County Clerk

# SAN JUAN COUNTY INDEX.

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### Rates to the Reservation.

Denver dispatches of last Friday, April 14, said:

"Low rates for the opening of the Ute Indian reservation May 4th, were announced today by the passenger department of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. Round trip rates of $28 have been granted, becoming effective today from Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, the gateways for eastern travel to Durango and return.

"In addition, trans-Missouri lines have granted a homeseekers' excursion rate, effective May 2, of one lowest first class fare plus $2 for the round trip from Missouri river points and all eastern territory to the three Colorado common points, from which the $28 rate made by the Rio Grande applies. Major Hooper, general passenger agent of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, is receiving inquiries from all parts of the United States in regard to the opening."

From Register Perkins of the United States land office at Durango we learn that the following townships in the reservation to be thrown open May 4th are unsurveyed and therefore not subject to immediate entry: Ranges 2, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 west, in township 32, ranges 4, 6, 11 and 13 west, in township 33; ranges 3, 6 and 13 west, in township 34. Settlement on these lands may be made by occupation at any time after noon of May 4, and when the lands are finally surveyed and platted by the government, the settlers will have the preference right of entry.

The New Mexican says: "The presbytery of Santa Fe met at Raton this week. Rev. E. A. Gagle, of Farmington, was chosen moderator. Most of the session was occupied in a general exchange of views and in discussing church interests. The church is growing steadily in this territory, and already has fifty-nine churches. Every minister of the presbytery was in attendance. Four new members were received. They are Rev. Frank Lonsdale, of Raton; Rev. W. Eadie, of Aztec; Rev E. A. Gagle, of Farmington and Rev. C. E. Lowney, of Taos. Six Spanish evangelists were given authority to work, and two, Mr. Maes, of Raton, and Mr. Madrid, of Santa Fe, were examined in church history and theology for license and ordination, and passed a very creditable examination. Addresses were made by Messrs. Eadie, Craig and Moore. Messrs. Skinner and Whitlock officiated at communion. Messrs. Galchrist and Eadie were chosen delegates to the general assembly which convenes at Minneapolis May 21. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the presbytery at Embudo, October 2."

George Morrison shot and killed Sam Logan at Henry Arnold's store on Pine River Tuesday. The officers at Durango now have him in charge.

A telegram from Wichita, Kansas, dated April 20, says: "S. Webb of Oklahoma with fourteen comrades passed through Wichita en route to the Ute reservation in Colorado. The band is made up of well known "sooners" who invaded Oklahoma and the Cherokee strip before their opening and for fifteen years have got in their work at every opening of public lands. They were waiting for the opening of the Wichita reservation when they learned of the approaching event in Colorado."

### For Building School Houses.

The law providing for the building of school houses in the school districts of the territoty, which is now in effect is as follows:

Section 1. That the county superintendent of schools for each county in this territory shall have power in cases where any school district in his county does not own a school house, upon a petition signed by twenty residents of such school district, being each the head of a family, and having children of school age in the family, to order the school directors of such school district to submit the question of issuing bonds or such district for the purpose of building a school house as provided for in section 1542 of the Compiled Laws of 1897 to voters of such school district, and for failure or refusal so to do, such superintendent shall remove any and all of such directors from office and appoint others of his choosing in their places.

Section 2. In cases where the question of issuing such bonds has been submitted to voters of such school district, and shall fail to carry, then such county superintendent of schools shall in writing order the county treasurer to set aside such portion of the school fund of such district, not less than one-fifth thereof, yearly, for the purpose of eventually building a school house for such district, and such fund shall be kept for such purposes only, and such superintendent shall, when in his opinion such fund is sufficiently large for the purpose, order school directors of such district to build such school houses, he to approve the contract therefor.

Section 3. Any person failing to perform the duties required of them by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; and it is hereby made the duty of the territorial superintendent of education or public instruction to see that this act is strictly enforced, and to make all proper complaints for violation thereof; and it is further made the duty of all district attorneys to vigorously prosecute the same.

### Ladies' Hats.

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

## CROWDS ARE COMING.

### A Horde of Homeseekers En Route to San Juan County --- Via the Ute Reservation, of Course.

They may not all get to San Juan county, but they are coming this way, and if they knew what we had for them, they wouldn't be happy till they got here. A sample of reservation booming is the following from the Denver Post:

The opening of the Ute reservation May 4 will afford an opportunity to establish several new and prosperous communities in this state. No greater advantages have ever been given homeseekers than will be afforded by the grant of this land for settlement. The climate is magnificent and the soil rich and fruitful.

When the Oklahoma reservation opened a tremendous ensued to secure the lands most coveted. The result has been that as thrifty and prosperous communities have sprung up as are to be found anywhere. A large majority of those who were in the Oklahoma boom have greatly profited by their experience. Nevertheless Oklahoma did not furnish the advantages offered in the Ute reservation either in climate or fitness of the land. The men who secure quarter sections May 4 will have little to risk in the venture. There will be the chance of large profits in the future in the sale of their property.

