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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1902.

LARGELY LOCAL.

Watermelons are coming this way.

Mrs. Wm. McCoy is on the sick list this week.

Fred Bunker has 60,000 pounds of corn for sale.

Henry Schroeder of the La Plata was in town Monday.

Teachers' examination at Farmington, August 29 and 30.

J. P. Martin of Largo was a county-seat visitor Wednesday.

Assessor D. J. Donovan is in town from the La Plata today.

Judge Granville Pendleton made a visit to the La Plata Monday.

R. C. Prewitt was up from Farmington a couple of days this week.

County Treasurer Prewitt was a visitor to Cortez and Mancos the past week.

Monroe Fields and family left Monday for a camping and fishing trip in the mountains.

Take your butter, eggs or poultry to Chas. Fleck at the Inter Ocean hotel in Durango.

W. M. Moore, of Meridian, Texas, is here looking over the county with a view to locating.

Rain farm wagons run lightest and last longer than any other make. W. C Chapman, Durango.

The rain of the 13th inst. was a daisy. A drouth has a hard time of it in San Juan county, anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McHenry of Farmington were here Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Koontz.

Dr. J. A. Duff, the dentist, was here from Farmington this week to fill his regularly monthly appointment.

The La Plata Miner says: "James Goodwin, who has been in New Mexico for some time, returned here Saturday."

The two-years-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Turner of Flora Vista has been on the sick list. Dr. Eblen is in attendance.

M. M. Engleman came up from Farmington Tuesday and proceeded on to Durango, where he expects to close up a mining deal.

George W. Lamberson leaves this week for South Dakota, accompanied by his son, Artie. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. Sam Wall and family, of Durango, who have been visiting here some time as the guest of Mrs. Joe Prewitt, returned home this week.

Inquiries are already coming in as to the probable prices for hay in the county this fall. A party at Chama wrote to Colonel Williams last week on this matter.

The Albuquerque Citizen has again enlarged its size and presents a better appearance than ever. The Citizen's sails appear to be filled with the breeze of prosperity.

It is reported that John Edwards, one of the San Juan county boys, has struck it rich in mining in the Silverton district. His many friends hope the report is correct.

The INDEX editor had the pleasure of a visit to the La Plata valley Wednesday, in company with R. C. Prewitt, behind the latter's team of high steppers and fast travelers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paddack, of the La Plata, returned Tuesday from their summer's outing at and near La Plata City, and W. L. is again behind the counter attending to the mercantile wants of La Plata citizens.

The famous of Durango will move from the old stand to the new Famous building south of the old Democrat office, and are selling their present stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes at a removal sale price. Rachofsky & Co.

Judge Albert White and son, Will, of Jewett, were in town Monday on legal business. Judge White is one of the pioneers of this section and needless to say, his visits to the county-seat are always appreciated by his many friends.

Fritz Walstrom, of Baker, Nebraska, who is now the owner of the John McDermott mesa ranch on the La Plata, has arrived and will remain permanently. He is a brother-in-law of Edward Olson, one of the new settlers on the La Plata.

Woolman Waggoner and J. T. Fay, who are interested in the Blake oil well at Farmington, made a trip to Durango this week and stopped in Aztec en route. They express themselves as well pleased with the prospect for obtaining oil in their well.

C. M. Slater, of Dufaw, Texas, who was here some months ago and purchased the Harry Hepler school land of 320 acres, improved, located in the best part of the La Plata valley, arrived this week to remain permanently. He reports that everything in Texas is drouthy, and says that if the La Plata valley this year had had only half of the water it received it would still be ahead of Texas for crops.

The Mite Society of Flora Vista will give a lawn social at the residence of Mr. Sherman Waggoner, between the hours of three and ten p. m. Friday, August 22. Ice cream and cake will be served at 25 cents a couple. An invitation is extended to all.

Evans Wood, formerly of Clifton, Arizona, has arranged for the purchase of the Ben Bragg 20-acre ranch near Flora Vista, now owned by Sumner Butler. Mr. Wood expects to farm the place next year and will become a citizen of San Juan county.

Good rains have fallen during the past week on the San Juan river watershed and out Largo way the downpour must have been heavy. The canon has been running since a week ago Tuesday and there is enough water in the river for all purposes.

Colonel J. Francisco Chaves, superintendent of public instruction, is preparing the questions to be used by the county examining committees of teachers in the several counties at the examination to be held on August 29th in each county. These questions are sent sealed to the superintendant of public schools of each county and are not opened until the day of examination.

The New Mexican says: "In the district court for San Juan county a suit has been filed by Clarence L. Wilson vs. School District No. 6, of San Juan county to recover the sum of $270 claimed to be due plaintiff on account of salary as teacher by said district."

O. S. Russell, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was here this week. He is looking over the west with a view of making some investments, and has secured an option on a tract of land near this town. He expects to return in the course of a few months.

Wednesday's rain at Flora Vista was in the nature of a short but sudden deluge. It lasted only long enough to give the bean and onion crops a good soaking, and the watermelons also profited. We shall about take a trip down there in a few days to examine into the melon question.

From the New Mexican: "Chaves county, in the southeastern part, and San Juan county, in the northwestern part of the territory, seem to be growing more rapidly than any other counties of the territory. This may be accounted for by the fact that both these counties have a splendid natural water supply improved and made useful by modern reservoirs and irrigation systems."

A scientific expedition, outfitted by the "Records of the Past Exploring Society," of Washington, D. C., passed through the valley this week, en route to the Chaco ruins and the Moqui country, where they expect to witness the Moqui snake dance. They photographed the Aztec ruins near here, and had recently visited Mancos, making exploration of the cliff dwellings near there. In the party were Rev. Henry Mason Bond, of Washington, president of the society; Loren Clancy, of Washington, Clark Adams of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, John Pulcifer of Alton, Ills., Dr. A. W. Parks of St. Louis and C. M. Scarborough of Denver.

On Tuesday evening, August 12, Mrs. Joe Prewitt entertained the members of the Ladies' Reading Club at her home, where they had the pleasure of meeting her sister, Mrs. S. G. Wall of Durango. During the evening an interesting programme consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental selections was rendered by the local talent. The beautiful duet by Mrs. Wall and her daughter, Nutie, was considered one of the most attractive features of the evening. Miss Mary Prewitt, who is always a favorite with Aztec audiences, gave a most laughable comic recitation. Delicious fruit punch and other dainty refreshments were served and at a late hour the guests departed voting Mrs. Prewitt a charming hostess.

Strayed.

From my premises on the La Plata, one large red cow, right horn hooked, branded 23 on left hip. Was followed by a red heifer calf. A liberal reward will be paid for her return to
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The semi-annual teachers' examination for first, second, and third grade certificates, will be held at Farmington school house, Aug. 29th and 30th, commencing at 9 a. m. All who contemplate teaching in San Juan county must attend.
O. C. McKWEN,
County Supt. of Schools.

Arapine.

The stallion, Arapine, has closed his season at Aztec and Fruitland, and will visit Farmington every eighteen days commencing the 5th of August until the 1st of October. The horse will make balance of the season at the Jack Real place on the La Plata where he will care for all mares. I have a good pasture there for mares and will pasture them at the charge of five cents per day, added to service of the horse.
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