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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Transaction of the Board in Regular Quarterly Session April 3d and 4th, 1899.

At the regular April meeting of the Board of Commissioners of San Juan county, New Mexico, held on the 3d day of April, 1899, there were present, Chairman T. J. Arrington, Commissioners A. J. Gilmour and Juan A. Jaques, and Clerk C. V. Safford.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following fruit tree exemptions were allowed:

W. F. Gilliam on tax of 1898, \$400. Albert White on tax of 1898, \$400. H. R. Skinner on tax of 1898, \$400.

It appearing to the Board that an error had been made in transferring the 1898 tax of Geo. J. Taylor from schedule to roll, it was ordered that said error be corrected and Taylor be allowed a reduction of \$400.

Mrs. M. E. Shellhamer was allowed a reduction as head of family on 1898 tax, of \$200.

C. V. Safford was allowed a reduction as head of family on 1898 tax of \$200.

It appearing to the Board that John S. Rodgers had been doubly assessed on 1898 tax, it was ordered that he receive a reduction of \$50.

It appearing that W. R. Bowman for the years 1897 and 1898 returned all property owned by him in the name of Bowman Bros., and that he was also assessed personally by assessor, it was ordered that said taxes for the years mentioned, assessed against him personally, be cancelled.

It also being shown to the satisfaction of the Board that Herman Blum and O. D. Comfert were both assessed for year 1898 on same tract of land, it was ordered that Herman Blum be allowed a reduction on amount wrongfully assessed, of \$200.

Frank W. Brown appearing before the Board and making affidavit that the number of cattle returned by him in his schedule for 1898 tax was correct and that the raising of same by Board was incorrect and unjust, it was ordered that he receive a reduction of the amount wrongfully raised, \$420.

It being shown that Jennie E. Goodwin has not yet received title to lands occupied by her and which were assessed for taxation on 1898 roll, it was ordered that the amount assessed be rescinded, amounting to \$320.

It further being shown that the property of W. S. Williams was by him transferred to other parties and by such parties returned for taxation on 1898 roll, it was ordered that the taxes so assessed against Williams be cancelled.

The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn:

- L. C. Grove, printing proceedings commission, volume No. 1, last quarter, \$ 64 75
- L. C. Grove, for stationery furnished, 40 25
- E. E. Rank, for horse barn in case of health officer, 50 00
- W. E. Lowrey, rent of house for election, 1 00
- A. J. Brown, fees as constable in case of Ter vs Anderson, 4 48
- A. J. Brown, witness fees case of Ter vs Taylor, 2 00
- John Hever, witness fees case of Ter vs Taylor, 2 00
- C. A. Gilmour, services as assessor in case of Ter vs Deen, 6 00
- Price Walters, fees as J. P. in case of Ter vs Deen, 14 50
- C. V. Safford, services as assessor in case of Ter vs Taylor, 3 00
- E. D. Condit, witness fees in case of Ter vs Deen, 2 00
- W. H. Williams, for index furnished clerk's office and J. P. in case of Ter vs Deen, 8 58
- W. A. Hunter, fees as J. P. in case of Ter vs Deen, 8 00
- E. R. Stewart, fees as constable in case of Ter vs Taylor, 42 50
- A. J. Brown, services as assessor in last quarter, 15 00
- Frank Blinn, for index furnished clerk's office, 12 25
- Leonor Garcia, compensation as assessor 1898 tax, 11 75
- Leonor Garcia, compensation as assessor New Mexican Printing Co, supplies furnished and binding of files, 15 50
- A. J. Gilmour, services as commissioner and mileage, 29 50
- Juan A. Jaques, services as commissioner and mileage, 29 50
- D. E. Lobato, raising for prisoners, 2 00
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- T. J. Arrington, services as commissioner and mileage, 42 50
- Matthias Pacheco, services probate judge, 2 00
- C. V. Safford, services as constable and expenses paid, 30 00
- Monroe Fields, rent for clerk's office, 20 00
- Wm. Hesse, services as constable in case of Ter vs Phillips, 15 00
- John T. Arrington, witness fees in case of Ter vs Deen, 2 00
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- J. C. Dodson, raising for prisoners, etc., 1 00
- Ed Turner, witness in case of Ter vs Deen, 2 00

Report of E. G. Berry as justice of the peace for Precinct No. 2 for quarter ending Feb. 1, read and approved.

