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For the department encampment of the G. A. R. and auxiliary bodies, to be held at Deaver, Colorado, May 3, 4 and 5, 1899, an open rate of one standard fare from Colorado points to Deaver and return is authorized by the D. & R. G. railroad. Tickets to be on sale May 2d and 3d, with a final limit of May 8th.
 See the advertisement of the firm of Fields & Sharp, successors to F. W. Sharp & Bro., elsewhere in this issue. A full line of general merchandise is carried and the shelves are filled with new and desirable goods. Messrs. Monroe Fields and John Sharp are the members of the new firm. Their reputation as energetic, upright business men in this community is of the highest order, is a guarantee of fair dealing to all and a sure indication of success in this new enterprise.
 A new saloon will be opened in Astec tomorrow (Saturday) morning, under the management of Frank Baker. Free lunch will be served and everybody is invited. A billiard table will be in operation and the local experts will have a chance to try conclusions. A hand some bar, the skillful work of Carpenter Frank Revell, adorns the rooms, and the other fixtures are quite tasty. A liberal share of the patronage will doubtless fall to the new establishment.
 E. G. Irwin, of Kansas City, Mo., president of the Animas River Land and Irrigation company, visited points in the valley this week. He has nothing for publication as to the plans of himself and associates in the ditch enterprise, but made inquiries to ascertain the extent of the claims against the company. Mr. Irwin is a broad-gauged and experienced business man and THE INDEX trusts he will find some way of straightening out the complications that surround the company's affairs.
 Dan Pipkin, alias Red Pipkin, reputed train robber and desperado, was recently landed to jail at Albuquerque. His arrest was partly due to the efforts of Sheriff Dodson and Deputy Sheriff Stewart of this county. Last month they found that Pipkin was staying at Wilkin's store near Fruitland. He tarried only a short time, going thence to Westwater, at which place our officers endeavored to take him, but arrived a little too late. They sent word to Sheriff Parley Butts of San Juan county, Utah, that Pipkin was headed that way, and it resulted in the latter's capture. He was taken to Winnemucca, Nevada, and thence escorted to Albuquerque by a Wells-Fargo messenger. Roy Stewart received a letter from Sheriff Butts yesterday, telling how the capture was made. There is a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of Pipkin.

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 John and Lee Brown and Boone Vaughan will open their new saloon at Farmington tomorrow night. The firm name will be Brown Bros. & Vaughan. Some of their Astec friends are figuring on going down.
 Wednesday's Democrat said: "Al Hubbard was in Durango yesterday purchasing goods of our Durango merchants for Fields & Sharp of Astec. He also takes a billiard table from the city to New Mexico."
 An exodus of Astec citizens along the northern road occurred Monday. Jesse Bell, Al Hubbard, Billy Lanefast, Frank Baker, Joe Pendleton and several others drove teams up for loads of freight and lumber.
 John A. Koontz is putting a very neat and attractive front on his building on Main street. It looks up like a Navajo at a snake dance and the rest of the business houses are compelled to take a back seat just now.
 Petitions are being circulated asking the county commissioners to levy a special tax for bridge purposes, under the provisions of the recent law authorizing a levy of not to exceed \$2,500 annually in counties of the fourth class.
 Services will be held in the church at Astec Easter Sunday. Subject, The resurrection of Christ; baptism and the Lord's Supper will be administered. Evening subject, Bible and Book of Mormon. Special music by choir.
 The stockholders of the South Side canal company held a meeting at Farmington Tuesday for the election of officers. R. O. Prentiss was re-elected president, Fred Bunker was made treasurer and E. B. Whitehead secretary.
 The W. O. T. U. of Flora Vista are to meet next Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. All members and those wishing to become members are earnestly requested to be present, as business of importance is to be attended to. As many as can are requested to come prepared to pay dues.
 We have discovered a sure panacea for all the ills the flesh is heir to. Use "Horsehoe" or "Fried of America" flour made by the Durango Milling & Elevator Co., and you will find your digestion improved; it brightens the eye, sweetens the breath, cures "that tired feeling" and prevents the pain from bagging at the knees.

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