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## Frank Lusk Murdered

Frank Lusk, eldest son of Attorney and Mrs. J. B. Lusk, of Roy, was shot and instantly killed at his homestead, northwest of Mills Wednesday by R. A. Hale a neighbor, and heretofore a friend of his and his family.

This is the news which shocked Roy when Mr. Hale came to Mills and telephoned for officers to come and get him and told what he had done.

R. A. Pendleton, village Marshall immediately collected a few men and drove thru the deep snow after him. Mr. Hale gave himself up without resistance and was brought to Roy where he is held in custody awaiting a preliminary hearing.

He waived examination and was taken to Las Vegas Thursday by officer R. A. Pendleton.

The body of Frank Lusk was brought to the home of his parents in Roy. The funeral will be held in Roy Friday, at 2 P. M.

The circumstances leading up to the murder are not clearly known. Mr. Hale had Mr. Lusk's homestead rented while Frank was in the army. Recently when he knew he was to be discharged he wrote home that he wanted his homestead back. Mr. Hale is reported to have been ugly and unreasonable about this and Miss Lena Lusk, sister to the murdered man who boarded at the Hale's and taught the Mestonico School nearby, was obliged to find another boarding place because of his abuse.

Matters run along till Frank returned from the army and went to see about his farm. It is supposed more trouble ensued. Frank came home Sunday to plan peaceable means of getting possession of his farm and stock when the storm came on he returned to take care of his cattle and feed them. Mr. Hale says he went out with his gun and told Frank he had ordered him to stay off the place. Frank answered him and he shot and missed him the first time, the second bullet struck him in the left temple passing entirely through his head and killing him instantly.

If we had been called upon to name the most upright, honest, industrious, and exemplary young man on this Mesa we should have named Frank Lusk. In all the years we have known him we have never known or heard of a single word or act that could be censured. His splendid physique and manly bearing loans dignity to the uniform of the U. S. Army. That he should have been thus ruthlessly shot down after the close of the war and a prospect for a long and useful life snuffed out is indeed a tragedy.

R. A. Hale has been a homesteader on the mesa for several years and has been generally known as not a bad sort. Many speak favorable of him while others claim he was sometimes ugly and quarrelsome, especially when drinking. The relations of the S-A with him have been pleasant. How he could have committed such a crime, we cannot understand. It is said he contemplated suicide after he committed the deed but his nerve failed him before he could end his life.

As usual the burden of his crime falls heaviest on his family a wife and four children, innocent sufferers for whom there is no relief.

The sympathy of the entire community is freely extended to the bereaved parents, sisters and brothers of the noble young man who was the victim of this tragedy.

## Obituries

### THOMAS HENRY NOBLE

Thomas Henry Noble was born in Maryland Nov. 11, 1850 and departed this life at the home of his son, H. E. Noble, Roy, New Mexico, Dec. 10, 1918.

Mr. Noble grew up in Maryland while living there he was married to Mary Elizabeth Holdren Feb. 18, 1874. To this happy union were born eight children four of whom are yet living. His wife, one son and three daughters preceded him to the world beyond.

He moved to Kansas and resided first in Altoona and later in Neodesha.

In 1909 he came to New Mexico and homesteaded near Roy.

Those remaining of his family are -- Mrs. A. R. Cooley, Modesto, Kansas. Mrs. C. E. Rethington, Modesto, Kans. Mrs. Chas. Brady Richmond Ind. and Henry Edmond Noble of Roy New Mexico.

Mr. Noble was a member of the Holiness Church from his youth, and friends and neighbors bear testimony that he was a consistent Christian all the years that they knew him - a man who prayed continually and whose heart was full of love for everyone.

### CLAUDE HERBERT HAND

Claude Herbert Hand who passed away Dec. 5, 1919 after two weeks illness, was born near Taberville Mo. June 6, 1884.

He was reared to manhood in the vicinity of his birth and then accompanied by his brother Frank became a pioneer in Saskatchewan, Canada.

About eight years ago he came to New Mexico and settled near Roy where he homesteaded and specialized in stock raising. He has been an assiduous worker, and has during his residence here made many friends among neighbors and acquaintances.