Report of Price Walters as justice of the peace for precinct No. 2, read and approved.

The resignation of A. U. Graves as justice of the peace of Precinct No. 10 was received and accepted.

The resignation of W. A. Hunter as justice of the peace for Precinct No. 5 was received and accepted.

The bills of Joe Fabrizio and J. E. Elmer for services performed in maintaining a quarantine at Farmington were not allowed.

The Board then adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. April 14th.

TO REDEEM THE RESERVE.

President's Proclamation Fixes May 4th as the Day for Throwing Open the Great Ute Reservation - The Boom Under Way.

Thursday, May 4th, is the day and twelve o'clock noon is the hour fixed by proclamation of President McKinley for the opening of the Ute reservation. The proclamation was issued Tuesday and Tuesday Durango was wild with enthusiasm, celebrating at night with bonfires, fireworks and speeches. Since the advent of the Rio Grande railroad, it is the most important event in the history of the Southwest.

For more than a generation the Ute reservation has been the cynosure of homeseekers' eyes. "Distant fields are always green," it is said, but the fame of the great territory embraced in this reservation is based on the personal observation of prospectors and travelers who for the past twenty years have journeyed over it and become familiar with its riches. Eighty miles in length, extending along the northern boundary line of San Juan county, New Mexico, but lying wholly within the state of Colorado, it is crossed by a dozen living streams whose useless waters run to waste while their banks are monuments of sagebrush and sand, dedicated to the slowness and tediousness exhibited by the department of the interior.

In the song of praise to the resources and riches of the reserve, discordant notes have been sounded lately. Certain Durango people who are afraid the rush will be so great that they will be unable to secure all the best lands for themselves, have spread reports tending to discourage settlers from coming. They deny that—

Stormy winter, burning summer, rage within the region have never.

However, the new day has dawned. All that remains is for San Juan county to advertise its advantages to the hurrying hundreds who will through each of the trails and avenues of ingress in the next month. Many will be too late to secure choice locations along the countless watercourses of the new domain, and will turn eagerly to the valleys of San Juan county,

where homes can be procured under ditches already made, almost as cheaply as they can be builded out of the desert as it is now thrown open to settlement.

The Southern Ute Indian reservation lies in the southwestern corner of Colorado in Montezuma, La Plata and Archibald counties. It is fifteen by sixty miles in size, lying to the south and east of Durango, the nearest large town. There are 606,000 acres in the portion to be thrown open, of which 20,000 have been reserved by the Indians who have accepted allotments. The lands are largely meadow, or uplands, the soil being the semi-alkaline, sandy loam and red—the former being particularly adapted to growth of grain and grasses, and the latter to vegetables, alfalfa and fruit trees. The plateaus are sufficient to afford range for tens of thousands of stock.

It is well watered by rivers and creeks. Many of the Indians who have the best water rights on the reservation have signified their willingness to lease their lands. The area is subject to entry under the homestead, timber and mineral laws. All intending settlers must make a cash payment of fifty cents an acre at the time of filing. All land to be sold by the government at \$1.25 an acre, the balance to be paid after the land is located. To procure a homestead the intending settler should select and personally examine the land and be satisfied of its character and true description. He must file his application at the United States land office at Durango, and make affidavit that he is not the proprietor of any land under the laws of any state or territory; that he is a citizen of the United States or will take steps to become such; that he is the head of a family or over the age of 21, as the case may be; that since August 30, 1890, he has not acted in violation of the laws of the United States. The receiver of the land office will issue receipt for same.

