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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON AUGUST 30

Only Few Vacancies in Teaching Staff Exist and Deming is Promised the Same High Standard

### BUILDINGS WERE RENOVATED

Conditions Probably Will Show That Building of New School House Here is Great Necessity

The fall term of the Deming Public Schools will open at 9 o'clock in the morning of August 30. All pupils will go to their respective rooms for reassignment. Superintendent Martin will be in his office at the high school building where he will be available for necessary conferences.

Transportation will be furnished at Tule and Capitol dome for both high school and grade pupils.

The truancy law requiring attendance of all children of the community between the ages of 6 and 16 years will be strictly enforced by a truancy officer.

Efforts are being made to secure a nurse who can give all of her time to caring for school children.

A few vacancies in the teaching staff remain to be filled, but Superintendent Martin is hopeful that candidates can be secured.

The school buildings of the city have been thoroughly overhauled and renovated. The high school has been redecorated inside and new seats provided. The domestic science department has received new metal tables and stool for individual work and a separate dining room has been established to comply with the Smith-Hughes act.

Following is a tentative list of the faculty, numerous changes being possible before the assignments are made permanent:

E. D. Martin, superintendent.

### High School

Benj. W. Wheatley, Principal.  
Audita Heek Cooper, English.  
D. A. Muir, Manual training.  
Clara Erbes, Spanish.

Leo C. Decker, History and Organized play.

Ruth M. Squires, Science, Basket, Ball and Dramatics.

Esther Edgar, Commercial.  
Anna Metcalf, Household economic.  
Marguerite Harris, Music.

Gladys L. Ambler, Drawing.

### Junior High School

E. Marie Stevens, Principal, Arithmetic.

Lucile Holt, English.

Katherine Shepard, History.

Josephine Hendricks, Geography.

### Central Building

Jane Stevens, 6th grade.

Olive Whitehill, 4th and 5th grades.

Lacy Cobb, 5th grade.

Grace Ruehle, 4th and 5th grades.

Imogene Kaiser, 3rd grade.

Bess Colvin, Principal, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Helen Henderson, 1st and 2nd grades.

Edith Clymer, 1st grade.

### Lowell Building

Ruth Meadows, 3rd grade.

Anna Riser, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Lenore Miller, 1st and 2nd grades.

Mary Cobb, 1st grade.

Ruth Merrill, Principal, kindergarten.

### North Side Building

Eleanor McDonough, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Grace Cover, 1st and 2nd grades.

### "Baptist" Building

Mrs. Arthur Falkenberg, Principal, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Anita Hollenback, 1st and 2nd grades.

### Luxor Building

Mrs. C. E. Lucas.

The Spanish-American children will be sent to the two schools in their part of the city and the "Baptist" building will serve the pupils in its immediate vicinity. All south of Elm street and east of Tin avenue in grades 1a, 2a, 2a and 3b will attend this school.

### THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The good women who have struggled for years to keep the Deming public library going are on the point of closing the library doors because the old books are about worn out and there is no funds for new books or for getting the old books rebound.

There are a lot of gentlemen in the city who are willing to help the library, but they don't. The women assumed the burden and have been carrying it with the meager help they have been able to beg. Yet the library is one of the most important institutions in the city and closed the town harks back to the days of its beginnings when saloons largely were the public forums, lawless houses the places of popular social diversion and gambling houses offered the excitement of popular sports.

The county and city government in the past have been in the habit of giving pensions in the form of jobs and patronage to the decrepit and incompetent, why shouldn't they give a little for books for the benefit of the children of this community? Public money could be spent for nothing that would mean a more lasting benefit to this community. It is time Deming awakened to its duties and set its feet on the road to progress. Some folks say a library isn't a necessity. But who wants to even listen to the puerile slandering of such nincompoops.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

Clarence Hon was a visitor in the city last Saturday.

A. B. Daniel and family and D. F. Weathered and family are back from a trip to Cloudercroft.

Rube Ferguson was in from his ranch last Friday transacting business. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Suppiger were Deming visitors from their ranch last Friday.

The Rev. W. C. Childress motored to Fort Bayard last Sunday to preach a sermon for the boys in the P. H. S. hospital.

R. S. Wyckoff, former Deming resident now of Phoenix, Arizona, was renewing acquaintances last Thursday and Friday.

R. Hingard was in the city en route from El Dorado, Texas, to Phoenix, Arizona.

Ernest Prugel was in the city Friday from Columbus.

Geo. Masters of Cooke Peak was a Deming visitor last Saturday.

S. W. Gibson was a visitor in the city from Red Mountain last Friday.

C. H. Siler has purchased one of the Bush bungalows on Pine street.

Bob Wilson was in from his ranch last Friday.

