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Foot of Snow

The Snow Storm Saturday afternoon and night was an unusual occurrence coming at this time in May but the moisture it brought is the most welcome thing that has visited this mesa in a year. The snow lay nearly a foot deep all over the country and drifted to two and three feet in places and the soil is thoroly saturated better than twice the amount of water in rain would have done. The wheat that has stuck along and managed to grow a little during the long dry spell is now in the best possible condition and a very little more moisture will make a crop of some it while plenty of rain will insure a large yield.

The wheat acreage after many fields have been blown out or dried out is still larger than ever planted on this mesa before and the prospect is very bright for good summer crops as well.

The snow caused some discomfort and inconvenience but is a source of rejoicing to everybody here. The storm extended to Tucumcari and Dawson and seems to have been General all over this part of the state.

S. Floersheim advises us that he has lost 160 lambs thus far this season. He has large tents with each flock of ewes to protect them and has thus saved many lambs which would otherwise have perished. The lamb crop over the state is reported at not over 50 percent saved on account of short pasture.

R. C. Grunig has resigned as Village Marshall on account of the cut in his salary made by the Village Council this week from \$50. to \$35. per month. We are now without a municipal officer but still have him as Constable and Deputy Sheriff.

Miss Shirley Nutter writes to request her S.A. sent to her at Albuquerque where she has a good position as Book-keeper for the Jaffa Grocery Co. of that city. She sends regards to friends here.

R. E. Alldredge was called to Springer on business Tuesday.

The Weather forecast May 12 to 18

Cycles of rain, wind and thunder storms will repeat themselves in afternoons and evenings from the 12th. to 16th. 17th. and 18th, pleasant.

Get ready friends, get ready. Five weeks of severe drouth will follow. Save your wheat. What didn't blow out will dry out. You can save your wheat by cross harrowing drill rows twice, with half the teeth removed.

Very truly yours
T.H. Polaskie
Mills, N.Mex.

The walks about town have been made passable in places by means of cinders hauled in from the track but the mud has been fierce this week and reminds Iowa and Missouri people of conditions "Back home" no one has dared grumble about it yet.

Rev. Russel came down to visit his family but was unable to get out to the ranch on account of the deep mud and snow. He visited friends in town and returned to Dawson Tuesday.

Civil Service Examination

A P. O. inspector was in Roy Thurs. and twenty citizens took the Examination for carrier on the new Rural Route out of Roy.

Our Governor

The following extracts from Governor Lindsey's Message to the Legislature show that he has the right idea and is on the job for all the people -

Two prime requisites for the successful prosecution of the war come to the notice and attention of the people of the State of New Mexico:

1. The recruiting of our full quota of soldiers.

2. The production of additional foodstuffs.

It appeared to us that the existing state of the law does not provide either a route or a means for the accomplishment of these ends.

It is easy enough to tell our farmers to increase their food products but if they have not the money to buy seed or to employ labor, or labor is not furnished for their employ, such recommendation is of no benefit.

You should therefore, at this session, provide means for loaning all our worthy farmers money to buy seed, employ labor; and to furnish the labor to their hands to such a degree as will enable them to make the most of their utmost exertion in the production of more food for both man and beast.

Let me, therefore in conclusion urge that, in this great crisis, in this even tragic time, we shall all, forgetting self and political bias, labor earnestly to serve most efficiently our State and our Nation. This, it seems to me, is our supreme privilege, as, no less it is our supreme duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. LINDSEY,
Governor.

Dr. Self Builds

Dr. Self is making a large and roomy addition to his residence on the west side. When completed it will be a fine large two-story structure thruout and the outside appearance will be greatly improved as well as the inside arrangement.

The conduct of Recruiting Officers in Roy last week has been the subject of considerable comment since their departure and it is a little difficult to know just what a local news paper ought to do in the way of supplying or telling the news.

It is certain that some one would feel better about letting their boys go to join the representatives of the recruiting Office men who conduct was above reproach.

