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## TO BEAUTIFY THE PARK

### Deep Interest Aroused In Making Park Thing Of Beauty---H. K. Grubbs At Head Of Movement

Cimarron has awakened to the fact that its park should be made a thing of beauty, something that will be an object of pride, and a comfort to every one. A big movement is now on foot to make the beauty of the park an "is now" rather than a "should be" affair, and the credit of this movement is due H. K. Grubbs, who, though comparatively a new comer, has already shown himself to be one of Cimarron's most enthusiastic admirers and supporters, and one who is more than willing to take work upon himself in order to advance the interests of Cimarron.

Mr. Grubbs gave the matter no little thought and finally submitted a plan for laying out the park to his fellow citizens. This plan contemplates building a neat fence all around the park, and then laying out walks around the four sides. A walk will be run diagonally through the park from the southeast corner to the northeast corner, and another from the southeast corner to the northwest corner. In the center, where the walks meet, a miniature lake will be laid out, the walks forming its borders and passing completely around it. On the north and highest side, water connections will be made with the city water system, and small irrigation ditches will follow

the walks into the center. The ground will be thoroughly cultivated and seeded to grass, and in lines radiating from the central lake, shade trees will be planted. Mr. Grubbs has made the offer to tend to the cultivation of the park free of charge, if the rest of the Cimarronites will help bear the expense which is of necessity incident to the work contemplated. The whole idea and the labor of getting the movement started belongs to Mr. Grubbs, and from the manner in which he has gone after results, the chances are that before spring is over we will see a great change.

#### Subscription List Out.

Not content with offering to perform the labor of making the park a thing of beauty and joy forever, Mr. Grubbs has circulated a subscription list, and a large number of the up-to-date business men of Cimarron are contributing liberally. It is the plan of Mr. Grubbs to have those who owned teams to give their services toward getting the ground ready for grass seeding. He thought that the merchants might give the seed, laborers dig the holes for the trees, others furnish trees, gravel for the walks, wire and posts for the fences, water for the grass, and when everything was put in shape, Mr. Grubbs himself has undertaken to see that

the grass and trees are properly taken care of, in addition to giving general supervision to the work of laying out the park.

It would be a nice thing if every one would plant one tree and undertake to do something to make the undertaking a success. Many have already signified their willingness to give of labor material or money, and it truly looks as if Cimarron has awakened and decided to work together in the future.

## MILL WILL START AGAIN

### C.S. Woods To Run His Lumber Yard At Full Blast

One of the signs that the times are becoming better again, is seen in the plan of C. S. Wood to run his big mill in Ponil Canon at full blast as soon as he can get men enough to operate it. The Wood mill is situated in Ponil Park, and is a big concern, capable of turning out an immense amount of lumber each day. When running at full blast, it requires in the neighborhood of thirty men to take care of the material and do the work required to get the lumber ready for loading.

Mr. Wood had planned to start his mill last Monday morning, if he could get enough men to pay doing so, and as soon as sufficient men turn up, he will be shipping car load after car load of lumber to Cimarron for treatment at the big planning mill of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co.

## McELROY BACK FROM TRIP

### MADE EXTENDED TRIP THROUGH OLD MEXICO---SAW BULL FIGHTS.

Alex. McElroy, of the Continental Tie & Lumber company has been enjoying his vacation by taking an extended trip through Old Mexico, and stopping over on his way back at different points in the territory visiting friends.

While out on the trip, Mr. McElroy visited the City of Mexico, and he states that it is one of the prettiest cities in the world. It has a large number of American residents and is very cosmopolitan in every respect. Mr. McElroy stated that he took in a big bull fight, while at the City of Mexico. They had imported a celebrated matador from Spain especially for the occasion, and twelve horses as well as eight bulls were killed for the entertainment of the crowd of over twenty-five thousand there to witness the spectacle. Mr. McElroy stated that the Mexicans all complain that nearly every "Gringo" who witnesses a bull fight, heartily wishes that the fighters would find the death that they intend to meet out to the noble bull, and that he Americans are therefore a heartless race. The Mexicans cannot understand the American desire for a fair fight with equal chances, do not welcome "Gringo" visitors to the fights. They do not understand why an American does not like to see a poor old blind-folded horse deliberately turned side ways and held for the charge of the bull, in order that he may gore the poor creature to death.

