The Golden Era.

THURSDAY, October 23, 1884.

LINCOLN COUNTY DIRECTORY.

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School Commissioners, G. L. Ulrick, Amos Bakers, E. Keene.

PRECINCT NO. 1—DIRECTORY.
Justice of the Peace—Jose M. de Agueya.

Governor Sheldons Report.

In his report to the secretary of the interior upon the condition of the affairs in New Mexico the past year. Governor Sheldon says that the territory has prospered materially in all its industries; that stock raising has proved a greater impetus than any other interests, the number of cattle and sheep being estimated at 5,000,000 head. The report states that there is an irrepressible conflict waged between the owners of cattle and sheep ranches which may result in the near future in the destruction of the sheep raising business. The trouble is attributed to the destruction of pasture by sheep, and there is no authority resting in the territorial government to stop the conflict. The remedy suggested is the passage of a law defining the boundaries of ranches and requiring the erection of fences.

The taxable property in the territory has increased in value during the year $4,000,000. He asserts that unless a law is passed allowing individuals to acquire a large amount of land, that it cannot be expected that the stock raising industry will be developed to the highest attainable point. Seven eighths of the public lands in New Mexico, says Governor Sheldon, will, in all probility, never become the property of citizens, as it is difficulty to comply with the requirements of the present land laws on account of the absence of water.

The Governor says that the failure to settle the status of the Spanish and Mexican grants has retarded the progress of the territory The production of gold and silver reached a point sufficient in the opinion of the governor to jusify the establishment of a United States mint in the territory.

Sensible Views of the Land Commissioners.

The commissioner of the general land office has submitted a report of the operations of the office for the fiscal year ended June 30, '84. The sales of entries and sections of public lands embraced 26,824,041 acres; Indian lands 696,129 acres. Total 27,531,170; an increase over the year '83 of 810,137 acres; an increase over '82 of 12,222,003 acres. The agricultural patents numbered 57,331: an increase of 885 over the preceding year. Number of private cash entries 9,894, and 3,206,095 acres were sold under the pre-emption law; an increase 920,385 acres over the preceding year. Receipts for cash sales $10,302,582; an average of a fraction over $1.32 per acre —3,148 tracts of land, embracing 200,002 acres, were sold at public sale, at the average of $2,09 per acre.

The commissioner renews his recommendation that the pre-emption law be repealed, and that it is most important that the homestead law be amended so as to require proof of actual residence and improvement for two yerrs before the homestead entry may be commuted to cash payment. He recommends the repeal of the timber culture act, the act providing that lands covered by relinquishments shall be subject to entry immediately upon cancellation at the local office, and the desert land law and the timber and stone land act.

The commissioner says that that portion of the public lands still remaining should be sectionized for the use of actual settlers only. An act reserving public lands, except mineral and timber reserved, for entry under the homestead law with amendment, to prevent evasion of wise restriction, would be a measure meeting this end.

In conclusion, the commissioner points out the necessity for the immediate adoption of some measure by which actual forests may be preserved at the headwaters of important rivers and their tributaries and in such other situations where their preservation is expedient for climate effect and other reasons of utility. He says there is no good reason why lands wotth from $25 to $100 per acre for the timber should be sold for one dollar and twenty-five cents and two dollars and fifty cents per acre, as at present, and he favors the withdrawal from sale or entry under existing laws all distinctively timber lands of the United States until examination and apportionment can be made. After examination permanent timber reserves should be established were deemed desirable, and provision made for the sale at not less than the appraised value for remainder.

A Wonderful Man.

Chinese Gordon is certainly a remarkable man, full of energy, perseverance and wonderful resources. Some months since his government sent him on a special mission to Khartoum, to treat with El Mahdi and endeavor to suppress the rebellion. Mounted on a camel he started on his journey alone. Neither army nor escort accompanied him. He successfully crossed the desert and arrived in Khartoum, where he immediately began negotiations for peace, offering to surrender the Soudan to the Mahdi if allowed to retain certain cities and peacefully evacuate others. Then came news that Gordon's mission had failed; that he was shut up in Khartoum, virtually a prisoner, and was helpless. The British government was urged by press and people to send an expedition to relieve him from his perilous position, and preparations were made to send a large army up the Nile to relieve the one man who had placed his life in jeopardy on a mission for his government. The expedition being all ready to start, news came that Gordon has taken Khartoum and defeated the rebels; that all by himself he has organized an army and relieved himself from the perilous position. This was marvelous, and until it was fully confired by later news, it was scarcely believed. As if all this was not enough, the further news now comes that Gordon has marched with his army on to Berber, and has actually captured that important city. It certainly all reads like a fairy tale. The man who can thus, by the force of his own will, resolve defeat into success under such difficulties as those encountered by Gordon, is almost a magician. He is certainly made of such stuff as kings were made from in the good old times.

"KILLIN' TATER-BUGS."

A Trial of Skill Between an Editor and a Farmer to the Latter's Discomfiture.

"Seems to me you don't have nothin' to do," said a farmer walking into the sanctum of the editor the other day.

"Well I have worked on a farm a good deal of my life, and I regard editing a so-called humorous paper is harder work than plowing corn," the editor replied.

