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## Mayor Blair and H. J. Pickard Sued by W. L. Moody for Groceries

Mayor J. B. Blair and H. J. Pickard of the W. C. C. R. were sued for \$61.50 by W. L. Moody, who owns and conducts a grocery store in Columbus. The trial took place this morning before Judge Cole. The jury was out but a short time and rendered a verdict to the effect that the defendants were "not guilty," and recommended that some action be taken whereby Mr. Moody should be reimbursed.

The following citizens composed the jury: J. L. Greenwald, A. J. Evans, Otto Johnson, James Paul, H. B. Carter and H. G. Cherrin.

The suit was the outgrowth of the Fourth of July celebration in Columbus, wherein Yilus Alexander ordered about \$250 worth of groceries for the barbecue and Mr. Pickard paid on the account until he ran out of "subscription funds," leaving a balance owing of \$61.50.

Both defendants denied responsibility. Mr. Pickard testifying that he had volunteered his services in "the patriotic cause" and that a number of subscribers had failed to pay up, consequently he "washed his hands" of the whole affair.

Considerable feeling was engendered between Plaintiff Moody and Defendant Blair. Mr. Moody reiterating that it was simply a matter of business and while Mayor Blair was on the witness stand pointedly asked him if he hadn't made the remark:

"Mr. Blair did you not make the remark that my account would be the last one paid."

The Mayor denied having said it. Mr. Blair requested to make a statement in which he denied acting on a committee and had never ordered the groceries. He ended his statement to the jury by saying that the best evidence he could produce to prove he was not liable for the balance of the account was that "Mr. Moody's grocery would be the last place in town where I would purchase groceries."

### INFORMATION ASKED ABOUT NEEDED NEW LINES

On studying the map of New Mexico W. E. Hooper, financial editor of the Railway Age, a leading railway journal, finds that sections in the state apparently need more transportation facilities. He writes the state corporation commission as follows:

"I have been studying the map of the state of New Mexico with some care, and it seems to me that there are certain sections of the state which are still in need of railroad facilities and which probably could support new railroads if they were built inexpensively. My personal knowledge of the state consists largely of course, of having traveled through it on existing railroads, but it occurred to me that you might be kind enough to give us the benefit of your more intimate knowledge of conditions.

"What counties are in real need of additional steam railroad facilities? The information would be used in the preparation of a map and articles showing the needs of railroad facilities throughout the United States."

Hugh B. Williams, the chairman of the commission, will supply the information asked by Mr. Hooper.

### EXPATRIATES MAY RETURN

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 28.—Most of the expatriates from Mexico now in the United States, Cuba and Europe will be allowed to return to their native land, according to an interview with Aguirre Berlandia, secretary of the interior, published under a Mexico City date line in the Orientacion, a Hermosillo, Sonora, newspaper.

### SENATOR FALL TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON NOV. 28

Senator A. B. Fall, who is in El Paso, expects to return to Washington Nov. 28. Some time in December he plans to return to El Paso with the other members of the senate subcommittee investigating Mexican affairs and hold hearings.

### NEW MEXICO OIL NEWS.

No Driller or Coal for Valley Well. Valley Oil well working operations are at a standstill. No driller, no coal. Committees are still soliciting and corresponding for additional funds. The Courier is unable to publish authentic news of the sum so far collected, but will endeavor to do so next week.

### Miss Verde Oil Co. Gets New Lease.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 28.—The state land office has issued a new oil and gas lease to the Miss Verde Oil company for 15,000 acres of state lands in the Artee and Farmington districts in San Juan county. This company has been drilling the last two years near Flora Vista, a few miles southwest of Artee. The second well, after reaching a depth of over 1,100 feet, developed very promising indications of oil. In fact, at one time it was seriously considered to stop drilling and to "shoot the well." No drilling has been done recently. Negotiations have been in progress to interest outside capital to take over more exploration for oil in San Juan and Rio Arriba counties. The Miss Verde company has full faith in the oil possibilities of the section where it is operating, and will not be in a hurry to continue testing out the formation further.

### New Oil Companies in New Mexico.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 28.—The following new oil companies have been incorporated under the laws of New Mexico:

Picacho Royalties company of Roswell will do a general business in dealing in oil lands and leases, transportation of oil products and refining petroleum. The capital stock is \$100,000 and the par value of shares \$100. The incorporators are E. C. Sowder and Levisa Shins Sowder of Picacho and H. P. Saunders and W. P. Saunders of Roswell. The New West Oil company, an Arizona corporation, will have its principal New Mexico office at Gallup, and A. T. Hammett is the resident agent. The capital stock is \$25,000, of which \$12,000 is paid up. Christopher Totton is president and A. H. Gale, secretary.