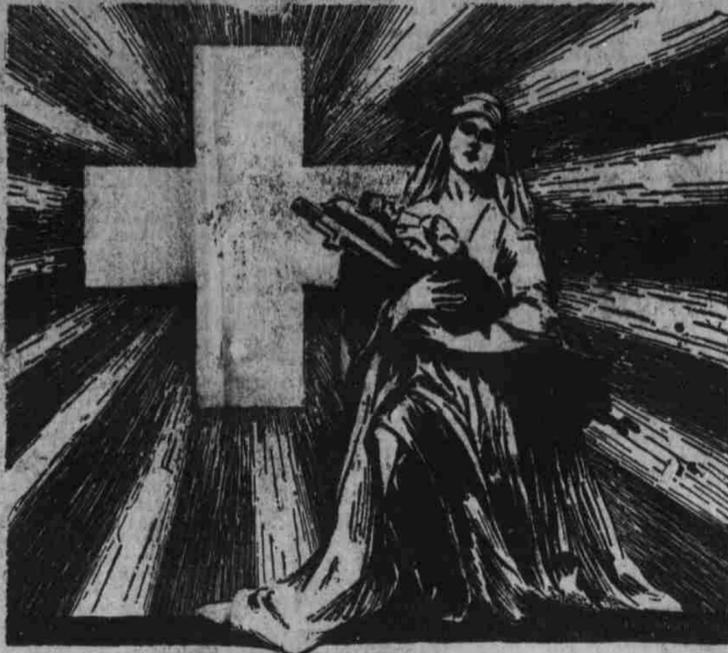
It was but a few weeks ago that he was called to Columbia Mo. to the deathbed of his sister Mrs. Maud M. Reed.

Those remaining of his immediate family are -- His mother, Charlotte Hand, Rockville, Mo. brother, Fred Hand Rockville Mo. brother Frank L. Hand Farmingdale Can. and Mrs. Mabel Hackett Honeybrook, Penn.

The funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church by O. W. Hearn, Dec. 11, after which the body accompanied by Mr. Reed and Miss Myers was shipped to Taberville Mo. for interment.

Miss Nira Nutter came down from Dawson Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents at the old homestead. Their schools are all closed in Dawson by quarantine. They now have small-pox as well as Flu.

Frank Lusk, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lusk of Roy, returned last week from the officers Training Camp at Camp Travis Texas where he has been for some months. He enlisted at the beginning of the war, in order to get the first crack at the Hun but was assigned to hospital duty for a while, then shunted down on the Mexico Border-Patrol, and got into the officers Training and finally discharged with his ambition to "Go Across" unrealized. He has the satisfaction of knowing that, like a good soldier, he obeyed orders if they were not to his liking. He will go back to his homestead near Mills as soon as possible, and is glad to return to private life.



## The Work of the Red Cross must go on

Distress calls!

The misery and sickness and destitution throughout the world make relief work necessary, on a scale never before dreamed of.

When distress calls, the Greatest Mother in the World answers "HERE!"

Now, the Red Cross calls!

The annual Christmas Roll Call of members echoes throughout the land this week.

When your name is called, you are going to answer "HERE!" - because you know your duty, and you



Put your flag in your window

Join the Red Cross - all you need is a heart and a dollar



Wear your membership button

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### HENRY M. GIBBS

Dr. M. D. Gibbs received this week, notice of the death of his brother, Henry M. Gibbs, at the National Military Home in Kans.

Henry Gibbs was 58 years of age. He was born at Swansea Wales, and came to the United States in 1871. He was well known in almost all of the Rocky Mountain States, having been a prospector for many years and did a large part in the development of the Great West. In 1898 he resided in New Mexico, and enlisted for the Spanish-American war at Santa Fe, serving as a "Rough-Rider" under Col. Theodore Roosevelt. He was wounded twice in Cuban Campaign and fell within two hundred yards of the top of San Juan Hill.

His wounds impaired his health somewhat and for some years he has made his home at "Uncle Sam's Country Residence, in Kansas. Only advanced years and poor health prevented him from taking an active part in the World War in which he was deeply interested.

Like many of the pioneers of the West, Henry Gibbs never found time to marry and establish a home but he enjoyed the love and respect of all who knew him. Three brothers and two sisters survive him to mourn his loss.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election, on Sanitary 13th 1916, to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 22, Mora County.

My record in this capacity for this community is open to all and is my only claim to re-election.

F. H. Foster.

## Municipal Christmas Tree

The Municipal Christmas tree planned and financed by the business men of Roy under direction of Mayor Brown and the Red Cross Ladies will be at the Red Cross Rooms in Roy. The plan is to have the "Treat" ready for distribution and have each child who can, call for his treat during the afternoon preceding Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.

This is for all the children of Roy and parents are urged to see that their children are not absent or overlooked.

Se desea informar a todos los padres de familia que habra un arbol de Cristmas, para todos los ninios libre. Se espera que traigan a todos sus ninios para que participen de dicho arbol, esto tendra lugar el dia 24, en la tarde.