Energetic men with plenty of pluck and enterprise are class needed in land booms Colorado has nurtured plenty of men of this sort and on the opening day there should not be a city or town in this state not represented among the homeseekers. Of course there will be difficulties to overcome and many disappointments will be experienced, but courage and energy will win out.

### BLOOMFIELD.

J. P. Walling has finished his store building at Cottonwood Springs and will move his goods there from the San Juan in a few days.

The two ferry boats on the San Juan are in running order and doing a flourishing business.

The hop at the Fairpoint school house last Friday night was well attended. Everybody reported an enjoyable time.

Will Swire and the Finch boys started for the hills Monday to gather cattle. The departure of the Finch boys leaves the San Juan girls not very well supplied with fellows. We notice two in particular with rather sorrowful faces.

Plenty of water in the Bloomfield ditch.

Captain Sam Walton has a wheel in the river by which he obtains water to irrigate a garden. Wonder what Sam wants of a garden?

### LA PLATA.

D. P. Dale has about sold his ranch to eastern parties, but has not given possession.

Mrs. Mc. Thomas is going to Chicago to visit relatives, and her son, Bert, will start in a few days to college in New York.

J. H. Erle went over to Aztec Sunday.

Everett Wright and Ernest Morton have started to the mountains with their cattle.

Sheriff Dodson came over to see his ranch on the river last week.

The river is up and all hands are busy irrigating.

Frank Williams is spending the week in Aztec.

William H. Jones and Mrs. Fargher were married last Thursday at Farmington. They have returned to the La Plata and will reside on Mr. Jones' ranch. "Bill's" host of friends on the river extend congratulations.

D. A. Lewis has been several days at his mountain ranch that he has lately bought. Dave is a rustler, sure.

The roads are in good condition and that they are so is more due to luck than good management. Our precinct has to do without a road supervisor, as no one has been found who will accept the position.

The first chapters of Count Tolstoy's great novel appear in the April Cosmopolitan. Publication is taking place simultaneously in the United Satates, England, France, Germany, Austria and Russia. The novel has been carefully edited for the Cosmopolitan. No part of the story has been lost, through perhaps the reader is deprived of some of the picturesqueness which appeared in the original Russian.

There has been so much reference in the recent cable news from Europe to the strong feeling in France against England, and so much significant allusion to the experiments which the French are making with submarine boats, that the question of the possibility of a French military force ever crossing the English channel becomes interesting. A writer in the April Cosmopolitan, "Quare Etoiles"—evidently a nom de plume—tells an ingenious story of the results of consummation one hundred years later of that plan which was first conceived by Napoleon when he brought his army to the plains of Boulogne in 1804. When every detail of the plan has been successfully prepared, a great fate on the cliffs of Boulogne brings the Channel Squadron and the Prince of Wales to join in the ceremony. Insult intentionally and suddenly given by the President of French republic, leads to an immediate declaration of war. The English fleet, unsuspicious of real danger, moves to engage the battle ships and cruisers of the French which merely serve as a decoy for their more than one thousand submarine vessels. How these latter accomplish their deadly work is told in a startling way.

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### The Durango Papers.

From the Durango Democrat.

Parties who have taken advantage of the period between the present and reservation opening day to visit Farmington, Aztec and the New Mexico fruit belt decide that is the point they long have sought. There is no farmer or fruit grower who cares to sell his entire holdings—many own one hundred and sixty acres when a single forty acre tract keeps them busy. Every visitor expresses surprise at the beauty and fertility of the country south of us.

Citizens of Aztec, New Mexico, the fruit belt, have arranged with the Democrat for from five to ten thousand folders for gratuitous circulation. The work is brief, comprehensive and well calculated to attract home seekers from any section, as the inducements extended are superior.

Editor Grove of the Aztec INDEX, and Professor Keffer of the territorial Agricultural College are visiting in Durango. The editor is up on boom business and the professor on his return from an inspection of the northern New Mexico fruit belt.

From the Durango Herald.

J. W. Kight is up from his fruit ranch near Farmington. He says that section is on the verge of a boom. Fruit prospects are exceptionally good and the people of Farmington have arranged to take care of strangers and investors.

There was a silver boom and New Mexico was in it. The world got weary of white metal and wanted the yellow. New Mexico responded. Copper became the cry and New Mexico was ready. Lead and iron were not wanting when the smelters became needy. And the coal to keep the smelter fires going and the freight engines busy was found close at hand. When the world took a fancy to turquois, New Mexico was equal to the occasion. While the terrritoy has not made a specialty of rubies, yet some very choice specimens have been turned up. Diamond digging has not been inaugurated, but who can say that it may not be? The mineralized portions of New Mexico have been scratched or opened only in spots. If a product is wanted persistent search finds it. In a century there will yet remain undiscovered mineral deposits, no matter how lively prospectors hustle in the hills. So says the New Mexican.

