SAN JUAN COUNTY INDEX.

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READY FOR THE RUSH.

Large Amount of Advertising Matter Anent the Reservation Being Circulated by Railroads and Towns Adjacent.

Preparations in anticipation of the opening of the reservation are being made by the various towns and in some cases the counties in this section, for the purpose of advertising the resources of the several communities adjacent to the reserve.

Durango has raised about $1,000 for advertising, and will be ready to set the advantages of the city and the tributary country before all comers.

Aztec has organized a board of immigration and is preparing advertising matter to illustrate the attractions of the county-seat. It must be remembered that Aztec is only 16 miles from the reservation.

The people of Farmington are hustling around, raising money and getting in readiness for the crowds that will visit that famous fruit section. They expect to distribute a large amount of advertising matter.

Major S. K. Hooper, the well-known general passenger agent of the Denver & Rio Grande road, with his usual energy, has published 250,000 pamphlets descriptive of the opening of the reservation. The circulars give the president's proclamation, also a description of the Indian lands opened to settlers, the act of congress relative thereto, description of Durango, general information on the homestead laws, the desert land laws, descriptions of the timber and stone lands, and general remarks of interest to the reader. Major Hooper has also sent out 10,000 bills for posting, and has advertisements in Denver dailies, also notices in 1,500 weekly newspapers as far east as the Mississippi river. He is in active communication with all of the eastern agents of his road. The Denver & Rio Grande is the only road to reach the Ute reservation, and traverses for 60 miles the most desirable parts of the lands subject to entry.

From Major Hooper's booklet descriptive of the reservation, we copy the following:

The opening of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, which has been awaited for with [illegible] for many months, has at last been accomplished, as will be seen by the President's proclamation published herein. This vast area of arable lands, fifteen by sixty miles in size, located on either side of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, south and east of Durango, cannot fail to attract a large and desirable class of settlers. The Ute Indians are settled, under the law of 1895, to 374 allotments out of the entire tract. All the remainder of the area, about 636,000 acres, will be subject to entry under the desert, homestead, timber and townsite laws, and the laws governing the disposal of coal, mineral, stone and timber lands, and many of the Indian allotments will be leased by intelligent white men at reasonable rates. The lands embrace both valley and mesa or uplands, but the supply of water for irrigation is many times greater than will be called for. The soils are the semi-adobe, sandy loam and red—the former being peculiarly adapted for the growth of grain and grasses, while the soils last named are unequalled for the growth of vegetables, alfalfa and fruit trees. Owing to the percentage of gypsum in the bottom lands, the yield is three and one half tons to the acre.

Aside from the agricultural future of this great area of virgin soil, the stock industry gives promise of almost unlimited growth. Plateaus afford range for tens of thousands of head of cattle, horses and sheep, while tributary mining camps supply an abundant market noted for good prices.

Under federal enactment, Ute Indians who so elect may accept allotment in severalty. The lands allotted to the Southern Utes aggregate about 60,000 acres, divided equally between agriculture and grazing lands, and allotments are generally in compact form. The Indian may lease his allotments for a period of three years, for agricultural, and ten years for mining and grazing lands. The advantages of the leasing system are:

First—The lands are exempt from taxation and free from cost of water charges, as the Indians own the canals and ditches.

Second—The rental is in most instances a small amount in cash and a share of the crops—one-fourth or one-third.

Third—Indians can be hired to work at small wages and spend their money at home, thus keeping the money in circulation in the community.

Fourth—The Utes are paid $50,000 annually by the government. The treaty provides that this payment shall continue "forever." This money goes into circulation in the immediate region where it is distributed from the bountiful hand of Uncle Sam.

The act of congress of February 20, 1895, which fixed the time for the President's proclamation six months from that date, but which has been delayed till now cites how the land shall be taken up the whites, and is as follows:

"And shall be subject to entry under the desert, homestead and town site laws, and the laws governing the disposal of coal, mineral, stone and timber lands, but no homestead settler shall receive a title to any portion of such lands at less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and shall be required to make a cash payment of fifty cents per acre at the time filing is made upon any of said lands."

The advantages of cash payment of 50 cents per acre are many. It shuts out the "professional boomer," and leads direct to a first class citizenship—that is, men of thrift, energy and industry.

