AN AWFUL FIGHT.

Details of the Deadly Assault Made by Charles Zeiger.

WOUNDED MAN MAY RECOVER.

From the El Paso Times.

About 10 o'clock last night, in front of the Parlor saloon, at the corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets, Charles Zeiger, proprietor of the Zeiger hotel and saloon, plunged a sword through the body of Rufus McCrory, who until recently had been a bartender at the Zeiger saloon, inflicting a wound that will in all probability prove fatal.

McCrory now lies at the Hotel Dieu in a most critical condition. He was still alive at 12 o'clock last night, but his physicians declare that his chances for life are exceedingly small. Zeiger is at the county jail.

The circumstances of the assault are somewhat mysterious. There seems to have been very little provocation for an attack of this kind on the part of the hotel proprietor. McCrory, whose former home was at Houston, came here from San Antonio several months ago. He had been for some time a bartender at the Zeiger saloon, but left the place last Sunday. While there he appears to have displeased Mr. Zeiger in some way, the latter having charged him with some trivial statements that tended to drive away trade from the saloon. The charges in themselves are small, almost ridiculous, and furnish no justifiable motive for such an assault. They are merely that McCrory had made some insidious remarks concerning Coggan Bros., the piano dealers, to which Zeiger took exception. McCrory on being accused of the charges maintained his innocence and expressed a willingness to bring witnesses to prove to Zeiger that the charges were unfounded. The assault appears to have been one of intended assassination pure and simple and with no motive but an ungovernable rage on the part of the assailant.

McCrory and a friend, Tom Hogan, of San Antonio, who had recently arrived in the city, were walking up El Paso street about 10 o'clock when they chanced to meet in front of the Parlor saloon. Some words were passed and some charges Zeiger had previously made were repeated. McCrory again stated his intention of bringing witnesses to show that he was innocent of the charges and they turned to pass. At this moment Zeiger turned upon McCrory and struck him on the head with what was supposed to be a walking stick, but which proved to be the sheath of a sword. The covering of the sword broke into fragments by the blow. McCrory, who was unarmed, attempted to grapple his assailant, but the latter by a quick move got his sword into position and ran it entirely through the body of McCrory. The blade entered on the right side about the third rib and went through to a point near the spinal column. McCrory staggered and by the help of Hogan and others was carried to a nearby drug store.

Quite a crowd of people were on the street at the time and witnessed the incident. A physician, Dr. Bush, was hastily summoned and the officers as well. Officers Stewart, Witt, Wadlington and Barrett took charge of Zeiger at his own saloon, whither he had hastily retired after the assault, and committed him to the county jail.

WOUND NOT FATAL.

From the El Paso News.

Drs. Bush and Stevenson are attending McCrory. When seen this morning by a News reporter Dr. Bush said: "The patient is in a fair way to recovery. Of course McCrory lost a large amount of blood; in fact, it was thought that he would not last long enough to reach the Hotel Dieu, but he is a big, powerful fellow, with an iron constitution, which helped pull him through. The point of entry of the sword was between the ninth and tenth ribs on the right side. The sword passed through the body and came out on the left side of the spinal column. Luckily it did not cut any of the intestines and so absolutely fatal internal organ has been severed."

The doctors are of the opinion that McCrory will soon recover.

The wounded man came to El Paso from San Antonio, Tex.

WILL PROSECUTE.

McCrory is a member of the order of Redmen of the World and his tribe at Houston, Tex., has wired the Redmen here to employ the best talent in the city to prosecute Zeiger and draw on the Houston tribe for the money.

It is understood that Zeiger has employed as his counsel Messrs. Clark, Fall, Hawkins & Franklin.

City Attorney Horton Moore returned today from Gallup.

Colonel E. W. Dobson is transacting legal business at Santa Fe.

Paul D. Link and wife of Troy, N. Y., are among the arrivals at the Grand Central.

Mrs. W. H. Hahn and youngest daughter have gone to Madrid for a few days' visit among friends.

Jack Raynolds left last night for El Paso after spending a few days in the Meadow City and Albuquerque.

Captain J. B. Nipp, who has been visiting with his son here for a few days, left this morning for Kansas City.

The wife and daughters of Rev. R. M. Craig arrived in the city last night from a sojourn of a couple of weeks in Santa Fe.

R. E. Leatherman spent yesterday in Belen transacting business for the United States marshal. He returned this morning.

W. N. Parkhurst and family will return from Santa Fe this evening. They have spent the summer pleasantly at the territorial capital.

The Driving club has a grand program of races and games on Labor day. Admission 25 cents; grandstand free. Commence at 2 o'clock sharp.

Dr. D. H. Carnes and wife are expected to arrive in Albuquerque on the first of the month from a six weeks' visit with home folks in Pennsylvania.

Luciano Chaves, the prosperous merchant of Polvadera, Socorro county, was in the territorial metropolis today selecting a new stock of goods for his large store.

