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Mexican Found Dead

Hernito Barella, a Mexican of about forty-four years of age, was found dead at the Birchfield ranch late Tuesday afternoon. Judge Peach was notified and he summoned a jury and held an inquest. The jury, composed of A. J. Evans, W. J. Robertson, E. J. Fulton, Tom Davis, Wm. White and T. A. Hulsey, gave a verdict to the effect that the deceased had come to his death by a fall from a windmill tower. He had been oiling the mill and it is supposed that he was struck by one of the fans when the mill started to run.

Barella had been a foreman of Birchfields for twenty years and was well liked by all the men. The body was given burial on the ranch, which is located eighteen miles east of town.

Our Delightful Climate

We often hear people talking of the signs of early spring, a cold, a hot summer, or a wet or dry season. There may or may not be something in some or all of said signs; but we do know there is evidence of a mild winter when people hatch chickens in January and that not in an incubator, or in a house. Among those are Mrs. J. W. Blair and Wm. Robertson who each have chickens that were hatched in hen-houses by hens, in January. This is not intended to advertise anybody's industry; but to show to the world that we have the nicest climate known to mankind. Many have eggs in incubators, and we know several who have hot beds and seed planted in them now.

It is a fact that we have mild winters. We do not have extreme summers. We who have lived here for a number of years, forget the zero weather of the north that we used to endure, and the oppressive heat of almost any other state of the union. There are thousands of people in different states of our union that work all summer to prepare food and fuel for the winter which lasts for from four to seven months. Here, as all of our residents know, stock lives all winter on the grass, on the prairie. Many a family has not burned for fuel a ton of coal or its value in any other fuel this winter. With the healthful climate, the fertile soil, and abundance of water, where is the equal to the Lower Mimbres Valley?—A Subscriber.

Thomas G. Lackland came in from his mines in the Tres Hermanas mountains Saturday and made arrangements with Mr. Stafford to take charge of The Wigwam. Stafford is now a member of the 13th Cavalry and will receive his discharge soon.

Dabney For Road Commissioner

A petition praying that Dr. T. H. Dabney be appointed a member of the Luna county road board was sent to Governor McDonald first of the week. Mr. Heath is a member of the board but is willing to resign in favor of the Doctor. The petition was signed by a large number of the residents of the valley and no doubt will be given due consideration.

A mass meeting was held for the purpose of naming a candidate and the result of the meeting about proved that Dr. Dabney had more enemies than any man in the valley, and he is to be the goat. It takes a broad and liberal minded man to accept a job of this kind, which has a great deal of work attached and no compensation,—not even expenses. Dr. Dabney was the unanimous choice of the people and the Courier does not believe a better man could be found.

Quarters For All Troops

After the order for the movement of the third squadron of the 13th Cavalry from Columbus was rescinded work was begun on quarters for this squadron also and their buildings are about complete. There are now five troop buildings in addition to the many other houses which have been erected by the Cavalry at this camp.

Church Notes

Services will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday as follows: Sunday School 9:45. Morning Worship 11:00. The pastor will occupy the pulpit and his theme will be, "Knowing and Doing". In the evening the meeting of the Epworth League will be at 9:45. Leader Mrs. A. J. Weld. Topic: Mystery of a Minority's Might. Preaching again at 7:30. Mid week prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Elliott will have charge of the next meeting.

Mrs. J. L. Greenwood entertained as guests at her home last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, Miss Hamilton and Mr. Bowling, of Deming.

Mrs. Greenwood spent a few days last week visiting with friends in Deming.

Wanted: Three hundred fence posts.—L. M. Carl. If

Misses Katharine McNight, Gaila Stanfield, and Mr. Henry Burton left for El Paso Wednesday in Miss McNight's new auto. They expect to return first of the week.

DRILLING A DEEP WELL

Columbus, New Mexico
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To The Property Owners of The Lower Mimbres Valley:

Whereas, R. W. Elliott now has his well rig at work sinking a deep well with the idea of finding artesian water, and the expense of same being too much for one man to bear when the outcome of the drilling will benefit one property owner as much as another, efforts are being made to raise funds to assist him in the undertaking. The residents of the Valley are all donating very liberally, and we feel that those who do not reside here but own real estate should feel equally interested and should be willing to help.

The cost of the well will be several thousand dollars, and donations are solicited in any amount you may be able to give, and the depth of the drilling depends upon your liberality. Donations will be received by J. L. Greenwood of the Columbus State Bank, and must be made in cash or check.

Very Respectfully,
J. L. GREENWOOD
W. C. HOOVER Committee
GEO. T. PETERS

Deep Well Started

R. W. Elliott has started drilling a well on his place six miles east of town which he plans to sink at least a thousand feet. The location of the well is one mile north and a half mile west of the Dean artesian well, and almost directly between the Dean and Shea wells. The Shea well flowed about twenty gallons of water per minute until it was cased off, and Mr. Elliott is in hope of striking the same body of water and in larger quantities. Mr. Elliott is asking for a small amount of help in sinking the deep well, and the business men of Columbus and others are taking an interest and there seems to be no doubt that he will receive what he has requested. However, if the assistance does not come in he will drill down till he gets a good pumping proposition and then let it rest until a more convenient time.