### Soil Moisture.

Last week Mr. F. D. Gardner of the Division of Soils of the Department of Agriculture visited this Station, and installed for us a set of the new electrical apparatus for determining the relative amounts of moisture in the soil.

Twelve plats, of about ⅕ acre, will be planted in corn and subjected to different amounts of irrigation and cultivation.

The amount of moisture in the soil of these plants will be determined at frequent intervals.

These experiments are intended to show the amount of moisture in the soil during the growth of the crop, and also the effect of cultivation in preventing evaporation from the surface of the soil. Knowing the percentage of moisture in the soil during the session, we will be able to estimate the amount of water added during the season. The determinations of moisture will be made at depths of 6-9 inches and 21-24 inches. In addition, determinations will be made in the peach orchard at 6-9 inches, 21-24 inches, 4, 6, 8, and 11 feet; water being found at 12 feet.

Determinations will also be made in alfalfa plants at 6-9 and 21-24 inches.

We are also making determinations on several wheat plants of the first 12 inches of soil, to see the effects of manure and straw mulch in retaining soil moisture.

Samples will also be received weekly from the Sub stations at Las Vegas and Aztec and their moisture content determined.—Press Bulletin No. 5, New Mexico College of Agriculture.

The best wagon is the Bain. W. C. Chapman of Durango sells them.

### The Bureau of Information.

(The "Durango and Southwestern Bureau of Information," organized at Durango some few weeks ago, has for its executive committee Harry Schiffer, O. F. Boyle and Chas. Newman, with D. W. Ayres as Chief of Bureau. The following circular signed by the executive committee explains the work of the Bureau.)

Homeseekers and investors are beginning to pour in upon us as a result of the opening of the reservation.

The day we have been hoping for is here, and now is the time, if ever, for us to reap the harvest we are entitled to from investors in our great natural resources, and it can only be done by prompt intelligent advertising and showing up the same. Many will not be able to find what they want on the reservation, but who, if their attentention is properly directed to make investments and to remain with us, thus adding their individual efforts and their means to the development of this great region. The entire adjacent country, both in Colorado and New Mexico, may and will share in this overflow and investment brought here directly by the opening of the reservation.

Each section will share in proportion to the extent to which their locality may be brought to the notice of these investors. To this end the Durango and Southwestern Bureau of Information has been established. Rooms will be opened at once for the reception and exhibition of the products that are now available of this entire country and the distribution of literature and information regarding this country. Competent attendents will be on hand at the rooms to entertain visitors and show up our resources. May we not urge your section send in all the exhibits you can and also, if possible, send a competent person to represent your locality at the rooms? We will give your section a square deal in showing up your resources and our rooms and services are at your disposal free of cost.

Now is the time Let us make a united effort and a supreme effort to meet and satisfy the wants of the incoming crowds and we and our country will be the gainers.

Exhibits sent to the Bureau will be properly placed and exhibited. Roll them in as fast as possible. There is no time for delay as the rush is begining. Send grain and other agricutural products, ores, coal, etc.

### Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Durango, Colo., April 4, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following townships have been surveyed and the plats of said surveys will be filed in the land office at Durango, Colorado on the fourth day of May 1899, at twelve o'clock noon on said fourth day of May, 1899, the register and receiver of said land office will be prepared to receive applications for the entry of lands in such townships, to wit:

Township, 32 north, ranges 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 13 W., N. M. P. M.

Townships 33 north, ranges 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 W., N. M. P. M.

Townships 34 north, ranges 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 11 and 12 W., N. M. P. M.

F. C PERKINS, Register.
D. L. SHERTS, Receiver.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

### Notice of Contest.

Department of the Interior. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., April 11, 1899.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Manuel Prado against Julio Muller for abandoning his homestead entry No. 4231, dated January 2, 1896, upon the SE¼ SE¼ of Sec 25, and the NE¼ NE¼ of Sec 35, tp 30 n r 9 w, with a view to cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at the office of the Probate Clerk of San Juan county, at Aztec, New Mexico on July 1, 1899, at 10 o'clock a m, to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

11 MANUEL R. OTERO, Register

### Estray Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the following described estray animal at his ranch, 1½ miles east of Farmington, viz.:

One black mare, branded 43 on left flank; about 12 years old, young colt by her side.

The owner or owners of said described animal forfeit the same at the end of seven months from the date of the first publication of this notice, unless claimed by the owner or owners thereof, or their agent, proving ownership, and paying all legal charges thereon.

A. W. SHIDLER,
Farmington, N. M.

First pub. April 21, 1899.

### 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 first 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.


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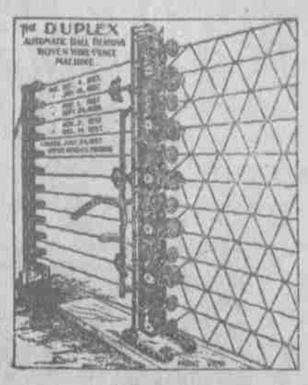


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