## DANCERS MAKE VERY MERRY

### DISAPPOINTED TOURISTS MAKE MERRY IN SPITE OF RAIN.

About twenty-five Cimarronites had planned to drive to Elizabethton last Saturday and attend a dance that was to have been held there in their honor, but Friday night and most of Saturday a big rain fell. It had been planned to dance at Elizabethton Saturday evening and return to Cimarron Sunday, making the trip one long continuous round of pleasure. But Mother Nature interfered, and put a stop to the trip. Not to be outdone by Mother Nature or any other old thing, the disappointed would-be-tourists decided to give a dance of their own, and so in spite of the bad weather, they made merry at the old Aztec Hall last Saturday evening. The swiftly passing hours were all too short for the dancers, and the enjoyment raged joyously along until the late hour made it necessary to break up the "Biley."

## KEPT HIS THREAT TO MURDER WIFE

Pueblo, April 13--Bastiano Senatore, formerly a deputy sheriff in this county, shot and killed his wife at their home, 812 East Third street, and in so doing carried out threats which he had made several times during the last several months. Senatore escaped and posess are searching the surrounding country for him. Several weeks ago Senatore was arrested on a charge of having tried to kill his daughter, Louise, with a hatchet. He was bound over to the district court for trial and was released under heavy bonds March 29.

After his release from jail Senatore again began to make trouble at home, and last night Mrs. Senatore and her two daughters left the house and went to the home of her son, Charles, where she thought they would be safe.

Last night Senatore went to his son's house and requested his wife to go to their home with him to get some things. She assented, and in company with her son and husband went to her home, where Senatore's brother, James, and John Cicco, another relative, were waiting for them.

As soon as they entered the house Senatore drew a revolver and said that he was going to kill his son, whom he believed was the cause of all the trouble between himself and his wife. A struggle ensued, but the men were unable to disarm Senatore and all ran out of the house. The son was followed by Senatore, who was, however, unable to get him. He then turned and pursued his wife, who, with the other two men, had attempted to leave the yard by the rear gate. Just as she reached the alley Senatore fired four times, two of the bullets taking effect.

Mrs. Senatore died on the way to St. Mary's hospital. One of the bullets entered the right shoulder, emerging below the neck in front, and the other entered the left kidney. There were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

It is believed that Senatore will try to go down the St. Charles, where he has friends and relatives, and this district will be closely watched. The man has been drinking heavily for the past few days and is considered a desperate character.

#### Incongruous.

"Ah!" pensively sighed the Peroxide Stenographer, as we waited for the dinner-bell. "Listen to the weird wind singing it's sad requiem about the angels of the house."

"Requiem, nothing," retorted the Liar. "Who ever heard of a requiem in March-time?"

Whereupon the Sweet Young Thing disappeared toward the kitchen and the Printer was silent in the presence of a musical knowledge so vastly superior to his own.