The races on Monday will be red-hot; mile heats. The track record will be broken. Don't fail to attend. Commence at 2 o'clock. Admission only 25 cents; grandstand free.

Misses Helen and Virginia Finch have joined their mother here in this city and will start to school when the term opens. Their brother, Harold, is expected to reach the city tonight.

The wife and little son of Dr. G. W. Grove are expected to return tonight from a prolonged visit near Kansas City. The doctor went up to Santa Fe today and will accompany the family home.

Mrs. T. Y. Maynard and child, who have been visiting with home folks in Falls City, Neb., are expected home tomorrow evening. They will be accompanied by Miss Catherine Wilson, sister of Mrs. Maynard.

A large crowd of Christian Endeavorers were taken out to the Menaul mission school last night, where Superintendent J. C. Ross and the teachers entertained the young people with games and music for a few hours.

Gus Taelis received sixty-five sacks of wool this morning from the Thelin Bros.' ranch in the Chilili country and disposed of them at the wool scouring mill, receiving a very good price. There was about 14,000 pounds.

Colonel R. S. Goss and family left last night for Los Angeles, where they will make their future home. The colonel was recently appointed superintendent of the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pa.

The 3-year-old boy of Frank Arisdel died last night at Barelas of infantile trouble. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the home, with interment in the Barelas cemetery. J. W. Edwards is the undertaker in charge.

Regular free dance and concert at Orchestrian hall on Saturday night and concert at same place Sunday afternoon. Good music and dancing fans keep the house cool. Usual invitation extended to all. No improper characters admitted.

Misses Anna and Ella Clyce, the beautiful young daughters of Mrs. Wilson, left for Harding county, Kentucky, this morning, where they will attend the Presbyterian academy during the coming school year. They will be absent until next June.

Governor Otero has gone to Chicago. He will return with Mrs. Otero and their son Miguel, who is undergoing treatment at the Pasteur institute. They will stop off at Denver before returning to Santa Fe to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. O'Bryan and will be accompanied from there by Mrs. Begole and Miss Nina Otero.

The household goods of J. Lorenzo Hubbell have arrived from Arizona and the family will take possession of the new house on West Copper avenue recently purchased from Alfred Grunsfeld on September 1. For the past year Mr. Hubbell's family have occupied the Torradalle house at the corner of Gold avenue and Sixth street.

A special car came up from Old Mexico this morning bearing E. D. Doheny, his wife and C. H. Canfield. The gentlemen are interested with a syndicate of California and Pennsylvania capitalists who have large and valuable oil fields near Tampico, Mex. The party which arrived this morning will proceed on to their homes in Los Angeles tonight.

It is understood that J. S. Loder, the Denver smelter man who inspected the mines in the San Andreas mountains, has decided to erect a smelter either in El Paso or at Socorro. It is believed the conditions are more favorable for him to erect a plant at the last named city, as he has already secured an option on the Carthage coal fields.

Architect LaDriere informs The Citizen that the contracts for the construction of the Maloy apartment house have been signed and that the ground will be broken Monday for the foundations. Bert E. Gustafson receives the general contract and A. G. Staehlin the plumbing and heating contract. The value of the whole improvement reaches nearly $12,000.

L. H. Darby, the well known representative of the National Biscuit company did not arrive here on Tuesday night as previously stated, but came on Wednesday night. At any rate he got a book full of orders yesterday. His wife, who has been sojourning in the east for some time, is expected to arrive here in October, when the couple will go to housekeeping.

A. B. McGaffey, who called on the patrons of this house along the Rio Grande during the last year, came home last night and while in Santa Fe incidentally called on the manager of the base ball club, William E. Martin. It is possible arrangements will be made whereby a couple of games will be played between the Santa Fe club and the Browns, but as yet no dates have been set for the events.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Successful Educational Meeting in Progress in This City.

The county institute began its work this morning under very favorable circumstances. Thirty-three teachers enrolled—the largest number ever enrolled the first day. Everything passed off well.

County Superintendent Hubbell and his assistant Professors Mueller as conductor and M. E. Hickey as instructor, were all happy and enthusiastic at the outlook. The teachers in attendance come there for business. The prediction is made that this will be the most successful institute ever held in the county.

In addition to the talks given by County Superintendent Hubbell and his assistants, F. Ramsey, an old Albuquerque teacher who is at present county superintendent of Bernalillo county, Captain Fair, spoke to the teachers upon the importance of their work and contrasted the present educational conditions of the territory with the condition years ago. He says that perhaps no state has ever made more progress in educational matters than has New Mexico in the length of time. The following teachers have enrolled:

Ladies—Maria Trambley, Maggie M. Mayes, Victoria McGuinness, Flora Bergere, M. Garcia, Martinita Ortiz, Lucy Harris, Rose Girard, Ethel Gail, Lillie M. Gehring, Lulu Perea, Bertha Cracker, Nellie C. Brewer, S. Mabel Bell, Elizabeth Powers.

