

Today's News of the Great Southwest

DIG SPRINGS HAS \$40,000 FIRE LOSS

Thirteen Autos Are Destroyed—Work Starts on \$75,000 Station.

Big Springs, Tex., March 15.—Thirteen automobiles, including two white steamers, were a total loss in the Abbey garage. The fire started in the office presumably from a cigar or a cigarette stump.

The loss and damage to the building will be about \$40,000. Ground has been broken for the new passenger station. This building will be located immediately east of the Y. M. C. A. building on a portion of the grounds where the railway cutting was destroyed by fire several months ago.

It is estimated that the building will cost \$75,000 and that it will be one of the finest stations between El Paso and New Orleans.

First street and Main street will make this depot accessible to all portions of the city.

W. F. Wright, who has been the railway company's storekeeper here for the past four years, has resigned and has accepted a position with same company at Texarkana.

J. J. Cole has sold his artesian well machinery and interest to Messrs. White and Suttleymer, of Toyah. As the drill was last working in a blue shale, showing good indications of oil or gas, work on the well will be continued until either good water, gas or oil has been found.

A number of Big Springs citizens are investing in lands in "The Toyah oil basin."

VAN HORN MEN ATTEND CATTLEMEN'S CONVENTION.

Mule Falls into 100 Foot Well and is Killed—Change Made in Drug Store—Bible Class.

Van Horn, Tex., March 15.—Several Van Horn citizens are attending the stockmen's convention at Fort Worth. H. W. Gillis and wife, R. Durrill, Ned Bounds, C. C. Cummins and J. M. Daugherty are among those from Van Horn at the convention.

D. Taylor lost one of his fine mules in an unusual manner. On his Green river ranch he had just completed drilling in the bottom of a dug well which was 100 feet deep and was using his team filling up the dug portion around the casing.

Mr. Russo, from Toyah, Texas, has purchased a one-half interest in the Magee drug company and expects to move his family here soon, and will occupy the Baptist parsonage which is almost completed.

Dave Brown, who has been on the Sowell ranch for several months is in town for several weeks.

Mr. Leavell, who went to Mineral Wells to take treatment for rheumatism is reported to be better.

W. P. Hurt and one of his well drillers have gone to the Figure Two outfit, where a well is being put down in an unusual manner.

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COLORADO PEOPLE ATTEND THE TEXAS STOCK SHOW.

Sweetwater Home Talent Present Playlet at Colorado—News Notes and Personal Mention.

Colorado, Texas, March 15.—Charles Ware, Fred E. McKenzie, Brooks Bell, A. M. Mitchell, B. S. Van Tyl, Lay Powell and wife, J. S. Johnson and John Lane are at Fort Worth attending the Texas stock show and cattlemen's association.

Mrs. J. W. Person and daughter Jessie, Mrs. McDonald and Miss McDonald, of St. Louis, have departed for a visit to Eugene Payne, in Garza county.

"Amo, the Breakers" was presented by Sweetwater home talent at the Colorado opera house for the benefit of the Sweetwater band.

Mrs. W. P. Ruddick is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Towle, at Snyder, Texas.

Miss Fannie Miller is visiting in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Brooks Bell and son are in Sweetwater on a visit to R. L. McCauley.

Mrs. J. S. Johnson and Mrs. John Lowe are visiting friends in the city.

T. A. Hubbard, of Sweetwater, is visiting G. L. Wallace out on his Belle View farm.

Judge and Miss Looney entertained at bridge in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Payne.

CATTLE ARE AWAITING ENTRY AT NACO, ARIZ.

Naco, Ariz., March 15.—The E. P. & S. W. railroad pay car is now making its fourth over the western division.

A number of cattle are being held on the Sonora, Mexico side of the international line awaiting the arrival of Dr. Young, United States cattle inspector.

R. M. Thompson, Greene Cattle company, and B. A. Packard, are said to have cattle for delivery.

John Pevatt has gone to Tempe, Ariz., for the Packard Cattle company, of which his brother, Ben Pevatt, is range foreman, in Sonora, Mexico.

CATTLEMEN ENJOIN SHEEP OWNERS FROM TURNING STOCK ON RANGE

Chief Justice Pope, of New Mexico Supreme Court, to Decide an Important Question of Range Rights.

