

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Items of Interest Gathered Around Las Vegas and Vicinity.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY

PERSONAL

J. D. McDonald, contractor, is in the city.

Herman Hilgers came up from Lamy today.

Miss Lida Brown is in the city from Trinidad.

Fred Ortiz' brother and father have arrived from Santa Fe.

Mrs. A. M. Adler, of Wagon Mound, is in the city visiting relatives.

Mrs. M. C. Drury left last evening on a visit with friends in Albuquerque.

Judge Henry L. Waldo has gone on a trip to New York City and Washington.

Mrs. N. E. Lewis returned last night from her sad mission to the Indian Territory.

John Hull, of Ft. Sumner, and Wm. Spitz, of Las Truchas, sheepmen, are in the city.

Mrs. Comstock, mother of Mrs. R. C. Rankin, left yesterday afternoon for Winslow, Ariz., where her son resides.

Chas. H. Oonderdonk and I. H. Rapp came in on the early morning train, from Lamy and Santa Fe, respectively.

Mrs. M. Newman and Miss Jennie Levy, of Cincinnati, who had been visiting the family of D. Winternitz, left for home.

J. W. Zollars and wife returned home last evening from Canton, O., where they had been on a visit to Mr. Zollars' father.

A. DeTullo and family left today for Albuquerque, to make their home, the altitude here being too great for their daughter's health.

Alf Pullor and E. P. Woods, of Winslow, Ariz.; C. E. Marsh, of Denver; A. W. Roy, of Raton, are late arrivals at the New Optic hotel.

W. B. Twitchell, foreman of the Corralton company's Candelaria mine at San Pedro, has been spending a few days among El Paso friends.—Times.

Chief Justice W. J. Mills has returned home from New Haven, Conn., and expresses himself as most glad to get back to this land of sunshine and pure air.

Chas. Lantry, well known contractor of Strong City, Kansas, who had been visiting friends and transacting business in this city, left for southern and western points.

E. E. Hill and his aunt, Mrs. Hanks, of Decatur, Ill., are in the city. Mr. Hill is the son of an early and intimate friend of M. H. Robb of this city. He is also the grandson of Hugh W. Hill, the inventor, who made an immense fortune by his inventive genius.

LOCAL

A most delightful spring-like day.

Miss Anna Ward is in bed on account of a well taking case of vaccination.

Las Vegas, it is quite apparent, needs more hotels and lodging house. Rooms are very scarce.

Miss Lola Deutchman is keeping house for H. P. Brown while Mrs. Strausner is absent in California.

Regular meeting of Elks, Thursday evening, when arrangements will be completed for the memorial service, or "Lodge of sorrow," next Sunday.

Mayor Henry G. Coors and Michael Boylan got in last night from a five days' camp hunt. Where they were, is another question, but they brought home 150 quail.

Mrs. Frank Hoalman, niece of D. T. Lowry, who was here a part of the summer but returned to her home at Moberly, Mo., died there on the 24th of this month.

Local merchants are making elaborate preparations already for the holiday trade. Let your light shine through the columns of THE OPTIC so that buyers will know what you have to offer them.

An epidemic of sidewalk patchwork seems to have struck the Railroad avenue property owners. A new and uniform sidewalk all along the principal square would add greatly to the comfort of passers by.

Two men have been arrested in Albuquerque, having possession of a large number of silk handkerchiefs and other articles of goods. They are suspected of being the men who robbed the store of Rosenthal Bros., last week.

B. F. Forsythe and Jim Olcott have returned from a pleasant and successful hunting trip in the neighborhood of Gallinas Springs. The snow which fell there was estimated by J. E. Whitmore at .75 of an inch of moisture and will do much good.

Capt. T. S. Mathers, special agent of the U. S. land department, was in town last night, en route from Washington to Santa Fe. He was at the white house when the fake news came that Spain had broken off negotiations, "and it did worry the boys for a while," said he. Capt. Mathers will return here in a few days and spend some time at Las Vegas hot springs.

