

"Columbus is the Best Town in the Southwest" is a Common Remark Among Traveling Men

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Columbus-Deming Road May Not Be Finished

Work Is Not Coming Up to the Expectation of Commissioner Heath. Funds About Exhausted. Interest paid.

There is a grave possibility of the Columbus-Deming road not being completed this year on account of the lack of funds. John Hund and Engineer Almy, employed by the board, were ordered three months ago to complete the work just as quickly as possible. A part of the work was completed so far as could be done with the machinery, but when the rains fell the soil was not drained, and it cannot be traveled with but little more comfort now than before work was done.

The work done on the grade has been strung out over a distance of several miles and now only completed, and now that the funds are almost exhausted it is very doubtful whether any of the road will be put into condition this year.

At the meeting of the Board held in Deming about the 1st of May, Engineer Almy stated that the work on the north road, he believed could be completed within thirty days. At the regular June meeting he still thought that it would be thirty days before all the work could be completed and the machinery moved to the Columbus-Deming road. Monday of this week he again stated that it would take a few days yet to get through with the concrete mixer on the north road so that it could be hauled to the gap for the mixing of the concrete for the pieces of the bridge across the big arroyo.

The contract for the bridge in the gap was let to the El Paso Bridge Company, and calls for the completion of the bridge by September 12th. The county is to build the abutments, and, of course, the bridge company cannot build the bridge unless the piers are ready in time, and judging from present indications they will not be.

Chas. Heath went up to Deming Monday to attend the regular meeting of the board. Dr. Swope, chairman of the board, has been appointed to a vacancy in the medical department of the U. S. army, and H. B. Kelly, secretary and chairman of the board, was out of town so no meeting could be had.

With only one man on the board who is taking any active interest in road work at all, and he, powerless to transact any

TRUE INWARDNESS OF THE VERA CRUZ INCIDENT.

In the Spring of 1914, occurred the capture of Vera Cruz. Men from one of our ships had been arrested at Tampico and had been discharged with an apology. But our Admiral demanded a salute, which was refused. Thereupon the President went to Congress, asking authority to use the armed forces of the United States. Without waiting for the passage of the resolution, Vera Cruz was seized. It appeared that a shipment of ammunition for Huerta was about to enter that port. There was a natural opposition to this invasion and a battle occurred in which nineteen Americans and over a hundred Mexicans were killed. This, of course, was war. Our dead soldiers were praised for dying like heroes in a war of service. Later we retired from Vera Cruz, giving up this noble warfare. We had not obtained the salute which was demanded. We had not obtained reparation for affronts. The ship with ammunition which could not land at Vera Cruz had soon landed at another port, and its cargo was delivered to Huerta without interference. Recently the naked truth was admitted by a Cabinet officer. We are now informed that "we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag." We are told that we went there "to show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demand that Huerta must go." That is, we seized Vera Cruz to depose Huerta. The question of the salute was a mere pretext.—From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

business whatsoever, the funds practically exhausted, it seems very doubtful to the Courier whether we get a road at any time soon.

There seems to be some discussion between some of the employees of the board, and Engineer Almy stated that the road was not being built according to specifications. Where the blame rests we are unable to say, but the indications are that someone is exceeding their authority.

The interest on the bonds which were voted last September fell due recently. The county funds were not of sufficient amount to pass them at that time, and apparently the only money available was the road money, which had been realized from the sale of the bonds. This year's appropriation of \$25,000 had all been spent except \$6,318.98. Deputy County Treasurer Hepp proceeded to take the sum of \$2,166.45 to pay the coupons presented for the first six months' interest on the bonds, leaving a balance of \$4,152.48 to the credit road fund. From whom the authority came for using the road money to pay the interest on the bonds is something we are unable to learn.

It seems that the idea was to



The Flag and the Man

Manaca Hotel Proprietor Here.

J. H. Locke, the hotel proprietor who escaped from his hotel at Manaca, Mexico, leaving his two companions who refused to and who were slain by Villa bandits, arrived in Columbus a few days ago and is seriously considering permanently locating in Columbus. Mr. Locke has bought some real estate and is now building himself a dwelling. He will run a dray and transfer business. He brought from Mexico one of his thoroughbred race horses which had been taken by bandits three different times, but he always managed to get the horse back, the last time the horse having been shot through the leg and left on a battlefield because he was at that time of no use to the bandits. No bones were broken and the horse is as sound as ever.