If land is taken up under the desert land law the intending settler must have two witnesses to his desert land application and must pay twenty five cents an acre. Under the homestead laws a person will be allowed six months in which to make residence upon the tract of land on which he files. If he does not the land is subject to contract. After fourteen months from the date of filing, if he complied with the law as to residence and cultivation, he can prove up on his land by paying an additional amount of twenty five cents an acre. Lands on any stream or body of water are not desert lands. Neither are lands that produce native grasses sufficient to make an ordinary crop in season, lands that produce crops of any kind, or land on which trees grow.

WARRANTS.

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tion as head of family on 1898 tax, \$200. Mrs. Julia Beaming was allowed an exemption of \$700 on orchard and \$200 as head of family on 1898 tax.

C. B. Cameron was allowed a reduction on 1898 tax on account of one acre of orchard, \$100.

W. Stevens was allowed a reduction on 1898 tax for one acre of orchard, \$100.

C. M. Hubbard was allowed a reduction on 1898 tax for 1 1/2 acres orchard, \$150.

The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn:

- Jan. H. Hartley, witness fees in case of Ter vs Taylor, 2 50
- Frank Baker, fees as constable in case of Ter vs Deen, 2 50
- W. H. Williams, fees as judge of election, 2 00
- A. D. Melton, services as assessor, 2 00
- C. H. McIlwain, freight, expressage and stamps, 23 50
- E. D. Sharp as attorney for Alva Adams appeared before Board and requested a reduction on assessment for year 1898 on account of excessive valuation. Claim set allowed.

Petitions were presented to the Board requesting that a levy be made for bridge purposes. Action deferred on same.

It appearing that an error was made in the extension of tax of 1898 of Foster Blacklock, it was ordered that error be corrected and that he be allowed amount of said error on assessment, \$200.

The following justices of the peace, road overseers and constables were appointed on petitions from various precincts:

- Precinct No. 10: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
- Precinct No. 11: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
- Precinct No. 12: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
- Precinct No. 13: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
- Precinct No. 14: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
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- Precinct No. 19: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin
- Precinct No. 20: Wm. Peiper, Harry Allen, Chas. H. Starr, J. F. Martin

Report of the examining committee was received and approved and the bills of examiners allowed and the report made part of the proceedings of the meeting. Amount, \$221 each, total \$442. 50; days at \$1. Warrants ordered drawn in favor of E. D. Sharp and Joe Prewitt.

The board then adjourned. T. J. ARRINGTON, Chairman. C. V. SAFFORD, Clerk.

[The report of the examining committee as approved by the board of commissioners, is very exhaustive and complete and lack of space prevents its publication in this issue. Next week we will print the principal portion of the report as submitted.]

in style and treatment and in its actor: its motif is that of the marriage relation. It will be illustrated by Alice Barber Stephens, and will run in the Journal throughout the summer.

FREE THE SHUTTERED PARABLE. See in Our Subscription. This is a new and original story, written by a woman, and is a masterpiece of fiction. It is a story of a woman who is shut out of the world, and who finds a way to get in. It is a story of a woman who is shut out of the world, and who finds a way to get in. It is a story of a woman who is shut out of the world, and who finds a way to get in.

A TIP FROM TAOS.

The Great Falls of a Railroad Coming This Way of Which We Were in Blissful Ignorance.

The D. & R. G. railroad has long contemplated an extension from Durango through San Juan county, but the following from the Taos Crescent of last week is something in the nature of a surprise:

The prospects for a railroad into the Taos valley from Las Vegas this year are very good, but a long way from a sure thing. A railroad survey is now being made from Taos, Colorado, south; the intention being to build a line as far as Gallup, with the purpose of ultimately extending south along the New Mexico-Arizona Rio through the extensive coal lands of Valencia and Socorro counties and the gold fields of Grant and into Mexico. This enterprise is backed by Denver and Rio Grande railway people and is greatly needed as a southwestern outlet for that road.

