

C. C. ROYALL RESIGNS
Assistant District Attorney C. C. Royall of Silver City has filed his resignation with Major Waddill of Deming, district attorney, same taking effect Tuesday. The cause is assigned as the pressure of his private law practice, owing to the departure of Attorney R. P. Barnes who has taken over the practice of the late Judge Mann of Albuquerque.

Mr. Royall's record as assistant district attorney is faultless and during the time he served he accomplished more than can be attributed to the average man in that capacity. Mr. Royall has personally attended the preliminary trials in the justice court, having the testimony taken down and presented the grand jury, thus saving the county many thousands of dollars. He has also saved the county much money in prosecutions, having persuaded many under indictment to plead guilty.

In southern Grant county, Mr. Royall's work has been especially effective. He has personally visited every justice court and settlement down the Mexican line, rounding up several cattle theft and gun toting cases. He is the first man to attempt this work and his efforts are especially appreciated in this section.

Mr. Royall has on hand two or three important matters which he has been investigating, and he has promised to complete them. He has also offered to aid in the work until his successor is appointed and has familiarized himself with the duties of the office. Owing to the large docket at the coming March term of court, and the number of important cases to be tried, he has volunteered his assistance in prosecuting the cases. Jas. A. Vaught of Deming, N. M. has been appointed Assistant District Attorney succeeding Mr. Royall.

SCHOOL NOTES

The box social held at the K. of P. hall Thursday, January 27, was a success. A short program was rendered by the school children and after that the boxes were auctioned off by Mr. McElgin. There were far more boxes than gentlemen but, nevertheless, they were all sold. The amount cleared was \$46, which will be used to defray the expenses of the basket ball team, and for material to be used in the physical training classes.

The girls' basket ball team will go to Clifton Friday afternoon, February 4th. A large crowd could accompany the team and root for them. The game will be a hard one and the girls would play much better to the tune of "Lordsburg, Lordsburg, Rah! Rah! Rah!"

It would be a kindness to the teachers and a protection to the school grounds, if the parents would remember that school does not take up in the morning until 9 o'clock, nor in the afternoon until 1:15. Some of the children rush home and eat their lunch and then hasten back to the school grounds. This results in accidents and quarrels to the child and oft times damage to school property. Co-operate with us and keep the children home until school time.

The Patron Society will have their regular monthly meeting at the school house next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Your presence and ideas are much in demand. Try and come.

The scholars of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades will compete for a prize, to be awarded the best speller at the school house, Friday afternoon, February 11, at 2:30. A large exhibit of industrial work should attract your attention. The children will work with greater zeal if they have your commendation.

Sad Accident at Deming

Three sisters, Louise, Edna and Sophronia Vallandigham, daughters of E. R. Vallandigham, editor of the Deming Headlight, were instantly killed at 6:50 o'clock Thursday evening of last week, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Santa Fe railway coal car propelled by a switch engine at Deming, New Mexico. George Crichtet, linotype operator of The Deming Headlight print shop, was driving the car and he had a leg and an arm mangled and received injury internally, from which he may not recover. Mr. Vallandigham, who was also in the car, escaped with only a few bruises. The accident occurred at the railway crossing near the freight depot.

The railway crossing tender, who was the first to reach the spot, declares that he blew his whistle and waved his lantern when the machine approached the crossing. He said the automobile hesitated, but started across the tracks just as the switch engine shunted the coal car over it. The machine was struck full in the side and completely demolished. The three young ladies were hurled to the ground, striking with such force that their death was a matter of moments.

When the crossing tender reached the victims he found that Mr. Crichtet had a broken ankle, a broken arm and what appeared to internal injuries. Mr. Vallandigham was bruised and dazed. His escape is considered little short of miraculous.

The Vallandigham girls were well known in this section and highly popular. The eldest, Miss Louise, was 19 and a teacher in the public schools at Deming. Miss Edna, aged 16, was a senior in the local high school, and the youngest, Sophronia, was a pupil in the grammar school. Mr. Vallandigham is one of the most prominent newspaper men in New Mexico. The family home is two miles from Deming.

VICTIMS OF AUTO ACCIDENT BURIED

The funeral of the Misses Louise, Edna and Sophronia Vallandigham was held in Deming Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The effect of the fatal accident which resulted in the death of the young ladies was manifested everywhere in the solemn demeanor of the citizens and the large numbers which assembled at the Methodist church long before the funeral hour. Every automobile and conveyance in the little city which was available was pressed into service to carry the mourning throngs.