A big Christmas Dance is planned for Christmas night at the Hall in Roy the young people at the head of it are making plans to have one big time to make up for the long weeks of waiting when the hall was closed. All invited.

The F.O.O.F. met and re-elected the officers for the term just ending for another term. They have been unable to meet for a long time on account of the quarantine but hope to get back on their feet and going again. The epidemic hit the lodge extremely hard financially and it will take some time to catch up with the sick benefit and other expenses of the last few months.

## Elmer Cole Dead

A message from the War Department received Thursday by his parents announces the death of Elmer Cole, by accidental gunshot, Oct. 25th. This is the first intimation his friends have had of his fate and no further particulars are known. Elmer was a graduate from the 8th grade in the Roy Schools last spring. He enlisted in the aviation Corps and had been in France for several months.

Santiago Lopez returned last week from the Army. He had all the required training and was on a transport and 24 hours at sea when the armistice was signed and they turned around and came back. It was a bitter disappointment to him, but we, who see the improvement it has made in him to be in the service are glad to have returned, a bigger and better man than he could ever have been without the experiences he has had.

The snow fall this week is estimated at from 8 to 10 inches on the level and is another assurance of a wheat crop next summer.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - Will be held at the office the secretary in Roy, New Mex. January 14th 1918, at 2 o'clock P. M. to elect officers and transact other important business.

All members are required to be present and take part in this meeting. It is important that you be at this meeting.

J. H. Mahoney President  
F. H. Foster Secretary

## Official Count

The state canvassing board met the past week and officially canvassed the vote cast in New Mexico on Tuesday November 5, by Counties, for United States Senator congressmen and all state officers. The result of the canvass shows that a grand total of 46,792 ballots were cast compared with 67,000 votes polled in the 1916 presidential election, a falling off in the state vote of 19,000, due chiefly to soldiers called in to the Military and Naval services as a result of the war.

The Socialist party polled less than 1,000 votes, as against a normal vote in previous years of 2,000.

That the people of New Mexico thought the present an inopportune time to vote \$200,000 in bonds for an addition to the state capitol building was conclusively shown by a majority vote against the bond issue of 8,000. A number of the northern counties voted against the bond issue in addition to the southern counties.

The total vote polled by each candidate on the Republican and Democratic tickets, with the pluralities of the winning candidate are as follows:

For U. S. senator - Fall (R) 24,321; Walton (D) 22,470; Fall's plurality 1,851.  
For Congress - Hernandez (R) 23,862; Richardson (D) 21,627; Hernandez plurality 1,235.  
For Governor - Larrazo (R) 22,752; Garcia (D) 22,423; Larrazo's plurality 1,319.  
For lieutenant governor - Pankey (R) 24,651; Veeder (D) 21,891; Pankey's plurality 2,761.  
For secretary of state - Martinez (R) 23,844; Duran (D) 22,523; Martinez plurality 1,321.  
For auditor - Sargeant (R) 24,664; De Baca (D) 21,653; Sargeant's plurality 3,011.  
For treasurer - Strong (R) 24,091; Medley (D) 22,319; Strong's plurality 1,772.  
For attorney general - Askren (R) 24,160; Mabry (D) 22,275; Askren's plurality 1,885.  
For superintendent - Wagner (R) 24,669; Long (D) 21,723; Wagner's plurality 2,946.  
For Land Commissioner - Field (R) 24,627; Davison (D) 21,848; Field's plurality 2,779.  
For supreme justice - Raynolds (R) 23,777; Hanna (D) 22,715; Raynolds' plurality 1,062.  
For corporation commissioner - Luna (R) 23,591; Finegan (D) 22,686; Luna's plurality 905.

## 5th Sunday S.S. Convention

The East Mora Counties S. S. Association will meet at Mills, Sunday, Dec. 29th, 10:30 A. M. And will start with a Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Morris.

Convention Sermon at 11, by Rev. J. M. Wilson. The President will appoint committees before the Basket Dinner at noon. Afternoon there will be a song service, committee reports and the ever interesting "Round Table" conducted by Rev. Pickett.

All schools are urged to bring some one prepared to talk of your school also to prepare some special feature for the occasion and report before the program opens to -

E. D. Bartmess, President.  
A. D. Fisher, Secretary.

Petrucio Gonzales, of Taos, wires relatives here of the death of his wife. He has been twice widowed within the year.

Cristoval Valdez, son-in-law of Casimiro Gonzales, is home from the Army having been discharged before getting to go across. His wife is also here visiting her parents.