The municipal election in Denver was a great surprise, the straight Democratic ticket without an organ being elected with three exceptions, these being two aldermen and city clerk who are Silver Republicans. The majority vote was as follows: Johnson, Democrat, 9,236; McManis, anti-corporation, 8,226; Ames, Silver Republican and Corporation, 8,073; Gates, McKinley Republican, 7,512.

San Juaners in the Smelter City From the Durango Democrat. D. Dones of Farmington was in Durango yesterday.

Mr. Hobbs of La Plata, New Mexico, visited the city yesterday. H. C. King of Farmington was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Blacklock of Farmington was up after goods yesterday. George Omer of La Plata, New Mexico, is up after a load of Padlock.

W. A. Hunter of Farmington was in Durango yesterday for groceries for his store there. He has purchased the store of Lock & Doss.

W. H. Amoit is up from Largo again after supplies. He is evidently doing a thriving business there.

Mr. Melroy brought a load of apples, the last of the season, up to Durango from Farmington yesterday.

Bert Thomas of La Plata, New Mexico, was in town Friday. John Pund of La Plata, New Mexico, visited the city yesterday.

Mr. Noland was up from the territory yesterday. Mr. Thurmond of Ft. Hild was in the city Friday.

One of the great means of advancement in New Mexico is a pasture grass for cattle. Alfalfa is an excellent pasture for horses but it is apt to cause bloat in cattle, and as the more common grasses to the east have not proven satisfactory an effort is being made at the agricultural college to find one more species that will prove well adapted to valley farms. The college has been fortunate at the start of this search for a grass in having the kind assistance of the agricultural department of agriculture at Washington, who has supplied seeds of varieties of grasses and clovers for trial. Several of these are natives of the arid and semi-arid regions, there is a reasonable hope of their success. As only a small quantity of each kind of seed was secured it was determined to plant them in a grass garden. Small beds, containing from two to ten square rods, were carefully prepared, and their borders defined by ridges so that each bed could be irrigated as needed. The grass seed was sown broad cast, one variety to a bed, and the garden was at once irrigated. Seed was sown March fourth, and the soil being rather heavy applications of water were given before the seed germinated. Almost all the above species have sprouted, and there is every indication of a good stand. Among the species that have made the most vigorous start it is interesting to note all save one are natives of the plains.

The best stand thus far is of Red Top, and following this in order are several species of Rye Grass, W. H. Grass and Brome. These grass beds, small as they are, will give some indication of the adaptability of the several species to the climate, and such as withstand our long summer will be grown on a larger scale next year, when an effort will be made to determine their value for pasturage and possibly hay. Notes as to the best species will be given in later press bulletins.—Bulletin New Mexico College of Agriculture.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., February 23, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Probate Clerk of San Juan County, at Aztec, N. M., on April 12, 1899, viz:

JOTHAM G. COBURN, For the SW 1/4, W 1/4, Sec 21, T 30 N, R 12 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Arthur Beaver, Adam Fetter, Frank F. Hiskens, Frank Quinn of Florio T. L. M. M. MARSH, R. O'NEAL, Register.

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HERMAN N. HATZEL, For the NW 1/4, Sec 21, T 30 N, R 12 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John S. Austin, Edward G. Berry, George W. McCoy, William H. Williams, of Aztec, N. M. MARSH, R. O'NEAL, Register.

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DR. T. J. WERT, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, OBSTETRICIAN.

Aztec, New Mexico.

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Farmington, New Mexico.

DR. J. A. DUFF, DENTIST.

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Notice. Last Will and Testament of Michael McDermott.

Notice is hereby given that I, Chas. V. Safford, Probate Clerk in and for the county of San Juan in the Territory of New Mexico, have on the 1st