### Lordburg, N. M., Nov. 23.—News reached Lordburg Thursday of the first test well being spudded in by the Buffalo Oil and Gas company, a short distance west of Lordburg.

The company is composed almost entirely of Lordburg people and they profess faith in the project. The drilling site was staked by Harston Smith, who claims he has set over 450 wells in various oil states of the southwest and has his first failure to record. Mr. Smith states that he has been through the oil fields of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, California and Illinois, and has never seen land in any of those fields as promising as the surface as this.

The Buffalo Oil and Gas company has about 500,000 acres in the approved field near here.

### SMALLPOX CASES BRING WARNING FOR VACCINATION

The report of 12 cases of smallpox in the small town of Flora Vista, in San Juan county, New Mexico, today caused Dr. C. E. Walker, head of the health department, again to recommend general vaccination. He advised, however, that everybody intending to get vaccinated first ask his doctor's advice.

The 12 cases, said to be all in San Juan county, brought the total in the state to 50 reported in the last six weeks. Asked if he regarded the situation serious, Dr. Walker replied that it was not "soy." He didn't wish to minimize the danger, he said, but at the same time he did not wish to "scare the people to death." He described smallpox as epidemic in the state—that is its life is continued. He said vaccination was the only absolute preventive.

### Rock Bones Challenges Hayden.

Rock Bones, Memphis middleweight who fought Shadow Hairston at Camp Furlong yesterday and who recently defeated Kid Ross at Deming, is out with a challenge for a 25 round bout with Speedball Hayden, leader champion. He wants the match to come off here in Columbus.

## Two Murderers Admit They Raided Columbus!

Astonishing news was received over the wires Thursday during the trial by court-martial of General Angeles at Chihuahua City, Mexico, two of the principal witnesses, whose testimony was instrumental in the conviction of General Angeles, stated under oath THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE BAND OF BANDITS UNDER VILLA WHO RAIDED AND MURDERED THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS ON THAT REMEMORABLE NIGHT—MARCH 3, 1916.

These men, whose names are now known for the first time, will never be forgotten and undoubtedly a "still hunt" will be made for them by relatives of their numerous victims. THEIR NAMES ARE:

FELIX SALAS. ARNULFO BARUETO.

Angeles replying to the court in regard to the testimony given against him charged that he was coerced and accused by men WHO ARE CONFESSED MURDERERS AND ASSASSINS OF INNOCENT AMERICANS AT COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO. Undoubtedly the state department at Washington will take cognizance of the admission of the murderers and demand their arrest of the Mexican government.

### HIGHWAYS ARE DEVELOPING

Tass county has sent in \$1500 to be used in co-operation with the state for improvement in sections four and five of state road No. 2. The county commissioners solution has decided to move the road in this district into the valley, the former location being on a higher level. The state highway department approved the change of route, because it would serve the people in this part of the Rio Grande valley better than the old route. The money sent in by the county will be applied to the work on the new road.

San Miguel county has sent in \$200 to the highway department for betterment of state road No. 54 near Arlon Chico.

Rio Arriba county has sent in \$700 for repair work on Alquisila hill on state road No. 36 from Chama in Espanola.

E. S. Wheeler, senior engineer and chief in charge of the work of the bureau of public roads in New Mexico and Arizona with headquarters in Albuquerque, transacted business with the state highway department Tuesday. Mr. Wheeler was on his way to Tass county to inspect the work on the forest aid project on the Cimarron-Tass road.

A. O. Poshoby, assistant state highway engineer, has gone to Hatch where he will inspect the surface work just started on Federal aid project No. 1.

Eugene Kompenich, of Peralt, secretary of the state highway commission, camp up yesterday to sign the second issue of state highway debentures recently sold to Brown Cramer Company of Wichita, Kan. Charles Spruiner of Cimarron, chairman of the state highway commission, arrived last night to go over road and other matters.

The state highway department has completed project statement No. 14, involving eight miles of road between Lordburg and Steam on state road No. 5. The estimated cost is \$2000. This is an important link in the Old Spanish Trails and the Southern Durandland routes.

Reports come from Las Cruces that two miles of the new concrete road between that point and Mesquite is completed and taken into use. The contractor is pushing the construction as rapidly as possible.

Project statement No. 17, involving eleven miles in Union county has been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The estimated cost is \$67,200.

Project statement No. 28, involving sixteen miles between Silver City and Santa Rita at Grant county has been approved by the secretary of agriculture. The estimated cost is \$230,475.50.—Santa Fe Herald.

