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MORA JAIL ENDANGERED BY FLAMES EARL WEDNESDAY MORNING

The building near the Mora jail containing the pumping plant for the jail and court house was set on fire by a firebug early Tuesday morning and for a while it seemed that the jail and court house would both be destroyed.

The jail was on fire a number of times and only the hard work of a bucket brigade with plenty of water saved the building and if it should have burned it would have been almost impossible to save the courthouse.

Two strangers were seen to leave the town just a few minutes before the building was discovered on fire.

It required hard work of the bucket brigade composed of probably a hundred men to save the buildings near the burning plant and Andres Gandert former sheriff was seriously injured during the blaze.

Mr. Howard, of Manchester, Ky., arrived in Roy, Wednesday and will spend a few weeks on the mesa. Mr. Howard is looking over the country with a view of locating here. At present he is visiting his old friend Henry Campbell.

W. H. McCarger, left for Kansas points Thursday and will probably bring back with him a number of men interested in real estate. Mr. McCarger has been pushing the real estate business the past several weeks and his trip to Kansas is a result of his constant advertising.

Martinez—Martinez

Rev. Father Vachon pronounced the words last Monday morning that made Emelia Martinez and Lino Martinez, man and wife. The wedding took place at the St. George's Church and in the presence of a large number of invited guests and relatives. After the wedding the bride and groom went to the home of the bride's mother where a reception was held.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Edubigen Martinez of this place and one of the prominent young Spanish-speaking ladies of the town.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Martinez formerly of Sabino but lately of near Roy and is a young man with a bright future before him.

We understand they will make their home on the Leandro Martinez ranch near the Red River bridge and at which place they will be at home to their many friends after March 1st.

The Spanish American extends congratulations to the happy young couple.

A "Big Baillie" was given in honor of the young couple Monday evening and which was attended by a big crowd.

BAPTIST CHURCH AT LAS VEGAS BURNED

The Baptist Church of East Las Vegas was burned to the ground early Saturday morning by an incendiary. The building was discovered on fire about 4:30 in the morning and before the fire department arrived it was a mass of flame. The firemen upon entering the burning structure discovered gasoline fumes, in fact they were so strong that the firemen were almost asphyxiated. We understand that letters had been received by prominent members of the faculty of the State Normal University stating that the Normal building had been burned by firebugs and that if the school continued in other buildings, they too would be burned. Part of the Normal classes were being held in the Baptist Church which goes to show that the firebug was making good his threats. The Normal work is continuing in several buildings of the town and all are being guarded.

HOUSE ROBBED

Some miscreant broke into the home of Elvin Nickens last Saturday evening while he was at the picture show and ransacked the house, stealing a gun and a number of other articles. When Mr. Nickens returned home after he had closed the theatre he found the door broken open and his house ransacked. He was unable to track the thieves but believes it was some amateurs of the town, he has some parties under suspicion and is making a close watch on them.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Roy and vicinity at the Spanish American Office this evening (Friday) Feb. 17th., at 7:30. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect delegates to the Texas-Colorado Highway Association which will be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20th., and 21st. A good representation of the people of Roy and vicinity will be expected at this meeting. We want to send a strong delegation to this convention.

J. Floerschheim,
Mayor, Roy, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Dodds, Mrs. Gerald Dodds and Miss Simmons of the First National Bank spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Simmons parents on the Johnson Mesa east of Raton. They reported a fine trip and a dandy visit. This was Miss Simmons first visit home for several months.

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Sup't. Hendricks and family spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilstrap.

SHERIFF HOLDS FOUR SUSPECTS; KILLED STOREKEEPER, IS CLAIM; OFFERED CASHIER A BAD CHECK

Roswell, N. M., Feb. 13—Luis Medrano has been arrested here by members of the sheriff's force in connection with the death of Anton Courey, Duran N. M., merchant who was murdered in his store on September 3. When arrested, Medrano was attempting to board a north bound freight train out of this city.

Courey was shot and killed in his store and his wife was seriously wounded. A few days later Francisco Bida and Carlos Ren teneria were arrested here. Both Mexicans later made a signed confession, admitting their part in the attempted robbery, but denied that they fired the shots that killed Courey and wounded his wife. Both contended in the confession that one Lolo Meranda was leader of the band and did all of the shooting.

A week later Merando was arrested. He refused to comment on the affair for several days, but later said that Luis Medrano was the man who fired the shots. The three were placed in the state penitentiary awaiting trial on the charge of first degree murder returned against them by a Tarrant County grand jury.

Local officers have secured evidence that the four men now under arrest and another man whose arrest is expected to follow soon, started out to rob the First National Bank of Hope, 60 miles south of this city. Merando, the leader, it is alleged, decided that this was too big a job and advised that they go to Vaughn and rob a bank there.

It was arranged that one of the number was to go in and present a check that they knew would not be paid and when payment was refused to hold up the cashier while the others came in. According to the confessions Bida went in and presented the check, but when it came to holding up the cashier his nerve failed him and the plan of robbery at this point was abandoned.

