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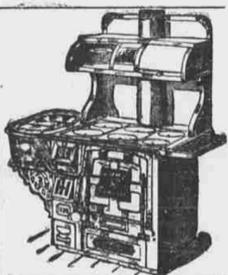
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#### A Rare Treat.

The following from the pen of Mrs. J. W. Reagan is very complimentary to Aztec's talent:

"The recital given by Miss Centre Prewitt in the Presbyterian church last Saturday evening was the most pleasing of the kind that I have been privileged to hear. Miss Prewitt is indeed a delightful entertainer. Her enunciation is perfect, her facial expressions wonderful and her power of keeping her audience intent upon the selection most pronounced. Her style is superb in its finish; her voice is flexible and capable of the most exquisite modulations. Her selections run the entire gamut from grave to gay, from lively to severe. Scotch dialect, Irish brogue, broken French, or clean, pure English present no difficulties. Her program Saturday night afforded the broadest opportunities for the display of her versatility. She hushed her audience into silence, or provoked laughter at will in her wide range of selections, being equally at home in either heroic, pathetic or dialect reading. Miss Prewitt was assisted by Miss Eva Black, one of her pupils, who gave two selections in such a manner that promises well for her future as a reader. Our best musical talent added much to the pleasure of the occasion. All in all, it was an evening long to be remembered."

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martinez of near Blanco died last Saturday. The little one was about two years of age. It sad indeed to have the prattling babe—the sunshine of the home—snatched as it were from the arms of the parents by the grim hand of Death and Mr. and Mrs. Martinez have the sympathy of their many friends.

T. C. Graden and Robert Sloan drove down from Durango Tuesday.

Lee Brown of Farmington was a caller at the Index office yesterday. He intimated that he would like to learn the printer's trade, but Lee is too "husky" to juggle types successfully.

Louis F. Sleade of Silverton is here for the purpose of interesting Aztec's residents in way of putting in an electric light plant.

C. M. Hare of the San Juan was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

The Bloomingfield school closed last Friday.

H. D. Abrams and C. S. Bailey were in the San Juan last Friday. They found the farmers in that section busy cleaning ditches and preparing the soil for crops. It is a very beautiful valley and there is plenty of water—an over abundance.

Oscar Felton and J. H. Pierce, Arizona rangers, arrived in Aztec Monday and immediately hunted up Sheriff Vaught and asked him to issue warrant for arrest of Geo. Mangrum, jr., on charge of felony. Requisition papers arrived Wednesday evening and they started for Arizona with the prisoner yesterday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. Haas and little daughter departed for Chicago Wednesday morning. Mr. Haas did not know when leaving here what field would be assigned to them, but thought perhaps it would be missionary work.

Jay Turley arrived from Santa Fe the first of the week and is now doing business at the old stand—Blanco. Mr. Turley will no doubt strain a point in order to begin operations on that big ditch project this spring. It is a mammoth ditch proposition, but we hope it will be successful.

The Stage company wants to trade small horses for horses suitable for stage purposes, say horses ranging about 1100 pounds. C. M. ELLIOTT & Co.

S. O. Pinkstaff was doing Durango the first of the week.

James Laughlin, Dr. Thurman and a Mr. Cox arrived from Durango Tuesday. Jim and Doc say that Cox would be a great man in an irrigating outfit.

#### MRS. M. L. PAGE DEPARTS.

Sorrowing Friends Pay Last Sad Tribute.

Few messages could have cast more general gloom over this community than the one announcing the death of Mrs. Mira M. Page on last Sunday night.

Deceased was born in Oxford county, Maine, October 6, 1847. She was married to Martin L. Page November 19, 1865. She made a profession of religion when sixteen years of age, and lived an earnest, consistent Christian life to the end.

Rev. C. Haas, her pastor, conducted funeral services at the family residence Tuesday, March 28, and the body was laid to rest beside her husband in the Flora Vista cemetery.

A large concourse of friends gathered to pay the last tribute to one whom they had known and loved in life. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful—emblematic of the noble character and great worth of the dead.

There were few, perhaps none, in all that large audience who had not at some time felt the benign influence of her friendship, which added to the personal loss.

She was a devoted mother, a kind, generous neighbor—always firm in the cause of right and justice. We feel that to her soul has come a new dawn—a new life, and that the freed spirit has passed from the arch of shadows into eternal day.