Mr. Locke has had several very narrow escapes during the last four years and has lost property to the amount of more than \$20,000. The last ones received from Masaca the hotel was still standing, though everything of any value that could be carried off was taken.

Ford Prices Down

A. J. Evans announces a reduction in price of the Ford touring car of \$80. He sold two cars last week and has placed an order for a car load which will arrive here soon from the Ford factory in Detroit.

Ladies' Aid

Mrs. N. J. Yarbrough will entertain the Ladies' Aid in the class room of the M. E. Church next Wednesday, the 16th, from 3 to 5. All visitors will be welcome.

Miss Grace G. Goebel was in Columbus Friday on business.

Alleged Bootleggers Caught

Chas. E. Bourgeois and Earl Kowler were arrested by the police this week on a charge of the illicit sale of liquor. A preliminary hearing was to have been given them Thursday before Justice Peach, but was postponed and later the State took a change of venue and the cases will be heard before Judge Rodgers in Deming Saturday.

GIRLS, CULTIVATE A SMILE

Pleasant Expression Will Bring Young Women From Ranks of Plainness to Heights of Beauty.

Cultivate your smiles unceasingly, girls, this does not mean that you must sit in street cars wearing an insipid grin. Not at all! It does not even mean that you must actually smile in the literal sense of the word. But your expression can be smiling without your lips being parted at all. If you are thinking about pleasant occurrences your mouth will turn up at the corners and your eyes will sparkle, quite naturally and without any effort.

This will keep your face attractive and youthful, even when you have passed the borders of youth itself. If you wish to retain your beauty as long as possible, don't form the habit of letting your lips droop and all your face muscles sag downward when your face is in repose.

Just stand before the mirror and pull your lips down to get the effect. Draw your mouth down and scowl a bit and you will see just how ugly those drooping lines can make you look. Then smile, not artificially but naturally, just a little around the lips, but a great deal in the eyes, and you will see how pretty you can appear.

If every woman realized how much harm she is doing to herself when she sits with her face muscles all relaxed and drooping she would try the smile cure for ugly lines. The smile can bring about magical results in lifting a girl from the ranks of plainness to the heights of actual beauty.

UNPROFICIENT.

"I suppose you play golf?"
"No," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I can't say that I play it. But I am still working at it."

PARADOXICAL FEARS.

"Naturally, there is a lot of log rolling about presidential timber."
"Yes, but it never wants to feel the ax."

APPROPRIATE ACTION.

"James made a big heap for the medicine on the shelf."
"No wonder; he's got a jumping toothache."

Pat's Whereabouts.

An English mill manager one day missing one of his workmen who chanced to be an Irishman, searched his yard, but in vain. After some time Pat returned, and, being accused of his absence by the manager, who said he had searched the four corners of the yard for him, Pat replied: "Ah, sir, sure 'twas in the center I was."

IN PREPAREDNESS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FOLLOWED, NOT LED.

In the demand for reasonable preparedness the Administration has followed, not led. Those who demanded more adequate forces were first described as "nervous and excited." Only about a year and a half ago we were told that the question of preparedness was not a pressing one; that the country had been misinformed. Later, under the pressure of other leadership, this attitude was changed. The Administration, it was said, had "learned something," and it made a bold demand for an increased army. Even then, the demand was not pressed consistently and the pressure exerted on Congress with respect to other administrative measures was notably absent.

We are told that the defects revealed by the present mobilization are due to the "system." But it was precisely such plain defects that under the constant warnings of recent years, with the whole world intent on military concerns, should have been studied and rectified. The Administration has failed to discharge its responsibilities. Apparently, it is now seeking to meet political exigencies by its naval program. What it has imposed upon the country as an important naval administration.—From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. J. L. Greenwood returned the first of the week from an extended visit of several months on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. John Charon, of Bisbee, Arizona, is here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Frost returned Saturday from a visit of six weeks to Colorado Springs and many points of interest in that state. The trip was made in their Dodge car.