The location of lands in question ends the public domain entrys in Colorado, so far as valuable farming land extends, forever, as this particular area embraces all that has been, by virture of being an Indian reserve, witheld from entry. It is the last chance for cheap, fertile and enviable homes

The land offices are in the city of Durango.

The Durango Papers.

From the Durango Herald.

When a railroad from here down to Aztec and Farmington, New Mexico, shall have been completed, Durango will be materially benefitted. For then San Juan county, New Mexico, will have easy transportation for her products. It is a well known fact that no county in the great west can excel that in raising fruit. It is a very fine country and the enterprising citizens of that section have been for a year past getting up advertising matter and sending it east, so San Juan county, New Mexco, may except to derive much benefit from any coming boom to Durango occasioned by the proclamation opening up to settlement the Ute reservation.

There are thousands upon thousands of acres of good land open to settlement outside the Ute reservation. Again, improved farms can be purchased in many instances for little money. Home seekers will be able to secure many dargains. All that is necessary is to visit the surrounding country and make a personal investigation.

C. F. Wood started for Farmington this morning accompanied by Prof. Baker of Alabama and a colored servant. Prof. Baker is making the trip to study betany among the Navajos and the party will be absent several days.

From the Durango Democrat.

J. H. Heathers of Hesperus was in town yesterday. He has finished his sheep shearing for the season.

John Cambers of La Plata, New Mexico, came in after supplies yesterday.

C. M. Hubbard was in from Flora Vista yesterday.

Jacob Guire was up from La Plata, New Mexico, yesterday for Paddock

Henry Allen of La Plata, New Mexico was in town after supplies yesterday.

Bert Knickerbocker was up yesterday, after a load of supplies for W. H. Williams of Aztec.

J. G. Willett of Aztec is in the city.

George Allen is up from Farmington.

Sam Graham and Charley Stough took a bicycle spin down to Aztec Sunday. They came back at a good gait and got in about seven o'clock.

Willis Martin came up yesterday from La Plata, New Mexico, after a load of provisions for Paddock.

The municipal elections throughout the territory a week ago Tuesday were generally "terrinot the government." Democrats captured about all the city offices in Albuquerque, Marron, Democrat, defeating Mayor Clancy, Republican, for re-election. In Santa Fe J. H. Sloan, Democrat, was elected mayor, and all of the aldermen but one are Democrats. There were two Republican tickets in the field. Las Vegas elected the Citizens' Union ticket over the regular Republican nominees.

Communicated.

To the Editor:

Some time ago an article appeared in the news columns of the Durango Herald, quoting Rev. C. H. Parkhurst of New York as endorsing the saloon and as having called it "the poor man's friend."

My attention being called to it, I wrote Rev. Parkhurst to ask if it correctly expressed his sentiments.

He wrote in reply saying that it certainly did not and that he had not uttered a word of the aforesaid statement.

He also said that he could not find words strong enough to express his opinion of the evils of the licensed saloon.

The general opinion of all disinterested, enlightened and patriotic citizens of this country, is that the saloon is not the poor man's friend, but his worst enemy, and that it will be a happy day for him and his family when it is abolished.

Moral: Sign the pledge.

Aztec, New Mexico. WM. RADIE.

With David F. Day at the helm the Durango Democrat has set sail on a new voyage of intended usefulness. Judge R. M. Force having retired, Mr. Day has again taken his newspaper under his own control. A vast improvement is observable in the past two or three days. As a morning paper the Democrat, along with its evening contemporary, the Herald, has a widening field of usefulness in this day of development in the San Juan country and we hope that its sails will ever be filled with favoring breezes.

W. H. Williams has just received new millinery goods from Hill Brothers of New York and D. B. Fisk of Chicago.

Eggs for Sale.

Eggs from full-blooded black Langshang stock for sale, $1 per setting. Address, J. L. Rutledge, Aztec, N. M., or inquire at the Lohr ranch, opposite Flora Vista, N. M.

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I have some selected seed of the famous Rocky Ford Netted Gem Cantaloupe, which I will mail to any address at $1 per lb., postpaid. Direct all orders to J. M. BAKER, Rocky Ford, Colo

Ladies' Hats.

See the latest styles Ladies' hats at W. H. Williams'.