## PLANS ARE ADOPTED

### School Board Decides On Plans For New Building

The Board of School Directors of District No. 3, has recently decided upon the plan of the new school building which will be erected in Cimarron this year. At the present time, the assessment rolls show that a tax of \$10,000 may be levied for school purposes, and the district has voted on the proposition of issuing bonds for that sum. In accord with the evident wish of the voters of the district, the Board of Directors have been spending no little time in fixing upon plans for the building. It was the intention to get a building that would come within the sum above mentioned, and at the same time get a building large enough and one that would be a credit to the district. With this in view, plan after plan has been carefully studied, and at last one submitted by Mr. S. E. Pelphey was adopted. This plan has been used in a number of school buildings and it is one that is suitable in every respect. The proposed building will be a two-story structure, built of either brick or stone. The architecture is very fine, and the whole is very dignified and imposing. In front will be a square tower, with two entrances opening into a large and roomy hall way, which is situated about in the central portion of the building. Upon this hall, the study rooms, three for each floor, open out. Each room is provided with wardrobes and two entrances. From the main first floor hall, wide stairs raise to a hall in the second story. This hall is the exact counterpart of that on the first floor. The arrangement of the second floor, making six rooms in all, each twenty-four by twenty-eight feet in dimensions. Off the second floor hall, a library is thirteen by thirteen feet, and is situated in the front part of the building, under the tower. The room immediately under it on the first floor, is to be used for the teachers' meetings and those of the School Directors.

#### Brick or Stone.

While bids on the building have not been received, and while the plans have not as yet been formally adopted by the County Superintendent, it is practically decided that this building will be either a stone or brick structure with stone trimmings. It is somewhat problematical whether the building can be built and equipped with the money that can be legally raised, but in case it can not, it is planned to build the building and furnish only as much of it as there is money to meet the bills.

#### Land Donated.

In order to help Cimarron along and give it the school building that it deserves, the Cimarron Townsite company have donated to the district, nearly a whole block of land. The site picked on, is at the point where Lincoln avenue runs into the mesa about a block and a half south of the Oxford hotel. The Townsite company has undertaken to close up this street and give that much more room for the school building. This site is on high ground and is midway between old and new towns, and is ideal in its location. The building may be seen all over town, and it is equally convenient to all parts of Cimarron. There has been some little protest to this site because of the neighborhood, but no location could be less objectionable. In the immediate vicinity of the site, the town is as yet undeveloped, and not built up. The building of the school house in this neighborhood will make the vicinity a desirable location for those who wish to educate their children. Because this part of town will be desirable, desirable people will in consequence erect their residences around the school house, and it will not be long before this locality will be one of the best portions of Cimarron. The Citizen congratulates the

district on having a company in our midst which is generous and far seeing enough to make such a valuable donation toward the cause of the education of little Cimarron.

## BAD MAN TAKES A MUD BATH

### TOO MUCH FIRE WATER LANDS BILL DALEY IN JAIL.

"Bill" Daley, who has been working out at the Ryan Camp on the Rayado for some little time, was placed in the cooler last Sunday evening by Constable Duquette for having imbibed too freely of the liquid that cheers. Daley is a decorator by trade, and proceeded to decorate himself in most festive fashion as soon as he hit Cimarron. Fire water was the cause of his downfall. He proceeded to diminish the visible supply of the "gladness" here in Cimarron, and then went out into the public street and enjoyed himself by washing in the mud puddle in front of the Oxford Hotel. About this time the officer of the law came along, and the cooler was exchanged for the puddle as a place of residence.

## SOUTH SIDE WON GAME

### Score Eight To Five In Favor Of South Siders

Last Sunday afternoon, the ball park was the scene of one of the most exciting and snappy ball games Cimarron has seen for some time. It had been decided early in the week that the "South Siders" should run up against the "Northerners," and see what would happen. Those arranging the game, took the railroad as the division line, agreeing that any one who lived on the south side of the track could play with the "South-siders" while any one living on the north side of the track could play with the "Northerners." Right there was where the difficulty began. The case of genial "Bobby" Barr, the efficient twirler of the horseshoe was at once brought to the attention of the committee on arrangements. "Bobby" eats on the south side and draws his pay and rooms on the north side of the track, Query? What was "Bobby?" The chairman of the committee finally decided that no one could live without eating, and that, therefore, "Bobby" was a South-sider. Of course the fact that the chairman was a southsider himself had nothing to do with the decision, and so every one was satisfied. Then the question arose as to which side those sleeping in box cars belonged to. It was decided that if the box car was on a side track, they were southsiders. If they slept on the north side of a box car on the main track, they were northerners.