There has been a current report in this section to the effect that the A. & C. (Southern Pacific) Railroad Co. had withdrawn their men from the field and are not going to build into this section. That there is no truth in the report is verified by the fact that this company has paid for right of way through three ranches in this valley and perhaps several more. If you have any doubts as to the veracity of this statement the Index would advise you address S. W. Wightman, Frank Quinn or Alex Miller, all of Farmington, as they are the parties who own the ranches referred to. In conversation with C. C. Sroufe, right of way agent for the A. & C., who was in Aztec Monday evening an Index representative gleaned the following: "The Arizona & Colorado railroad company have never entertained one thought of abandoning the field. They wanted the coal in the first place, want it still and are going to have it regardless of the fact that another road has already commenced to build down your valley. Two surveys have been run to the south from Farmington and one them will be adopted by the company within the next week when active work on the grade will commence."

Mrs. Bedwell of Cedar Hill, who recently underwent an operation for liver trouble, is reported to be improving rapidly at the Ochsner hospital in Durango.

W. A. Collins was over from the San Juan yesterday. He owns one of the finest ranches in the county and thinks the Sunny San Juan has great future prospects.

The county commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday.

F. M. Pearce of Farmington was transacting business in Durango the first of the week.

The Methodists will hold services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday instead of Green's hall as previously announced. Rev. J. A. Lewis of Farmington will preside. You are invited.

Harry Ferguson returned from Silverton Wednesday evening.

M. D. Boushian and Mother Mrs. Perkins, departed Monday morning for Dundee, Ore., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Boushian is a good citizen, one whom the Index gladly recommends to Dundee's inhabitants, and Grandma Perkins is a lady who wins the love and respect of all who make her acquaintance. May luck attend them!

#### Announcement.

The Citizens Bank is now open for business. It is equipped with modern safe-guards against burglary and is provided with funds both of its own and from private sources to supply this community and we will be glad to be of service to you.

#### Our Card Elsewhere

Shows the officers and management of bank, and the letter below, how the safe is regarded by the burglary insurance company. Come in and see us. T. A. PIERCE, Cashier.

#### LETTER.

DES MOINES, Ia, March 13, '05.  
Mr. T. A. PIERCE,  
Aztec, N. M.

DEAR SIR:—

I have yours of the 6th. The safe you have purchased is a very good one and will give you the very best rate of premium—the same rate I quoted you heretofore. We would be pleased to have the privilege of issuing the insurance. We hand you blank for making description.

Yours very truly,  
AETNA INDEMNITY COMPANY,  
By A. C. Quint, Manager.

The recital given by Miss Centre Prewitt last Saturday evening was a grand success and a large and appreciative audience attended. Miss Prewitt is endowed with rare elocutionary ability and her style of delivery at once gains favor from the most fastidious. As she appears on the stage a wave of enthusiastic expectancy envelops her audience, and her charm—a fascination, not so much of manner as of mental personality that magnetizes even where the subject fails to interest—enables her to sway her audience at will. Miss Eva Black, one of Miss Prewitt's pupils, was well received, and the music, both vocal and instrumental, was highly enjoyed. It was an entertainment that will long be remembered by those who attended.

There are now 800 men working on the grade between Aztec and Durango and more men are being hired daily. The way the dirt is lying at present and with the continued addition to forces now in the field the indications are that the Rio Grande extension will be completed to Aztec about the 1st of August. Whoop 'em up, boys! We're getting anxious to hear the whistle.

F. T. Amiot, merchant, of Blanco was doing business in Aztec Wednesday.

If you wish justice of the peace blanks, or any other blanks call at or address The Index.

A. E. K-nock has returned and will again ask some of Aztec's enterprising citizens to assist him in procuring rights of way, as our farmers do not like K-nock's way of doing business.

W. E. King of Throckmorton, Tex., is looking over San Juan county this week with view of locating. He is very favorably impressed with our country and will probably buy some real estate before returning to the Lone Star state.

Parties who expect expressage at Durango for points to the south, to insure prompt delivery should give an order to the Express company to deliver same to Stage company to cover all expressage to same for all time, until countermanded. C. M. ELLIOTT & Co.

Dr. N. Busbee, dentist, of Denver will be at Hotel Fiedler March 31, April 1-2-3, and will do all kinds of dental work at Denver prices. Teeth extracted without pain. Call and see him.

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