Roswell, N. M., March 15.—One of the most important injunction suits concerning the respective rights of cattlemen and sheepmen to the public range ever tried in the west, is being heard at Portales, before Judge William H. Pope, judge of the Fifth judicial district and chief justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

The plaintiffs have a large range in Eddy county, known as the San Simon range, covering about 225 square miles. They and their predecessors in title to this range have had possession of it and use as a cow ranch for about 25 years, and have developed it in developing water, building ranch houses, corrals, gasoline machinery and engines, iron pipes, many miles long for siphoning water to different parts of the ranch more than 45,000.

Several months ago cowmen threatened to move their cattle in upon the San Simon range, and were enjoined from so doing by Merchant & Sons, Attorneys at Law, who were moved in upon the range about 30,000 head of sheep and it is said threatened to bring in other sheep by the thousands.

As promptly as possible C. W. Merchant & Sons sued out a writ of injunction against the Altons requiring them to move their sheep off of the premises. At the same time the court made an order that the Altons show cause at Portales in Roosevelt county, where the presiding judge of this district is now holding court, why the temporary mandatory injunction against the Altons, already issued, should not be made permanent.

The questions are whether cattlemen who go on the public range and develop it for a cattle ranch, spending large sums of money in sinking wells and developing abundance of water for their cattle and making many other expensive and valuable improvements and therewith fully stocking the range with cattle, and after taking and hold-

ing exclusive possession for many years, and whether, under such circumstances, sheepmen can drive their sheep in upon such cattle range and take possession on equal terms with the original cattle proprietors.

This the Altons claim they can do and are undertaking to do; and this C. W. Merchant & Sons are seeking to prevent the Altons from doing by this suit.

Many Cattle on Range. The plaintiffs have 10,000 cattle on this range, which is located in the southeastern part of Eddy county. Among the contentions of the plaintiffs are that sheep drive cattle from the range, inasmuch as cattle neither graze on or water where sheep range; that when sheep pasture they consume the entire crop of grass and do permanent injury to the land itself, by destroying the roots of the grasses, and poisoning the land. It is also contended that taking large bands of sheep upon any range would be to take the same into the exclusive possession of sheep owners, the reason that the habits of sheep in grazing and traveling are such that cattle and horses cannot remain or graze upon the same range and the sheep tread out the grass roots, keep the grass close to the ground, and that as they are closely herded in bands of about 2500 head, attended by herders and dogs, cattle and horses are compelled to abandon the range.

The result of this case will be watched with deep concern by thousands and it is freely predicted that the case will most likely be fought out through all the courts.

Claim Prior Right. The plaintiffs in seeking to obtain the permanent injunction claim prior right and have complied with all of the statutory requirements of the statutes of New Mexico.

It is the contention of some lawyers that under the New Mexico statute cowmen who take possession of the public range and develop and stock it with cattle and secure sufficient water are declared to be the paramount possessors thereof, except as to the rights of homesteaders, desert land claimants, mineral claimants and squatters who locate in good faith.

There are many legal points and technicalities of the law to be settled in the disposition of this case. This is possibly the most important civil suit and of more general interest in the western range country than any litigation that has come to the attention of the courts for 50 years.

GRAND ARMY POST FOR TUCUMCARI

A Furniture Company Enlarges Its Quarters—St. Patrick Ball Planned.

Tucumcari, N. M., March 15.—Dr. J. W. Long, of Tularosa, department commander of the territorial G. A. R., will be here Saturday and install the officers of the newly organized post.

A. Rosenthal, of Las Vegas, proprietor of the American Furniture company, of this city, has made arrangements for the lease of the entire Caruthers building on West Main street. An archway will be made connecting the room now occupied by the company, and the room formerly occupied by the Taylor Navy store. In addition to these two large rooms a large warehouse will be constructed at the rear of the building.

Mrs. T. H. Sanders, entertained the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, at her home on Center street. It was a brilliant affair and the attendance was large.

On account of the burning of the skating rink at the fair ball of the B. of L. E. will be given in the east room of the Caruthers building Thursday night.

The employees of all branches of the E. P. & S. W., on the eastern division have made up a purse of about \$100 with which to purchase a new roadster for John Welch, a present Mr. Welch, who recently moved to El Paso, has made his headquarters here ever since the road was built and has many friends all along the line.

