromwell offers to build - Citizen.

Grading on the Albuquerque Eastern began on the 8th of this month and is expected to be pushed to completion as fast as possible.

C. E. Mason has purchased the plant and good will of the Roswell Register from R. S. Hamilton; and assumed charge of the business.

The eternal fitness of things is aptly illustrated by a San Miguel county professor who resigned his position as instructor in dead languages to become an embalmer.

Among nine convicts recently brought from Colfax county to the penitentiary in Santa Fe, four were boys under eighteen years old; not a very good showing for Colfax.

In the great county of Bernalillo only one hundred head of horses were given in for taxation and they were valued at \$5. per head. Guess the people of Bernalillo ride a mule.

From the number of reports of shootings which come regularly from along the line of the new Santa Fe cut off we are led to believe they are trying to build a reputation for being a hard set down there, it looks as if a cleanup was needed.

El Paso built one hundred brick cottages since New Year. If the winds which blow down houses and trees continue for another month at the Pass City it will have to build another one hundred cottages to make up for the loss.

This city is earnestly at work in preparing to give President Roosevelt a most hearty welcome and as good a time as is possible in Santa Fe's balmy climate and under New Mexico's sunny skies. This is as it should be, says the New Mexican.

There are some funny things connected with nearly everything. The secretary of the good government league, which is going to try to straighten out tax assessments of Bernalillo county, is not a taxpayer.

Alarmists throughout the county are again predicting labor troubles May Day. If they come, we trust that the great jaw works and talking industry of our American politicians will be the only concerns seriously affected.

The people of Mexico are said to be urging another renomination and reelection upon President Diaz. This is as good a thing as they can do. They might go a great deal farther, but could do no better. In addition, President Diaz' habit of being renominated and reelected seems to be quite advantageous to the republic of the south.

There is a man in this territory who has a most remarkable flock of sheep. He has a certain number of sheep according to his sworn tax returns, and if he swore the truth, each head produced 57 pounds of wool, that being the average amount per head necessary to make up the wool clipped from his flock.

A favorable report has been made by the department of justice at Washington upon the site selected by the government for the federal building at Albuquerque. The site chosen is the northwest corner of Gold avenue and Fourth street and is owned by William J. Johnson. A treasury warrant for the price agreed upon \$9,920, has been sent to Johnson.

The El Paso News says the recent performance of the lay bull fighters attracted a larger crowd at the Juarez bull ring than has been in attendance for months. Every body went there prepared to see a fake fight, but they were agreeably disappointed.

The fight was a perfect success and the fighters displayed wonderful skill in the handling of the bandarillas. The two matadoras were well skilled. They killed the four bulls without difficulty.

The dashing young man who came down from El Paso not long ago under an assumed name and leaving behind

him a mess of complications with the authorities, especially those connected with the customs service has involved himself in an affair which is likely to make things decidedly interesting for him in this country, and which may conclude in giving him an opportunity of becoming a life resident of this land of sunshine and balmy air. - Mexican Herald.

The new county bridge over the Rio Grande at Belen is the latest serious consideration of the county commissioners of Valencia county. There has been a discussion of plans and it is thought that it will be only a short time until active steps will be taken toward the building of the bridge. There are seasons in the year when the Rio Grande at Belen is very difficult to ford, now, with a bridge at this point will greatly facilitate traffic at that point and will be a notable convenience to the people in the vicinity of Belen and other nearby districts.

During the last ten days, billions upon billions of gallons of flood waters have come down the Rio Grande, only to sink in the sandy wastes commencing at El Paso and to disappear in the bowels of Mother Earth. It is a great pity that this is a fact. With reservoirs in the upper Rio Grande Valley, north of Embudo in the central part of the territory, in White Rock Canon and in southern New Mexico, either at Paraje, at McCrea Canon or at Elephant Buttes, enough water could have been saved during the last three weeks to irrigate 200,000 acres of land during the entire coming farming season this year. There being no reservoirs, of course, there was no saving of flood waters and thus New Mexico is losing millions of dollars annually by the inattention of the officials of the interior department to these irrigation needs as well as by the carelessness and manana policy of the people and officials who have territorial irrigation matters in charge.

FIGHT ROCK ISLAND.

Santa Fe to Build Parallel Line From Belen to Syracuse.

A dispatch from Las Vegas says that Civil Engineer F. M. Jones, of the Santa Fe gives out some news regarding the intentions of the system in the construction line.

Mr. Jones has just returned from Syracuse, Kan. To that point he went overland from Belen, a distance of some 700 miles. The gentleman's purpose was to establish a line for the building of the Santa Fe connection between Belen and the Kansas town parallel with the Rock Island.

When the Santa Fe negotiations with the Rock Island failed the former system decided that in order to compete with the Rock Island successfully it would be necessary to build more than the proposed cut off from Belen to the Pecos valley line.

Otherwise the Rock Island would still have the shortest and fastest route. By reference to a map, it will be seen that the proposed building of a link through the prairie to Syracuse will give the Santa Fe the advantage on the score of distance for a through line to the Pacific coast.

Engineer Jones reports the route entirely feasible. There are no steep grades, few engineering difficulties and the road, when completed, would be of a nature to encourage fast schedules.

There is little or no doubt but that the Santa Fe has decided to build this connection and that the so-called "cut off" now building from Belen is aiming for a terminus at Syracuse. - Citizen.

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