Marlin Phillips came in from the ranch last Friday.

Arch Latham and Mrs. Latham were visitors in the city last Thursday from Lake Valley.

Louis Cantrell was a visitor in the city from Nutt last Thursday.

Arthur Evans of Columbus motored up to Deming last Friday.

Miss Page was a visitor in the city from Columbus last Wednesday.

Tom Hyatt was in from his ranch last Friday.

D. O. Snodgrass drove a new Essex car up from El Paso last Thursday.

W. M. McCurdy was a visitor in the city last Saturday.

Albert Suppiger of Stamford, Texas, is here visiting relatives.

Ben Pennington and H. D. Green will leave soon on their vacation.

W. W. Watson left the city last Saturday after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones.

Gut Wehmhoefer writes from San Francisco, California, that he is bound this way.

Mrs. Ira Sprecher left the city Saturday for her home in Albuquerque after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Miss Emma Taylor, milliner and millinery buyer for the Nordhaus store, has returned from Chicago and New York markets where she purchased the fall and winter stock.

Miss Lucile Ward, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Tucker is home from a delightful summer spent with relatives and friends in San Antonio. Miss Ward will enter the Ohio Conservatory of Music at the opening of the fall term.

Mrs. W. W. Wamel of El Paso, is visiting the Wamels here for a few days.

Henry N. Ward is back from San Diego, California, where he attended the young officers' training school.

Miss Josephine Jacobson left Sunday for San Diego, where she will spend her vacation.

Let's pull off a little rah-rah stuff for the county fair at Deming this year. The Courier wants a Columbus Day and wants Columbus represented there on that day. What d'ye say?—Columbus Courier.

### ELLIS WILLIAMS INURED

Ellis Williams, freight train conductor, who was probably fatally injured in a Santa Fe wreck at Hatch, N. M., Wednesday morning was reported to be resting comfortably at Hotel Dieu Thursday night. His back is broken and all his limbs are paralyzed.

Williams was on top of one of the freight cars coming down the Hatch grade when the wreck occurred. A broken wheel of the first freight car threw it off the track and 25 other cars piled up on top of it.

The train was traveling at a high rate of speed.—El Paso Morning Times.

### FIRST EFFECT OF NEW RATES

The state corporation commission today received a telegram from W. C. Barnes, freight traffic manager of the E. P. & S. W. at El Paso, stating that on August 26 carload inbound rates to Deming will be increased thirty-three and one-third per cent, complying with the I. C. C. new order. The rates will be reduced on August 20th, for six days.

### ARIZONA FARMERS MAY BE FORCED TO ABANDON FARMS

Two thousand Arizona farmers may be compelled to abandon their farms because of prices charged for gasoline and other petroleum products used to operate pumping plants for irrigation. J. S. Brown, resident of the Arizona Farm bureau, set forth recently in a statement to the traffic bureau of the local chamber of commerce at Phoenix.

### DEMING COMPANY GETS

#### INCORPORATION PAPERS

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the state corporation commission of the Hammond-Howard Manufacturing company of Deming. The object of the company is for building and equipping factories and to make an electric razor and other electric fixtures. The capital stock is \$50,000.

## FREIGHT RATES ADVANCED 33 1-3 PER CENT AUG. ACCORDING TO I. C. COM.

The following communication from the New Mexico State Corporation Commission explains how Deming got a reduction in rates only to have them raised by a blanket increase:

Santa Fe, New Mexico, Aug. 12, 1920

Editor Graphic:

"We are in receipt of the following telegram from Freight Traffic Manager Barnes of the El Paso and Southwestern System, which is self-explanatory:

"Reduced Deming rates under I. C. C. Docket eleven two ninety seven, effective twelfth instant and will be increased twenty-sixth instant thirty-three and third per cent under commission order ex parte seventy-four."

"The interstate commerce commission in its order in ex parte 74, the Advanced Rate Case, provided that freight rates in the eastern group should be increased 40 per cent, in the western group 35 per cent, in the southern and mountain-Pacific groups 25 per cent, and from points in one group to points in another group 33 1-3 per cent.

"Inasmuch as Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City are located in one group and Deming in another group, the carriers are authorized to increase the rates to Deming under the decision 33 1-3 per cent. Deming is within the so-called mountain-Pacific group.

"J. M. LUNA, Chairman, State Cor. Commission of N. M."