Bread baked every day. Get it fresh from the Columbus Bakery, at 14 c per loaf. It

Site of Bridge Located

The site of the proposed bridge over the Mimbres river, between Deming and Silver City has now been located by the Luna county road board, and the plans and specifications have been submitted to State Engineer James A. French for his approval. It is expected that his favorable decision will be made within a few days, when work on the erection of the bridge will begin. At present the big tractor is at work on the road to Silver City, and the road from Deming south to Columbus has been located, and within a very short time the road board will have a road constructed from Columbus to Silver City that will be open for traffic all the year round and that will be one of the finest highways in the state.

In addition to the grading of the road south and north of town many other stretches of road in Luna county are being placed in shape for traffic, and the road officials are keeping the gangs and machinery at work steadily. A close supervision is being maintained on the work and on the expenditure of the road money, in order that the best results may be obtained for the county.—Deming Headlight

Notice To The Public

To correct myself and to correct an erroneous impression current, I beg to state to the public that A. A. Klen, former manager of my business known as "The Wigwam", has never been, or is he now in partnership with the undersigned. He has never had any connection with my business other than an employee.

Adv. THOMAS G. LACKLAND

Honor Roll of Columbus School

Following are those who were neither absent or tardy during last month ending February 4th: First Primary, there were, Elmor Carbajal, Francisco Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Andres Quintana, Francisco Quintana, Pilar Carbajal, Ana Monor, Teresa Munoz, Joana Quintana, Julia Rueda, Mrs. Boddington, teacher. First grade, George Miller, Francisco Rueda, Simon Terrazas, Felipe Casares, Fernanito Acosta, Maria Rueda, Leonora Terrazas, Manuella Galinda, and Basilio Hernandez. Wilmoth Cannon, teacher. Second primary, Rosa Montelongo, Atagracia Casares, Blanche Ritelie, Ethel Bain, Joe Carreon, Tomas Montelongo, Juan Rueda and Maria Acosta, Miss Page, teacher. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, Andrea Carreon, Roy Davis, Glen Denn Evans, Noverta Rueda, Edwin Simmons, Paul Miller, Kenneth Hunt, Florence Bourgeois, Gaspar Estrada, and Gladys Lingo, Miss Burton, teacher. Grammar room, Frank Hunt, Prof. Stivison, teacher.

Waterloo News

C. W. Andrews has his new house almost completed. Messrs. Bain and Dixon were in Deming Tuesday. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. A. S. White made a number of calls Saturday. Mr. Segrist of Sunnyside has rented the Peters and White ranch for the coming season and will move his family here shortly. About 45 of Dixon's goats came home missing last Friday and he has spent the last few days combing the foothills of the Florida's pretty thoroughly. He has succeeded in finding about half of the lost ones so far.

A. C. Peterson was looking after business interests in Columbus Wednesday.

Work on the road south of Deming has been completed for about thirteen miles. Last Thursday it was rumored that a new road was to be laid out on the way to Columbus, east and west over the slope of the Tres Hermanas mountains and go a couple of miles south of Waterloo, so a number of our good looking farmers hurried to Deming to tell the honorable road board what they thought of being left out in the cold cruel world. We certainly hope they put up a good argument for we don't intend to buy any thirteen cylinder otomobil till our principal street is worked some. Just a little work on them, and a concrete ford over the draw in the gap is all we ask for the present, for we will soon have smooth oiled highways when the Columbus oil wells is opened up.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will be entertained by Mrs. Leo Thomas and Mrs. J. T. Dean, Wednesday February 10th. All members are invited to be present, also those who helped at the bazaar dinner. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jas. T. Dean.

County Sheriff Dwight B. Stevens and Deputy Sheriff John Kelly were here from the county seat Wednesday and Thursday on business.

Hey There Gay!

I mean you who have not yet paid your subscriptions. We have over \$800 due us on subscriptions. You owe \$1.50 and the fellow over here owes \$1.50. There are a large number of you and sending statements to all involves a big expense, when you pass them up from time to time, we almost begin to doubt your honesty. It costs money to print a paper and credit alone will not always buy white paper. We try our best to give you your money's worth, and we believe that you should be as fair toward us as we try to be toward you. Now these accounts are small and will not affect anyone seriously and they mean much to us. If you do not think the paper is worth the money pay up and stop it. But pay up any way.

Church Attendance Increasing

We have noticed with much satisfaction the very greatly increased attendance at church for the past few Sundays. It is most gratifying to those connected with church service, to see the church well filled at every service. The Epworth League is a very valuable adjunct to the church people, and we would urge all those who really have the religious welfare of our town at heart to attend this service and help out those who are laboring so faithfully to sustain it's interest. It can be made of such intense and vital interest, if we have the co-operation of all church goers, but it must be weak where only a few have to bear the burden of it's support. Come out, everybody and take a part in this interesting service, and you will gain by it yourselves, and aid the faithful workers.

Go-To-Church-Day

It has been decided by the churches here to make Sunday, March 5th, an "Everybody-go-to-church-day". There was a suggestion of it in last week's Courier, and in this issue we wish to announce it as a certainty. Let everyone in the entire community come out to church on that day, and we think there will be much surprise at the size of the crowd which can be assembled in Columbus, when there is a "will".

We most cordially invite our Waterloo neighbors to come and join in with us, and most earnestly solicit the attendance of all the ranches in the vicinity of Columbus.

Rev. J. A. Land will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. C. H. Boddington in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special music at both services.

Little Miss — advertised a reward for the return of her pet fox terrier on Tuesday.

On Wednesday she recovered her own "Bouncer" and eight other dogs.

Want ads are go-getters.

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