A Board of Immigration.

At a meeting held in Aztec on the 11th inst., with the end in view of properly getting the resources and advantages of San Juan county before the large influx of strangers who are expected in this section of the country at the opening of the Ute Indian reservation, and for the further purpose of devising ways and means for securing, preparing and distributing advertising matter, it was voted that an organization be perfected, to be known as the "San Juan County Board of Immigration," and that a president, secretary, treasurer and board of directors be elected, all of whom were to serve without pay other than the mutual benefit that may be reaped by reason of inducing outsiders to come in and make their homes with us and thereby build up our county and towns.

The following officers were selected: W. H. Williams, president; C. V. Safford, secretary; Fred Bunker, treasurer. Board of Directors, C. N. Trew, G. W. McCoy, A. D. McIntosh, F. T. Hickman, Price Walters and J. C. Dodson. It was further voted that a finance committee be appointed, to solicit subscriptions from citizens of the county and the following named were selected: J. A. Koontz, C. N. Trew, W. J. Wright, W. H. Williams, G. Pendleton, C. S. Cameron and H. J. Kiffen.

It was also voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare advertising matter for a circular or folder and that same be submitted at a meeting to be held on April 15th at 4 p. m.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at 4 p. m. Saturday, April 15th.

The Record as It Reads.

A synopsis of the report submitted to the county commissioners by the auditing committee appointed to examine the county books appears this week. It will repay careful perusal and should be filed away for future reference. THE INDEX does not believe it would be either proper or profitable at this time to start a discussion of the performances—be they good or bad—of the late county administration. The record speaks for itself; and all taxpayers who are interested in county finances—and what taxpayer is not?—as well as those who are curious to know in what degree of excellence or incapacity our public officials have handled public business in the past few years, should examine the records and the complete report of the examining committee, made a part of the commissioners' proceedings by the board last week and now on file in the clerk's office.

We regret that lack of facilities prevents the publication of this interesting report in its entirety, but as it is voluminous enough to tax the capacity of the government printing office, we consider it no small stroke of enterprise to give what is really its substance.

As remarked, it will well repay taxpayers and citizens generally to file away a copy of this week's INDEX. The indications are that the document here discussed will be very much in evidence in the county campaign a year or two hence.

The town of Espanola, N. M., was almost completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. The loss was about $150,000.

PROFESSIONAL.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.
.....NOTARY PUBLIC
In Aztec Thursdays.

E. S. WHITEHEAD,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
....NOTARY PUBLIC
Farmington, New Mexico.

GRANVILLE PENDLETON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Will practice in all Courts of the Territory.
Aztec, New Mexico.

F. C. PERKINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Rooms 12-17 Williams Block, Durango, Colo
Practices in all State and Territorial Courts.

THE COUNTY'S CONDITION.

Synopsis of the Report of the Committee Appointed to Examine the Books, Records and Accounts of the County.

AZTEC, NEW MEXICO, April 4th, 1899.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of San Juan County:

Gentlemen: Your committee appointed by you January 13, 1899, to examine the books of the county, beg to submit you this our report.

We have carefully checked all of the tax rolls, cash books, receipts, receipt stubs, journals, ledgers, warrant stubs, vouchers, commissioners' journal and other evidences of receipts and disbursements by the several officers of the county, and have checked the tax rolls for the years 1889 to 1898 inclusive and marked off all taxes, paid, rebated, abated, reduced or otherwise changed from the original assessment and have carefully carried forward on the several rolls all taxes which we have found undisposed of and still remaining on the tax rolls, and have to report as follows:

TREASURER MONROE FIELDS' ACCOUNT.

First Term.

To cash from F. M. Pierce	$ 3858 94	By amt. paid School dists. in 95 96	$ 4734 99
" cash from Territorial Treasurer	7 19	" " District Court in 95 96	3448 00
" cash from A. E. Boone	907 27	General School Fund, 1895	569 99
" A. H. Dunning	15805 36	" " 1896	1601 26
" J. W. Berry	45 50	Interest County Bonds	2314 71
" License	1050 00	County Fund	7951 19
" Fines	130 00	Compensation assessor	125 45
" Poll Tax	768 07	Balance	3692 79
Apportionments general school fund	1559 05		
Error School Dist. No.	10 70		
Compensation Assessor's Fund 1895	67 85		
	$24774 89		$24774 89

Second Term.