H. L. Hamilton and children are visiting her sister at Clovis.

Mrs. John W. Hoban, wife of conductor Hoban, who has a run on the Dawson line, has gone to El Paso.

CENSUS SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR INDIAN RESERVATION

Globe, Ariz., March 15.—According to a telegram received from delegate Ralph Cameron to the latter, the recommended Joseph F. Finch, of Globe, for appointment as census supervisor to take charge of the taking of the census of the Indian reservation in Arizona. Several days ago, Mr. H. Davidson, received a telegram from Mr. Cameron asking him if he would accept the position, but he later declined.

The exact duties of Mr. Finch are not known and F. F. Towle, supervisor of the census for Arizona, is at a loss to understand the meaning of the telegram from Cameron as he has not been informed as to any change in the program for taking the Indian census.

Acting under instructions from the director of the census Mr. Towle has been busy arranging for the appointment of special agents to take the reservation Indians and his list of recommendations is ready for forwarding to the census bureau.

Mr. Finch, who is a prominent young Republican of Globe, is at present engaged as a deputy to assessor Merritt in collecting the county school tax.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING AT MARFA, TEX.

Marfa, Tex., March 15.—Frank Russell, tax assessor of Presidio county, is in Marfa.

Walter Davis, of Past City, Tex., is in Marfa, the guest of C. O. Thomas. He is looking for a location for a ranch.

Judge W. Bogel came in from El Paso accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Harry Hubbard, who came home from Desidero, El Salvador, Central America, for a visit. She will remain all summer.

George Lawlein, of St. Louis, is in Marfa.

Oliver Billingsley and Sam Arendell made an auto trip to Alpine.

Mrs. Charles Croston has returned from a visit to friends in El Paso.

Mr. J. M. Harvey is home from Sierra Blanca.

A. J. Davis is here from San Antonio. Albert Houtman is here from New York.

PORTALES TRIAL ENDS IN ACQUITTAL

Comments on Verdict Made in Churches—New Buildings Going Up.

Portales, N. M., March 15.—The March term of the fifth district court convened, with chief justice Judge Wm. H. Pope presiding; L. O. Fuller, district attorney; S. L. Roberts, clerk; A. L. Hull, court stenographer; and Miss Erma C. Brockelman, stenographer for the grand jury.

The grand jury did its work quickly, finding eight true bills.

Ed. Harwell of La Lande, charged with the murder of C. A. Peck, at La Lande last April, was acquitted. Feeling at the verdict ran so high as to call forth expressions from local pulpits, heightened somewhat by the saloon and prohibition question, which is still somewhat agitated for the coming election.

Big shipments of machinery are being received for the irrigation power house. The excavation for the engines is already completed and work on the concrete foundation has begun. S. J. Mathews, the contractor, has a steam power hoist at work and a big concrete mixer.

The firm of Joyce, Pruitt & Co. has obtained six lots next to the Arkansas store and will build a 100-foot front brick building for a general store. R. M. Sanders will build on the two adjacent lots and this will complete a block from the Arkansas store to the corner.

Mr. Starkweather, general superintendent of the Eastern railway of New Mexico, was here to confer with the engineers of the Western Construction company, about the building of a switch for the power house and work on this will commence soon.

The Roosevelt county teachers' association is called to meet at Portales, April 23-27, by order of territorial superintendent J. E. Clark.

The weather is exceptionally fine—no winds, no frost and crops and fruit are in good condition.

WOMAN SAVES CHILD'S LIFE

Little Girl at Bisbee Overturns Stove—Dress Catches Fire.

Bisbee, Ariz., March 15.—In running after her cat, a little girl upset an oil stove at the house of Jim Brown. Her dress caught fire immediately and she would have burned to death if Mrs. Brown had not come to her rescue by wrapping her in a thick blanket, which extinguished the flames.

While entertaining two friends, a well known mining man surprised a tramp under a sofa. The hobo confessed that he entered the house to steal, but being disturbed by the coming of people had hidden himself under that piece of furniture where he had remained for over three hours in vain awaiting a chance to escape. He was given something to eat and was sent his way, after promising that he would go to work and change his life.