### TOUGH ON COLUMBUS

When Francisco Villa surrendered to the de facto government of Mexico he struck the hardest blow at the prosperity of Luna county that has fallen in many a moon. A live Columbus really dated from the Villa raid and with peace in Chihuahua it is not likely that more than a battalion and probably less will be allowed by El Paso politicians to the border town. However, there is some considerable doubt in the minds of those acquainted with conditions, as to the sincerity of our friend "Poncho" hell may break loose any minute on the Chonchos.

There are too many men willing to give their own lives for just one shot at "Poncho." He has murdered too many fathers and brothers and husbands, outraged too many mothers and wives and sisters, robbed too many of their very hides to live peacefully with his neighbors. He must leave Mexico to live in peace or he must protect himself by surrounding his hacienda with his bandit followers. This feudal condition is conducive to open banditry, and forms a problem with which the de facto government is now, without doubt, dealing. In other words, the settlement as announced cannot be final in the very nature of the case.

There is a large sized Sengambian hidden in the Mexican woodpile.

Southern Luna county democrats, no doubt, are well pleased to vote for a continuation of the Wilsonian Mexican policy that has furnished protection for Americans neither in Mexico nor in Luna county, nor has it brought about those happy conditions in Chihuahua which would cause legitimate prosperity along this section of the border. Columbus has been denied everything that Texas or Arizona could use. Customs, military administration, immigration, and any other federal activity that could be administered from any other state. El Paso would have had Camp Cody if it hadn't been too rank, and El Paso won't want to spare many troops for Columbus. The border town can't even enjoy the privileges of a port of entry, which was the original excuse for its existence. Four more years of democratic administration and Columbus will go back to its pre-mid days.

### GOVERNOR STANDS PAT

Governor O. A. Larrazolo recently issued a statement to the press in which he declared that he will continue his candidacy for renomination and that he will "run for governor or nothing."

It has been rumored here following a week of conferences between Republican leaders from all parts of the state that the governor had been asked to give up his ambition to succeed himself and take the nomination for congress or the appointment as ambassador to Mexico. In his statement, the governor says he is reliably informed that the mining interests of the state have been responsible for the movement to shove him from the governorship, largely in retaliation for his vetoing the bill repealing the state income tax law. The governor said: "It is well known that representatives of some of our largest mining companies openly state that the mining companies do not pay their just proportion of tax. Others, however, strenuously oppose any steps for the revision of the mine tax laws, and oppose any legislation that tends in any way to increase their taxes."

The governor states he will carry his fight into convention, believing that the Republican voters will approve his stand. Governor Larrazolo recently announced his platform, which included a number of progressive measures.

Pierce Hughes, John Hyatt and L. A. Hanna motored to Columbus yesterday. Messrs. Hanna and Hyatt went on to Douglas, Arizona on business.

## DEMOCRATIC CO. CON. SATURDAY CHOSE DELEGATES TO STATE CON.

The Democratic county convention convened at the court house yesterday afternoon to select delegates to the state convention to be held at Las Vegas August 24 and to fill vacancies on the county ticket. Following were the delegates selected:

D. F. Weathered, Jowilla Bell, M. M. Killinger, J. S. Vaught, J. N. Upton, S. J. Smith, L. L. Burkhead, J. L. Greenwood, H. L. Kerr, Forrest Fielder, J. A. Stump, Marion Portwood, J. B. Doyle.

J. L. Zimmerman was selected a candidate for county surveyor and Judge C. C. Rogers for probate judge. S. J. Smith was elected county chairman.

### WE CAN BUILD ROADS

Secretary Asplund of the Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico writes that he would have us understand that his organization is not opposed to good roads. Perhaps we did not read the statement issued by the association carefully, at least we did not "get" the plan he outlines in his communication for meeting the federal appropriation.

The Graphic has favored the association in its work in every way and resorted to mild criticism only when it seemed that good roads were being discouraged on the score of expense, when the state is losing millions yearly because the farmers in the mountains have not the road facilities for marketing their crops. True, materials and labor are high and bonds are begging, but when will these factors cease to exercise determining influence on whether we shall have good roads or bad roads? The factors mentioned are certainly overestimated, for Arizona finds no difficulty in financing its roads, and it is common knowledge in southern New Mexico that prosperity begins at the Arizona-New Mexico border and it doesn't smile our way.

The Graphic believes that we must build our roads at any cost and as quickly as conservative financing will allow.

The Graphic stated that it doesn't know enough about the bond issue to pass judgment on the proposal until due investigation has been made. The Graphic objected only to the tone of the association's propaganda, which was calculated to make our conservative citizens believe that there should be a cessation in the building of good roads on account of the factors mentioned. New Mexico is not likely to spend too much on public improvements of any sort, much less good roads. This doesn't mean that the state doesn't waste a lot of money on public institutions that provide jobs for the faithful. The Graphic is for the elimination of waste, but retrenchment that would cripple road building just "gets our goat."