Gentlemen—Mariano P. Sena, J. Blas Lucero, J. B. Archuleta, Aug. Keyser, Juan Baca y Padillo, Epifanio Gallegos, Glenn S. Somerridge, Maximo A. Perea, Clarence W. Link, Juan Anaya, Jose C. Gurule, Jose de J. Lopez, Manuel de Acuna, Manuel Jaramillo, Patricio Gallegos, Lorenzo S. Henderson, Jose Salazar, Macedonio Herrera.

TWO GRAND DIVISIONS.

The business car of J. E. Hurley was attached to No. 8 from the west last night and the general superintendent was accompanied by Chief Engineer R. B. Harris. Their business here took them on the inspection of the new road improvements now in course of construction.

According to reports received in this city, it is planned that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad between Chicago and Albuquerque is to be divided into two grand divisions and that Mr. Hurley will be assigned to the responsible position of general superintendent with headquarters in La Junta. It is understood these new changes will in no way affect the duties of F. Resseguie as general superintendent of the entire Santa Fe system nor will any change his headquarters from Topeka.

Grand Central Changes Hands.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spencer assumed control of the Grand Central hotel, they having purchased the furnishings from District Clerk Harry P. Owen, and also secured a new lease on the third story of the New Armijo building for a year, dating from September 1, 1901. This roaming house, which was conducted in a first class manner for several years by George P. Owen until his demise a month ago, has enjoyed a good share of the public patronage, and there can no doubt that its popularity will continue as such, but will certainly have a larger number of guests than heretofore. Mr. Spencer and wife thoroughly understand the business and they can be counted upon to conduct a first-class house in every respect.

INCOMPETENCE OF VANCE.

He Has Crippled Mining in New Mexico.

WHY HE SHOULD BE RETIRED.

Reports of surveyor generals are interesting now. Charles F. Easley reported June 30, 1897: Surveys nine contracts of public lands, three private land claims, two small holdings; 3,205 small holdings filed; none by law exceeds 160 acres. At this rate it would take 1,600 years to survey all small holdings—kulck work. Appropriation, $20,000; act of June 11, 1896, for surveys of private land claims; 2,325 line measurement surveys returned, nearly $10 a mile; $1,225 deposited for surveying forty-five mining claims and amended surveys of four claims; 126 mining districts, twenty-three have been platted, 103 unplatted; 13 private land claims surveyed under decrees of private land court, of which three are not returned. Pursuant to telegram of July 25, 1896, the survey of allotments made under the Las Vegas grant was resumed by R. B. Rice and work continued till November 28, 1896, then discontinued upon instructions from the commissioner. Rice filed four books, field notes and sketche plat of surveys of allotments in Las Vegas valley, four books of field notes, five sheet surveys of allotments in the Sapello river valley. * * * The said returns, together with the protest of F. A. Manzanares of Las Vegas, against the said surveys as executed by Rice in the Las Vegas valley, have been transmitted to your office for consideration and action. I am advised by your letter of January 30, 1897, that the entire matter in controversy is now pending in the supreme court of the United States on appeal by the government from the action of the court of appeals of the district of Colorado, affirming the issuance of an injunction involving the Las Vegas survey matters on the petition of Jeff Raynolds, et al., and that until the supreme court shall have rendered its opinion in the matter of the pending appeal no action will be taken on the protest of F. A. Manzanares, or any other questions involved in the surveys, resurveys, examinations of allotments executed by Rice under department authorization. Estimates: Survey of public lands, $25,000; private claims, $20,000; salary surveyor general, $3,000; clerks, $13,000; contingent, $1,320; total, $62,320.

Contract No. 311, June 7, 1896, D. M. White, liability, $800; forty-four private land grants acted upon by court, involving 1,855,243 acres; confirmed 204,193, rejected 1,651,050. Quinby Vance on June 30, 1898, deposited $2,170 for survey of seventy-one mining claims; amended two mining claims and reports on fifty-two mining claims. Major portion of mineral monuments are upon unsurveyed ground and mining claims are connected with said monuments. The court of private land claims passed upon many claims, some confirmed, some were rejected. The work of this office in connection with the survey of these grants will create a large and increasing amount of labor; nine private land claims have been surveyed under decrees of court and confirmed about 120,000 acres; three corrected surveys ordered; one survey notes not filed; one new decree, new survey have to be made. During the fiscal year no work has been executed on the Las Vegas grant, the same having been heretofore pending in the supreme court of the United States on appeals. The survey of allotments in said grant, heretofore executed by R. B. Rice, were reported by my predecessor as being in a very unsatisfactory condition and said surveys not executed on the ground or the field notes written in conformity with the manner of surveys, instructions, or his special instructions. There will also be an increased amount of public surveys on account of the selection of donations of public lands to educational and benevolent institutions of the territory, as per act of June 22, 1898, and I therefore estimate that the appropriation of $25,000 will fully be required for the survey of public lands and small holdings claims. The contingent fund limited to $1,000 is insufficient and I request it be increased to $1,500. The surveyor general's salary should be allowed at the rate of $3,000; vacant lands are being rapidly settled upon and conditions of all branches of industry prosperous. During the year let twelve contracts, Nos. 314 and 325, both inclusive; nine private land claims surveyed, four ordered corrected; rejected surveys of H. T. Brown, relet; C. G. Coleman; Howell failed to return within time. Estimates: Surveys of public lands, $25,000; private land claims, $25,000; surveyor general, $3,000; clerks, $13,600; contingent, $1,500; total, $68,300.