Remember the High School Play Friday night of this week. It is a "Hummer," at the School house.

It is reported that Jess Davenport has traded his 80 acres where his house and orchard is located for the 320 acre farm which Dr. Self recently purchased from Charlie Hernandez and sold again.

This gives Jess a lot of fine land and the other party a fine country home.

Storm Bound

Will Mitchell, Joe Mitchell and wife, L. A. EICWEN, John Criswell, T.R. Pint and a number of other people were snowed in Saturday and had to remain in town till after noon Sunday before they could get out to their farms. Mr. Brown started home but his pony turned around with him and came back to town from the cemetery. It was impossible to face the storm but all were pleased with the resultant moisture.



Nellie E. Willcox.



Grace V. Ogden.

All the Prominent Citizens of Roy are not men -- and lest you might get the erroneous idea that they are -- we present this week pictures of the two Lady Members of the Roy School Board who were elected at the First Municipal School election and who assumed the duties of the office Monday.

Mrs. Willcox, is one of the pioneers of New Mexico, coming here in the early days and she has known what it meant to guard against Indian attacks. She is also a pioneer of Roy, and has been identified with every movement for the betterment or entertainment of the town. She has been especially interested in Schools, and has visited schools, helped with school enterprises and in every way made herself a blessing to Roy. She is just a good, jolly little Irish lady, witty and full of fun as she is sincere and efficient. Her influence on the School Board will be all on the side of better schools and improved conditions and she is as thoroly competent to fill the office as any man.

Mrs. Ogden was a teacher in the Roy Schools for several years, and previously held a homestead. She taught in the first Consolidated School established in Illinois, and has lived in school work much of her life.

The worst thing charged against her is that she abandoned the school room to become the wife of editor of the S.A., but this is the only really foolish thing she has ever done. She has been acting as supply teacher the past winter in the schools and her husband has given up all hope of ever reforming her to where she will leave schools alone.

These two ladies will be members of the School board for the next four years. J. L. Swaim is the other four year member and Dr. C. Plumlee and Sam Ratcliffe are the two year members.

We shall demand of this board efficient, intelligent service, and we are satisfied the lady members will be found very useful in looking after details of their duties which men seldom have time to attend to.



Commencement Program

ROY PUBLIC SCHOOL
Saturday Evening, May 12, 1917

MUSIC,

INVOCATION,

REV. G. B. HALL

CLASS HISTORY,

LILLIAN JEANNETTE LUSK

CLASS PROPHECY,

WILLIAM ELMER SCOTT

DUET,

VALEDICTORIANS, { VIOLETTA GERTRUDE BRUCE
"Stepping Stones to Success"
EMERALD JAMES GREENWOOD

CLASS SONG, "The Red, The White, The Blue,"
[By REV. O. W. HEARN]

LECTURE, Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts,

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

CLASS COLORS RED, WHITE AND BLUE CLASS MOTTO "NOT QUITTING BUT WINNING" CLASS FLOWER WHITE AND RED CARNATION

State Land Sale

State Receives Total of \$1,334,503.29 for Land Sold in April

Total of 173,197.31 acres being average of \$7.70 an acre, best average on record.

The State of New Mexico received \$1,334,503.29 for 173,197.31 acres of state lands sold in 164 separate tracts at seven public land auctions held during the month of April just past. The prices paid, and the average, \$7.70 an acre, are the highest on record for state lands, and the number of small tracts passing into the hands of actual farmers, is far in excess of the total of such sales in any previous six months period in the history of the State Land office. The sales were in Guadalupe, Quay, Socorro, Curry, Chaves, Eddy and Union Counties, the latter attracting a crowd of more than 1,000 from other counties and states. A tract of 38,000 acres in Union County sold for \$10 an acre to a group of 110 co-operative bidders from 22 states and Canada.

Including the April sales the state has now sold or contracted to sell approximately 1,000,000 acres of the 12, 150,000 acres granted to it by Congress.