The services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Morgan, Methodist pastor, who was assisted by practically all the local ministers. His sermon made a deep impression on all those who were able to gain admittance to the church. Special music was provided by the schoolmates of the dead girls, assisted by the members of their Sunday school class. Their class mates acted as pall bearers. The floral remembrances were numerous and beautiful and were a silent tribute to the high esteem in which the departed were held. All arrangements were in the hands of the Odd Fellows who attended the funeral in a body. The procession to Mountain View Cemetery where interment was made was one of the largest ever witnessed in this part of the state.

The physicians at the hospital deemed it inadvisable to permit the father of the children, E. R. Vallandigham, to attend the funeral, which might have seriously impeded his final recovery.

George Crichtet Dies

George Crichtet, who was so terribly injured at the time of the fatal collision, died at the Ladies' Hospital in Deming shortly after noon Wednesday. At no time did the attending physicians encourage his friends or relatives to expect his recovery. He rallied repeatedly, however, and while at times there seemed a bare possibility that he might live his splendid physique was unable to cope with the strain that had been put upon it, and he sank into a state of coma, from which he never roused.

MINES AND MINING

Several mining men are in town looking over the district. P. S.—No results as yet.

Herb Robinson and L. H. Bartlett of Santa Rita have taken over the property adjoining the Bonney. Russell Bartlett is in charge of the work now being done on the claims.

Mother and Baby Drowned

Copper Era of Clifton, Arizona, says: A communication received from the ranch of J. H. T. Cosper gives the sad account of the drowning of Mrs. Della Reynolds and baby, 19 months old, in the Blue river, January 16th. The accident occurred three miles below the ranch of Mr. Cosper.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and their three little children were residents of Luna, New Mexico. They had been on a visit to the parents of Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs, at Animas, New Mexico, and were returning to Luna, travelling up the Blue in a wagon when they encountered the high water.

They were compelled to abandon their wagon at the Base line Ranger Station and attempted continue the rest of the journey on horse back. While crossing the Blue a short distance below the Cosper ranch, the horse carrying Mrs. Reynolds and the youngest child in some way fell in the water and before Mr. Reynolds could give assistance the horse, wife and baby were swept down the river. Mr. Reynolds later saw the horse some distance below washed out on a sand bar. Mr. Reynolds took the remaining children and went to the Cosper ranch with the sad news. J. H. T. Cosper, his sons Dewitt and Wain, and D. Hale and two Mexicans started in haste for the place. In the meantime the river was rising rapidly. In making a close search they found the horse about one half mile below and about one mile further on found the body of Mrs. Reynolds. By this time it was 4 o'clock and pouring down rain and the river rising so rapidly that it was impossible to make a further search for the child. Mr. Cosper managed to get the body of the drowned woman to his ranch at about 6 o'clock by swimming several places. The river continued to rise for three days which rendered it impossible to make any search for the child which will very likely never be found.

Mrs. Reynolds was buried at the Cosper ranch on January 18, by the request of her husband.

LAND SCRIPT

U. S. Commissioner Bush has secured several blocks of Santa Fe land script in 160 acre tracts for sale at approximately \$5.50 per acre and fully guaranteed. For sale as long as it lasts to the first comers.

BALLOT BOX GONE

"Button, button, who's got the button?" wasn't it with "Ballot Box, ballot box, who's got the ballot box?" at the proposed election for justice of the peace and constable at the 85 mine last Saturday. It was a bright, crisp morning at the 85 mine and everyone there was prepared for the election but search high, search low, there was no ballot box available. Hence the election was called off. There was much ill feeling over the occurrence but everyone is now taking it good naturedly.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUMPKIN HILL

Mike Soakem's mule kicked a hole in the town board Monday.

Slim Plug's bay mule got the colic last Sunday night and while he was trying to take it away the mule kicked him through the manger. He has been laid up with the mange ever since.

While wading across Pumpkin Hill Creek last Sunday, Smiley Popeye slipped on an eel and shoved his nose down two inches. He now has to stand on his toes when he wants to smell.

Hank Parsnip offers a reward of 39 cents for the capture and arrest of the varmint who tied a tin can to his whiskers Friday night while he was taking a nap in the pickle barrel behind Slick Deadbeat's store.