Now the high officials having the matter in charge say that most of the surveyor general's quickly let contracts for full amount apportioned to them and then report more applications for surveys and beg for more money and generally get it. With these facts in view, with Vance officially saying over his own name that $25,000 was absolutely necessary for public land surveys for 1898, with full power in his own hands, with $10,000 apportioned and almost sure to get more if he asks for it, lets contracts in 1898 for $5,472.16; rejects contracts of H. T. Brown and C. G. Coleman; M. Howell failed to return his in time and at the end of the fiscal year, of nine contracts official records show $1,006.14 was paid out; the balance went back into the treasury and the poor starving surveyors will have to wait one, two or more years for their balance of $4,466. In private land claims it was still worse. Vance affirms over his own name that $25,000 was absolutely necessary; $15,000 was apportioned; with Vance knowing that he could let contracts for that amount and ask for more; let contracts in 1898 for only $4,709.60; and at the end of the year most all of the $15,000 was turned back into the treasury and again the poor, suffering contractors have to wait one, two or more years for their hard earned pay. Does or does not this show a way of obtaining goods under false pretenses? Pretending that $25,000 was needed and then let contracts for one-fifth or one-sixth that amount. Talk of brass and cheek in claiming undue credit! The Sampson-Schley contest is not in it. Easley in his report of 1897, given above, says: "There are 126 mining districts; twenty-three have been platted, 103 are unplatted."

Now Vance starts in to claim credit, and not only claims as though Easley had made no mining plats at all and claims credit for making all, but also claims credit for two successive years for fear one year would not deserve the attention by the interior department. In his report of June 30, 1898, to the commissioner, Vance says: "I had the matter of platting said mining districts taken up and a full set of mining district plats made for this territory, the same numbering 128, which are now practically completed for the seventy-seven mining districts in this territory." Can it be that Easley misrepresented the facts when he reported that he had made twenty-three plats of 126 mining districts, leaving 103 unplatted? How can it be otherwise? Vance says he had the matter of platting the mining districts taken up. Therefore it could not have been acted on before. Vance says he made 128 plats for seventy-seven districts. Vance abolishes forty-nine mining districts found by Easley with a stroke of his pen; but he makes twelve more plats than Easley spoke of. But Easley could not have made these twenty-three plats he claimed, or Vance, being a fair, just, conscientious, honorable (?) man, would have given him credit for it.

Cheek! brass! honesty! modesty! Oh, Lord! For fear the department might not give due credit for one claiming, Vance in his annual report of 1899 again claims credit for the whole thing for that year. He says: "During the said fiscal year mining district plats were completed for the seventy-seven mining districts in this territory, which required the making of 128 district plats." How long, O Lord, how long!

RAISING THE MONEY.

El Paso Will Send a League Team to Albuquerque.

From El Paso News.

P. F. McCanna, secretary of the Albuquerque fair, came down this morning to confer with Messrs. Albers, Ennis and others relative to El Paso having a team in the base ball tournament to be held at Albuquerque during the fair. Mr. McCanna says that Albuquerque and Colorado Springs will have teams of league players in the tournament, and he is very anxious to see El Paso represented.

"The tournament," said Mr. McCanna to a News man, "will be open to the world. The first prize is $1,000 cash and the second money is $400. Albuquerque is getting together a strong team to capture the first prize. They have already signed Chance, Waddell and Raymer of the Chicago club and I want to see El Paso come in with an aggregation of cracker Jacks. The fair this year will be the biggest ever held in Albuquerque and we are offering liberal prizes to get first-class attractions."

Last evening Carl Ennis wired Stienfelt to get together seven first-class players, including himself, for El Paso and to bring them on here at once. This morning Mr. Ennis received a dispatch from Steinfelt asking for more definite instructions, which have been wired him.

This afternoon Messrs. Ennis, Albers and Harper are out securing $25 subscriptions, and are meeting with splendid success. They want forty men to subscribe $25 each to pay for a team to come here and win that first money for El Paso. There is plenty of sporting nerve here to take up the proposition and the necessary money will no doubt be subscribed before night.

Death of an Aged Woman.

Senora Dolores Montoya de Sanchez aged 80 years, died last night at Peralta, of old age. The deceased was a widow, her husband having died about a year ago. She was connected with many of the best native families of the valley. Frank Strong, of O. W. Strong & Sons, drove down to Peralta this morning, taking with him a fine casket. He will embalm the remains and on Sunday morning the funeral and burial will take place at Peralta. It is expected that a large number of relatives and friends will attend the services.