To balance	2992 29	By amt. paid school dists. in 97-98	4034 47
" cash from A. H. Dunning	1353 73	" " district court 97-98	3130 29
" " J. W. Brown	14918 84	" " general school fund in 97-8	1504 14
" estray fund	31 50	Interest county bonds	2402 01
" licenses	775 00	county fund	7559 98
" fines	54 95	compensation assessor	601 40
" poll tax	558 65	error entering Co. warrants, c. b. p. 177	50
error addition in cash bk. page 121	01	amt. paid C. H. McHenry	2766 22
general school fund	1044 14	balance	21 30
overdrafts of school districts	57 11		
error entering Co. warrants, c. b. p. 101	1 00		
" " Court orders, " 147	50		
" " " " 171	20 29		
" posting school dist. No. 14	01		
	22794 31		22794 31

COLLECTOR JOHN W. BROWN'S ACCOUNT.

Collections—Tax	20234 42	Disbursements—Territory	5658 33
Penalty	986 57	County	14918 84
License	211 66	Commissions	851 56
Error cash book page 4	02		
	21444 73		21444 73

Errors.

L. Welsh, turned in short	11	By error cash book page 4	02
Rec't No. 803, B. A. Gambill, not ent'd	1 25	costs turned into county	2 75
" 816, J. H. Lujan, " " short	36	error calculating commissions	22
" 18, Oliver Nicholas, " "	20	By balance	109 54
" 202, Jesse Schaffer, "	1 00		
" 219, R. Buckhous, not turned in	9 50		
Error by Wm. McRae, adding cash book, page 25	100 00		
Rec't 745, Lucinda Blanco, turned in short	02		
" 808, Sarah F. Pierce, "	10		
	112 54		112 54
To balance	109 54		

Funds as distributed in collector's cash book and as corrected by us:

	As turned out by Mr. Brown	As corrected by Us	The Differences	
To Territory	$11,117 05	$11,189 59	Territorial Funds Short	$ 72 54
" County Fund	11,427 73	11,308 77	County Fund Over	$1718 96
" General School Fund	3,411 49	3,413 22	General School Funds Short	1 73
" Int. On. Bond Fund	1,158 43	2,663 01	Co. Bond Int. Fund Short	1504 58
" Court Fund	8,049 38	8,345 98	Court Fund Short	16 87
" Special School Fund	3,109 19	3,109 92	Special School Funds Over	87
" Commissioner's Fees	[illegible]	[illegible]	Commissioner's Fees Over	69
" Compens't'n Assessor	764 03	888 77	Assessors' Comp'sat'n Short	124 69
	45,703 73	45,703 73		1719 96 1719 96

You will observe that there has been diverted from other funds to the county fund $1718 96, and this diversion occurred during the terms of Collectors A. H. Dunning and John W. Brown and with the exception of a few minor errors was the result of the keeping of the collectors' accounts by Wm. McRae, the ex probate clerk of this county. In the matter of special school funds we know that neither of the above apportionments are correct, as the special school districts in many instances have gotten no portion of the tax collected for them, but in making this apportionment we simply used the amounts as shown on the collector's cash book.

For a detailed statement of the apportionments as turned in to the several funds we beg to refer you to a book in the county clerk's office called "Collector's Ledger" at pages 102 and 103, and wish to embody those pages in this report and have them form a portion of it. Where we found distributions correct within a few cents on the collector's cash book we did not make a change in the figures which might slightly change the figures as above but not materially.

BALANCE SHEET

Of account with Monroe Fields, Treasurer.