Mrs. A. Fredrickson returned this week from a two month visit with friends and relatives at Karlin, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kniffin, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Peters were visitors at Deming Monday.

Dr. Marshall returned this week from a month's visit in Kentucky.

Hughes Points the Way

The speech of the Republican candidate for President was a keynote speech, indeed. Not one person in the great audience at the Carnegie Hall meeting was in doubt for one moment as to just what he meant by everything he said.

His address was comprehensive, logical, clear and all sufficient for the occasion. There can be no dispute as to this. Plainly Mr. Hughes is a man who "knows what he wants when he wants it," and it is the opinion of political authorities who heard him and who have since read his remarks that he knows, also, how to get it.

It was incumbent upon the Republican candidate to confine the scope of his remarks to the limitations of the occasion, but his crushing analysis of the shortcomings of the present administration of the government is merely an earnest of what the tone and the contents of his speeches will be when he gets on the stump.

At Carnegie Hall Mr. Hughes adverted to every general question that is apt to be a serious issue in the campaign and in language that will be absolutely clear to every man or woman able to read he stated, his opinions, his convictions and his purposes. On the stump he will argue these points in detail. As an orator he is eloquent, his personality attractive and his marshaling of facts so resolute that he holds his audience to the end. He makes it easy for them to follow him and his points are not lost.

There was nothing equivocal, nothing apologetic in the Republican candidate's speech of acceptance. He called a spade a spade, and the unanimous opinion of those who heard him was that he shot to the center and rang the bell. The big silver campaign is now open, and those who will speak and write and work for the success of the Republican ticket can wish for no more adequate campaign document, no more satisfactory statement of issues than are found in the candidate's salutatory.

Preparations to Move To The New Army Camp Site

Several Hundred Men Are Busy Cleaning Brush Away and Laying Pipe for Water. Taylor Well Showing Stronger.

The new camp site is being made ready as fast as possible and it will now be but a short time until a large part of the soldiers now encamped south of the track will be moved to higher and drier ground. The water pipes are being laid to supply the new camp from the old Roe well for the present until other wells are brought in.

The Taylor well seems to be stronger every time that it is pumped and will now supply plenty of good water for a large body of men. The well on the tract leased by T. A. Hulsey is down to a depth of about 250 feet and some water has been developed but it will be sunk deeper with the hopes of developing a stronger water supply.

This well is only a short distance from A. G. Beck's well and it is thought that this well, if drilled to the same depth, will be as good as the Beck well. The government has the use of the Roe, Engendorf and Taylor well at the site at present, and expect to complete the Hulsey well and also drill on the W. C. Miller tract and Cox tract.

Brief Sentences Featuring the Speech of Acceptance of Charles E. Hughes.

America First and America Efficient.

We are too great a country to require of our citizens who are engaged in peaceful vocations the sort of military service to which they are now called.

We cherish no illusions. We know that the recurrence of war is not to be prevented by pious wishes.

We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation.

Adequate preparedness is not militarism.

During this critical period, the only danger of war has lain in the weak course of the Administration.

The Nation has no policy of aggression toward Mexico. We have no desire for any part of her territory.

We propose that in the competitive struggle that is about to come the American workman shall not suffer.

This representative gathering is a happy augury. It means the strength of reunion. It means that the party of Lincoln is restored, alert, effective.

The dealings of the Administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders. It is a record which cannot be examined without a profound sense of humiliation.

We must take Vera Cruz to get Huerta out of office and trust to other nations to get our own citizens out of peril. What a travesty of international policy!

Destroying the government of Huerta, we left Mexico to the ravages of revolution.

I stand for adequate Federal Workmen's compensation laws.

The Administration was to seize and punish Villa for his outrage on our soil. It has not punished any one; we went in only to retire.

I favor the vote for women.

There will be Communion service at the Crystal Theatre at 7:30 every Sunday morning. Services will be conducted by Chaplains Daniker and Vincent. Everybody invited.

Groceries and Dry Goods

Saving time is just as important as saving money when buying the necessities of life, and by making as many purchases as possible in our place you can accomplish both results.

Our Grocery Department is complete in every respect, and our goods are always fresh, clean and wholesome.

In the line of Dry Goods we can supply your wants.

SAM RAVEL

COLUMBUS, New Mexico

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