While eating some herring pie in Mrs. Leghorn's boarding house Sunday night, Flip Gumdrop swallowed a fish bone. Now every time he bends over to lace his boots, the aforesaid bone goesos him in the ribs and almost tickles him to death. He says he is going to have his ribs taken out next summer if the bone insists on annoying him.

Autos For Sale

Abbott-Detroit 1914, electric starter, good shape, looks good, cost \$1915.00; will sell for \$500.00. Also 1916 Overland, cost \$824.00 price \$500.00. Address box 128, Deming, New Mexico.

Credit, Big Thing In Business, Helped by Pay-Up Week

THE late E. H. Harriman, wizard of finance, once said: "I never particularly considered a man who is worth a million. The man I like to talk to, the man with whom I like to do business, is the man who can go out and borrow a couple of hundred thousand dollars any time he wants it."

There's a volume of wisdom in this sentence. It means that in the business world credit is the one big thing. Once a man loses his credit in business he has a hard time to succeed. He pays the penalty in other ways. There may come an opportunity for an enlargement of his enterprise. There may come a chance to get goods cheaply for cash. If he stands right at the bank he can borrow. If he stands right with his neighbors he can borrow from them. The moral is obvious.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A LAGGARD IN YOUR PAYMENTS YOU ARE NOT HELPING YOUR CREDIT. CREDIT IS THE VERY LIFE OF BUSINESS. BOOST YOUR CREDIT BY BEING AN ENTHUSIAST IN THE PAY-UP WEEK MOVEMENT. THIS PAY-UP PROPOSITION MEANS A LOT TO YOU. IT MEANS A LOT TO THE COMMUNITY. GET IN IT. GET YOUR NEIGHBOR IN IT.

Other cities have tried out Pay-Up Week and marveled at the beneficial results. What has been accomplished in other cities can be accomplished here. Do your part by paying every bill, large and small. When you pay your bill the man to whom you pay it will feel impelled to pay his obligations, and so on until everybody will enter the spirit of the movement.

Join the Pay-Up Week throng.
BE ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN THIS BOOM CAMPAIGN.

PAY UP WEEK IN LORDSBURG

will begin March 6th, ending March 11th. Do you owe these firms? Roberts & Leahy, Eagle Drug Mercantile Co., W. F. Ritter, First National Bank, Walter Rebusch, or any other business house in Lordsburg, or in southern Grant County. Pay up Week is the time to clear up this indebtedness. Read the Pay Up articles weekly. P. S.—Don't forget your subscription in arrears to The Western Liberal

OVERSEEING NEW ROAD

County Commissioner, B. B. Ownby was a Silver City visitor on Monday where the commissioners of Grant County and the road board met to go over the State Highway proposition from Lordsburg to Silver City with N. B. Samson of the State Engineer's office. Mr. Samson came to Lordsburg over the present road Tuesday and on Wednesday he and Mr. Ownby made a trip up Tompkins Canon and over the road as proposed by J. C. Brock. Mr. Samson went to Silver City with Mr. Brock and returned via the Cow Springs road with John M. Sully of Santa Rita. All these proposed routes are being observed by Mr. Samson with the intention of making an ultimatum on the permanent state highway.

SUNSET LIMITED WRECKED

Five were injured in a wreck of the westbound Sunset limited train Monday night at 9:40, when the train struck a broken rail near Iser station, 45 miles east of El Paso, on the main line of the G. H. & S. A.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail, the G. H. officials stated Tuesday morning. The baggage car was derailed and turned completely over when the wheels struck the broken rail. The tourist sleeper followed the baggage car off the track but did not turn over. The diner and three standard sleepers were also derailed, but did not turn over. The locomotive and tender remained on the track, as they passed over the derailed rail before it broke.

Bargain Week

Our page ad this week will aid in

Solving the Low Cost of Buying

Everybody is talking about the high cost of living, and racking their brains for a solution.

That's easy! All you have to do is to solve the "Low cost of buying." Study carefully the Quality and the Price before parting with your money, for one is as essential as the other. A few pennies saved on each article used by the average family would amount to a considerable sum in the run of a year; it reduces the cost of living.

We have solved the "Low Cost of Buying" from the manufacturer, and YOU will solve it when you come to us, for WE are slicing off the pennies for you which the manufacturer had to slice off for us.

Meet us face to face, and you will go home with a smile.

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All kinds, in package or in bulk.

This is a complete, wide awake, trustworthy grocery store.

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