Back From Japan.

Miss Julia Winn and her brother, George H. Winn, came in from the west yesterday morning and spent the day with Dr. Thomson and wife in the northern part of the city. The young people are just returning from a year's visit with their parents in Osaka, Japan, who have been engaged in missionary work there for the past eighteen years. They spoke of having had a most enjoyable trip on the ocean. From here they left today for their home in Galesburg, Ill., where they resume their studies in the public schools.

DISTRICT COURT.

Number of New Suits Filed and Some Cases Disposed Of.

The court yesterday appointed Palmer Ketner and John H. Young school examiners for McKinley county, who in conjunction with the county school superintendent will constitute the board of teachers' examiners for McKinley county.

Suit has been filed by John D. Boone against Navajo Pinto, a Nevajo Indian, and defendant's property attached in the sum of $5,000. It is alleged that said Indian has abandoned his tribal relations and converted chattels of plaintiff to his own use in said sum.

Suit has been brought by Theodore Maxwell against L. E. Flint and L. E. Densmore to recover the sum of $500.

The case of Nellie Jones vs. Charles Jones, suit for divorce in McKinley county, has been referred to W. W. Risdon as referee.

Erminie A. Cooper alleges that her husband, Harry Cooper, is an habitual drunkard and not a fit person to continue in the legal capacity as her husband and prays to be divorced. She also asks to be given the custody of minor children, issue of the marriage.

Jennie Boyd prays to be divorced from her husband, George Boyd, on the ground of his failure to support and abandonment.

Emma R. Hazeldine vs. J. S. Henry, et al., is the title of a suit brought to strike from the title to a tract of land on Tijeras and Kelher avenues.

Suit has been instituted by Myra M. Frost against Paul Frost and Earl Frost to quiet title and partition a number of lots and tracts of land situate in Highland Huning addition, formerly the property of Oscar J. Frost.

B. Bertoni vs. Epimenio Tafoya, et al., is a suit to recover $33.

Santos Moya vs. Seferino Garcia, et al., is a suit again the commissioners of Chilili grant for an accounting, the plaintiff alleging that he is entitled to certain moneys and lands.

Gaspar Gurule vs. Avelina Salazar de Gurule is a suit for divorce on the ground of abandonment.

Tomas C. Montoya prays to be granted a divorce from his wife, Lupita Martinez de Montoya, on the ground of abandonment, plaintiff alleging that defendant has refused to cohabitat with him since December 25, 1900.

Laura L. Hewes was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, Harry Hewes.

Annie McCormick vs. George McCormick was granted an absolute divorce from her husband on the ground of abandonment.

In the matter of the Juan Baca y Garcia estate appealed from the probate court, the cause was referred to Felix H. Lester as special master.

The case of the territory of New Mexico vs. Roman Jaramillo was dismissed by the district attorney.

The case of territory vs. Jesus Mendoza plea of guilty was entered by the defendant and the court assessed a fine of $10 and costs.

In Valencia county juries have been summoned for Monday, September 2. But one case has been noticed for trial on the civil calendar and the balance of the term will be occupied in trial of criminal cases.

In the matter of the E. E. Stoffel, bankruptcy, estate, $158.99 was paid into the court by the referee and ordered distribution by the clerk among the creditors of the bankrupt.

Clifton Hill, a merchant at Isleta, has made a voluntary assignment in bankruptcy; assets are $2,115.25; liabilities, $5,522.74.

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VACILLATING VANCE.

He Is a Detriment to the Progress of New Mexico.

HE DELAYS MINING DEVELOPMENT.

Quinby Vance, who is an applicant for reappointment as surveyor general of New Mexico, made his estimates to the department yearly and insisted that the needs of the office required large appropriations for the survey of public lands, for the survey of private land claims, for small claim holdings, for mineral surveys, and most pathetically each year begged that his salary be increased from $2,000 to $4,000 annually; and for the increase of the clerical force of his office to $13,000 and for an increase of contingent expenses from $1,000 to $1,500. To help in his estimates he would refer to the large increase of filings on public lands and referring to the court of private land claims to confirm millions of acres to grant owners, said: "The work of this office in connection with the survey of these grants will create a large and increasing amount of labor;" also, "I therefore estimate that the appropriation of $25,000 will fully be required for the survey of public lands and small holding claims in New Mexico." After an appeal for an increase of the contingent fund he says: "The salary of the surveyor general should be allowed at the rate of $3,000, owing to the large amount of vacant lands being rapidly settled upon and to the conditions of all branches of industry being so prosperous." Then he makes his estimates, viz: For survey of public lands, $25,000; private land claims, $25,000; salary of surveyor general, $3,000; salary of clerical force of office, $13,600; contingent expenses, $1,500; total, $68,300. That looks well on paper. What are the facts of record? The secretary apportioned $10,000 for survey of public land in 1899 and the surveyor general let contracts for only $4,587. At the end of the fiscal year the books show only $132.92 paid out and $9,867.08 was turned back into the treasury and the surveyors with $4,254.08 due them have to wait one or more years till the secretary of the treasury gets congress to make a special allowance for them. On private land claims it is worse. With $15,000 apportioned, contracts for only $3,585.75 are let, and most all of the $15,000 is turned back into the treasury. In 1900 only $8,000 was apportioned, a loss of $2,000; contracts let for only $2,405.75, and only $85 paid out at the end of the fiscal year. All but $85 is returned to the treasury.