## Burglars Ruin Columbus Theater Safe, Get No Loot

Unknown burglars last night broke into the Columbus Theater, made their way to the second floor and attempted to blow open the safe. They were noisier at the business. They broke into the operating room and secured an outfit of tools that would have been appreciated by an up-to-date burglar. They broke off the handles to the lock and otherwise damaged the safe so that it will have to be returned to the manufacturer for repairs. J. L. Greenwald said the safe contained the day's receipts. Nothing was taken and no clues were left.

### 12TH CAVALRY WILL NOW HAVE STUDENT FARMERS

From every regiment of line troops in the southern department two enlisted men will be selected to attend an agricultural and horticultural school opened at Fort Clark by order of Major General Joseph T. Dickman.

Major J. Watt Page, department educational and vocational training officer, stated that this new school added to the list of educational advantages already in operation, would not only round out the school course in the southern department and schools of every kind, from music schools to technical and good mechanical institutions. The addition of an agricultural school gives the men a choice of almost every study they could desire.

At Fort Clark a ten-acre tract of land has been prepared for classes to start in immediately and an instructor from the agricultural and mechanical college of Texas will assist the present staff of practical teachers who are on duty at the new school. It is planned to instruct the students along scientific and practical lines. Fruits, vegetables and flowers will be studied and grown by the classes.

Men are to be selected from the following regiments for detail as students: Seventh cavalry, 8th cavalry, 10th cavalry, 2nd field artillery, 8th engineers, 9th engineers, 7th cavalry, 2nd field artillery. The commanding officer of the regiments named will select out of the applicants two men from each organization to attend the new school.

### MEETING OF THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBUS

Columbus, N. M., Nov. 28, 1919. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Columbus met in regular session at the mayor's office on Tuesday night, November 25. Mayor J. B. Blair and Trustees A. Fredrickson, A. J. Evans and Wm. Klein being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after which the following bills were presented for approval: Edwin G. Dean, freight, \$ 489.50; Joe Varela, refund, 16.57; V. L. Piepmier, bridge const., 113.00; Dr. W. G. Field, medical aid, 18.99. Columbus Courier, publishing proceedings, 250.

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Klein that all bills be allowed and warrants issued for the same. Motion carried. The vote: A. Fredrickson, 5; Wm. Klein, 5; A. J. Evans, 5.

J. Schoenfeld's application for a building permit was read.

Motion by Trustee Klein and seconded by Fredrickson that J. Schoenfeld's application be allowed with correction to be written on permit. Motion carried.

Moises, Domingan, Ryan letter was read.

Cerk Edwin G. Dean's report on delinquent water users was read.

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Fredrickson that Arthur Hoch's plans for carrying off the water into ditch at new bridge be authorized and to instruct Arthur Hoch and Trustee Fredrickson to get bids from V. L. Piepmier to put in same. Motion carried.

No further business, the trustees adjourned. J. B. Blair, Mayor. Edwin G. Dean, Clerk.

### THANKSGIVING ATHLETES AT CAMP FURLONG

(By Sgt. E. Burton, 24th Inf.) It was field day at Camp Furlong Thanksgiving day. The sun was bright and the tracing air full of "pep." All the lights were good and the large attendance encouraged the fighters.

In the main event there was fighting, Buddy Ford of the 24th Infantry was at his best and he stopped Fighting Hairston after 6 rounds of hard fighting. Hairston, pet of the 10th Cavalry, put up the hardest fight of his career, using everything he had in an effort to stop "Buddy," but the old fighter with many knockouts to his credit, put up one of his master battles and stopped Hairston in the sixth round. The 10th Cavalry pet is entitled to much credit and he is a sure enough fighter.

The fight was for the "championship of the border" and Buddy Ford now stands ready to defend it against all comers at 132 pounds.

Hard hitting Earl slipped one to the jaw in the first round and "Fighting Fields" lost his first name then and there.

Shifty Smith, our well known lightweight fighter, outboxed Lefty Grey and thereby gained the decision over Grey. Smith led by a mile. He landed many crosses and hooks to the jaw, but Grey's midline is gameness and he took all coming his way. The crowd was with him at all times.

Sergeant Burton, the old-time trainer and now detailed on athletics at the camp, says they will line up a card for next month that will be a scream. The main event will see Rabbit Rogers or Speedball Hayden in action.

There was football, too, in the afternoon on the new gridiron.

Company H, put it all over H. O. company by the time of 7-2. The outstanding play was by Blake of H. Company who pulled off a Vals and sent for a touchdown.

The crowd was yelling at all times. In the second game the crowd was treated to some of the fastest work ever turned out by a company team. Company D smothered Company M, who had been foolish enough to believe they could beat Company D. It was a shame to show them up in the public.