School District No. 2	$ 88 48	By school district No. 1	$ 26 76
" 3	8 85	" 10	14 03
" 4	40 70	" 13	23 05
" 5	32	amt. paid to C. H. McHenry, Treas.	2766 22
" 6	2 15	Balance	21 30
" 7	23 05		
" 8	74 21		
" 9	0 00		
" 10, Bond account	2 37		
" 11	57 17		
" 12	16 37		
" 14	32 85		
" 15	23 20		
" 16	50 49		
" 17	2 66		
" 18	12 71		
" 19	32 51		
" 20	36 85		
" 21	10 81		
" 22	19 80		
To interest county bond fund	1017 56		
To compensation assessor, 1895	2 05		
" " 1896	6 01		
" " 1897	2 48		
" " 1898	25 51		
county fund, 1897	246 16		
1898	169 49		
estray fund	37 50		
district court fund	489 16		
general school fund	382 57		
	2851 46		2851 46
To balance	21 30		

In checking Treasurer Fields' vouchers there was one coupon of $15.00 missing. This was a coupon due January 1, 1896, from a bond held by Henry J. Kiffen. Mr. Fields showed us the check which he paid Mr. Kiffen for this coupon with five others and we have no doubt as to the payment of the coupon.

Balance in county fund, 1897, as turned over by Monroe Fields, Treasurer			$246 96
" " " 1898, " " "			169 49
			416 45
Items chargeable against County Fund—			
Amount turned in by J. W. Brown, after January 1, 1899		155 01	
Outstanding warrants		71 43	
Outstanding bills of 1898—			
Prewitt & Starr, county printing	75 00		
C. A. Spiess, district attorney	50 00		
J. W. Brown, arresting Chas. Carter	6 50		
Lon Munoz, special constable	2 75	134 25	360 71
Net balance in county fund January 1st, 1899			$ 55 74

A. H. DUNNING, EX-COLLECTOR.

While we have not gone into ex-Collector Dunning's account for the purpose of balancing it, we find he is owing the county as follows:

To error in addition Cash Book page 427	$ 1 00	
Receipt No. 94, B. A. Townsend, not turned in	63	
" 95, C. Tour, " " turned in	05	
" 471, N. W. Pacheco, " "	22	
" 484, R. and J. N. Jaques " "	13	$ 2 04
Cris Domingo, 1895, roll, marked "Paid uncle see?"	12 00	
Gus Holstrom, 1895, marked "Paid"	11 83	
John F. Farmer, 1893, delinquent list marked "Paid"	1 50	25 03
F. C. Weeks, 1893, delinquent list marked "Paid, $33.84 on Mosl"		33 34
		60 39

OVERPAYMENTS.

We find on the tax rolls overpayments as follows:

J. W. Brown, Sr., tax of 1891, overpaid	$19 17
Refugio Lucero, paid twice 1891	5 50
S. T. Maupin, allowed fruit tree exemption 1893 of $5.55, and paid tax in full	5.55
M. Ebert, overpaid tax of 1894	5 30
Jose de Jesus Maestanera, overpaid 1894	6 01
D. A. Attebery, paid twice 1895	1 05
J. M. Palmer, overpaid E. L. Willett's tax 1896	1 05

REDUCTIONS.

Besides numerous others, not noted, we are unable to find reductions on the Commissioners' journal for reductions noted, as follows:

Victor Trujillo, tax 1891, marked "reduced $18" on delinquent list.

Aug. D. Gilliberti, 1891, marked "reduced by commissioners" by McRae, $2.93.

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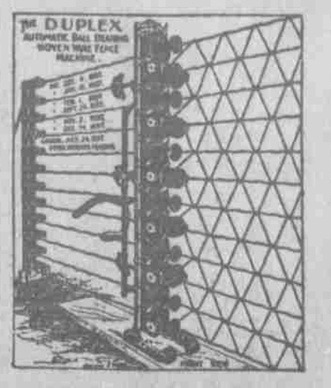

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REASONABLE RATES THE RULE.

LEGAL NOTICES.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY No. 3804.

Notice for Publication,

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., March 2, 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 15, 1899, viz:

HERMAN H. RATHJEN,

For the N½ SW¼, Sec 17, S½ SE¼, Sec 18, Tp 29 N, R 11 W.

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

John B Austin, Edward G Berry, George W McCoy, William H Williams, of Aztec, N. M.

MANUEL R OTERO, Register.

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 set the five day of May, A D 1899 as the day for proving the last will and testament of the said Michael McDermott, deceased.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of March, A D 1899.

CHAS. V. SAFFORD, Probate Clerk.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY persons in this territory to manage our business by their own and nearby practice. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight $900 a year and expenses deducted from headquarters, no more, no less salary. Monthly $75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Herbert E. Hunt, Pres., Dept N, Chicago.

FREE [illegible]