It was worse on the side of private land claims. With $15,000 apportioned, contracts for only $1,885.36 were let, and over $14,000 was turned back into the treasury. Owing to the small amounts of contracts the secretary cut the opportunement for private land claims to $10,000, a loss of $5,000, and for public lands a second cut to $8,000, making a net loss to New Mexico of $9,000 in two years, in 1901; for 1902 there may be a further loss of $7,000.

A person holding a responsible position under the general land office said: "It has been a mystery around the office how Vance got so much work done with paying out so very little money."

Inquiry being made of various persons as to what could be the probable cause of such action by anyone, obtained the reply from one also holding a responsible position that there could be only one of two reasons. One was that of showing great economy in conducting the office and thereby making a showing for a renomination. But where an officer in his estimates said that $25,000 for public surveys and $25,000 for private land surveys was absolutely necessary, and then let contracts for only one-fifth or one-eighth of the amount, to all serious thinking men it only showed the hypocrite. The only other cause could be, that the business of the office was so intentionally mixed up that he could not attend to the business of contracts for any larger amount than was let; and in that case it showed the grossest incompetency. The official further said: "As all other surveyor generals not only used all the money apportioned to them, but were continually calling for more, I think the strange action in this case was certainly causing very unfavorable comment everywhere."

Another person in a responsible position in the general land office said that any person who would make estimates for $50,000 for surveys of public and private lands and when he had it all in his own hands, only let contracts for one-sixth or one-eighth of that amount, was either a fool or a knave, and probably both. And that he must have thought that the man to whom he reported was so careless that he would not look at his report, or that he was so indifferent that he would not care what he said in his official report, or as to how he acted on what he reported.

This official and all others questioned thought that a new surveyor general would right the many wrongs and in the present case seemed absolutely necessary. From the highest to the lowest official not a favorable word can be heard of the present incumbent.

The W. C. T. U. will give a reception to their many friends in the Congregational church tonight. The territorial president, Mrs. M. J. Borden, who will leave tomorrow morning for Cabezon, where she will attend to missionary work for several months, will be present and the reception is being given in her honor. A program of recitations and music will be rendered and later in the evening refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake will be served. A general invitation is extended.

SILVER CITY.

Silver City, N. M., Aug. 29.—What might be termed a wholesale killing occurred last Sunday at Antelope pass, in the southern part of Grant county, when three men were killed and two others badly wounded, over a piece of watermelon.

Near the pass is situated a small camp of railroad employes working on the grade of the Bisbee railroad, and Sunday morning the Hoffman brothers drove over to the camp from the upper Gila to endeavor to sell a load of watermelons and vegetables. They had just arrived in the camp and were sitting eating a melon in a tent with some others, when a Mexican grabbed a piece of melon from one of the Hoffman boys, known as "Push." Hoffman arose and knocked the Mexican down. The latter made some threats and left the tent, returning in a few minutes with another Mexican, both of them armed with sixshooters. The Mexican was handling his gun in a very threatening manner and "Push" Hoffman ran up to him and began scuffling to get possession of the gun, when it seems a general battle commenced. When the smoke cleared away "Push" Hoffman was found in a dying condition, with a bullet through his stomach, the Mexican who had clinched with him was shot dead and Tom Hoffman was shot through the body and was lying outside the tent near the wagon, dead. The other Mexican was badly wounded, but got away in the excitement and when last seen was headed for the Old Mexico line.

Constable Brown, who was on the scene, was badly wounded in the left ankle and was taken to Lordsburg for medical treatment.

Several weeks ago considerable excitement was caused in the mining camp of Santa Rita over the reported find of the leg of a young girl lying on one of the adjoining hills, bleaching in the sun. The gruesome find was turned over to one of the doctors in this city, who declared it to be the leg of a girl about 12 years of age. The officers and residents of that camp began a searching inquiry for any missing girl of about that age, but were unable to discover any owner to the find. The affair was about to be forgotten when one of the other doctors of this city made an examination of the bones and after a careful examination declared it to be the leg of a bear. With this clue to work on the officers in a short time traced the bear's leg back to the leading butcher shop of the little mining camp, where they had had for sale about that time some bear meat, and were informed by the butcher that he had thrown the same home out the window a few days before it was found and that some of the hungry dogs of that locality must have carried it to the adjoining hill, where it was found blistering in the sun.

William Rivers, who has been a resident of Silver City, left the first of the week for Los Angeles with his family, where they will make their future home.