Following is the communication referred to before:

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 14, 1920.

Messrs. Ely & Ramsey, Publishers, Deming Graphic, Deming, N. M.

Your editorial in the Deming Graphic of July 20th, makes me wonder whether or not you have read carefully the statement made by the Taxpayers' Association with reference to the \$2,000,000 bond issue to be voted on next fall. In going over our statement carefully, I fail to find any justification for the inference that the Taxpayers' Association is against good roads. What the Taxpayers' Association opposes is the financing of roads along unbusinesslike lines. In the statement issued we attempted to show that the issuing of \$2,000,000 in road bonds at the present time, under conditions as they are and with provisions as outlined in the law, New Mexico would be "paying too much for her whistle." The statement might be subjected to serious criticism were it not for the fact that we pointed out the method whereby federal aid allotments could be met by continuing the present three mill county tax levy for one year.

It is not the policy of the Taxpayers' Association to work in opposition to any needed improvements or to run counter to the wishes of a majority of the good people of New Mexico. We are in favor of a continuous policy of building and maintaining good roads. Such a policy persistently pursued for a period of ten years on a "pay as you go basis," will, we believe, result in more and better roads than will a policy of attempting to build roads during a period of a few years when costs of material and labor are at a figure that makes it almost impossible for the richest state in the union to succeed in such attempts.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Evening Herald of July 13, and call your attention to the second paragraph thereof.

Yours very truly,

RUPERT F. ASPLUND, Director.

### ATTORNEY SPROAT IN DEMING

W. A. Sproat of the law firm of Pollard & Sproat of Columbus passed through our city on Sunday en route to Santa Fe on business for his firm. Mr. Sproat is delighted with Columbus and the people as well as the business outlook.—Columbus Courier.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

The Lester Motor Company last week delivered a Stutz to O. J. Tyson of Columbus.

Leroy Hon was a Deming visitor from his ranch last Friday.

W. S. Clark of the Santa Fe is in Yonkers, N. Y., where he was called on account of the serious illness of his father.

H. C. Brown and Mrs. Brown are back from a motor trip to southern California.

Dave Olsson is spending a vacation from the Nordhaus store in New York where he is visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Omer of Silver City and Mrs. R. J. Gipple and two children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edgar May Mrs. Gipple was formerly Miss Laura Comer who married a lieutenant of the first Arkansas regiment of National Guard.

W. D. Murray was a Deming visitor from Silver City last Wednesday. Mrs. Maud Johnson is out of the post office with a slight indisposition.

Senator W. B. Walton was a Deming visitor from Silver City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Latimer and daughter who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Franklin left the city last Thursday for their home at Clarksville, Texas.

Mrs. Tom Baker and children are visiting relatives in Nogales, Arizona. Mrs. J. G. Moir returned last Tuesday from a pleasant visit to southern California.

W. W. Watson, brother-in-law of T. H. Jones, arrived last week from Abilene, Texas, and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Dr. Clothier, president of State College, with Mr. Sutherland of Las Cruces and Charles Clothier passed through Deming Wednesday night on their way home. They were returning from a hunting trip up in the Turkey Creek country. Dr. Clothier killed a bear, Mr. Sutherland a mountain lion and Charles got a bob cat.

L. G. E. Kraut was in town from Hatch Saturday.

W. J. Welch Jr., from Gage left last week to attend school at Berkeley, Cal.

Mrs. Putsch from Lake Valley was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. F. S. Gregory from Hermanas, was in the city Tuesday.

### CALL FOR REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

A delegate convention of the Republican voters of Luna county, New Mexico, is hereby called to meet at Deming in said county, on Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1920, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in the Armory, for the purpose of electing eighteen (18) delegates to represent Luna county at the Republican State Convention to be held in the city of Albuquerque, on the 7th day of September, 1920, called for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various state offices and for the transaction of such other business as is contained in the official call of said convention, and also to represent said county in the convention which will nominate a candidate for the offices of State Senator from the Thirteenth Senatorial District and for District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District, respectively.

The several precincts in Luna county will be entitled to the following allocation at said convention:

Precinct No. 1, Deming fifteen.  
Precinct No. 2, Mimbres, one.  
Precinct No. 3, Cooke, one.  
Precinct No. 4, Myndus, two.  
Precinct No. 5, Columbus, five.  
Precinct No. 6, Hermanas, one.  
Precinct No. 7, Nutt, one.  
Precinct No. 8, Hondale, three.

The following rules have been established as controlling the representation in the convention:

No person shall sit in convention unless he is a resident of the precinct from which he is chosen or has proxy.