If OPTIC city subscribers would have a box on the inside of the front fence, in which the carrier may deposit their paper, instead of throwing it into the yard to be blown away by the winds and lost in the darkness of these short evenings, the arrangement would be greatly to the convenience of the carriers and would ensure the subscribers to get their papers with greater regularity and with less trouble.

The final canvass of the San Miguel county election returns will probably be made to-morrow. Only the returns from Liberty precinct are yet to receive attention. Territorial Secretary Geo. H. Wallace has been quite uneasy about this matter for several days and to-day he telegraphed the county commissioners to say that returns from all counties save San Miguel were now on file in his office and that if it became necessary to send a messenger here for the returns the county would have to pay the expenses of such messenger.

Duncan McDonald, son of J. B. McDonald, of Pueblo, died at the pest house, just outside of the city limits, and was buried today in the Catholic cemetery south of old town. It will be remembered that he came here from the grading camp at Ribera, went to the ladies' Home, and subsequently was taken to the pest house. Though

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he worked for Contractor McDonald, and had the same name as a son of the contractor, and his father's initials it seems were nearly the same as those of the contractor, yet was he no relation to the latter family. There now remains but one case of smallpox on the east side, none at the pest house and one in the city proper, the latter being a mild attack of varioloid.

RAILROAD

J. E. Hurley was on one of his short visits home today.

Engineer Hartley, it is said, is now in the service of the company.

O. P. Jackson, switchman, has resigned and will seek a warmer climate.

Gas Peterson, engineer, has been reinstated and is now running between here and Raton.

Tom M. Pierson, of Raton, a former brakeman, was in the city today, on his way south, looking for work.

Ten members of the L. W. Lewis contract outfit came to the city, under charge of Foreman Thomas, were paid and returned to their work near Ribera.

Sam Sperry and Jim Olcott, who got into trouble on account of a cattle man's complaint, have been restored to their former places in the service of the company.

ATCHISON PREFERRED.

According to the Chicago Record, Atchison preferred has commended in the last few days the highest price in its history, closing one day last week at forty-five. The movement in the stock has made it the leader of the railroad list, and London operations in it have been heavy. The claim is now made in many quarters that a dividend will be paid on the shares the first of next year. Several New York houses state there is reason to expect one per cent, but in well informed local circles there is a belief that the management intends to pay two per cent semi-annually, in February, the dividend to be declared in January. Such action will be based,

of course, upon the fulfillment of present prospects by the property. The key to the situation seems to be in the statement heard frequently of late that the unusual expenditure for betterments of the property, which have caused operating expenses to average nearly seventy-five per cent for several years, are now about over, and that the physical condition of the road is such that these earnings can be turned into surplus or paid out in dividends.

CAPITAL'S OPPORTUNITY.

To show the opportunities of poor, depressed capital, which the laws, lawmakers and law interpreters are always seeking to protect against the disreputable attacks and encroachments of labor, THE OPTIC quotes the following from an eastern exchange:

A dispatch from Port Deposit giving the items in a legacy bequeathed by the late Jacob Tome illustrates his foresight and ability in making profitable investments. Among the bequests were stock of the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Company, which he secured at par (\$50) and is now worth a round \$185 a share; stock of the Baltimore Trust & Guarantee Company, subscribed at par (\$100) now quoted a round \$310, and stock of the Safe Deposit Company, for which he paid \$100 a share, and is now worth about \$350. Mr. Tome had the good fortune to invest his money in institutions that immediately entered upon careers of prosperity. As a rule, he subscribed for stocks when the companies were just beginning business. Some of the stocks he owned have increased seven fold in value since they came into his possession, besides paying dividends ranging from 4 to 10 per cent.

THE Business Men's League of St. Louis have brought legal proceedings to compel express companies to pay the war-revenue stamp tax on express-package receipts, instead of making the shipper pay it. But the wonder is natural that the government does not give an official interpretation of the law, which plainly it is the government's duty to do, and thus settle the question one way or the other without cost to the people or the companies.