The Silver City base ball team will leave tomorrow evening for El Paso, where they will play the club of that city next Saturday and Sunday.

READY SEPTEMBER 25.

Santa Fe Will Soon Run Trains to Grand Canyon.

The Santa Fe will have its new line of road to the grand canyon of the Colorado in Arizona completed and open for traffic on September 25.

The line to the grand canyon is only about ten miles long, but it enables passengers to ride in the cars to the very brink of what is probably the most marvelous canyon in the world. The Santa Fe recently purchased the Santa Fe & Grand Canyon road, which enabled it to bring its trains within ten miles of the canyon. The new line completes the journey.

It is the plan of the Santa Fe to build a big hotel at the head of the canyon near the point called "Bright Angel trail." The pictures of the grand canyon are used by the Santa Fe in great numbers for advertising purposes.

Light Cattle Shipments.

There will be very few cattle shipped from Silver City this fall, the owners preferring to hold them until next spring when the market will command better prices. They recognize that it is a mistake to take chances on the market just now, when it is already over-crowded because of the great overplus due to the drouth in the corn country. Some will dispose of fat stock, which will go direct to market, but the shipments will be even lighter than usual. Up to date, no fall buyers have put in an appearance at Silver City.—Independent.

OPTIONS SECURED

By V. V. Clark, on Several Mining Claims in Peralta Canyon.

V. V. Clark has secured options on the De Wett, Old King, Julia and Elkton mining claims in Peralta canyon for Kansas City parties and it is his intention to make a thorough examination of the properties before the options expire. It will be remembered that the De Wett caused considerable excitement not long ago and if the examination proves satisfactory the properties will be bonded and development work pushed. Mr. T. G. Park arrived from Kansas City Tuesday and he and Mr. Clark have proceeded to Peralta, expecting to remain there for several weeks.—Bland Herald.

Railroad Builders Fight.

A special dispatch from Deming to the Silver City Independent says that a report has just reached here of a pitched battle between the men engaged in the construction work on the Bisbee railroad at Antelope Pass, in the Animas valley, Grant county, in which two men are said to have been killed, three others shot, and a number beaten up. The two men killed are said to be the Hoffman brothers, who are sub-contractors. Details are lacking and nothing more is known. The trouble occurred last night.

The Epidemic at Cochiti.

Superintendent C. J. Crandall of the government Indian school in this city and of the Indian pueblo of northern New Mexico, reports two more deaths at Cochiti from the epidemic prevailing there, making a total of 12 deaths thus far. Those who are still ill are reported to be convalescent. The Indians have moved their cemetery from the old church to a more sanitary location. In the old cemetery 4,000 corpses have been buried in about one-tenth of an acre, and it is believed that the epidemic was caused by the stench which comes from the old cemetery. The Indians were very reluctant, however, to move their burying ground.—New Mexican.

The Optic says that two car loads of watermelons arrived from Albuquerque this morning and are being sold at 1 cent a pound, thereby allowing melon-lovers all they can eat for a moderate sum.

Deming's New Railroad.

There are not less than seven grading crews at work between Deming and Hachita. The station at Carrizillo will be about two miles east of the springs, probably because the owners of the springs do not care to give their place away. Water is very scarce in that section. The next station beyond Carrizillo will be 22 miles west, where a drill is now going down for water. It has reached the depth of 200 feet, but no water yet. The water required for the drill camp is brought from the Doyle well at Skunk Springs, located on the east slope of Apache mountains. From this intended station it is from 10 to 12 miles to the mines at Fremont district. From this station the survey of the Deming and Bisbee road goes about northwest to within 6 miles north of Hachita. West of Carrizillo and in Cedar Grove mountains, the grass is better than it has been for years. From Carrizillo to Deming there is some fair grazing yet in places—from the Klondike well to Deming it is very poor.—Herald.

Masonic Cave.

A cave has been discovered near Roswell, which contains three chambers, and they show undubitable evidence that each chamber was used by the Aztecs, or people anterior to them, for Masonic purposes. One chamber contains emblems of the first or entered apprentice degree, the second shows that it was devoted to the second or fellow craft degree, while the third chamber bears unmistakable evidence of having been used for raising candidates to the sublime degree of a master Mason.

Fruit Evaporator.

Last Monday the Hyde Exploring expedition put the evaporator at work with a full force and it will be run night and day until the fruit season is over. They are employing eight women and seven men and boys, besides those engaged in hauling fruit. Charles Johnson has charge of the force.—Farmington Times.

COLORADO & GULF ROAD.

Surveys Through San Juan County Being Completed.

ONE SURVEYING CORPS NEAR GALLUP.