A woman who gave her name as Myra Keegan has been arrested and taken to the county jail at Tombstone. According to deputy marshal White, who looked her up, she is charged with smuggling goods into this country.

MONTEREY NEWS NOTES.

Monterey, N. M., March 15.—F. V. Hillburn is here from Hondo, N. M., visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hillburn reports fine weather and prospects of a good season over in the mountains. He owns the old Hiede farm and seems very much pleased with it.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lumbley and Mr. Hillburn visited with D. H. Hism and family.

Miss Hattie and Emma Hunter have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Alamogordo.

Miss Midge Bourne is reported on the sick list.

The dancing committee will give a dance at the Wilson Hall March 17.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, featuring 'The great Baking Powder of the country' and 'No Alum'.

APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page One.) ern Pacific and allied lines that the firemen and engineers would strike, they insisted that the outlook for peace was bright. It is reported here that in case the firemen strike, the engineers will man the engines.

No News at Fort Worth. Fort Worth, Tex., March 15.—Neither the members of the firemen's union nor the railroad officials here have been notified that a strike has been declared so far, although the firemen expect to receive orders to walk out at any hour, in accordance with president Clark's announcement yesterday that a strike would be ordered within 24 hours. All lines entering here will be involved.

LOSES FOOT HOLD AND SLIDES DOWN MOUNTAIN

Prospector Spends Night in Open Before Help is Secured—News Notes. From Tularosa.

Tularosa, N. M., March 15.—Carl Neff, who recently came here from Germany, was prospecting over the Sacramento mountains recently, when he lost his foot hold and rolled down a steep mountain. His left leg was injured and he was unable to walk. He had to stay there all night and until 10 o'clock the following day before help came.

B. W. Bayne has been appointed special agent for the West Texas Realty company.

Susie Davenport, who has been dangerously ill, is able to be out.

The young men of the community will give a St. Patrick's ball Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bayne and B. W. Bayne, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Lynn are planning a pleasure trip to the mountains.

Miss Bourne made a trip to Alamogordo.

Misses Hattie and Emma Hunter made a short visit to Alamogordo.

Frank Hillburn is visiting old friends here from the Hondo.

Mrs. Irbly Fairless, who has been seriously ill for some time, is reported some better.

A COW IN AN EL PASO HOSPITAL FOR WOUND

But Cow is a Man's Name and the Man is a China Boy, Who Got Shot.

Joe Cow, Chinaman, made a mistake Saturday night. He put his hand to a hip pocket. Now he lies up at Providence hospital with a fractured leg bone.

It happened just below Washington park. Immigration officers Heifrin, Moore, Young and Gregerson were in hiding when Cow and a friend came along. "Who you?" asked Cow, and he was told, "United States officers."

Then Joe is said to have made his break. One of the officers fired and wounded Cow "just above the fetlock." The other China boy was captured.

It is certain, immigration officers say, that Cow's friend is a contraband man of the east. But they are not so sure about Cow himself, who speaks English like a soda fountain.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE AT SIERRA BLANCA. Sierra Blanca, Tex., March 15.—Mrs. Bettie Brown is having an annex built to her boarding house and will occupy it while the carpenters are adding a second story to the old building, which she now occupies.

Little Charley Freeman who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever the past three months, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Scafe visited relatives at La Valley.

Pat Dolan is in from his ranch at the hot springs.

Lander brothers were here purchasing supplies for their ranch.

Foot Boykin is here from his ranch north of Sierra Blanca.

Rowdy Love, from New Mexico, is in town.

The Brown News company has given its restaurant kitchen at this place a coat of paint.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Delicious Flavoring Extracts, stating 'will satisfy the tastes of all persons who love delicious flavors.'

Advertisement for White-Rock 'The World's Best Table Water' by Jackson Grocery Co., Wholesale Distributors, El Paso, Texas.

Advertisement for National R'y's. of Mexico excursion rates to all points on account Semana Santa, one and one-third fares for the round trip.

Advertisement for Kondon's Catarrhal Jelly, instantly relieves and cures Catarrhal Sore Throat.

Advertisement for Pine Ridge Sanitarium, Atlanta, Ga., for the treatment of Laryngeal and Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Advertisement for Worms, 'Cascarae are certainly fine. I gave a friend one when the doctor was treating him for cancer of the stomach.'