Promptly at the scheduled time, Umpire "Jimmy" Fulton called the game and the mighty warriors joined in a battle to the death. For the first three innings, the game was nip and tuck.

With batteries of Barr and Sullivan for the southsiders and Fisher and Tommie Brooke for the northerners, the game was fairly even, but soon the southsiders slowly forged ahead and continued to keep their lead until the end of the game which ended eight to five in their favor.

The line up was as follows:  
Northerners--T. Brooke, catcher; Fisher, pitcher; Cox, first base; Livingston, second; W. Brooke, third; Coe, short; Daley, r. field; Cole, c. field; Boyd, l. field.

Southsiders--Sullivan, catcher; Barr, pitcher; Whitney, first base; Rupert, second; Ed Scherrer, third; Jackson, short; H. Scherrer, r. field; Vest, c. field; Bass, l. field.

## THIEF IS CAUGHT

### Man Who Stole Saddle From H. L. Pratt Is Apprehended

Deputy Game Warden W. H. Duquette is making a shining record as a thief catcher, and this reputation was augmented by a nifty little capture he made the other day. He received a telephone message from the Pratt mill in Dean Canon to the effect that one of the men who had been working there, had decamped with a saddle belonging to Mr. H. L. Pratt. A short description of the thief was given, and "Shorty" set his eagle eye out on duty. About ten o'clock the next morning, he spied a man answering the description, and further in vestigation showed that he had a saddle that looked like it might belong to H. L. Pratt in the possession of the stranger. As soon as "Shorty" made sure the man was the one he was looking for, he said, "Here, I want Pratt's saddle." The stranger looked a little surprised but gave it up without comment or argument. Argument is a pretty hard proposition when "Shorty" enforces his points in the delicate little manner he has when he goes man-hunting, and so the point at issue was conceded by the jury of one without delay.

Duquette sent Pratt word that he had his saddle and asked if he wanted the man held in order that he might appear against him, but Pratt did not wish to prosecute the offender, and he was allowed to hasten his journey to Terrio, Colo. This is the second neat capture that Duquette has made within the last fortnight, and at the present rate, offenders will beware of Cimarron when they become aware that we have a game warden here who is a hunter of man as well.

#### APPOINTS CONSTABLE.

Justice of the Peace J. S. Wilson has appointed W. H. Duquette his constable for Precinct No. 3 in place of M. M. Winters who has

served in that capacity for some time. Mr. Winters has removed to the Pratt Mills where he has work which will keep him busy for some time to come.

#### BUILD RESIDENCE.

Mr. J. A. Dancer has decided to erect a dwelling house and barber shop combined on his property here in Cimarron. The building will be started very shortly, and Mr. Dancer expects to have it completed before the passing of many weeks.

## WILL START A LAUNDRY

### Mrs. T. S. Keefer Purchased Property For Laundry

One of the business enterprises which Cimarron has most felt the need of, is about to be started. Mrs. T. S. Keefer and her husband are now planning to start a laundry in Cimarron. They have purchased lot twenty-six of block forty-six of Mr. Campbell, and will move into the building now on the lot as soon as their machinery comes.

Mrs. Keefer is an experienced laundress and states that she will not install much machinery, preferring rather to do most of the work by hand. It has been her experience that hand work on the clothes is the best manner of doing laundry because it is much more saving on the clothes. She states that many people prefer that method, even at a little higher price, than to have their clothes torn to pieces with a machine. For those who wish machine work, the laundry will be thoroughly equipped. A laundry is something that Cimarron has long felt the need of, and the Citizen wishes the new enterprise every success.

A new automobile bill offered taxes the machines according to weight. That is all right when the thing runs over you, but while you are still dodging you want it taxed according to horse power and speed.