Burton of the 24th Infantry, all-around athlete, changed his position completely in Company M, moving from back-field to right-end, which is his position on the regimental team. By watching Burton Company D backfield romped away with it to the score of 28-0.

H. Company and D. Company are the only two teams that haven't been defeated this year, so they will meet next month to decide who is who.

### 3 MORE WELLS WILL BE STARTED IN QUAY

Three more oil wells are to be started in the vicinity of Tucuman shortly, bringing the total number in Quay county to five. F. S. Donnell, mining engineer of Albuquerque who is in Santa Fe, said that drilling rigs were being erected on the three new well sites when he visited Tucuman a few days ago.

The McOse well near Tucuman had reached a depth of 2,500 feet. Shortly before Mr. Donnell's visit a gas pocket had been struck that shot the drill upward 300 feet, knocking the heavy steel cable and broke it. Mr. Donnell said the drillers expected to strike oil sand at 3,500 feet. Another well has been started by the owners of the well.

There is considerable drilling activity in Texas, just across the line from Quay county. Six wells have been started across the line.

### FEDERAL AGENTS WARNED OF COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES

Federal agents say none of the \$50 counterfeit bank notes said to be circulating in the east have reached the south. A warning has been sent out that some of the notes are in circulation. The counterfeit notes are of the 1914 series of the federal reserve bank at Boston and has the forged signature, it is said of William G. McAloo. The ink on the counterfeit notes and the picture of Grant are not clear, the information says.

The fourteenth decennial census is to be taken during the month of January.

## "Jack" Pershing on His Way West Next Wednesday

General Pershing will leave Washington, D. C., Dec. 3 on his tour of inspection of the various army camps and will reach Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24. Points to be visited after Christmas include Denver, Douglas, Ariz., Fort Bliss, El Paso, Camp Travis, Camp Normoye, Camp Stanley, Kelly Field, San Antonio. Nothing of a definite nature is known as to whether he will actually visit Camp Furlong, but the natural supposition is that he will.

### WOMAN PAYS \$500 FINE FOR HAVING OPIUM

Nora Davis, a negro woman, pleaded guilty in the federal court Tuesday afternoon to a charge of having four cans of opium in her possession. She paid the fine of \$500, she was arrested here, she said, while on her way from Columbus, N. M., where her husband is a non-commissioned officer of the army, to visit her mother in Kansas City.

She said she went to a local Chinese dealer to buy five cans of opium, but received only four. She paid \$80 each for two cans, she said, and the Chinese said he would give her three more for \$60 each. She went back and gave him \$150 and he gave her a package. After leaving she found that there were only two cans of opium instead of three in the package. She was so angry that she went to the police station to complain against the merchant, with the result that she was arrested.—El Paso Times.

### K. P.'s Entertain Many Guests.

Thanksgiving night a large and enthusiastic crowd turned out to the invited guests of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias and a generous program was enjoyed by every one as well as the refreshments served. Following was the program: 1) Dance from 9 to 10 o'clock. 2) Concert from 10 to 11 o'clock. 3) Orchestra—"Greetings Over-ture." 4) Piano duet—Miss Powers and Mrs. Miller.

- 5) Orchestra—"Sweet Jasmine."
- 6) Chorus and orchestra—"The Vamps."
- 7) Violin solo—"Mammy's Lullaby," Sergeant Hoffman.
- 8) Song—"Alabama Lullaby," Miss Johnson and Miss McGarby.
- 9) Flute solo—"Bourgeois," Band Leader Dismode.
- 10) Orchestra—"El Trovatore."
- 11) Dance from 11 to 11:45.
- 12) "Home, Sweet Home."

### S. S. BALLARD DIES IN EL PASO

S. S. Ballard, well known mining man and one of the principal stockholders in the Valley Oil company of Columbus, died in El Paso recently and the remains were shipped to Denver for cremation. Mr. Ballard's two brothers, J. M. and I. N., are now in Columbus looking after the interests of his estate. Today they visited the oil well. They came all the way from West Virginia where the family originated.

### MAJOR SCANLAND EXAMINED BY PHYSICIANS

A board of physicians have examined Major Scanland now in the county jail on a charge of first degree murder, for the purpose of reporting on his physical condition. The major is said to have been gassed in service overseas and confinement in jail is prejudicial to his health. An effort will be made to have the major released on bond by having the first degree charge against him replaced by one less severe. Pity is all right if not served too far. The bullet that killed Hutchings was also prejudicial to health and the man who did the shooting even if through carelessness, must stand the consequences for the sake of society.—The Herald.

### BLIZZARD IN COLUMBUS

Government storm warning yesterday ran true to form this morning. A blizzard raged the whole morning and about one inch of snow fell.