From Vaughn the five men went to Duran and there waited until the Courey store had been closed for the night when they went in on the pretext of buying some crackers. Then it was according to the confession, that they told Courey to hold up his hands and open up the safe. Both Courey and his wife resisted them and Courey was instantly killed. Mrs. Courey was shot in the stomach and later recovered.

G. G. Leach left for California the first of the week where he will spend the winter.

Nels Benson has been drawn on the Federal Grand Jury which meets in March at Santa Fe.

Mrs. J. W. Bowman of Solano spent several days this week with her niece, Mrs. Bivian Heyden of this place.

We understand that work on the Methodist Church will be started within the next few days providing the weather will permit. The board has decided to erect a brick structure and one of the most beautiful edifices in town.

W. L. Kelly was a business visitor in Solano last Monday where he went to lease his ranch to Joe Allen; we understand that he concluded a three year lease with Mr. Allen. Mr. Kelly's health is failing him and he will visit his children for a few months.

H. A. Holcomb a prominent banker of Wellington, Texas, has been in Roy and Mosquero this week attending to business affairs and looking over the country. Mr. Holcomb reports that the cotton crop has helped the farmers around Wellington and that the financial depression has not effected the farmers of the cotton country as much as it has in the strictly cattle and wheat country. Mr. Holcomb left Wednesday morning for his home by auto returning by way of Clayton, Amarillo and Cleburne. He promised to see that we were put on the exchange list with the Wellington paper.

DANCE GIVEN BY THE LADIES' AUXILIARY A SUCCESS

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion gave a dance and banquet at the Roy Theatre last Tuesday evening. On account of other social affairs the dance was not as well attended as it might have been, however, the Auxiliary cleared a nice little sum for their treasury from their evenings work.

Music was furnished for the evening by the Floersheim Orchestra assisted by Mrs. W. R. Brashears and Dr. Settle. The banquet served by the ladies was quite a treat to those present and helped to swell the proceeds of the evening.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion is one of the youngest Fraternal Organizations of Roy and has a nice membership to carry on its important work. The members must be either the wife, mother or sister of an ex-service man but even with these restrictions there is every reason to believe it will soon grow into one of the strongest organizations of Roy.

The ladies appreciate the favors shown them during their social Tuesday evening.

Judge Smith is reported quite sick at his home near Mosquero. Mr. Smith is one of the prominent farmers of the Mosquero country and his many friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Williams our popular Western Union Operator has purchased himself a beautiful red runabout flivver and you can bet the girls are all waiting for a chance for a ride in the racer.

ODDFELLOWS HOLD BANQUET

The incoming officers of the I. O. O. F. Lodge gave a banquet to the lodge Wednesday evening and those who had the pleasure of being present say it was sure some banquet. Yes there were eats of every description and to which the members sure did ample justice.

Grand Master Lem A. Wright was to be present but a telegram received Monday evening from him stated that it would be impossible to be present, but a number of fine toasts were given by different members and all in all it was an evening that will be long remembered by the membership of the Lodge. Homestead No. 46 has a strong line up of officers for the ensuing term and there is every reason to believe that much good will be done by the organization this term.

John Coffeen was in Roy from his ranch near Albert Monday.

The Epworth League gave a social at the Baum building last Tuesday evening to the Sunday School folks of the town and community. The social was well attended and a fine time reported. The building was very beautifully decorated for the occasion which helped to add merriment to the entertainment.

A number of games were played during the early part of the evening and after which a fine lunch was served by the League. An admission of 25¢ was charged at the door and the proceeds which amounted to several dollars will be used for the League's Donation to the new M. E. Church.

SIGNS UP WITH SAN ANGELO TEAM

Lawrence Williams of Solano and nephew of Tom Bowman of this place has signed up with the San Angelo, Texas team for this summer at a stated salary.

Lawrence was raised near Solano and received his baseball practice with the team of that place and has made good in the game the past two years. Lawrence pitched for the Roy team games during the Harding Co. Fair and to him considerable credit is due for defeating the Dawson team during these games. Lawrence is a coming star if he will continue his present rate of improvement for a few years and we expect to hear of some good work done by him this summer. Here's success to you Lawrence, may you become another Ruth.

BASKET BALL GAME TO BE HELD HERE SATURDAY

The Tucumcari girls will play the Roy High School girls at 1 P. M. Brown Garage next Saturday evening. A game will also be arranged with the High School boy teams for the same evening. Everybody invited. Admission 25¢.

J. W. Thompson who has been in Wagon Mound and Las Vegas for several days returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. A. A. Kidd is visiting relatives in Texas at present. She will probably be away several weeks and enjoy the balance of the winter in the milder climate of Texas.

We Earnestly Request

that all our customers who owe us past due notes and accounts will come in at once and make arrangements to take care of them.

We do not wish to force collection, but unless arrangements are made immediately to pay these old debts we have no alternative.

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SHOE CLEARANCE SALE

We will offer some very exceptional values in ladies' and growing girl's high shoes to make room for our spring stock of shoes. This sale will only last until we have reduced our stock enough to make room for the new goods. Do overlook this sale. It is a saving for you.

Another Close out Special

Ladies' Percale aprons in dark and light colors, at 95 cents.

JUST FORTY MORE DAYS

April 1st, when we will give those five big premiums away. Are you getting your share of the tickets?

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