The promoters of the Colorado and Gulf railroad are quietly but energetically pushing the project and the way it looks the first division of the road from Durango to Gallup by way of San Juan county will be built next year. The survey through the Animas and San Juan valleys has been about completed. Surveying crew No. 1 has moved its camp two miles above Flora Vista in San Juan county, to what is known as the Blancett ford where the proposed railroad will probably cross the Animas. Crew No. 2 is between Fort Defiance and Manuelito in McKinley county. The line has been surveyed to Sylvester's old ranch, nine miles north of Gallup. Crew No. 2 consists of thirteen men. Last Wednesday the preliminary survey from Sylvester's to a crossing over the Santa Fe Pacific somewhere near Fort Defiance was commenced and will be continued south until it meets surveying crews No. 3 and 4 which are working north from Clifton, Arizona.

The worst piece of the survey encountered thus far is near Gallup, the descent from Sylvester's ranch toward Fort Defiance being a difficult piece of engineering work. The length of this difficult piece of work is but three miles, but in those three miles there are nine fifteen degree curves, besides several other curves not so sharp.

In the meantime, C. E. McConnell of Durango, the main promoter of the railroad, is in San Juan county to ascertain the attitude of the property owners and people generally of that county towards the railroad project. A meeting of citizens will be held at Aztec on Saturday of this week for the purpose of discussing the matter of the right-of-way. Each of the three divisions of the valley will probably appoint commissioners to secure the right-of-way for the proposed railroad. Another meeting of that nature will be held the day before at Farmington and it looks as if the promoters of the railroad mean business, for they have already expended thousands of dollars on the preliminary work.

Standard of Depravity.

Newspaper life is becoming strenuous down at Roswell. The Stockman of that city remarks that "as an unprincipled, disreputable, dishonorable liar the Roswell Record should be placed in the same class with the Santa Fe Capital. The Las Vegas Record says that this indicates that the organ of Santa Fe sore-heads is taken as the standard of total depravity in the territory.

Up Against It.

When District Attorney Clancy assailed the time-honored privilege of indulging in an Albuquerque "smile" on Sunday he caught a ferocious bear by the tail and in a few weeks he will be shouting for all creation to come and help him let go.—Las Vegas Record.

Earnings of the Railroads.

The gross earnings of forty-nine roads for the second week in August were $9,531,669, against $8,412,845 for the second week in August, 1900, an increase of $1,118,842. Forty-one roads show increase and seven a decrease, and one no change. Since January 1 the roads referred to above earned $278,359,355, an increase of $23,045,700 over the $255,313,655 reported for the corresponding period of 1900. For the longer period forty-two show increases and seven decreases.

Factories Needed.

Every town ought to establish factories, great or small, as the needs and resources of tributary territory justify. New Mexico buys nearly all of its manufactured goods outside of its limits. A change in favor of industrial advancement is gradually becoming perceptible, however, and the day may not be far distant when the hum of machinery will be heard along every stream and the smoke ascend from numerous chimneys. Then New Mexico will grow in wealth and importance as it never did before.—Las Vegas Record.

Death of a Druggist.

J. Ross Forsythe, the druggist at Cerrillos, died on Saturday of tuberculosis and was buried Sunday, Rev. W. A. Cooper of this city officiating. Mr. Forsythe came to Cerrillos a year ago for his health. He was a native of England, but came to New Mexico from Toronto, Ohio. He is survived by his wife and a son 15 years of age.—New Mexican.

A Special Wire.

A party consisting of twenty linemen are putting on a special wire on the Western Union line for the Colorado Iron and Fuel company, they having gotten as far as this place, starting last spring near Boise City, Idaho, through Colorado and northern New Mexico en route to Madrid and Gallup, New Mexico. They string about fifteen miles a day and it will be used exclusively for the Colorado Iron and Fuel company.—Las Vegas Optic.

THE MESILLA EXHIBIT.

An Attractive Display From Departments of the Southern New Mexico College.

Francis E. Lester, executive officer in charge of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Mesilla, has written President Marron of the Territorial Fair association informing him of an exhibit which is being prepared for the coming fair. Following is the list:

First. An exhibit of prepared and preserved grains and fruits, all of which have been raised by irrigation on the farm of the New Mexico agricultural experiment station. On the grains the experiment station has tested and successfully grown more than 150 varieties of wheat and a proportionately large number of other cereals. The exhibit will show these grains both in the ear and in glass jars. The exhibit of fruit will be illustrative of a very large number of varieties grown and tested on the experiment station farm and will include nearly twenty varieties of peaches, a greater number of plums, twelve varieties of pears and several other fruits, including grapes, apples, etc. Each jar containing fruit will be properly ticketed with its true name and with full data showing the dates of blooming and ripening and a description of the quality.

Second. An exhibit from the division of chemistry of the experiment station showing analysis of the local waters and particularly the analysis of the irrigating water of the Rio Grande. A special feature of these analysis will be the practical and vivid method of demonstrating the high value of the sediment in the water of the Rio Grande as a fertilizer. It is estimated that the irrigating water used on one acre of land in one year deposits on that land fertilizing material of a market value of more than $29.

Third. An exhibit from the division of soil physics of the experiment station representing the apparatus and methods in the analysis and