Practically all of the land sold in April is under the new 5 percent payment law with 30 years in which to pay the balance, the land going immediately onto the tax rolls at full value. Thus, as a result of these sales the state gains \$1,334,503.29 in taxable property and the institutions and schools, beneficiaries under the federal land grants to the state, receive at once for their permanent funds \$66,725.16, and for their income funds for the fiscal year, a total of \$50,711.12. A considerable area of the land sold is being or will be farmed this year.

Roy's Soldier Boys

Roy has contributed ten of her young men to the army. Five of our Mexican boys go this week to begin training, they are Joe Vigil, Santiago Mestas, Manuel Archuleta, Ricardo Archuleta, and Noah Trujillo. They will go to Clayton for examination.

The trainmen found it expedient Sunday to push a snow plow ahead of the train coming up from Tucumcari. The snow was so deep that it was necessary to plow it off the track.

W. W. Wildman, of Granby Missouri, arrived in Roy Monday for an extended visit with his son J. E. Wildman. He is a well preserved man of advanced years and we trust he will like this country well enough to remain permanently.

Our local Committee working in conjunction with the State War Committee is assured of assistance for farmers who need it and can use it to good advantage.

They are reminded that planting is not all and they must look to the ability and willingness of the farmer to cultivate properly as well. A state Committeeman or expert will be here soon to work with the local board.

Frank is Home

Hon. F. A. Roy returned Wednesday from attendance at the Special Session of the Legislature at Santa Fe.

He was right on all the important matters before the session and in line with the Governor whom we believe is entirely right. Frank is glad to get home and find agricultural conditions so satisfactory.

Rural Phones

The two Rural Telephone lines out of Roy, east, have been installed and are now in operation with the Roy Central. The wires are strung on 2x4s spiked to fence posts along the route with tall poles at road crossings. Mr. T. R. Pint, who came here recently from Alva, Okla, installed the phones and got acquainted with his neighbors in that way. The line is working successfully on both circuits and adds materially to the convenience of country life for those who have phones.

The Baccalaureate sermon for the 8th Grade graduates was postponed Sunday evening on account of the storm and was given Monday evening instead, Rev. Dawn, of De Moines, N. M. delivering the address to the class. The weather conditions Monday evening were little better and the audience was accordingly small. Special music was prepared for the occasion and the address was very appropriate.

Prof. J. E. Russell has purchased a new Ford car and has accepted the appointment of Temporary Carrier on Route "A" which starts out of Roy June 1st. He will take the examination and try for the permanent position if he likes the job and it pays well enough. This is a 50 mile daily trip and will give the carrier plenty to do especially when the roads are bad.

The Roy Village Trustees met Monday evening in regular session. They reduced the salary of the Village Marshall and Clerk and planned a head to get the most for the small amount of Revenue available. The cost of the new Jail is just now running their cash balance short.

Lyphus Kirby, of Kansas Valley, is contributing his full share to the cause of his country. He has three boys accepted and now in the regular service of Uncle Sam. We trust they may all come back to him safely with a record of duty well done.

Major Munsey

Mrs. C. E. Munsey is back in Mills visiting friends and looking after the homestead which she took care of and proved up while Mr. M. worked for their living. Mr. Munsey has re-entered the Regular Army with the rank of Major and is now stationed at Lion Springs.

The mail carriers are up against it right this week, to drive the routes in a car and a team would do little better but look what it is doing to the wheat. Most any farmer would gladly do without his mail for a week than miss this mud that we have prayed for so long.

It is the general consensus of opinion here that the snow and mud we have been wading this week is worth a million dollars to this community.

The CHAUTAUQUA is coming

The contract secured by the citizens of Roy has been accepted by the head office of the Cadmean Chautauqua at Topeka Kansas. Mr. Smees will be here next week to complete arrangements and further announcements will then be made.

Don't forget the date - June 15th to 17th inclusive.