"Oh, shucks!" exclaimed the farmer "if I didn't have nothin to do but to sit around and write a little and shear a good deal, I tell ye I'd be havin' a mighty easy time."

"I'll tell you what I'll do." said the editor. I'll plow corn a day for you if you'll write two columns today for me."

"Done," cried the farmer.

"And I'll bet you $10 you can't write two columns to-day."

"Done agin. An' I'll bet you $10 more ye can't plow as much as ye orter."

"I take you," the editor replied.

"What am I to write about?"

"Oh, anything, so it's funny. Remember, now, Mr. Farmer, you are to do the writing yourself. The matter must be strictly original."

"Never mind me, Mr. Editor. But look ye. You have got ter do a good job o' corn-plowin.' Do it jest like I would."

"All right."

The editor went to the farm and set a good hand whom he had hired on the way, at work plowing corn. The farmer wrote a headline which read "Killin' Tater-Bugs," before the editor was out of hearing.

In the evening the editor came into his sanctum blithe and cheerful. The farmer sat at the desk, vexed and worried into anger.

"How do you feel?" asked the editor.

"Used up. Hardest day's work I ever done, an two lines ter show for it. Sure enough he was but one line beyond the headline. That line read: "Killin tater-bugs is funny."

"Then I've won the wager?"

"Yes; but I reckon I've won t'other 'un."

"No, sir! I have won both. I have plowed several acres of corn, and done it well; and I have writen my two columns, besides."

"Creation! How'd ye do it?"

"Just like you would. I hired a man to do the plowing and I sat in the shade; but I wrote while I sat there, and did not sleep as you do. Fork over the twenty."

The farmer paid $20 for his information, but the lesson was well learned, and as he went out he said: "Stranger, I wouldn't be an editor if I could. It looks mighty easy, but, by, Jerusalem, it ain't near so easy as settin in ther shade an' watchin' ther hands plowin' corn. I'm a fool an yer kin say so in yer next paper, if yer want to." And that is why we write it.—[Through Mail.

Mixing Business With Sentiment.

There is a young man in this town who wants to get married, but says that he can't get time away from business in which to propound the question to some fair damsel He is a livery man and a good one too. The other day he told the writer confidentially that he wanted help.

I'll tell you," said he, "I don't get a chance to leave the stable, and I want yon to pick out the girl for me. Your driving shant cost you a cent for a year if yon will."

What kind of a girl do you want?" was asked.

"Well," said he, "I'll give yon an idea. I don't know much about girls, but I want one with a good pair of hips and good wind and good action, and I don't want her to interfere. I want a good clean head and good shapely neck, and I don't want one that will shy and kick over the dash. Watch out for the spavin and windgail. The latter don't make much difference, it's true, but they look badly. I want a good fat leg, too not one of those beefy things that are always swelling out of shape. I want good sholders too, and I want —"

"Well, here! What are you talking about, anyhow.

"Oh, excuse me. I remember now that we were talking about girls, but I got interested in a mare I was thinkin of buying. And by George! I forgot all about the girls."—[Saturday Night.

The Cattle Raiser's association of north-west Texas has had a standing offer of $500 reward for the conviction of any party stealing cattle, the person claiming such reward to pay the cost of prosecution. At a meeting of the executive committee last week however, it was so modified as to read $500 net, the association to bear all expenses of proceedings.—[Stock Journal.

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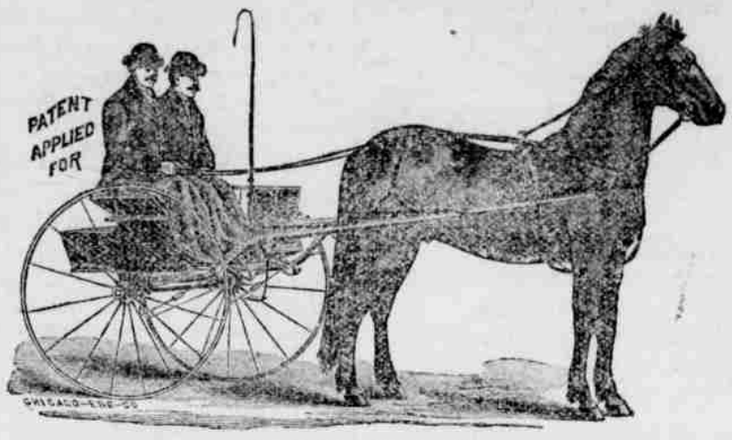

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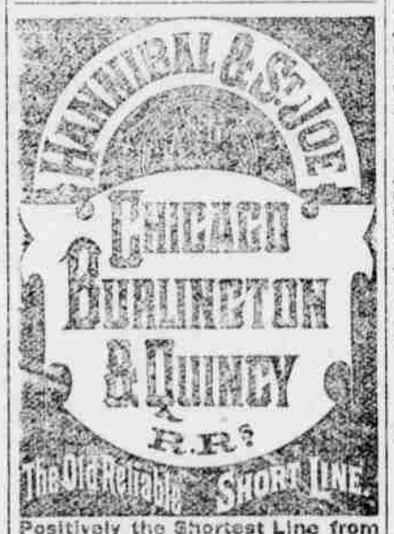

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