Contests, if any, must be filed with the central committee not later than ten o'clock a. m. of the day of the convention.

It is requested that Precinct Primaries be held on or before the 25th day of August, 1920, at such hour and at such place as may be named by the Precinct Chairman, and as will best suit the convenience of a majority of the republican electors, giving timely notice thereof.

Women are welcome to participate in the deliberations of both the primaries and the convention and are eligible to representation as delegates.

By order of the Executive Committee.

C. J. KELLY, Chairman.  
A. A. TEMKE, Secretary.

### CALL FOR PRECINCT PRIMARY, PRECINCT NO. 1, DEMING, N. M.

A precinct primary of the republican voters of Precinct No. 1, Luna county, New Mexico, will be held at the Armory, in Deming, on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1920, at eight o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of electing fifteen delegates to the Republican County Convention, to be held in Deming, on the 28th day of August, 1920.

CLYDE EARL ELY, Precinct Chairman.

F. E. Finney, brother of H. P. Finney stopped over a few minutes between trains en route from his home in Los Angeles, California, to Fort Worth, Texas, to visit. The brothers had not seen each other in fifteen years.

### FORD SALES

The Park Motor Co. reports the following sales of Ford cars for last week: Touring cars, J. M. Thomas, B. Palmer, Mrs. Sarah Harger, S. W. Roubush; truck, Deming Fuel and Transfer Co.

## MASS MEETING IS CALLED TO TALK FAIR

County Fair Association Invites Luna County Citizens to Meet at Deming Club Next Thursday

### PLAN TO HAVE "BIG DOINGS"

More Than \$2,000 Has Already Been Pledged and More is Forthcoming For the Big Exposition

### IMPORTANT MASS MEETING

A mass meeting of all those interested in the Luna County Fair is called for 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon at the Deming Club to select committees, outline a program and set the date for the big annual agricultural exhibition. Everybody is expected to be present to help boost the Mimbres Valley.

It is none too early to lay the foundation now for the annual exhibition of Luna county products under the auspices of the Luna County Fair Association. The premium lists should be sent out very soon and the advertising matter should be well circulated to insure that the interest of all Luna county citizens will be aroused to the importance of the event.

Last year the fair was held at the armory the first three days in October and was a great success from the standpoint of an agricultural exhibit of educational value. There was some complaint that the amusement features were neglected. If that be so it is up to all those interested to get to the mass meeting at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon at the Deming Club and register their ideas. There is now more than \$2,000 available for the fair and at least a thousand more can be raised if the enthusiasm of the community is sufficiently aroused.

The fact that cotton has been added to the list of Mimbres Valley products suggests that there will soon be renewed interests in farming and that new settlers can be expected to enter the business. Already the interests in lands here is apparent in renewed enquiries, filings at the land office and pending real estate transfers. It is predicted that real estate will be moving freely before the end of the year.

The Mimbres Valley offers the cheapest and best agricultural lands to be had in the United States. We need settlers and many will come when they hear of the opportunities offered here.

With a live commercial body on the job, Deming is due to come into her own again. But the citizens should take heart and begin to show some signs of life.

### \$20,000 SUBSCRIBED TO THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE TO OPEN

The backers of the proposed co-operative store to be opened here expect to get started by the middle of September. The capital now available or in sight is said to be \$20,000, or within \$5,000 of the goal set originally.

The carpenters' Union at its meeting last week voted to subscribe \$2,500 from their treasury for stock and are expected to ratify this at their meeting tonight. The machinists union will vote tonight on a proposition to subscribe \$1,000 from their treasury for stock in the store.

It is also said a local druggist is negotiating with the promoters of this store to sell his drug business. An Old Town grocer is also said to be attempting to convince the co-operative promoters of the advisability of having a branch store in Old Town and has offered his business for sale.

San Marcial railroad men telegraphed for an organizer yesterday to come there and start subscriptions for stock in a store at that place, stating that as evidence of their good faith, they had fifty pledge cards signed up, each for \$100 worth of the stock.

### ANOTHER GIRL FOR MORANS

A baby girl was born last Tuesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moran.

### NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

The New Mexico corporation commission has been notified by W. C. Barnes, freight traffic manager of the El Paso and Southwestern railway at El Paso, that on August 26 carload inbound rates to Deming will be increased 33 1-3 per cent in accord with the recent Interstate Commerce Commission order.

### PULLING CASING AT THE FLORIDA WELL THIS WEEK

"Fishing" tools arrived for the Florida well yesterday morning and the work of strengthening the buckled casing and recovering the drill at the bottom of the well was begun. The